

Who makes a forest?
A wizard, a giant, an emperor?
Come on a walk with Grandpa to discover
how a forest is made, and see how a
thousand tiny things can come together
to change the face of the earth...

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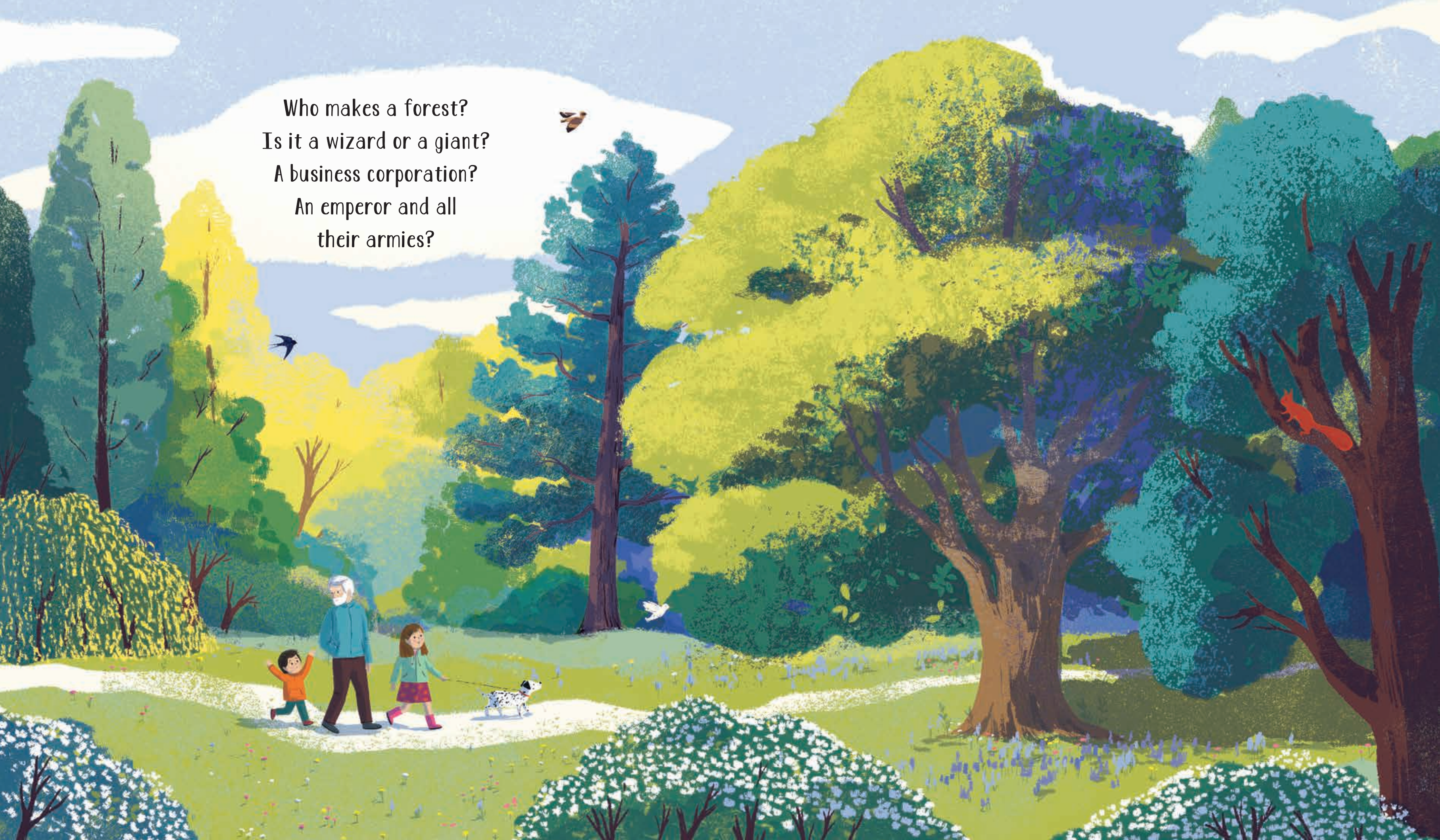
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Who makes a forest?
Is it a wizard or a giant?
A business corporation?
An emperor and all
their armies?



No.
First, you have bare,
stony ground.
No earth.
Nothing that holds water.
Nowhere to put down roots.

What comes first?
Not an English rose
or a mighty oak,
but tiny,
clinging plants.

Little smears of green on the stone.
Lichen. Algae. Moss.
What comes next?



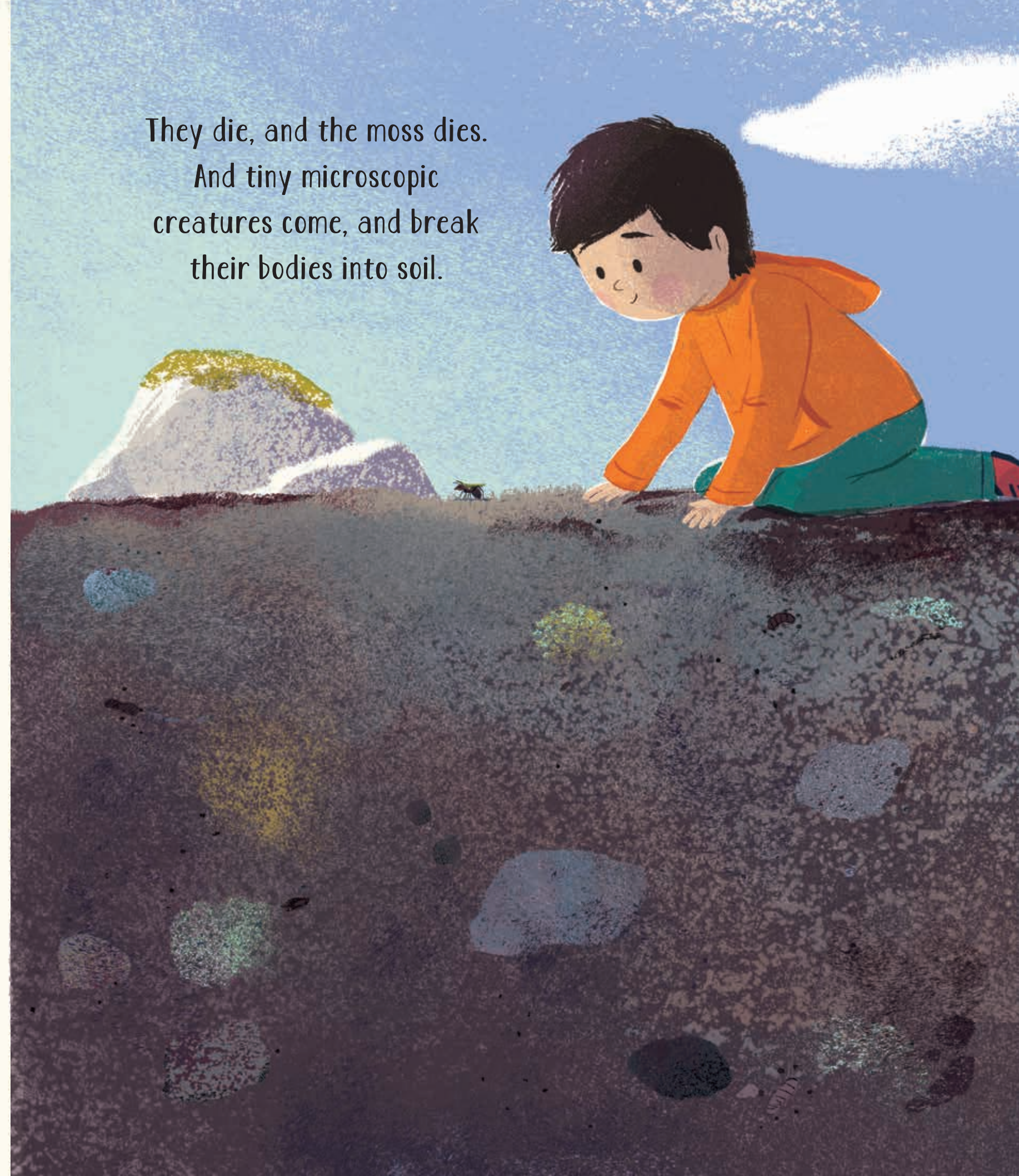
Insects. Beetles. Ants.



Busy, crawling things, who eat the moss
and fertilise the ground.



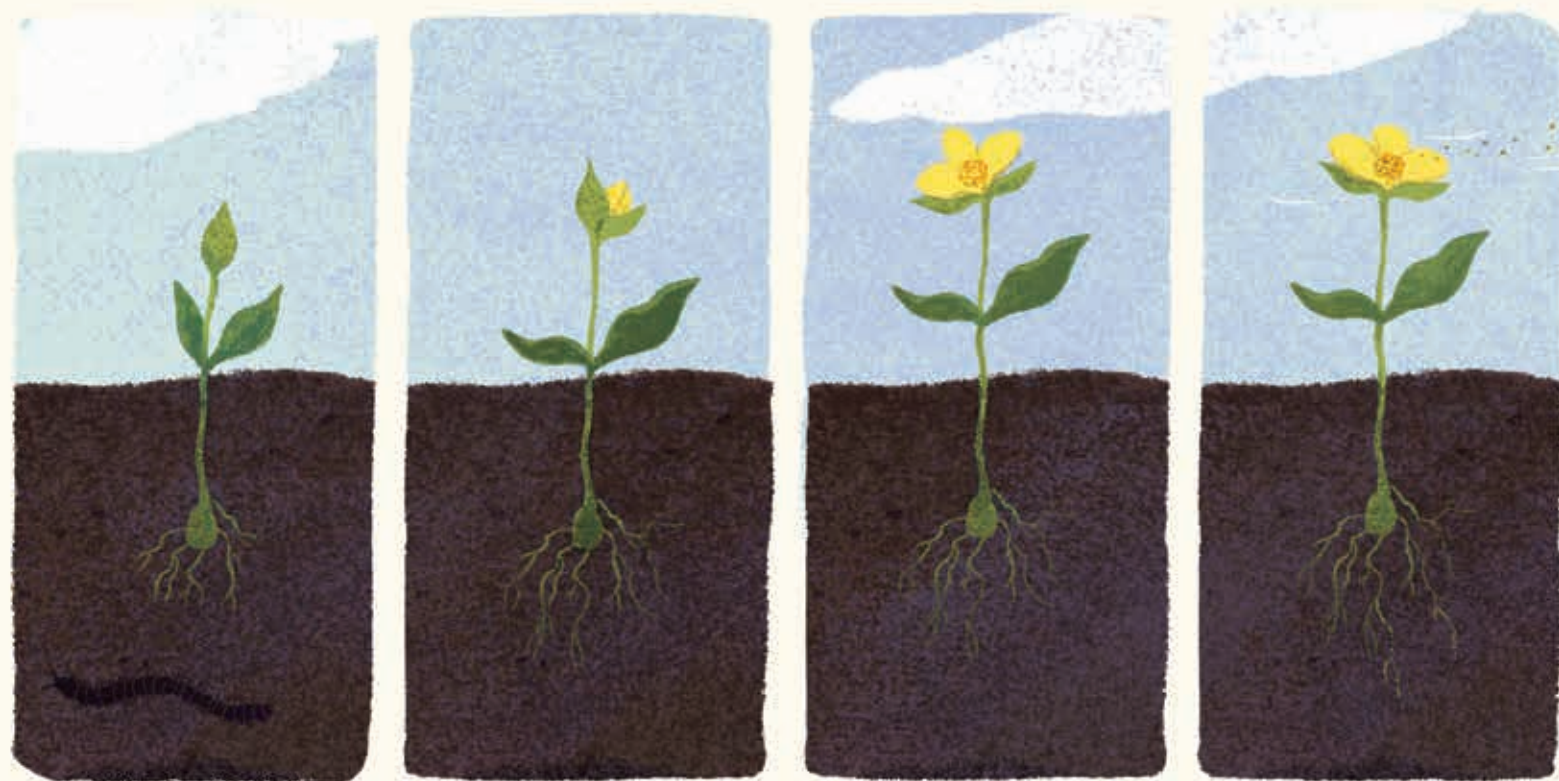
They die, and the moss dies.
And tiny microscopic
creatures come, and break
their bodies into soil.



So now there is soil, and in the soil,



and in the plants, there is water.



And little seeds blow in on the wind,

and now there are ferns, and grass,
and wild flowers in the stony places.

