

Bear loved flowers.

"I love the feel of their

soft leaves on my paws,

and the sweet smell of

their petals."

But Bear loved one

flower more than most...

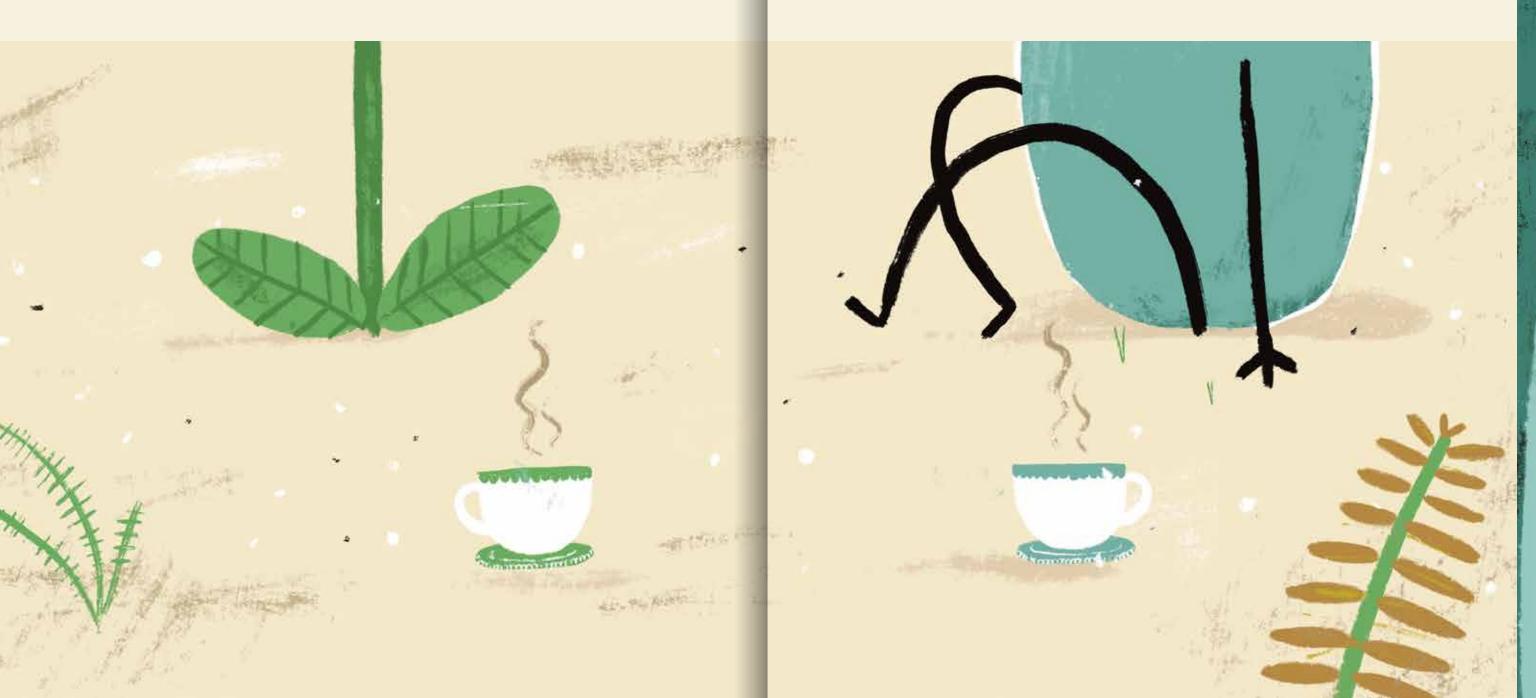


A Sunflower named Pete.

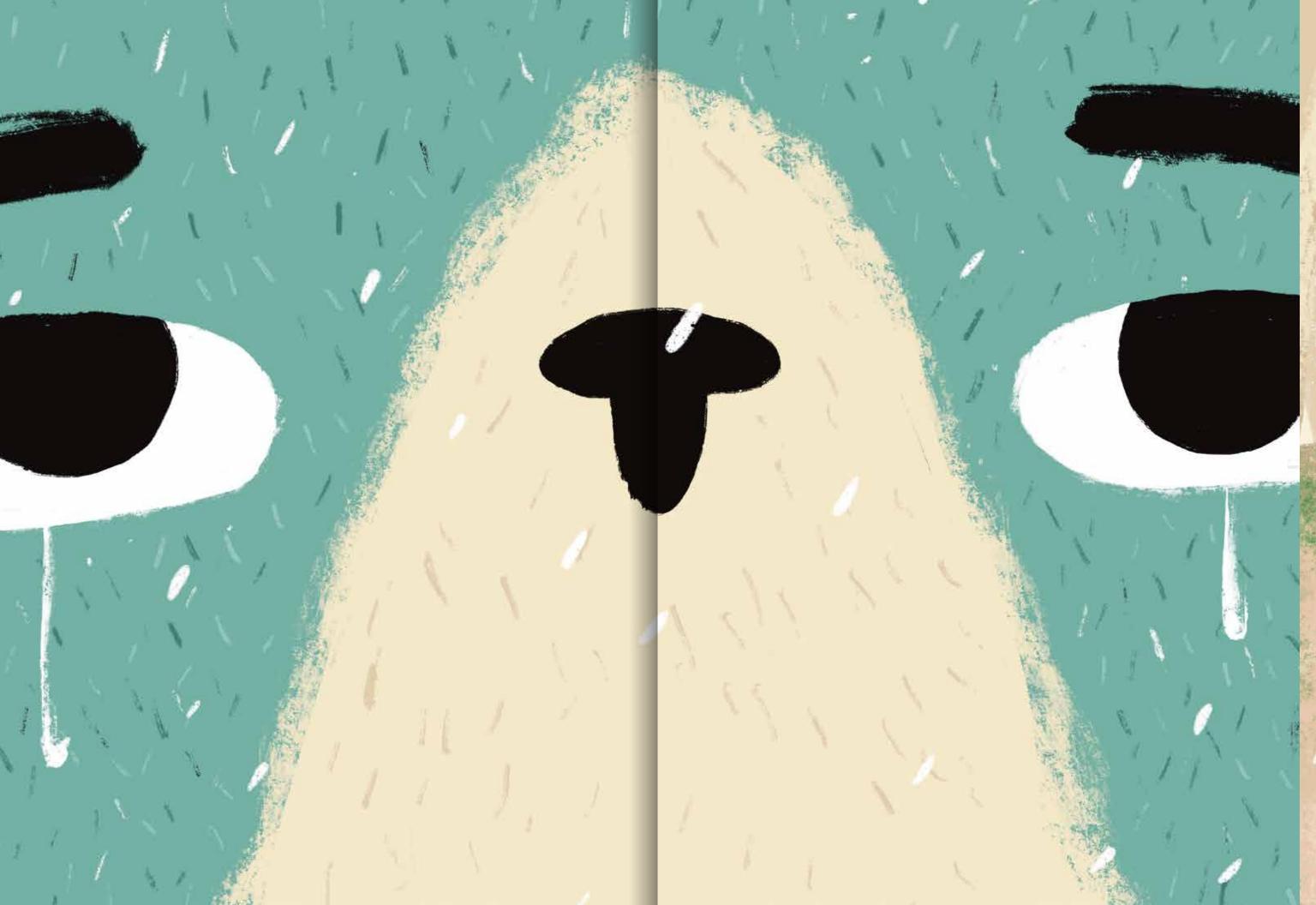
Pete was tall, strong and dependable.

Bear would sit with pete and talk about his day. Pete would listen patiently and never judge. Bear knew that he could always count on pete.

If Pete were to be eaten, Bear would be devastated.





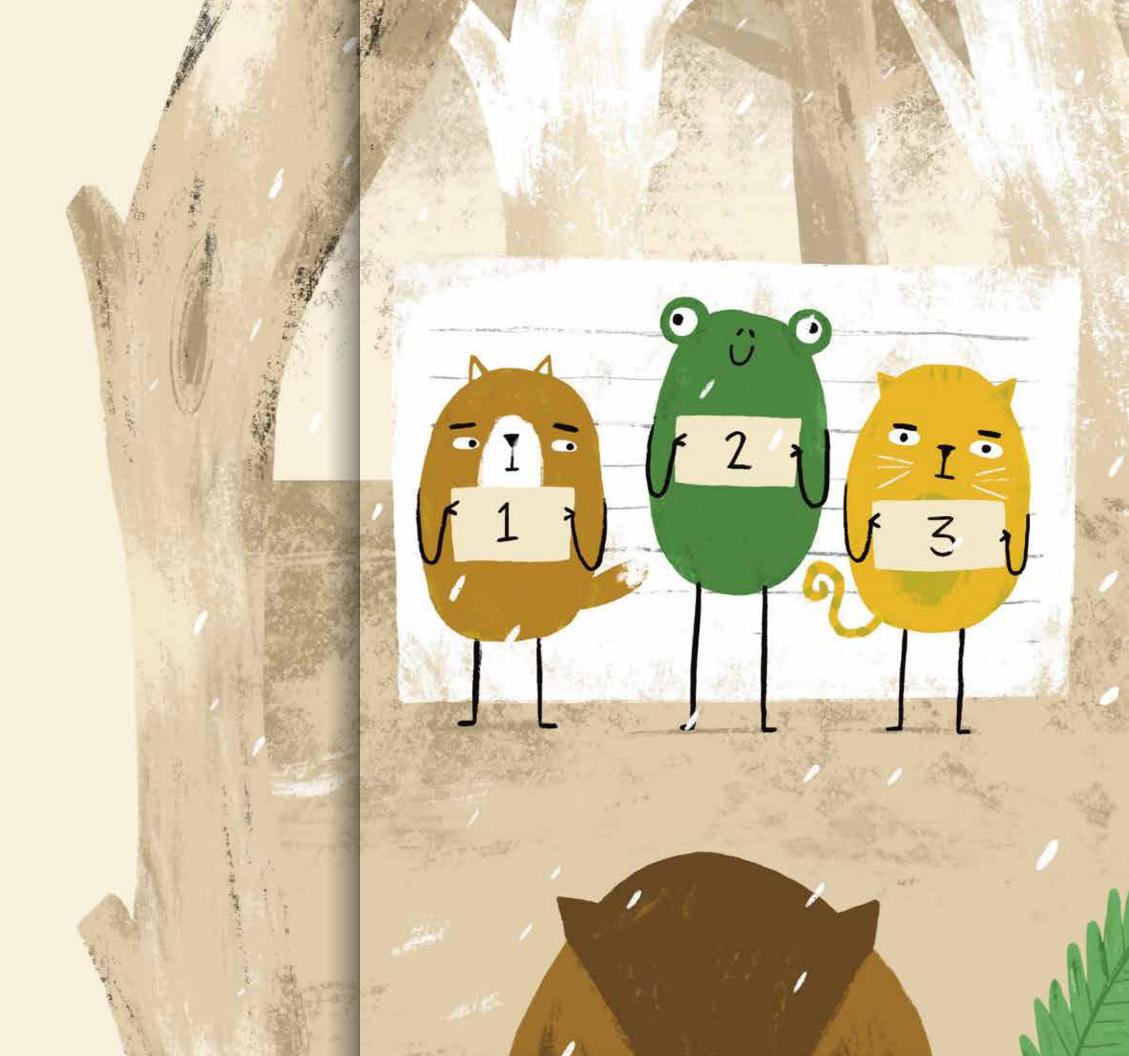


Bear rushed to Owl with the news of what had happened. Owl was eager to help.



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Owl examined the crime scene. "Interesting, the work of a skilled assassin." Owl called suspects in for questioning. "You are accused of conspiring to steal and devour Pete the Sunflower."





However, the accused had alibis.





Frog had a lot of explaining to do.

Bear had seen quite enough."It's pointless! Pete is gone, and nothing can bring him back."

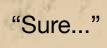
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"Bear, can I ask you something?

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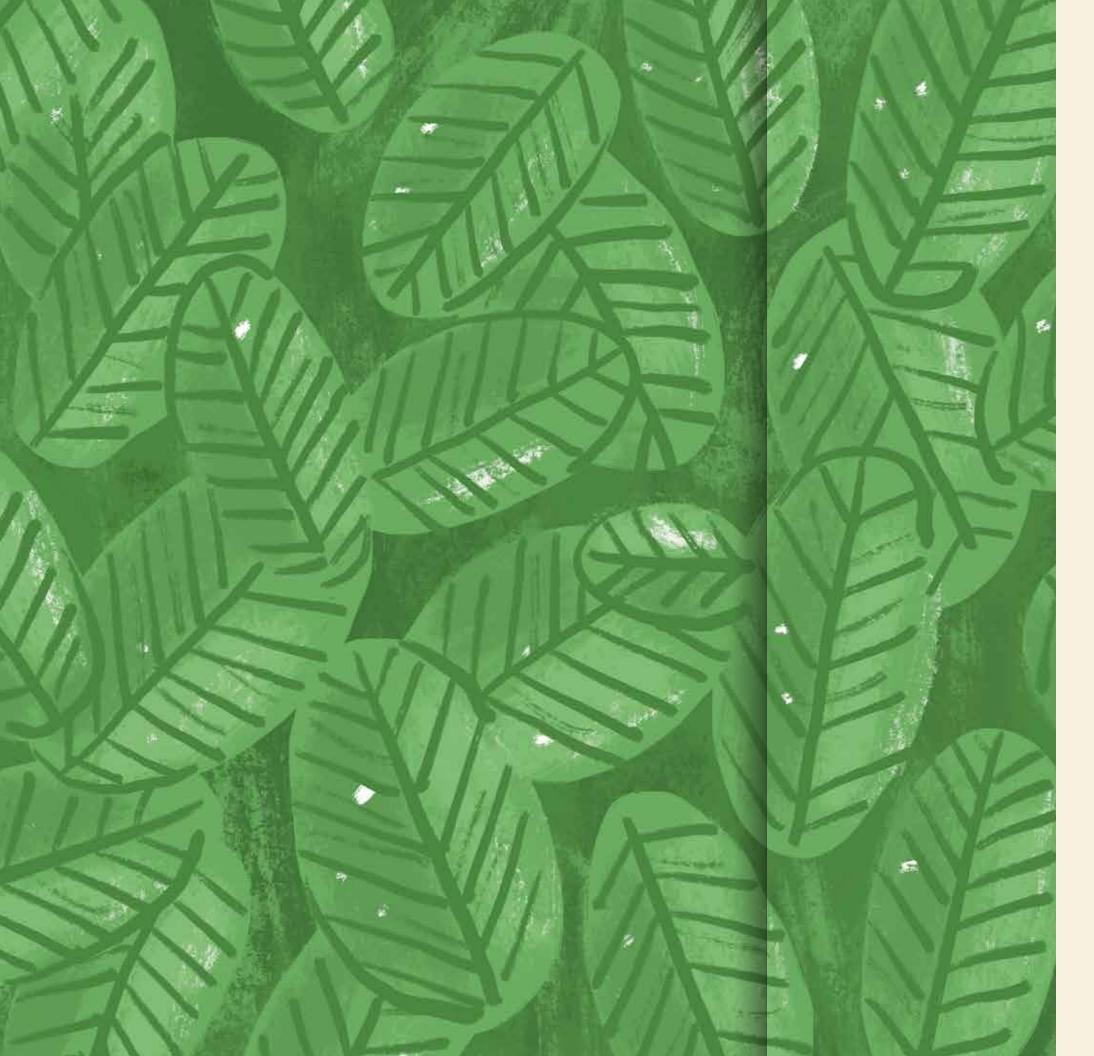






"Can you picture Pete's stunning floret? Can you remember the sweet smell of his petals?"

Bear nodded. "I can..."



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> Bear thought for a minute. "Yes, they were like a caress against my skin."

Owl continued.

"Do you remember the

feel of Pete's soft leaves?"

"Well" Owl said. "Pete will always be with you, in your heart and in your memories....

He will never truly be gone, as long as you keep him alive in your thoughts."

Bear wiped away tears. "You're right. I'll never forget Pete. I'll cherish the memories we shared, and I'll be grateful for the time we had together... He was a special flower, and I'm lucky to have known him...



