

WILSON AND LITTLE HARE VISIT THE ZOO

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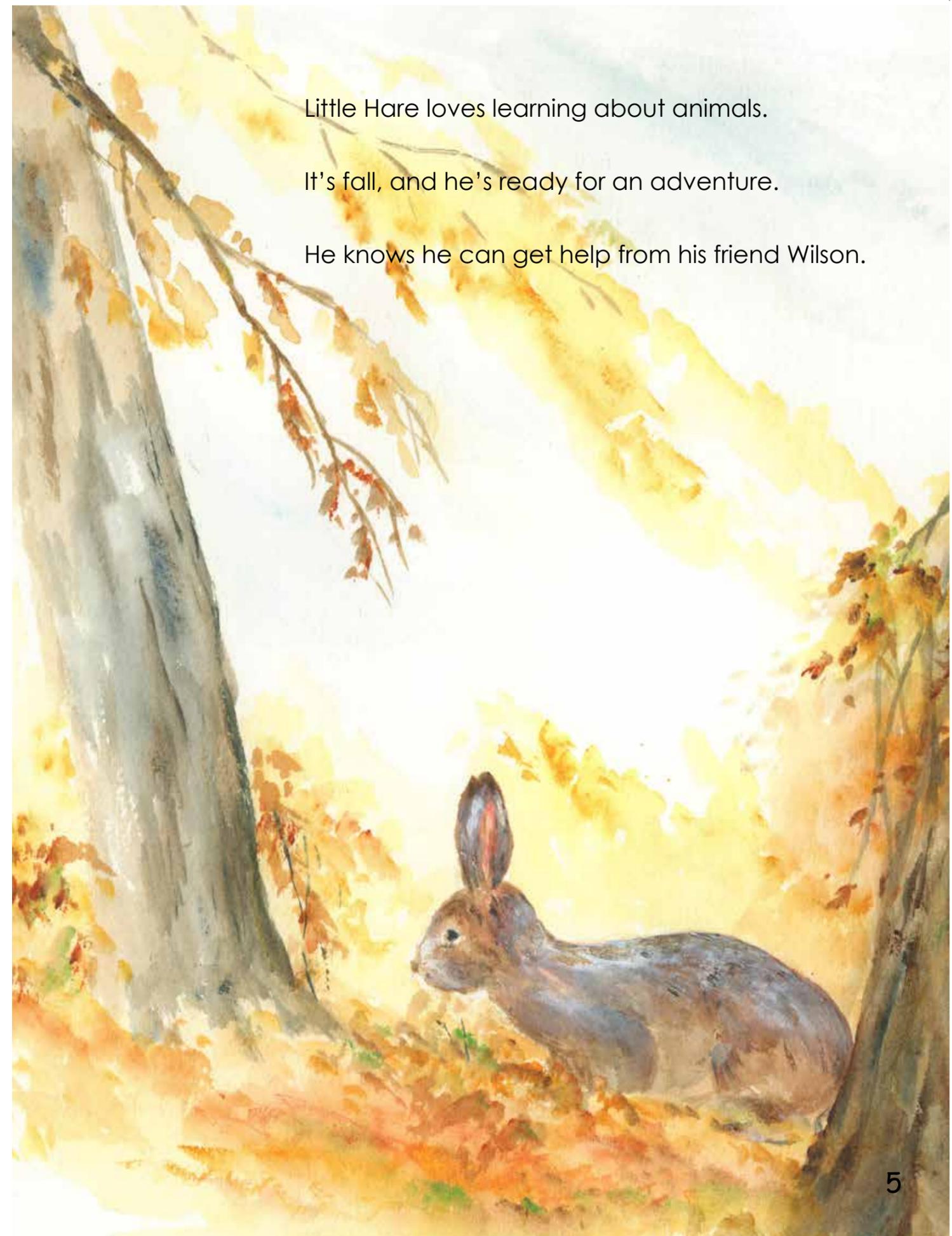
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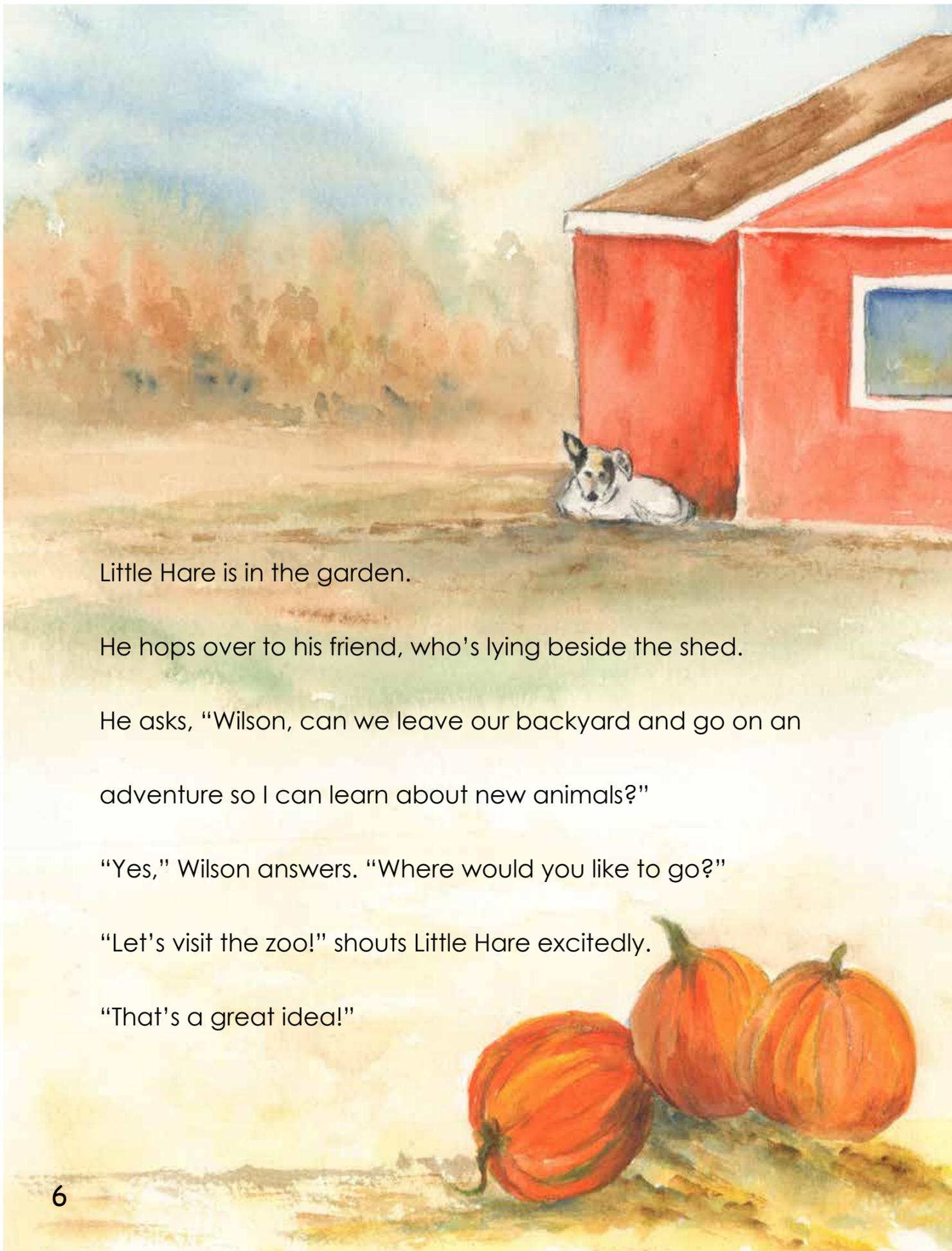


Little Hare loves learning about animals.

It's fall, and he's ready for an adventure.

He knows he can get help from his friend Wilson.





Little Hare is in the garden.

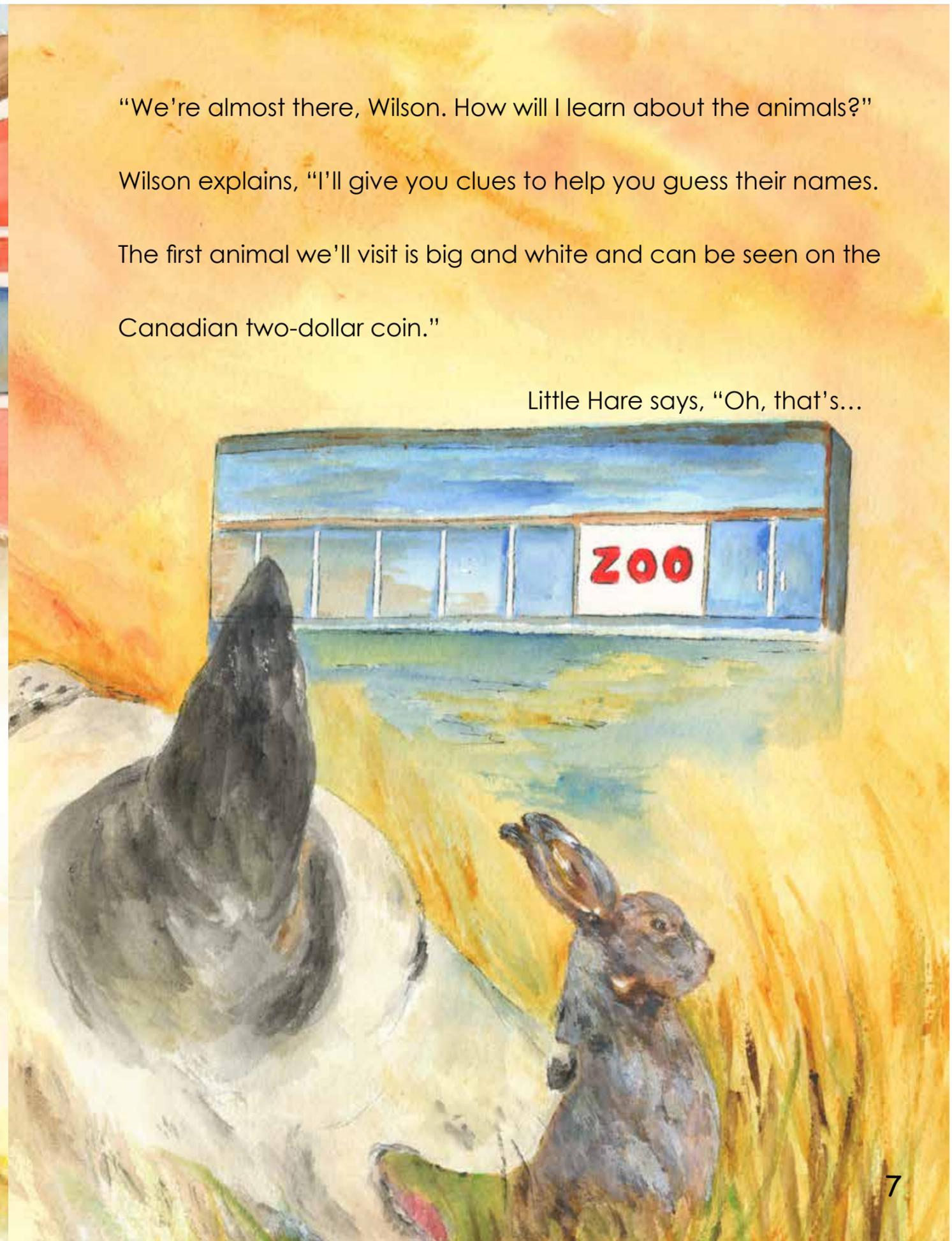
He hops over to his friend, who's lying beside the shed.

He asks, "Wilson, can we leave our backyard and go on an adventure so I can learn about new animals?"

"Yes," Wilson answers. "Where would you like to go?"

"Let's visit the zoo!" shouts Little Hare excitedly.

"That's a great idea!"

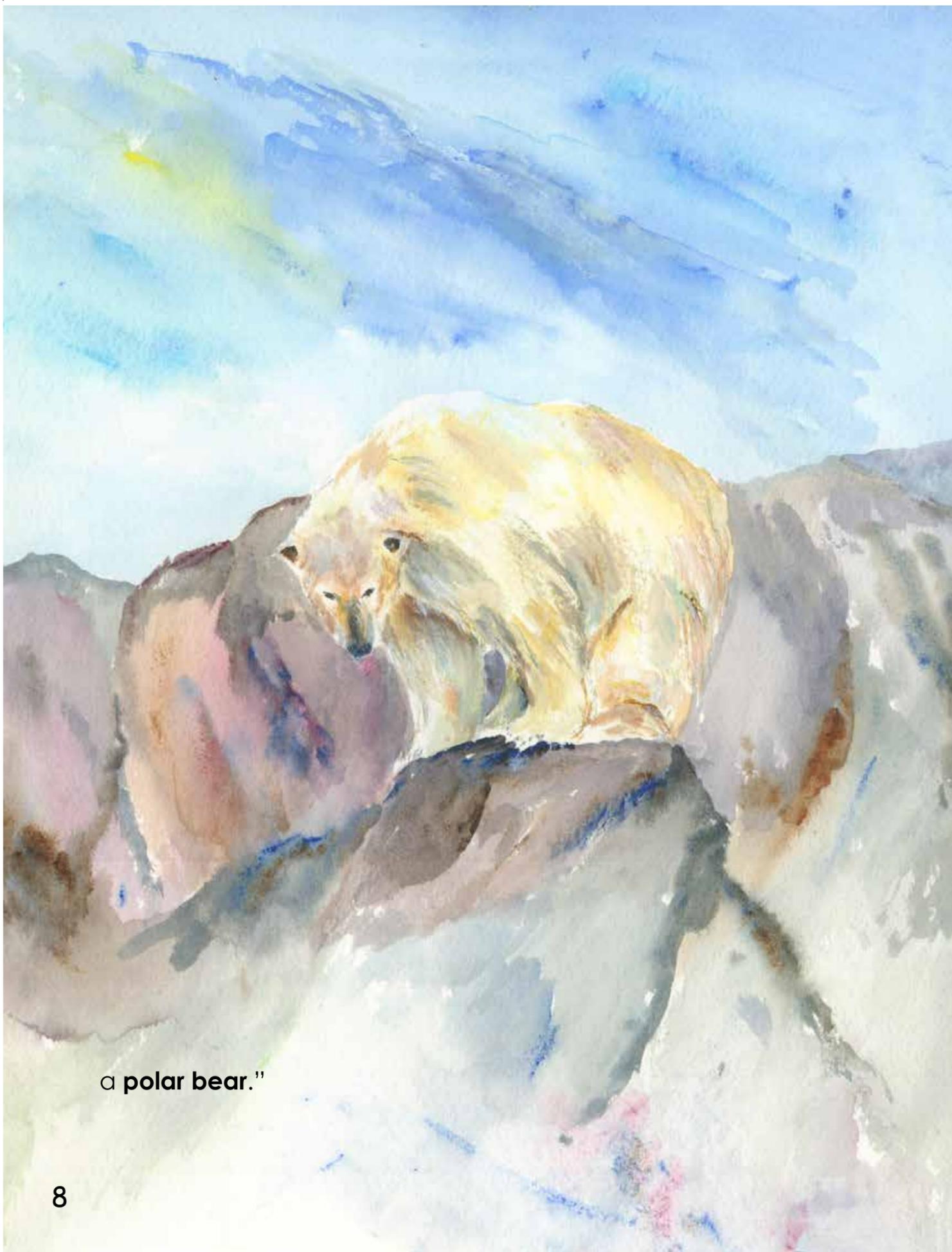


"We're almost there, Wilson. How will I learn about the animals?"

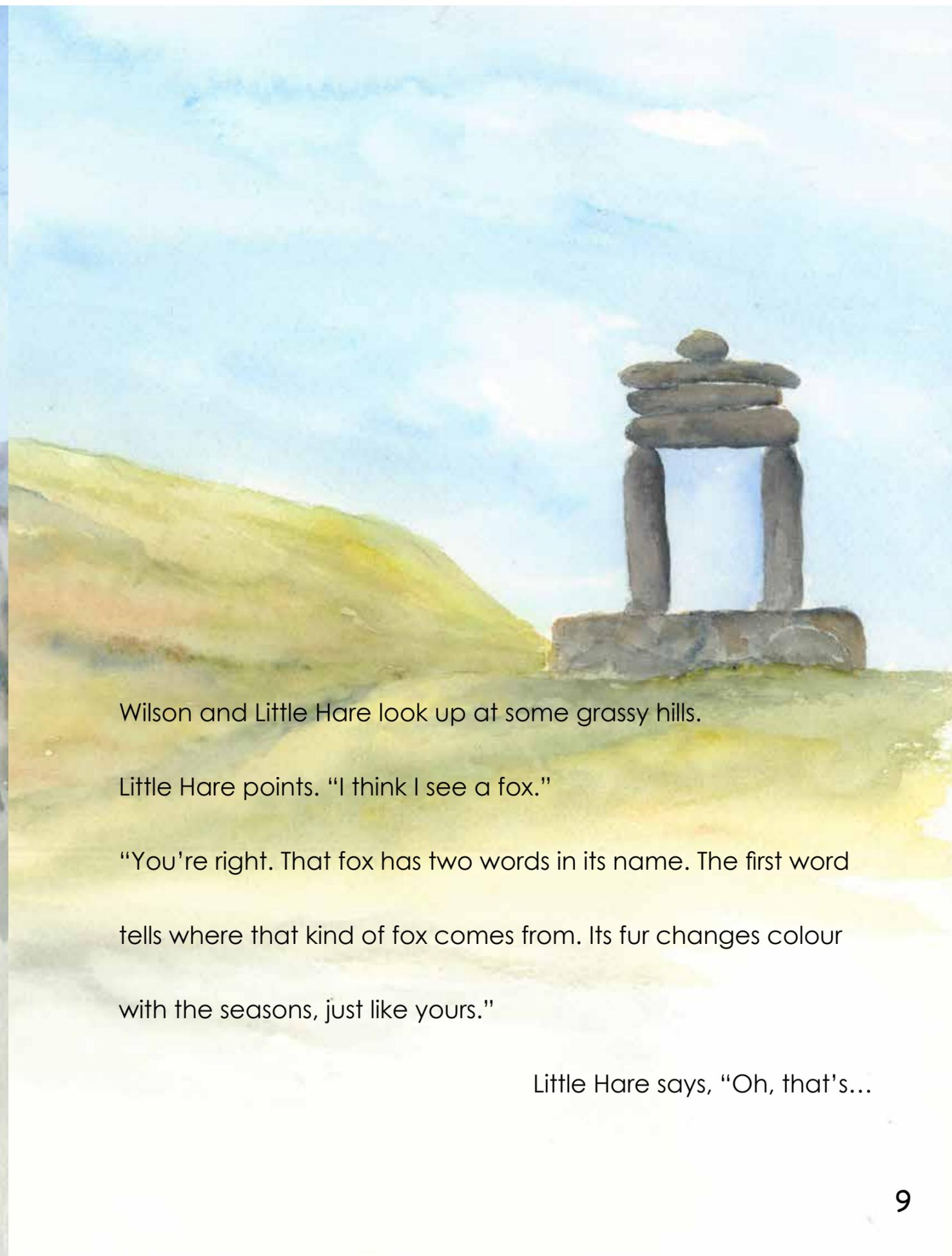
Wilson explains, "I'll give you clues to help you guess their names.

The first animal we'll visit is big and white and can be seen on the Canadian two-dollar coin."

Little Hare says, "Oh, that's..."



a polar bear."



Wilson and Little Hare look up at some grassy hills.

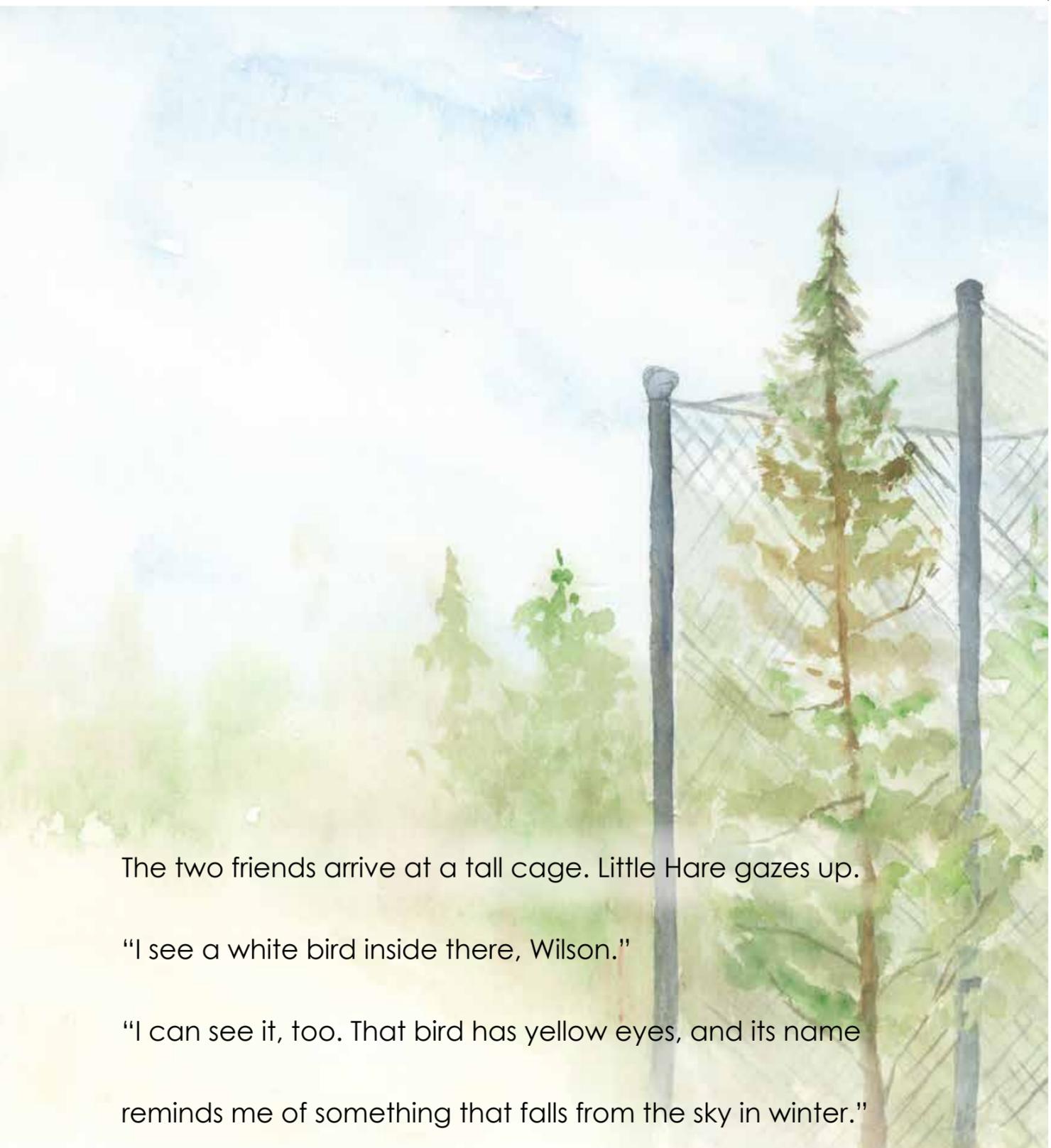
Little Hare points. "I think I see a fox."

"You're right. That fox has two words in its name. The first word tells where that kind of fox comes from. Its fur changes colour with the seasons, just like yours."

Little Hare says, "Oh, that's..."



an **Arctic fox.**"

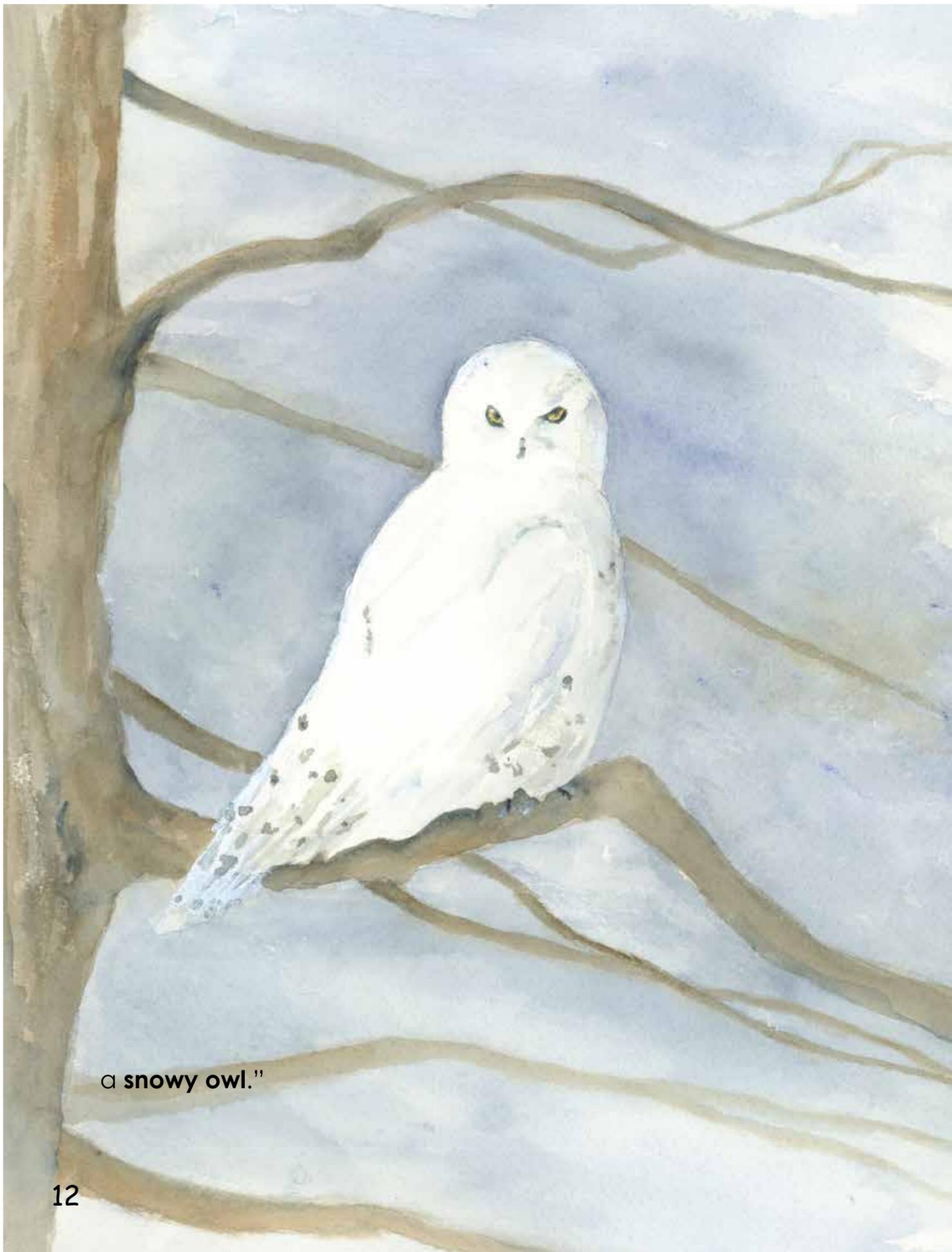


The two friends arrive at a tall cage. Little Hare gazes up.

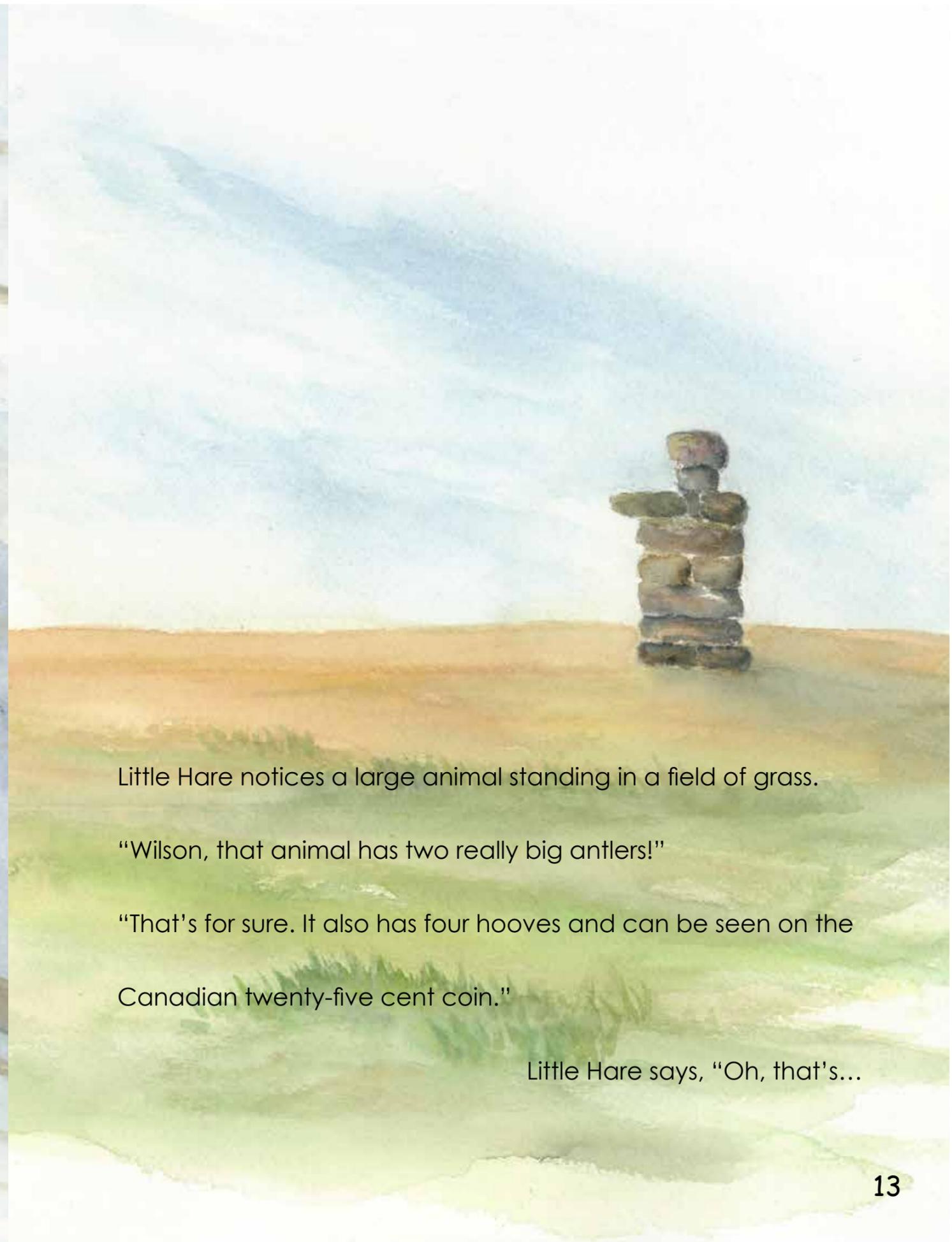
"I see a white bird inside there, Wilson."

"I can see it, too. That bird has yellow eyes, and its name reminds me of something that falls from the sky in winter."

Little Hare says, "Oh, that's..."



a snowy owl."



Little Hare notices a large animal standing in a field of grass.

"Wilson, that animal has two really big antlers!"

"That's for sure. It also has four hooves and can be seen on the Canadian twenty-five cent coin."

Little Hare says, "Oh, that's..."



a **caribou**.”



Little Hare glances up at a signpost.

“It’s fun to visit the zoo, Wilson.”

“I agree, little buddy.”