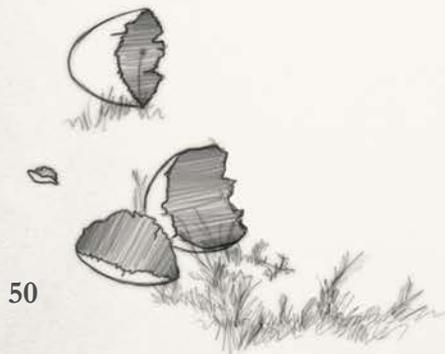


An Elf in the Swiss Alps



This is me on my trip to the
Swiss Alps.

The Alps go up, up, up into the sky!

I have soft mittens and thick socks.
That will block the strong wind!

I met Ed in the Swiss Alps.

Ed is an elf. He has a red hat
with a bell.

Ed is shy, but he is fun to be with.



Ed has a pet ostrich that he got
as a chick.

Oz the Ostrich was just a bunch of
fuzz back then. She got big fast!

She snacks on grass and insects.



Oz has big wings but cannot fly.

She runs fast with her long legs.
That ostrich is so quick!

Ed sits on her back as I sled by.





Ed the Elf and I have a picnic
on the bluff.

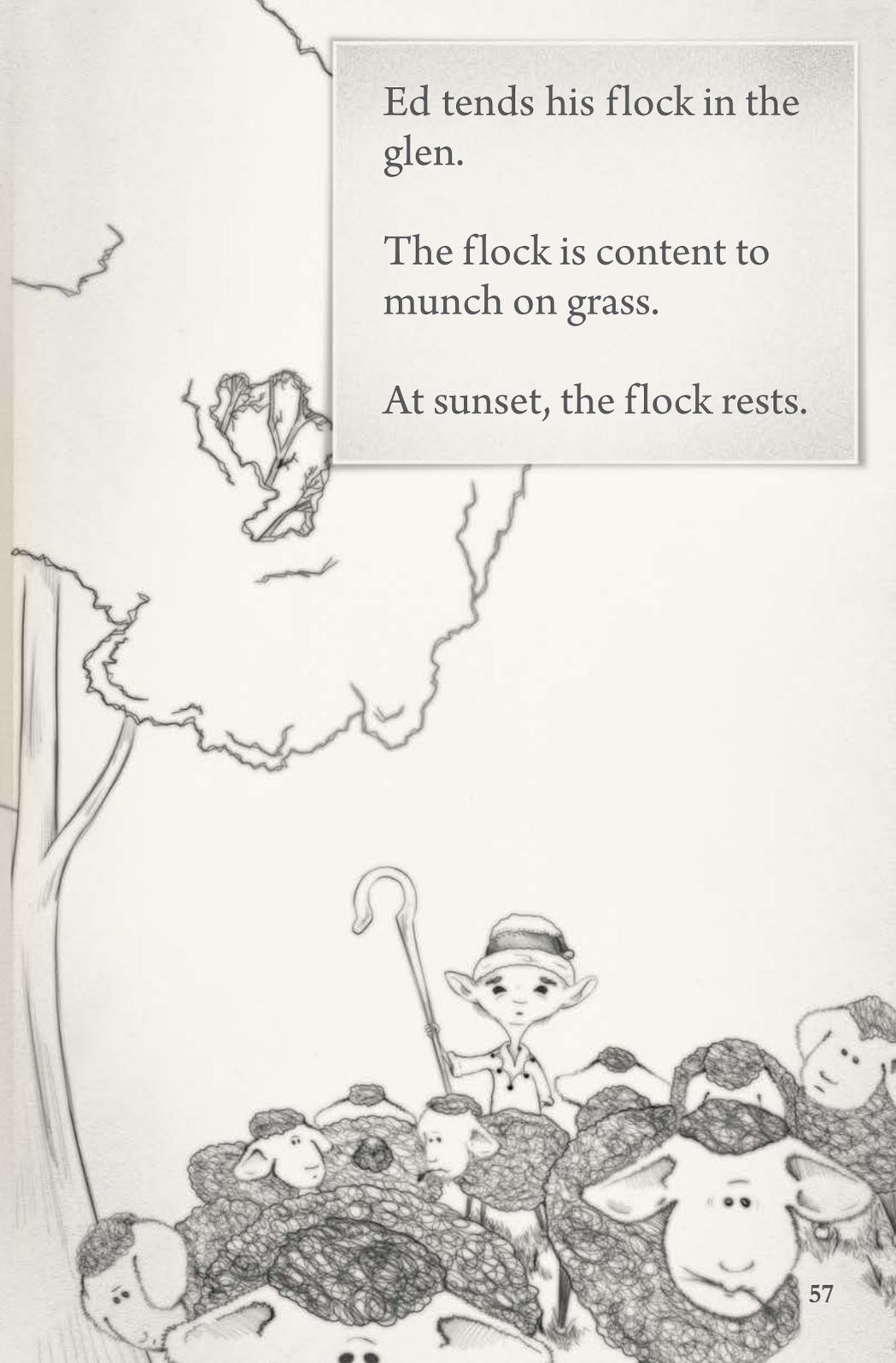
He invents a lunch with ham, jam,
and nuts. Yuck!

But Ed insists, so I try it. It is not bad!

Ed tends his flock in the
glen.

The flock is content to
munch on grass.

At sunset, the flock rests.



Ed can do fun tricks.

He can twist and flip and
do the splits.

He can spring into a handstand.

I do a handstand next to Ed.



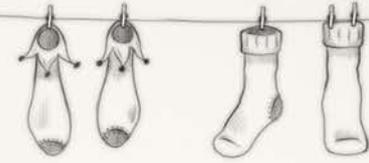
Ed the Elf tells me it is fun to jump
in the slush. I try it with him.

STOMP! SPLASH! It is a blast!

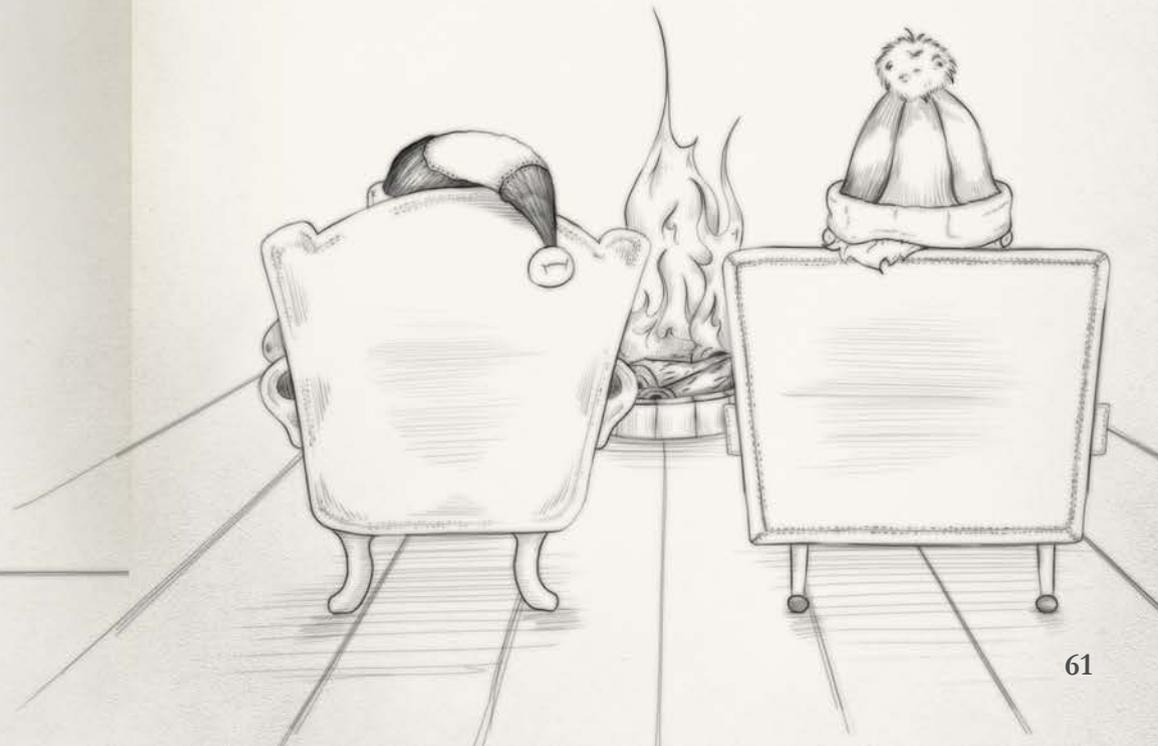
My socks get wet.

We stop at an inn to rest.

Ed tells me that the best thing to drink is a cup of eggnog with nutmeg!



Then we hang up the wet socks.
We sit with a snack as the socks
dry.



I had a lot of fun in the Swiss Alps.
My trip went so fast!

I will miss Ed, his ostrich, and his
flock. And I will miss the Swiss Alps!



The End



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