

Fred

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This program provides an education and learning experience for kids through their active engagement with natural resource and catchment management issues. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

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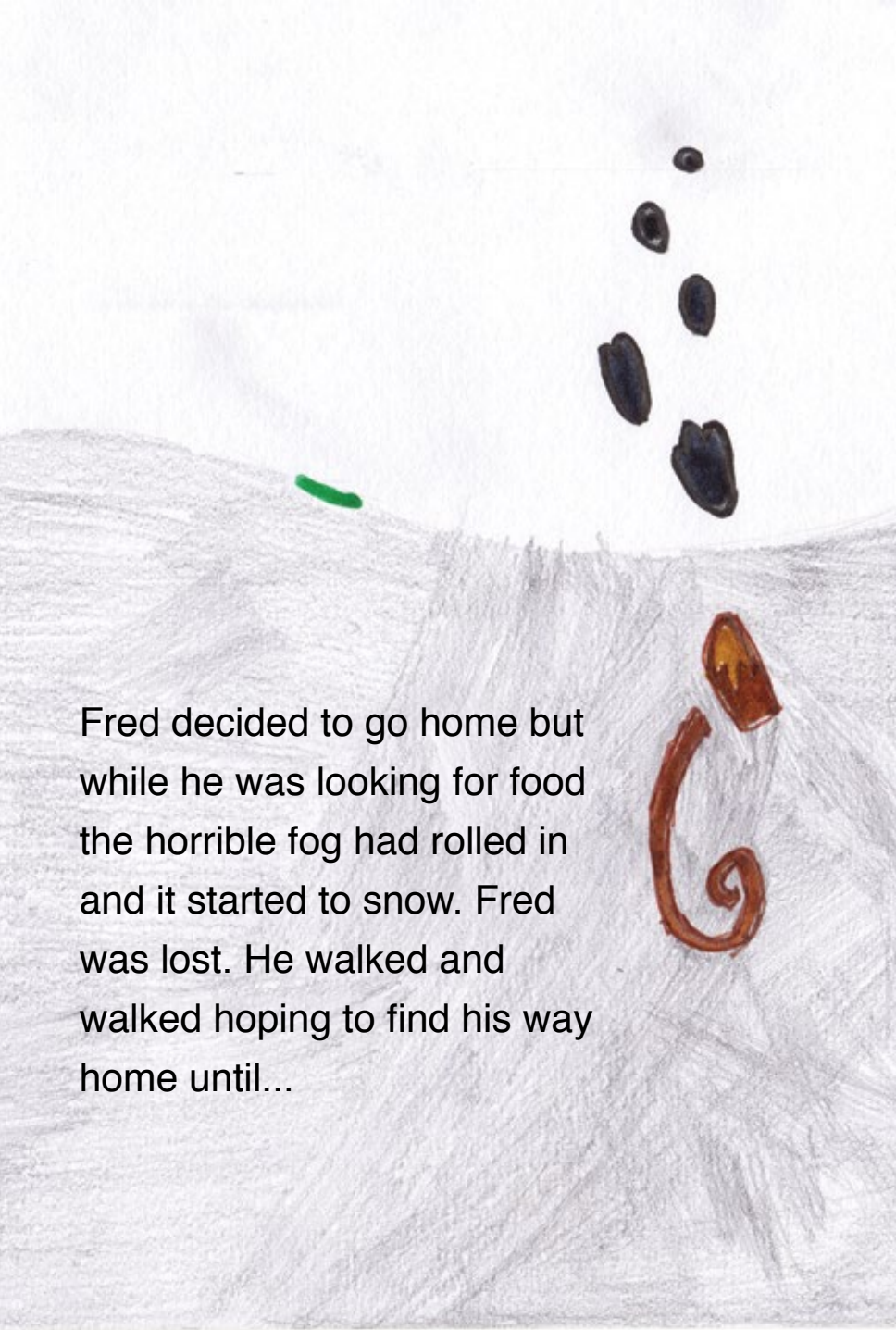
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One cold, snowy morning, Fred the Mountain Pygmy possum woke up from his winter hibernation feeling very hungry. He decided to leave the warmth of his home to look for food.



The cold air sent chills down his spine but he didn't mind as he was too hungry. Fred looked for food everywhere but he couldn't find any.

A pencil drawing of a landscape. The foreground is a textured, greyish ground. A green worm is on the left, and a red worm is on the right. A trail of dark seeds or pebbles leads from the top right towards the center. The background is a light, hazy area representing fog or snow.

Fred decided to go home but while he was looking for food the horrible fog had rolled in and it started to snow. Fred was lost. He walked and walked hoping to find his way home until...



He walked right into a sly fox.

“Why hello little Pygmy possum, you’re awake early,” said the fox.

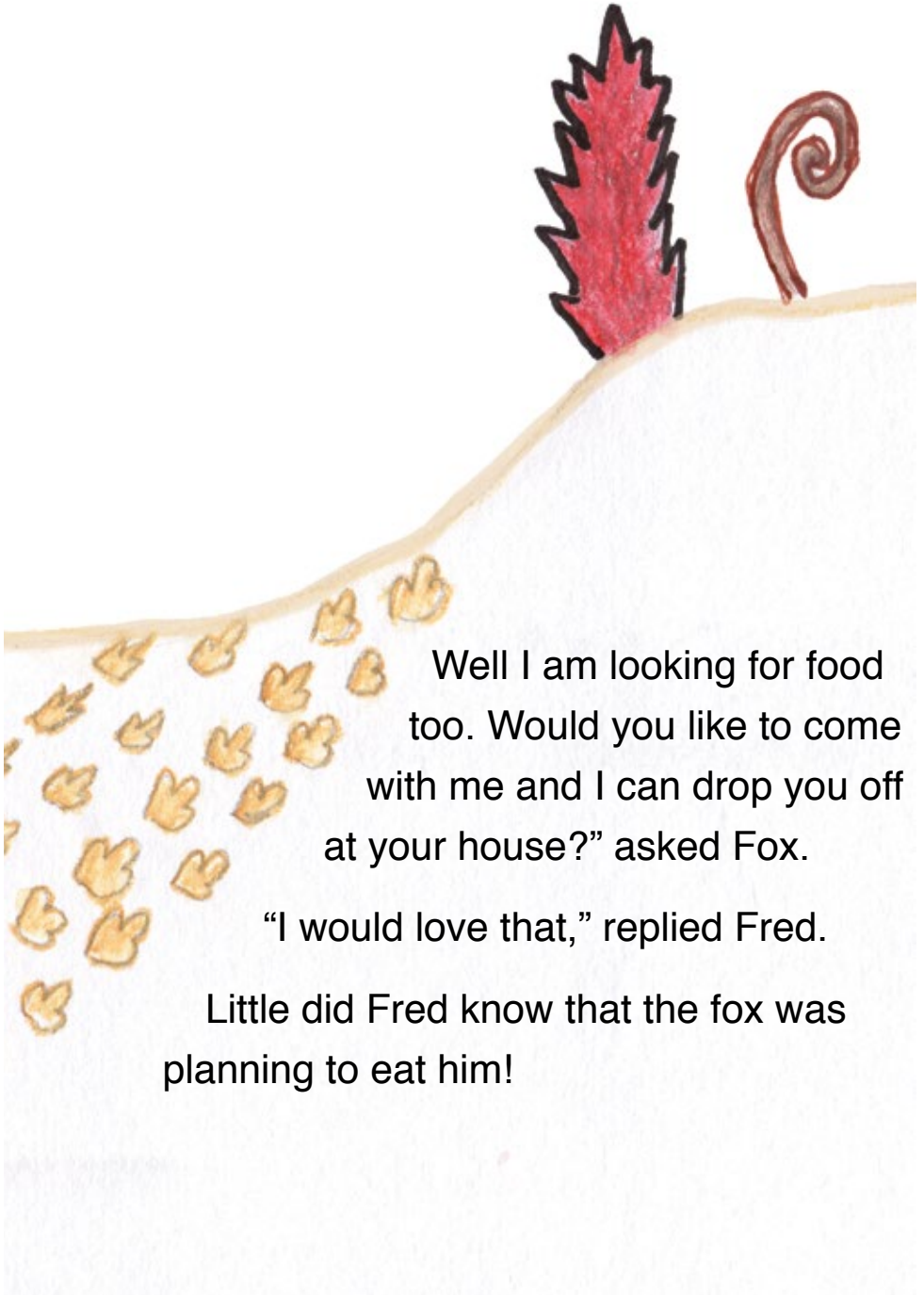
“I got hungry so I went to look for food but I got horribly lost,” Fred replied.

“What is your name possum?” asked the fox.

“My name is Fred,” he answered.

“Nice to meet you Fred, my name is Fox,” said Fox.





Well I am looking for food too. Would you like to come with me and I can drop you off at your house?" asked Fox.

"I would love that," replied Fred.

Little did Fred know that the fox was planning to eat him!

Fred and Fox came across a little river. “Hop on my back Fred, then you won’t get wet,” said Fox.

Fred sat on Fox’s back. Suddenly Fox turned around and bit Fred’s tail.

“Ouch!” Fred cried as he hopped onto the shore.

“I shall get you one day Fred, just wait and see!” yelled Fox in fury.





Fred came across a big, black, windy river but whenever he tried to cross it, big rocks came down it.

Fred couldn't cross the river. He sat down and started to cry as he was sad and lonely.

Fred gave a big yawn as he was tired after all that crying. So he curled up and went to sleep.

When he woke up, he was very cold and hungrier than ever! He dug into the hard snow hoping to find a stray seed, but there was none.

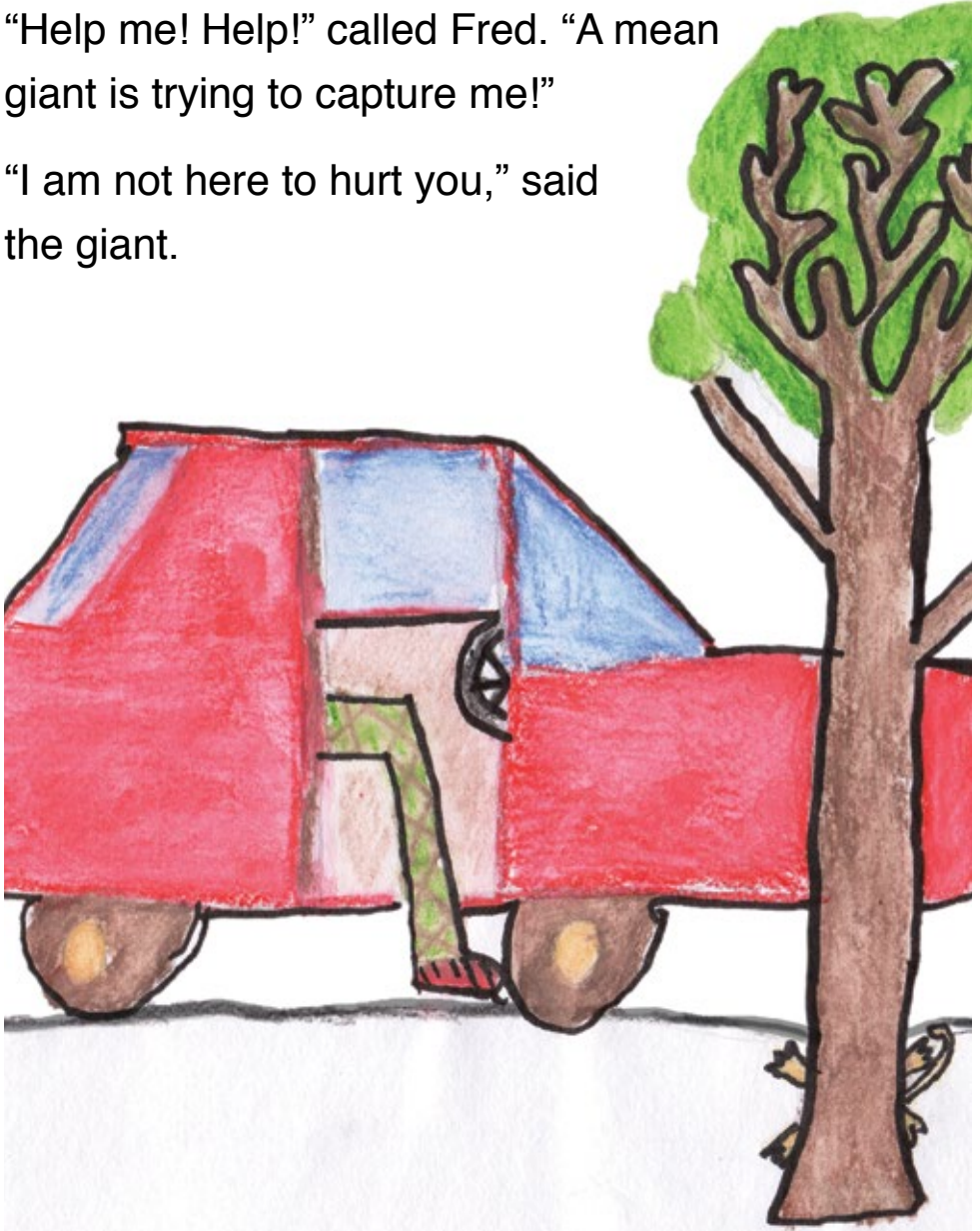
“Why are there no seeds?” cried Fred.



Suddenly one of the floating rocks pulled over and a giant animal that walked on two legs stepped out. Fred went insane with terror.

“Help me! Help!” called Fred. “A mean giant is trying to capture me!”

“I am not here to hurt you,” said the giant.



The giant put Fred in a dark box. “I am going to take you to meet some kids,” said the giant as she drove off.

When the giant let Fred out of the box there were smaller giants.

“Wow! He is so small,” said one. “Yes, I wonder what he thinks of us humans?” said another.

“Humans; that is what they are called,” thought Fred.



THE END



When all the humans left, the big human put Fred back into his box carefully and took him home.

“I am finally home,” said Fred with glee.

He ran inside his burrow and saw mamma possum holding a plate of yummy seeds. Fred ate the seeds and gave his mum a big hug. Fred was finally home and his stomach was full of good food.



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