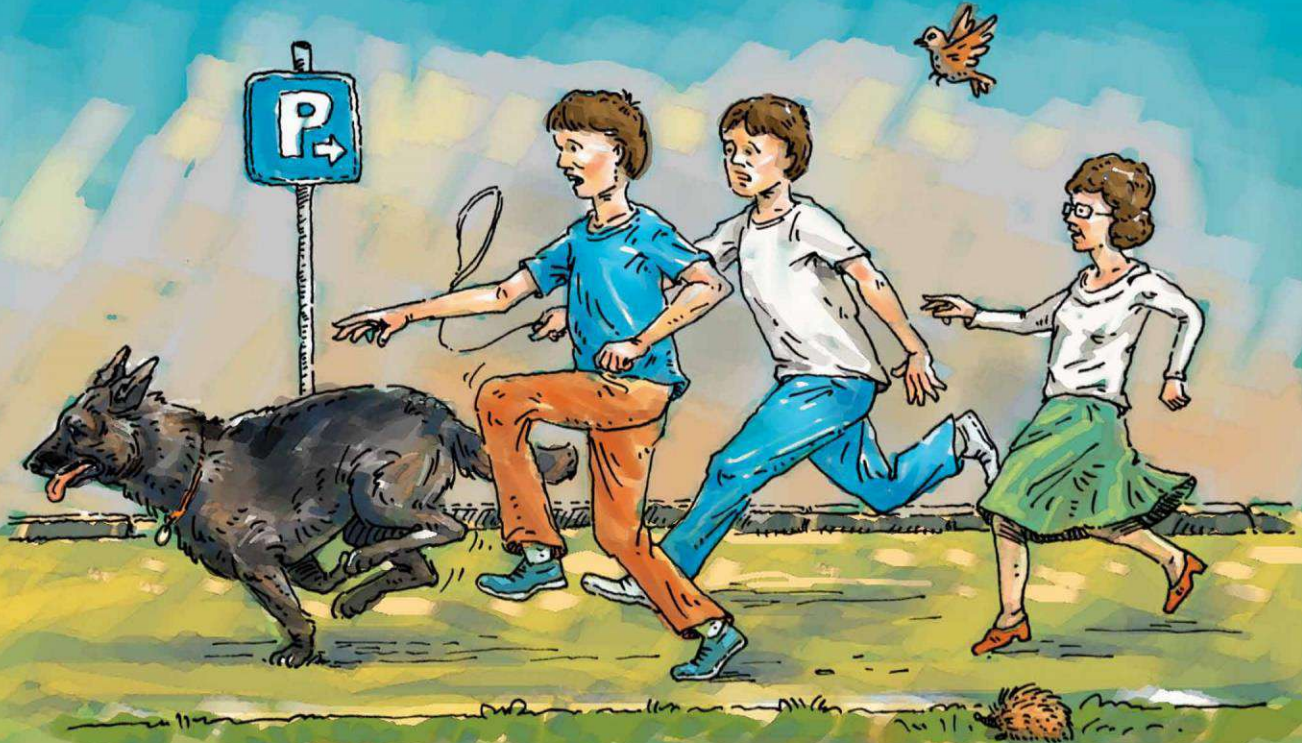


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BARRY'S ADVENTURE



*To my dearest sons Eduardo and Gustavo.
To all the children in the world.*

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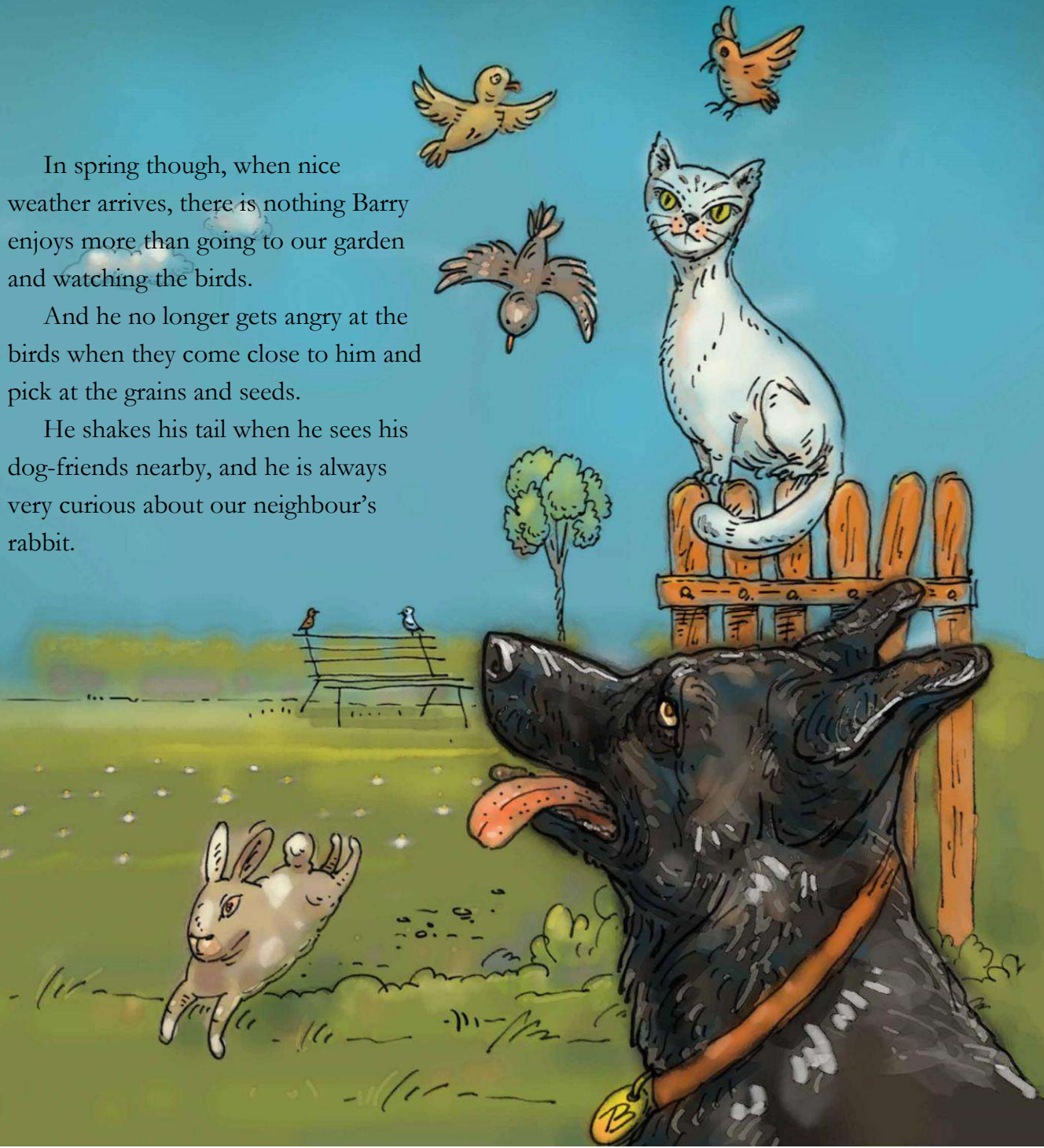




In spring though, when nice weather arrives, there is nothing Barry enjoys more than going to our garden and watching the birds.

And he no longer gets angry at the birds when they come close to him and pick at the grains and seeds.

He shakes his tail when he sees his dog-friends nearby, and he is always very curious about our neighbour's rabbit.





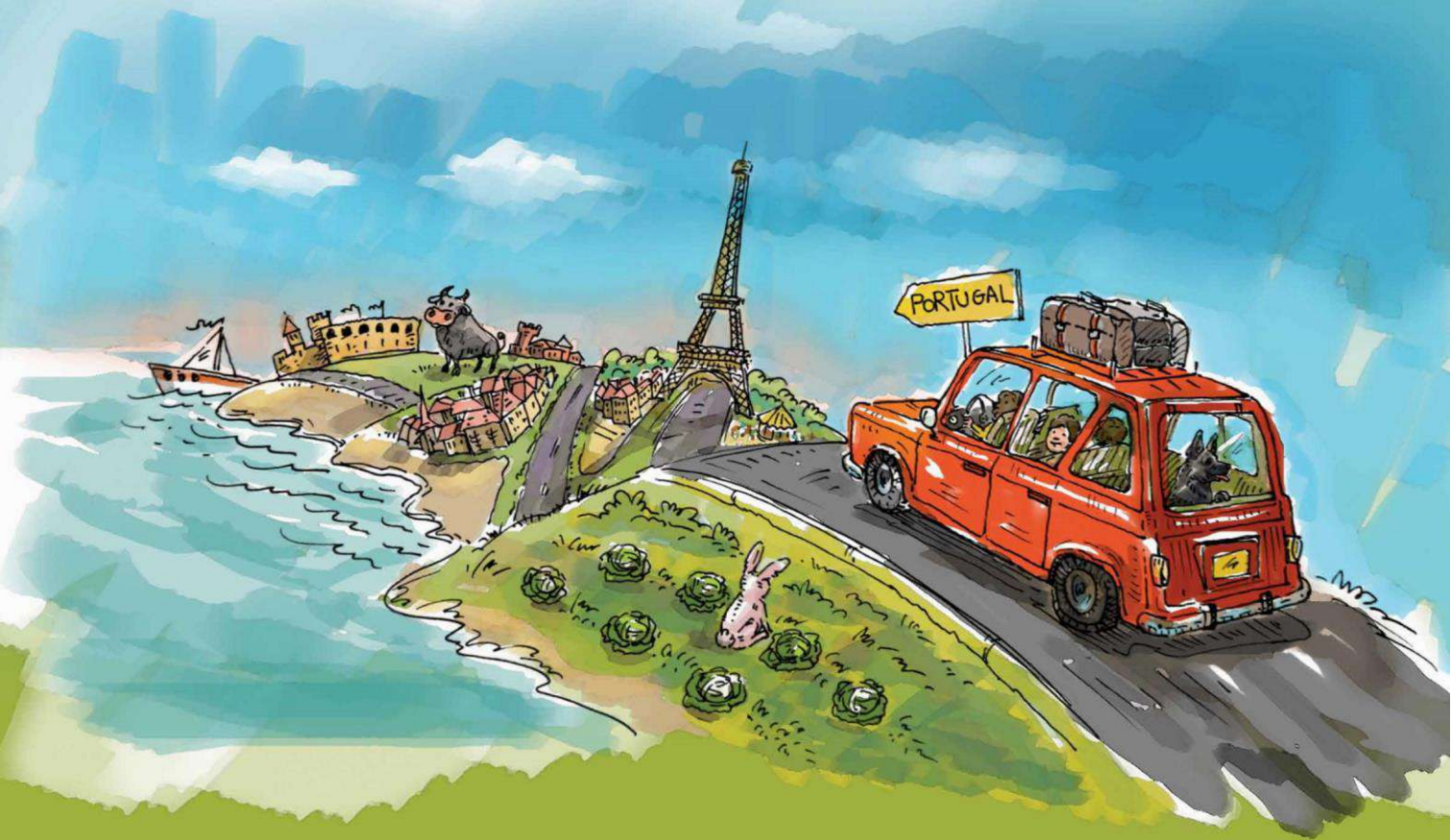
He has a very special trick to convince his family to let him sleep there! He has found out by chance that the living-room door opens very easily when pushed... So, the first thing he does is to push it softly and to point his nose through the narrow opening.

If his family say nothing, he pushes the door again to open it a little further, and this time he also pushes his head through. If still nothing happens, he pushes the door wide-open, enters the room and sits on his back... waiting for any signs.

Should his masters throw him out, he sadly obeys... and waits for another time to try again! Should his family let him in, which happens most of the time now, he comes near to them and shows his happiness through gentle strokes against their legs.

How fortunate he is that his family changed their mind and now allow him such a luxury! Maybe he should accept this reward as a recognition from them for his good service as the guardian of their home for all these many years.





Finding such a place was not always an easy task as you may well guess. Fortunately we always found one in the end: there are still nice people in this dog's world!

Even though Barry eventually learned to enjoy these long journeys, he did not like them at the beginning. And that's why his first car trip turned into the adventure I would like to share here with you.

Barry could be a little reluctant to get into a car, unlike his grandmother and his parents, who would not lose one second before jumping into our car as soon as the car door was left open. And believe me, this behaviour occasionally created some stressful situations.



About the author

Dulce Rodrigues was born on a spring day, many years ago in Lisbon, Portugal. After an international professional career that took her to other cities and countries, she now spends her life either travelling or among books; writing for children is source of great pleasure.

As she uses to say *“I love children and care about them. And since I am old enough to be a grandmother but I still do not have grandchildren, I write my stories for all the children in the world”*.

What the author tells us about Barry’s Adventure: *“When writing this book I wanted to leave to posterity the car adventure lived by my pet dog Barry the first time he travelled to Belgium. Barry had been born in Portugal but we were taking him that day to stay with us in Belgium. But Barry did not like the idea of travelling by car, and when we arrived in Spain he got loose and ran away... What happened next is what you’ll find out when reading the whole story”*.

