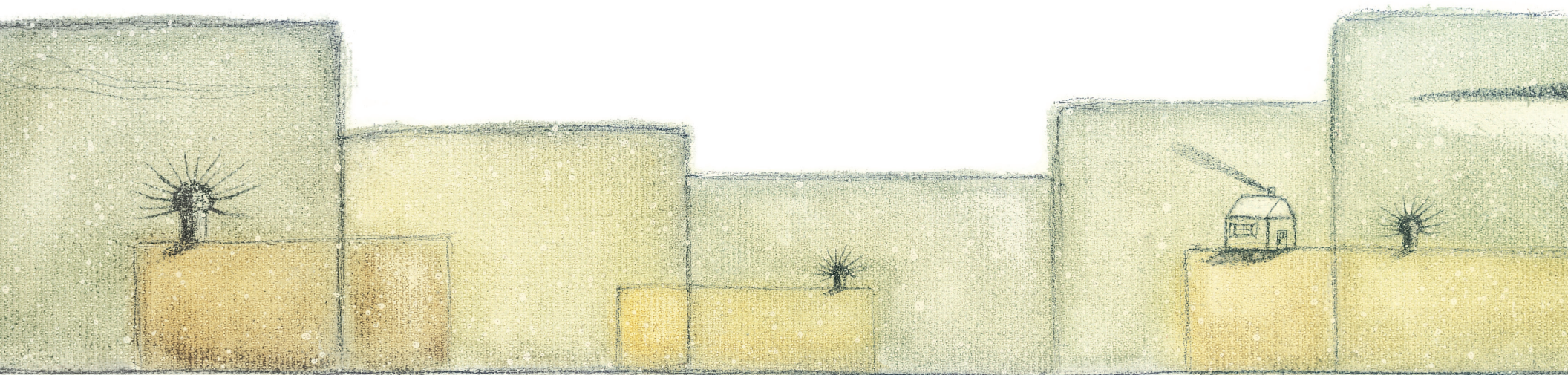


# A COLD NIGHT

A CHRISTMAS FABLE

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“Look!” Cow said. “It’s snowing!”

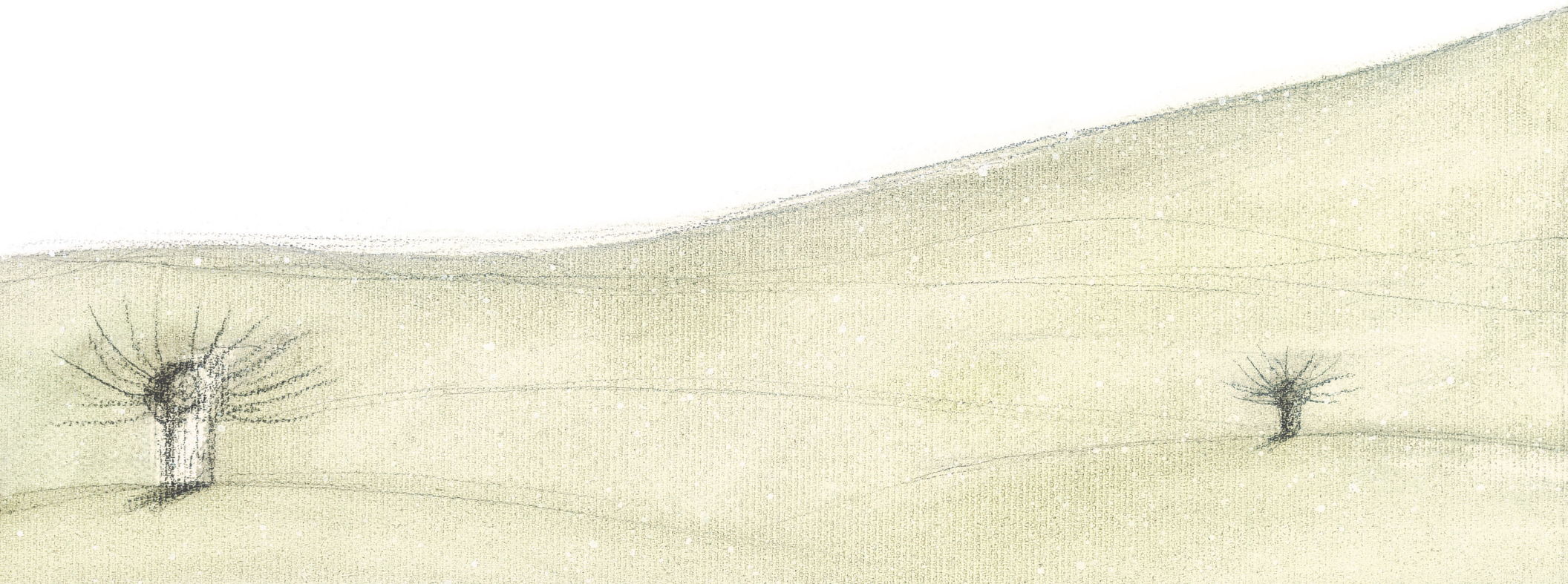
“I’m not surprised,” Donkey said. “The sky has been gray and cloudy for the last two days.”







Outside, the snow kept falling. Here and there,  
animals looked up at the sky and scurried for shelter.



Soon there came a *tap, tap, tap* at the door.

“That must be Woodpecker,” said Donkey. “We should let him in.”

Woodpecker hopped inside the stable and huddled up with the other animals to keep warm.









Later that night, the woman gave birth to a baby boy. Cow, Donkey, Wren, Woodpecker, and Fox listened to his cries, then watched over him as he fell asleep on the hay.

Outside, a star appeared above the stable.