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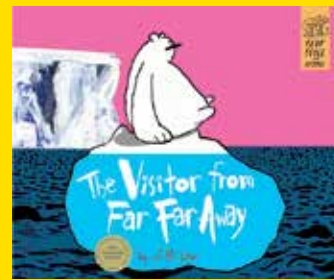
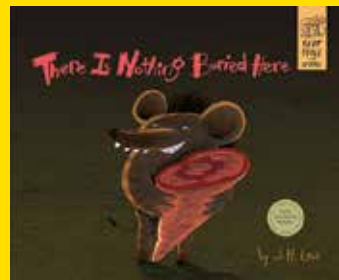
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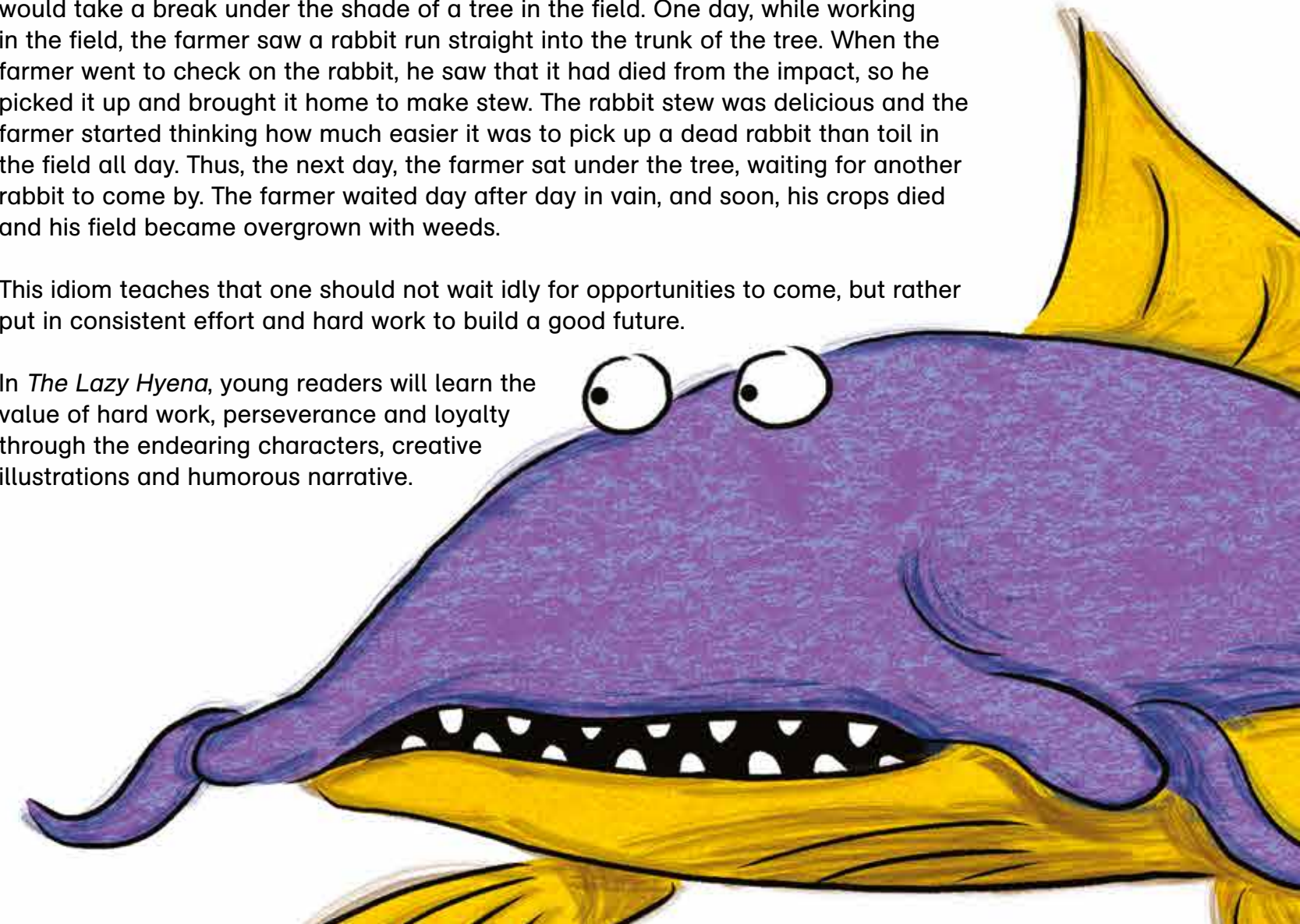
### About this Book

*The Lazy Hyena* is inspired by the Chinese idiom, 守株待兔 (shou zhu dai tu), from a story that dates back to 500 BC, during the time of the Zhou dynasty (1046–256 BC).

In the country of Song, there lived a farmer who would work hard in his field every day. In the afternoons, when the heat from the sun became unbearable, the farmer would take a break under the shade of a tree in the field. One day, while working in the field, the farmer saw a rabbit run straight into the trunk of the tree. When the farmer went to check on the rabbit, he saw that it had died from the impact, so he picked it up and brought it home to make stew. The rabbit stew was delicious and the farmer started thinking how much easier it was to pick up a dead rabbit than toil in the field all day. Thus, the next day, the farmer sat under the tree, waiting for another rabbit to come by. The farmer waited day after day in vain, and soon, his crops died and his field became overgrown with weeds.

This idiom teaches that one should not wait idly for opportunities to come, but rather put in consistent effort and hard work to build a good future.

In *The Lazy Hyena*, young readers will learn the value of hard work, perseverance and loyalty through the endearing characters, creative illustrations and humorous narrative.





Two Tusk the warthog and Huang and Zhi the rabbits  
were the best of friends.  
They lived in Heping Nature Park  
and played together every day.





While playing one day, Zhi tripped  
and went flying through the air,  
hitting Four Tooth the hyena in the head.





### About the Author and Illustrator

J.H. Low has always been a passionate artist, illustrator and creator of stories. He holds a BA (Honours) in Fine Arts from the University of Leeds, UK, and a MA in Children's Books Illustration from the Anglia Ruskin University, UK. In 2009, he received the prestigious Macmillan Prize for Children's Picture Book Illustration for *There Is Nothing Buried Here*, which was translated into Chinese and became his first published book.

J.H.'s illustrations are spontaneous and masterful, and often imbued with a light touch of humour. He is the illustrator of *Dragon's Egg* (2012) by award-winning author, Carolyn Goodwin. He is also the author and illustrator of the much-loved children's book, *Lost in the Gardens* (2015), the first in a series of books on Singapore's attractions.

