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the Autumn**

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To Lydia,  
S.M<sup>c</sup>B.

For the mice,  
Julian and Mami,  
A.J.

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I LOVE YOU  
— *in the* —  
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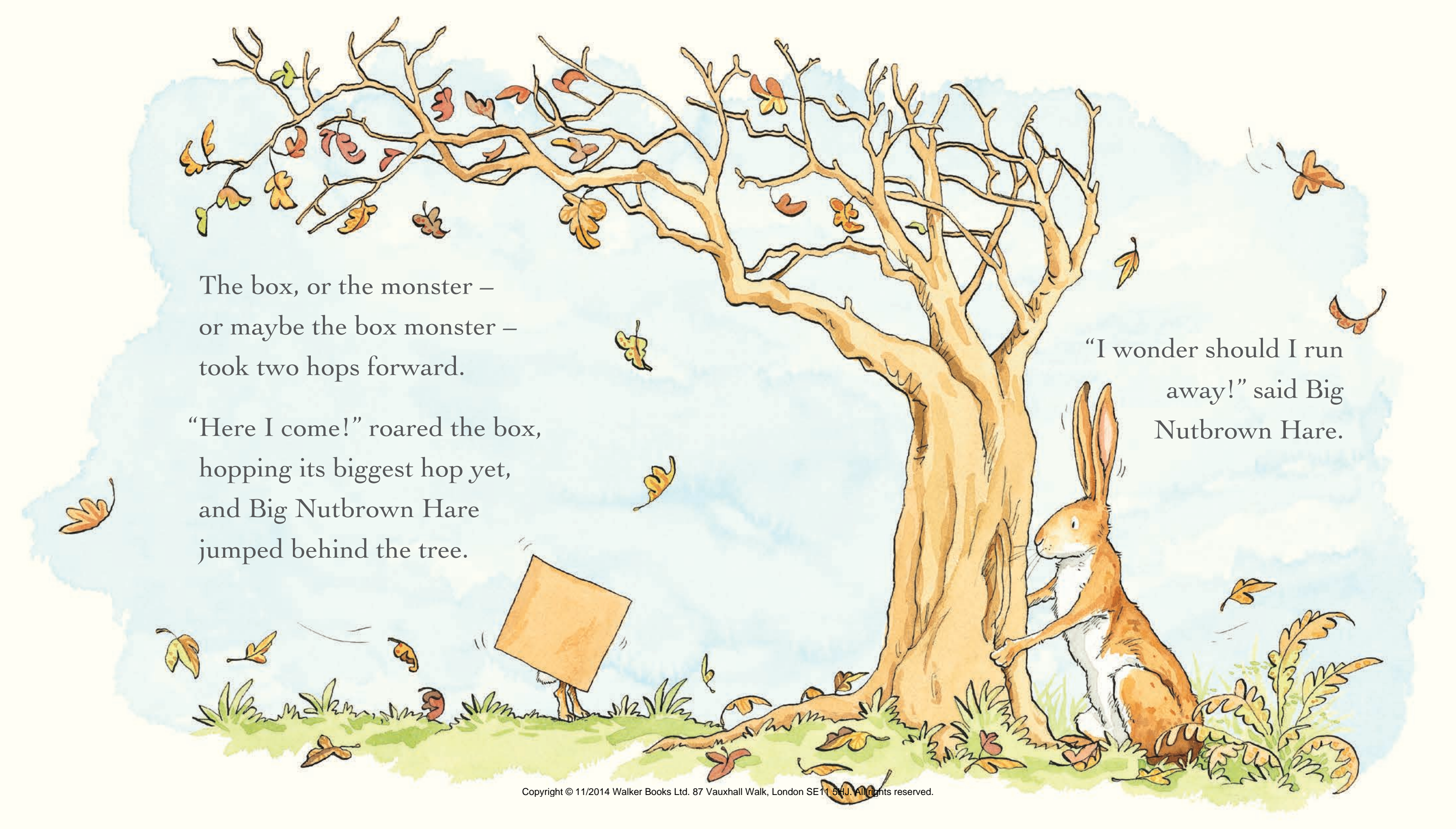


  
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Little Nutbrown Hare  
and Big Nutbrown Hare went out  
in the autumn wind.





The box, or the monster –  
or maybe the box monster –  
took two hops forward.

“Here I come!” roared the box,  
hopping its biggest hop yet,  
and Big Nutbrown Hare  
jumped behind the tree.

“I wonder should I run  
away!” said Big  
Nutbrown Hare.

“No!” shouted the box, which suddenly  
flew into the air. “It’s only me!”

And there was Little  
Nutbrown Hare,  
who could hardly  
stop laughing.

“You’re not a monster,”  
said Big Nutbrown Hare.

“But guess what.”

“What?”

