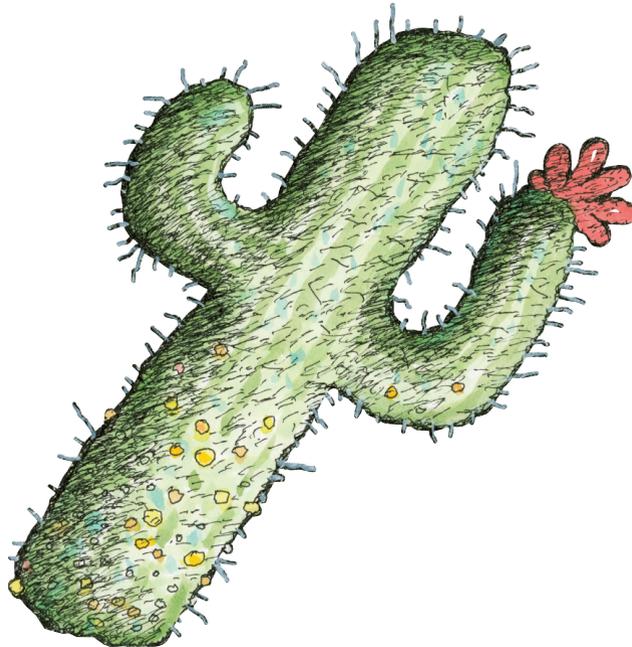


# THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A CACTUS!

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– L.C.

In memory of our beloved Skipper, who was the inspiration  
for the little black dog who appears in The Old Lady books.

– J.L. and P.J.L.



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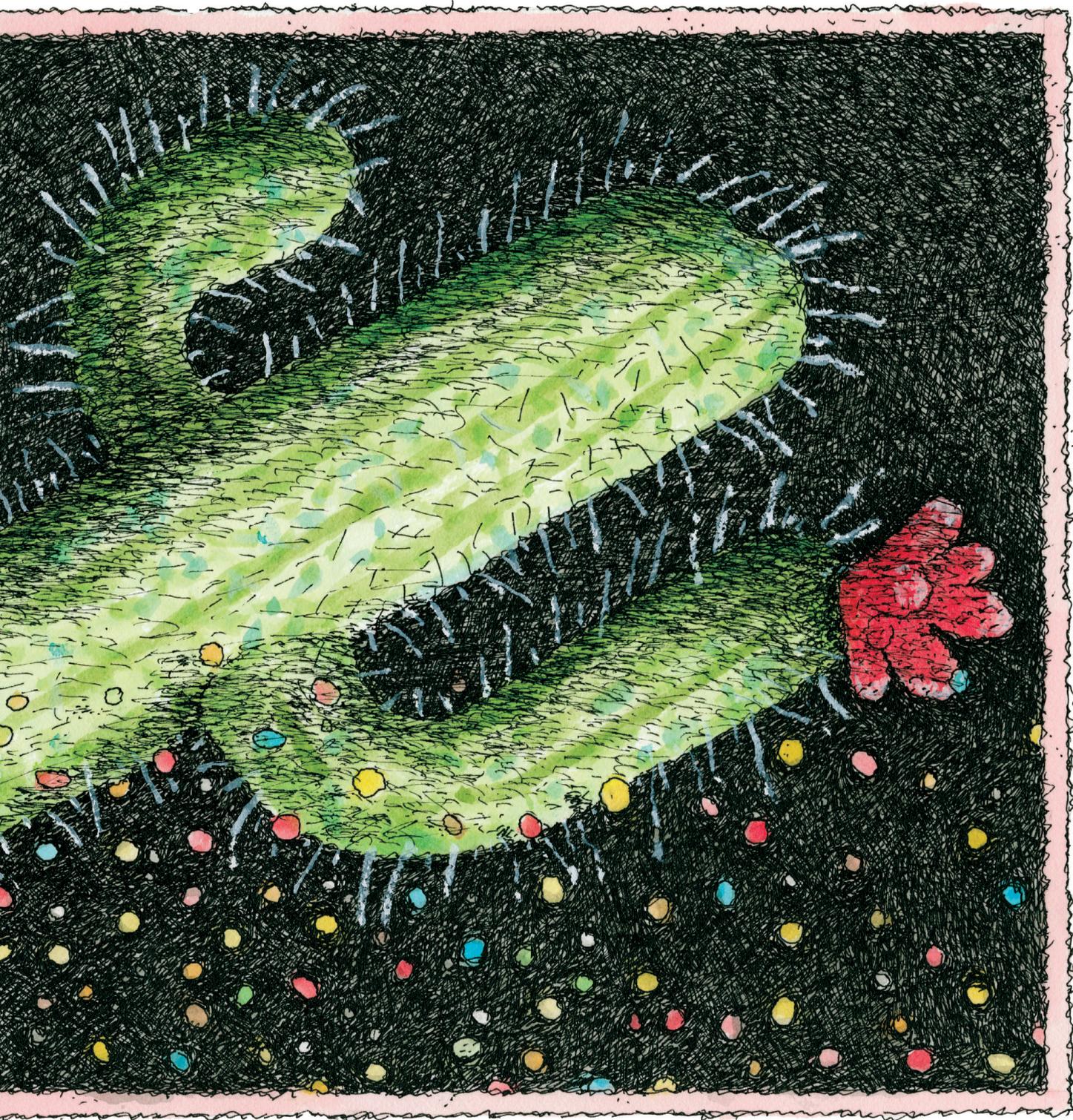
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She swallowed the snake to hide in the sand.  
She swallowed the sand to plant the cactus.



I don't know why she swallowed a cactus.  
But it took lots of practice.