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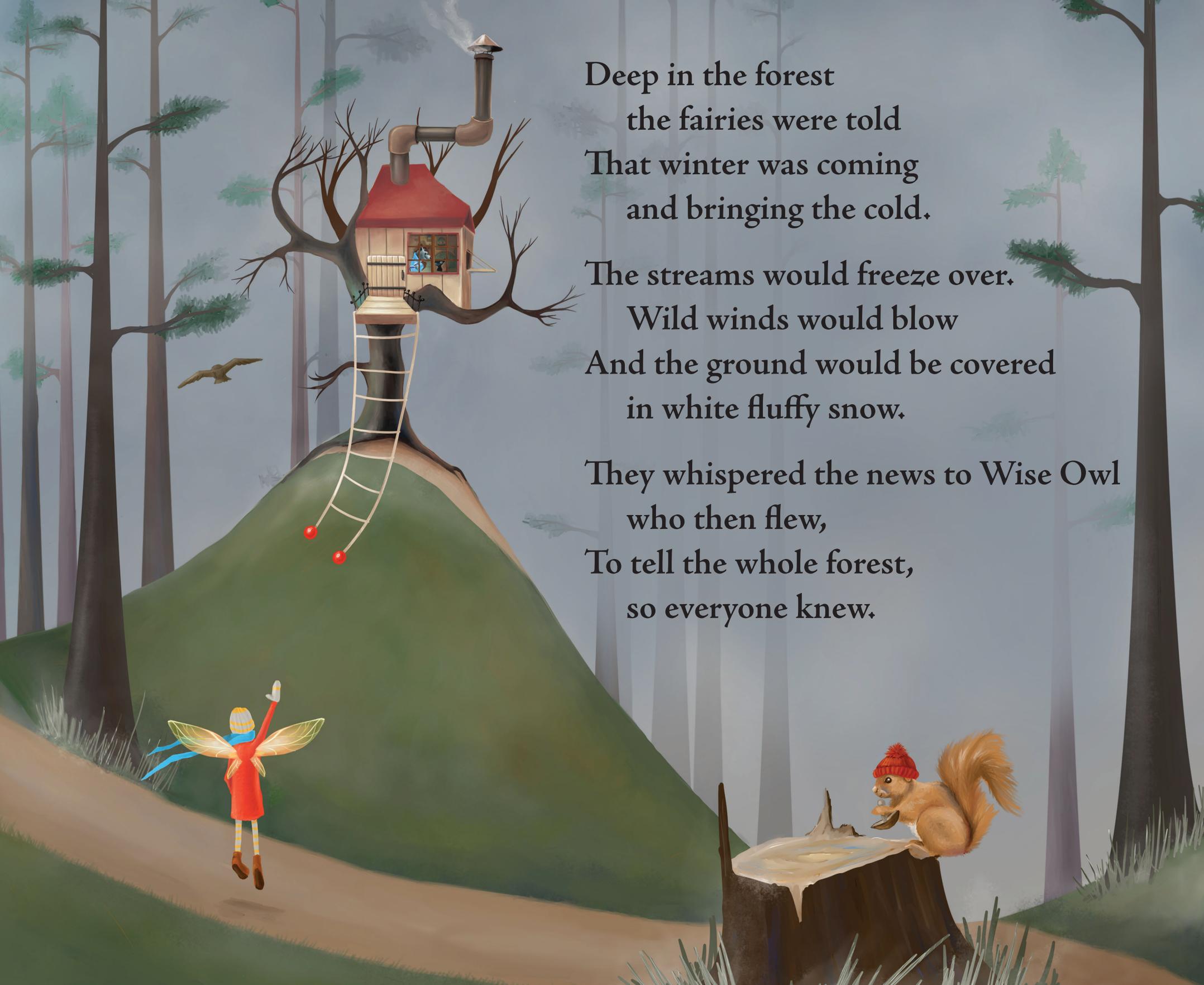
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Because kindness and love can reveal greatness.



The background is a stylized illustration of a landscape. It features rolling hills with green grass in the foreground and a sandy, tan-colored hillside in the middle ground. Several tall, slender trees with green foliage are scattered across the scene, some in the foreground and some in the background. The sky is a pale, overcast blue-grey color. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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Deep in the forest
the fairies were told
That winter was coming
and bringing the cold.

The streams would freeze over.
Wild winds would blow
And the ground would be covered
in white fluffy snow.

They whispered the news to Wise Owl
who then flew,
To tell the whole forest,
so everyone knew.



Catreen wasn't pleased,
She just liked the hot sun,
She didn't think winter
was very much fun,
With wet soggy socks
and big heavy clothes,
Cold hands and cold feet
and a red Rudolph nose.





But Wolfgang longed for
the cold and the wet:
He had a new coat
that he hadn't worn yet.
This colourful coat
was bright orange and blue
With pink stripes and dots –
he had matching boots too!

His grandma had made it
with love and great care.
It just hadn't been cold enough
for him to wear.

But now with cold winds
and fresh snow on the way,
He put on his coat
and he skipped off to play.



As he happily whistled
his favourite song,
A dog, two racoons
and a rat came along.

Something about them
made Wolfgang feel bad:
The racoons seemed okay
but the dog looked quite mad.



And the rat ... well,
he simply looked rather mean,
But his nose was quite cute,
like a pink jelly bean.

Wolfgang can't wait for it to get cold enough for him to wear his brand new colourful coat but when the time finally arrives, some nasty creatures make fun of it.

Wolfgang feels upset and is afraid that they will hurt him again, so he hides away in the tree house.

Spider encourages Wolfgang to tell someone he trusts about how he is feeling and he learns that things aren't always as they seem.

Sometimes we get hurt by others and we have to be brave enough to continue to be ourselves and to keep our hearts open (and there can be some lovely surprises for us when we do!).



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