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# Milo's Pet Egg

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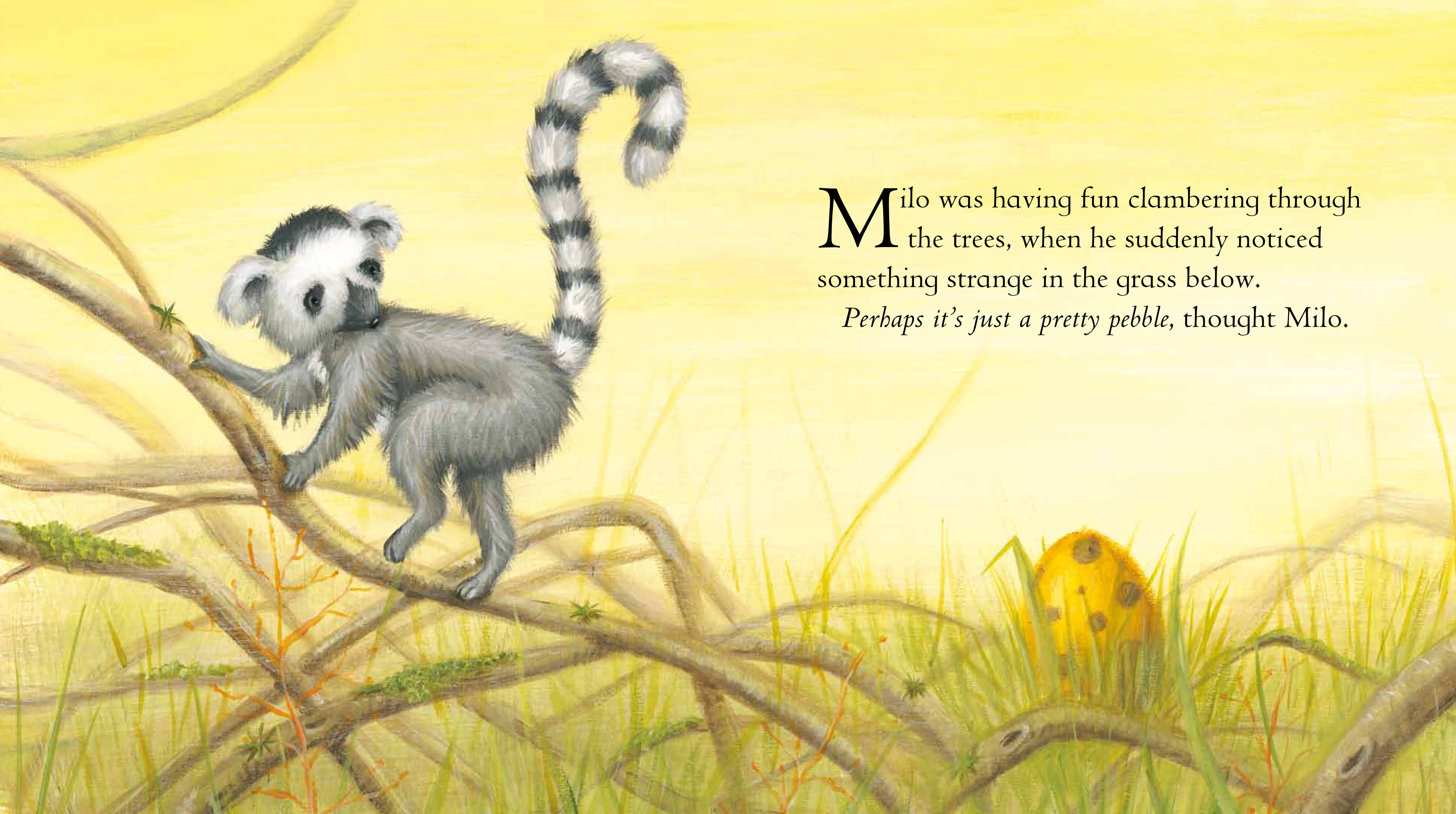
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Milo was having fun clambering through the trees, when he suddenly noticed something strange in the grass below.

*Perhaps it's just a pretty pebble,* thought Milo.



A meerkat with black and white stripes is shown in profile, pointing its right hand towards a large, yellow, spotted egg. The egg is resting on the ground in a grassy area. The background is a bright yellow field. The text "He prodded it to be certain." is written in a black, serif font, curving over the egg. The text "But to his surprise, it moved!" is written in a black, serif font, curving below the meerkat's head.

*He prodded it to be certain.*

*But to his surprise,  
it moved!*



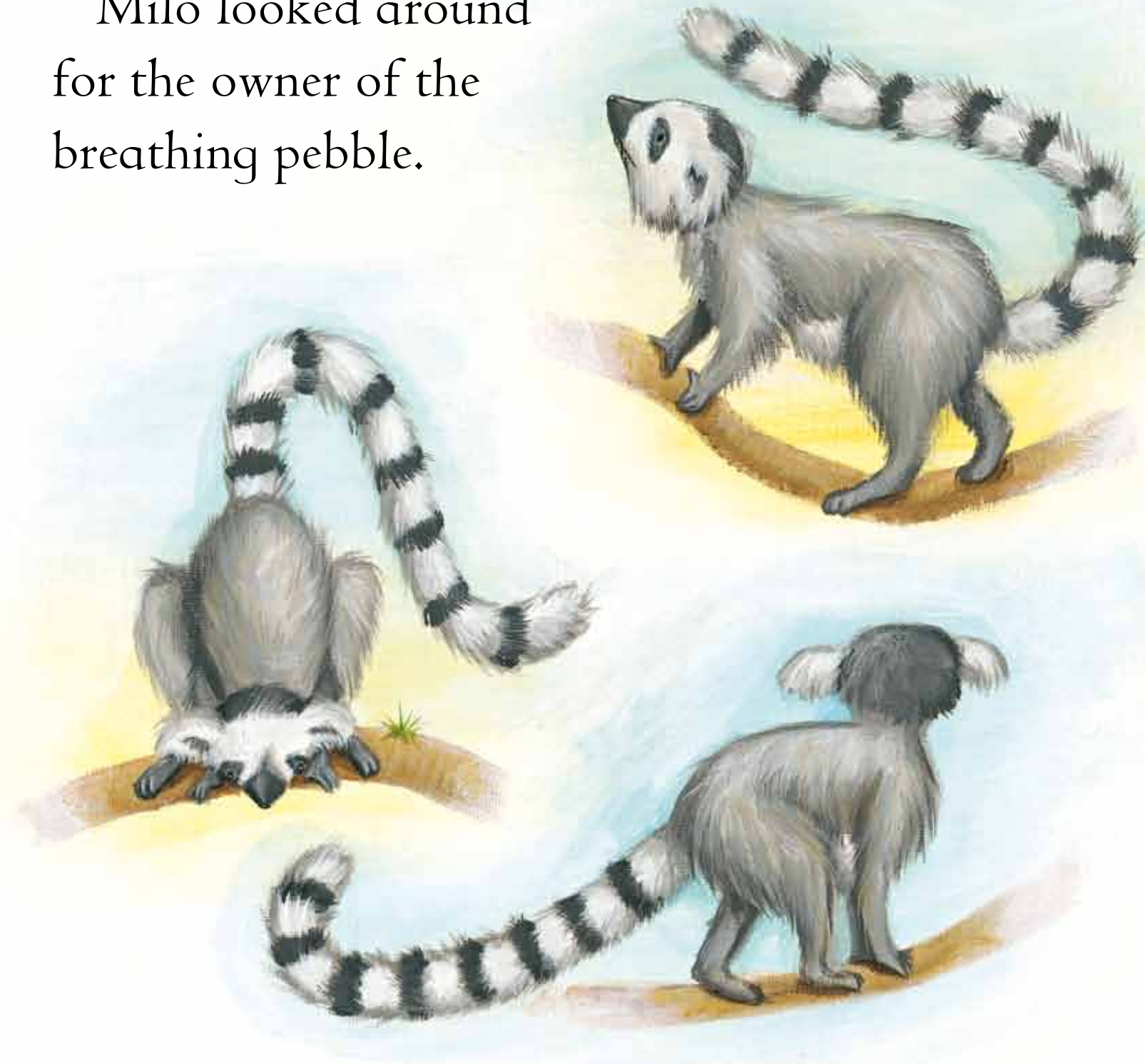
Milo carefully put his ear to the pebble.  
To his amazement, it was breathing.

It was alive!





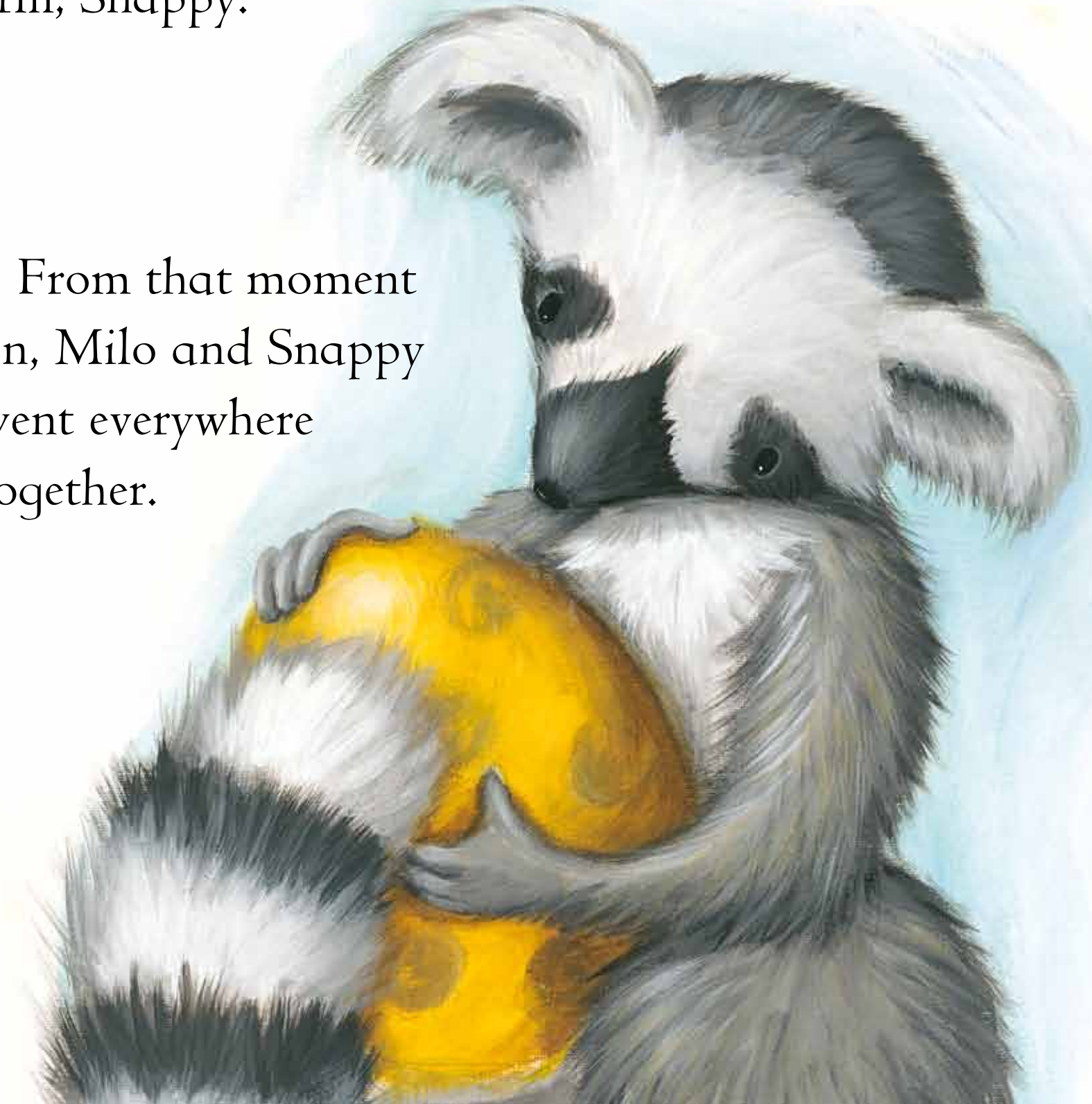
Milo looked around  
for the owner of the  
breathing pebble.



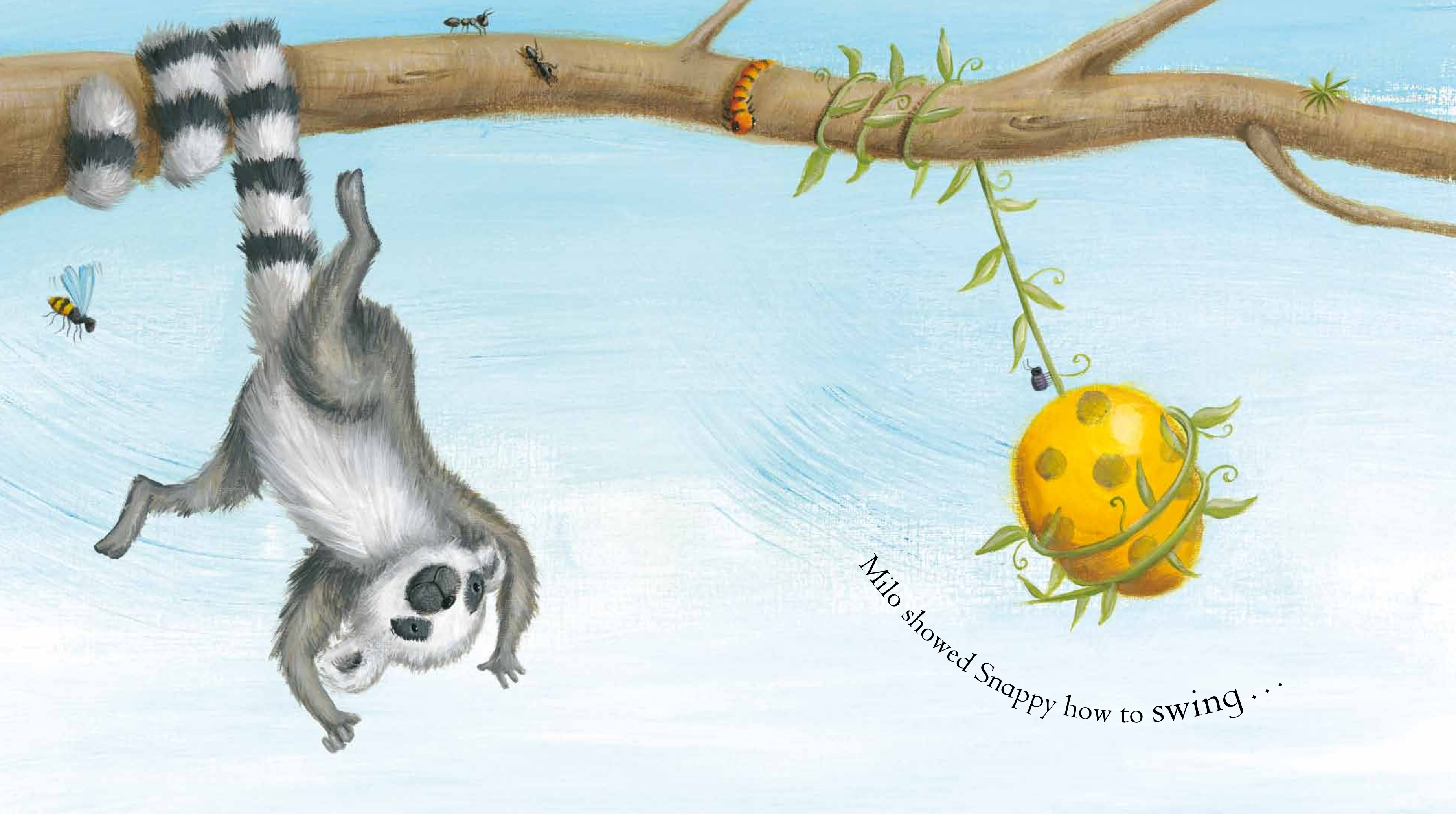
But he could not find anyone.

‘Well, it looks like I’ll have to take care  
of you!’ declared Milo. ‘I’ll call you,  
erm, Snappy.’

From that moment  
on, Milo and Snappy  
went everywhere  
together.







Milo showed Snappy how to swing . . .