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It was a beautiful spring morning in the African Savannah. The Spring season brought new baby fawns to the great Gazelle herds. The happy mothers snuggled and cuddled their new babies. And one little fawn and her parents, came to discover that she was unlike the other Gazelle fawns.

This newest fawn's parents loved her just the way she was and proudly named her Paley. She was a darling, wide-eyed, happy go lucky gazelle who wanted to be friends with the other Fawns who were normal looking.

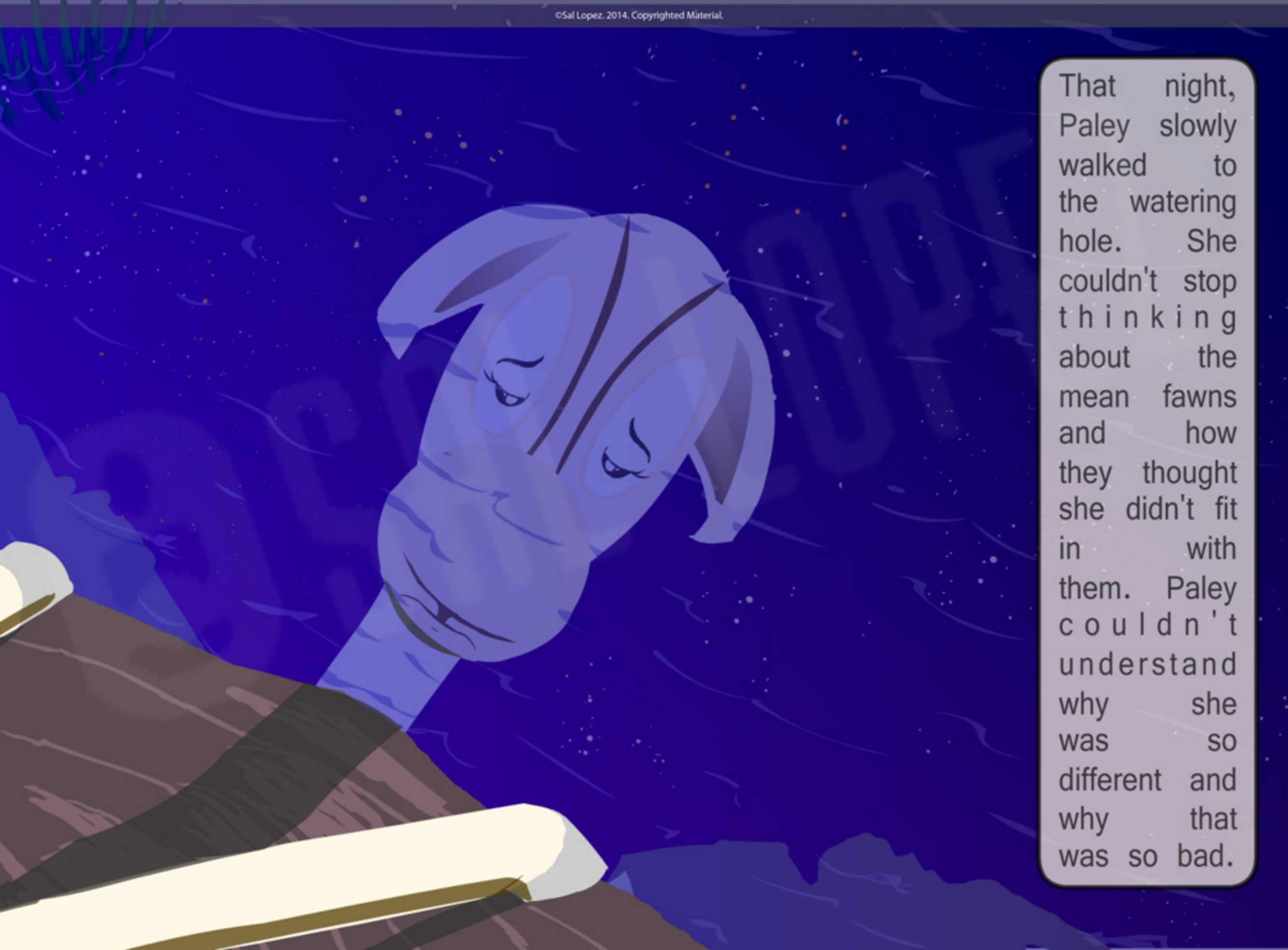




The other Gazelles gawked and stared at Paley. "Look at her, she has no color!" cried one Gazelle. "She's all white and pale and weird" said another fawn. "Paley is right!" said a fawn. Getting to know Paley was not something they were interested in.

Paley was excited to graze with the other gazelles. But, they did not want her to eat with them. “This grass is for normal looking fawns” said one Gazelle. They did not welcome her to graze with them. Paley was sad and hungry.





That night, Paley slowly walked to the watering hole. She couldn't stop thinking about the mean fawns and how they thought she didn't fit in with them. Paley couldn't understand why she was so different and why that was so bad.



Paley's Parent's told her that everything would be ok. They loved her, different color and all, and told her to come graze with them. But Paley, still wished the other fawns would let her eat with them.



A few nights later, Paley befriended a lilac-breasted roller bird named Teal. "I know the other fawns have been mean, but I think you look cool! I will show you a great place for you to eat" said Teal cheerfully.





Teal took Paley to a secret and very special place called Rocky Hoof Peak. She showed Paley where the best, freshest delicious grass grows. "Come on, come on and reach! reach!" cheered Teal.

The other Gazelles pointed and laughed at Paley. They were glad they didn't have to stand to eat, and be different like silly Paley. The fawns simply enjoyed their regular grass from the ground.



Just then, the visitors on the Savannah Safari, the home of the great Gazelles herds, discovered Paley's unique eating style and became enamored. They started to take pictures and celebrated the cute, pale, and light haired little Fawn.



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