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Meng Was Thirsty

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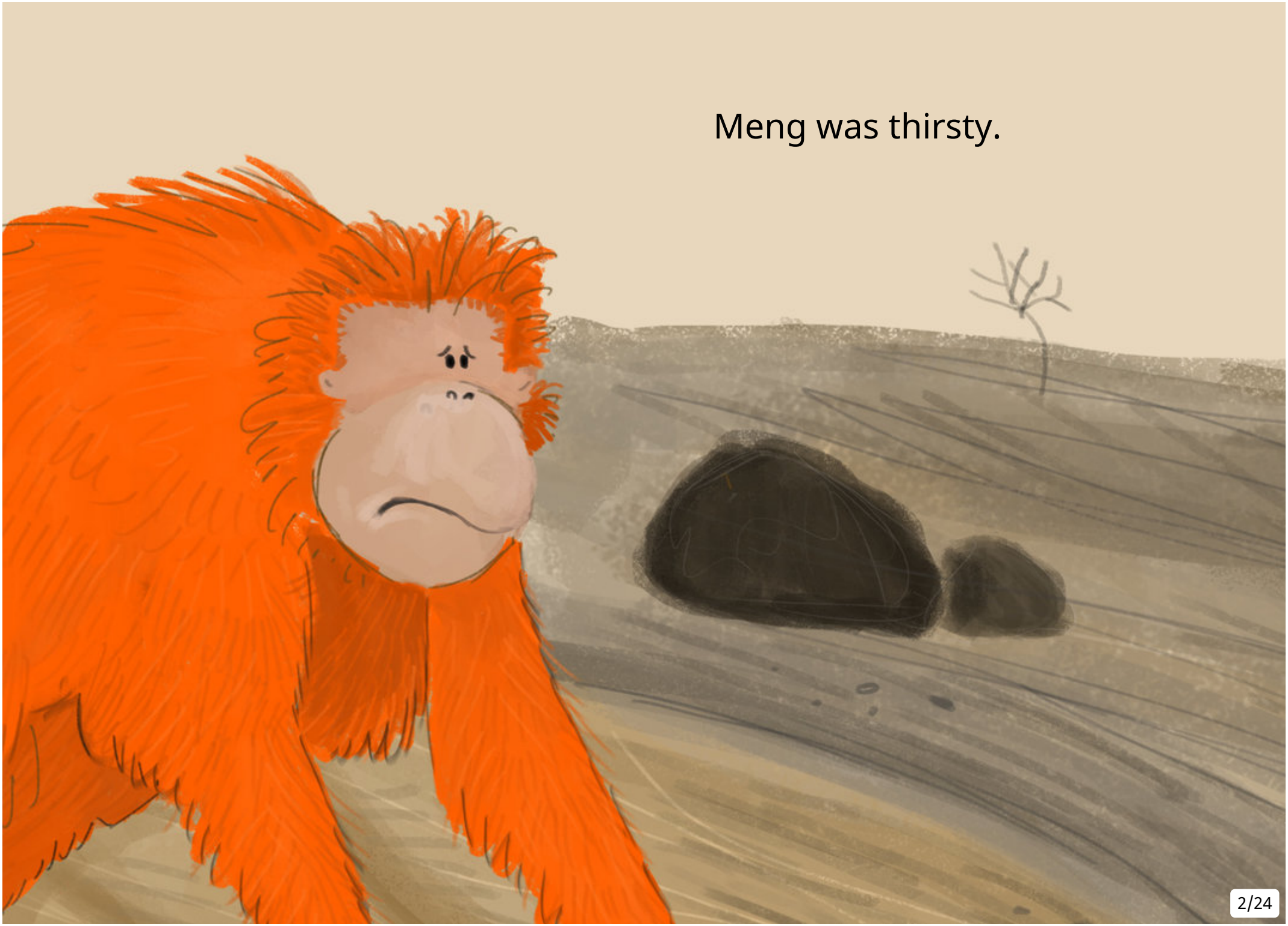
Meng was thirsty.
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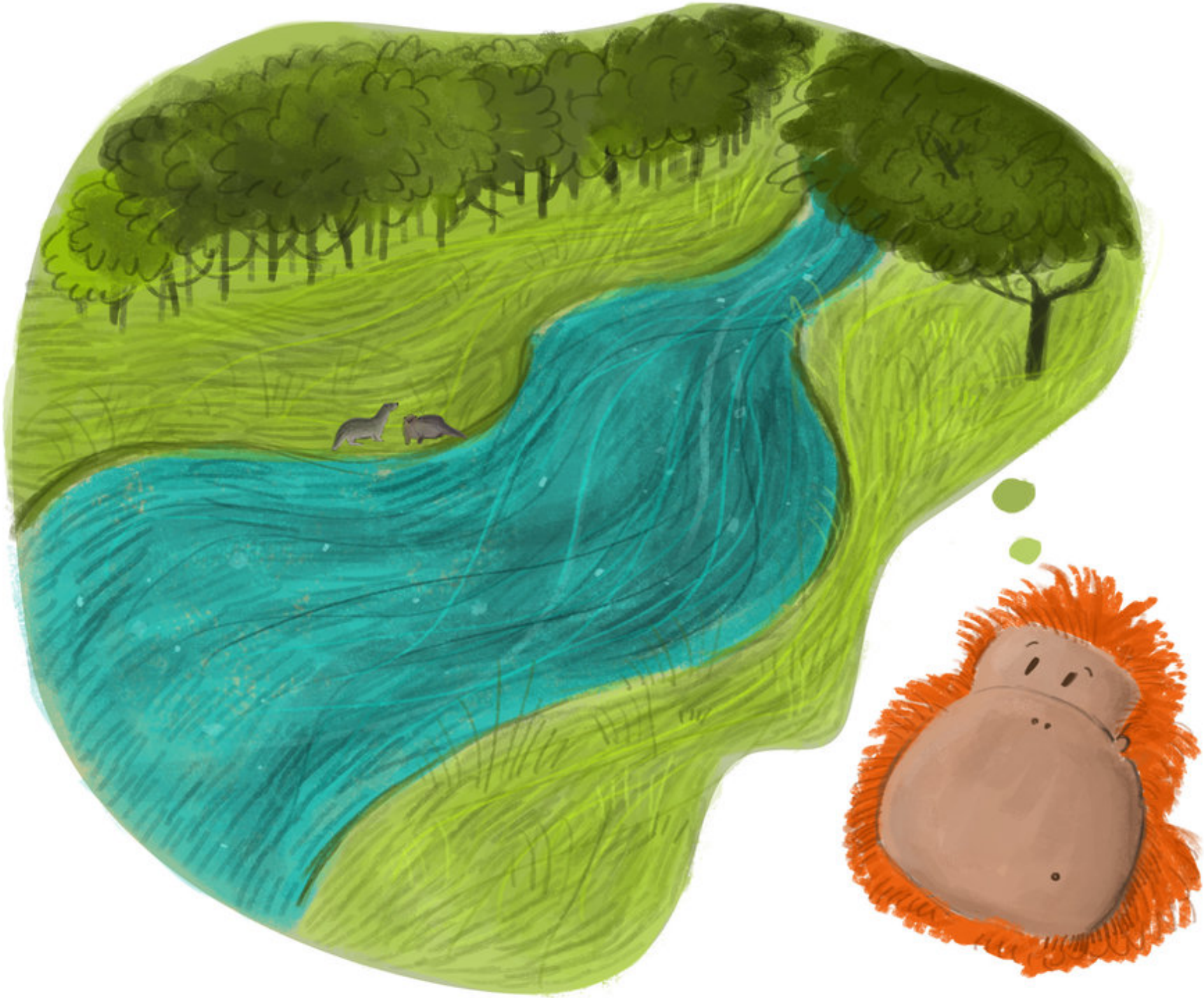
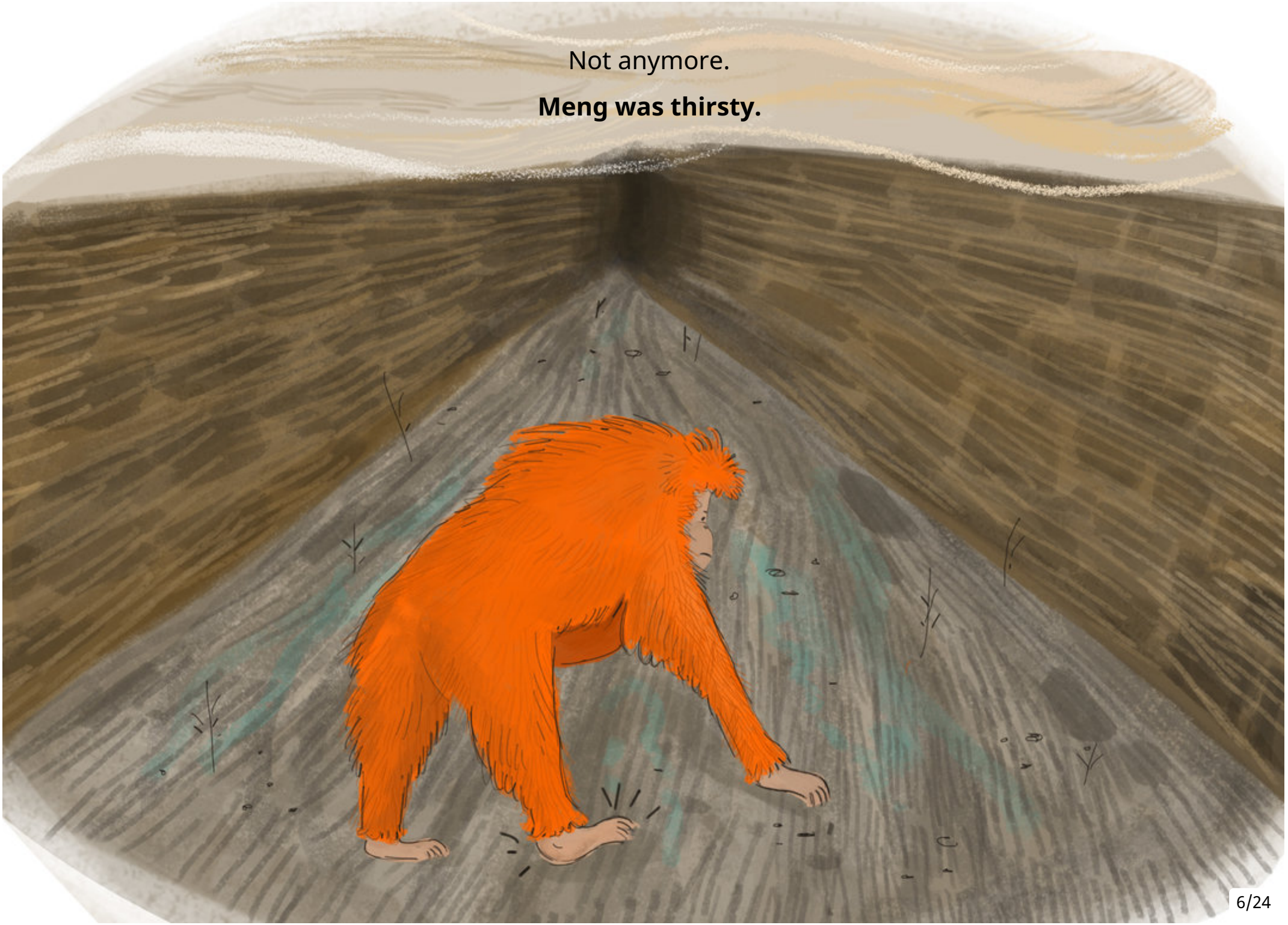
She tried to look for water.

Meng tapped her foot on the hard floor.



It was once a canal with playful otters.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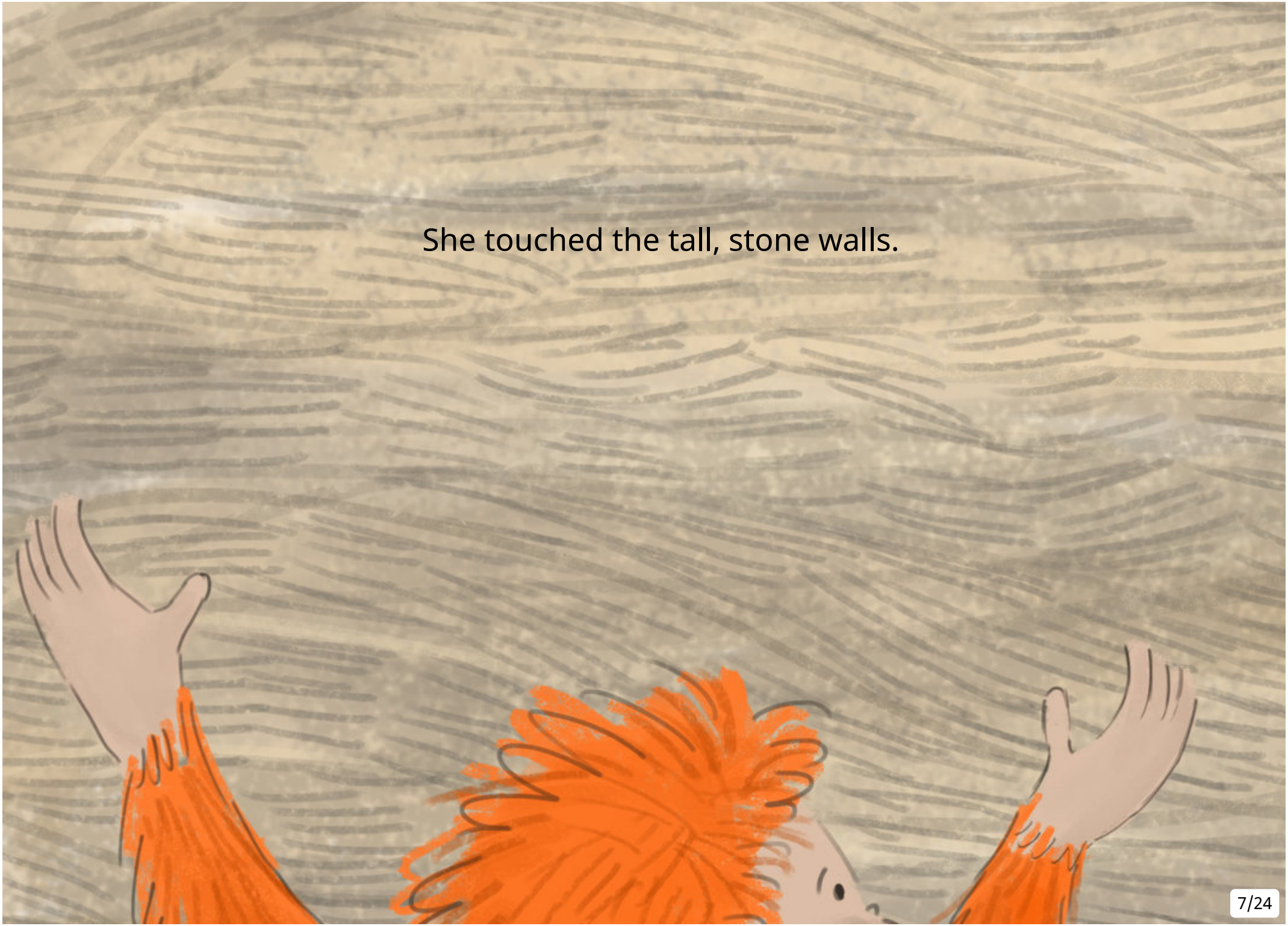
Meng was thirsty.


She touched the tall, stone walls.
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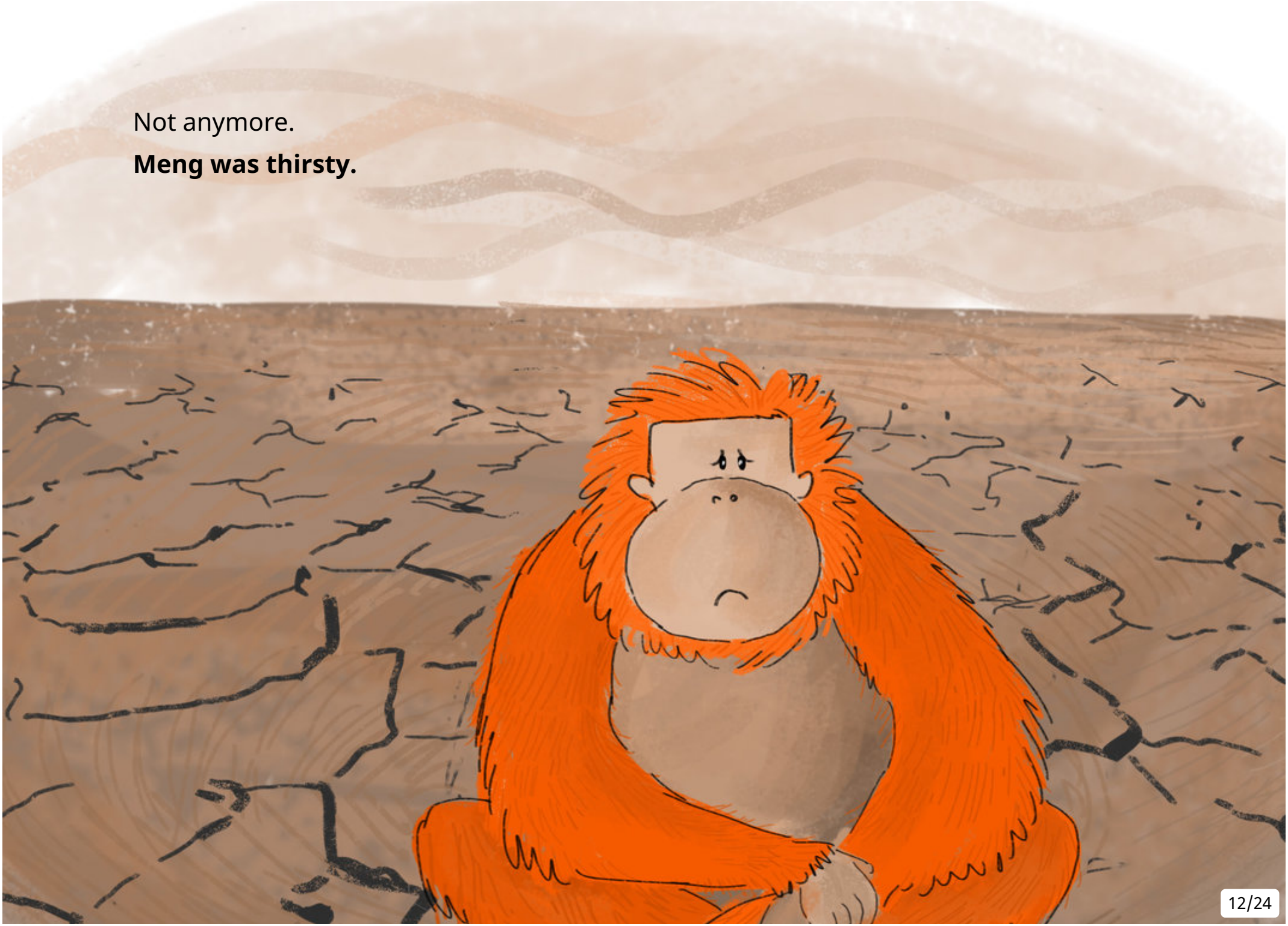
It was once a reservoir with many green trees.

Not anymore.
Meng was thirsty.

She sat on dry, broken land.

It was once a lake
with beautiful fishes.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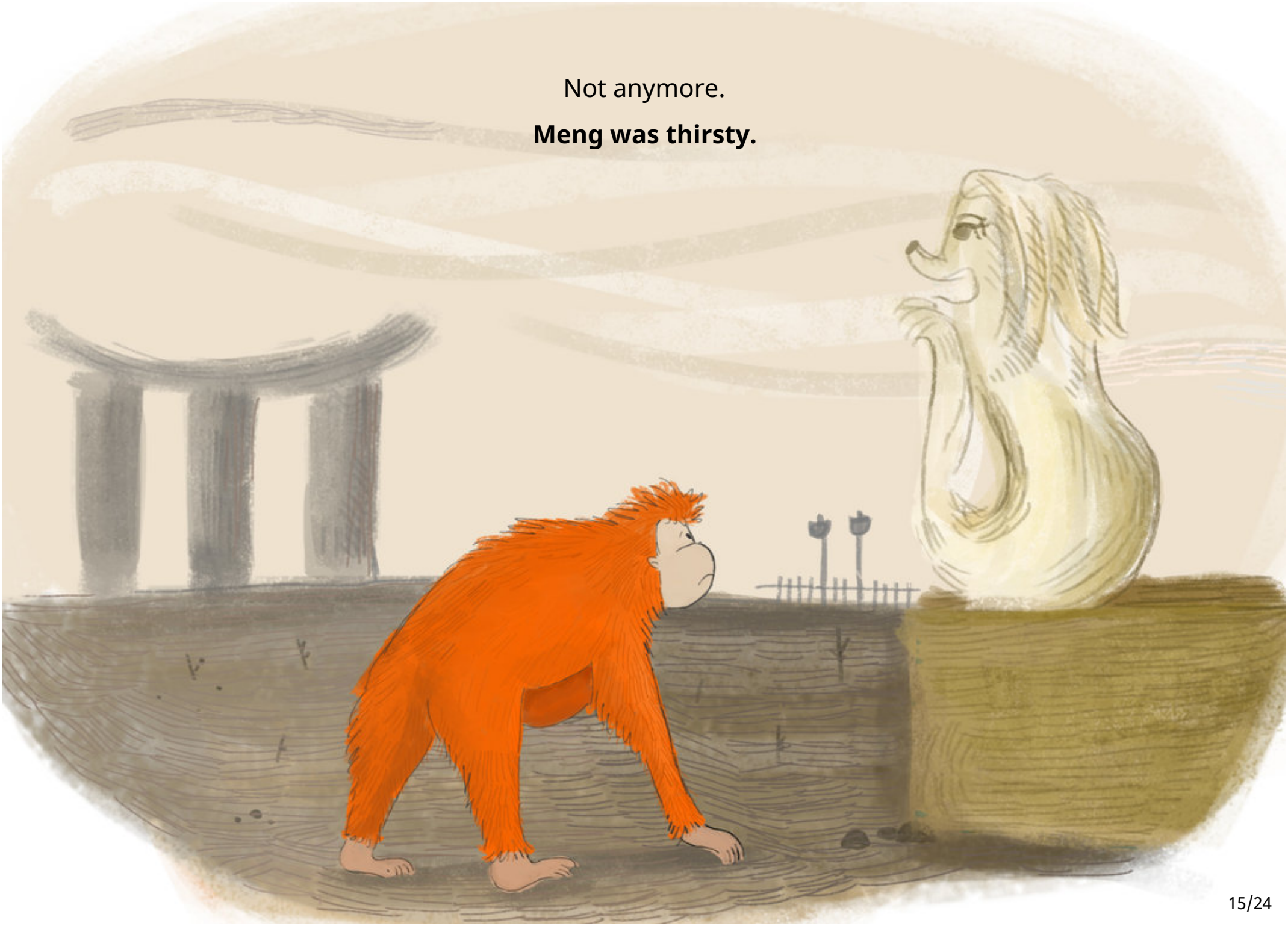
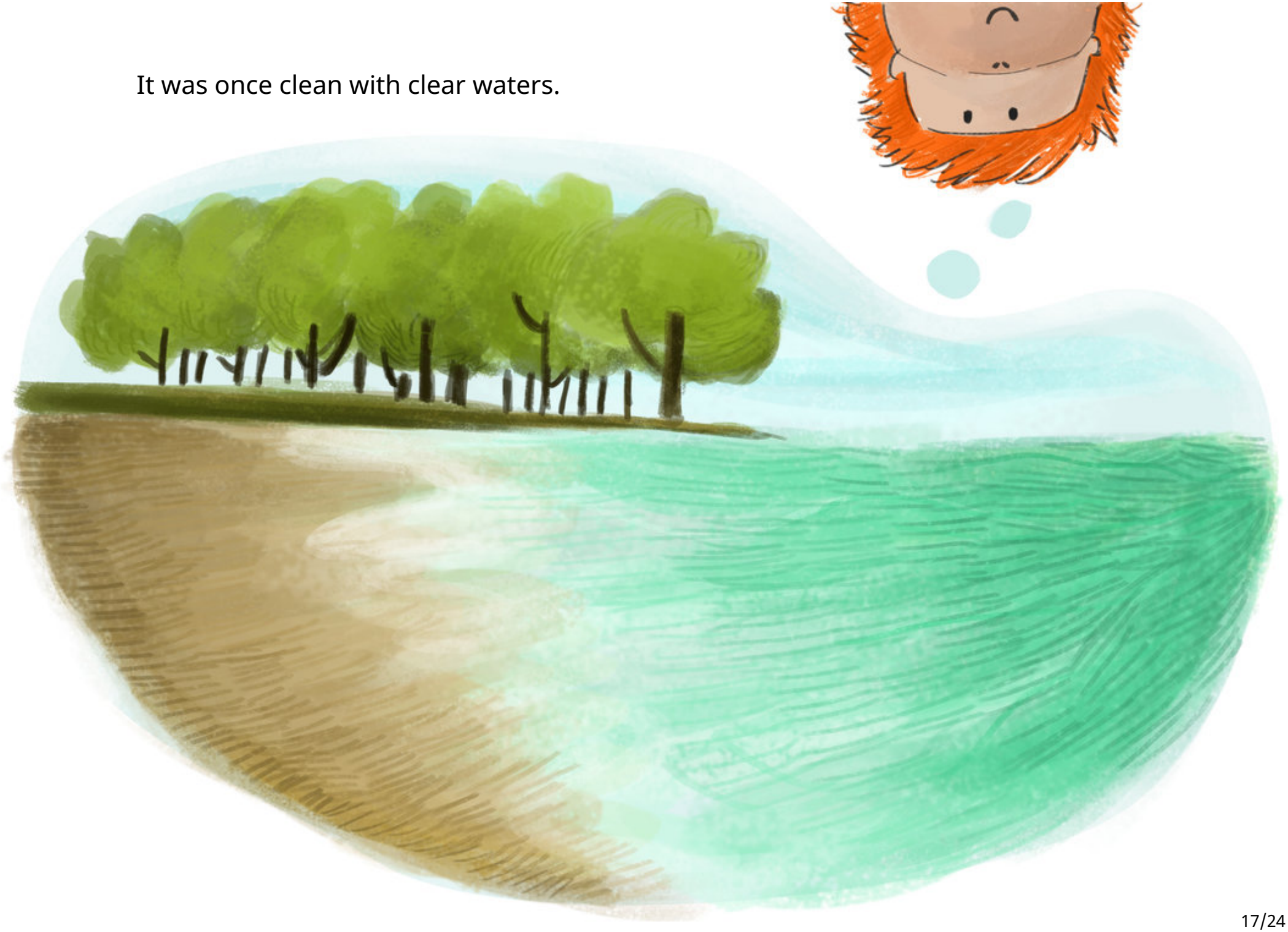
She walked across the dusty pathway.

It was once a river with sparkling waters.


Not anymore.
Meng was thirsty.

Meng swung to the beach.

It was once clean with clear waters.



Not anymore.

Where was all the water? Had the people used it all up?

Had they wasted it?

Meng fell to the ground. She closed her eyes.

Pitter. Patter. Pitter.

Meng cupped her hands. Rain and tears filled her palms.

Meng was thirsty.

Don't let the tap run when washing the dishes.

Fill a bucket with water and use it to rinse off dirty dishes before soaping. You can also use a bucket of clean water to rinse off soapy dishes instead of washing them directly under a running tap!

Dishwashers can significantly reduce water usage.

You can help conserve water!

Use a bucket with a wring-top to fill water before mopping floors. These buckets prevent the need to open the tap every time you want to clean and wring the mop.

Removing your shoes and washing your feet before entering the house can help trap less dirt and grime onto the floors!

Wipe up spills immediately for an easy clean-up and to prevent stains from drying up.

Opt to take a standing shower instead of drawing water into a bath tub. Or fill a bucket with the water you need before taking a bath.

Limit your bathing time to under 5 minutes.

Sing and dance to your heart's content with the water turned off!

Do you have more ideas on how you can help conserve and reuse water?

Reuse water from washing rice and vegetables to water plants in your garden.

You can collect rain water in buckets to water the plants!

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Meng Was Thirsty
(English)

Meng the orangutan was thirsty. She tried to look for water. But... Where did all the water go? This story was authored by Abhi Krish & illustrated by Vibha Suryanarayanan in observation of Water Conservation Month and World Water Day (22nd March). It is each and everyone’s duty to conserve water. By keeping the world’s water bodies both clean and safe, we can create a sustainable tomorrow for generations to come.

This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.

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