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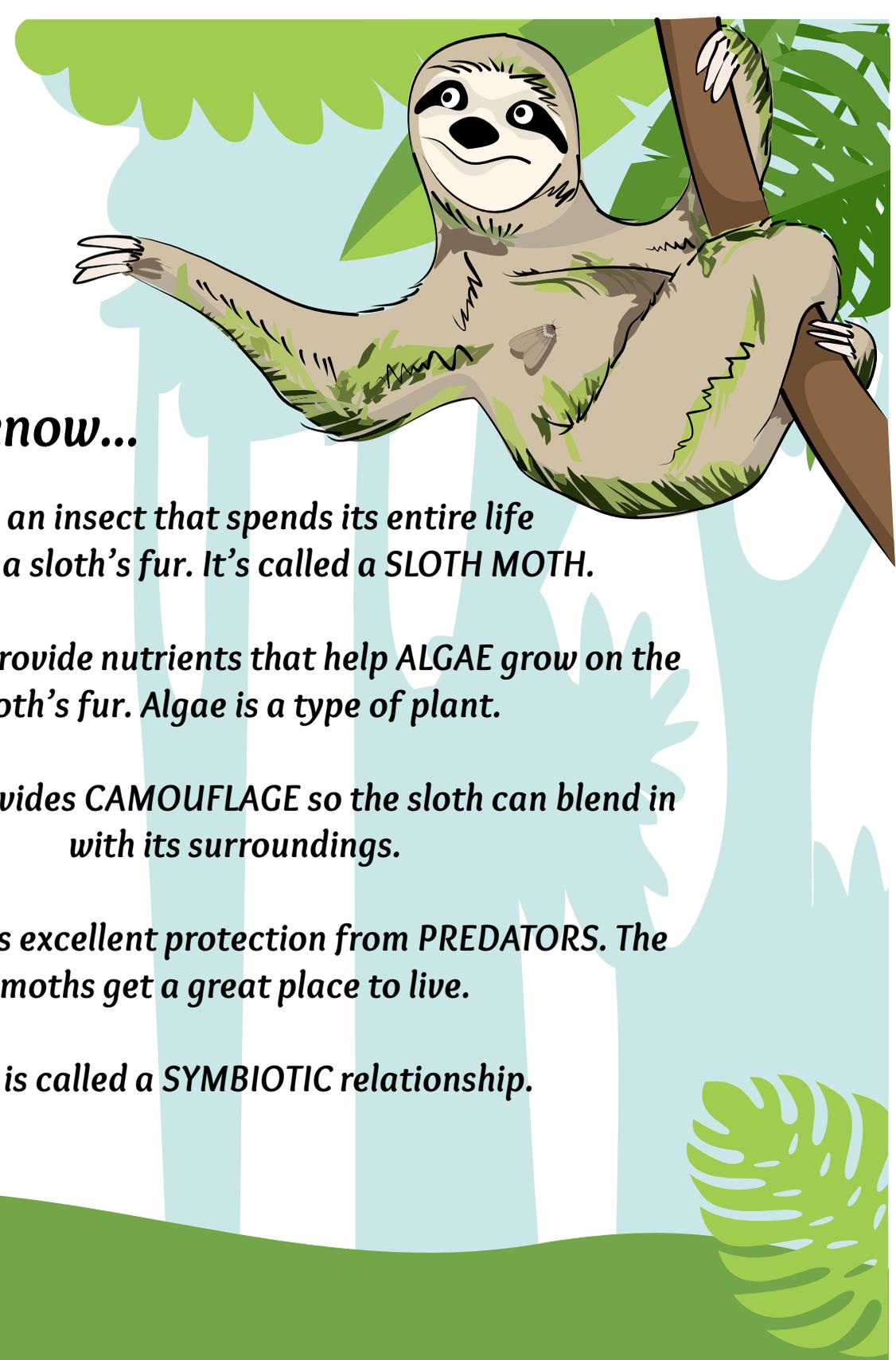
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Hi! I'm Storyologist Page Turner. Aren't these facts amazing? They inspired this story about a moth and sloth who both learn what it means to be a true friend.



## Did you know...

*There is an insect that spends its entire life living in a sloth's fur. It's called a SLOTH MOTH.*

*Sloth moths provide nutrients that help ALGAE grow on the sloth's fur. Algae is a type of plant.*

*The algae provides CAMOUFLAGE so the sloth can blend in with its surroundings.*

*The sloth gets excellent protection from PREDATORS. The moths get a great place to live.*

*This is called a SYMBIOTIC relationship.*

*Sloth was big. Moth was small.  
Sloth was slow. Moth was fast.*





*Sloth lived in a tree and ate leaves.  
Moth lived in Sloth's fur and ate algae.*



*Their differences made  
no difference to them.*

**We are  
best friends!**

**Forever!**



1...2...

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,  
...1 million

The friends counted stars together!

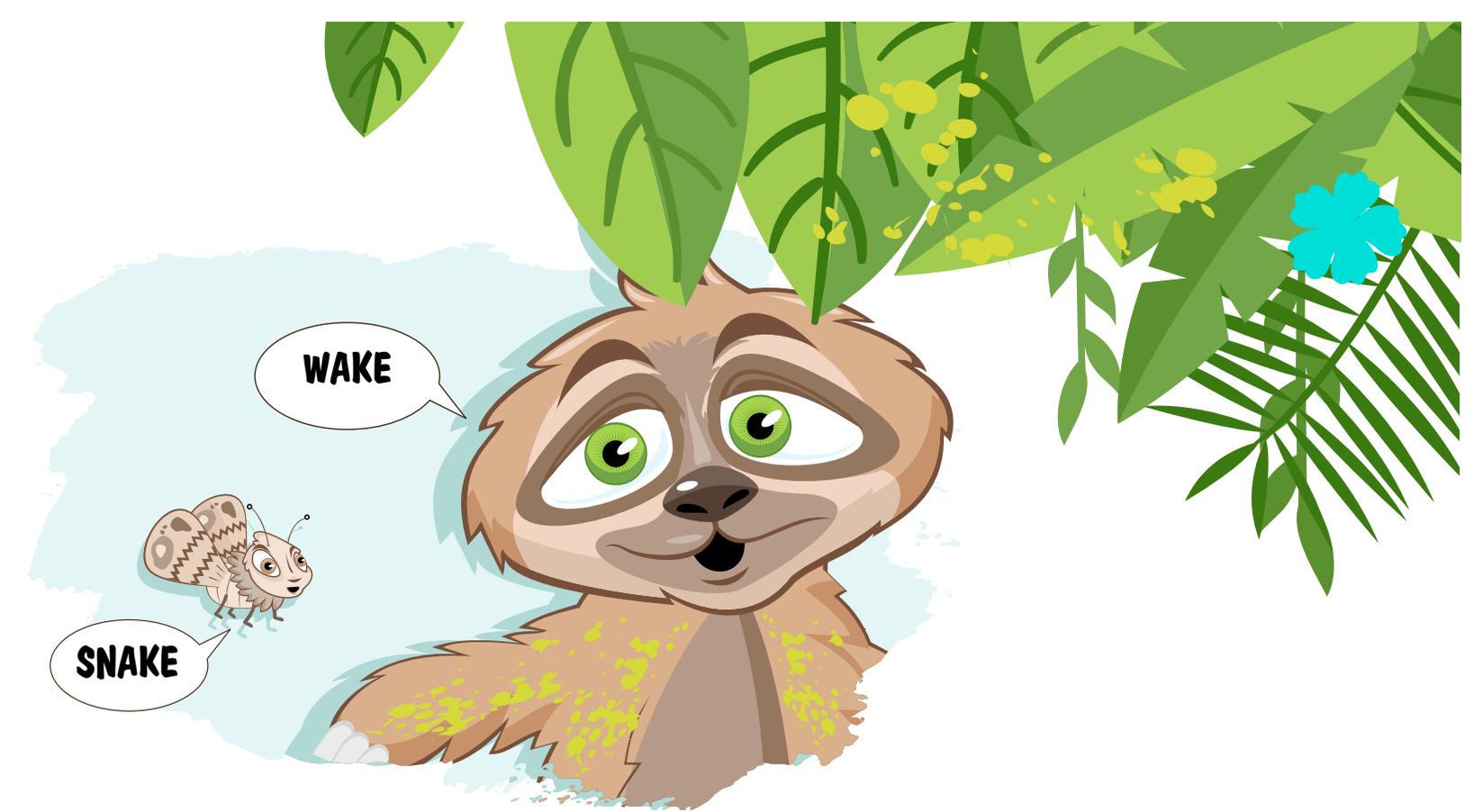


Here is Sloth

They played hide and seek together.  
(Sloth usually won.)



Best of all, Sloth and Moth  
rhymed together.





*One day Sloth heard a whisper.*

**Moth isn't really your friend, is he?  
He just wants to live in your fur  
and eat the algae that grows there.**



*Sloth didn't know where the whisper came from.*

*The whisper turned into a thought.  
The thought planted itself like a seed in sloth's mind  
where it grew new, thorny thoughts.*

**I'm slow**

**Moth is fast**

**Moth is small!!**

**I live in a tree and  
eat leaves**

**I'm big**

**Moth lives in my fur  
and eats algae**

**Why is Moth my  
friend?**

**Is that why  
he's my friend?**



“Hi, Sloth,” said Moth. “Want to count stars?”

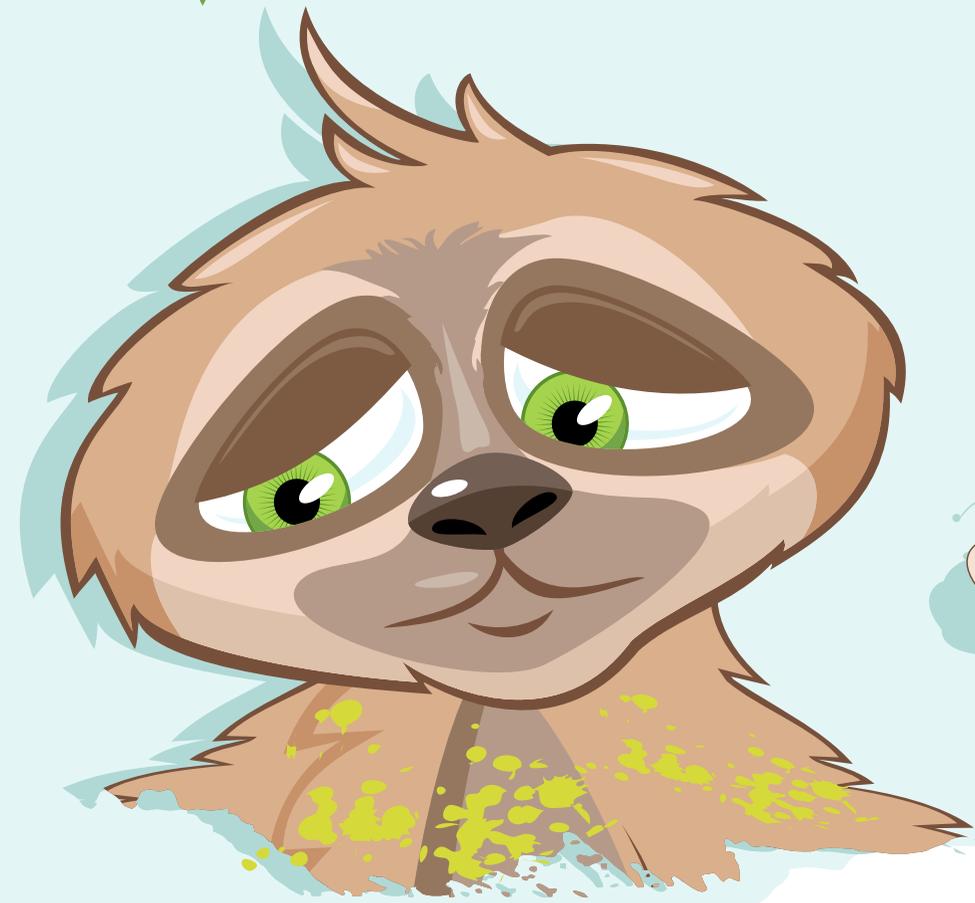
“NO!” said Sloth.

“Hide and seek?” asked Moth.

“NO!” said Sloth.

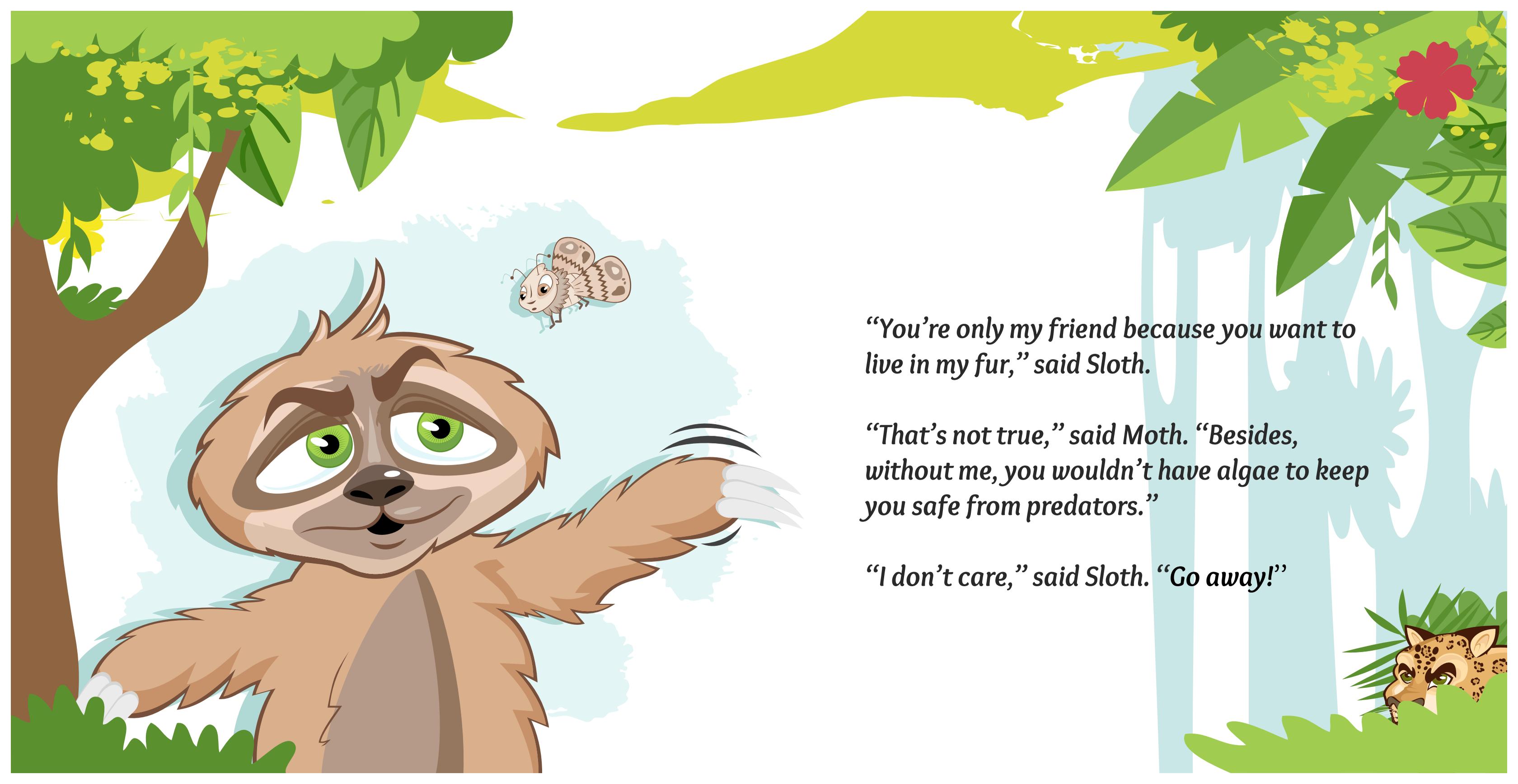
“Rhyme?” asked Moth.

“NO!” said Sloth.



Sloth,  
what's wrong?





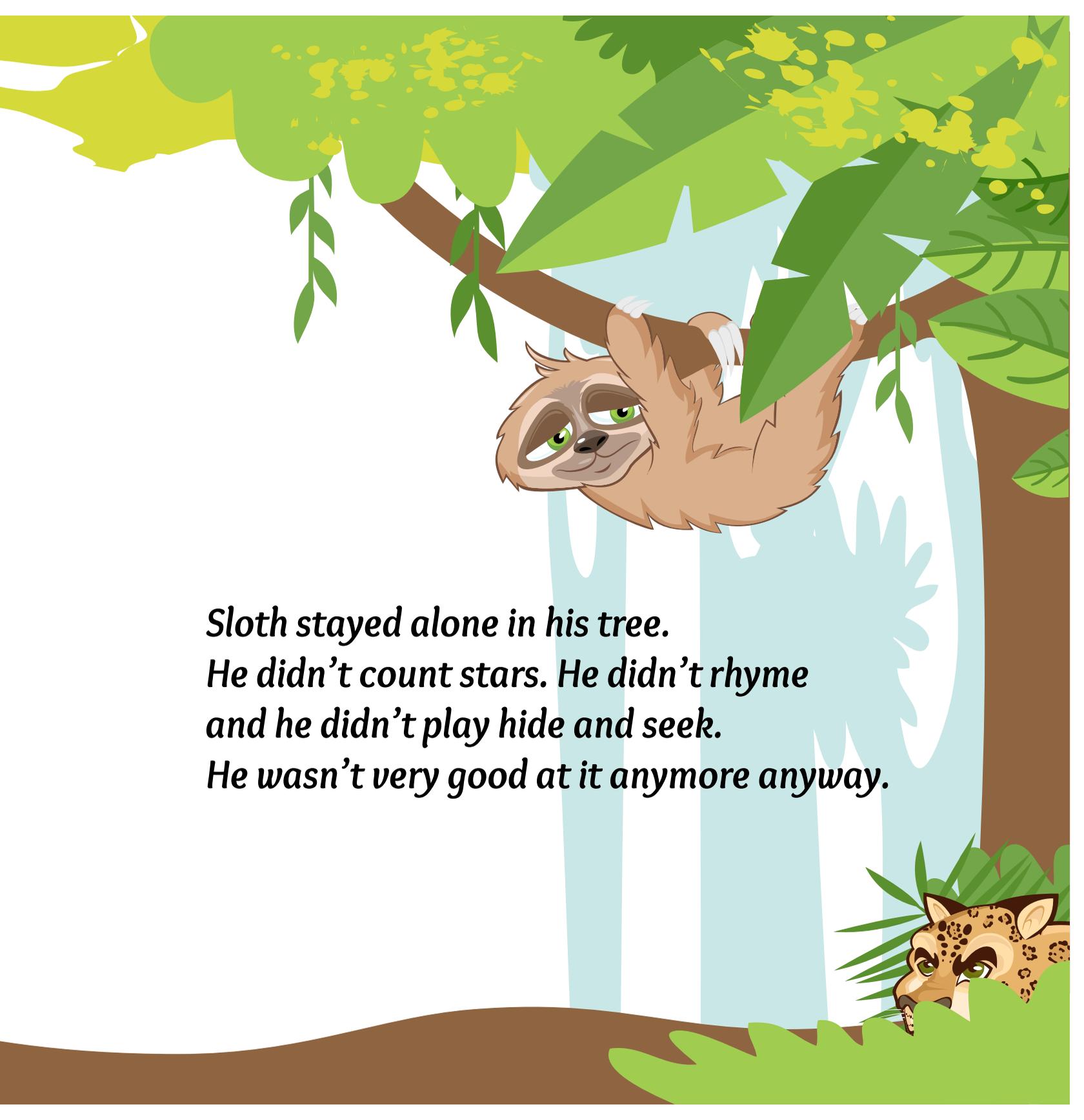
*“You’re only my friend because you want to live in my fur,” said Sloth.*

*“That’s not true,” said Moth. “Besides, without me, you wouldn’t have algae to keep you safe from predators.”*

*“I don’t care,” said Sloth. “Go away!”*



*Moth was very sad about losing his friend.  
He packed his suitcase and flew away.*



*Sloth stayed alone in his tree.  
He didn't count stars. He didn't rhyme  
and he didn't play hide and seek.  
He wasn't very good at it anymore anyway.*



*“It’s much easier to see you now that the algae is gone,”  
said a familiar voice.*

*“A thought?” wondered Sloth.  
“No, it was Jaguar!”*



**You are small and I am big.  
You are slow and I am fast.  
You eat leaves and I eat...**



**SLOTHS!**



LEAVE MY FRIEND  
ALONE!

**WHOOAAA!**

*Moth appeared out of nowhere.  
“Leave my friend alone!” he shouted and  
fluttered his wings.*

*Jaguar tried to swat Moth away.  
He lost his balance and fell out of the tree.*



*“Thank you,” said Sloth. “You are a good friend.”*

*“Why did you want me to leave?” asked Moth.*

*“I had a bad thought that grew and grew. I didn’t know what to do,” said Sloth.*



*“Sloth, if you have a bad thought please tell me,” said Moth.*

*“Okay,” said Sloth.*

*Moth smiled. “If I have a bad thought I will tell you. That’s what friends do.”*

*Sloth nodded. “That is a good rhyme.”*



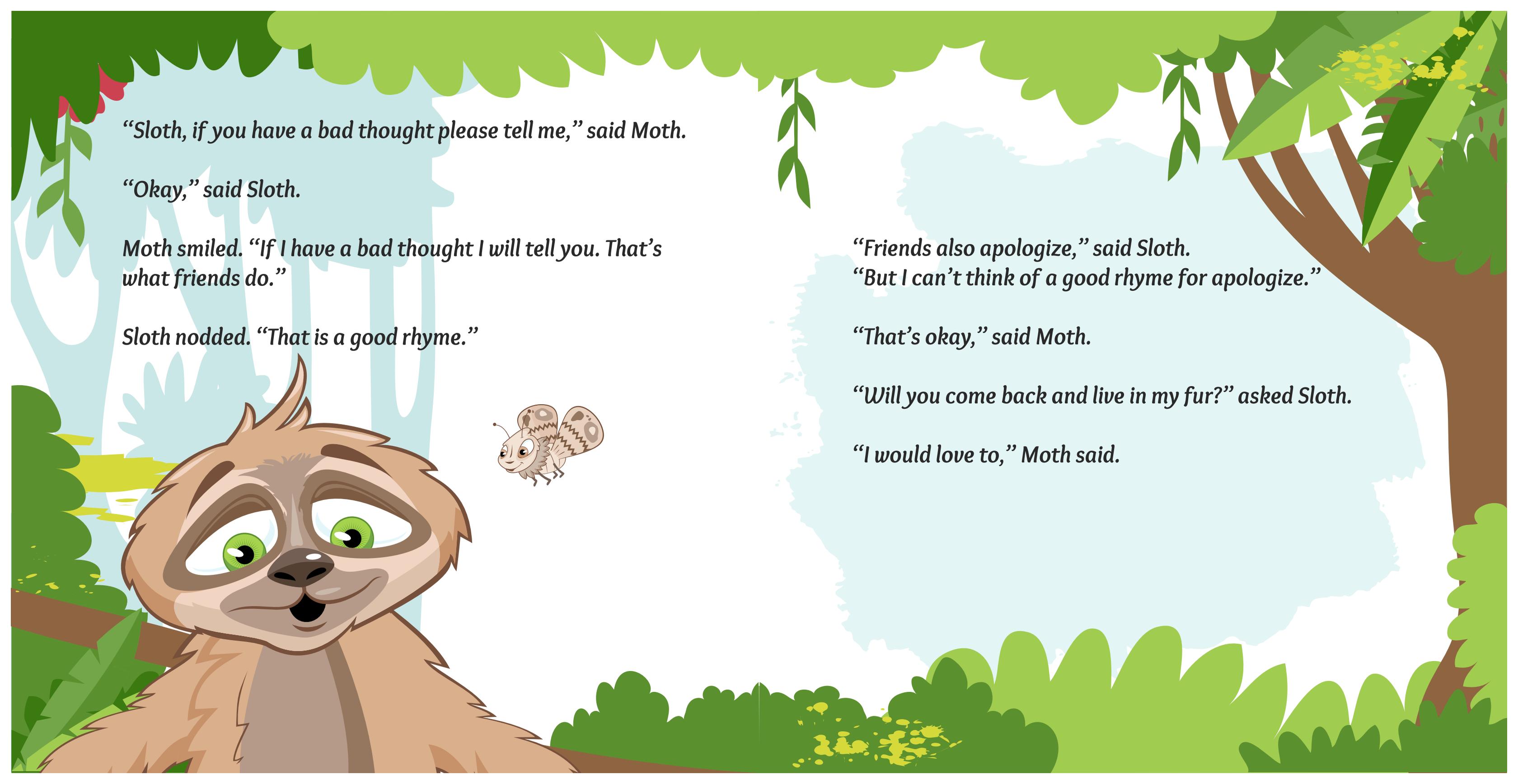
*“Friends also apologize,” said Sloth.*

*“But I can’t think of a good rhyme for apologize.”*

*“That’s okay,” said Moth.*

*“Will you come back and live in my fur?” asked Sloth.*

*“I would love to,” Moth said.*



Together, Moth and Sloth played hide and seek.  
They counted stars. And, of course they rhymed.

“Friend?” said Moth.

“Yes,” said Sloth, “to...”

**THE END**”

A cartoon illustration of a brown sloth with large green eyes sitting on a dark blue tree branch. A small brown moth with white spots is flying nearby. The background features a bright yellow sun and green foliage.

That's my favorite  
rhyme!



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