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bartholomew and the bug

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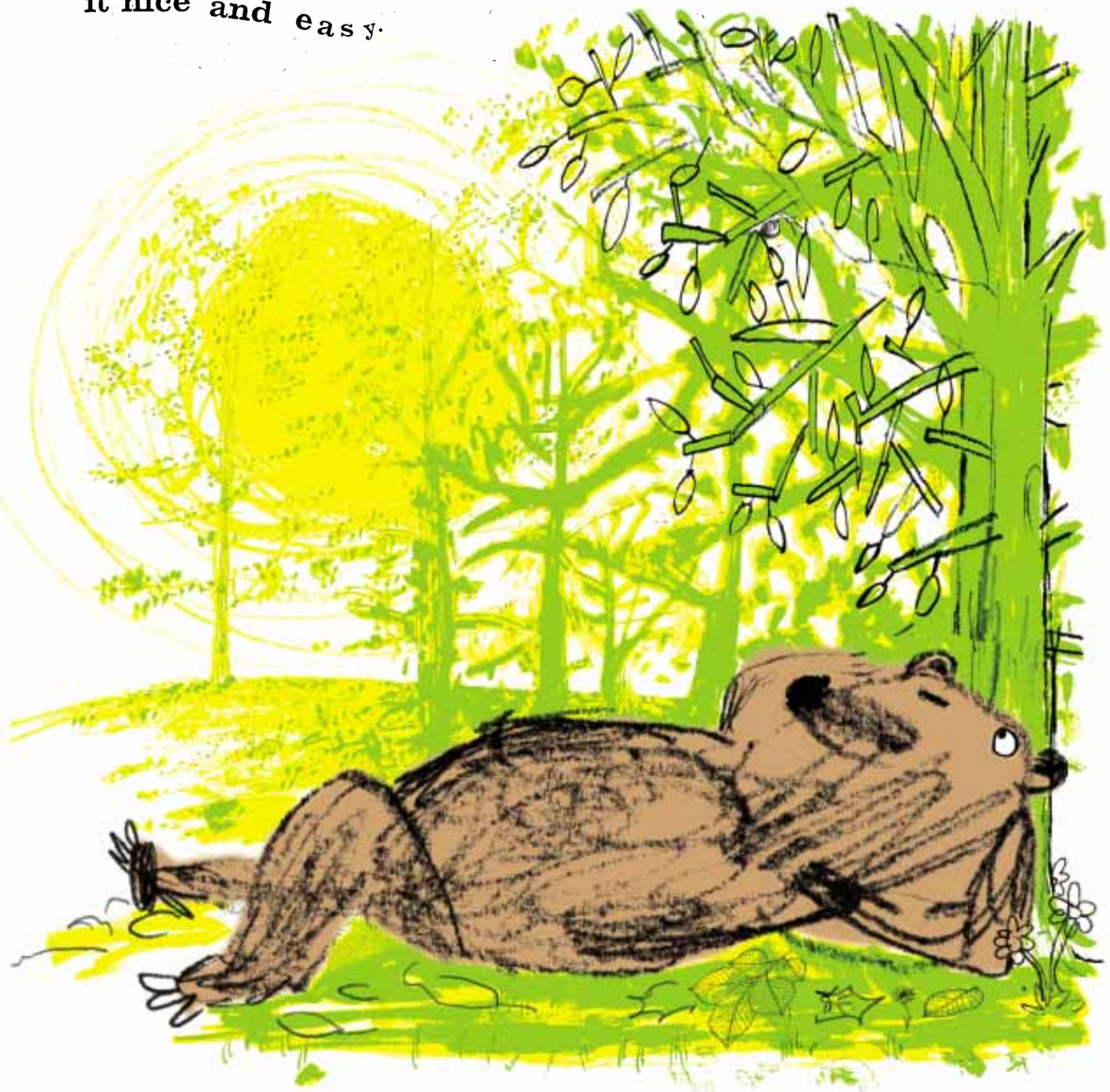
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Bartholomew lived in a cave in a forest at the top of a mountain.

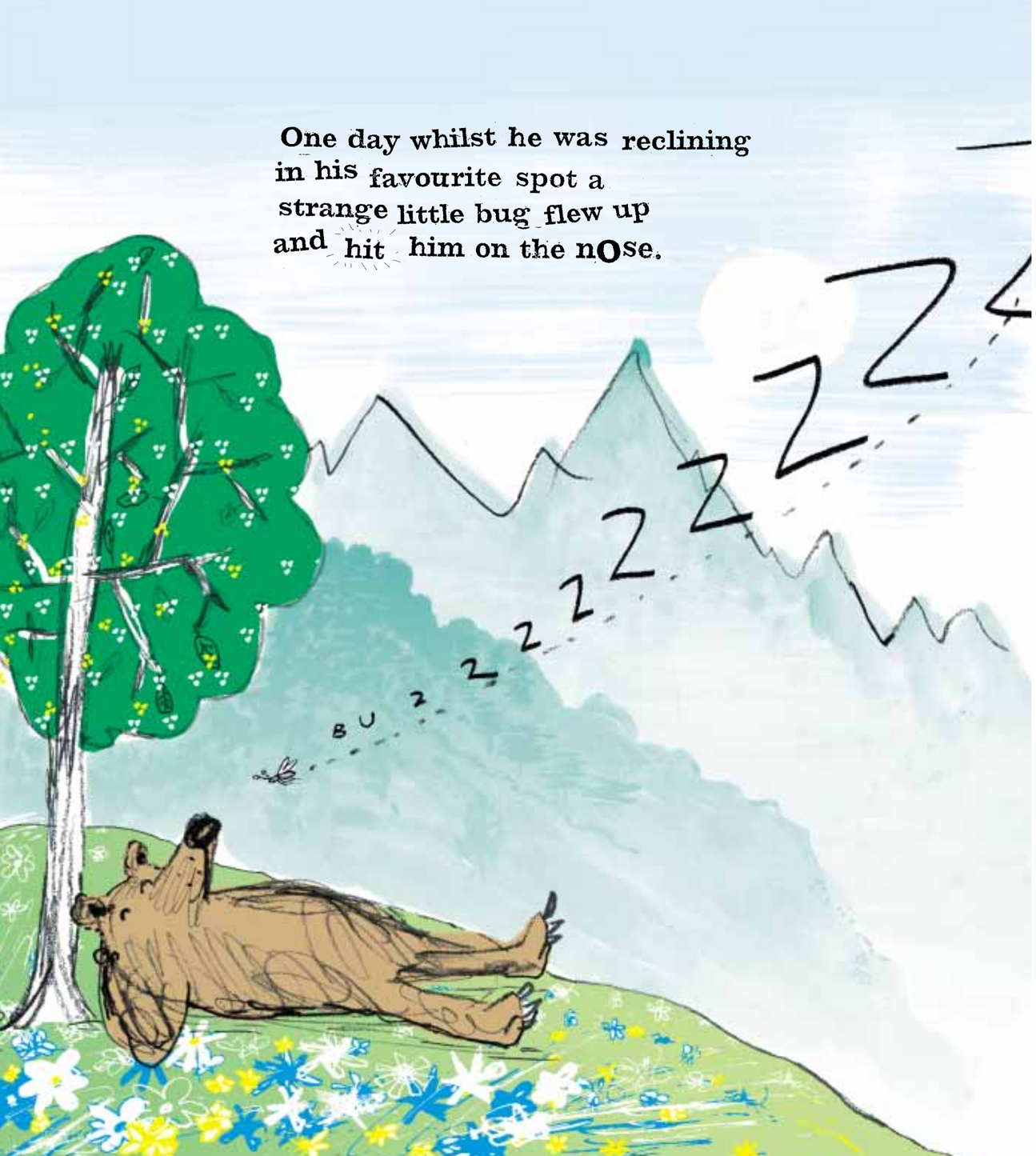
He spent his days sniffing flowers, sneezing in leafy glades, snacking on berries and generally taking it nice and easy.





But sometimes in the evenings he would climb up to the top of the cliff and watch the twinkling lights down in the valley below. He wondered what they were, and what went on there. Perhaps he would go there tomorrow, or sometime next week...

One day whilst he was reclining in his favourite spot a strange little bug flew up and hit him on the nose.



It spoke very quickly in a squeaky voice and kept gasping for breath, but eventually Bartholomew managed to work out what it was saying.

