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Something lives deep
inside that tree.

Once, I saw small, bright eyes
looking at me.

I heard a thin voice whisper.

I chose up high.

So we climbed up inside
the Warty Tree.

And the Sprite was
always ahead of me.

Up,
up high
we climbed,
and came out
at the top

where the branches
meet the sky.

'Don't look down,'
said the Sprite,
and held on to me
tight.