

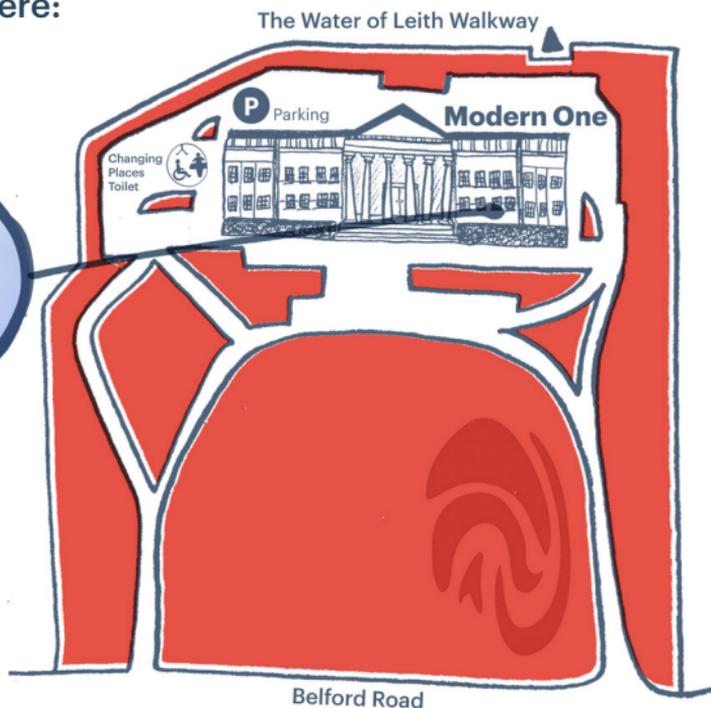
How the Robin got his Red Breast

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Long ago, when wolves
roamed the land, there lived a
father and his son.

They were the keepers of
the forest.

As winter settled in, the land
was covered in a blanket of
ice and snow.





They kept a fire burning day
and night.

During the day the small boy
tended the fire and overnight
his father kept the
fire burning.

The fire brought warmth and
light to the land.



One day the father had to go
away, overnight.

He told his son that he would
have to tend the fire while
he was away and made him
promise not to fall asleep.

The boy agreed.



A hungry wolf watched from
the trees and that night he
saw the boy becoming sleepy.

His eyes began to close.

The boy sang to the fire to
help him stay awake.

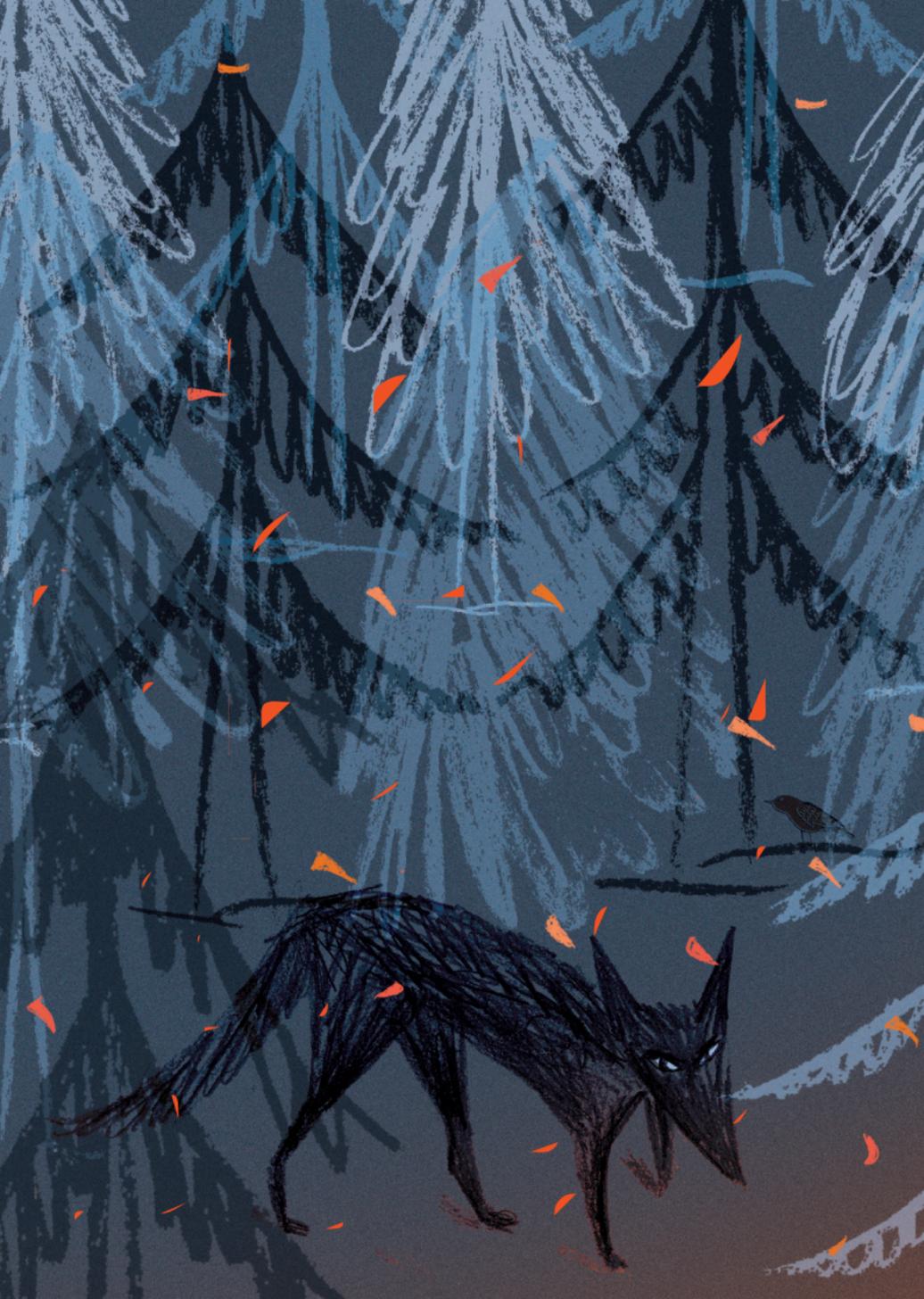




The wolf prowled silently among the trees, watching and waiting for the boy to fall asleep.

The flames of the fire slowly died down and the glowing embers began to fade.

The wolf crept slowly from the forest towards the sleeping boy.



From the undergrowth in the forest, a small brown bird was watching.

As the wolf approached the boy the bird flew past him, as quick as a flash.



She began to fan the glowing embers of the fire with her tiny wings until the fire burst into life again.

The flames were hot, and they burned the feathers on the little bird's breast until they were bright red.

The wolf slunk back into the forest.

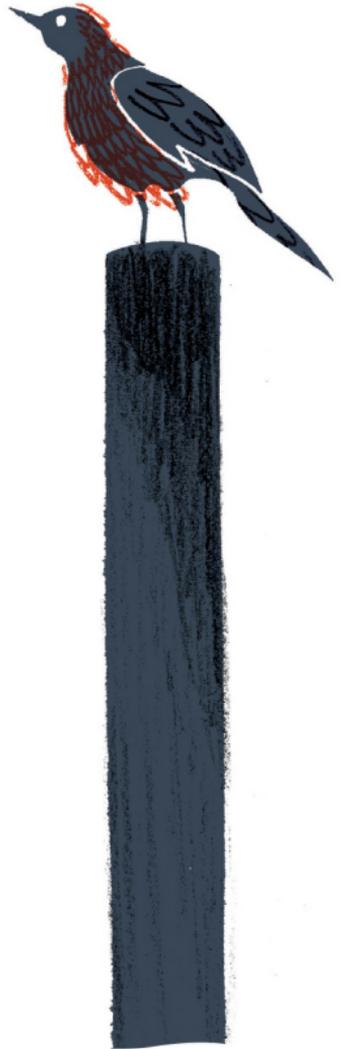


The little bird felt the pain
from the heat of the flames,
but she didn't mind.

She was brave and strong.

Although she was very little,
her impact on the world - and
the people around her - was
very big, indeed.

We can remember this
whenever we see the robin's
red breast.



We hope you enjoyed
this sensory story
about how the Robin
got its red breast.

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