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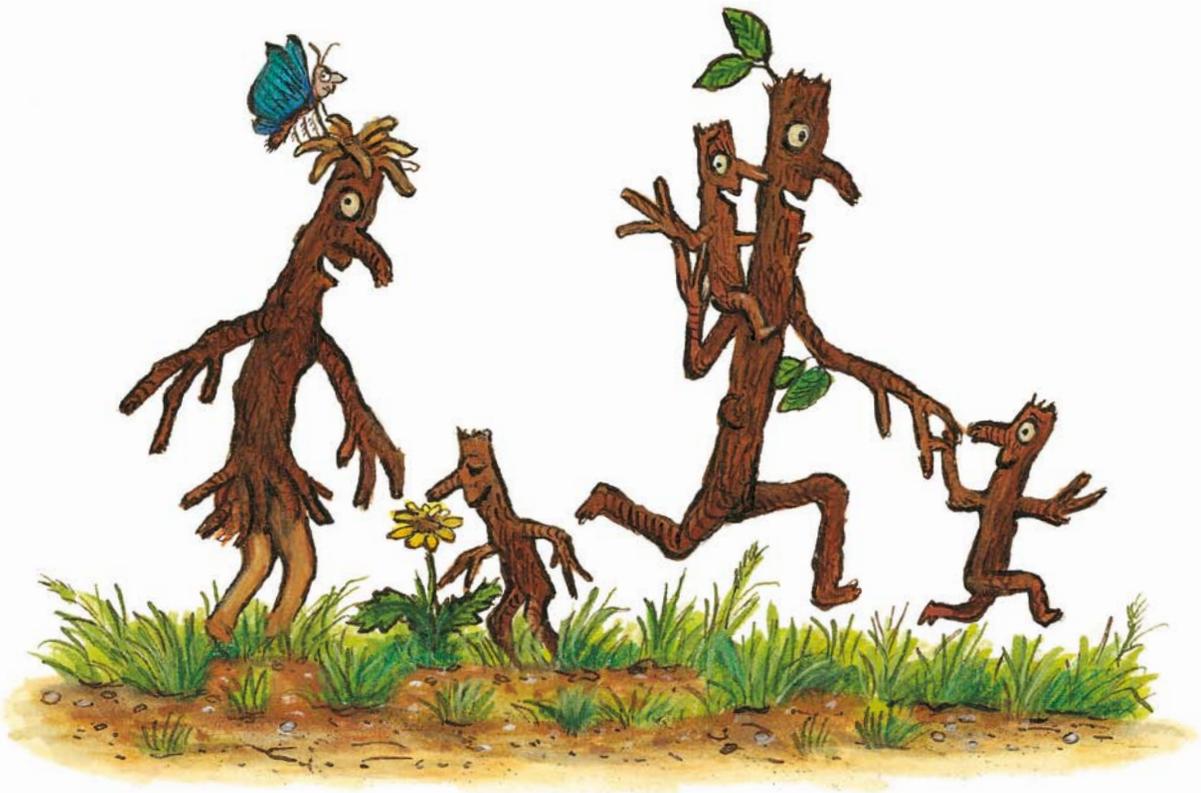
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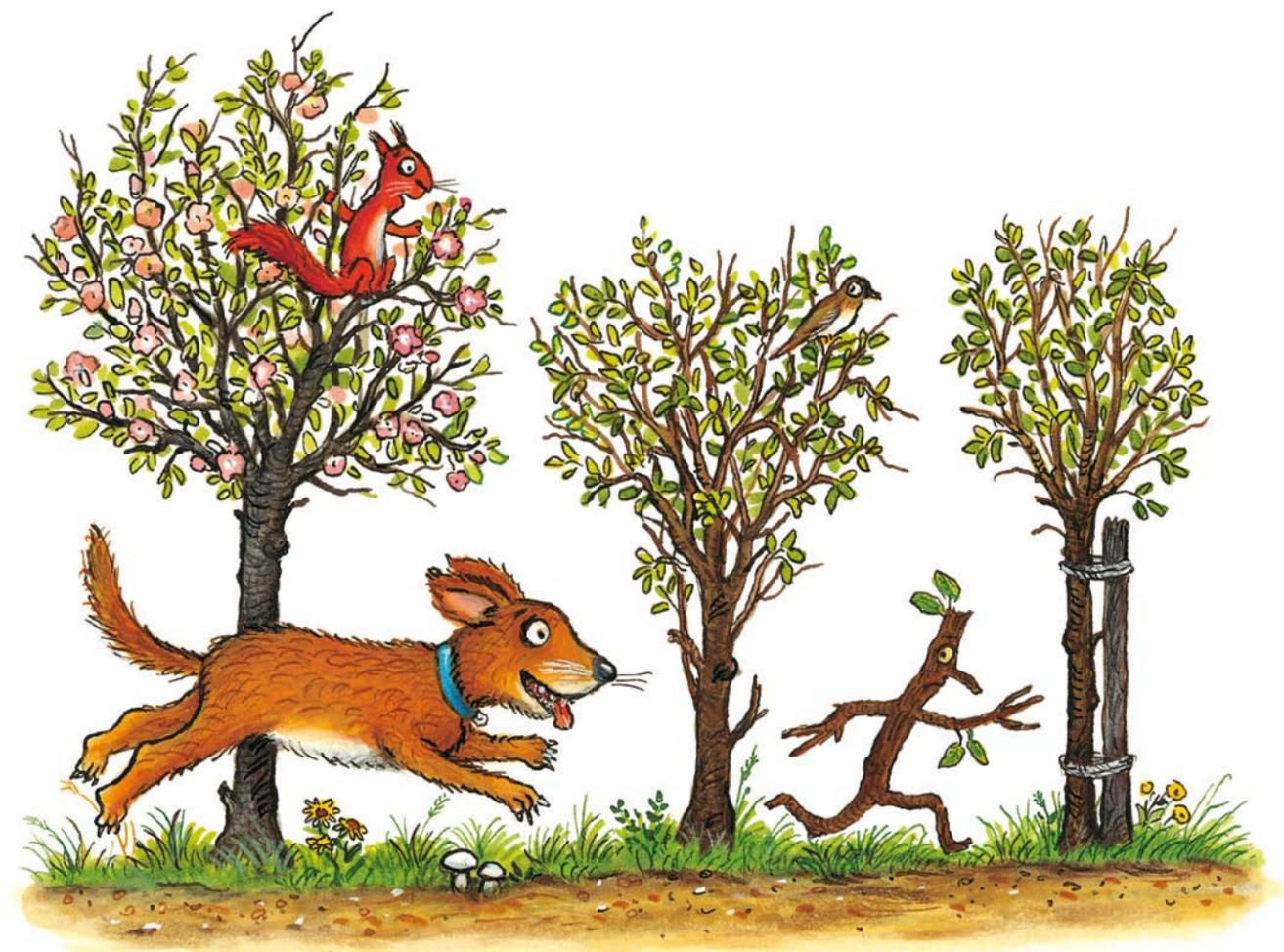
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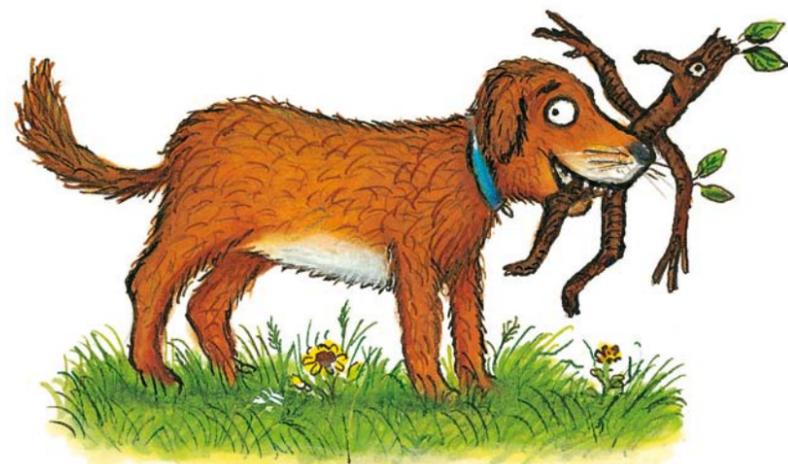


Stick Man lives in the family tree  
With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three.



One day he wakes early and goes for a jog.  
*Stick Man, oh Stick Man, beware of the dog!*



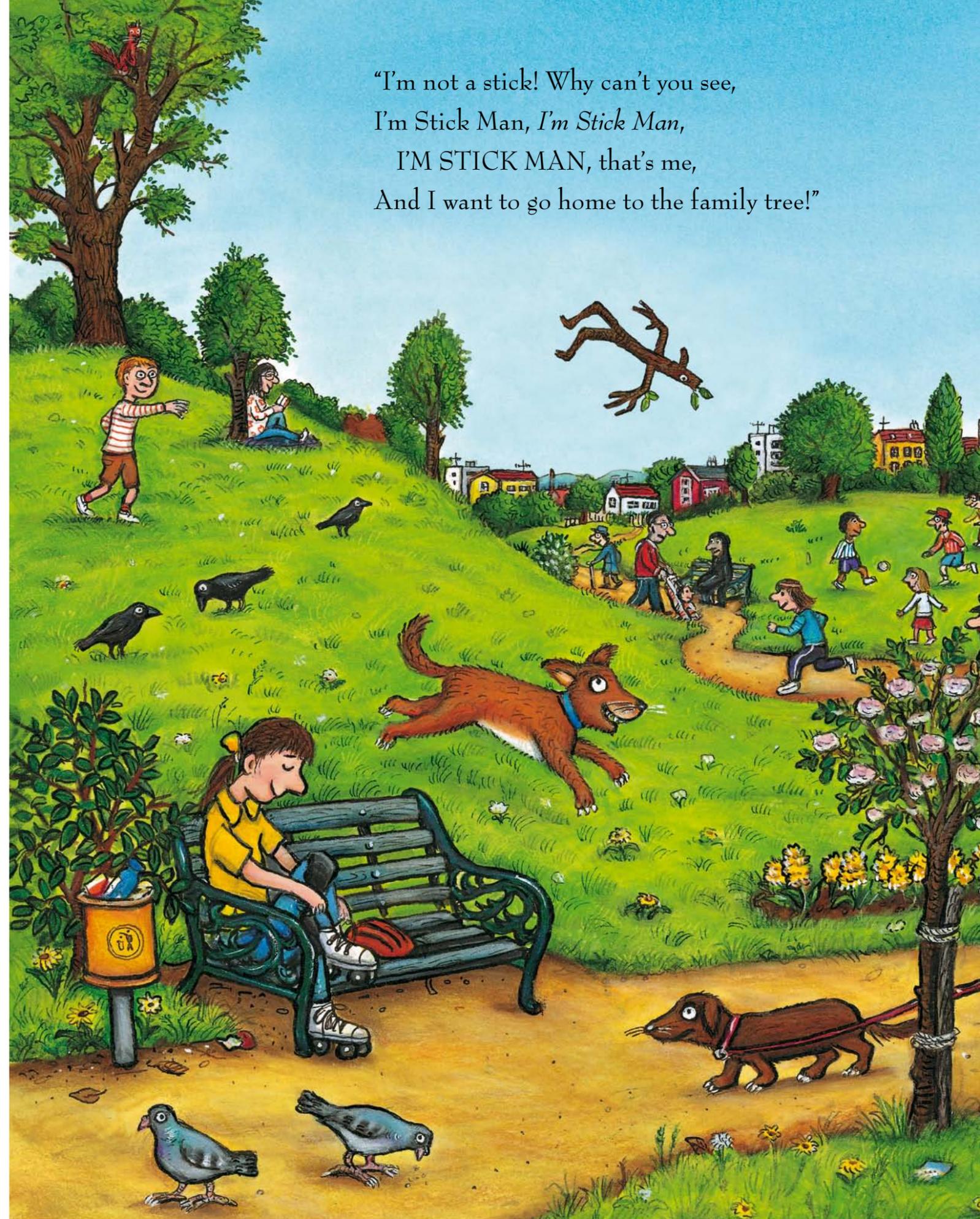


“A stick!” barks the dog.  
“An excellent stick!  
The right kind of stick  
for my favourite trick.”

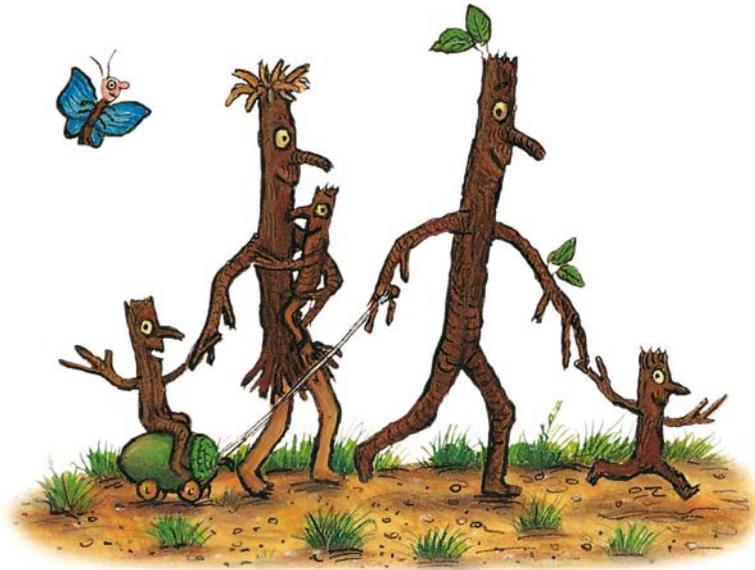
“I’ll fetch it and drop it,  
and fetch it – and then



“I’ll drop it and fetch it  
and drop it again.”



“I’m not a stick! Why can’t you see,  
I’m Stick Man, I’m Stick Man,  
I’M STICK MAN, that’s me,  
And I want to go home to the family tree!”



For Adélie



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