

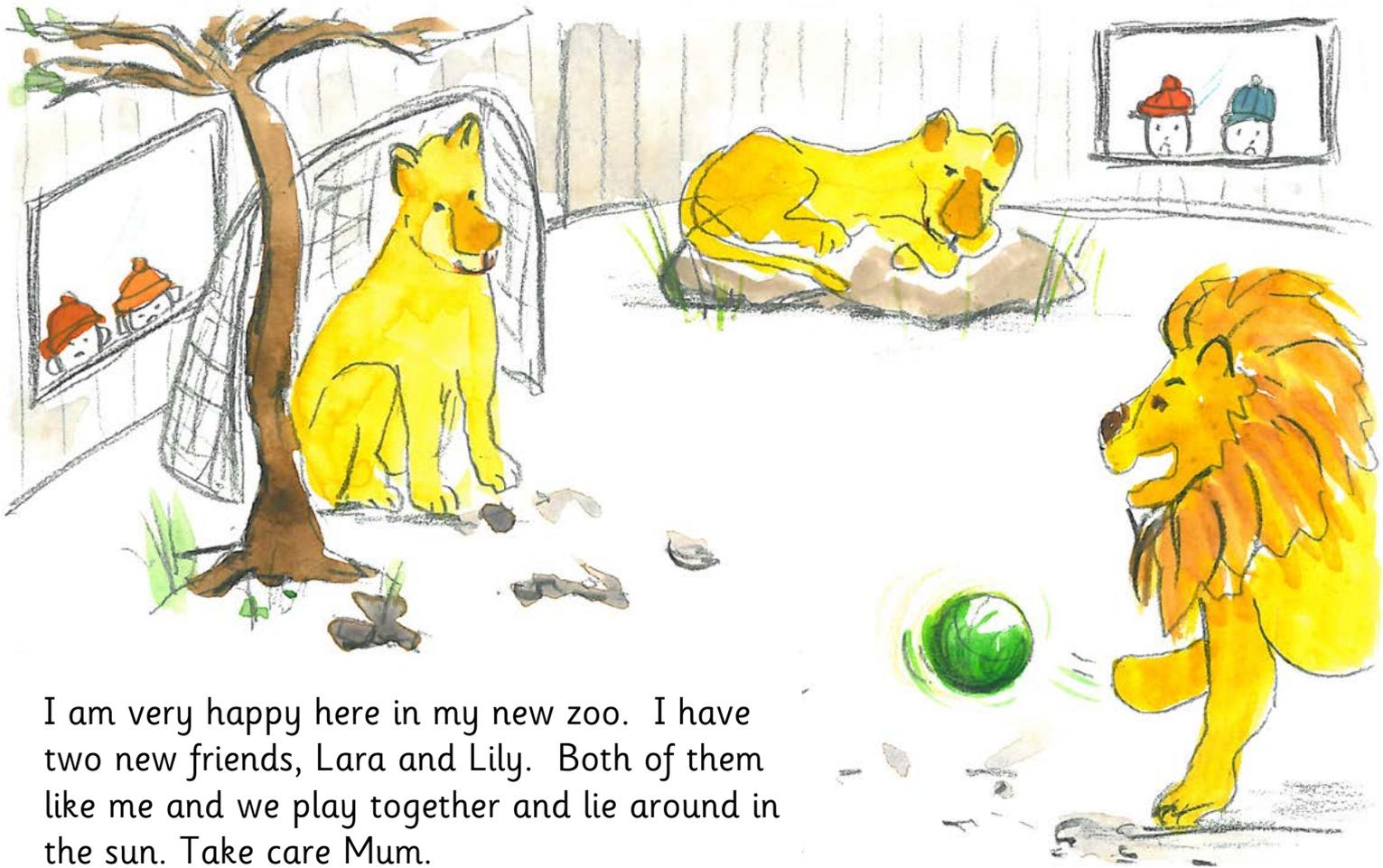
Letters from the Zoo



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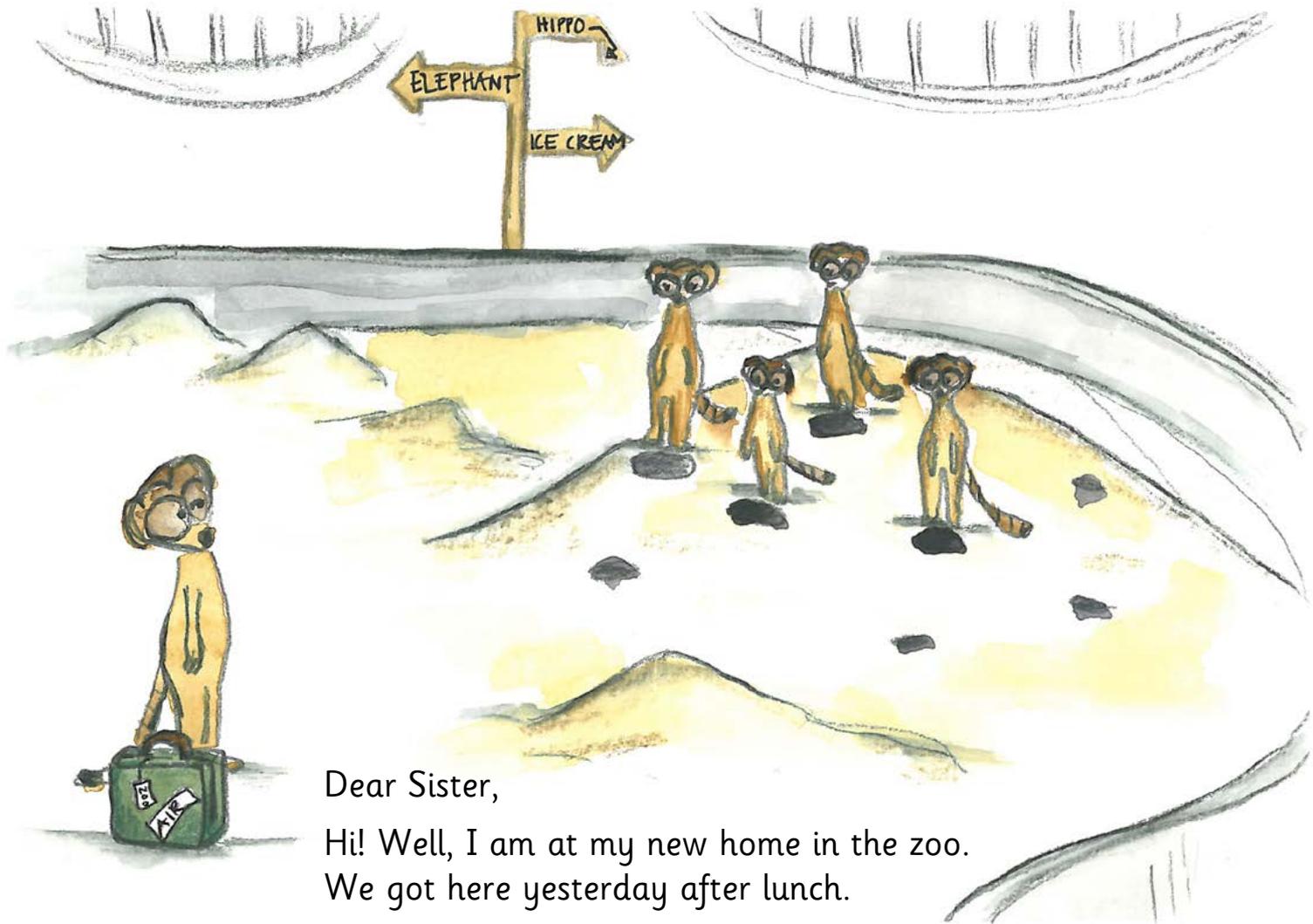
Dear Mum,
Thank you for your
postcard. It was
really good to see
my old home.





I am very happy here in my new zoo. I have two new friends, Lara and Lily. Both of them like me and we play together and lie around in the sun. Take care Mum.

Love Leo.



Dear Sister,
Hi! Well, I am at my new home in the zoo.
We got here yesterday after lunch.

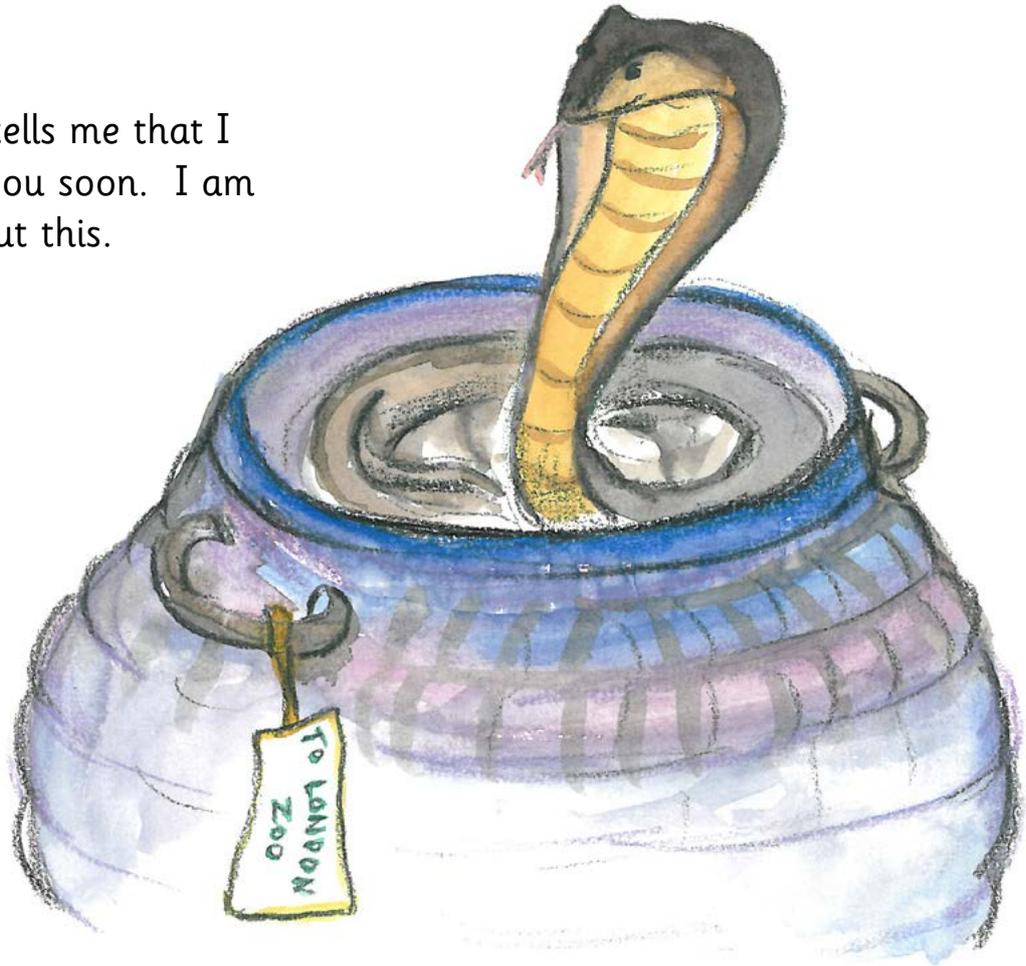
My cage is massive! There are lots of other meerkats and so I will not be sad. I miss you.

Love Matt



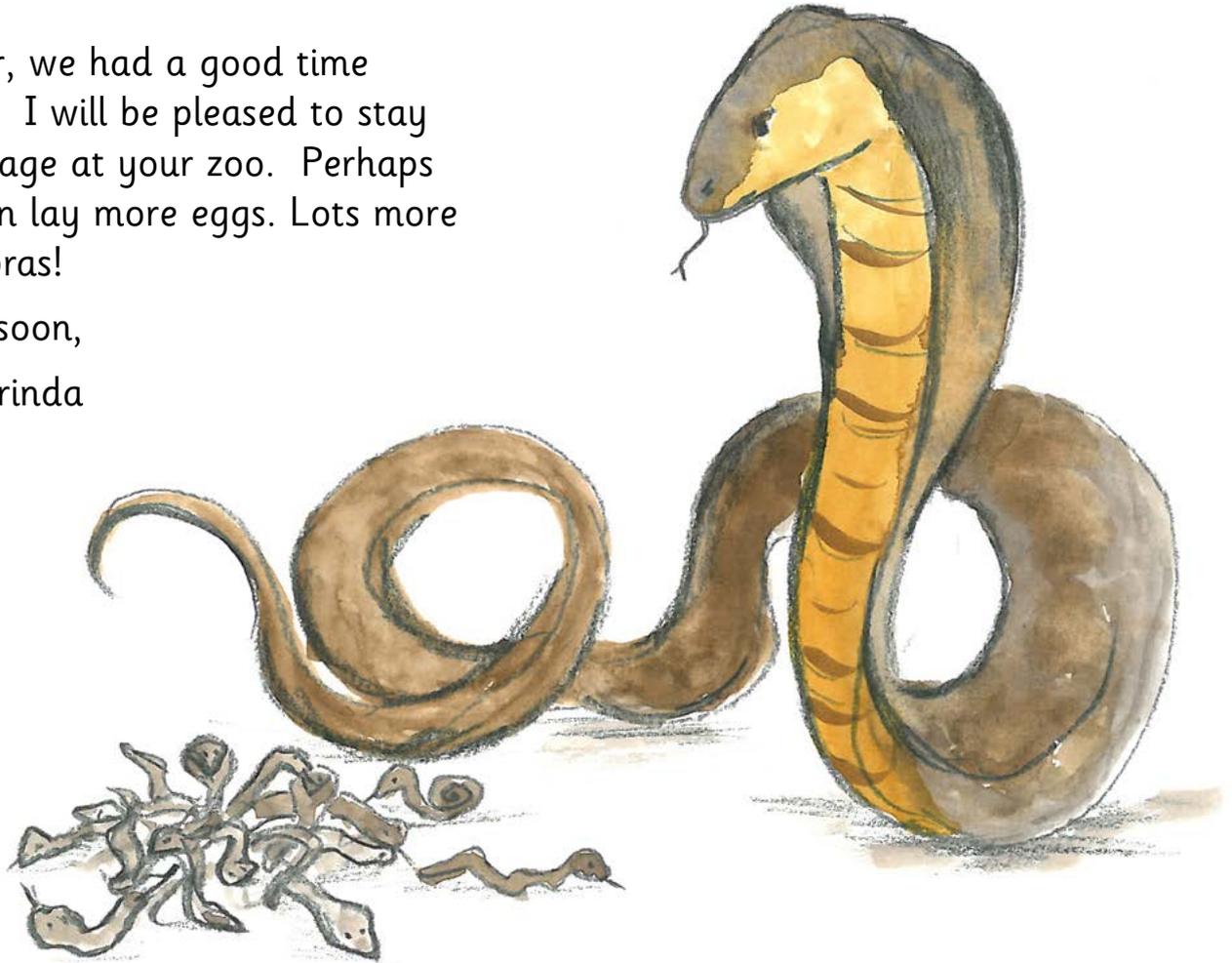
Dear Simon,

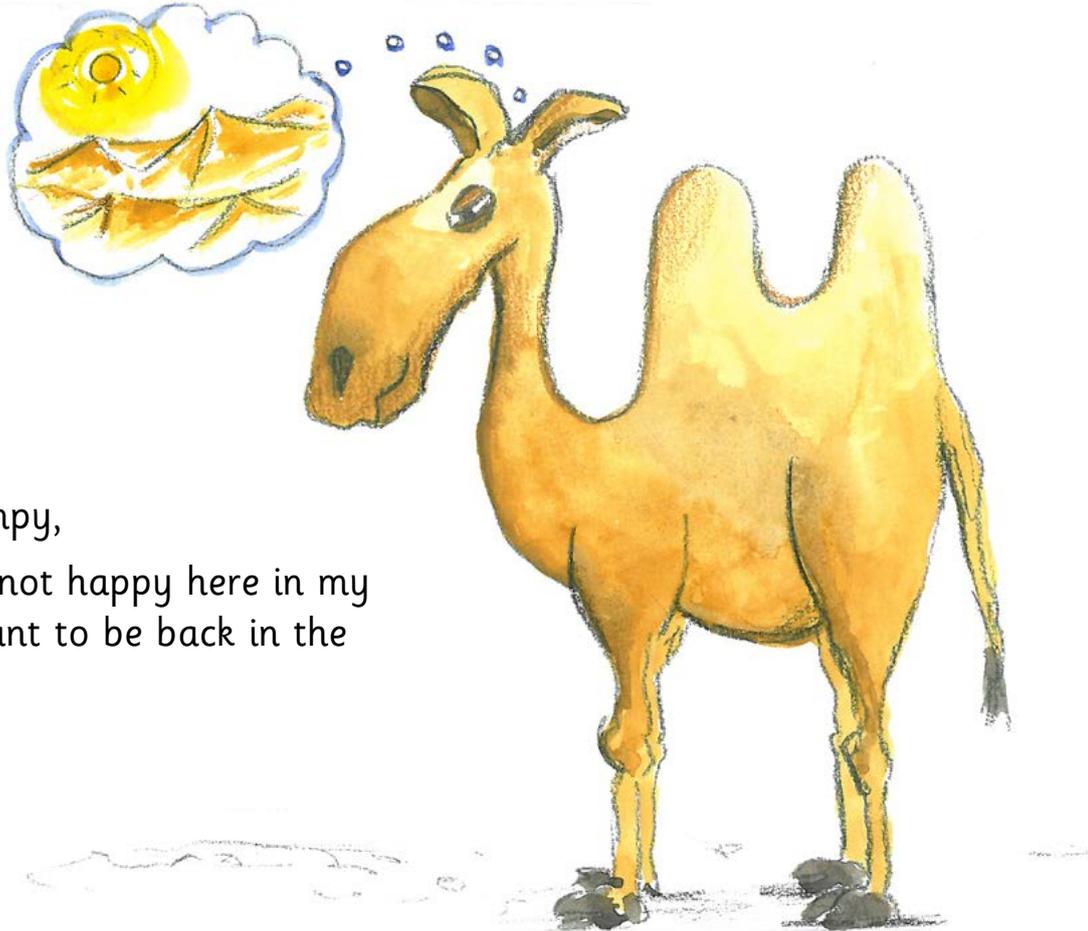
My keeper Joe tells me that I will be visiting you soon. I am very happy about this.



Last year, we had a good time
together. I will be pleased to stay
in your cage at your zoo. Perhaps
I will then lay more eggs. Lots more
baby cobras!

See you soon,
Love Clarinda



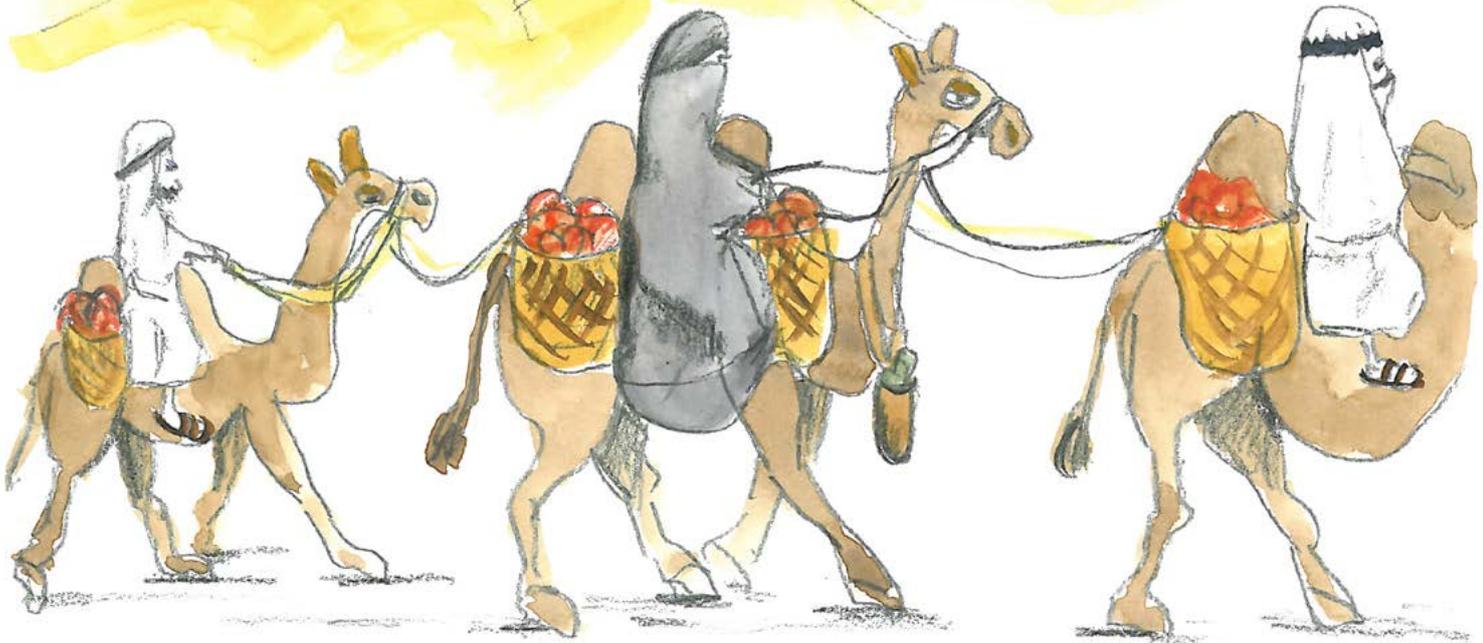


Dear Humpy,
I am still not happy here in my
zoo. I want to be back in the
desert.

But I do not want to have to work. Are you still working very hard? Do you still have to go a long way and carry lots of big bags and grown-ups?

Poor you. I can rest here.

Love Grumpy



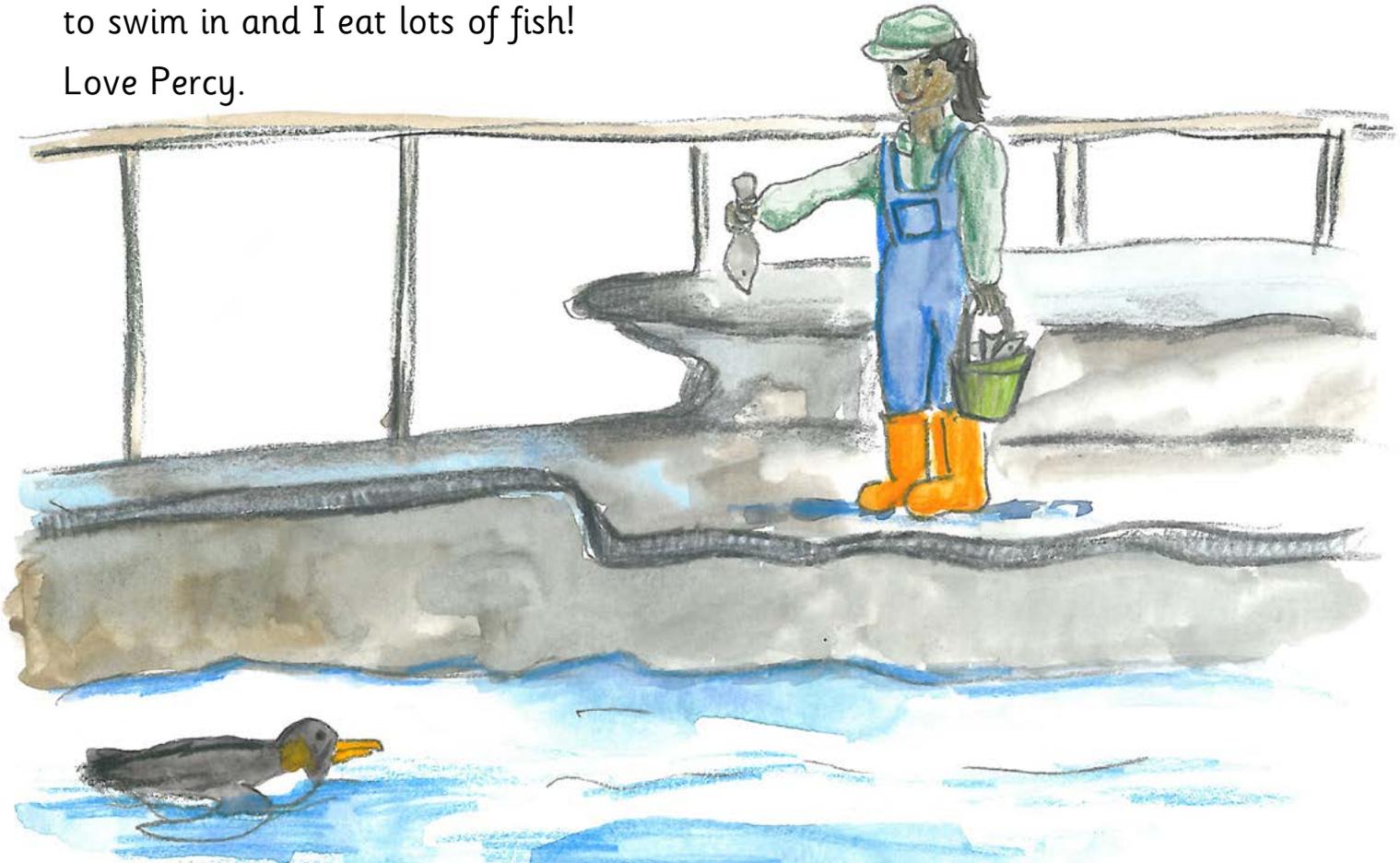
Dear Dad,

How is it at home in the Antarctic? I think of you often,



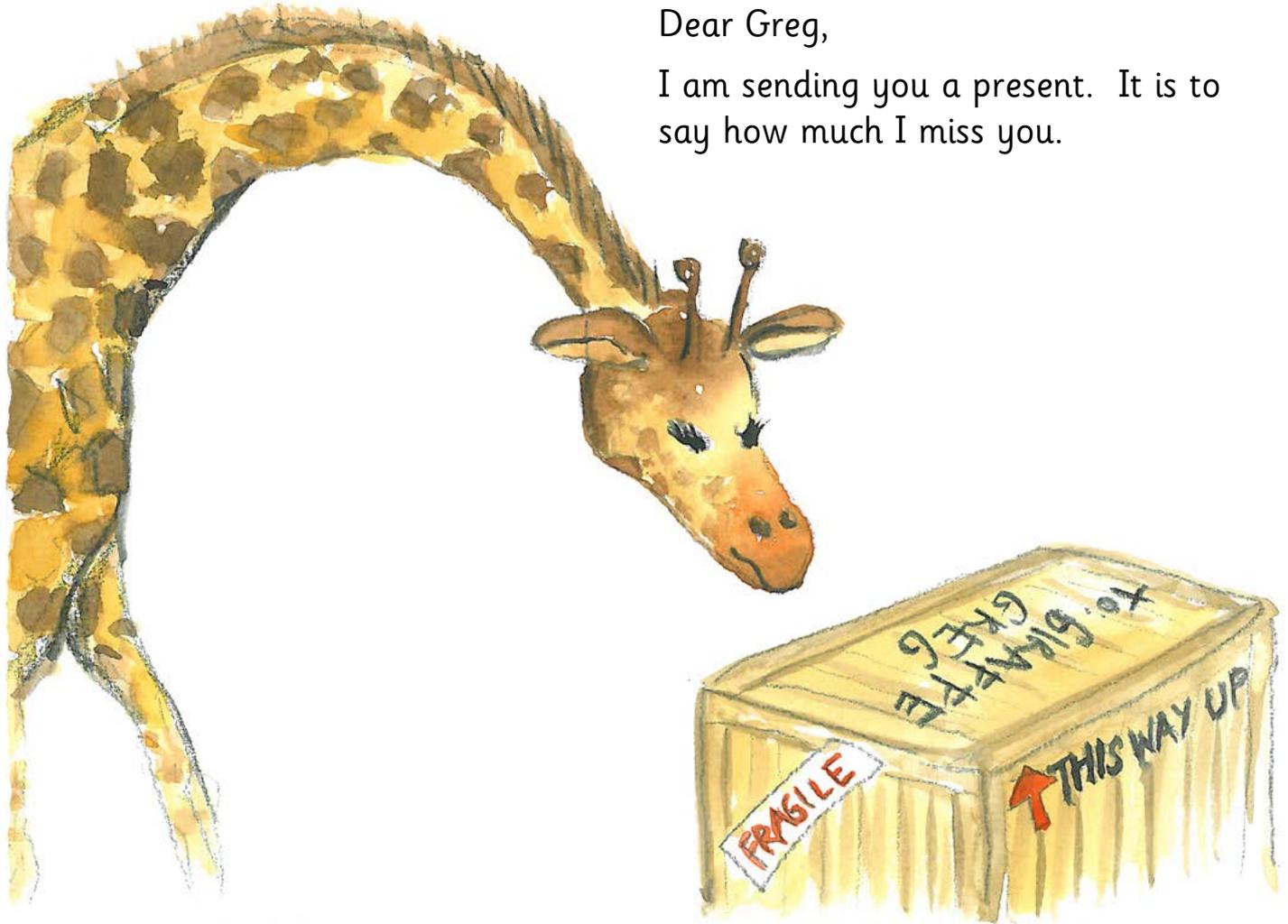
It is really hot here even when it is winter! I really miss the snow. But we have a good pool to swim in and I eat lots of fish!

Love Percy.



Dear Greg,

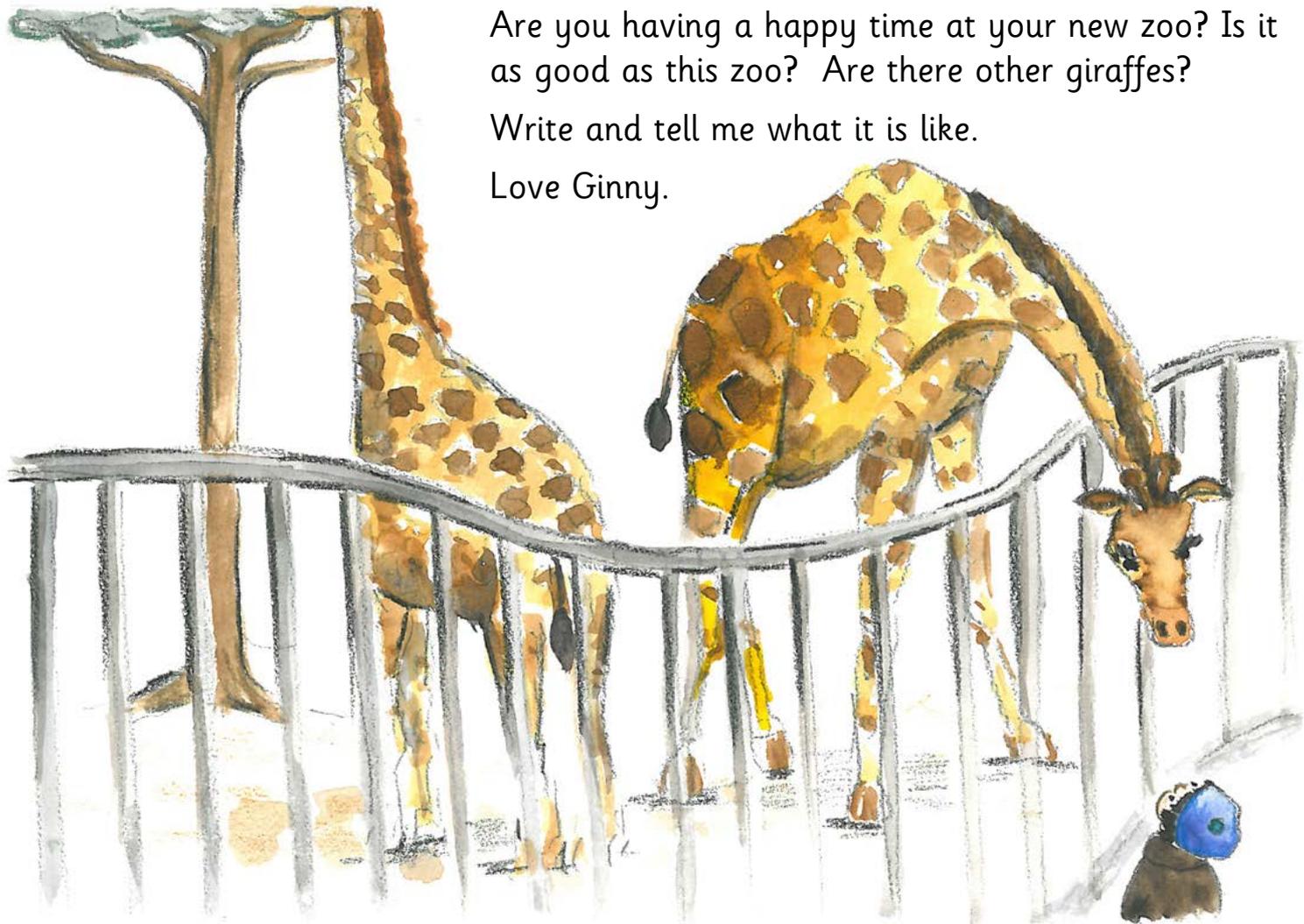
I am sending you a present. It is to say how much I miss you.



Are you having a happy time at your new zoo? Is it as good as this zoo? Are there other giraffes?

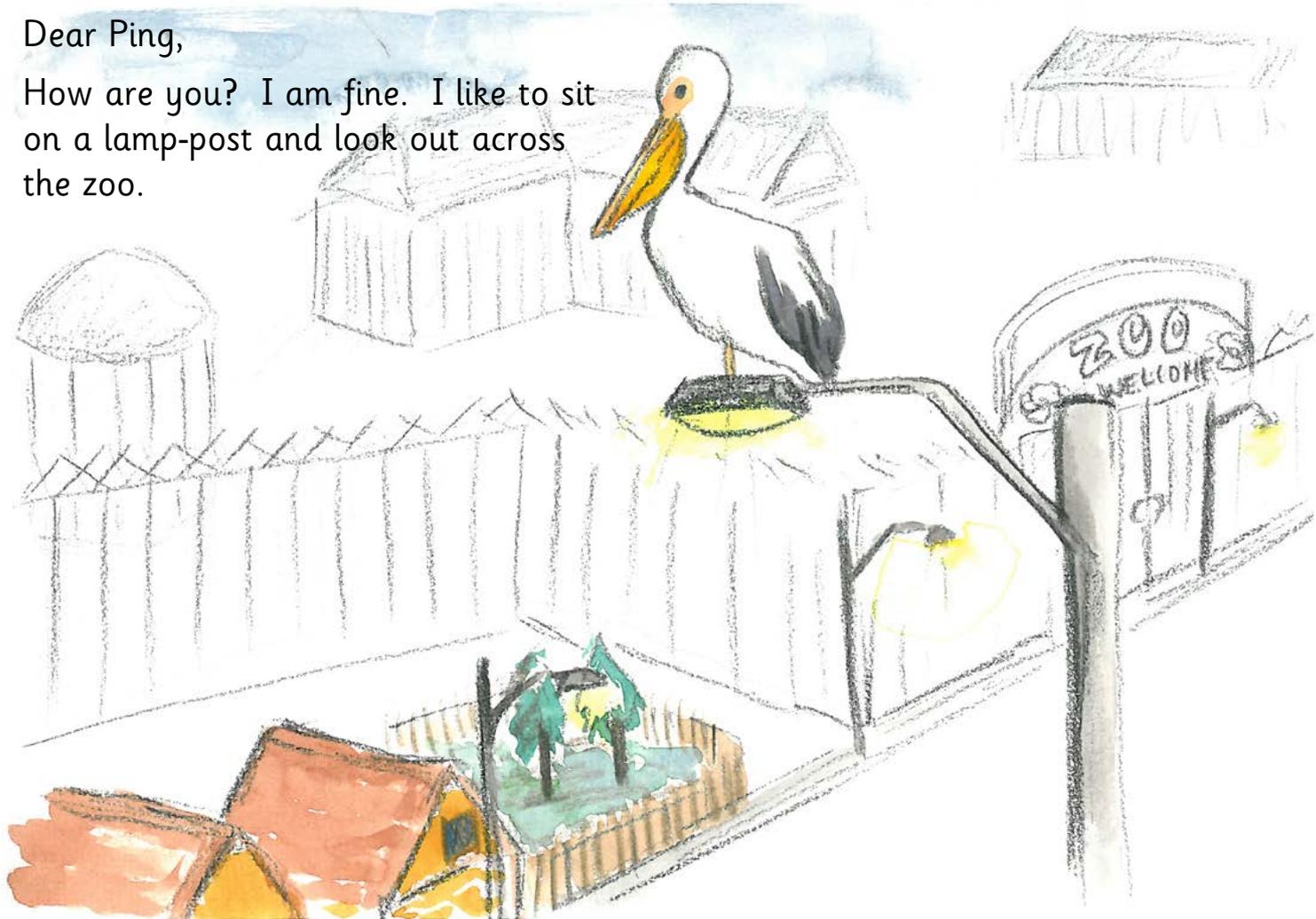
Write and tell me what it is like.

Love Ginny.



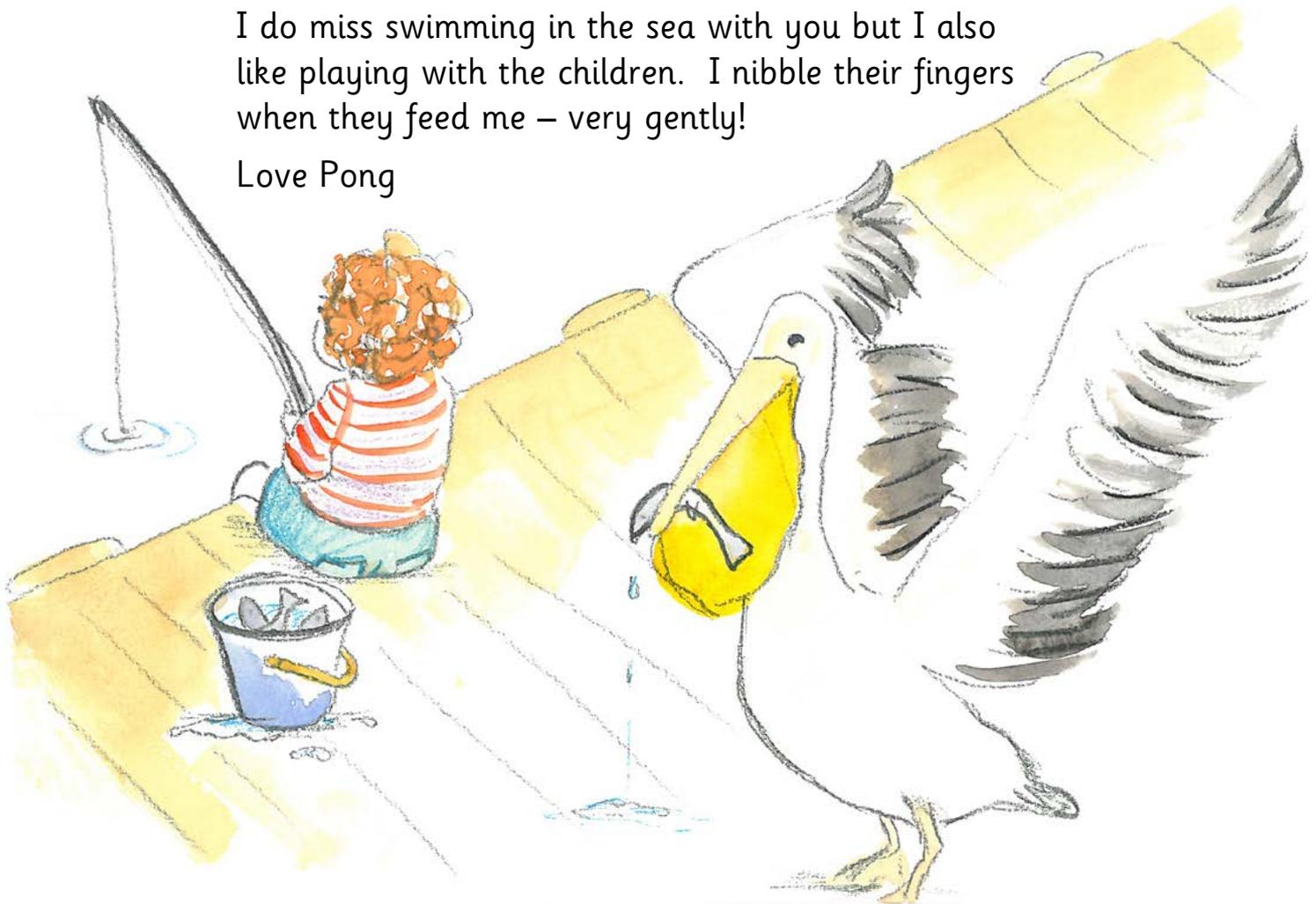
Dear Ping,

How are you? I am fine. I like to sit on a lamp-post and look out across the zoo.

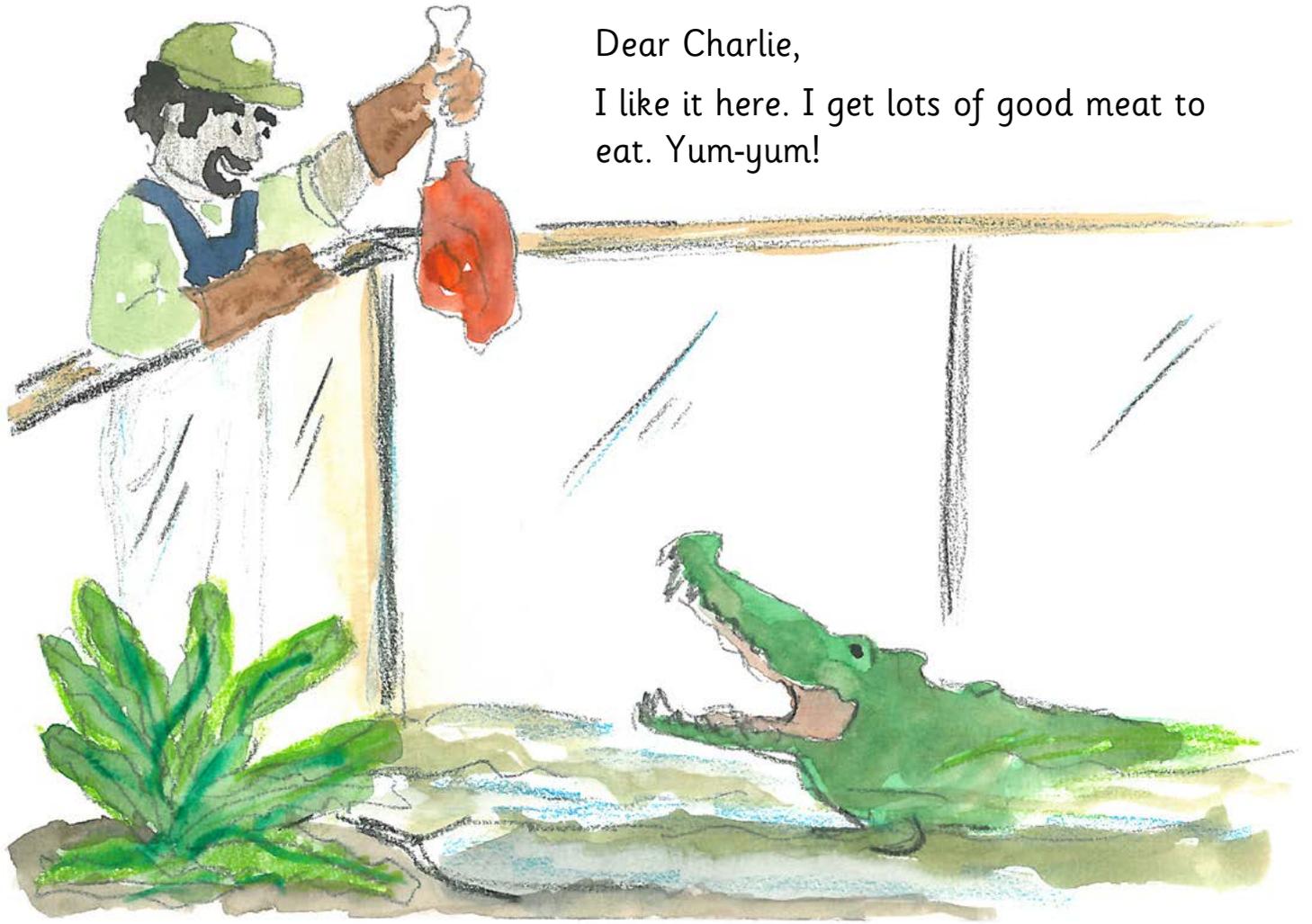


I do miss swimming in the sea with you but I also like playing with the children. I nibble their fingers when they feed me – very gently!

Love Pong



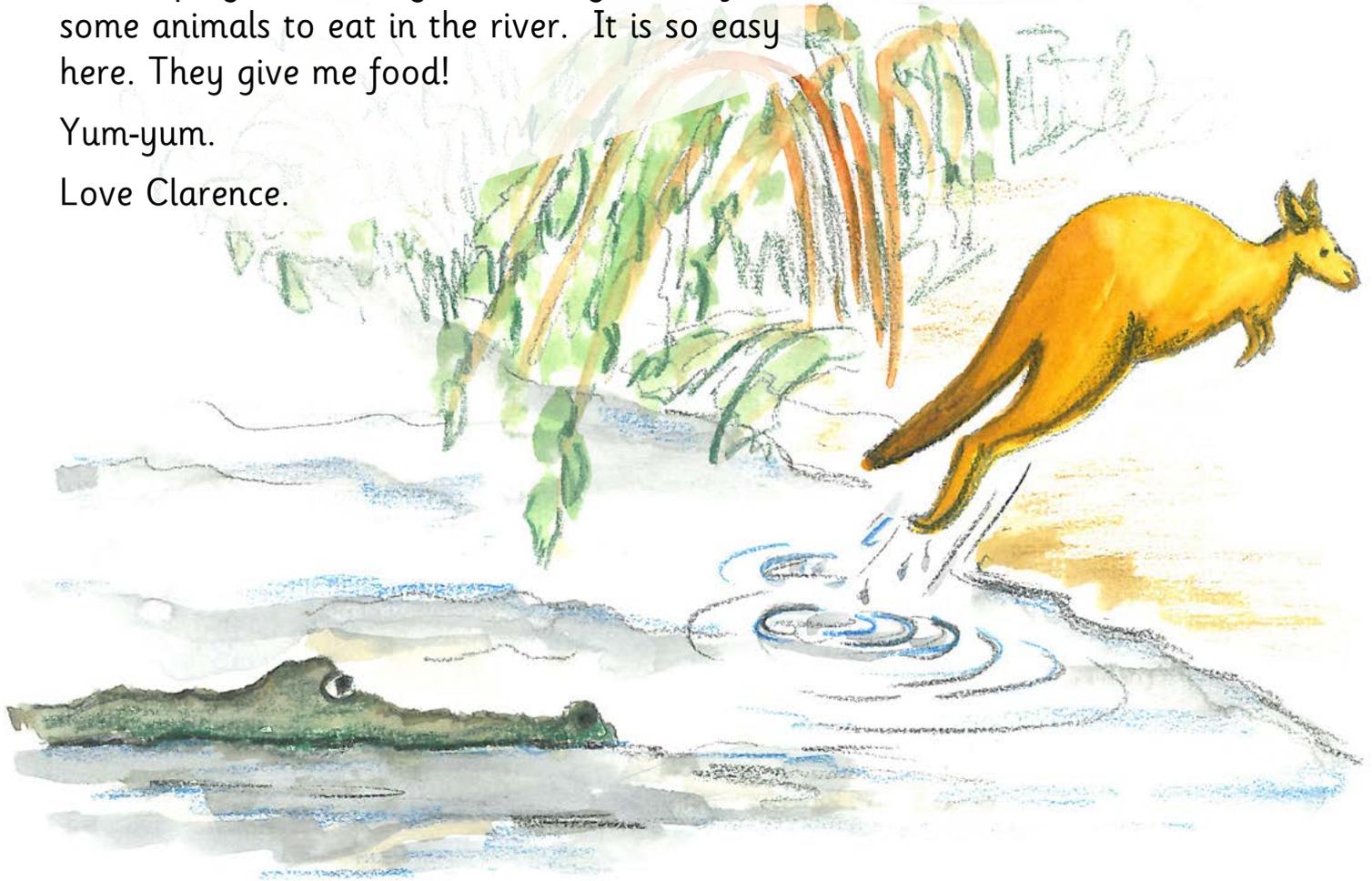
Dear Charlie,
I like it here. I get lots of good meat to
eat. Yum-yum!



I do hope you are okay and that you can find
some animals to eat in the river. It is so easy
here. They give me food!

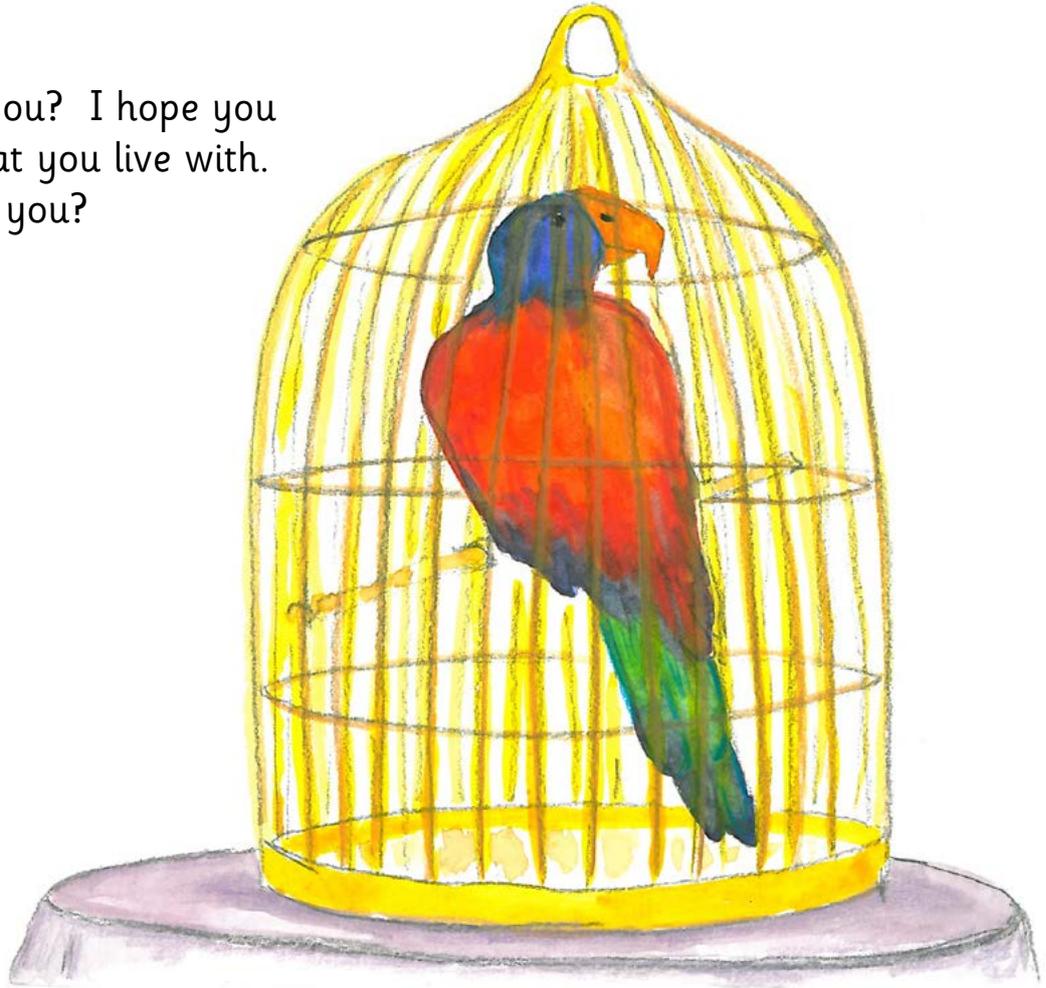
Yum-yum.

Love Clarence.



Dear Polly,

Hello! How are you? I hope you like the family that you live with. Are they good to you?

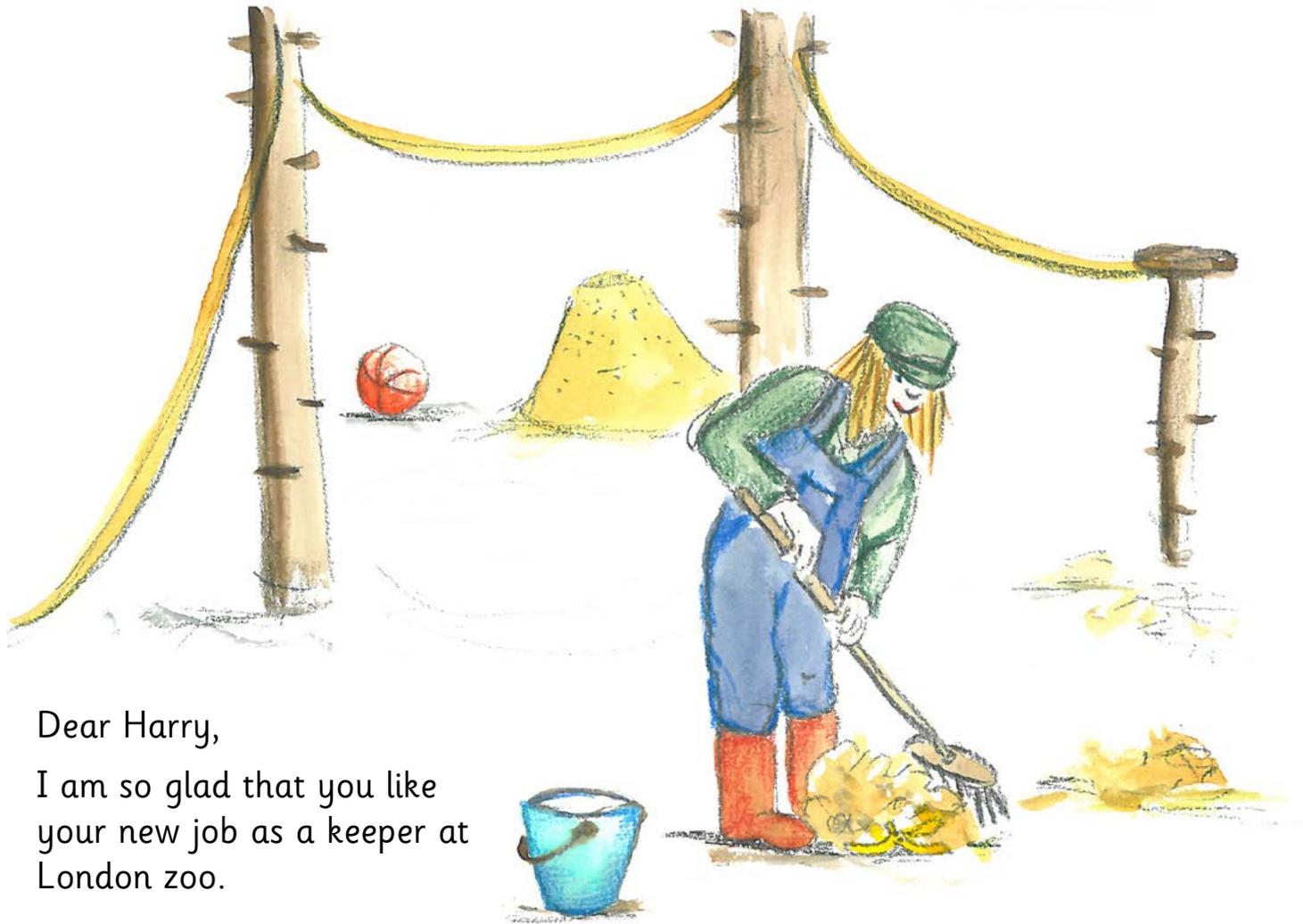


I am still very happy here in the zoo. Lots of children
come and chat to me. I love chatting to them.

Come and see me soon,

Love Peter





Dear Harry,
I am so glad that you like
your new job as a keeper at
London zoo.

I miss you here. It is very hard
cleaning out the baboons without
you to help me!

Love Erin



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