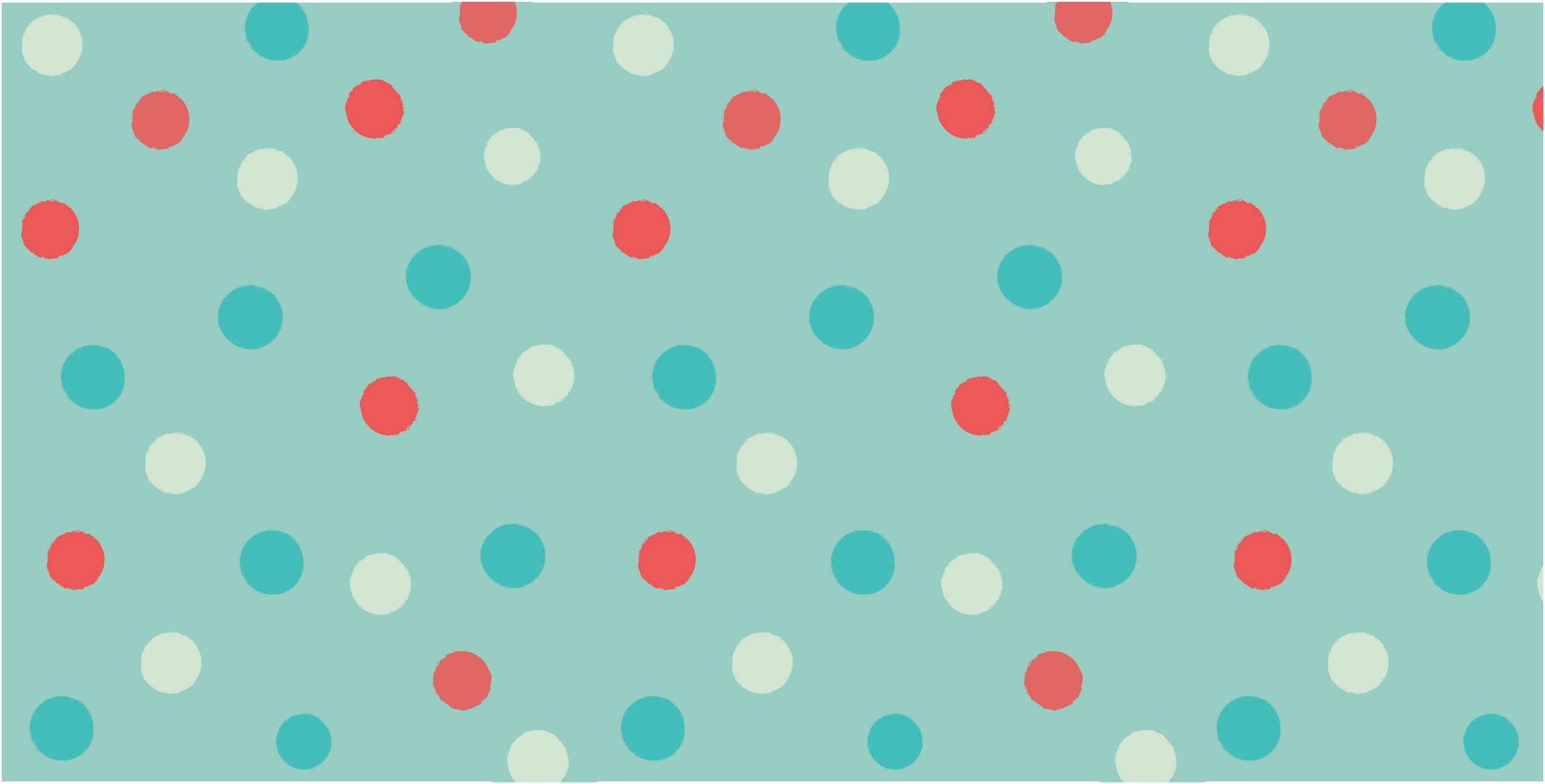



HELLO
Tiny, it will be dark soon.
Yes, Pointy.
Soon it will be very dark.

TINY T. REX

AND THE VERY DARK DARK

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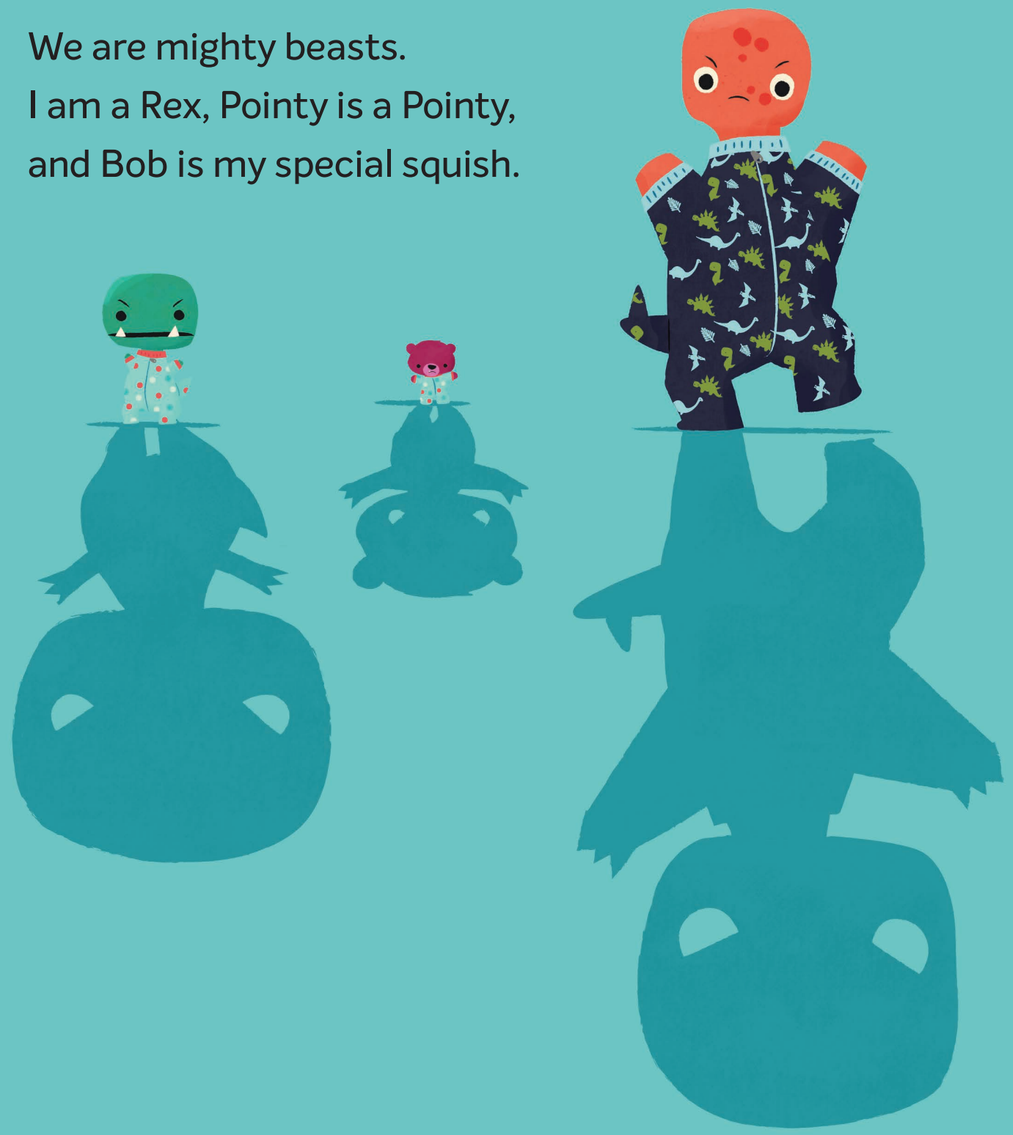
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It is our first campout in the backyard,
and we are nervous.

We have never slept outside before.

We are mighty beasts.
I am a Rex, Pointy is a Pointy,
and Bob is my special squish.

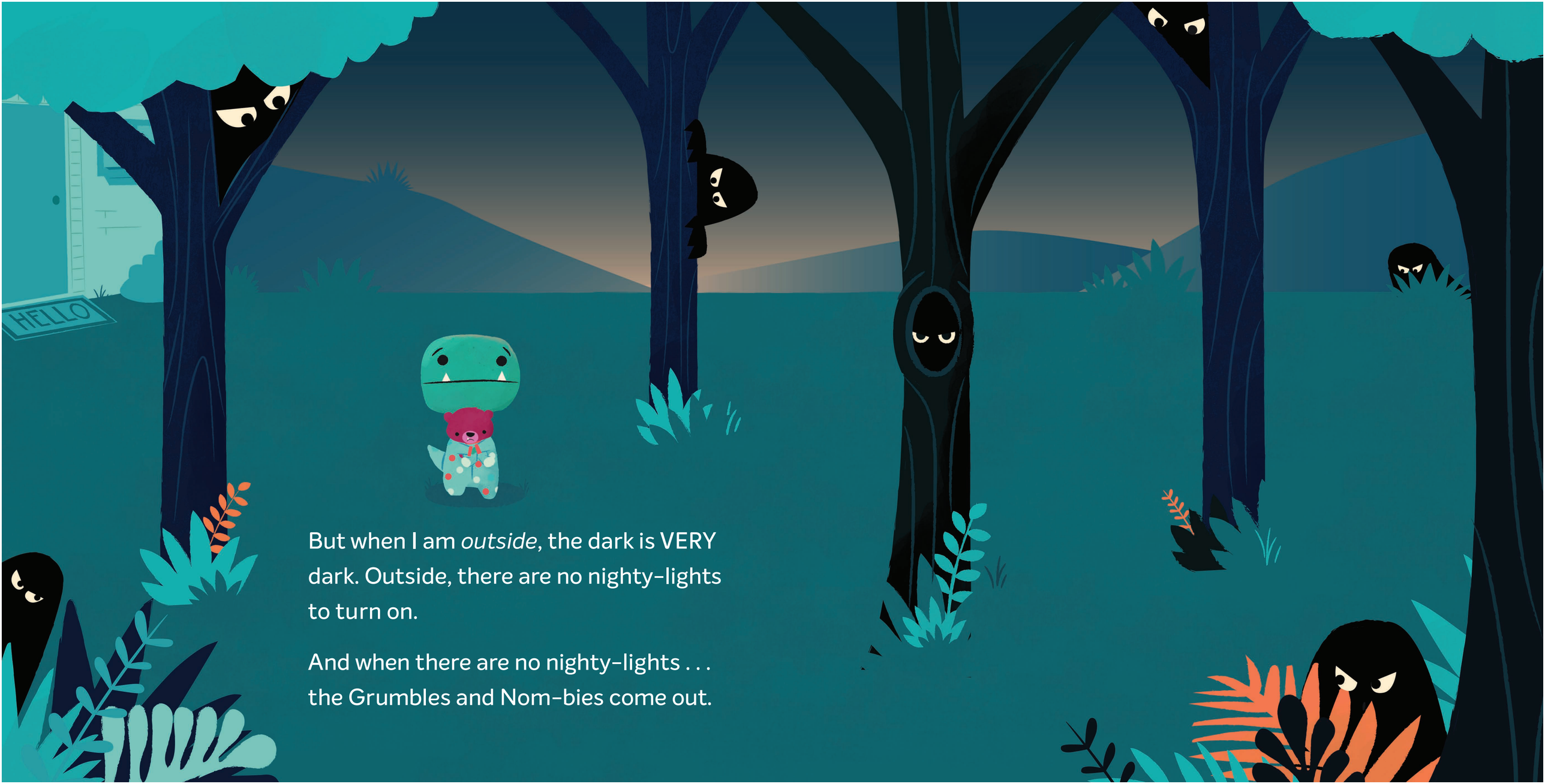


But even mighty beasts get
scared if we can't sleep with
our nighty-lights.



When I am inside, the dark doesn't seem so dark.





But when I am *outside*, the dark is VERY dark. Outside, there are no nighty-lights to turn on.

And when there are no nighty-lights . . . the Grumbles and Nom-bies come out.

Mother says:



But it is hard to be brave when you are scared of the Crawly-creeps.

And it is hard to look for something when you have your eyes shut.

Pointy and I thought up a secret plan to be brave.

When the very dark dark comes, we will be ready.





First, we will build a hiding fort.



To hide our snacks . . .





and ourselves.

