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FREE
SAMPLER!



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VIKING

CHAPTER 1



In the village of Valley Glen . . .

Driinggg!

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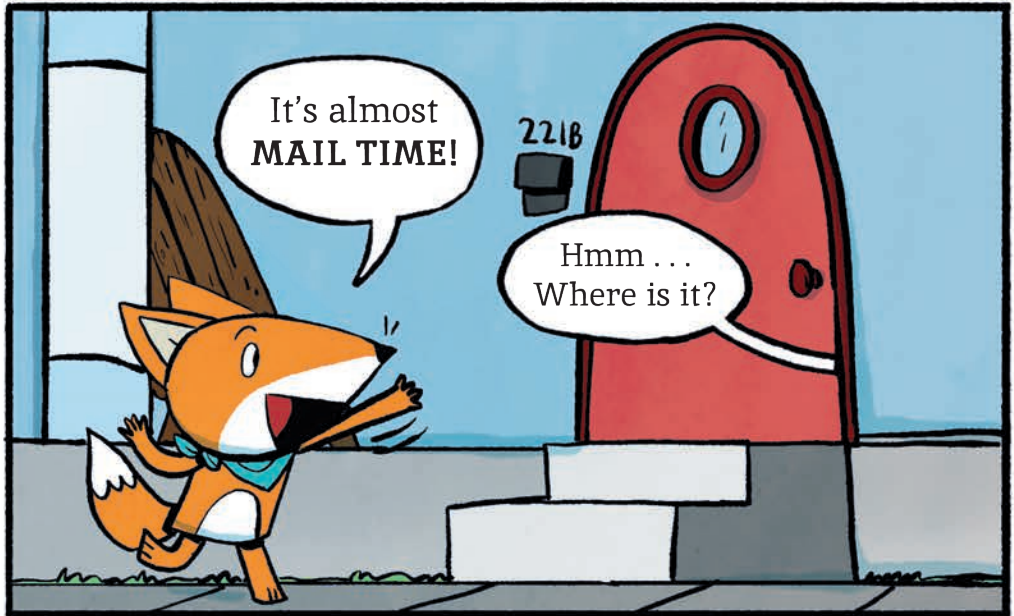
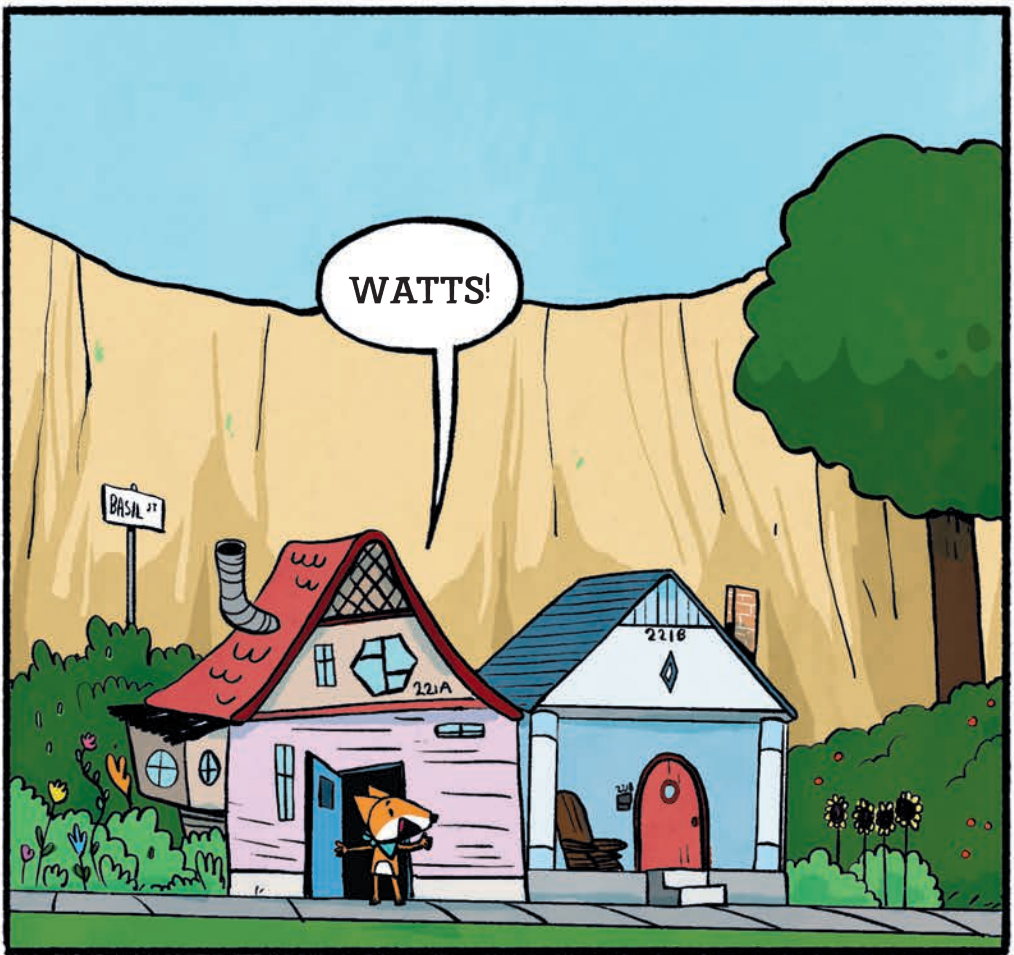
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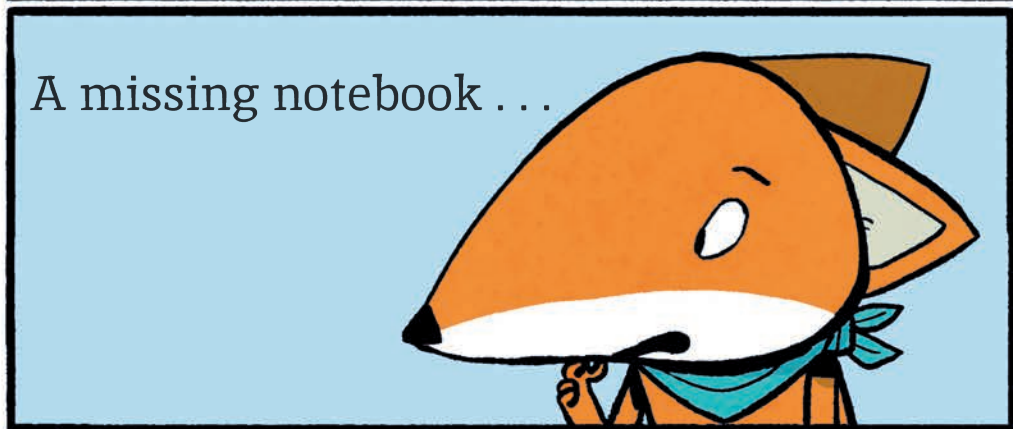


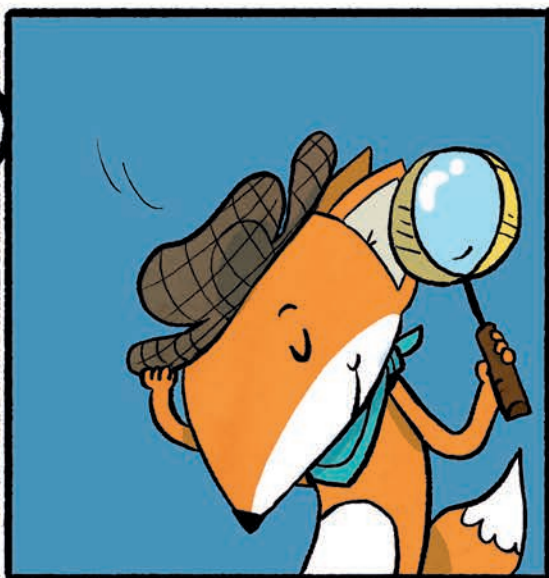
DRINGGG!



YAWN!



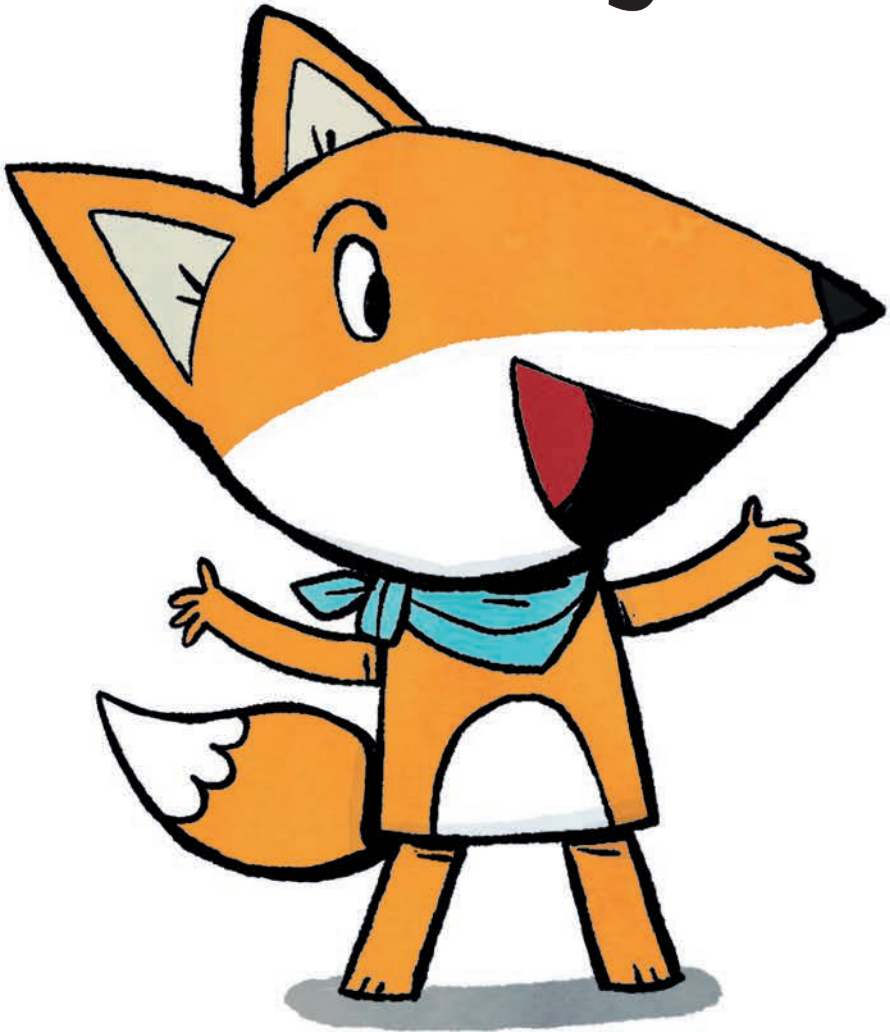




**A mystery
to solve!**



Shelby



favorite book:

*Detective Dahlia
and the Sounds of Basketville*

favorite color: teal

Watts



badger

favorite book:

Encyclopedia of the World
(unabridged), 5th Edition

favorite color: maroon

Soft blanket



Rustled
bushes



HM.

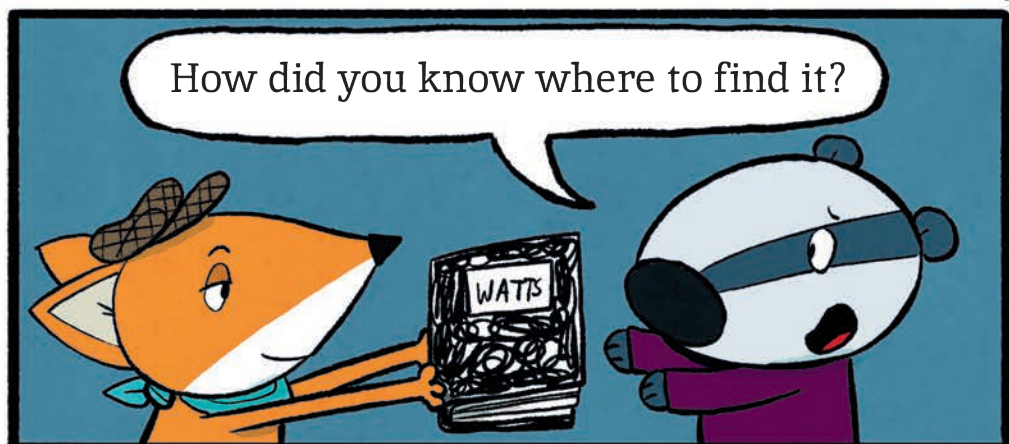


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Spilled
chamomile tea





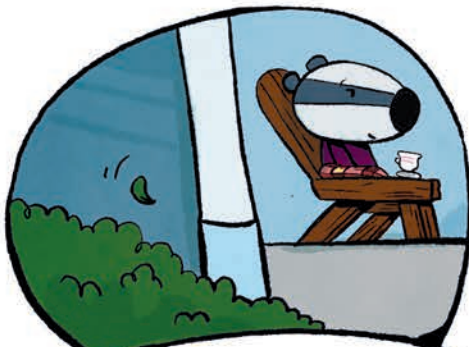
The Case of the Missing Notebook



Clue 1: The spilled chamomile tea led to the chair . . .



*Clue 2: Where I found
a soft blanket, so I knew
that's where you were sitting!*

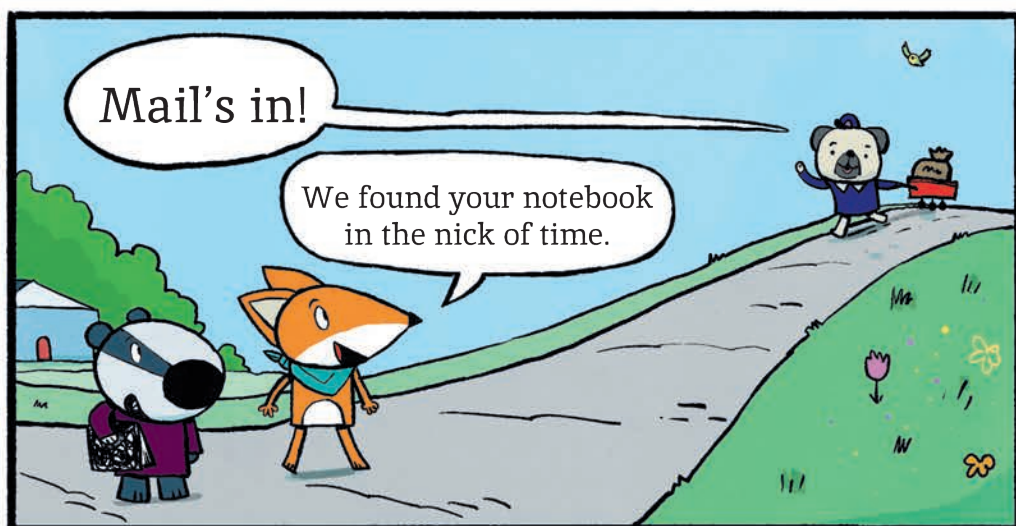


*Clue 3: The bushes
were rustled, as if something
had disturbed them.*



*Deduction:
The book must have fallen off into the bushes
when you accidentally fell asleep!*

Solved!





Dear Shelby and Watts,

I'm sorry for writing you out of the blue,
but I need your help.

My name is Fred and I'm a hermit crab.

My shell has become too small and I
can't find a big enough shell to move into.

There isn't one ANYWHERE on the
beach!

Shelby—Mary told me that you've read
more mysteries than anyone she knows.

Watts—Mary said that you've read the
whole encyclopedia cover to cover.



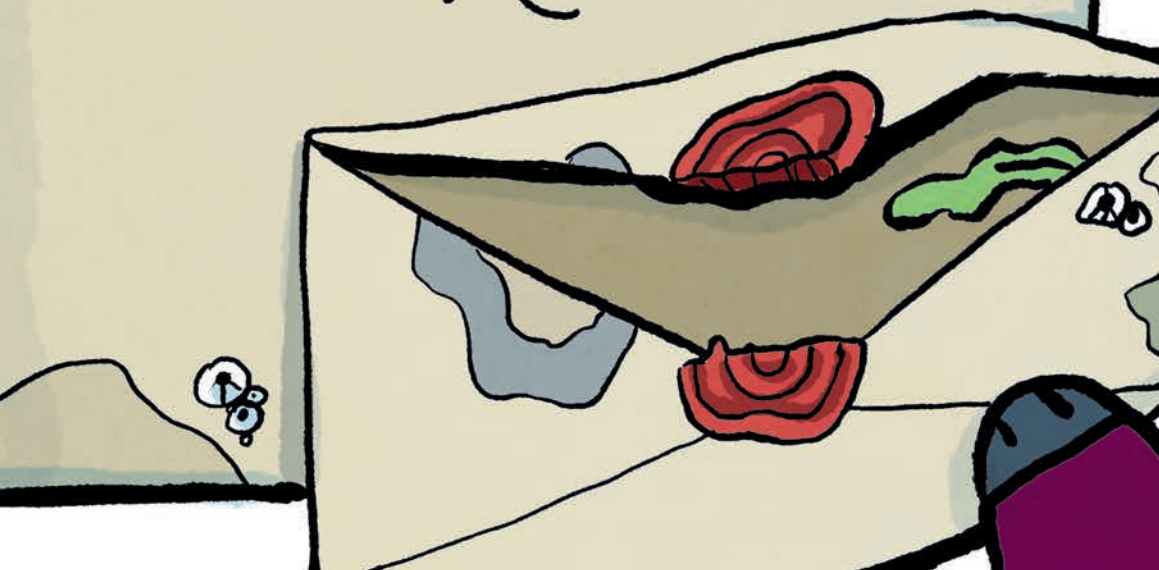
This is a mystery that needs both of
your brilliant brains.

So please, would you help me find
a new shell?

I'm in quite a pickle.

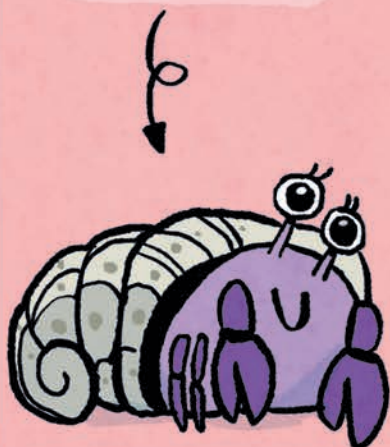
Anxiously awaiting your visiting,

FRED



WATTS'S FUN FACTS

HERMIT CRABS LIVE IN
SHELLS.
THEY CHANGE
THEIR SHELLS
WHEN THEY OUTGROW
THEIR OLD ONE!



A pickle?
Why is he living in a pickle—

"In a pickle" means
"in a difficult situation."

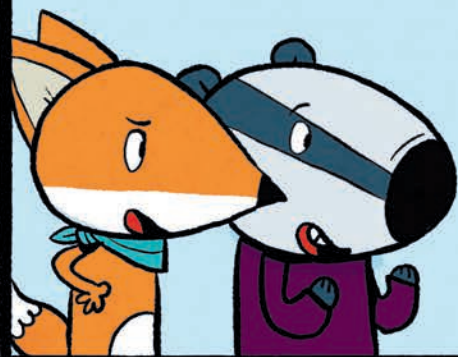


Do you think
you can help?



It sounds like a mystery
Detective Dahlia would solve.

I've always wanted to
visit the seashore ecosystem.







And we're off!

WATTS'S FUN FACTS

1/3 OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION
LIVES WITHIN 60 MILES (100 KM) OF AN OCEAN COAST!

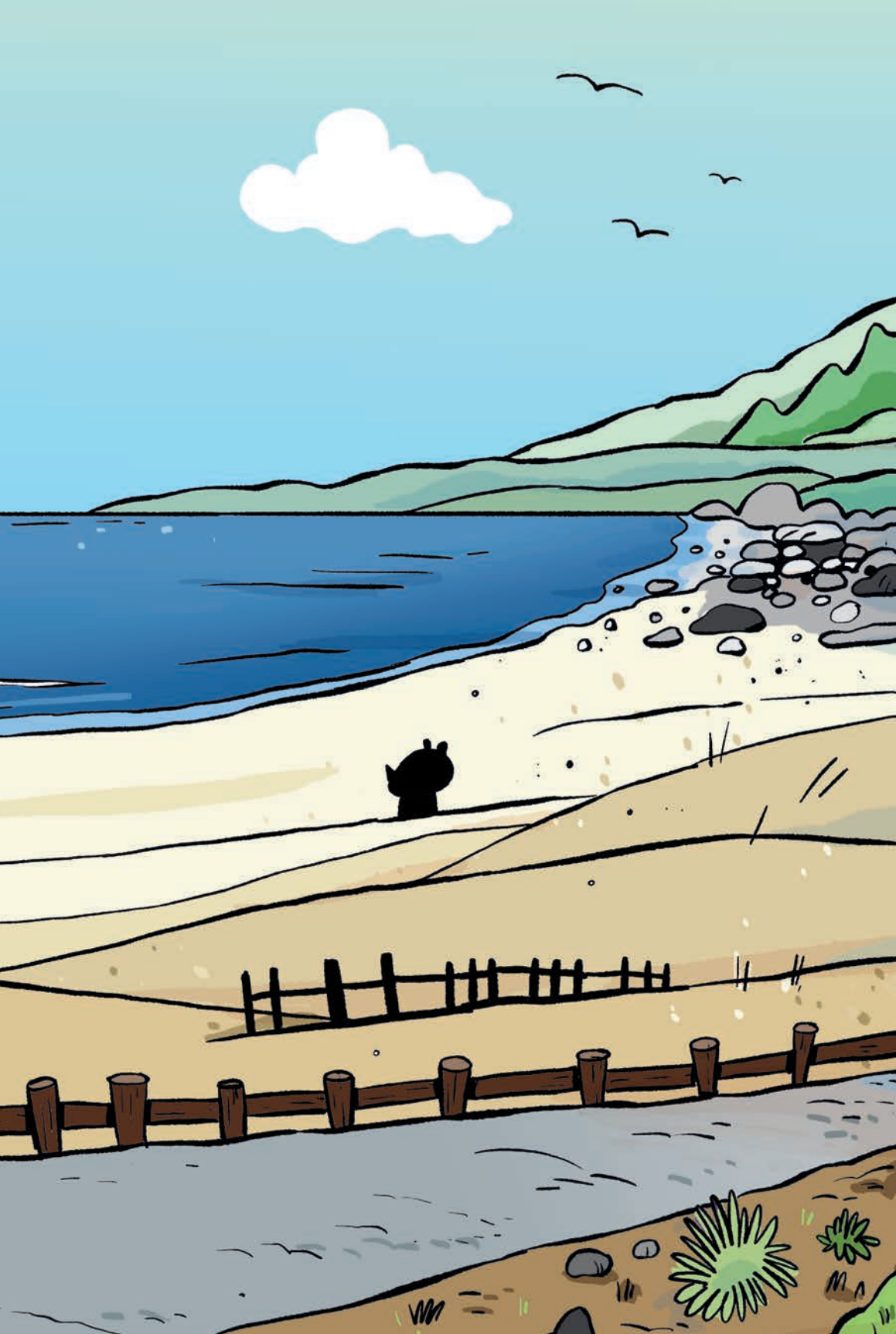
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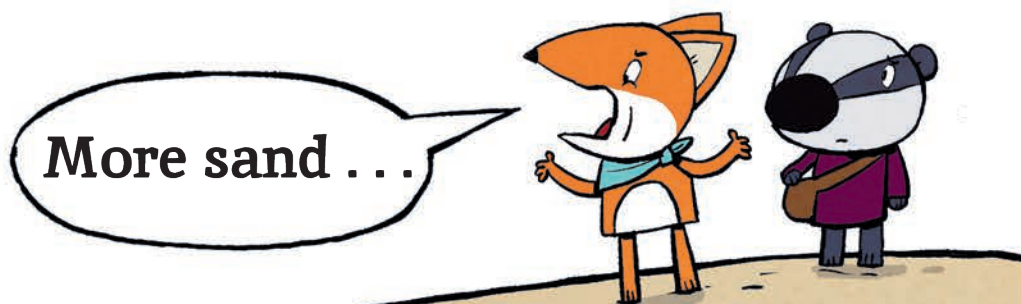


At the beach dunes . . .



Oh wow!







Arty



seaside collector
favorite color: green

I'm here to hunt
for sea treasures to collect.

What are you up to today?



We're looking for
a hermit crab named Fred.

Have you seen him?
Or any hermit crabs?





I'll write down clues
in my notebook!



CLUES

1. HERMIT CRABS LIVE DOWN
THE SHORE, WHERE THE GOOD SHELLS ARE.

