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THE GOLDEN ACORN

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Race Day



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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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THE
GOLDEN ACORN
HUNT EST. 1928

**THE FASTEST RACE
IN TOWN RETURNS**

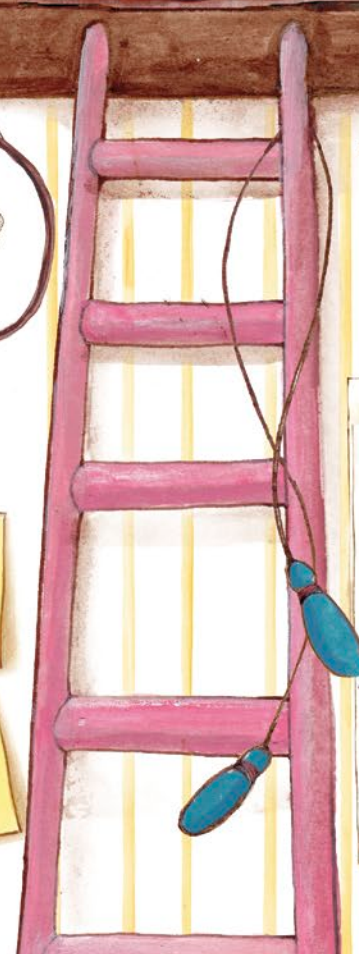
THE FASTEST ANIMAL
TO FIND THE ELUSIVE
GOLDEN ACORN
AND CROSS THE FINISH
LINE
WINS!!!

8x WINNER SQUIRREL TO RETURN
TO DEFEND GOLD TITLE



For the
speediest
lady I know,
My Mum.

And for the
joy you bring,
My Mabel.
- K.H.





Squirrel
MARATHON
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RUN

Squirrel's Running Training Plan

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	REST
2	RUN	RUN	RUN	REST	RUN	RUN	REST
3	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN
4	RUN	REST	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN
5	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN
6	RUN	RUN	RUN	REST	RUN	RUN	RUN
7	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN
8	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN
9	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN	RUN





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



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GOLD

THE WHOOSH PRIZE WINNER

Squirrel WINNER

THE ANNUAL GOLDEN ACORN HUNT RETURNS!

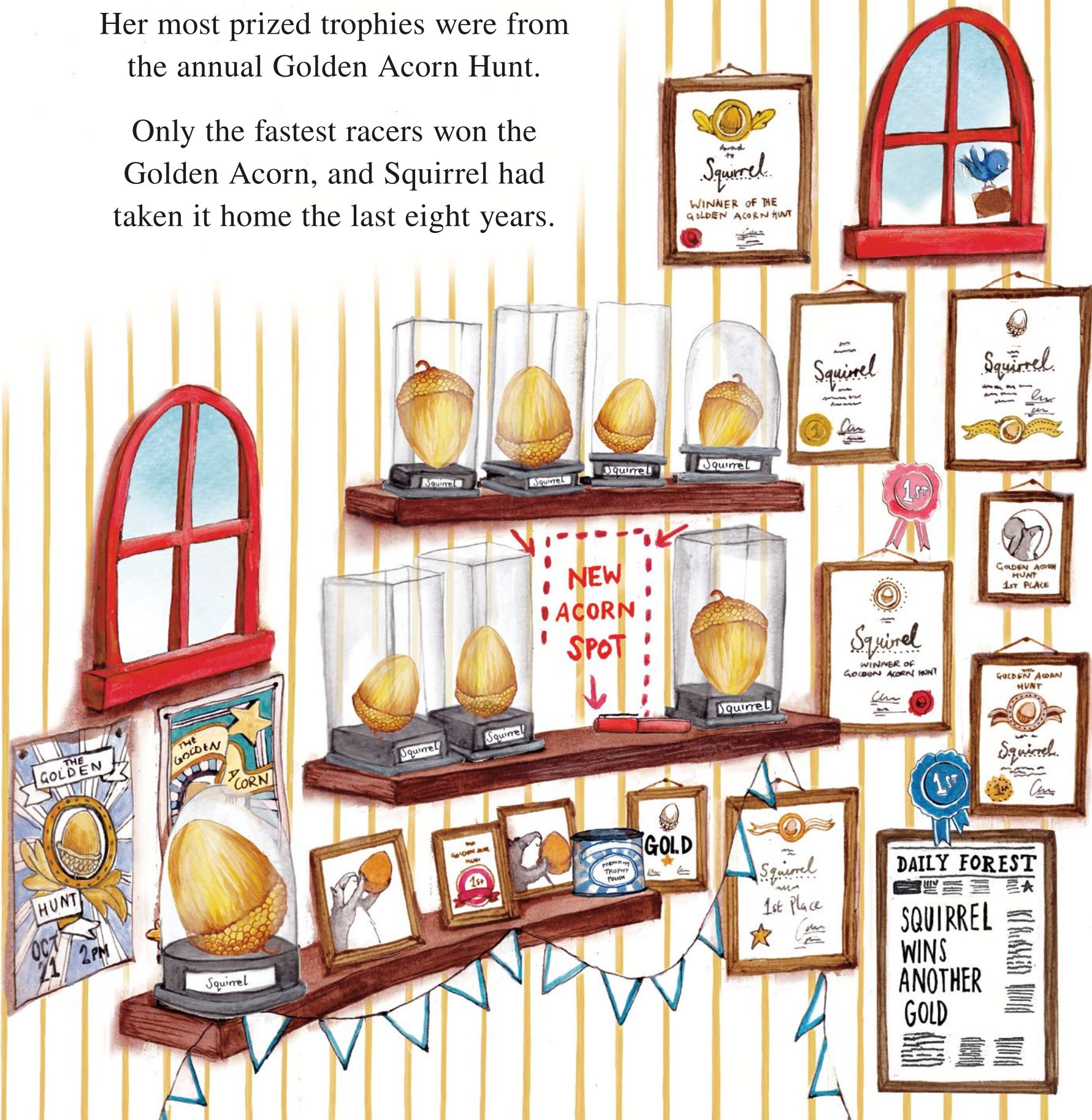
Squirrel SPEED WINNER

SQUIRREL

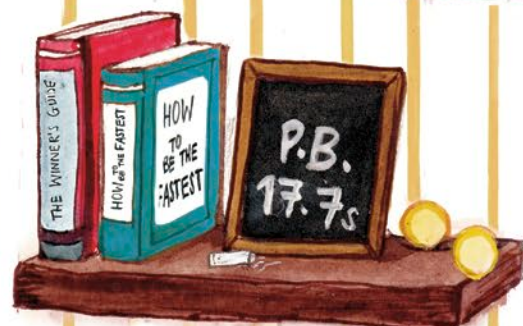
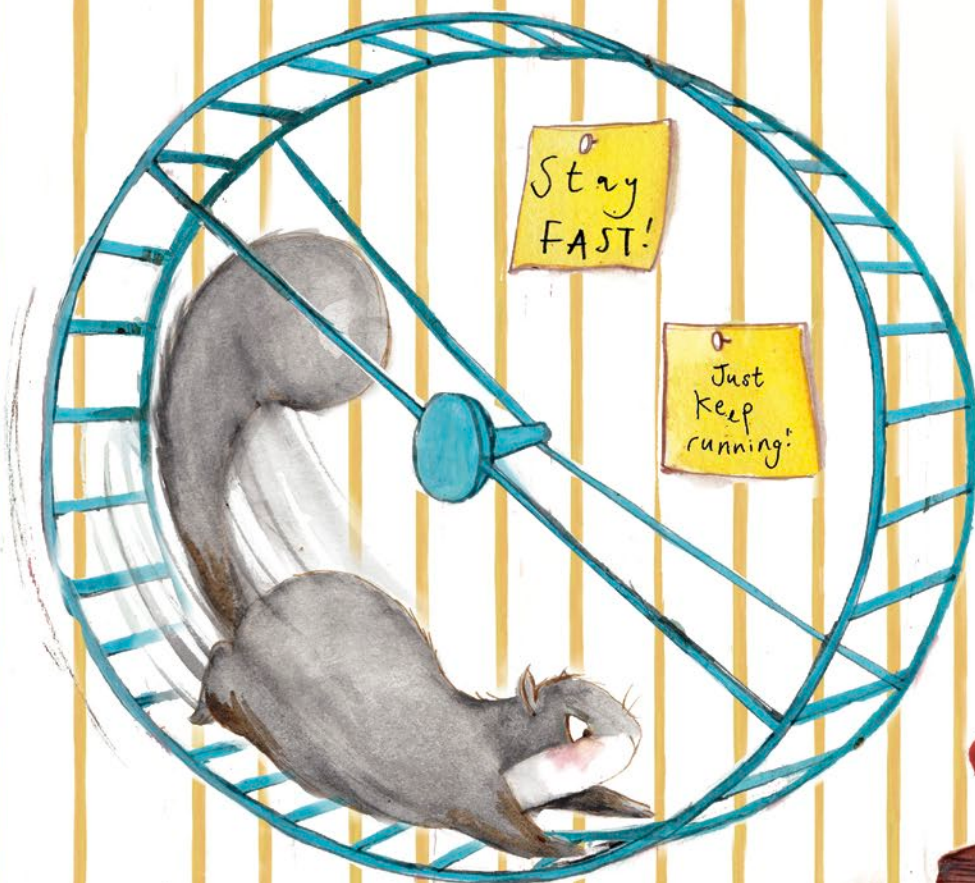
NO JUNK MAIL

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.



BUT THIS YEAR
WAS DIFFERENT.



“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 . . .