

COME BACK, REX!



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"It's time to take Rex for a walk," my mother said.

"But Mom, I've already taken him once today!" I said, surprised.

"You know what that dog is like, Benny. He needs his exercise!"



Rex barked at me from the door,
waiting for me. It's true, he loves
to go on walks.

But twice in one day?

Rex has so much energy.





I open the door, and... zoom!

Rex slips out of his leash and races away down the street!

"Oh no! Come back, Rex! You might get hurt!"

I race after him, trying to catch up. But he's so fast!

I see Rex! He's found a woman with an umbrella. He likes colourful things.

Rex bounces up to the woman, barking loudly. He wants that umbrella!

"Stop, Rex! That's not nice!" I shout, but it's too late.



The woman is so surprised, she drops the umbrella! It floats away in the wind.

Rex jumps after it, trying to keep pace.

"Come back, Rex! It's only an umbrella!"



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He bounces here and there, following the umbrella in the wind.

"Come back, Rex! Don't go too far, I'll never be able to catch you!"





Rex follows the wind
from place to place,
chasing that umbrella,
through fields and
gardens and roads.

I run behind him,
trying to find a way to
catch him.

He's just too quick!

Uh oh! Rex jumps over a fence and into a bush. It's an itchy bush!

Rex gets a little dizzy and scratches all over, trying to get rid of the itchy leaves. Maybe I can catch him now...

But what's that smell?



It's Uncle Bruce, and he is delivering some food. Rex forgets all about the umbrella.

Now all he wants is that food!

Uncle Bruce speeds up, but Rex runs along behind.

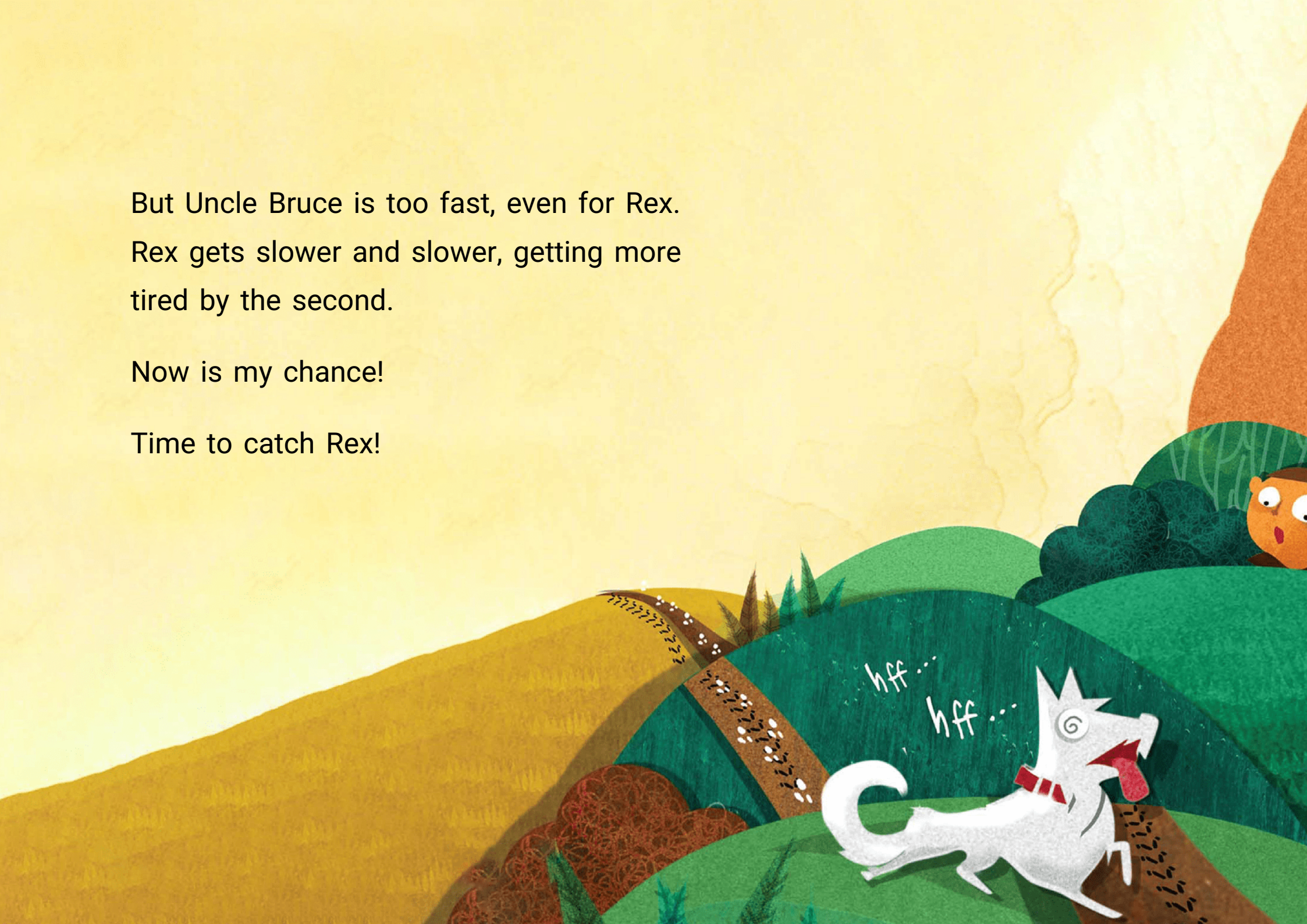
"Come back, Rex! That food is not for you!"

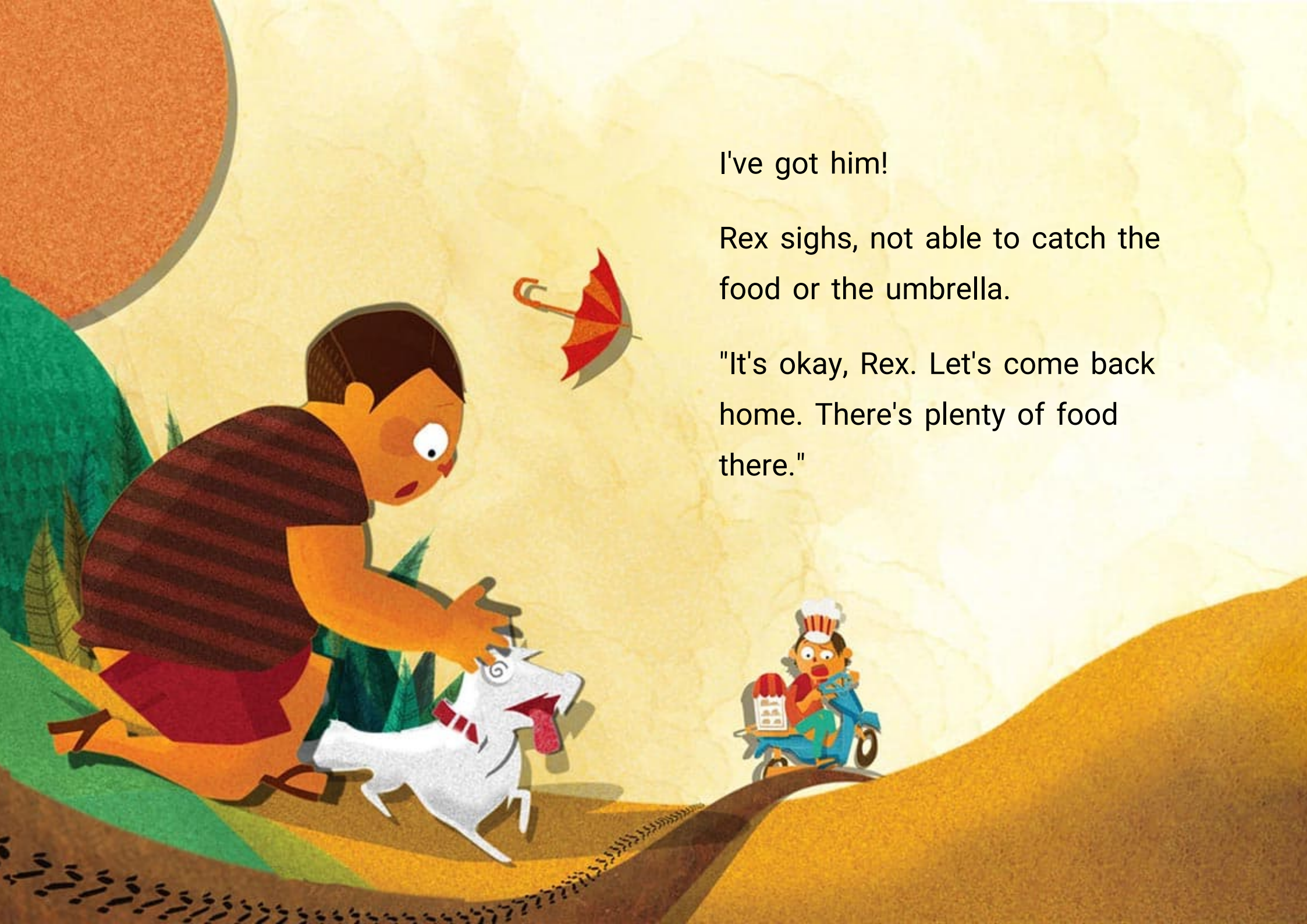


But Uncle Bruce is too fast, even for Rex.
Rex gets slower and slower, getting more
tired by the second.

Now is my chance!

Time to catch Rex!





I've got him!

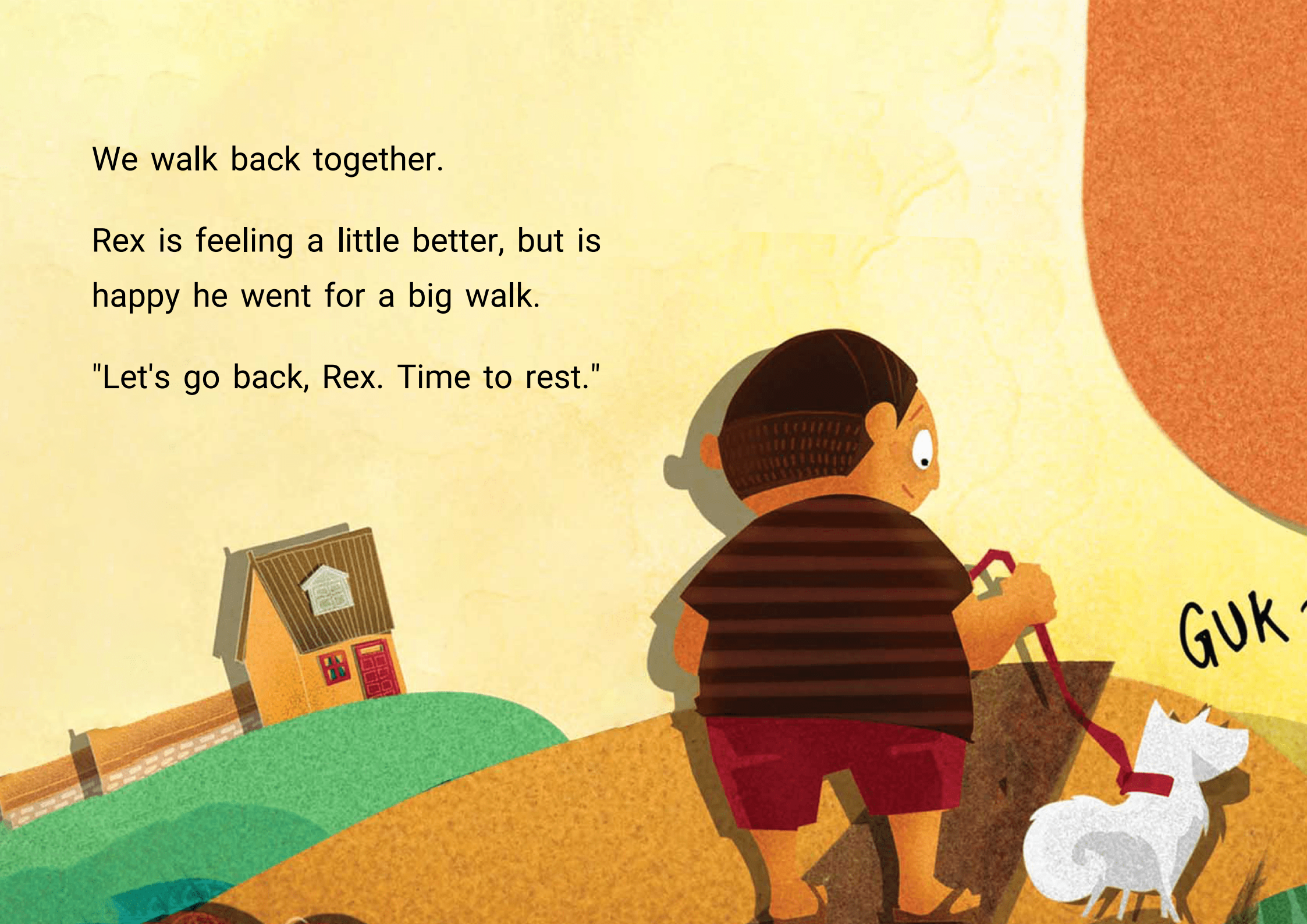
Rex sighs, not able to catch the food or the umbrella.

"It's okay, Rex. Let's come back home. There's plenty of food there."

We walk back together.

Rex is feeling a little better, but is happy he went for a big walk.

"Let's go back, Rex. Time to rest."





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