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Bear saw Mouse.

“I am making
a tree house,”
said Bear.

“Will you help me
cut the wood?”

“I can’t help you,”
said Mouse.

“I am too busy.”

Bear cut the wood
all by himself.



Bear saw Rabbit.

Bear said,
“Will you help me
carry the wood?”

“I can’t help you,”
said Rabbit.

“I am too busy.”



Bear carried the wood
all by himself.

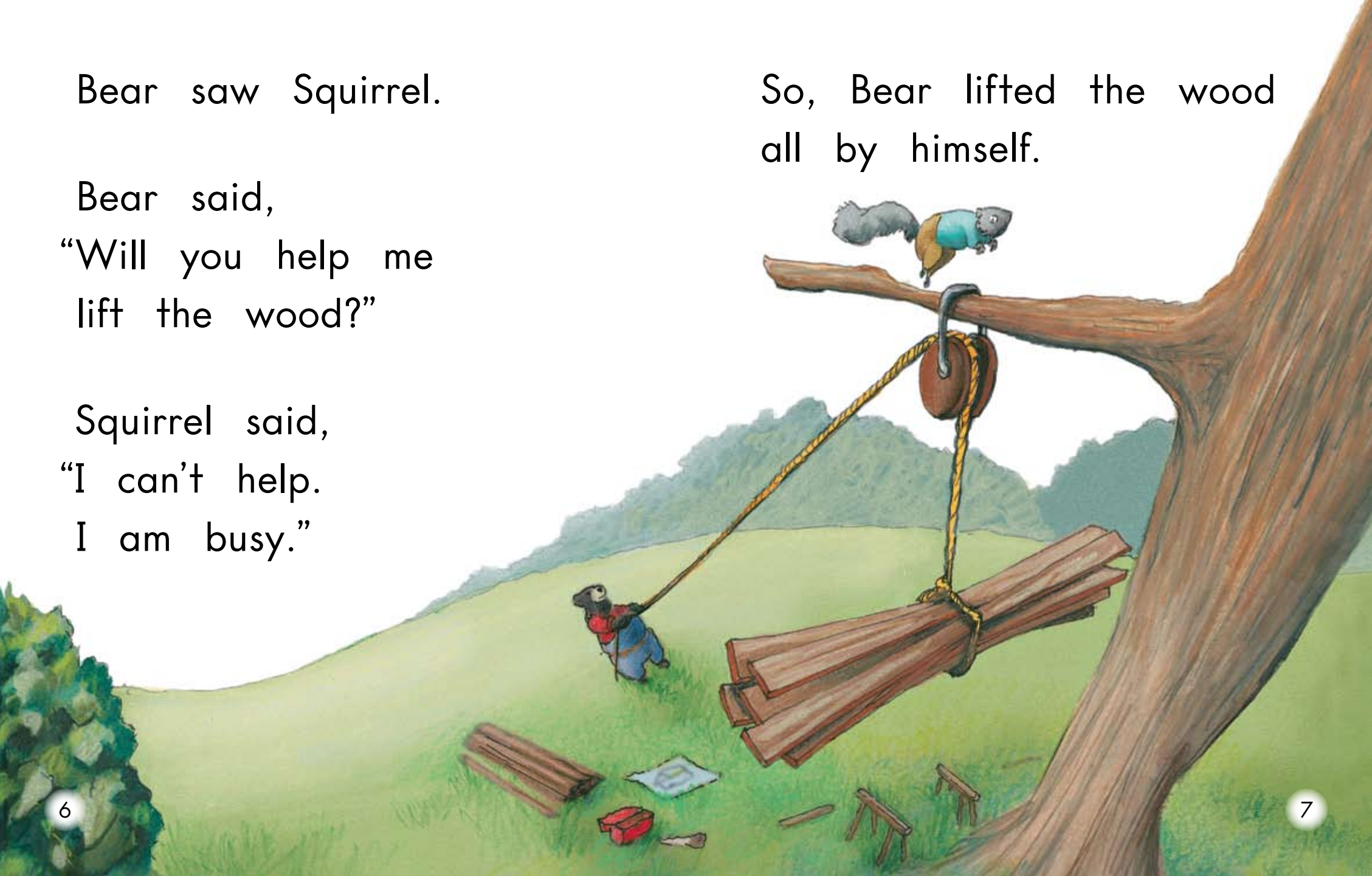


Bear saw Squirrel.

Bear said,
“Will you help me
lift the wood?”

Squirrel said,
“I can’t help.
I am busy.”

So, Bear lifted the wood
all by himself.



Bear saw Raccoon.

“Will you help me
hammer the nails
into the wood?”
asked Bear.

“I am busy,” said Raccoon.
“I can’t help you.”



So, Bear hammered
the nails all by himself.

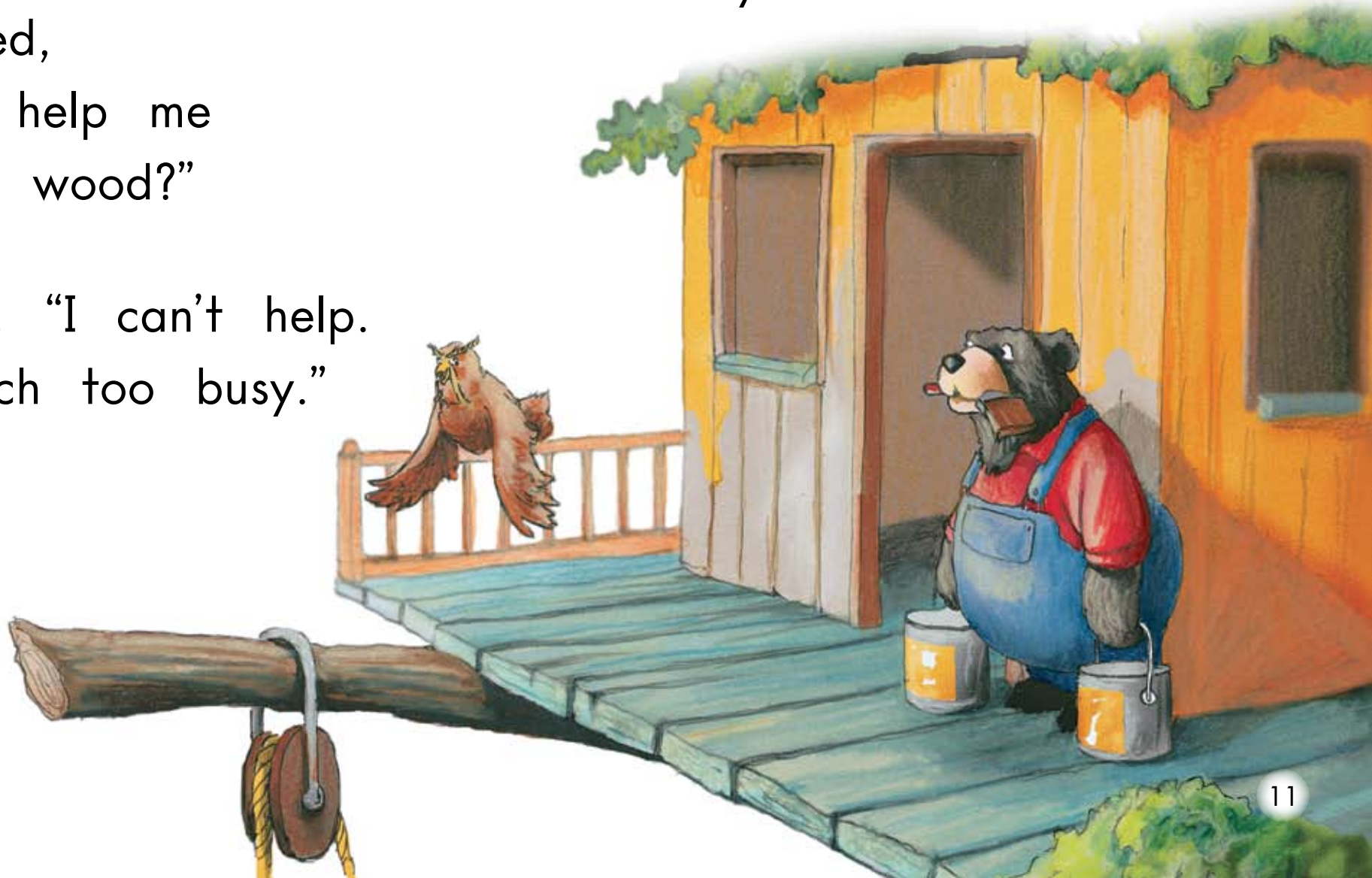


Bear saw Owl.

Bear asked,
“Will you help me
paint the wood?”

Owl said, “I can’t help.
I am much too busy.”

Bear painted the wood
all by himself.

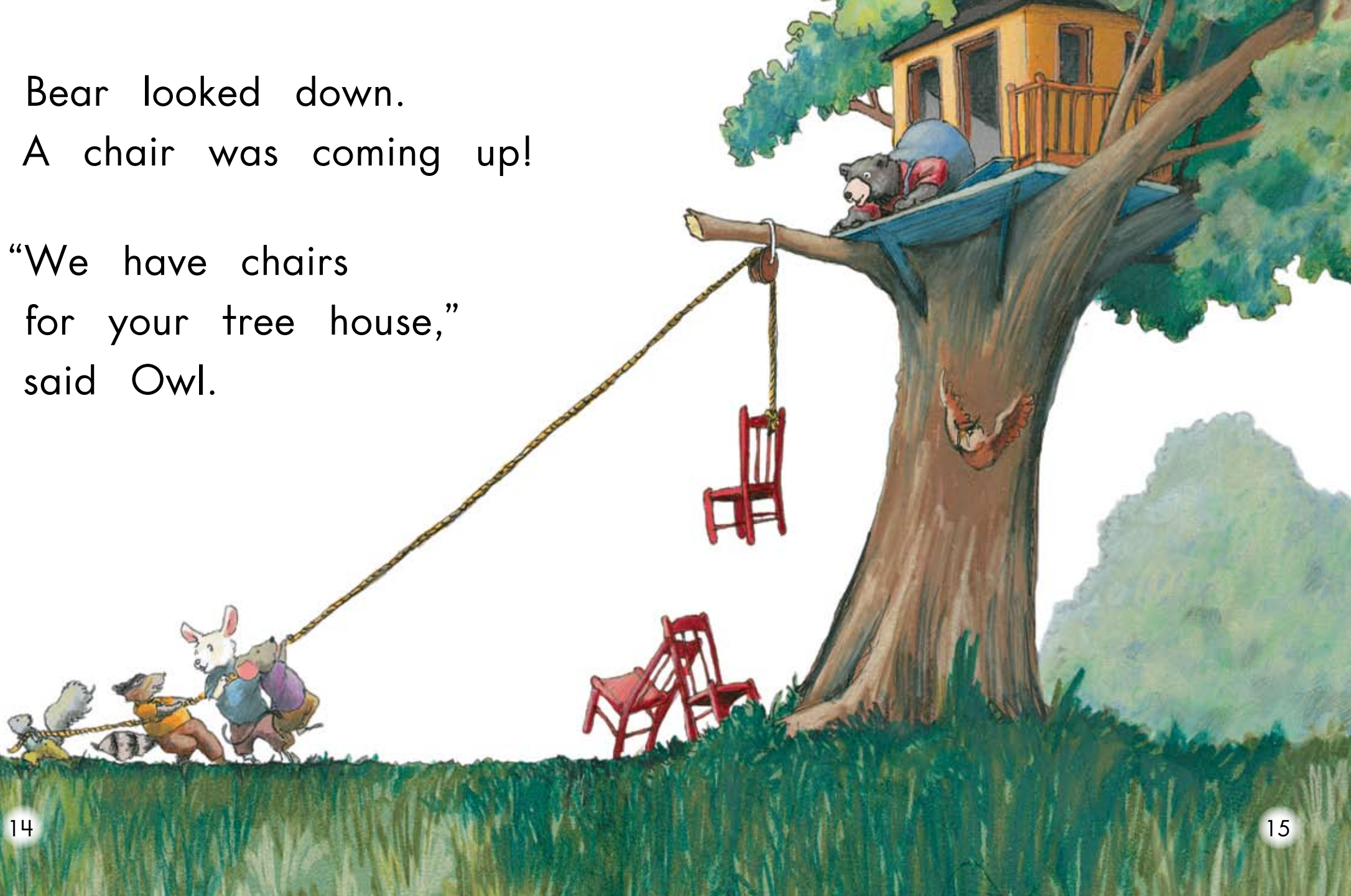


At last Bear had
his tree house,
but he was
all by himself.
Then Bear heard
a noise.



Bear looked down.
A chair was coming up!

“We have chairs
for your tree house,”
said Owl.



“You **were** busy,”
said Bear.

“You were busy
helping **me!**”

