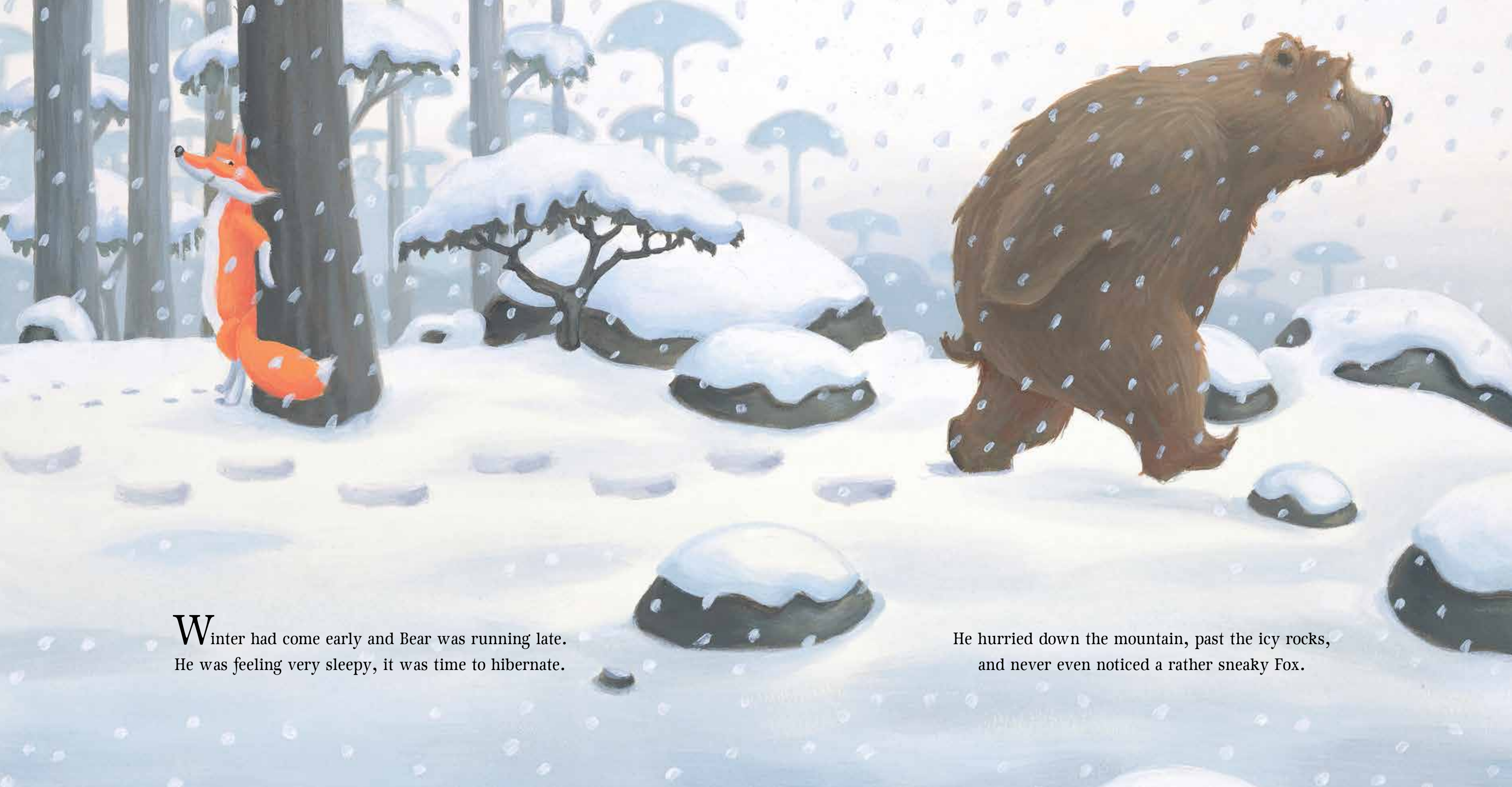


The VERY  
SLEEPY  
BEAR

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Winter had come early and Bear was running late.  
He was feeling very sleepy, it was time to hibernate.

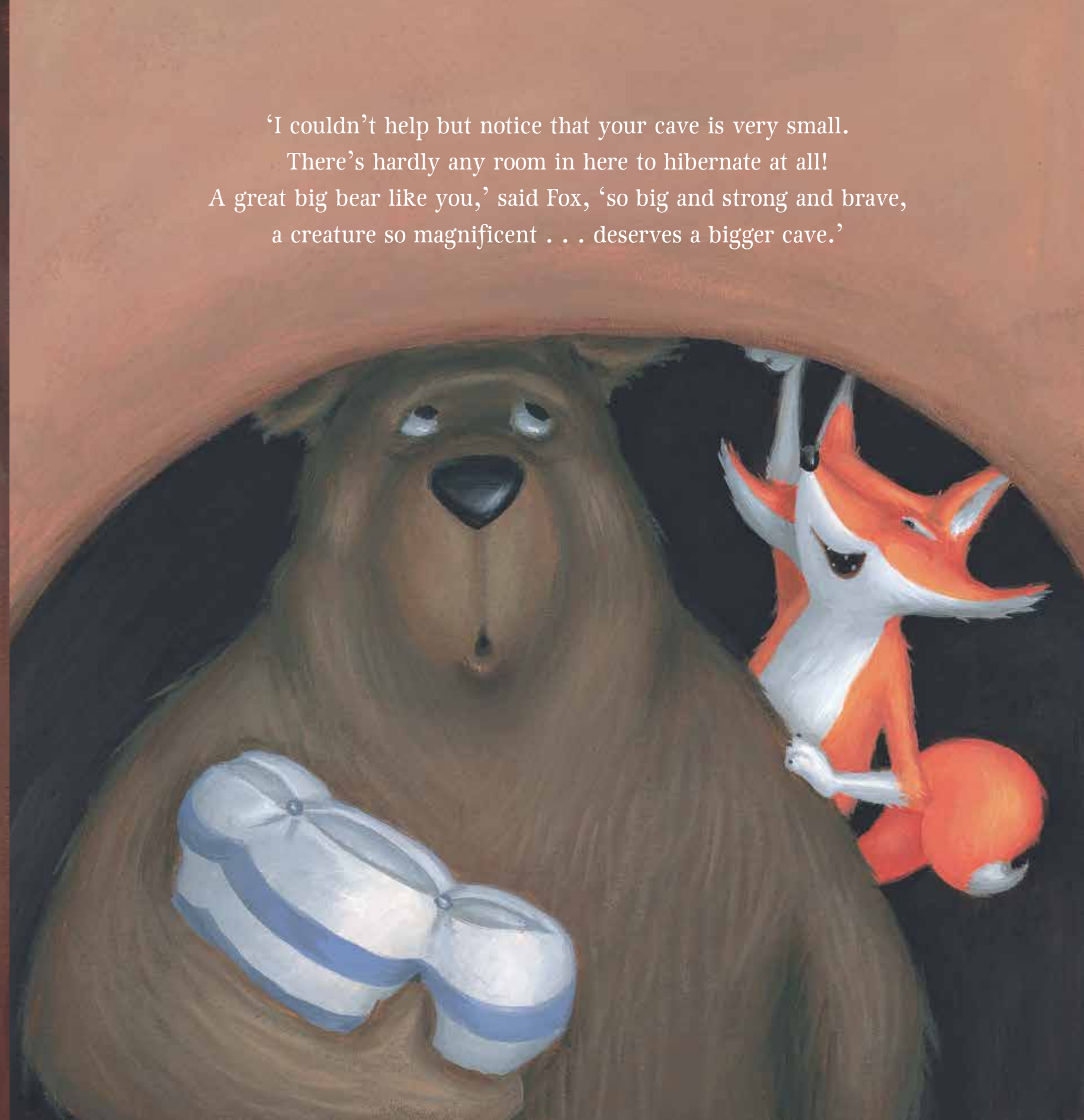
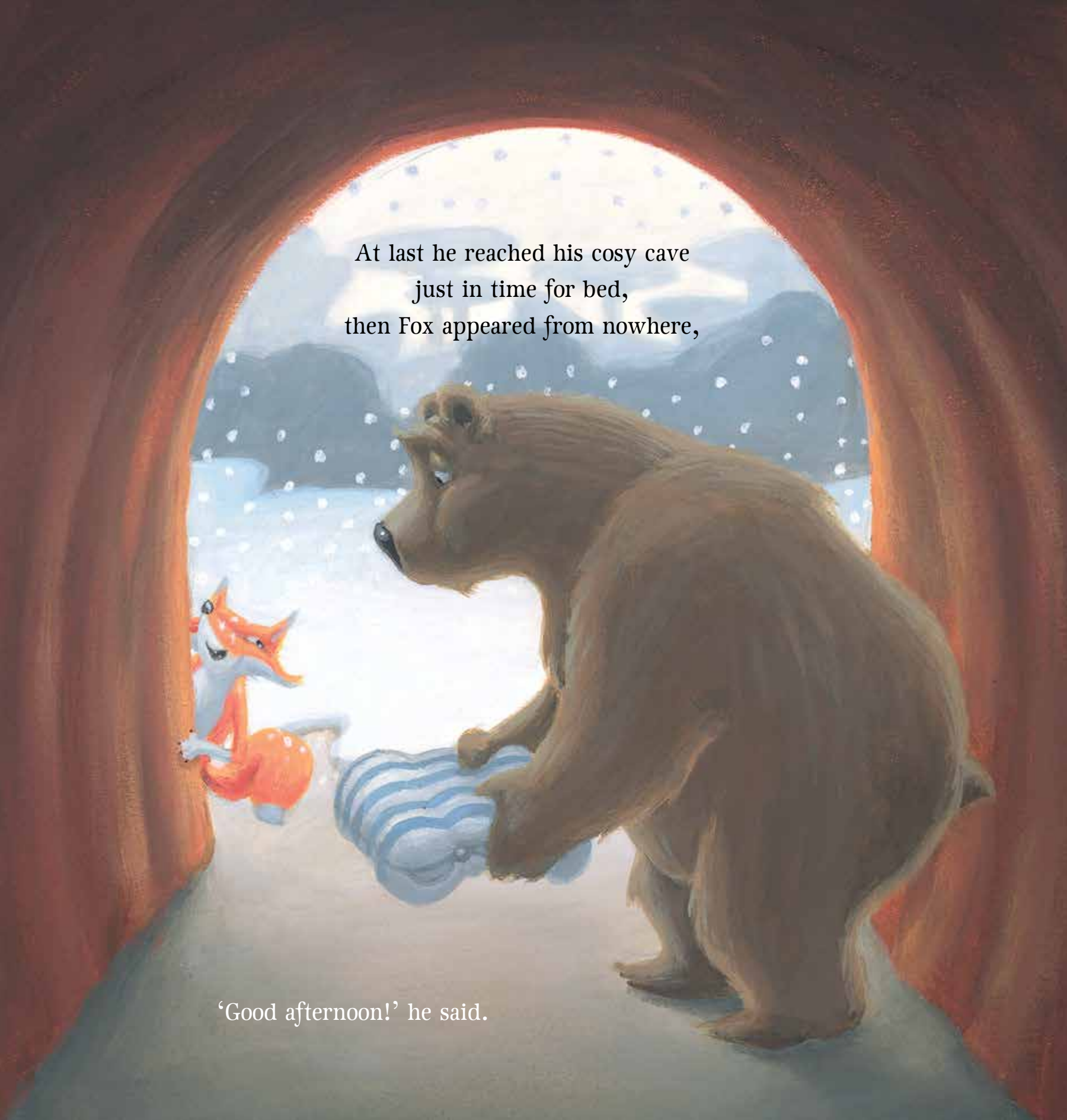
He hurried down the mountain, past the icy rocks,  
and never even noticed a rather sneaky Fox.



At last he reached his cosy cave  
just in time for bed,  
then Fox appeared from nowhere,

‘Good afternoon!’ he said.

‘I couldn’t help but notice that your cave is very small.  
There’s hardly any room in here to hibernate at all!  
A great big bear like you,’ said Fox, ‘so big and strong and brave,  
a creature so magnificent . . . deserves a bigger cave.’





‘A bigger cave? For me?’ yawned Bear.  
‘Perhaps you could be right.  
I must admit this little cave  
is getting rather tight.’

‘Today’s your **lucky** day!’ said Fox.  
‘I’ve just the cave for you!  
I’ll even help you pack,’ he said.  
‘I’ve nothing else to do.’



So Bear picked up his suitcase  
and he gave a little wave.  
And left his cosy home behind  
to find a bigger cave.

