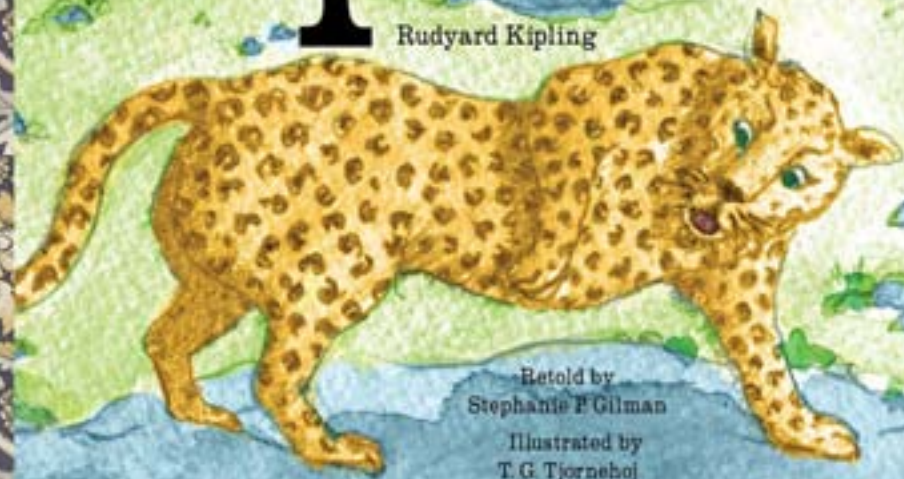


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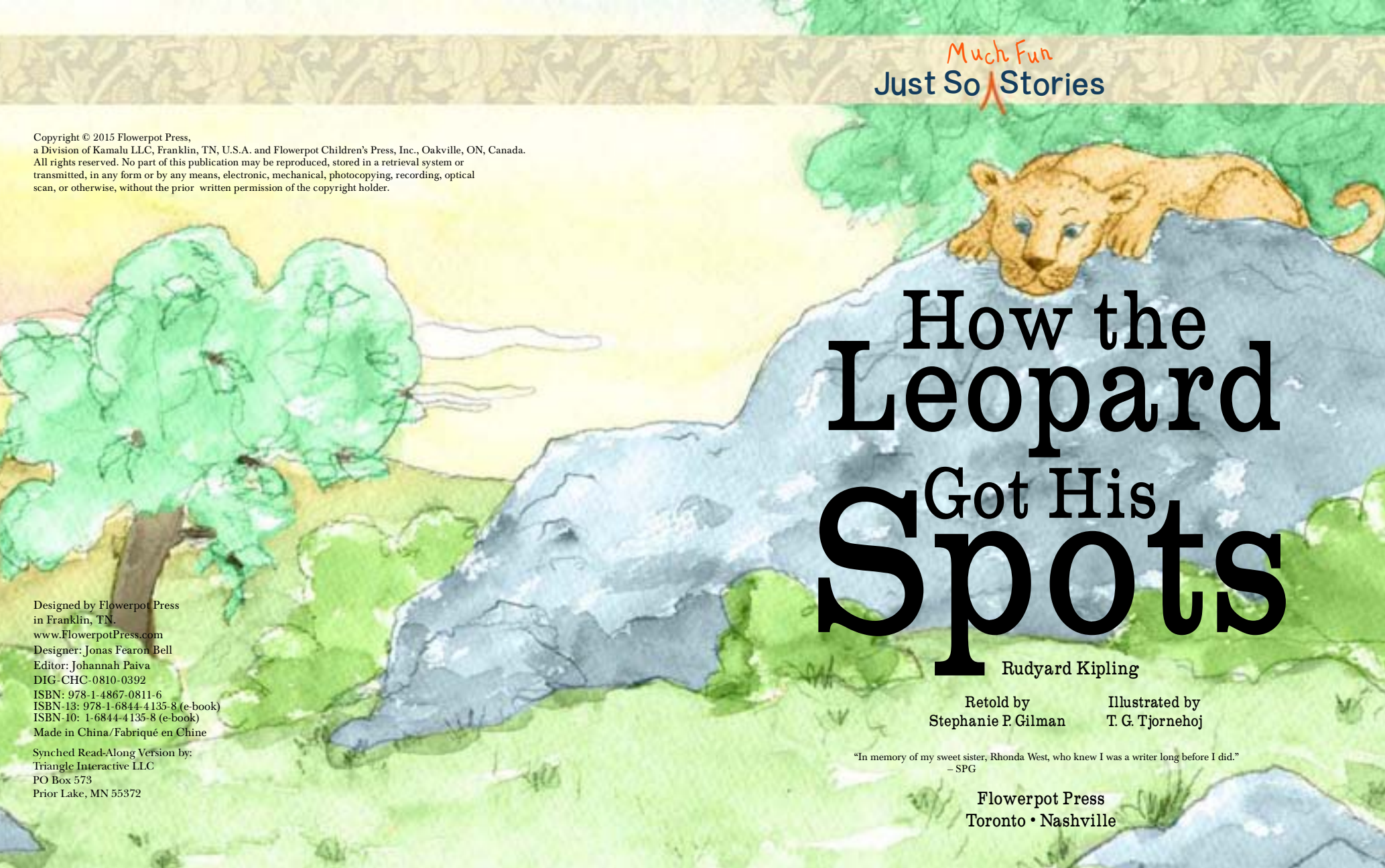


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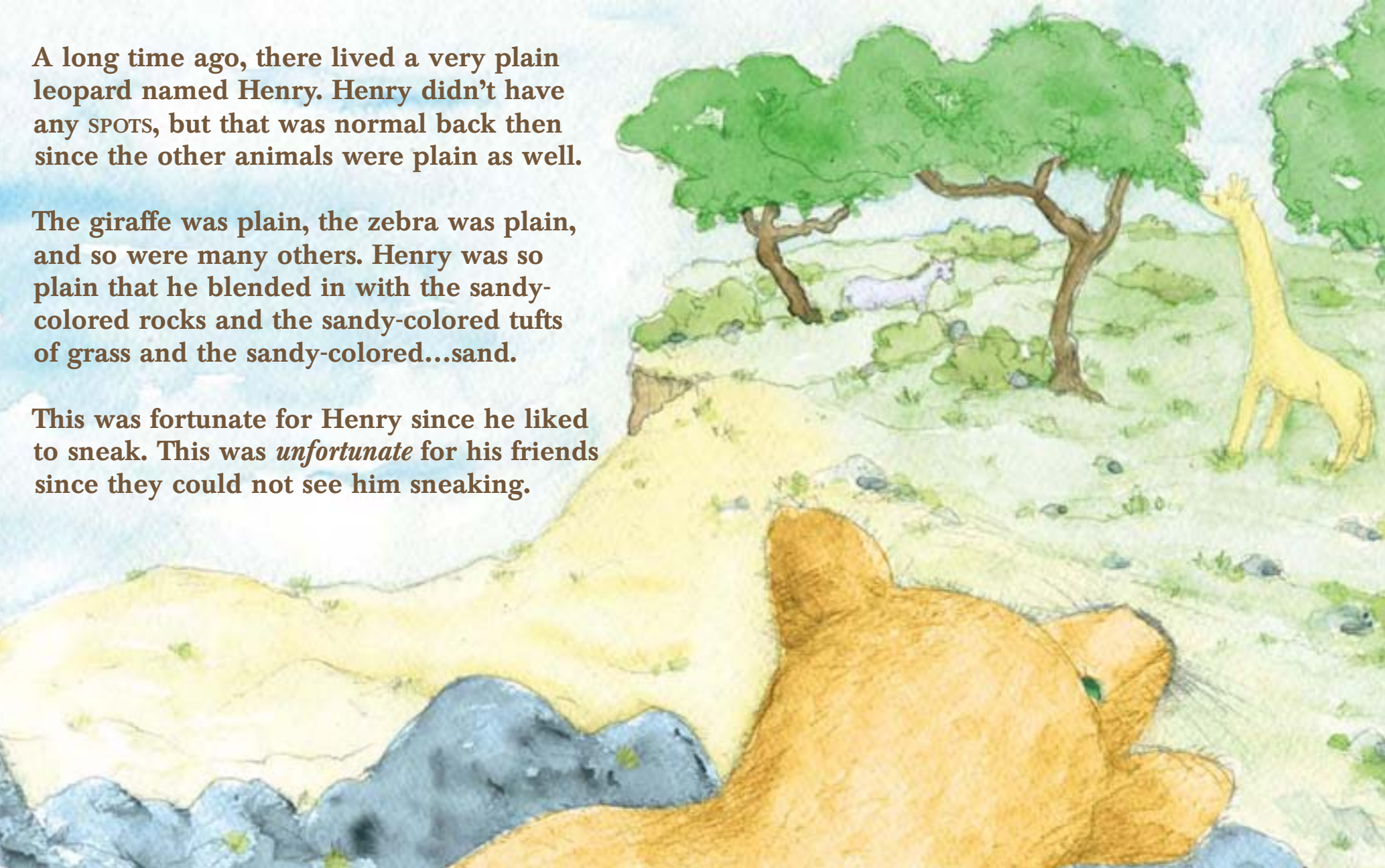
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A long time ago, there lived a very plain leopard named Henry. Henry didn't have any SPOTS, but that was normal back then since the other animals were plain as well.

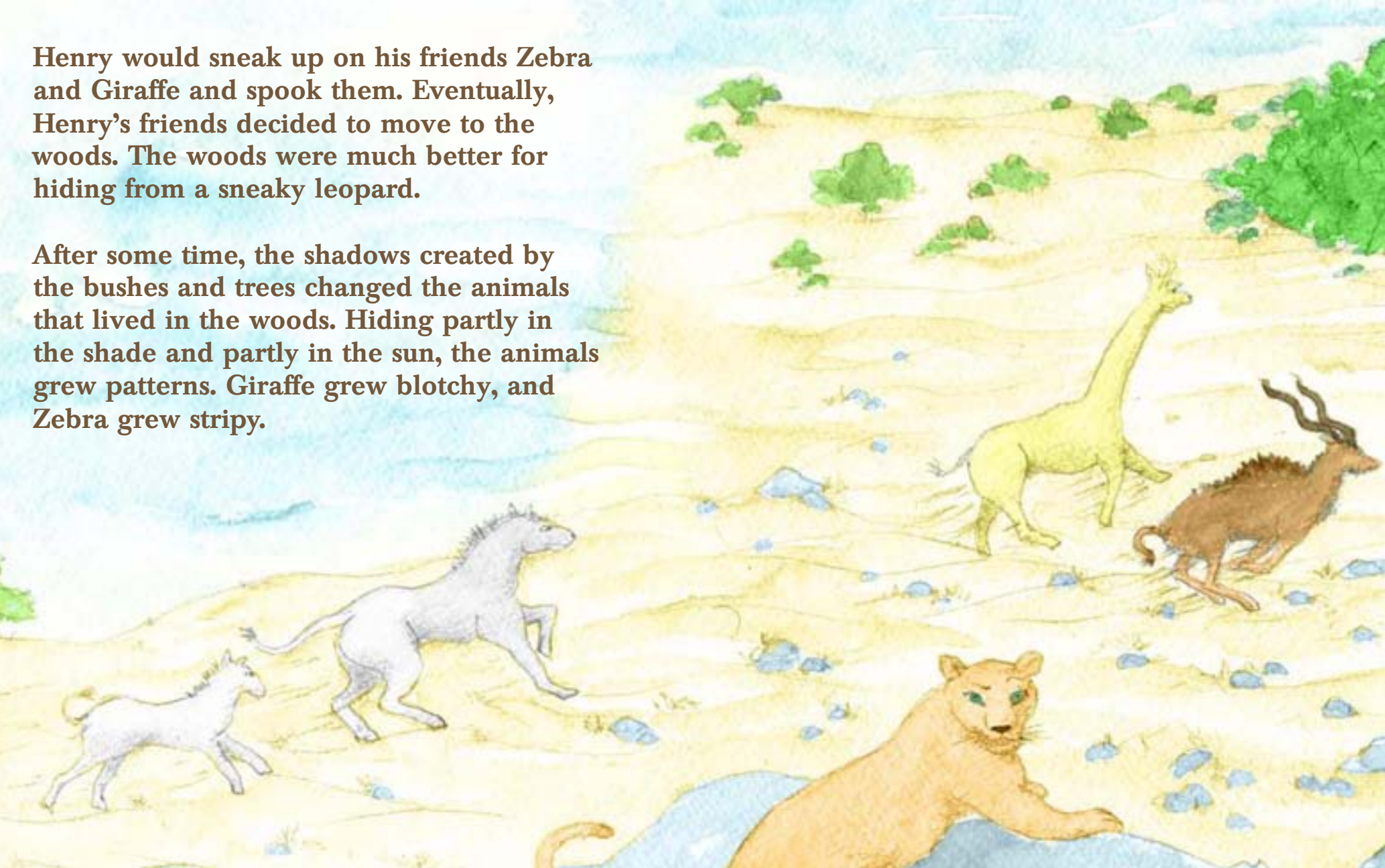
The giraffe was plain, the zebra was plain, and so were many others. Henry was so plain that he blended in with the sandy-colored rocks and the sandy-colored tufts of grass and the sandy-colored...sand.

This was fortunate for Henry since he liked to sneak. This was *unfortunate* for his friends since they could not see him sneaking.



Henry would sneak up on his friends Zebra and Giraffe and spook them. Eventually, Henry's friends decided to move to the woods. The woods were much better for hiding from a sneaky leopard.

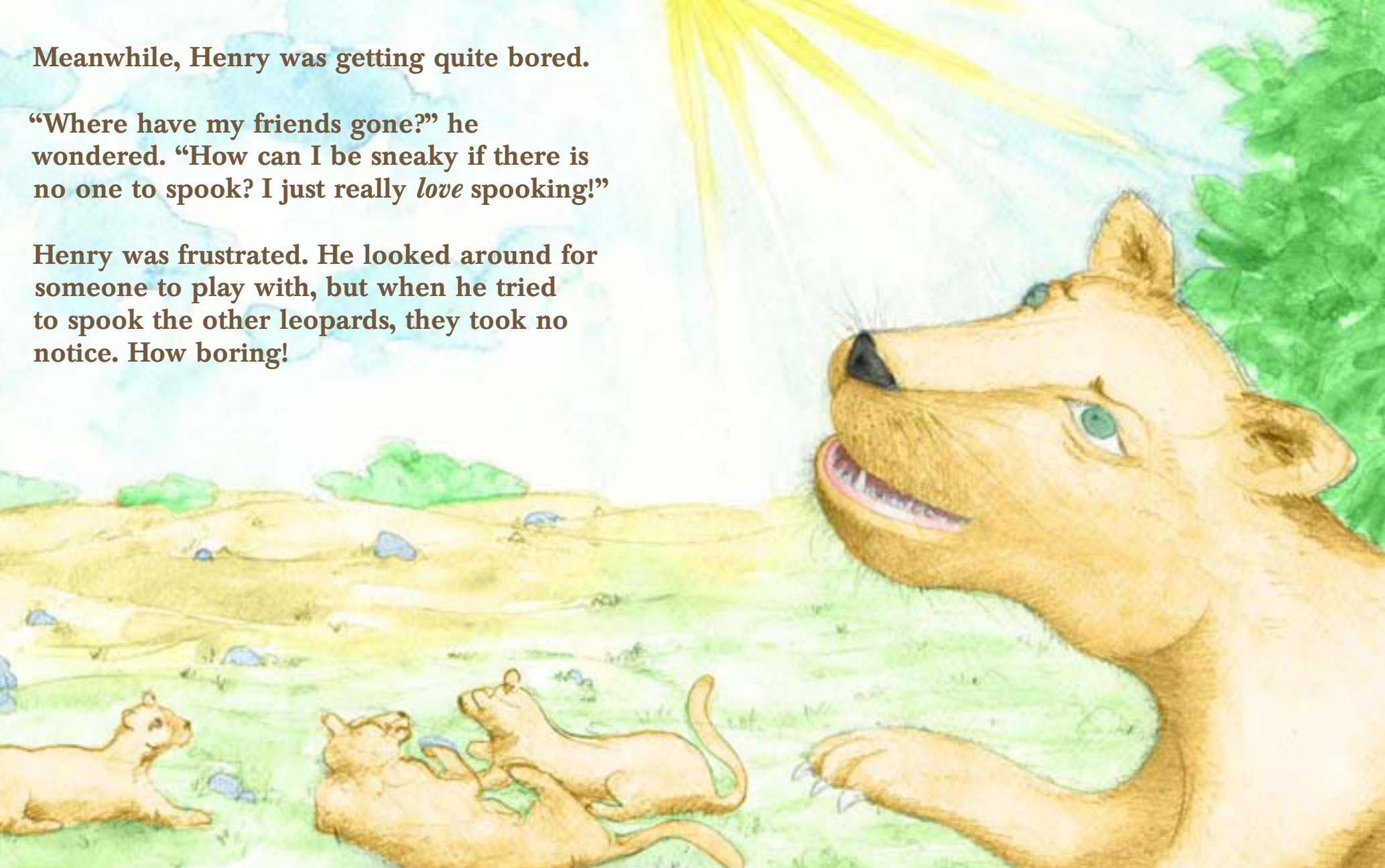
After some time, the shadows created by the bushes and trees changed the animals that lived in the woods. Hiding partly in the shade and partly in the sun, the animals grew patterns. Giraffe grew blotchy, and Zebra grew stripy.



Meanwhile, Henry was getting quite bored.

“Where have my friends gone?” he wondered. “How can I be sneaky if there is no one to spook? I just really *love* spooking!”

Henry was frustrated. He looked around for someone to play with, but when he tried to spook the other leopards, they took no notice. How boring!



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