

# The Most Colourful Creature in the



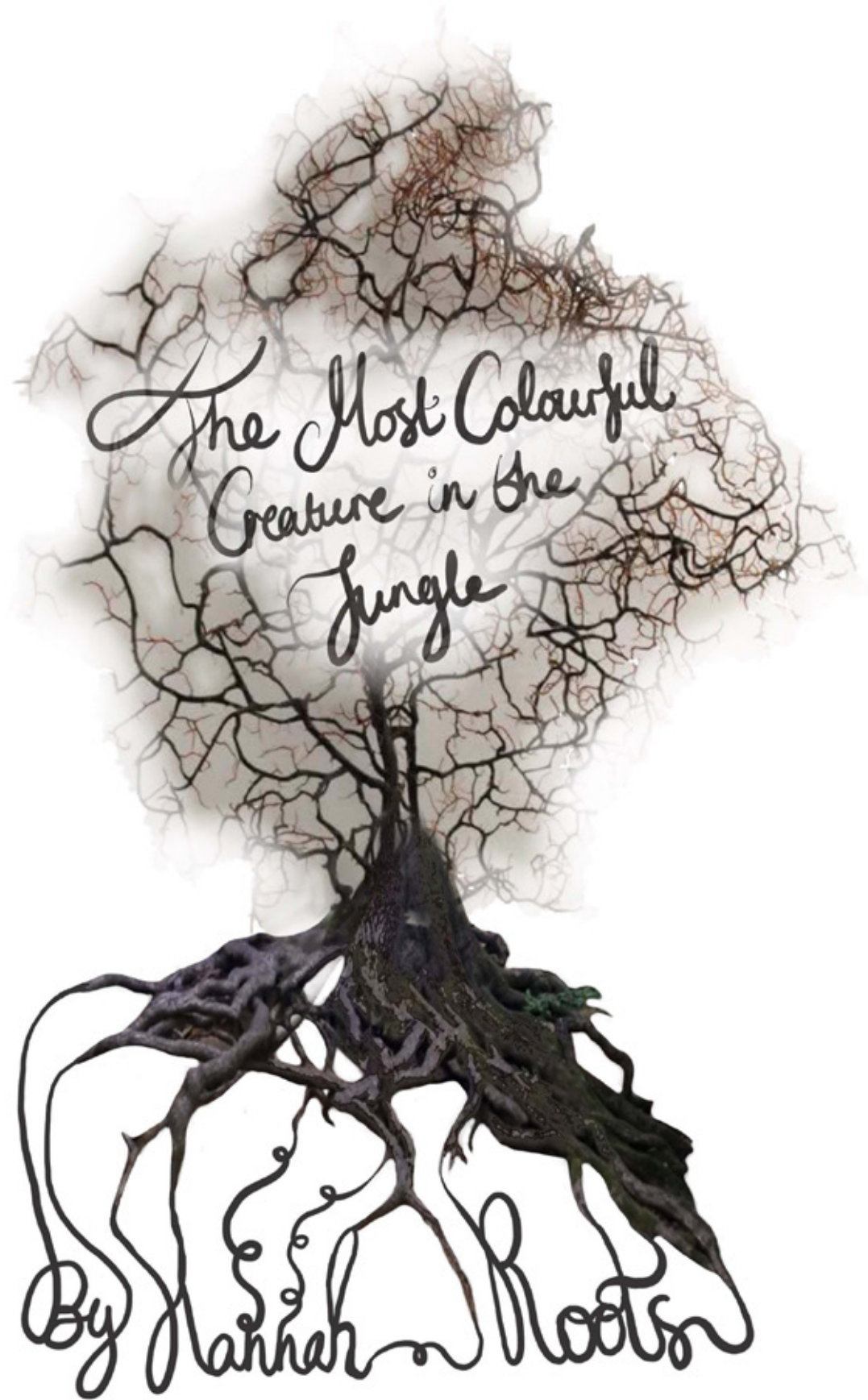
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# Jungle



In memory of Gill Conquest  
Thank you for all the colour





In the jungle, a group of animals  
loved to laugh and play.  
Each a different shape and size,  
each special in his own way.





Chameleon could turn any colour  
if she thought about it hard.  
She looked great in any shade,  
but in orange she really starred.

Chameleon was a creature who  
loved to dance and jig;  
in fact her friends first met her  
at a moonlight jungle gig.





The animals were admiring their dance  
moves in the mirrors on the wall-



**When Chameleon first appeared  
- under the disco ball!**

Chameleon made her way to the middle of the floor  
and began to dance a dance no one had ever seen before.



Slowly each animal turned around to stare  
at the crazy colourful lizard leaping through the air!

One day, Chameleon got  
really sick.



No matter how  
hard she tried  
to change them,  
her colours would  
only stick.

Everyone rallied round  
helping as they could,



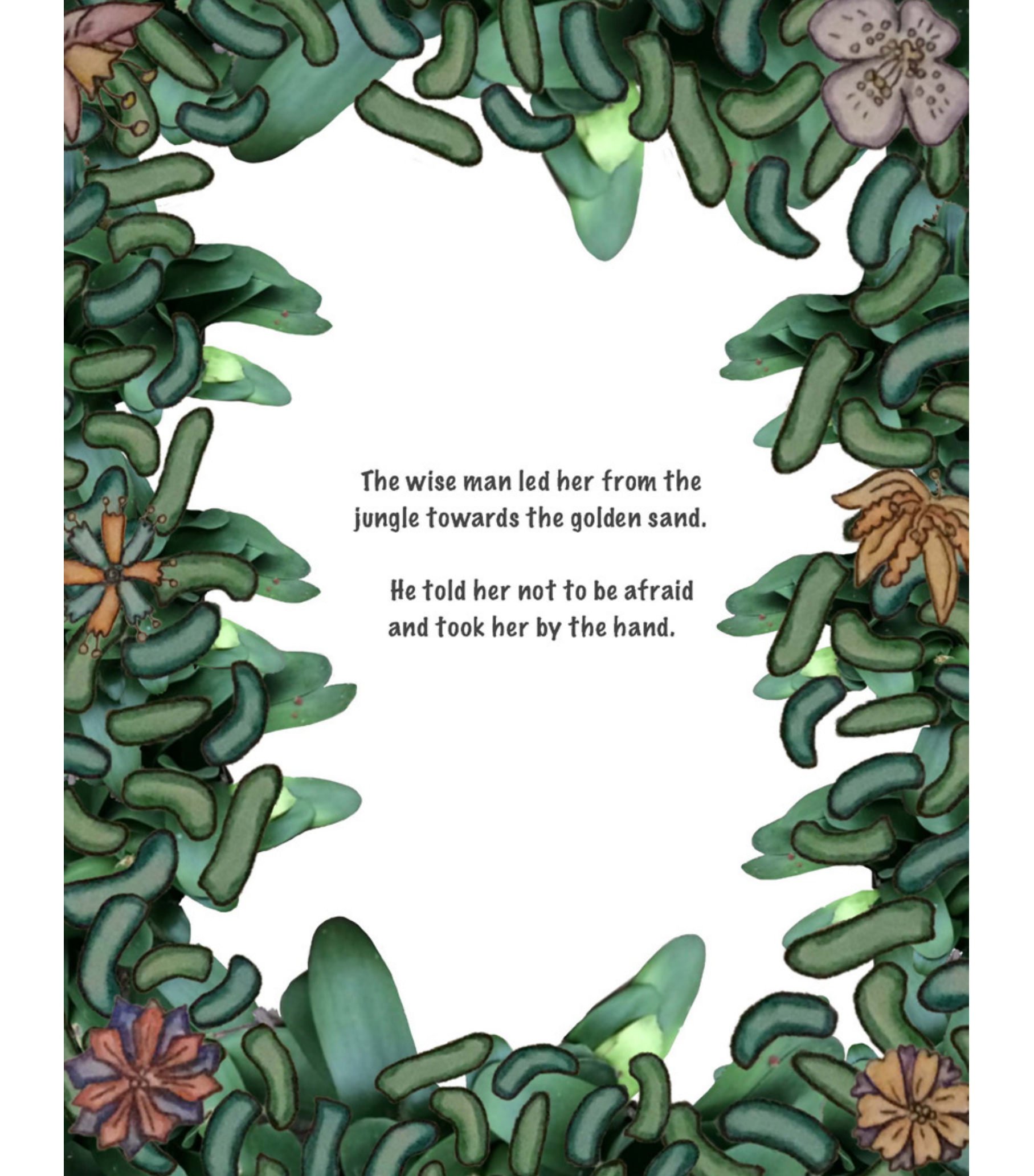
but Chameleon just grew paler;  
nothing would do any good.

The wise old man  
from the village  
came to the friends one day,

and said she  
could not get better  
and had to go away.







The wise man led her from the  
jungle towards the golden sand.

He told her not to be afraid  
and took her by the hand.



The animals searched for their friend, feeling cross that she'd gone and left them, alone with their loss.



Bowing his head, the wise man sighed.  
When the animals were sitting down  
he explained Chameleon had died.



The animals could not believe-  
they needed time to start to grieve.

The friends offered things for Chameleon's return.  
But it just couldn't happen; it was a hard thing to learn.  
Chameleon loved them and didn't choose to go,  
the man told the sad little animals they could let their feelings show.



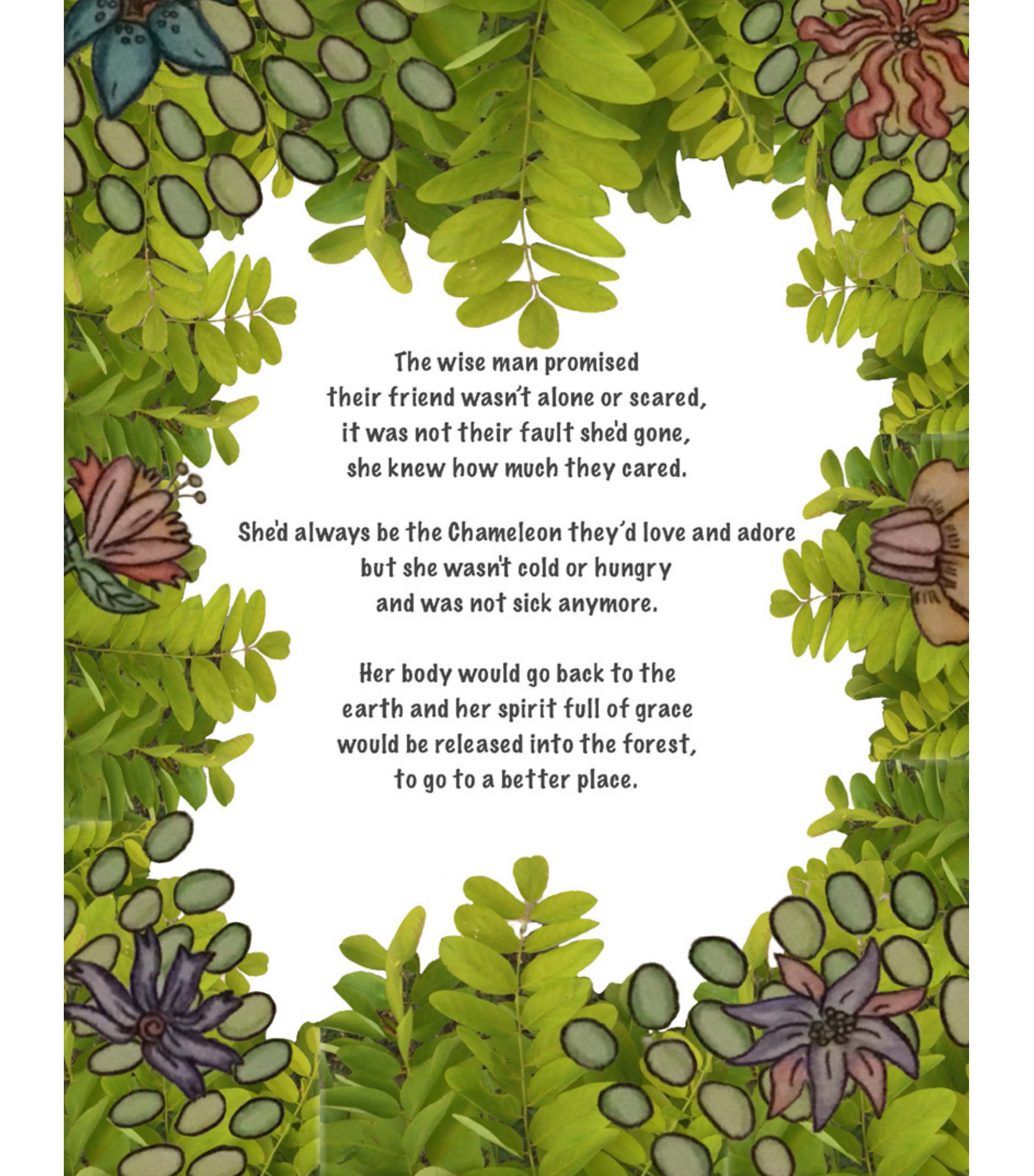
It seemed the whole jungle was crying as it began to rain.  
Even the sky felt sad and could understand their pain.

A storm brewed, the wind howled and the friends missed  
Chameleon's spark.



Everything  
seemed  
drab and dull-

the sky had now gone dark.

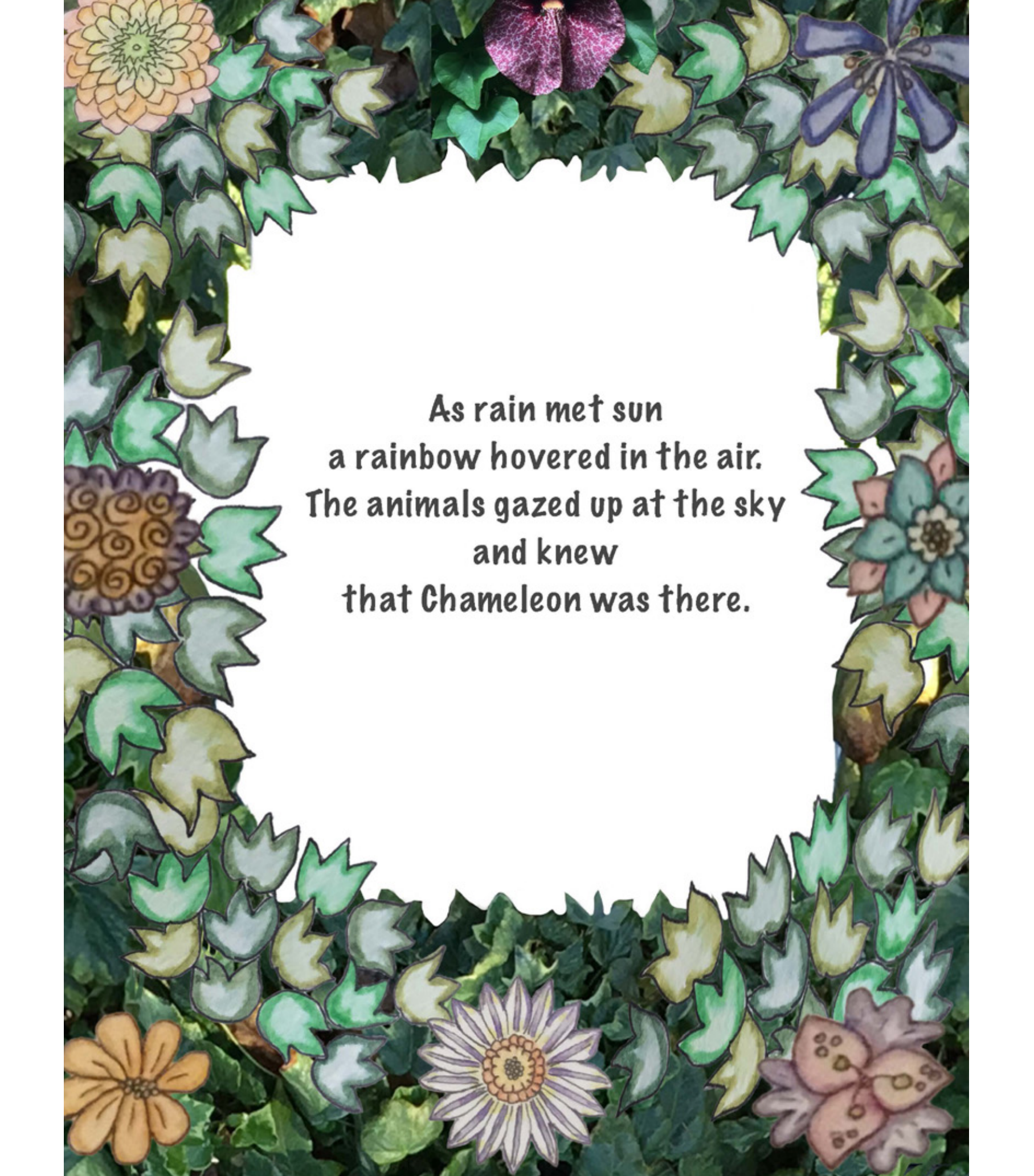


The wise man promised  
their friend wasn't alone or scared,  
it was not their fault she'd gone,  
she knew how much they cared.

She'd always be the Chameleon they'd love and adore  
but she wasn't cold or hungry  
and was not sick anymore.

Her body would go back to the  
earth and her spirit full of grace  
would be released into the forest,  
to go to a better place.





As rain met sun  
a rainbow hovered in the air.  
The animals gazed up at the sky  
and knew  
that Chameleon was there.



The animals felt everything was at an end  
but slowly began to see things reminding them of their friend.



They remembered how Chameleon  
turned the colour of the flowers



spotting the beauty in everything, passing many happy hours.

**They started to look closer at each petal, fruit and leaf.  
Noticing everything Chameleon loved helped them with their grief.**



**The jungle wasn't dark, empty, dull or bare -  
it was full of rainbow colours, all the brighter because she'd been there.**

The friends told tales around the camp fire  
of all the good times that they'd had -



because they'd known Chameleon they felt happy, they felt glad.

The sun glowed orange in the fading of the light  
and it seemed like Chameleon was saying goodnight



As the animals fell asleep, they dreamed about their friend  
and they dreamed in rainbow colours about a game that had no end.

When the orange sun woke them to a day that was fresh and new,



they felt that Chameleon would somehow be with them,  
because love always gets through.





Created for children who have lost  
someone special,  
'The Most Colourful Creature in the Jungle'  
tells the story of a chameleon who dies  
and the friends she leaves behind.

Through these jungle buddies,  
children are gently introduced to grief  
and come to understand  
that their feelings are completely normal.

'The Most Colourful Creature in the Jungle'  
will be a friend to your child  
in their time of sadness.