

# NUTS!



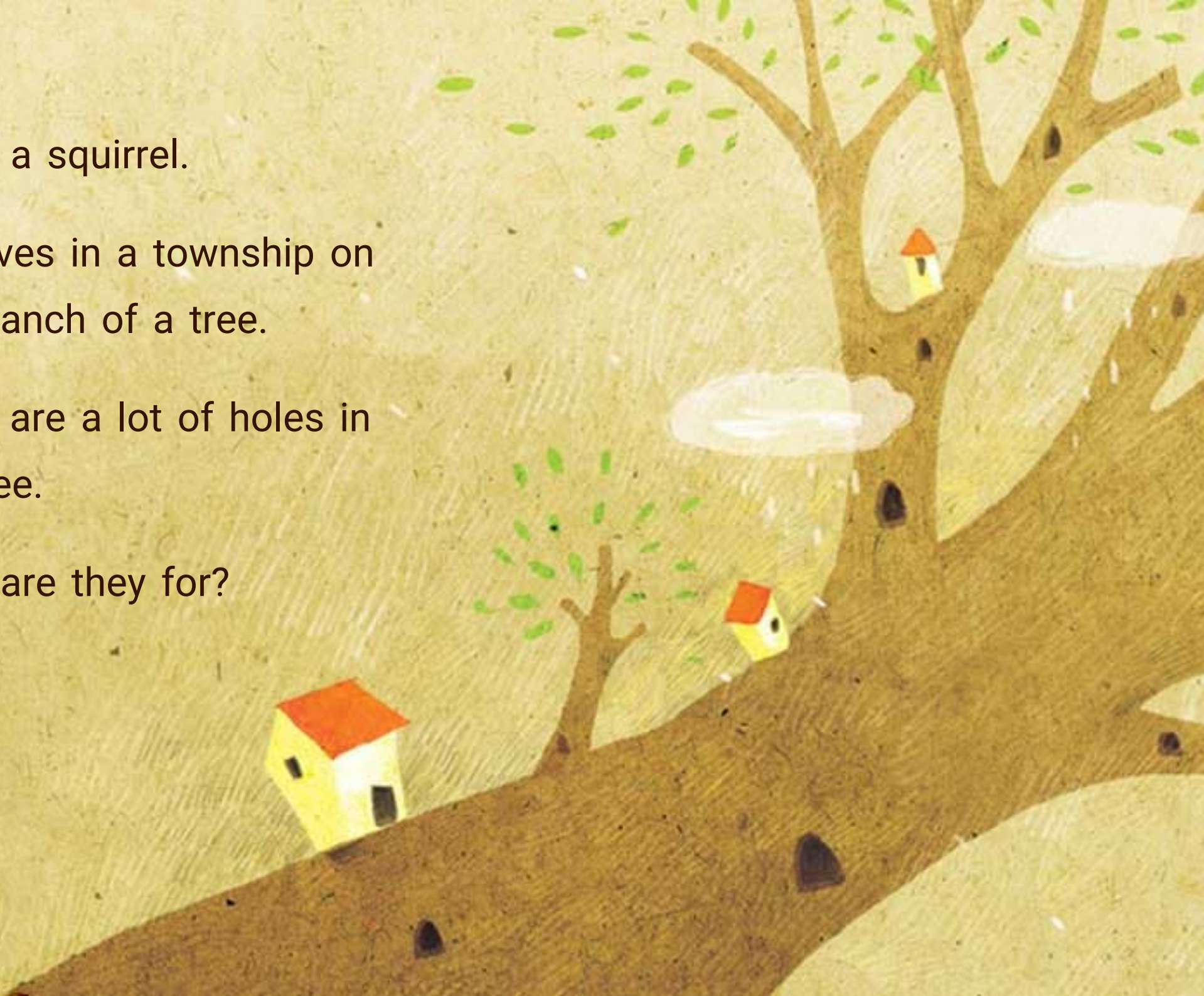
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Pip is a squirrel.

She lives in a township on  
the branch of a tree.

There are a lot of holes in  
the tree.

What are they for?





Pip stores nuts in the tree for  
when the winter comes.

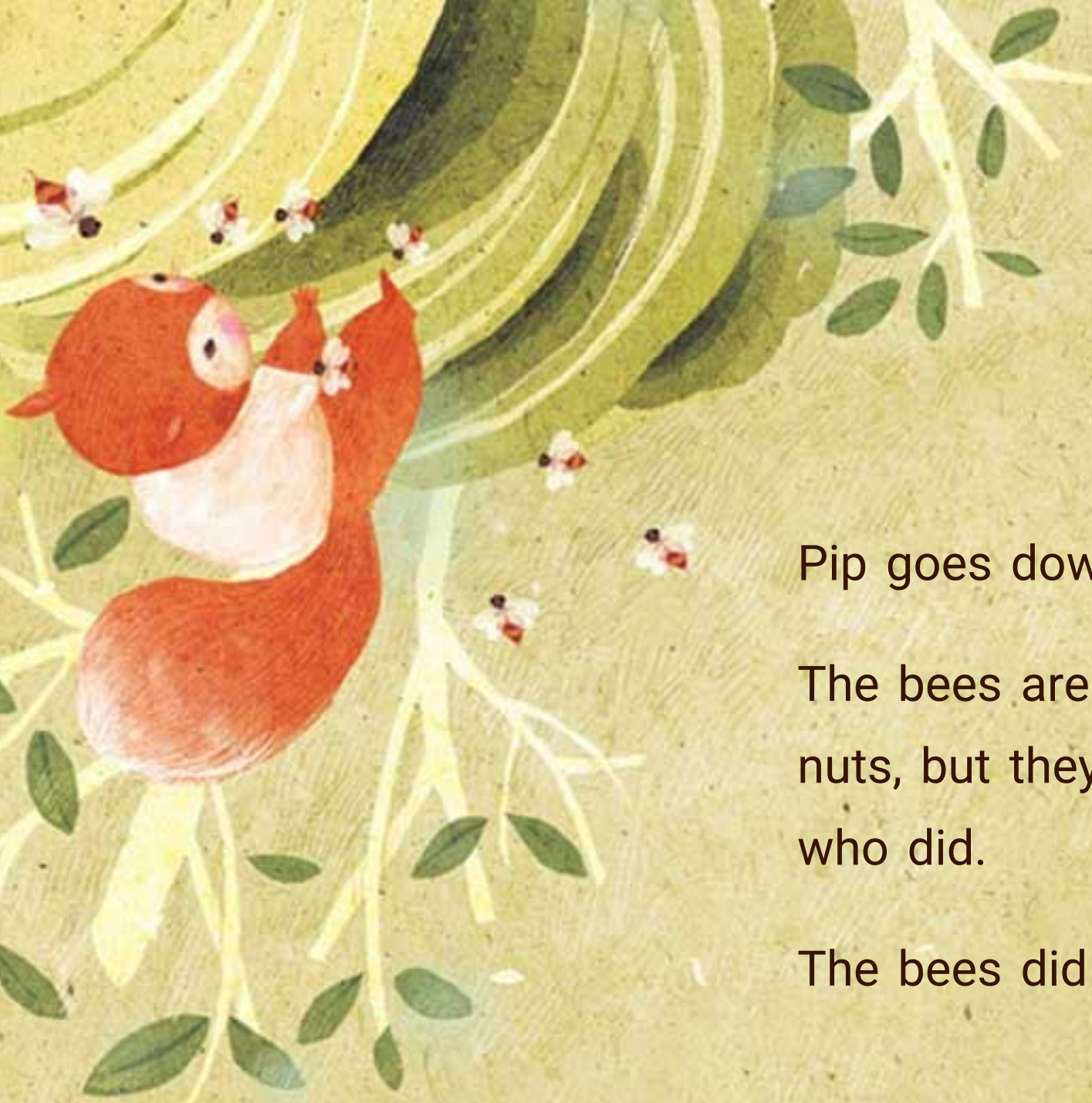
It is too cold to look for food in  
winter.

She needs a good stock of  
snacks to get her through.



Pip checks on her nuts and  
finds that they are all gone!

She chats to a bird that lives  
in the tree, but the bird did not  
take her nuts.



Pip goes down to the beehive.

The bees are too small to take  
nuts, but they might have seen  
who did.

The bees did not see a thing.



Pip thinks that the bees are not telling the truth.

She is so upset about the nuts that she cannot think straight.

The bees make her leave.

Pip asks a fly if he can help  
her to find the lost nuts.

The fly has his own things  
to go. Pip will have to keep  
up with the search by  
herself.



Her friend asks if Pip  
would like to share  
some of her fruit.

Pip thanks her but  
says no. She does not  
want her friend to run  
out of food.





Liz does not think  
that their friends in  
the tree would steal  
Pip's nuts.

They all see how  
hard she works to  
find and store them.



Her words open Pip's mind.

If the nuts were not taken, how else could they have gone missing? She goes all the way down the trunk of the tree.

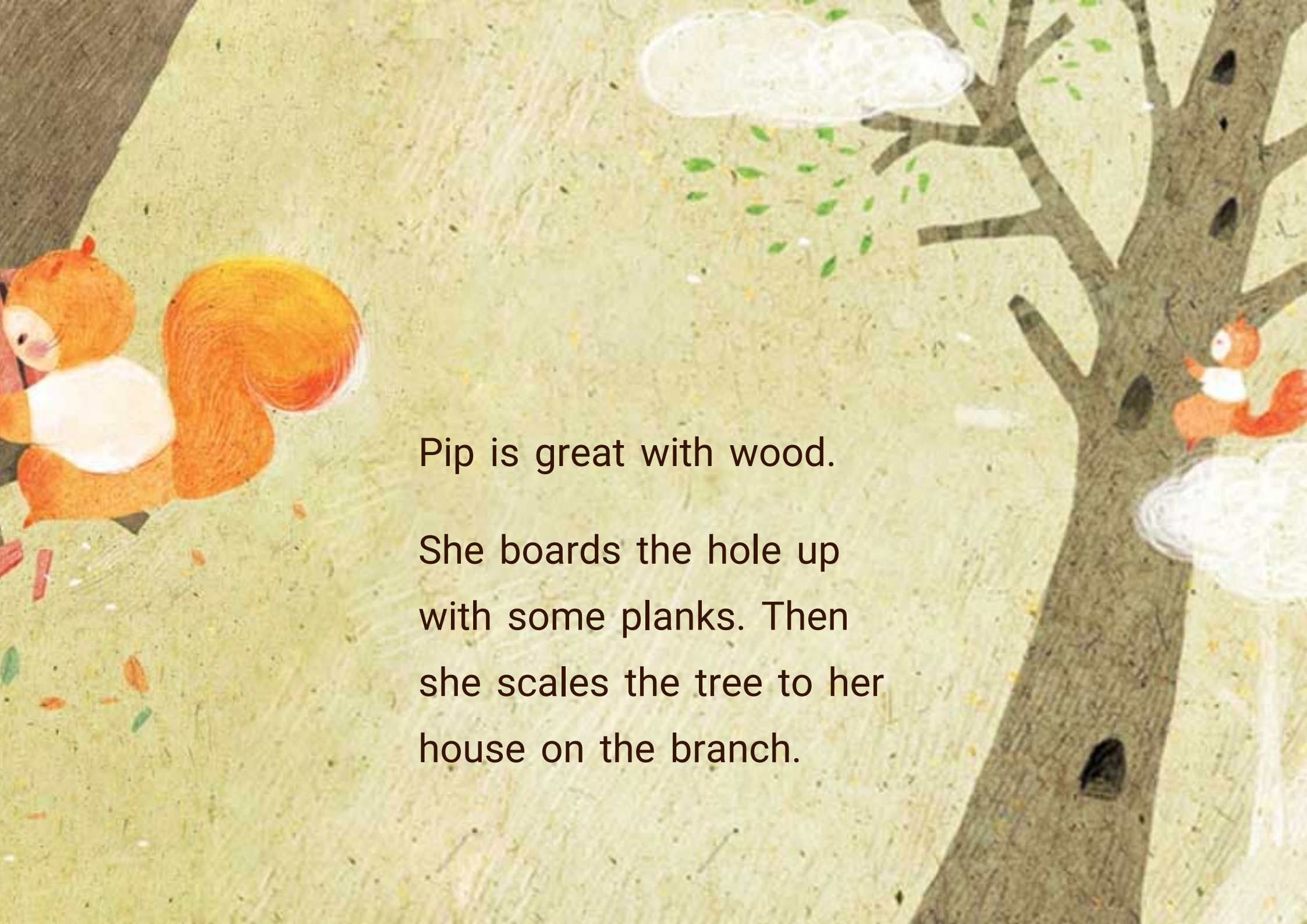
This creature dug a  
hole in the tree to  
store his own food.

His plan backfired,  
and Pip's store of  
nuts fell out.

It was a mistake.

He helps her to pick  
them up.



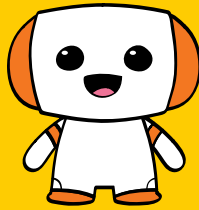


Pip is great with wood.

She boards the hole up  
with some planks. Then  
she scales the tree to her  
house on the branch.



Now Pip has her nest egg for when winter comes. She will have to thank Liz for helping her to look at things from a new point of view.



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