

Ou Ou Wants to Have Friends

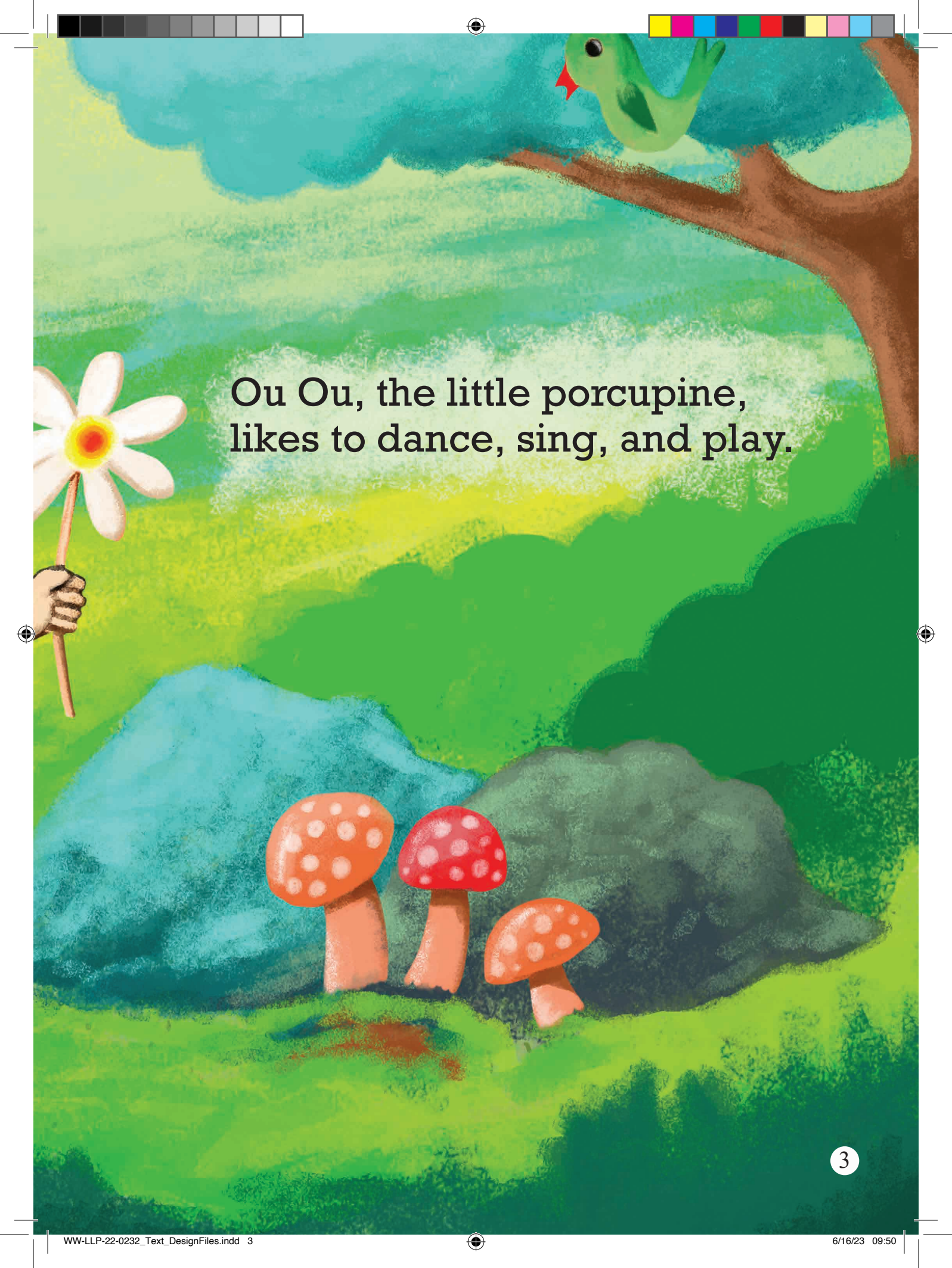


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Ou Ou, the little porcupine,
likes to dance, sing, and play.





He does not like the sharp spines all over his body, called quills. They get in the way of his fun!





No one else likes them either. At the playground, no one wants to play with him.

At camp, no one wants to share a tent with him.



“Don’t sleep with us, Ou Ou,” they complain. “Your quills will poke us.”





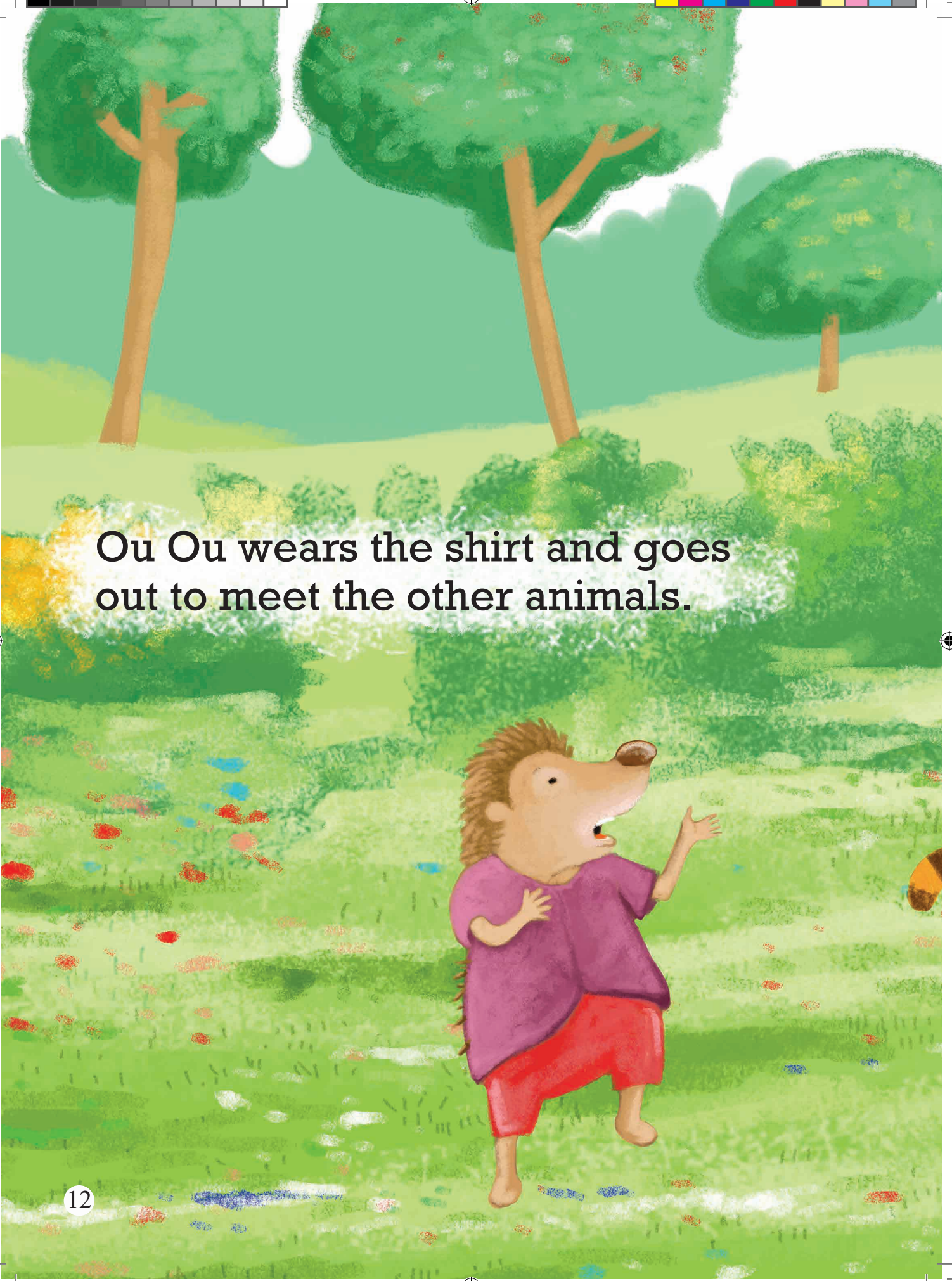
One day, a little mouse says,
“Ou Ou, your quills
make you special.”





The little mouse wants to help,
so he makes a special shirt for
Ou Ou to wear.





Ou Ou wears the shirt and goes out to meet the other animals.





“Don’t come near us! We are afraid of the sharp quills on your back,” they say.

“What quills?” asks Ou Ou.

“I don’t have any.”



The other animals laugh, and
Ou Ou sees that his quills have
poked through his special new
shirt.



Feeling sad, Ou Ou goes back to his only friend, the little mouse.





“Don’t worry, my prickly friend, ” the little mouse says. “ I have another idea.”





“What are you doing?”
Ou Ou asks.



“Just wait and see, Ou Ou,”
says the little mouse.





“Now let’s go and meet the other animals,” the little mouse suggests. Ou Ou is excited to show off his new quills.



Everyone comes over to admire
Ou Ou's colorful new quills, and
they realize that quills aren't so
scary after all.
"We're sorry, Ou Ou," they say.





They all play
together.

