



THE BABY THAT ROARED!

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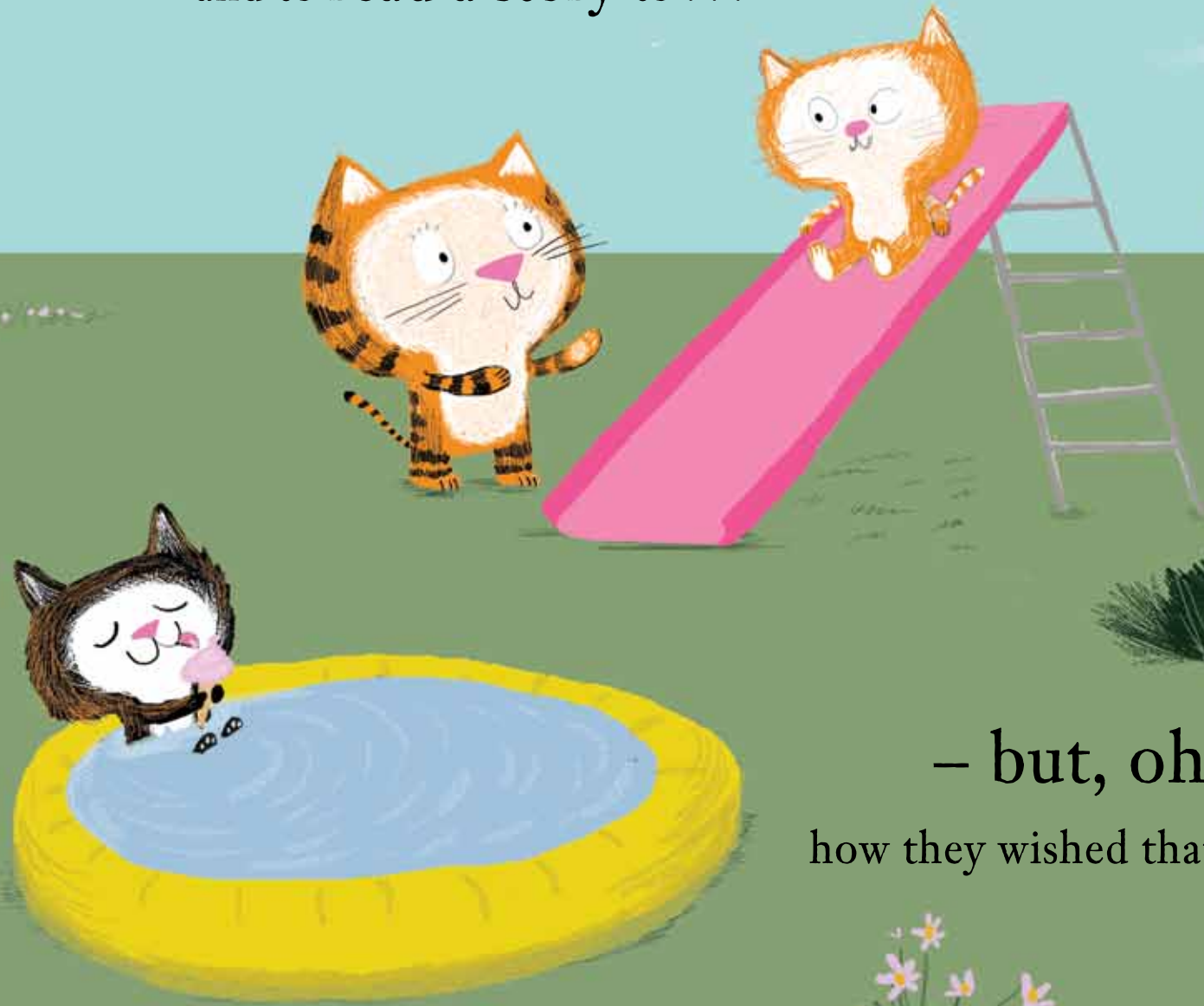
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Mr and Mrs Deer had no baby
of their own to love and to cuddle
and to read a story to . . .



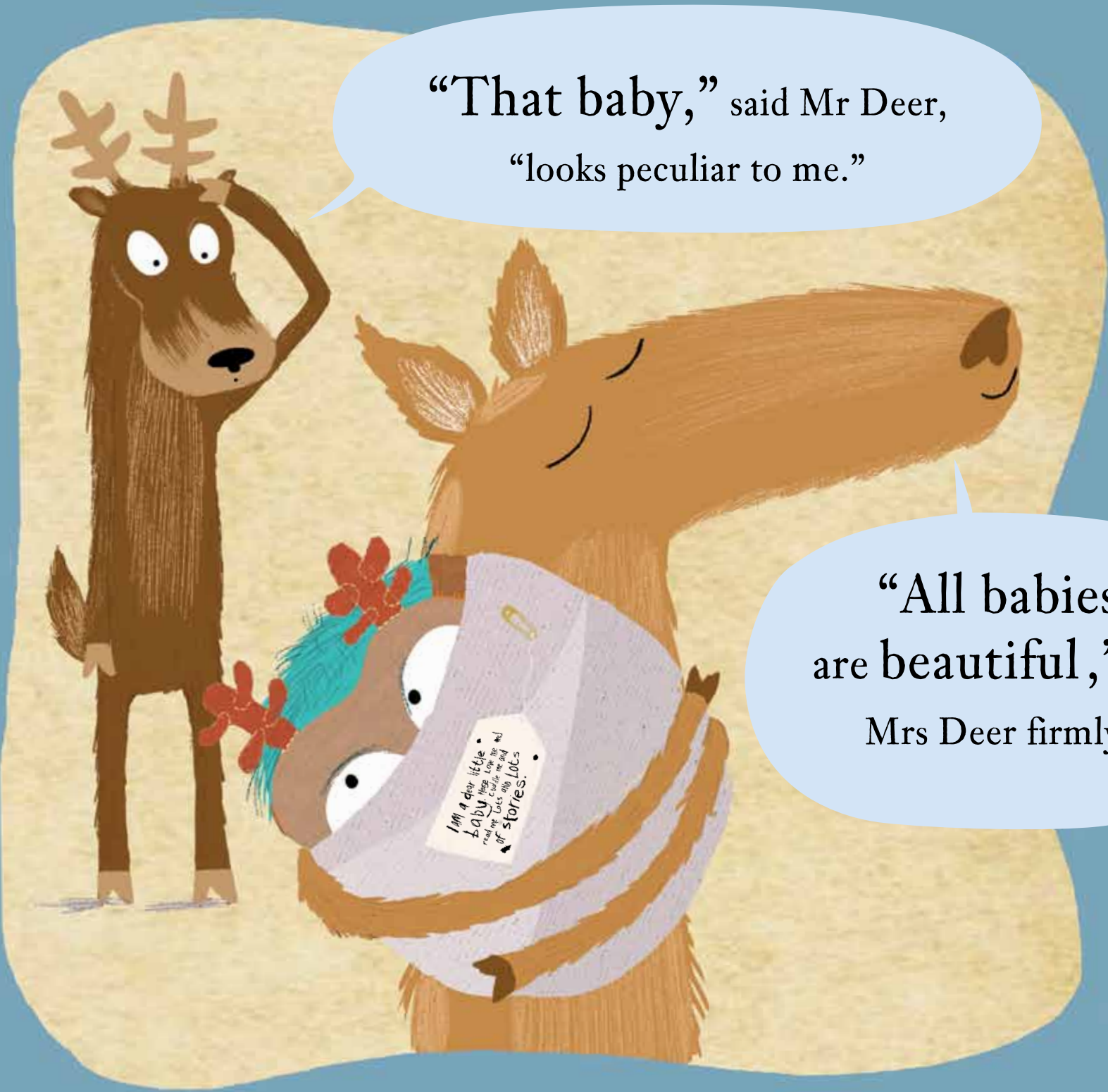
– but, oh! –
how they wished that they had.



Then one day,
they found a bundle on the doorstep.
The bundle had a note attached,
which said . . .



I am a dear little
baby. Please Love me and
read me Lots and Lots
of stories.



“That baby,” said Mr Deer,
“looks peculiar to me.”

The illustration shows Mr. Deer on the left, a brown deer with small antlers, looking at a baby deer. Mrs. Deer is on the right, a larger brown deer, holding the baby deer. The baby deer is wearing a purple blanket and a headband with red flowers. A speech bubble from Mr. Deer contains the text “That baby,” said Mr Deer, “looks peculiar to me.”

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A speech bubble from Mrs. Deer contains the text “All babies are beautiful,” said Mrs Deer firmly.

She picked it up and cuddled it at once.



Then she popped it into the laundry basket, which was just the right size
for a bed. But, no sooner had she put the baby down,
than it let out a great **big**



“I expect it’s hungry,” said Mr Deer. “Babies usually are.”