

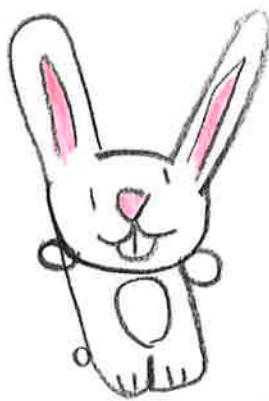
The



Big Oak



Tree



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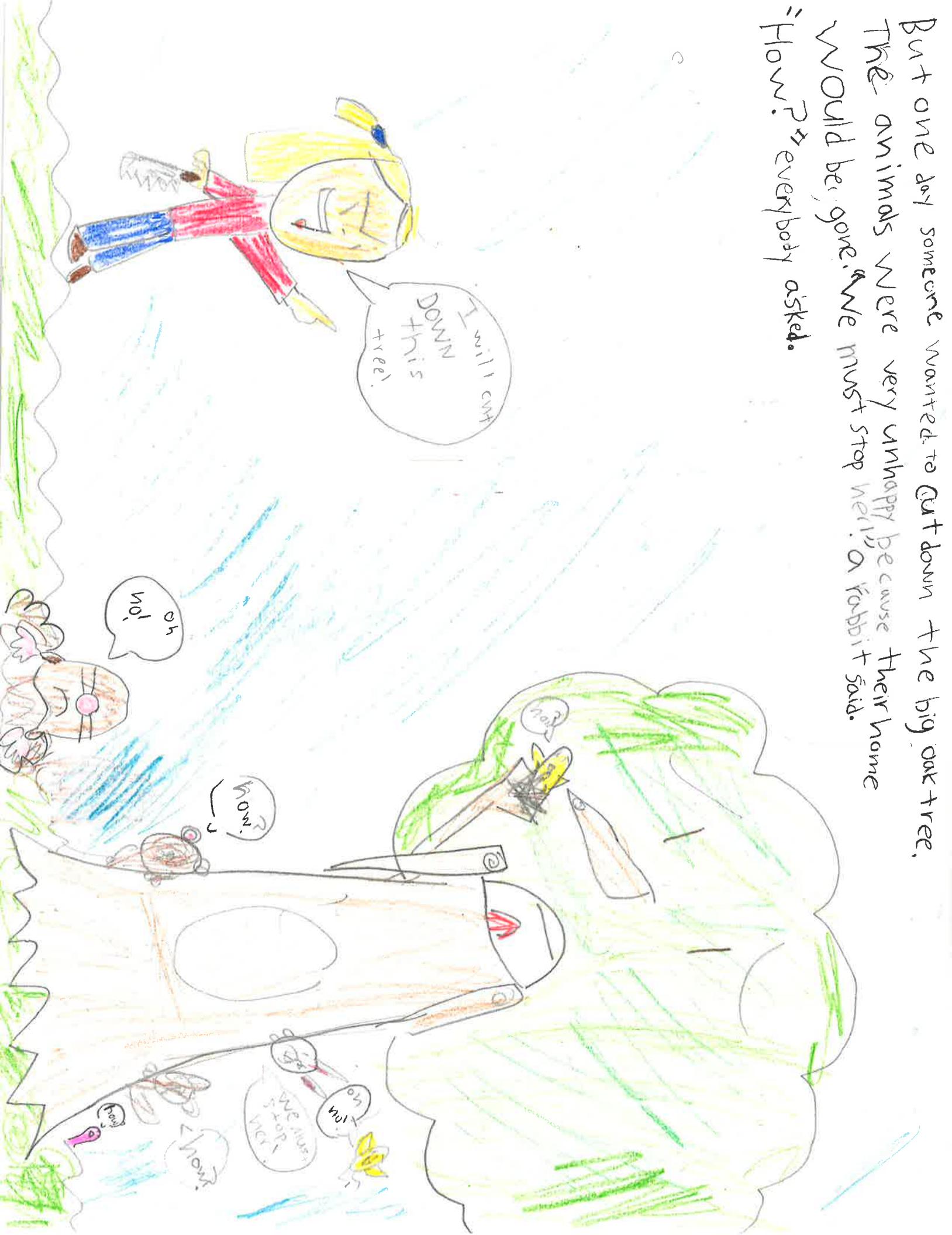
Once upon a time, there was a big oak tree. Many animals called the big oak tree home. Life was perfect there.



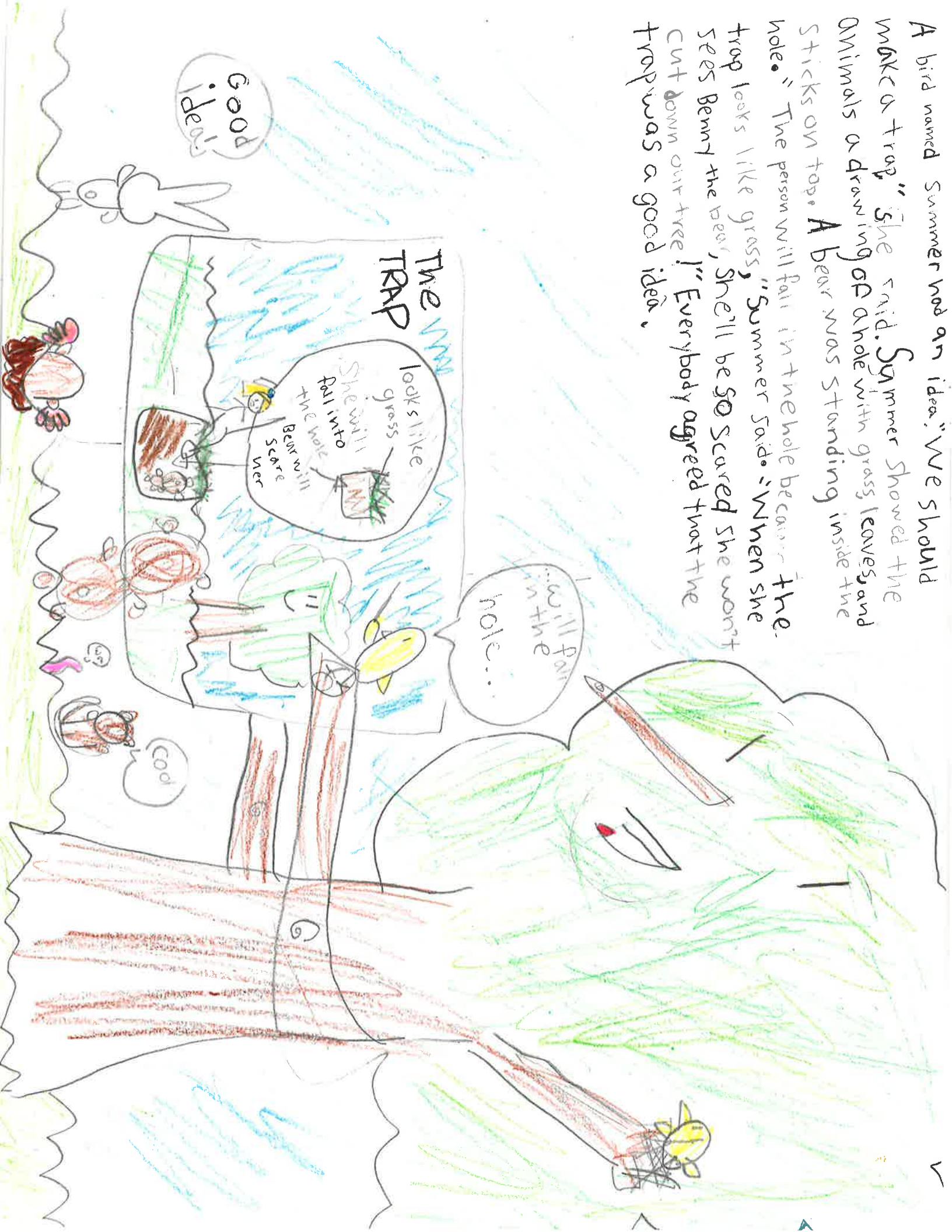
But one day someone wanted to cut down the big oak tree.

The animals were very unhappy because their home would be gone. "We must stop her!" a rabbit said.

"How?" everybody asked.



A bird named Summer had an idea. "We should make a trap," she said. Summer showed the animals a drawing of a hole with grass leaves and sticks on top. A bear was standing inside the hole. "The person will fall in the hole because the trap looks like grass," Summer said. "When she sees Benny the bear, she'll be so scared she won't cut down our tree!" Everybody agreed that the trap was a good idea.



The animals worked together. Moles dug the hole. Birds carried sticks, leaves, and grass. Benny stood inside the hole.



Shortly after, the person came, ready to cut down the tree. But, she fell in the hole. "A bear!" she screamed. She ran away and never came back.



All of the animals were very happy.
They celebrated with a big party,
happily dancing around the big oak tree.

