

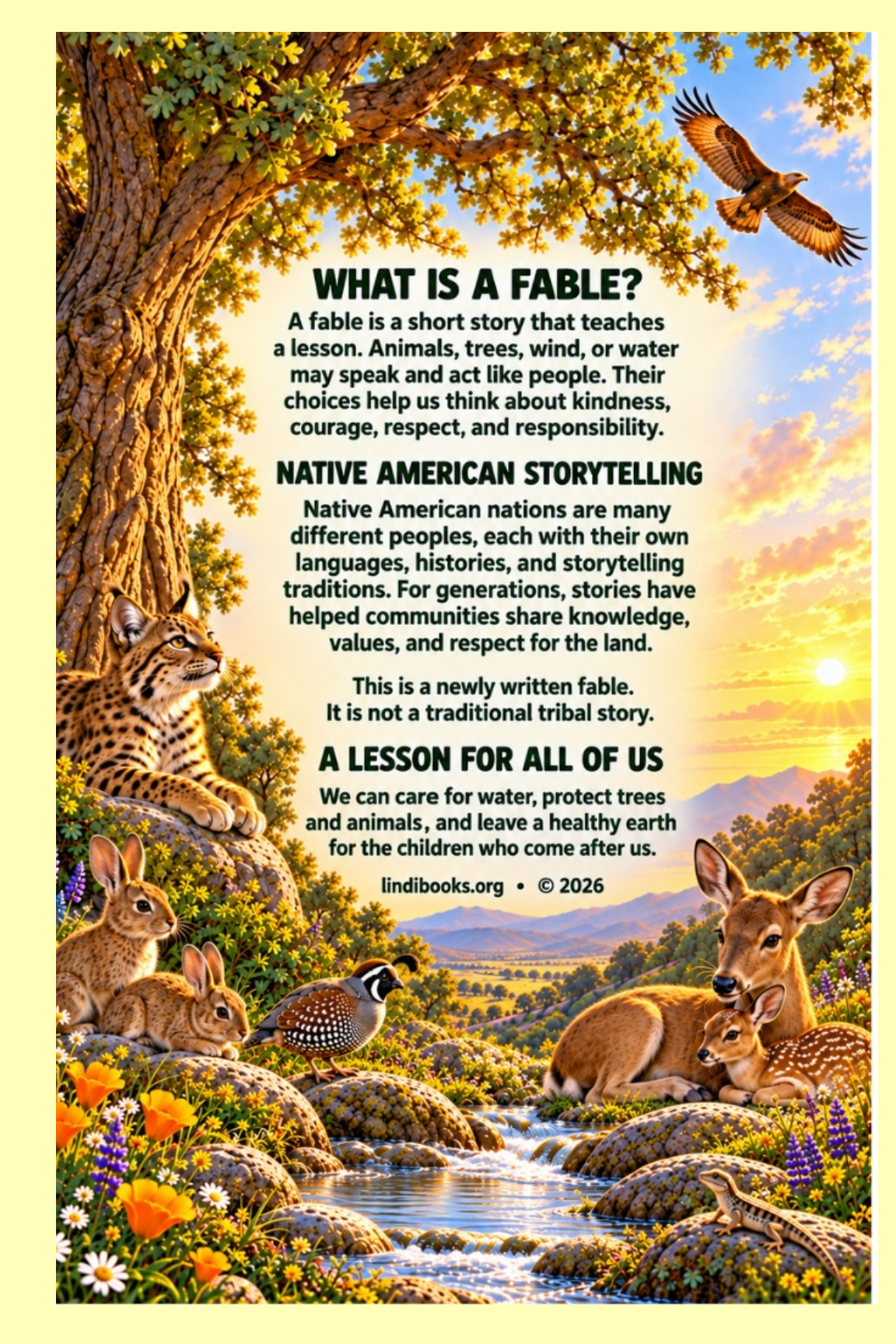


LINDI BOOKS PRESENTS  
A NEW FABLE  
**TUUKUT AND THE  
THIRSTY OAK**

**A story of kindness, courage,  
and caring for the earth**

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## WHAT IS A FABLE?

A fable is a short story that teaches a lesson. Animals, trees, wind, or water may speak and act like people. Their choices help us think about kindness, courage, respect, and responsibility.

## NATIVE AMERICAN STORYTELLING

Native American nations are many different peoples, each with their own languages, histories, and storytelling traditions. For generations, stories have helped communities share knowledge, values, and respect for the land.

This is a newly written fable.  
It is not a traditional tribal story.

## A LESSON FOR ALL OF US

We can care for water, protect trees and animals, and leave a healthy earth for the children who come after us.

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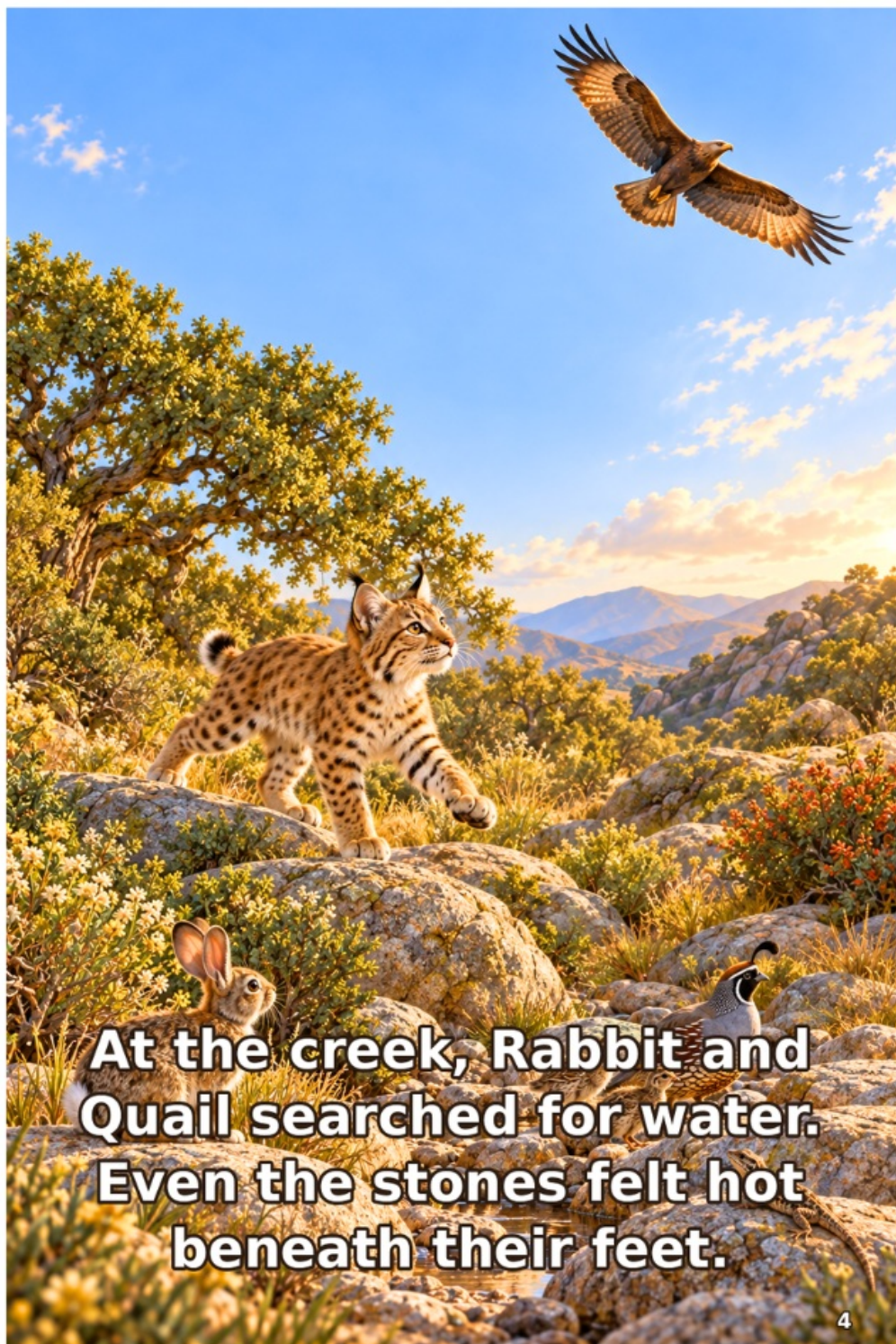


**Túukut the young bobcat  
lived among the sunny  
hills. He loved the great  
oak trees that shaded the  
land.**





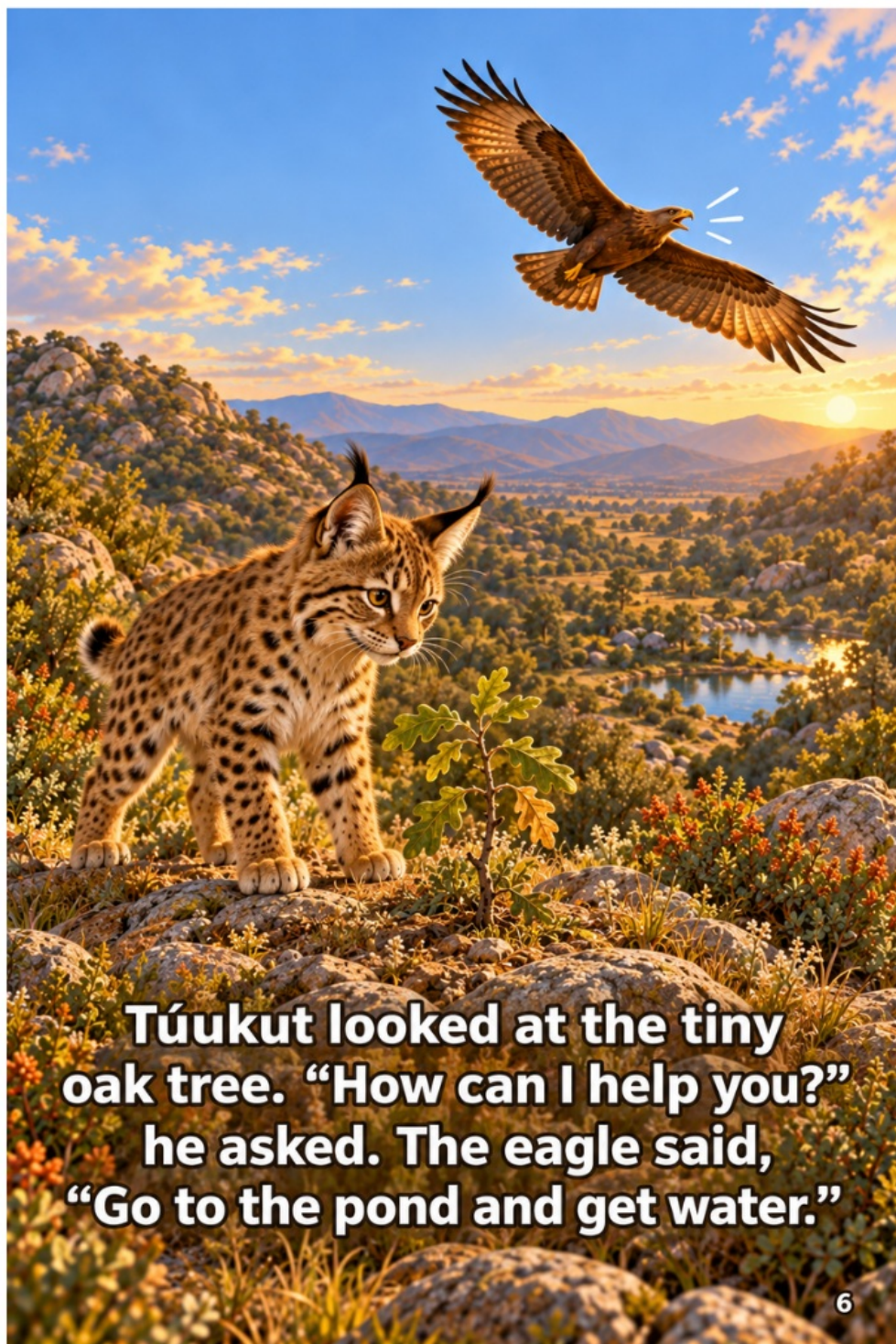
**One dry morning, Golden Eagle called, "The creek is low. We must use every drop wisely."**



**At the creek, Rabbit and Quail searched for water. Even the stones felt hot beneath their feet.**



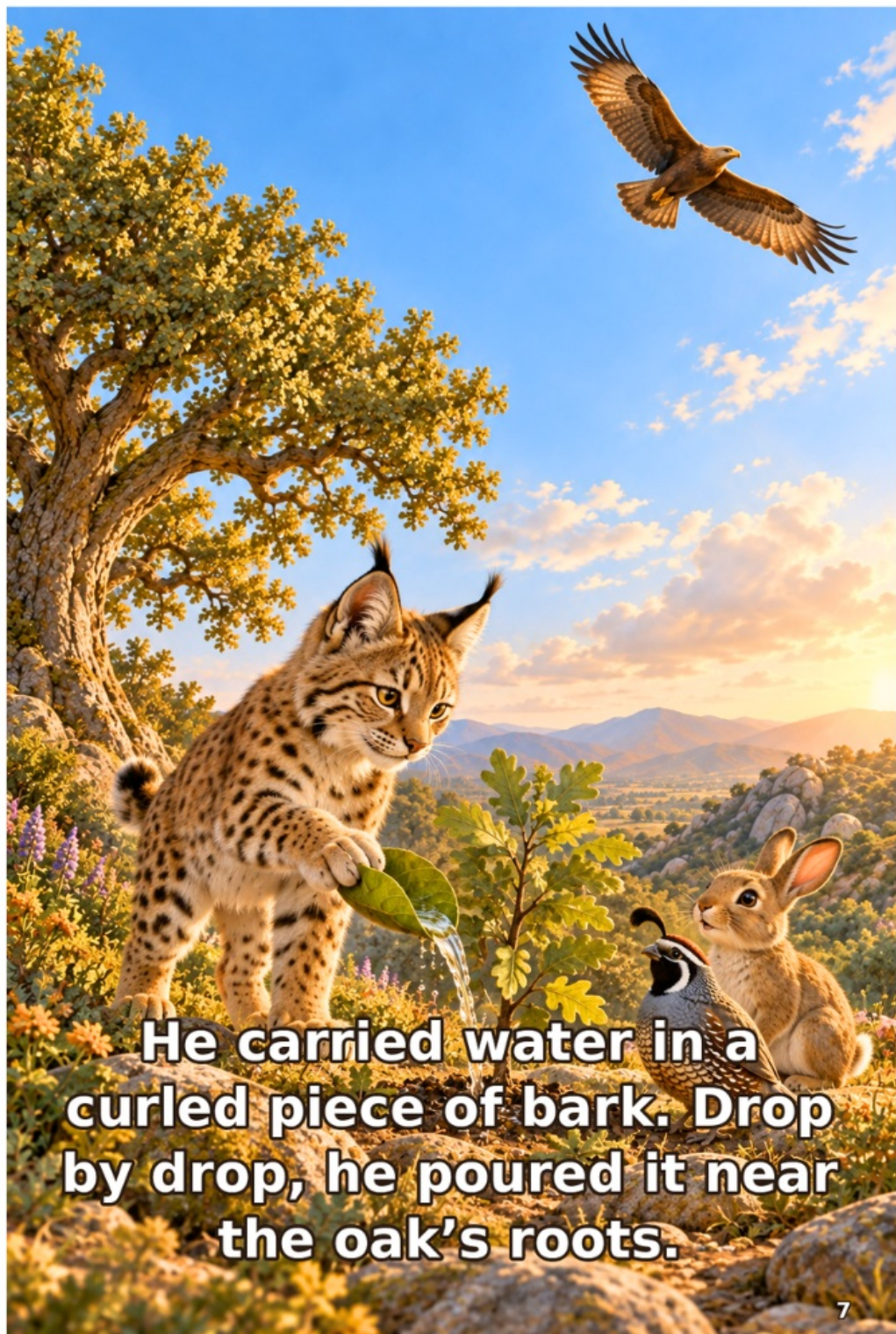
**Then Túukut heard a faint  
rustle. An old oak  
whispered, “My roots are  
thirsty.”**



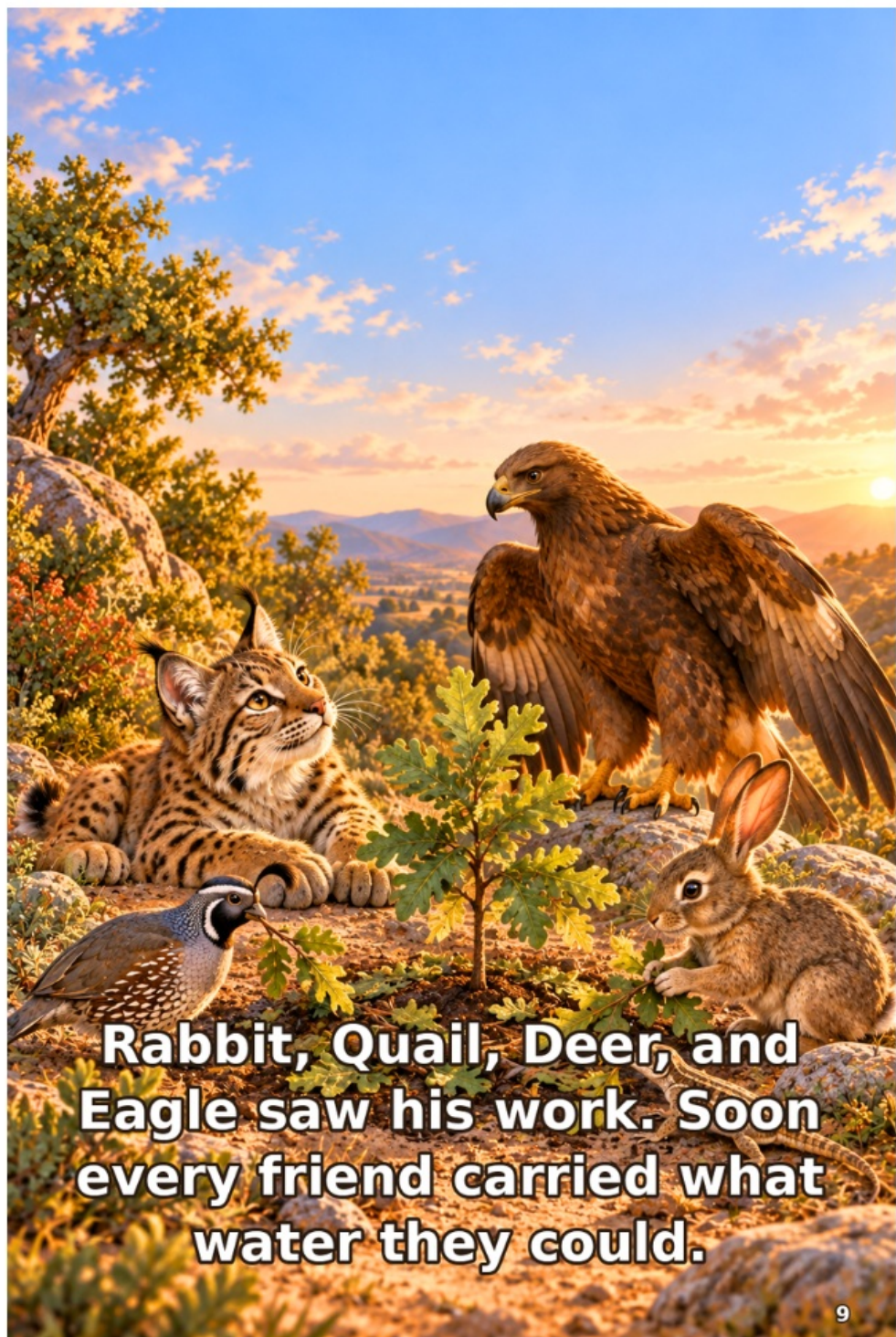
**Túukut looked at the tiny oak tree. “How can I help you?” he asked. The eagle said, “Go to the pond and get water.”**

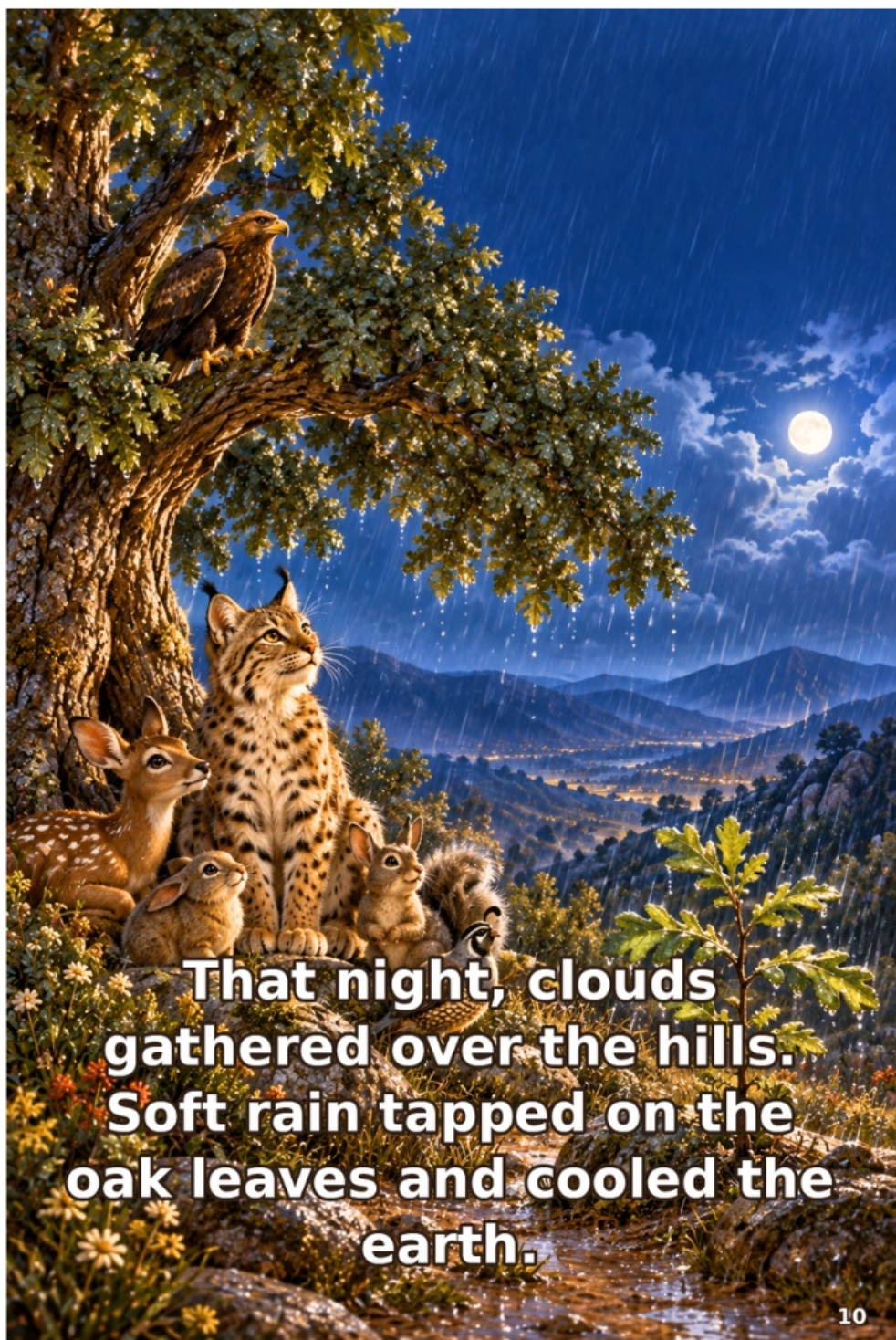


**The path was steep, and  
the water was heavy. Still,  
Túukut returned to the  
creek again and again.**

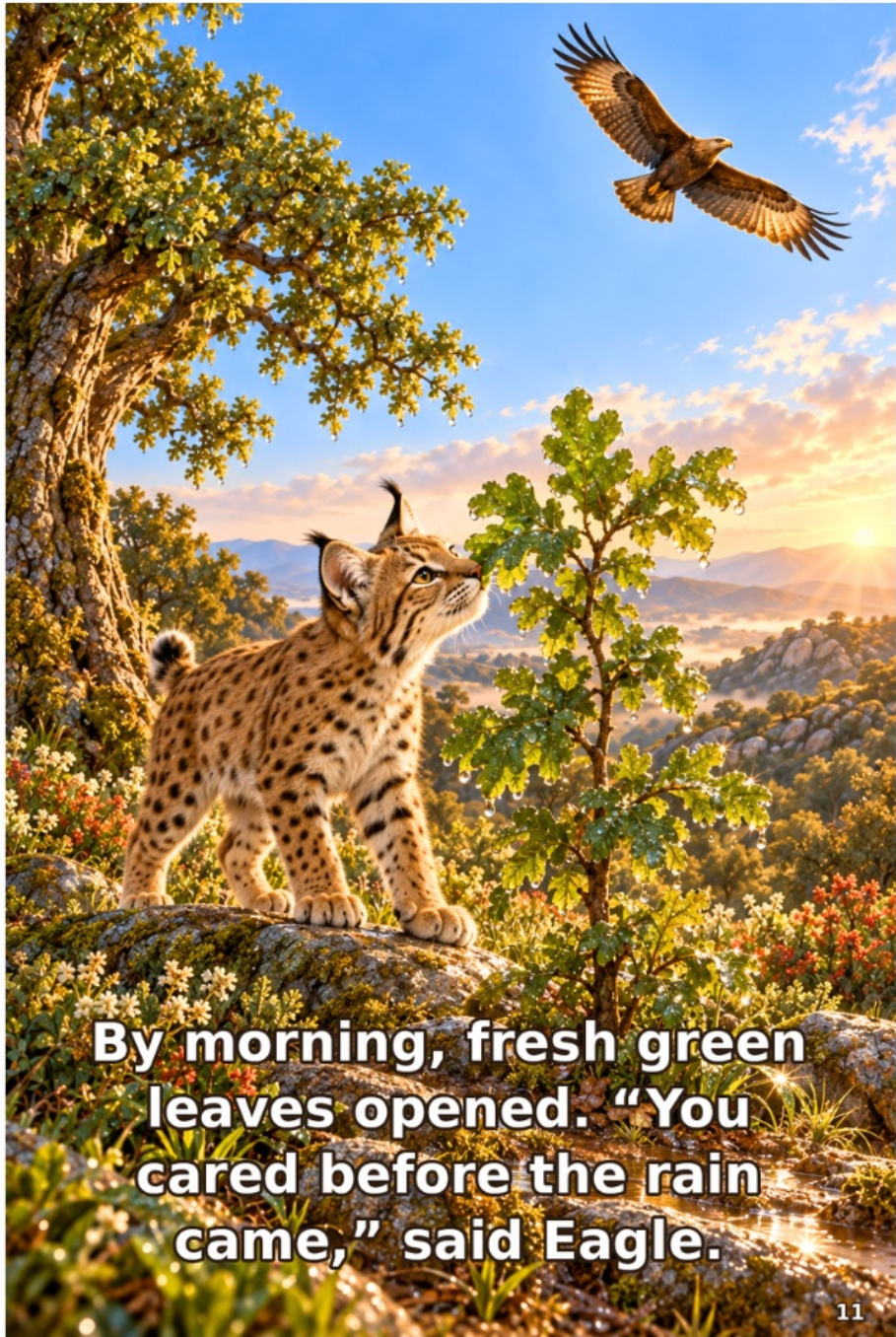


**He carried water in a  
curled piece of bark. Drop  
by drop, he poured it near  
the oak's roots.**





**That night, clouds  
gathered over the hills.  
Soft rain tapped on the  
oak leaves and cooled the  
earth.**



**By morning, fresh green  
leaves opened. "You  
cared before the rain  
came," said Eagle.**



**The creek began to sparkle again. All the animals drank, but none wasted a single drop.**



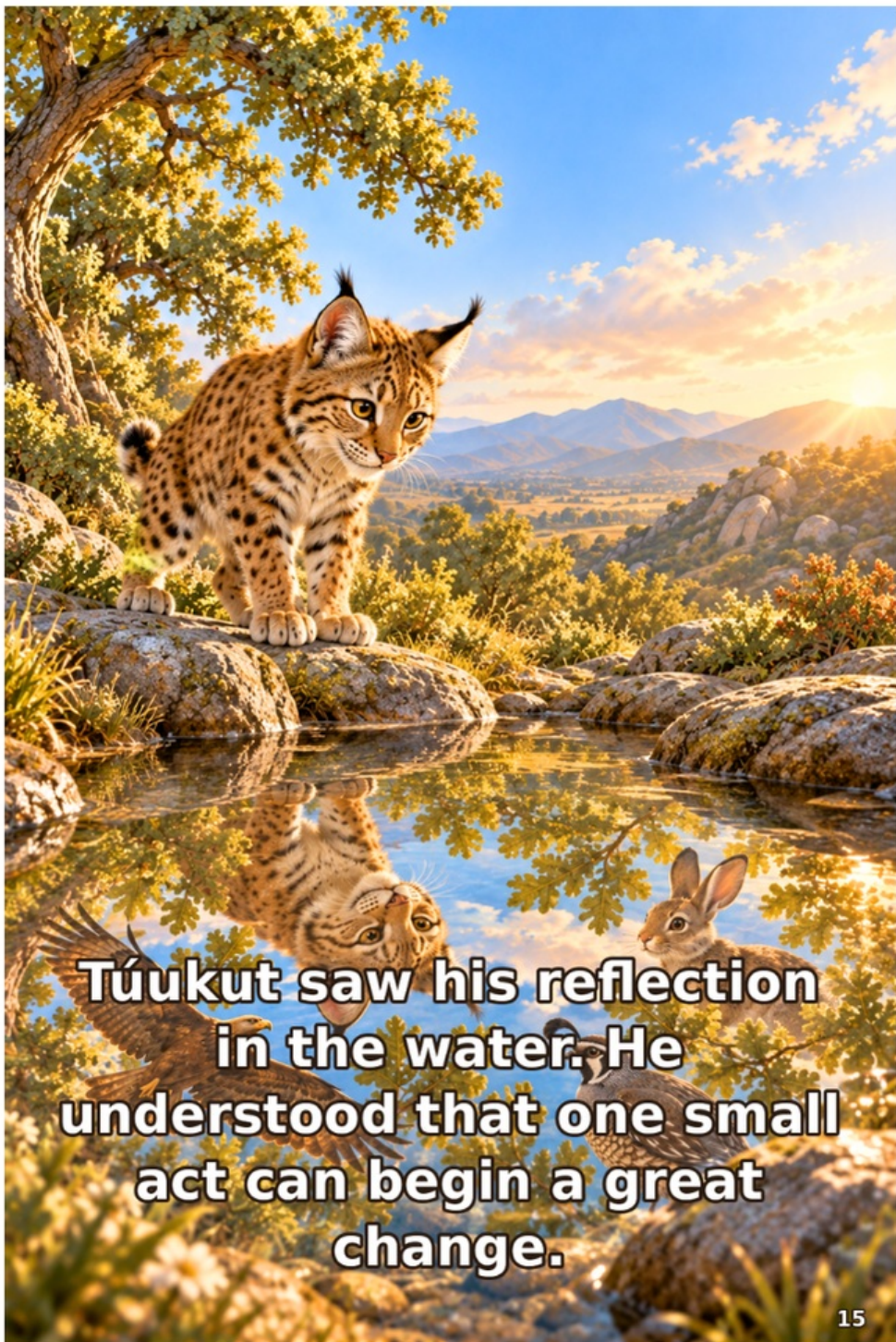
**The friends protected the young trees nearby. They cleared litter and watched over the creek.**



**Seasons passed. The oak grew strong and offered shade, shelter, and acorns to the valley.**



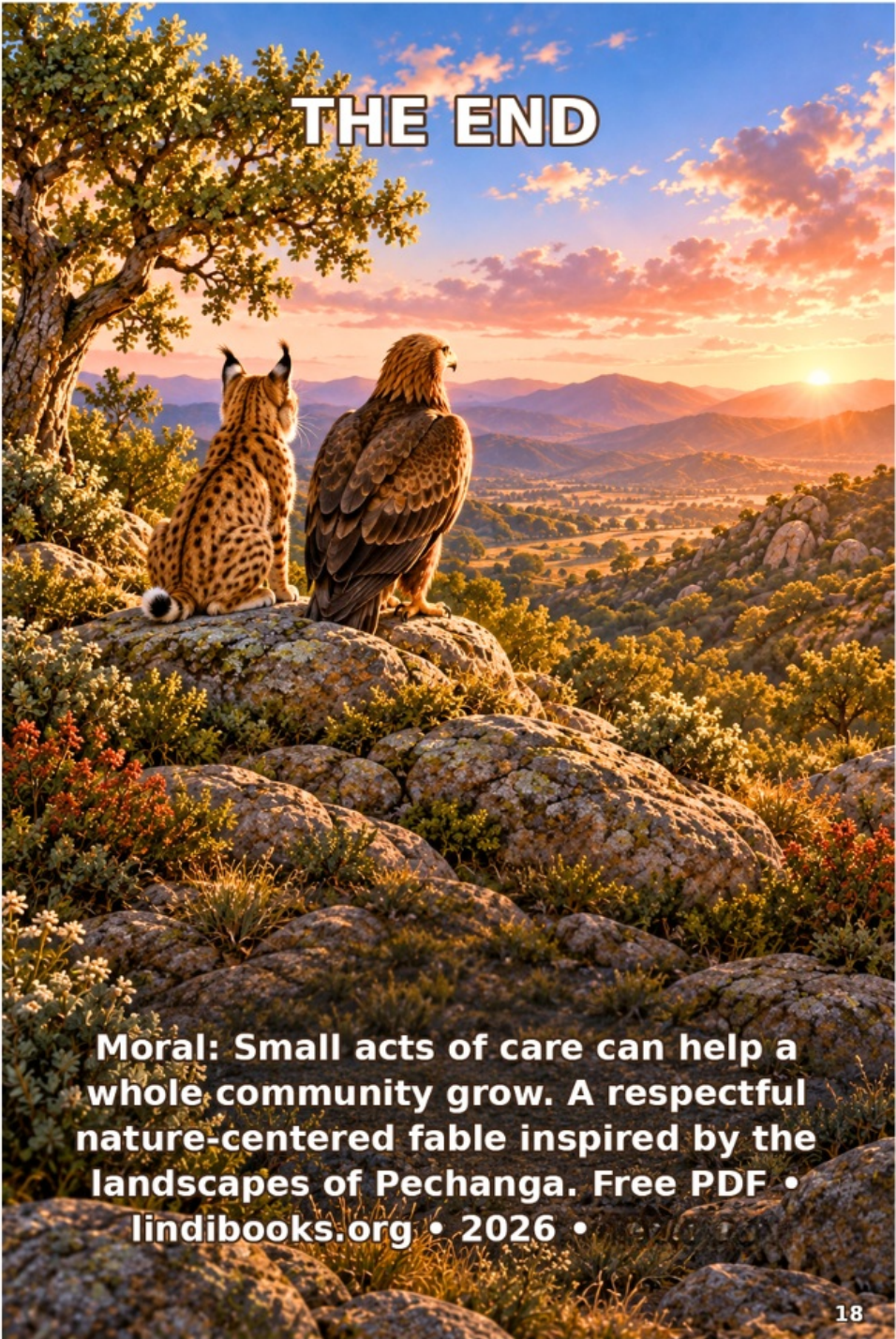
**Beneath the oak, the  
animals shared food and  
stories. The tree's wide  
branches held them  
together.**



**Túukut saw his reflection  
in the water. He  
understood that one small  
act can begin a great  
change.**

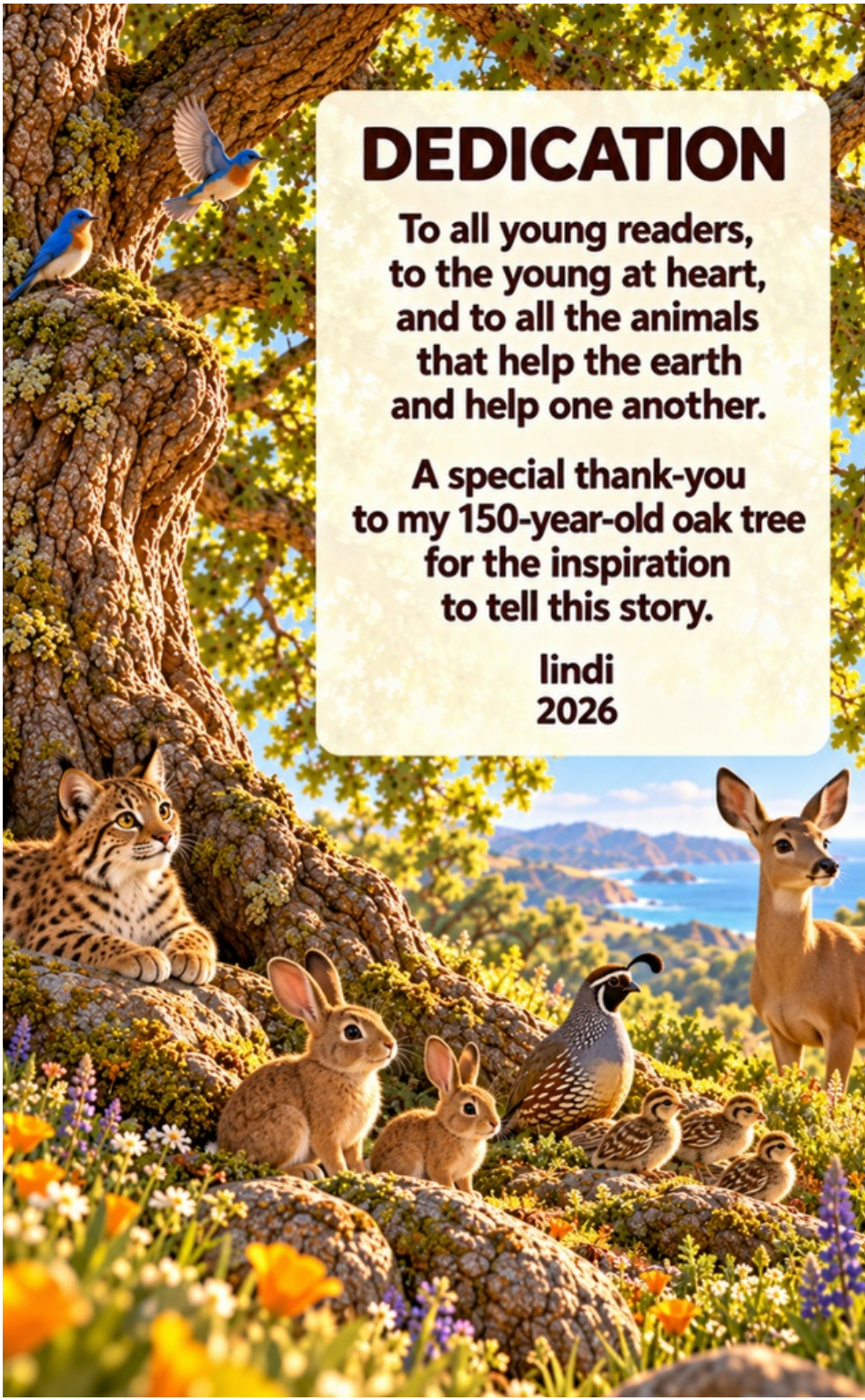


**"The land cares for us,"  
Túukut said. "So we must  
care for the land—and for  
one another."**

A detailed illustration of a lynx and a hawk perched on a rocky hillside. The lynx is on the left, facing right, and the hawk is on the right, facing left. They are both looking out over a vast landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The foreground is filled with rocks and low-lying vegetation, including small white and red flowers. A large tree with green leaves is on the left side of the frame.

# THE END

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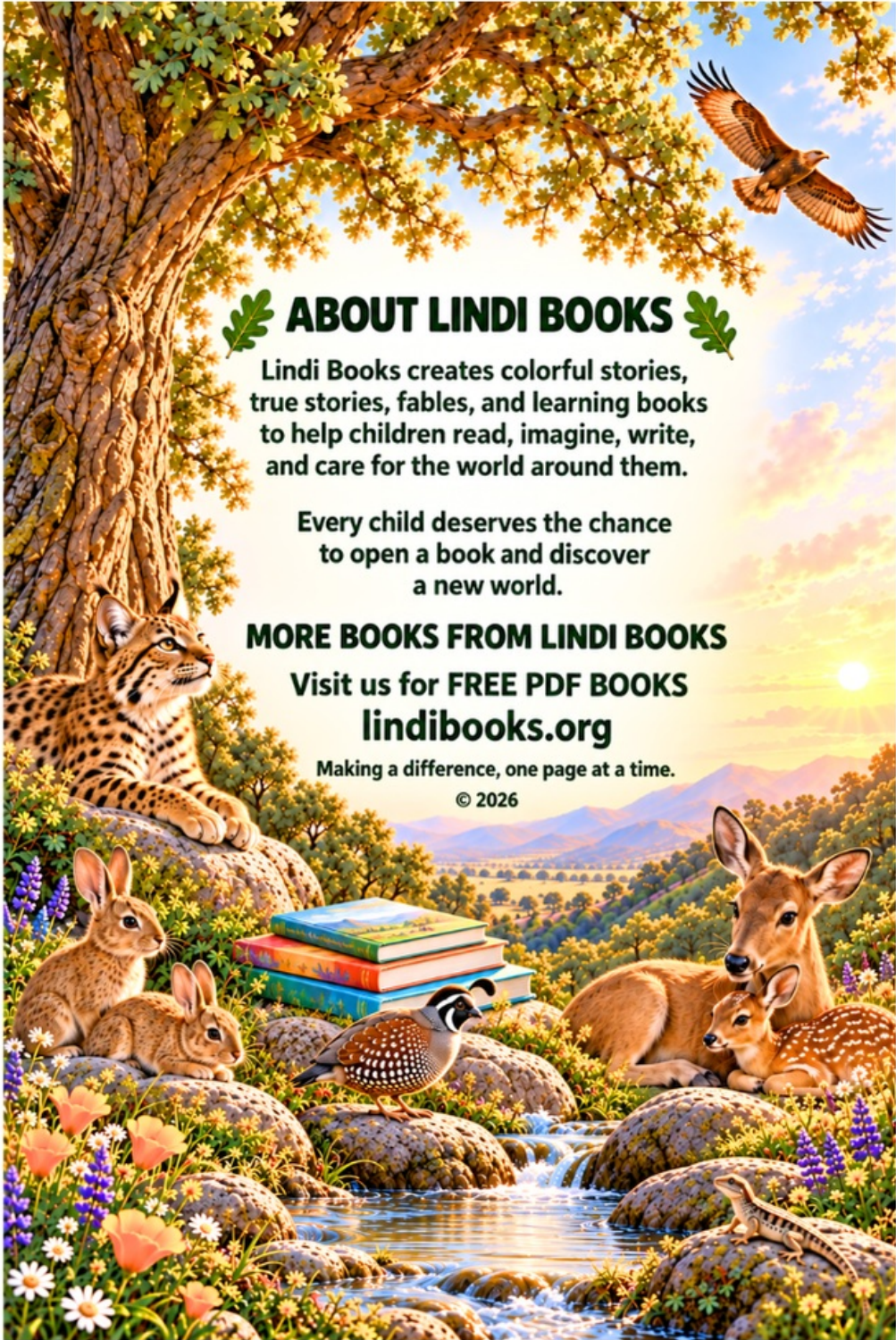


# **DEDICATION**

**To all young readers,  
to the young at heart,  
and to all the animals  
that help the earth  
and help one another.**

**A special thank-you  
to my 150-year-old oak tree  
for the inspiration  
to tell this story.**

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## **ABOUT LINDI BOOKS**

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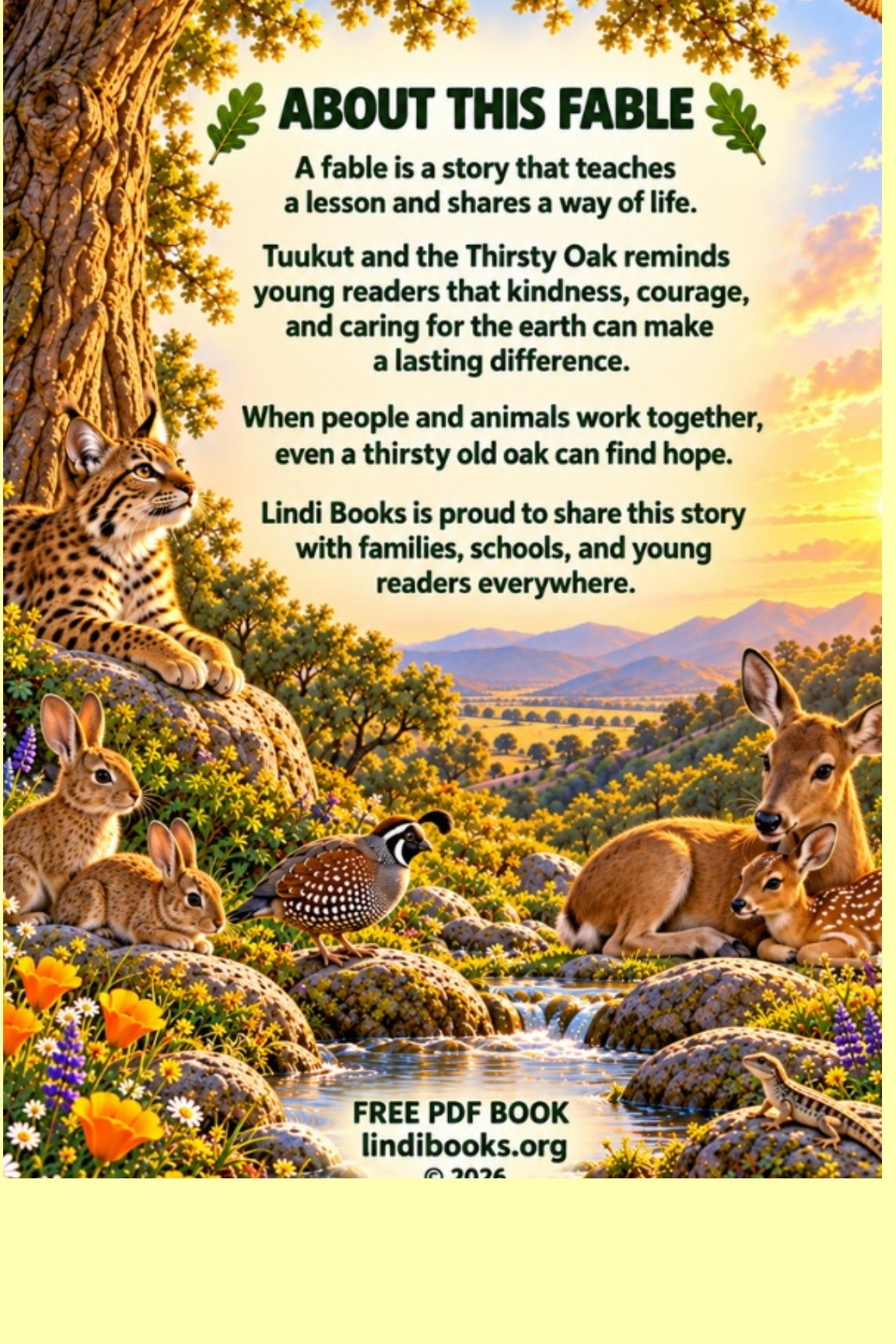


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# **ABOUT THIS FABLE**

A fable is a story that teaches  
a lesson and shares a way of life.

**Tuukut and the Thirsty Oak** reminds  
young readers that kindness, courage,  
and caring for the earth can make  
a lasting difference.

**When people and animals work together,**  
even a thirsty old oak can find hope.

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