

If I were

If I were a lizard
I'd lie around all day
And stick out my tongue
In a very naughty way.

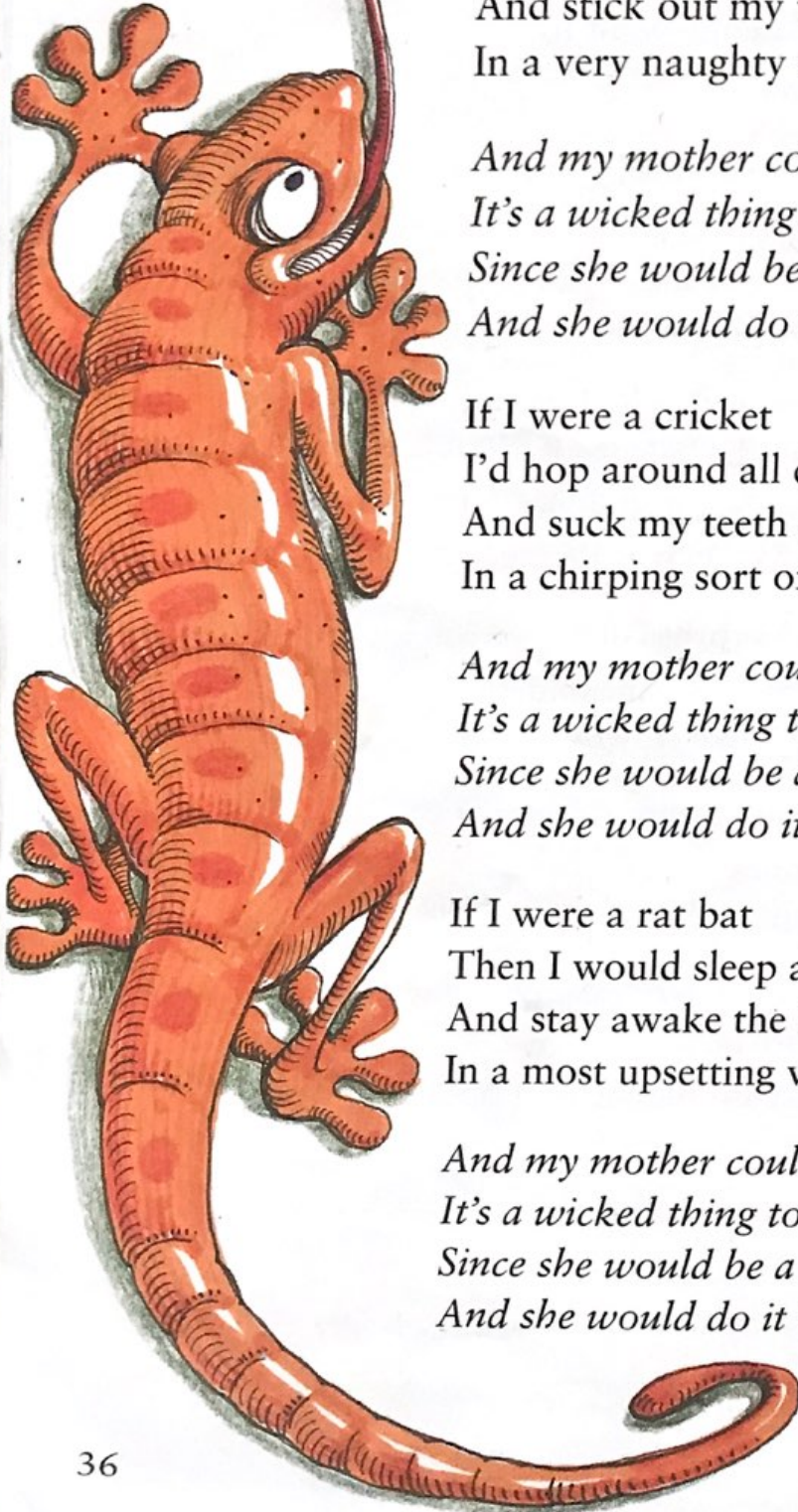
*And my mother couldn't tell me
It's a wicked thing to do
Since she would be a lizard
And she would do it too.*

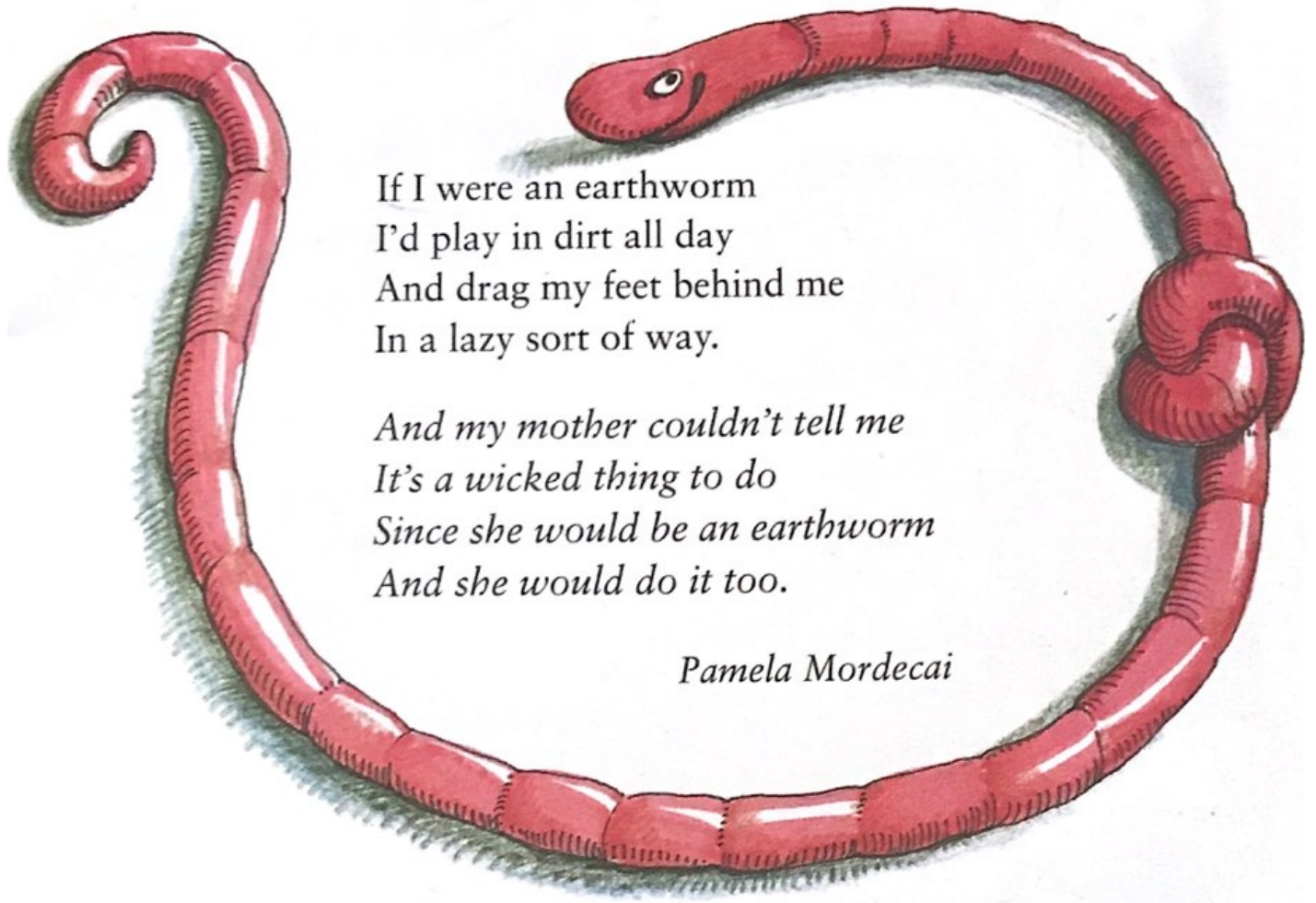
If I were a cricket
I'd hop around all day
And suck my teeth quite often
In a chirping sort of way.

*And my mother couldn't tell me
It's a wicked thing to do
Since she would be a cricket
And she would do it too.*

If I were a rat bat
Then I would sleep all day
And stay awake the livelong night
In a most upsetting way.

*And my mother couldn't tell me
It's a wicked thing to do
Since she would be a rat bat
And she would do it too.*

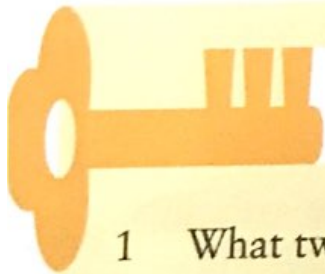




If I were an earthworm
I'd play in dirt all day
And drag my feet behind me
In a lazy sort of way.

*And my mother couldn't tell me
It's a wicked thing to do
Since she would be an earthworm
And she would do it too.*

Pamela Mordecai



Answer in sentences.

- 1 What two things would the boy like doing if he were a lizard?
- 2 If he were a cricket, what would he do?
- 3 Is it true that if he were a rat bat, he would stay awake all day and sleep all night?
- 4 Write down one of the things he would be allowed to do if he were an earthworm.
- 5 What do you find out about the boy's mother in the poem?