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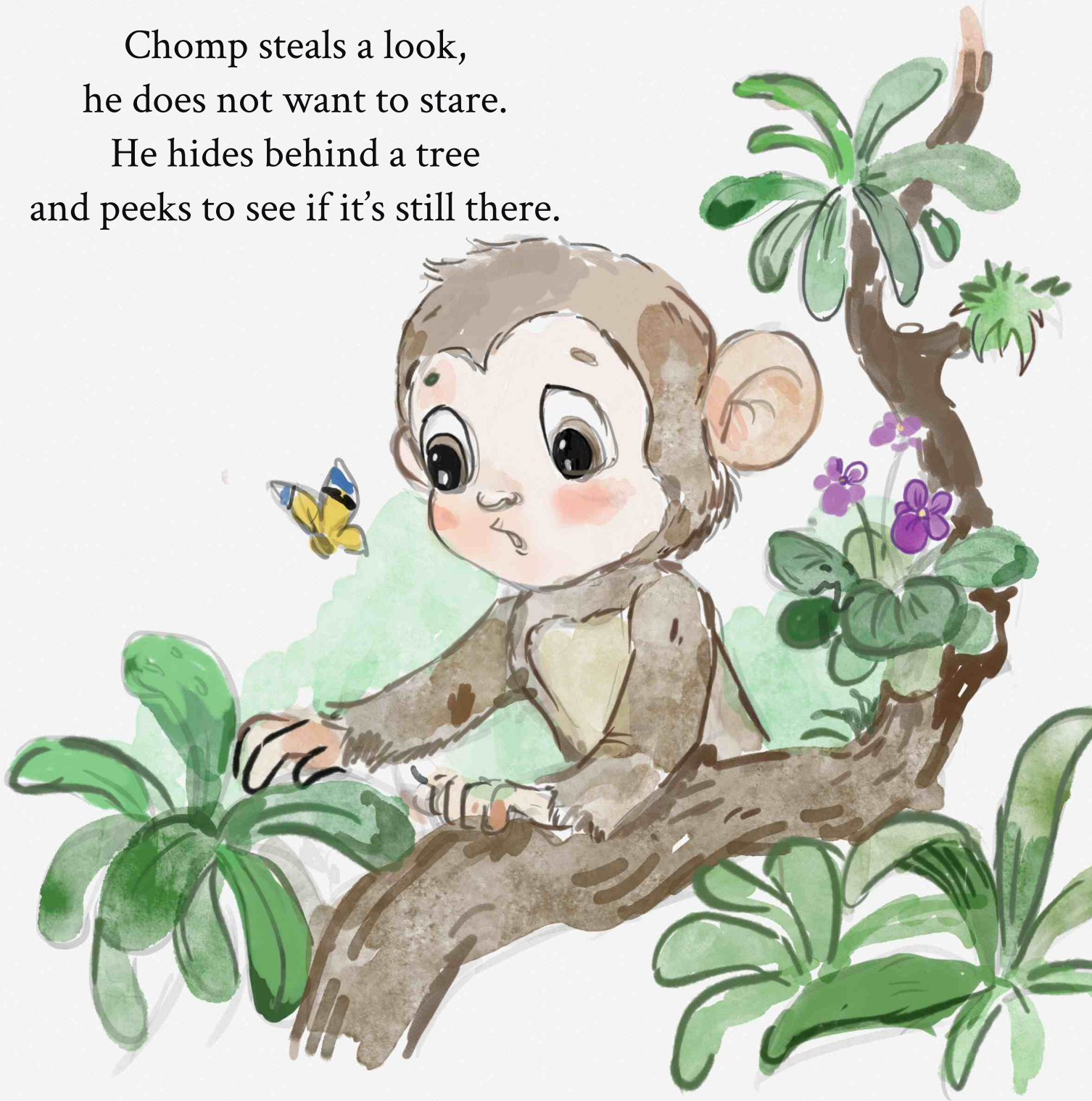
It is not big,
it is not small.

Chomp the Chimp does not know
what to make of it at all.



Chomp steals a look,
he does not want to stare.

He hides behind a tree
and peeks to see if it's still there.



“Do you like to climb trees? asks Chomp.

“I do! Oh, I really do!

Sometimes, I like to swim, too!”

says the porcupine.



ABOUT PORCUPINES

Porcupines are easily recognized by the stiff hairs that cover much of their body. These hairs are called spines (also known as quills). Contrary to popular belief, a porcupine does not throw or spray its spines. Instead, the spines can loosen and fall out easily when touched. Beneath the spines, porcupines are quiet, slow-moving animals with rounded bodies and strong claws suited for climbing and foraging. They do not always see very well, which is why they often prefer to climb high into trees to get a better view of their surroundings.

Porcupines live in many parts of the world, including forests, grasslands, and wooded areas, but they are not native to the regions of Africa where chimpanzees naturally live. Because of this, porcupines would not normally be found alongside chimpanzees in the wild. Even so, porcupines everywhere share similar habits: they are generally gentle, prefer to keep to themselves, and rely on stillness and caution rather than speed.

ABOUT CROWS

Crows are some of the most adaptable birds on earth and can be found in almost every corner of the world, from quiet countryside woods to busy city parks. They live in deep forests, open plains, and coastal shores on nearly every continent including the lush regions of Africa where chimpanzees live. Because they are so incredibly flexible about where they make their homes, it is very common for a curious crow to share the same trees and skies as chimpanzees.

Crows are known for their playful habits and amazing intelligence. They are excellent problem solvers that love to play with sticks, drop nuts onto hard ground to crack them open, and even hide shiny objects to save for later. They are also deeply social and rely on close family groups to look out for one another. With their excellent eyesight and sharp memories, crows prefer to find a safe, high branch where they can quietly watch the world around them and keep track of all their forest neighbors.