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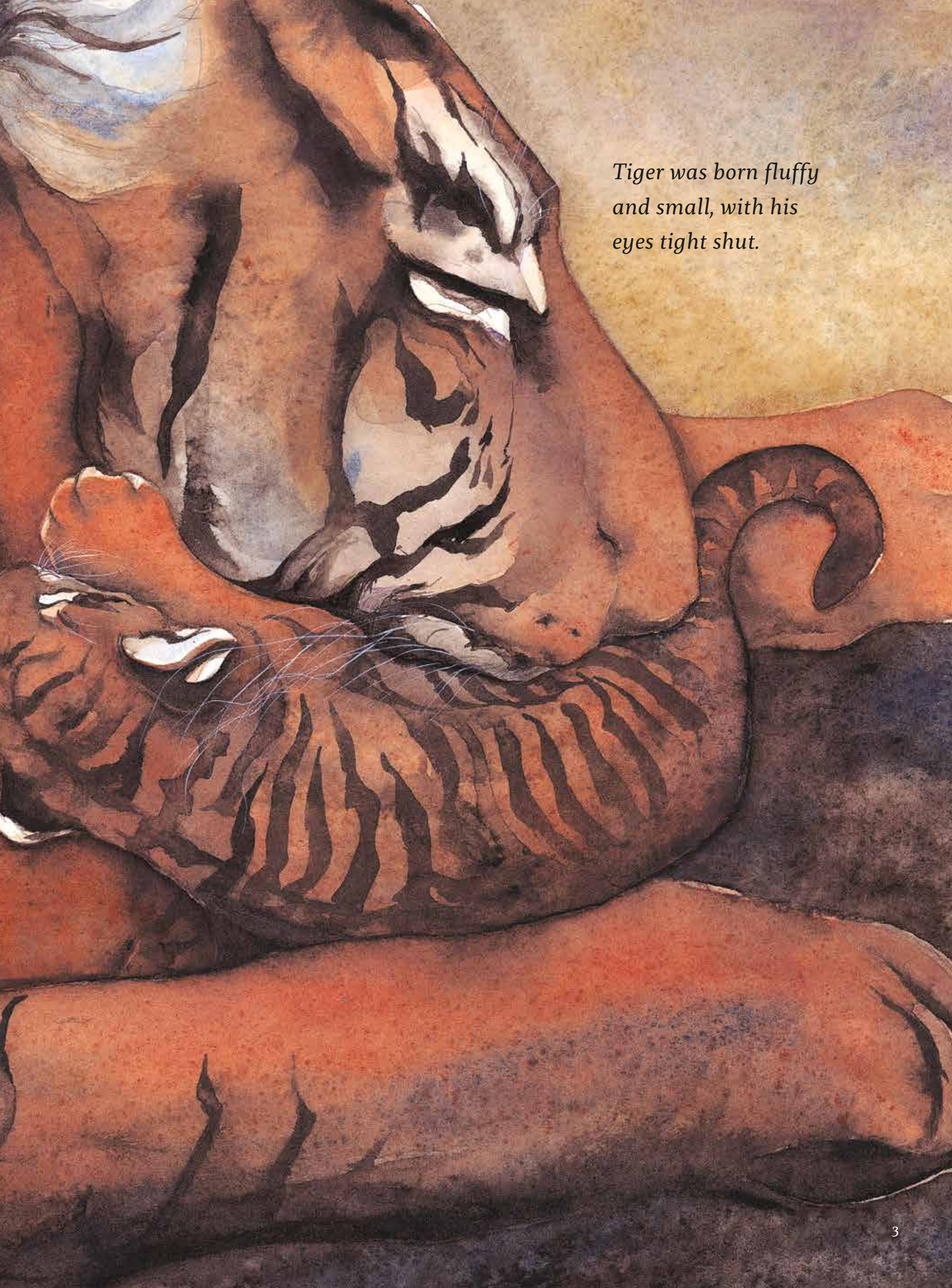


*Lord of the
Forest*

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*Tiger was born fluffy
and small, with his
eyes tight shut.*





*He twitched his ears and said,
'I can hear the forest, the sap rising
in the trees and the grass growing
long after spring rain.*


*I hear the slither of zig-zagged
snakes and the crow of Jungle
Fowl when he wakes.*

*I hear Monkey whooping to
his tribe and the shudder of the
branch as he jumps.*

*I can even hear the curling of
Chameleon's tongue and the gulp
of little Gekko in the green.'*

*His mother said, 'When you
don't hear the forest, when
silence simmers in the trees,
then, my son, be ready.*

*The Lord of the Forest
is on his way!'*

A detailed painting of two tigers in a pond. The tigers are the central focus, with one in the foreground looking towards the viewer and another behind it. The water is dark blue with splashes, and there are green lily pads and pink flowers. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

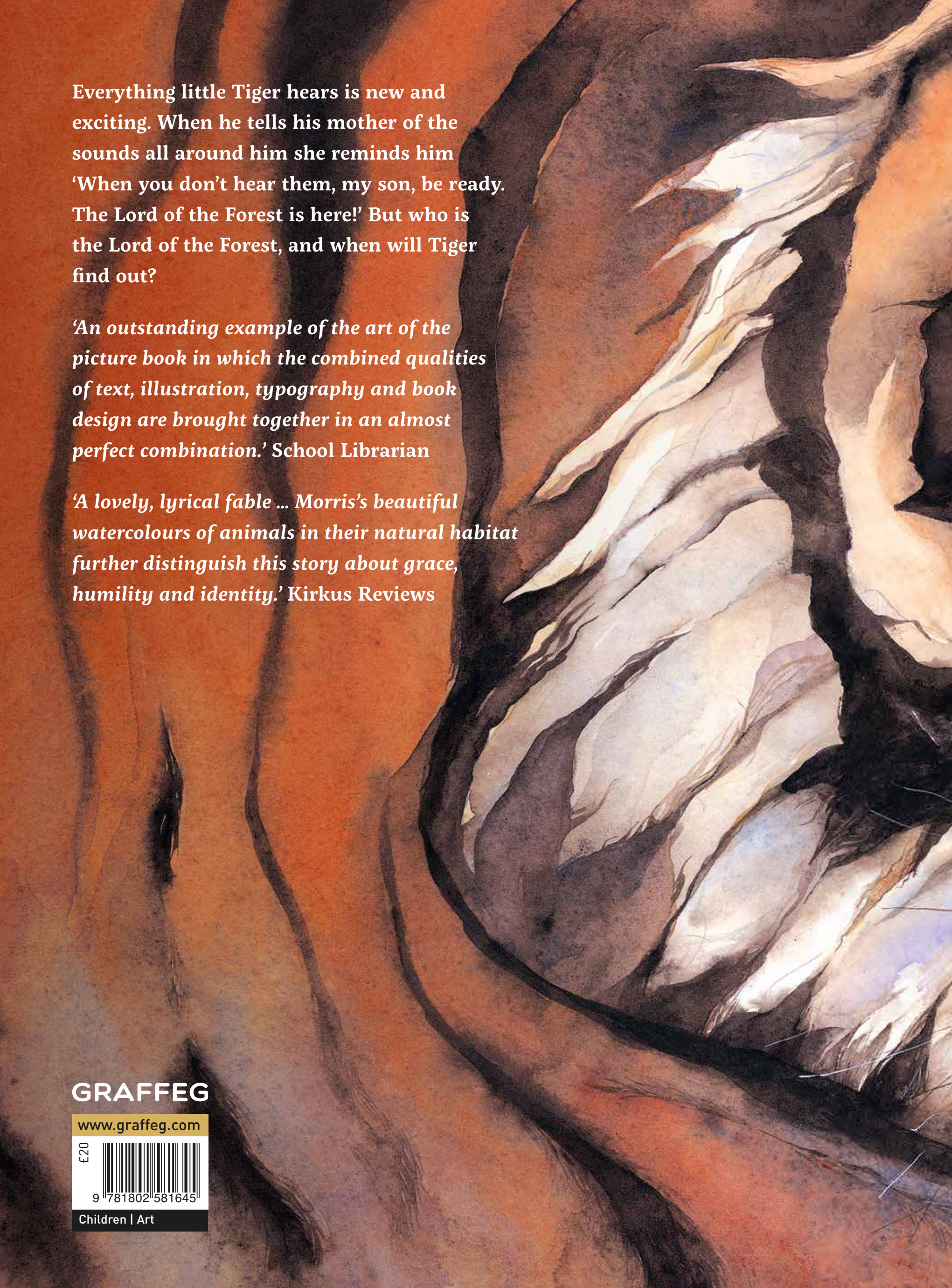
*Tiger played and fought with his brothers.
He swam in the cool water.*

*He told his mother, 'I can hear the creep of crabs from
the pool and the flip of fish as they leap in the cool,
the croak and splash of jumping frogs and the
slither of Water-snake down from the logs.'*

*His mother said, 'When you don't hear them,
when silence burns and time stands still,
then, my son, be ready.'*

The Lord of the Forest is here!





Everything little Tiger hears is new and exciting. When he tells his mother of the sounds all around him she reminds him 'When you don't hear them, my son, be ready. The Lord of the Forest is here!' But who is the Lord of the Forest, and when will Tiger find out?

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