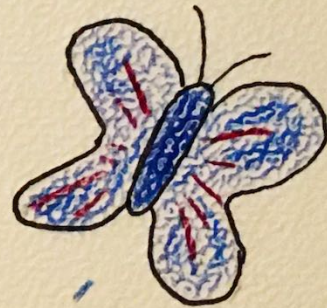


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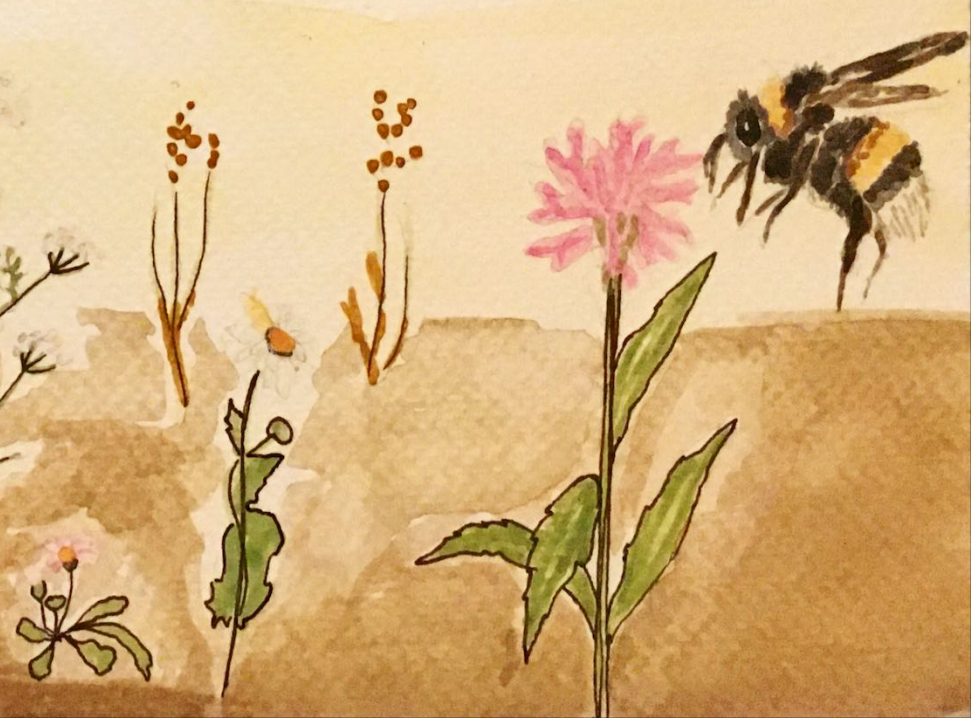
Sam



The Garden



It's a sunny October morning in the garden. Sam loves to run among the grasses and flowers surrounding the vegetable patches. Sometimes, their sister Alex or other children will join for a game of tag. But there are also so many beings in the garden to get distracted by...



Dad is harvesting vegetables and helping the garden prepare for winter. When Sam stops to watch, Dad begins to share where everyone is and what they are doing: The butternut squash plants still growing their fruit before the first frost arrives, some buff-tailed bumblebees making their final visits to the garden before the end of the year ... Once they start to look, they find so many details to notice.





The evening is Sam's favourite time to sit in the garden.

There are holes in the hawthorn hedges that feel like caves and Sam likes to sit and look out at the garden as the moon rises. Amongst the silhouettes of the hedges and the other plants, Sam spots a flitting bat and a pair of glowing eyes. On autumn nights the garden feels both quiet and full of life.




Back inside, Dad is cooking pumpkin soup.

When Sam tells Dad about the glowing eyes, he smiles.

"You're lucky; you may have seen a fox or maybe even a spirit."

Sam's eyes widen; they can't wait to see who and what they find in the garden tomorrow.

The End.




Sam was walking home through the woods.

Though the woods were dark there was beauty everywhere,
especially in the colours of the Scarlet Elfcup mushrooms.

"It might be nice to pick some mushrooms for grandma",

Sam thought

Mushrooms



Done with picking mushrooms

Sam looked up and panicked.

The didn't recognize where they were!

The forest seemed to grow darker and all
the beautiful colours disappeared.

Until Sam noticed a little blue butterfly...



In grandma's stories it was the butterflies that
guided the hero back home when they were lost.

So Sam decided to do the same...

Before long Sam could see grandma's
celeriac patch. Now they knew
the way home!



Sam was relieved to see grandma waiting on the porch for them.

"Grandma!" she called, "I had an adventure in the woods, just like in your stories!"

"How lovely, and are those mushrooms I see in your bag? Those will be perfect for the soup I'm making for dinner."

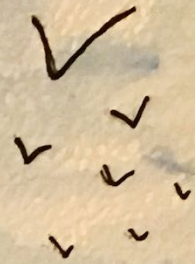


The End



Sam enjoys walking on the beach.

The salty wind blowing through her hair and beach everywhere. Especially, with her sister Alex, they always discover new things together. Sam's eyes catch a beautiful orange starfish and they wonder where its home is.



Starfish



Alex, LOOK a starfish sam
yells full of excitement!

Where did it come from and
what do we do with it?

We should give it back
to the sea Alex explains
That's its HOME.

Let's ask help from that
boat to RETURN it!



Sam dives from the boat into the water and feels a rush of excitement. Beneath, the sea is magical and calm. Sam enjoys all the under as water beauty, but they are on a mission. Sam swims as close as possible to the starfish rock and then releases it, so it can be wild and free!



Sam and Alex are back on shore, safely returned by the boat and just in time for the sunset. Sam is dripping sea water, but doesn't even notice it. The sunset is so mesmerizing and looks starfish orange.



THE END