


Sam is not like any other sloth. Sleeping all day is not her thing, and she is most definitely not slow. Sam cannot be still, and that energy does not sit well in slo-mo sloth world. So Sam ventures out into the rainforest to find her true "tribe". But when the rainforest floods, will Sam's speed and quick thinking be fast enough to save her buddies from the rising waters?

HYPERSLOTH



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Sam was a sloth.

She loved her home in the rainforest.
She hung from the trees with her three toes,
like all the other sloths.

And like the others, she loved munching on leaves,
(especially the ones from Trumpet trees)



she took forever to digest them,

and she climbed down her tree once a week to make a deposit.



But Sam was also different from the other sloths.
She did not like to sleep ALL day.



Just “hanging” was not her “thing”.



And she certainly was NOT slow.
In fact, Sam was rather speedy.

Sam just couldn't be still.
She fidgeted.



She fiddled.



She fussed.



Sam laughed louder than the other sloths.



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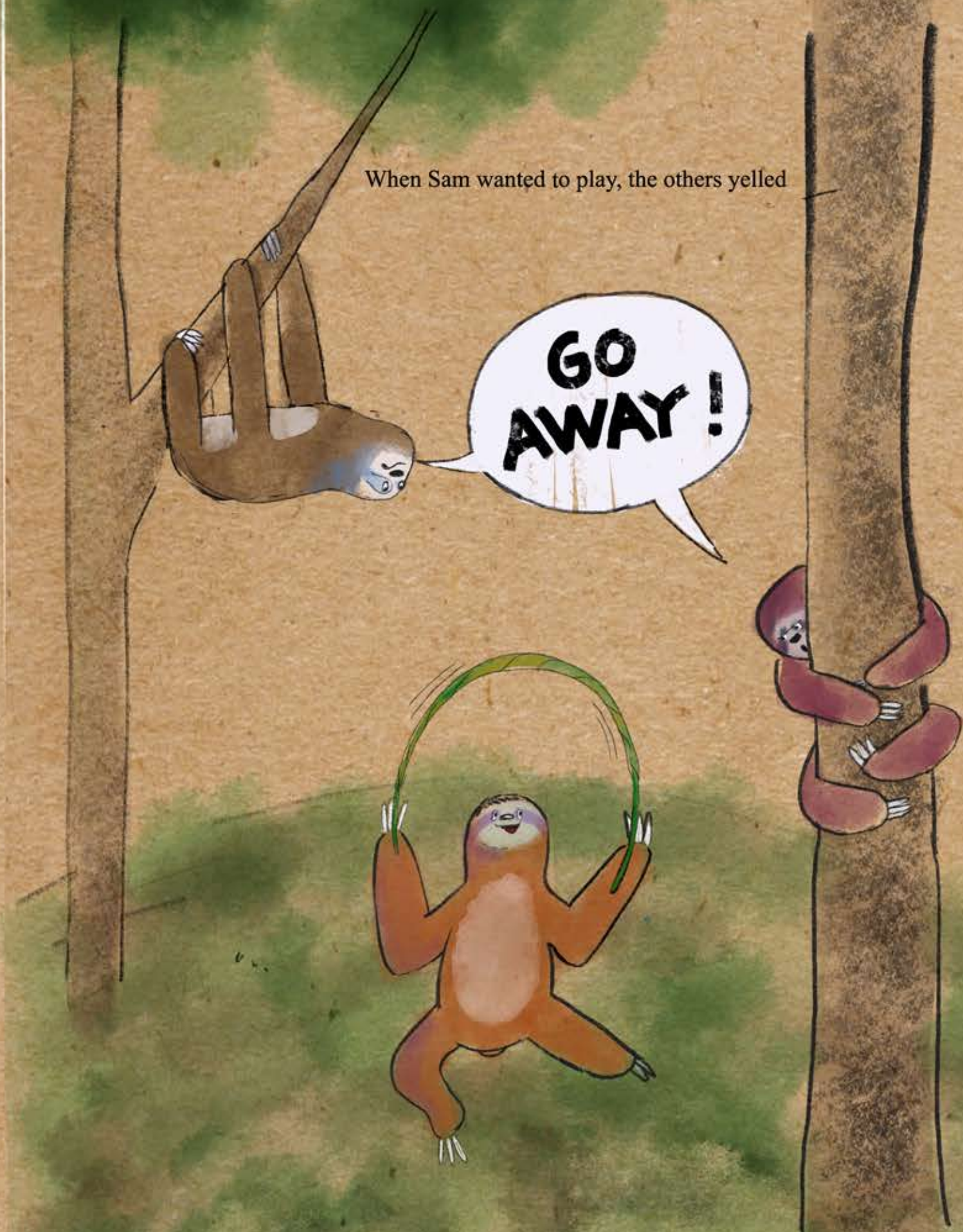
She hugged harder.



Nobody shared her idea of fun.



When Sam wanted to play, the others yelled



All that energy did not sit well with the sloths.
Sam was often alone. And bored. She felt she didn't belong in sloth world.

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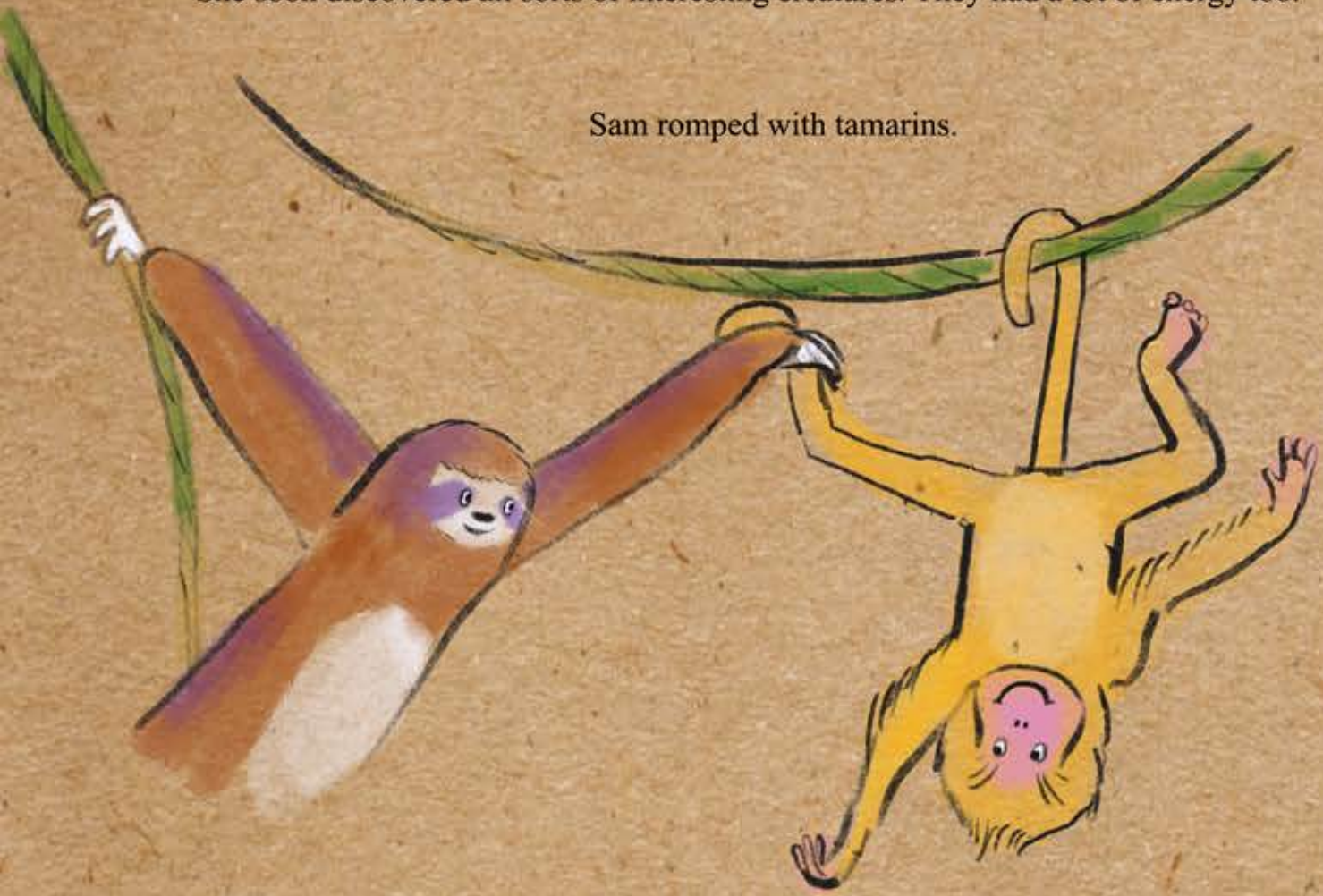


So, Sam swung from tree to tree, deep into the jungle. She was hungry for adventure.



She soon discovered all sorts of interesting creatures. They had a lot of energy too.

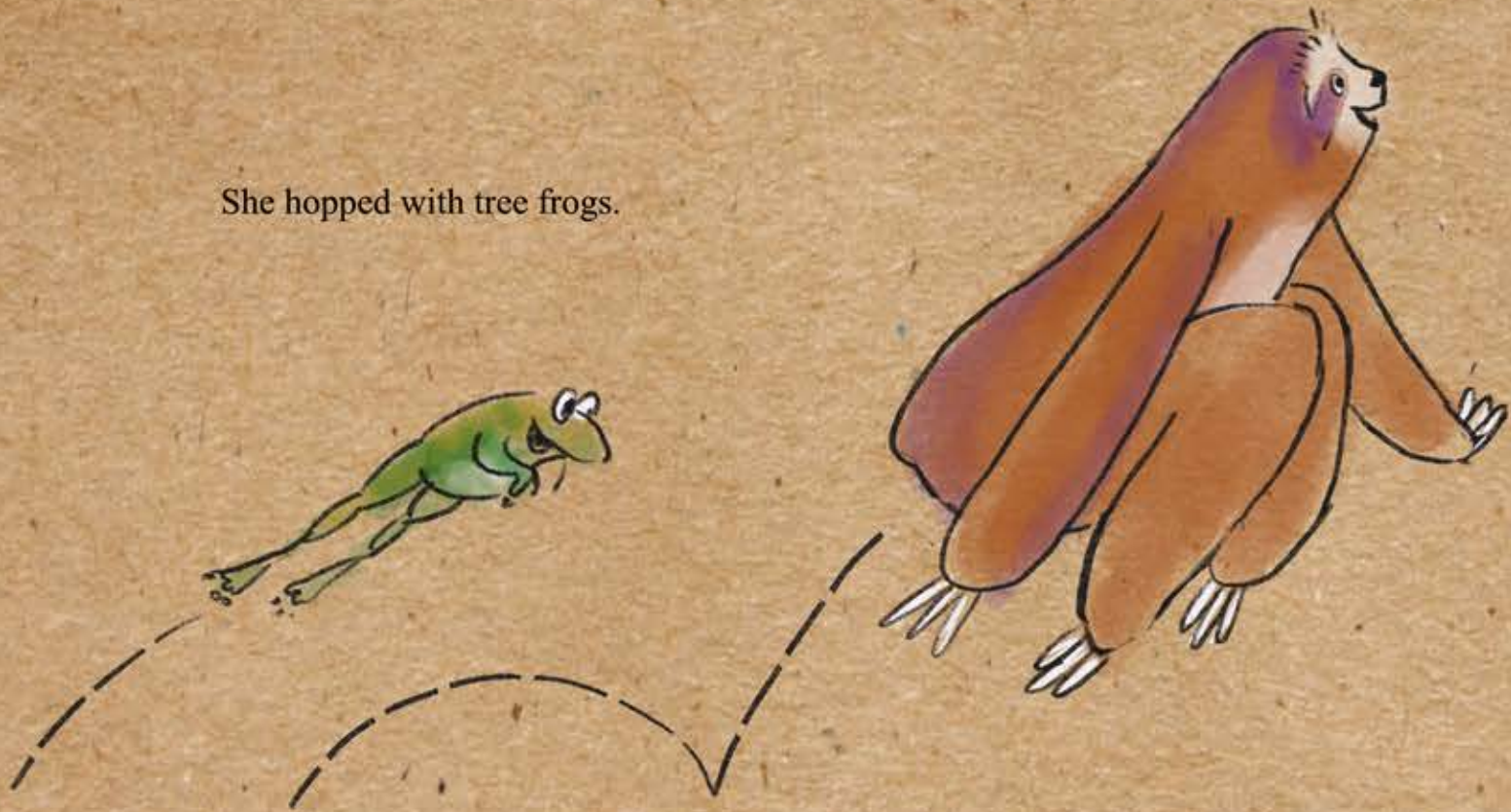
Sam romped with tamarins.



She howled with howler monkeys.



She hopped with tree frogs.



She yapped with macaws.





Sam had never had so much fun. The other animals seemed to dig her. That made her happy.

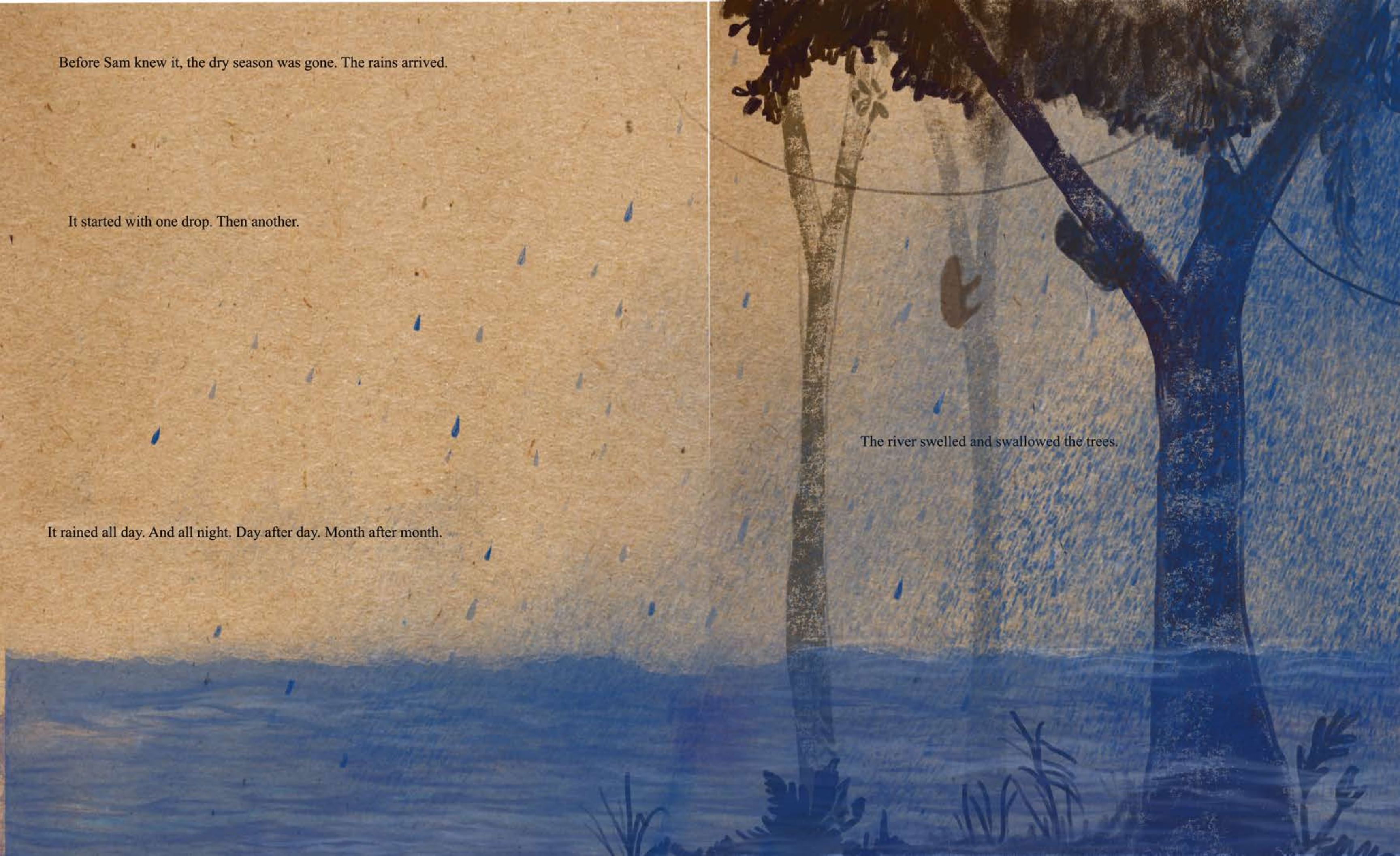


Yet, something just wasn't quite right.

Before Sam knew it, the dry season was gone. The rains arrived.

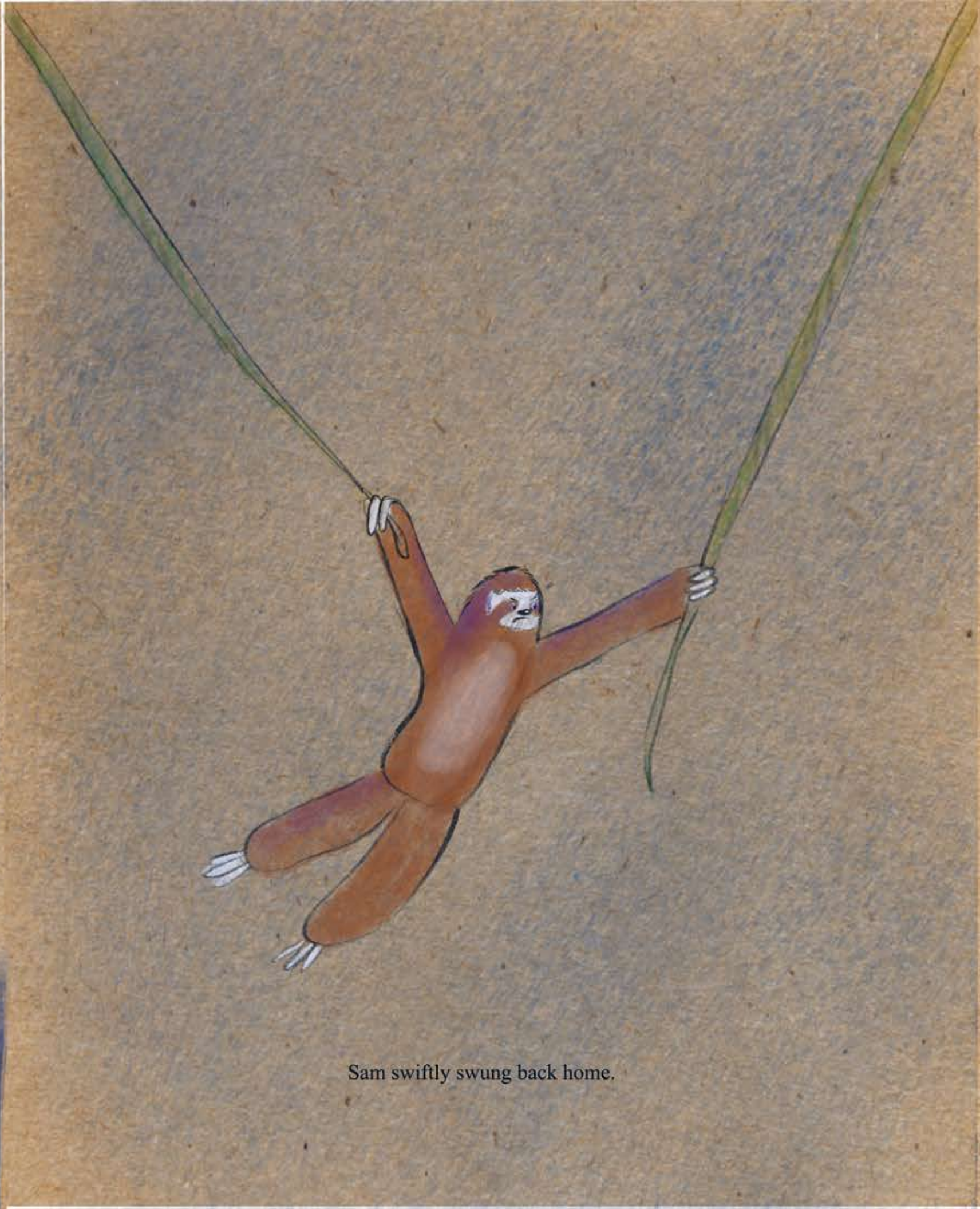
It started with one drop. Then another.

It rained all day. And all night. Day after day. Month after month.



The river swelled and swallowed the trees.

But this year, when the wet season was supposed to end, it didn't. The rains kept coming down. Sam realized something was different about the weather this year. All the forest animals scurried to the treetops. Sam thought about the sloths. They couldn't scurry.



Sam swiftly swung back home.



When she arrived, she discovered her friends were in a pickle.



But Sam was a fast thinker. She quickly came up with a plan. Sam grabbed a few sloths under her arm and swung to the giant Kapok tree.



She put some little ones on her back and swam to the tall Mahogany tree.



Then, Sam climbed to the top of the Brazil nut tree, high above the canopy. She bravely lassoed the remaining sloths with a vine and pulled them up.

WOO HOO!



Her very sluggish sloth friends had never seen so much action. They were exhausted, but impressed. The sloths realized having Sam around could sometimes be fun and exciting. They didn't even mind the hugs and laughter. It was nice to be around a quick thinker who had their back.

And when the sloths needed to chill, Sam knew...



That the forest was full of animals who loved a HYPER sloth.



10 SUPER COOL SLOTH FACTS:

1. Sloths are mammals. They live in the Central and South American rainforest.
2. Some types of sloths have three toes, while others have two. They hang from trees all day and all night. That is why their toes are super long and strong. They also use them as defense against predators.
3. Sloths sleep between ten and twenty hours per day.
4. Their diet consists of mostly leaves which have very little nutrition.
5. It takes up to thirty days for them to digest a single leaf.
6. Sloths move at a dashing speed of about six feet per minute on the ground, and ten feet per minute on trees. They move slowly to save energy and to not be spotted by predators.
7. Sloths swim faster than they move on land. They float in water because of all the gas in their bodies from the digestion of leaves. Sloths are much like beach balls with arms and legs.
8. In order to raise their body temperatures, sloths must bask in the sun, like reptiles.
9. Sloths have very thick fur. Their fur is home to some animals and plants, like moths and algae.
10. Sloths only go to the bathroom once a week. They climb down the tree to the ground to pee and poo. This is when they are most vulnerable to predators.