

CHAPTER 3

The Water Hole



The cub siblings are two weeks old now. Kash opens his sky-blue eyes.

He does not see well yet, and he stumbles over the top of his sisters.



He tumbles over his sisters again when it is time to eat. He is not strong yet, but he will be soon.

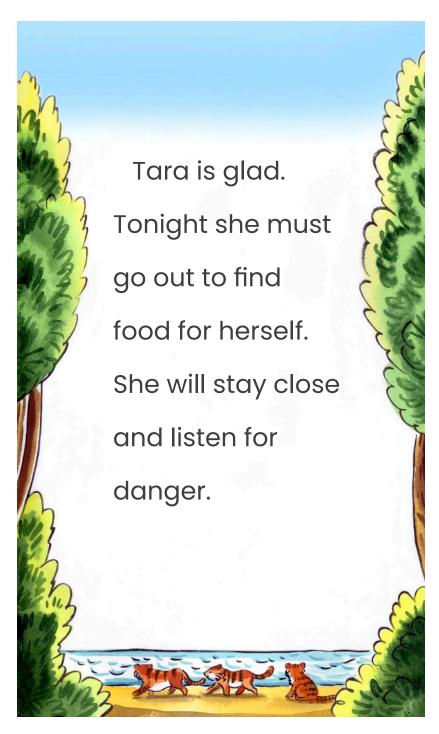


Reva and Lata have blue eyes too. All of their eyes will turn golden like their mother's eyes as the cubs grow.





It is getting late in the day, and the cubs are getting sleepy.



First, she stops to get a drink at the water hole. She laps up water and then lifts her head to look out over the dark land. Shhh, what does she see?

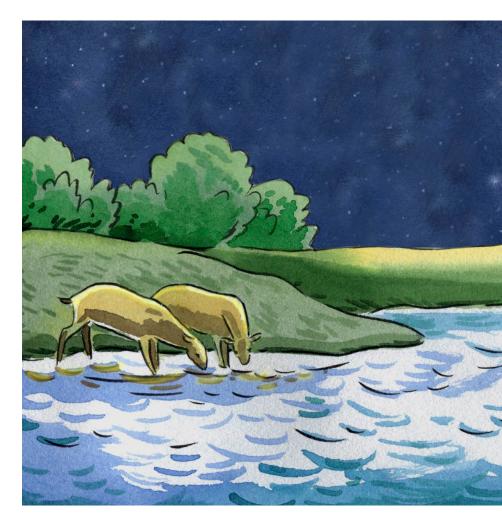




Look closely. Do you see her glowing eyes? The lenses in her eyes let in lots of light so she can see better in the dark.

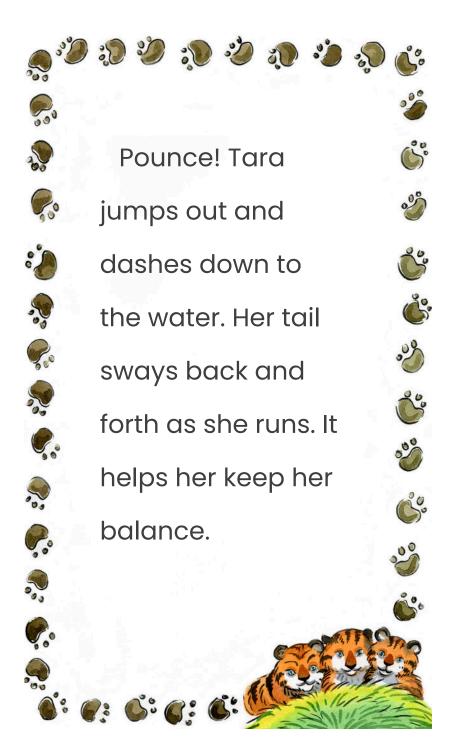
What does she hear?

Footsteps *trip-trap* down the path. What could it be? It is a group of deer getting a drink.



She ducks down and stays out of sight. She creeps low in the brush so the deer do not see her coming.





Three deer lift their heads and leap away, but the last deer does not hear Tara coming. She is thankful for the deer.



With her belly full, Tara returns to her cubs.

