



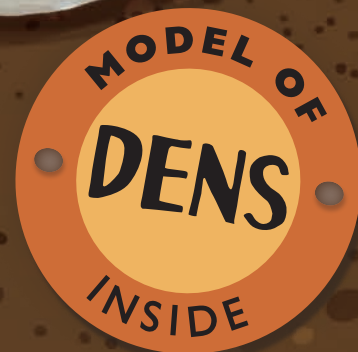
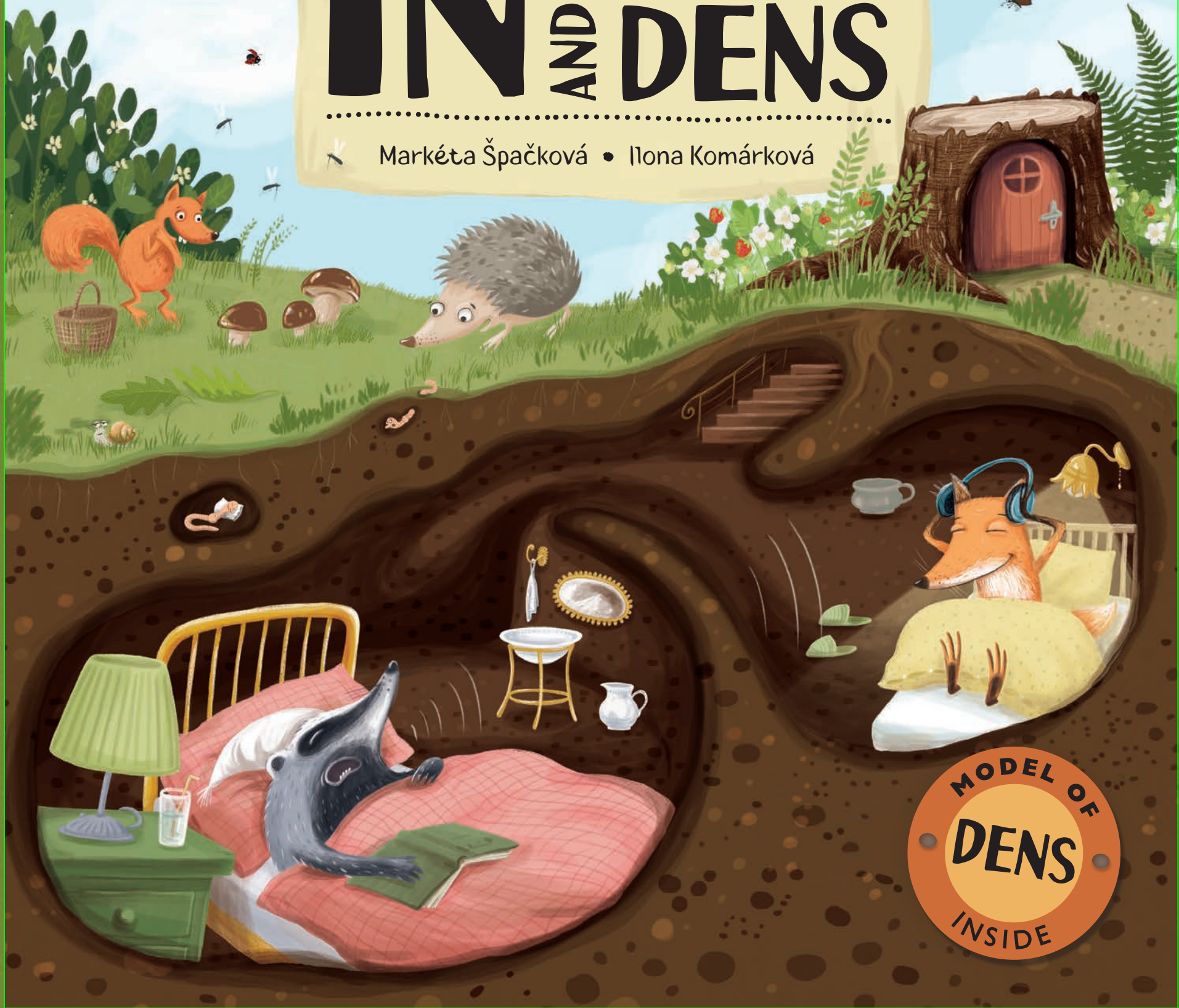
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AT A FOREST POOL

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There's always something going on around a pool. Animals run from point to point and enjoy the water. It has to be clean. Animals can only prosper in that kind of water.



And will you look at that, a delicacy!

Black Stork

OLD SETTLERS

Dragonflies, small frogs and newts live it up at the pool. Newts would not go near a dirty puddle! Everyone has to keep an eye out for danger. Hurry, hide quickly if you can! A stork!

THE BLACK MENACE

The black stork, in contrast to its white cousin, does not seek out chimneys, but makes its nest high in the branches of old oak trees, so as to be hidden away from the sight of any curious onlookers. It only heads for the pool when its stomach begins to growl.

Save yourself if you can!

THE FROG EATER

Another completely different animal prospers near the pool, the ferret. The more frogs there are around, the better. They are known as froggers because they can have up to 100 frogs and toads hidden in their underground hide-outs! Hooray, there's going to be a feast! Frogs don't share, however, their enthusiasm. Hurry up, frogs and toads, hide before it's too late...

A VIPER SUIT

A European viper is warming itself on a rock lit up by the rays of the sun. You can recognize them by the zigzag lines on their backs and their treacherous eyes which keep a look out for anything that moves. Watch out, it's poisonous!

European Viper

Come along with me, little frog.



European polecat

MENU FOR A DICE SNAKE

The dice snake looks similar to its cousin the viper, but tends to be more at home in the water. It hardly ever leaves the pool, and why should it... It has delicacies swimming right in front of its nose. It likes fish the most, but will also go for a frog or a tadpole.

Ssss, I hope you are going to share.



Dice Snake



What a perfect day for some cleaning, don't you think?

Rabbit Droppings

Rabbits are very friendly and hospitable. They like to visit one another in their warrens, and even have a shared toilet... There must be a lot of droppings there!

RABBIT WARREN



Air out the beddings
and put them back
into the bed.

A beautifully illustrated encyclopaedia

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Did you know that the red fox is a very untidy creature, whereas the badger is so super-clean that it even has its own toilet? And that these two are neighbours, who often share the same den? Find this difficult to believe? Come with us for a peek into their mysterious chambers, which we'll find under stumps and fallen trees. We'll work our way through subterranean labyrinths to visit a merry family of rabbits, and perhaps we'll even see some sleepy bears in their cave-beds, or some mischievous little stoats. The beautifully illustrated encyclopaedia that forms part of the book will teach you lots of interesting things about the animal kingdom, including the fact that the much-feared, apparently dauntless grizzly bear prefers to give a certain small animal a wide berth...



Explore animal homes
underground



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