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"You're up to something," said Tabitha. "You'd better not try any spells. You heard what Sticklewick said."

"Don't be such a spoilsport," said Max. "What harm can it do? Anyway, he won't know."

Max closed his eyes and thought for a moment. Taking a deep breath, he said the magic words...

Root and branch
of old oak tree, bring
this broom to life
for me!