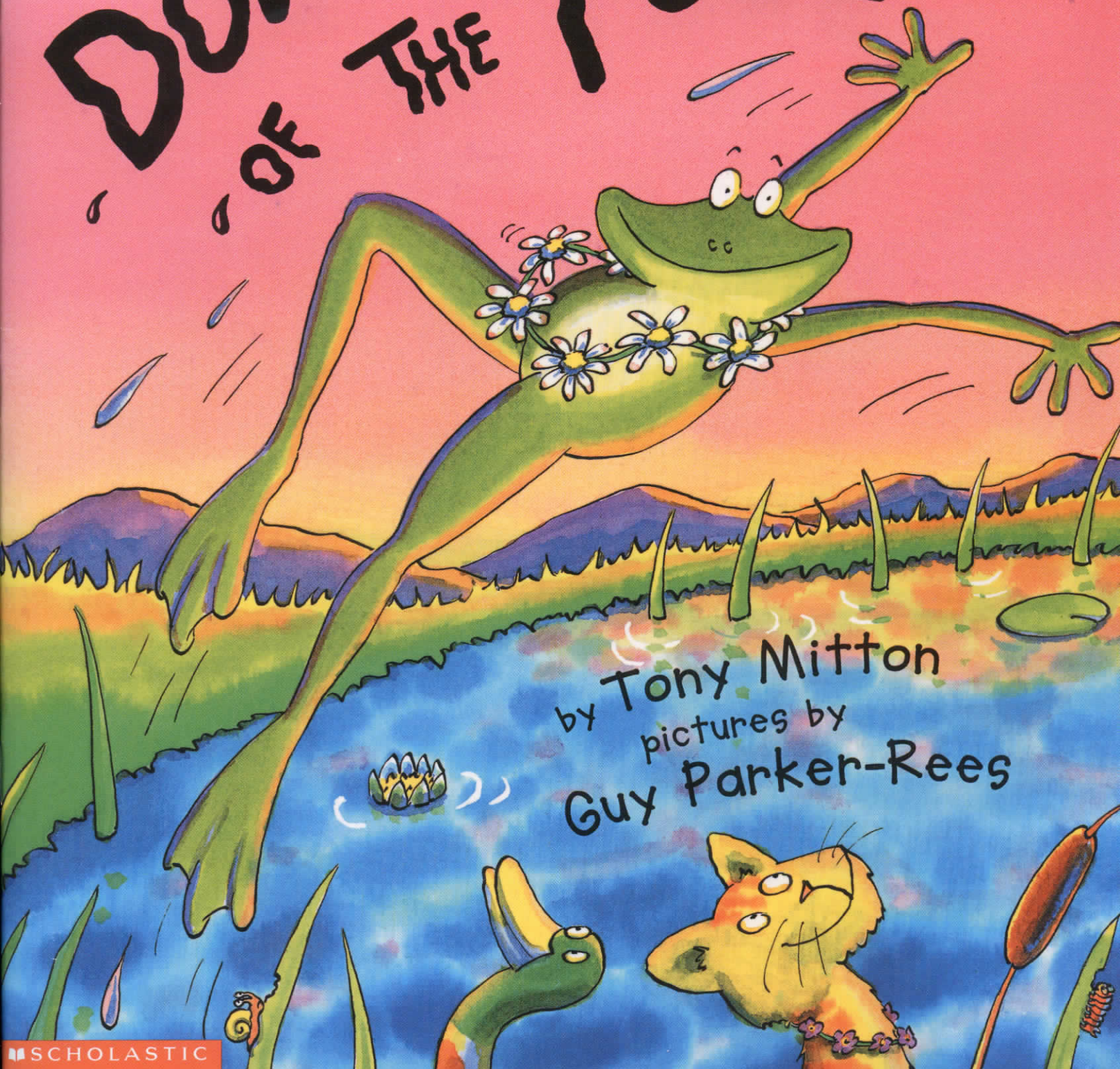


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For George, Harriet, Doris and Guthrie,
and the cool of the pool in France – T.M.

For the lovely chucklesome little Joe – G.P.-R.

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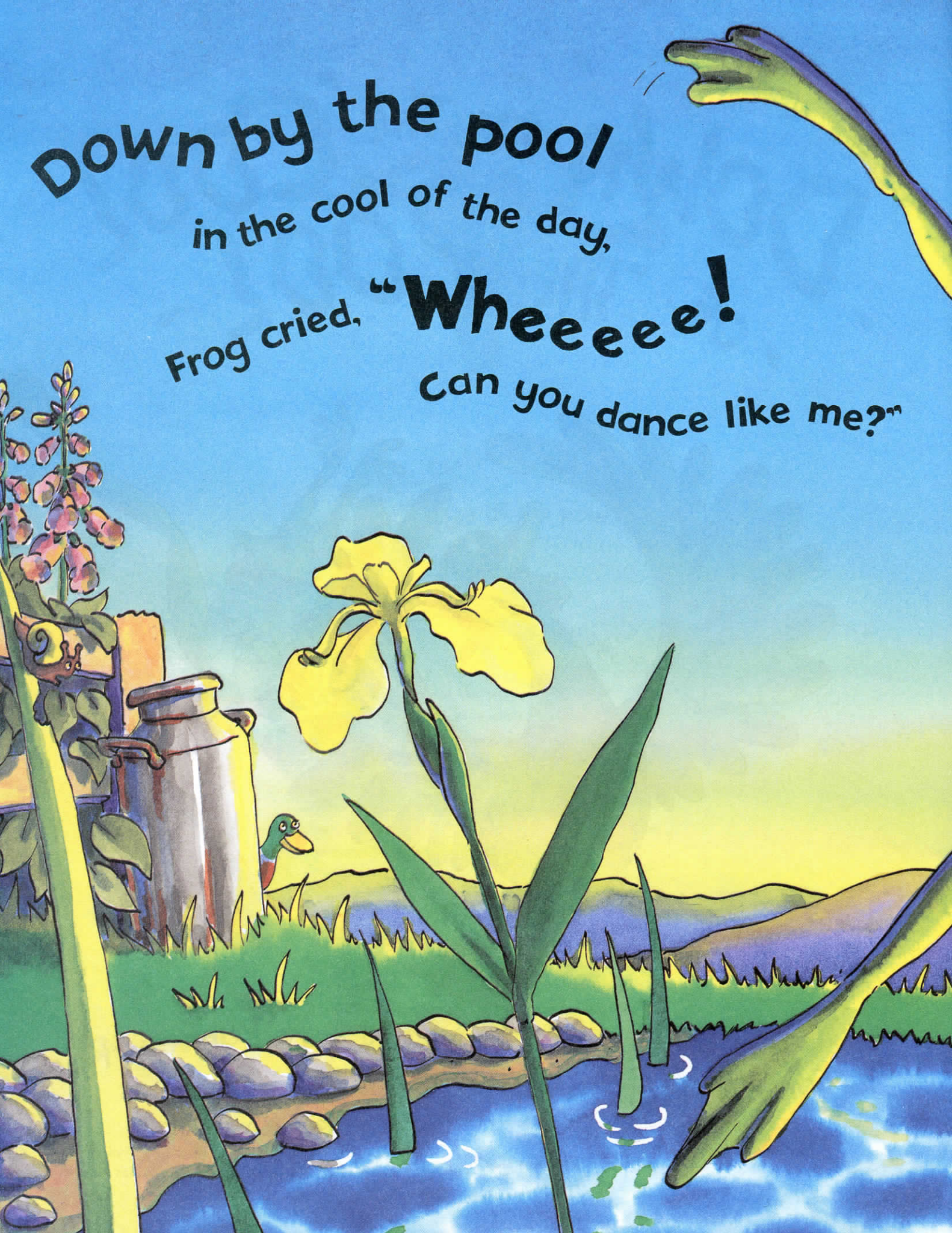
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Down by the pool

in the cool of the day,

Frog cried, "**Wheeee!**

Can you dance like me?"







Duck came to see.

"I can dance too.

But not like you.

I can flap."

A vibrant illustration of a green frog with a wide, happy grin, wearing a lei of white daisies. Its arms are raised in the air. To the right, a duck's foot is shown in mid-air, having just landed. The background is a light blue sky with some green leaves and a red seed pod. The text is written in a playful, bold font.

So Duck went "flap,"

and Frog cried,

"Wheeeee!"
Can you dance like me?"

Down by the cool of the pool.

Pig came to see.

"I can dance too. But not like you.

I can "wiggle".

So Pig went "wiggle",

Duck went "flap",





and Frog cried,

“Wheeee!”

“Can you dance like me?”

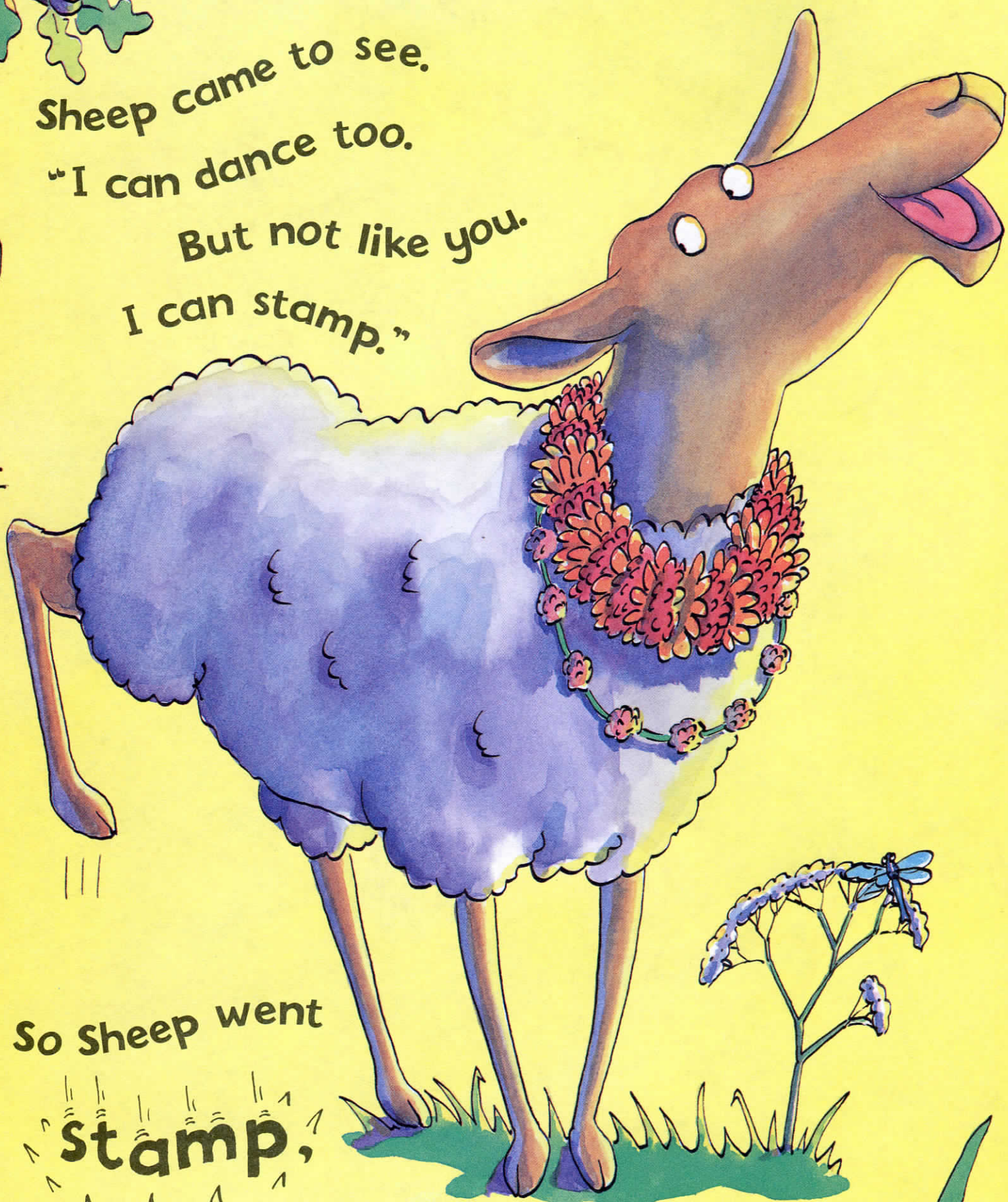
Down by the cool of the pool.

Sheep came to see.

"I can dance too.

But not like you.

I can stamp."



So sheep went

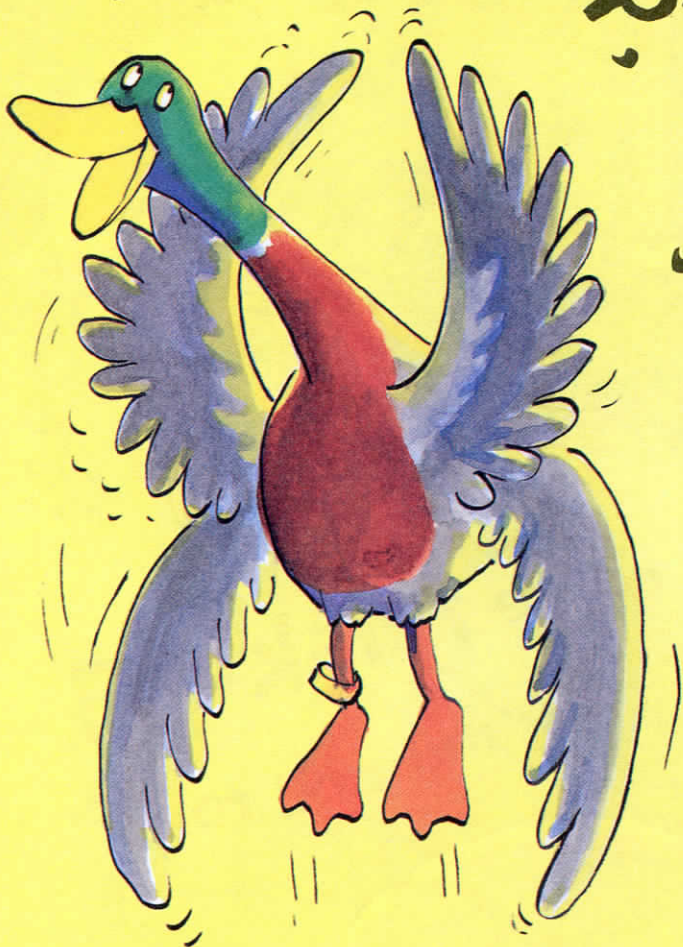
Stamp,

Pig went

"wigggle",

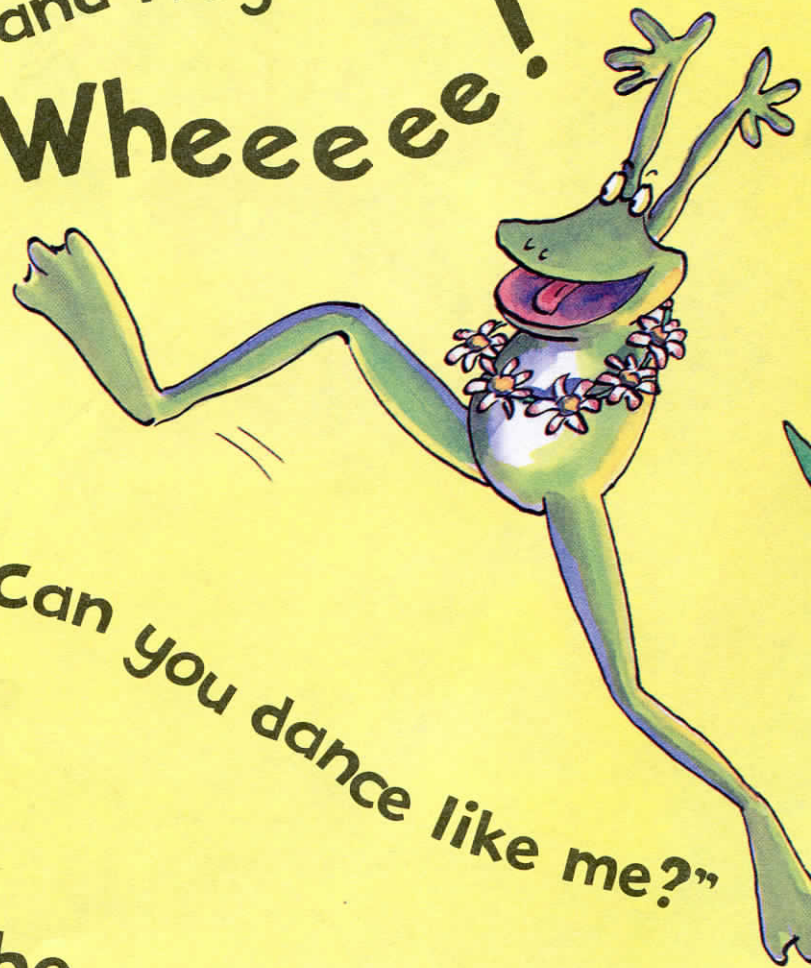


Duck went "flap"



and Frog cried

"Wheeee!"



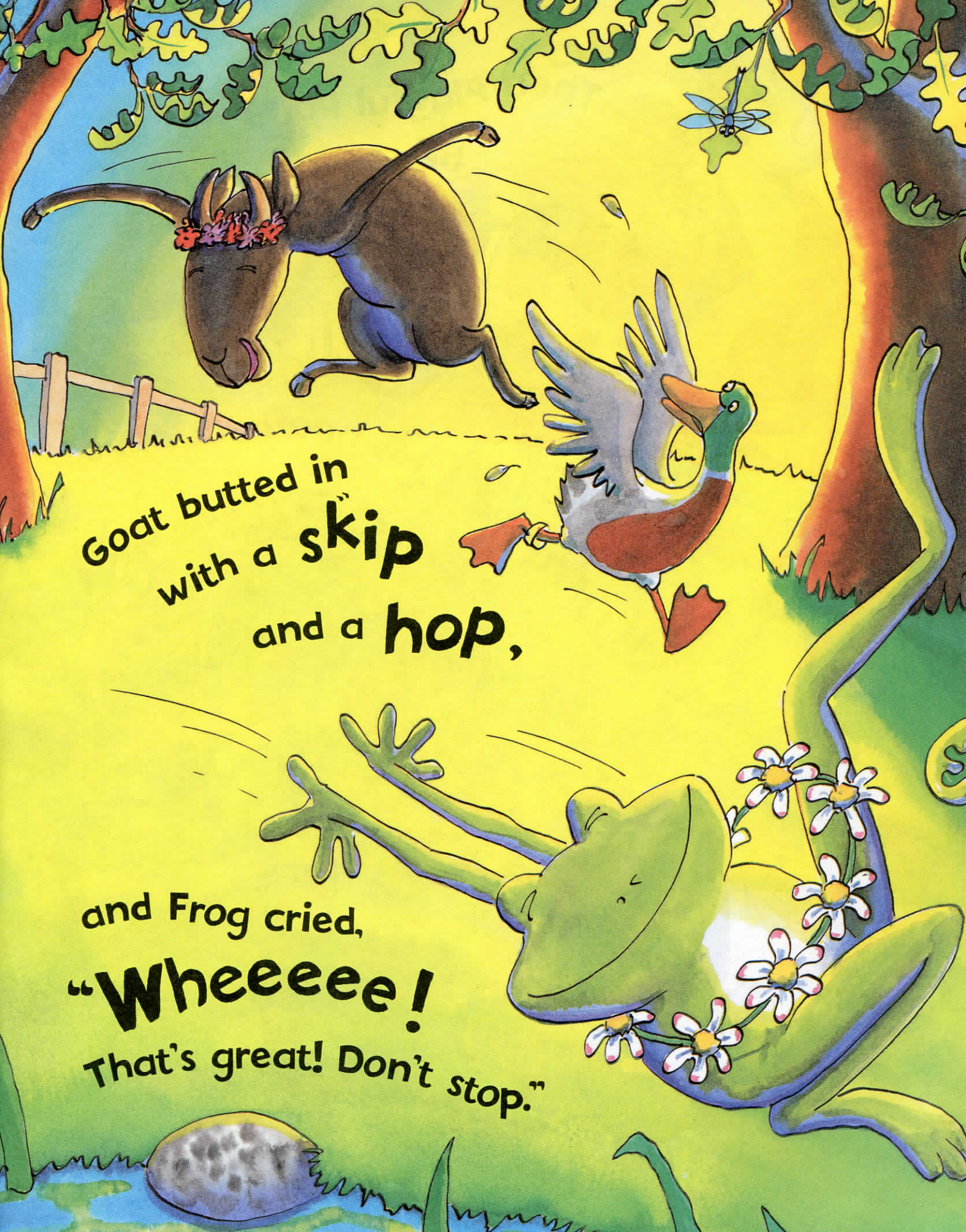
Can you dance like me?"

Down by the cool of the pool.



Then up sprang Cat
with a sudden **bound,**

and Dog
came "**frisking**"
round and round.



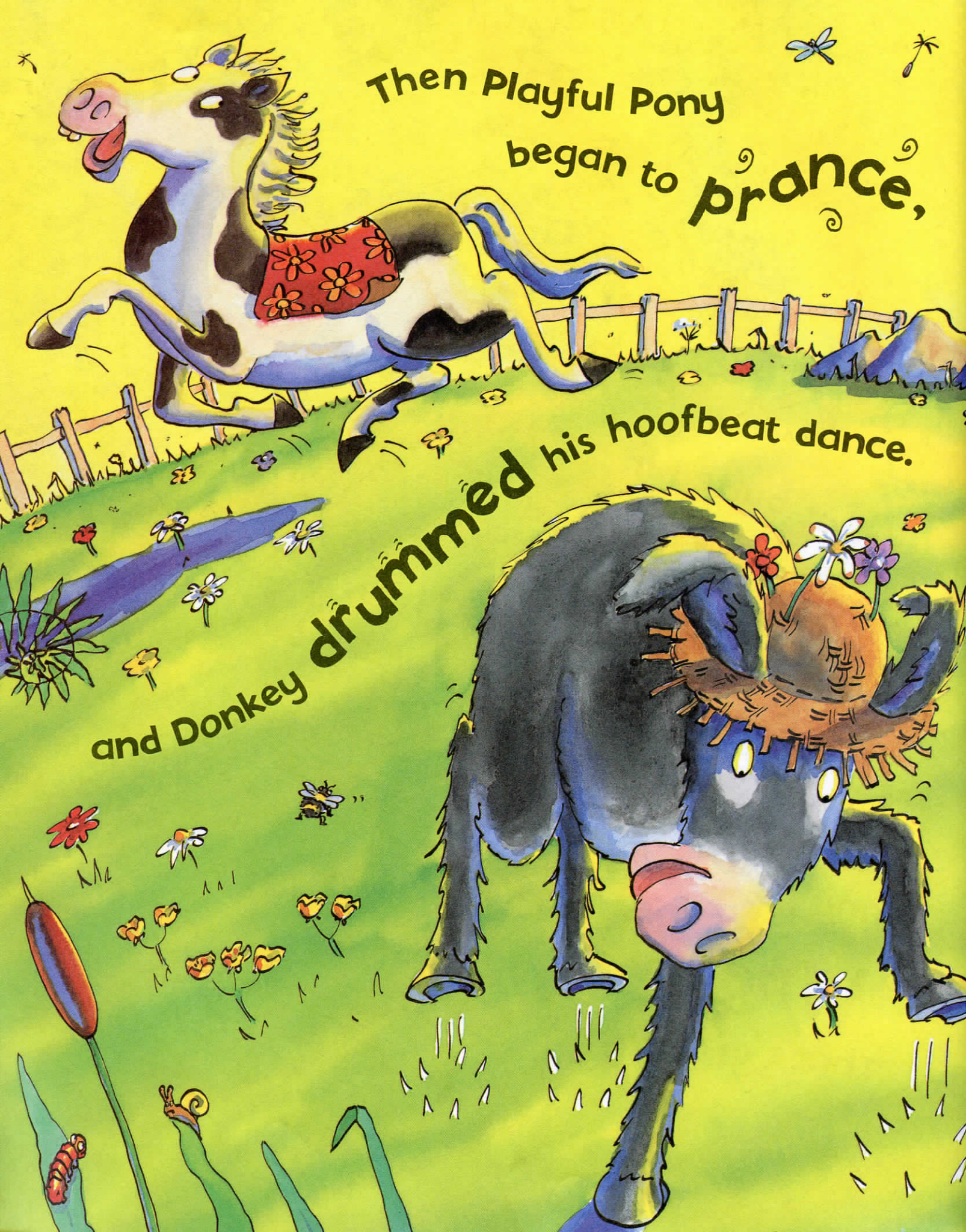
Goat butted in
with a **skip**
and a **hop,**

and Frog cried,
“Wheeee!”
That’s great! Don’t stop.”

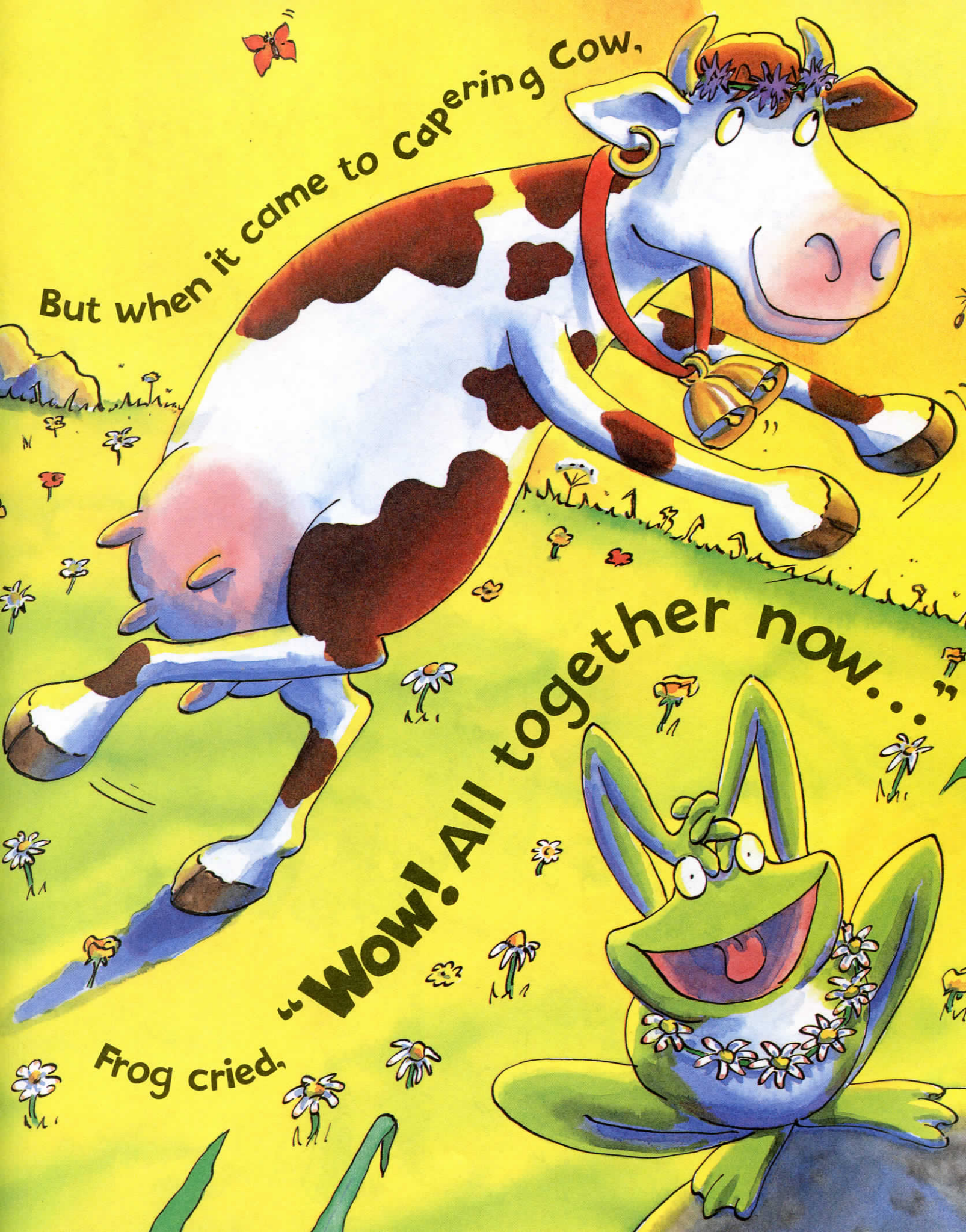
Then Playful Pony

began to **prance,**

and Donkey **drummed** his hoofbeat dance.



But when it came to Capering Cow,

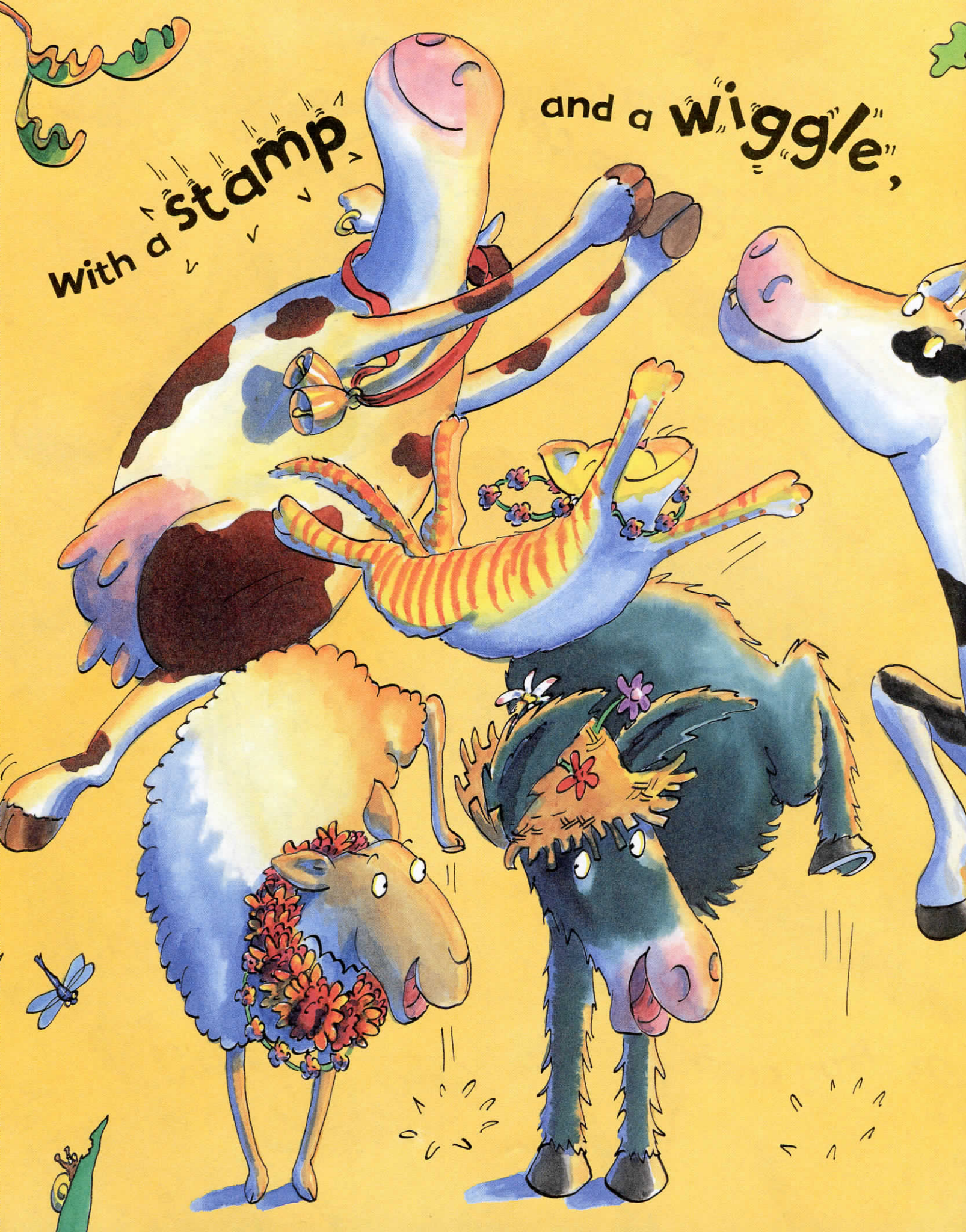


“Wow! All together now...”

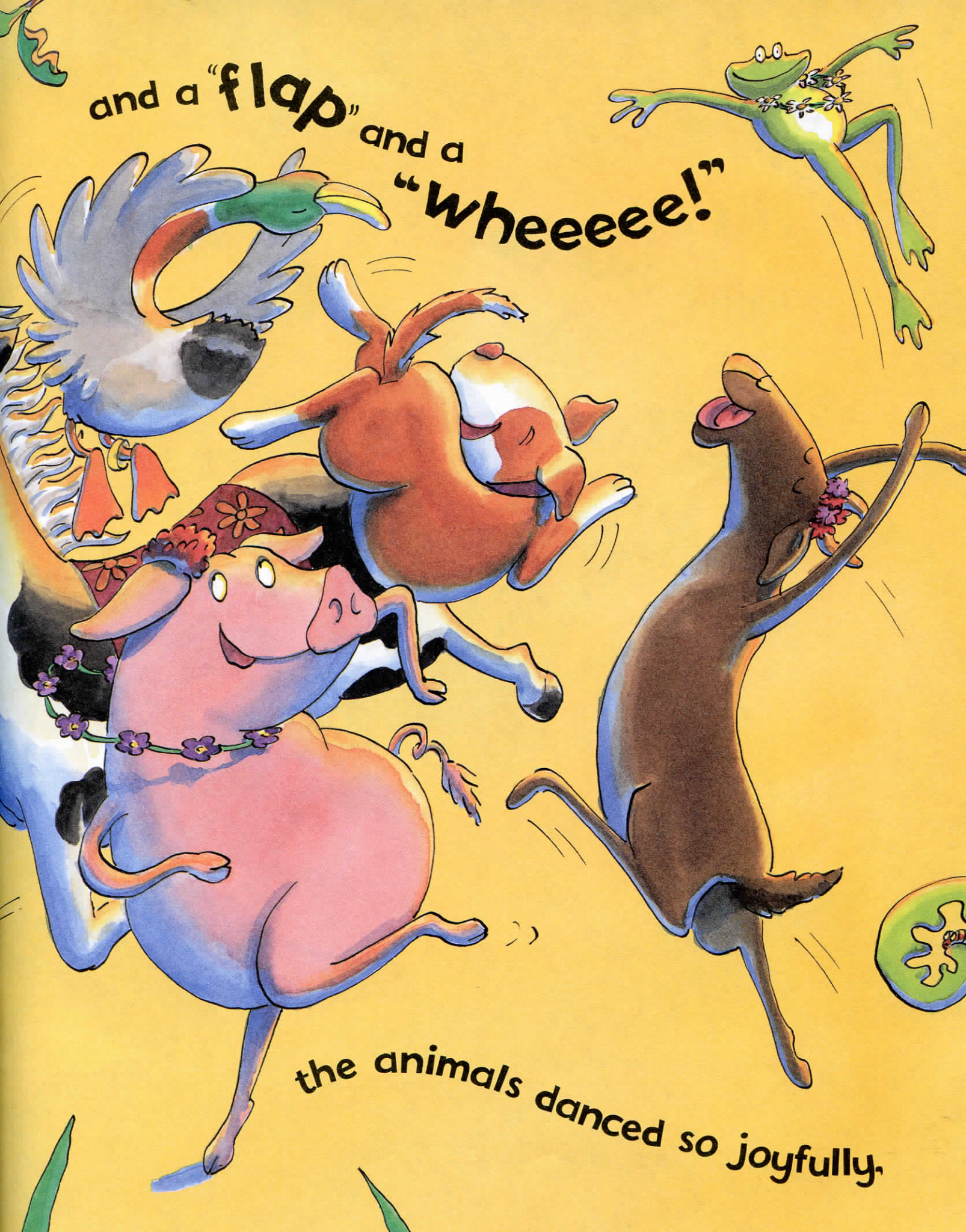
Frog cried,

With a **stamp**

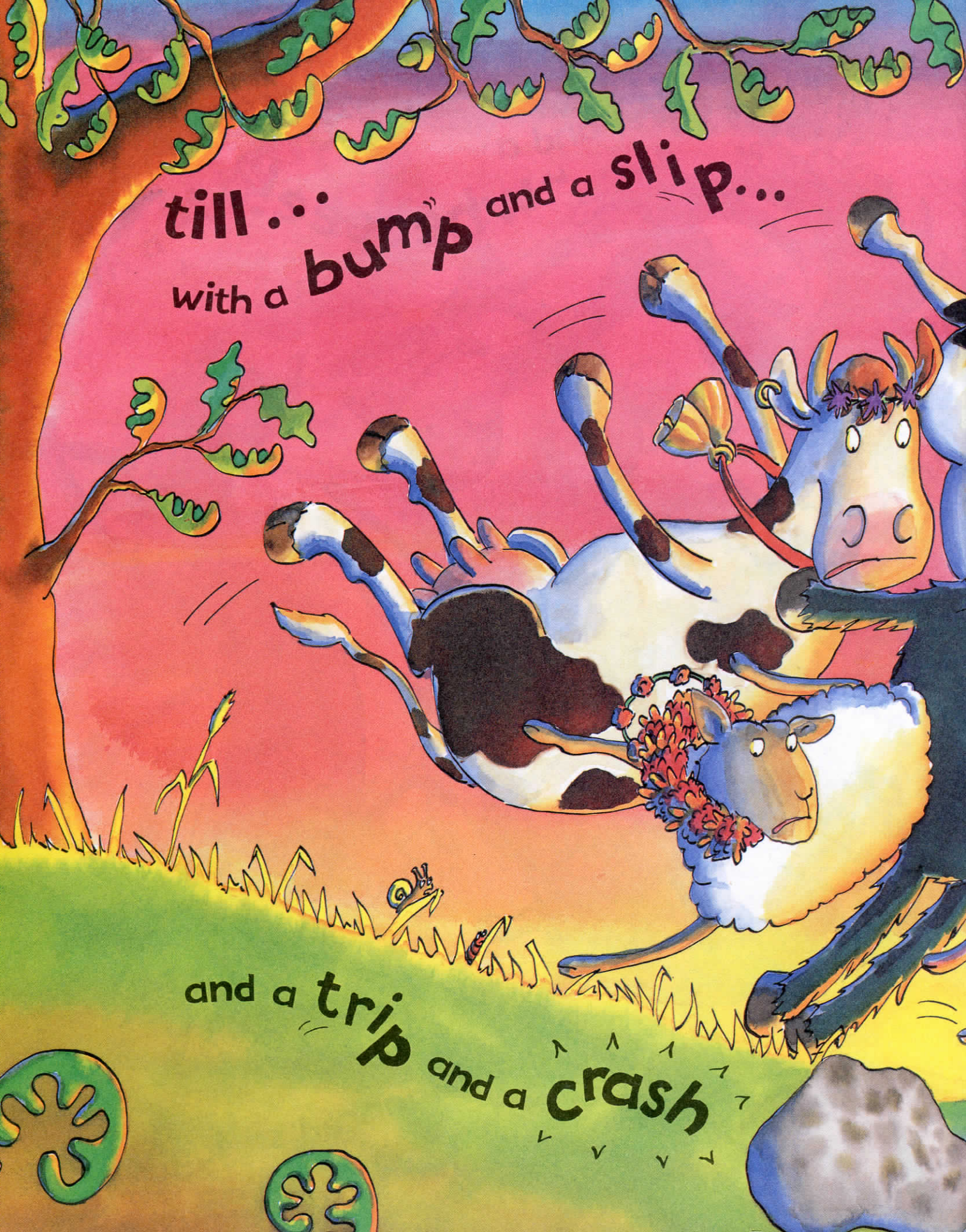
and a **wiggle**,



and a "flap" and a
"Wheeeee!"



the animals danced so joyfully,



till ...
with a **bump** and a **slip**...

and a **trip** and a **crash**



and a **Whoops!**

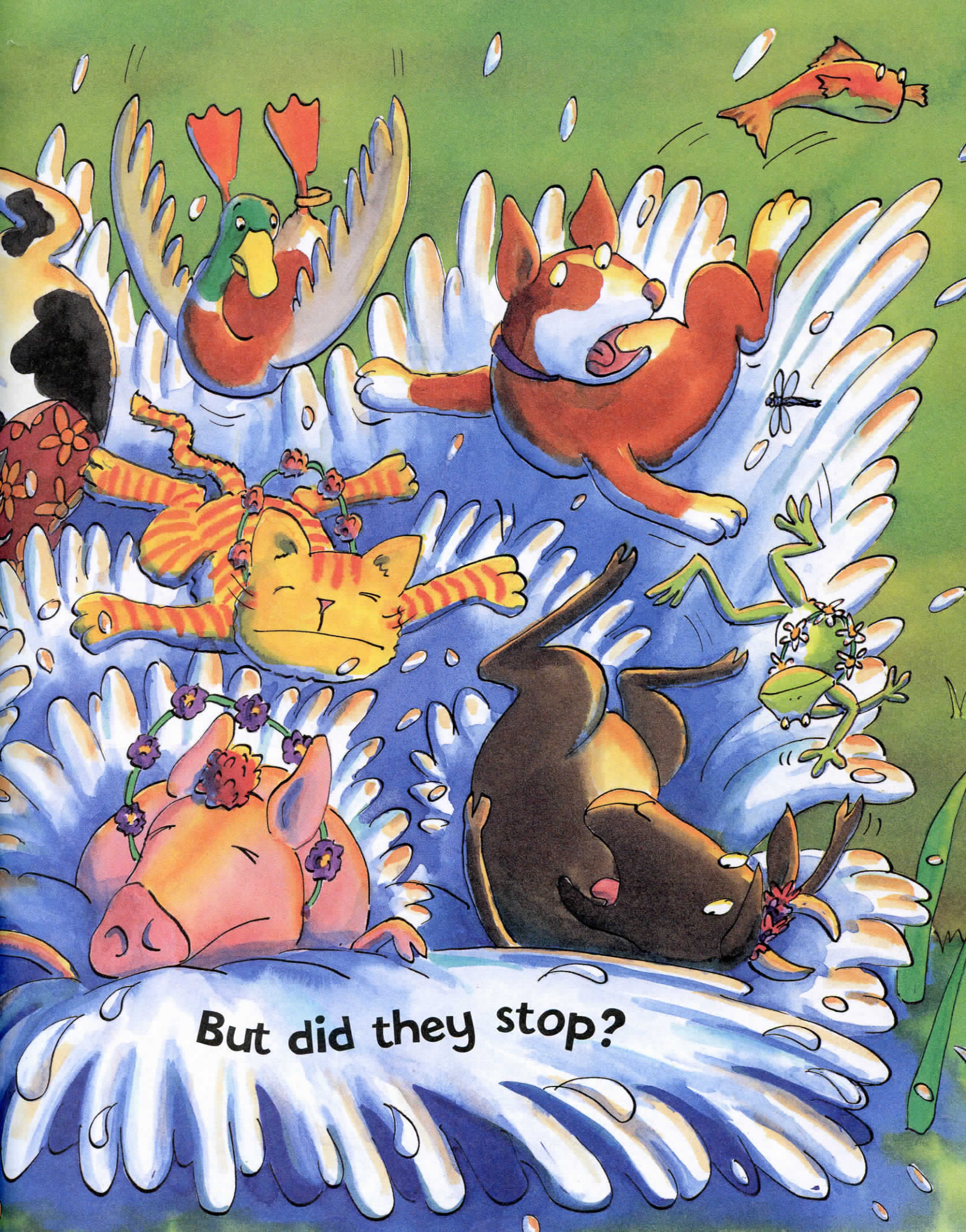
Watch out!

and a **topple**, and a...



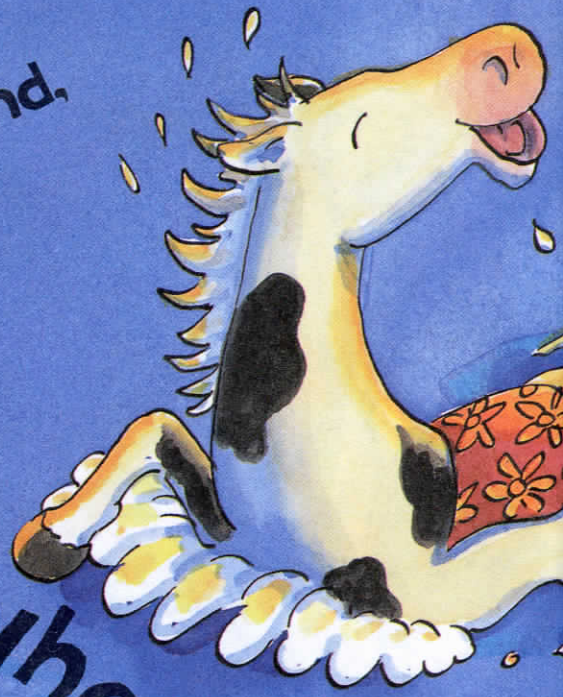
Splash!

into the pool they **flapped**
and they **flopped**.



But did they stop?

Oh, no! No! No!
For they all cried, "Ooh!" and,



"Whooop!"



and "Wheeee!"



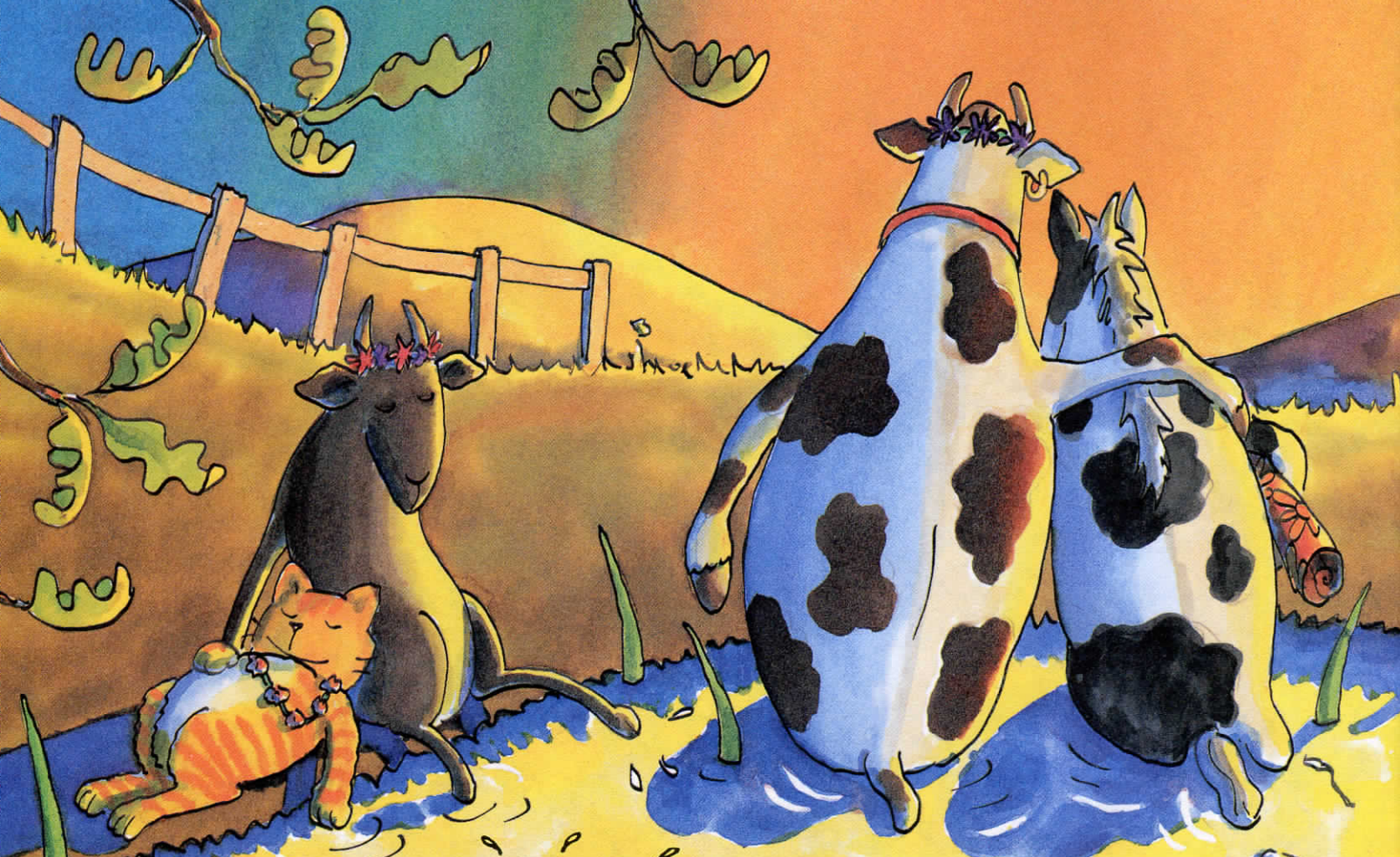
"Come and see.
Oh, ha-ha-hee!"





We're having fun, dancing our dance
in the cool of the pool!"





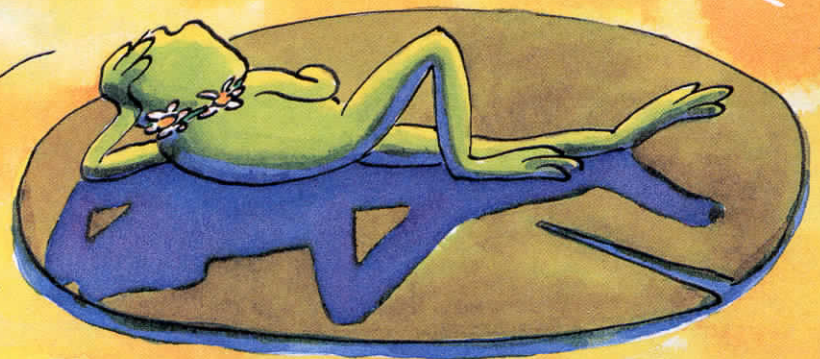
And they **splished** and **splashed**
till their dance was done.





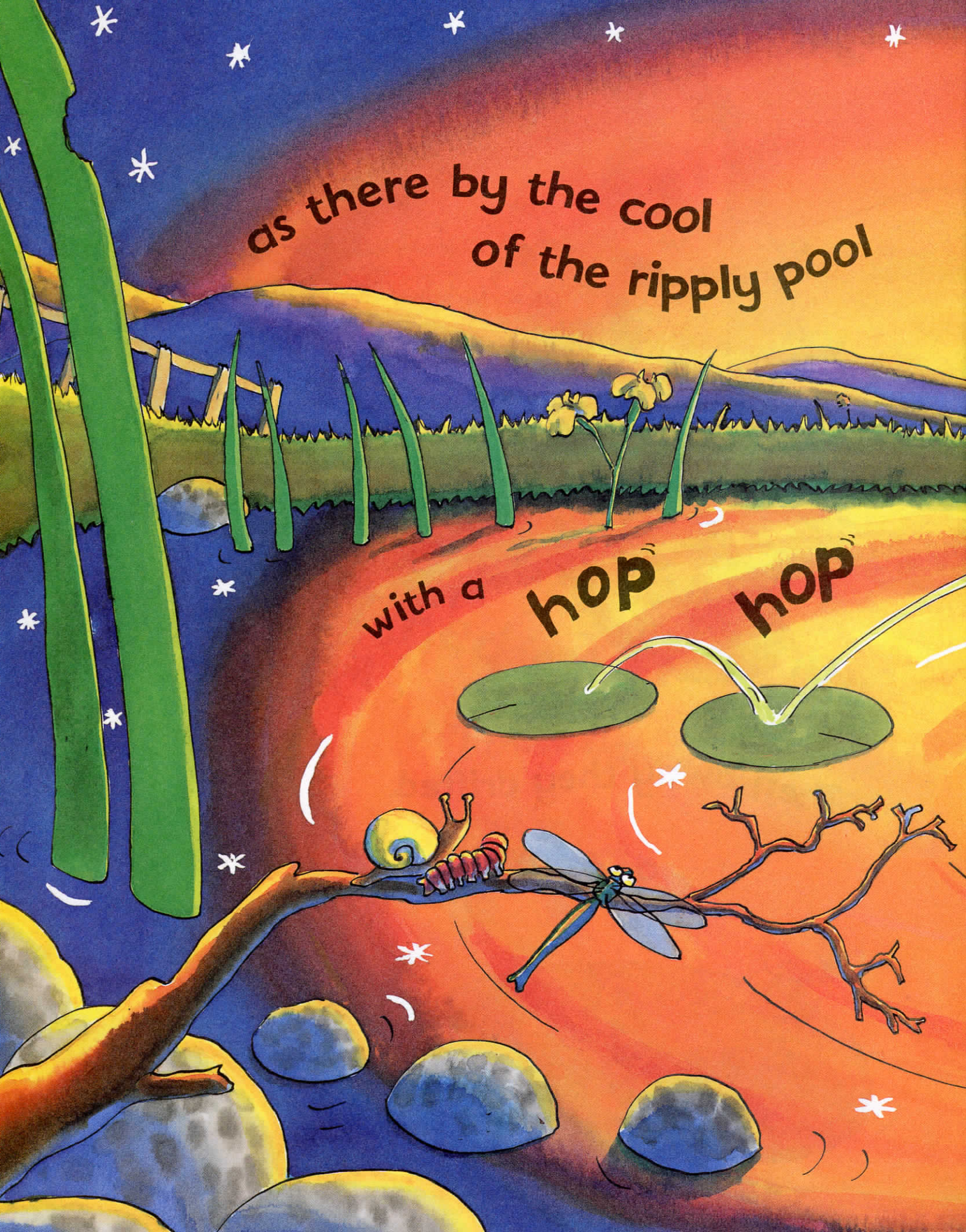
Then away they drifted,

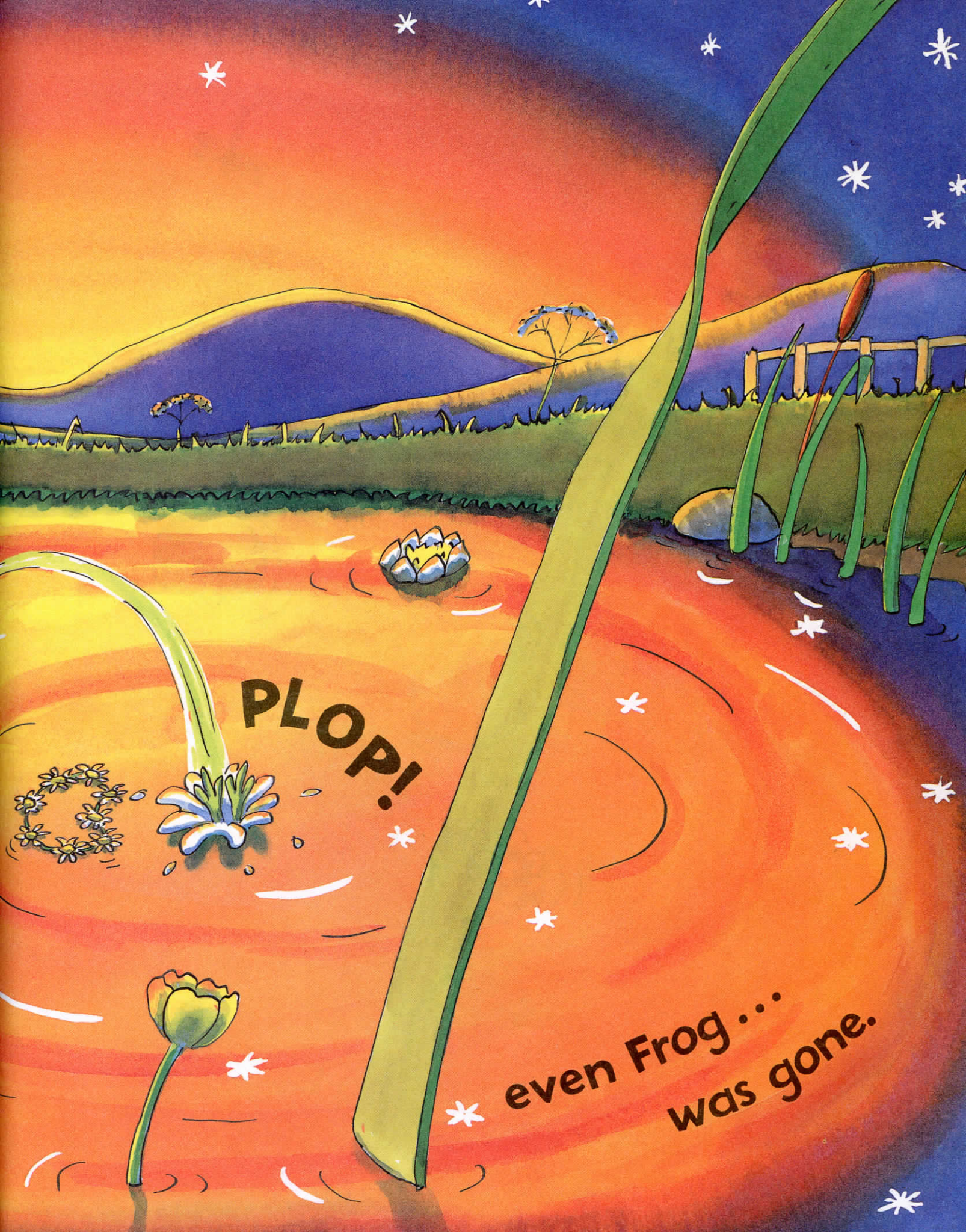
and down went the sun,



as there by the cool
of the ripply pool

with a **hop** **hop**





PLOP!

**even Frog ...
was gone.**