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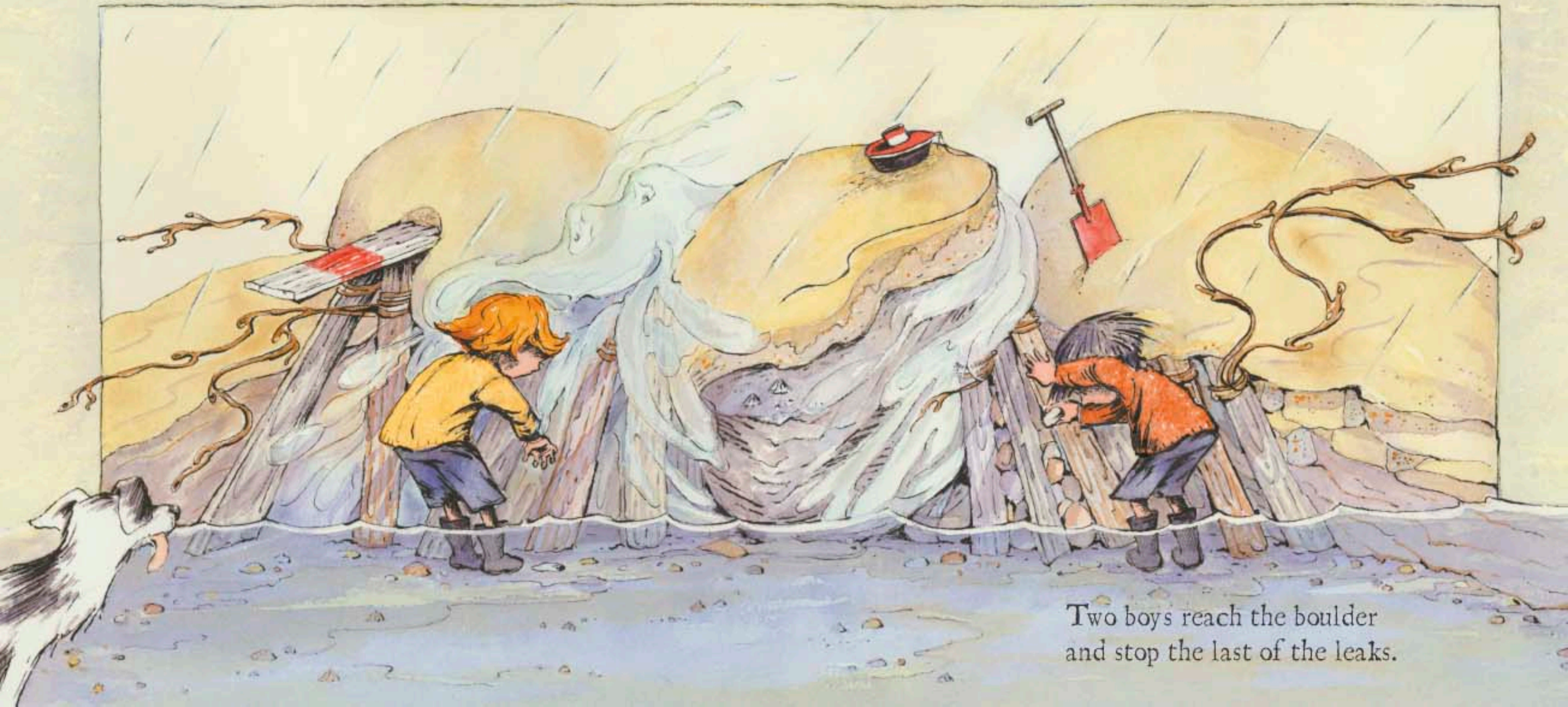
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'Stream's going mad. It's looking for a fight.
Coming like a BATTERING ram.
CRASHING against the dam.'

'QUICK! Fill the holes with pebbles.
Patch the gaps with grit.
Make the two sides meet.'

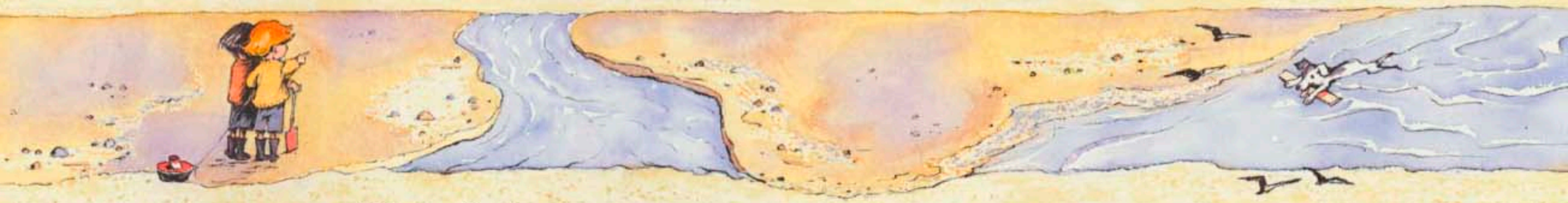


Two boys reach the boulder
and stop the last of the leaks.

'Have to find a stream.'

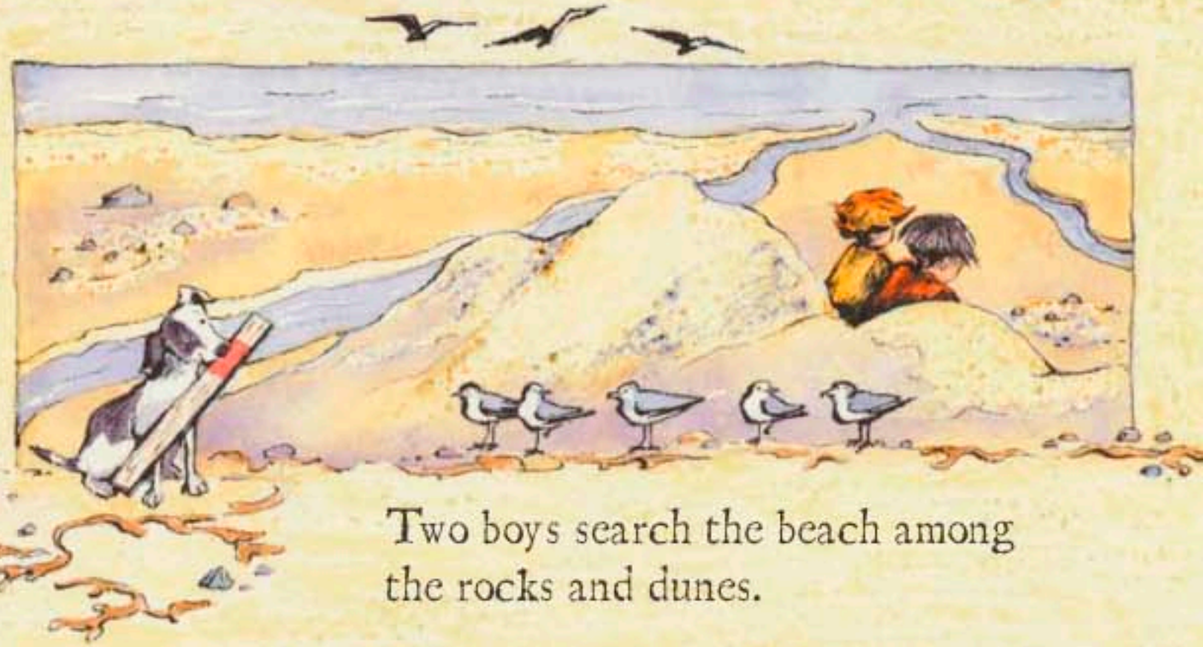


'Got to be a good one. Not too wide.'

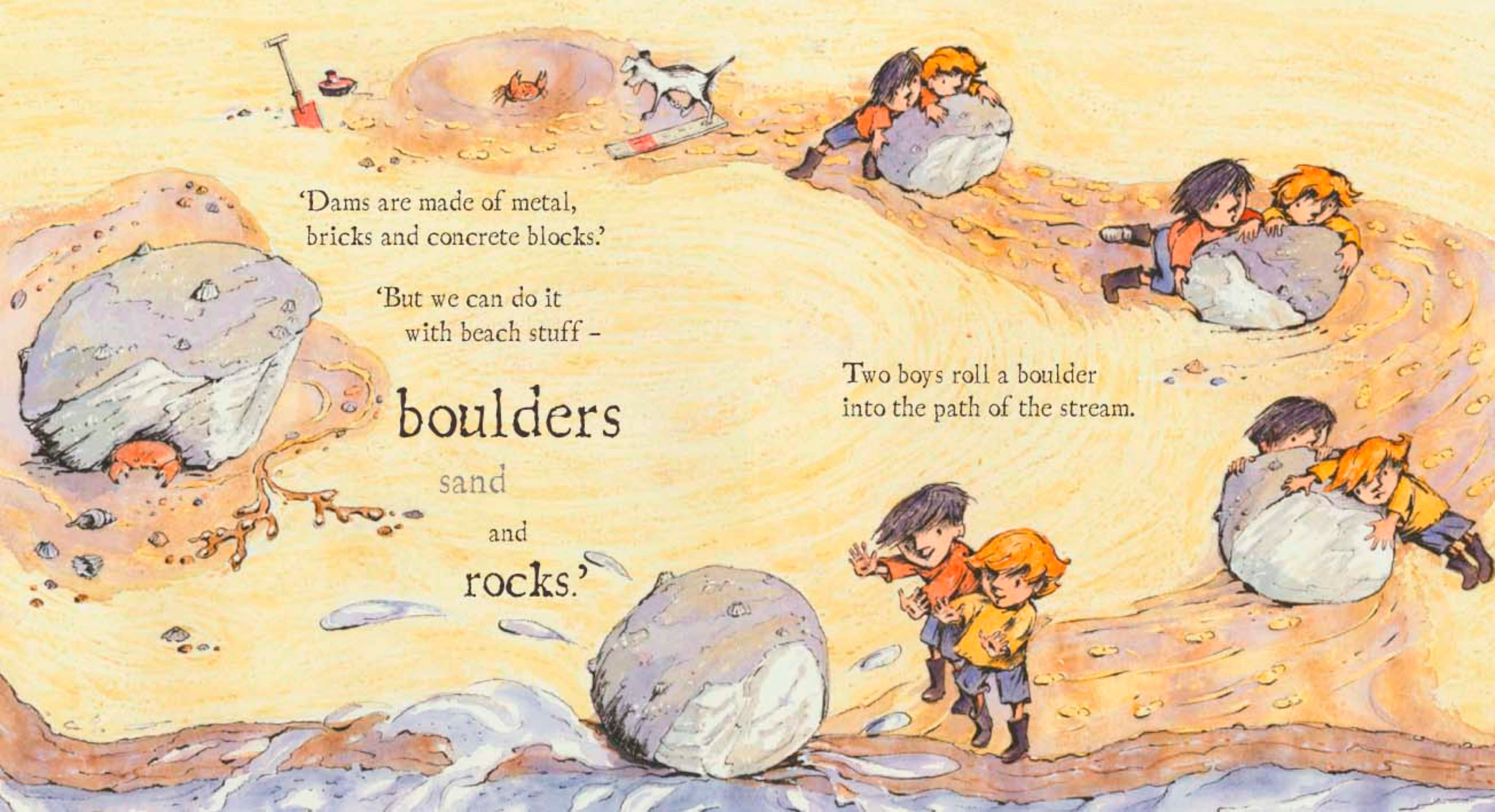


'Not too fast.'





Two boys search the beach among the rocks and dunes.



'Dams are made of metal,
bricks and concrete blocks.'

'But we can do it
with beach stuff –

boulders

sand

and

rocks.'

Two boys roll a boulder
into the path of the stream.