



*Tiny, it will be dark soon.*

Yes, Pointy.  
Soon it will be very dark.

# TINNY T. REX

AND THE VERY DARK DARK

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It is our first campout in the backyard,  
and we are nervous.

We have never slept outside before.

We are mighty beasts.  
I am a Rex, Pointy is a Pointy,  
and Bob is my special squish.

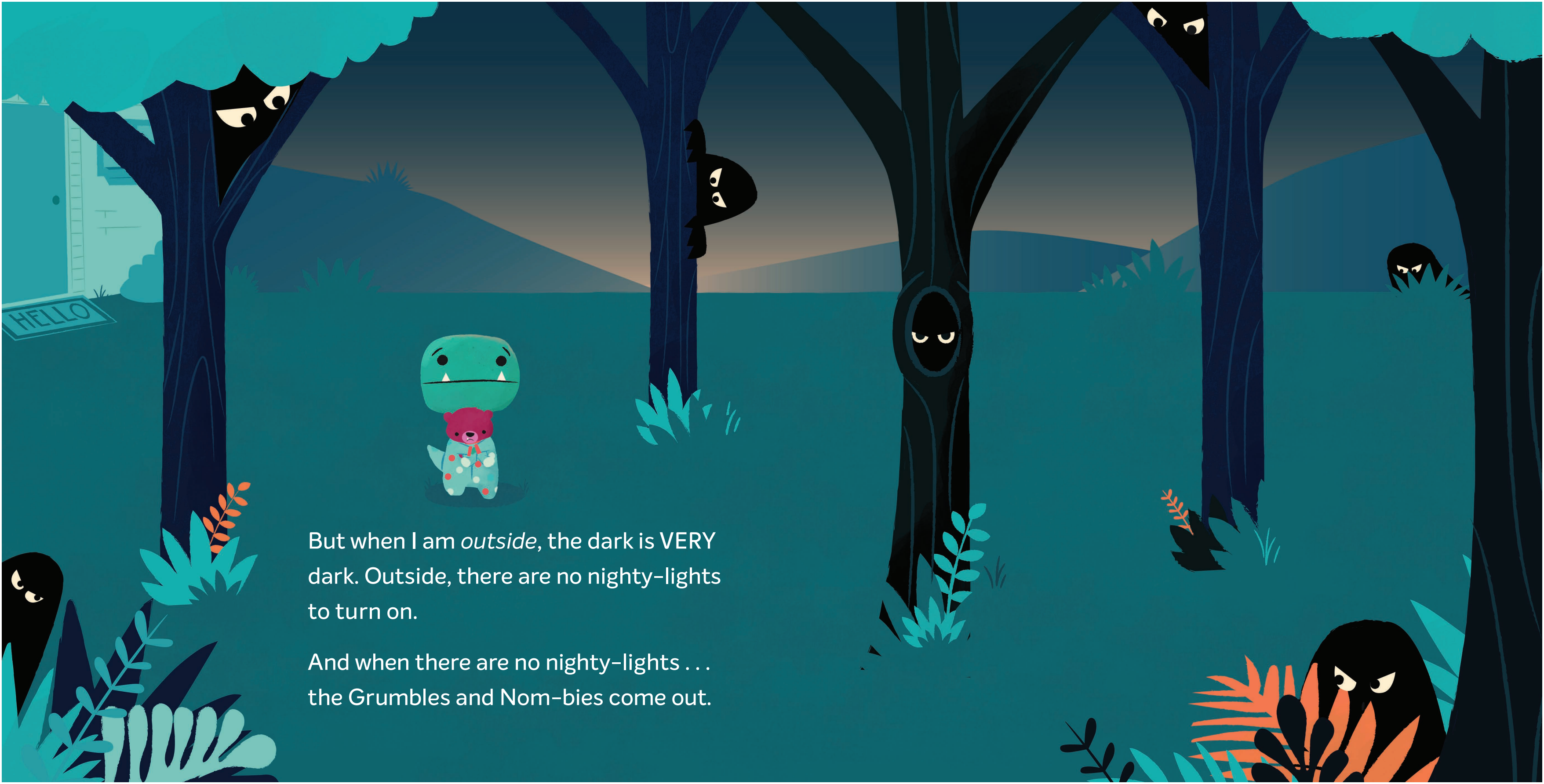


But even mighty beasts get  
scared if we can't sleep with  
our nighty-lights.



When I am inside, the dark  
doesn't seem so dark.





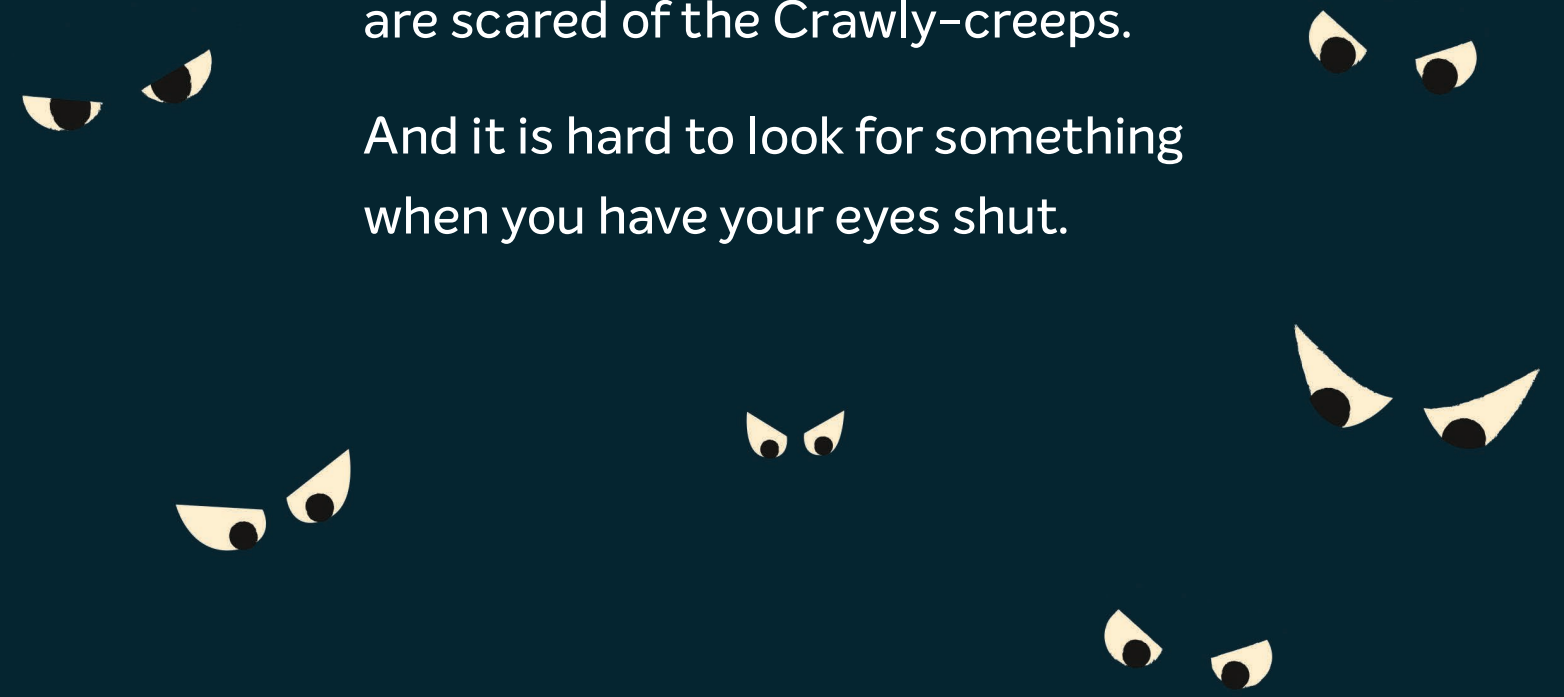
But when I am *outside*, the dark is VERY dark. Outside, there are no nighty-lights to turn on.

And when there are no nighty-lights . . . the Grumbles and Nom-bies come out.

Mother says:

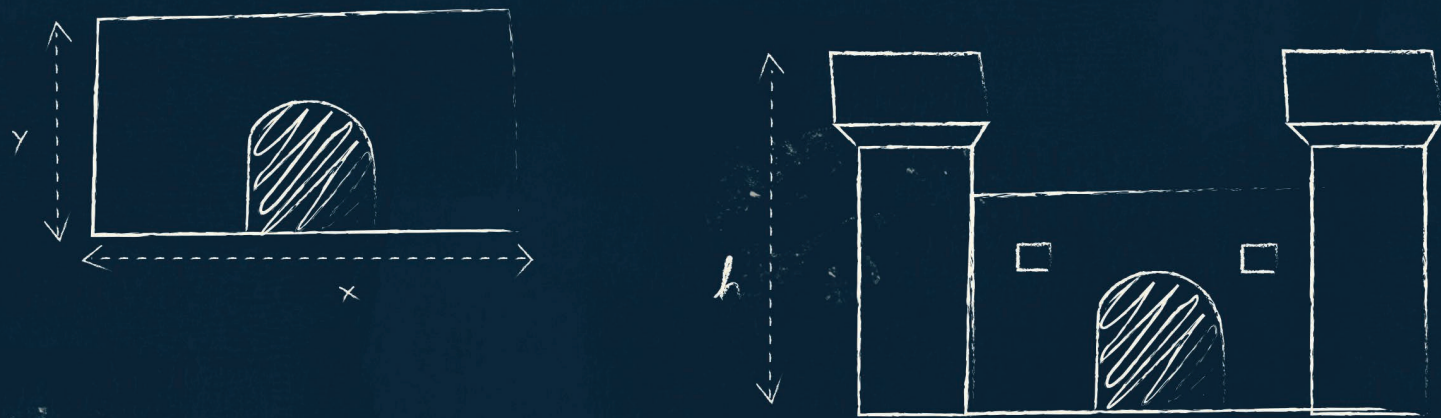


But it is hard to be brave when you are scared of the Crawly-creeps. And it is hard to look for something when you have your eyes shut.





Pointy and I thought up a secret plan to be brave.  
When the very dark dark comes, we will be ready.



First, we will build a hiding fort.



To hide our snacks . . .



and ourselves.

