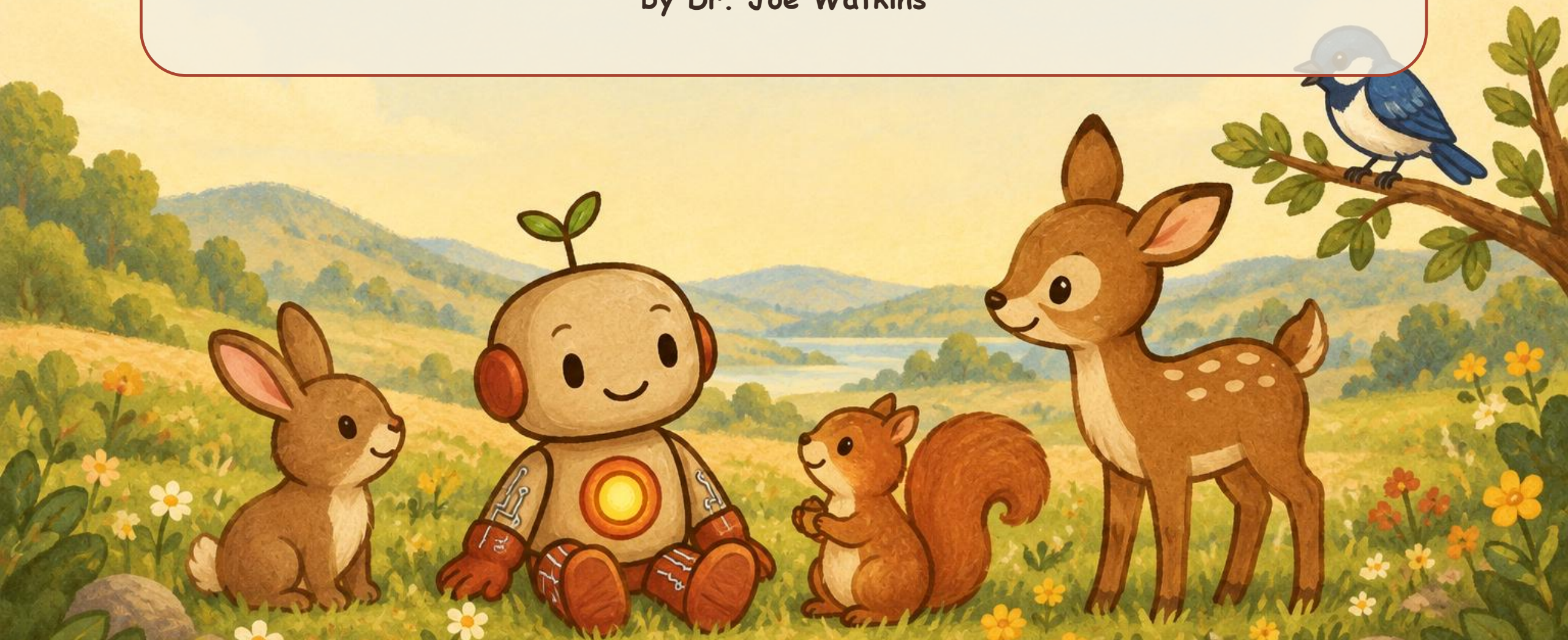
Who Said That?

A Byte story about **deepfakes** in AI

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Before we begin — a note for grown-ups

A deepfake is a picture, video or voice that a computer has copied to seem real, even though the real person never said or did it.

In this story, a clever bird copies the rabbit's voice to play a trick, until Byte learns to check who really said it.

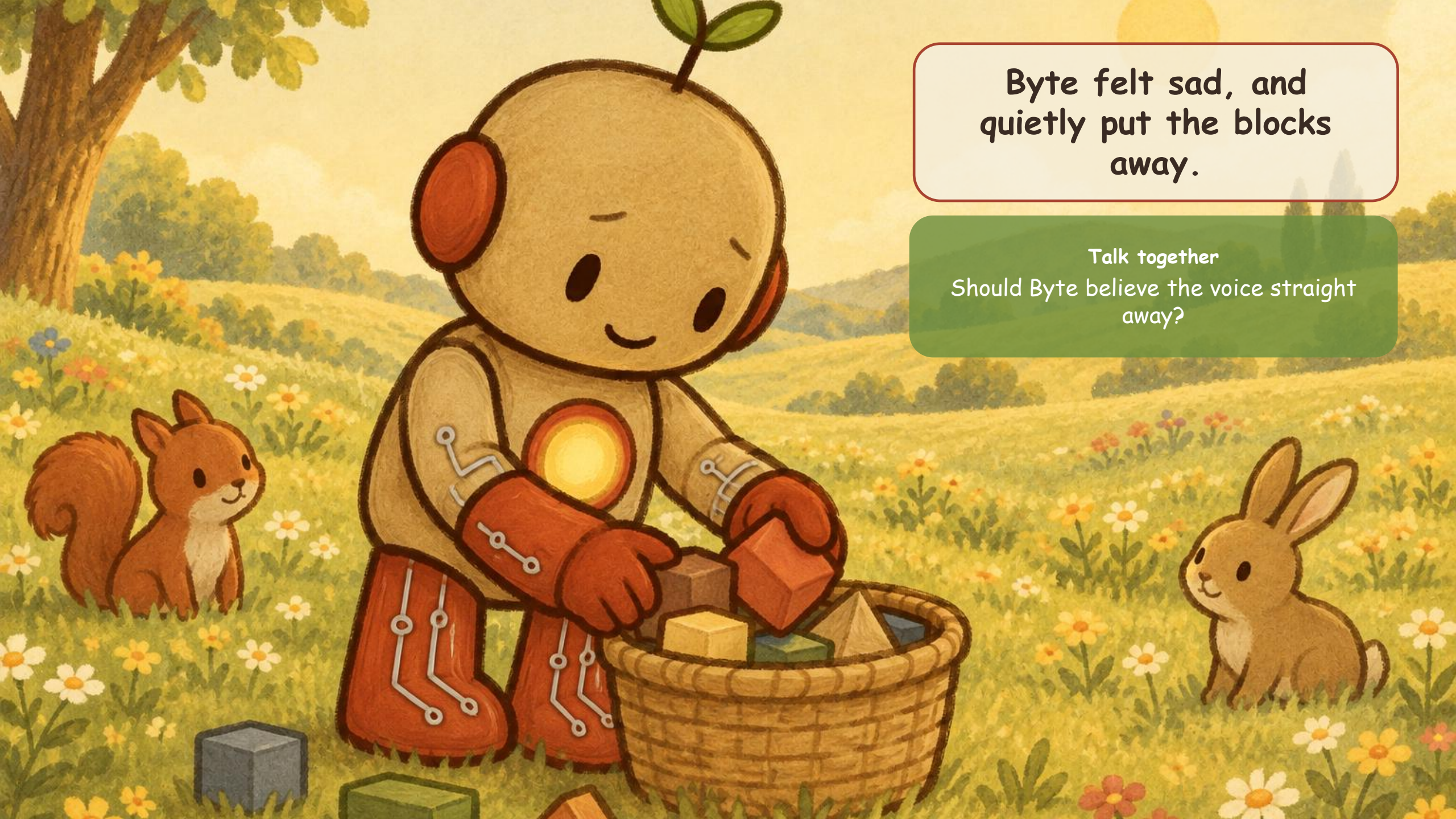
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In the meadow lived a clever bird who could copy ANY sound it ever heard.


It could squeak just like the mouse, and giggle just like the rabbit — perfectly!

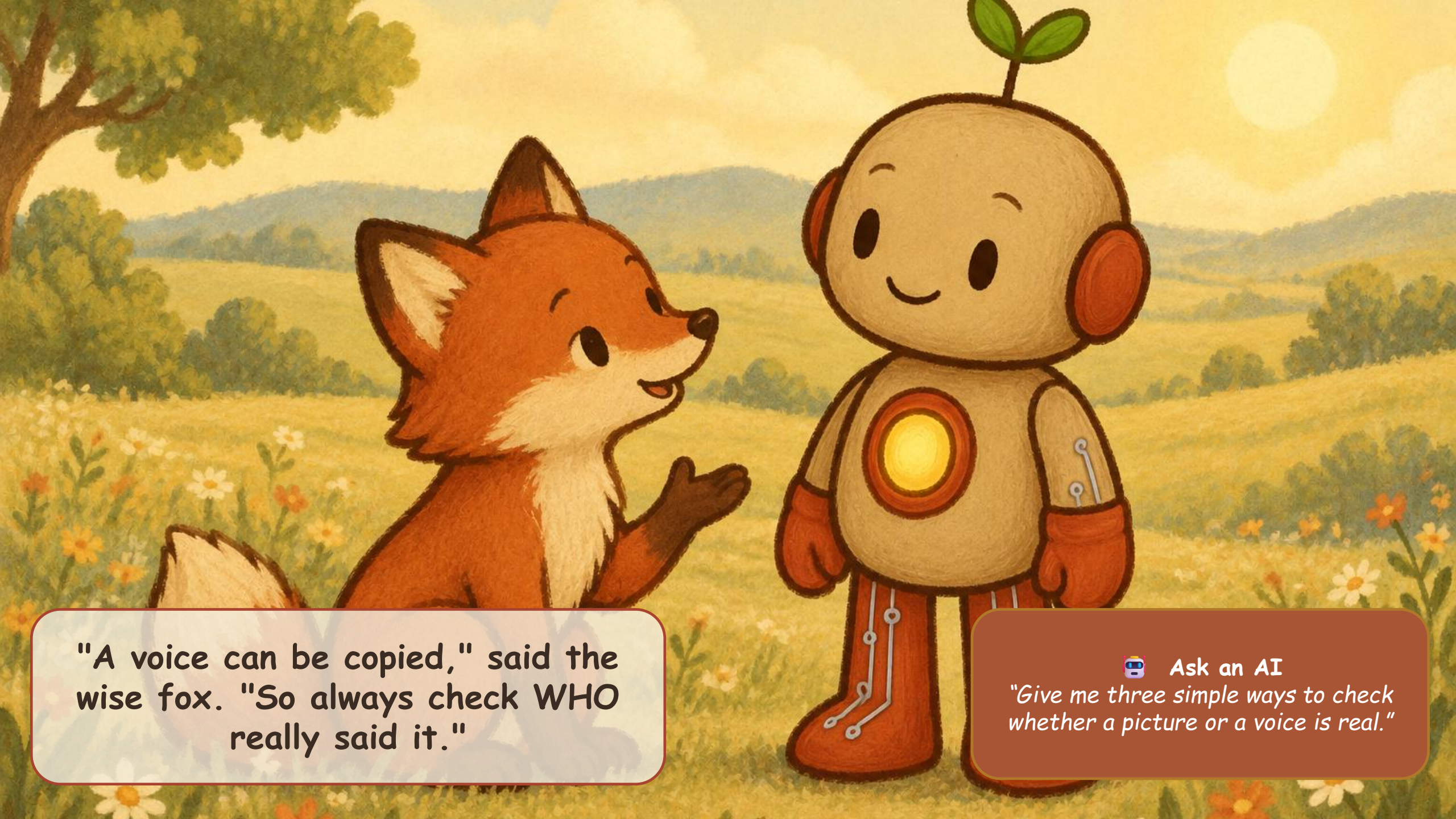

One morning Byte heard the rabbit's voice say, "Byte, do not share your blocks with your other friends!"
Ask an AI
"Explain to a small child how a computer can copy somebody's voice or face."


That did not sound like the kind rabbit at all. But it WAS rabbit's voice... was it not?


Byte felt sad, and quietly put the blocks away.
Talk together
Should Byte believe the voice straight away?


Then the REAL rabbit hopped up.
"Byte! I would NEVER say that.
Let us build blocks together!"


From behind the old log came a cheeky chirp. The clever bird had copied rabbit's voice!


"A voice can be copied," said the wise fox. "So always check WHO really said it."
Ask an AI
"Give me three simple ways to check whether a picture or a voice is real."


So now, when Byte hears something surprising, Byte goes and asks, "Did you really say that?"
Talk together
How could you check a message is really from a friend?


And now, Byte was no longer fooled by any of their little bird friends.


And the birds? They saved their best voices for singing everyone a song.

Let's talk about it together ☘

- What amazing thing could the clever mimic-bird do?
- Why did Byte believe the unkind voice at first?
- How did Byte find out what had really happened?
- What should you do if a message seems strange, even from a friend?
- Can you always trust a voice or a picture just because it seems real?

🔍 **Spot the AI!**
Every picture here was generated by an AI — and AIs make funny little mistakes. See how many you can find: does Byte's antenna, chest-light or silver circuitry change from page to page? Do the animals shift or swap? Noticing what AI gets wrong is a real AI-literacy superpower.

Scan to find the full lesson set on deepfakes in AI at the AI Literacy Lab