

# Parched



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## Chapter One



# Fen's Journey Begins

“It’s too hot today. I’m thirsty,” said Fen, the fennec fox.

Fen lived in the desert with his parents. It was very hot there.

“The camels took all the water,” Fen’s dad complained.

“Can we ask them for some?” Fen asked.

“Don’t listen to him,” said Fen’s mom.

“It hasn’t rained in a long time.”





“Let’s go into our burrow,” said Fen’s dad.  
“We’ll stay underground where it’s cooler.”

“But I want to play outside,” whined Fen.

“We’ll come back out at night,” said his  
mom. “We can look for water then, too.”



In the burrow, Fen's parents fell asleep. But Fen couldn't sleep. He wanted to go outside to search for water. He snuck out of the burrow.

It was still very hot on the surface. Fen decided he would ask the camels if they had any water. His parents wouldn't be mad at him for leaving if he found water for his family.



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It hasn't rained for a long time in the desert. The animals that live there are very thirsty. Fen, a fennec fox, makes friends on his journey to find water for himself and the other animals in the desert.

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