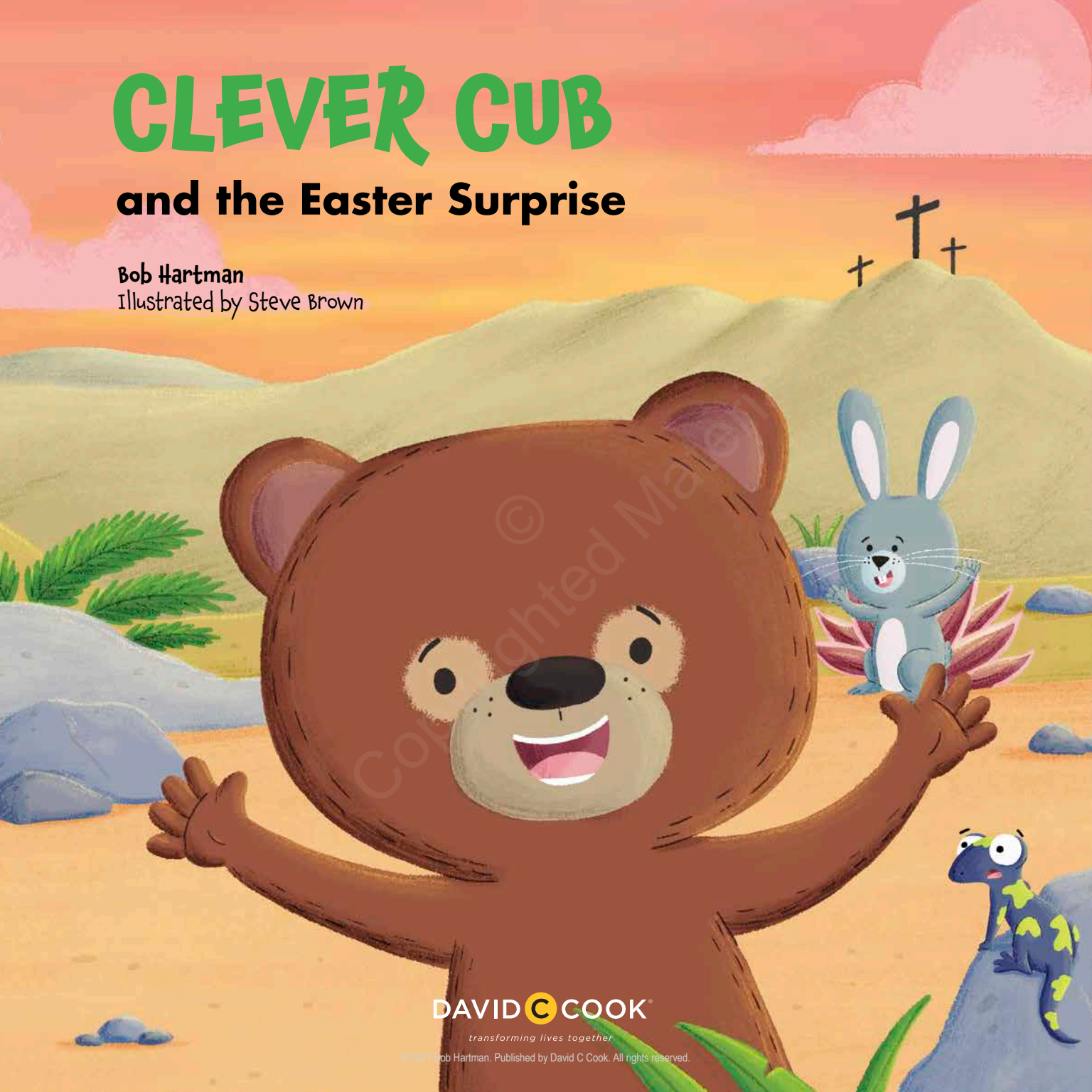


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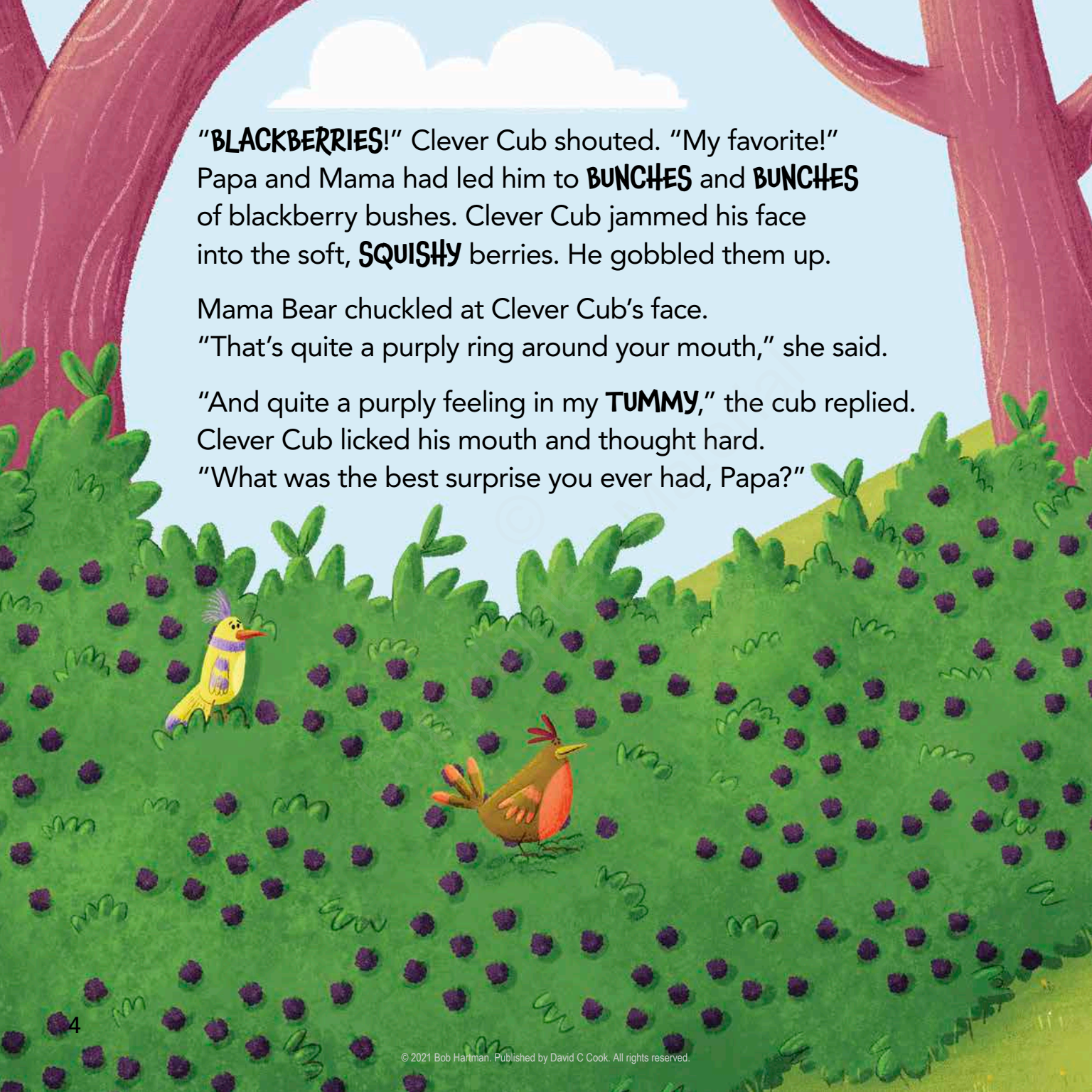
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“Shut your eyes **TIGHT!**” Papa Bear said.  
Clever Cub was so excited. He loved surprises!  
*What could it be?* he wondered.  
But when Papa Bear told him to open his eyes,  
the surprise was better than anything he imagined!





**"BLACKBERRIES!"** Clever Cub shouted. "My favorite!" Papa and Mama had led him to **BUNCHES** and **BUNCHES** of blackberry bushes. Clever Cub jammed his face into the soft, **SQUISHY** berries. He gobbled them up.

Mama Bear chuckled at Clever Cub's face.

"That's quite a purply ring around your mouth," she said.

"And quite a purply feeling in my **TUMMY**," the cub replied. Clever Cub licked his mouth and thought hard.

"What was the best surprise you ever had, Papa?"



"I'll have to think about that," he replied.

"But I can tell you about *the BEST SURPRISE EVER.*"

"I can't wait!" Clever Cub said as he kept eating berries.

