

# THE GREAT TELEPHONE MIX-UP

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# CHAPTER 1

## The Telephone Line

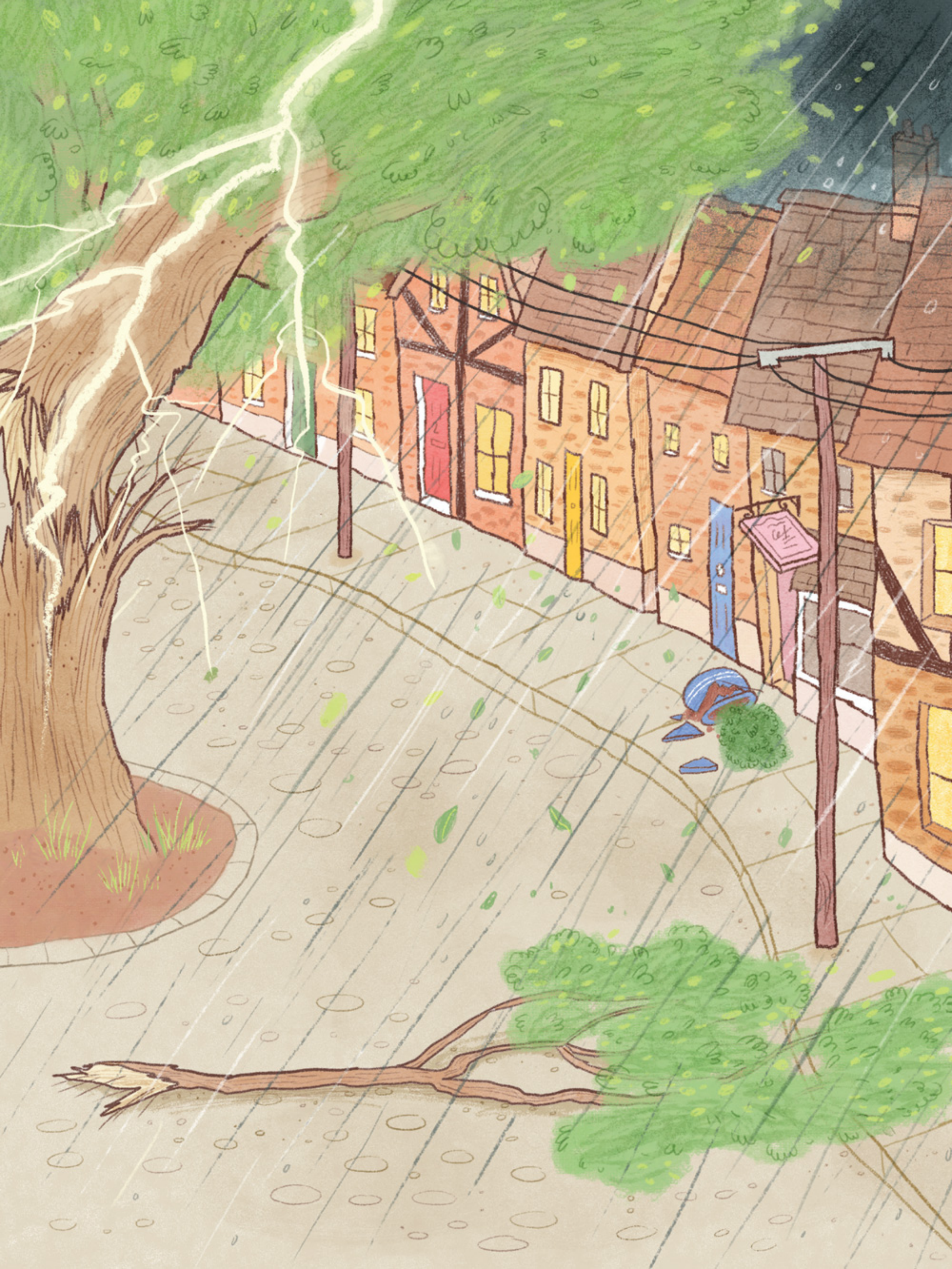
Once, there was a village.

In the village, there was a storm.

The rain rained.

The wind blew.





Thunder rumbled.

And lightning STRUCK!

It struck a big old tree on the edge of the village.

The tree fell onto the telephone wire.

And all the telephones in the village went DEAD.

The next morning, the villagers woke up and none of their telephones worked.

Margaret was very cross. Margaret was trying to organise a village May Fair, a pack of cub scouts, a choir, a cinema club and the local Women's Institute.



Margaret got lots of very important phone calls every day. There wasn't any mobile signal in the village, so she needed her home phone – all the time!

Will was glad his mum didn't have a telephone that day. People mostly rang his mum to be cross about what Will had been up to.

Will thought it was very nice not to have the phone ringing all the time.

So did Will's mum.

Jai was worried about not having a phone. His friend Aditi might ring and not be able to talk to him. What if she thought he was ignoring her?

Jean was old and not very good at walking. She lived all alone with her little cat, Charlie. She was scared about not having a phone. What if she needed help? How would she let anybody know?

