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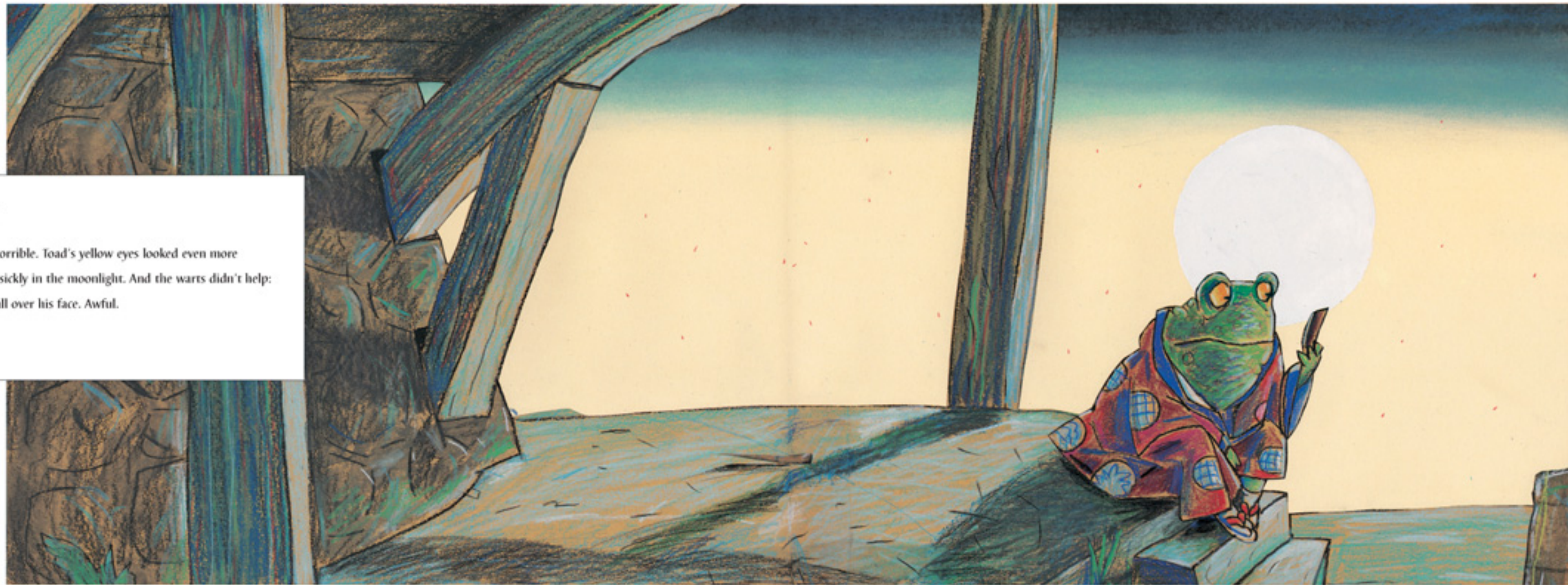
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orrible. Toad's yellow eyes looked even more sickly in the moonlight. And the warts didn't help: fat warts, all over his face. Awful.



**Y**

es, well,' — sharp as a knife, Rat's voice was a stab in the dark — 'none of us is getting any prettier.'

'Go easy on him, Garbage Gobbler.' Bat was hanging out after the night's flying. 'Toad's heart is weak.'

Rat scowled at Bat. 'You're no picture yourself, Umbrella Boy. Who did you scare tonight?'

