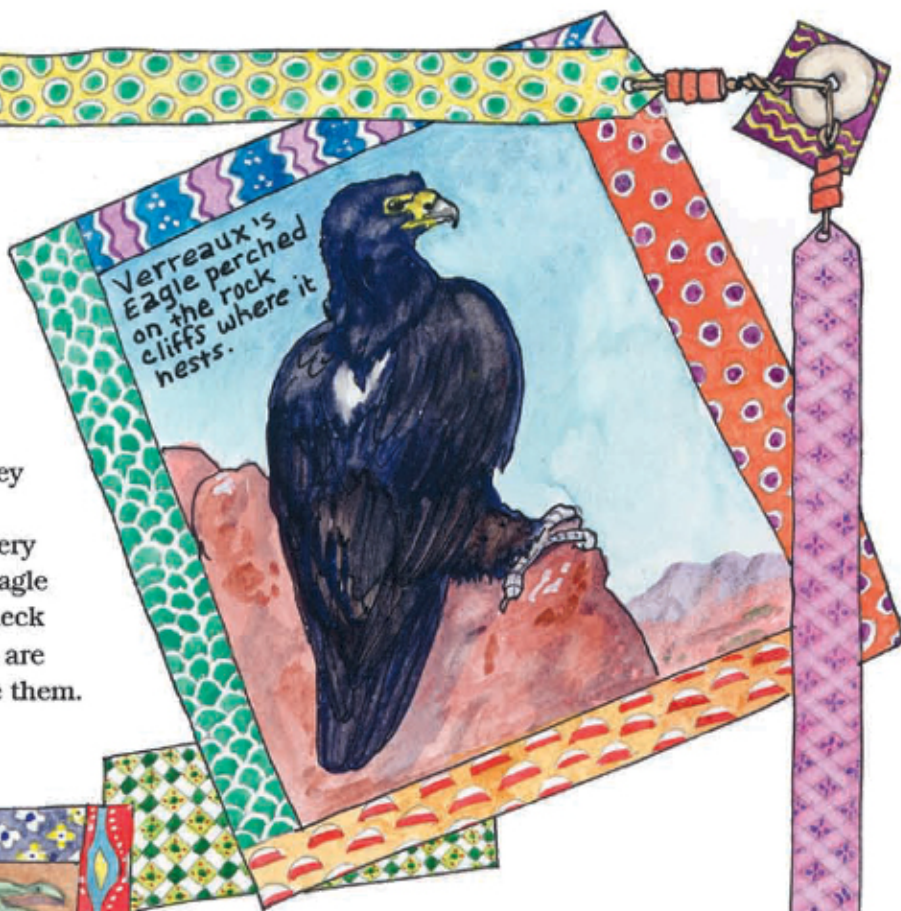


The traditional Three Little Pigs story features a wolf who huffs and puffs and blows in the little pigs' straw and stick houses. In my story the bad guy is a Verreaux's Eagle, a huge bird with a wingspan of 8 feet. In Namibia, it's natural prey are Rock Dassies but they will also take young baboons and antelope! You'll have to read to the very end of my story to find out why the eagle starts out colored a tawney white. Check out this eagle's feathered legs. These are called "boots" and not all eagles have them.



The Tent Tortoise has striking geometric patterns on it's shell. I haven't seen this one in real life, but I have seen many Leopard Tortoises which are also brightly marked. The funny dead looking plant in the background is a Welwitschia, a very rare plant that we did see. They are hundreds of years old.



Agamas can change their body color, but the guy I saw had a bright red head and blue body. They eat ants, termites and vegetation. There are many varieties of lizards in Southern Africa, but the Agama looks like a little person with its thin neck and muscled legs. Their eyelids close slightly, giving them a knowing look.

