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Quando gli animali non avevano la coda

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When animals had no tail

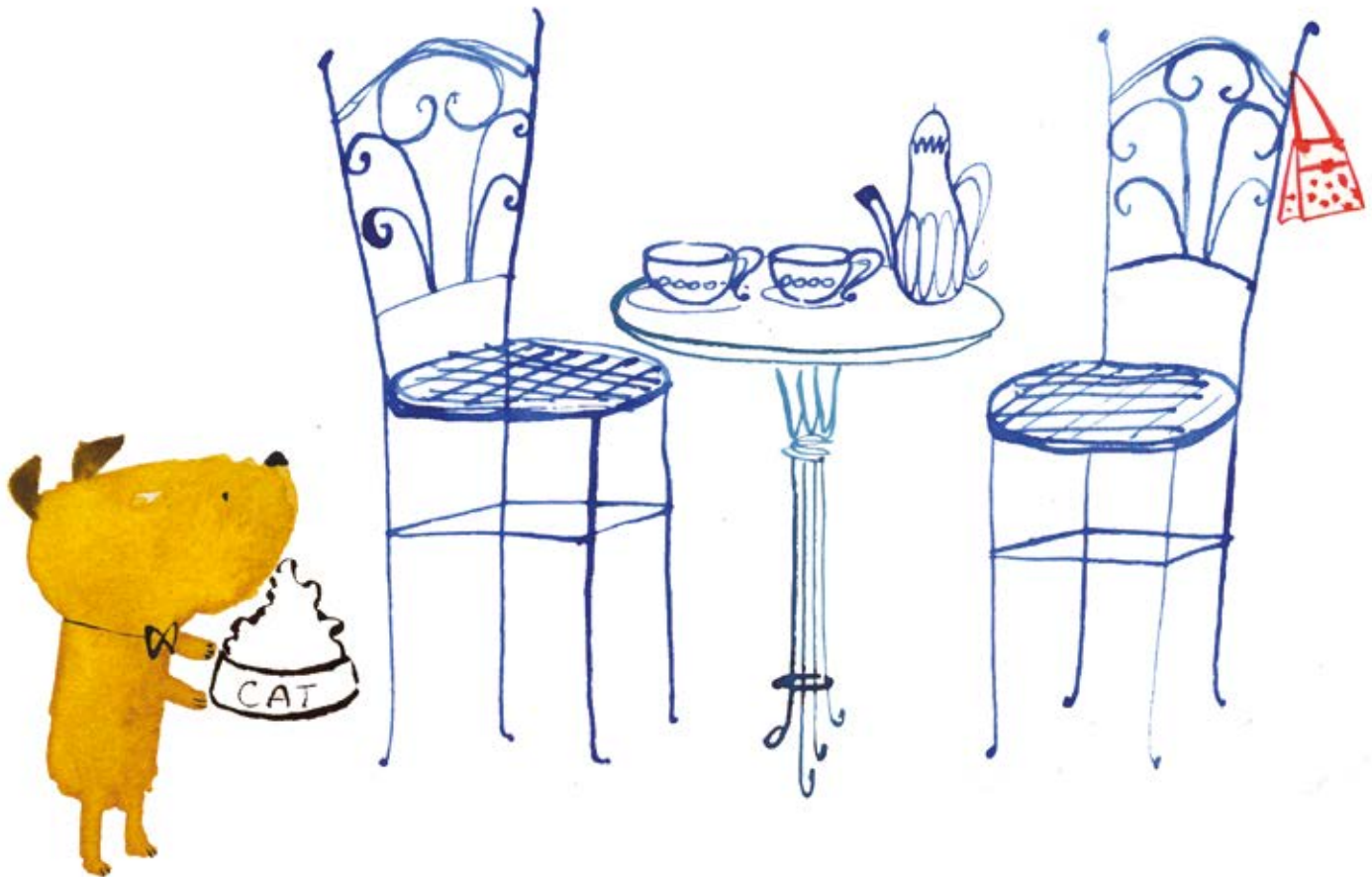






There was a time when...
animals had no tail.

The dog had no tail to wag with joy,
neither the cat to stroke humans' legs.







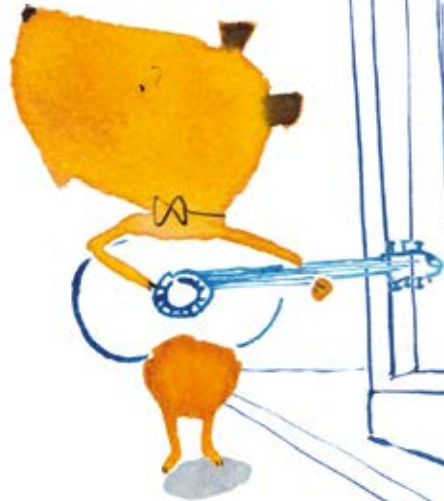
Not even the fox
had a tail to look good.
The horse had no tail
to chase flies away,
neither the squirrel
to jump in the trees.



So one day,
the lion call the animals
and announced
he would give tails
to everybody.



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Most of the animals arrived that day,
maybe all of them.

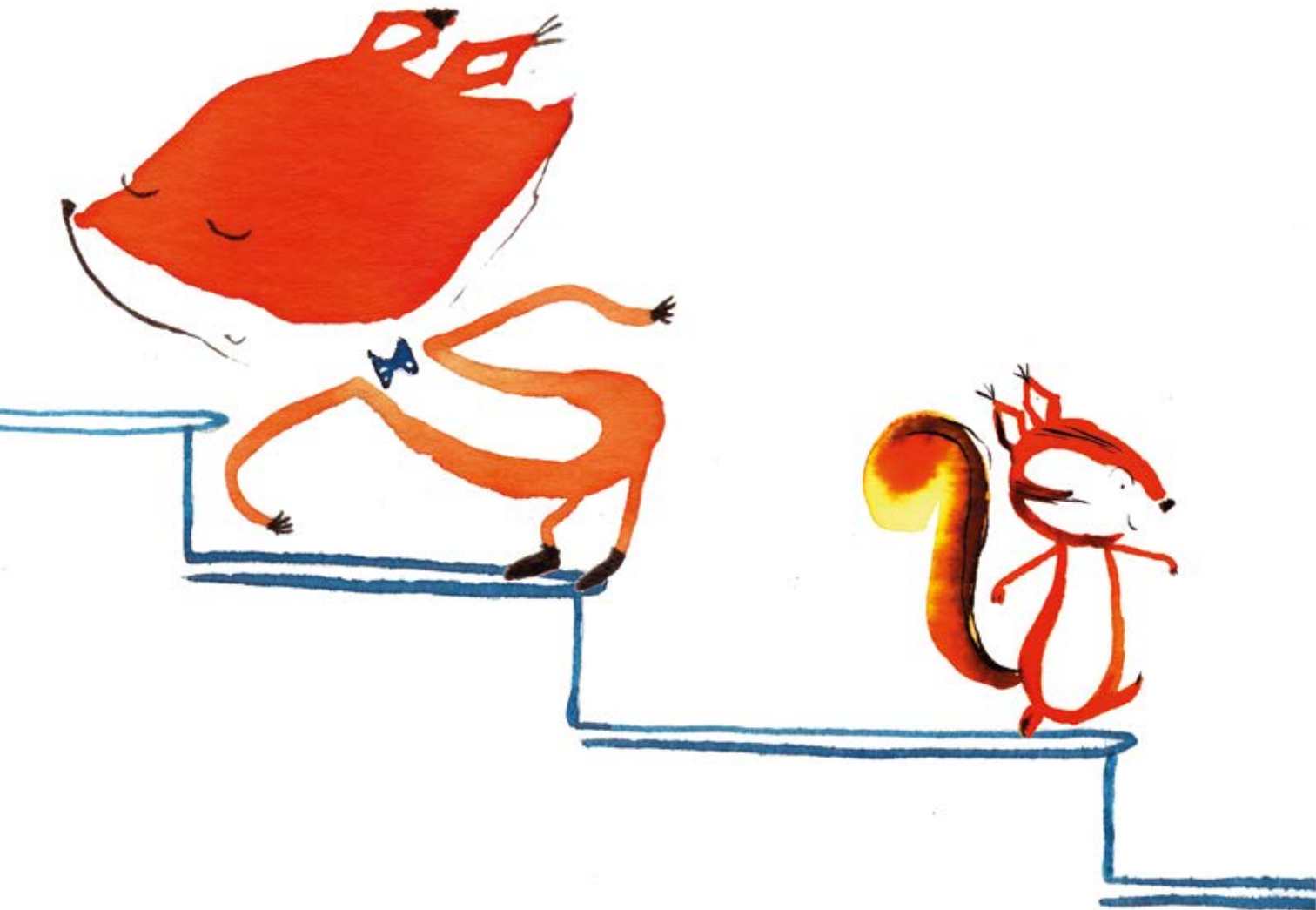






The lion chose first
and took a beautiful long and elegant tail.

Then the fox and the squirrel
received two very soft tails.





The horse chose the long and hairy one,
to chase bothering insects away.

Even the dog and the cat
had two respectable tails.



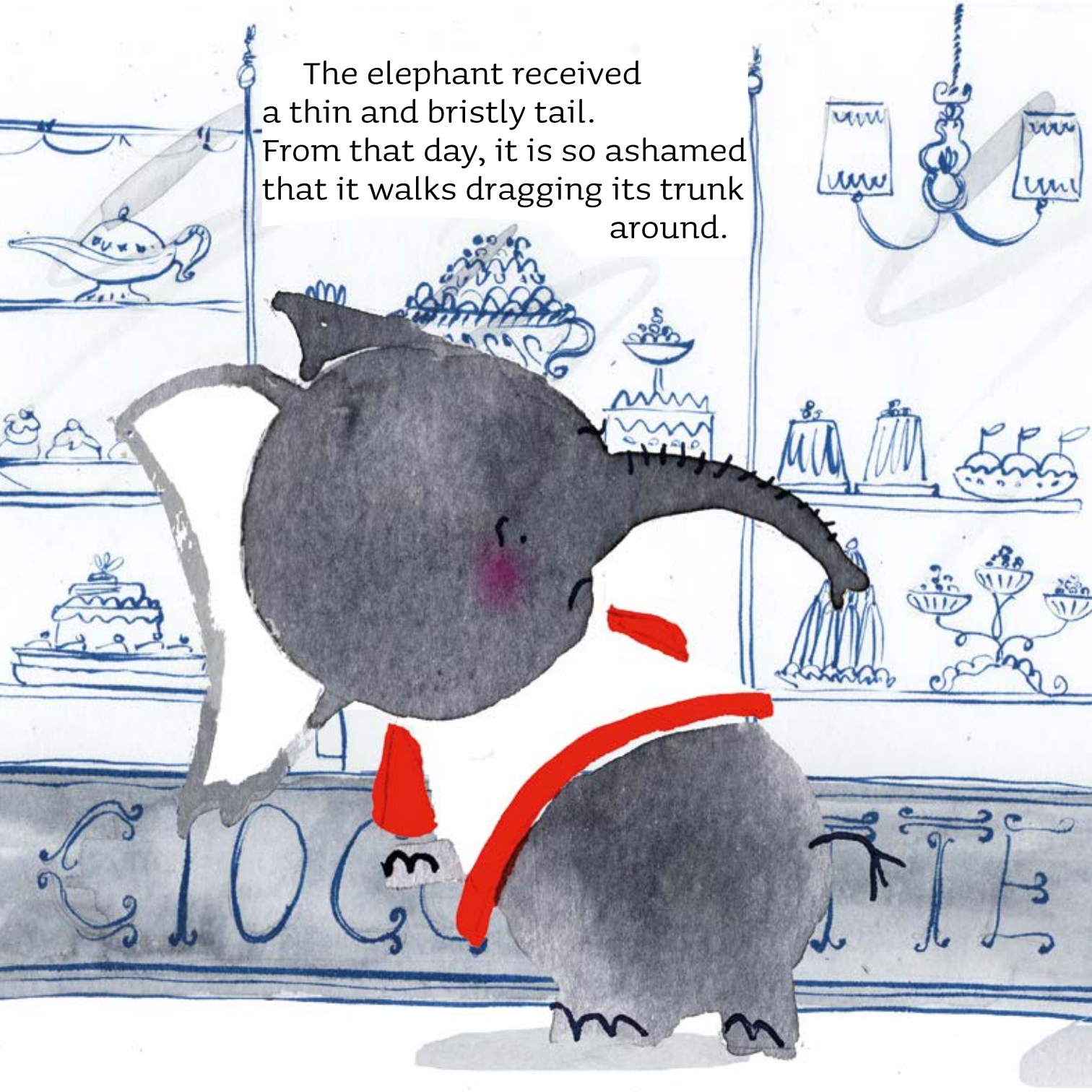
At the end of the line
only the elephant, the pig...





... and the hare were left.

The elephant received
a thin and bristly tail.
From that day, it is so ashamed
that it walks dragging its trunk
around.

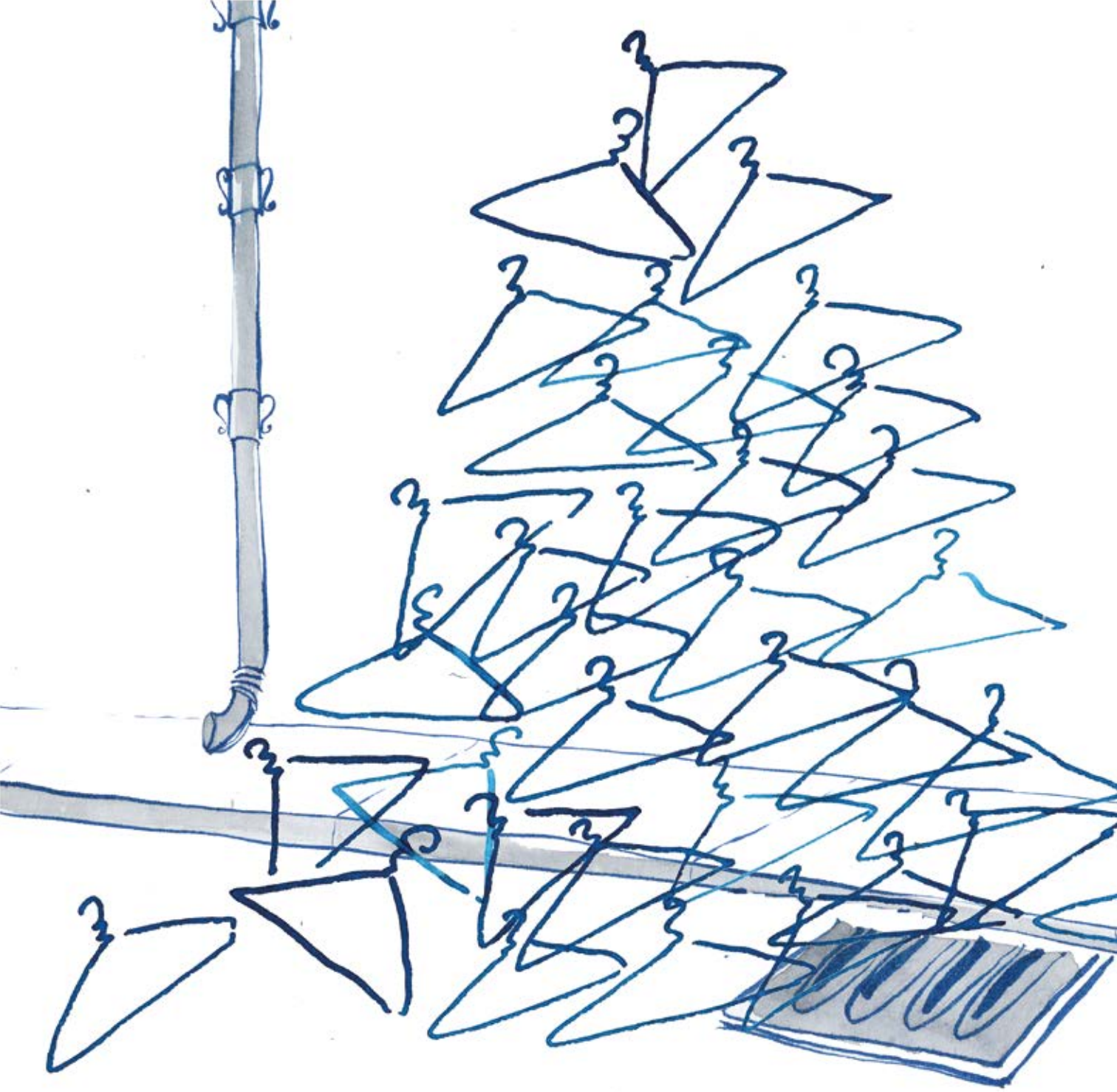




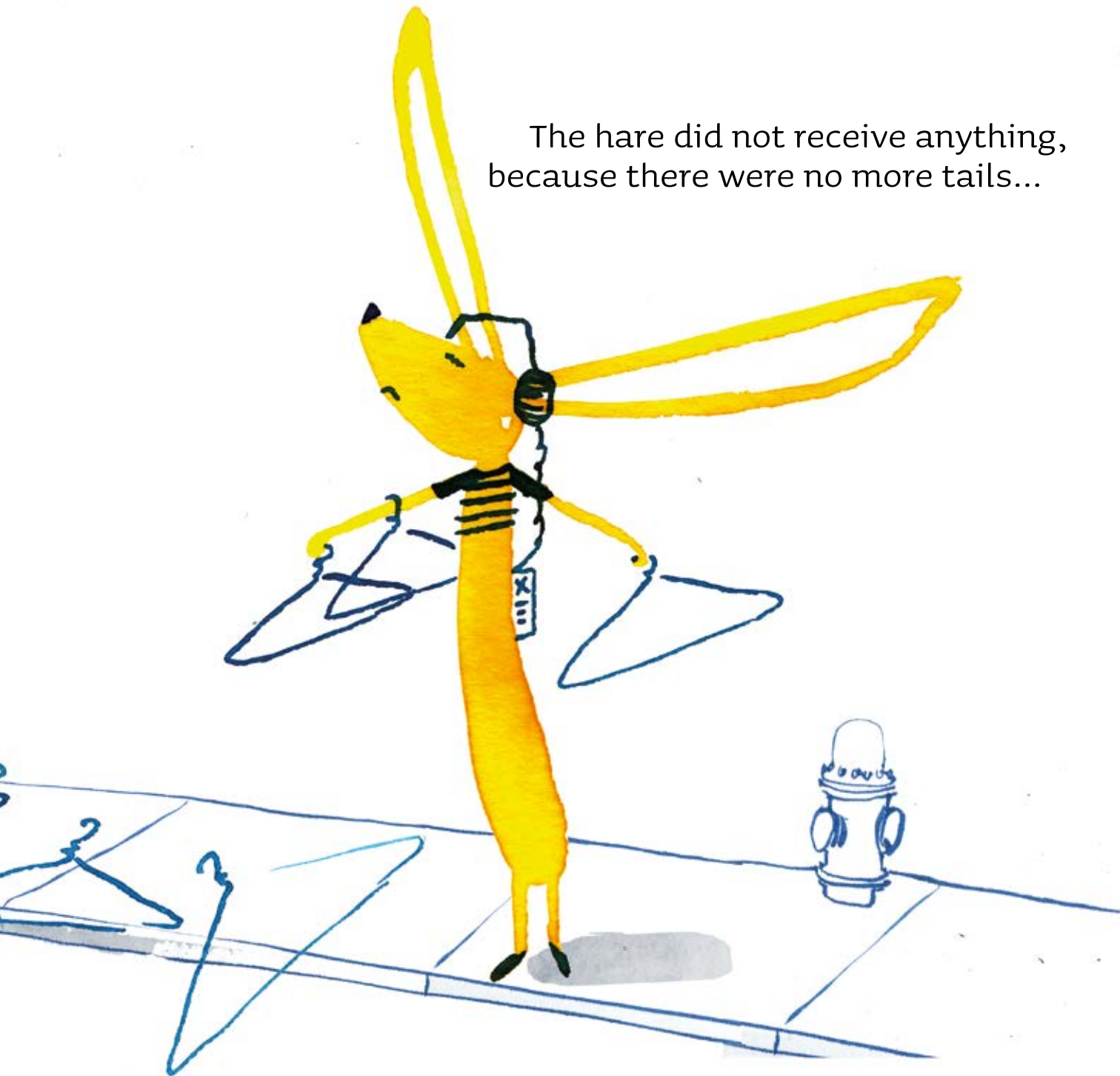
The pig received
a small tail like a worm
and it was forced
to roll it up

so, at least,
it seemed a curl.

Welcome



The hare did not receive anything,
because there were no more tails...



But then, the dog and the cat started to fight:
“My tail is the most beautiful!”

“No! My tail is the most beautiful!”

They argued so much
that the dog lost its temper and bit the cat,
ripping up a tuft of fur.





Yet, the hare rapidly took the tuft of fur
and stuck it on its body,
so it had a small tail too.

From that day,
cats and dogs are enemies.



And the hare is very careful not to be noticed:
it is afraid that the dog confuse it with the cat,
and that the cat wants its tuft of fur back!





