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Abstract

The output is a children's picture book illustrated and authored by Hodson which introduces notions of mindfulness, presence and natural phenomena to early years readers.

Research process: Hodson engaged in rigorous and exhaustive iterations of artwork, exploring a range of materials and applications in order to establish an appropriate visual language with which to appropriately communicate the tone of the book writing to it's intended age range.

Research insights: Hodson realised that though integral to his habitual approach to image making, hand drawn lines were too visceral and carried too much visual signature to effectively convey the intended tone of the book. In response, he employed a playful combination of shape, texture and composition to achieve a more evocative and universal visual language.

Dissemination: Hodson has delivered lectures on the book to illustration students at Leeds Arts University, Edinburgh, Camberwell, Falmouth and Norwich University of the Arts. The book was show cased at Bologna International Book fair 2022 and is being published in Mexico, Italy and Korea.

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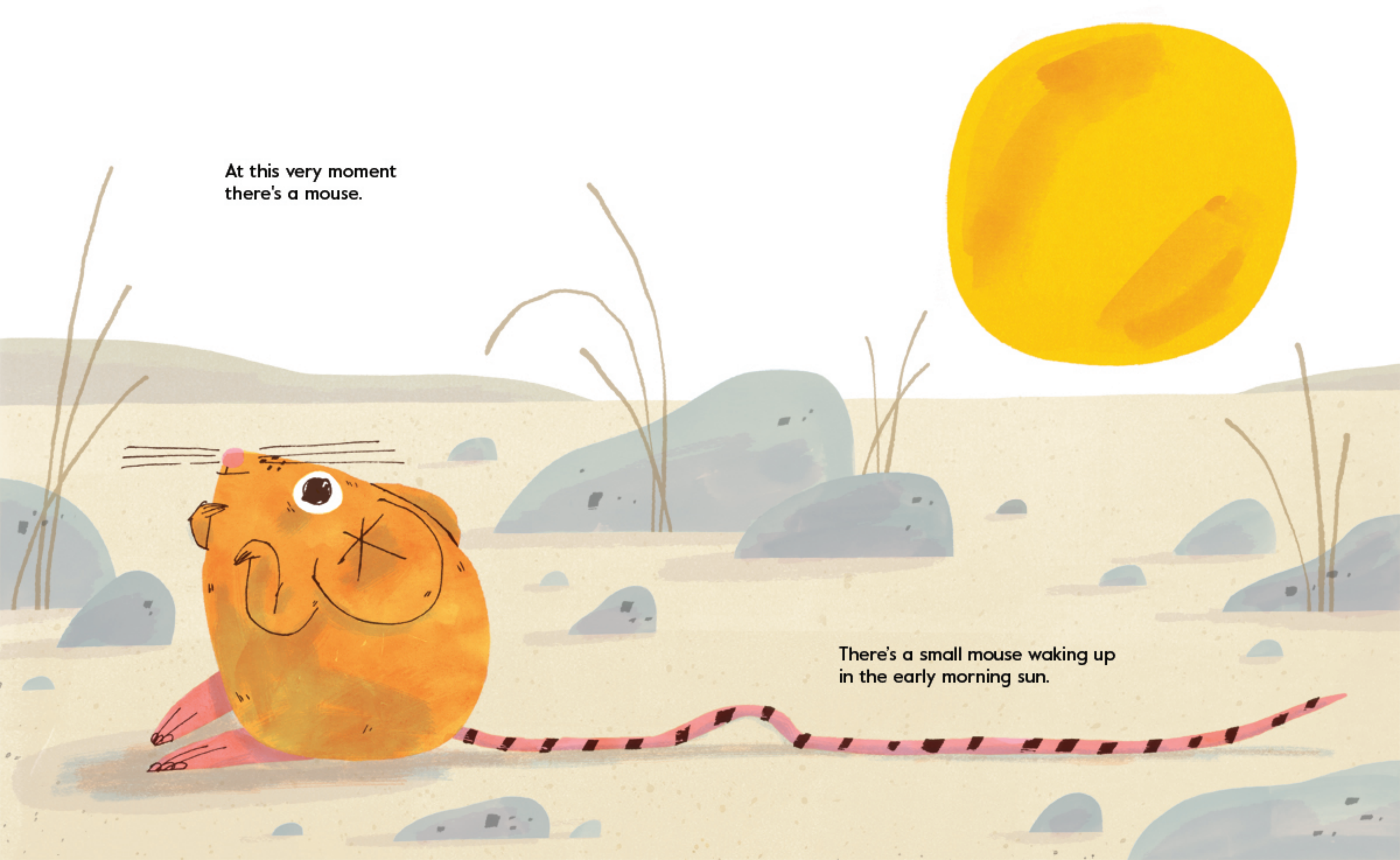
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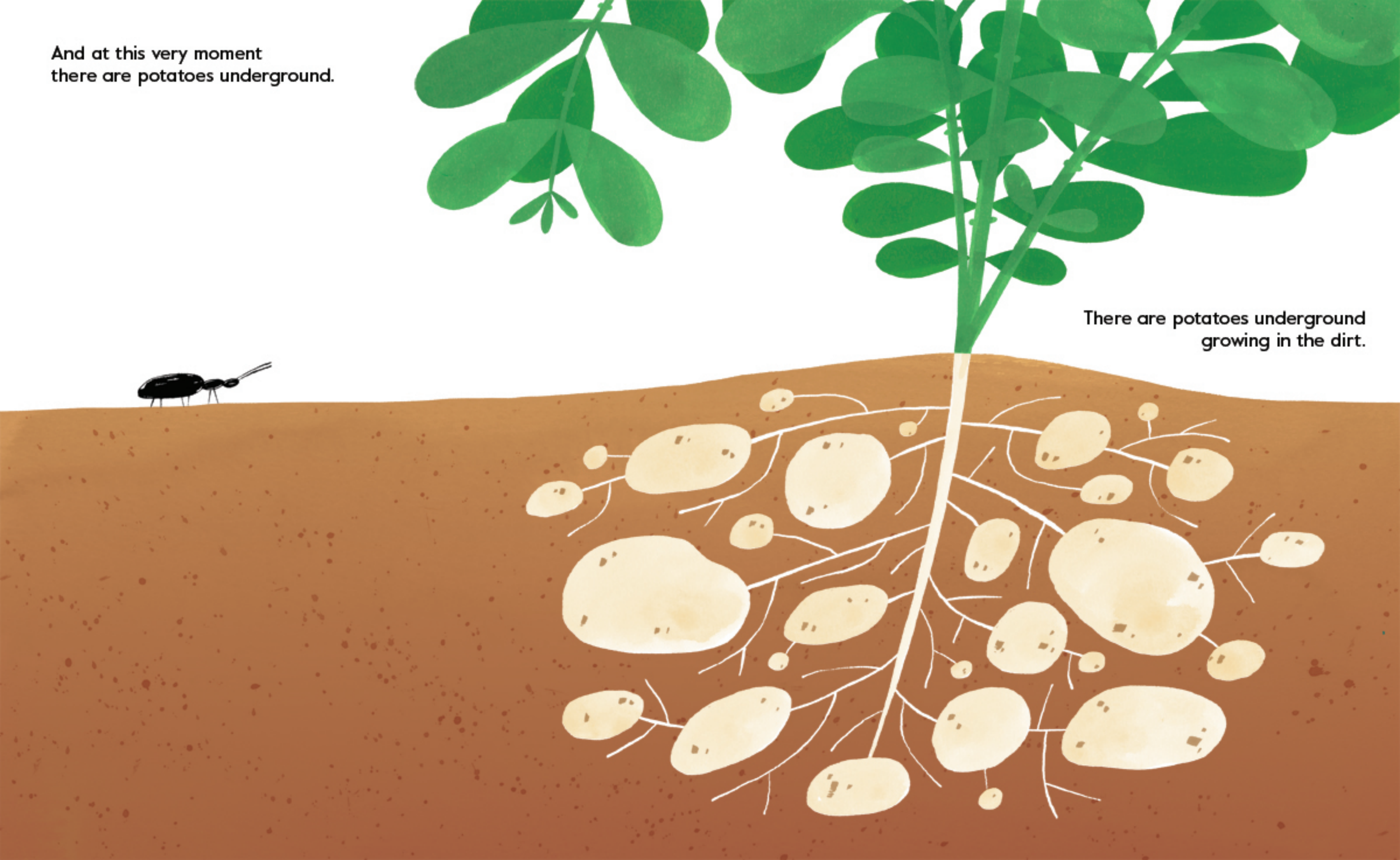
At this very moment
there's a mouse.

There's a small mouse waking up
in the early morning sun.



And at this very moment
there are potatoes underground.

There are potatoes underground
growing in the dirt.





And as you sit and read this book
there's a monkey in a tree.

She's eating a banana
and looking at the view.

At this very moment there's a river.



There's a river that is flowing,
always going out to sea.