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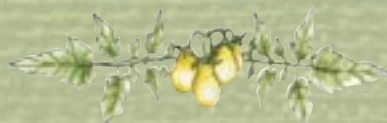
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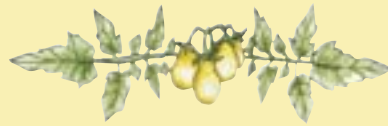




*Inspired by the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh  
and written for my daughter, Brhiannon,  
who really does love little yellow pear tomatoes.*

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as big a part of this little book  
as the stars are in little tomatoes.*

~DEY



*For my driving force throughout this project  
as well as in life,  
my mother.*

~NT







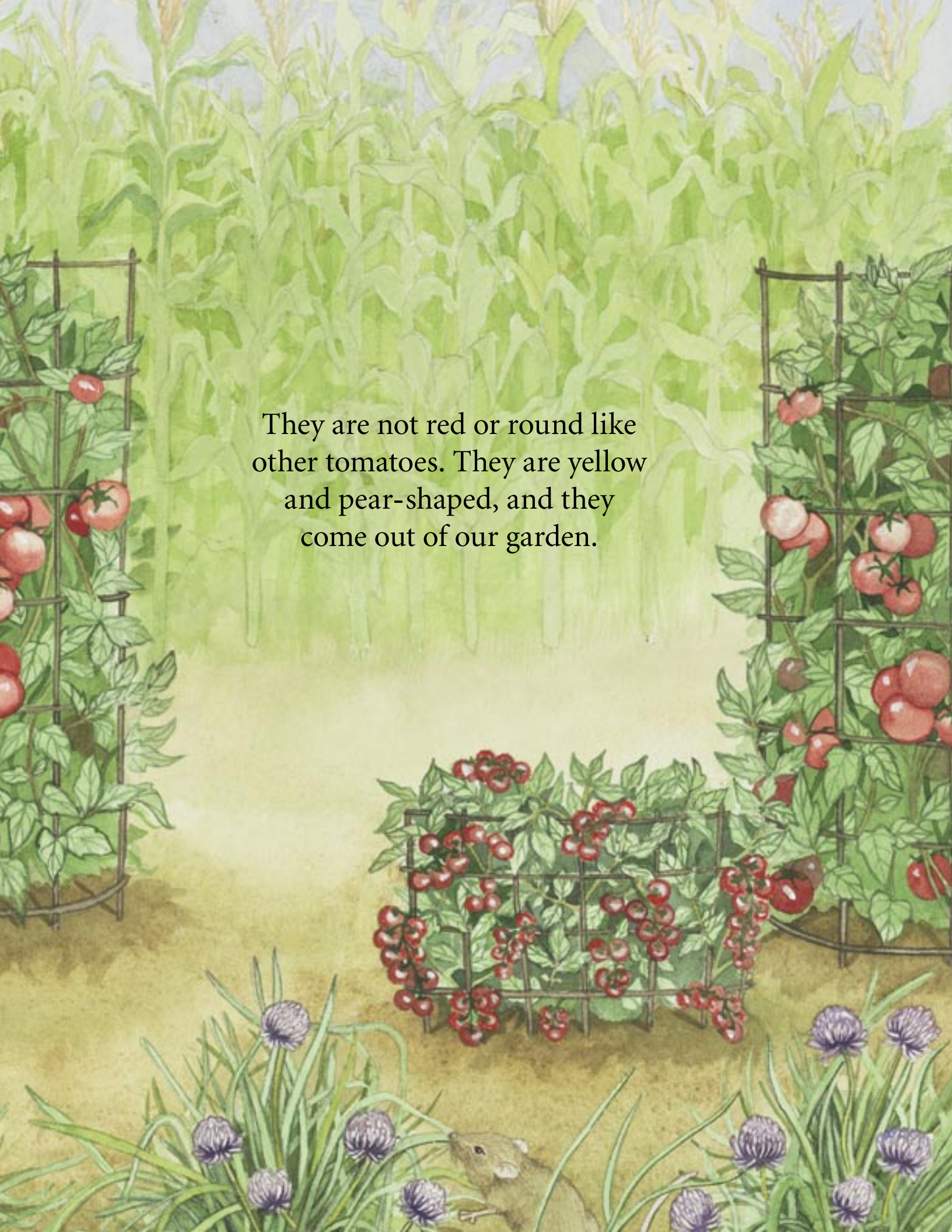
I love little yellow pear tomatoes.









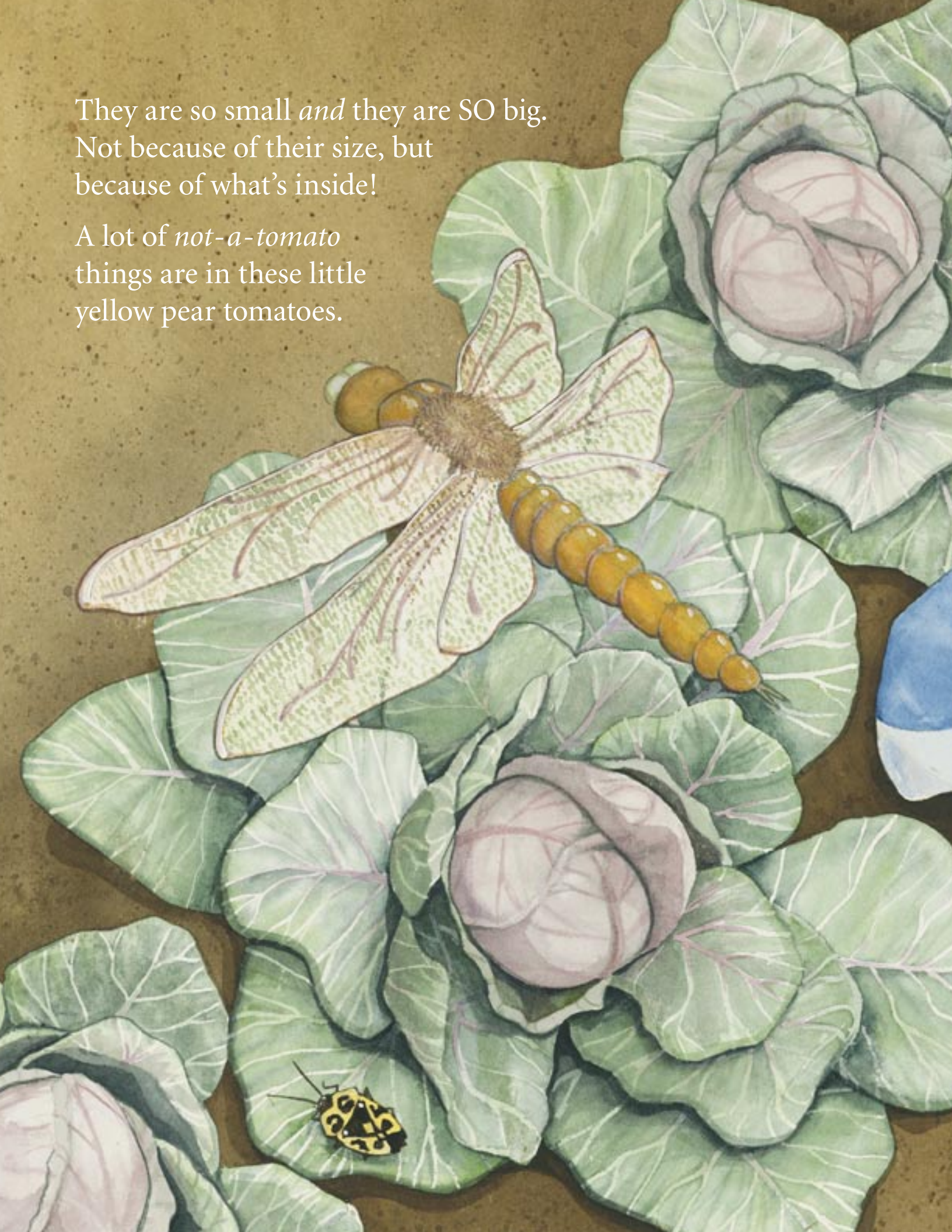


They are not red or round like  
other tomatoes. They are yellow  
and pear-shaped, and they  
come out of our garden.



They are so small *and* they are SO big.  
Not because of their size, but  
because of what's inside!

A lot of *not-a-tomato*  
things are in these little  
yellow pear tomatoes.



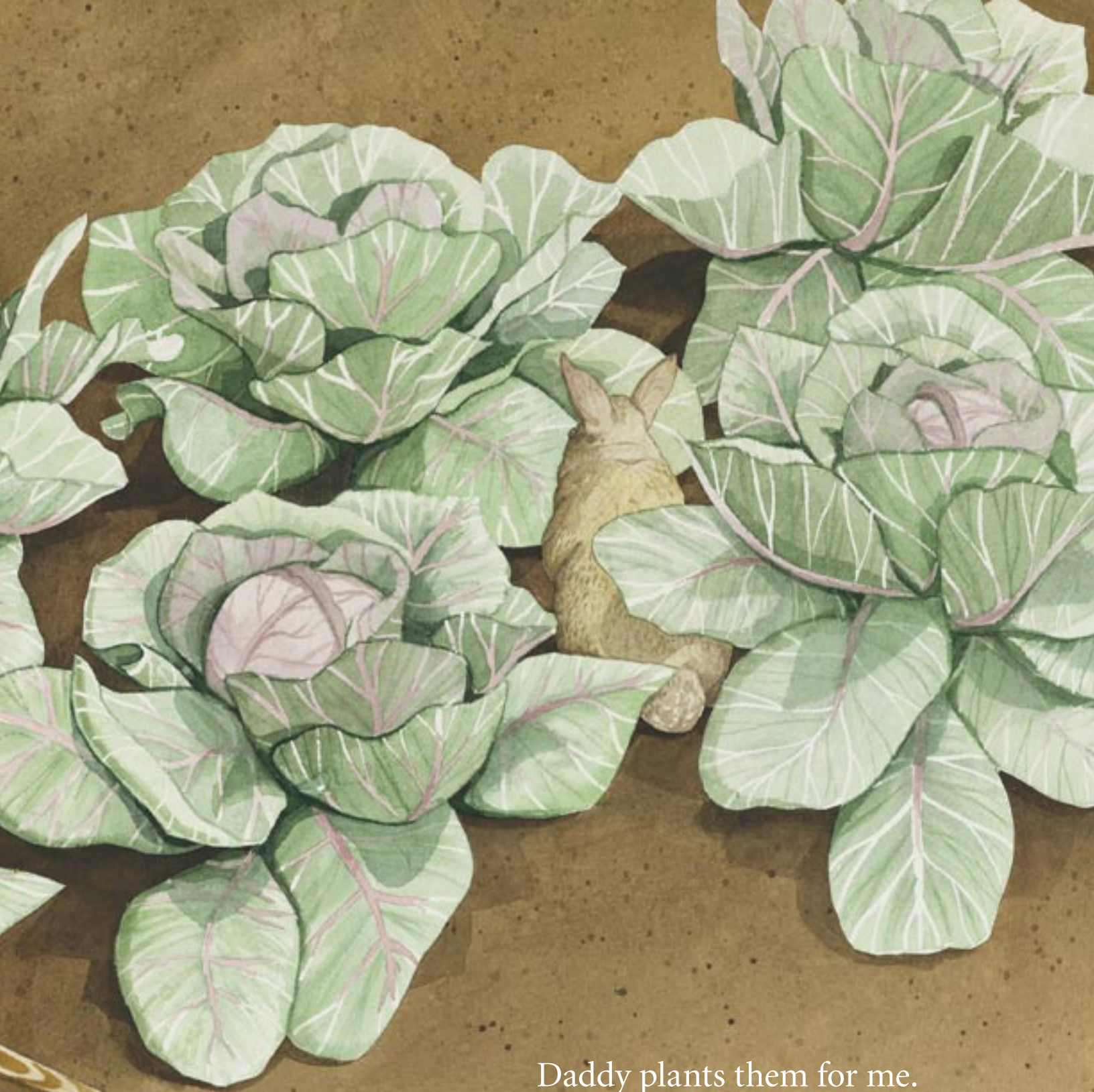












Daddy plants them for me.  
He tills the soil and puts up stakes  
for them to lean against. Without him  
they would not be in our garden.

My daddy is in these little  
yellow pear tomatoes.





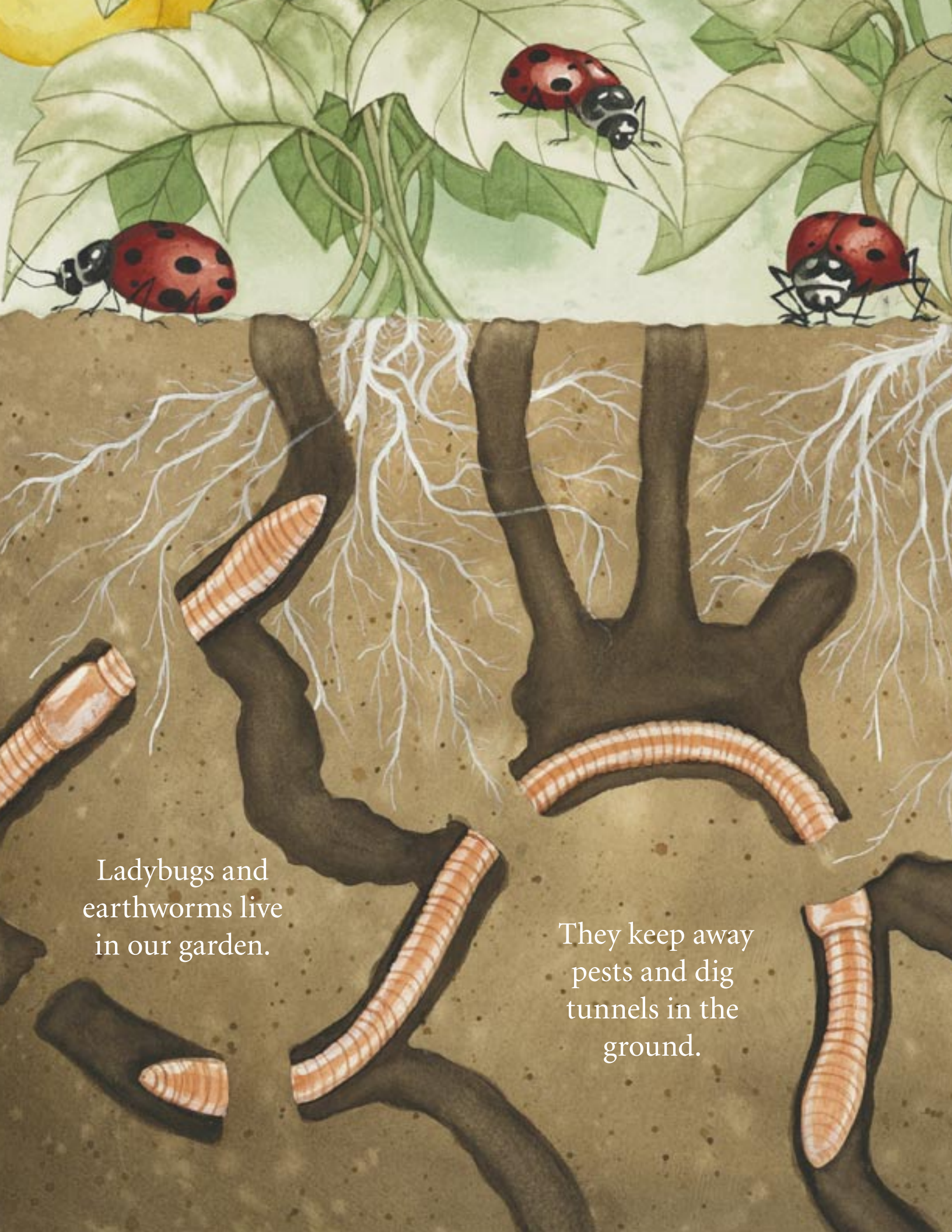




Mommy pulls the weeds. She makes room for  
all the young plants to grow. Without her  
the weeds would cover them up.

My mommy is in these little yellow pear tomatoes.

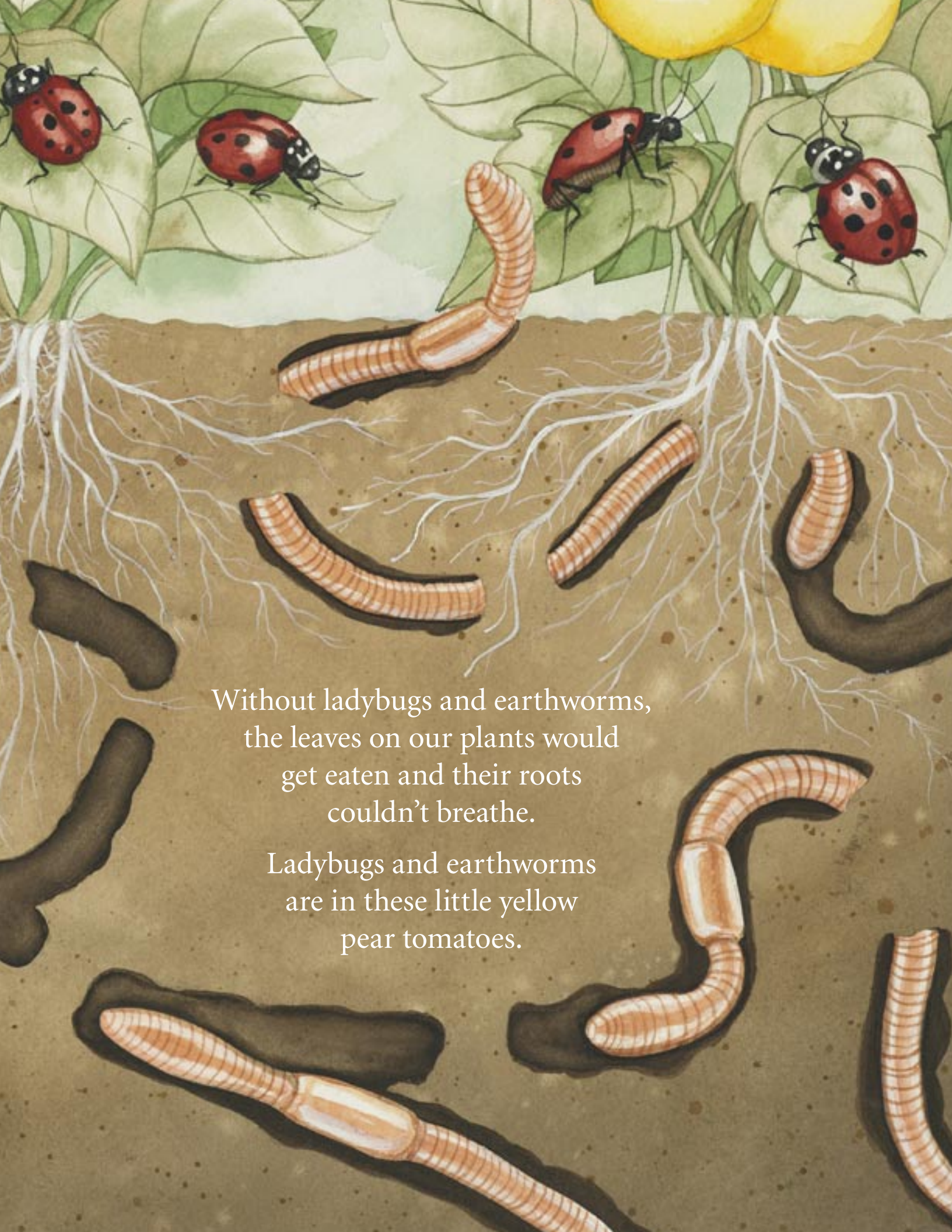




Ladybugs and  
earthworms live  
in our garden.

They keep away  
pests and dig  
tunnels in the  
ground.

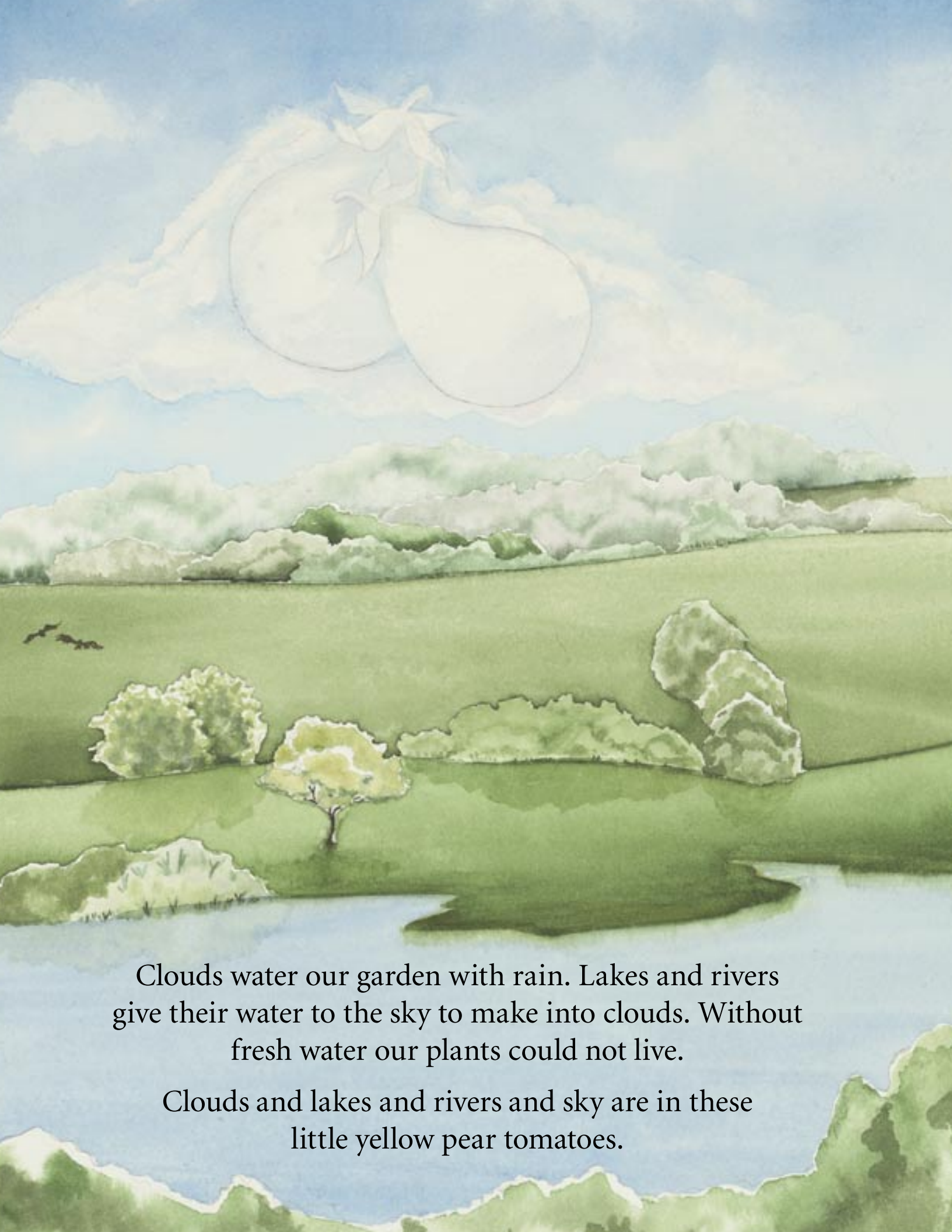




Without ladybugs and earthworms,  
the leaves on our plants would  
get eaten and their roots  
couldn't breathe.

Ladybugs and earthworms  
are in these little yellow  
pear tomatoes.





Clouds water our garden with rain. Lakes and rivers  
give their water to the sky to make into clouds. Without  
fresh water our plants could not live.

Clouds and lakes and rivers and sky are in these  
little yellow pear tomatoes.

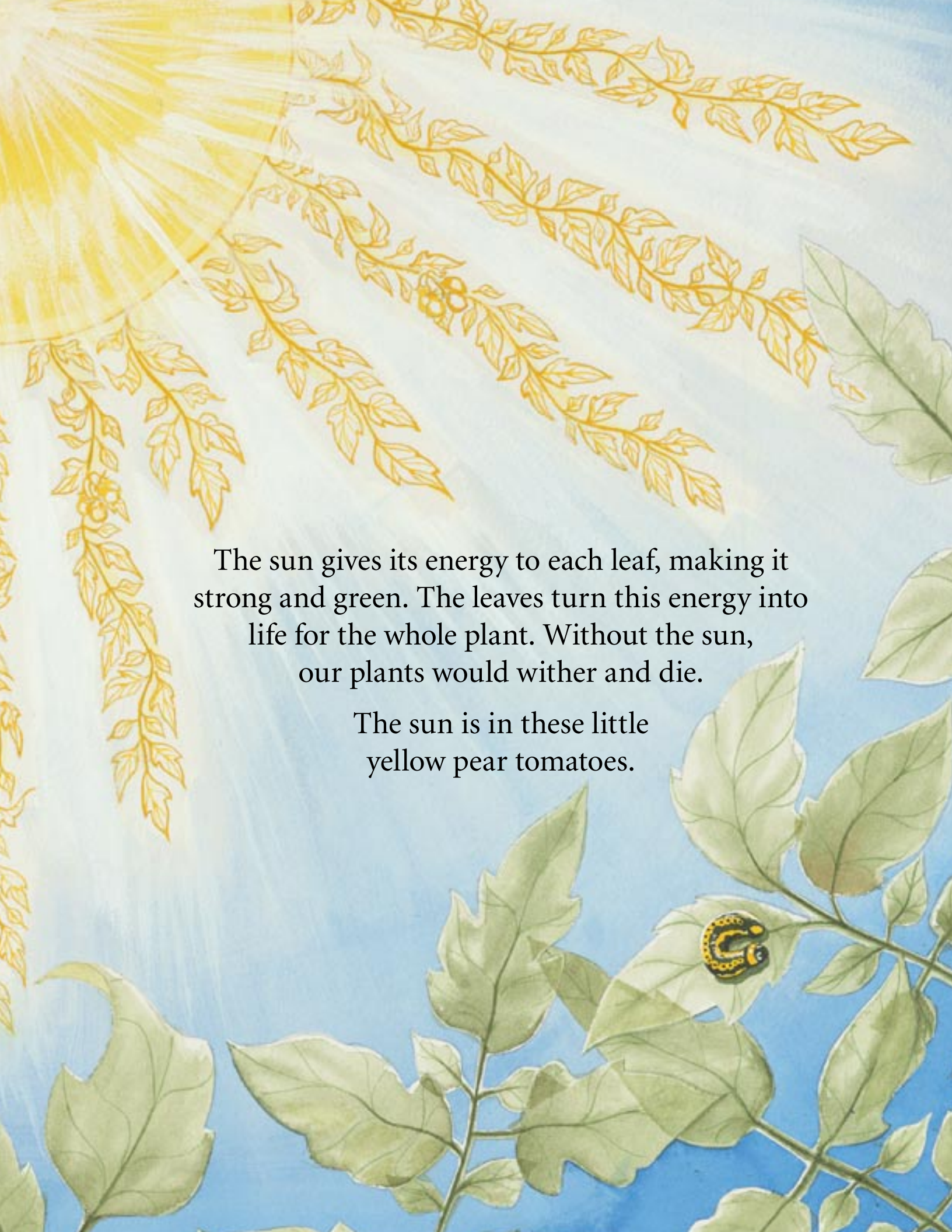












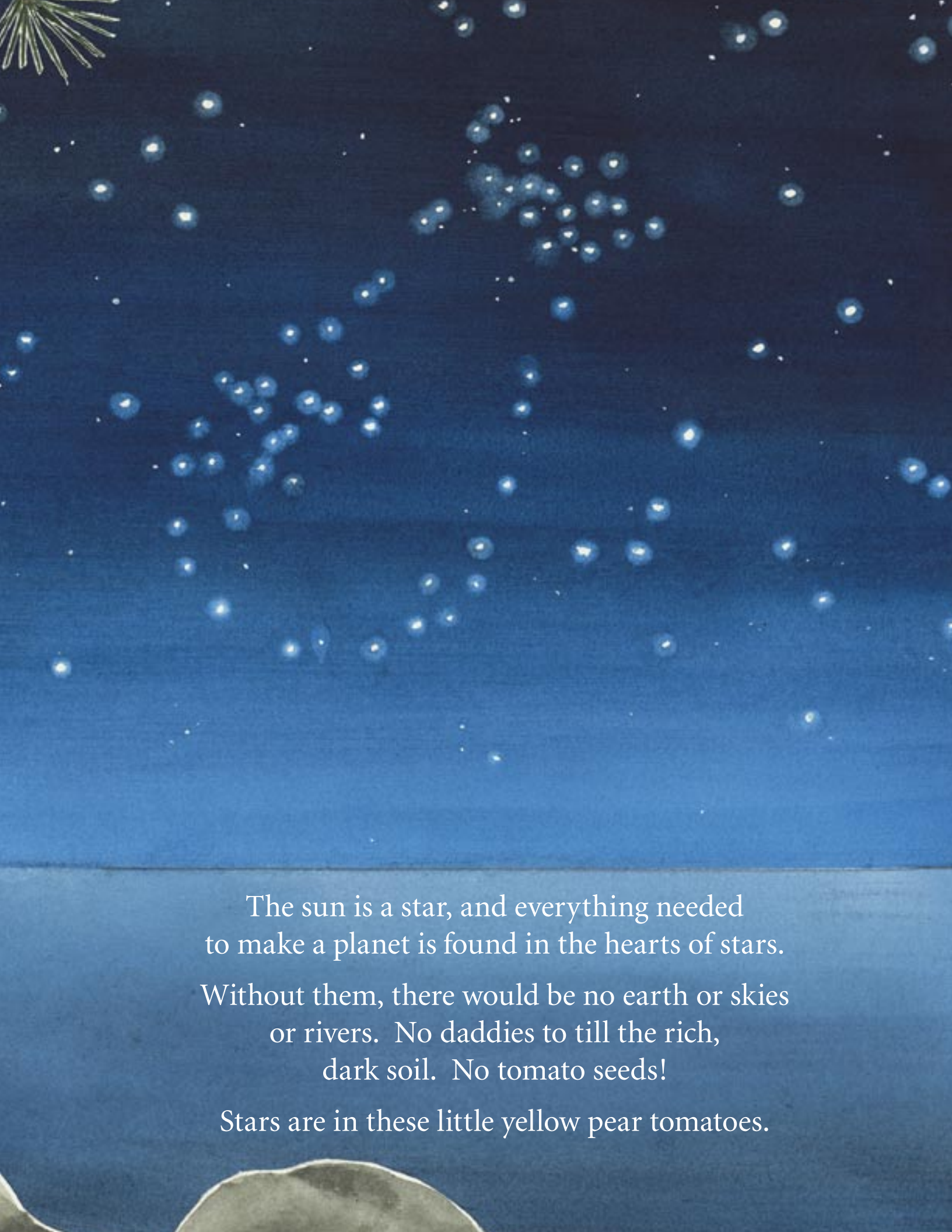
The sun gives its energy to each leaf, making it strong and green. The leaves turn this energy into life for the whole plant. Without the sun, our plants would wither and die.

The sun is in these little yellow pear tomatoes.









The sun is a star, and everything needed  
to make a planet is found in the hearts of stars.  
Without them, there would be no earth or skies  
or rivers. No daddies to till the rich,  
dark soil. No tomato seeds!

Stars are in these little yellow pear tomatoes.









All these *not-a-tomato* things – my daddy,  
my mommy, bugs and worms, clouds and sky, lakes  
and rivers, the sun and stars – are parts of  
the tomato you cannot see. Take away any one,  
and the little yellow pear tomatoes  
in my garden could not be.





With so much in them, you would think these tomatoes would be HUGE! But they aren't. I can carry four or five in my hand and pop them into my mouth, one by one.









I am in these little yellow pear tomatoes, too,  
because if I didn't love eating them  
so much, my daddy wouldn't plant them!











Each little yellow pear tomato  
has the entire earth and all of heaven  
in it...just like me.











I love little yellow pear tomatoes!













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