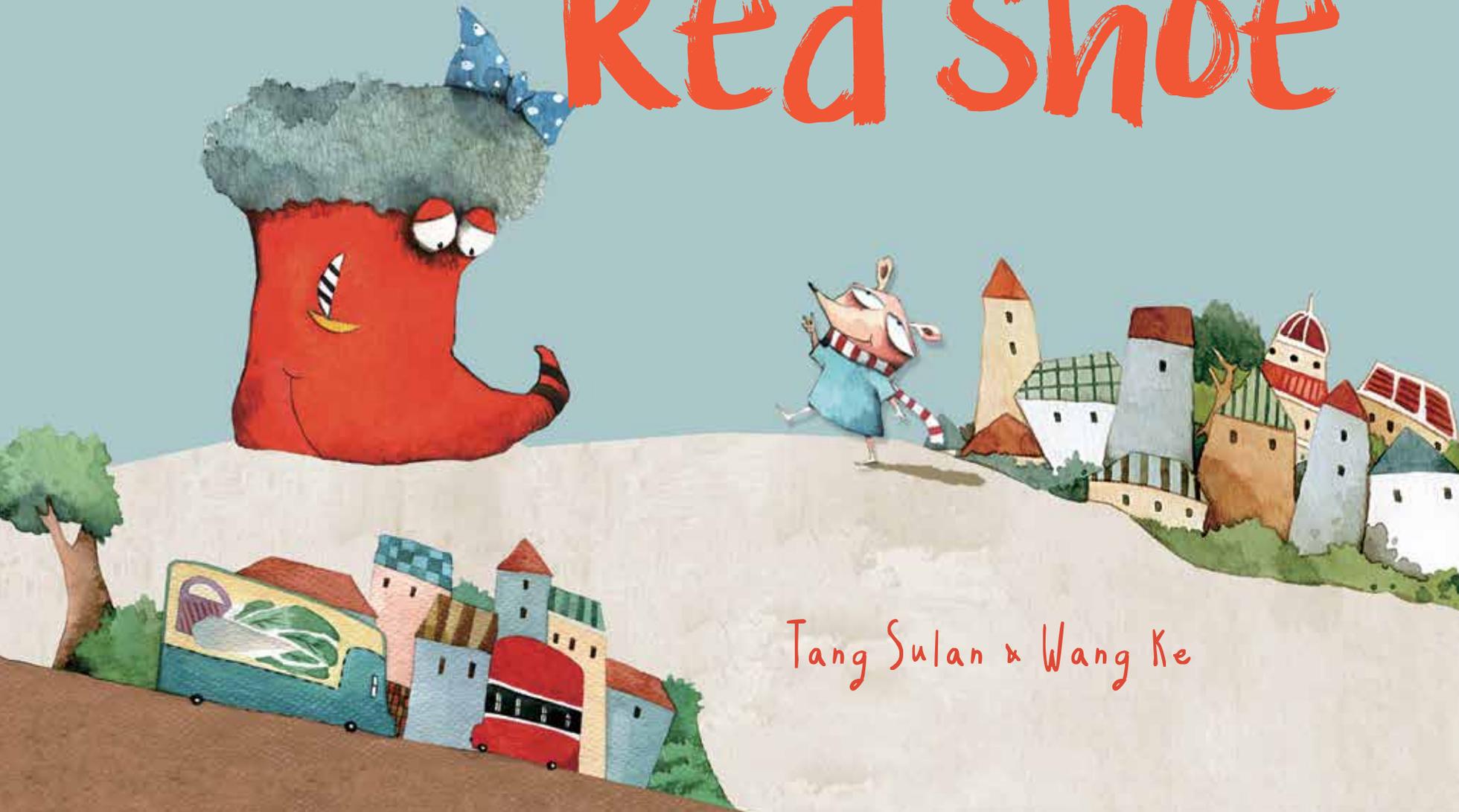




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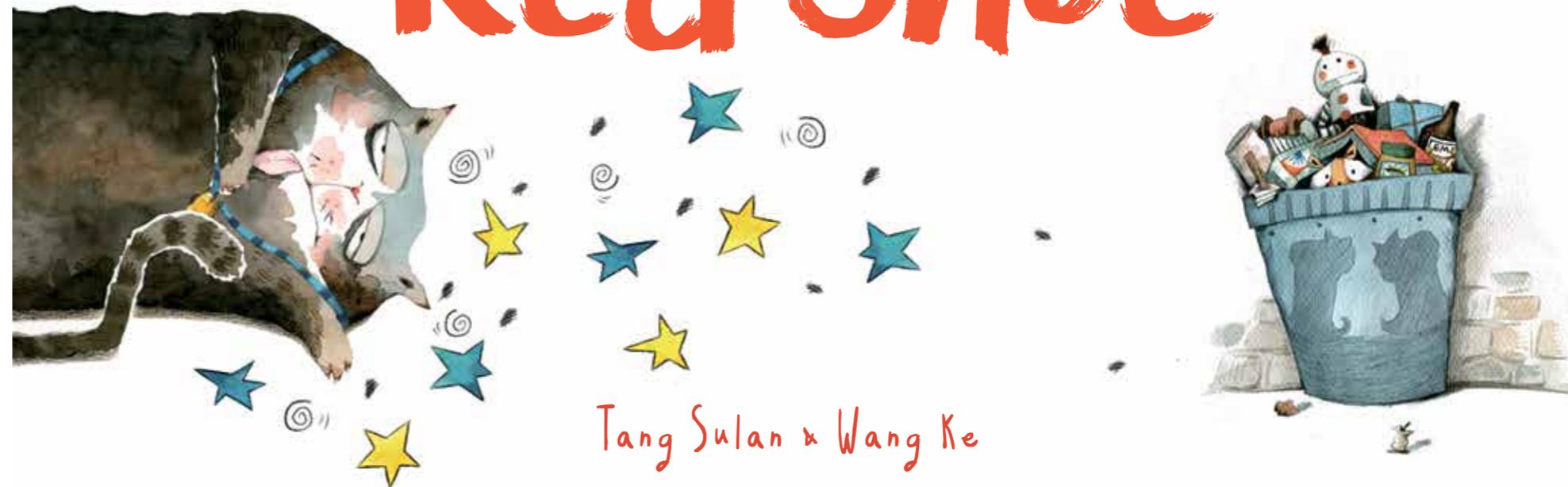
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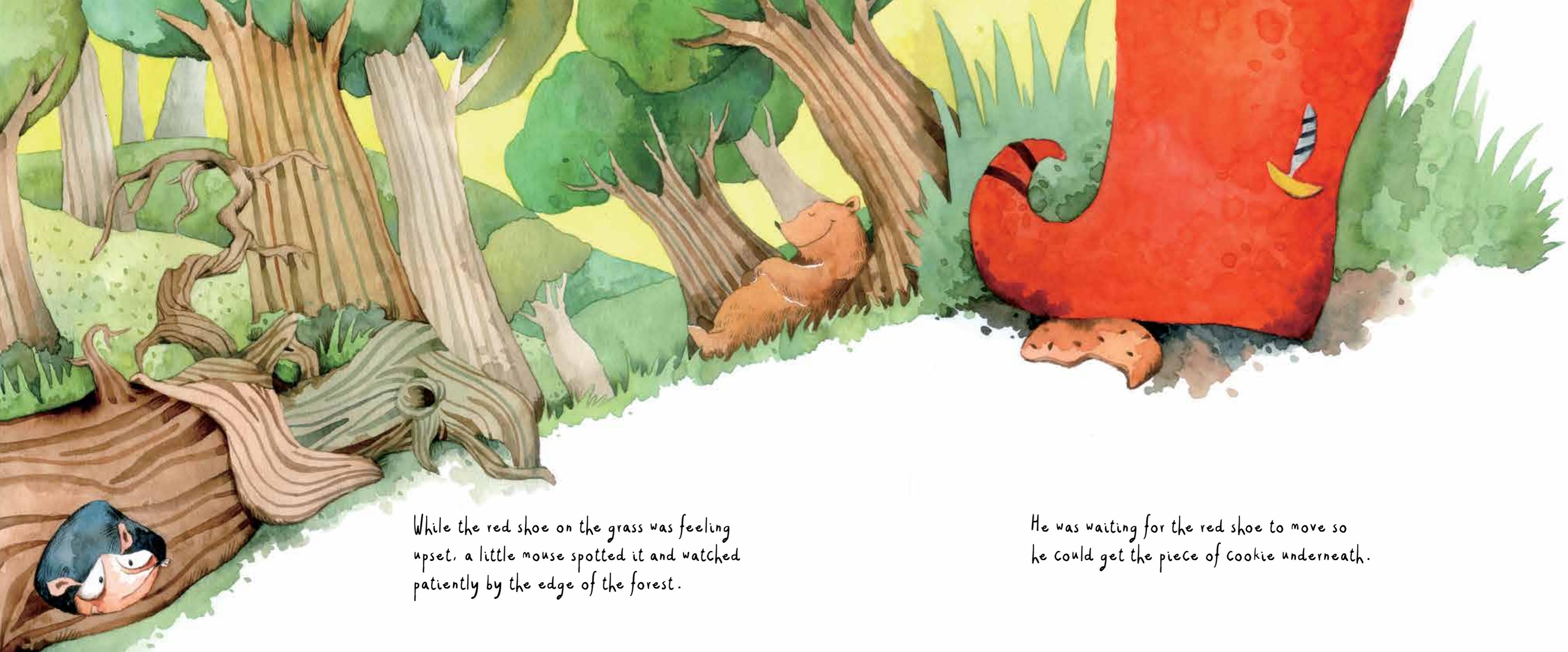


A red shoe was lying on the grass, feeling upset.



Shoes come in pairs. What was a single shoe doing all by itself?





While the red shoe on the grass was feeling upset, a little mouse spotted it and watched patiently by the edge of the forest.

He was waiting for the red shoe to move so he could get the piece of cookie underneath.



But who would have guessed that the red shoe would not move an inch from morning to night.



The little mouse got impatient. "Are you moving along or not? If you don't, I will be rude!"

The red shoe did not know what being rude was. She asked, "What is 'rude'? Is it a special type of dance? I'm very good at dancing!"





The red shoe fears being alone. One day, she finds herself lost and alone. Along comes a little mouse. He likes being alone and only fears cats! These two unlikely friends help each other out and each gains something precious from their journey together.

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