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Lu Morgan creates characters that explore real and imaginary worlds, such as suburban kitchens, fantasy landscapes, and floating vessels on ocean voyages. While Morgan has written and illustrated stories since childhood, she upped her game with a Master of Professional Writing (UTS) with a focus on book publishing and editing. Morgan also has qualifications in the environmental sciences and nurtures an interest in sustainability and the natural world in concert with a need for the imaginary. While Morgan has written and published across a range of media and publication types, picture books and children's literature are a constant.

Morgan has a range of personal projects both completed and in train, including stories written to recognise her father's carpentry (*Jim Builds Things*), about her dog (*Nutmeg likes bananas*), how children found out about the man who lives under the fridge (*Samuel Archibald Thornicus Thwistlespike*), a purple rabbit on a rainy day adventure (*Rain Rabbit*), board books about things that come in pods (*What comes in pods?*) and ways of catching the rain (*How to catch the rain*), and a chapter story about a boy-pirate (*Pirati*) and his friends on an ocean adventure.



Personal project, 2024

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A self-taught artist, Morgan uses mixed media and maintains a fine art practice alongside illustration work that portrays dreams and atmospheric scenes from the day-to-day. Morgan is an alumna of The Goodship Illustration and participates in online illustration challenges and communities via [Bluesky Flashes](#). A recent finalist in Flametree Publishing's Solarpunk art competition, one of Morgan's posters was selected for exhibition at the London Book Fair 2025.

Morgan has lived in different locations of Australia's east coast, the US, and most recently relocated from Aotearoa (New Zealand). After four years in Ōtepoti on a semi-rural property with an orchard and extensive vegetable gardens, Morgan is adjusting back to urban life in Australia on Wurundjeri land in Naarm (Melbourne).

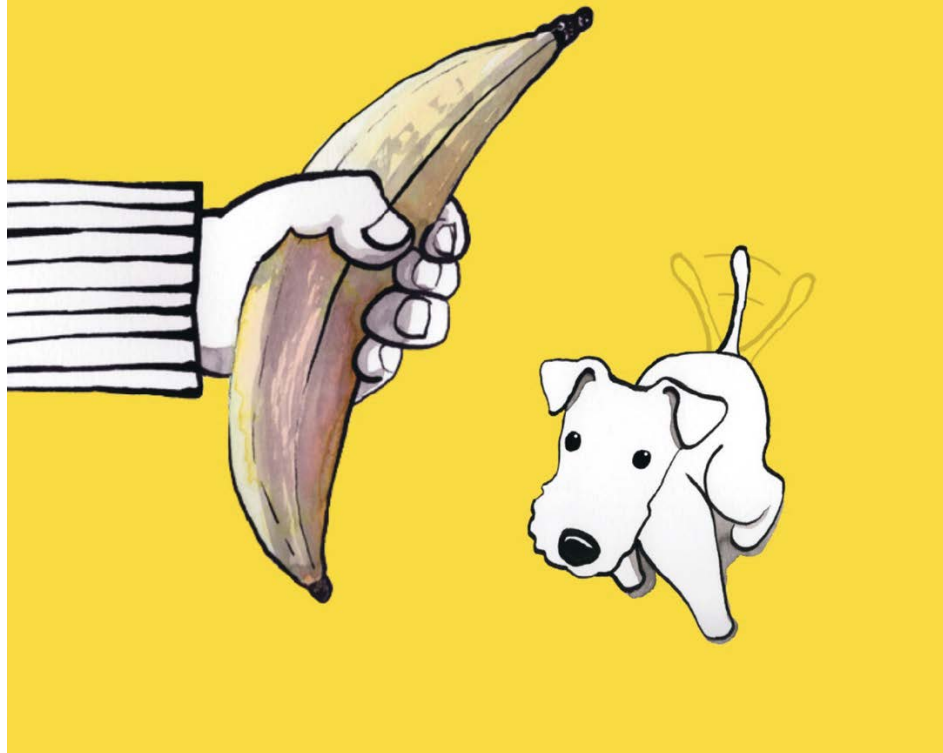


From Pirati and the Dareling, personal project, 2024

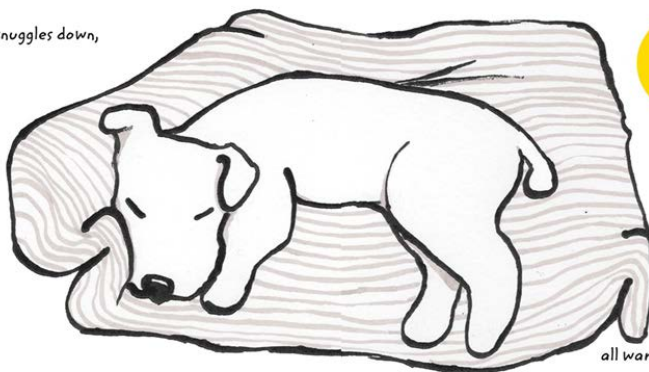
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Nutmeg likes bananas

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She snuggles down,



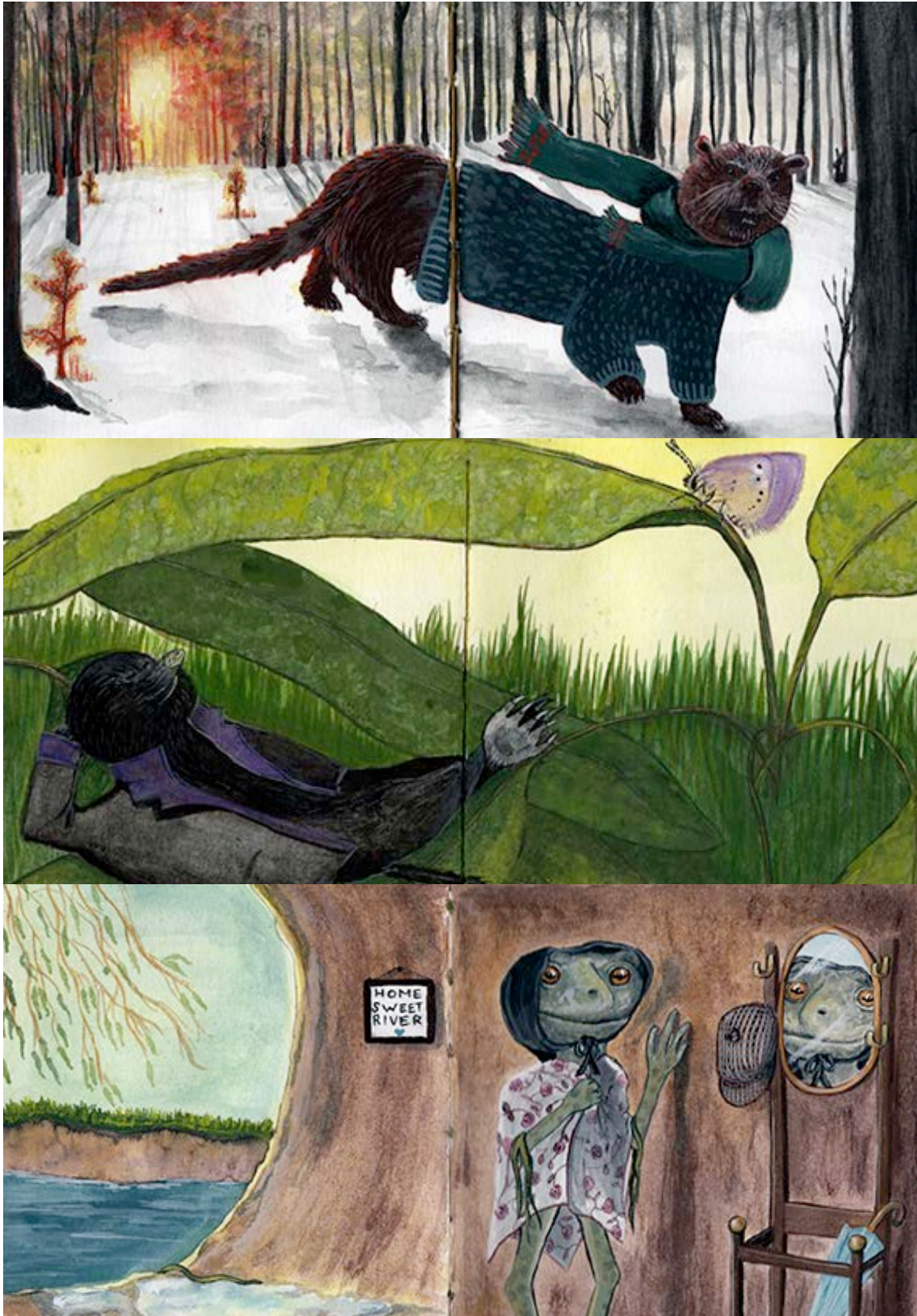
all warm and safe,



awaiting dreams ahead.

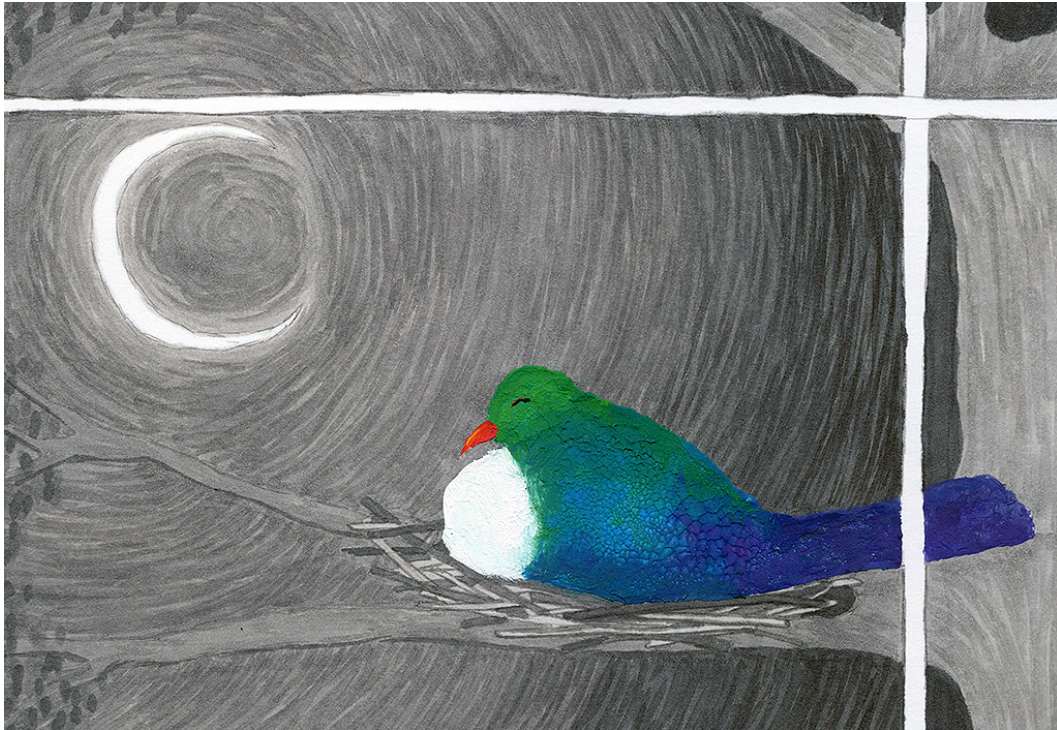
Cover and scenes from Nutmeg likes bananas personal project, 2023

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From the 2024 #bkswindwillows challenge showing scenes from Kenneth Graham's *The Wind in the Willows*.

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A scene from Morgan 2023 My friend Kererū personal project

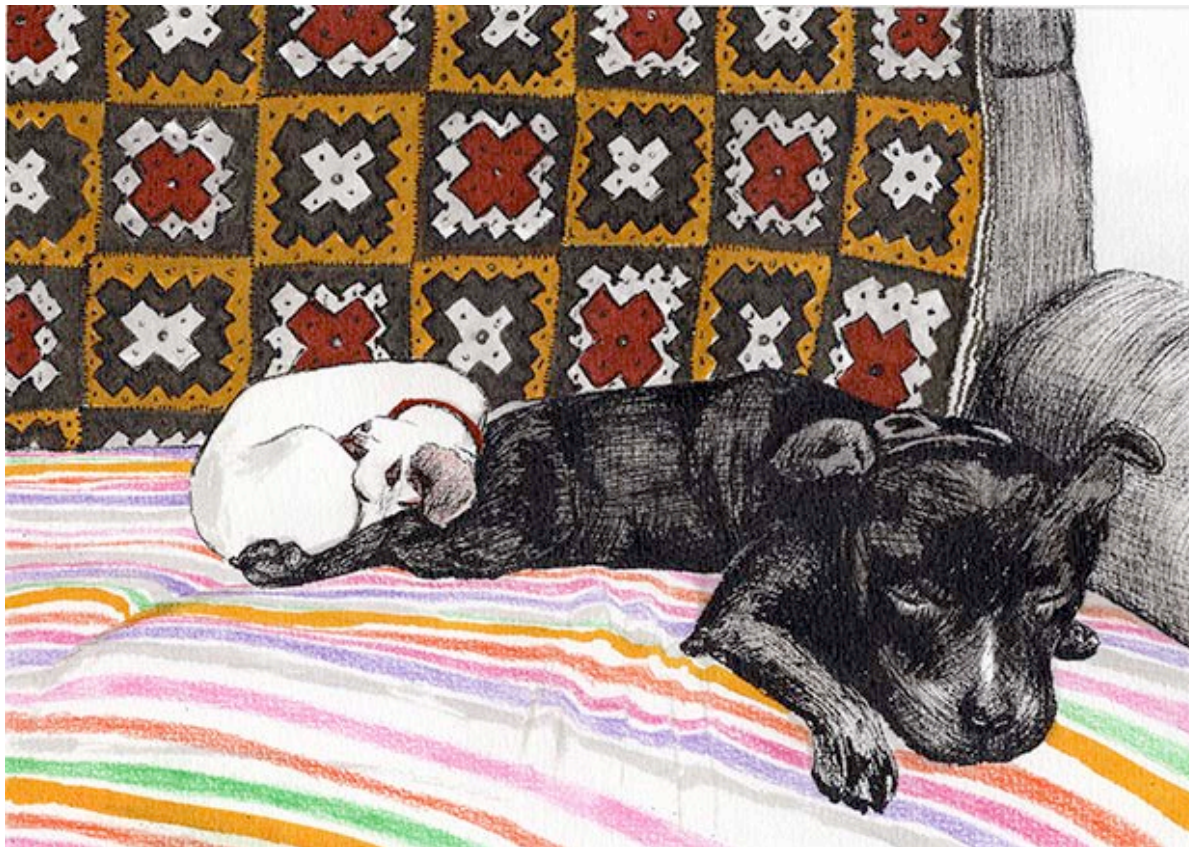


Personal project, 2023

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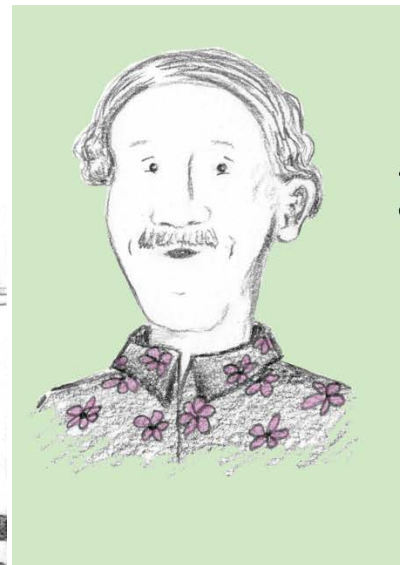
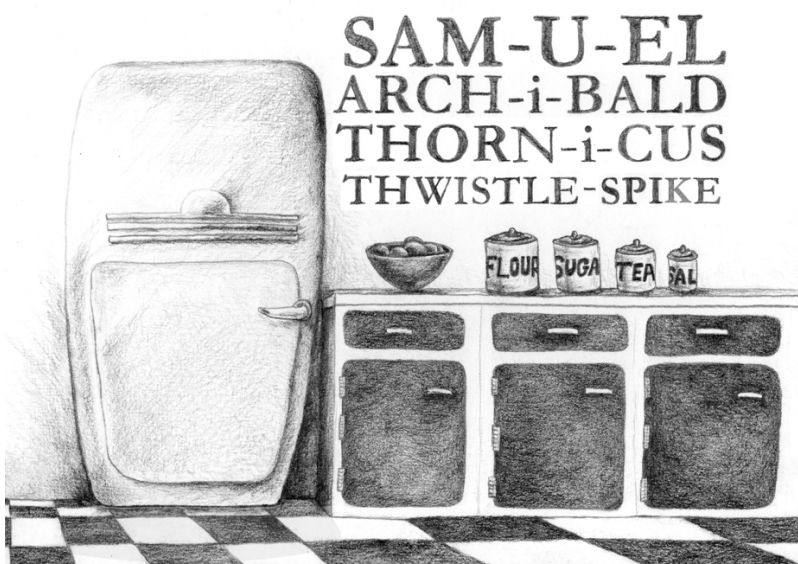


Scenes from Rain Rabbit personal project, 2023



Private commission, 2024

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Cover and scenes from Samuel Archibald Thornicus Thwistlespike personal project, 2024

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From the 2025 #bkspeterpan challenge showing scenes from J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan.