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MONSTERS
on Land

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Chapter 1
BEAST IN THE NIGHT

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Dogs bark.

Their *howls* fill the air.

A woman looks out the window.

It is too dark to see.

Something *shrieks*.

The dogs growl.

These sounds scare the woman.

There is something out there.

What could it be?

The woman walks outside.

She sees something.

It is in the woods.

The thing moves.

Is it an animal?

Maybe it is a bobcat.

No, it is too big.

The woman goes inside.

She hides in bed.

But she is too scared to sleep.

The dogs cry.

Then they stop.

All is silent.



Rap! Rap! Rap!

It is morning.

Someone is at the woman's door.

She opens it.

Police officers stand there.

What happened last night?

Did she hear any sounds?

The woman mentions the dogs.

"I saw a large cat," she adds.



POLICE LINE

The officers shake their heads.

They tell her the news.

Four dogs were killed.

Their jaws were broken.

Blood was drained from their bodies.

The woman gasps.

“Was it the Beast of Bladenboro?” she asks.

“Did it strike again?”

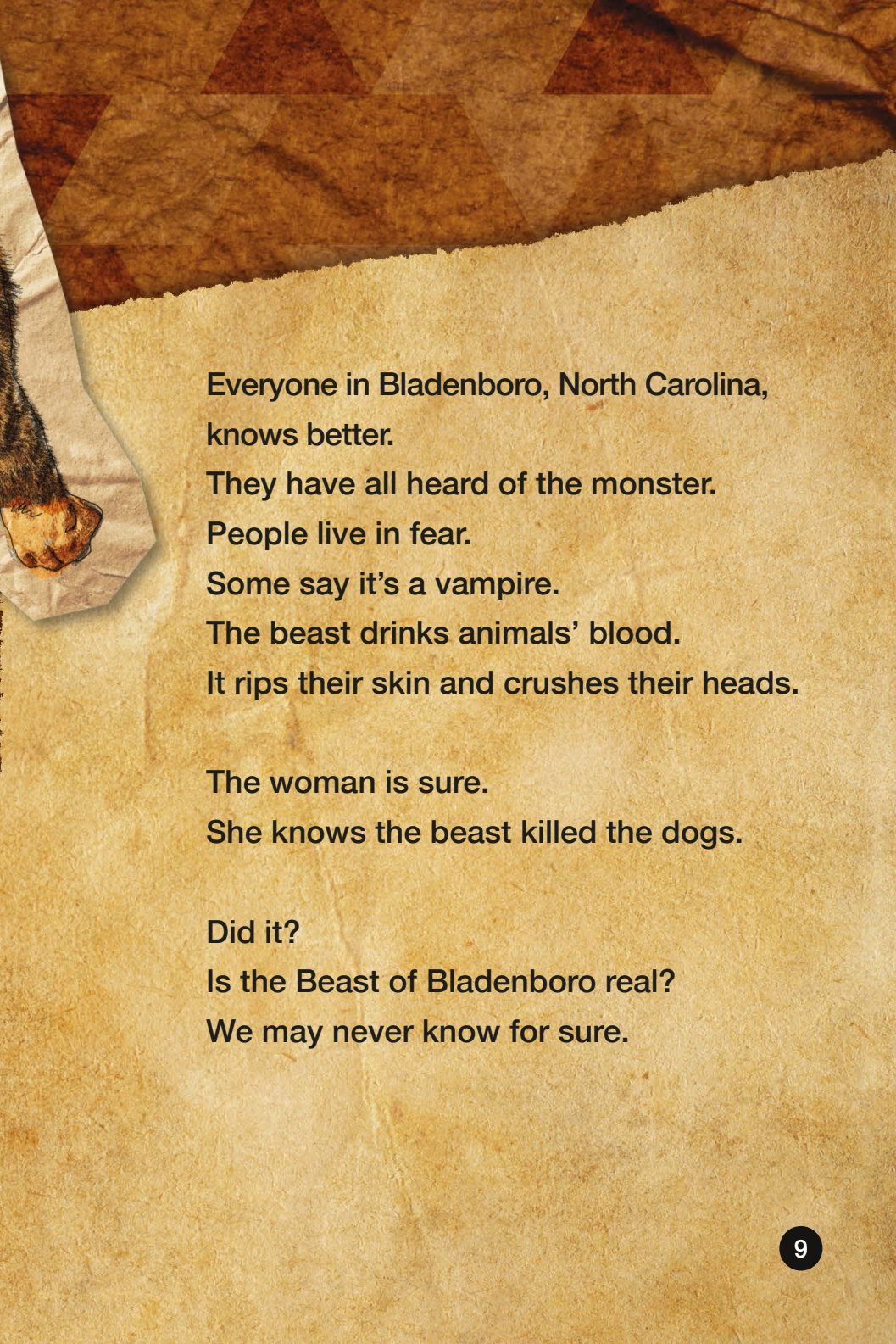
“There’s no such thing,” one officer says.

The woman does not believe him.

DO NOT CROSS



AN EVIL BEAST



Everyone in Bladenboro, North Carolina,
knows better.

They have all heard of the monster.

People live in fear.

Some say it's a vampire.

The beast drinks animals' blood.

It rips their skin and crushes their heads.

The woman is sure.

She knows the beast killed the dogs.

Did it?

Is the Beast of Bladenboro real?

We may never know for sure.



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Are monsters real?

What makes something a monster?

Why are we fascinated by strange beasts?

What would you do if you found a monster?

Which creatures would you like to hunt?

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