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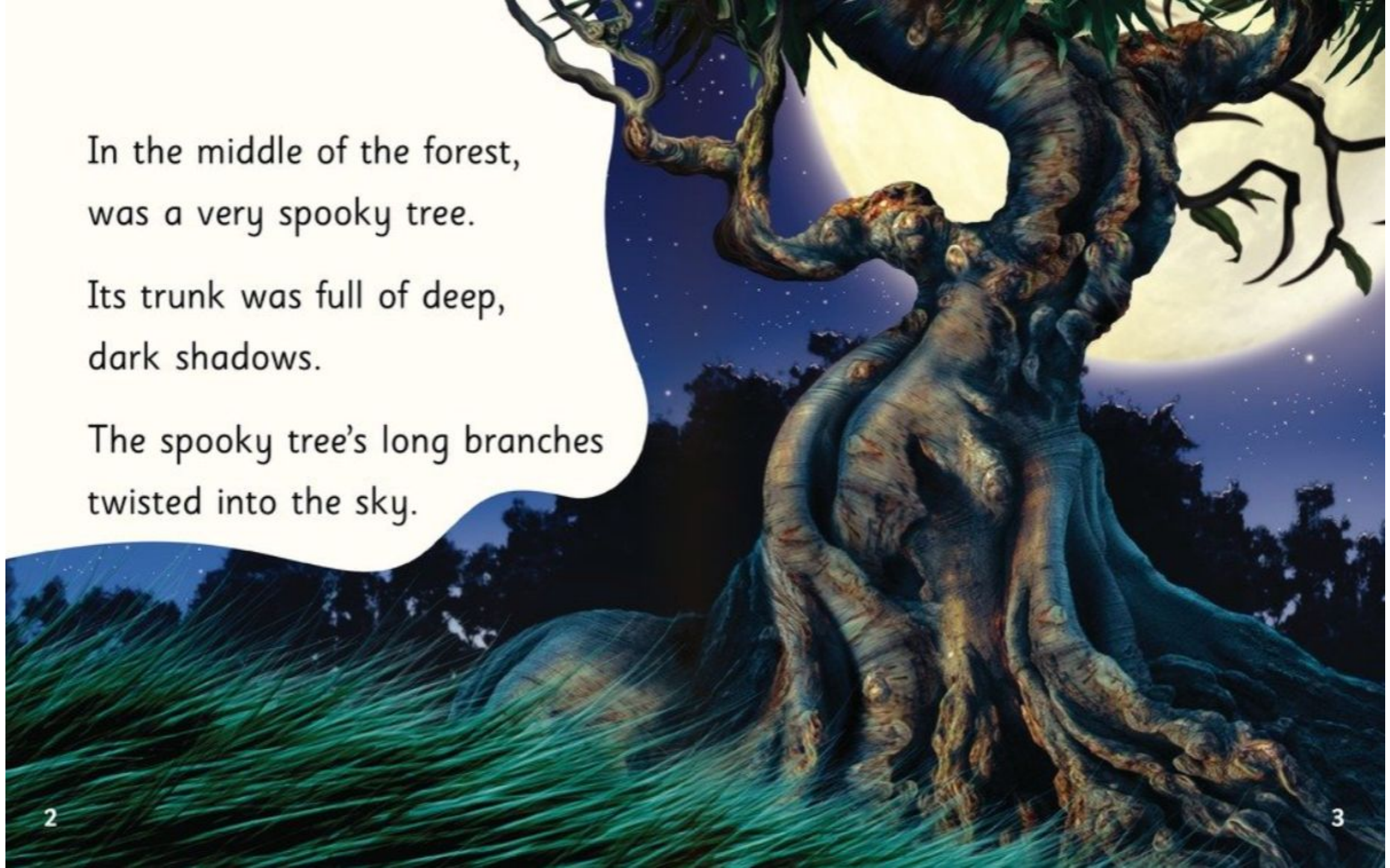
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In the middle of the forest,  
was a very spooky tree.

Its trunk was full of deep,  
dark shadows.

The spooky tree's long branches  
twisted into the sky.





By the light of the moon,  
the spooky tree grew taller.  
It made shadows that danced  
on the ground.

A creepy shadow jumped  
out at Binks.

She quickly ran away.





On windy days, the spooky  
tree thrashed about. Its branches  
dropped big, hard seeds.

A big seed dropped onto  
Hector's head.

“Ouch!” he yelled and ran away.





On wet days, the spooky tree drooped. The leaves dripped giant drops of water.

A very large branch dripped water all over Dash.

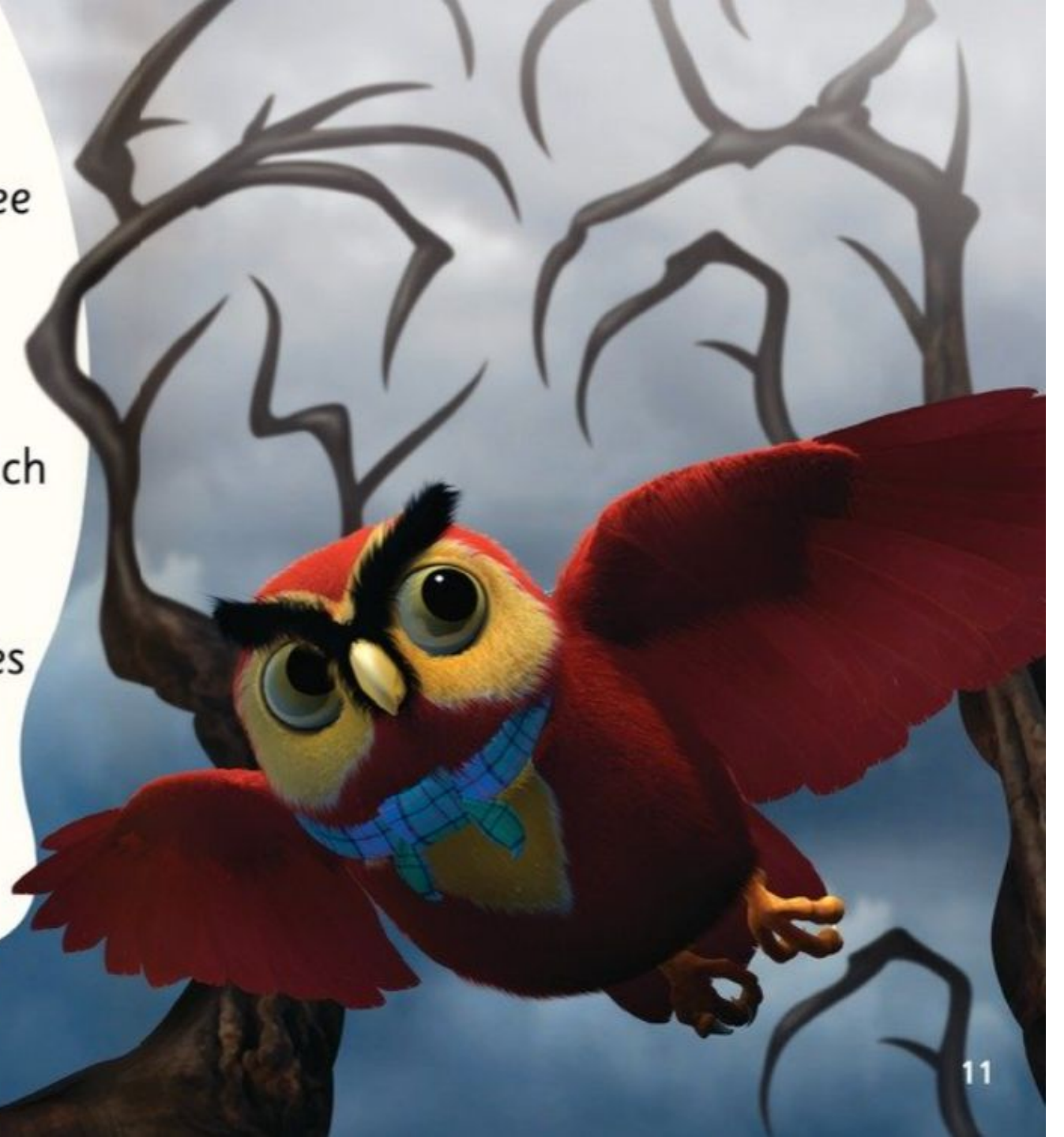
“My wings are wet!” Dash shouted and she ran away.



On winter days, the spooky tree had no leaves. The branches were sharp and spiky.

As Big Eyes flew home, a branch scratched her wings.

“Those branches hurt,” Big Eyes cried as she flew away.





In spring, the spooky tree grew new leaves. The leaves were large and bright green.

“I love these leaves,” Gog said. He walked home to make leaf masks with his friends.





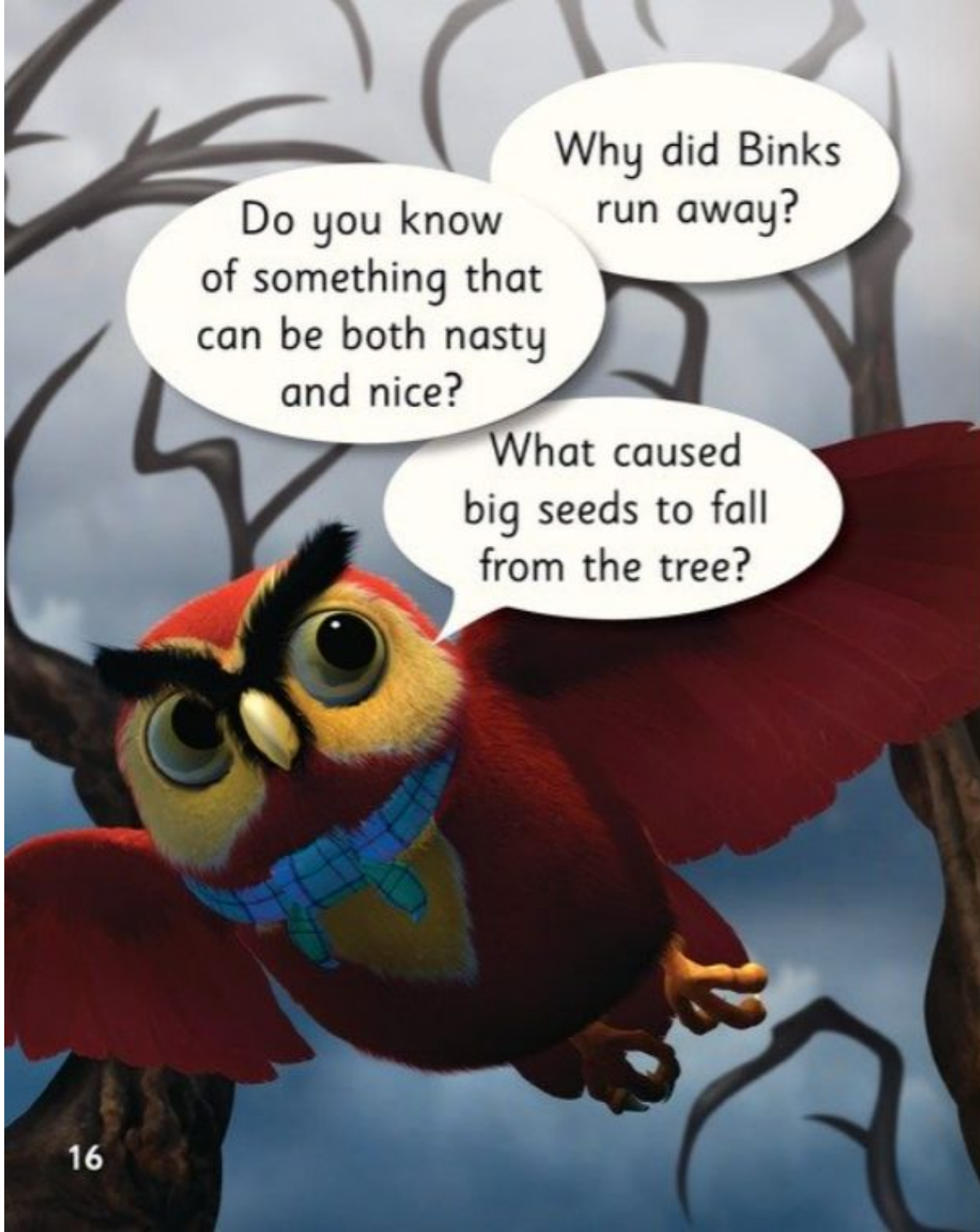
And on hot summer days,  
the spooky tree was beautiful.

It was the coolest place in  
the whole forest.

“We are very lucky to have this  
special tree,” said Gog.







Do you know  
of something that  
can be both nasty  
and nice?

Why did Binks  
run away?

What caused  
big seeds to fall  
from the tree?

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