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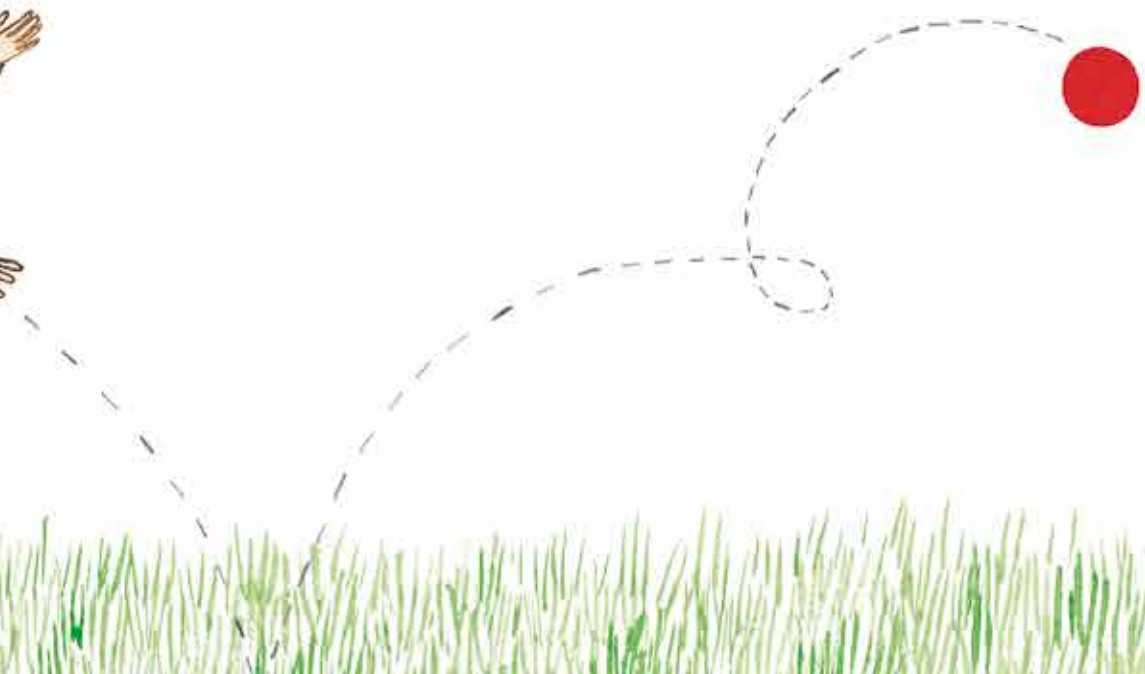
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Underneath the cherry tree in our garden there is a little hole. We found it one day when I bounced my ball and it didn't bounce back.



I lay on my tummy and peered in,
but I couldn't see anything.



Then I sat very still . . .



and watched quietly for a long time.



I don't know what it is . . .



but I'm sure there must be something down there.

I tried to reach for my ball but my arms are not long enough.



Mum's arms are not long enough either, and Dad won't try.

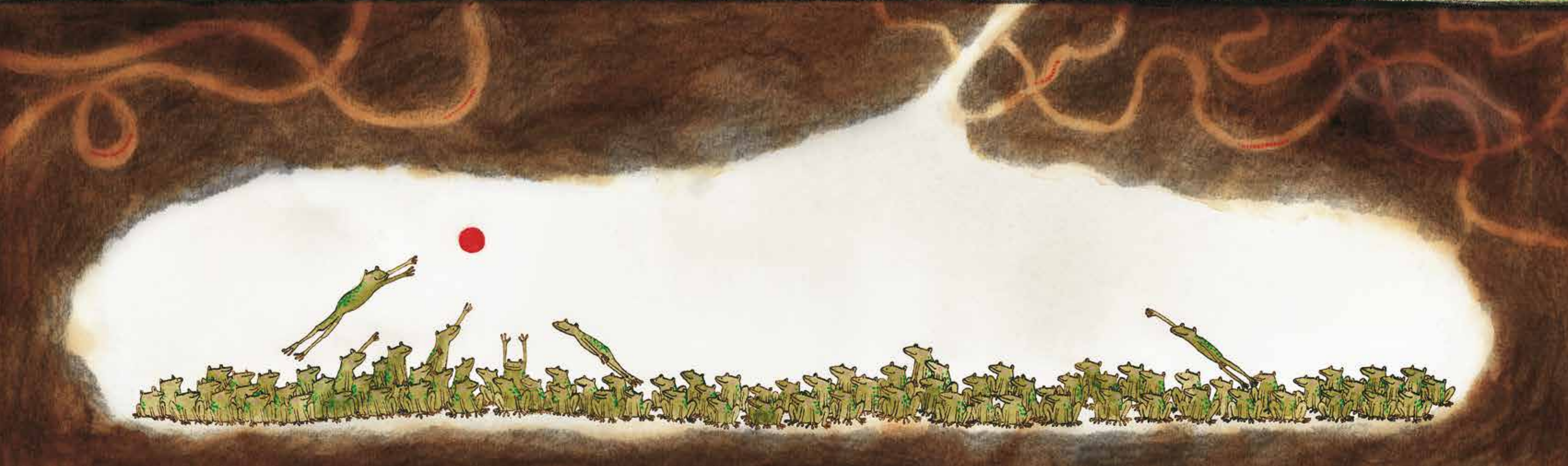


Mum says the hole might be a doorway into a little mouse's house.



Dad wishes I would leave
the hole alone.

He thinks it could be full of frogs,
and he doesn't like frogs.



My sister says there is probably
a troll living down there.



She says I had better
leave it some food . . .



otherwise it will get hungry and
come out and eat me.

