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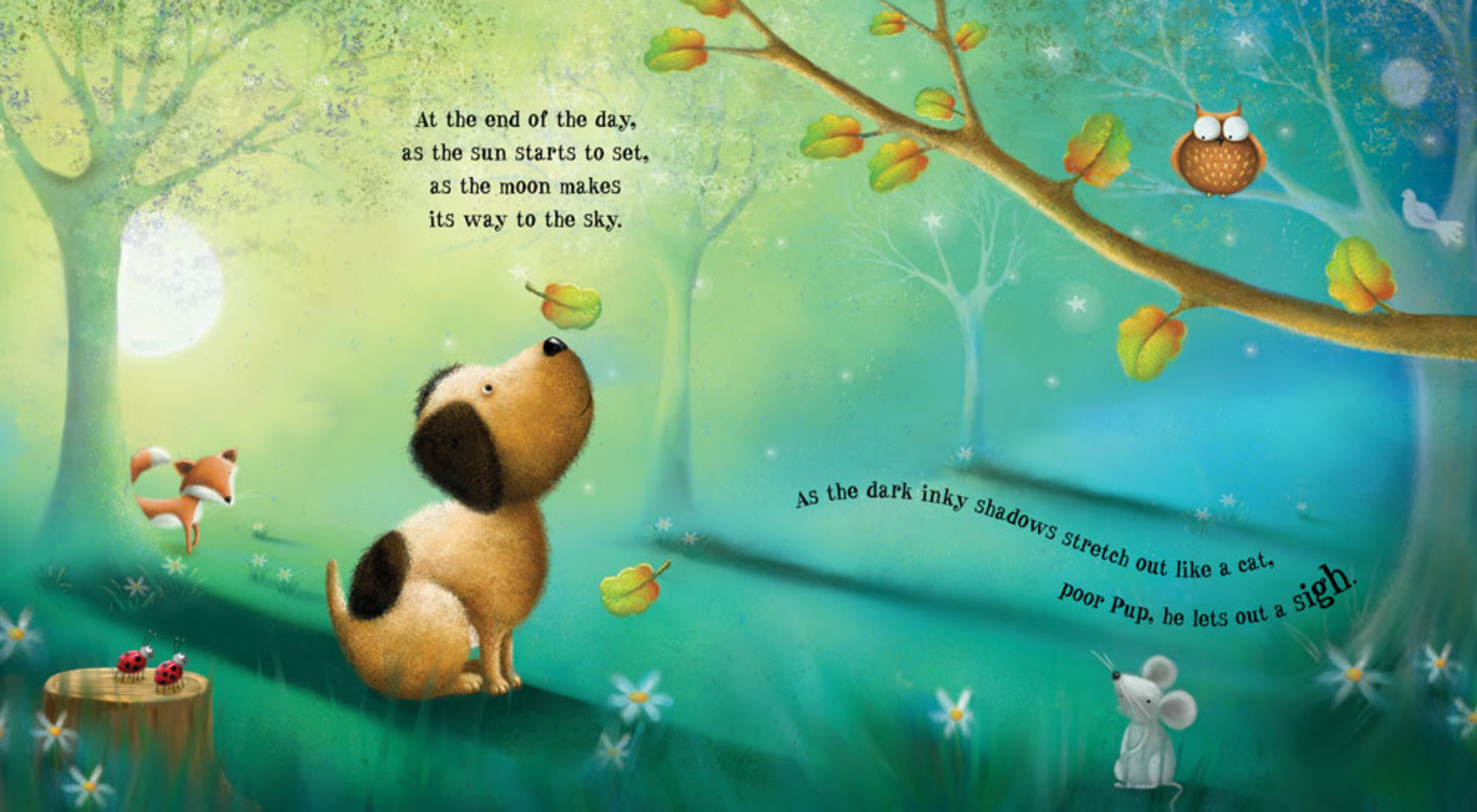
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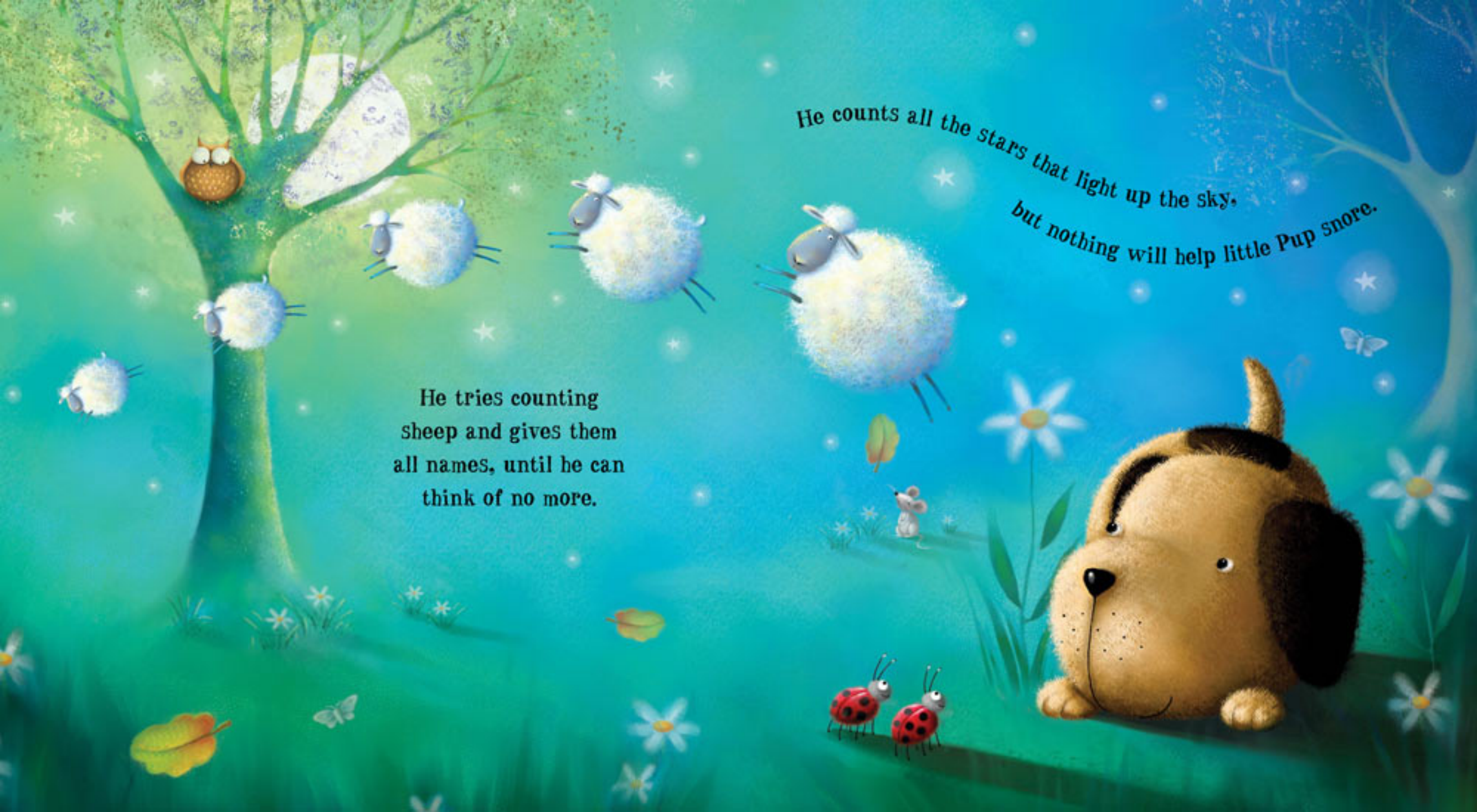
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At the end of the day,
as the sun starts to set,
as the moon makes
its way to the sky.

As the dark inky shadows stretch out like a cat,
poor Pup, he lets out a sigh.

A whimsical illustration of a dog counting sheep under a starry night sky. The scene is set in a lush green field with a large tree on the left. A dog is lying down on the right, looking up at the sky. Several sheep are floating in the air, and a small mouse is visible near the dog. The sky is filled with stars and a large, glowing moon. The overall mood is peaceful and dreamlike.

He counts all the stars that light up the sky,
but nothing will help little Pup snore.

He tries counting
sheep and gives them
all names, until he can
think of no more.

He chases his tail and chews on a bone.



He plays with the mice in the hall.

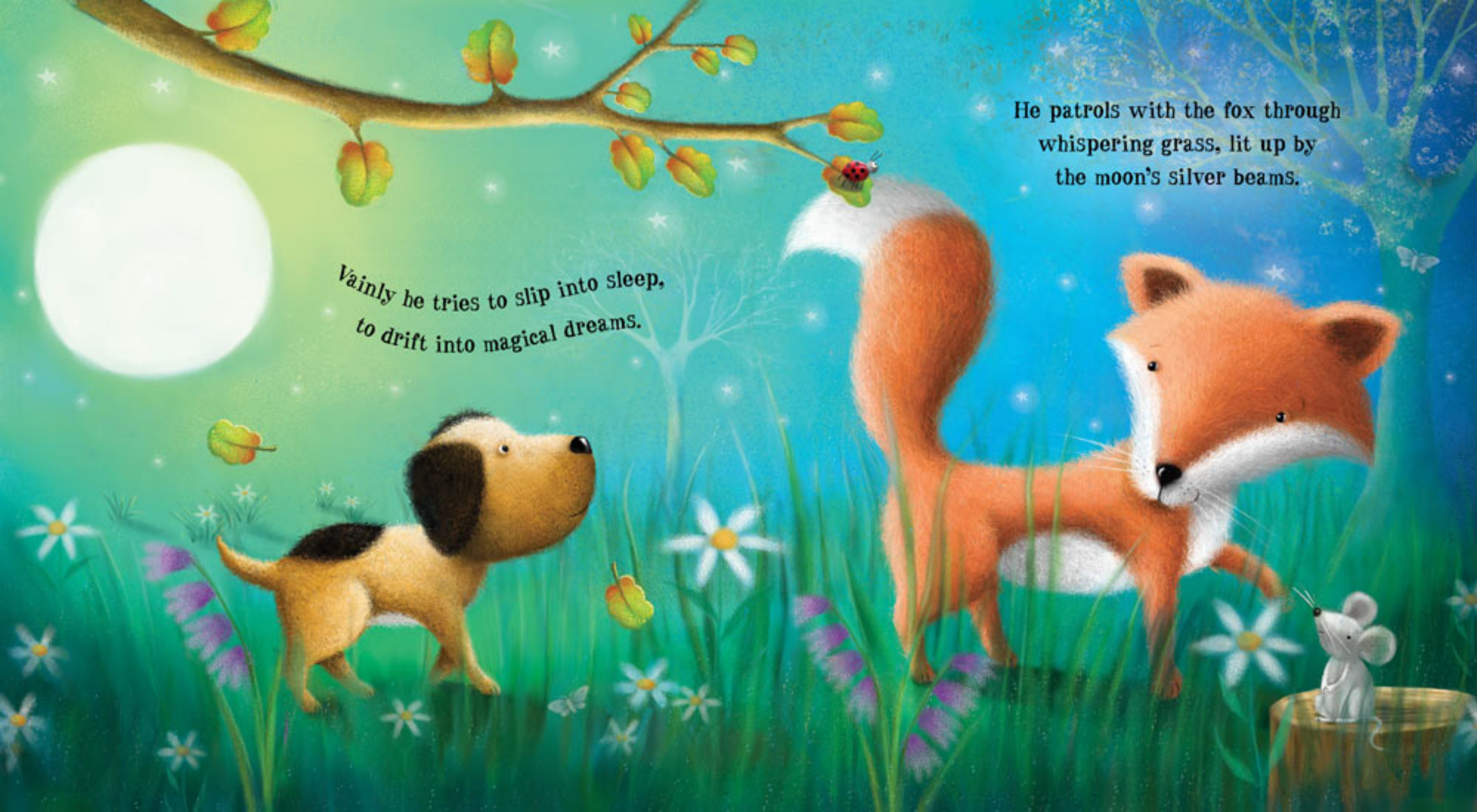


He rolls like a hedgehog and howls at the moon,
but poor Pup cannot rest at all.

The night shift begins for the beetles and bugs,
as they march from their beds by the log.

The moths and
the fireflies
dance through
the night
and sing
“go to sleep, little dog!”





He patrols with the fox through
whispering grass, lit up by
the moon's silver beams.

*Vainly he tries to slip into sleep,
to drift into magical dreams.*