

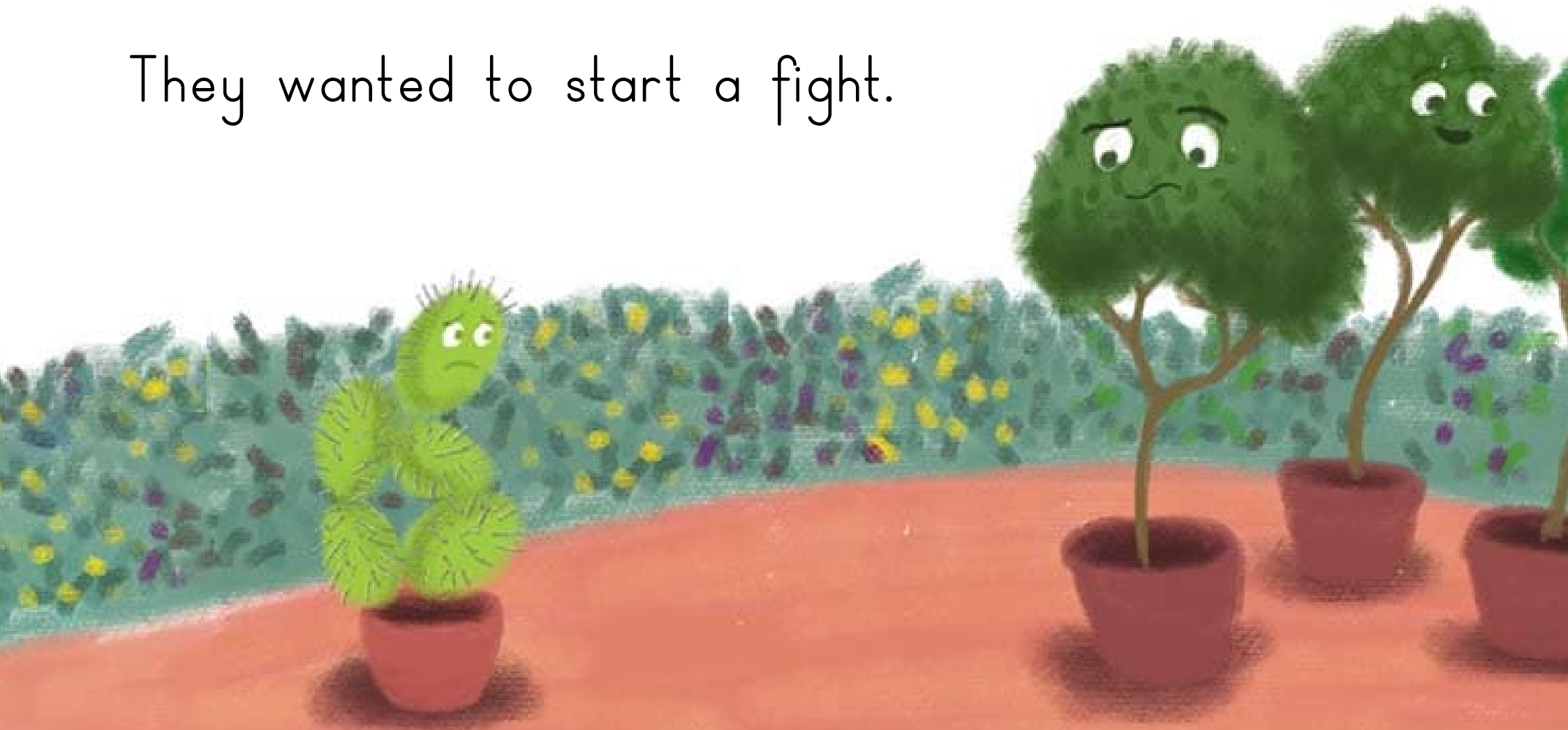
# PALS OR NOT?



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Spike had no pals. He went up  
to some trees to say hi.

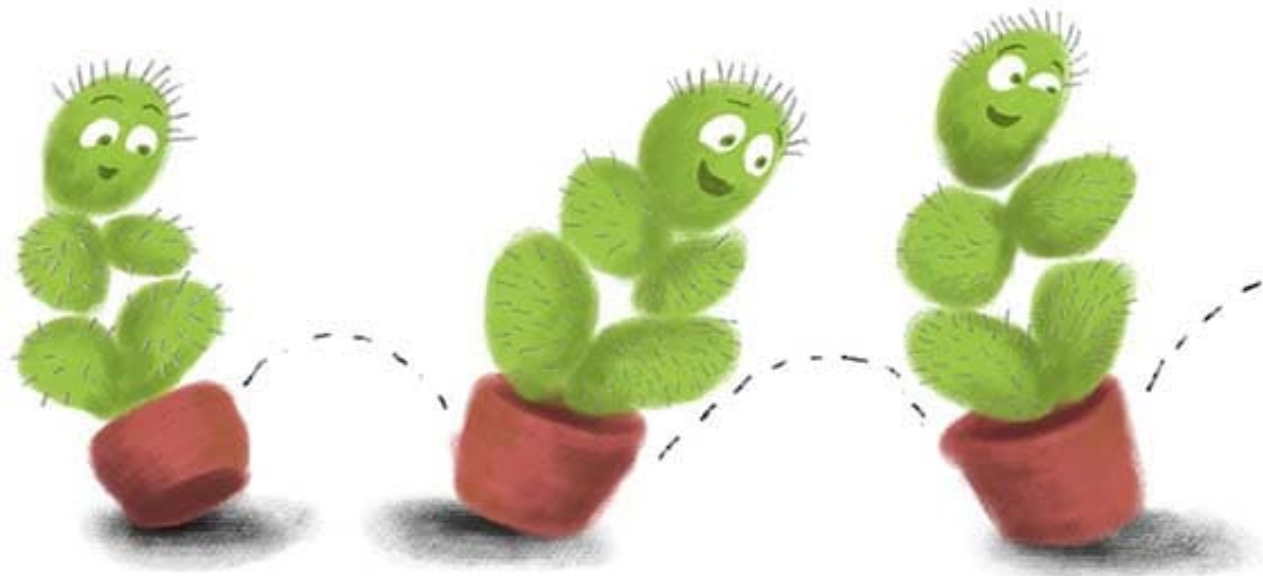
They wanted to start a fight.



Some trees are rude.

Spike did not mind.

He went off to find a plant pal.



He went up to an  
orange tree to ask if  
it needed a friend.

It said it did not.



He tried a banana tree.

It was scared of him.

He let it be.





Next, he tried a mango tree. Then a guava.

They let out big sighs.





He made his way  
to a pawpaw. The  
pawpaw had heard  
that Spike might  
ask to be pals.

The pawpaw felt  
bad for him. He  
said that they  
could be pals.





But when they were jumping off to play, Spike hurt the pawpaw by mistake.





The pawpaw told him to  
go and find a spikey  
friend.

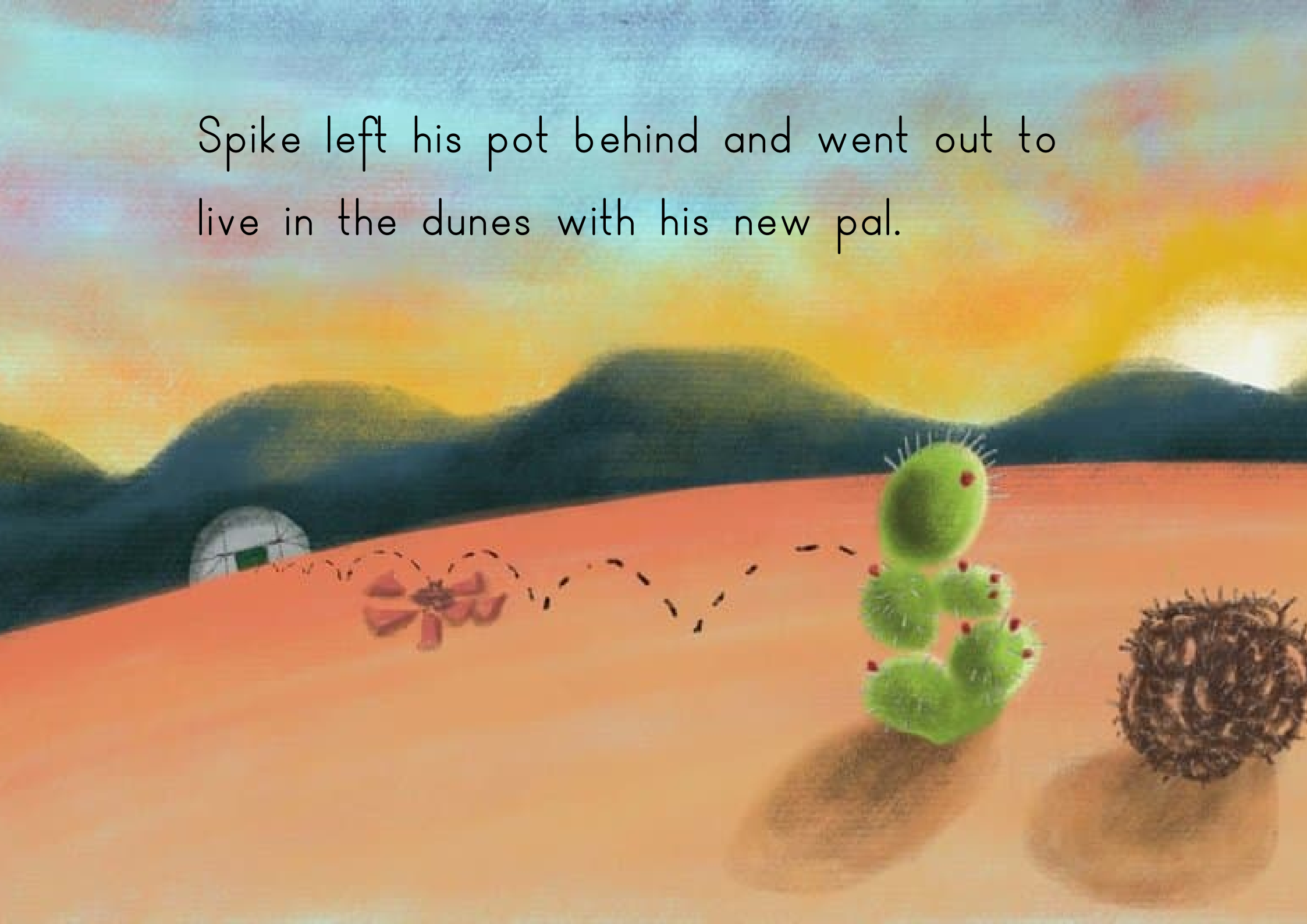
Spike looked high and low, but there were no spikey plants in the garden. He left.





He went out to the dunes. There was a bush by itself. It had thorns all over!

Spike left his pot behind and went out to live in the dunes with his new pal.







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