

What Is Happening To Me?

Education 218 Course Project

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In a forest not very far away, Baby Tree and Mama Tree were gathered with Big Brown Bear, Squeaky Squirrel, and Black Bird. Baby Tree suddenly noticed that her leaves are turning yellow and orange in color.

“Mama Tree! Mama Tree! What is Happening to me?” yelled Baby Tree.



“Well, Baby Tree, to help you understand what is happening to you, I will tell you about the four seasons of the year: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter.

Lets learn about them to make them more clear!” replied Mama Tree.



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“In Autumn, the days become shorter and the leaves change in color,” continued Mama Tree.

“And I will start to look everywhere for any food I can spare! I will store that food in my house to eat it later on... what about you, Big Brown Bear?” added Squeaky Squirrel.

“I will eat tomorrow as much as today I ate, so that I can soon hibernate!” Big Brown Bear announced.



“Well, Big Brown Bear, while you prepare to laze around and hibernate, I will gather my family and migrate,” boasted Black Bird.

“You migrate looking for a warmer place, and I will soon hibernate because the cold I cannot face!” replied Big Brown Bear.

“And I will hibernate too!”
joined Squeaky Squirrel.

“We carry out different activities so that the cold we can go through!” they said in unison.

After Autumn came Winter and all the leaves on Baby Tree fell.

“Mama Tree! Mama Tree! Come, come look at me!

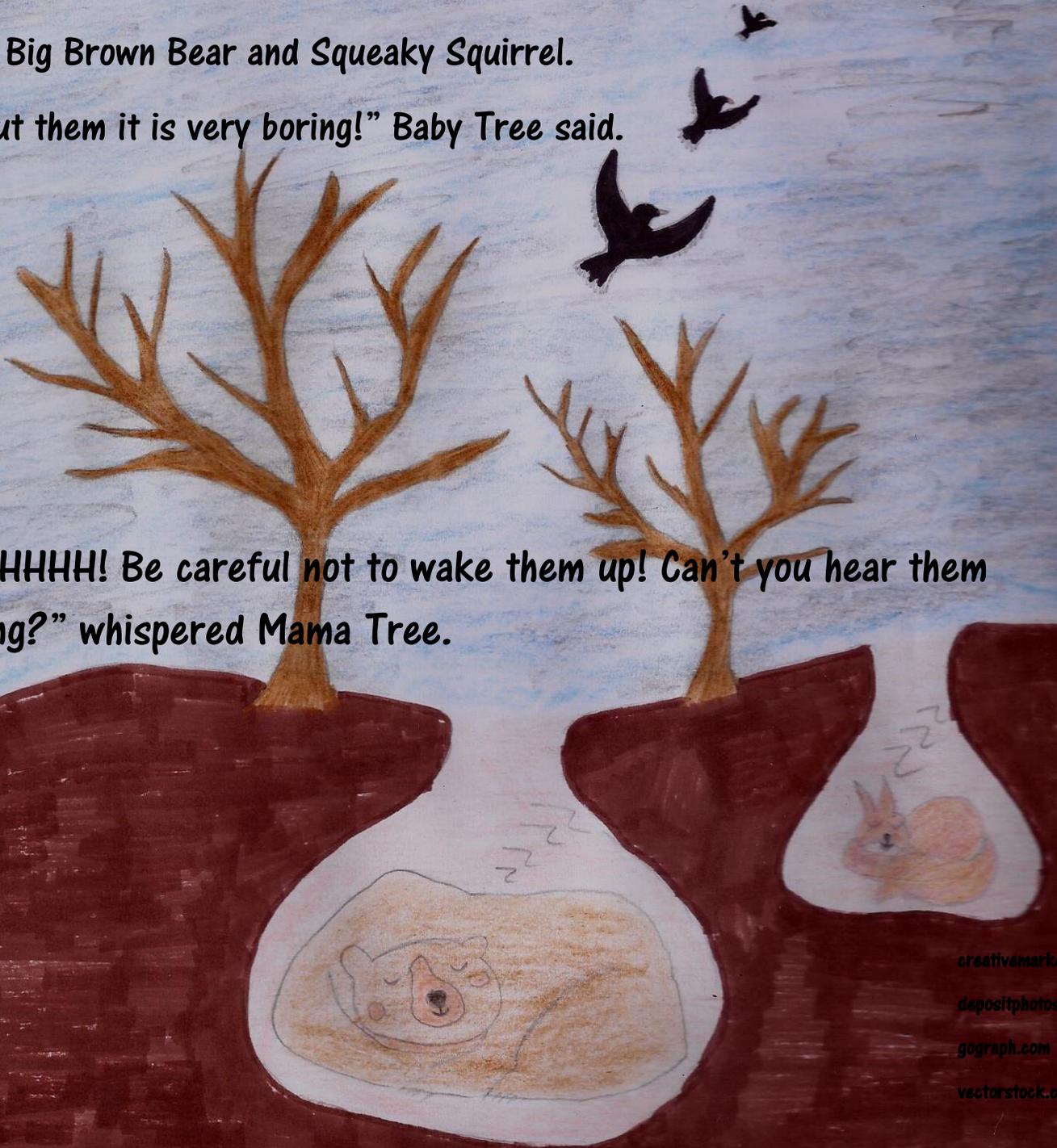
My leaves fell and now there is snow! It is very cold, when will my leaves grow?

I cannot wait for Black Bird to migrate back!

I miss Big Brown Bear and Squeaky Squirrel.

Without them it is very boring!” Baby Tree said.

“SHHHHHH! Be careful not to wake them up! Can't you hear them snoring?” whispered Mama Tree.



After Winter came Spring, and Baby Tree found something new happening to her, so she yelled excitedly: "Mama Tree! Mama Tree! What is happening to me!

My leaves are back and I am flowering!"

"Do not worry darling, this is what happens in spring," Mama Tree reassured Baby Tree, "Oh! Here come our friends! It is time for their awakening!"



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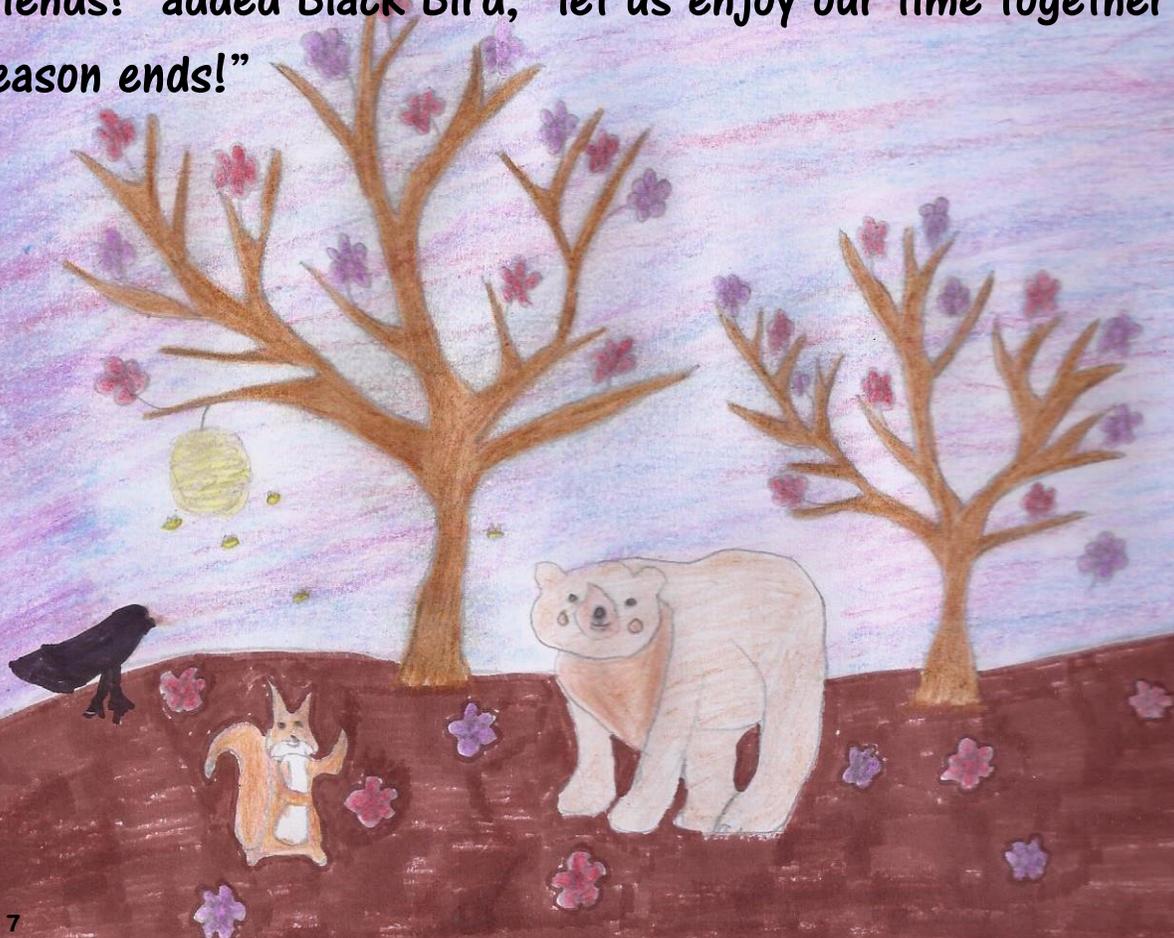
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“Hello Baby Tree and Mama Tree! I just woke up and am looking for some honey!” exclaimed Big Brown Bear.

“Hello friends!” joined Squeaky Squirrel, “I just woke up and am ready for the season of the flower. Oh! Look at that bee!”

“Oh! Oh! Oh! Ask her for some honey!” yelled Big Brown Bear.

And I just came back from migration and am very happy to be with my friends!” added Black Bird, “let us enjoy our time together before the season ends!”



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After Spring came Summer.

“Mama Tree! Mama Tree! What is happening to me? The weather is hotter and I grew fruits! I am now bigger with stronger roots!” announced Baby Tree.

“It is now Summer! The sun is out, the fruits are grown, and it is hot,” replied Mama Tree.

“I will go to sleep to survive the heat, to my home I shall retreat!” exclaimed Squeaky Squirrel.

“I will nap in the morning and eat at night, so that the coming cold I can fight,” Big Brown Bear said.

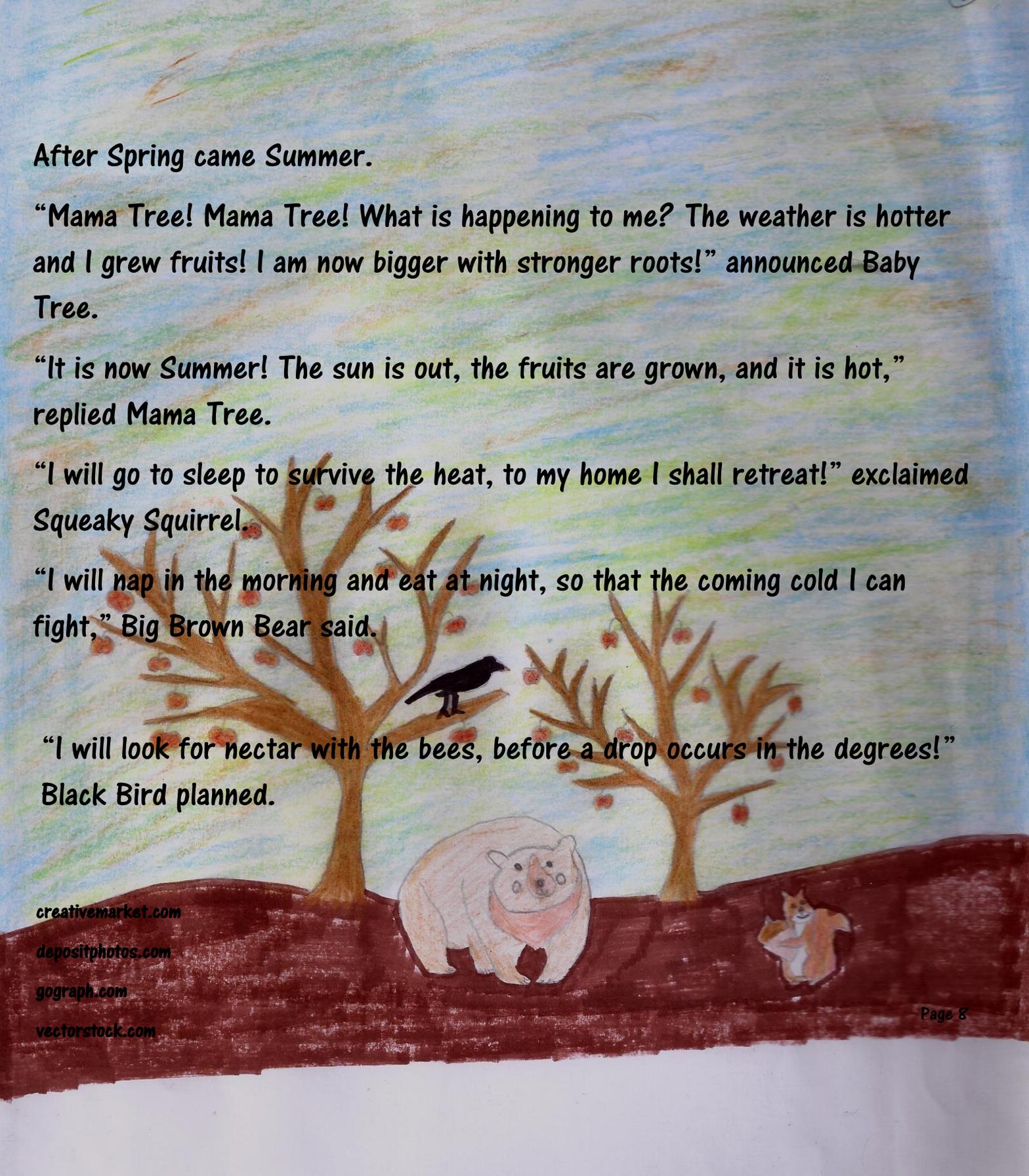
“I will look for nectar with the bees, before a drop occurs in the degrees!” Black Bird planned.

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“Well, Baby Tree, I hope you now understand what comes with every season.

Never stop asking questions for any reason.

Always be curious and eager to learn!” Mama Tree said.

“Thank you, Mama Tree, for helping me learn.

To seek knowledge from you, I will always return,” replied Baby Tree.



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