An illustration of two brown monkeys in a jungle at night. The larger monkey is sitting on the ground, holding a smaller monkey in its arms. They are both looking towards the right. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars and a large tree on the left. The ground is a path of stones.

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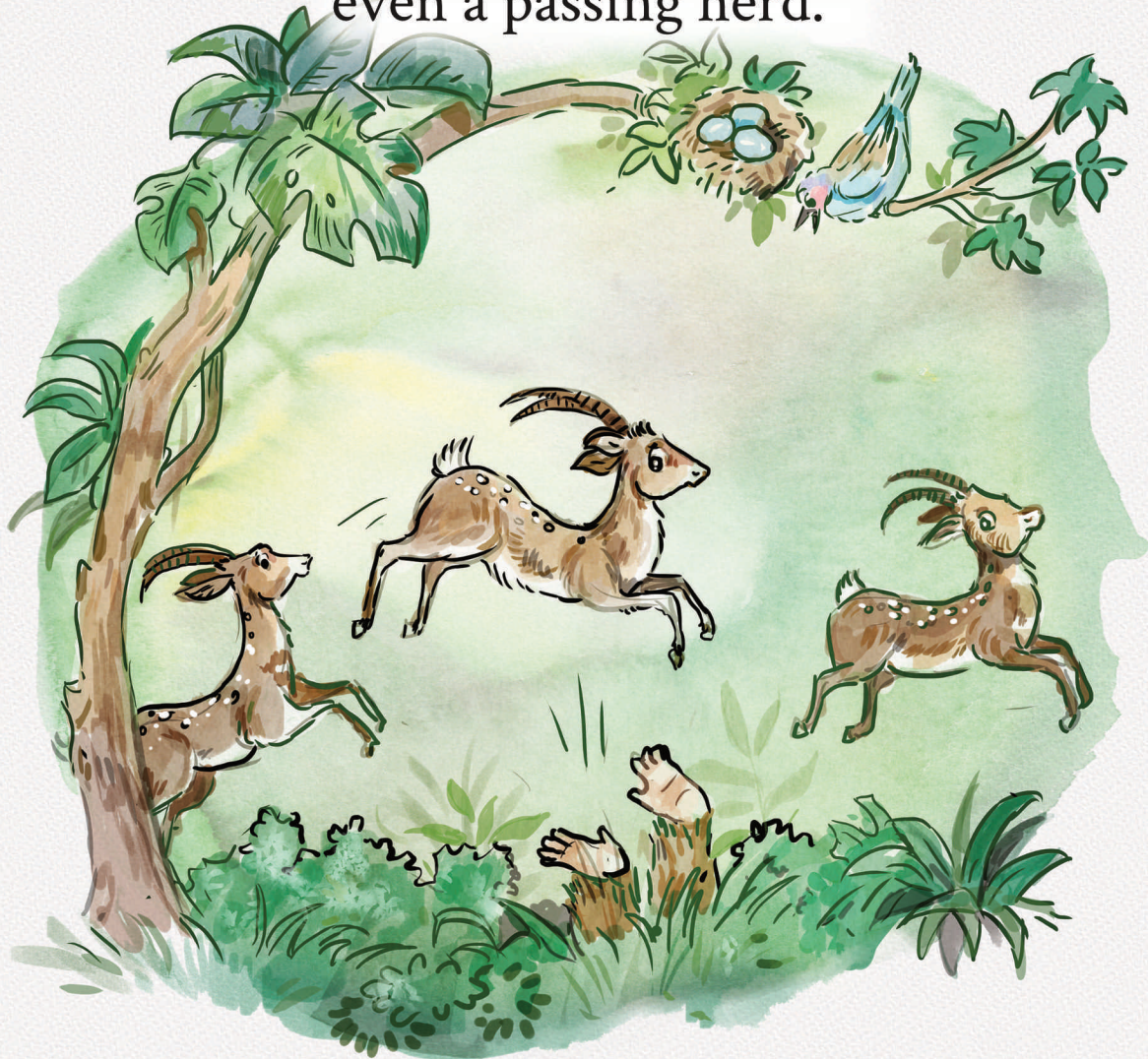
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“Oh, my. Oh, my,”  
tweets the mommy bird.  
Chomp’s noise startles  
even a passing herd.

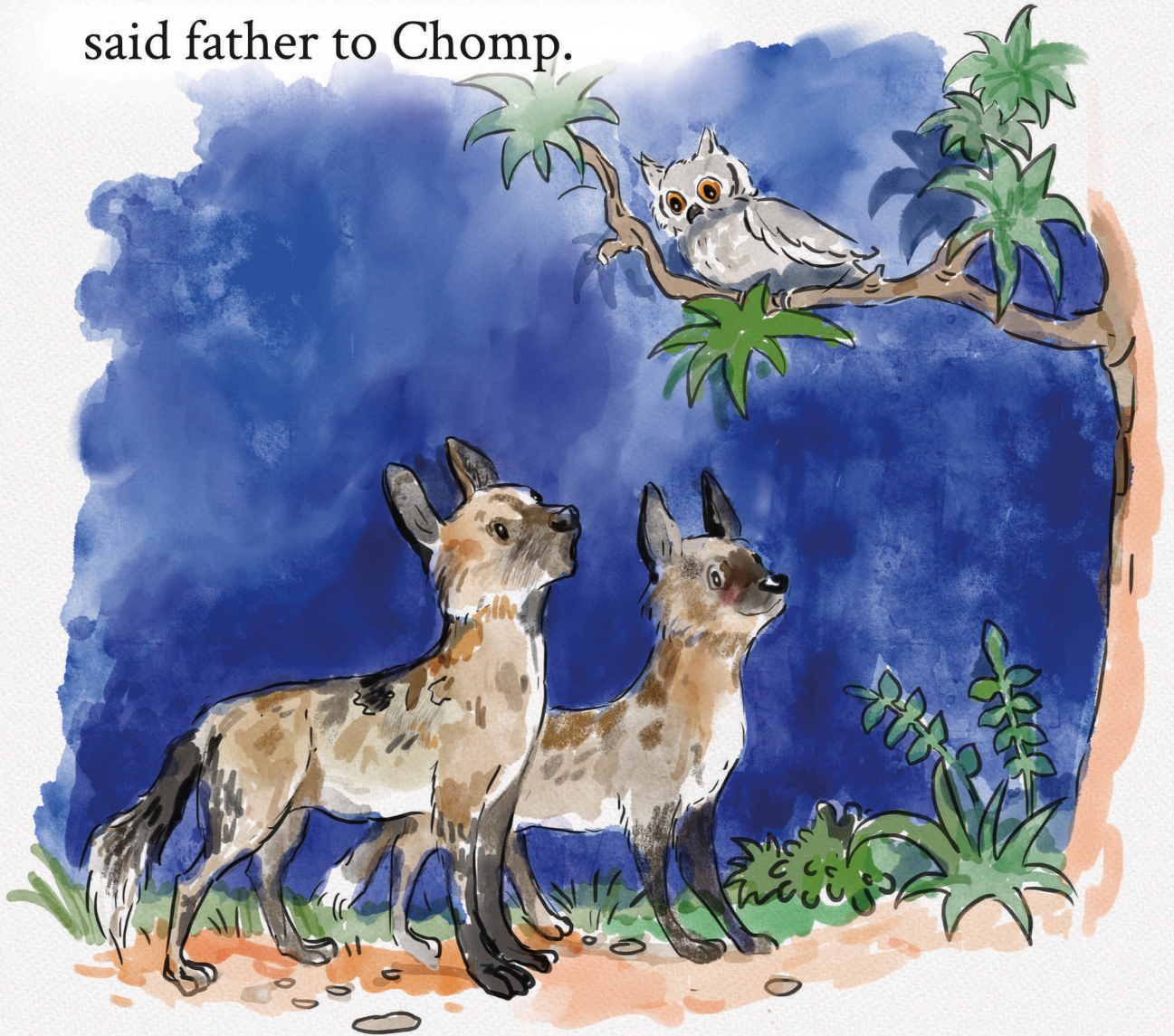


"I hear 'ribbit' and 'hoo.'  
I hear howling and chirping, too.  
And I think I hear something knocking,  
what it is, I do not know."



First a “hoo” then a “howl.”

“Those are the dogs  
speaking with the wise, old owl,”  
said father to Chomp.





## NIGHT SOUNDS IN THE FOREST

As daylight fades, forests often become louder rather than quieter. When the sun goes down, animals that were resting or hidden during the day begin to move, call, and communicate. Birds settle, insects stir, and other animals that prefer the cover of darkness make their presence known through hoots, rustles, chirps, and distant calls. Without light to guide the eye, these sounds stand out more clearly, shaping the nighttime rhythm of the forest.

For both animals and people, listening becomes especially important after dark. Sounds help signal where others are, what is moving nearby, and whether the environment remains familiar and safe. While nighttime noises may feel surprising at first, they are often part of a steady and predictable pattern. Over time, learning to listen closely can turn unfamiliar sounds into recognizable ones.

## THE LEGEND OF THE "WISE, OLD OWL"

Owls have been considered "wise" for a very long time because of the way they look and act. Their large, forward-facing eyes and calm, steady posture make them seem thoughtful and appear to quietly study everything around them. Since they are active at night and move silently, people have long thought of owls as mysterious. This adds to the idea that they must be intelligent and the bearer of secret or hidden knowledge.

The phrase "wise, old owl" also comes from stories and traditions that go back thousands of years. In ancient Greece, the owl was linked to Athena, the goddess of wisdom. As a result, owls became a symbol of learning and insight. Over time, fables and poems kept repeating this image of owls as calm observers who understand more than they say. Even though real owls are not especially wise compared to other birds, the legend has stuck and today the owl still represents wisdom in many cultures.