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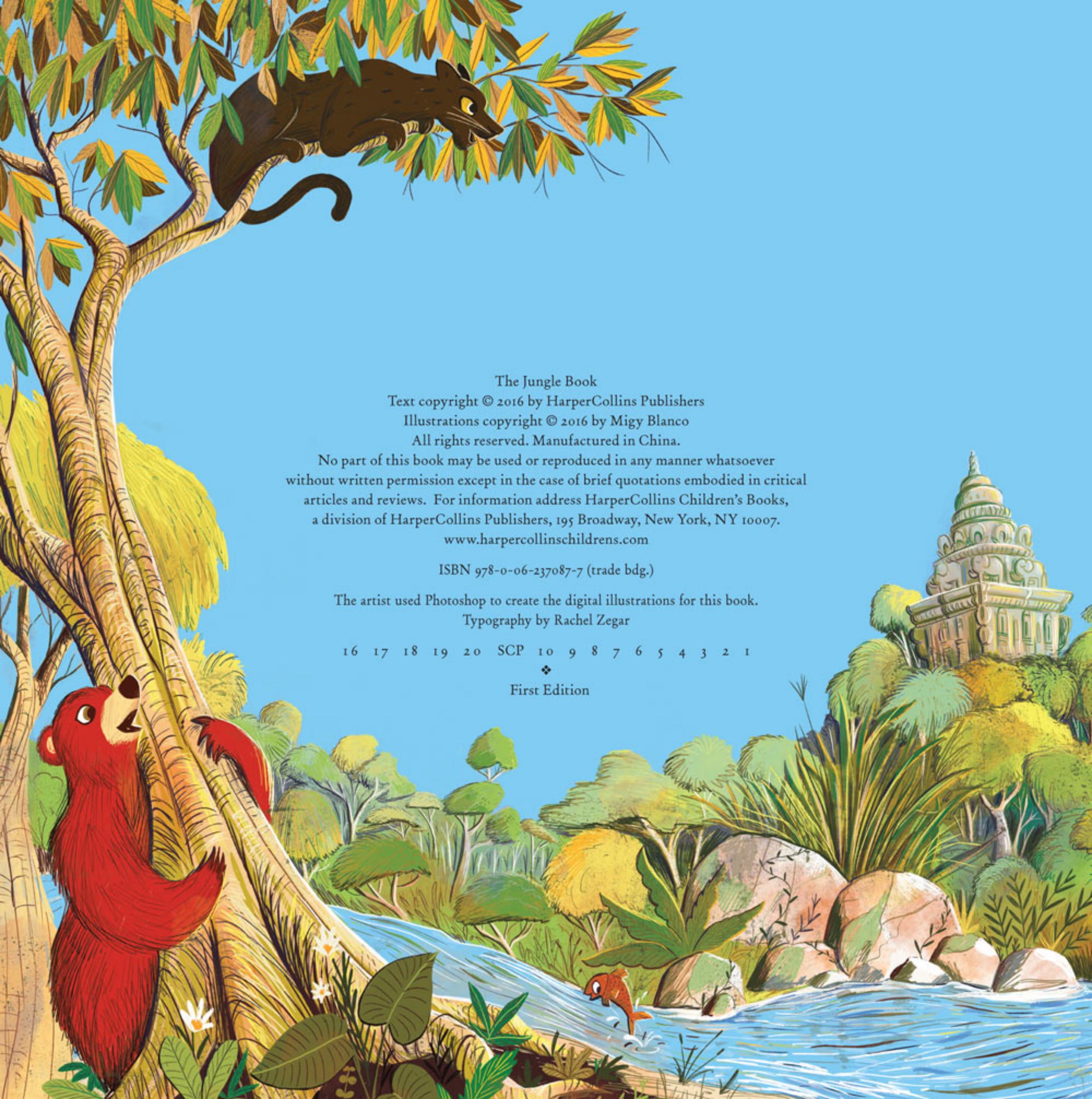
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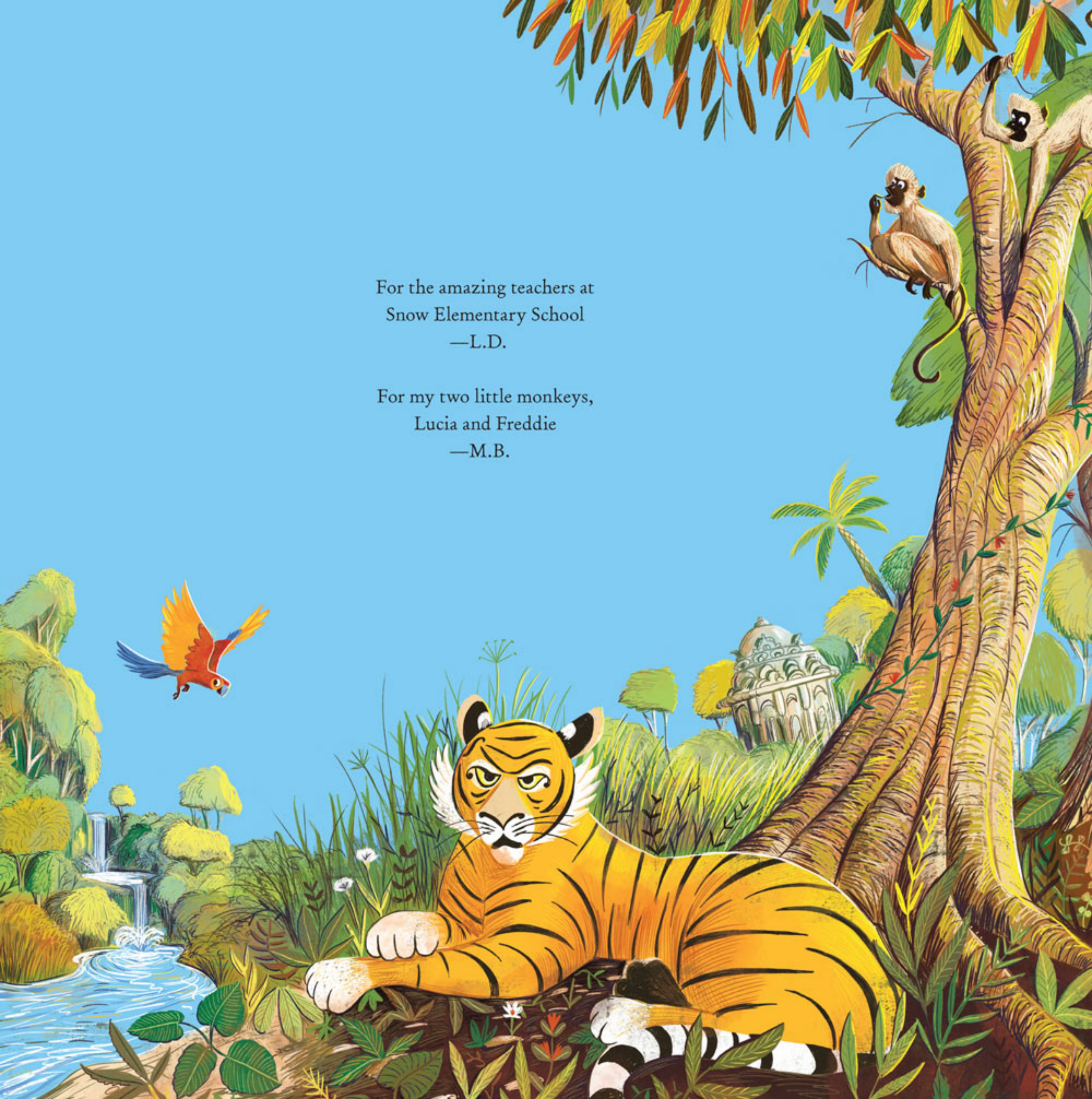
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First Edition





For the amazing teachers at  
Snow Elementary School  
—L.D.

For my two little monkeys,  
Lucia and Freddie  
—M.B.









**Y**oung Mowgli had been learning the ways of the jungle since he was a baby. Baloo, the old brown bear, and Bagheera, the black panther, had made sure of that.



Mowgli knew how to tell a rotten branch from a strong one . . .



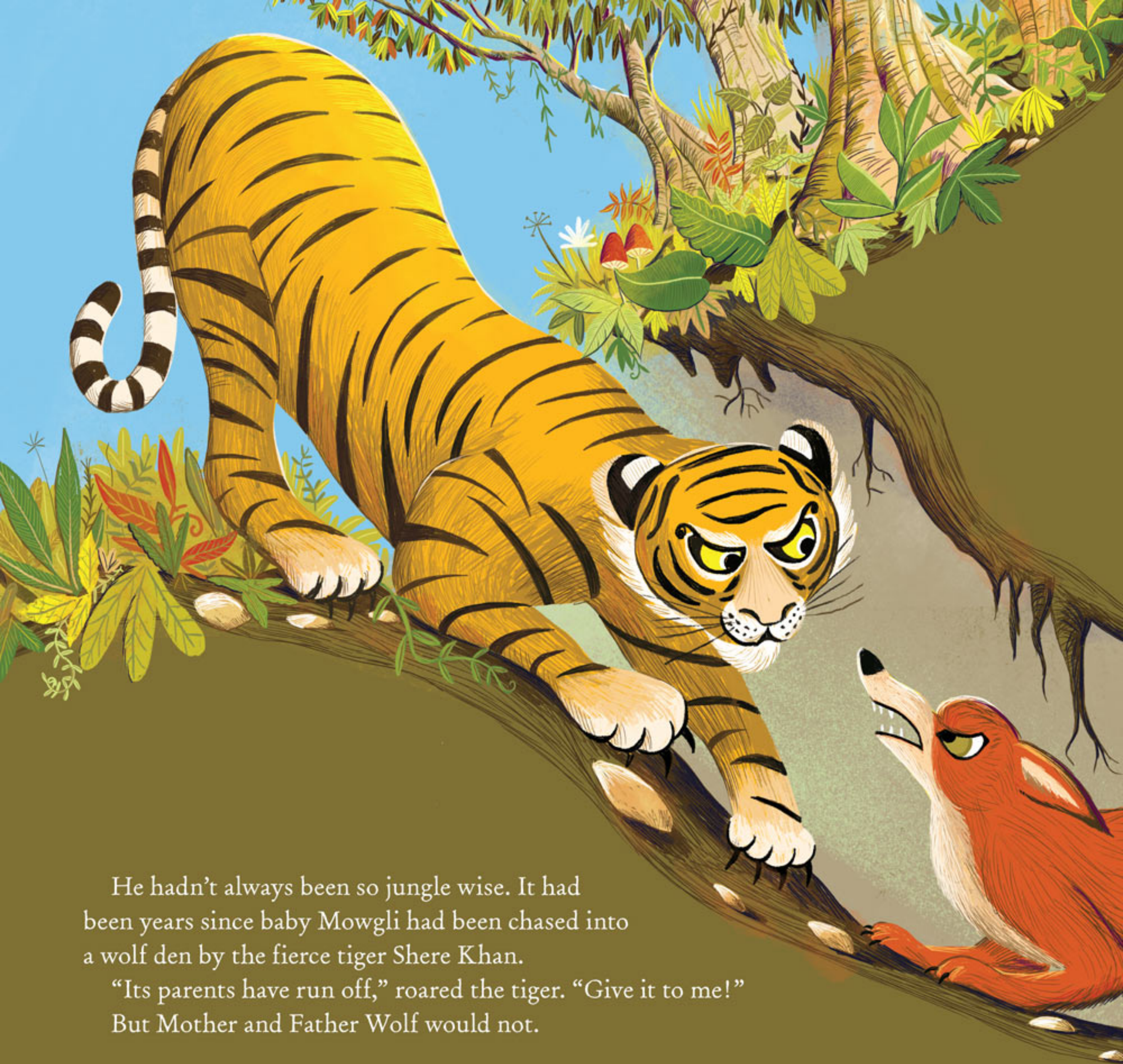


how to speak politely to  
the bees as he took honey  
from their hive . . .



and how to warn the water snakes  
before he splashed down beside  
them, so they would not attack.





He hadn't always been so jungle wise. It had been years since baby Mowgli had been chased into a wolf den by the fierce tiger Shere Khan.

"Its parents have run off," roared the tiger. "Give it to me!"  
But Mother and Father Wolf would not.