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Moosling

Moosling liked baby animals,
and baby animals loved Moosling.

He let them climb up his legs.
He let them ride on his back.
He let them hang
on his antlers.



He never got mad.
He never shouted.
He made sure
the little ones did not get hurt.

Mothers and fathers
asked Moosling
to babysit all the time.



One day, Skunk asked Moosling to watch the little skunks. Moosling said yes. He liked the baby skunks. They never ran away or climbed too high or fell in the pond.

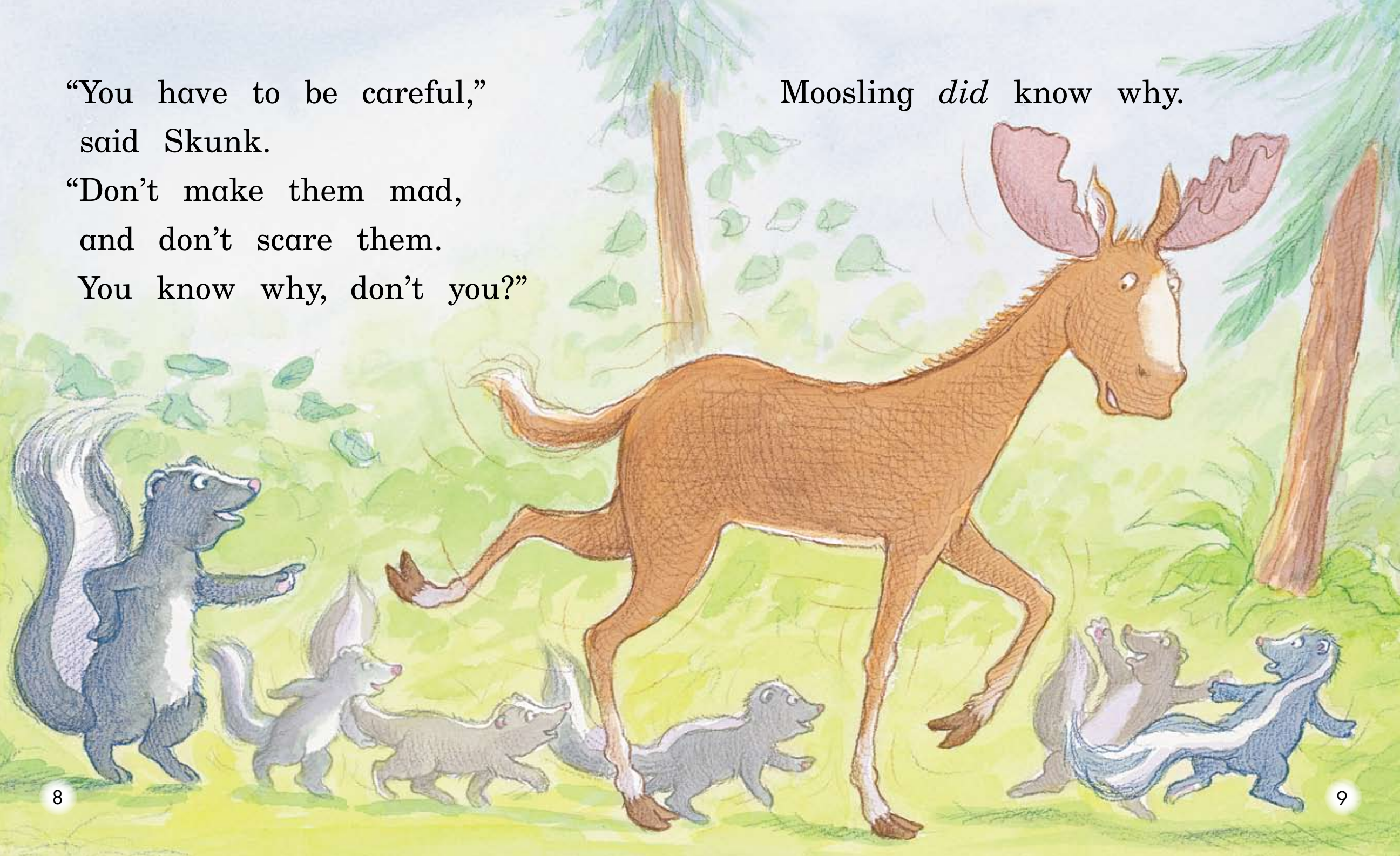
They just followed Moosling in a line, like good little skunks.



“You have to be careful,”
said Skunk.

“Don’t make them mad,
and don’t scare them.
You know why, don’t you?”

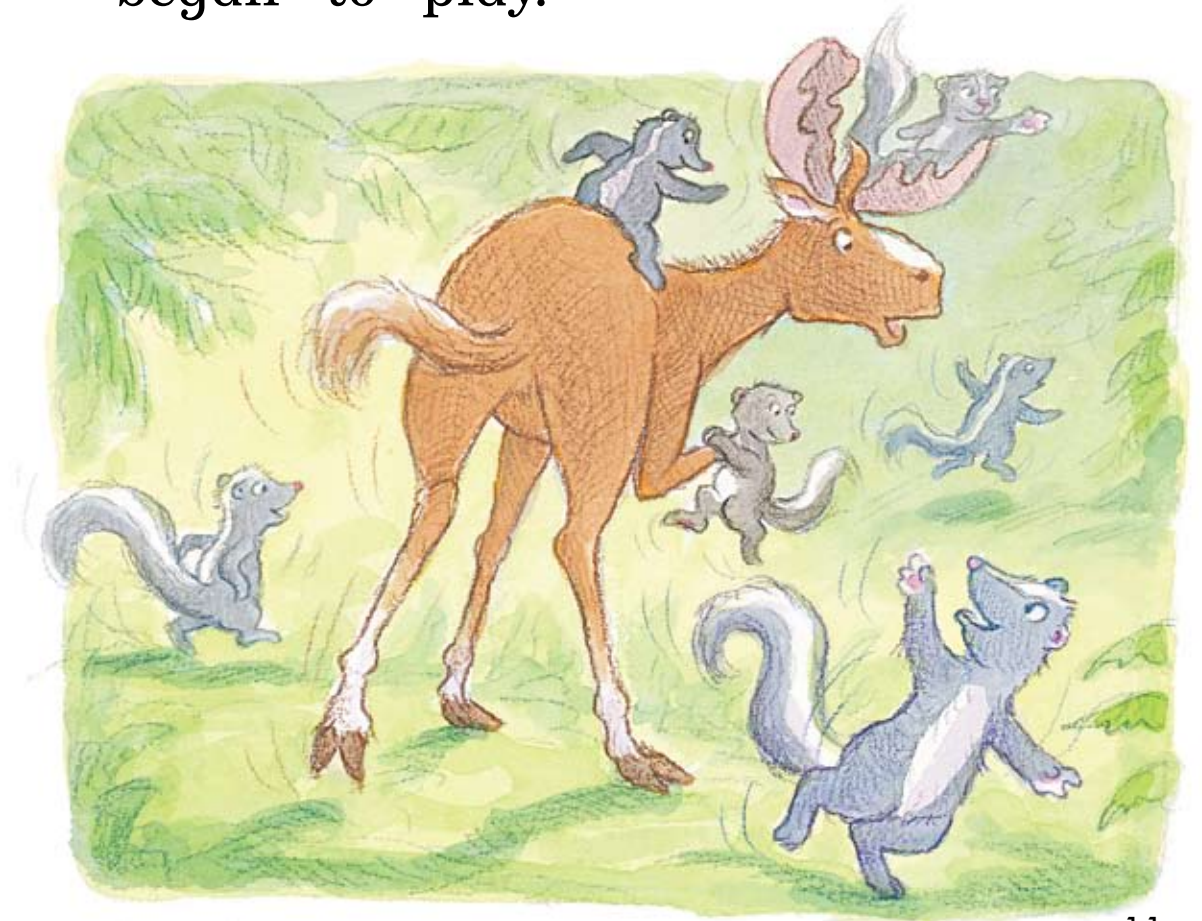
Moosling *did* know why.





Skunks—even little skunks—
can make a very,
very **BAD** smell
when they are upset.

“I will not make them mad,
and I would never scare them,”
said Moosling.
Then he and the little skunks
began to play.





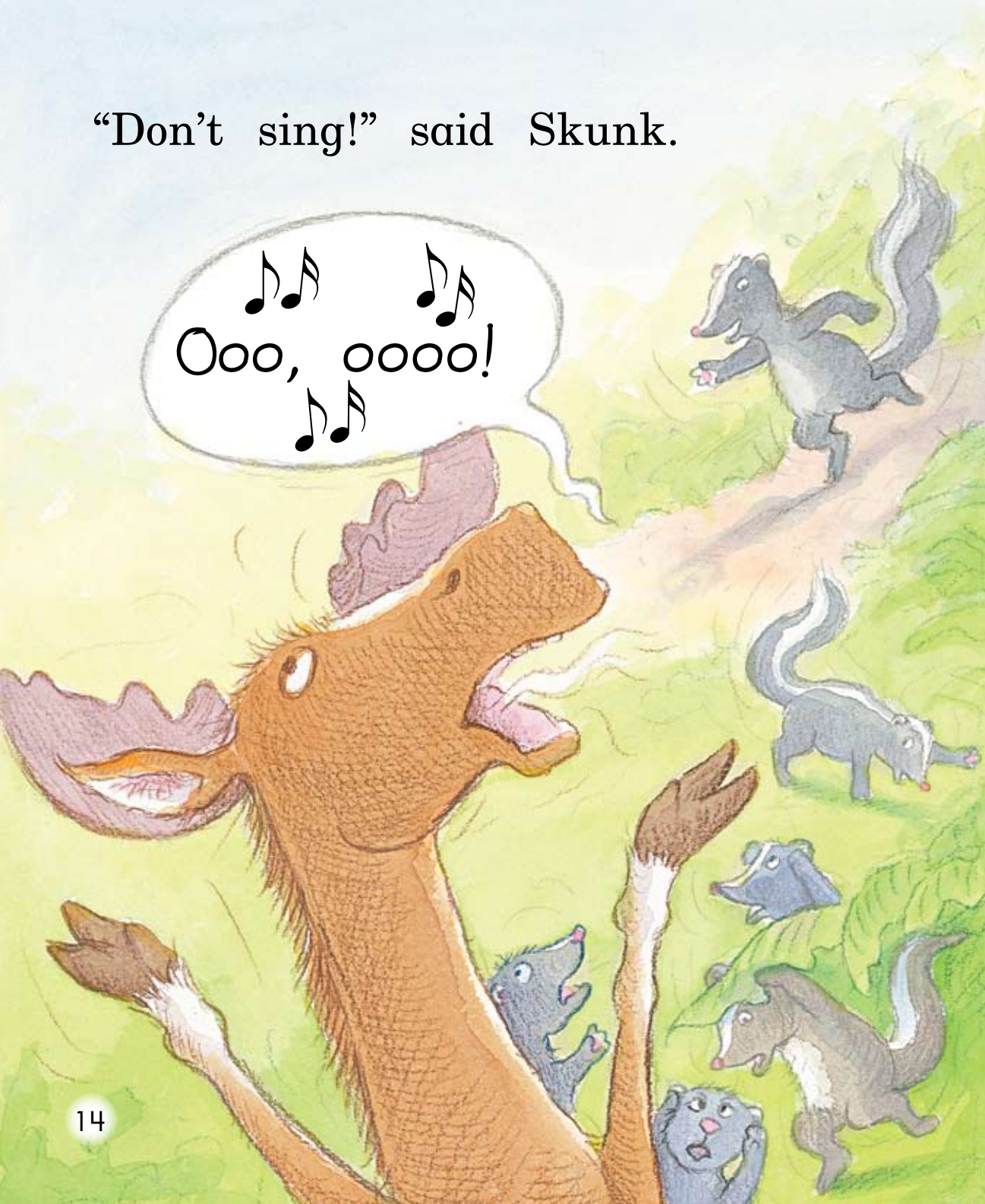
Skunk went off down the road.
But he did not get far.
“Oh, no!” he said.
“I forgot to tell Moosling
one very important thing.”

He ran back.
“Moosling! Moosling!” he called.
“I forgot to tell you something!”



“Don’t sing!” said Skunk.

♪♪ ♪♪
Ooo, oooo!
♪♪



But it was too late.

Moosling smelled very bad
for a long time.

But the baby animals
didn't mind.

They loved him too much
to stay away.

