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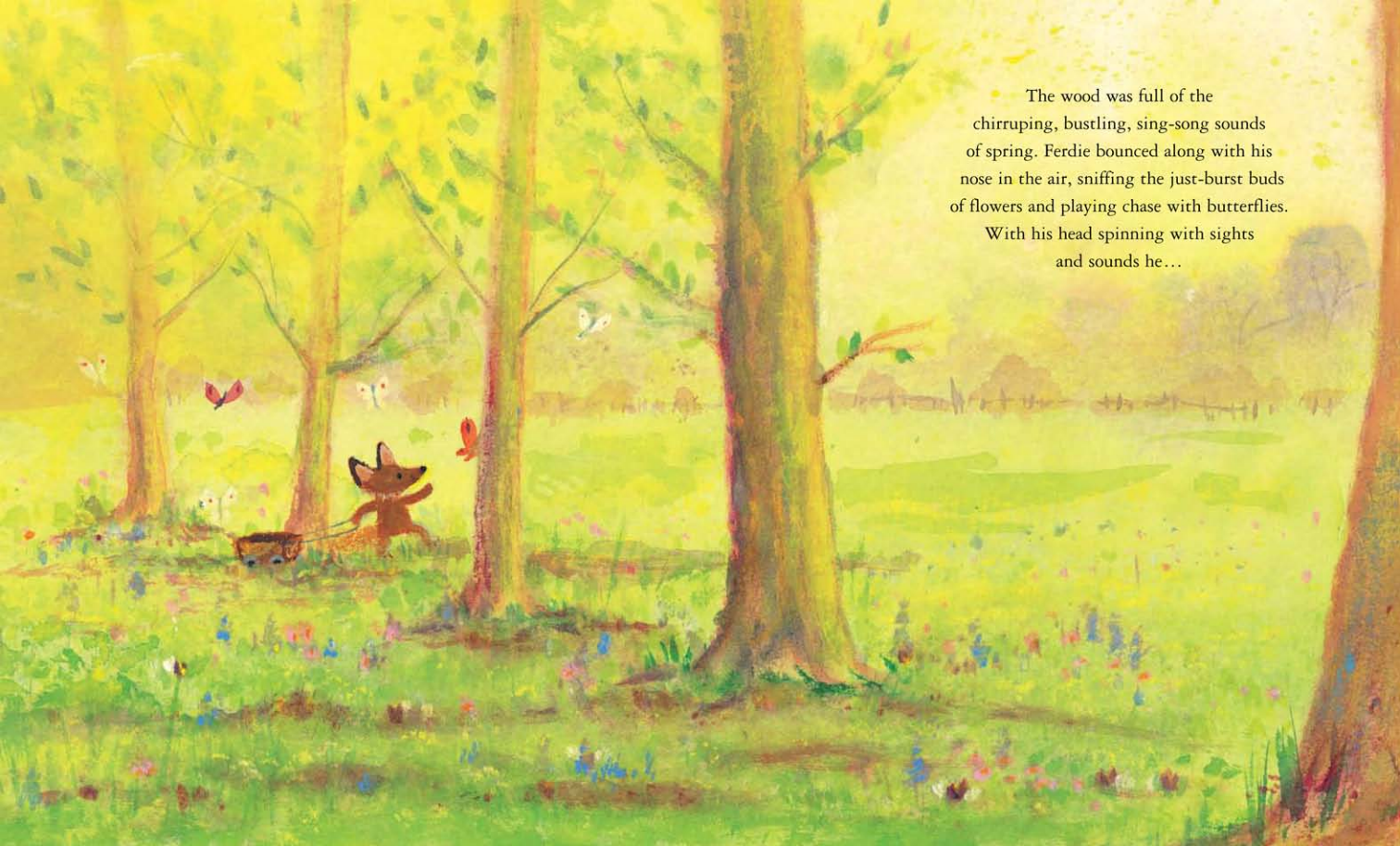
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The wood was full of the chirruping, bustling, sing-song sounds of spring. Ferdie bounced along with his nose in the air, sniffing the just-burst buds of flowers and playing chase with butterflies. With his head spinning with sights and sounds he…



. . . tumbled happily down the hill into
the sunny orchard. But when he picked himself
up from the ground he couldn't believe his eyes.

Instead of the bright, rich green of spring, the ground was covered in drifts of white, and when a soft breeze danced through the branches it carried snowy flakes.

"Snow so late in spring," thought Ferdie. "It's much too cold for the buds and butterflies. There's no time to lose."

