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love Auntie Lu xx

For Milo,
with love from Laura



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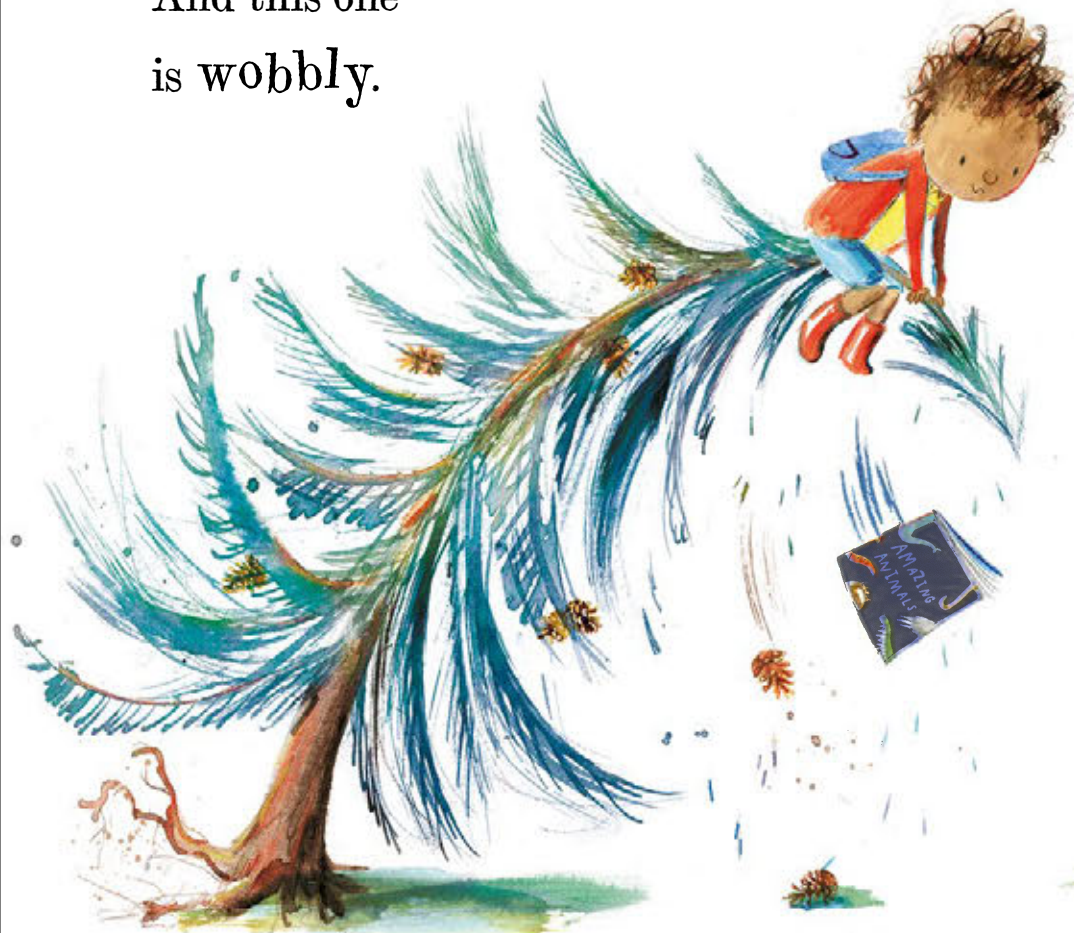
Jack was excited! He had a new book.
He hunted around for a small, quiet nook . . .
But out in the garden, the blackbirds were tweeting,
the woodpecker pecked and the squirrels were eating!

“Oh how can I read with this racket?” Jack groaned.
He told them, “I’m finding a tree of my own.”

“Not **THIS** tree,” said Jack, “it’s a little bit small.

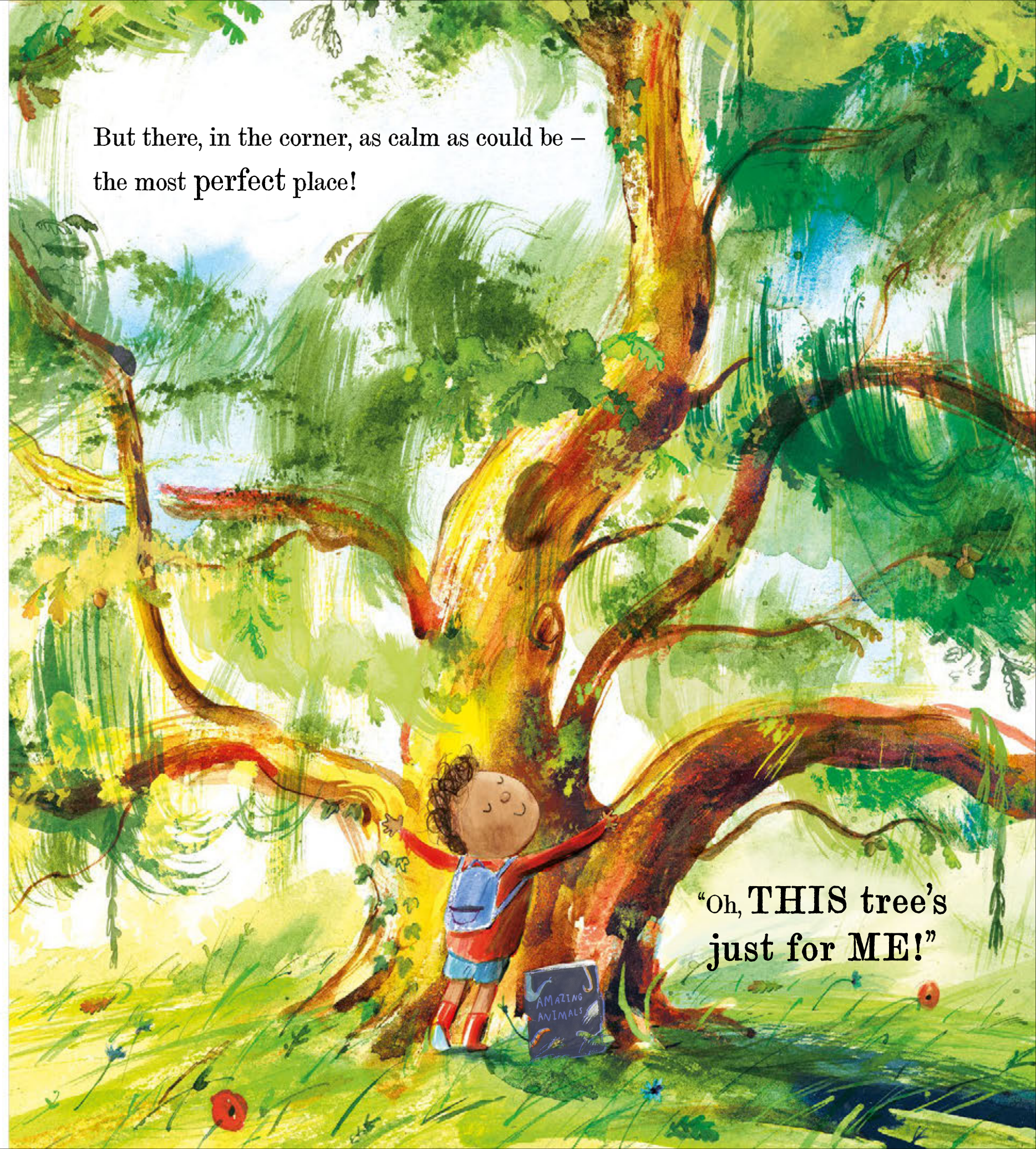


And this one
is wobbly.




This one’s too tall!”

But there, in the corner, as calm as could be –
the most perfect place!




“Oh, **THIS** tree’s
just for **ME!**”



Jack sat in his tree
without making a sound,
swinging his feet,
peering down at the ground...

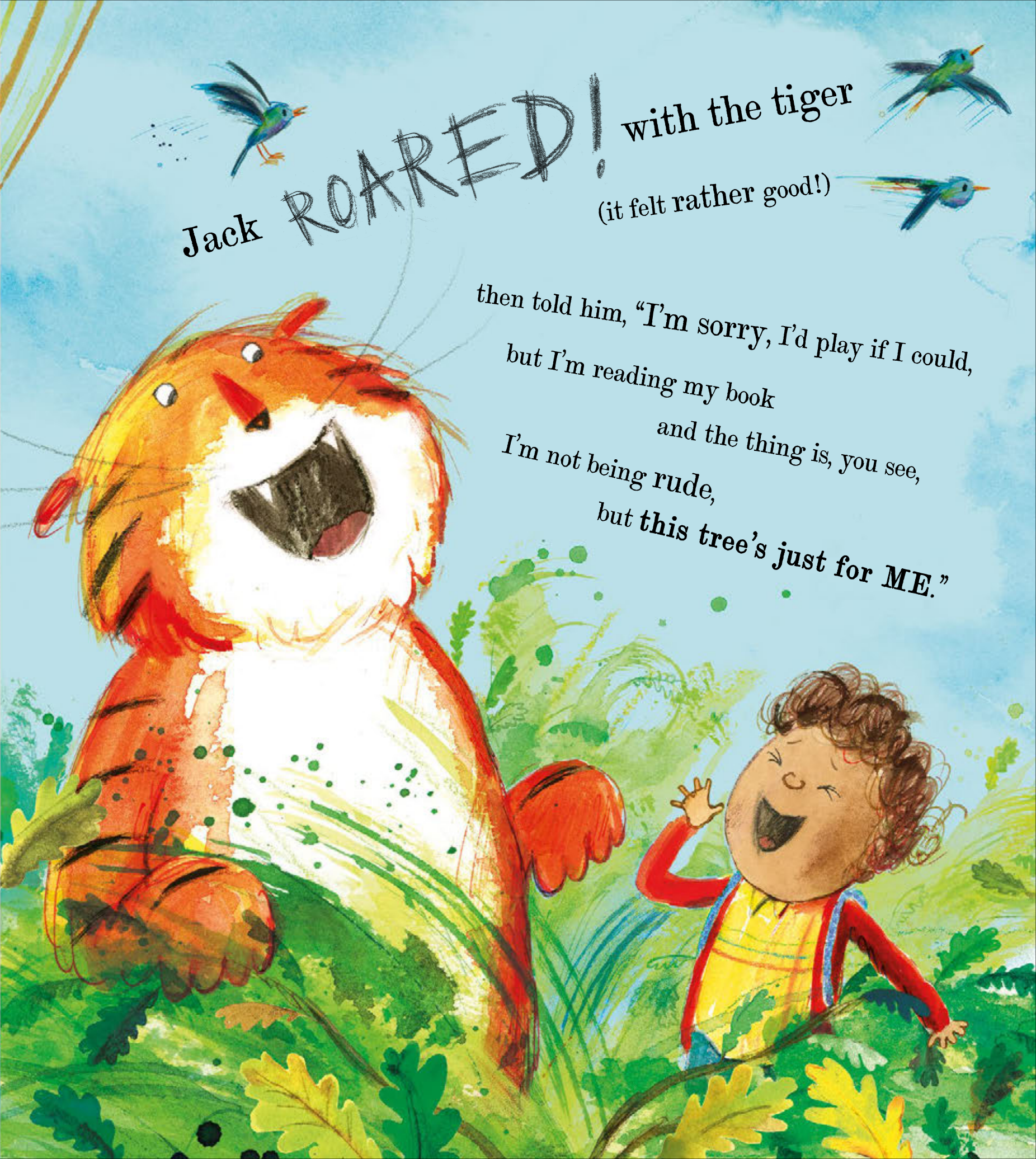
And ever so happily
reading his book...



till all of a sudden
the tree branches **SHOOK!**



And, way up above him, Jack saw something jump!
A tiger arrived on his branch with a **THUMP!**
A *tiger*? Good grief! And he wanted to chat!
But this was *Jack's* tree. No, he couldn't have that!



Jack **ROARED!** with the tiger
(it felt rather good!)

then told him, "I'm sorry, I'd play if I could,
but I'm reading my book
and the thing is, you see,
I'm not being rude,
but **this tree's just for ME.**"