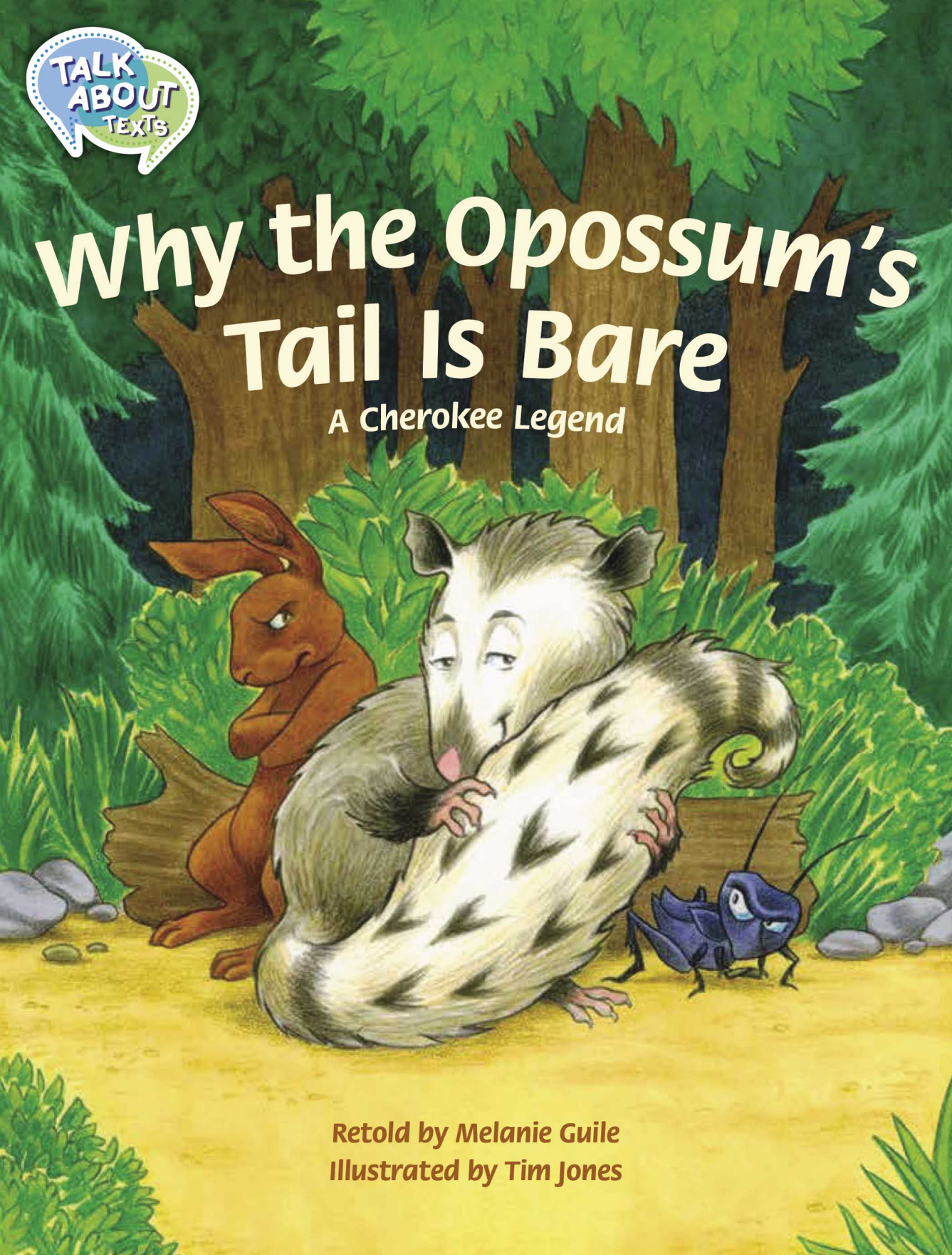

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“Sit down, Ayita!” says Grandmother.
But the little girl dances about.

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"Let me brush your hair or I will cut it off."

"Like Opossum in the story?" asks Ayita.

"Yes, just like Opossum," laughs Grandmother.

"Tell me that story while I dance," says Ayita.

"No, only if you sit still," Grandmother responds.

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Ayita sits very still while Grandmother begins the story.

"Long ago, opossums' tails were not thin and bare. They were covered with thick, warm fur."

"Like a fox?" asks Ayita.

"Better than a fox," says Grandmother. "This is the story of how they lost their fluffy tails."

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