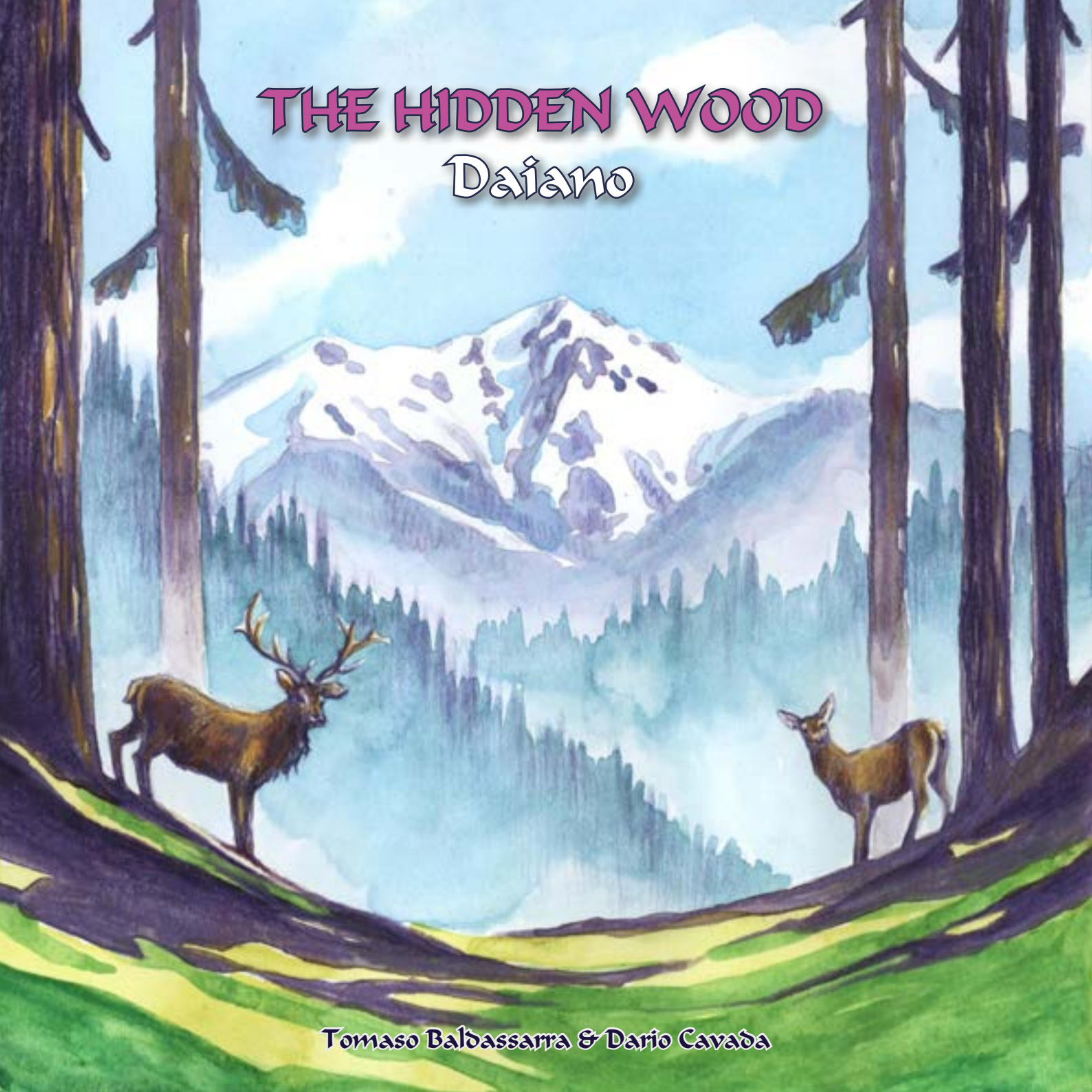


THE HIDDEN WOOD

Daiano



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Learning how to discover and observe wild life in different areas and changing seasons, how to recognize the plants, the animals, the colours and the smells that you can find in a wood, is an essential experience for personal growth.

“The Hidden Wood” is a didactic path dedicated to the youngest but also suitable for those who want to approach the wood and the animals living in it, looking at them with a mix of curiosity, adventurous mood and playful spirit.

A leafy fir tree, whose branches touch the ground making a perfect hiding place, a tangled bush looking like a cosy nest, a rock challenging you to climb it, can be turned into, with the help of imagination and our friend Small Crow, a real story that can be made up together with your children and cherished with your memories.

A special observation point of birds flying about leisurely awaiting to be watched, a hut made of branches protected by the Elf keeper and much more you can find walking along this ring path winding at an altitude of 1100-1200 metres at the Ganziaie location.

To start the itinerary you need to go past the small village of Daiano and go up until you can see a huge expanse of green meadows. Almost at the top of the road, you will find the start of the path and climbing on the right you can begin your path, walking as far as you want and enjoying this corner of wild life and imagination.





Little Crow is looking
for some food in a hollow trunk,
but instead of a succulent worm
his beak finds an old parchment.

A map ... unbelievable!

A path is drawn on it,
which joins nine
mysterious symbols and a writing:

“Whoever wants the secrets
of the Hidden Wood to discover,
these nine stages must look over”.

THE HIDDEN WOOD?

He is too curious, he must find out more!

Little Crow immediately dives
into this unexpected adventure.

The first stop is where the last patches of snow still resist the advance of spring.
It must be the place where a lot of animals meet because a lot of footprints
can be seen on the icy white carpet.

There are traces of the deer and the roe, the wood grouse, the fox and the changing hare.

The hare is so called because in summer its fur is brown to make it possible to camouflage
itself in the forest, and in winter it changes to white to become invisible in the snow.

Footprints are very important to understand which animals live in the wood, and sometimes
are the most evident signs of them, now Little Crow knows it.



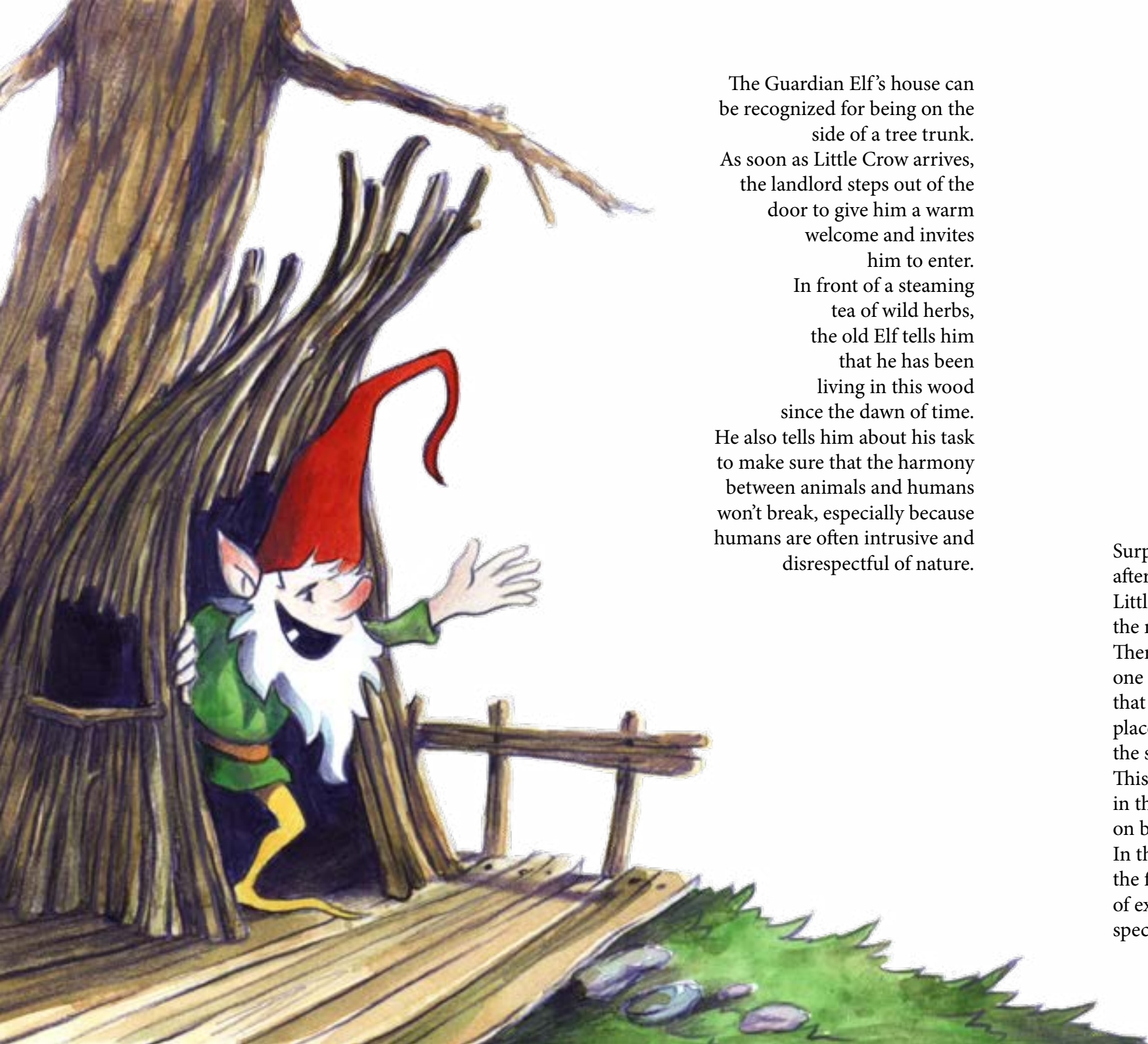
What kind of magic is this, an object that takes your eye where things are. Little Crow has found a wooden spyglass while following the map, but he doesn't know how it works. There must be something magic if looking through it, you can easily see all the species of birds that live in the forest. They are so many: the sparrowhawk that patiently waits still for the nutcracker to grasp her, or even the colored bullfinch looking for little buds.



If you're lucky you can even see the wood grouse that, resting on a large branch of a larch, is staring at the pygmy owl, perfectly camouflaged with the bark of the tree. This extraordinary vision can't last for long, the jay notices the sparrowhawk and with its alarming chirping, immediately sends all the birds on the run.

Under the hill,
the path goes into a thick forest
and in a clearing, Little Crow
spots the biggest hive he has ever seen.
A lot of yellow and black insects are coming and going,
each of them busy carrying out its precise task for the
welfare of the whole community.
This must be a special hive, because some cells have
different colours, some of them emit beams of magic
light, others host young bees now ready to fly out.
After Little Crow has tasted a bit of their honey, the
Queen bee invites him to go ahead towards
the Guardian Elf's house.





The Guardian Elf's house can
be recognized for being on the
side of a tree trunk.
As soon as Little Crow arrives,
the landlord steps out of the
door to give him a warm
welcome and invites
him to enter.
In front of a steaming
tea of wild herbs,
the old Elf tells him
that he has been
living in this wood
since the dawn of time.
He also tells him about his task
to make sure that the harmony
between animals and humans
won't break, especially because
humans are often intrusive and
disrespectful of nature.

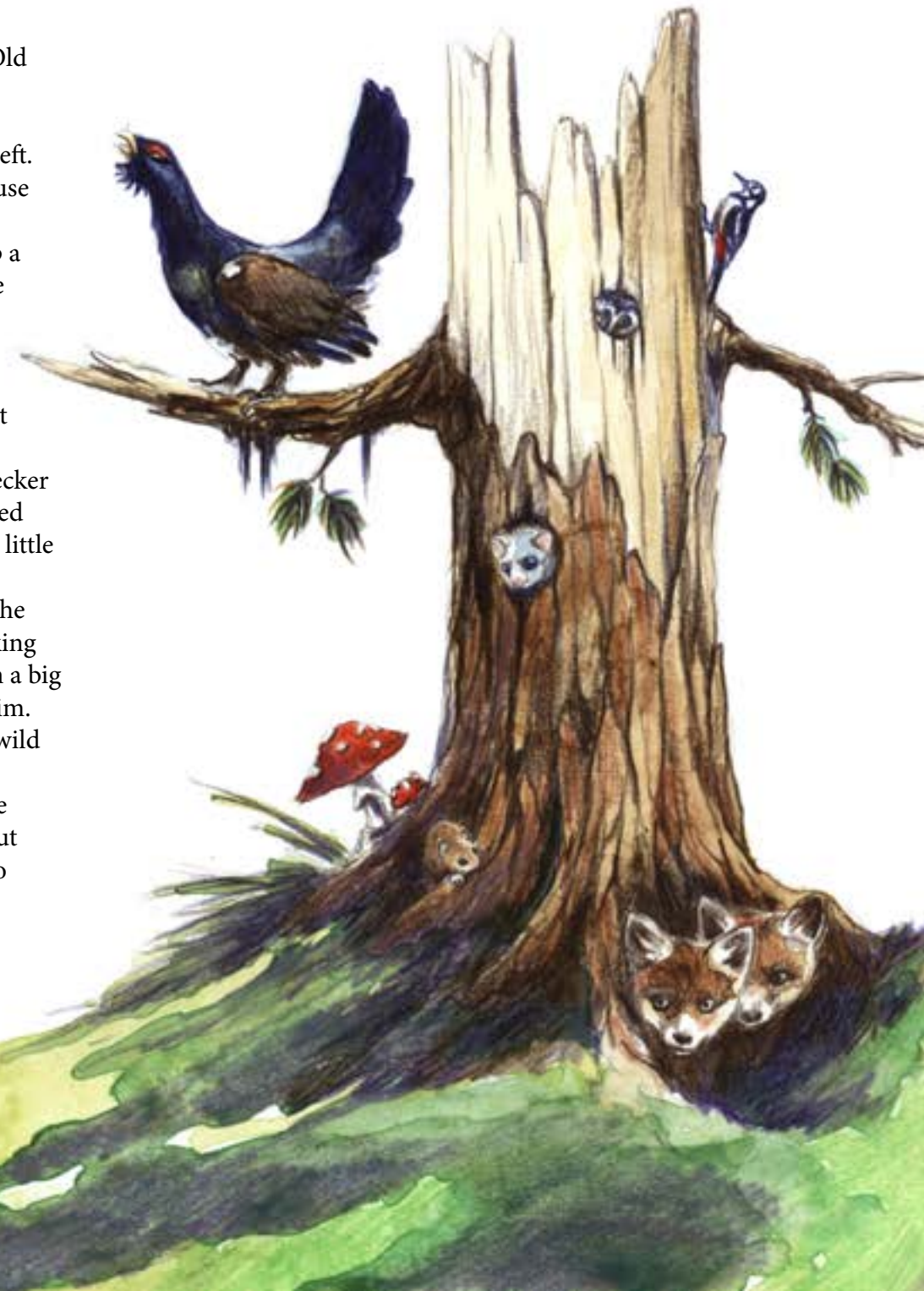
Surprises are not finished yet,
after greeting the Guardian Elf,
Little Crow quickly reaches
the next stop.
There, at the foot of a large larch,
one of the most exciting experiences
that the wood can ever offer takes
place in front of his eyes:
the singing of the wood grouse!
This bird is a tetraonidae and lives
in the undergrowth feeding
on berries and conifer buds.
In the period of coupling it attracts
the female performing a dance
of extraordinary elegance and
spectacular singing.



The path is still long but Little Crow is not tired at all.
What he has seen has filled up his heart with amusement and lively energy.
After crossing a wooden bridge, he sees some huge footprints that he has never seen before.
He doesn't even have the time to wonder whom those belong to, that he's knocked down
by two big furry balls tumbling down and playing in the field.
They are two bear cubs friendly playing that didn't even notice him.
They are having so much fun!
Suddenly a loud sound can be heard, their mother is calling them!
The two cubs turn around and run towards her.
Little Crow stands still to admire these big mammals going away into the wood.

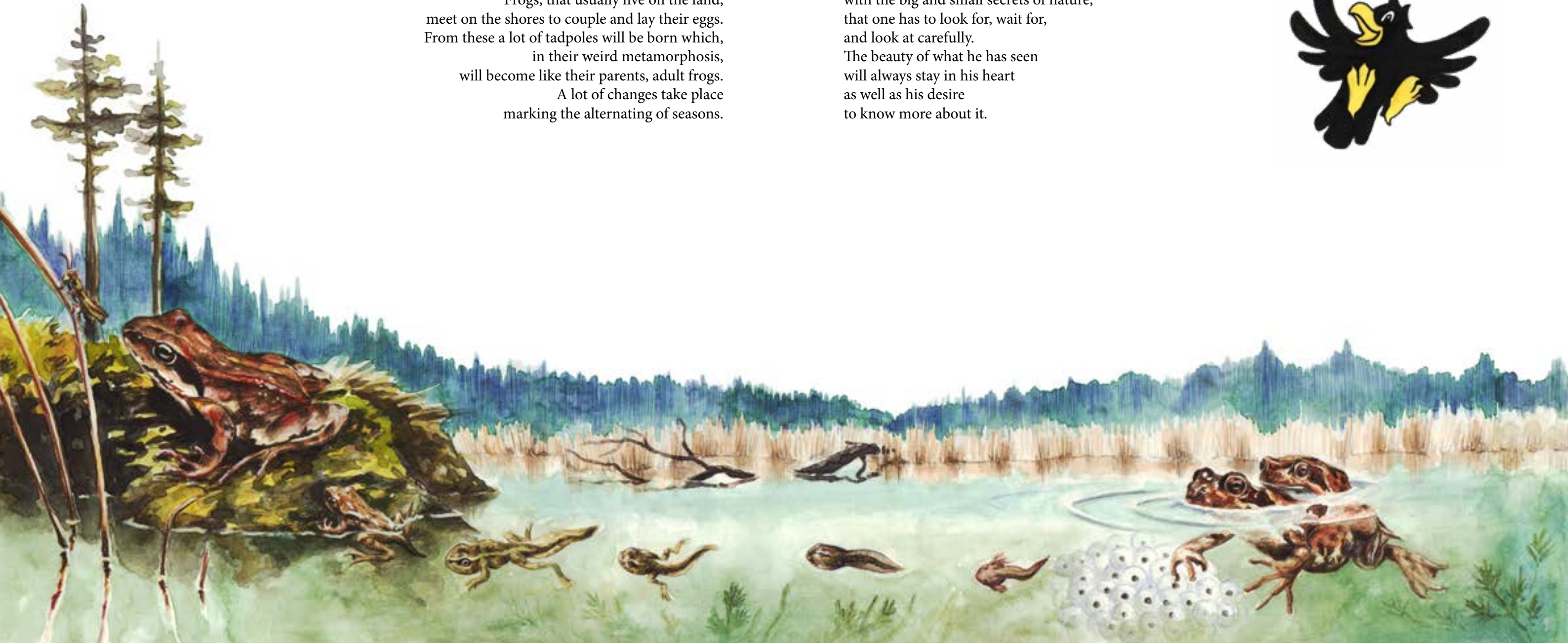


The second to last stop is the Old Trunk, a very old pine tree all covered by lichens and with very few green branches left. Old Trunk has become the house of many wild animals: under its roots the fox grew up a lively litter and also a little vole found shelter there. Little Crow feels observed and looking up he notices a boreal owl that is peeking out from its hole in the tree. Higher on the tree the woodpecker with his powerful beak hollowed his burrow out, where now his little birds are growing up. Nearby, from another hole in the tree, a sleepy dormouse is looking at the wood grouse perched on a big dry branch of the tree above him. Old Trunk is happy of all this wild life around him and he doesn't worry about the future because in nature nothing really dies but everything simply changes into something else.

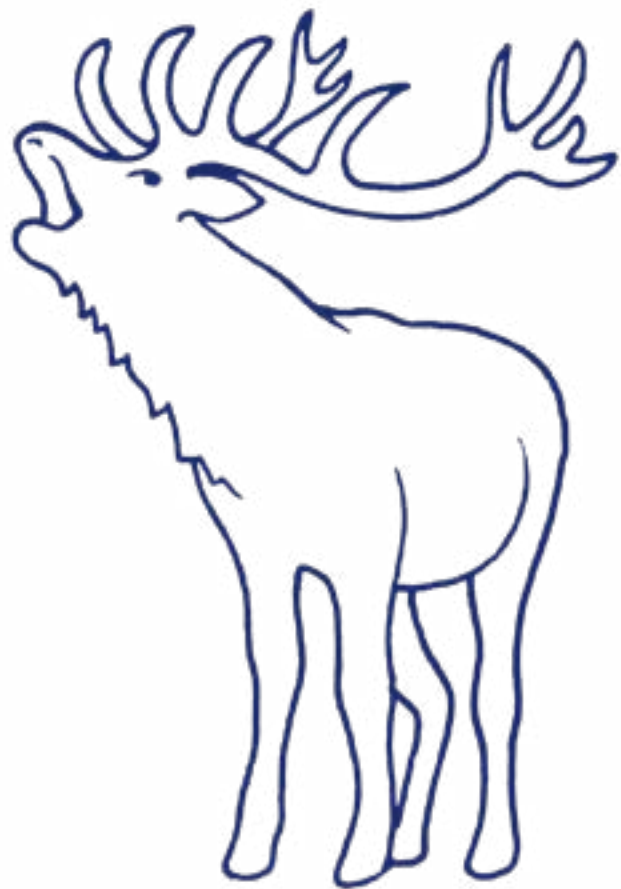


Little Crow, almost at the end of his walk,
finds himself at the frogs' pond.
The surface is thawing and
in the water frogs are laying their eggs.
Frogs, that usually live on the land,
meet on the shores to couple and lay their eggs.
From these a lot of tadpoles will be born which,
in their weird metamorphosis,
will become like their parents, adult frogs.
A lot of changes take place
marking the alternating of seasons.

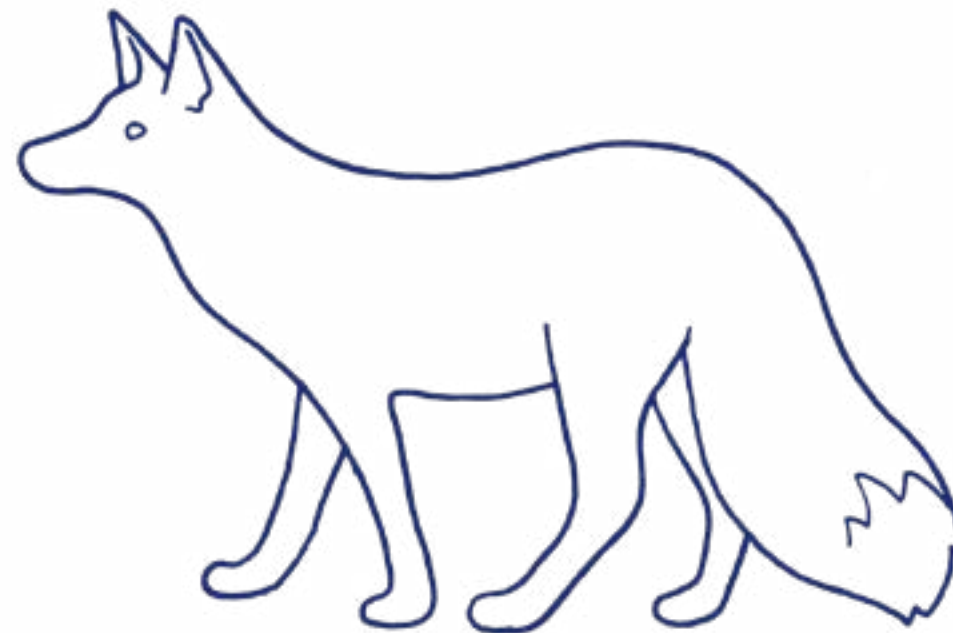
Little Crow is now back at the starting point.
Now he is tired after the long walk but happy
because the map allowed him
to discover the HIDDEN WOOD,
with the big and small secrets of nature,
that one has to look for, wait for,
and look at carefully.
The beauty of what he has seen
will always stay in his heart
as well as his desire
to know more about it.



Color the inhabitants of
THE HIDDEN WOOD



Deer



Fox



Crested tit

Search, describe and draw
in these pages
what you find in the woods
like flowers, mushrooms,
insects, plants,
birds or footprints.



Licenide



Larch pine cone



Círsio



Draw the thing
that you liked the most
on this trip
in the “HIDDEN WOOD”

Take a picture of the drawing
and share it with your friends !

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