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Summary: Squirrel wins the Golden Acorn Hunt every year, but this year the Golden Acorn Hunt is a team event. Squirrel reluctantly enlists her friends and is not impressed. Will Squirrel's competitive spirit take over, or will she learn how to be a team player?

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HOW TO GET AHEAD
MARATHON TRAINING
BEING A WINNER
The fastest SQUIRRELS in history
GOLDEN ACORN HUNT ANNUAL
ONLY GOLD WILL DO
SPEEDY Gonzales!
TROPHY CARE
Squirrel MARATHON
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KEEP ON RUNNING
RUN
Squirrel's Running Training Plan
WEEK MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT SUN
1 RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN REST
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3 RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN
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7 RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN
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START
GOLDEN ACORN HUNT STRATEGY
LAKE
'86 Acorn
'97
2017 Acorn
Rabbit's Burrow
Beaver's house
FINISH LINE
RIVER
KEY
Possible acorn locations
Previous acorn locations
Best route

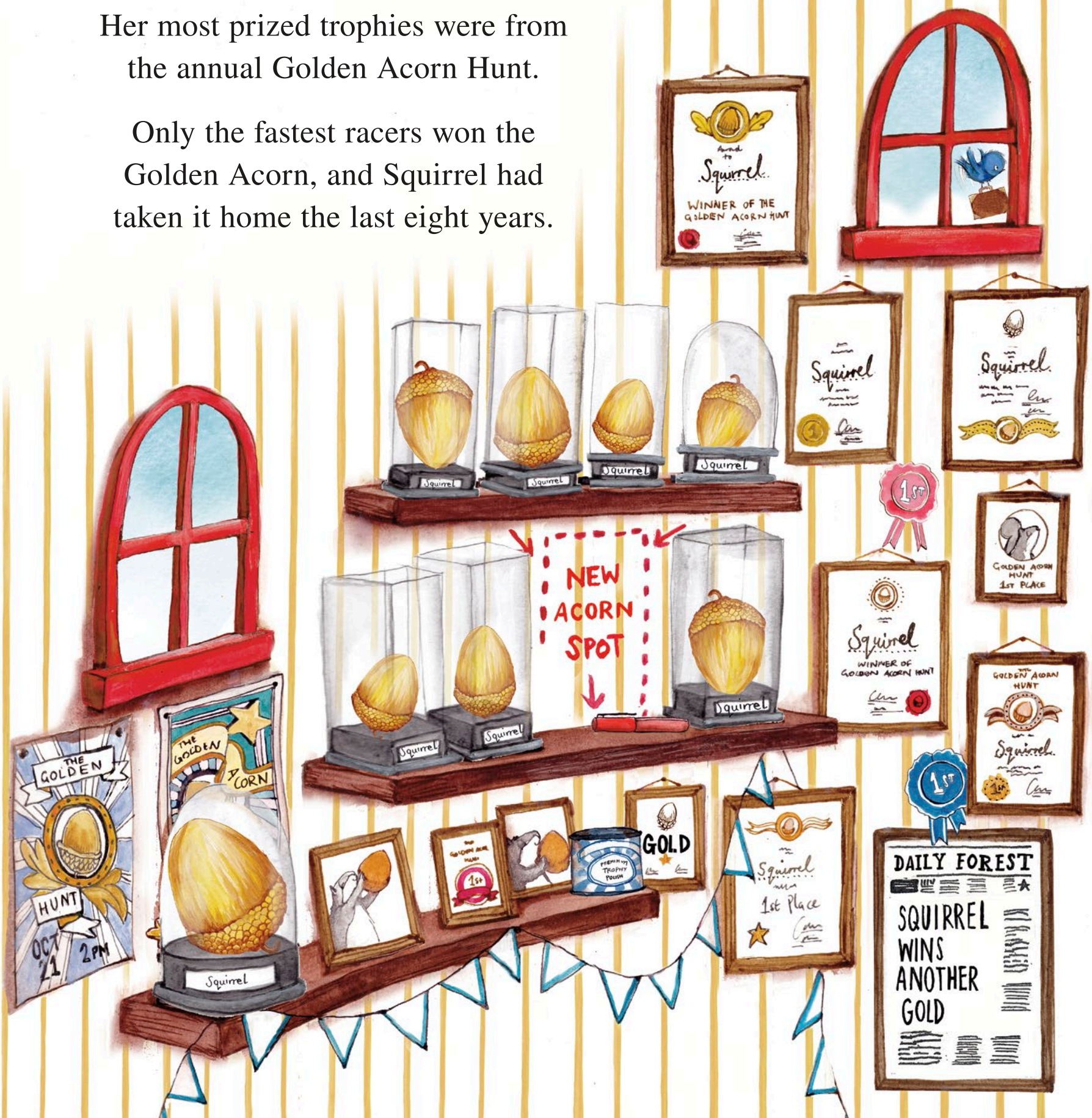


Squirrel LOVED being the fastest. She could
fly through the trees faster than anybody
and had the trophy collection to prove it.


Top Branch
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GOLD
THE WHOOSH PRIZE WINNER
SQUIRREL
NO JUNK MAIL
Squirrel
WINNER
THE ANNUAL GOLDEN ACORN HUNT RETURNS!

Her most prized trophies were from the annual Golden Acorn Hunt.

Only the fastest racers won the Golden Acorn, and Squirrel had taken it home the last eight years.




Stay FAST!
Just keep running!
BUT THIS YEAR WAS DIFFERENT.
TROPHY CARE
Speedy Gonzalez
THE WINNER'S GUIDE
HOW TO BE THE FASTEST
HOW TO BE THE FASTEST
P.B. 17.7s
GOLDEN
ACORN HUNT
THE FAMOUS FOREST RACE RETURNS WITH AN EVEN BIGGER ACORN!
OCT 10TH 2PM
DAILY FOREST
FASTEST ANIMAL IN TOWN!
OCTOBER
RACE DAY
THE GOLDEN ACORN
HUNT
THE FASTEST RACE IN TOWN!

"All those competing in tomorrow's Golden Acorn Hunt must do so as part of a team," Beaver read.



Squirrel scoffed. “But I’m the fastest animal
in the forest! I don’t need a team.”

“But we’d love to be on your team, Squirrel!”
said Rabbit brightly.



“You?” Squirrel looked at her friends.
They really did not seem like race material.

But Squirrel had no choice. The race was tomorrow.
Maybe a little training would do the trick . . .