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# Biscuit's Big Friend




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*To Billy, a friend forever*  
—A.S.C.

*To my Aunt Gracie*  
—P.S.

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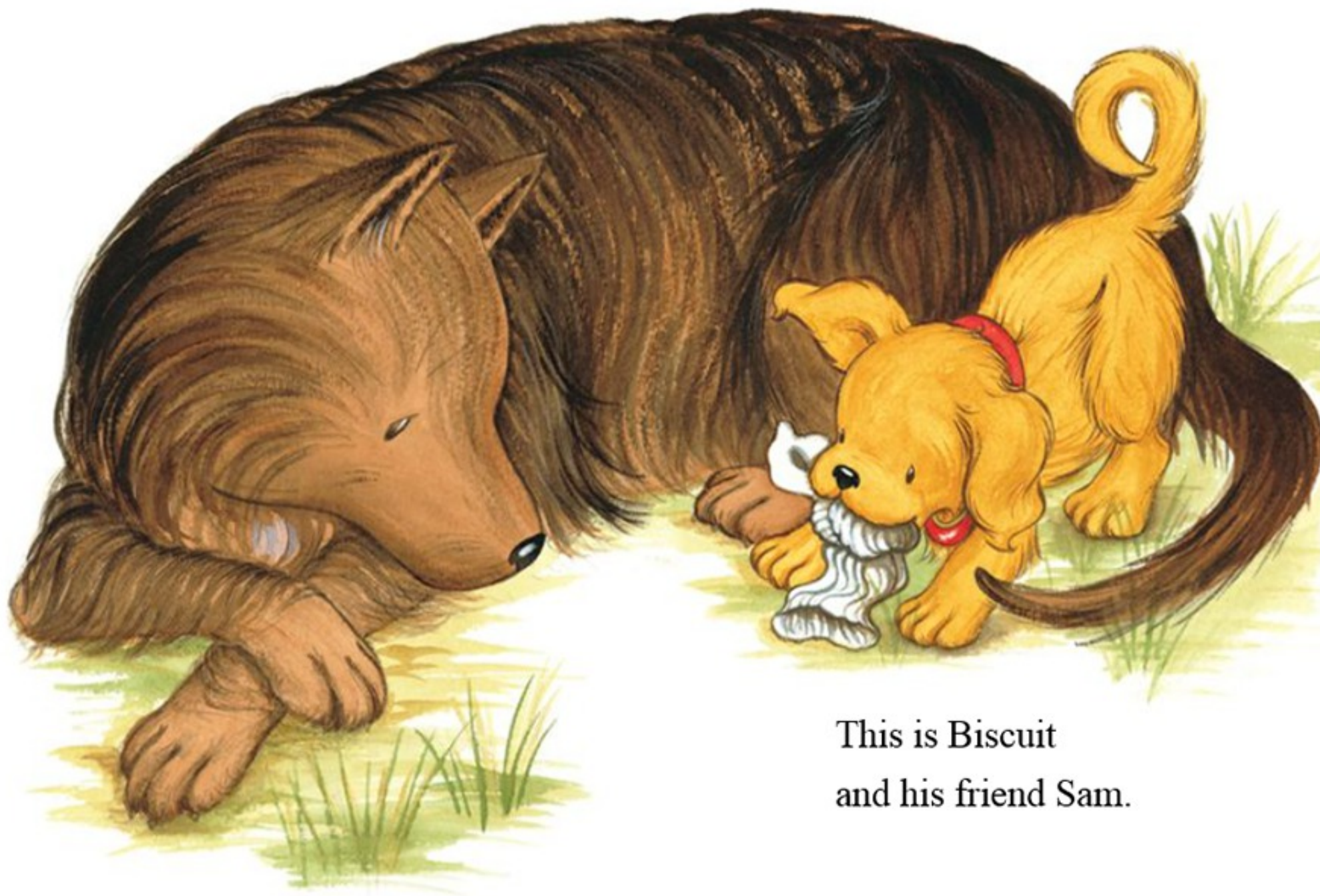
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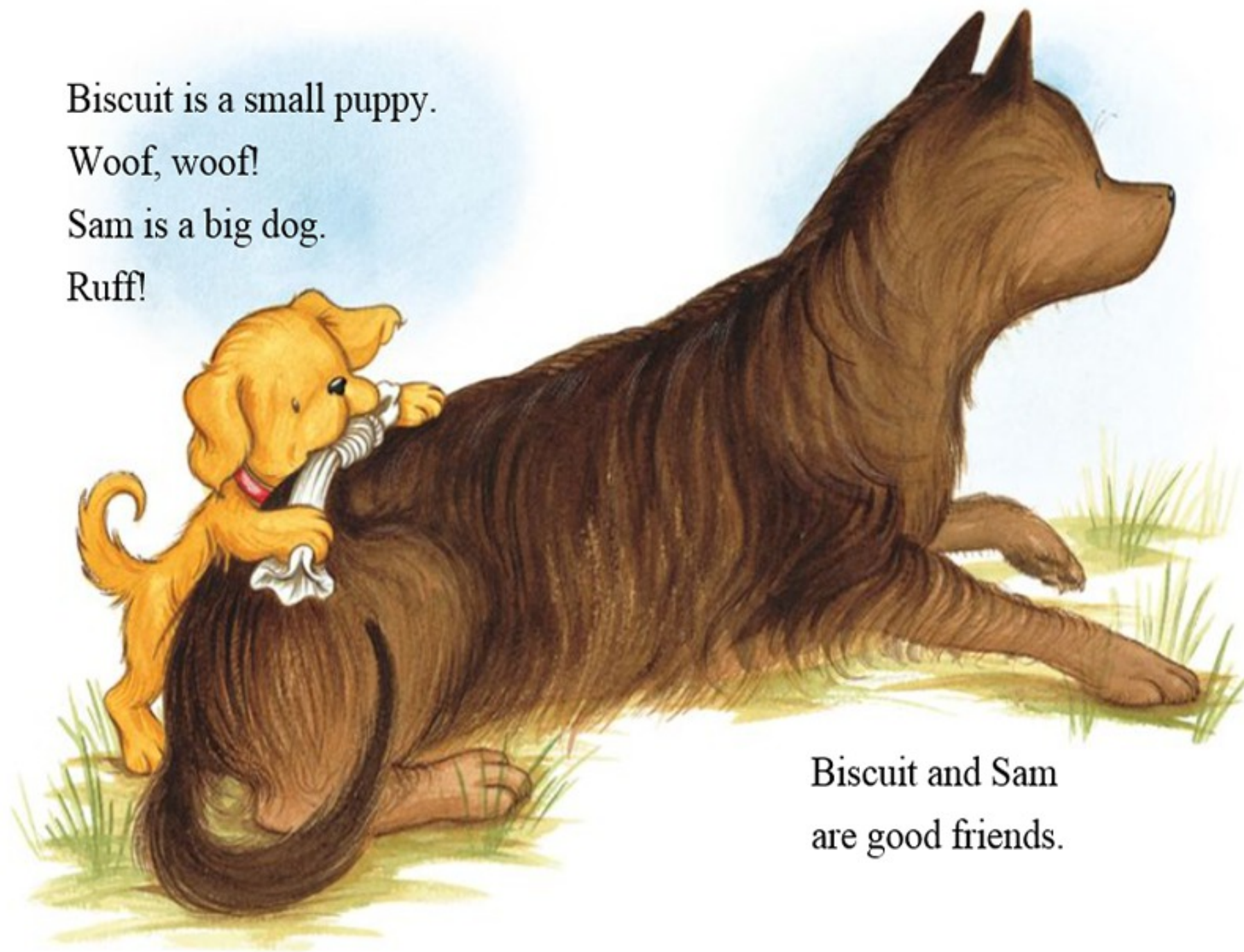
This is Biscuit  
and his friend Sam.

Biscuit is a small puppy.

Woof, woof!

Sam is a big dog.

Ruff!



Biscuit and Sam  
are good friends.





Ruff!

Sam can run fast.



Woof, woof!

Biscuit wants to run fast,  
too!







Ruff!

Sam can carry a big stick.



Woof, woof!

Biscuit wants to carry  
a big stick, too.



Woof, woof!  
Ruff!

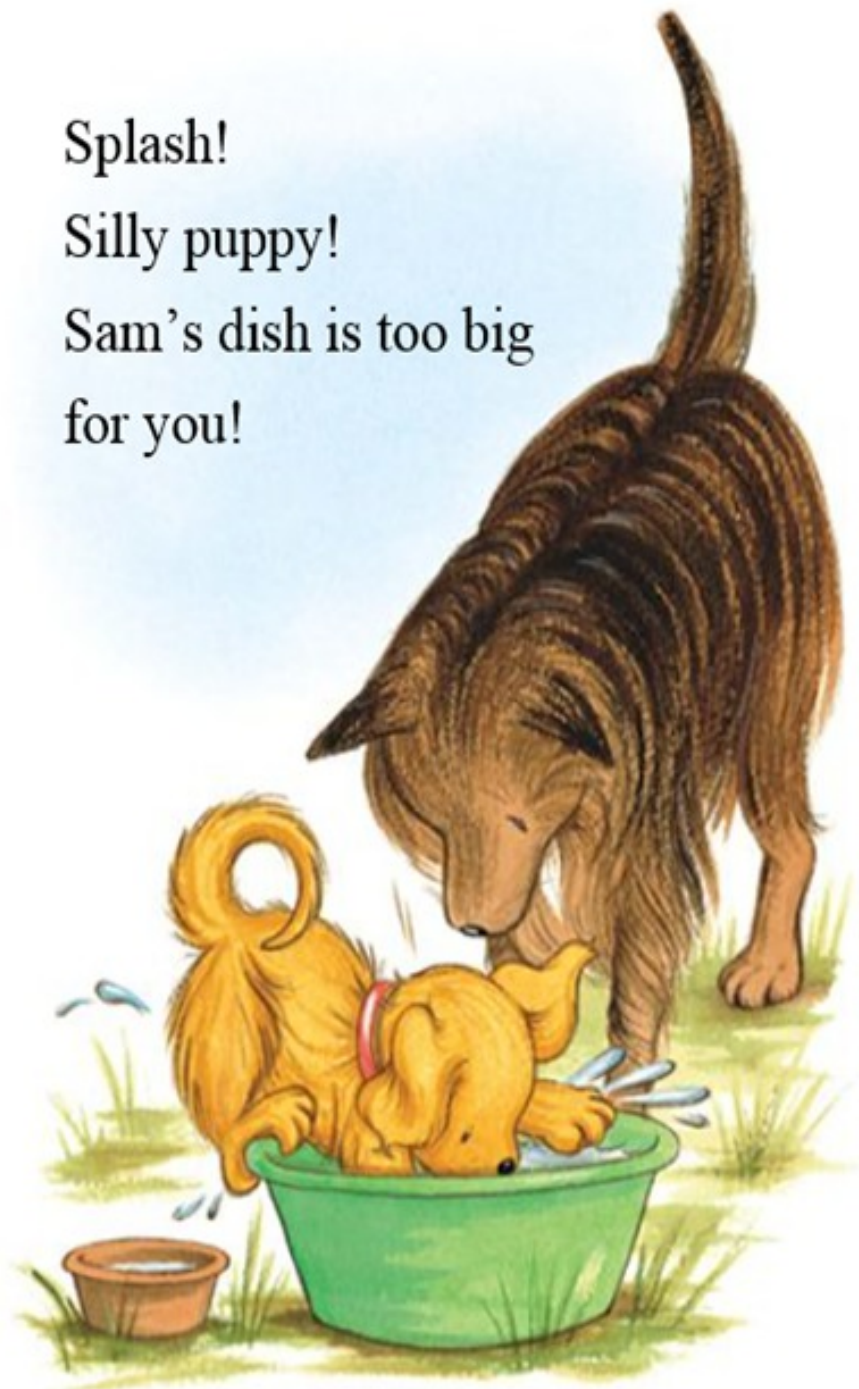
Biscuit and Sam  
want to play tug.





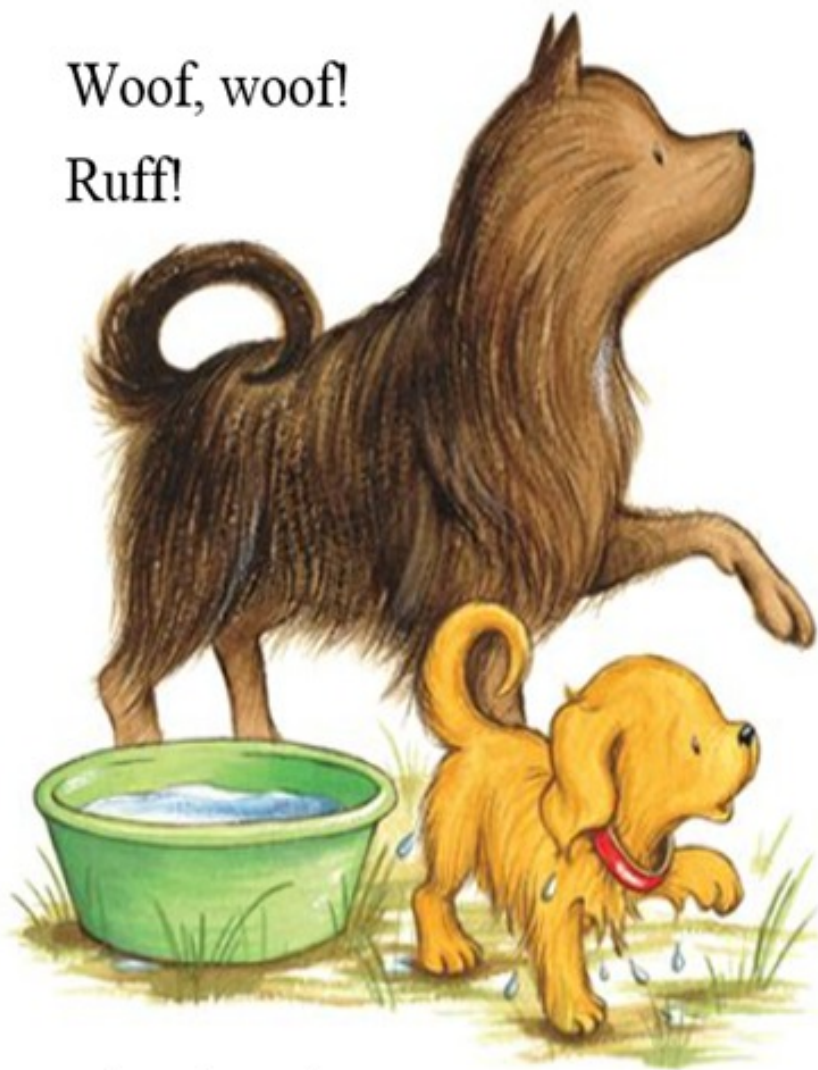
Here, Biscuit!  
Here, Sam!  
It's time for a drink.

Splash!  
Silly puppy!  
Sam's dish is too big  
for you!





Woof, woof!  
Ruff!



Biscuit and Sam  
want to play fetch.



Ready?  
Fetch!

Uh-oh! There goes the ball!  
Now what will we do?



Wait, Sam!  
That fence is too big for you!





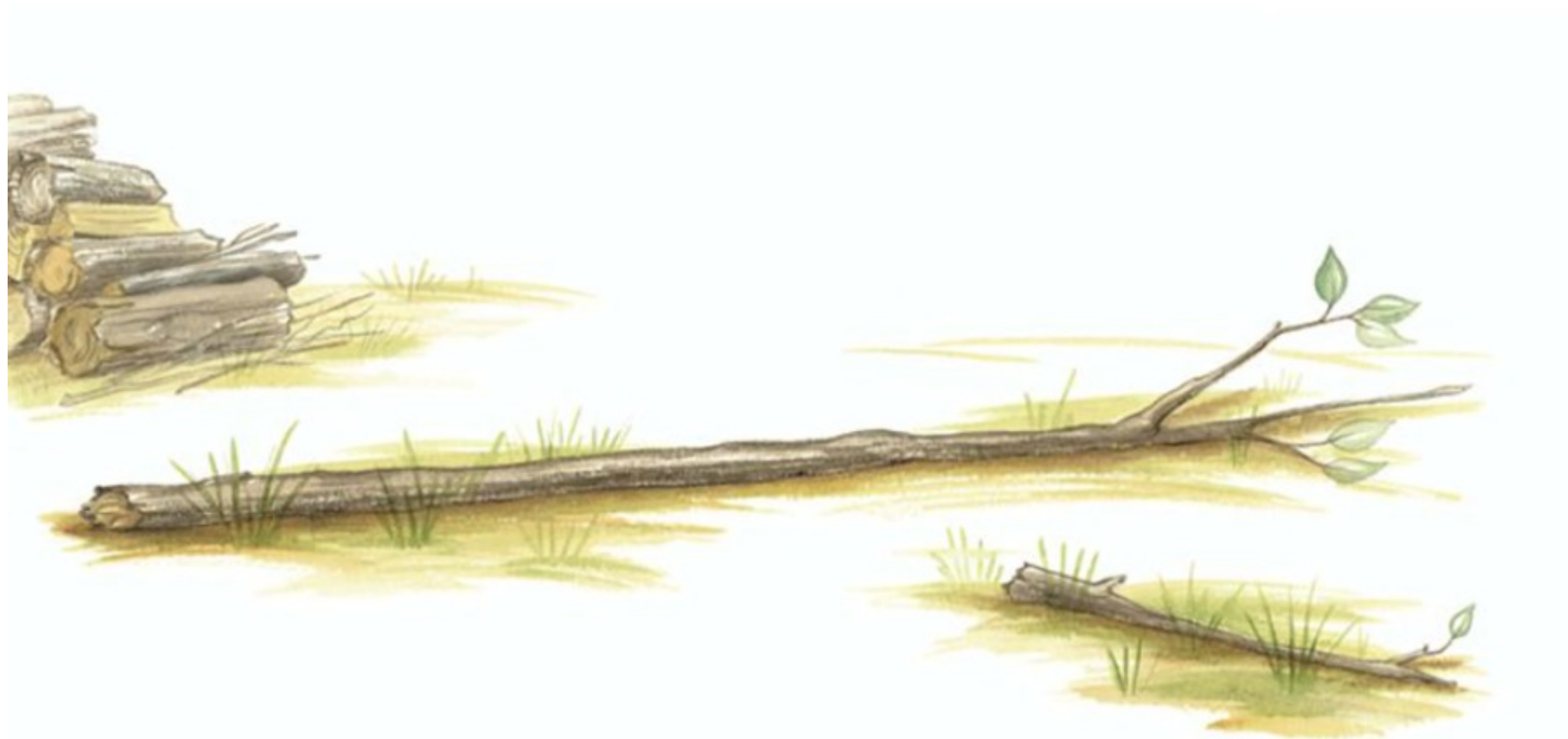
Woof!  
Oh, Biscuit!





Sam is a big friend,  
but only a small puppy  
like you could do that!

Ruff!  
Woof, woof!



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4

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