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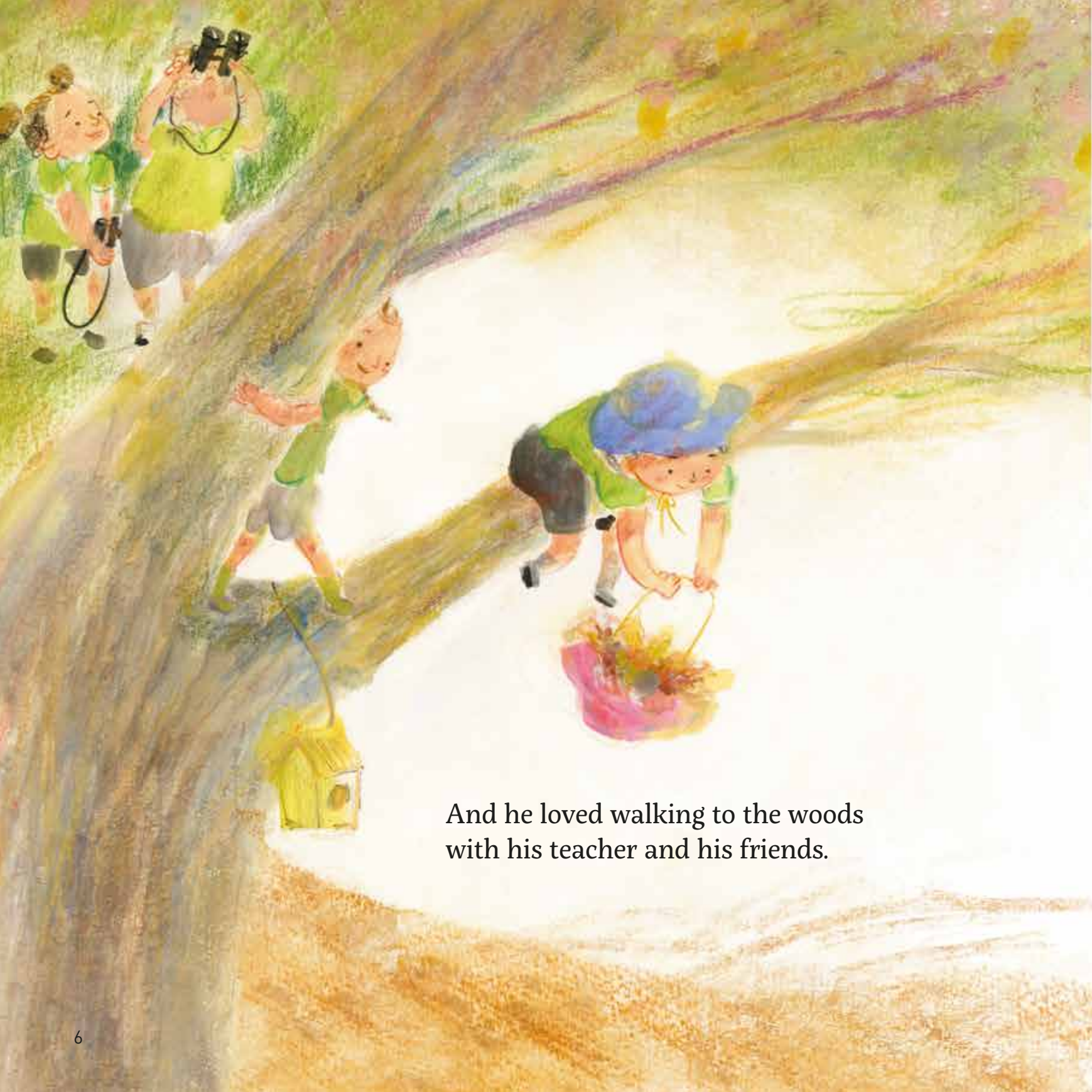
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Theo loved being outside.  
He loved taking his toys onto the balcony  
of the flat where he lived with his mum.

He loved eating just-picked fruit  
in his granny's garden.



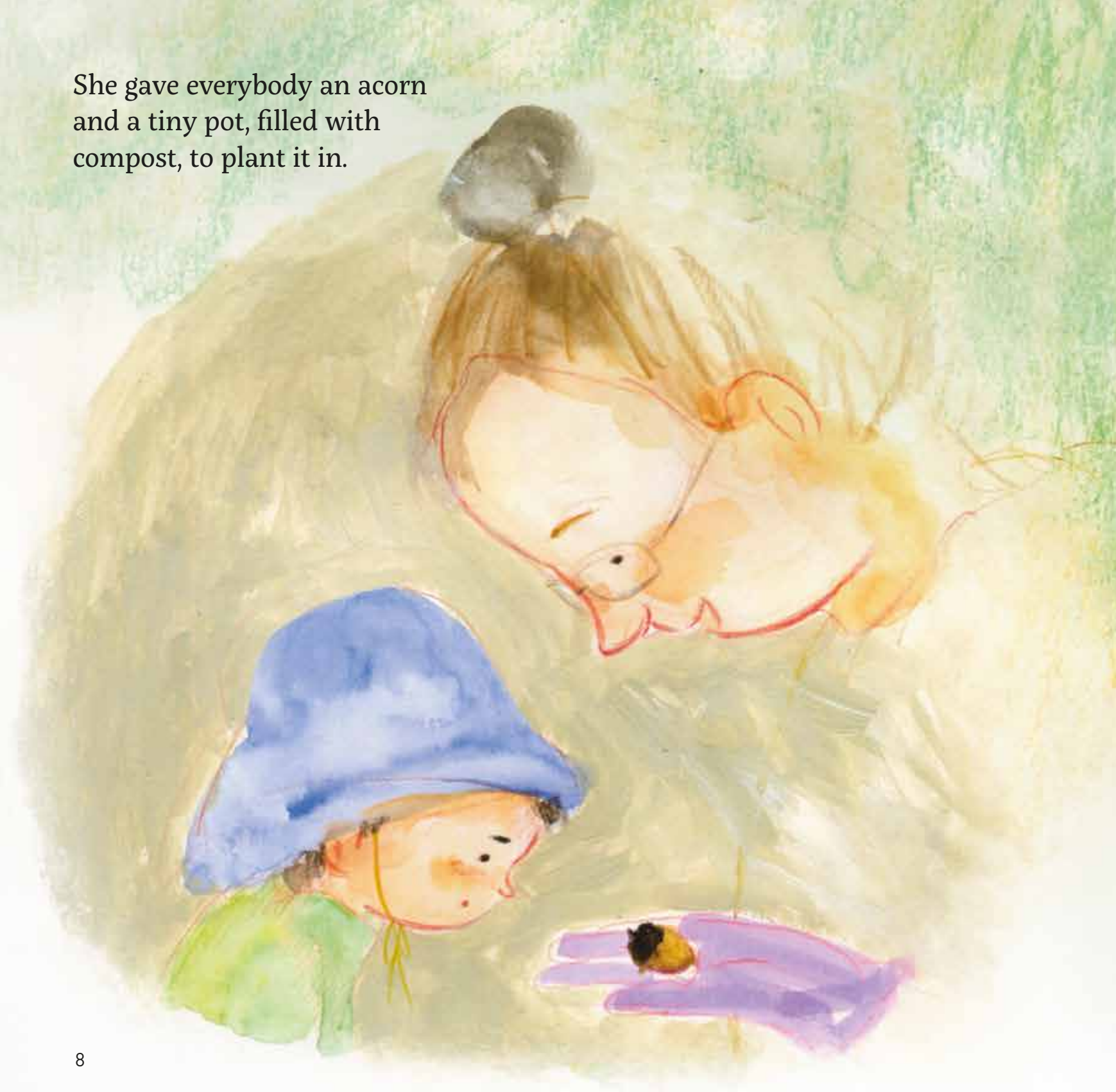


And he loved walking to the woods  
with his teacher and his friends.



One day, a forest ranger  
met them there.

She gave everybody an acorn  
and a tiny pot, filled with  
compost, to plant it in.



“There’s an ancient oak tree so big,” she  
told them, “that people have parties in its  
hollow trunk. Take care of that acorn –  
just enough water and plenty of sunshine  
– and you’ve got the venue sorted for  
your one-hundredth birthday!”

Some of Theo's friends tipped over  
their pots and lost their acorns  
straightaway.

Others took their pots home,  
carefully, but then forgot all  
about them.

But not Theo. He even gave his tree-to-be a name.

**Oakie.**

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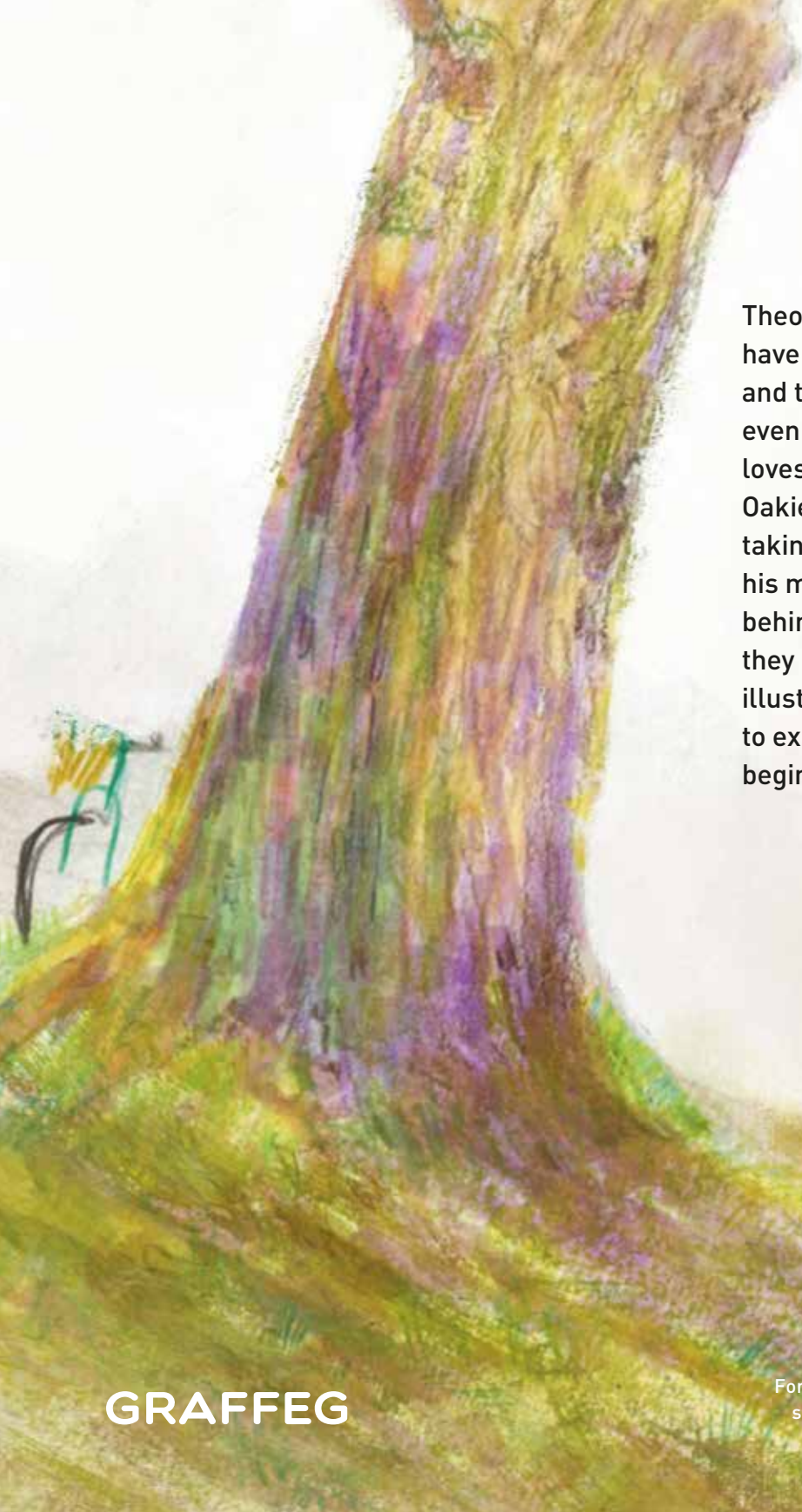
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Theo loves being outside. One day, Theo's class have a visitor who gives all the children an acorn and tells them how to care for it – the children even get to bring theirs home after school. Theo loves his tiny 'tree-to-be'. He gives it a name, Oakie, and he makes sure to look after Oakie, taking it everywhere with him. But when Theo and his mum go on holiday, Theo has to leave Oakie behind. Find out what happens to Oakie when they return. This tenderly told and beautifully illustrated tale uses nature's changing seasons to explore loss and love, endings and new beginnings.



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