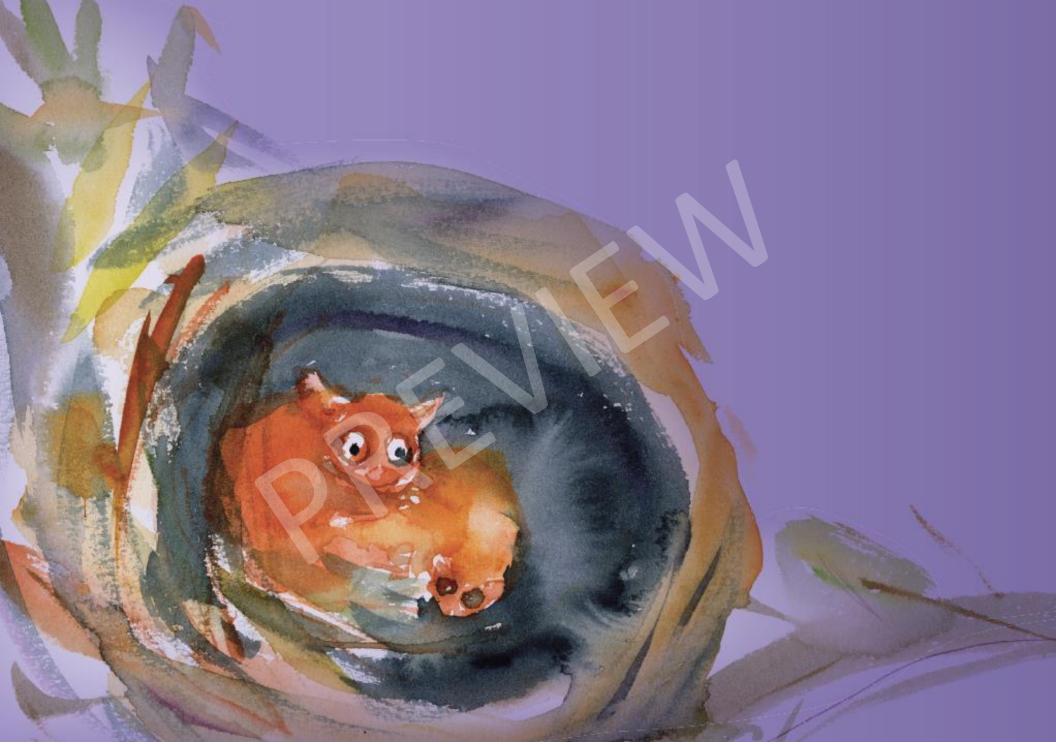
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Bitika was born with her eyes closed. She loved her mother's warm fur and warm smell and warm milk. Bitika grew bigger. Her eyes opened. Bitika grew bigger. She put her head out of the hole. She saw the wonderful forest of the Menabé in western Madagascar where huge baobab trees seem to hold up the sky.

The baobabs are called mothers-of-the-forest.

MOTHER!

Her mother was looking down to lick sweet white sugar from flower-mimic insects.



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