

The King and Nothing

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A king with everything goes in search of nothing in this picture book with a philosophical twist. The king travels to the not-quite-barren expanse of the desert and gazes into the not-quite-emptiness of the night sky, but still, nothingness eludes him. Even when he tries to burn a tiny leaf, he finds there are ashes left. The king's quest for nothing takes him to whimsical extremes in illustrations that use warm, bold colors and play with white space.

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