

Miss Sugar Crumb's Cooking Lesson

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Dedication by Nora Tapp Franzese:

For my little bakers, Letizia & Carmine .



Early in the morning, Friend started hopping through the woods calling out to other animals. "Friends, friends, come quickly. This is the morning that Miss Sugar Crumb is going to start teaching us how to cook."



Animals of all sizes quickly left their dens, nests, and burrows and gathered around Friend.

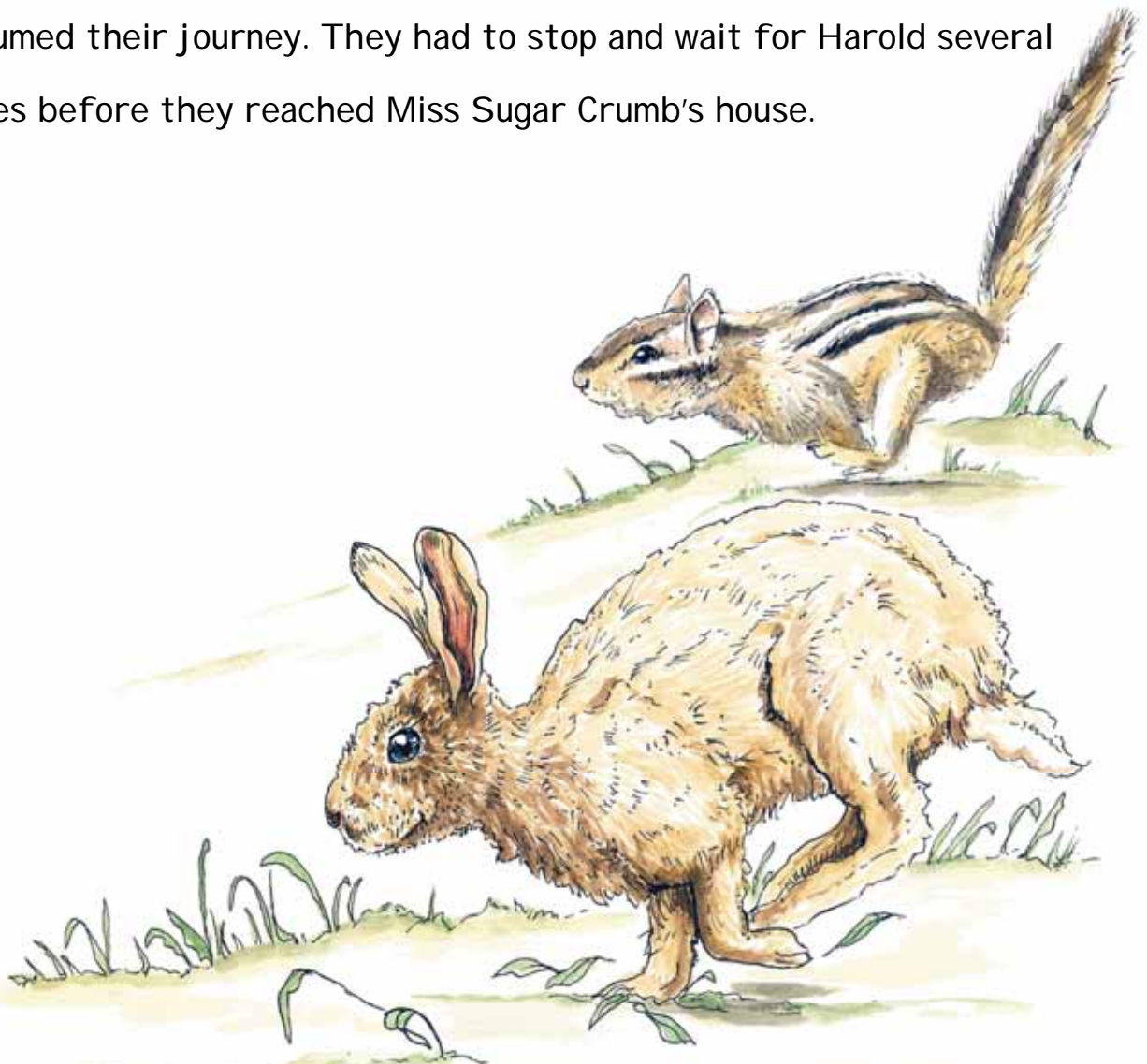
"We're ready," chirped a small goldfinch in his high-pitched voice. "Lead the way."



Friend hopped toward Miss Sugar Crumb's house. Jimmy Deer pranced right behind. Bluebirds darted back and forth while cardinals and chickadees sailed ahead.

Harold Raccoon wasn't as fast as Friend and Olivia Squirrel. "Hey, slow down please," he called out.

Everyone stopped to wait for Harold. When he caught up, they quickly resumed their journey. They had to stop and wait for Harold several times before they reached Miss Sugar Crumb's house.





All different kinds and colors of beautiful little birds flew through the open kitchen windows and perched on both windowsills. They all hoped to learn something from the cooking lesson that Miss Sugar Crumb would be teaching that beautiful spring morning.

As they came in the open door, Miss Sugar Crumb welcomed Friend and the other animals he had gathered from the nearby woods. They crowded around her in the kitchen. They were all eager to learn how to cook.



