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*For Joel.
Just like Wanda, "There's nobody else
in the forest like you." – F.S.*

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Wanda the warthog was perfectly her.
A root-rustling wonder with stubbly fur.

Hair-sprouting, rule-flouting,
treasured and tusked,

she stomped through the swamplands
from dawn until dusk.



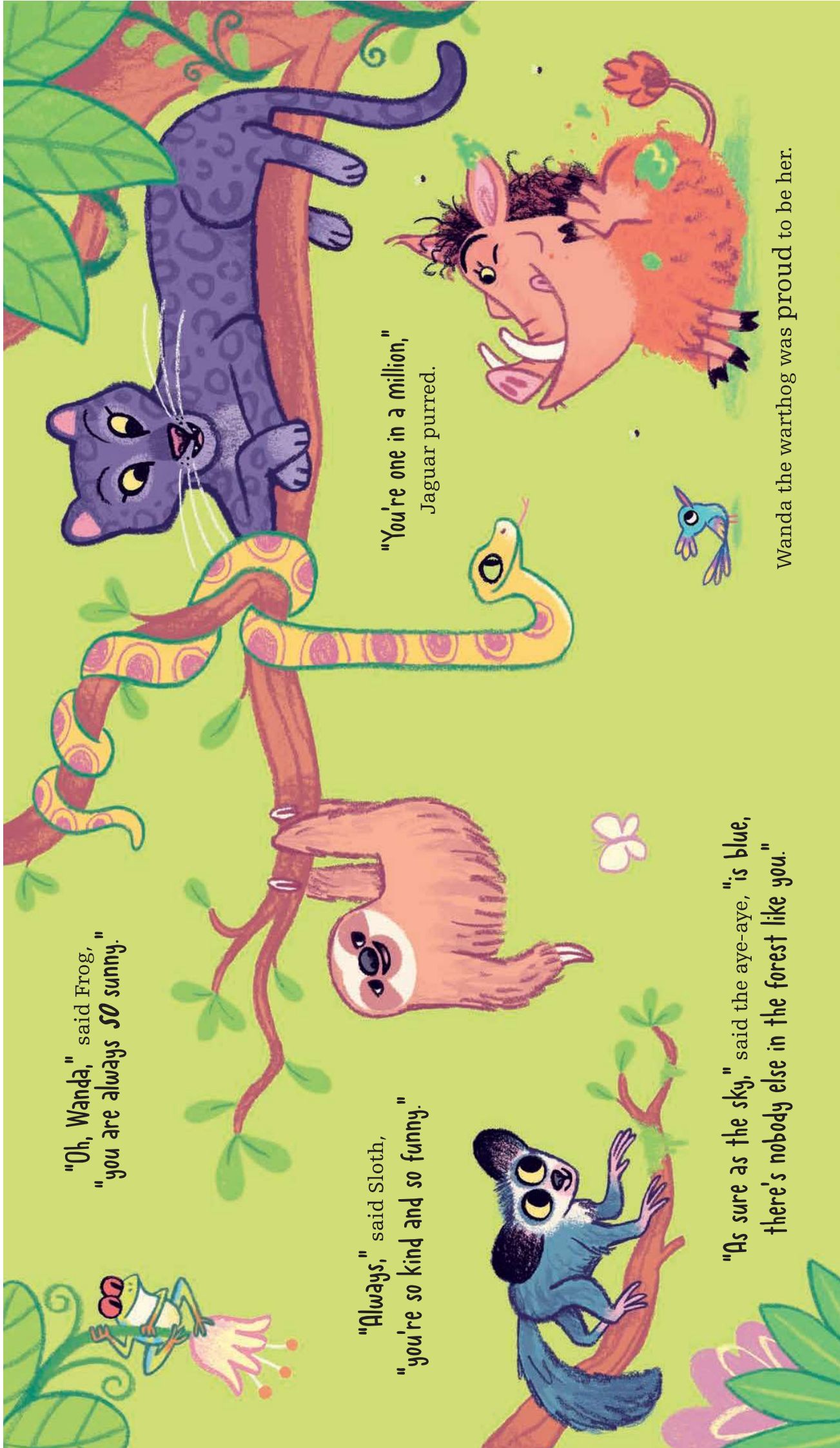
"Oh, Wanda," said Frog, "
"you are always *SO* sunny."

"Always," said Sloth,
"you're so kind and so funny."

"As sure as the sky," said the aye-aye, "is blue,
there's nobody else in the forest like you."

"You're one in a million,"
Jaguar purred.

Wanda the warthog was proud to be her.



The forest that morning was gentle and still. The clouds drifted by without warning, until, what should appear, in the blink of an eye, but a rainbow of scarlet macaws through the sky!

And everyone gathered and gasped, all together in awe of their caws and their colourful feathers.

"So perfect," said Tiger, "so pluckily plumed."

"So graceful," said Aye-Aye, "and gorgeously groomed!"

