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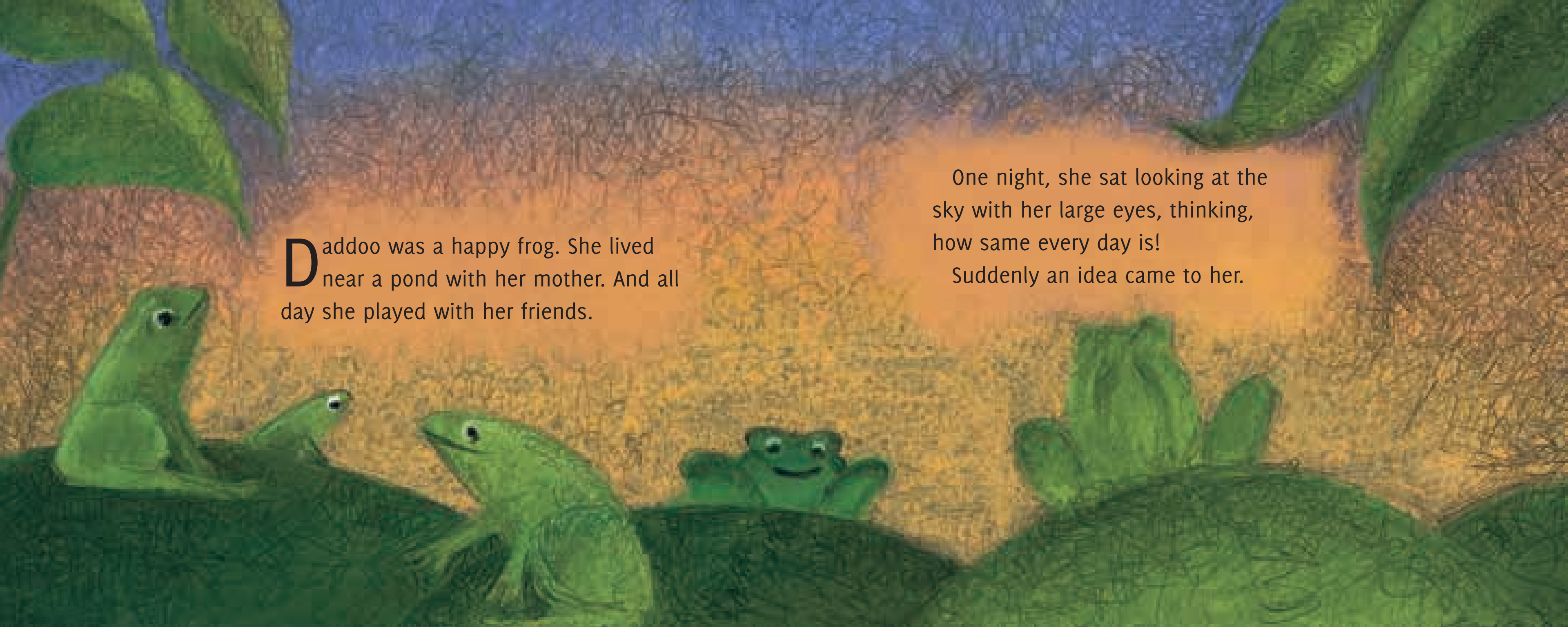
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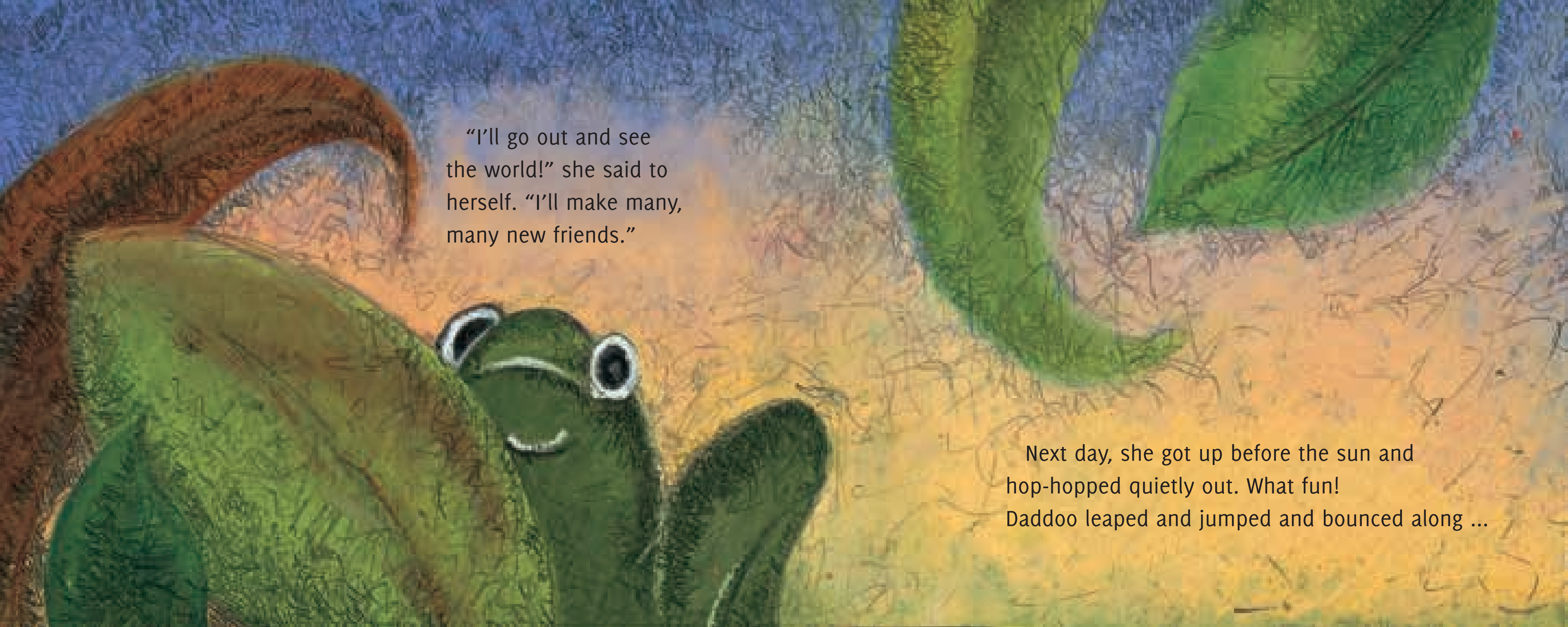
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Daddoo was a happy frog. She lived near a pond with her mother. And all day she played with her friends.

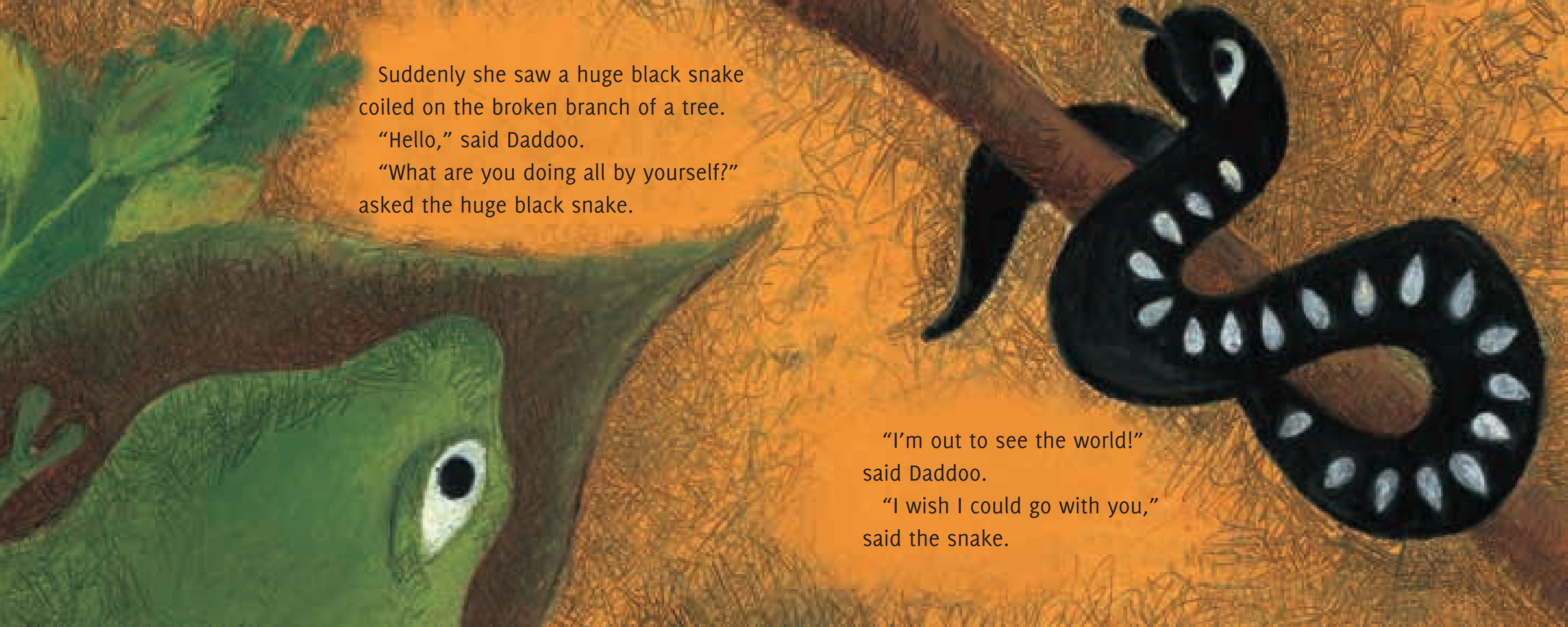
One night, she sat looking at the sky with her large eyes, thinking, how same every day is!

Suddenly an idea came to her.



“I’ll go out and see the world!” she said to herself. “I’ll make many, many new friends.”

Next day, she got up before the sun and hop-hopped quietly out. What fun! Daddoo leaped and jumped and bounced along ...



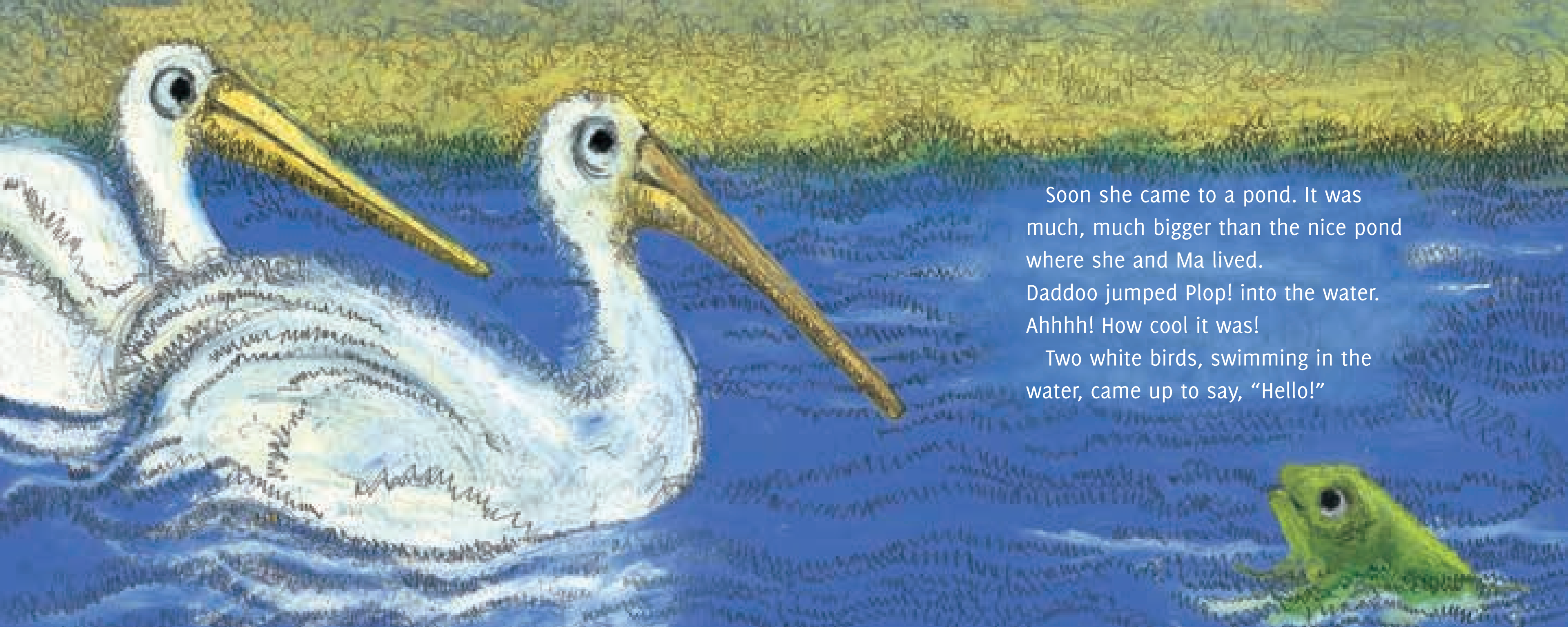
Suddenly she saw a huge black snake
coiled on the broken branch of a tree.

“Hello,” said Daddoo.

“What are you doing all by yourself?”
asked the huge black snake.


“I’m out to see the world!”
said Daddoo.

“I wish I could go with you,”
said the snake.



Soon she came to a pond. It was much, much bigger than the nice pond where she and Ma lived. Daddoo jumped Plop! into the water. Ahhhh! How cool it was!

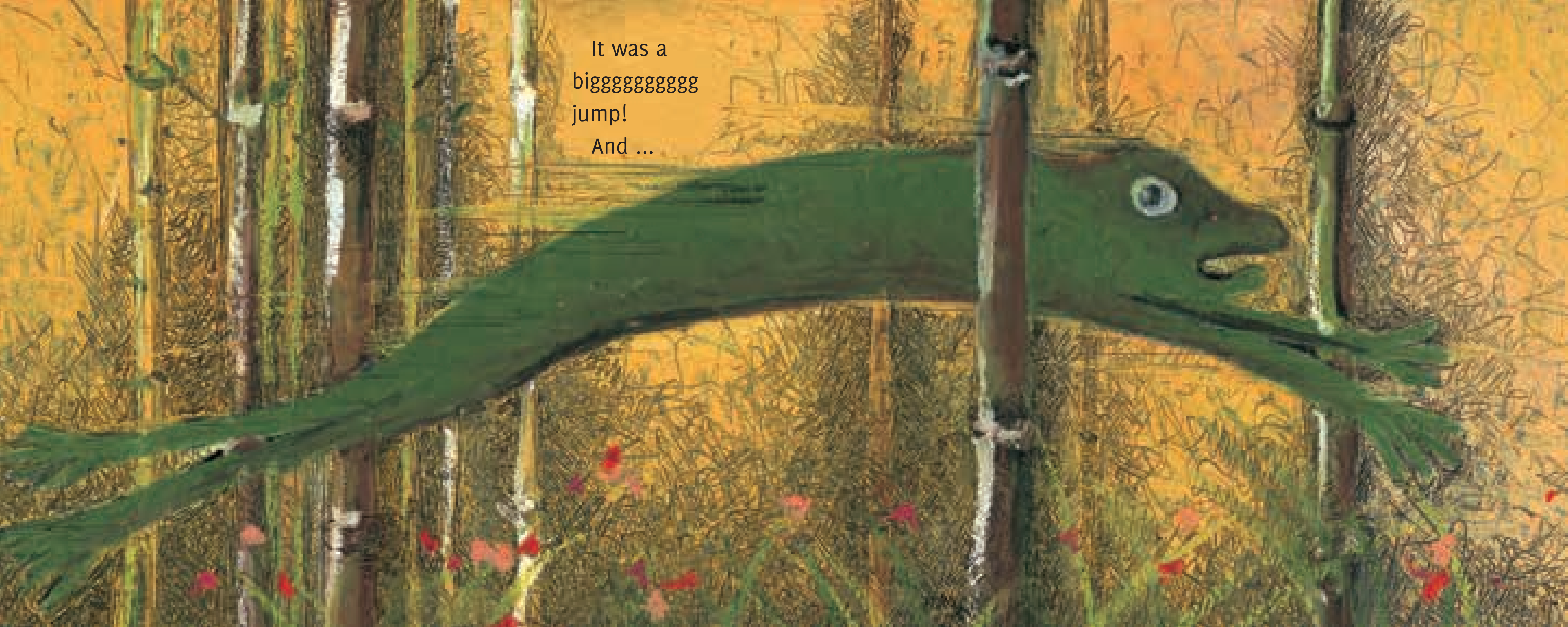
Two white birds, swimming in the water, came up to say, "Hello!"

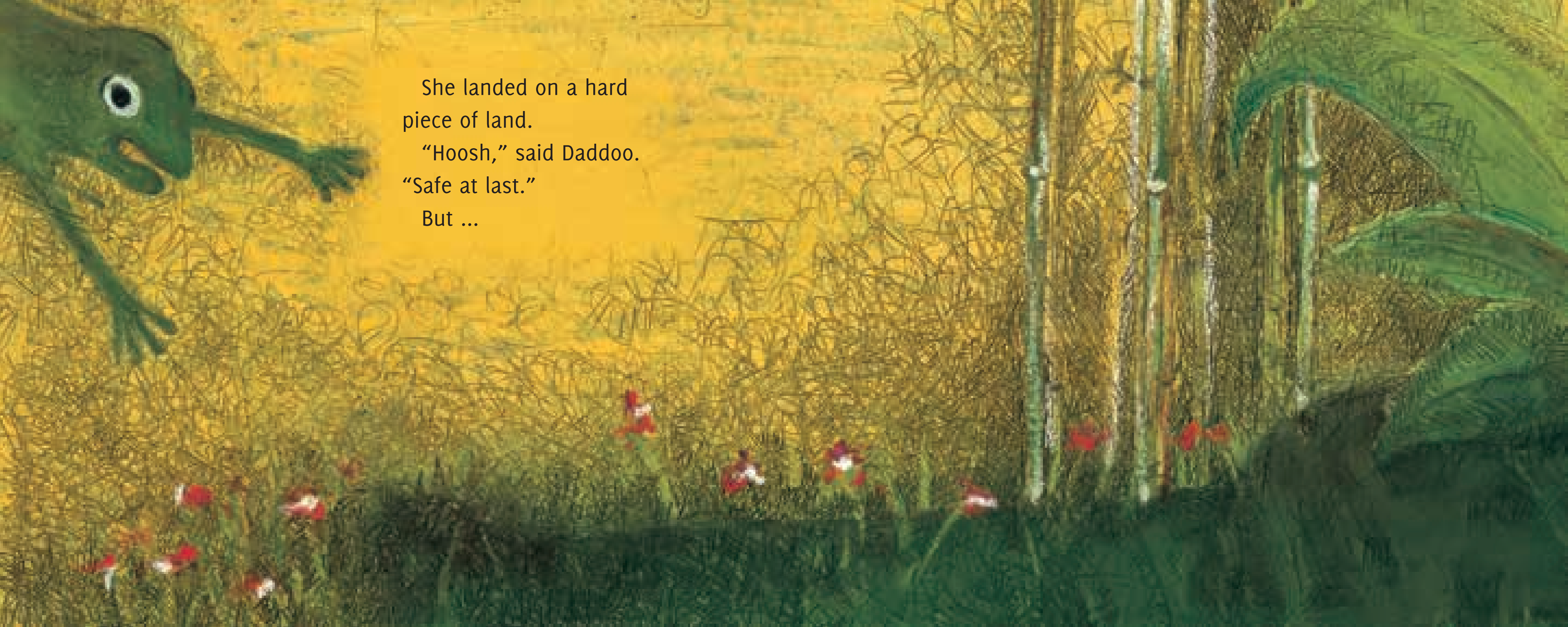
An illustration of a large white bird with a long, pointed beak, possibly a pelican, looking towards the right. The bird's head is on the left side of the frame. The background is a textured, yellowish-brown surface. In the bottom right corner, there is a dark blue area representing water, with several blue fish swimming. The text is overlaid on the yellowish-brown background.

But when they opened
their mouths ...

“Ai Mai!” said Daddoo, scared.
She didn’t even turn to look.
She jumped!

It was a
bigggggggggggg
jump!
And ...





She landed on a hard
piece of land.

“Hoosh,” said Daddoo.
“Safe at last.”
But ...

Right in front were a pair of eyes
glaring at her.

“I am Alligator!” said an alligator.
“Hello!” alligator smiled.

A soft, squishy smile.


“S-s-s-o-rry,” stammered Daddoo.

“What for?” asked
the alligator, grinning.

“Want to play?”

“Yes ... um, no, thank you!”
said a frightened Daddoo. And off she
went, hop-hopping away!



A painting of a grasshopper on a green leaf. The grasshopper is green with brown and white markings on its back and legs. It is positioned on the right side of the leaf. To its left, a small, dark, round insect is visible. The background is a soft, blueish-grey color, suggesting a sky or a misty atmosphere. The overall style is soft and painterly.

Slowly the sky became dark. A strong wind started to blow.

Daddoo saw a grasshopper blown by the wind. She wanted to help that tiny grasshopper before he got hurt.

But before she could do anything, the little insect disappeared.



Soon it started raining. Daddoo looked around, and saw a big mushroom. She quickly hop-hopped and hid under it.

It rained and rained and rained.

“Bye-bye little Daddoo,” said the sun as it went slipping down behind the hill.

“I want to go home!” said Daddoo. But where was she? She felt very, very alone. And far from home. And Ma!

Then she saw a wisp-winged dragonfly sitting alone on a reed.

Daddoo spoke in a low voice, "Hello!"

The dragonfly fluttered his wings.

"You're so nice and delicate," said Daddoo. "Can you help me find my way home?"

"Don't be scared little one," said dragonfly. "I'll take you home if you promise not to go away alone again!"



When Daddoo reached home, it was dark and silent. But it was her pond.

Her big eyes sparkled with joy.

Ma and her friends rushed towards her.

Daddoo was happy. She had come home at last!

Croak! Croak! Croak!

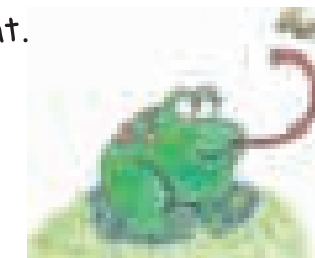
There are over 4000 species of frogs in the world.



Some frogs can leap up to twenty times their body length. That would be about a 100-foot jump

A frog is an amphibian - it can live in water as well as on land. The advantages of this double life are clear. Land predators giving you trouble? Dive into the water. Not enough to eat in the pond? Hop out and see what's there on land.

Frogs have excellent eyesight.



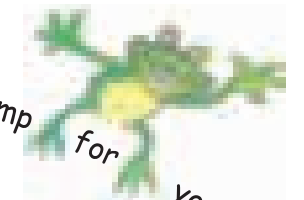
A frog's tongue is sticky at the tip to help catch food such as insects.



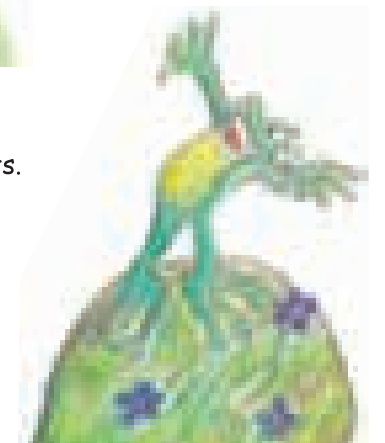
Frogs are found everywhere - in fresh water, in the desert, even in the Arctic.



Frogs breathe through their mouths and their skin.



for you or me!





Daddoo, the little frog, decides to do something different on her day out ...
Come, find out what, in this lively book that celebrates friendship.
And introduces your child to the world of animals and colours, shapes and sizes ...