

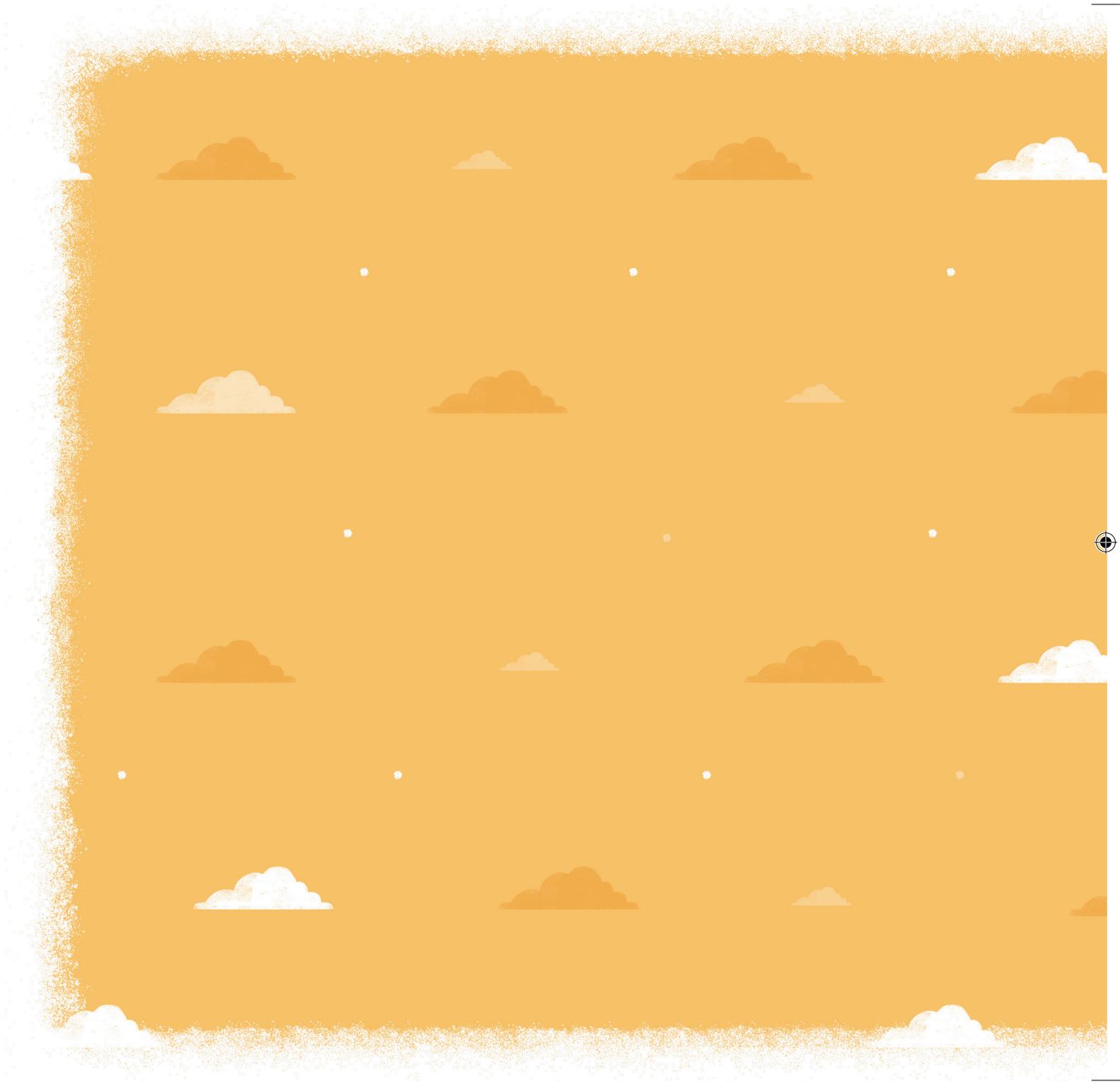


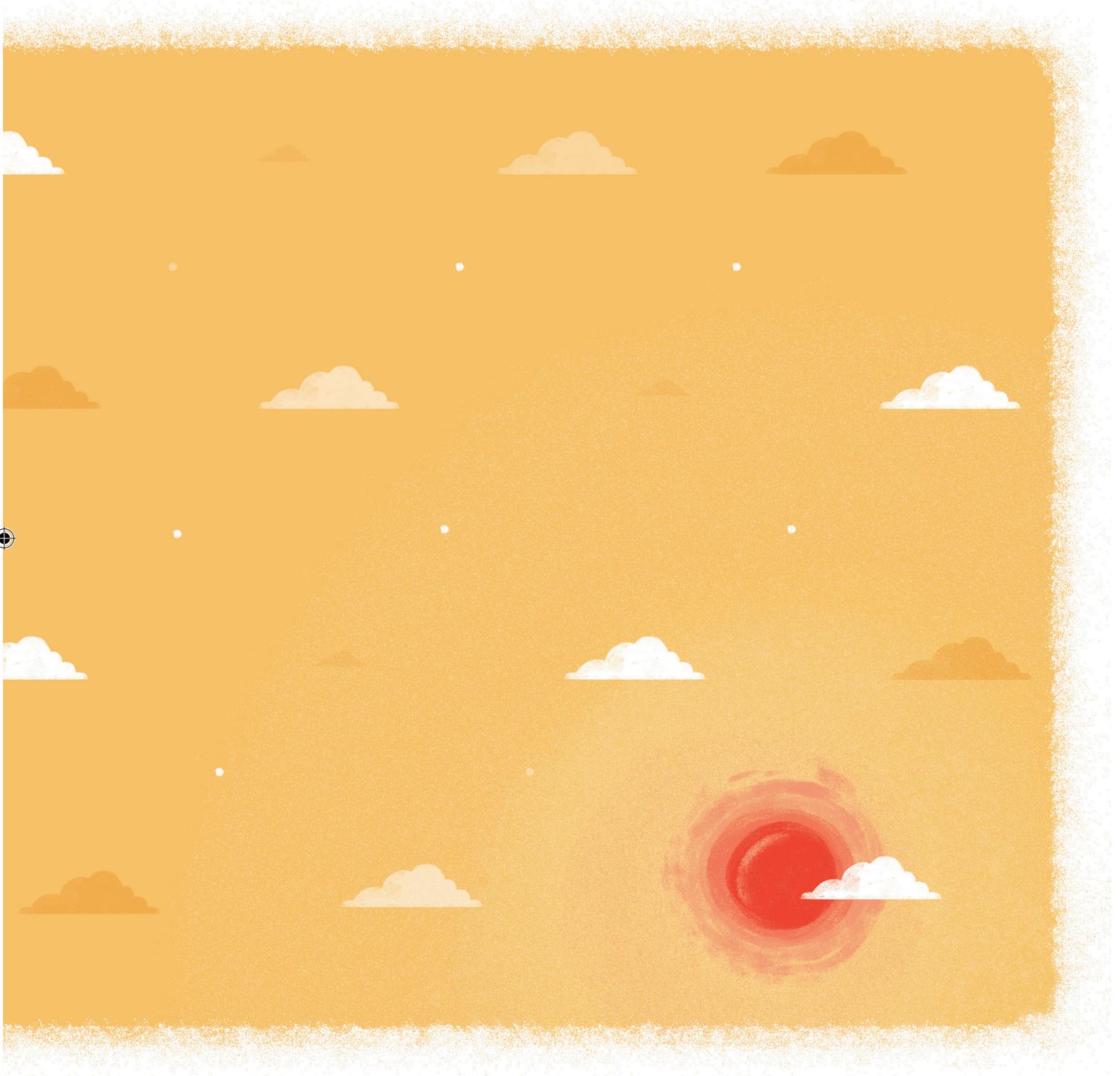
# The Very Tired Lioness

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THE VERY TIRED  
**LIONESS**





**There was once a very old**  
and very tired lioness.

She was so tired that  
she slept all day.  
**And all night.**









**“Come and hunt with us,”**  
said her sisters and daughters.

But the lioness was  
**too tired.**





**“What’s wrong with her?”**

asked the young impalas.

**“Don’t go too close,”** warned their mothers. **“She might eat you.”**

But the lioness just  
flicked her ears to  
**chase away the flies.**









One day the lioness woke up  
with a strange feeling that  
**something was watching her.**

When she looked up she saw a  
boiling roiling creature in the tree.

**“Who are you?”** asked the lioness.





“I am the sun.  
**I have come to fetch you.”**

**“Go away,”**  
grumbled the lioness.  
**“I want to sleep.”**









When the lioness opened her eyes again, the sun was still in the tree.  
**“Can’t you see, you are making us all hot and thirsty?”**

**“It’s getting late,”**  
said the sun.  
**“Follow me.”**



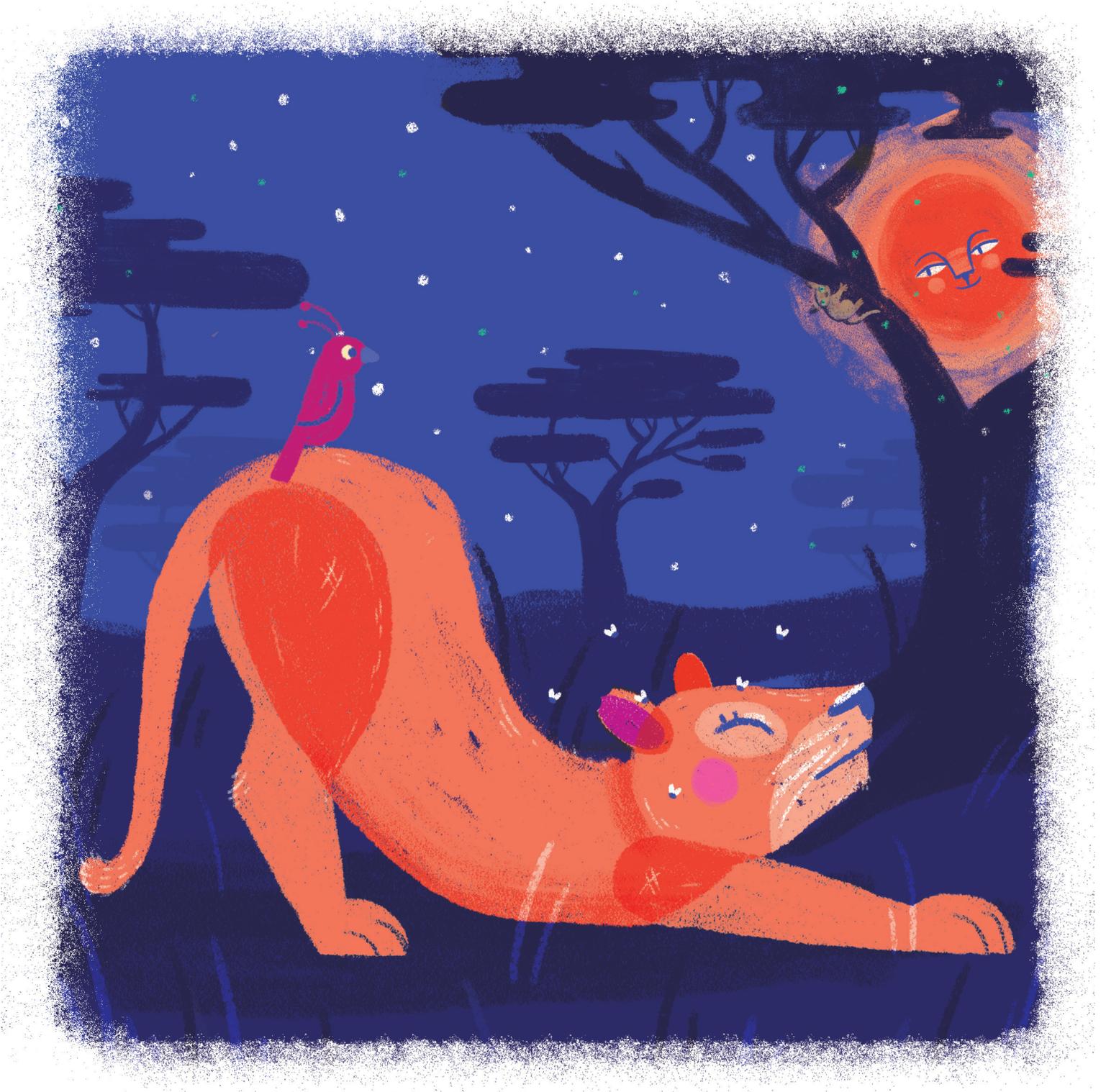


So the lioness slowly  
**got up and followed the sun.**

**“Happy hunting,”** called her sisters  
and daughters after her.

**“See you! See you!”** chirped the bird.









But the lioness didn't  
**hear anything.**

She just climbed higher  
and higher and higher  
**into the sky.**





**“Phew, it is far,”**  
said the lioness.









**“Not too far to go anymore,”**  
said the sun.  
**“You can rest when we get there.”**





And so the lioness came  
**to stay with the sun.**  
All day she lay lazily  
**in its warmth.**









But at night, when the sun  
was asleep, **she looked down**  
at the beautiful world  
**she had left behind.**



