

# The Trek



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Your child is ready to read this book if they are reading passages with the following letter sounds and sight words.

## Letter Sounds:

short e (as in “bed”)

th / ch / wh

all hard consonants

-ed / -edge\* / -ettle\* endings

## Sight Words:

are      you

for      the

to      me

by      a

of      was

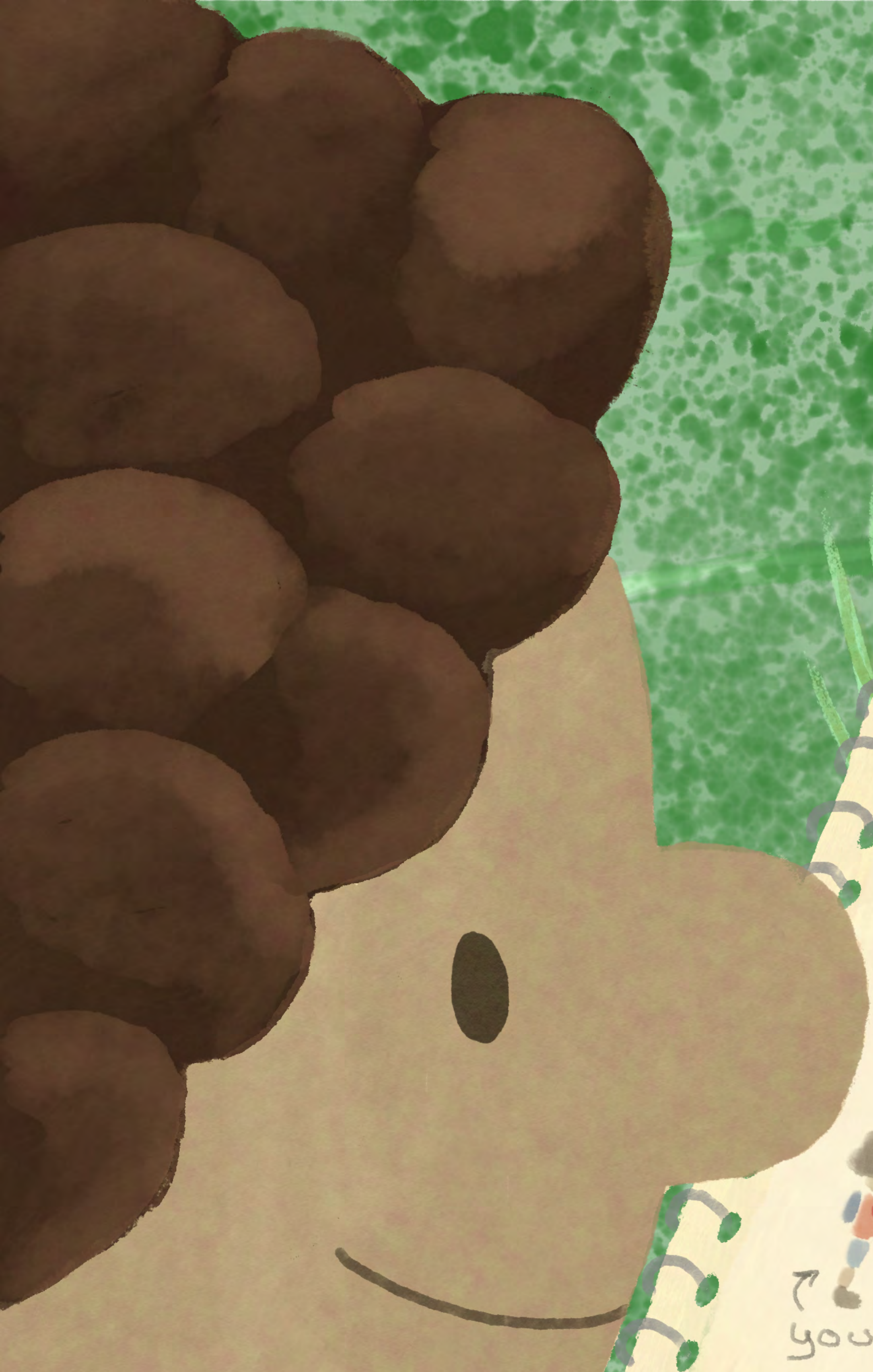
down

\*there are only a few of these words

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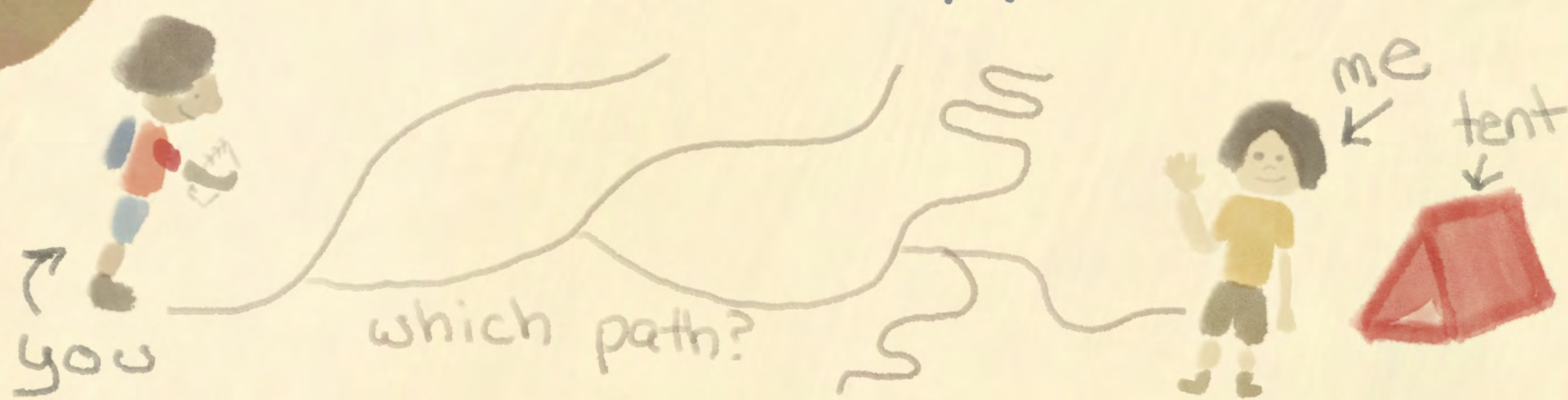
**Follow the clues to pick the path!**



Are you set for the trek?

To get to me,  
select the best path.

I left tips to help!





I went by a glen of elms,  
and then by cress.



↑  
elm



↑  
cress



I kept to the left and felt a fresh web.  
The next step was the wettest.



I crept by a nest of ten speckled eggs.  
Next, I felt velvet vetch.



vetch ↑



I petted a red hen,  
then sped by a  
fennec den.



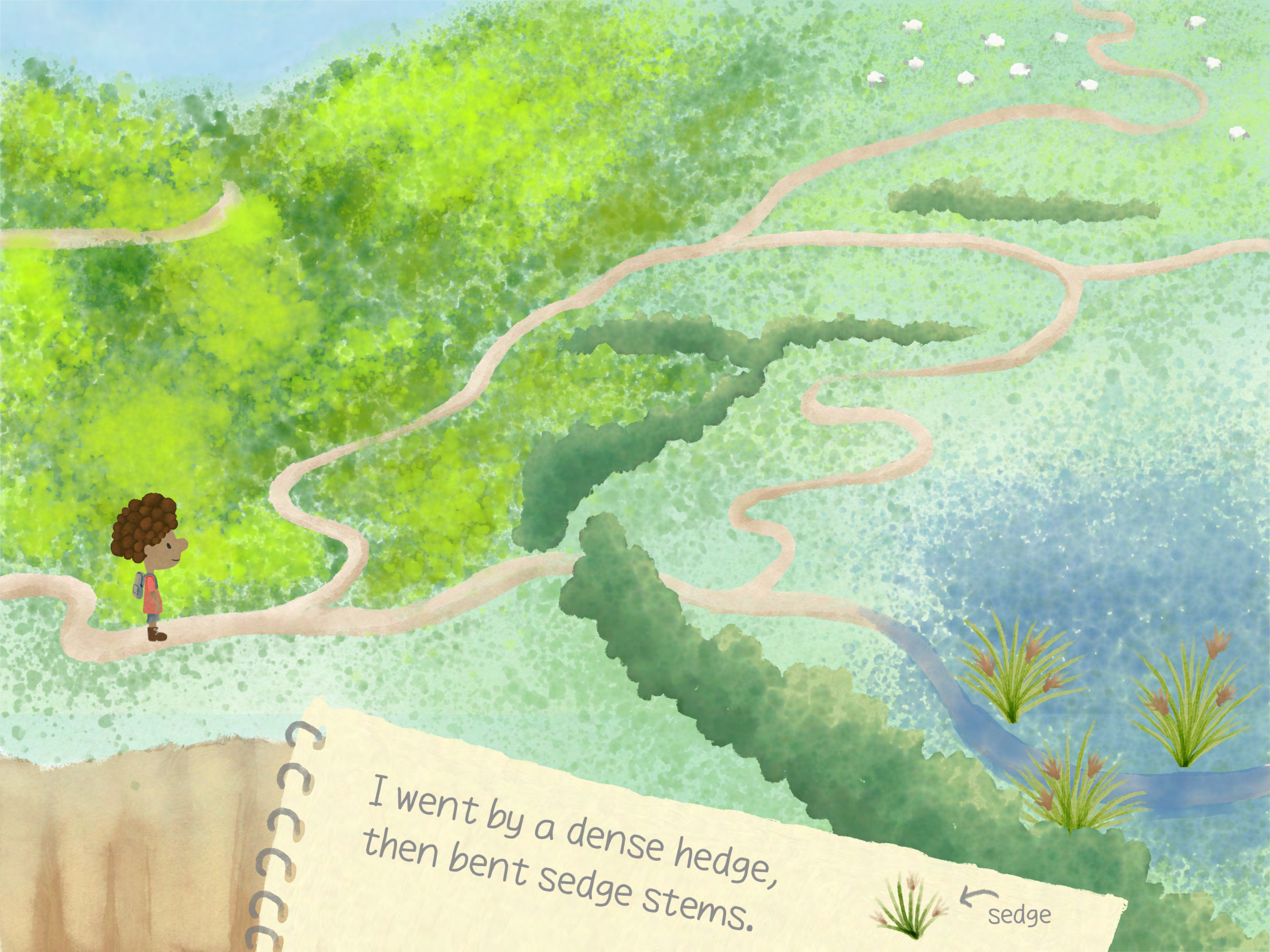
← fennec





kestrel

I sketched a kestrel on a ledge,  
and met ten elk on the edge.



I went by a dense hedge,  
then bent sedge stems.



← sedge



I went down seven steps  
and felt twelve whelk shells.

whelk  
↘



I tested a red ketch,  
and netted ten smelt.



I smelled kelp and was drenched,  
then yelped when I felt a nettle.





And then, at the end,  
I set a red tent and a kettle.



# Comprehension Questions



## Story Questions:

1. Where was the main character trying to go?
2. What kind of animals did they see along the way?
3. Which type of habitat DIDN'T they trek past?
  - a. seashore
  - b. rocky cliffs
  - c. icy tundra
  - d. damp forest

## Connections:

1. Have you ever seen any of the plants and animals from this book in real life?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how helpful were the guiding clues? Which were the easiest? The hardest? Why?
3. How many new words did you learn? Which was your favorite?
4. If you could send a friend on a trek, where would you send them?



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