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bartholomew and
the bug

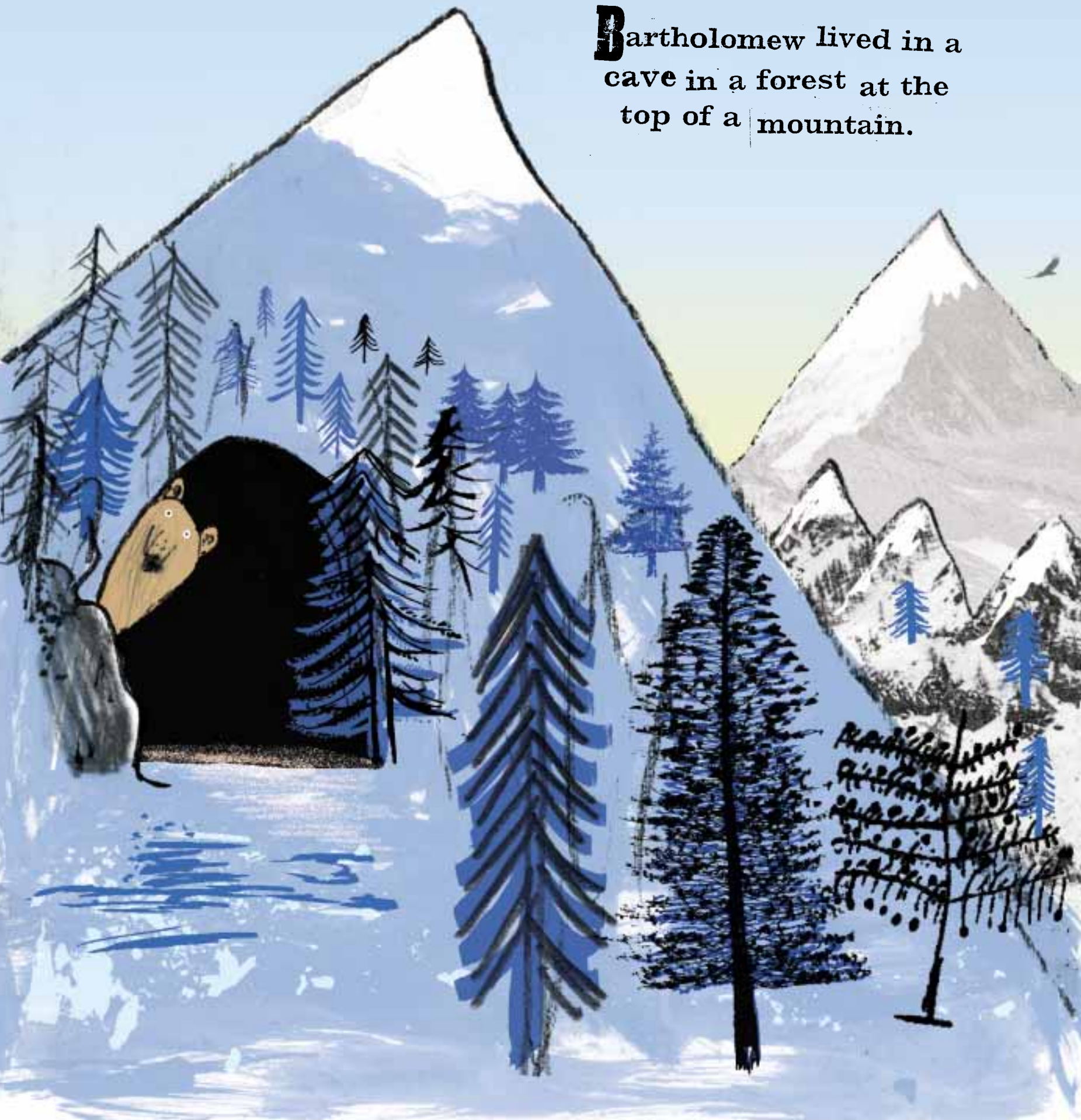
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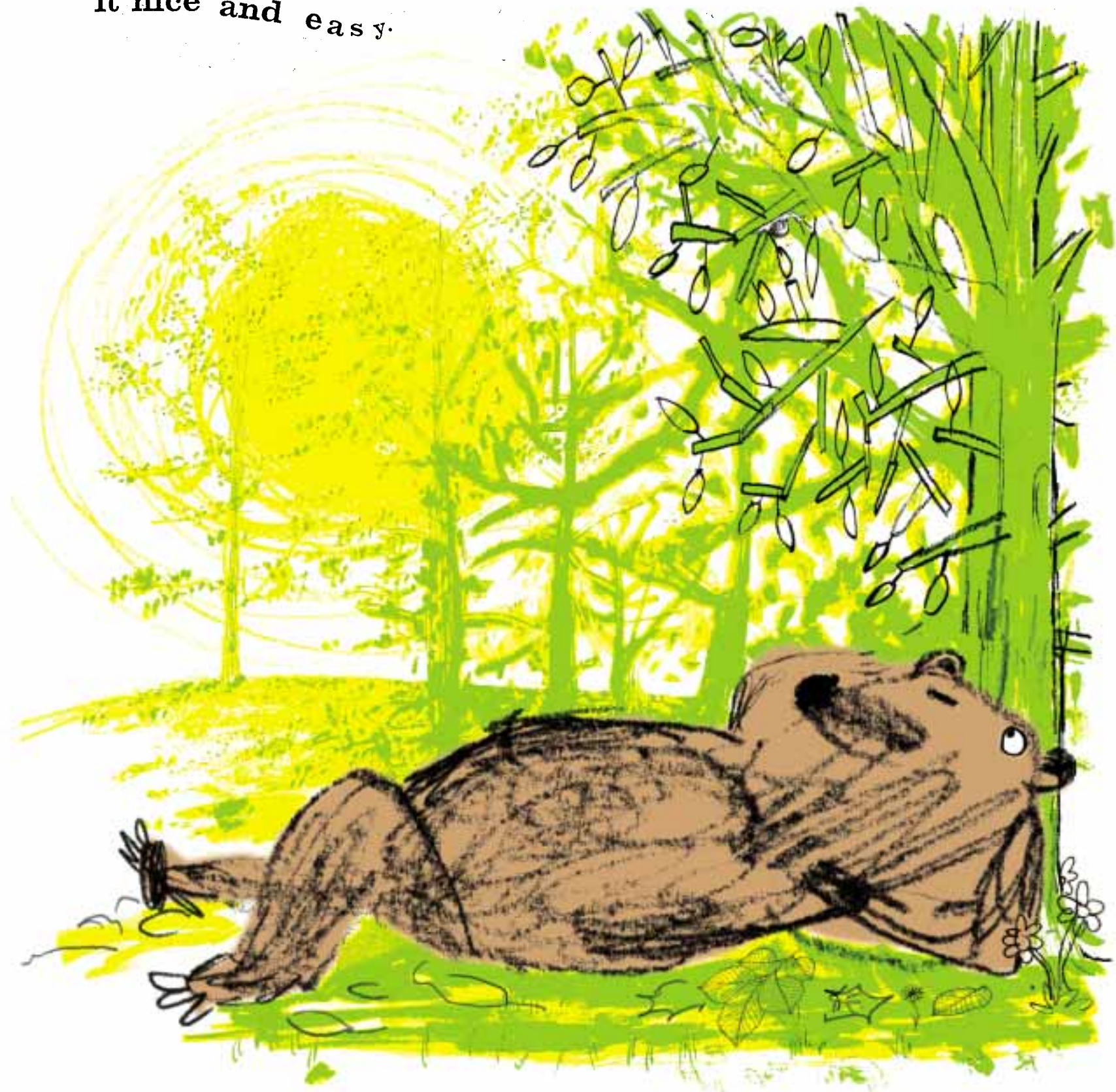
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Bartholomew lived in a cave in a forest at the top of a mountain.



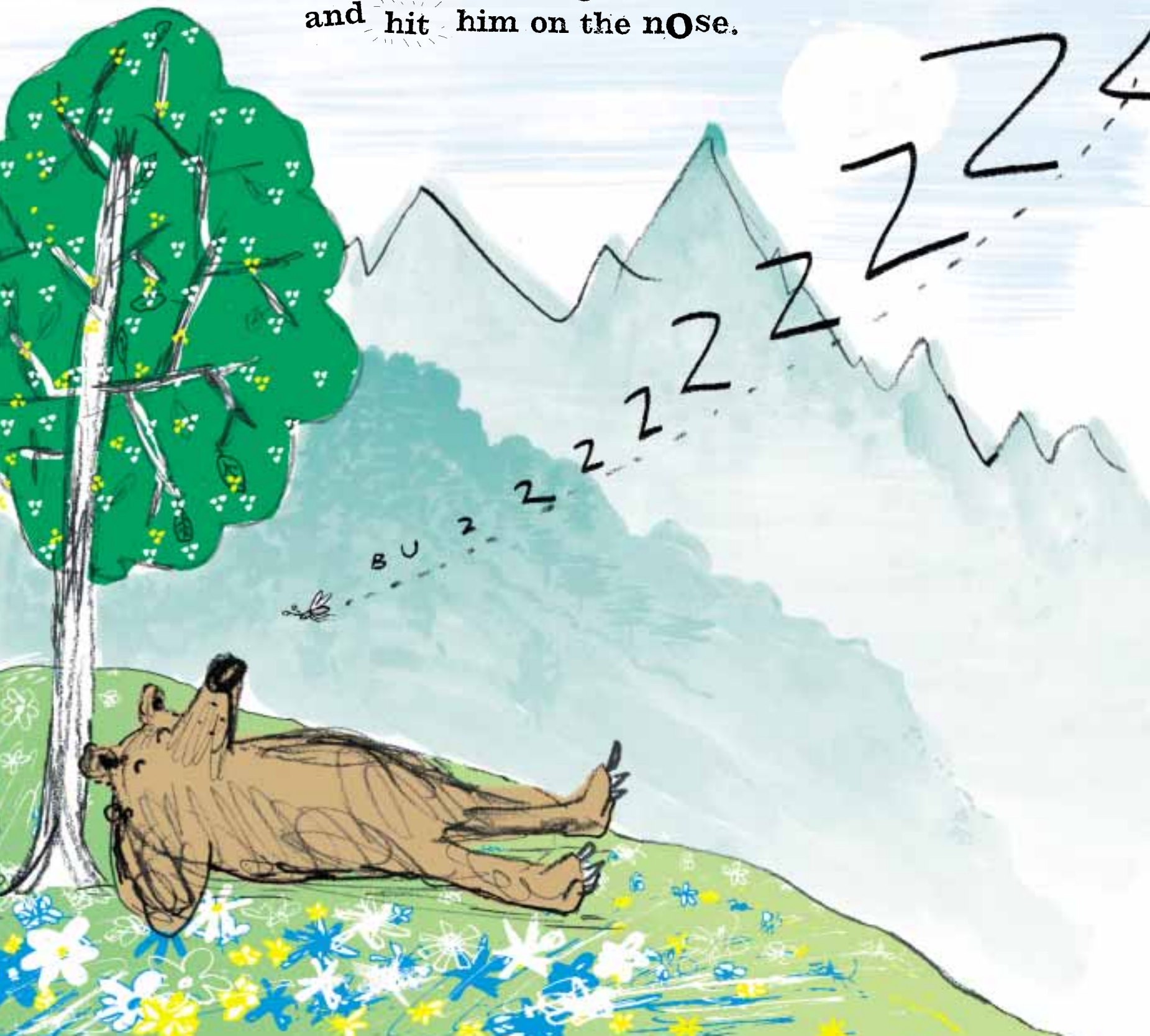
He spent his days sniffing flowers, snøozing in leafy glades, snacking on berries and generally taking it nice and easy.



A whimsical illustration of a bear sitting on a cliff at night, looking at a starry sky with constellations and a crescent moon. The bear is white and sits on the edge of a dark, rocky cliff. The sky is a deep blue, filled with numerous white stars of varying sizes. Several constellations are visible, drawn with thin white lines connecting the stars. A small, white crescent moon is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the sky. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

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.

