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The Weeping Wombat



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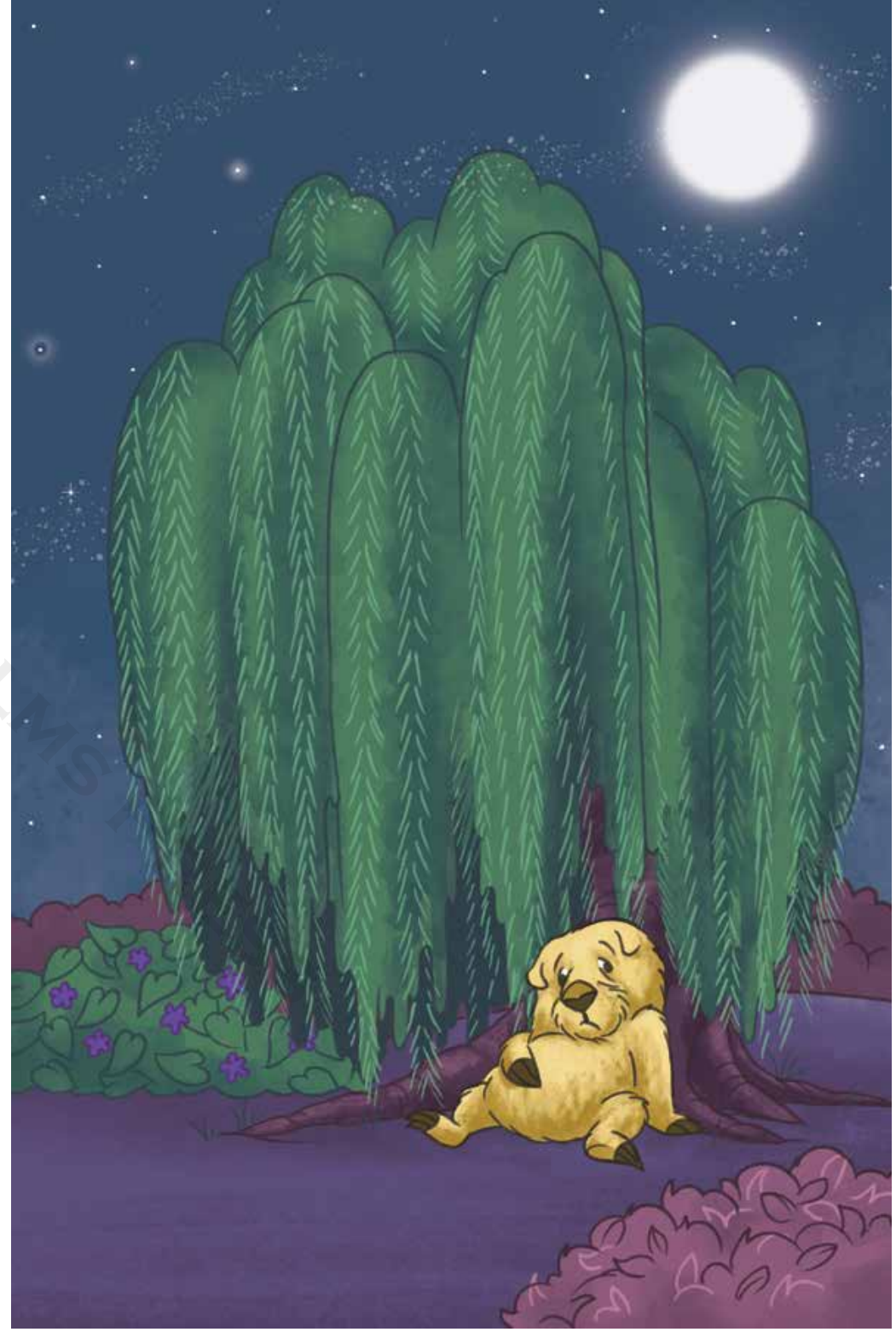
Chapter 1

The moon was bright.

The stars were sparkling.

It was a beautiful night.

But Walter the wombat did not care.





Walter was sad.



Walter's head hung low.

Walter's shoulders sagged.



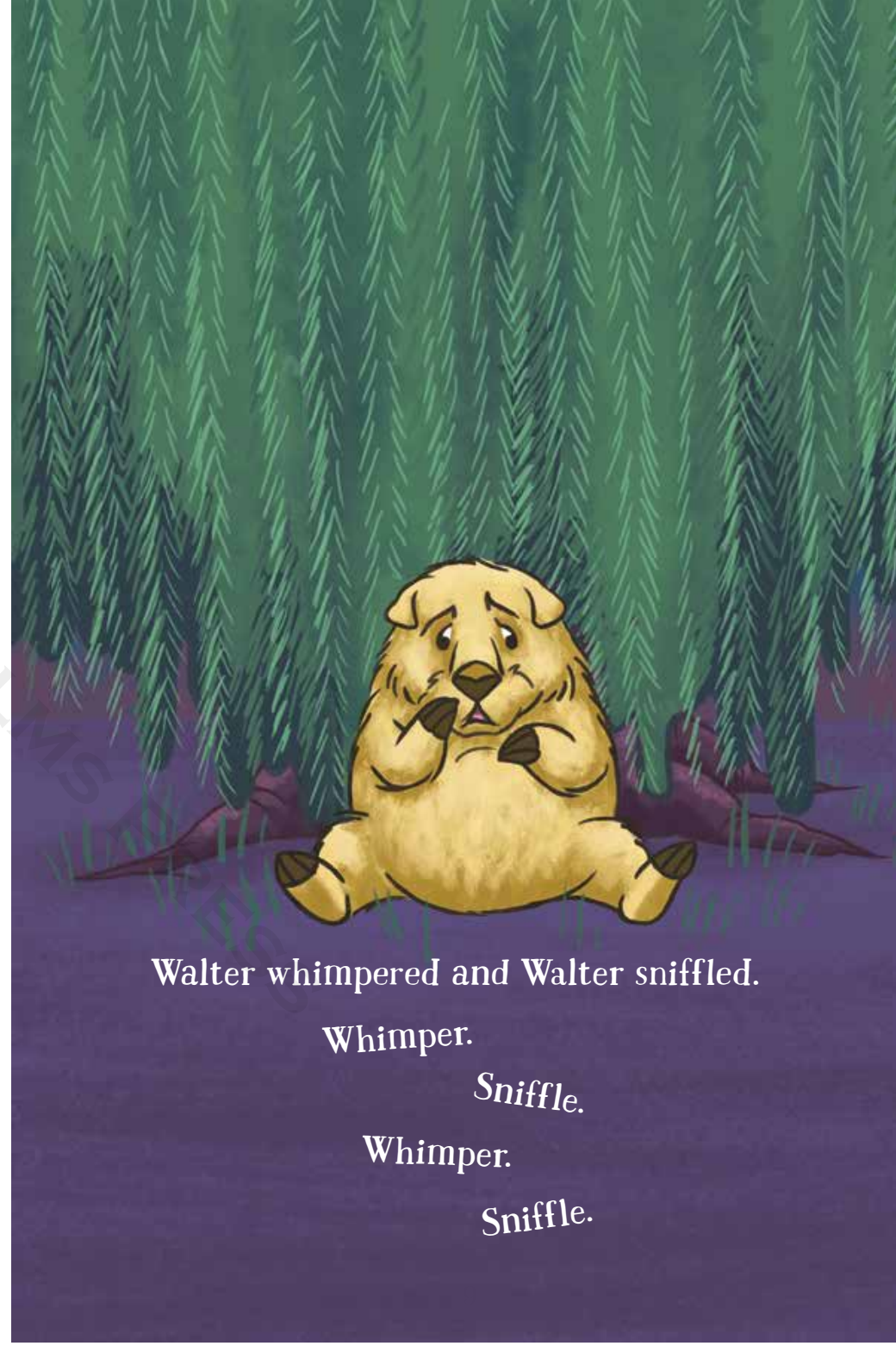
"I feel terrible!"

Walter said to himself.

"I feel like this weeping willow tree,"

Walter said.

"DROOPY."



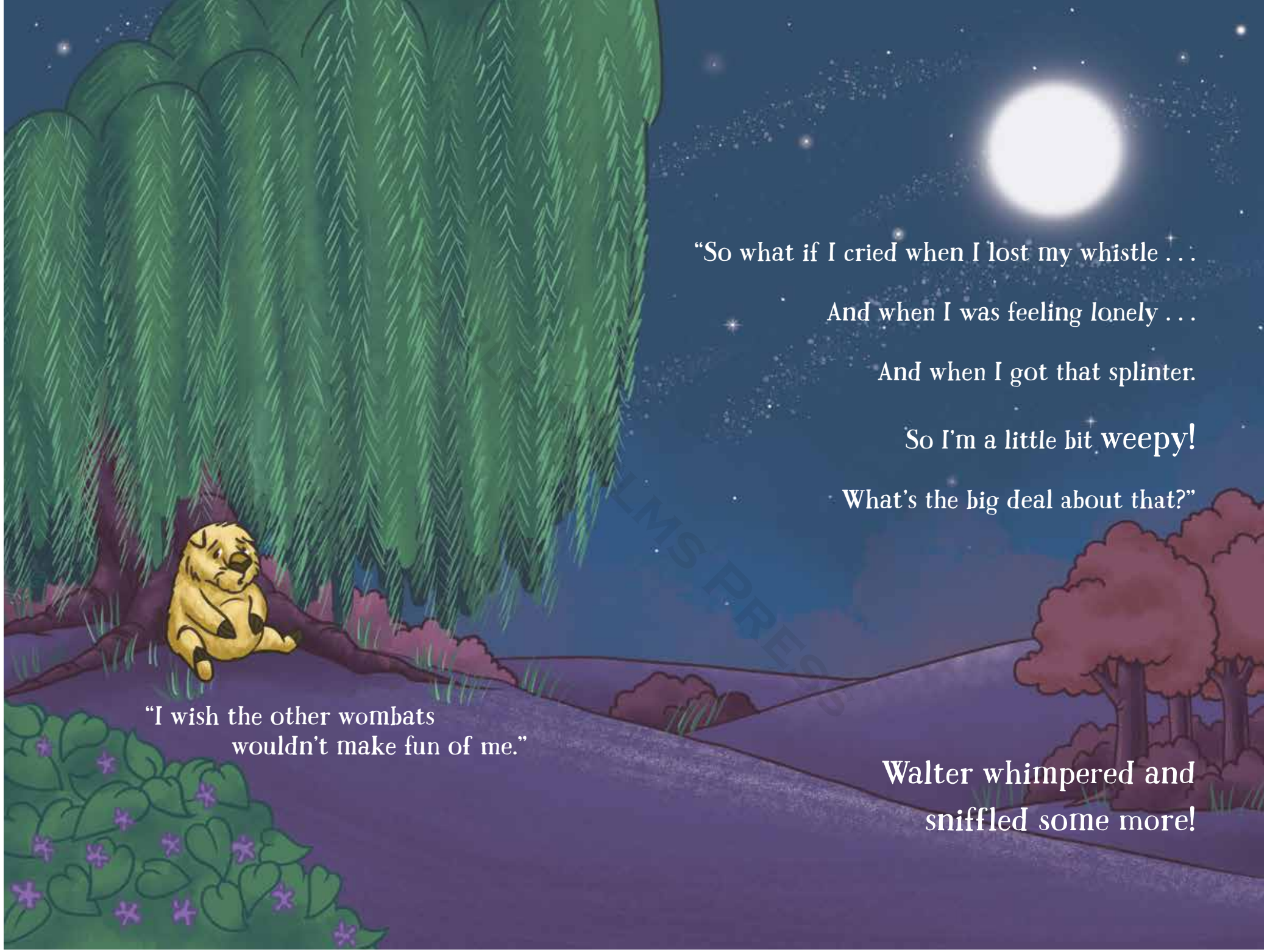
Walter whimpered and Walter sniffled.

Whimper.

Sniffle.

Whimper.

Sniffle.



“So what if I cried when I lost my whistle . . .

And when I was feeling lonely . . .

And when I got that splinter.

So I’m a little bit weepy!

What’s the big deal about that?”

“I wish the other wombats
wouldn’t make fun of me.”

Walter whimpered and
sniffled some more!

Along came Dawn, Bismark, and Tobin.



"I hear a whimper,"
Tobin said.

"And I hear a sniffle!"
Bismark said.



"I think it is coming from over there,"
Dawn said.



Dawn pointed across the meadow
at the weeping willow tree.

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What are The Nocturnal Animals?



Pangolin: The pangolin is covered with keratin scales on most of its body except its belly and face. A pangolin sprays a stinky odor, much like a skunk, to ward off danger. It then curls into a ball to protect against attack. Pangolins have long, sticky tongues to eat ants and termites. Pangolins do not have teeth.

Red Fox: The red fox has reddish fur with a big, bushy tail and a white tip. Red foxes are clever creatures with keen eyesight. They have large, upright ears to hear sounds far away.



Sugar Glider: The sugar glider is a small marsupial. It looks like a flying squirrel. It has short gray fur, black rings around its big eyes, and a black stripe that runs from its nose to the end of its tail. Sugar gliders have special skin that stretches from the ankle to the wrist. This special skin allows sugar gliders to glide from tree to tree to find food and escape danger.

Wombat: Wombats have poor eyesight but make up for it with great hearing and a keen sense of smell. The wombat is a marsupial. Like many marsupial animals, female wombats have a pouch that holds their young. But a wombat's pouch, unlike that of most marsupials, opens to the rear, which protects their young since wombats enjoy digging and being underground. They are also known for constructing elaborate tunnel systems in deep sand.



Nighttime Fun Facts!

Nocturnal animals are animals that are awake and active at night. They sleep during the day.



About the Author

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In *The Weeping Wombat*, the Nocturnal Brigade—Tobin, a sweet pangolin, Bismark, a loud-mouthed sugar glider, and Dawn, a serious fox—hear Walter the wombat whimpering under a willow tree. Walter tells the friends that the other wombats call him a wimp because he weeps. The Nocturnal Brigade tell Walter that weeping is just another way of expressing how we feel and that, like a good laugh, a good weep can feel great.



Bonus Content includes Fun Facts about The Nocturnals!

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