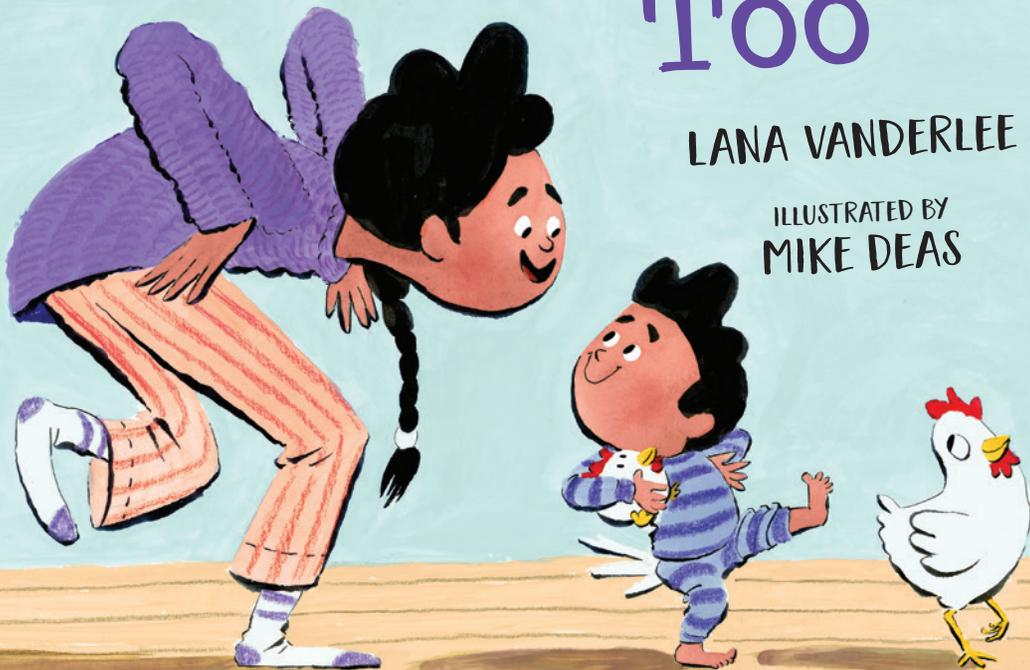


# I'll Be a Chicken Too



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# You'll always be my little one, and I'll be just like you.

**FAMILIES HAVE FUN BECOMING CHICKENS AND ROOSTERS**, frogs and dogs, snails, whales and many more animals as children explore their creativity and uniqueness and caregivers play alongside.

With messages of inclusiveness and unconditional acceptance, the rollicking, rhyming couplets depicting a day filled with dress-up and make-believe are a humorous and satisfying reminder to children of just how much their caregivers love them, no matter what.

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- With core messages of inclusivity, uniqueness and family belonging, this story can support children's development and exploration of their own identities.
- Illustrations incorporate intergenerational relationships and diverse family backgrounds so that many families will see themselves reflected in the story.
- The book uses fun techniques to engage children in reading, such as rhyming clues and clever illustrations to help children guess what comes next.
- The story reinforces tender and playful moments between caregivers and children that may inspire fun and silliness at home.
- Features a huge variety of animals including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, mollusks and insects.



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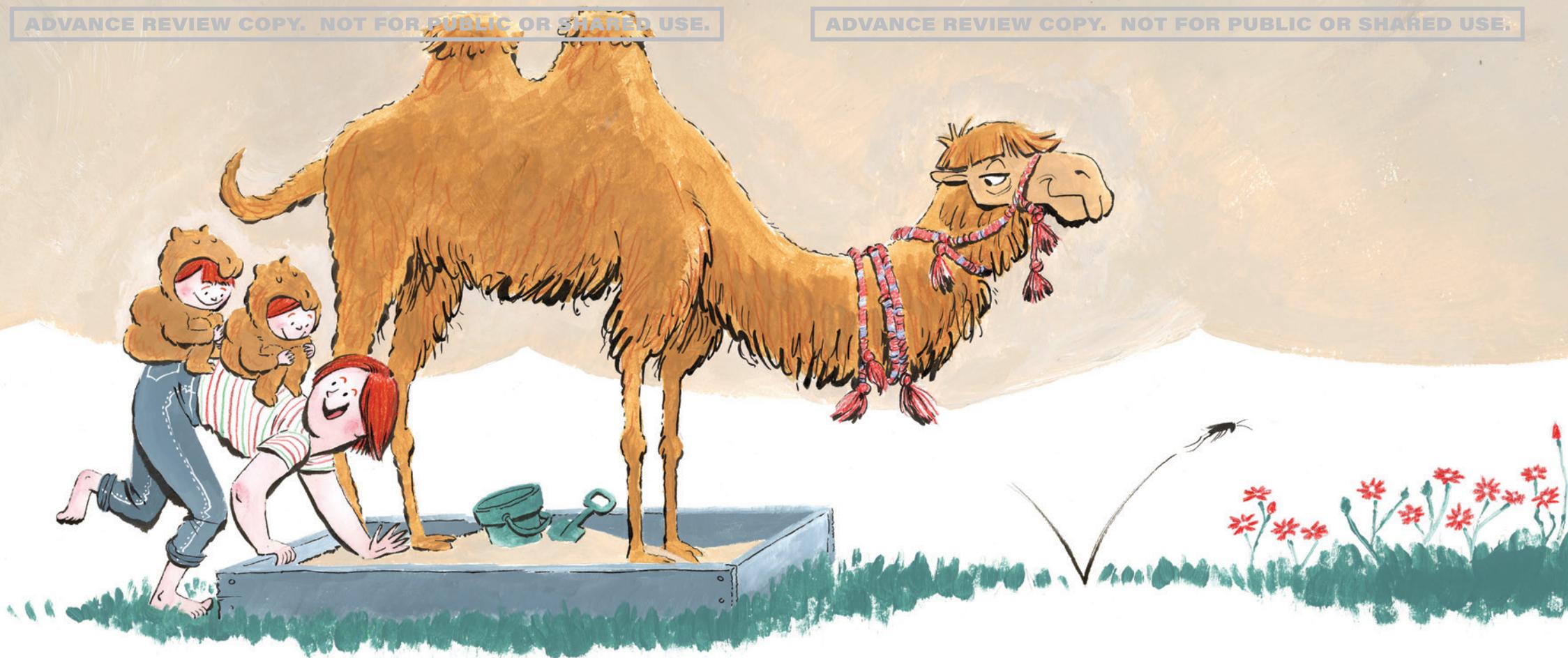


If you're a baby chicken,  
then I'll be a chicken too.  
And if you're a little rooster,  
then I'll cock-a-doodle-doo!

If you can bark and wag your tail,  
well, then I'll be a dog.



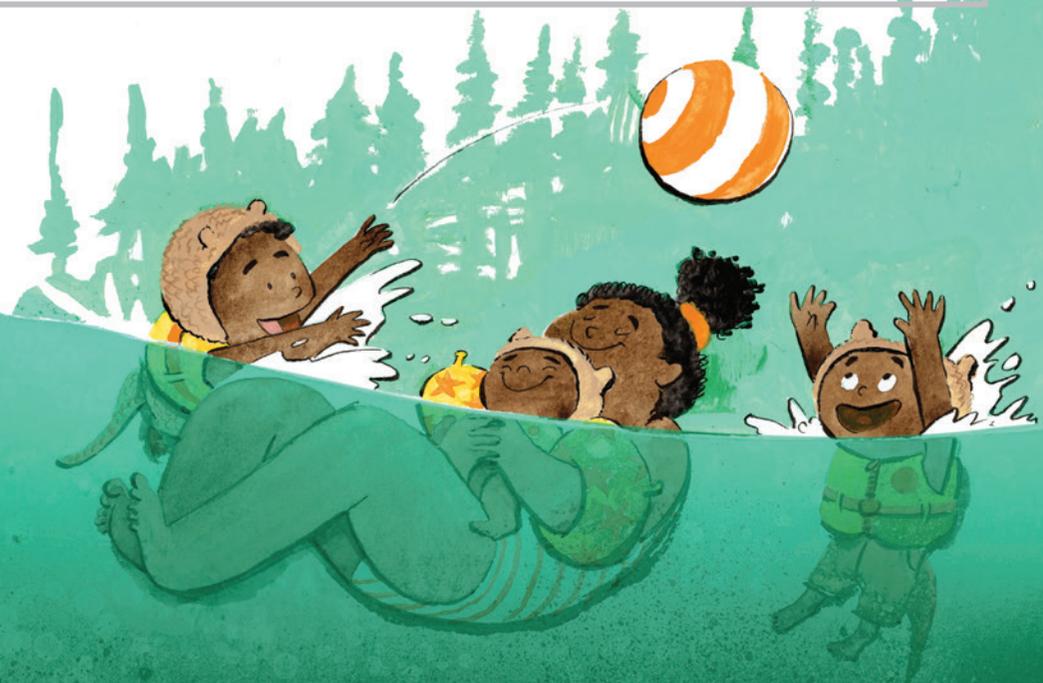
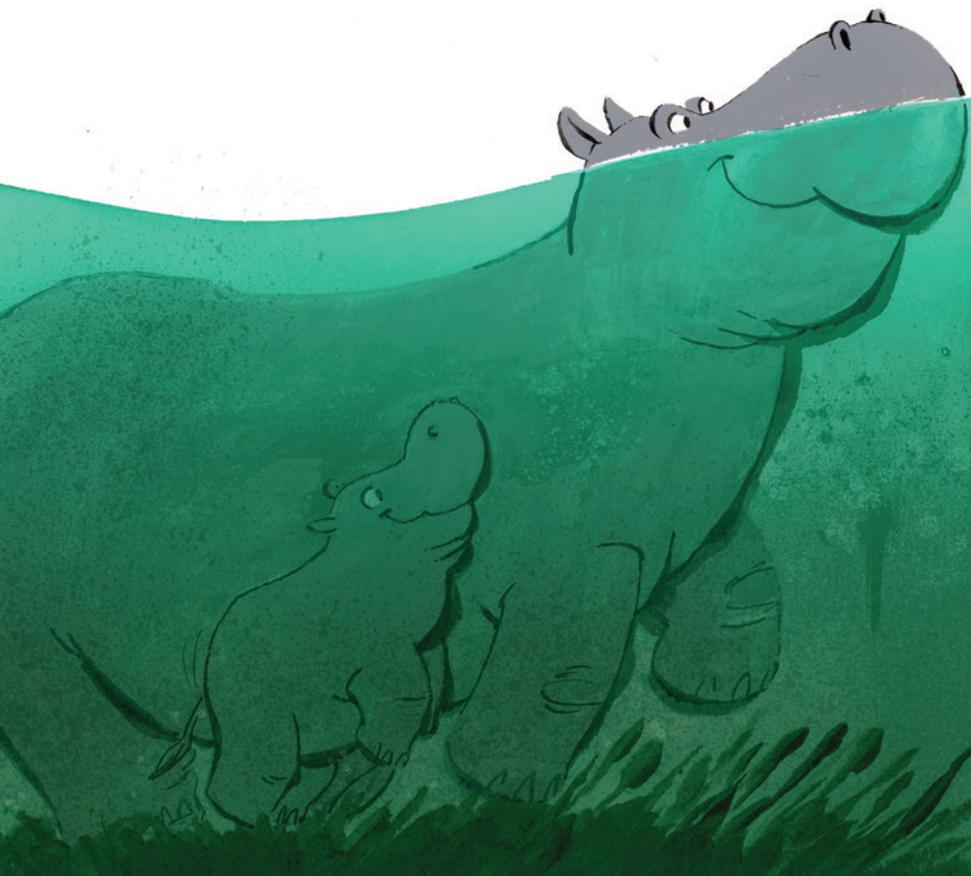
And if you live on lily pads,  
of course I'll be a frog!



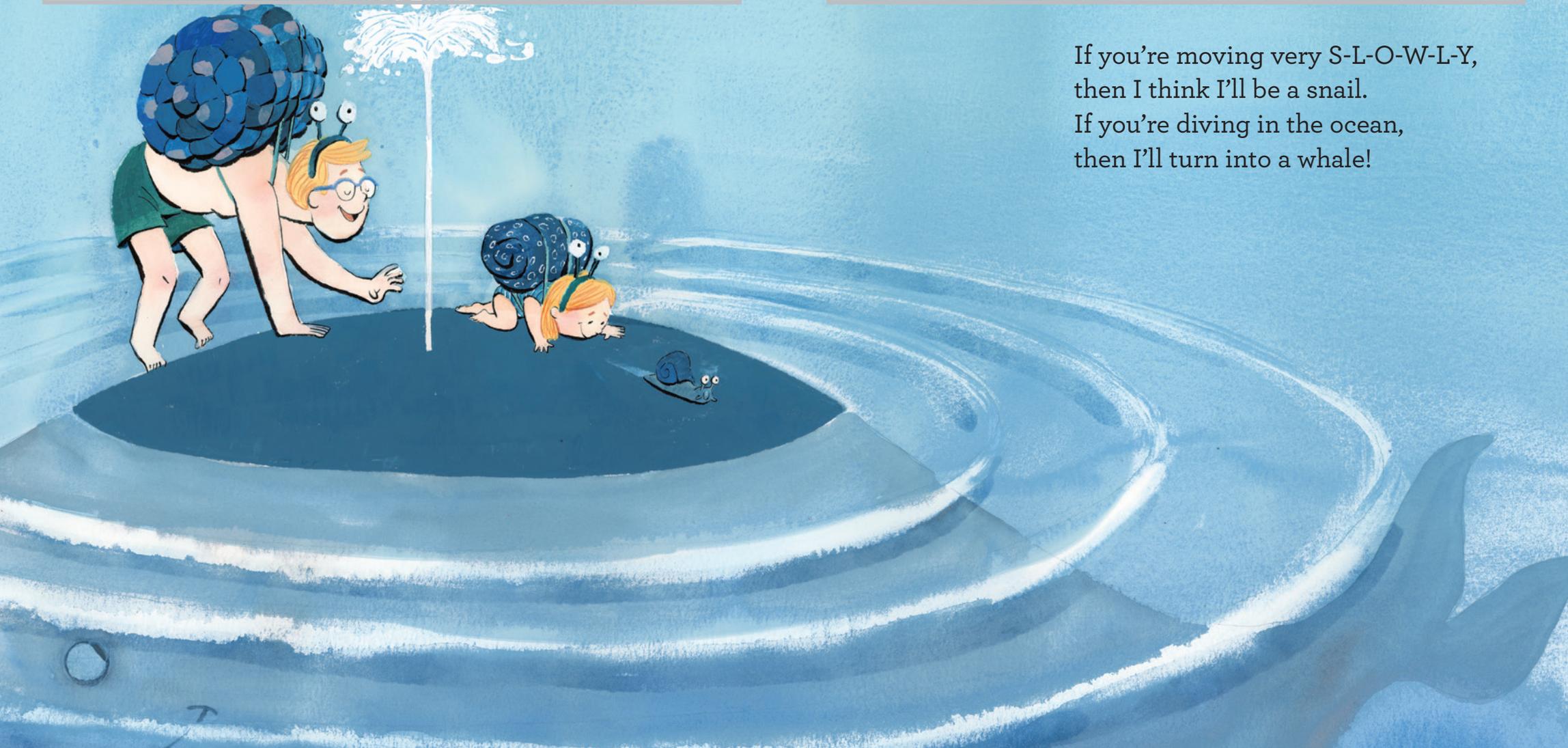
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then I think I'll grow a hump.

If you think that you're a grasshopper,  
I'll have to learn to jump!

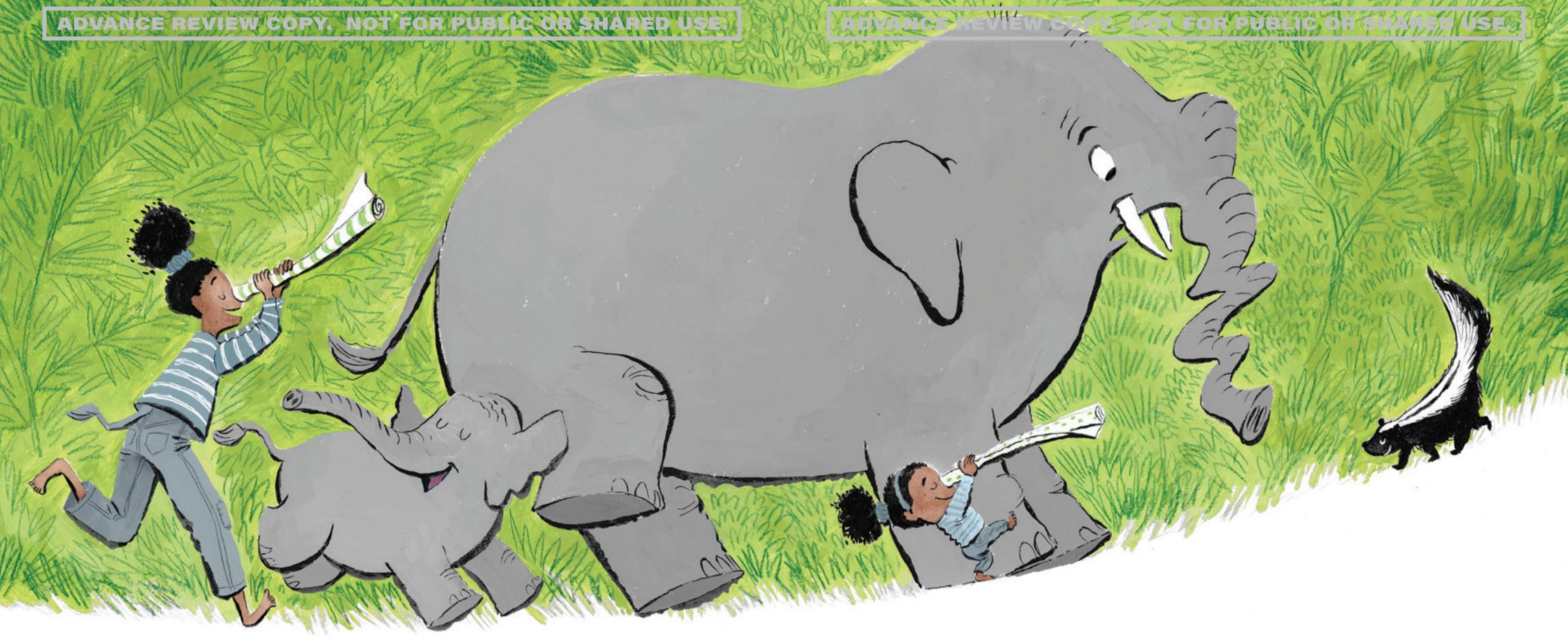
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I'll wade deep into the water.



And if you like to splash and play,  
then I will be an otter!



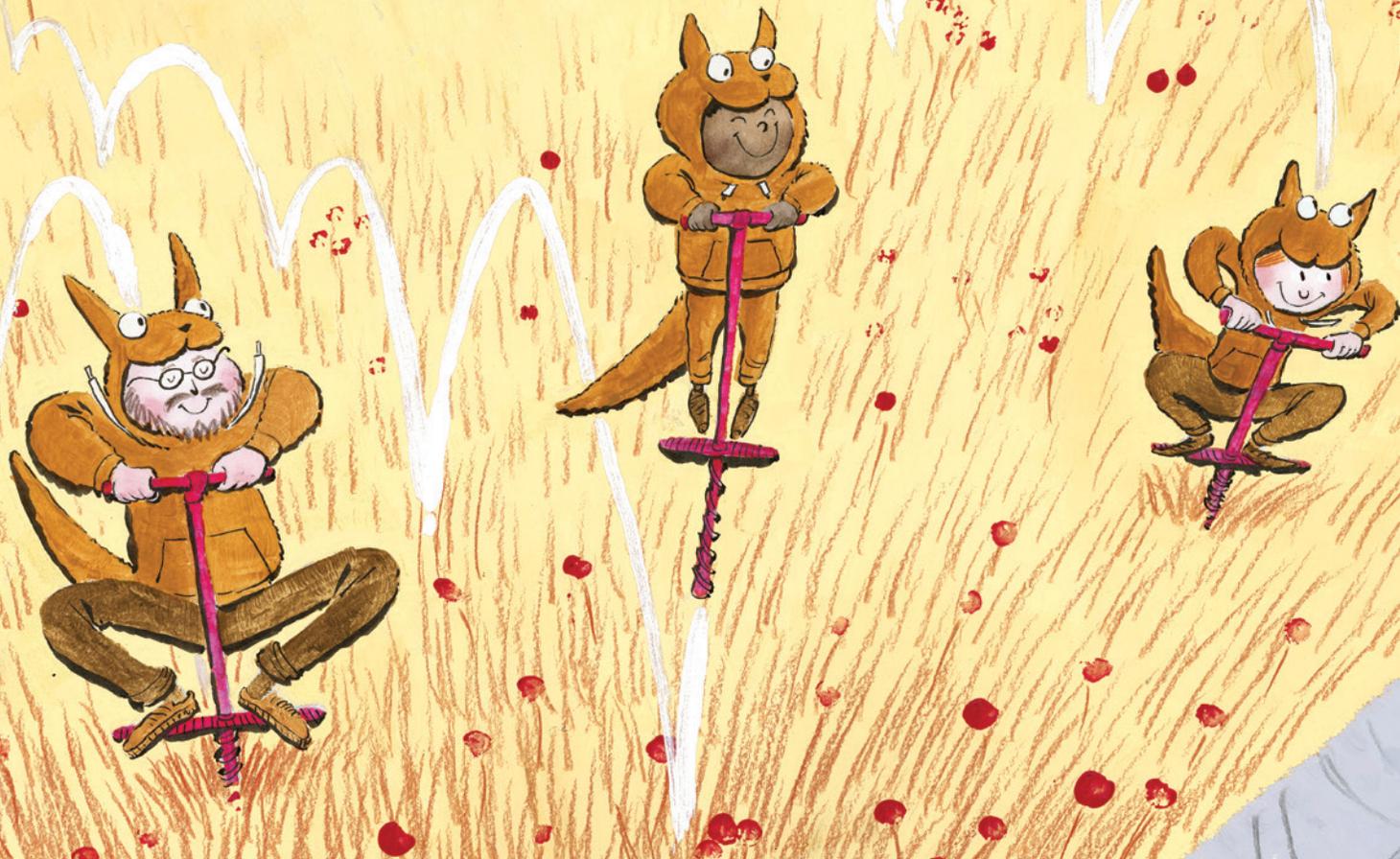
If you're moving very S-L-O-W-L-Y,  
then I think I'll be a snail.  
If you're diving in the ocean,  
then I'll turn into a whale!



If you're a baby elephant,  
I'll have to grow a trunk.

And if you're striped and smelly,  
I suppose I'll be a skunk.

If you can hop and bounce around,  
I'll be a kangaroo.



If you're a fluffy little owl,  
I'll loudly call, "Hoo, hoo!"



If you're a slippery snake,  
then I will slither smooth and low.  
Or perhaps a little fish?  
Then I'll be swimming to and fro.



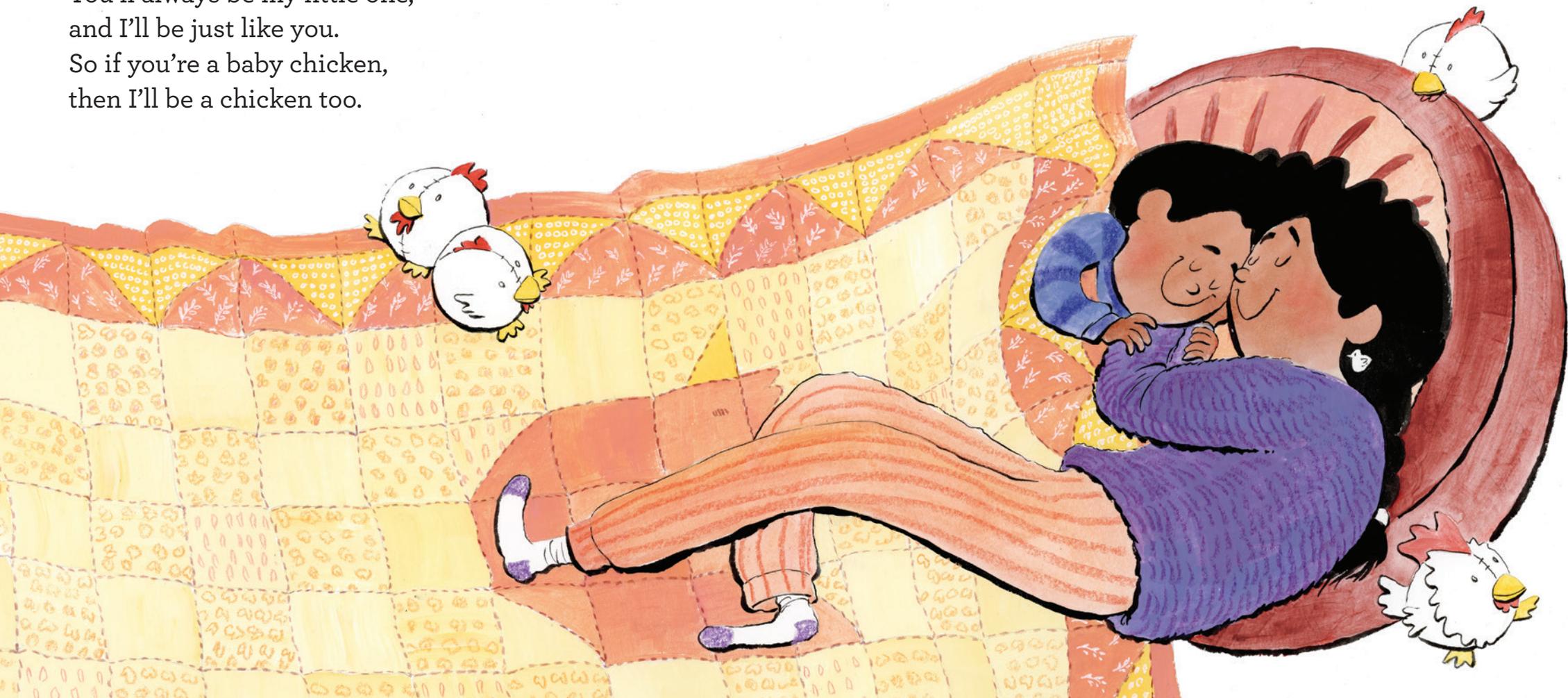
If you're a batty bat,  
then I'll sleep hanging in a tree.



And if you love bananas,  
then I'll be a chimpanzee!



You'll always be my little one,  
and I'll be just like you.  
So if you're a baby chicken,  
then I'll be a chicken too.



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