

# CAN A POND DO MAGIC TRICKS? 池塘真的會變魔術嗎?

2013 China Times Open Book Award  
1990 Chen Bochui Children's Literature Award

Rabbit has found a new pond in the forest! Last night's heavy rain must have created it. But this is no ordinary pond: when Rabbit looks in, he spies an unfamiliar creature looking back at him. Rabbit brings his friend Squirrel over to share his discovery, but when Squirrel looks in, the creature in the pool transforms into a Squirrel. How could this be? The same thing happens when their other animal friends look in. Can the wise elephant solve the mystery of this magical new pool?

This re-issued classic weaves Hsieh Wu-Chang's playful humor together with Chen Chi-Hsien's bright, upbeat colors and two-dimensional figuring into a story that is both whimsical and rich with inspiring material.

## Hsieh Wu-Chang 謝武彰/Author

Hsieh Wu-Chang is a household name in children's literature on both sides of the Taiwan strait. Both author and musician, He has written over two hundred works of literature and music for children, including poems, essays, storybooks, and songs. His work has won a whole range of awards from Taiwanese literary and governmental organizations, and this book, *Can a Pond Do Magic Tricks*, also received the 1990 Chen Bochui Children's Literature Award from the Shanghai municipal government.

## Chen Chi-Hsien 陳志賢/ Illustrator

Designer and children's book illustrator Chen Chi-Hsien is known for his bold style, and capacity to express the intuitive in images. His first book, *Window Shopping*, won the Hsin-Yi Children's Literature Award. *The Little Camphor Tree*, *A Brand New Day*, and *Standing On Wheels* have all won the Golden Butterfly Award from the Taipei International Book Fair and Bologna International Illustrator's Exhibition. His illustrations have been archived in the Klingspor Museum in Germany and the Taipei Fine Arts Museum.



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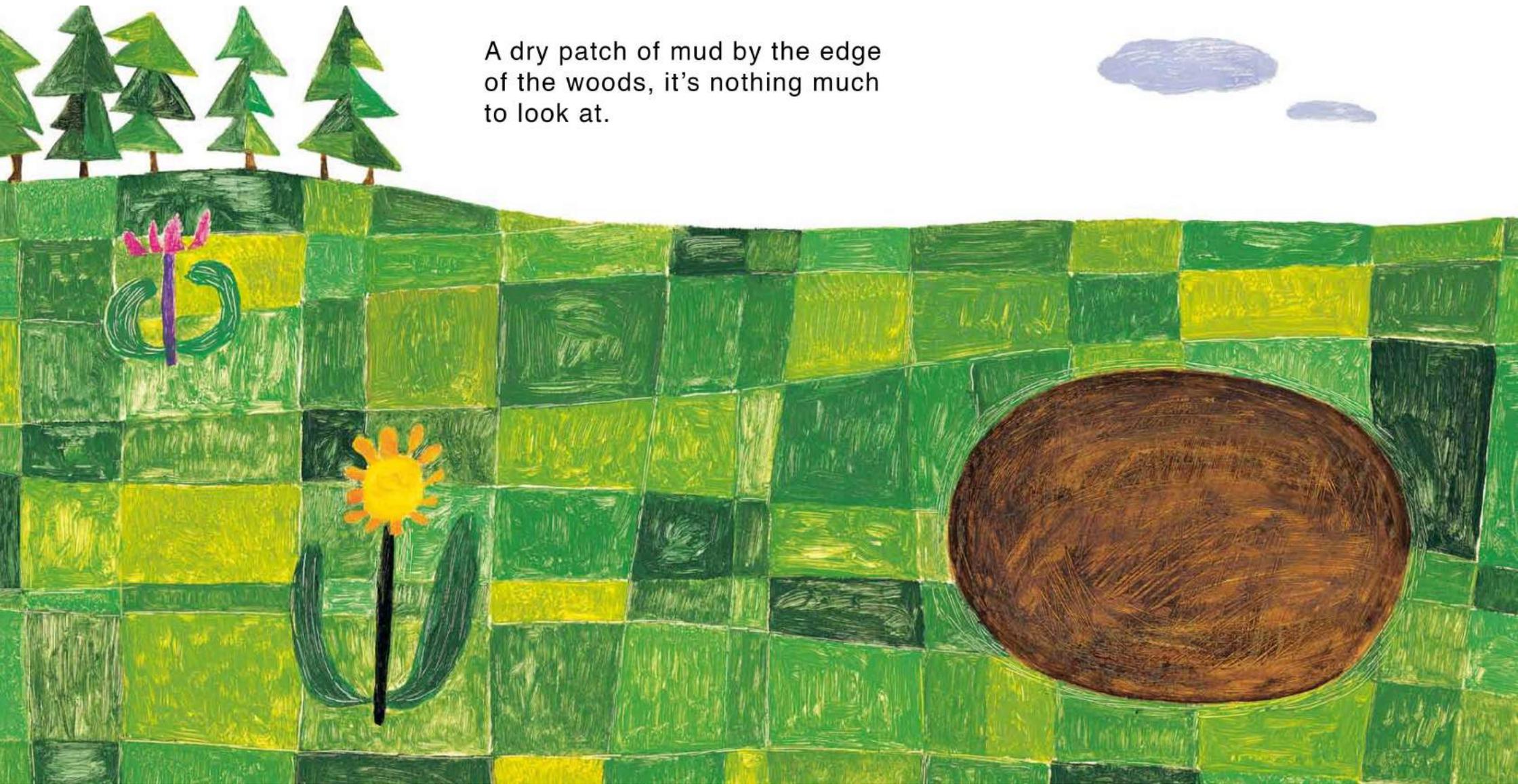
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- Pages: 36
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A dry patch of mud by the edge of the woods, it's nothing much to look at.



Then it rained, oh  
so very much...  
So very wet....  
Splish splash.  
Splish splash.



But by the time the rain had stopped, the dry patch of mud had turned into a pond. So very shiny now, just like a mirror.



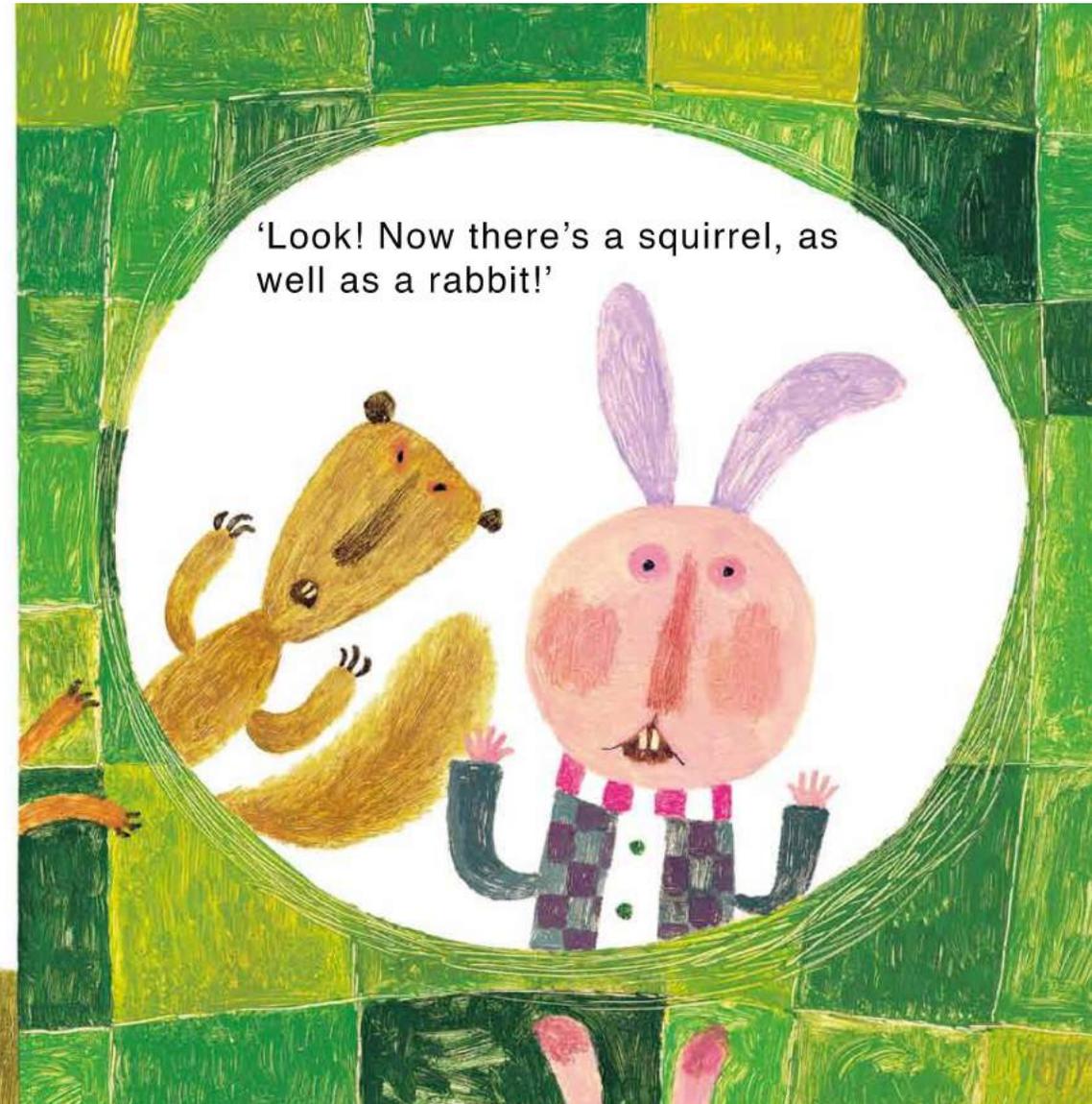


Then along came Rabbit,  
flouncing by. What's that, so  
shiny and bright?

'Oh no! What's that  
rabbit doing in the  
water?'

Rabbit ran off to tell Squirrel. 'Are you sure?' asked Squirrel, 'Let me see.'

Rabbit took Squirrel back to the pond.



Rabbit and Squirrel ran back to the forest to tell Monkey. 'Are you sure?' asked Monkey, 'Let me see.'

Together, they went back to the pond.

