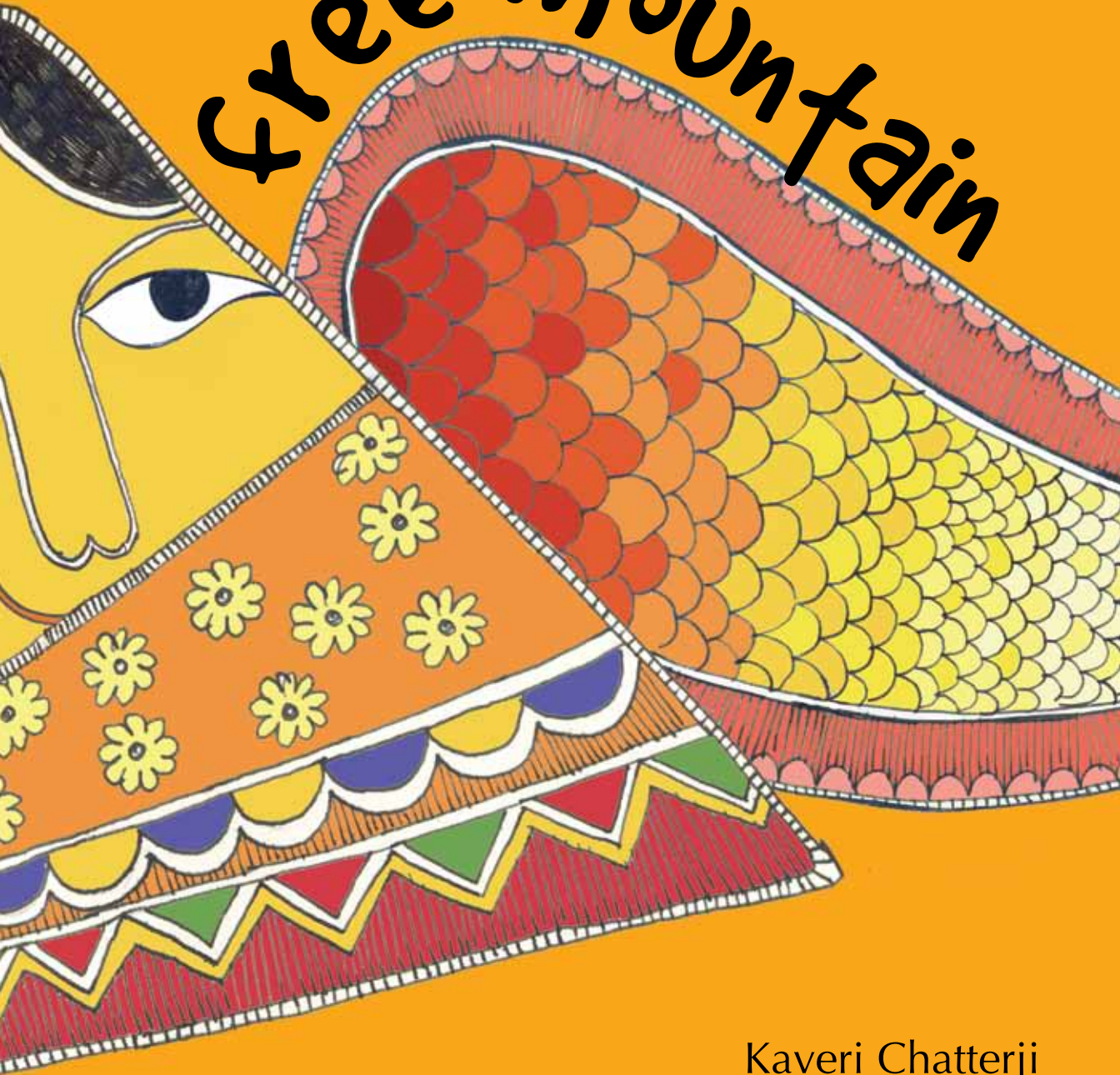


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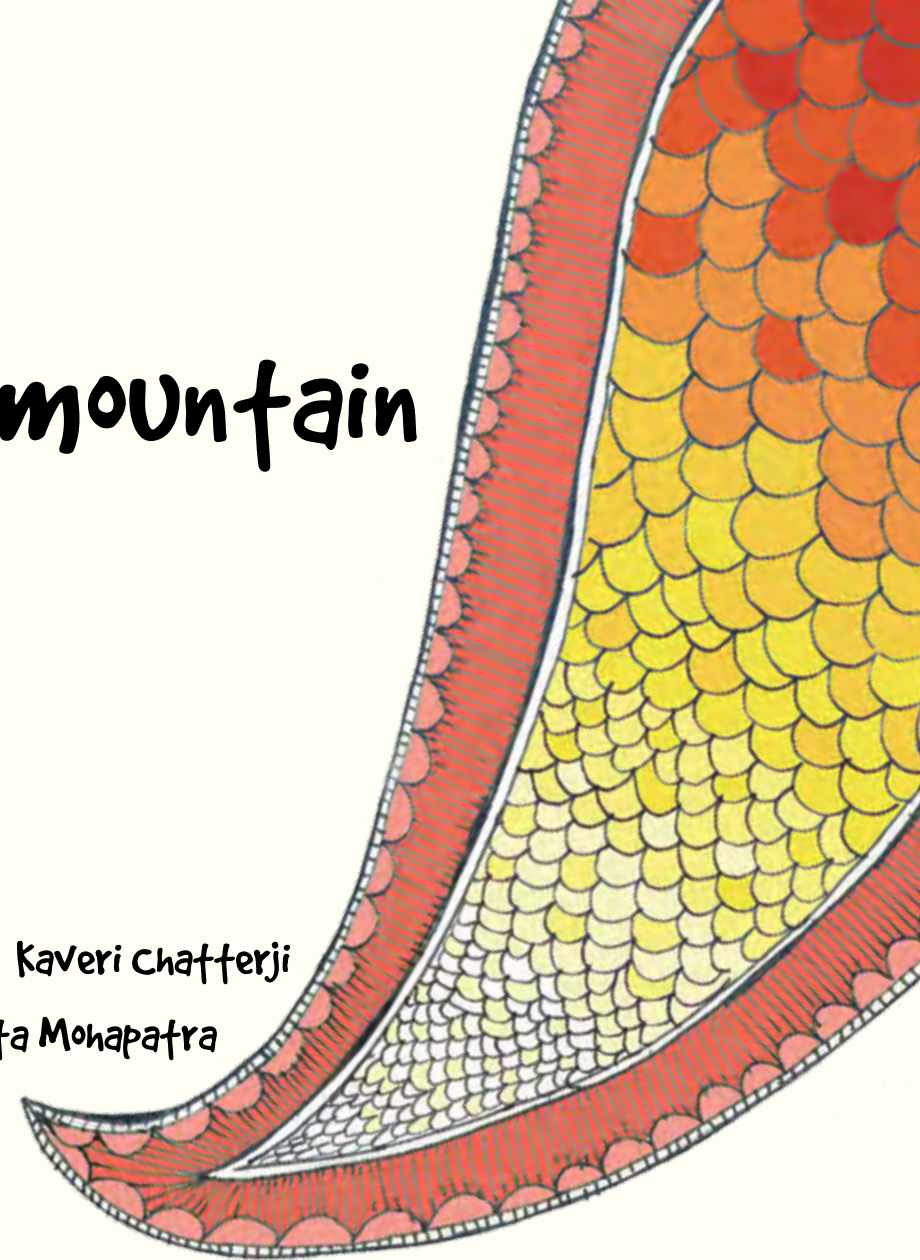
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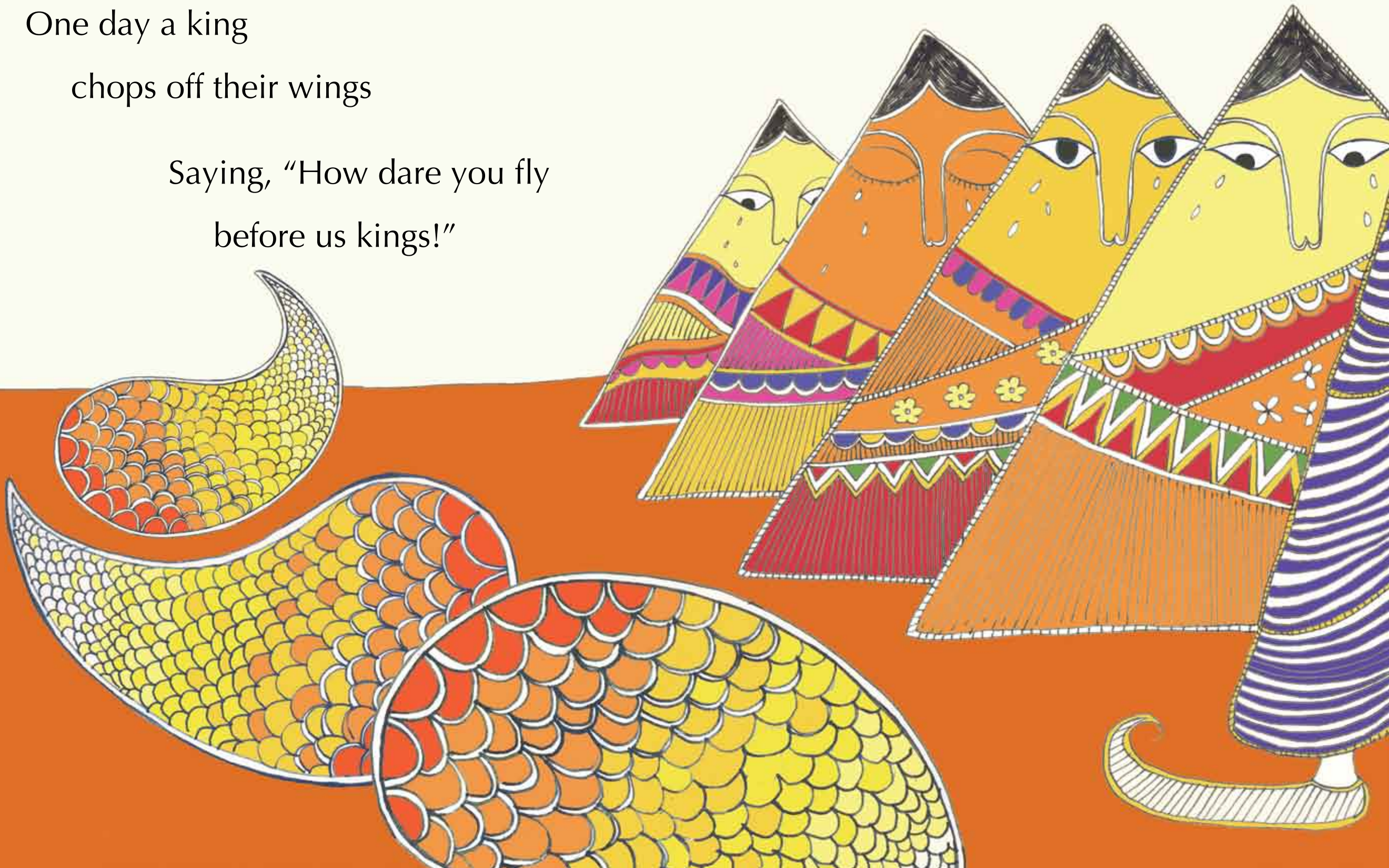
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all mountains could fly.

They swam through clouds
and skies so high.



One day a king
chops off their wings

Saying, "How dare you fly
before us kings!"

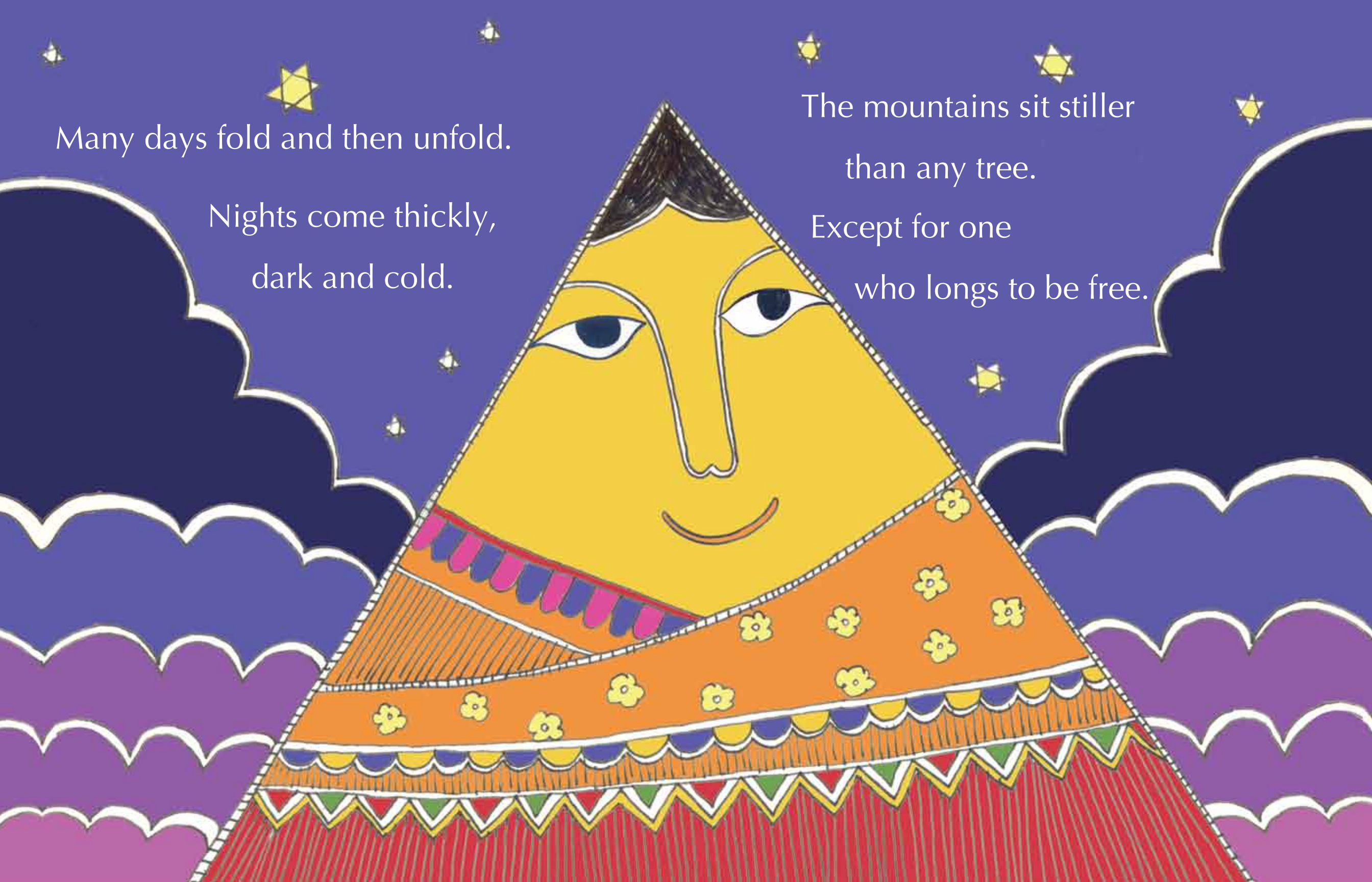


Many days fold and then unfold.

Nights come thickly,
dark and cold.

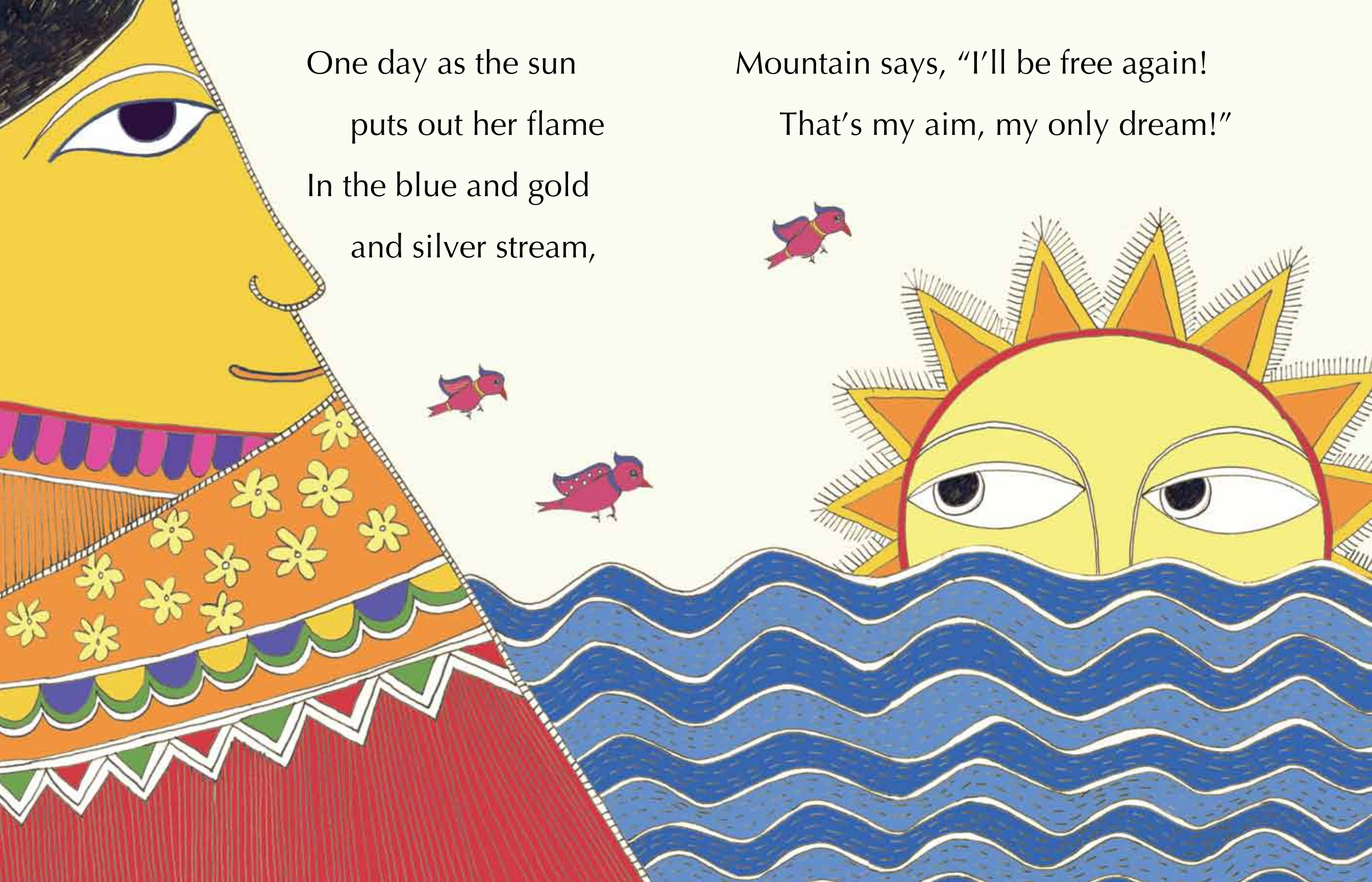
The mountains sit stiller
than any tree.

Except for one
who longs to be free.



One day as the sun
puts out her flame
In the blue and gold
and silver stream,

Mountain says, "I'll be free again!
That's my aim, my only dream!"

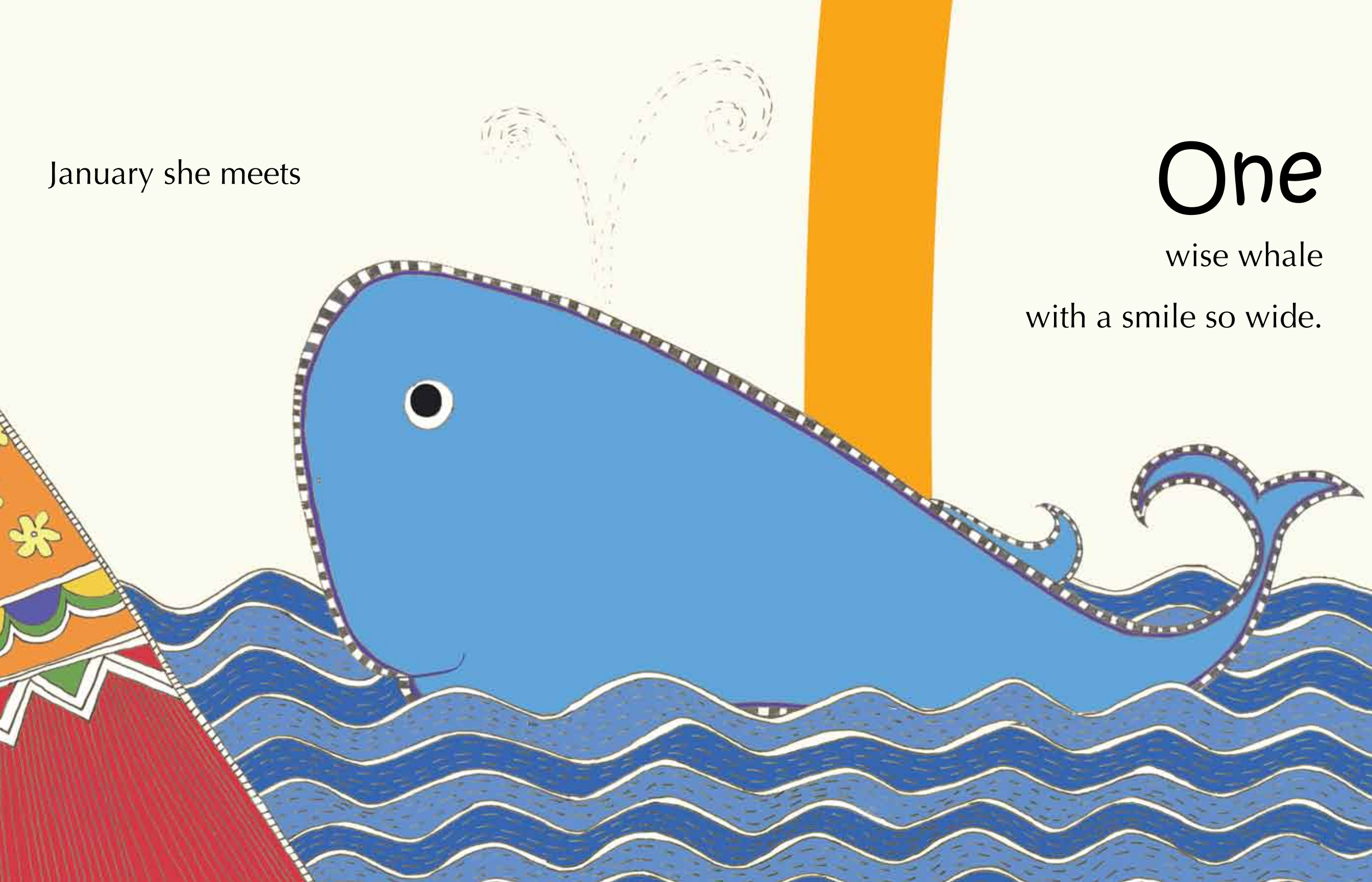


January she meets

One

wise whale

with a smile so wide.

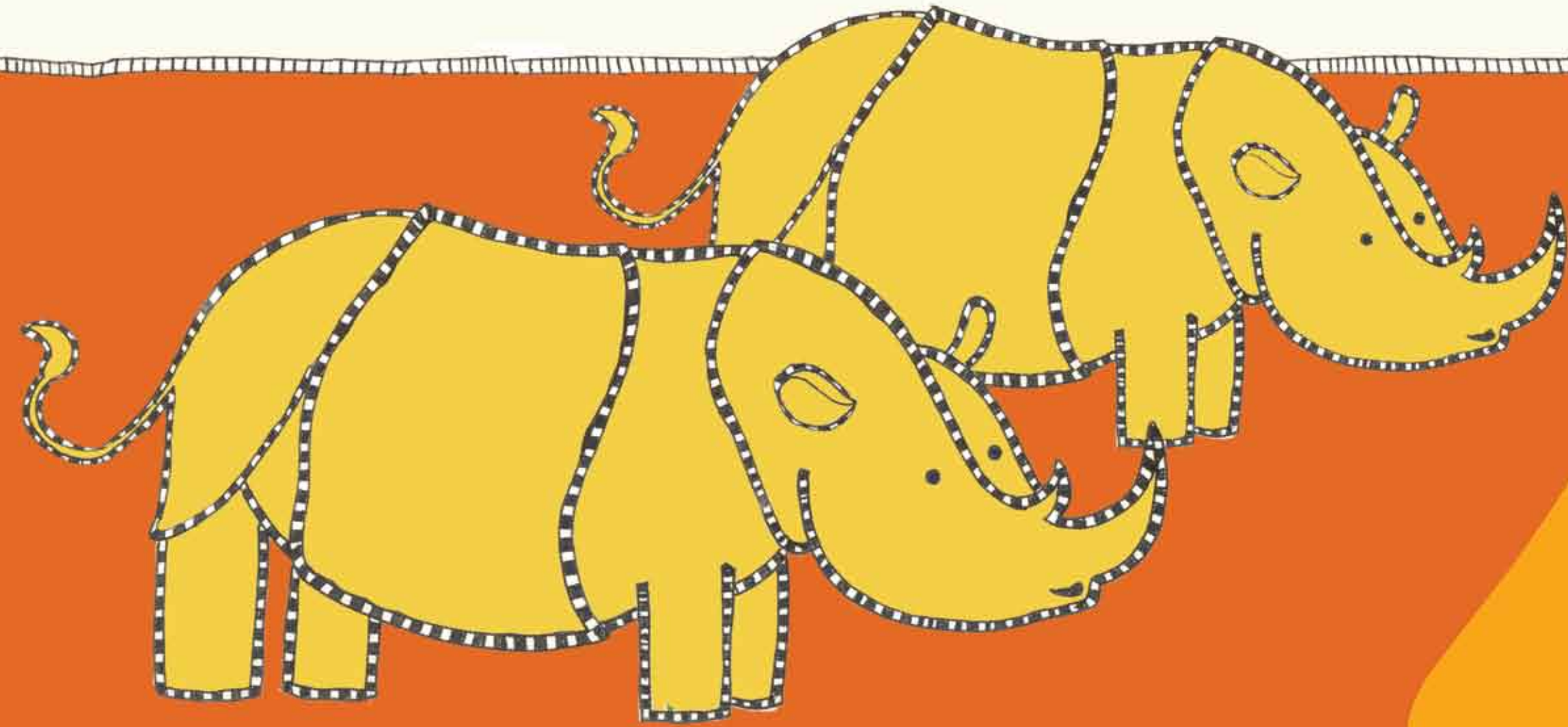


February she greets

Two

running rhinos

with noses they can't hide.



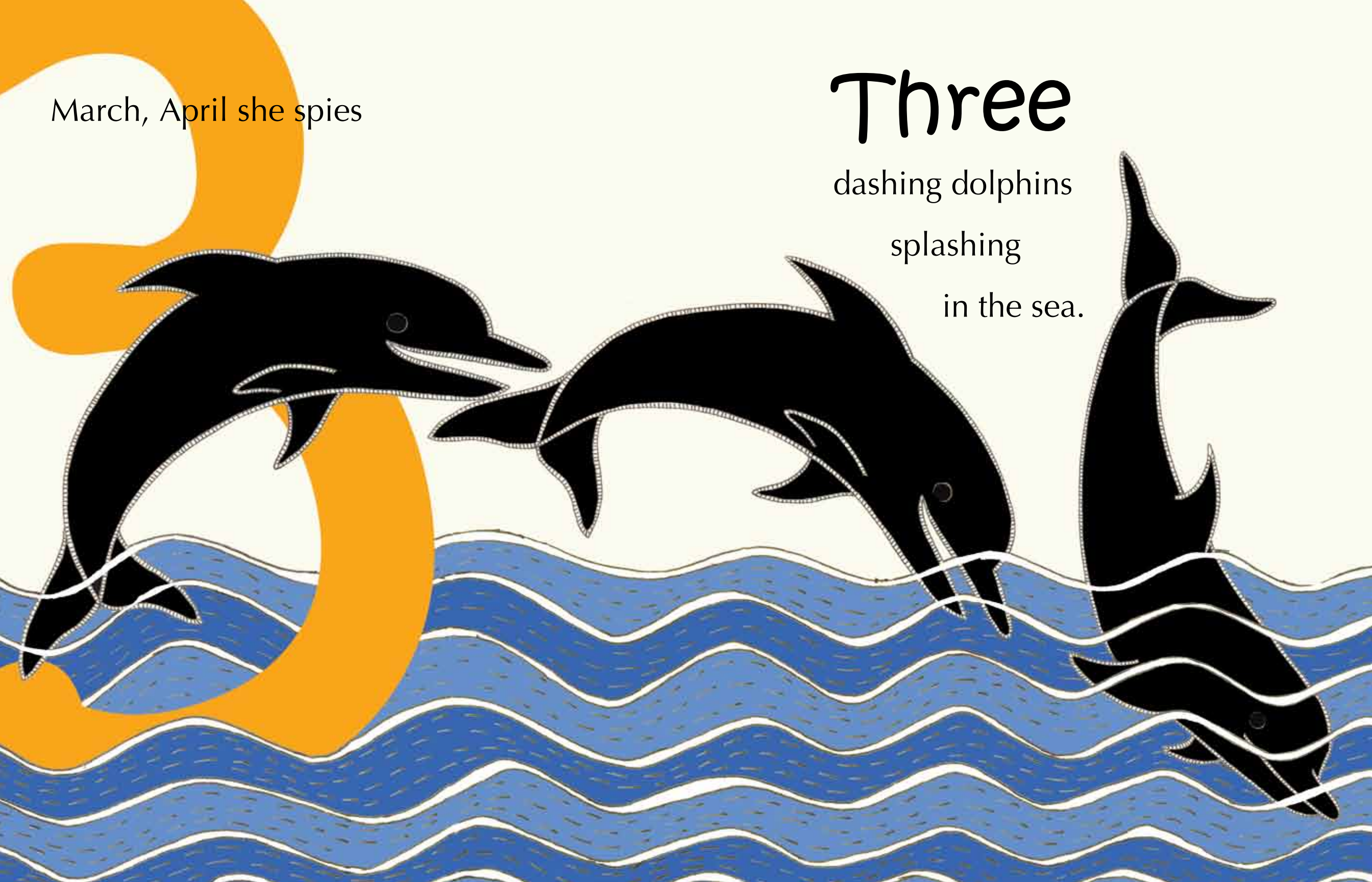
March, April she spies

Three

dashing dolphins

splashing

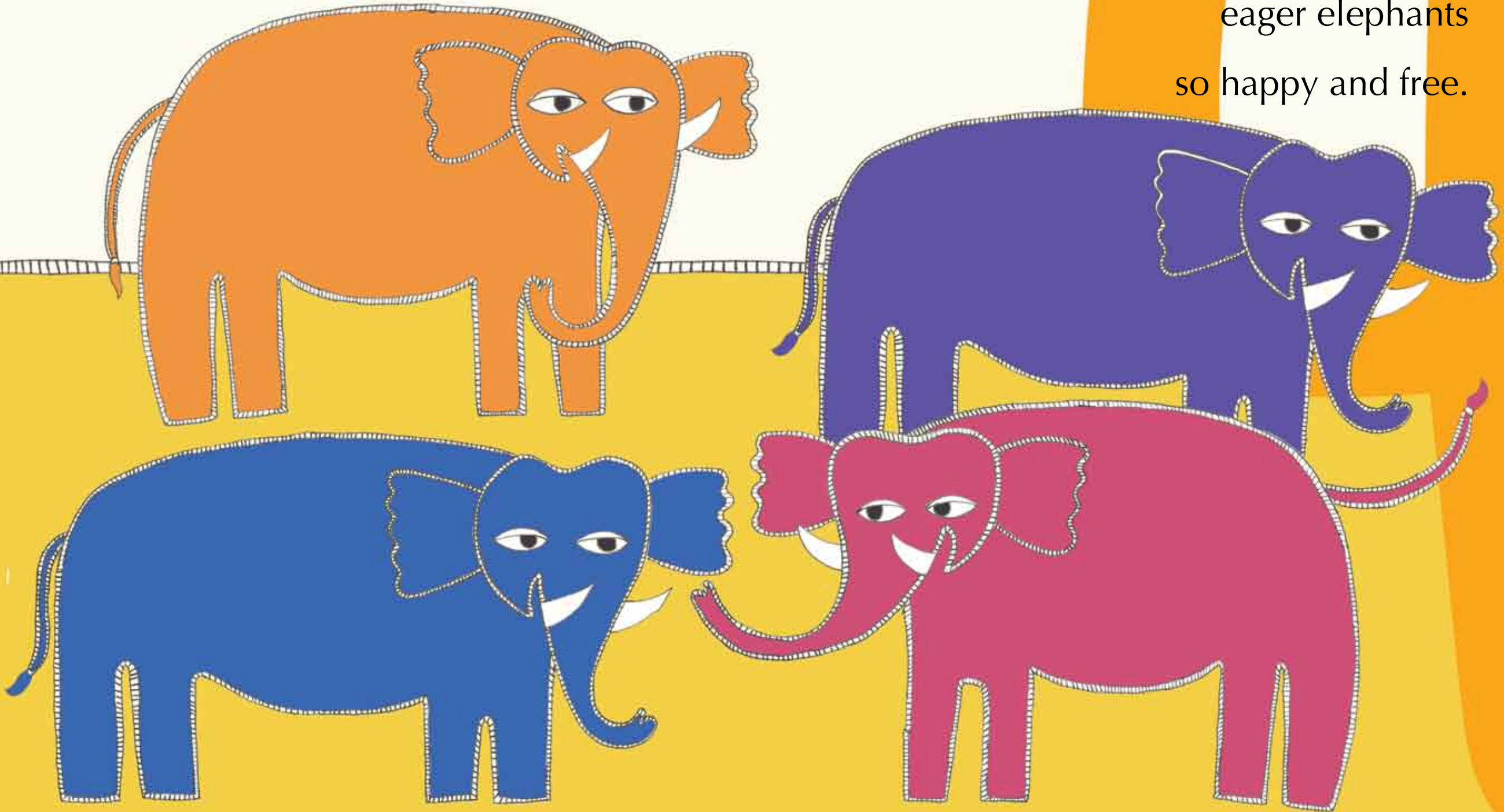
in the sea.



May, June she eyes

FOUR

eager elephants
so happy and free.



July she smiles at

Five

shiny snakes

soft-slithering by.

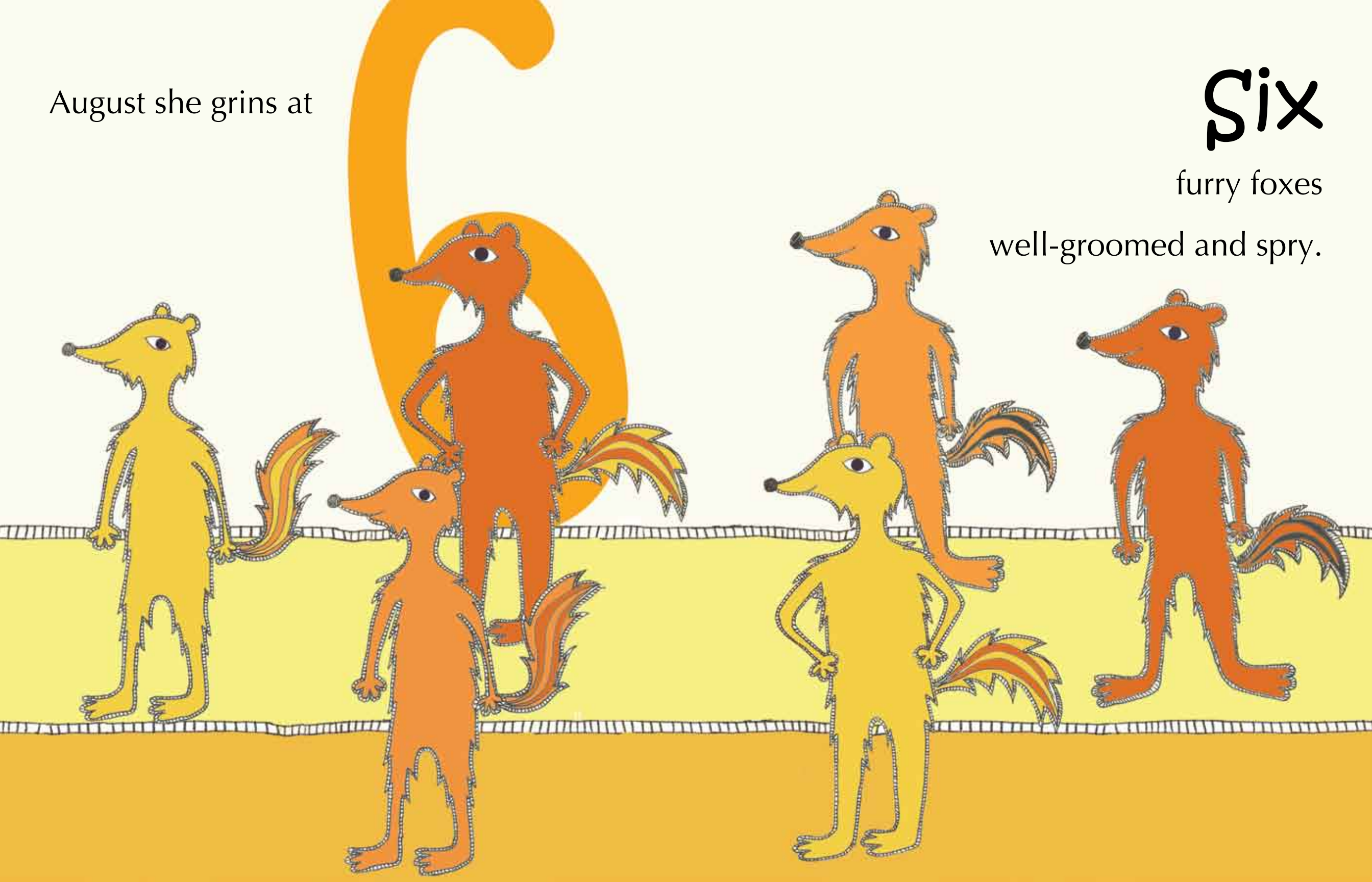


August she grins at

Six

furry foxes

well-groomed and spry.



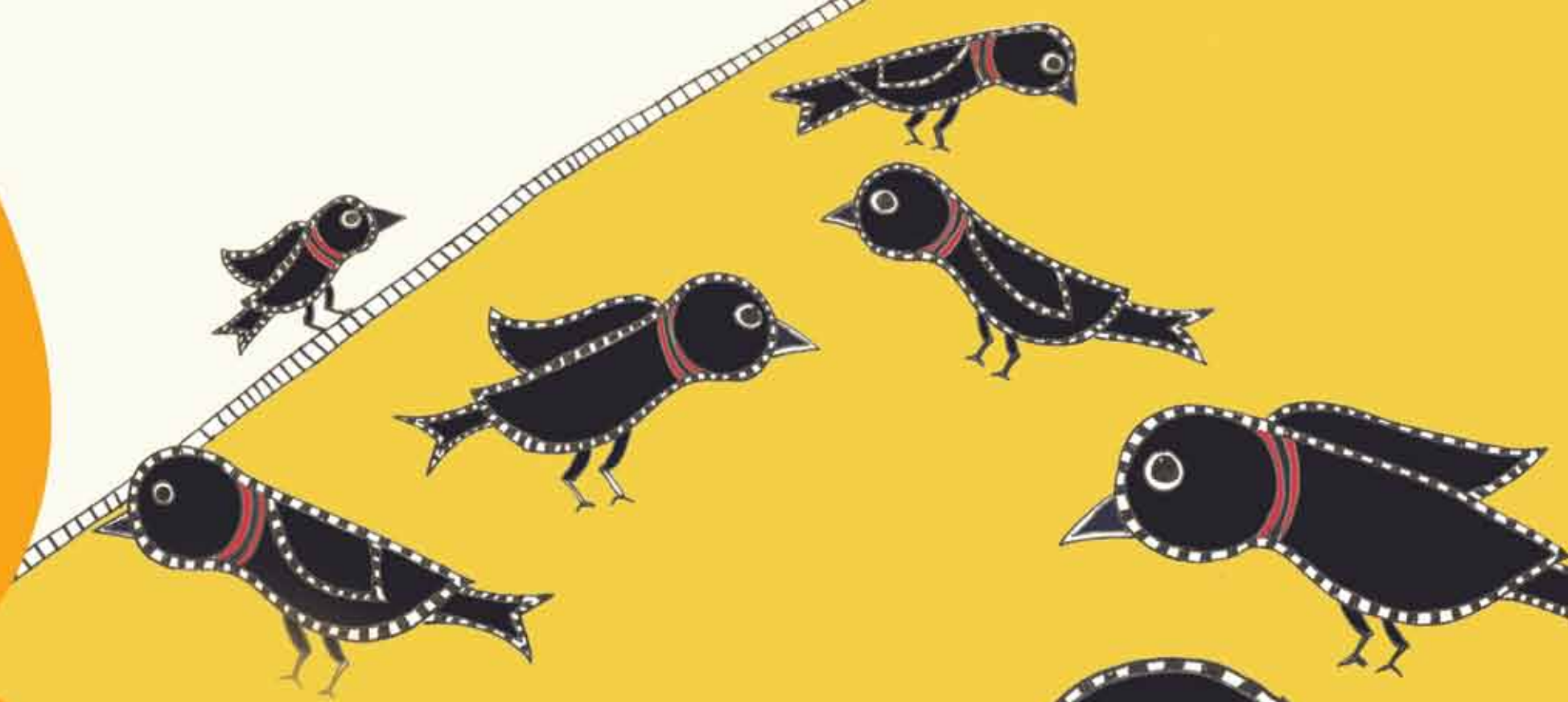
September she says Hi! to

Seven

busy birds
with wings so bright.



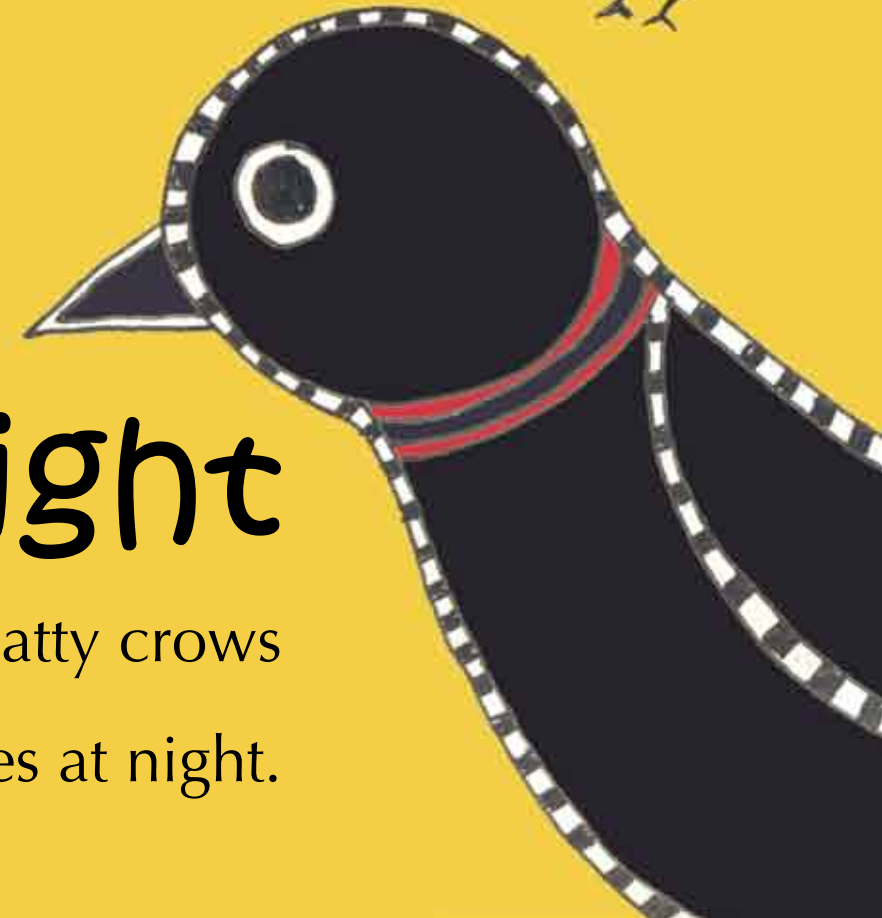
October she sits
right through



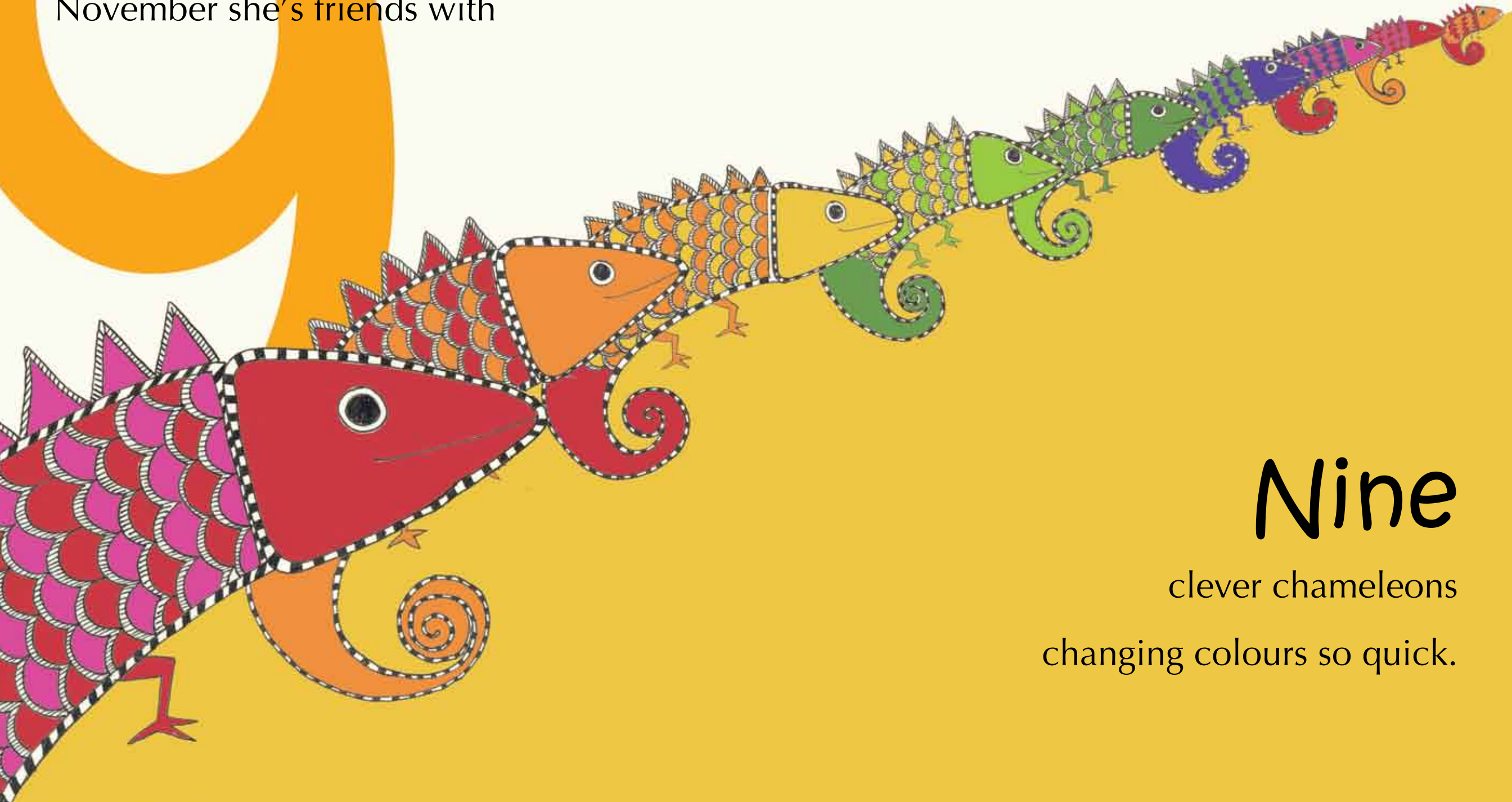
Eight

chatty crows

swapping tales at night.



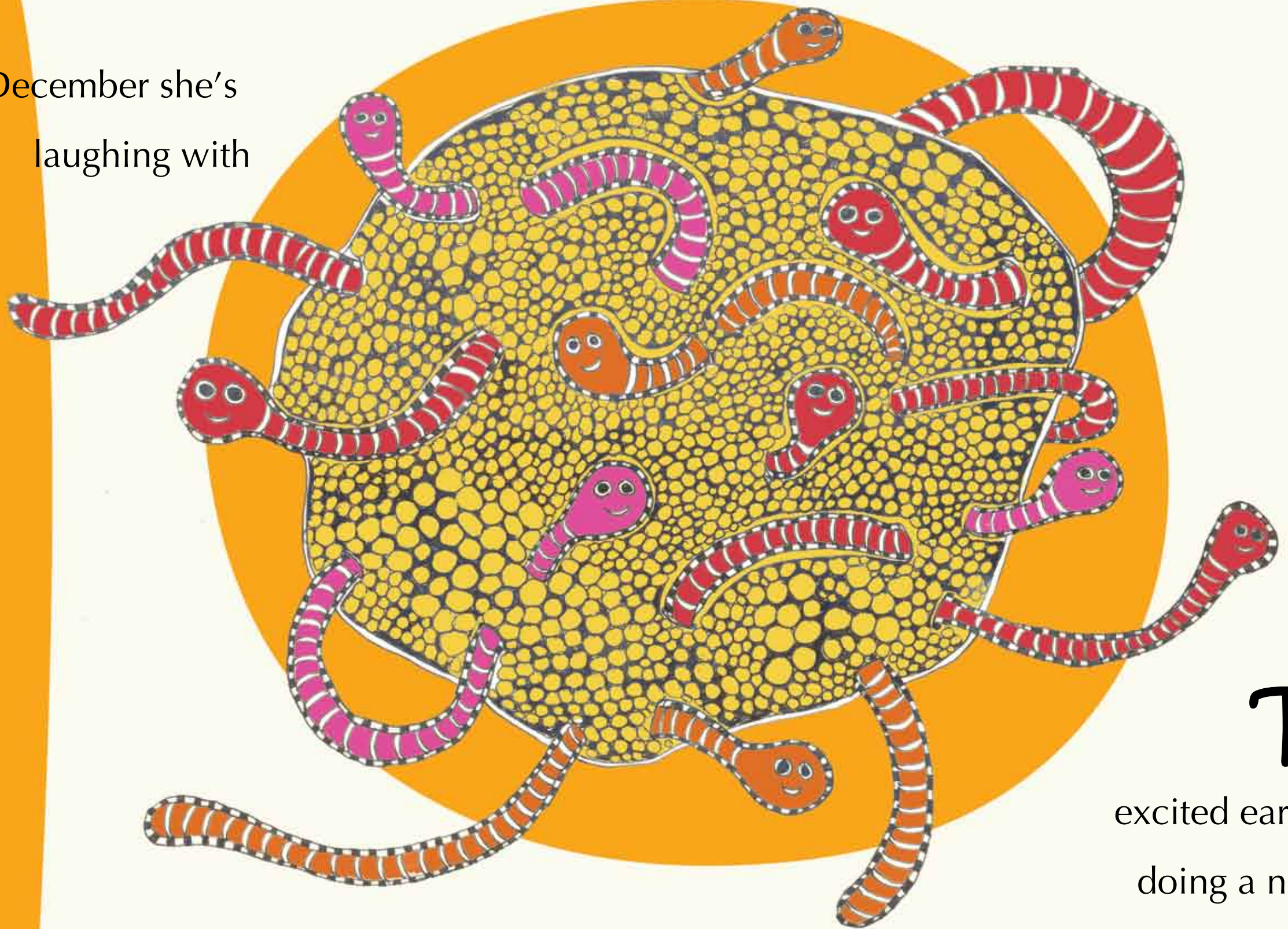
November she's friends with



Nine

clever chameleons
changing colours so quick.

December she's
laughing with



Ten

excited earthworms
doing a neat trick!

With 55 friends,

she's soaring high.

They give her laughter,

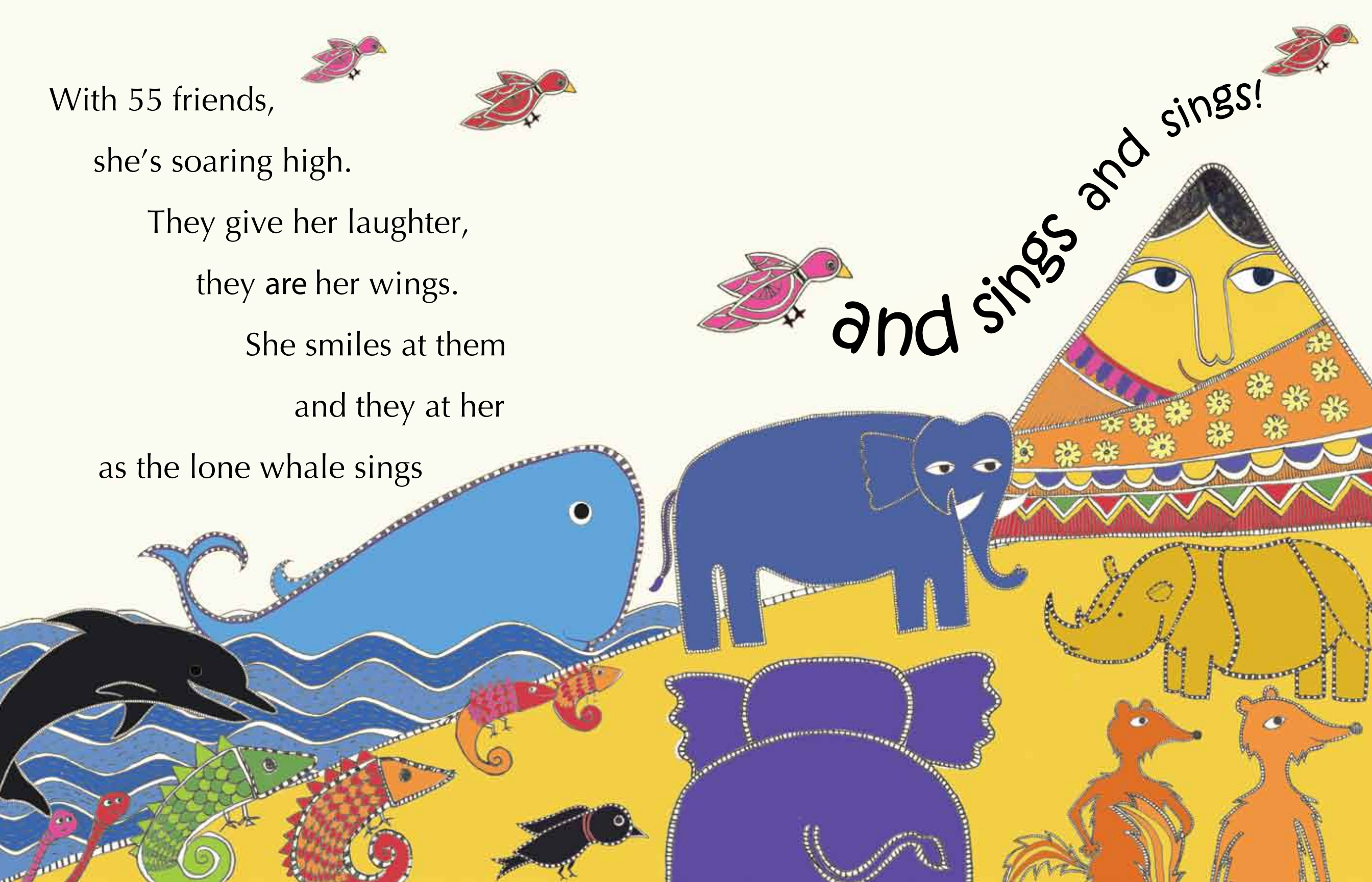
they are her wings.

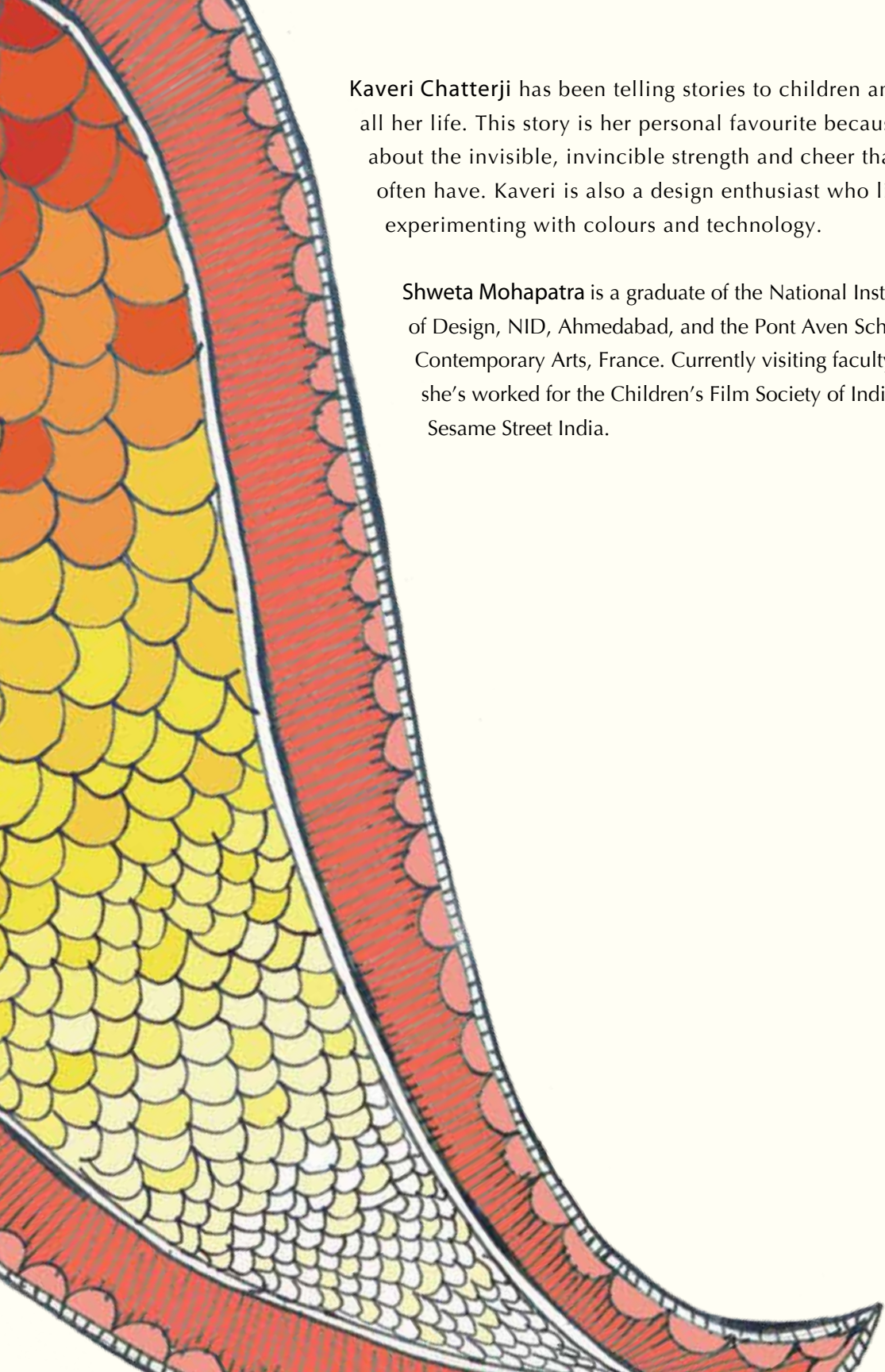
She smiles at them

and they at her

as the lone whale sings

and sings and sings!



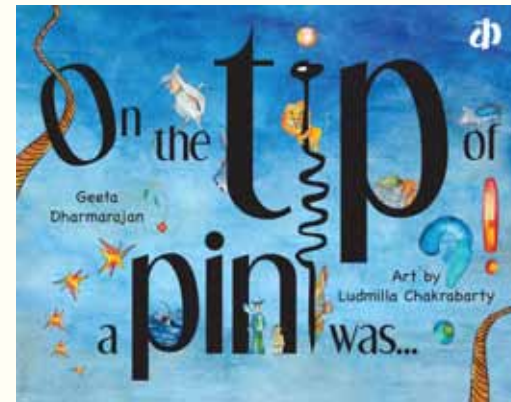


Kaveri Chatterji has been telling stories to children and herself all her life. This story is her personal favourite because it talks about the invisible, invincible strength and cheer that women often have. Kaveri is also a design enthusiast who likes experimenting with colours and technology.

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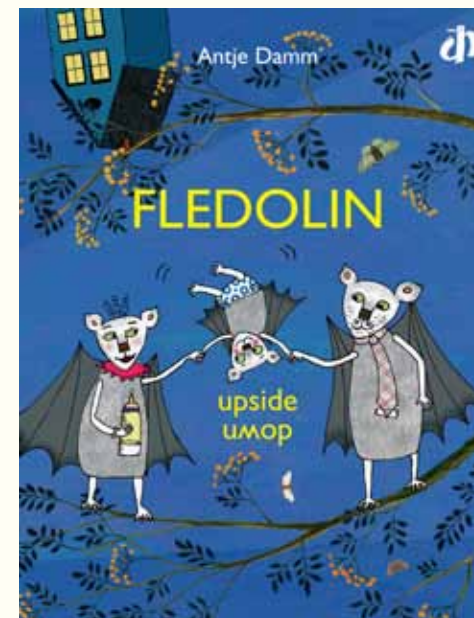
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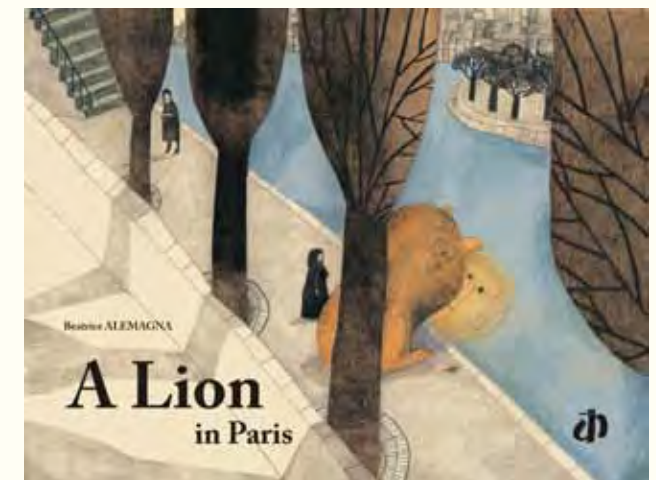
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