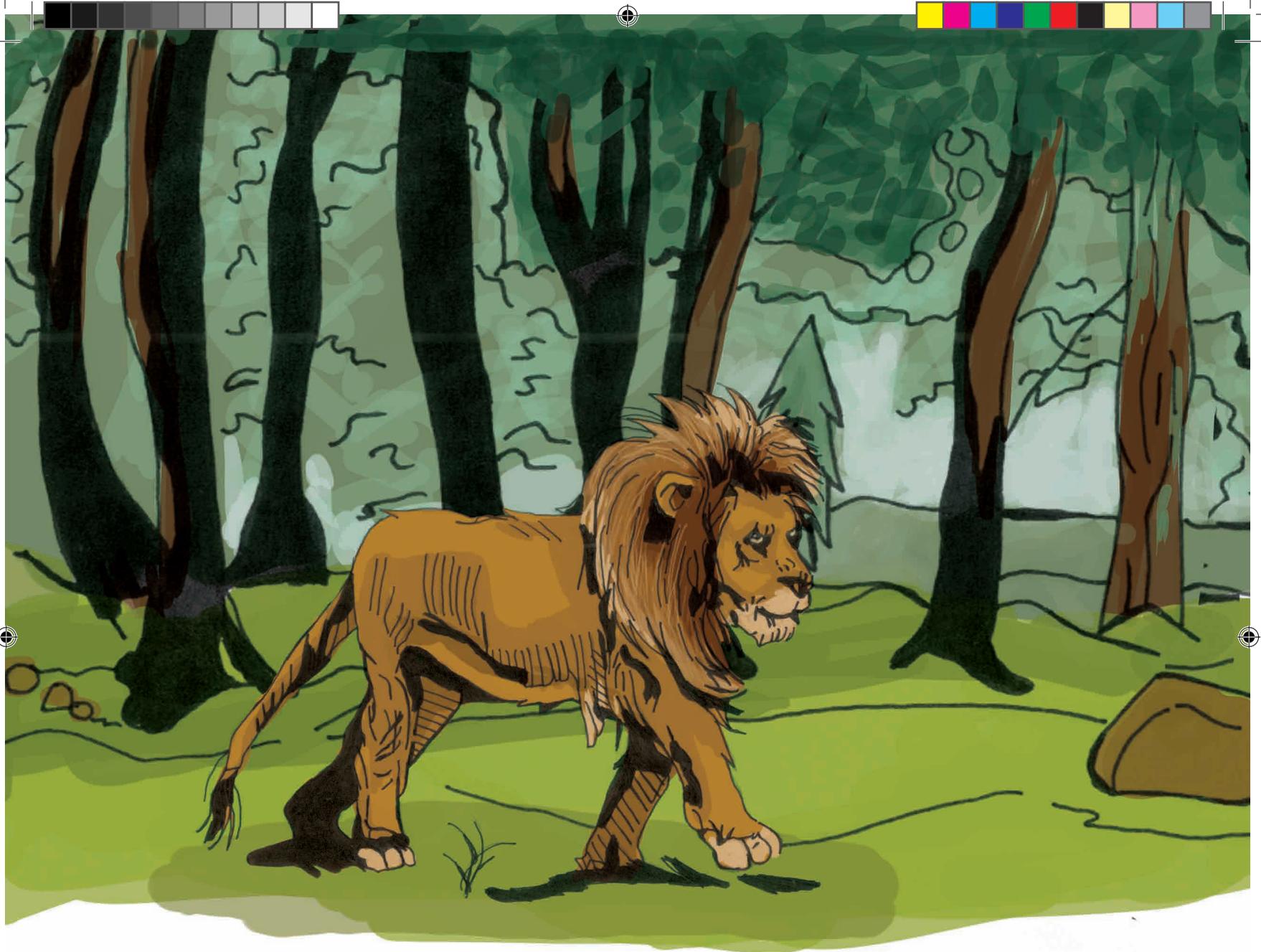




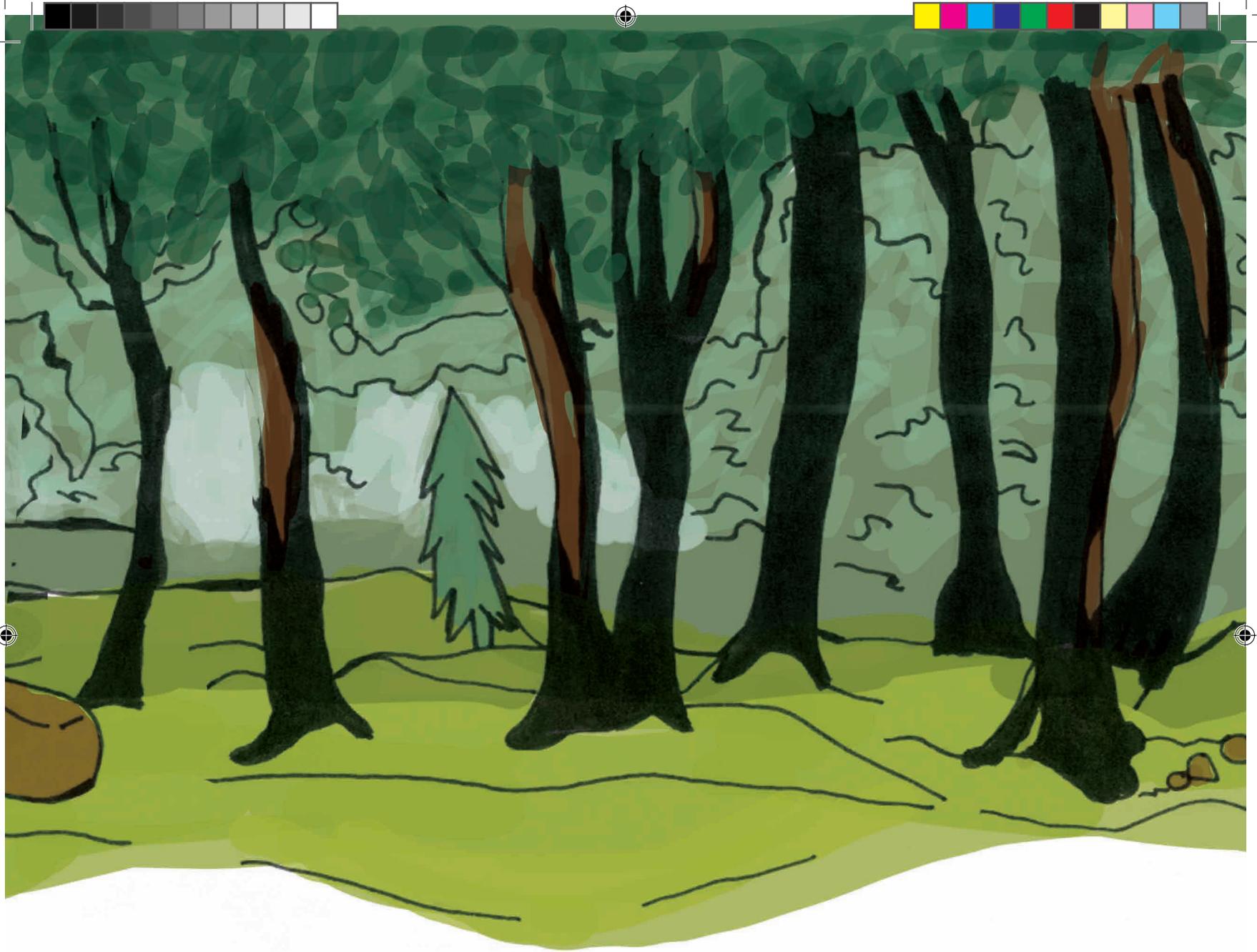
Lion and Warthog

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Bhubesi the Lion had been searching for food for a long time.



He was very hungry and very tired.



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Suddenly, he was caught!

“HELP! HELP!
Somebody, HELP!” he roared.





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Ntibane the Warthog showed up.
“Please free me!” pleaded Bhubesi.

“Oh no!” Ntibane answered.
“If I free you, you will eat me up!”





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Bhubesi tried again.

“Oh, Ntibane, I am begging you to free me.
I will reward you with a **big** termite mound.”

Ntibane was kind-hearted, and proud that the
king of the jungle was at his mercy.
Slowly, he **opened** the cage.





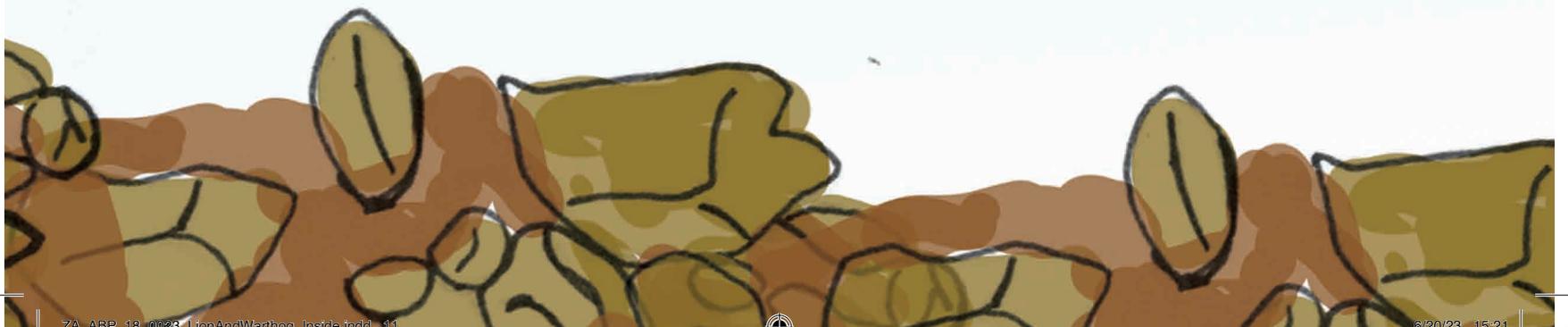
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Bhubesi jumped up and down with joy.
He said, “Let me take you to the termites’
mound, Ntibane. **Go in front of me.**
Follow the path.”

Ntibane was unsure, but he obeyed.





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After walking for a while, Bhubesi said,
“Ntibane, you have such a **beautiful tail.**”

“Oh, thanks,” said Ntibane.
“But it is small. I wish I had a big tail.”

“Ay, no, this tail is just right for you.
And it looks so **appetising!**
Can I bite off just a small piece?
I’m so hungry.”

“Bhubesi, **no!**” shouted Ntibane angrily.





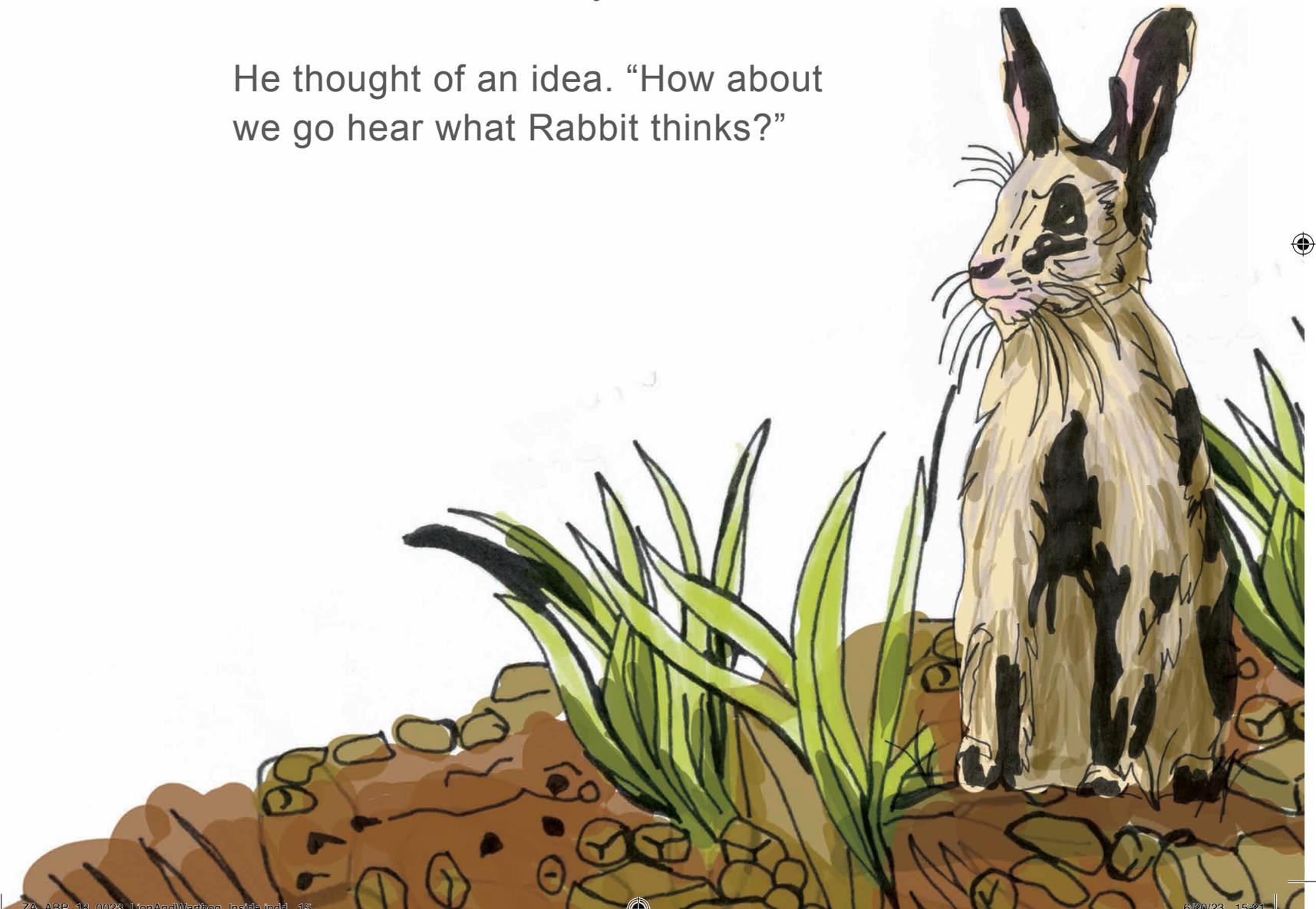
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“OK, OK,” Bhubesi replied. “If you don’t want me to bite your tail, give me a piece of your ear. I won’t eat the whole thing, I promise.”



Ntibane was suddenly scared.

He thought of an idea. “How about we go hear what Rabbit thinks?”





Lion agreed. He thought that since he was the **king of the jungle**, Rabbit would agree with him. They got to Rabbit.





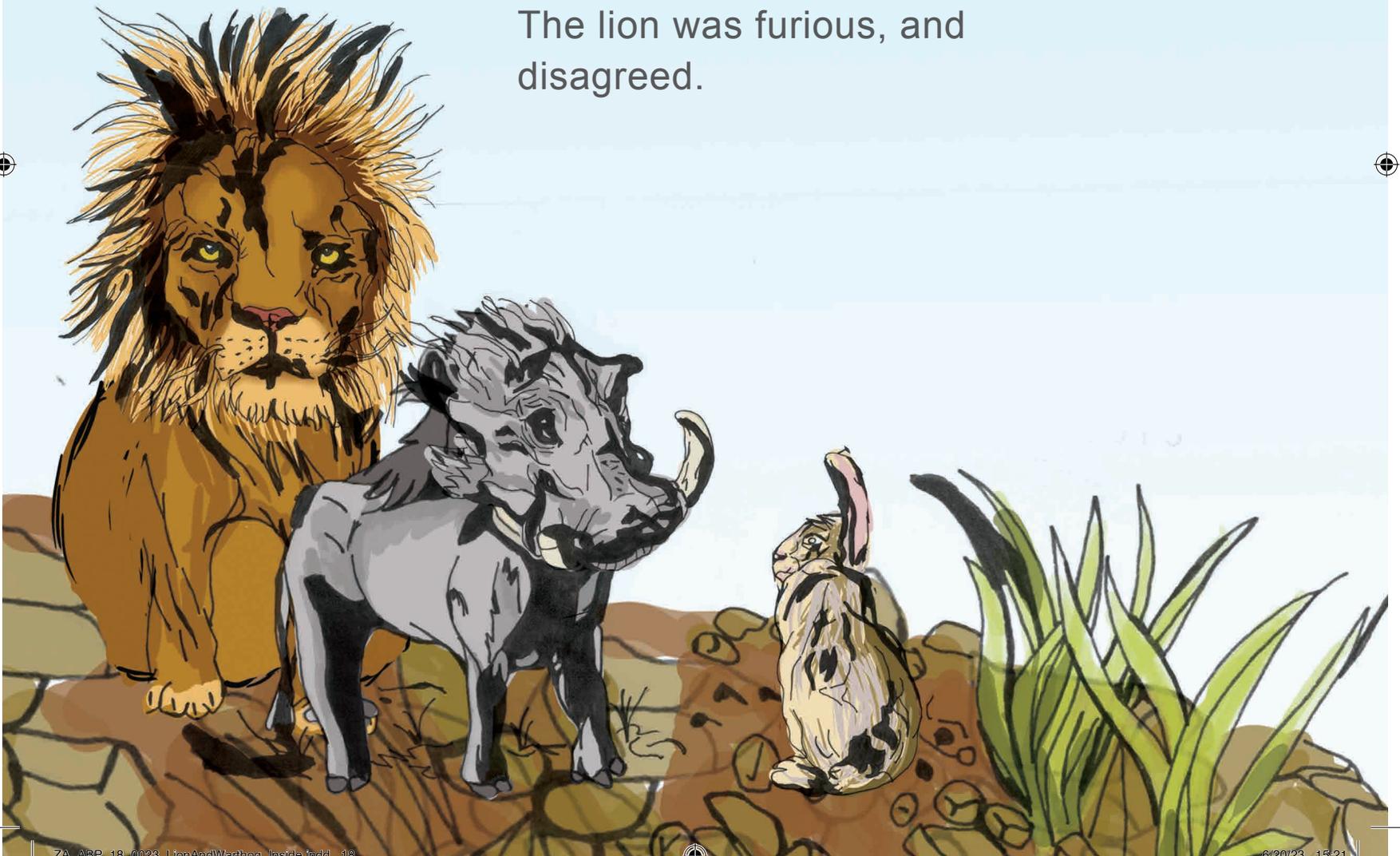
“Hello, Rabbit,” Ntibane started.
“I’m sorry to disturb you. Can you please help us with a problem?”

“Talk, I am listening,” said Rabbit.



Ntibane explained about the cage
and Bhubesi's hunger.

The lion was furious, and
disagreed.





“Why don’t we go back to the forest so I can get a clear understanding?” said Rabbit.

So they all **followed** Bhubesi back into the forest.



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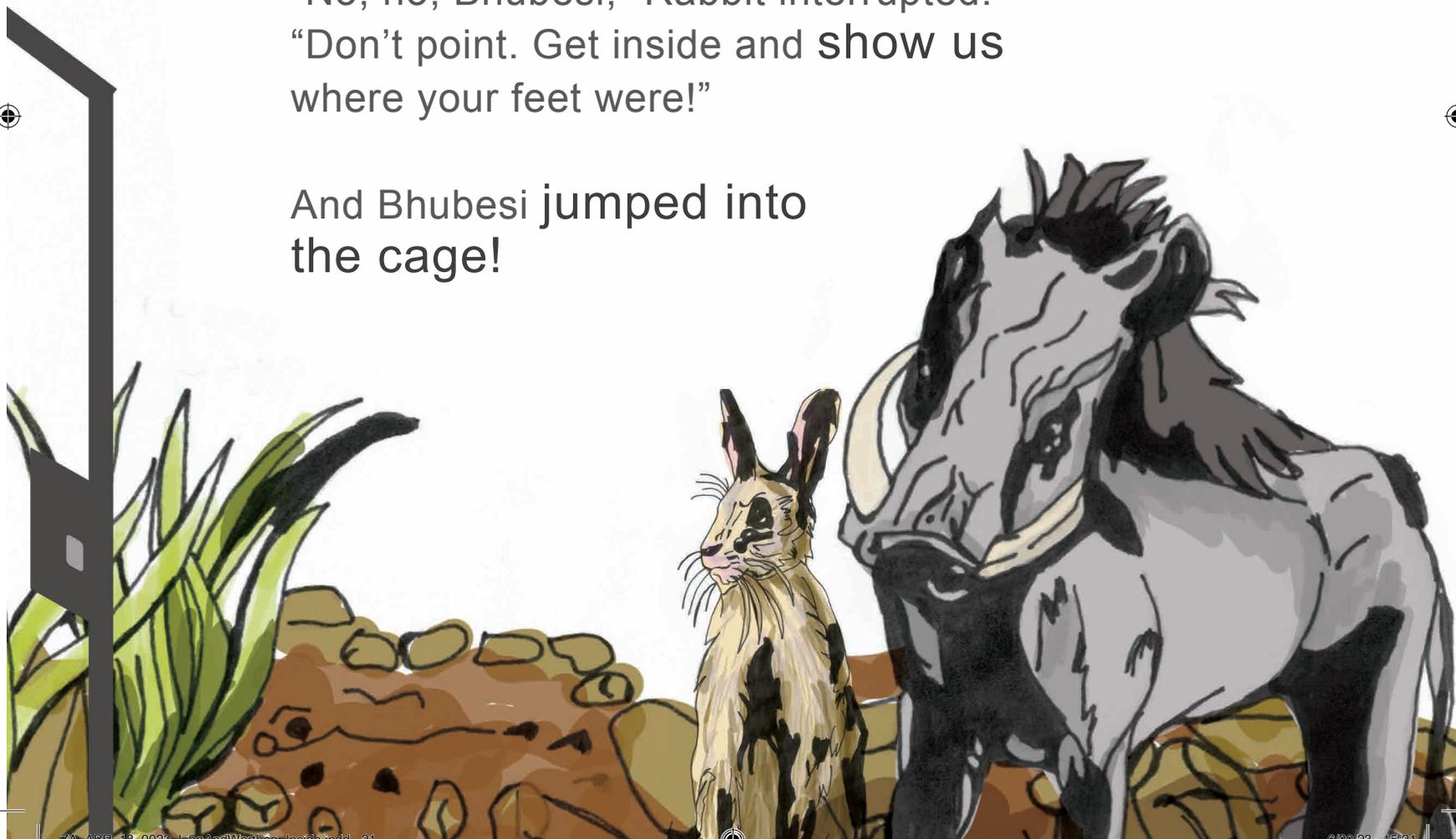
The cage was still there, and it was open.

Rabbit said, “Bhubesi, tell me again what happened.”

“I was standing there.” Bhubesi pointed at the cage.

“No, no, Bhubesi,” Rabbit interrupted.
“Don’t point. Get inside and show us where your feet were!”

And Bhubesi jumped into the cage!





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Quickly, Rabbit snapped the cage closed.

“Bhubesi! An ungrateful animal does not deserve help,” he said. “You got into the cage, so you must **get yourself out!**”

Then Rabbit turned to Ntibane.

“You are a **kind** fellow, Ntibane. Go back to your family with your tail and your ear!”





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