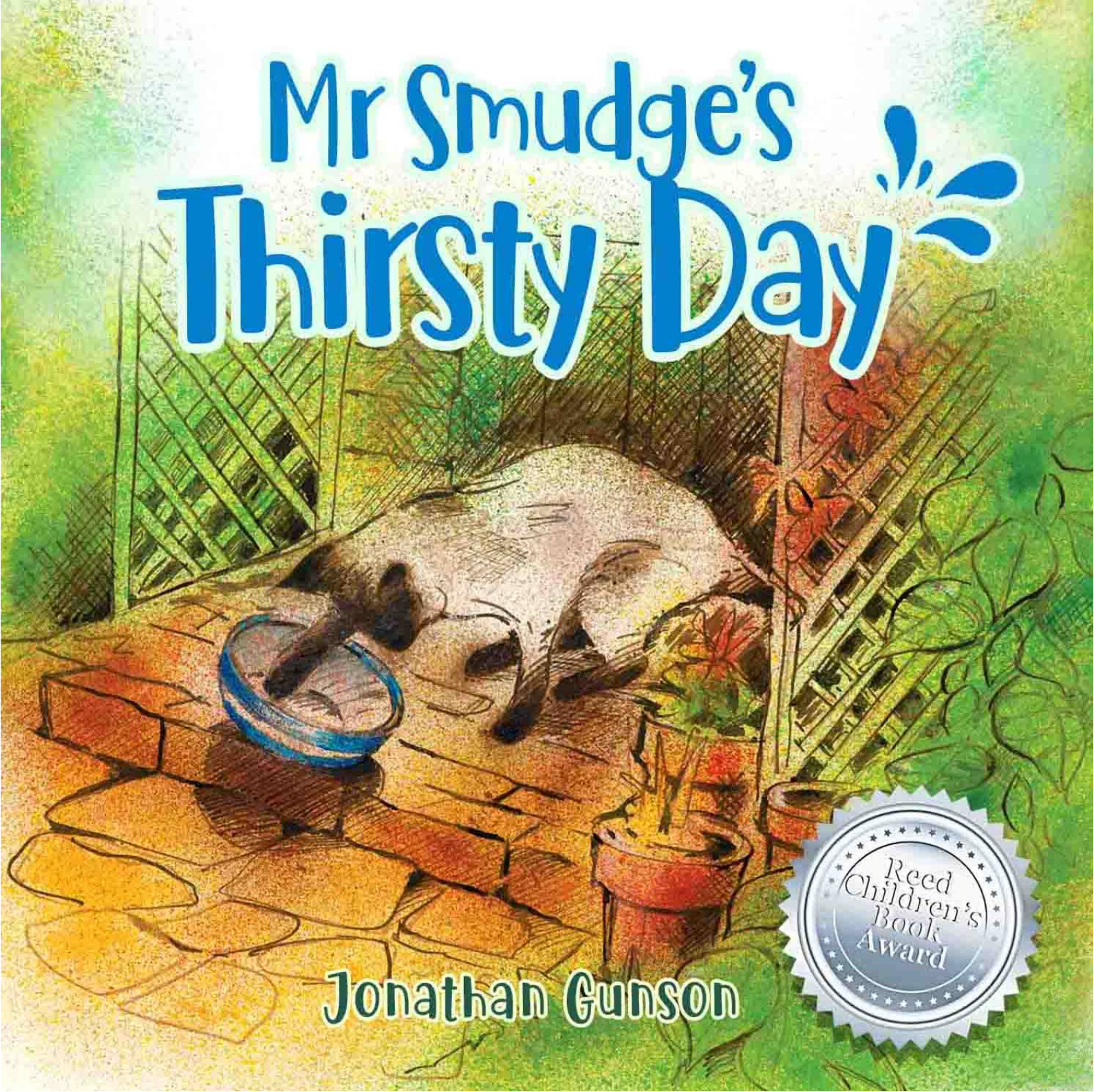


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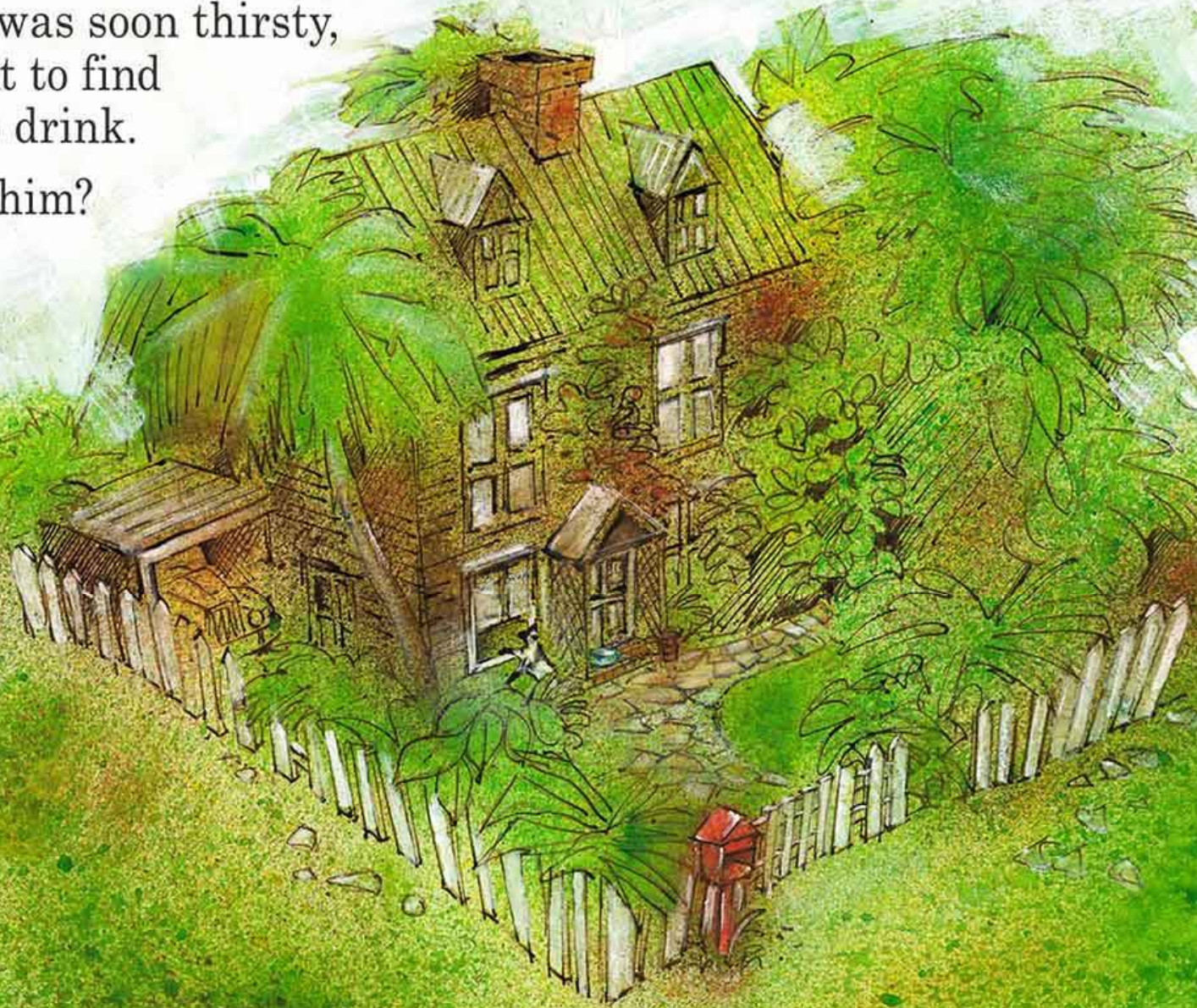
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Mr Smudge always had a bowl of water to drink.
But one day the family forgot to give him one.



Mr Smudge was soon thirsty,
so off he went to find
something to drink.

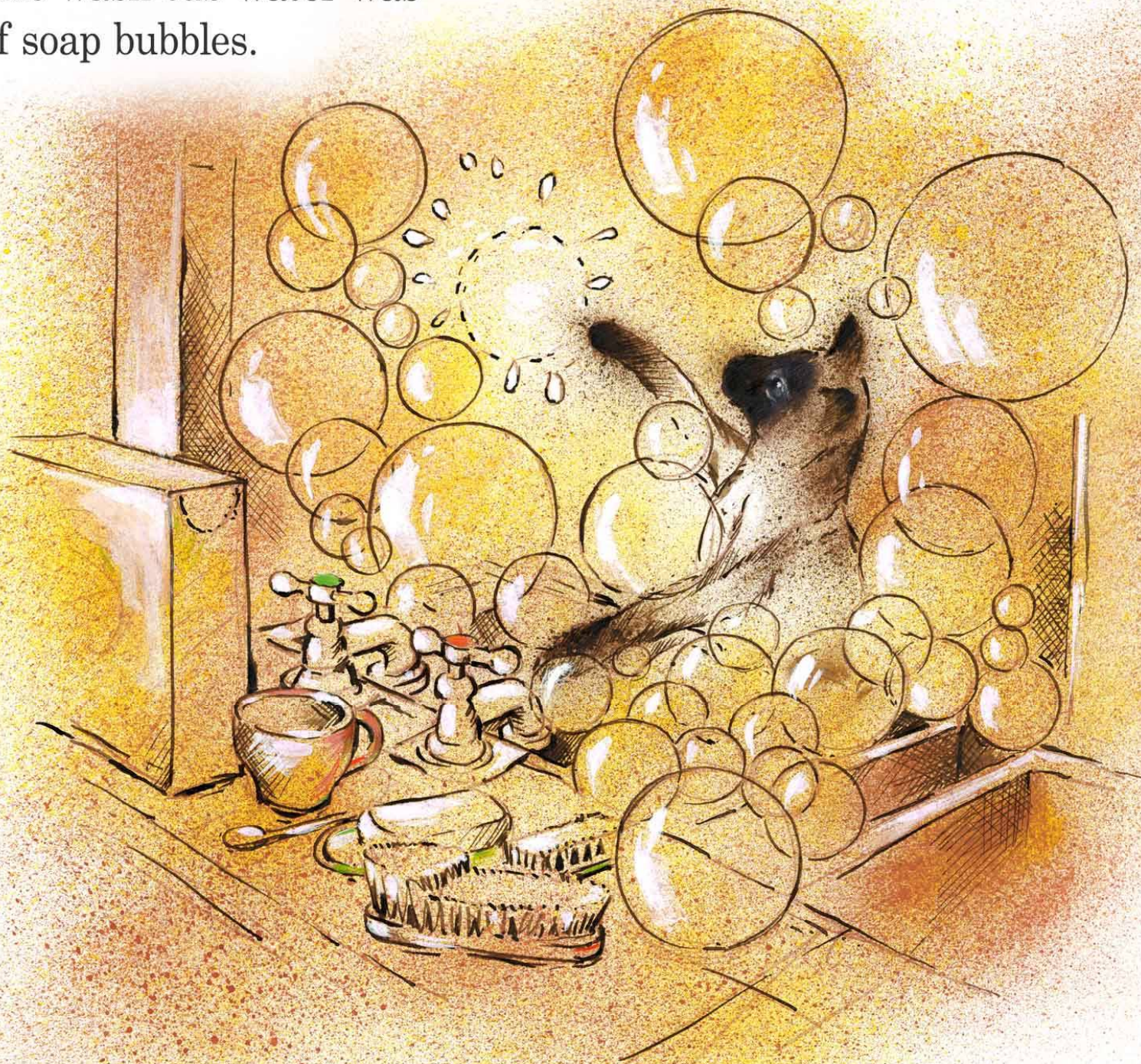
Can you see him?



He licked the drips from the kitchen tap, but his tongue got tired.



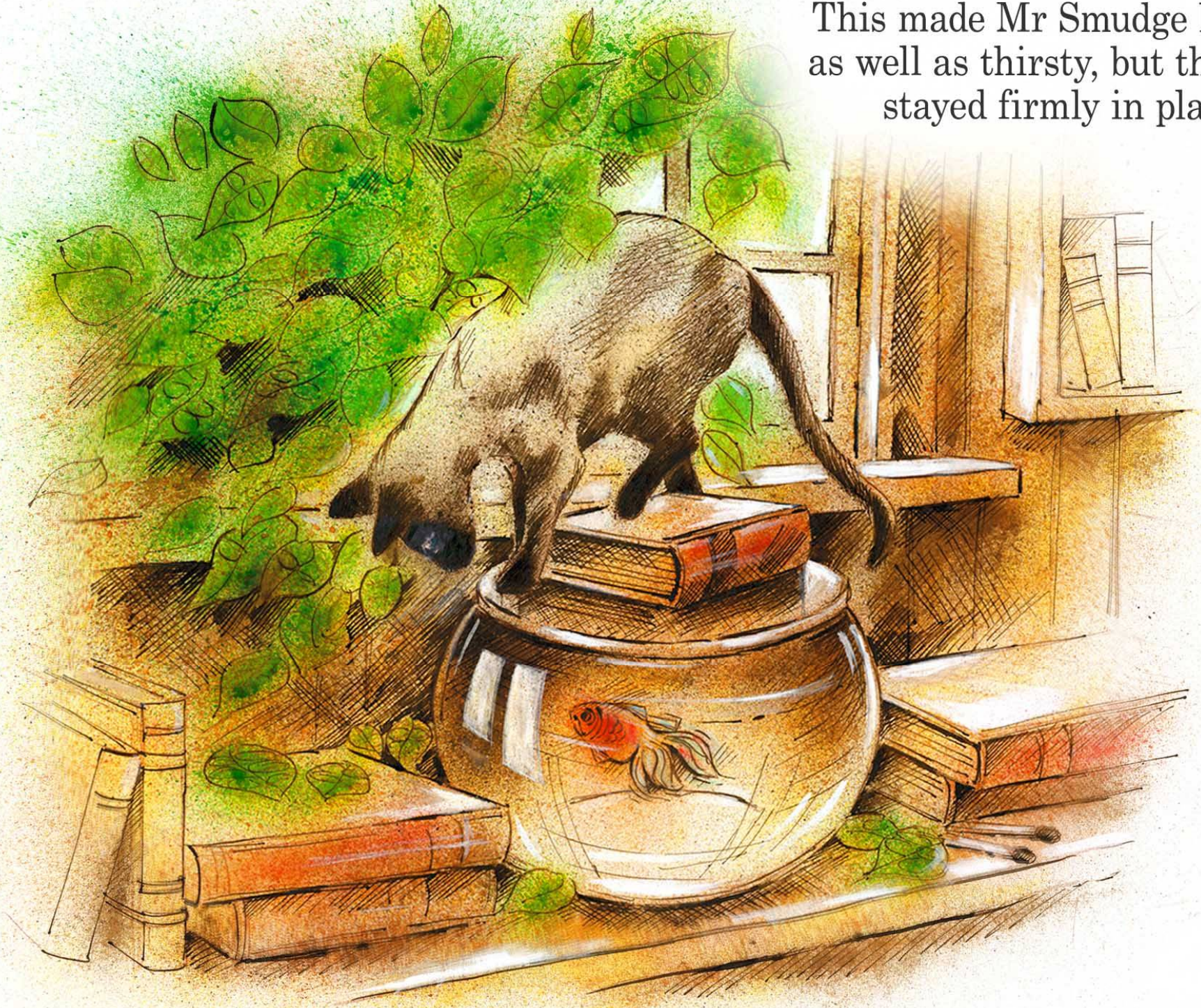
And the wash tub water was
full of soap bubbles.



He found a big round glass
bowl of water, but it had a fish
swimming in it.



This made Mr Smudge hungry
as well as thirsty, but the cover
stayed firmly in place.



Water seemed to be everywhere, but he
still couldn't find a drink.

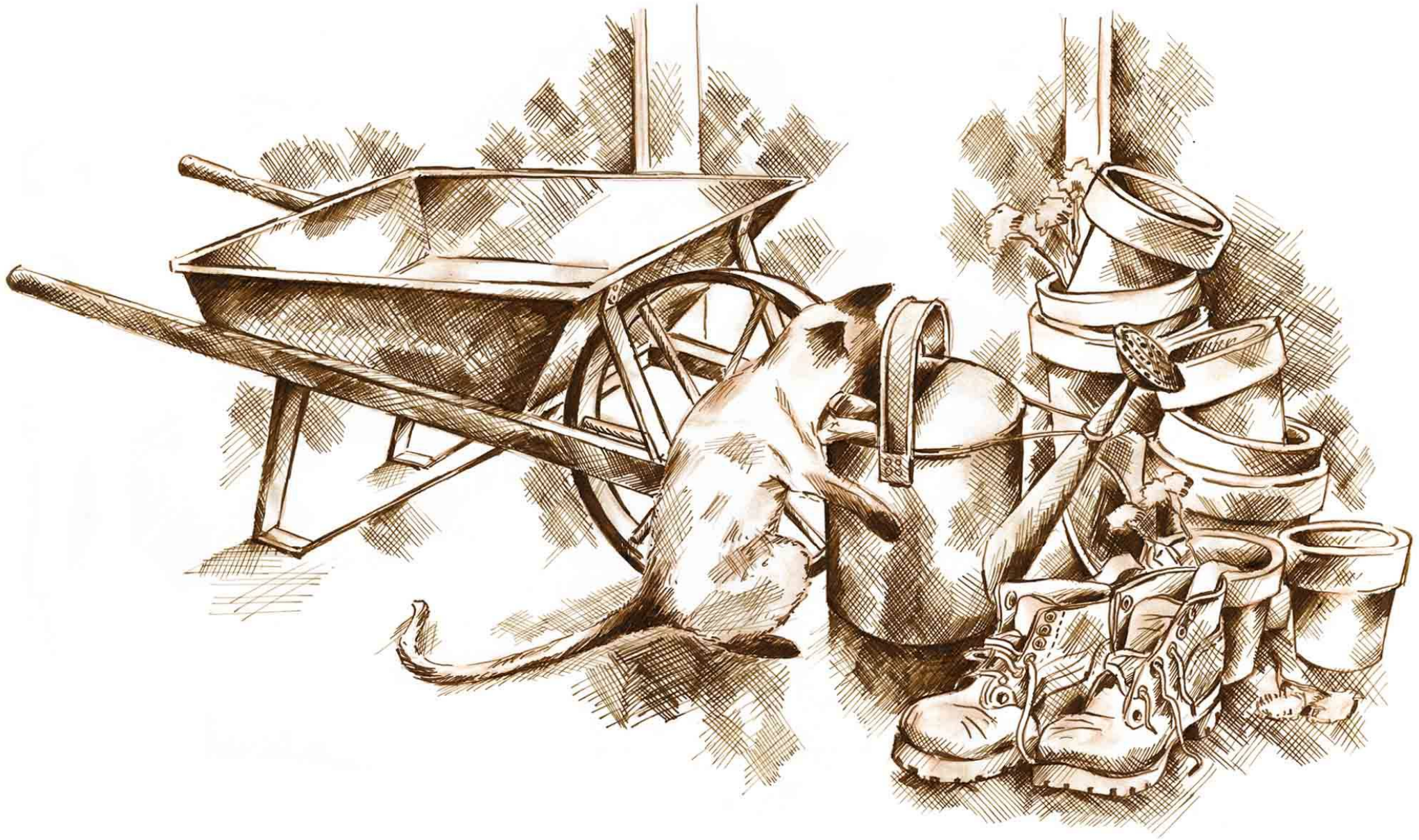
So he strolled into the garden to look a
little further.



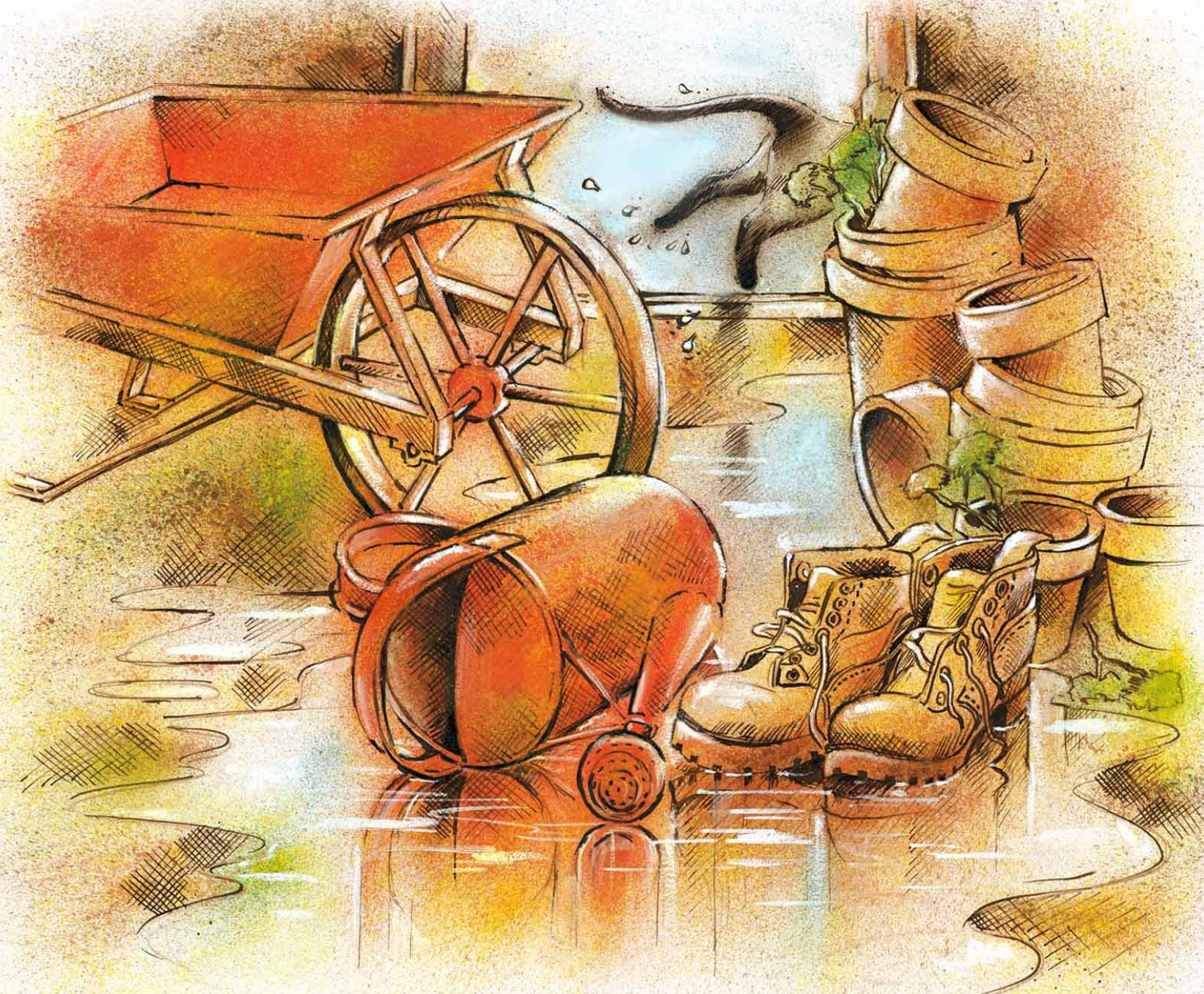
He saw a sprinkler and jumped to
catch the drops, but his fur got wet.

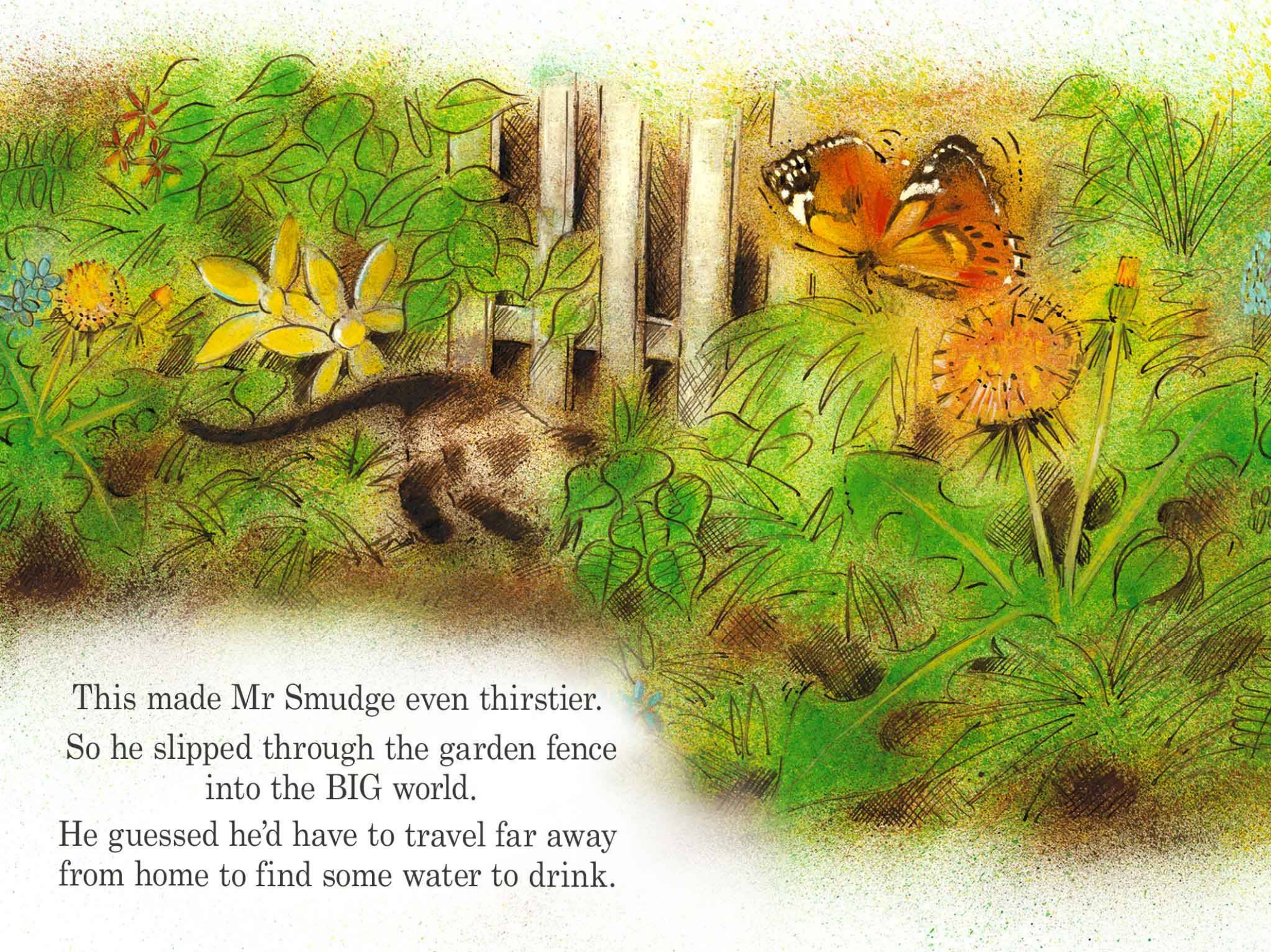


Mr Smudge tiptoed inside the garden shed and found
a watering can full to the brim with water.



But it tipped over with a crash and a splash
when he tried to drink from it.





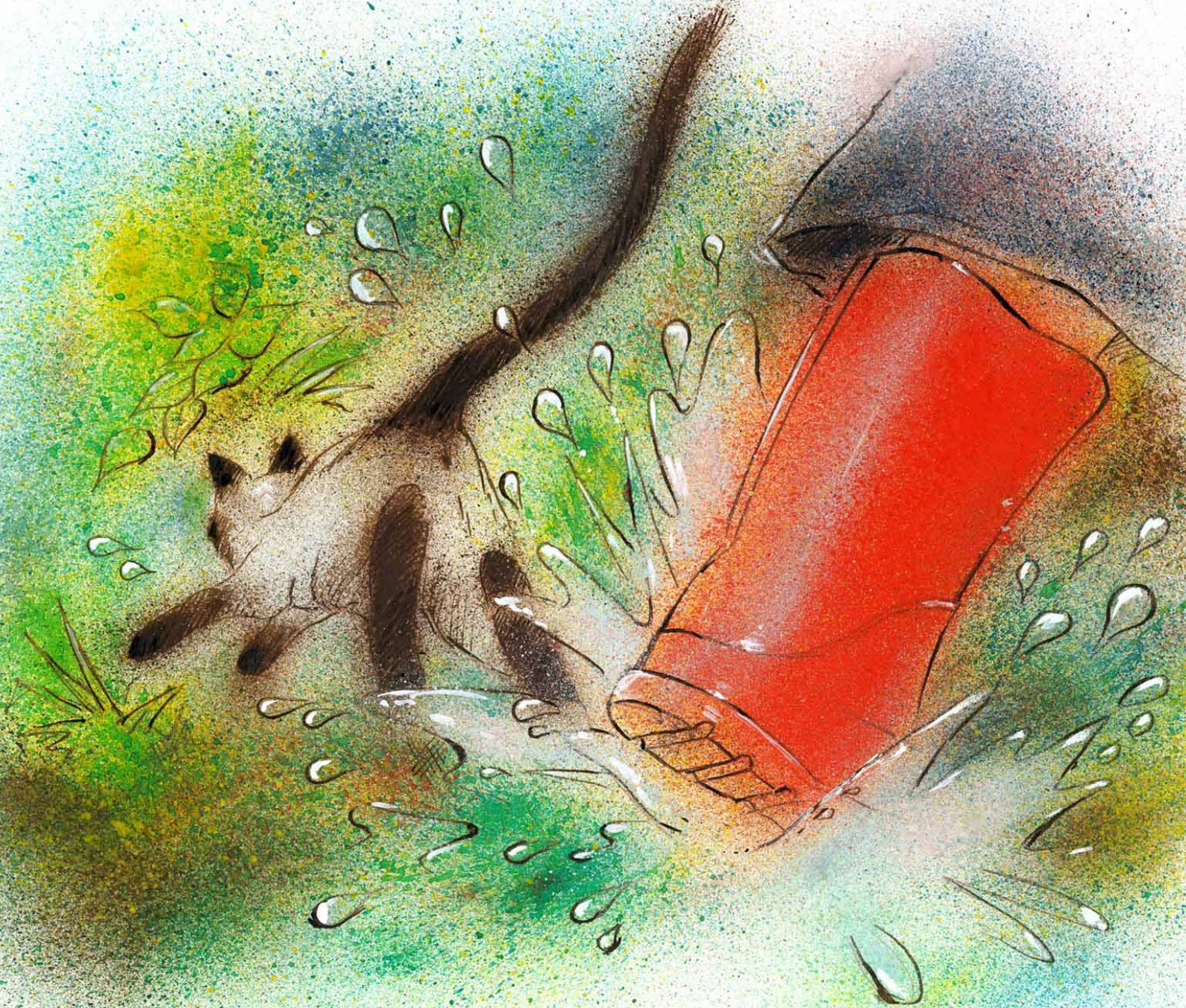
This made Mr Smudge even thirstier.
So he slipped through the garden fence
into the BIG world.
He guessed he'd have to travel far away
from home to find some water to drink.

Soon he found himself in a
strange place.

But he didn't mind because
he discovered a beautiful,
cool, clean puddle.



But somebody splashed in it with muddy boots.



Water from a fire hose rushed at him fast.





And the sea was too salty.

Just then it began to rain and
started to grow dark.

Big drops splashed down all
around.

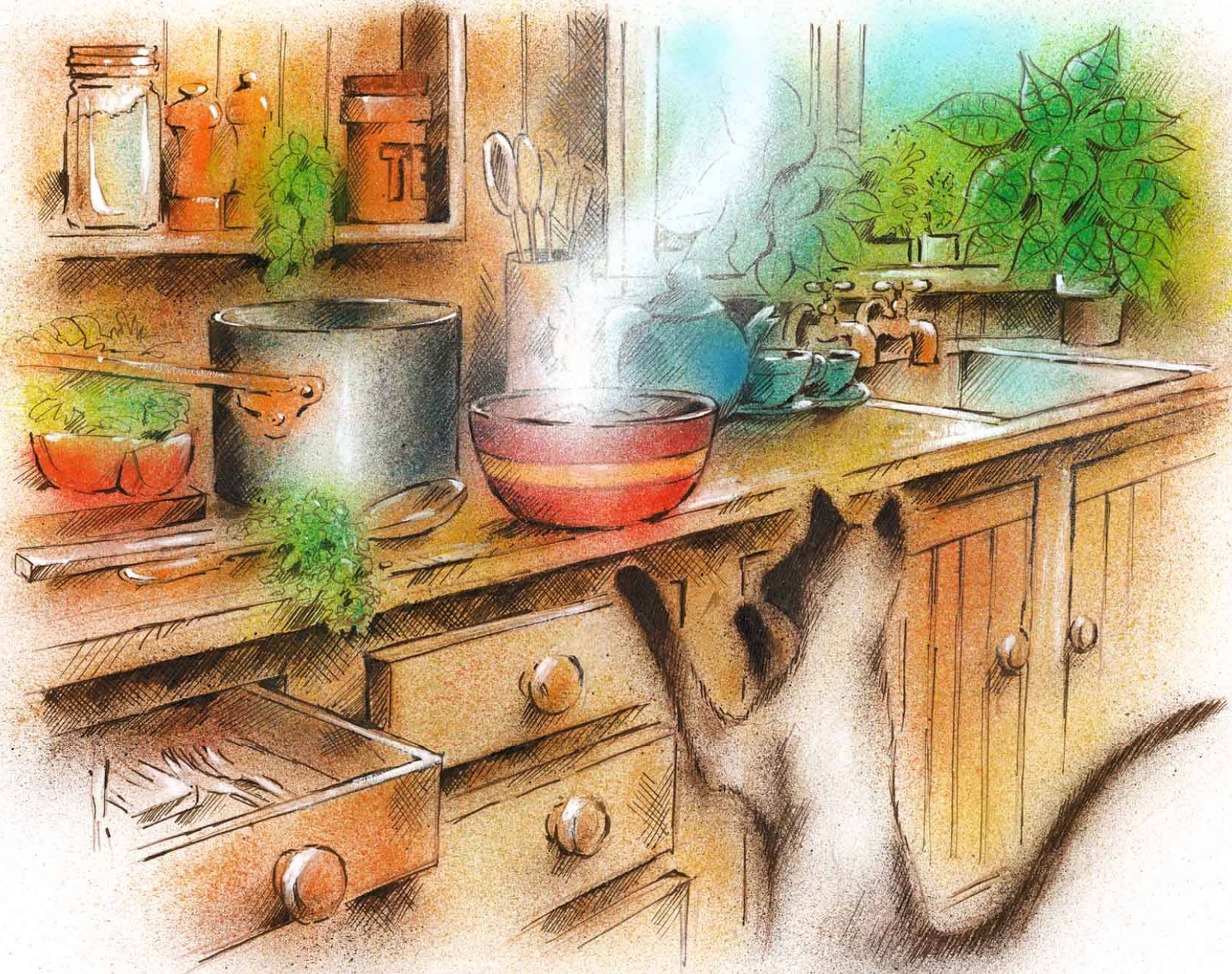


Mr Smudge dashed back home so fast, his paws hardly touched the ground.





He leapt over the garden fence
and raced indoors.



MMMM ... MM ...!
What was that lovely aroma?

It was a fish dinner waiting just for him.
And what do you think he found as well?

His very own special bowl of cool water!

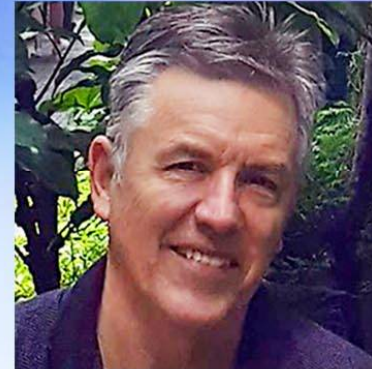




It was great to be back, because after all,
there's no place like home.



From the author



Thank you for reading “Mr Smudge”.
My next story is about a very small bear with
a very big dream ... he wants to FLY!

If your children love teddy bears they'll love
‘Goggles: The Bear Who Dreamed Of Flying’

The first few sample pages
begin on the next page. Enjoy :)

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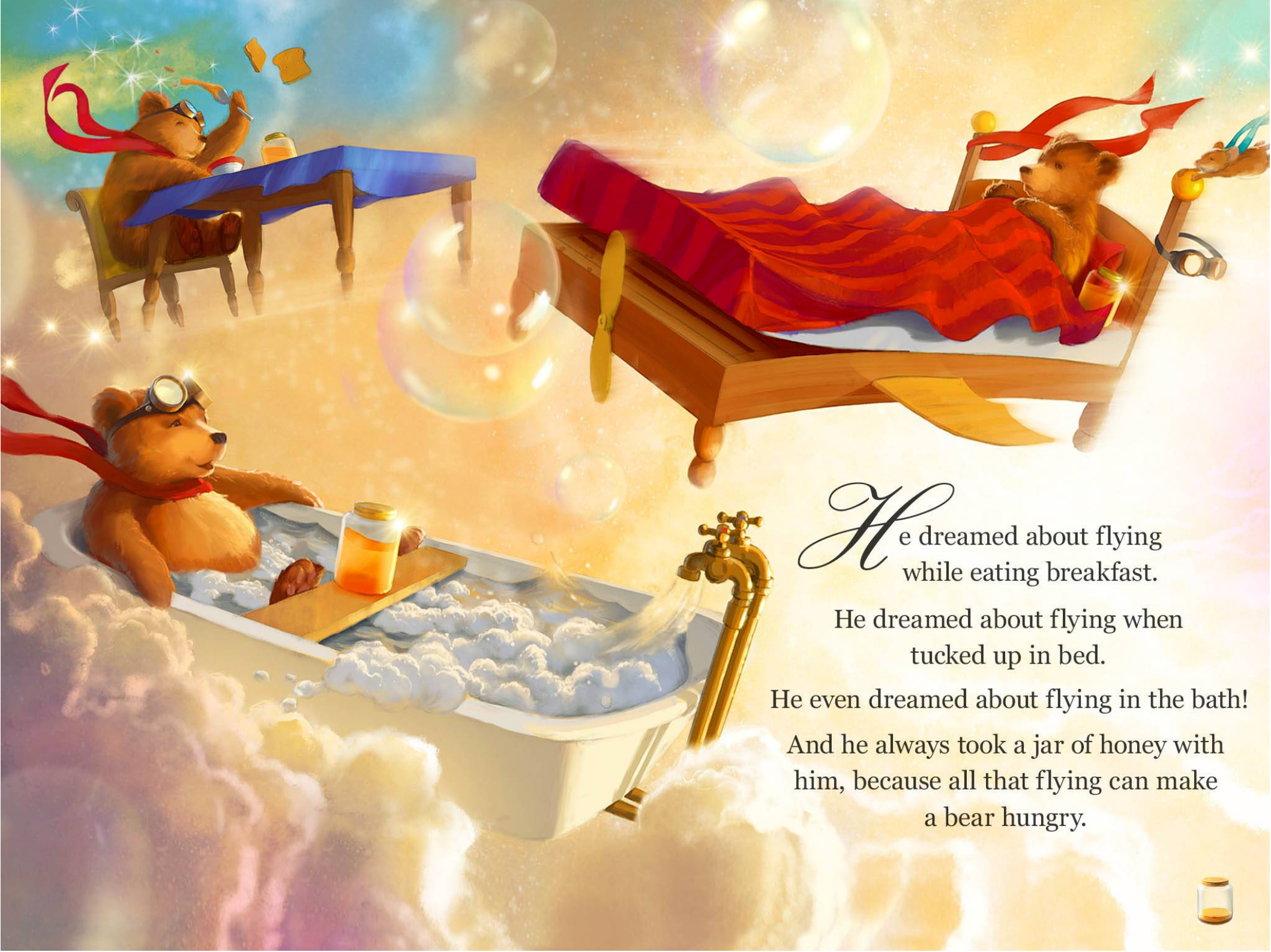
*L*et the story begin ...



There once was a very small bear who
dreamed of flying.

Everyone told him he was too little to fly.
But he always wore flying goggles, just in case they
changed their minds, which is why all his family
called him 'Goggles'.





*H*e dreamed about flying
while eating breakfast.

He dreamed about flying when
tucked up in bed.

He even dreamed about flying in the bath!

And he always took a jar of honey with
him, because all that flying can make
a bear hungry.






*B*ut even though Goggles was a very small bear, he knew a very big secret.

His grandparents, Growlville and Wilma Wright, had built an airplane.

They called it 'The Wright Flyer'.





They wanted to be the first bears to fly,
but couldn't find an airplane fuel
that would work.

On the first try, it crunched into a tree.
On the second try, it crashed into a haystack.
On the third try, it ran into a pond

... SPLOOSH!



*I*f only they could find the right flying fuel.
They tried lemonade, but it was too fizzy.
They tried custard, but it was too gluggy.
And ketchup was too slurpy,
and chocolate too gooey.

Then one day, Goggles had a great idea for fuel.
He whispered it to Grandpa.
Can you guess what it was?



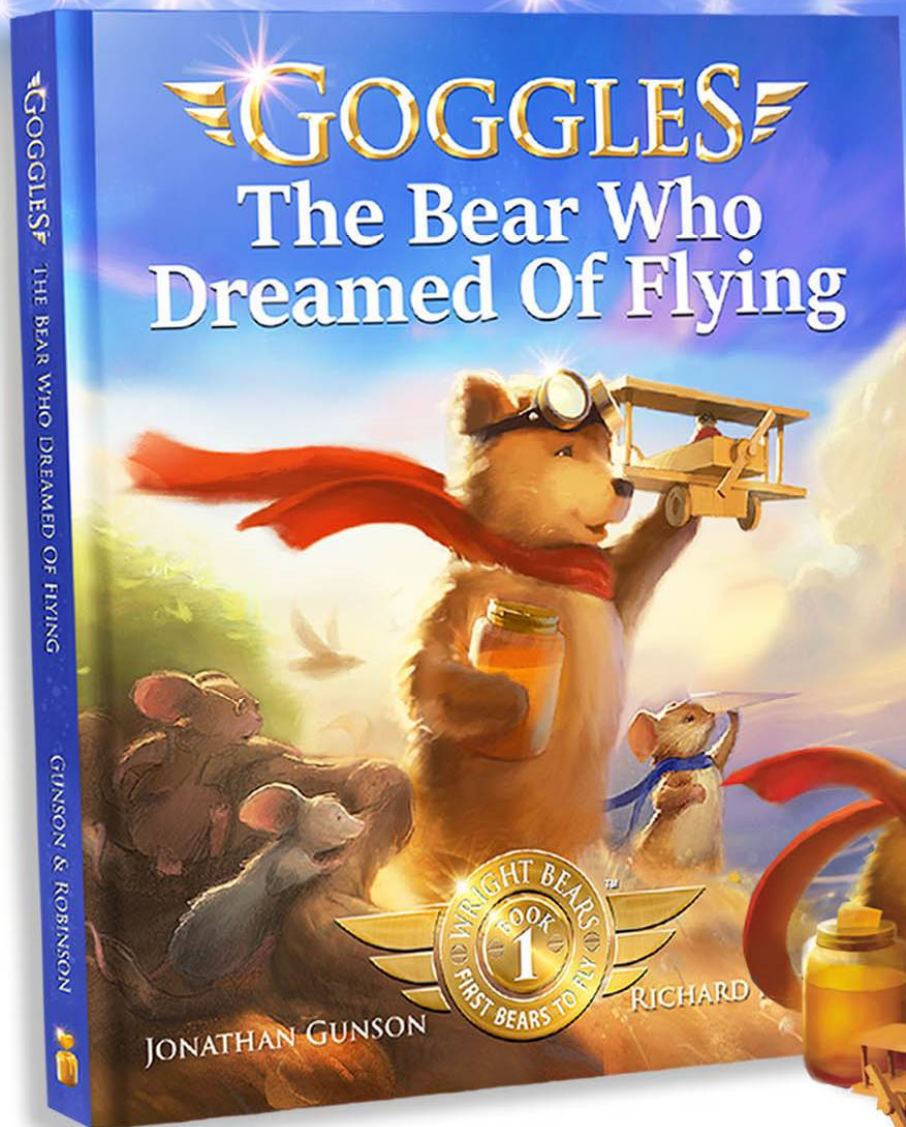


Thank you for reading this
sample of my 'Goggles' book.

If you'd like to know more about
Goggle's flying adventure, all the details
are on the next page.

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Join Goggles on his adventure
when he becomes the
first bear to FLY!

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