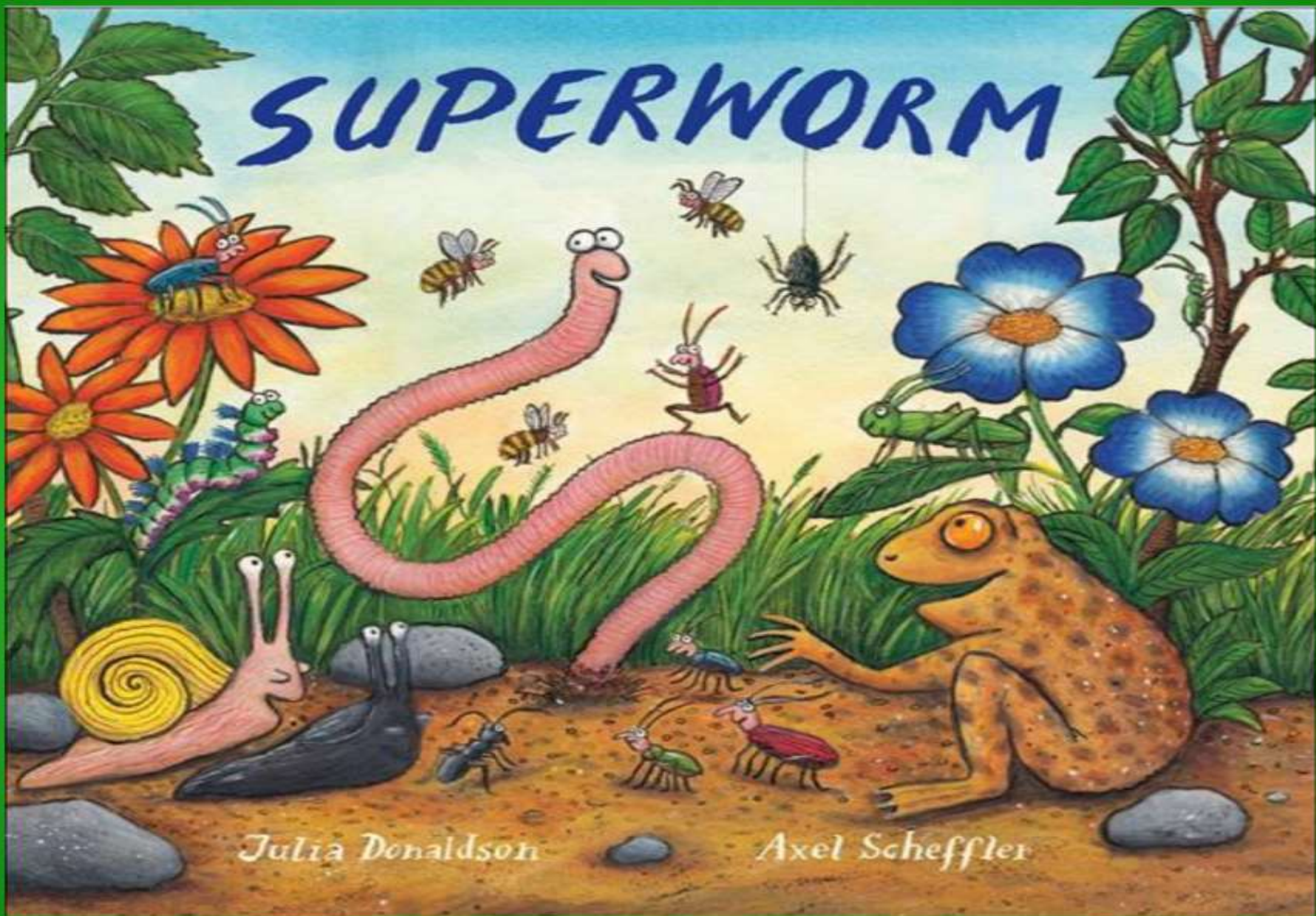


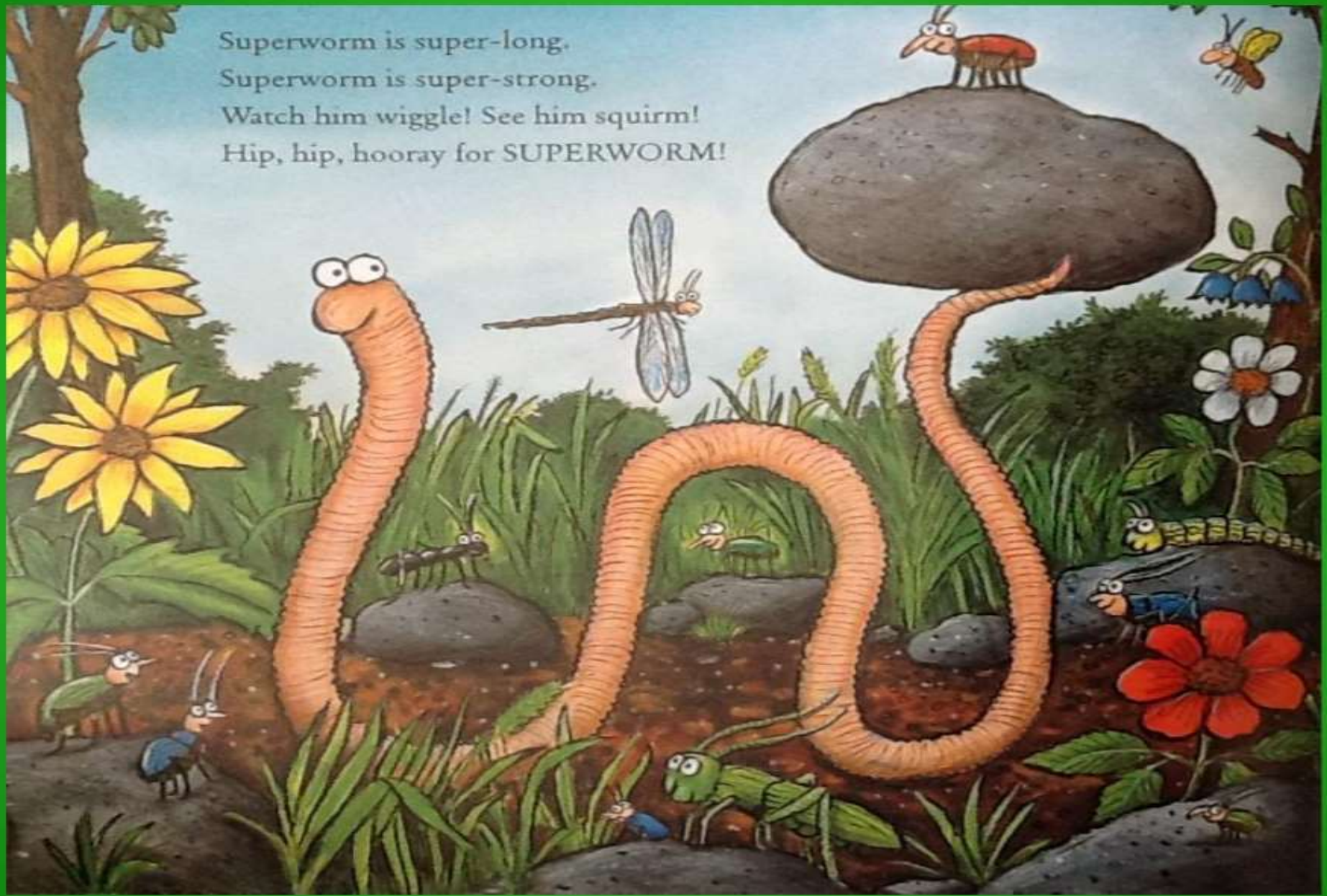
# SUPERWORM



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Superworm is super-long,  
Superworm is super-strong,  
Watch him wiggle! See him squirm!  
Hip, hip, hooray for SUPERWORM!



Help! Disaster! Baby toad  
Has hopped on to a major road.



“Quick! Whatever can we do?”



Look – a SUPERWORM lasso!



The bees are feeling bored today.  
They need a nice new game to play.



Cheer up, bees! No need to mope . . .



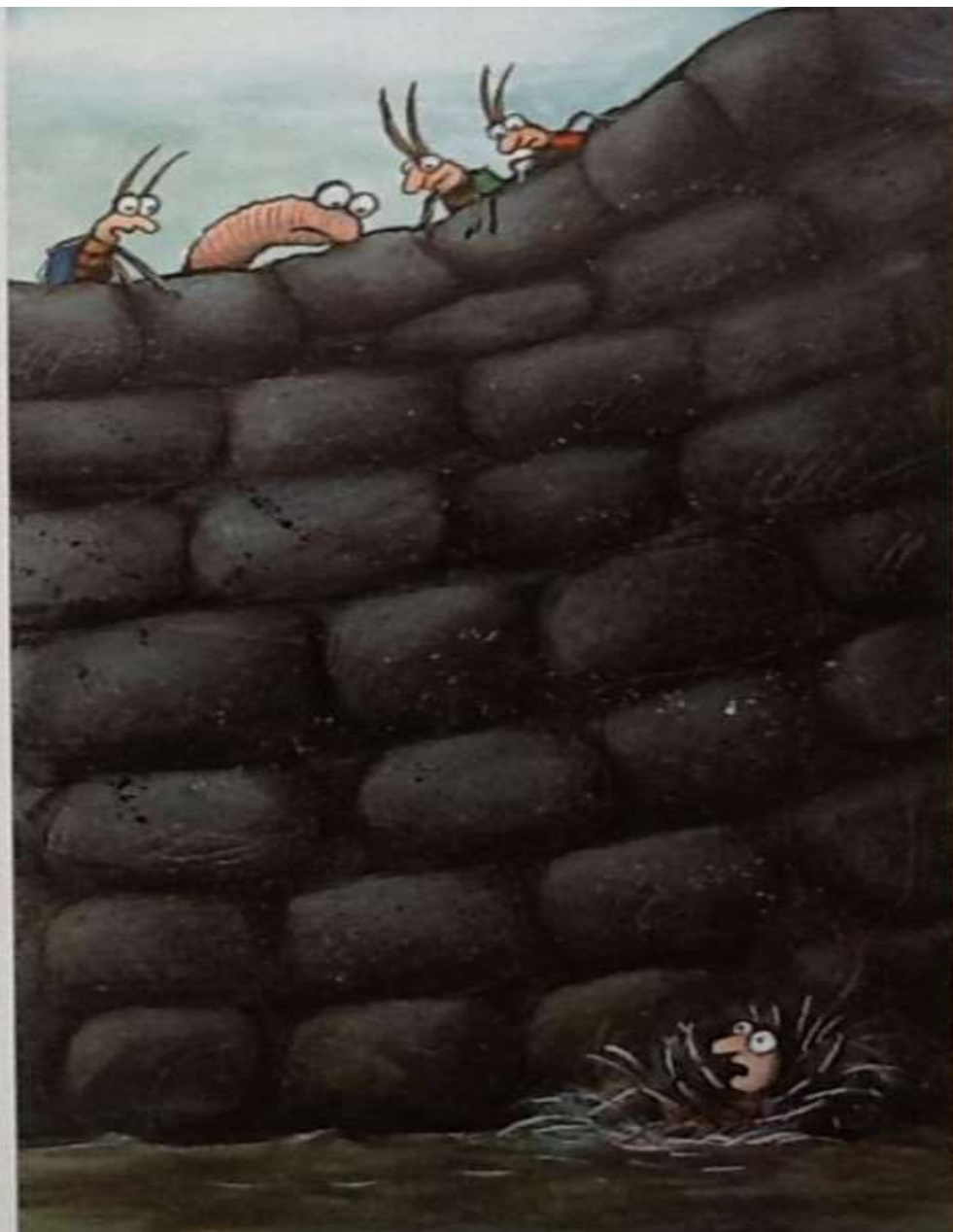
It's SUPERWORM, the skipping-rope!



Beetle's fallen in the well!  
Is she drowning? Who can tell?

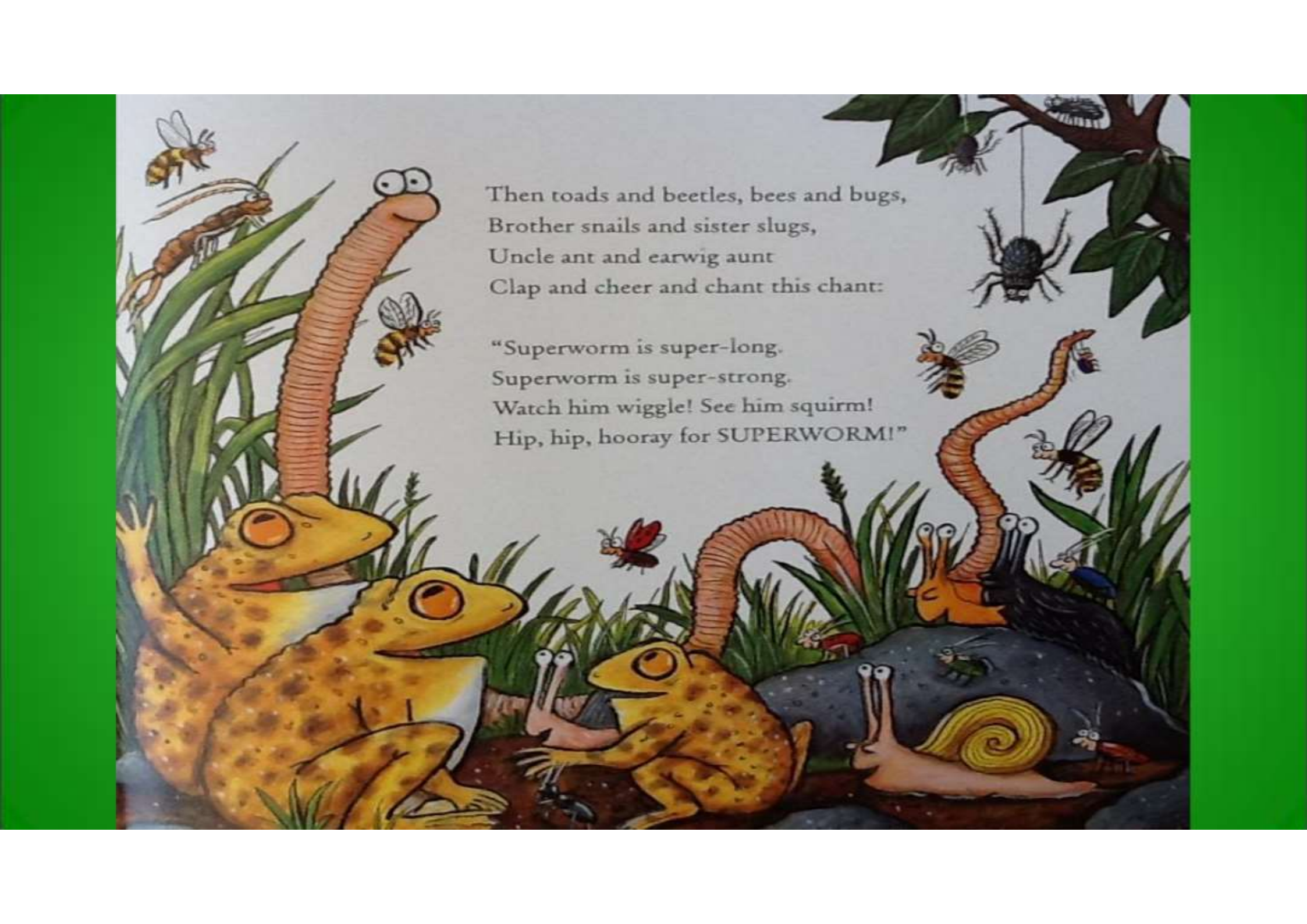


Not to panic – all is fine . . .



It's SUPERWORM, the fishing-line!





Then toads and beetles, bees and bugs,  
Brother snails and sister slugs,  
Uncle ant and earwig aunt  
Clap and cheer and chant this chant:

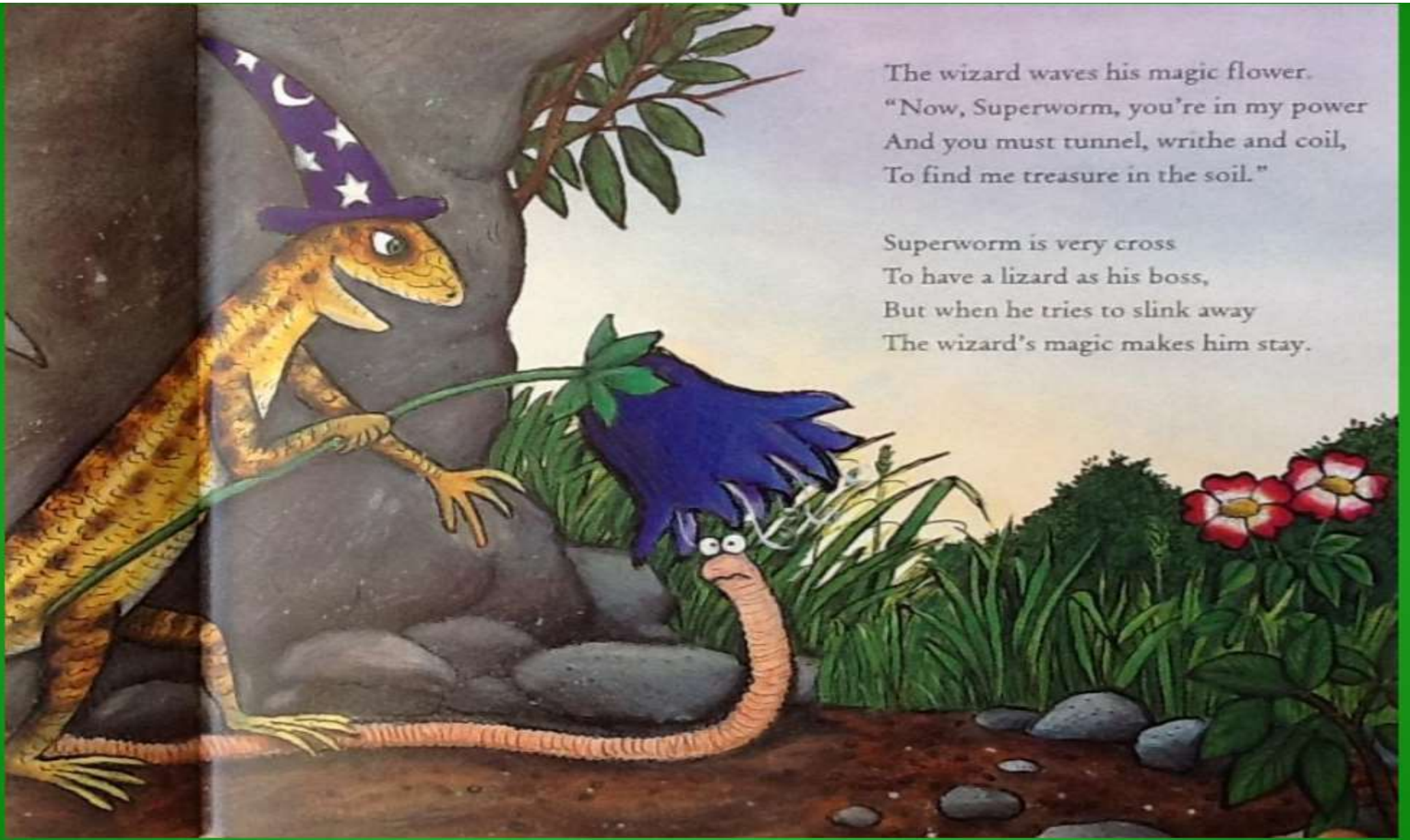
“Superworm is super-long.  
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Watch him wiggle! See him squirm!  
Hip, hip, hooray for SUPERWORM!”

The chant is carried on the air  
To Wizard Lizard in his lair.  
He mutters in his servant's ear,  
"Find that worm and bring him here."





The servant crow is black and grim.  
Everyone is scared of him.  
They all let out a fearful shriek  
To see their hero in his beak.

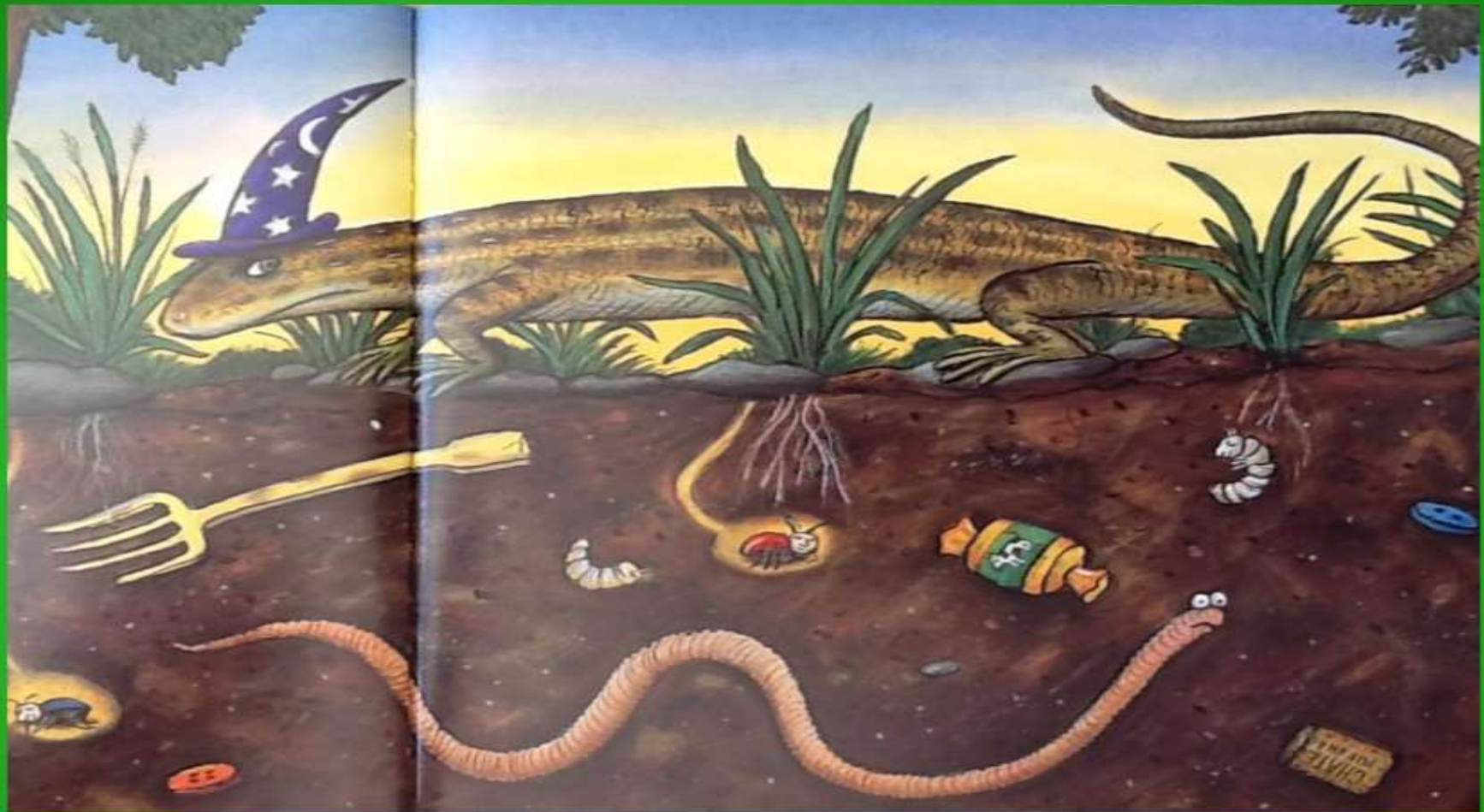


The wizard waves his magic flower.  
"Now, Superworm, you're in my power  
And you must tunnel, writhe and coil,  
To find me treasure in the soil."

Superworm is very cross  
To have a lizard as his boss,  
But when he tries to slink away  
The wizard's magic makes him stay.



For days he tunnels, twists and winds, but all the treasure that  
he finds,  
Is two small buttons, half a cork, a toffee and a plastic fork.



The lizard flicks and angry tail. "Have one last try, and if you fail,  
To find that treasure down below, I'll feed you to my hungry  
crow."