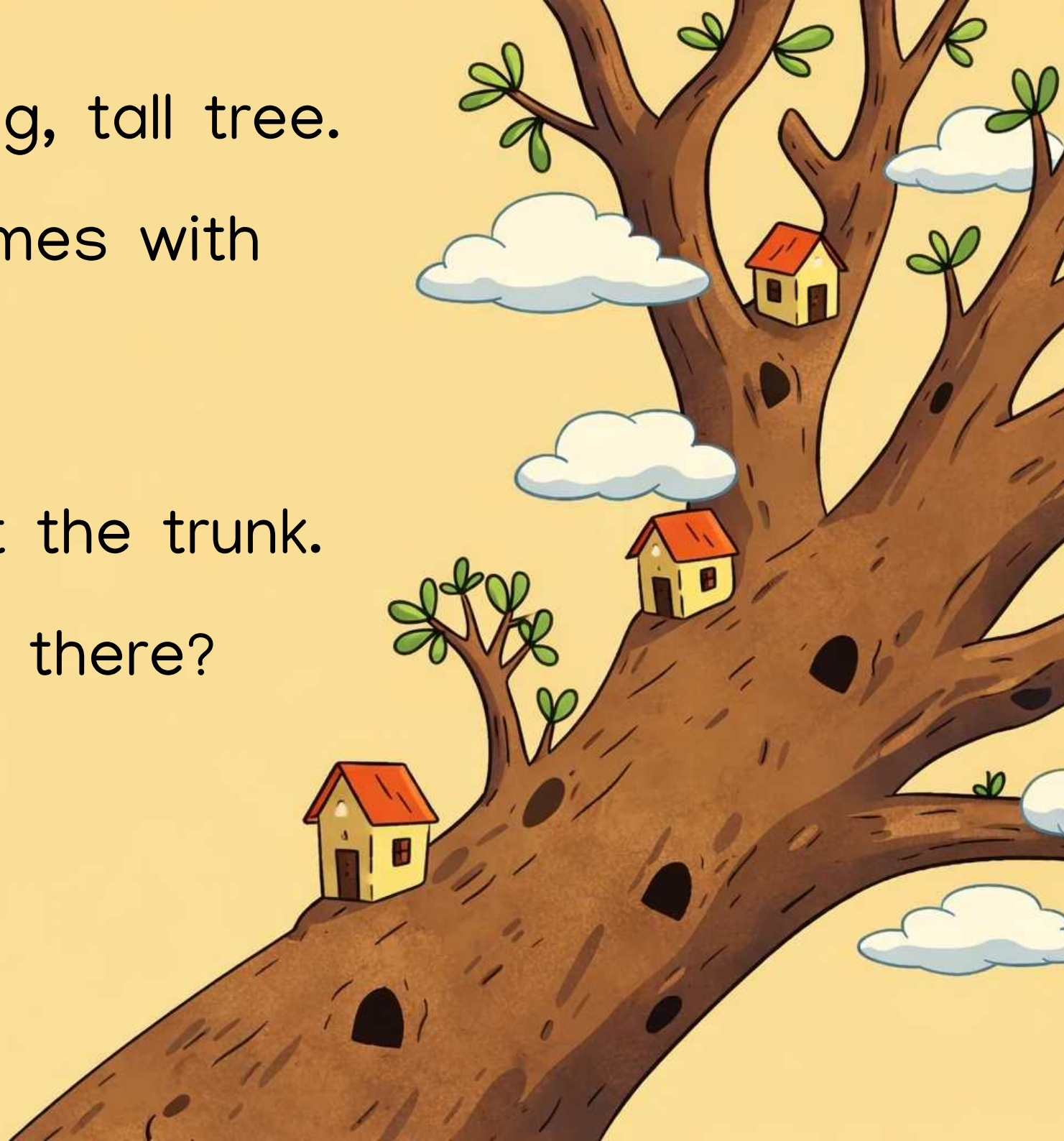


Who Got My Nuts?



Look at this big, tall tree.
It has little homes with
red tops.

Dark holes dot the trunk.
Who can be in there?





Pip has lots and lots
of nuts. She tucks
them into a hole by
the pumpkins.

'Forty nuts!' says
Pip. 'I must get more
before the storms
start.'

In the morning, Pip
checks the hole. It is
empty. Not one nut
is left!

'Who took my nuts?'
yells Pip. A bird
hops up. 'Not me,'
says the bird.





Pip darts up to the large hive. Bees buzz all around it. 'Who took my nuts?' Pip asks the bees. The bees hum, 'No, no, no. We did not see a thing.'

Pip asks and asks.
The bees get mad
and rush at Pip!
Pip slips off the
branch. She
tumbles far, far
to the land.





Pip spots a fly by the plants. 'Help me find my nuts!' calls Pip. The fly just darts off. Pip sits on a rock. She is sad and sore.

'Pip!' calls Liz from
a branch. 'Have a
bit of my snack.'

'No, thank you, Liz,'
says Pip. 'Save it
for a party. I will
find my nuts.'





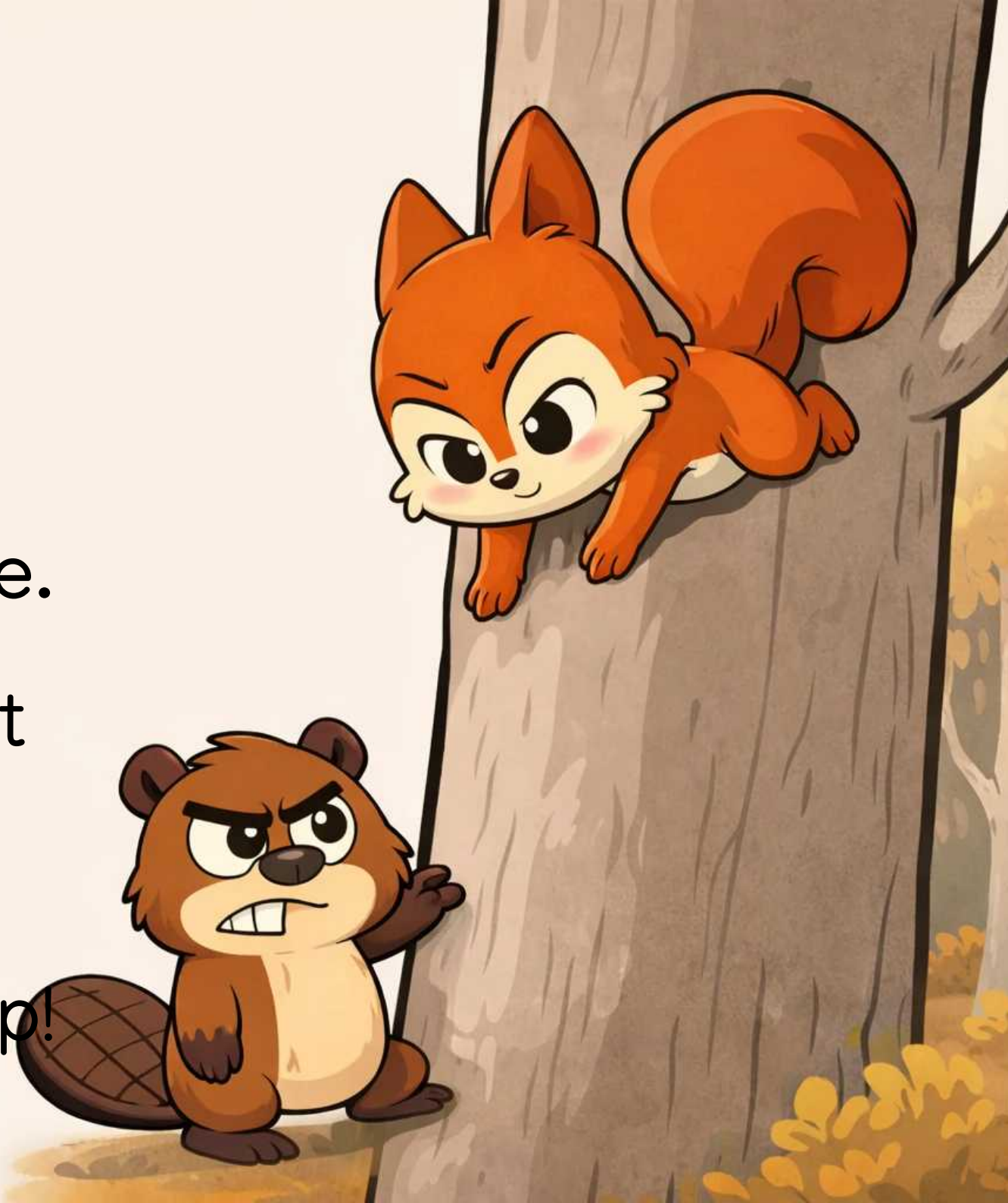
Liz sits by Pip on
the branch.

'Nobody stole the
nuts,' says Liz.

Pip thinks hard.

'Then where did
my nuts go?'

Pip grips the
bark and starts
to go to the
base of the tree.
Sniff, sniff! What
is that small
sound? It is Chip!





'I dug a hole,' says
Chip. 'But I dug too
far. My hole broke
into the nut store! All
the nuts fell in. It
was a mistake.' Chip
is so sad. Pip just
grins. They pick up
the nuts.

Pip gets planks. Bang,
bang, bang! She shuts
the hole with the
planks. 'There,' says
Pip. 'No more lost
nuts!' Then she zips
up to the little home
in the branches.





Pip sits snug with a blanket and sips from a cup. The sun sets. 'Forty nuts, all safe in my store,' says Pip. 'Nobody took them at all!'



Who Got My Nuts?

Pip has counted every nut in her tree-tunnel store, stacking them up before winter's storms start. One morning she checks her hiding spot and finds it bare, not a single nut left behind! Who could have raided her hard-earned stash, and where could forty nuts possibly go? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 79: ar /ar/ & or, ore /or/ Review), this book practices words like 'dart', 'store', 'before', 'hard', 'morning'.

Phonics Focus: ar & or, ore Review

bark, before, branch, branches, dark, dart, far, for, forty, hard, large, more, morning, party, sore, start, store, storms

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