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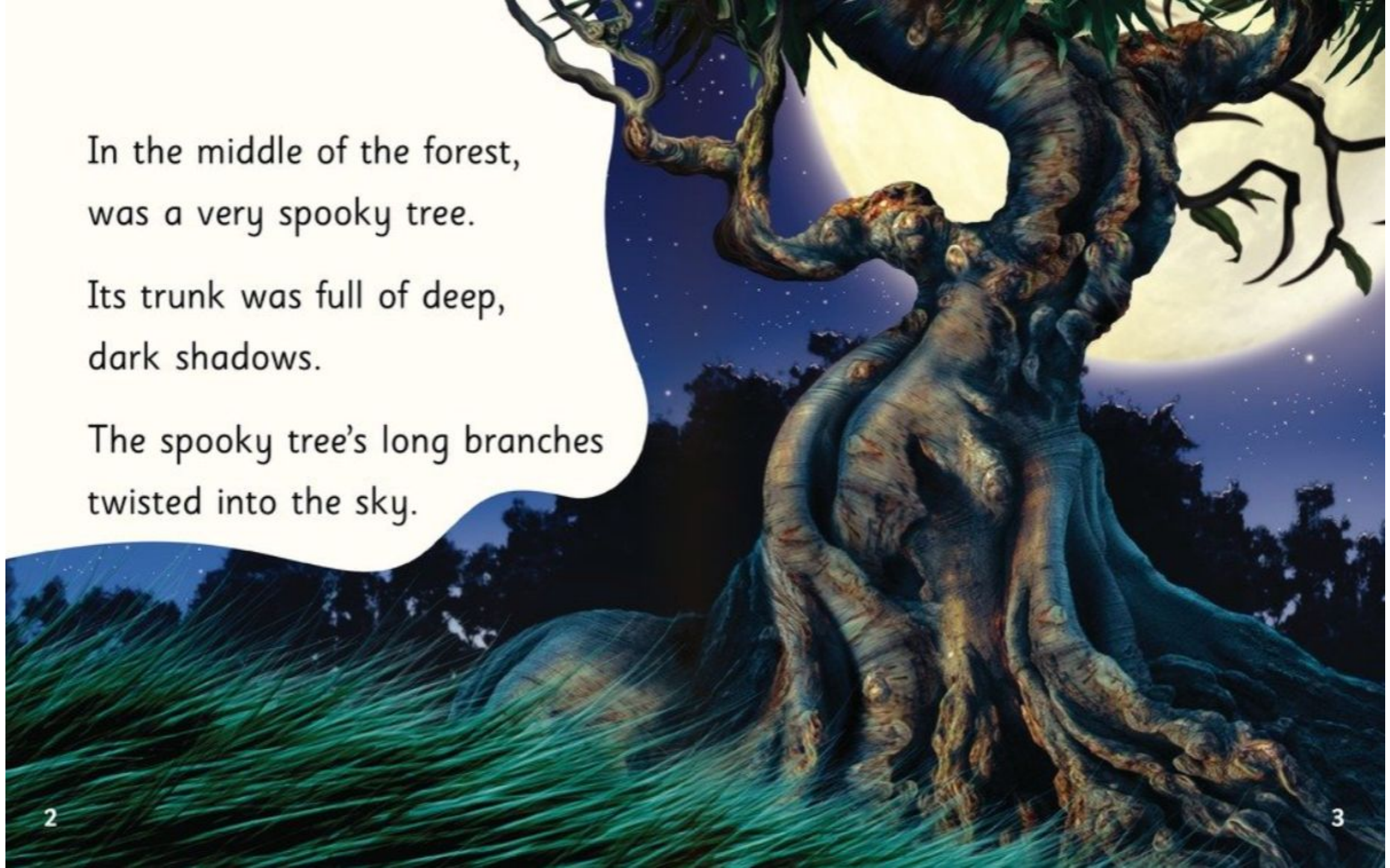


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In the middle of the forest,
was a very spooky tree.

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.

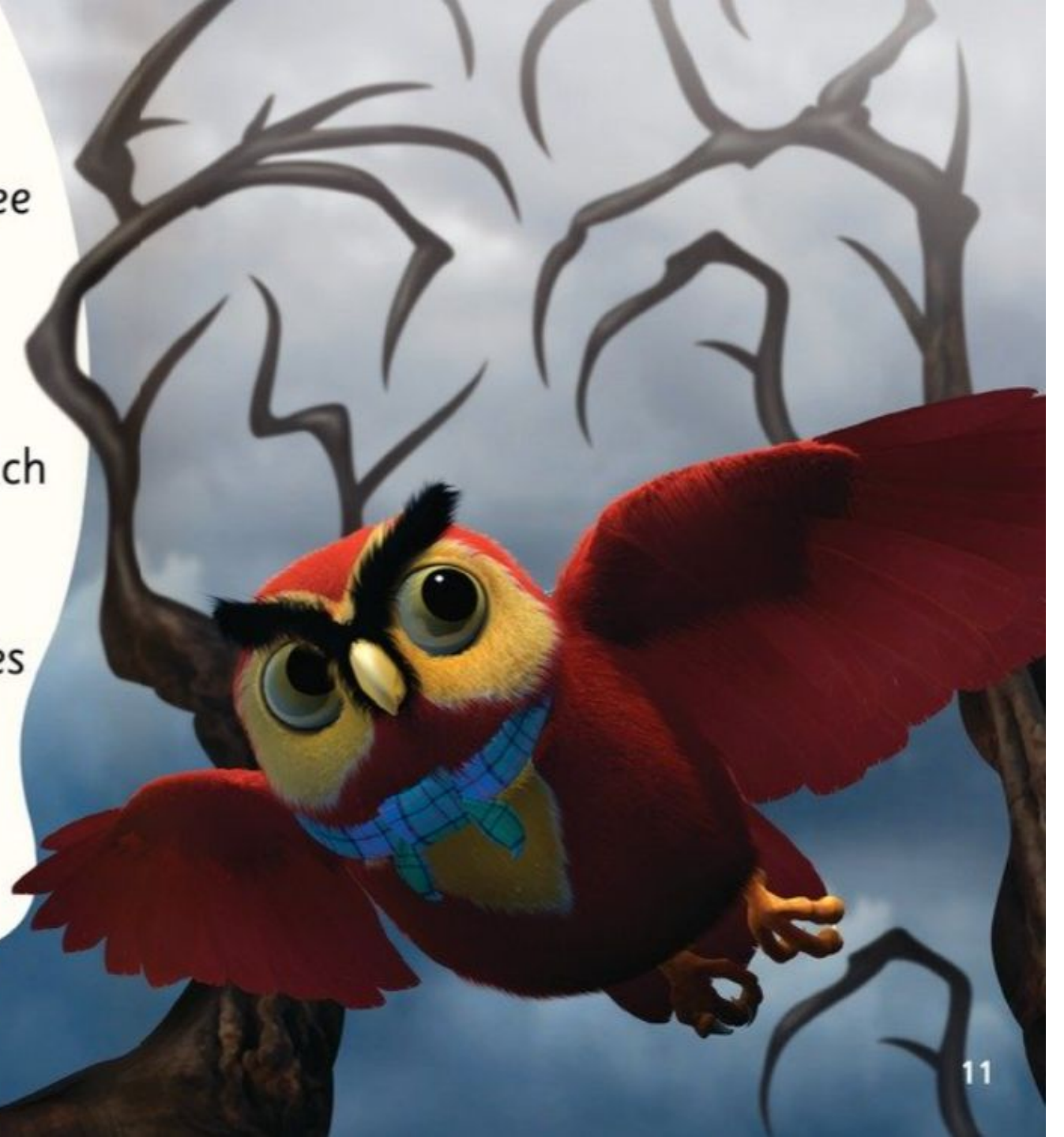
“My wings are wet!” Dash shouted and she ran away.



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.

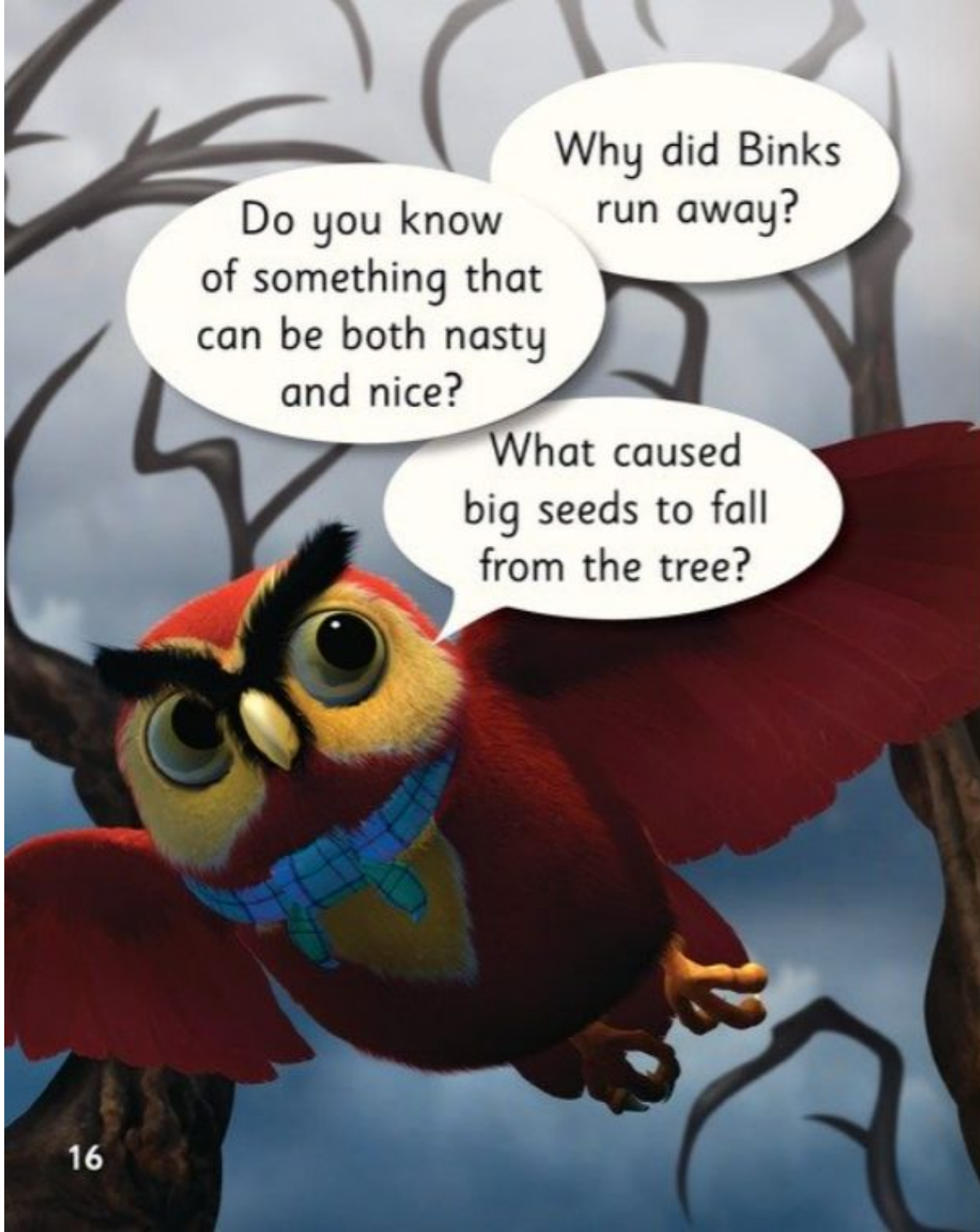


And on hot summer days,
the spooky tree was beautiful.

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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