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For Darwin always, and for children who wake trembling and cold. – S.T.

For all the mammies, especially my own. – P.D.

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Hop shivers in a dark wood.

One hundred, hungry-eyed wolves watch her through twisted trees.

Hop sticks out her tongue and runs.

Fast.

But wolves...

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are faster.





And Hop wakes, trembling and cold. "Next time you have the bad dream," says Mummy, stroking Hop's face, "burrow deep under the ground into another dream."