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For Alexander Kwon and Gi Cho S.J.D.

To my “little meerkat” Tommaso – like Miki,
he is coming out of his burrow to get to know the world! G.C.



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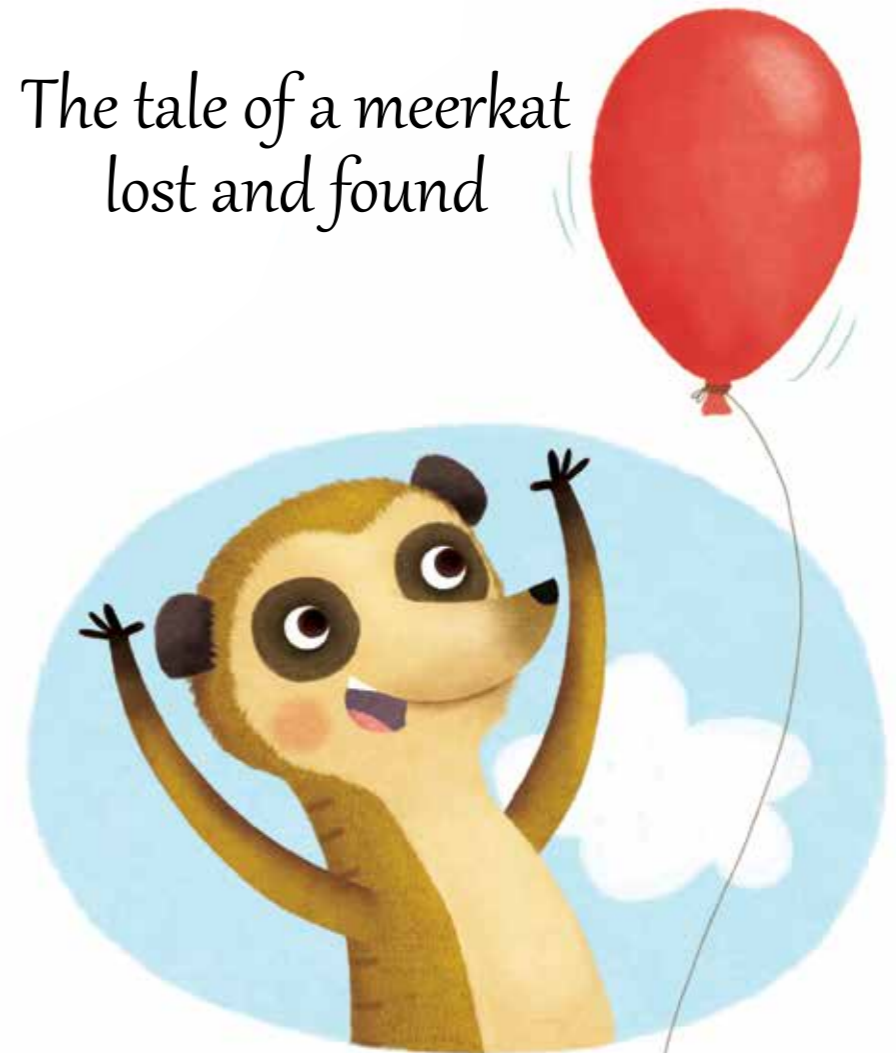
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Miki and Mama lived under the ground,
where it was warm, dark, and safe.



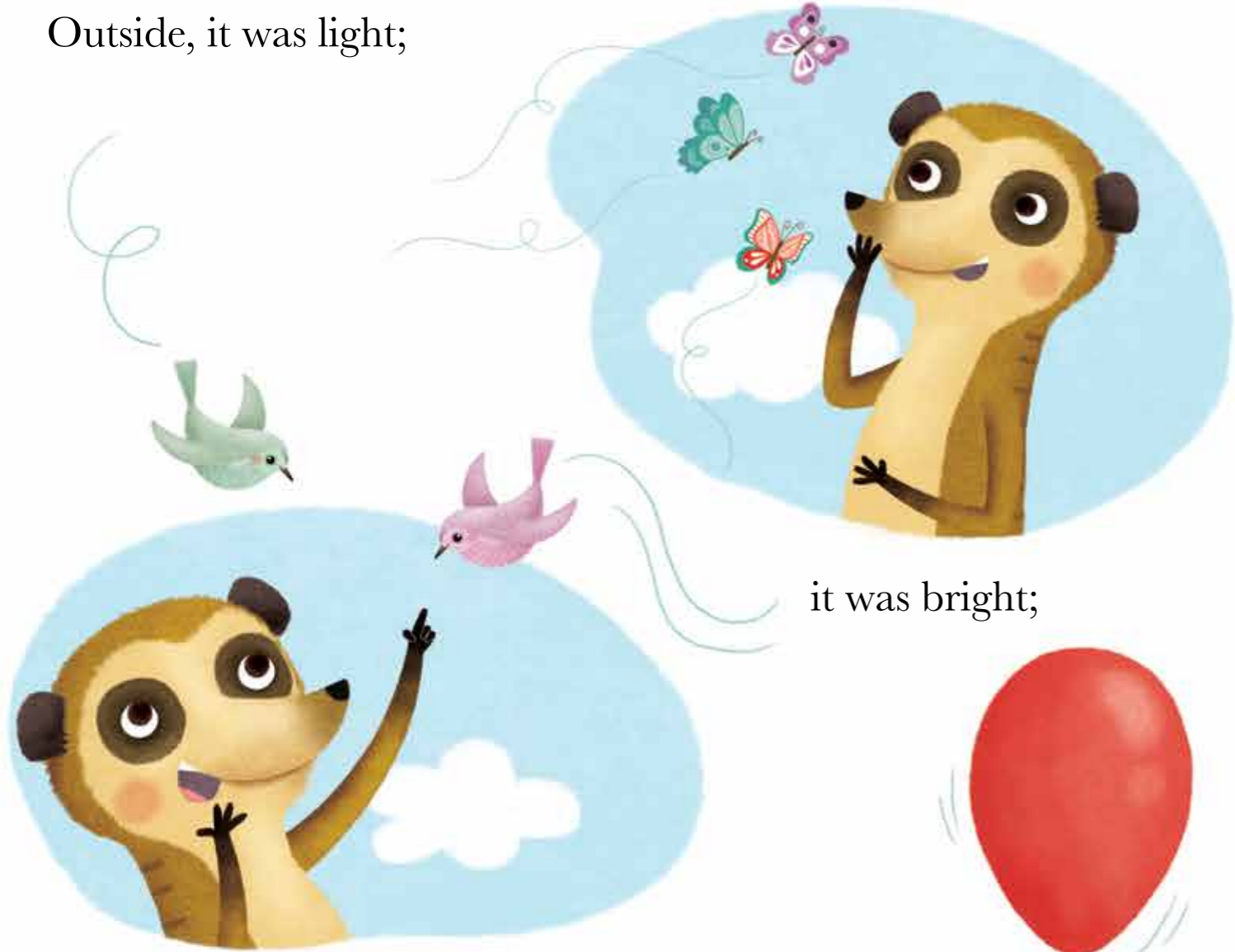
One day, Miki woke up and Mama was gone.
“Mama?” he said.
But Mama was nowhere to be seen.

“Miki!” called Mama. “Come outside and see the world.”
“I don’t like outside,” said Miki. “I don’t want to see the world.”



“I’ll be here,” said Mama, “and the keeper will take care of us.”

Outside, it was light;



it was bright;



it was exciting...



... and a little bit frightening.





But Mama was always there,
and the keeper took care of
them.



Miki wanted to see more of the world.

But the world was
full of LEGS!

Pink legs...



stripy legs...

and wrinkly legs...

spotted legs...