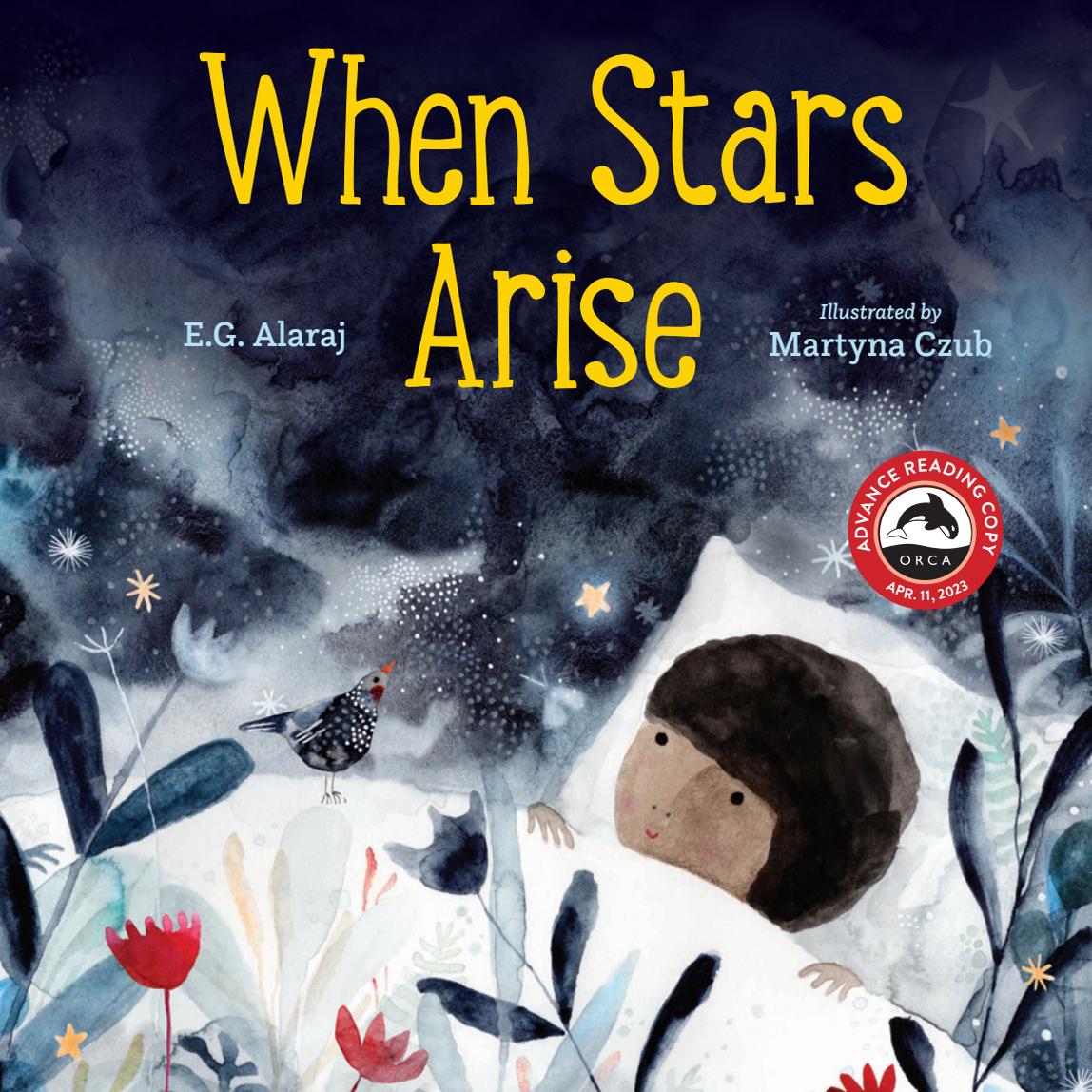


When Stars Arise

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THE WORLD GROWS RESTFUL, BUT DON'T SLEEP YET—wait until the grassy meadow is quiet and the forest creatures are hidden away. Until the farm animals are snug in the barn and the toys are tidied in their proper spots. Until the bath warms your toes and you're tucked tightly in your bed. Only when we finish our story and the stars are in the sky is it time to sleep.

Calming, lyrical rhythms, pleasing repetition and dreamy watercolors make *When Stars Arise* a gentle lullaby for the journey to bedtime.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- This bedtime board book helps children transition from daytime activity to bedtime restfulness.
- The story will appeal to children who like to do the opposite of what they're asked, by directing them *not* to sleep.
- Caregivers and children alike will enjoy a story that reinforces the bedtime routine while also drawing it out.
- Depicting a steady, soothing, inevitable progression from the larger outdoor world of nature and play to the barnyard, home, bath and bed, *When Stars Arise* is warm and loving, observant and tender.



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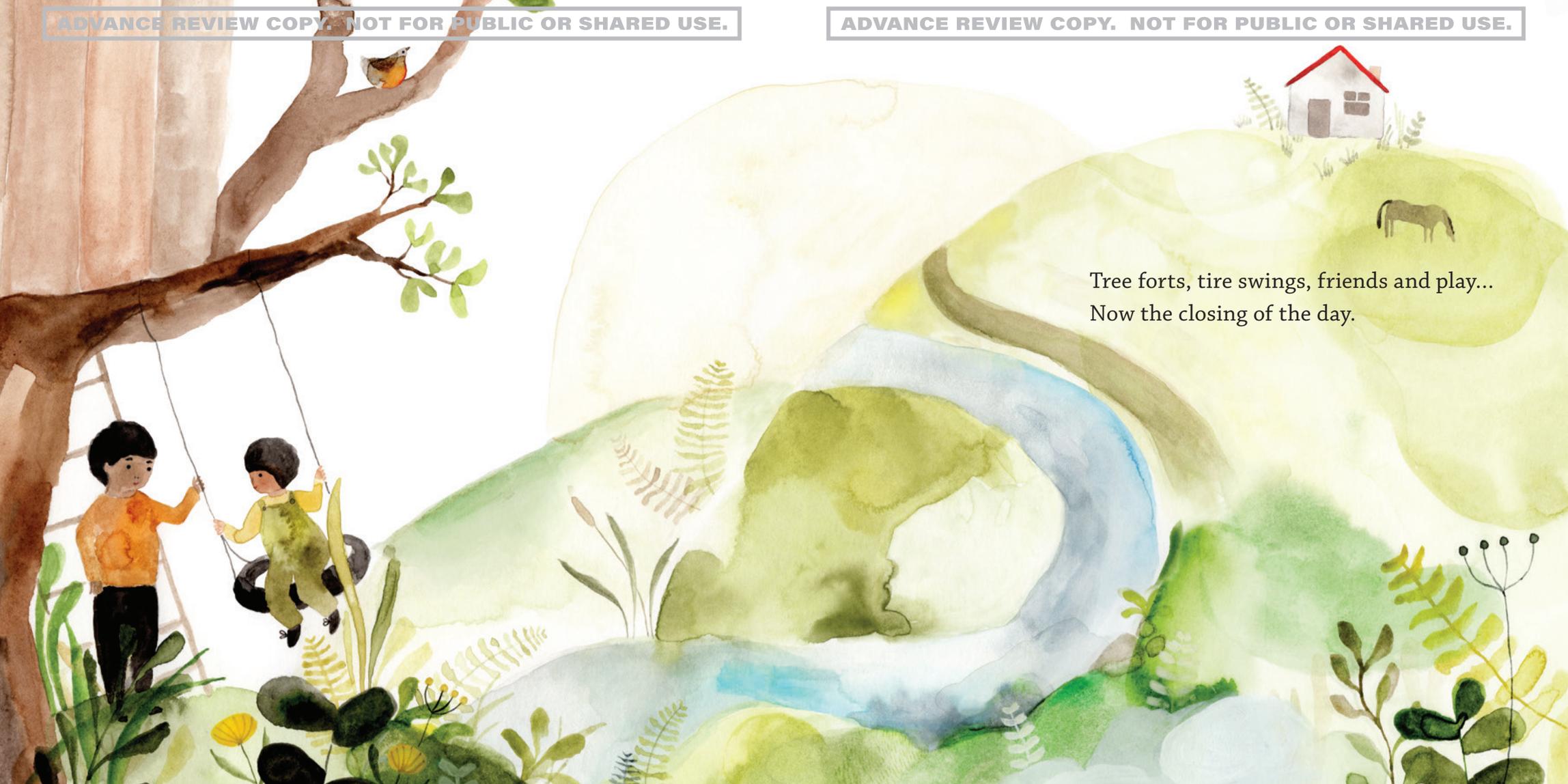
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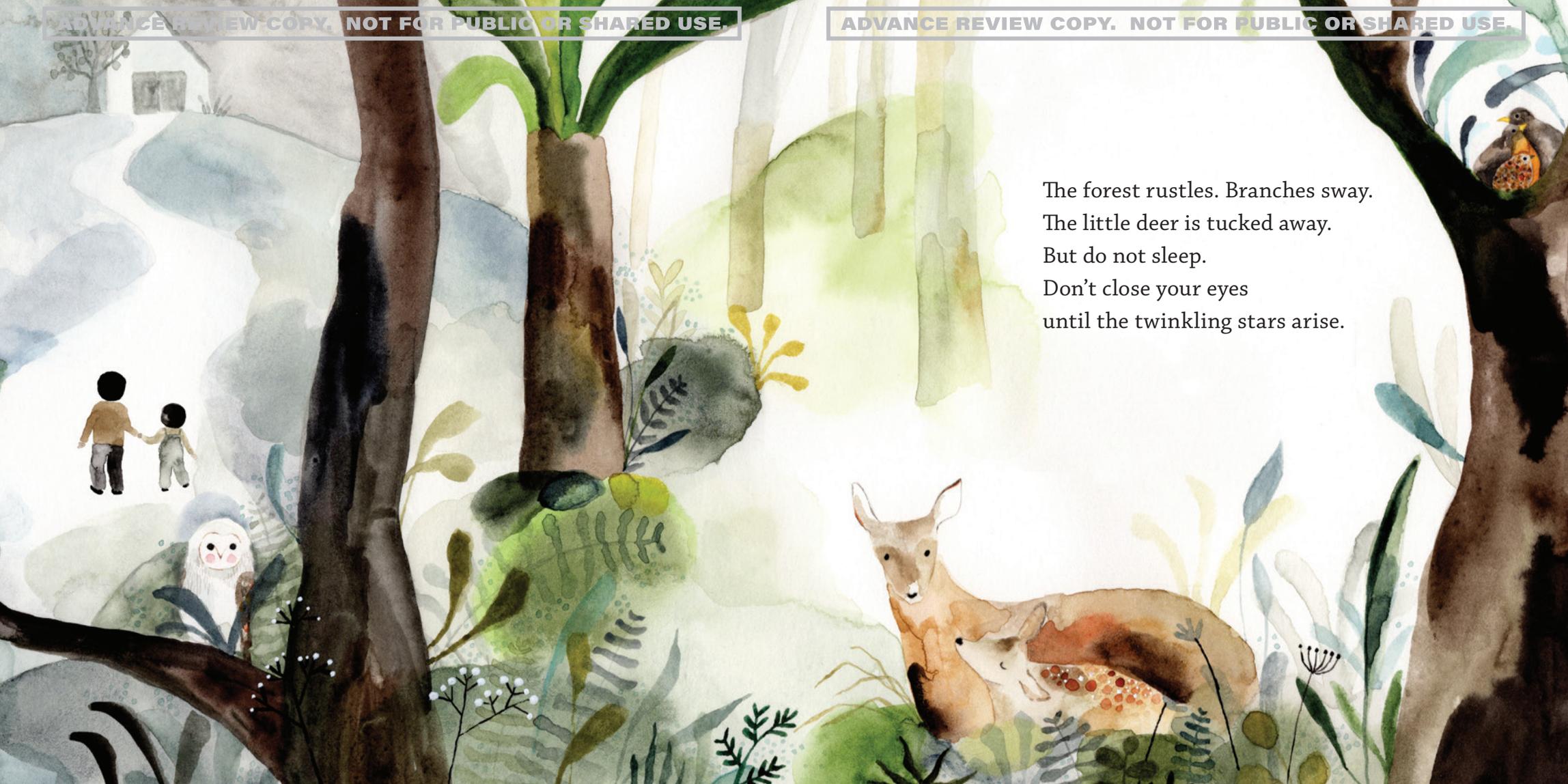
Tree forts, tire swings, friends and play...
Now the closing of the day.

The river lulls you with its song.
The water gently skips along.
But do not sleep.
Don't close your eyes
until the twinkling stars arise.





The sun is low and sinking fast.
The wind is sighing in the grass.
But do not sleep.
Don't close your eyes
until the twinkling stars arise.



The forest rustles. Branches sway.
The little deer is tucked away.
But do not sleep.
Don't close your eyes
until the twinkling stars arise.

Moonlight glimmers on the farm.
The barn is quiet, snug and warm.
But do not sleep.
Don't close your eyes—
not till the twinkling stars arise.





The chimney smoke is curling high
and tracing patterns in the sky.
But don't drift off.
Don't close your eyes
until the twinkling stars arise.

The toys are in their proper spot,
and kitty's purring quite a lot.
Although it's late,
no sleepy eyes
until the twinkling stars arise.

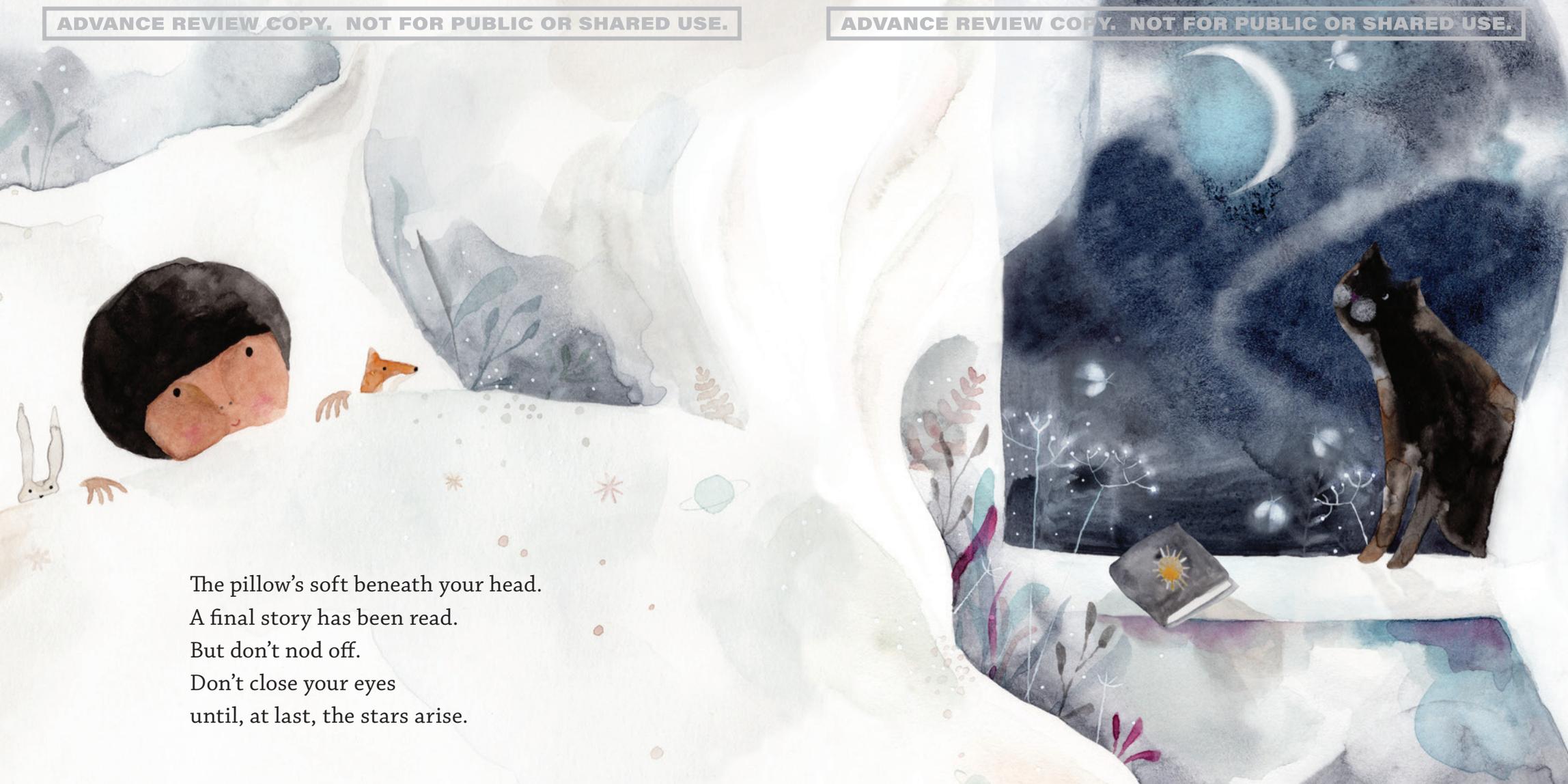


The bubbles fizzle in the tub.
You give your ticklish toes a scrub.
And after bath,
no yawns, no sighs,
until the twinkling stars arise.

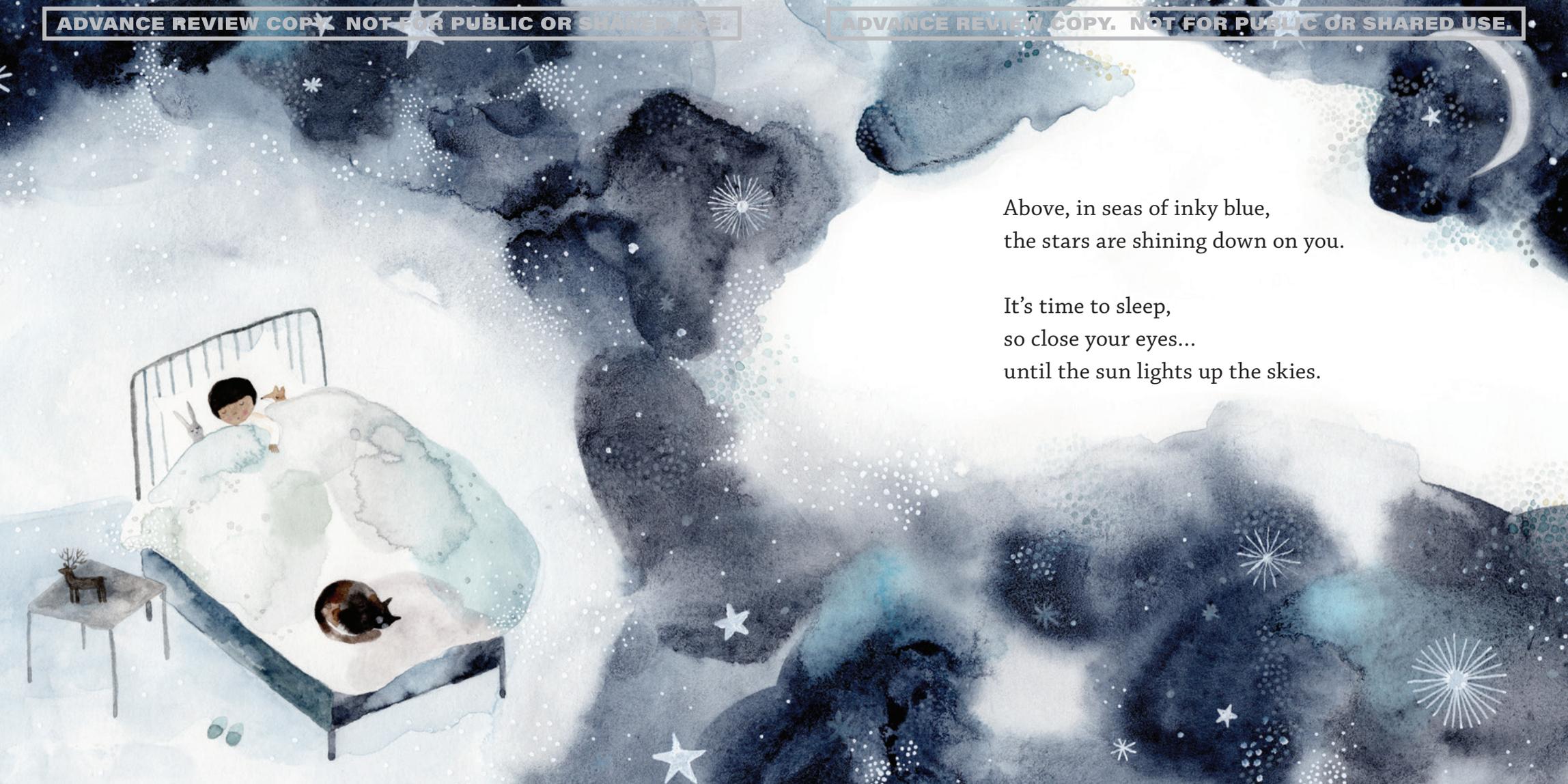


The blanket's tucked around you tight.
Your stuffies get a kiss good night.
But don't sleep yet.
Don't rest your eyes.
The twinkling stars might soon arise.





The pillow's soft beneath your head.
A final story has been read.
But don't nod off.
Don't close your eyes
until, at last, the stars arise.



Above, in seas of inky blue,
the stars are shining down on you.

It's time to sleep,
so close your eyes...
until the sun lights up the skies.

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