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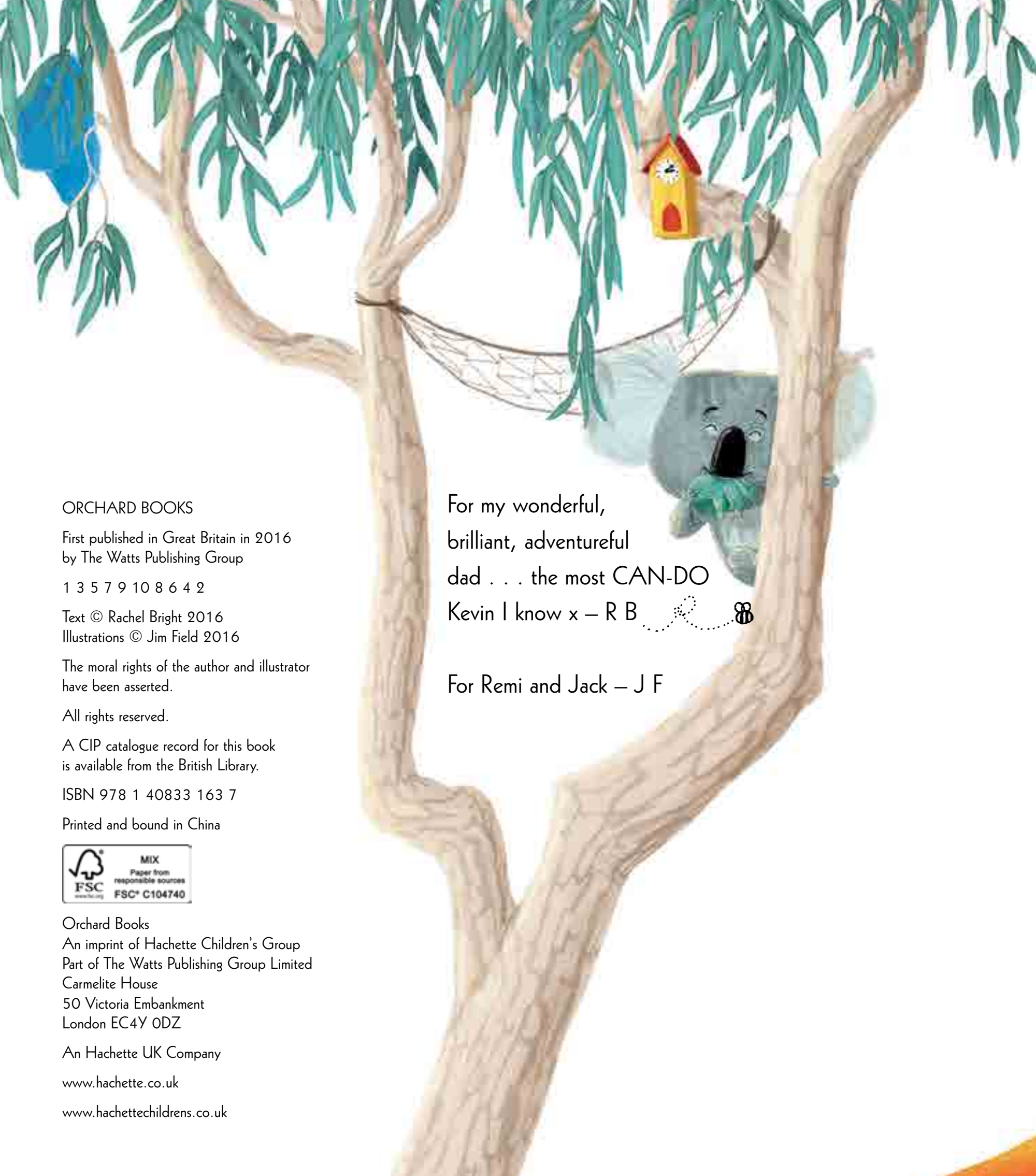
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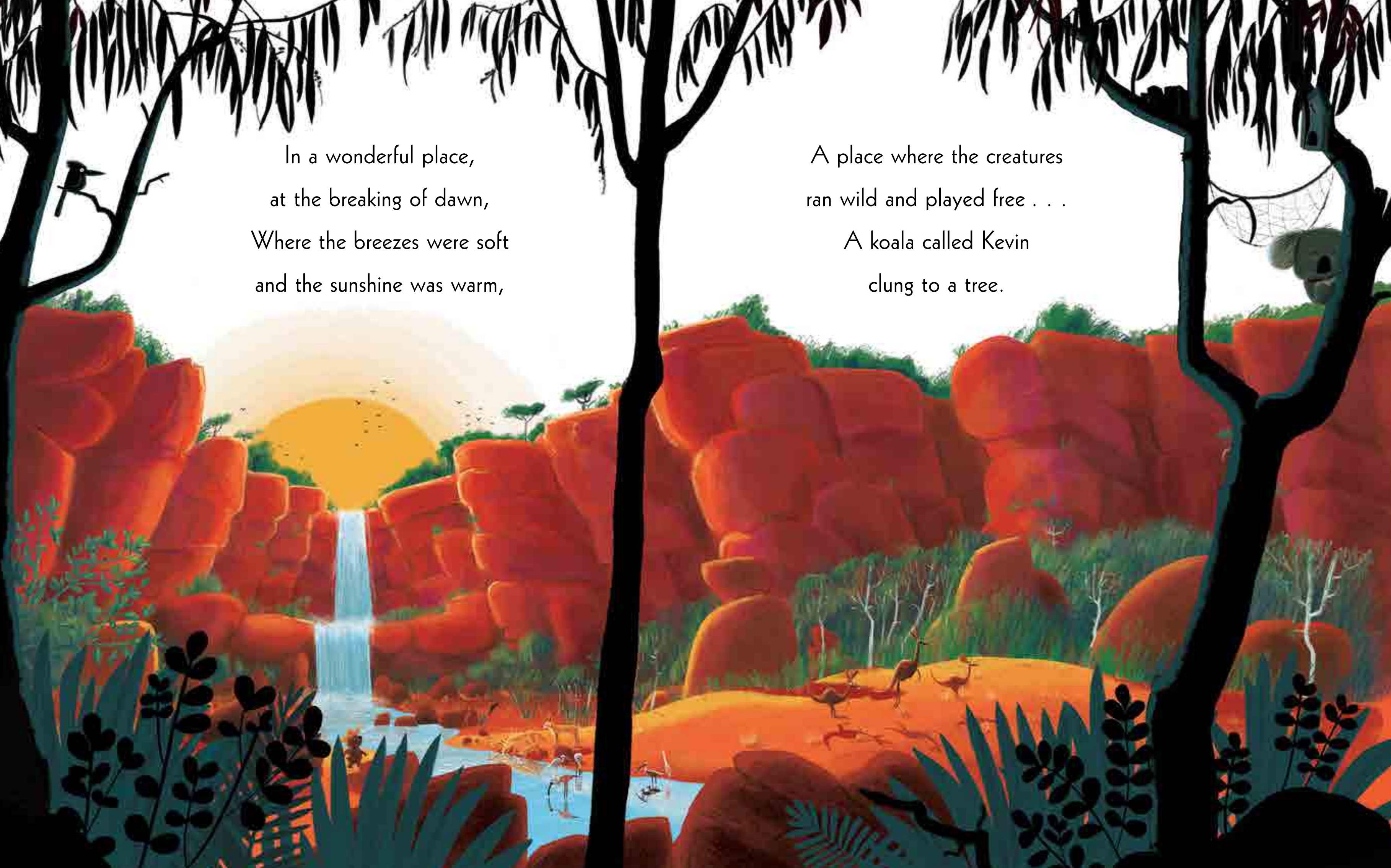
For my wonderful,
brilliant, adventurous
dad . . . the most CAN-DO

Kevin I know x – R B 

For Remi and Jack – J F



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In a wonderful place,
at the breaking of dawn,
Where the breezes were soft
and the sunshine was warm,

A place where the creatures
ran wild and played free . . .
A koala called Kevin
clung to a tree.

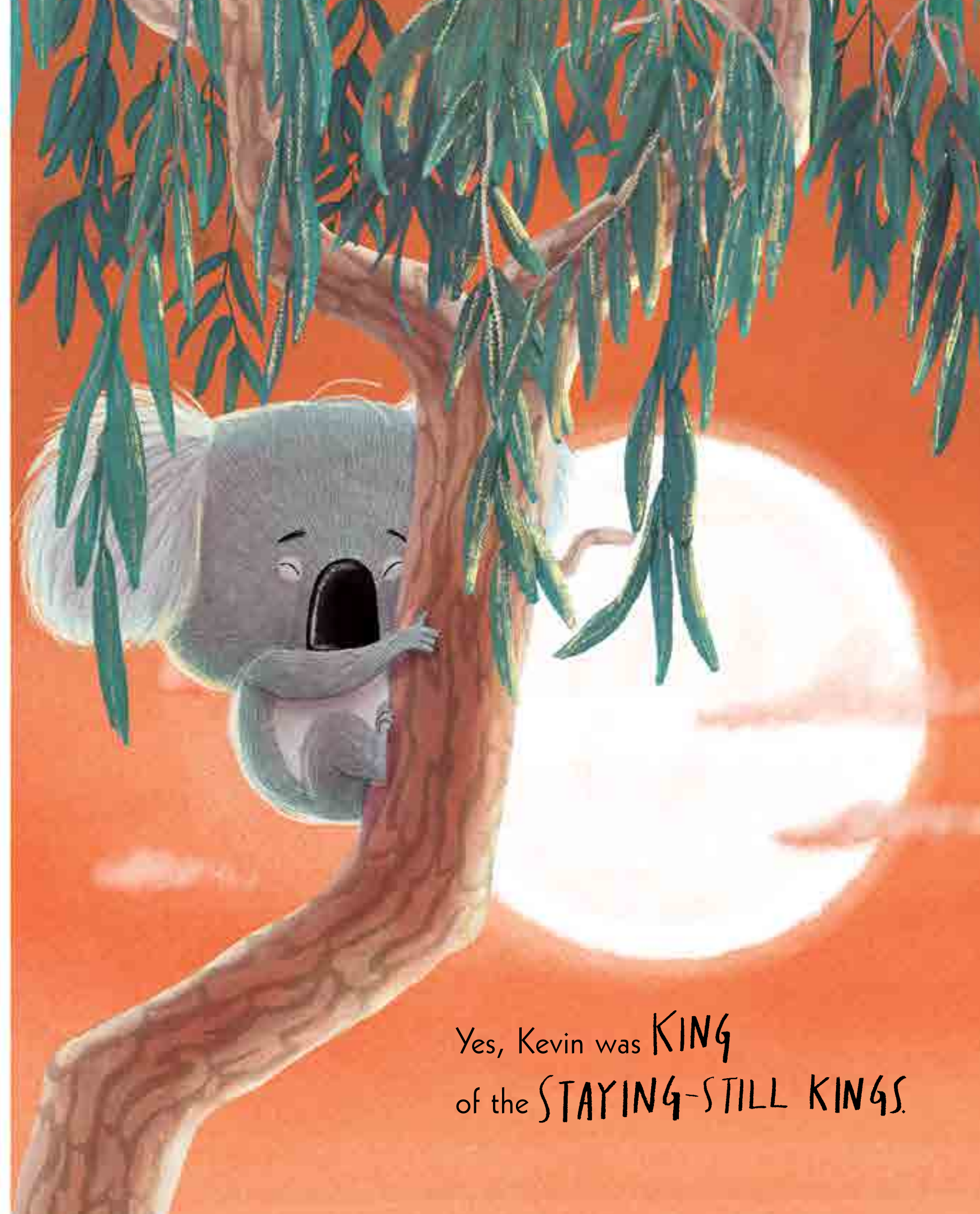


A nicer grey fellow
you never would meet,
As **SOFT** as a **SOFT THING**
from ear-tufts to feet.

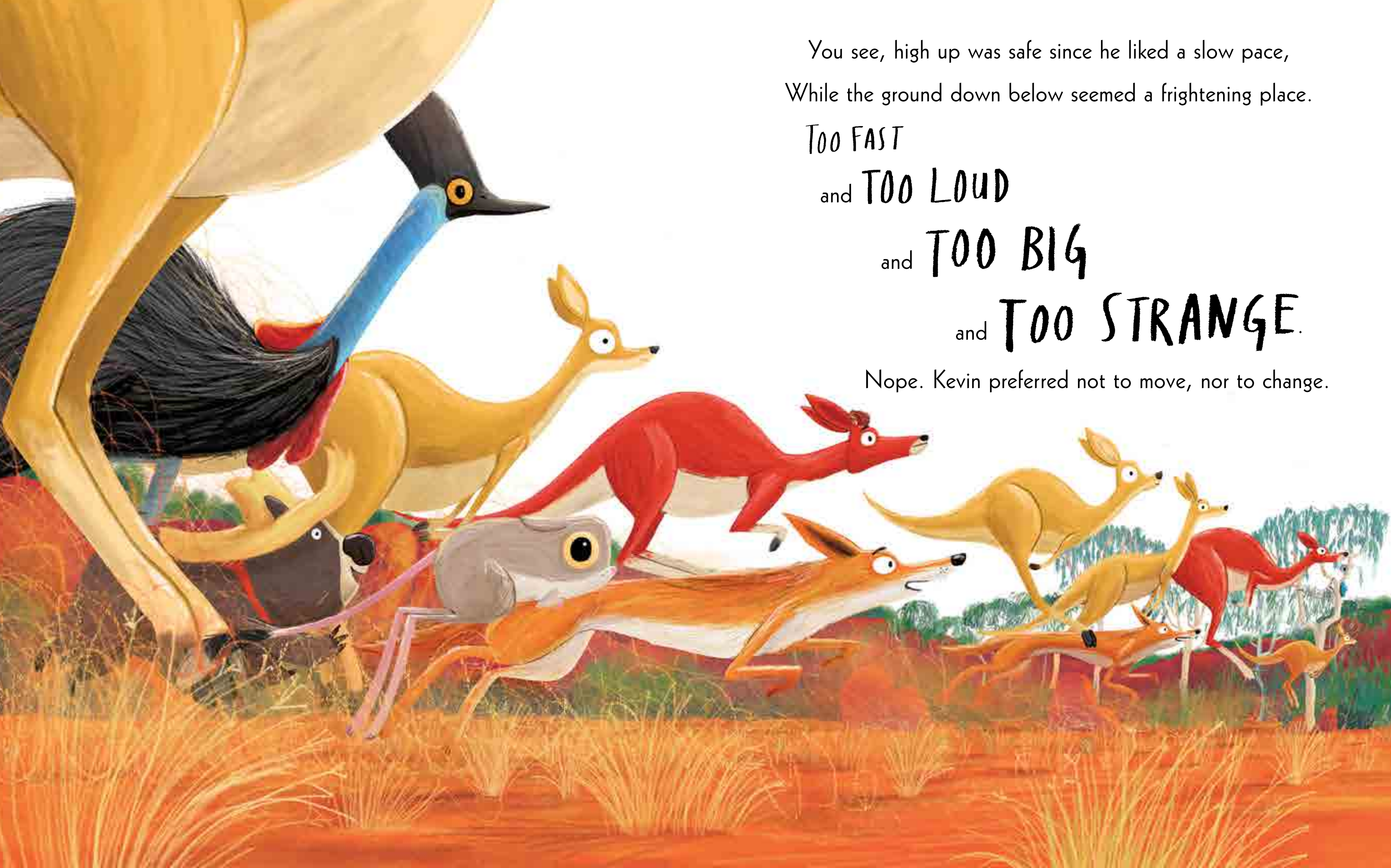
His favourite way
to relax in the sun,
Was to cling and to nap
and to munch a leaf-bun.



He was terribly good
at all these three things –



Yes, Kevin was **KING**
of the **STAYING-STILL KINGS**.



You see, high up was safe since he liked a slow pace,
While the ground down below seemed a frightening place.


TOO FAST

and **TOO LOUD**

and **TOO BIG**

and **TOO STRANGE.**

Nope. Kevin preferred not to move, nor to change.

A vibrant illustration of a koala clinging to a tree branch. The koala is grey with a black nose and yellow eyes, holding a small green leaf. A yellow box labeled 'KEVIN'S LEAF KOLLEKTION' is attached to the branch. In the background, a small yellow and red house is visible on another branch. On the ground below, a brown wombat wearing a yellow hat looks up at the koala. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with a bright orange ground.

So he clung to his tree
as he knew how to do,
And was never too keen
to try anything new.

So when Wombat stopped by,
and shouted one day,
“HEY, KEVIN!” Why don’t you
come down here and play?”

“Um . . . I think,” he replied,
“I should stay on my plant.
I’m busy right now . . .
No. I’m sorry. I can’t.”