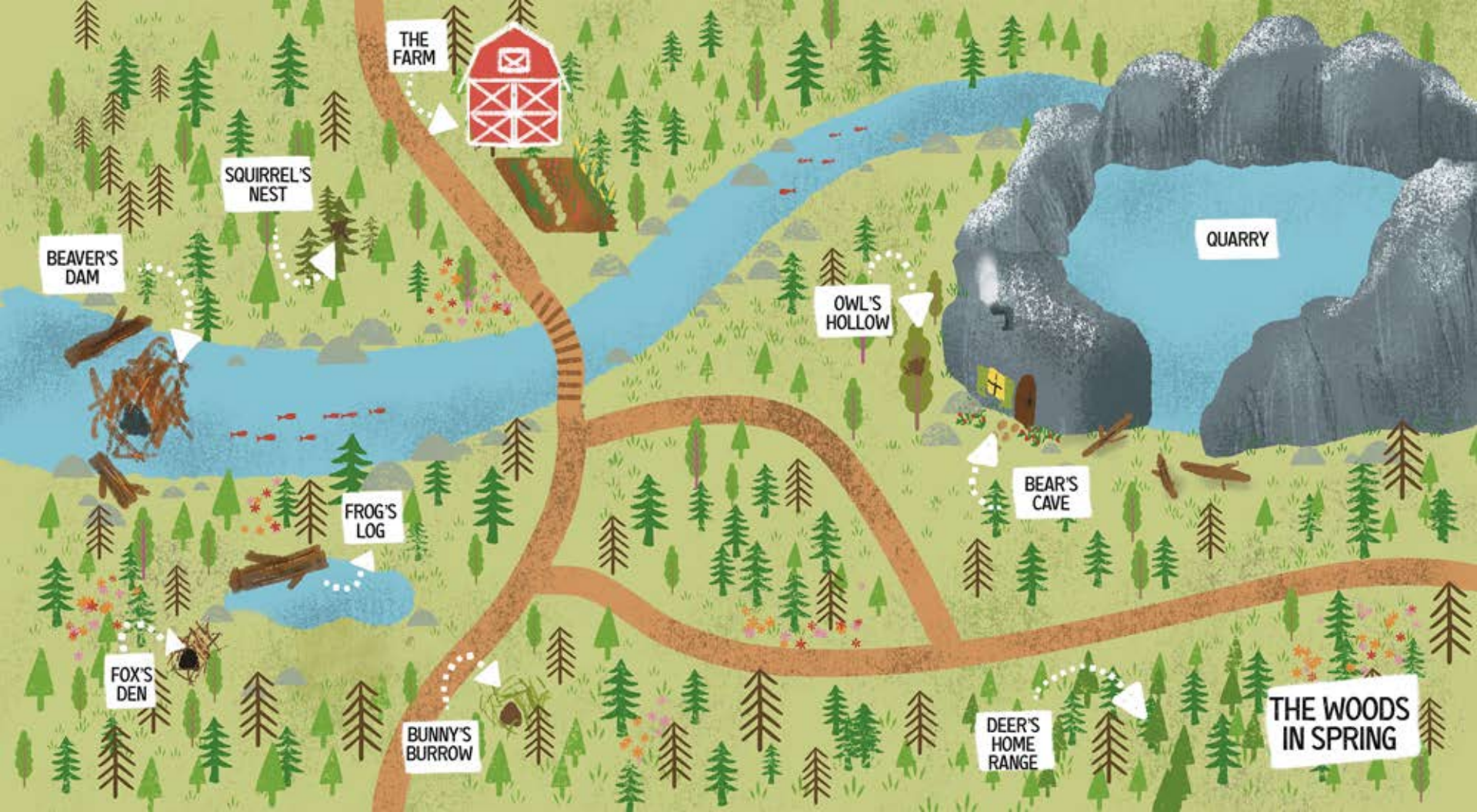




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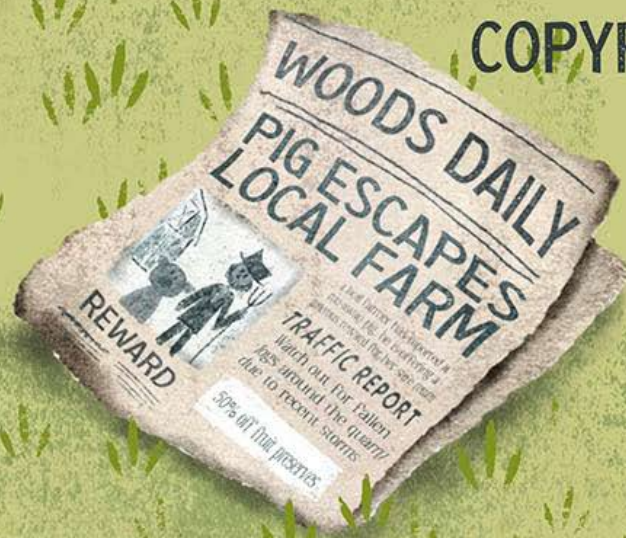


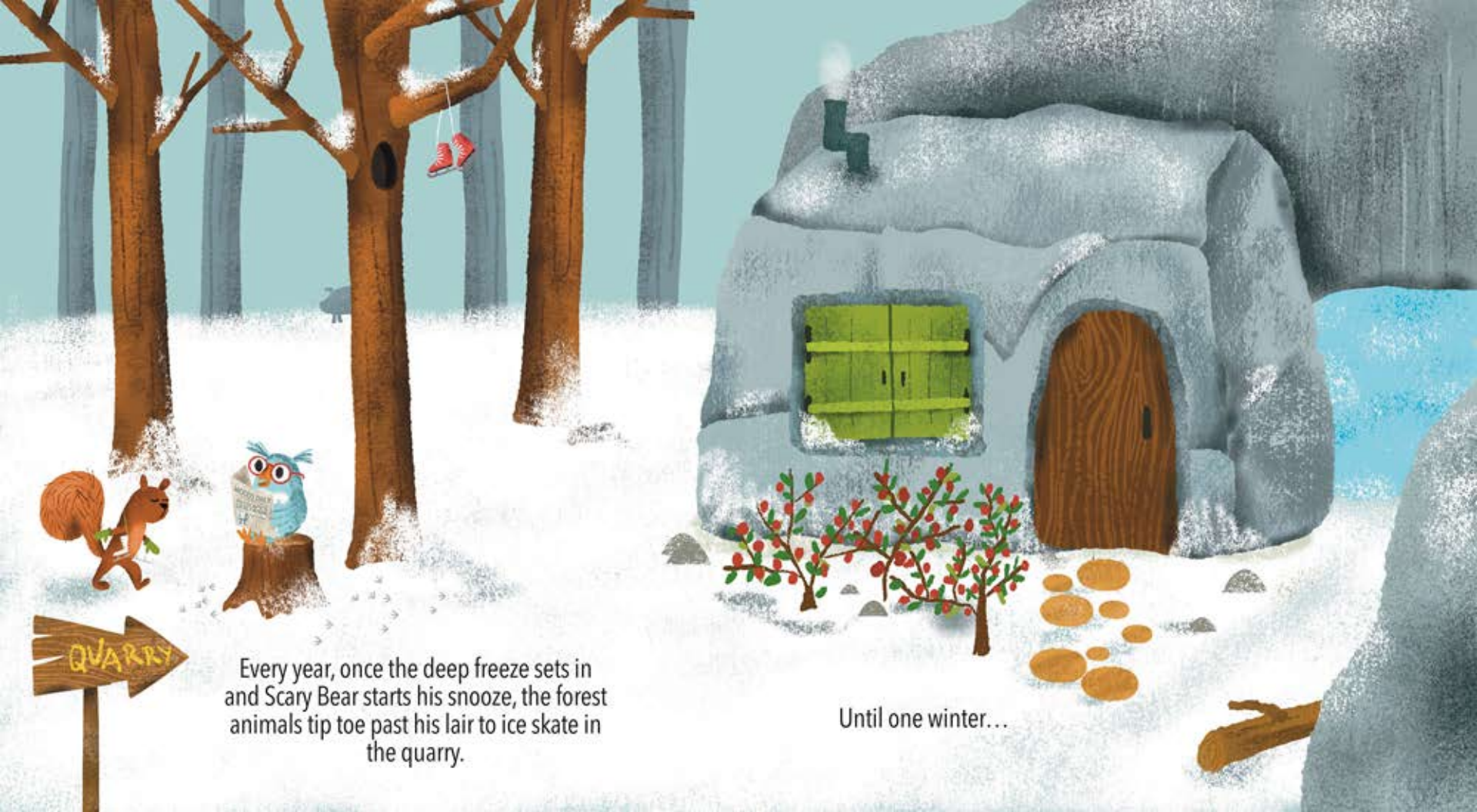
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Every year, once the deep freeze sets in and Scary Bear starts his snooze, the forest animals tip toe past his lair to ice skate in the quarry.

Until one winter...

Scary Bear stays awake.



(Open the shutters.)



Squirrel scurries to a stop.
"Ready to spin like an acorn
top, Owl?"



"Don't move another
inch," warns Owl. "Scary
Bear is on hibernation
hiatus."



"Nuts!"



"Indeed!"
agrees Owl.





"What if we glide right by, like we glide in the ice?!" wonders Squirrel.
"Have you seen Scary Bear's threatening glare?" Owl asks. "He's in a mood."



"Surely we can leap over Bear's lair with
our best double axels," Squirrel insists.
"And risk those sharp claws?!"





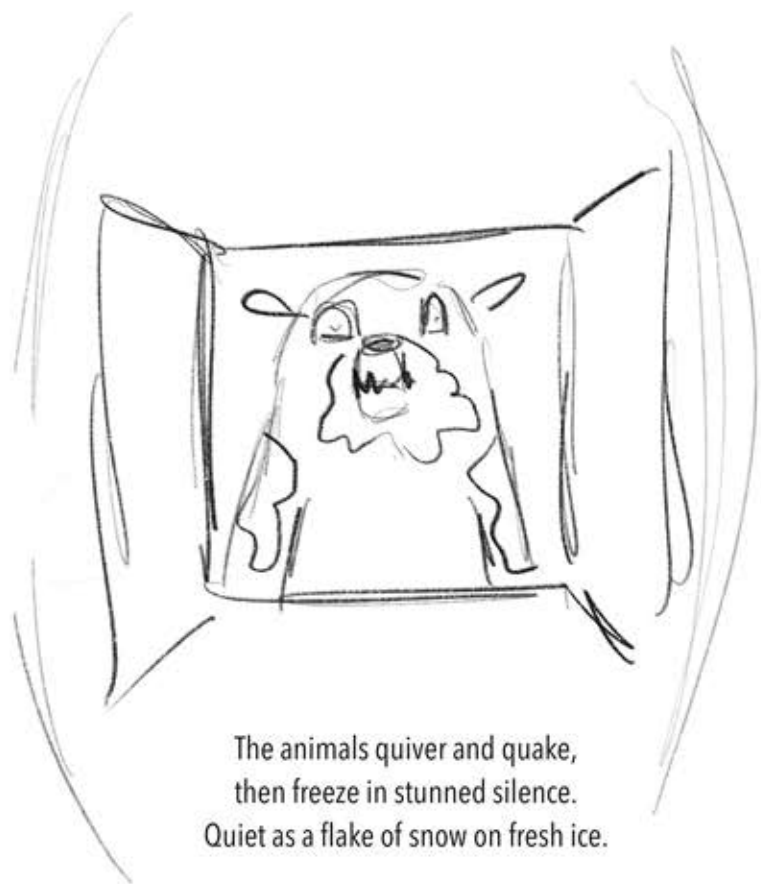
"What if we leave a trail of sardines away from his lair?"
Owl sighs. "Do you really want to get close to those teeth?!"



By the time Scary Bear bares his teeth the forest gridlock stretches beyond sight of Owl and Squirrel.



"It's hopeless! We'll never get past this wild, angry beast,
Owl cautions. "BEHOLD! BLOOD!!!"



The animals quiver and quake,
then freeze in stunned silence.
Quiet as a flake of snow on fresh ice.

Until...

"Beep! Beep! Coming through!"



Aaaaarrrggg h h h h !



The deer slump into the beavers.
The beavers smash into the foxes.
The foxes flop into the frogs.
The frogs bounce into the rabbits.
The rabbits bounce into Squirrel.
Squirrel scuttles into Owl.



Owl falls into...

Scared Scary Bear...



ROOARRRRRR



"This is THE END!
FAREWELL WORLD," cries Owl.

Scary Bear rushes to the
crowd of crushed animals
and...



...cries. "My teaberry
plants!!"



Scary Bear sinks to the forest floor.
"My teaberry jam days are over."

JAM?!?!



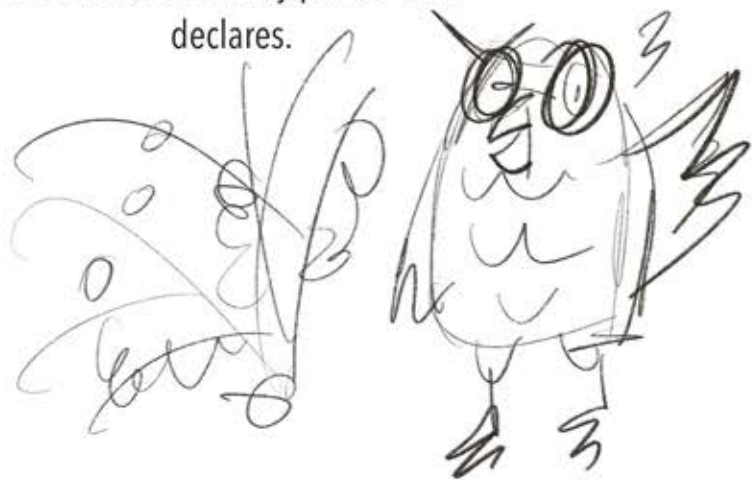
"I had a bumper crop of tea
berries this year. I couldn't
sleep a wink until I made my
famous, delectable fruit puree."



"Oh, dear,"
all the animals say at once.



"Forgive me! I was a hasty with Scary
Bear, or should I say, Berry Bear?
We'll fix the teaberry plant!" Owl
declares.

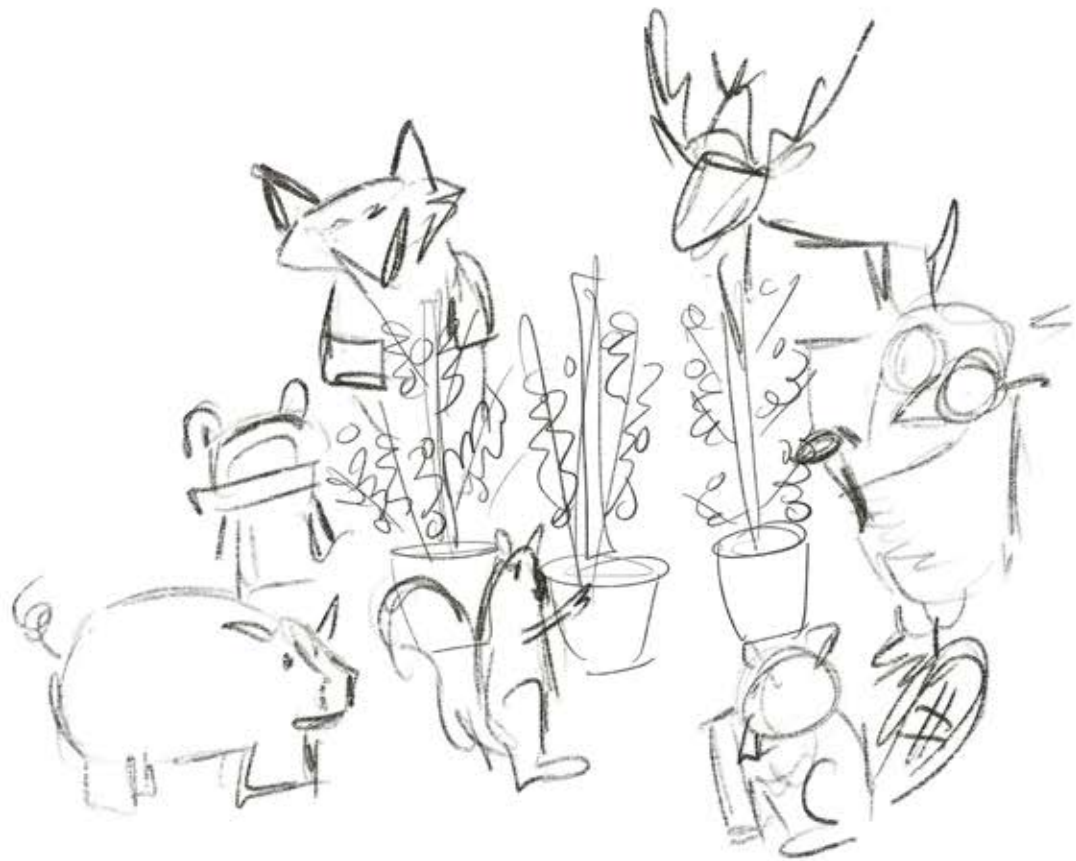


"Who knows about growing
plants?"



(Final double spread lift-the-flap.)





"Jam for everyone!"



