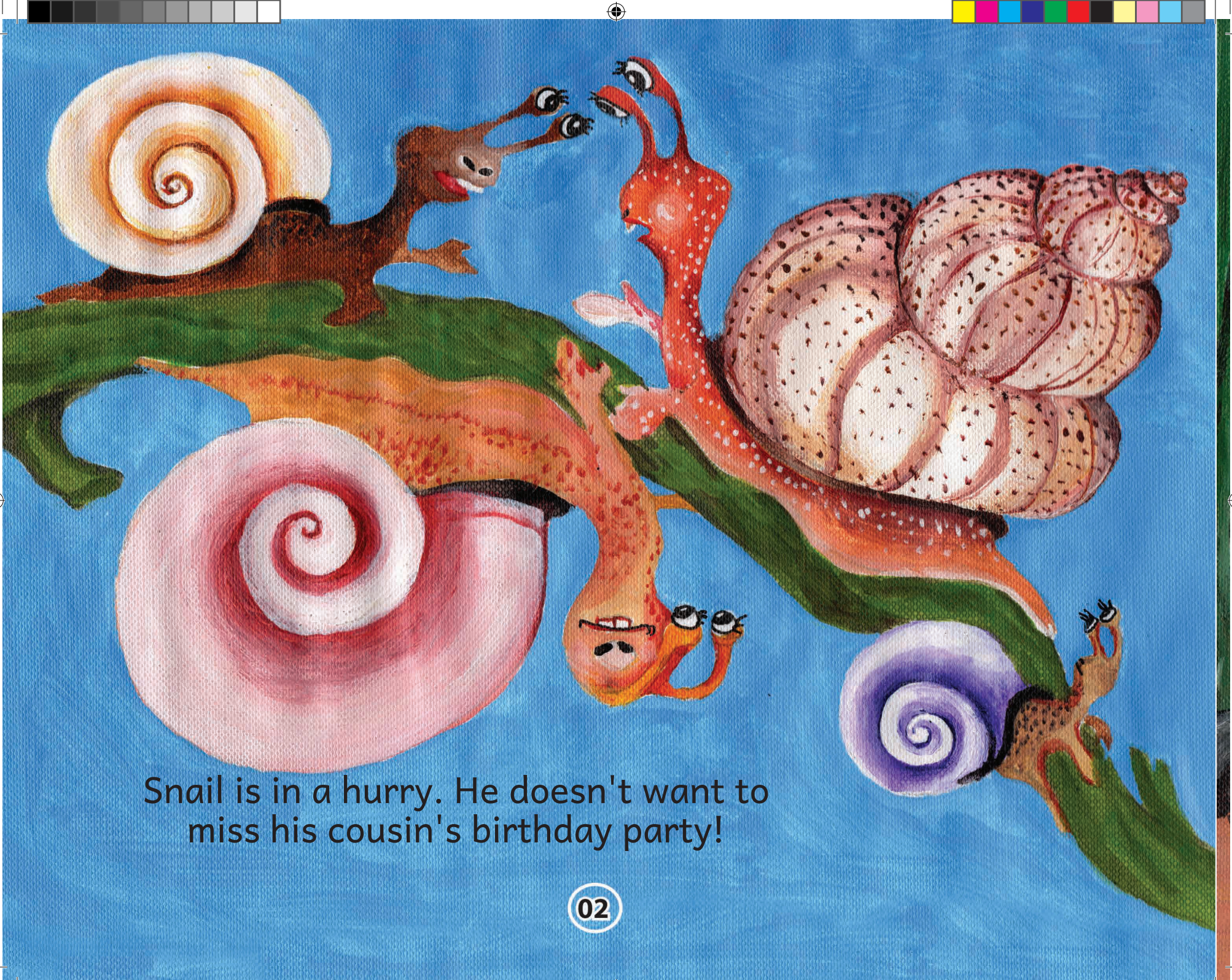


SNAIL'S JOURNEY



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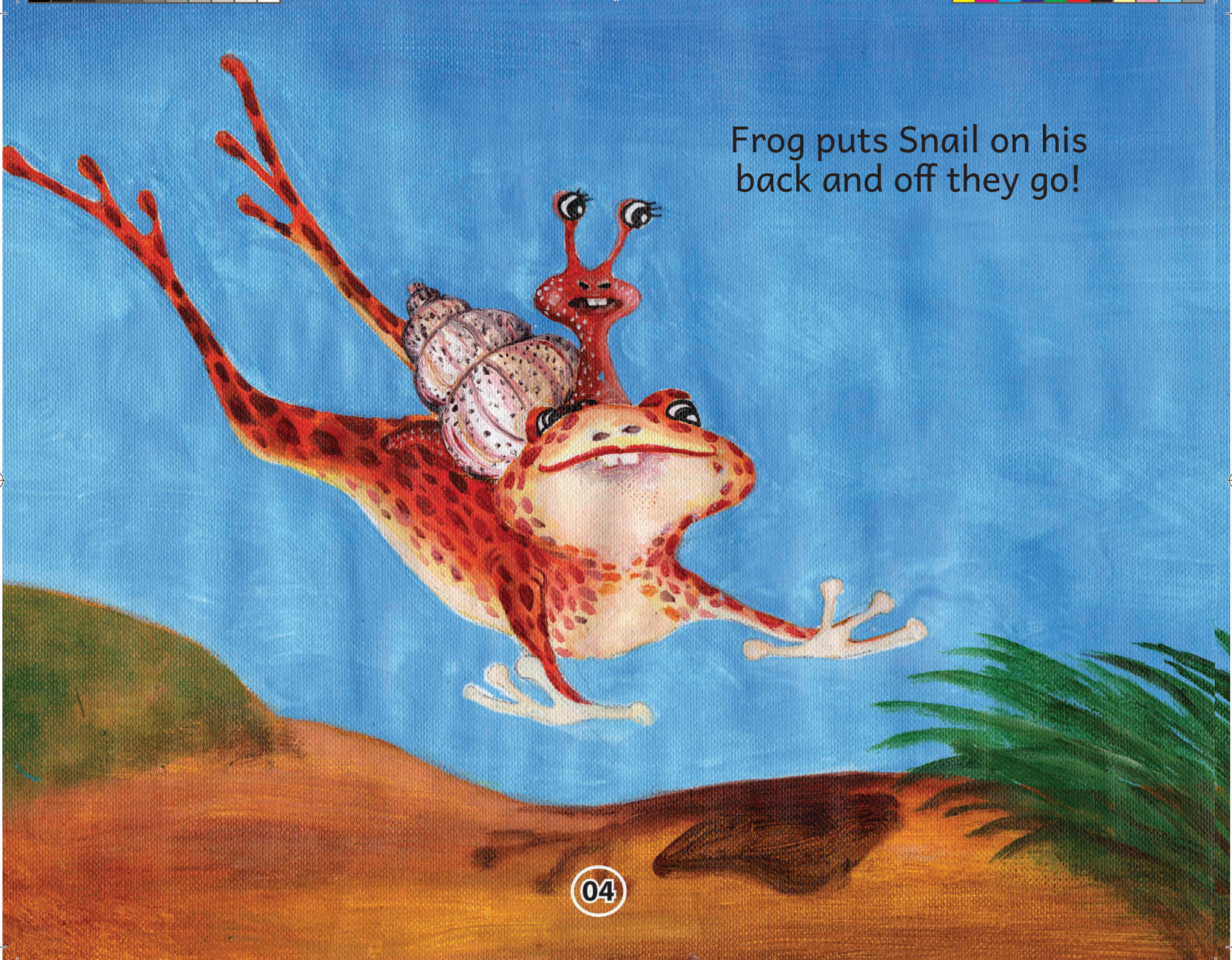


Snail is in a hurry. He doesn't want to miss his cousin's birthday party!



“I must hurry to my uncle's house,”
he tells Frog. “But I am so slow!”



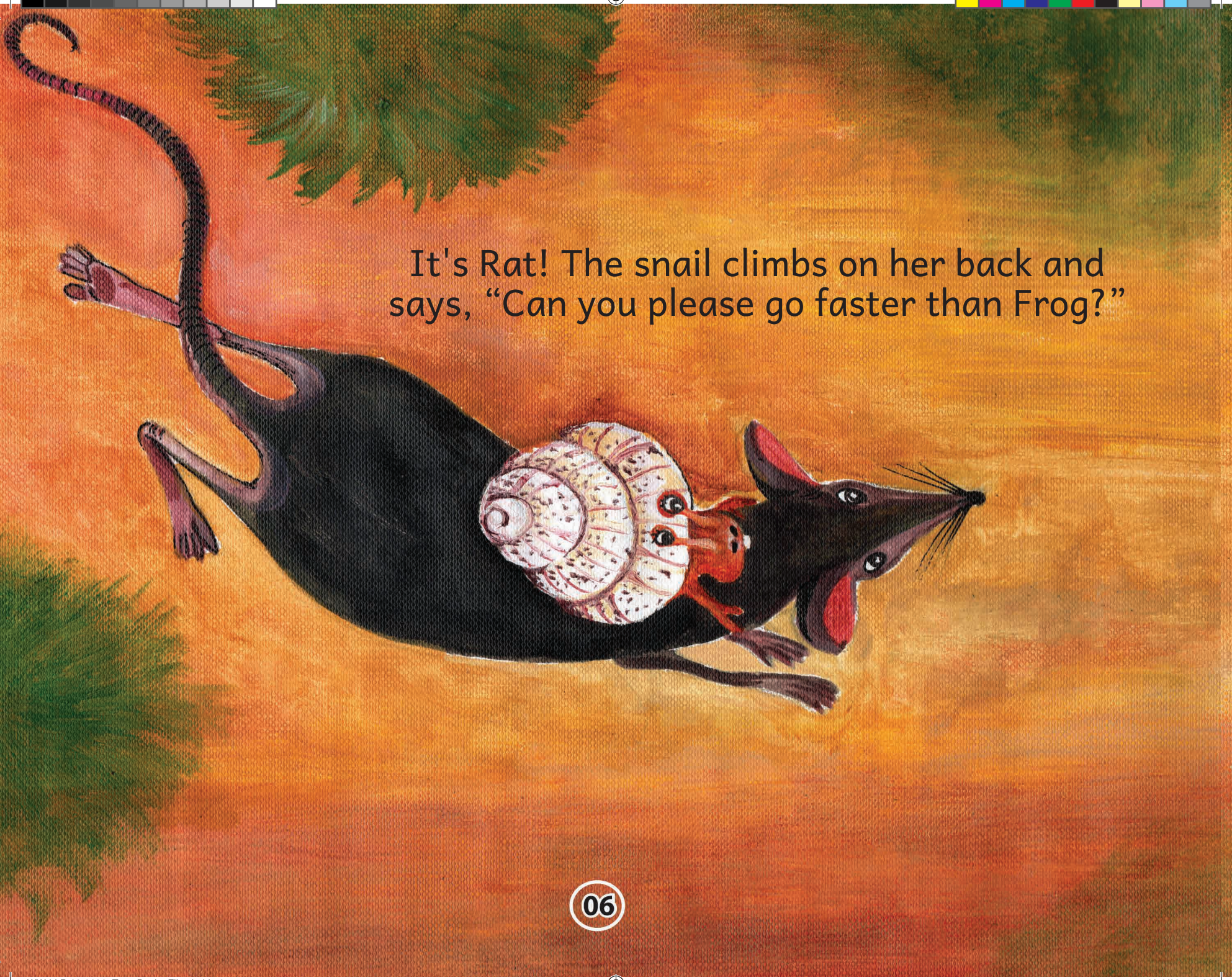


Frog puts Snail on his back and off they go!



Whooooshh!
Who rushes past them?



A black rat is shown from a side profile, facing right. It has a long, thin tail that curls upwards. On its back, a snail with a white and pink shell is climbing. The snail's head and legs are visible. The background is a textured, warm-toned landscape with green bushes on the left and right sides. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration.

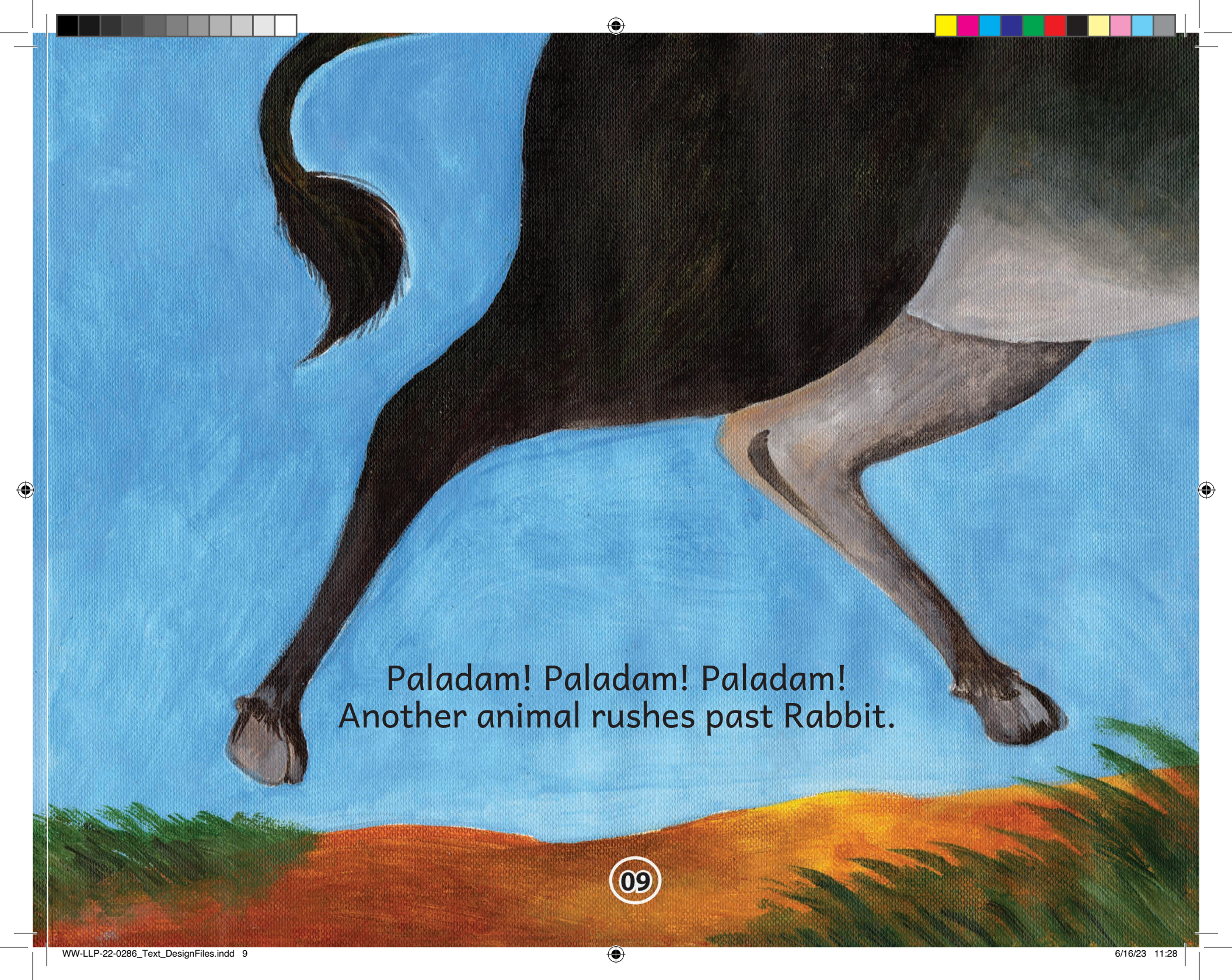
It's Rat! The snail climbs on her back and says, "Can you please go faster than Frog?"



Brrrrmmm!
Who is that? He is faster than Rat!

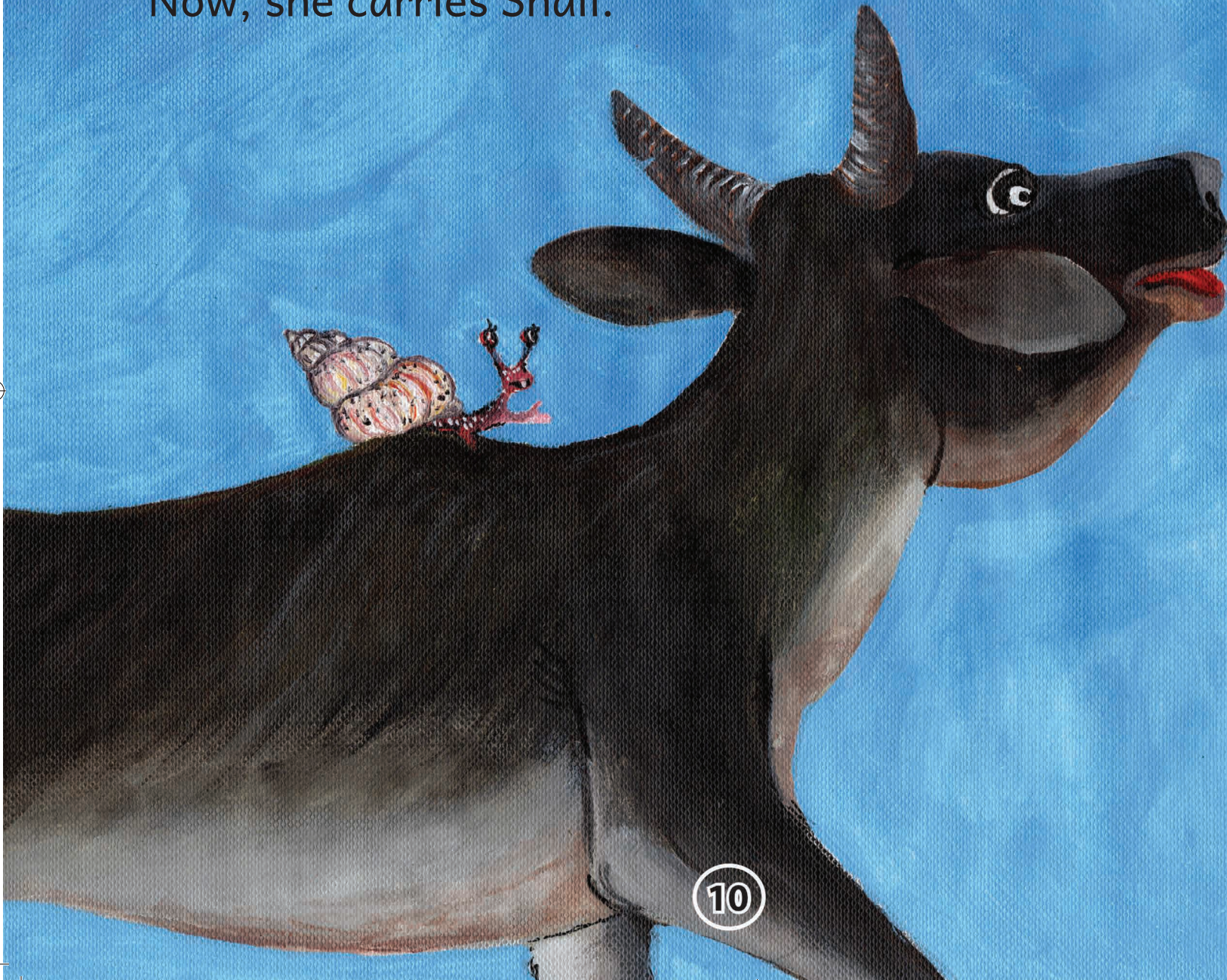


It's Rabbit!
She hops Snail toward
home.



Paladam! Paladam! Paladam!
Another animal rushes past Rabbit.

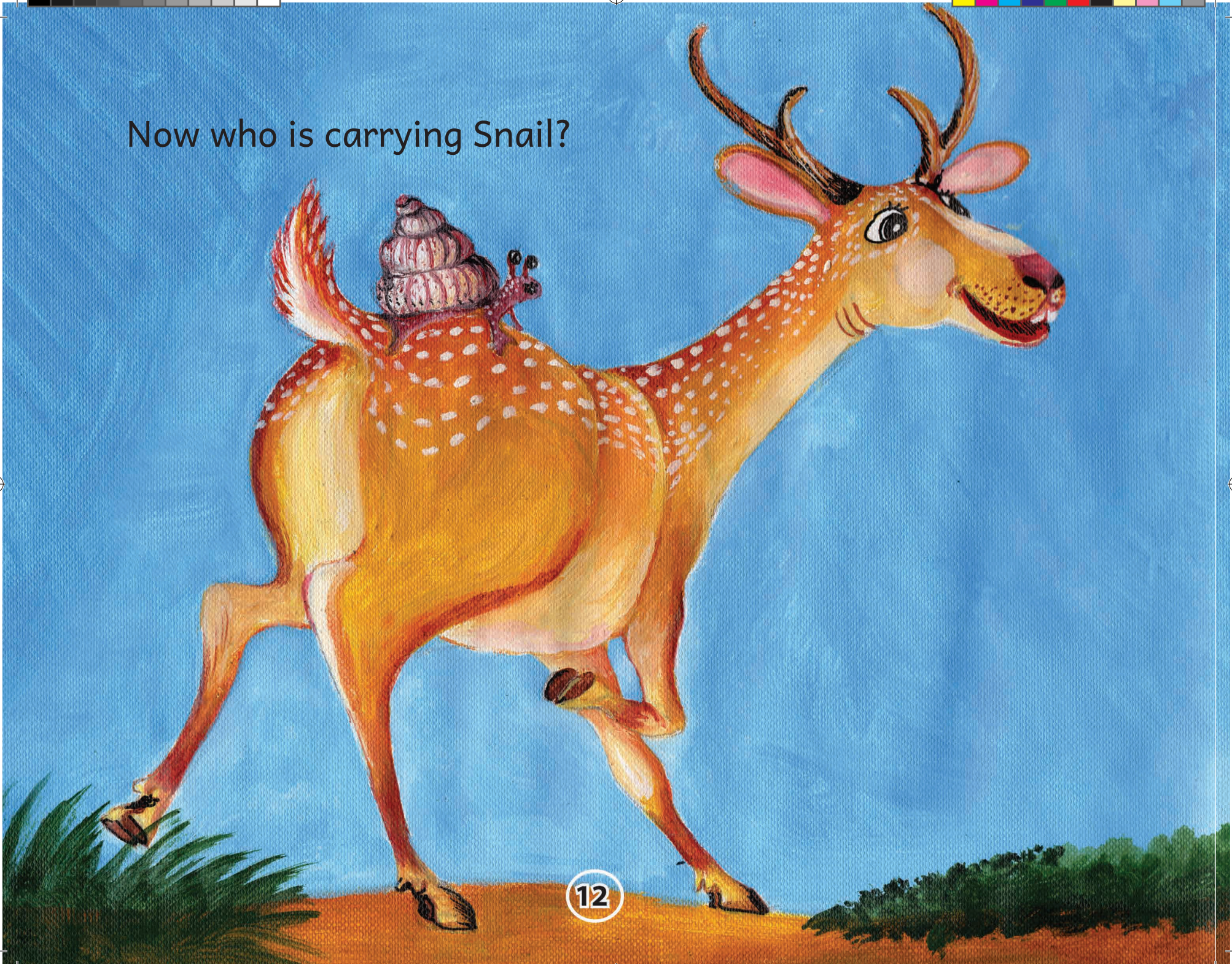
It's Buffalo Calf!
Now, she carries Snail.

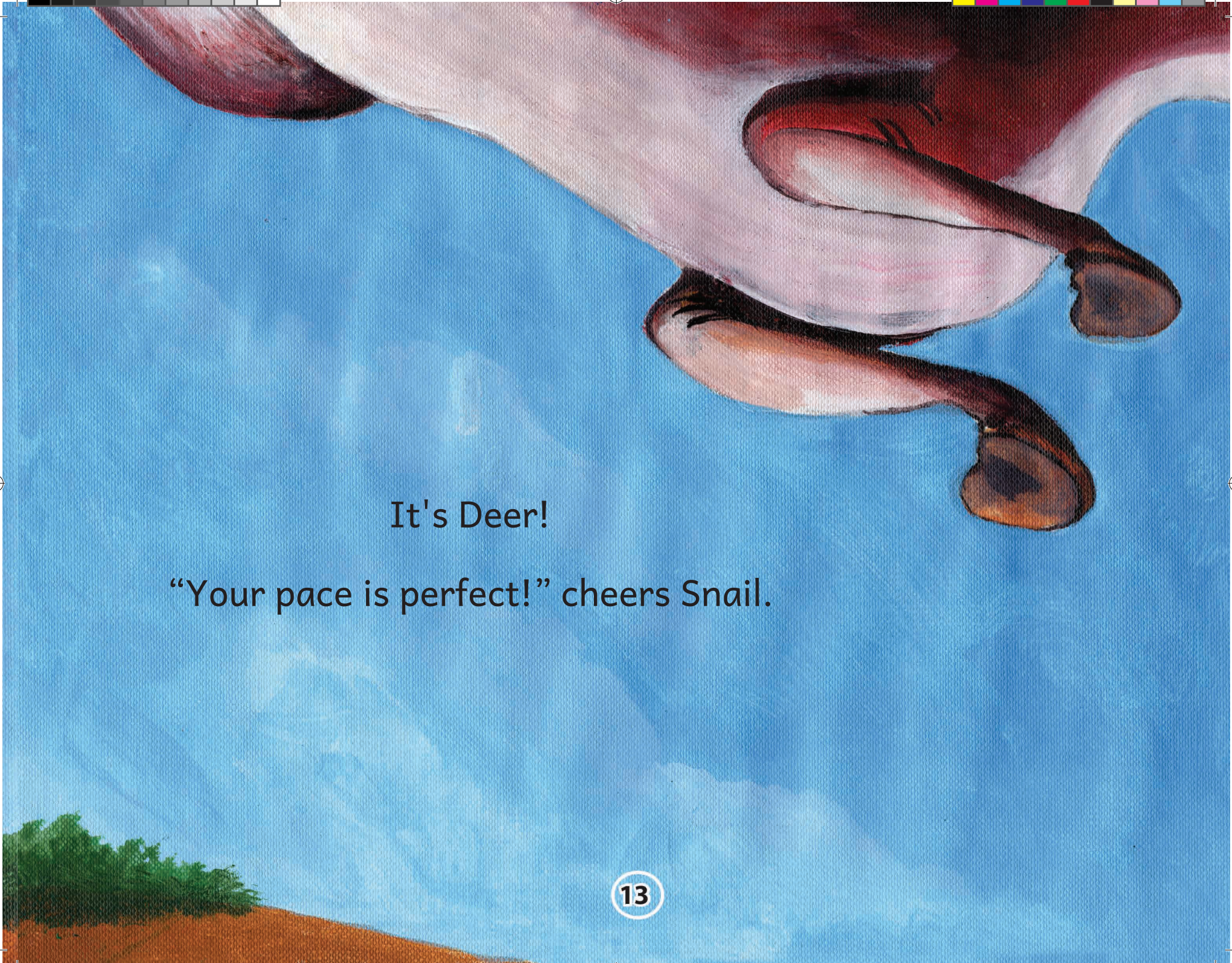




Look! Who is that?

Now who is carrying Snail?



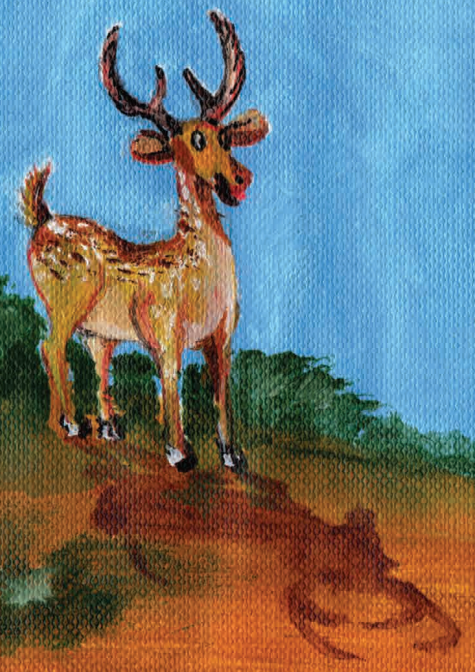


It's Deer!

“Your pace is perfect!” cheers Snail.



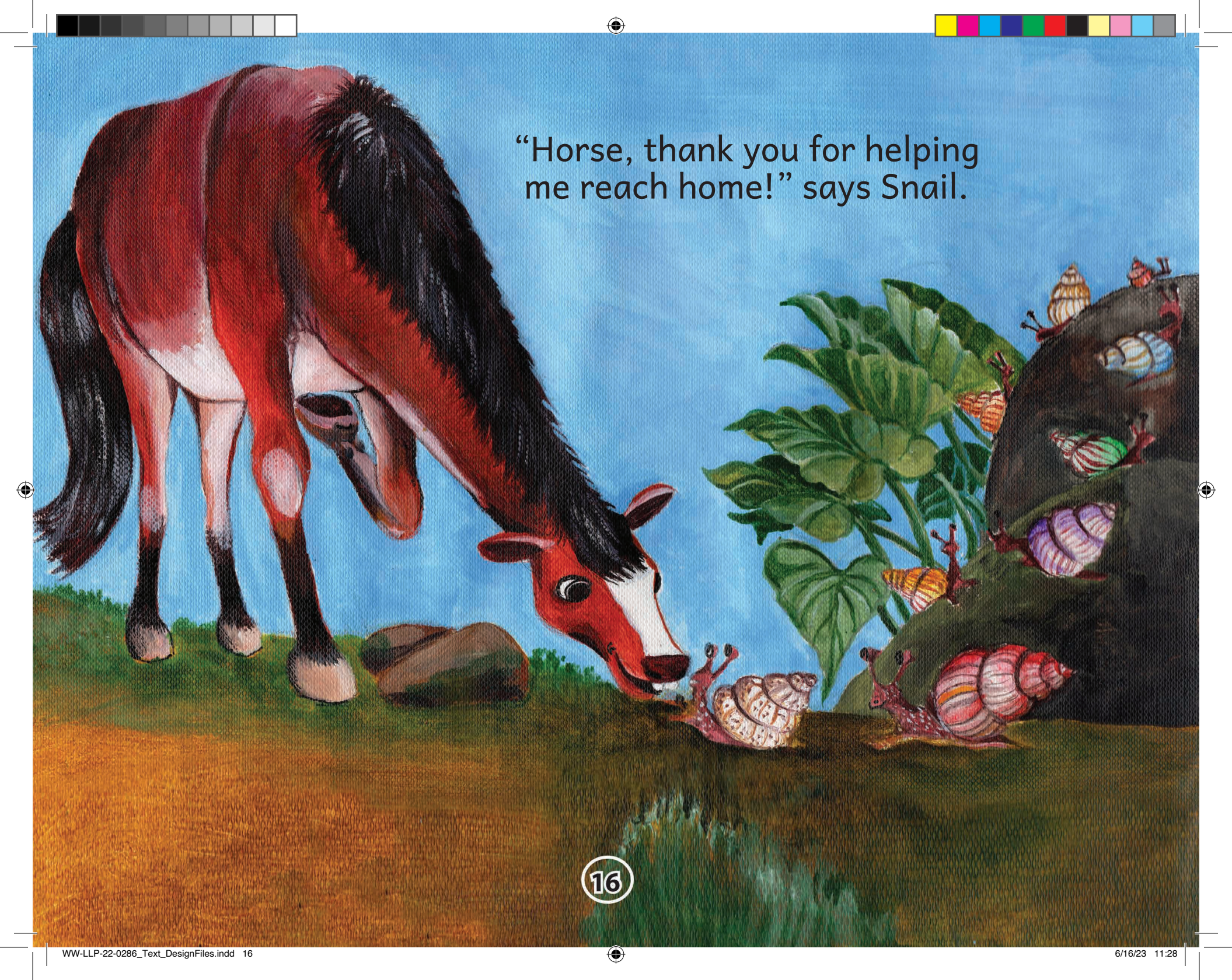
Deer has to leave.
“Goodbye, Snail!”





Snail finds one last quick friend. She waves to Deer.



A red and black horse with a white blaze on its face is looking down at a snail on a grassy hillside. Several other snails are visible on the hillside, some on a large rock. The background is a blue sky and green foliage.

“Horse, thank you for helping
me reach home!” says Snail.