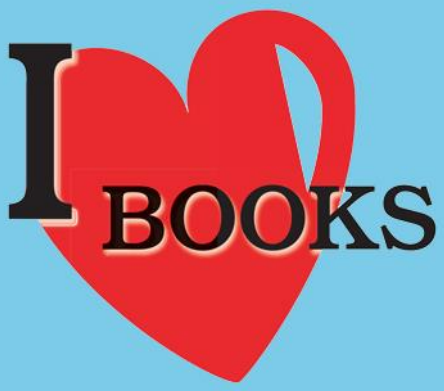


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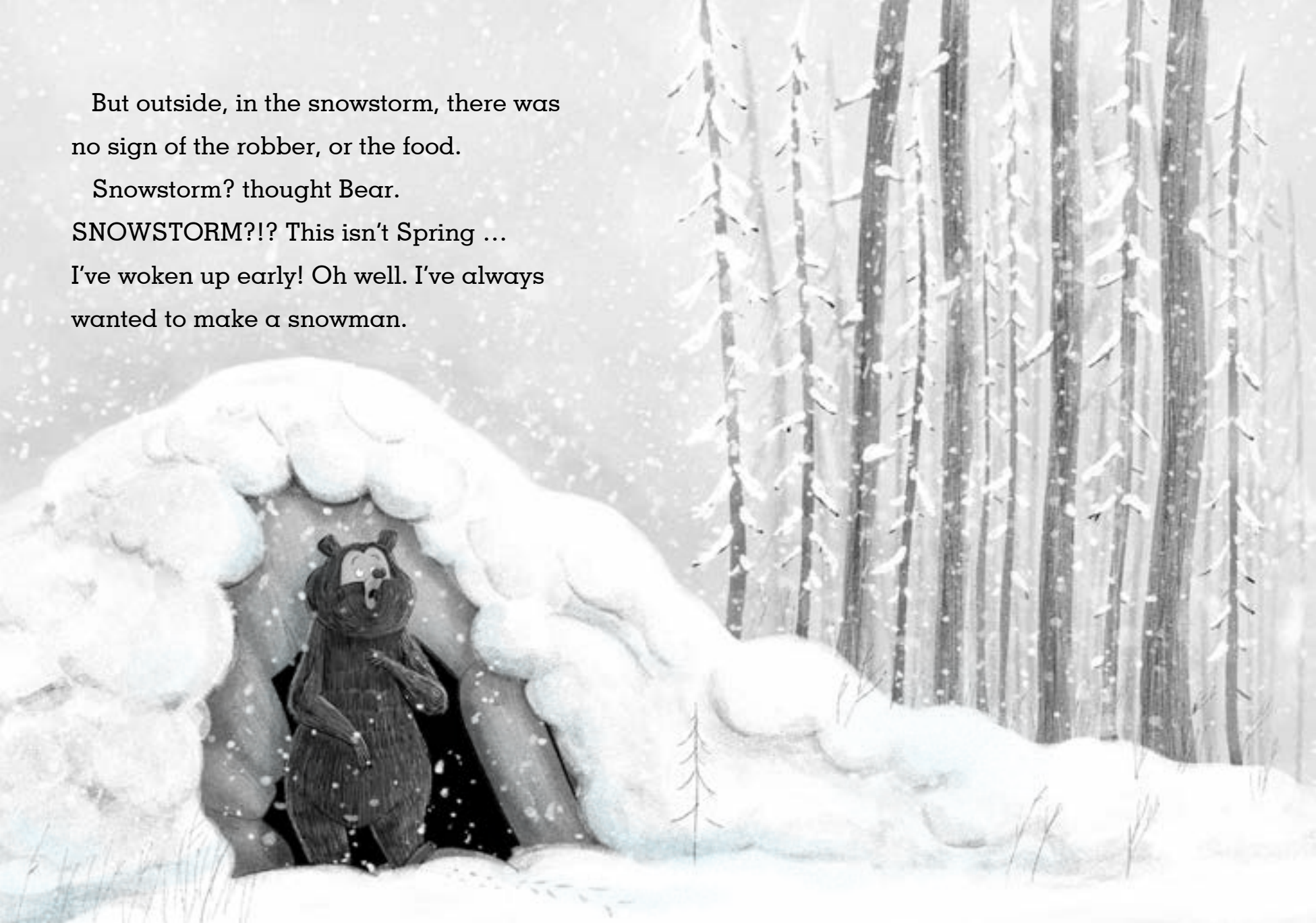
As the robber left the cave, he stood on Bear's nose. Bear woke up.

"My honey! My salmon! And my delicious beetles' eggs!" said Bear. "Gone!"



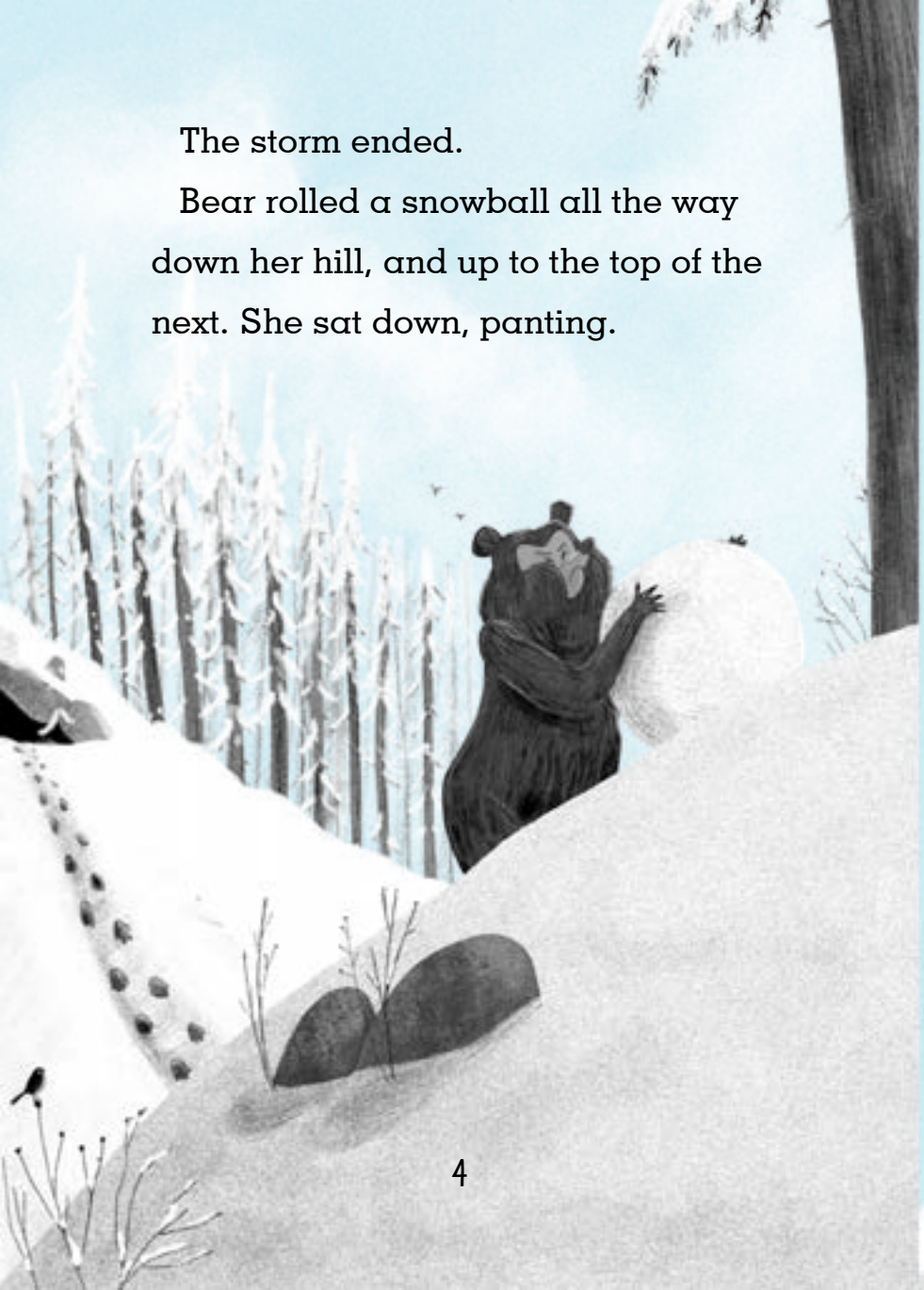
But outside, in the snowstorm, there was no sign of the robber, or the food.

Snowstorm? thought Bear. SNOWSTORM?!? This isn't Spring … I've woken up early! Oh well. I've always wanted to make a snowman.



The storm ended.

Bear rolled a snowball all the way down her hill, and up to the top of the next. She sat down, panting.



"It's the end of the world," said a gloomy voice.

Bear looked all around. "No it isn't," said Bear cautiously. "It's a lovely sunny day."

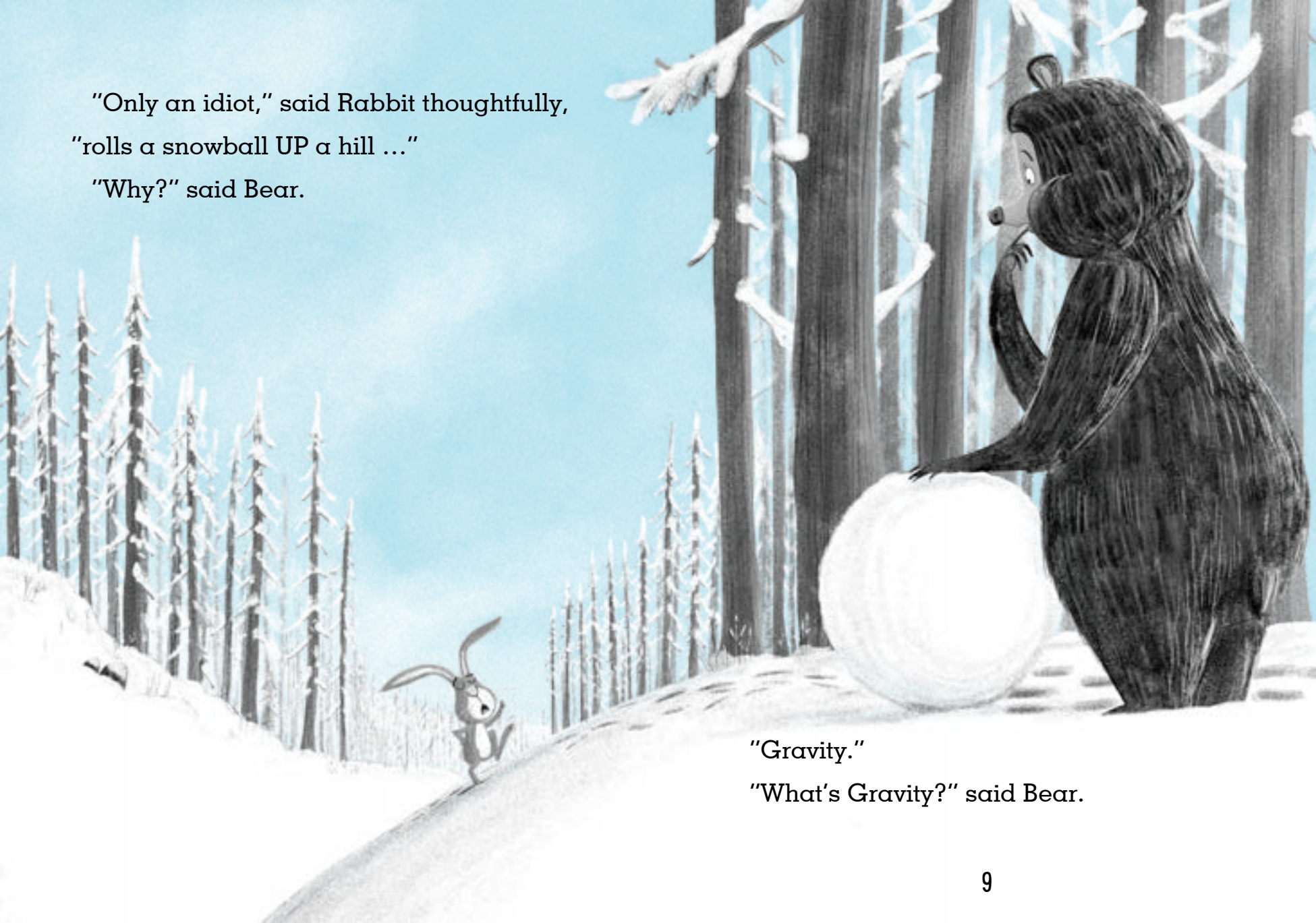
"Nonsense!" said the voice, from below. "The sun's gone out."



Ah, thought Bear. She rolled her snowball sideways, and uncovered a rabbit hole.

Rabbit popped out. He looked at Bear. He looked at the giant snowball.





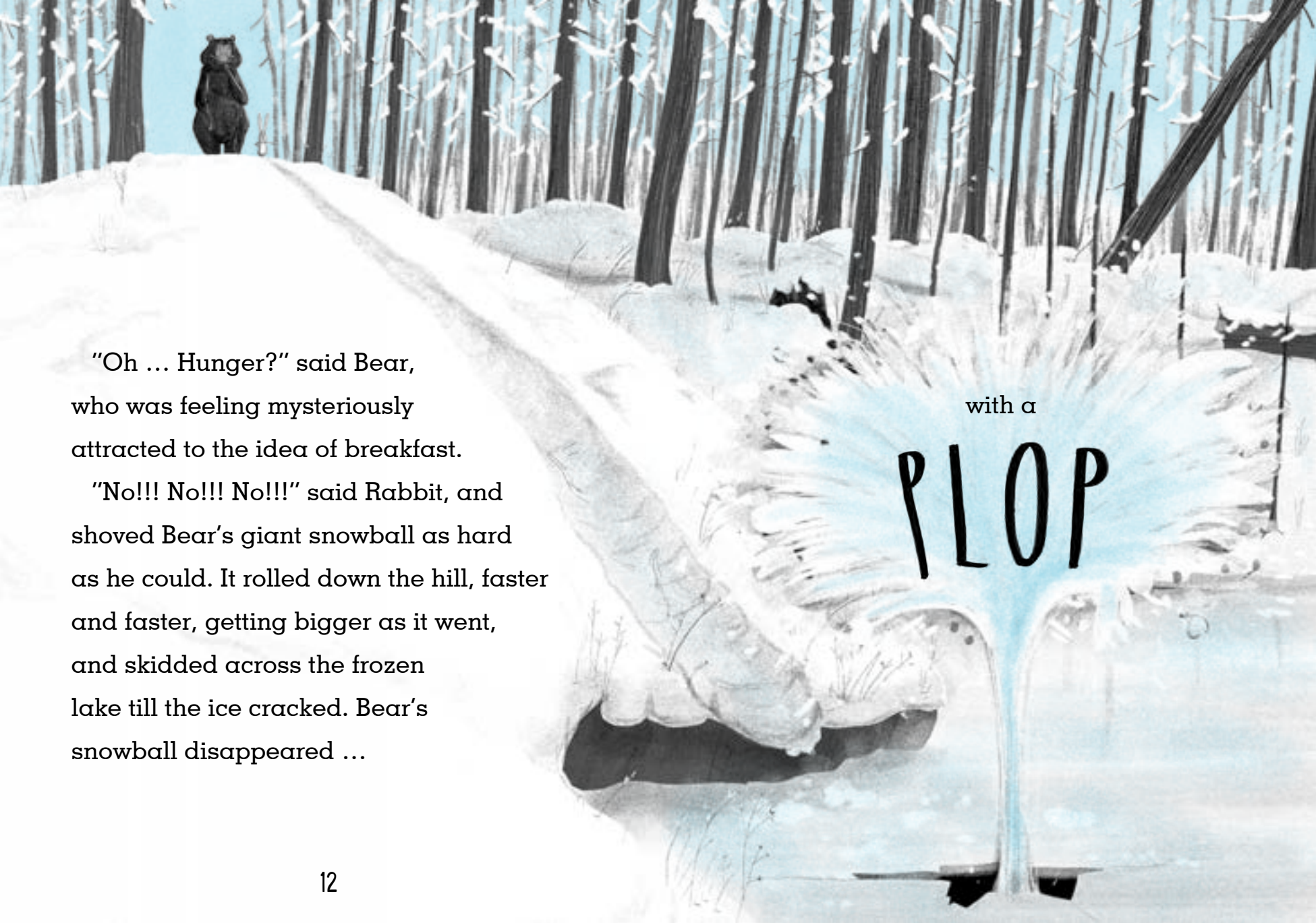
"Only an idiot," said Rabbit thoughtfully,
"rolls a snowball UP a hill ..."
"Why?" said Bear.

"Gravity."
"What's Gravity?" said Bear.

"Gravity," said Rabbit rather importantly,
"Is the Mysterious Force which Attracts
Everything to Everything Else."



"Ah!" said Bear, nodding.
"Like Friendship."
"No!" said Rabbit.
"Love?" said Bear.
"No!! No!!"
said Rabbit.



"Oh … Hunger?" said Bear, who was feeling mysteriously attracted to the idea of breakfast.

"No!!! No!!! No!!!" said Rabbit, and shoved Bear's giant snowball as hard as he could. It rolled down the hill, faster and faster, getting bigger as it went, and skidded across the frozen lake till the ice cracked. Bear's snowball disappeared …