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for ever,
no matter what.**

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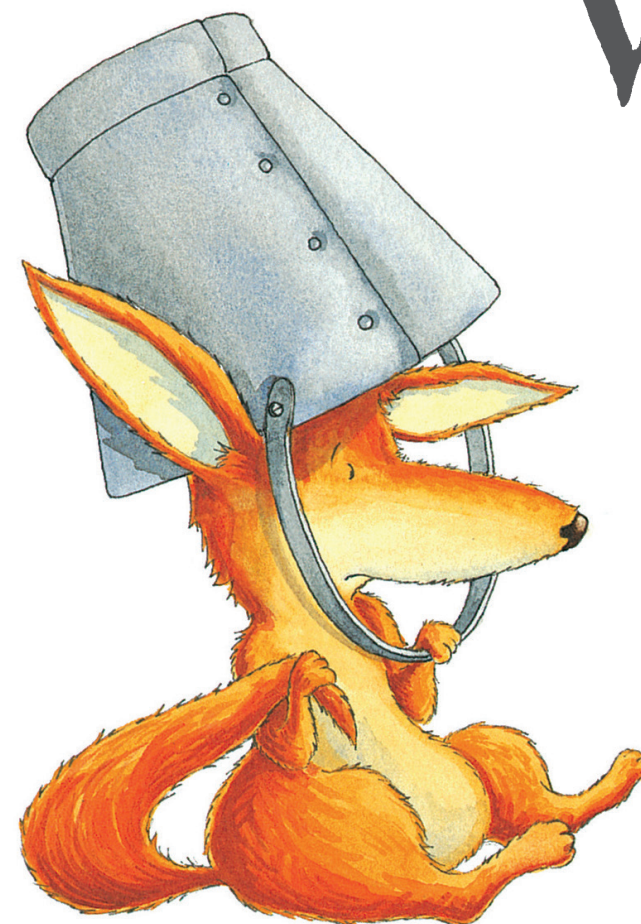
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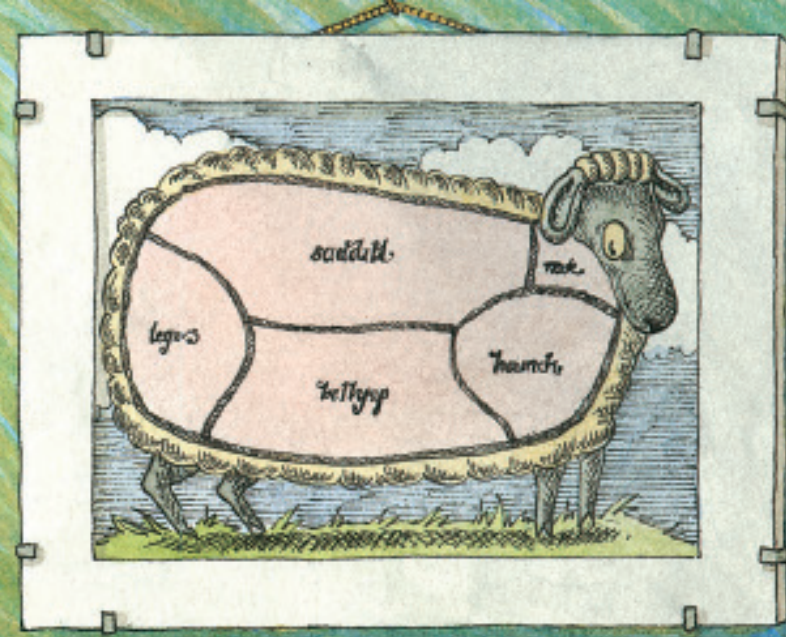
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Small was feeling
grim and dark.



Playing toss and fling and squash,
yell and scream and bang and crash.
Break and snap and bash and batter . . .



“Good grief,” said Large.
“What is the matter?”



A cartoon illustration of a fox with orange fur and a white underbelly. The fox is wearing a large, grey metal bucket on its head, which is secured by a metal collar around its neck. The fox is sitting down, looking towards the right with a slight smile. The background is plain white.

"Oh Small," said Large. "Grumpy or not, I'll always love you no matter what."

A large orange fox with a long, bushy tail is sitting on a wooden deck at night. It is hugging a small orange fox that is sitting on its back. The large fox has its eyes closed and a gentle expression. The small fox is also sitting with its eyes closed. To the left of the foxes is a large, ornate pink umbrella with a gold-colored frame and a pink fabric top. The umbrella is open and its handle is on the ground. In the background, there is a blue sky with white clouds and a small yellow duck flying in the upper left corner. A small, ornate candelabra with three lit candles is on the ground to the right of the foxes. The scene is set on a wooden deck with a railing. The overall mood is warm and affectionate.

Small said, "If I was a grizzly bear,
would you still love me,
would you care?"



"Of course," said Large,
"bear or not,
I'll always love you
no matter what."



Small said, "But if I turned into a bug,

would you still love me and give me a hug?"



"Of course," said Large,
"bug or not,



I'll always love you
no matter what."



“No matter what?” said Small
and smiled.



“What if I was
a crocodile?”

