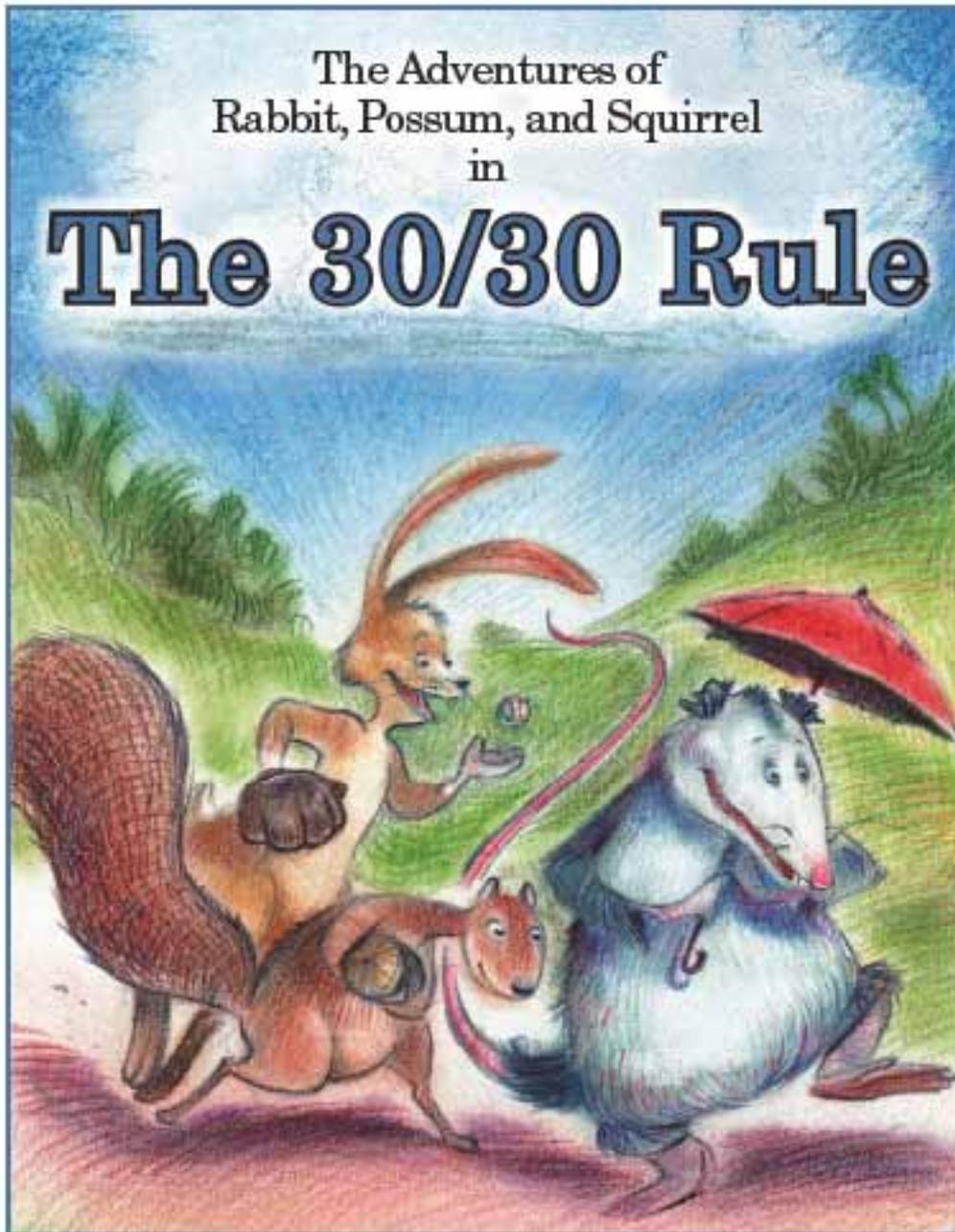


The Adventures of
Rabbit, Possum, and Squirrel
in

The 30/30 Rule



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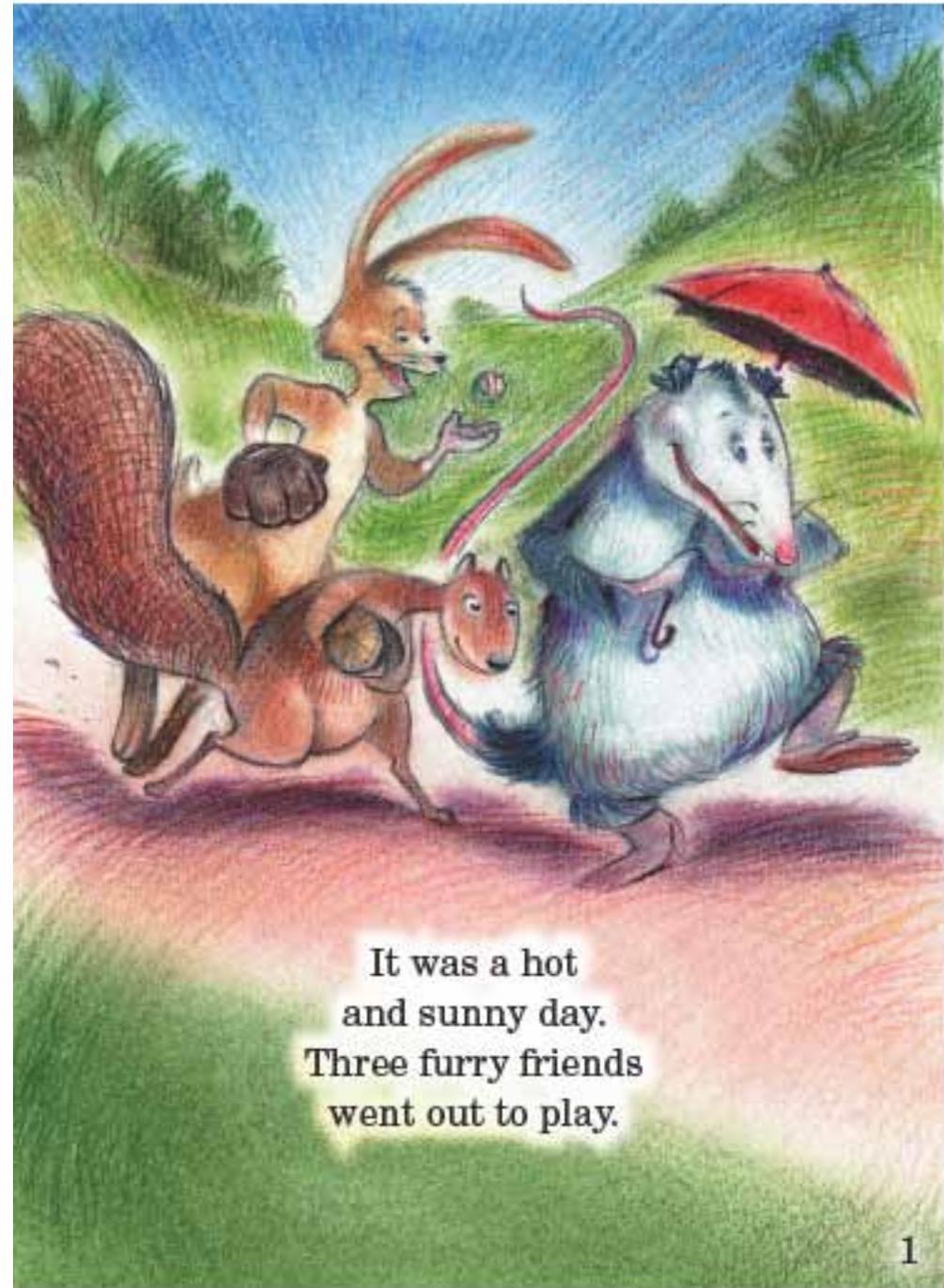
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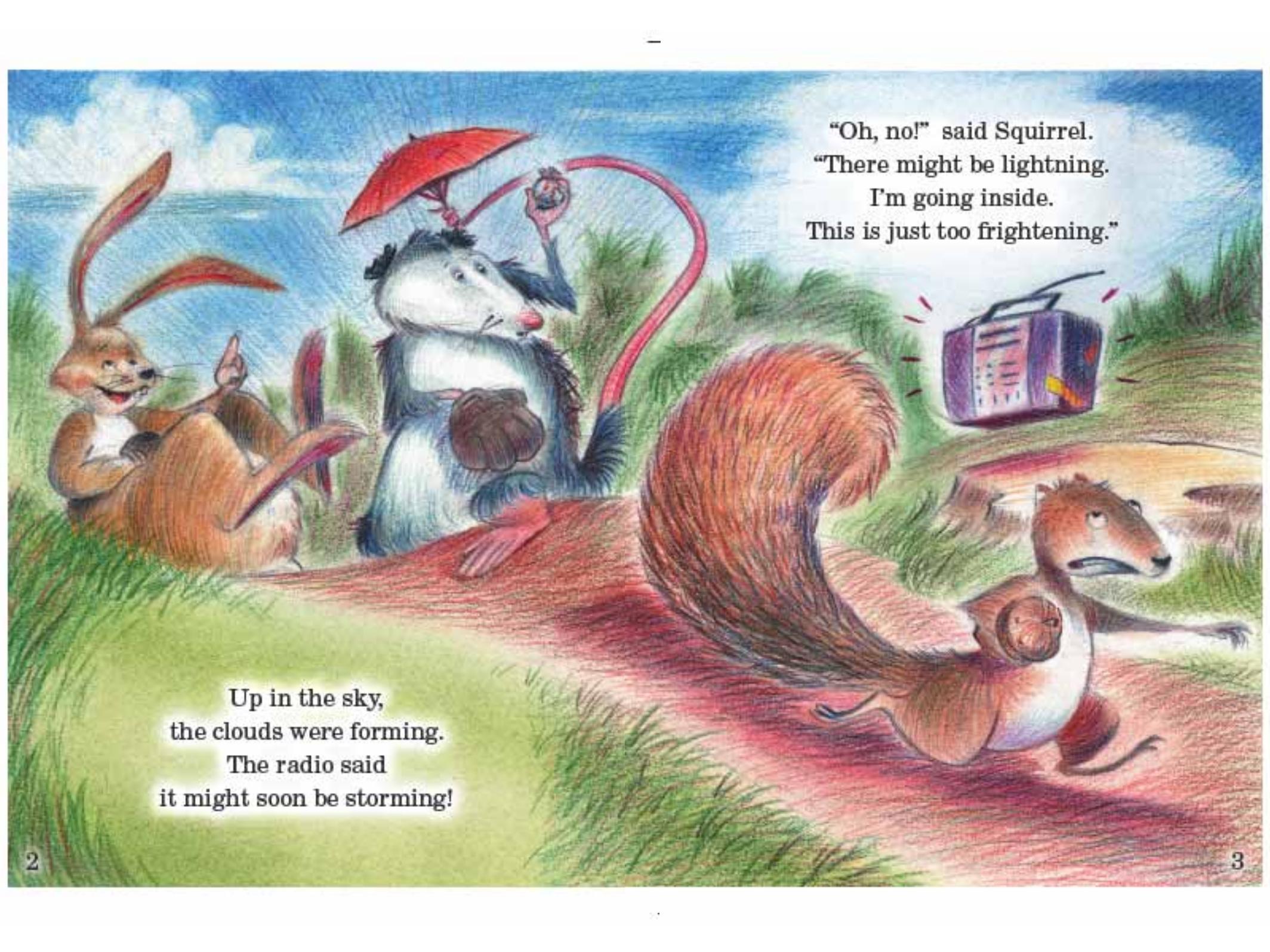
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It was a hot
and sunny day.
Three furry friends
went out to play.



Up in the sky,
the clouds were forming.
The radio said
it might soon be storming!

“Oh, no!” said Squirrel.
“There might be lightning.
I’m going inside.
This is just too frightening.”

But Rabbit remembered
what he learned
in school...
about the 30/30 Rule.

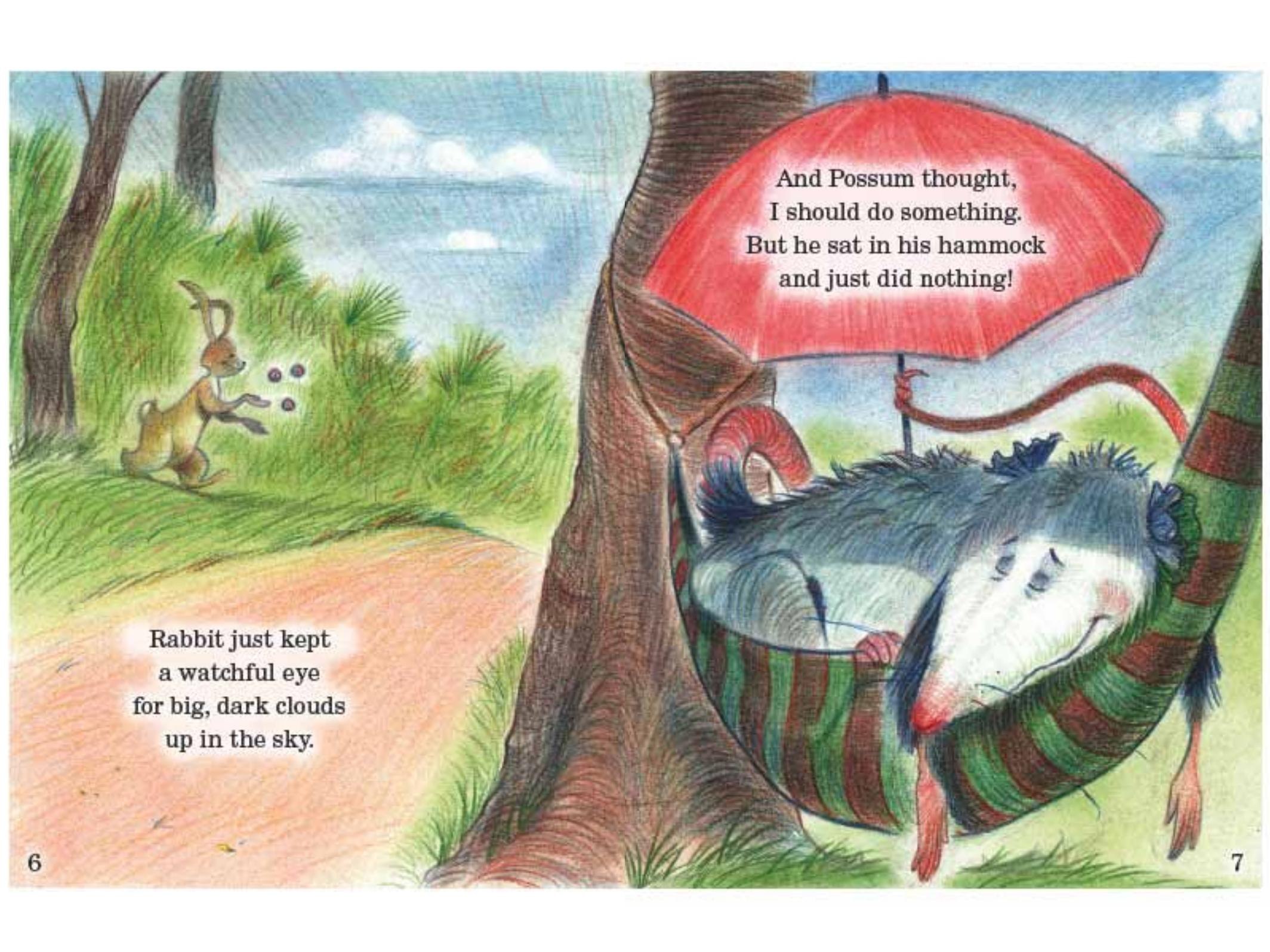


The 30/30 Rule

Go inside if you hear
thunder within
30 seconds of a
lightning flash.

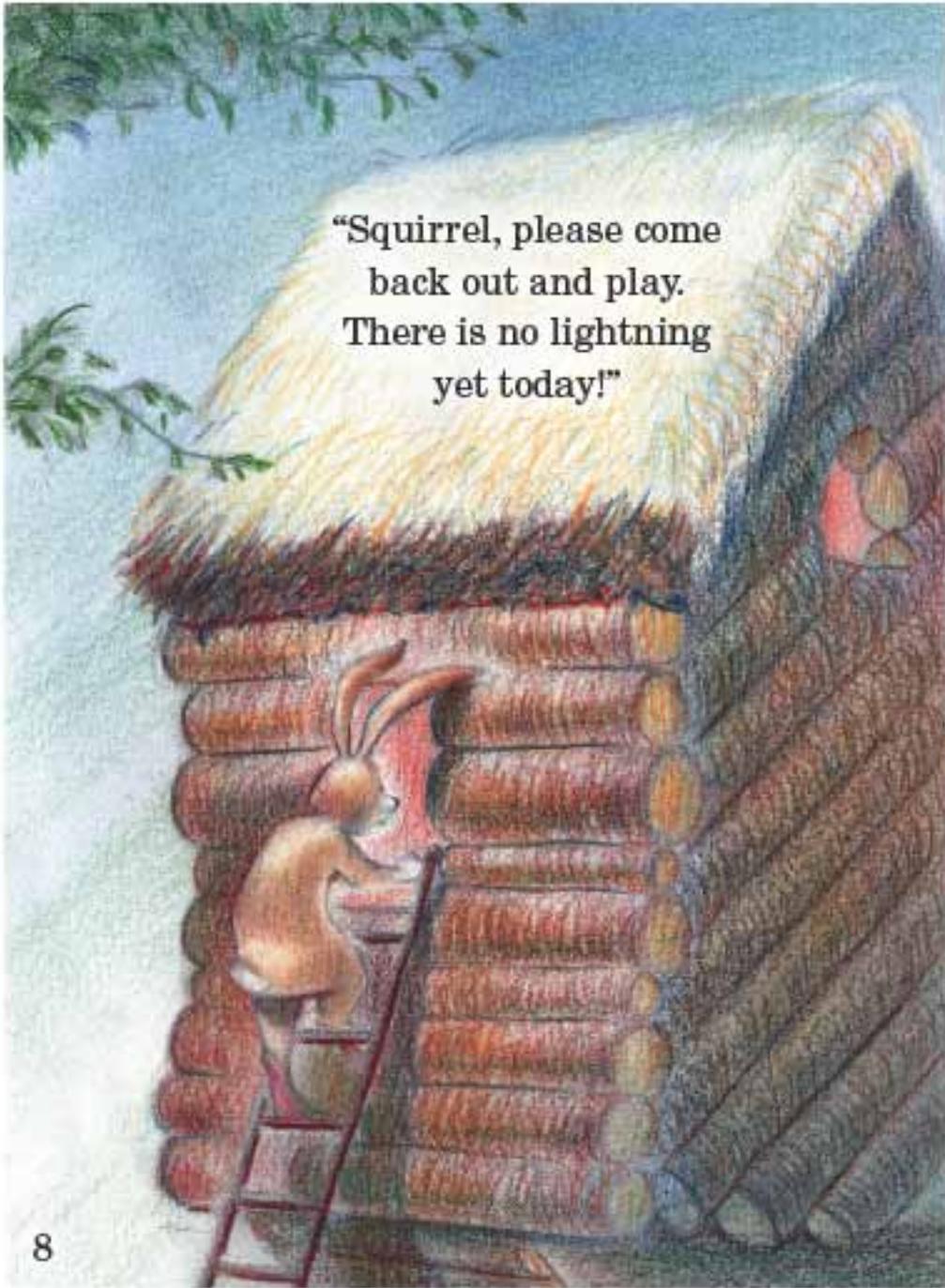
Wait at least
30 minutes after you
hear thunder before
going back outside.





Rabbit just kept
a watchful eye
for big, dark clouds
up in the sky.

And Possum thought,
I should do something.
But he sat in his hammock
and just did nothing!

A rabbit is climbing a wooden ladder against the side of a log cabin. The cabin has a thick thatched roof made of straw or hay. The walls are made of horizontal logs. The scene is set outdoors with some green leaves visible in the upper left corner.

“Squirrel, please come
back out and play.
There is no lightning
yet today!”



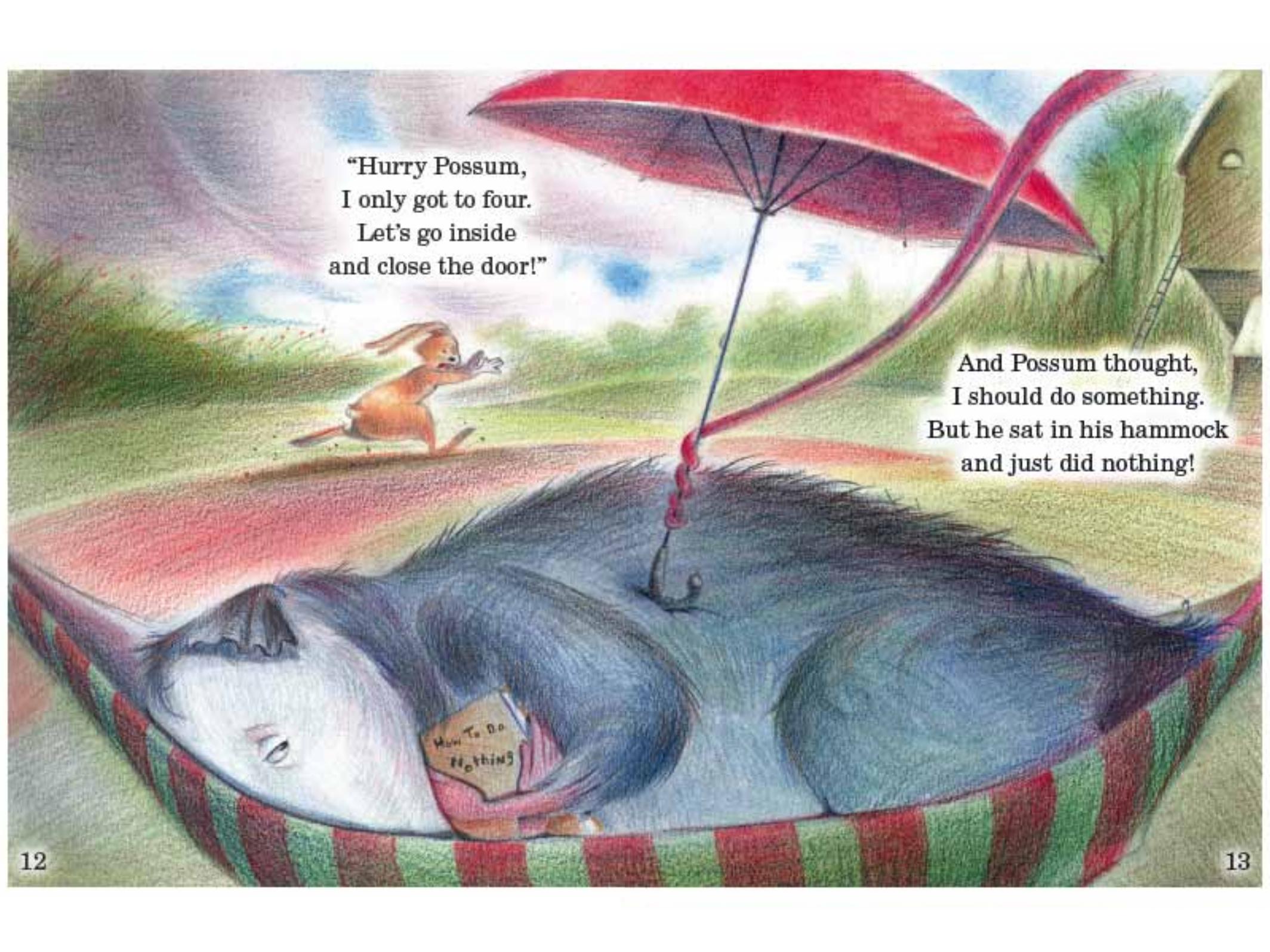
Later the clouds
started getting dark,
and Rabbit saw the
lightning spark!



“One
Tallahassee,
Two Tallahassee,
Three Tallahassee,
Four...”

Then Rabbit heard
the thunder roar.



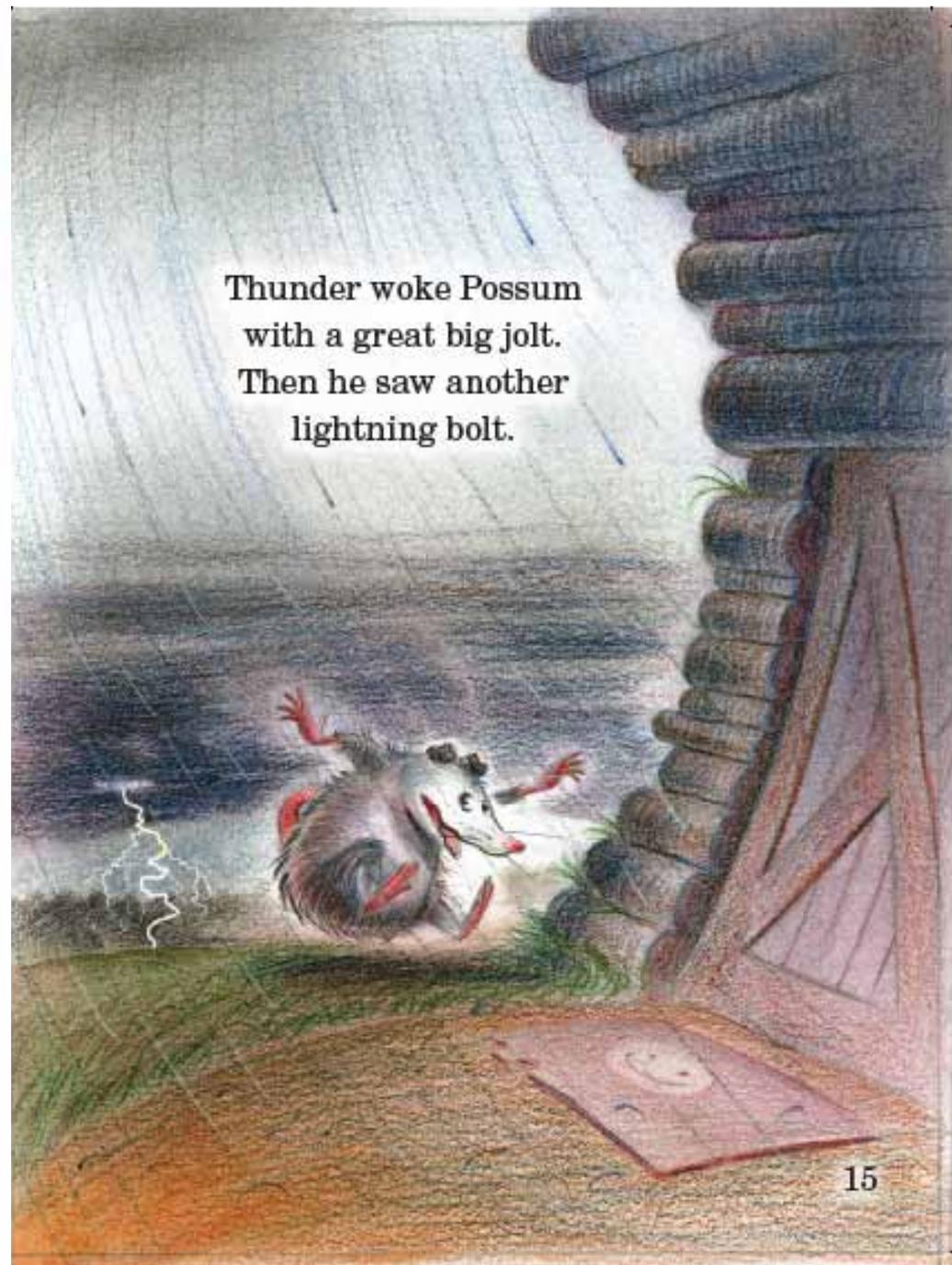


**“Hurry Possum,
I only got to four.
Let’s go inside
and close the door!”**

**And Possum thought,
I should do something.
But he sat in his hammock
and just did nothing!**

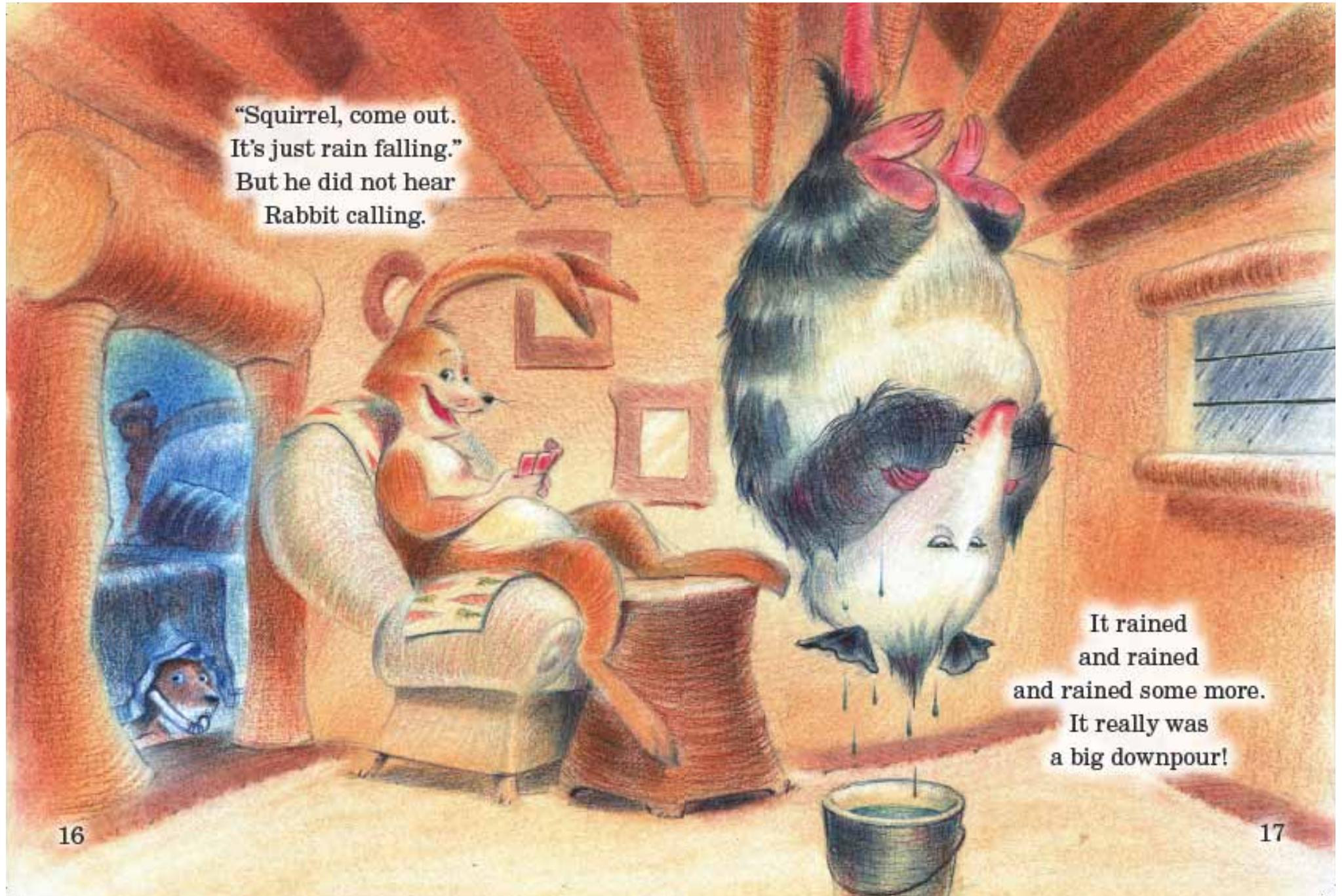


Then the wind
began to blow.
Big, dark clouds
began to grow.

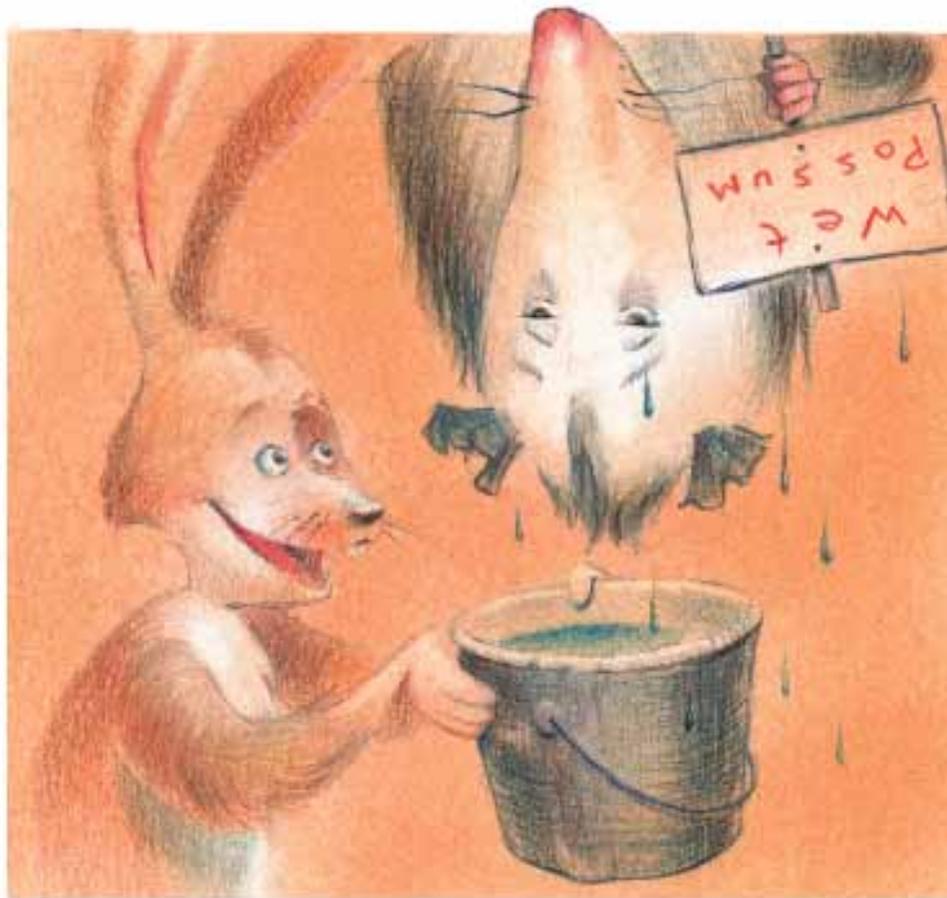


Thunder woke Possum
with a great big jolt.
Then he saw another
lightning bolt.

"Squirrel, come out.
It's just rain falling."
But he did not hear
Rabbit calling.



It rained
and rained
and rained some more.
It really was
a big downpour!



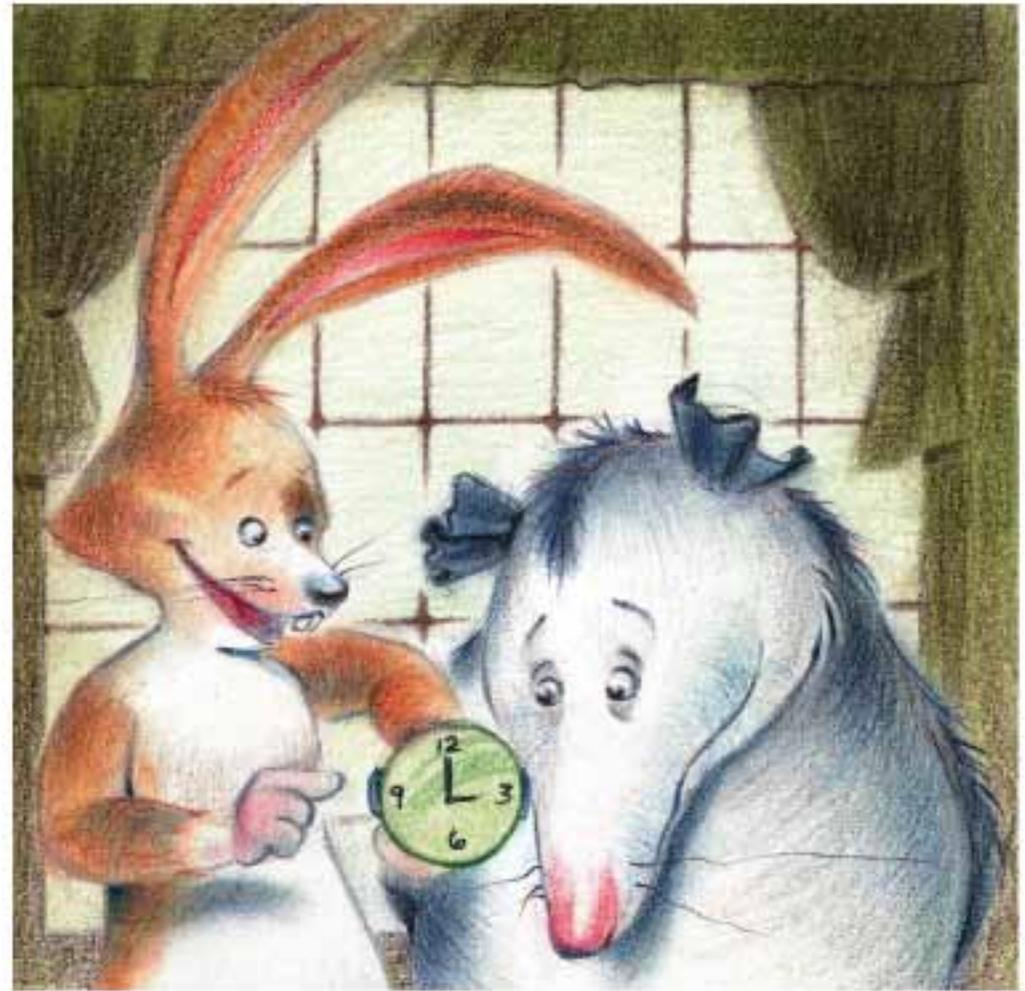
"Let's watch the rain
fall on the ground.
Away from the window,
we're safe and sound!"



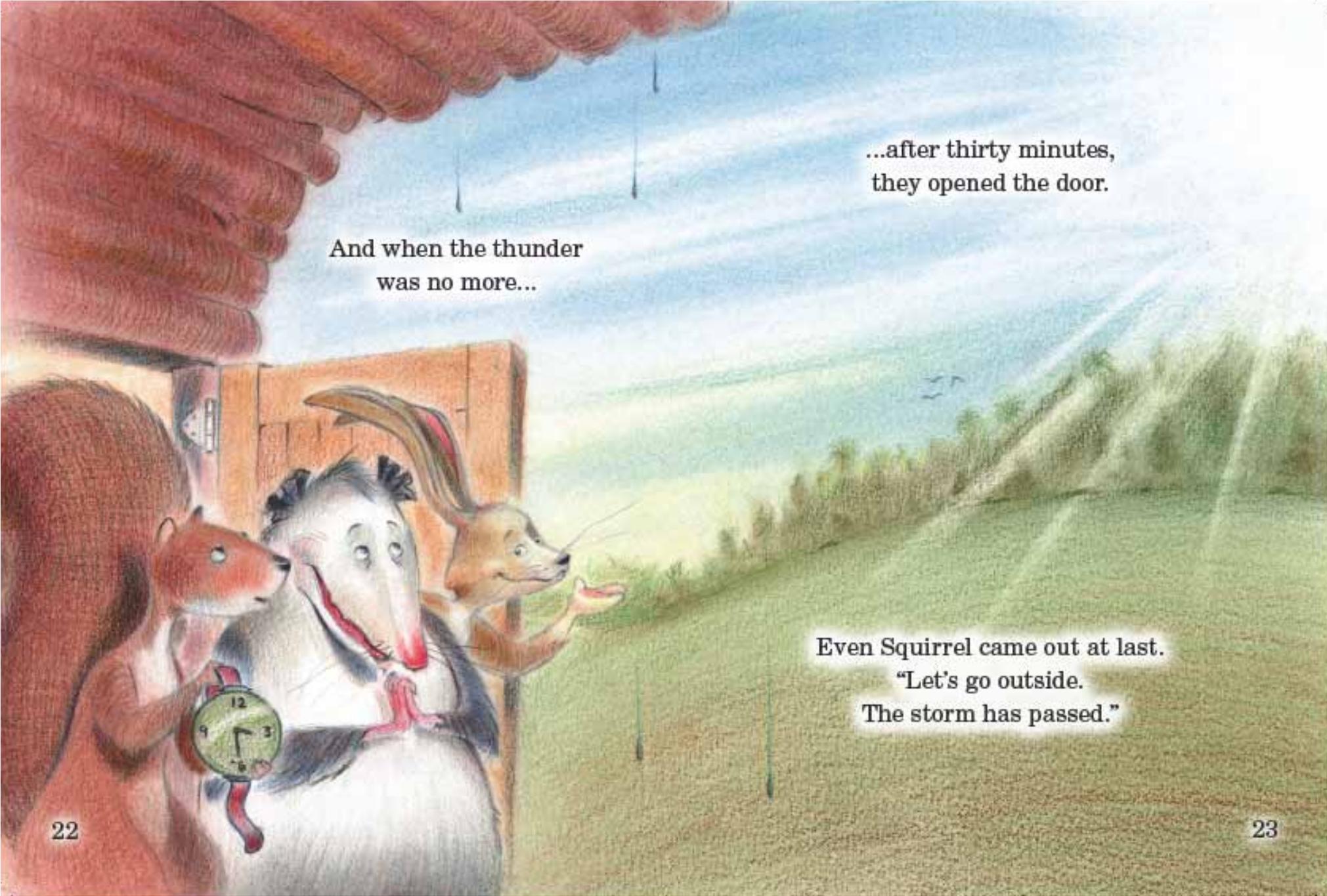
"From the phone and the tub
we'll stay away,
and we'll be safe
on this rainy day."



The rain soon stopped,
but not the thunder.
“Is it safe to go outside,
I wonder?”



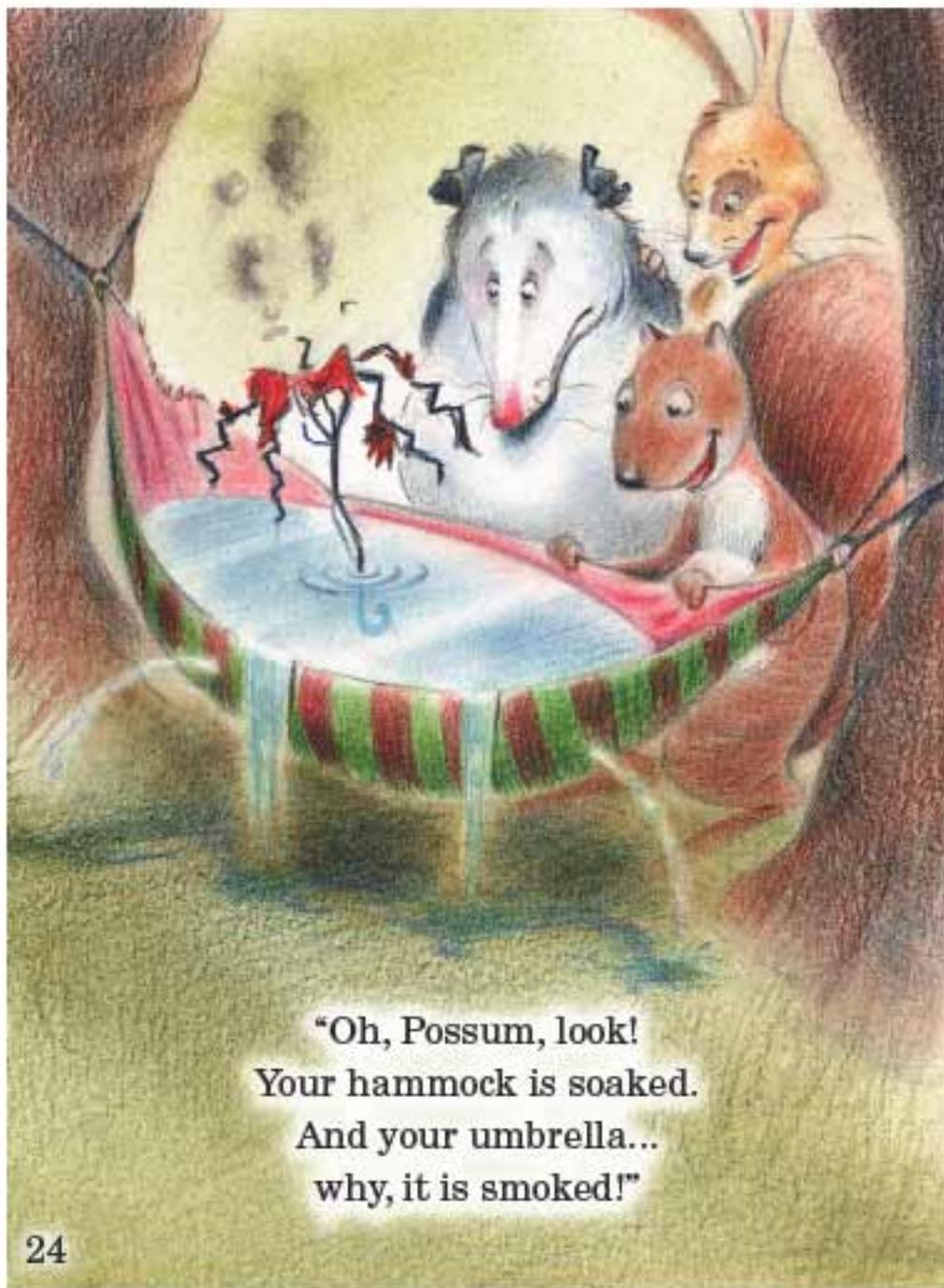
“When the thunder stops
you have to wait
for thirty minutes,
just to be safe!”



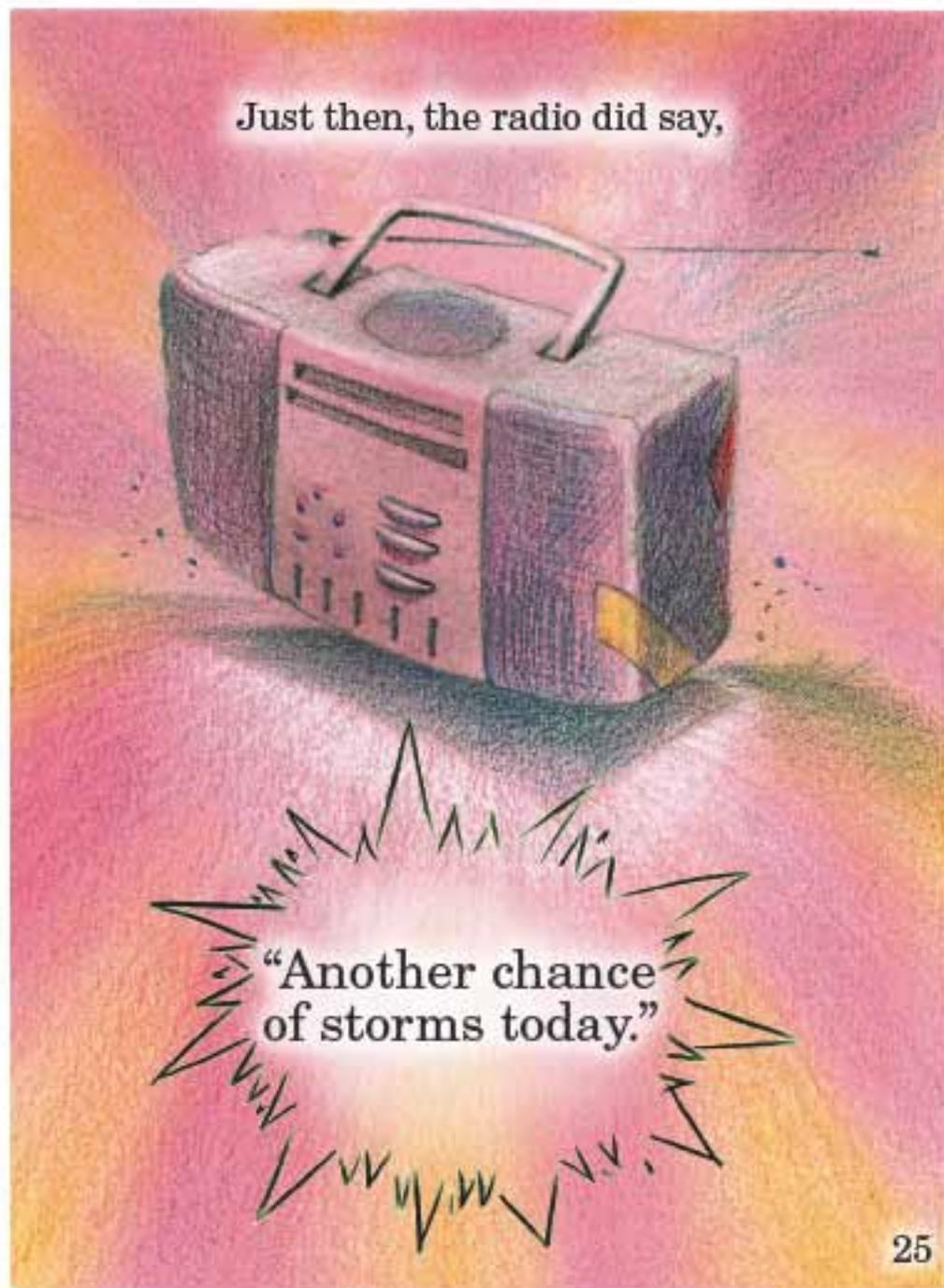
And when the thunder
was no more...

...after thirty minutes,
they opened the door.

Even Squirrel came out at last.
“Let’s go outside.
The storm has passed.”

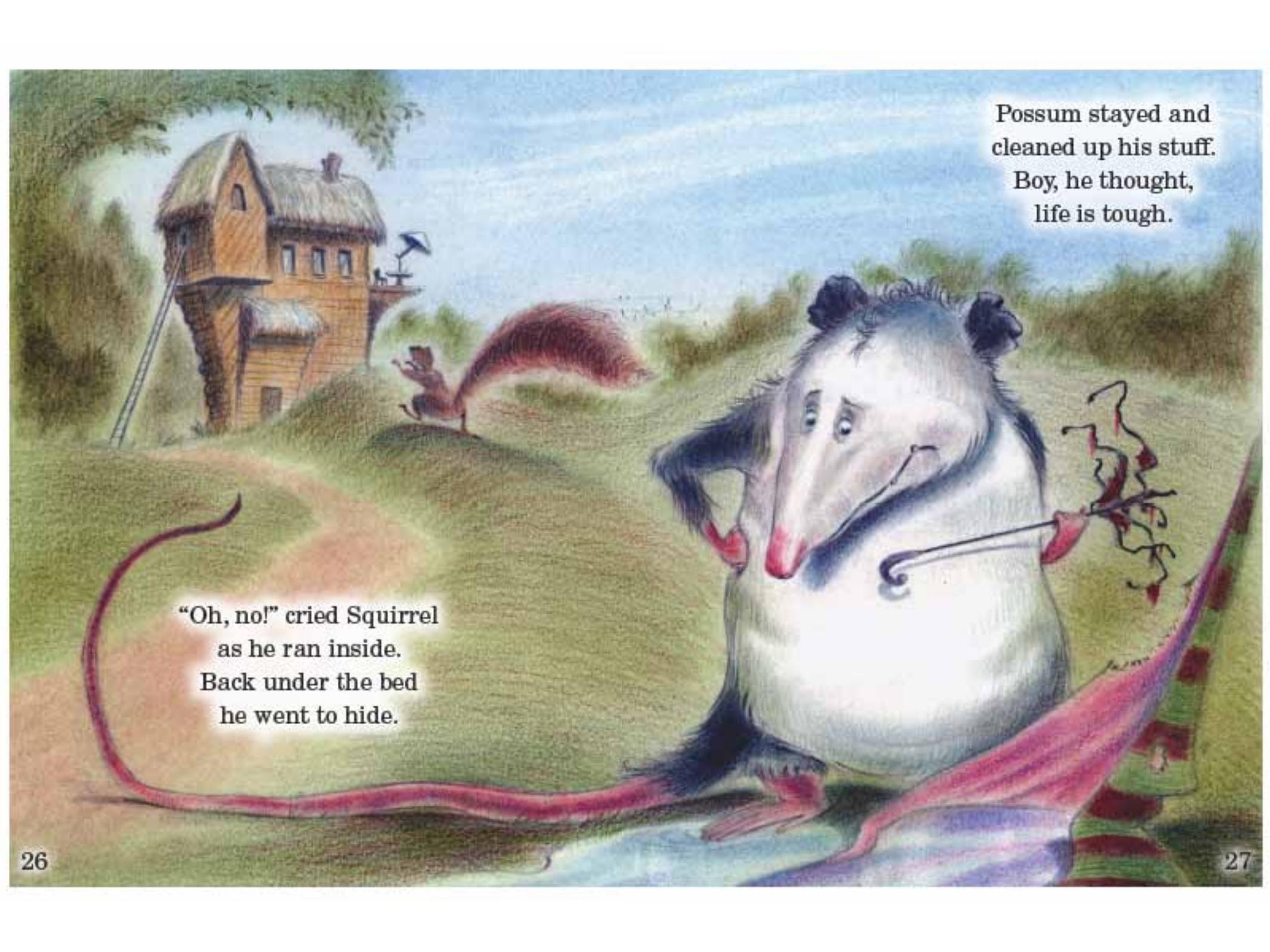


“Oh, Possum, look!
Your hammock is soaked.
And your umbrella...
why, it is smoked!”



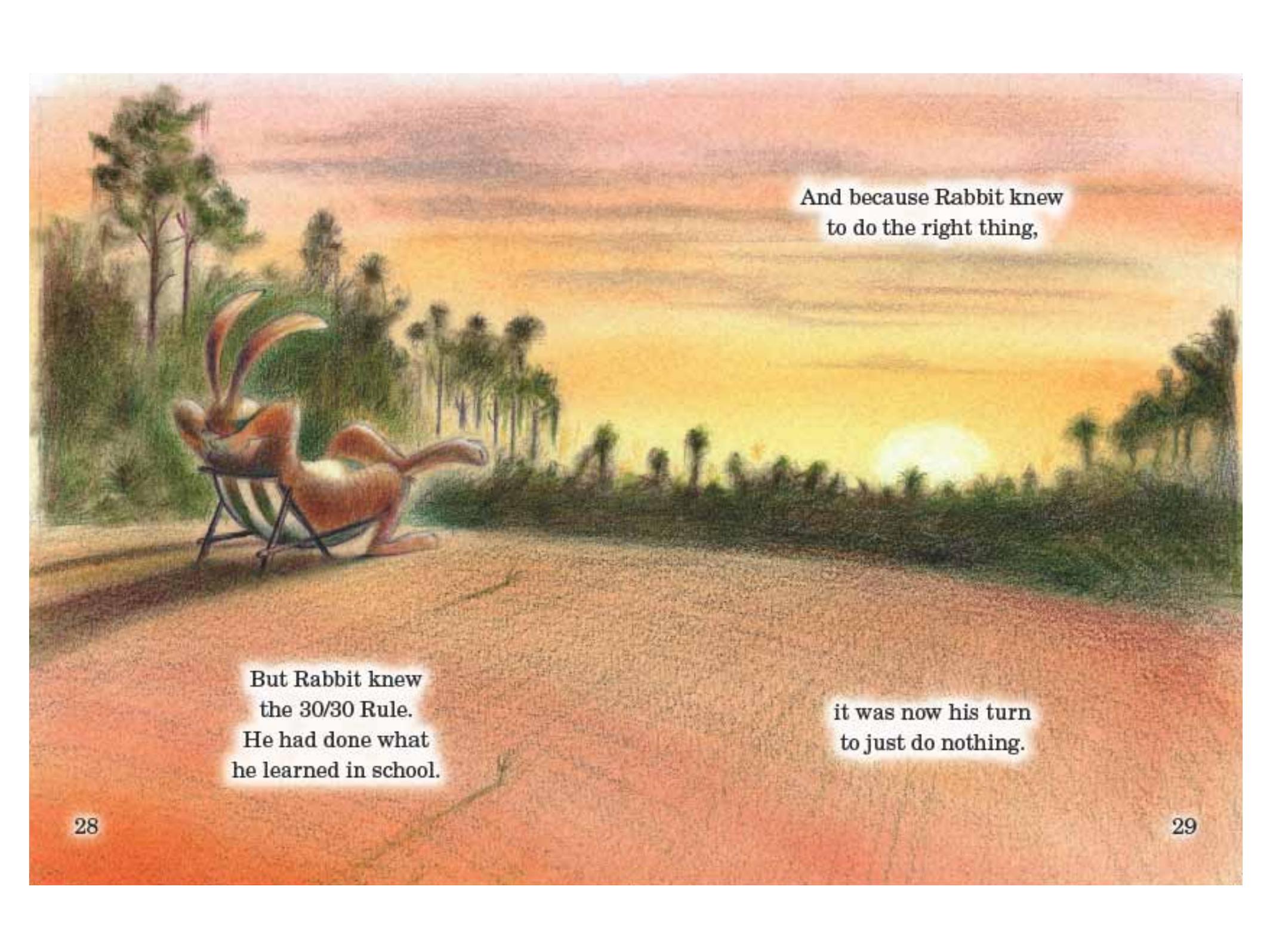
Just then, the radio did say,

“Another chance
of storms today.”



Possum stayed and
cleaned up his stuff.
Boy, he thought,
life is tough.

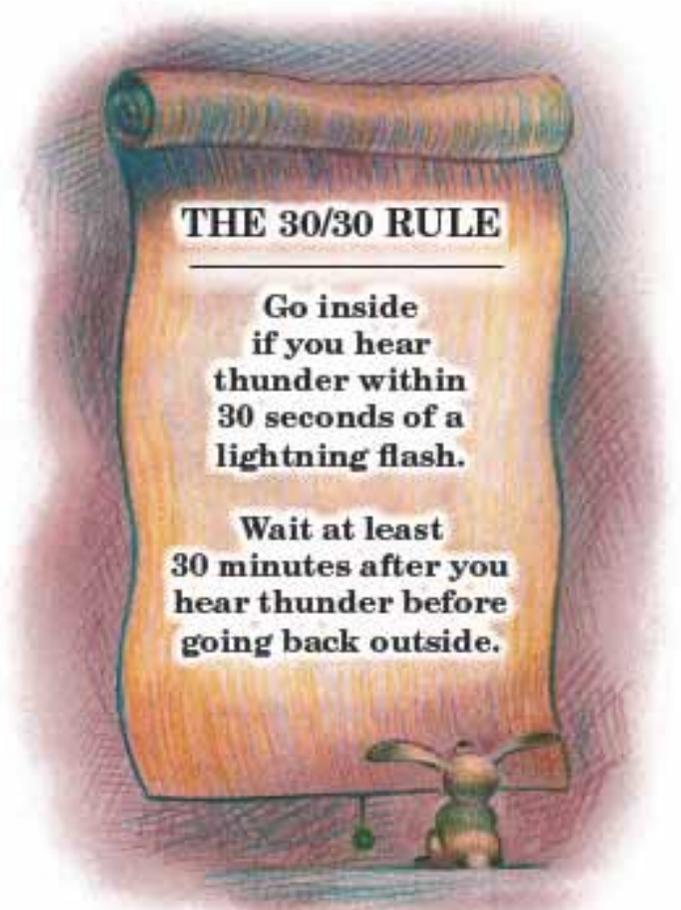
“Oh, no!” cried Squirrel
as he ran inside.
Back under the bed
he went to hide.

A painting of a rabbit sitting on a chair on a path at sunset. The rabbit is brown and white, sitting on a black metal chair. The path is made of reddish-brown gravel. In the background, there are palm trees and a bright sunset sky with a large sun. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

And because Rabbit knew
to do the right thing,

But Rabbit knew
the 30/30 Rule.
He had done what
he learned in school.

it was now his turn
to just do nothing.



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