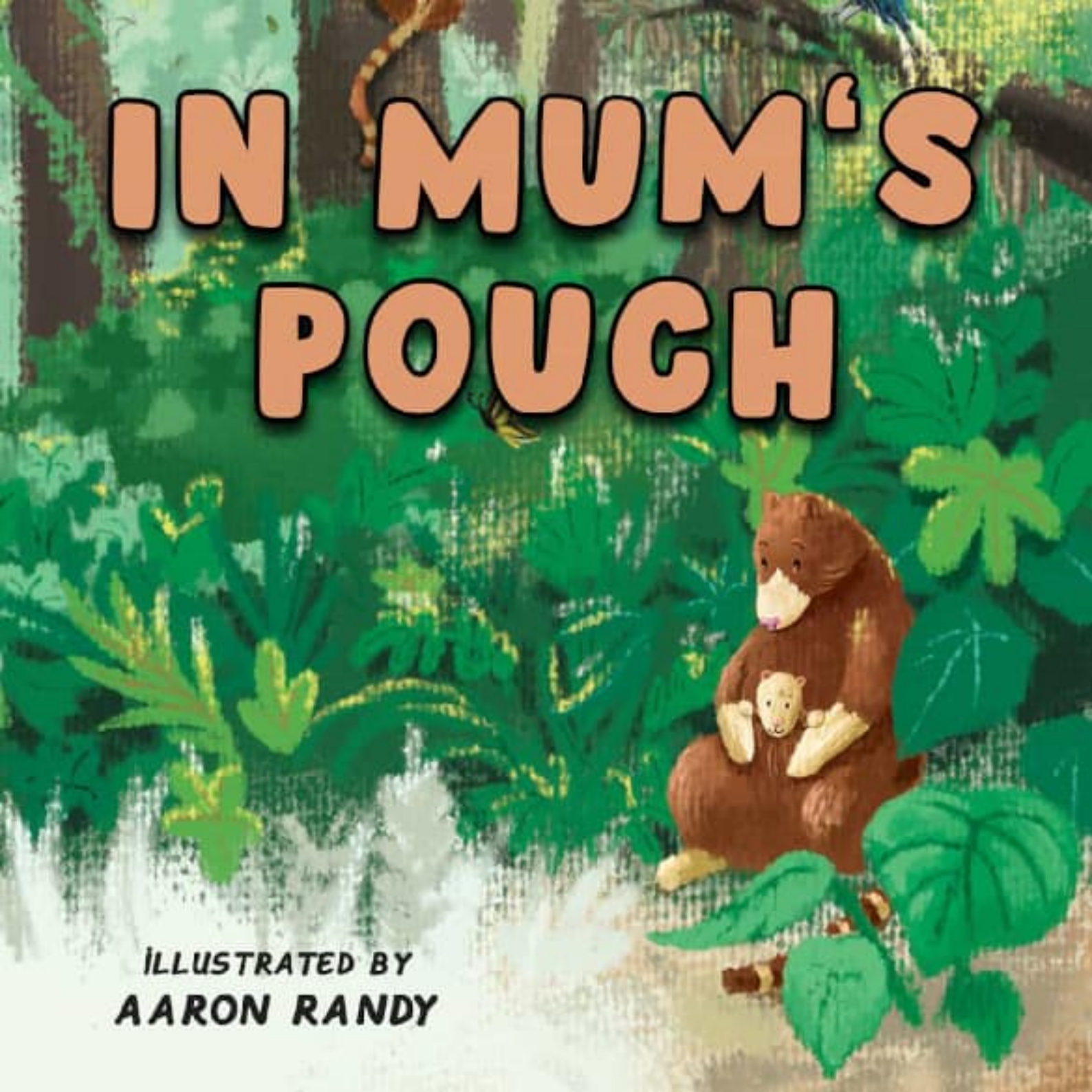
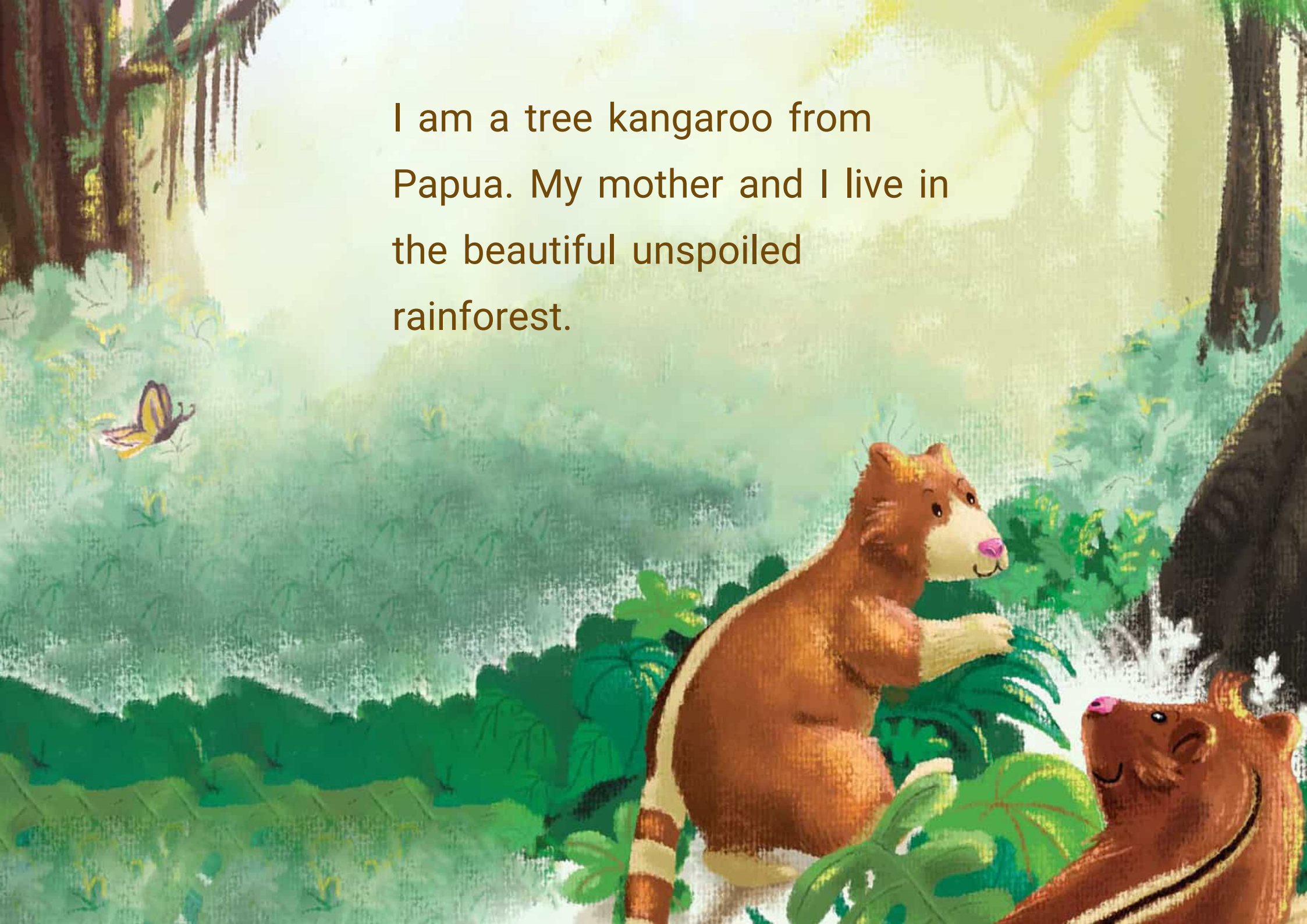


IN MUM'S POUCH

The background of the cover is a lush green forest scene. A mother bear is sitting on the ground, holding her cub in her arms. The forest is filled with various green plants, ferns, and trees. A small yellow and black butterfly is flying near the title. The overall style is a soft, painterly illustration.

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I am a tree kangaroo from
Papua. My mother and I live in
the beautiful unspoiled
rainforest.





I look out at the world
from the safety of
Mum's pouch.

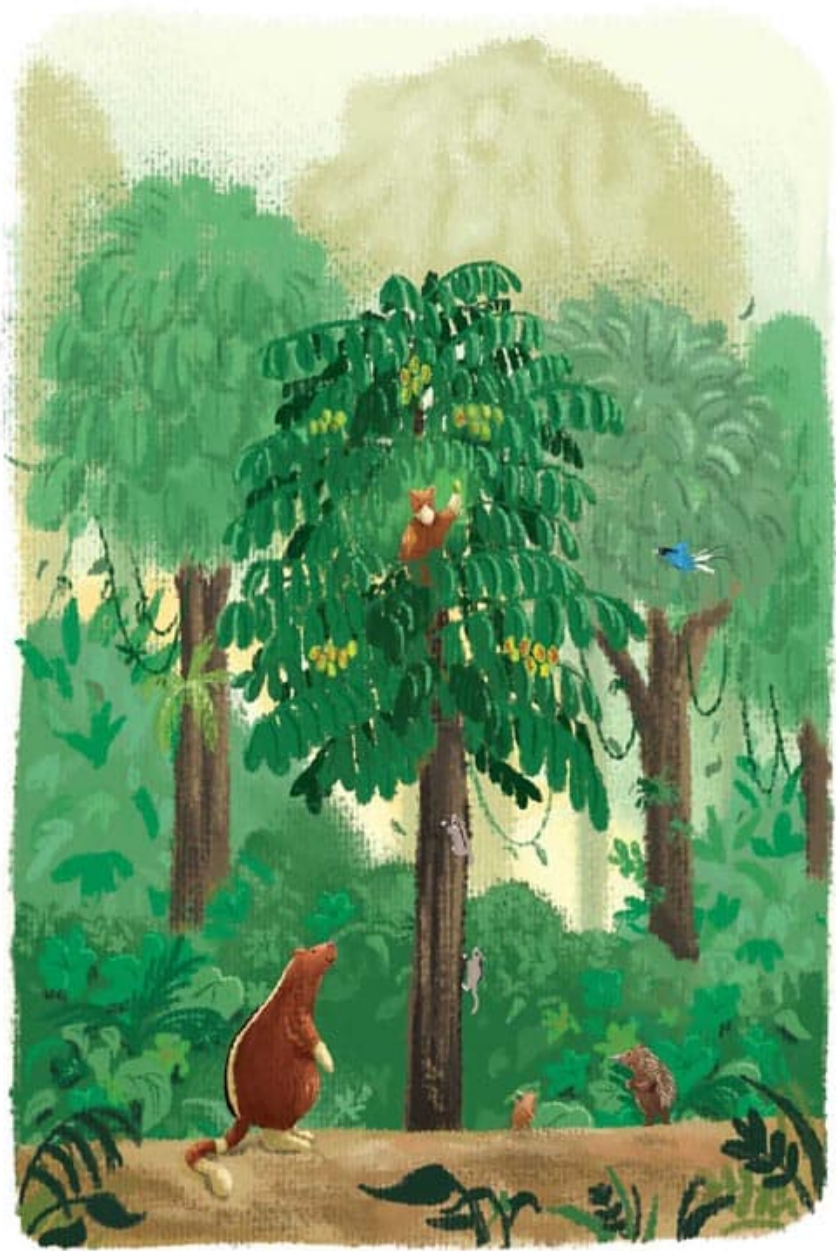
I see the echidna
family who forage in
the undergrowth.



When I go exploring, I find a
bird of paradise feather in a
wonderful blue.

Mum let's me keep it
tucked up safe in her
pouch.

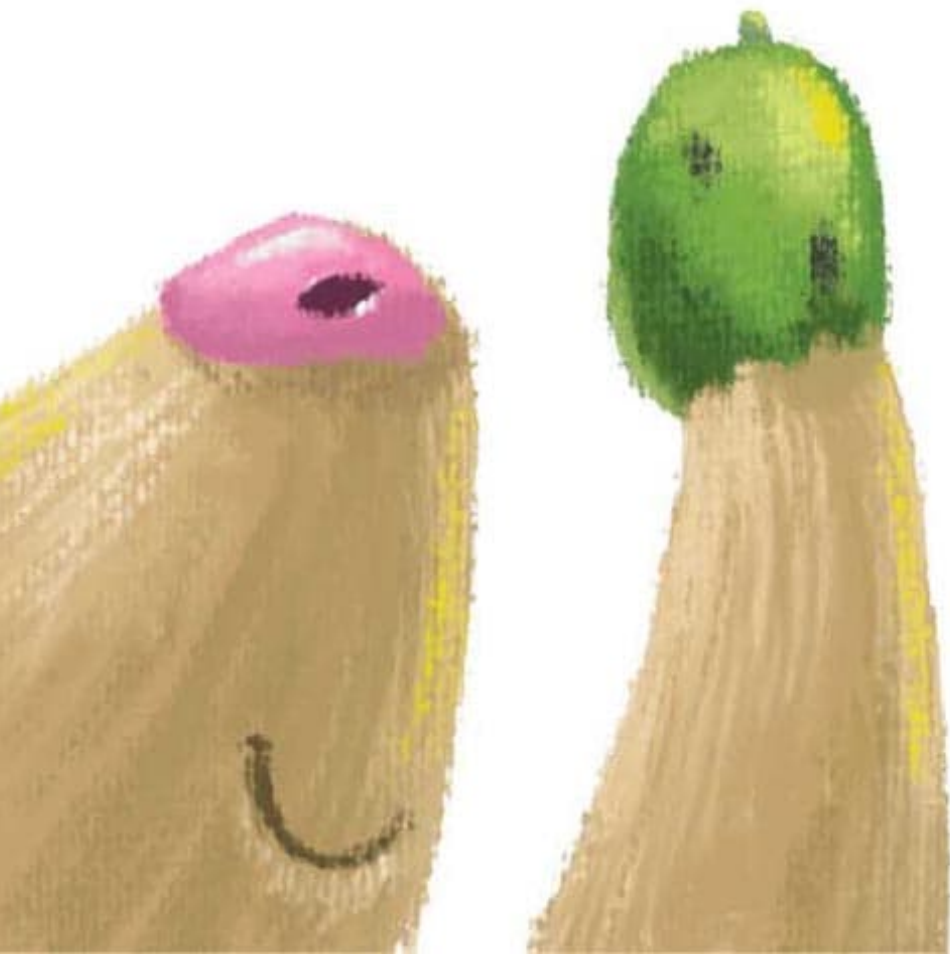




Tree Kangaroos can climb
very high.

I find a delicious berry!

I will keep it for later, safe in
Mum's pouch.



Then the beautiful kapok
flowers fall in a pretty
curtain.



And I keep some safe in Mum's
pouch.



It has been a busy morning and
now I want a nap.



But Mum won't let me get in.





I am so confused.

I run away.



Then I see another tree kangaroo family.

There is a new baby in the mother's pouch and the older brother can no longer fit in.

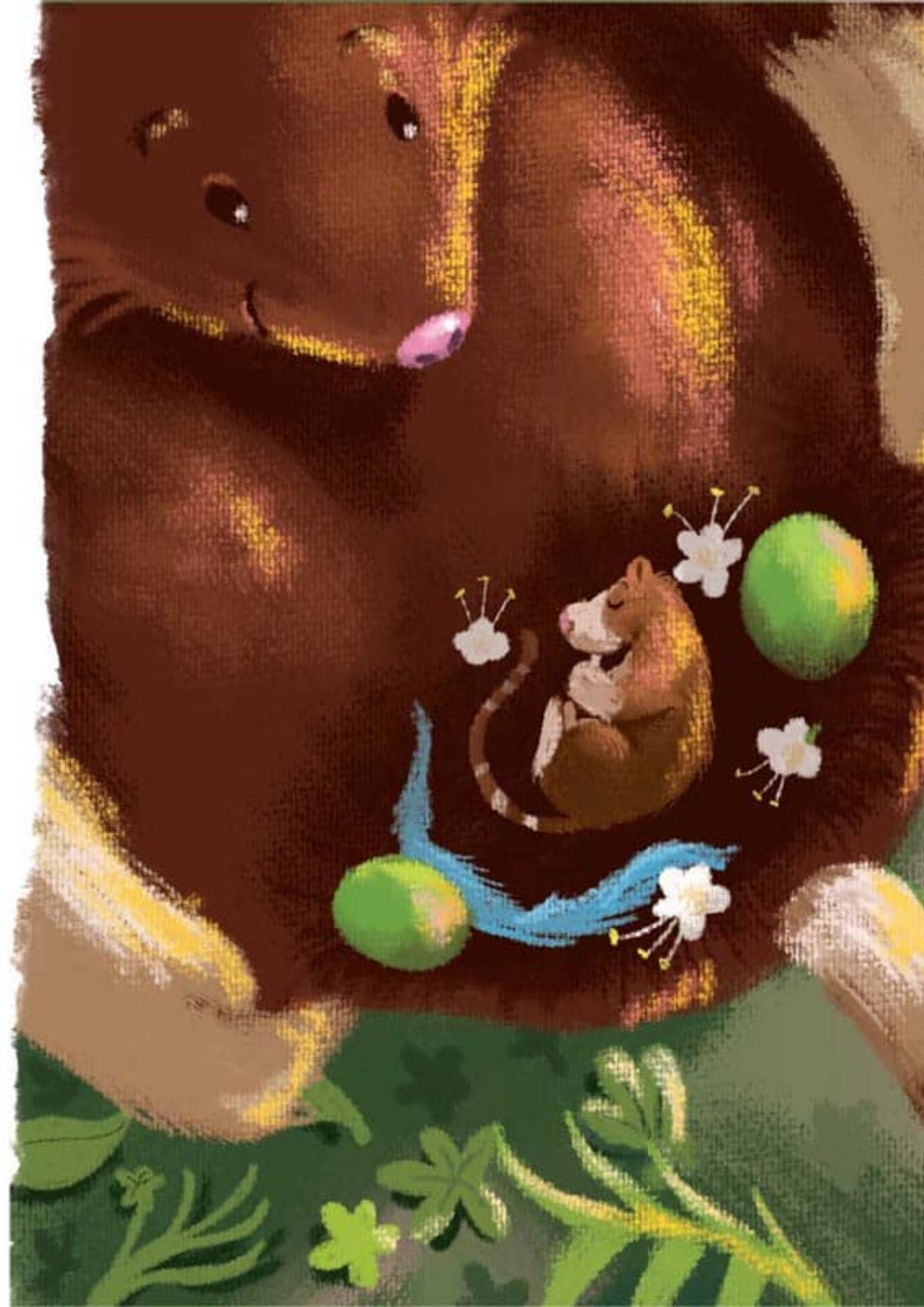
I think about this for a while.
Could it be that Mum has a
new baby?





I go back home and I ask
her. 'Mum, do you have a
new baby in your pouch?'

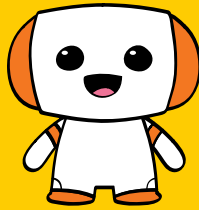
There she is, so
precious and surrounded
by all the gifts I gave
her.



I am a big brother!

I need to let the new
baby stay safe in Mum's
pouch.





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