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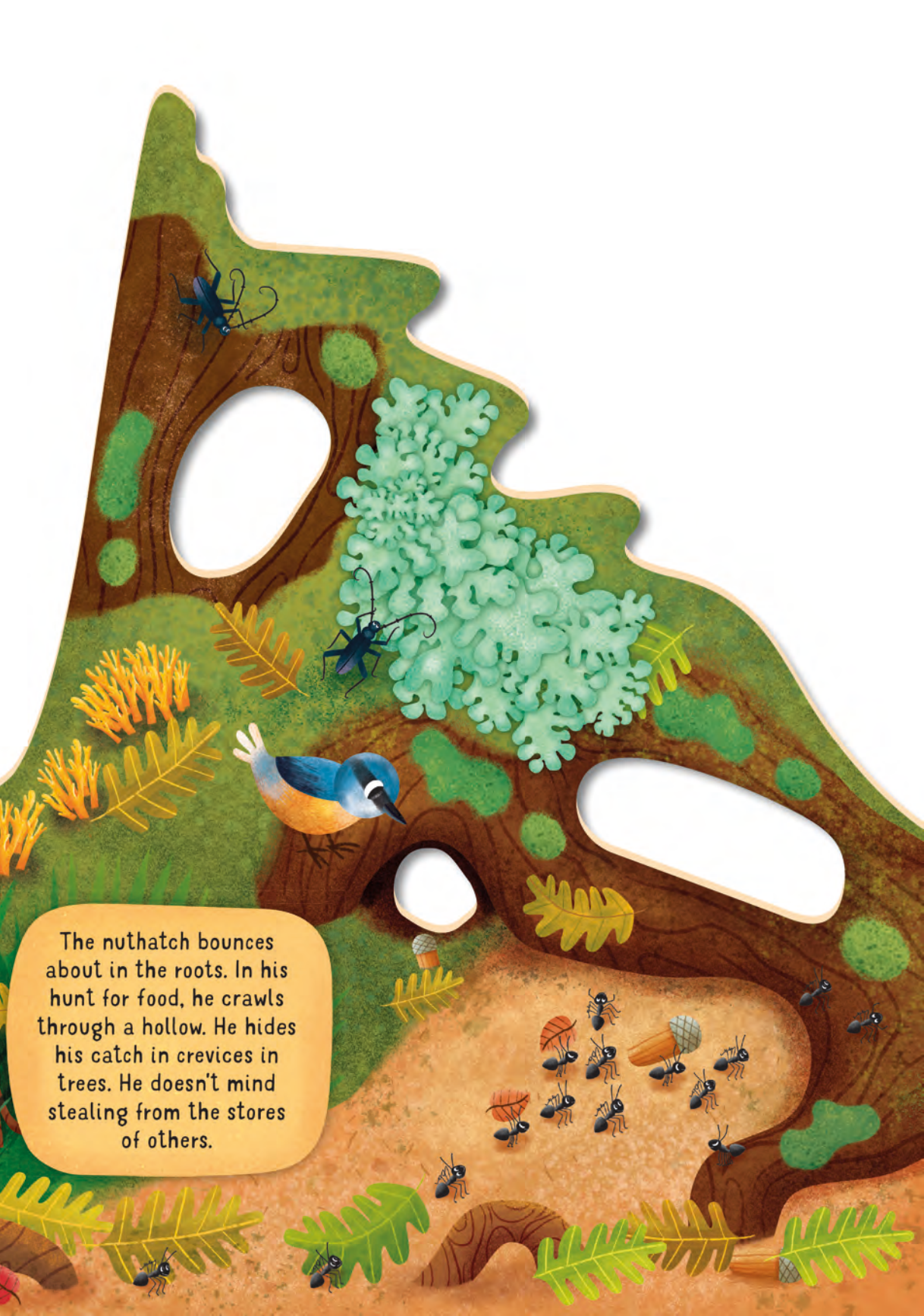
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The grass is filled with life. Beetles, ants and other insects run this way and that. In his soft little nest, the hedgehog sleeps through it all.



The nuthatch bounces about in the roots. In his hunt for food, he crawls through a hollow. He hides his catch in crevices in trees. He doesn't mind stealing from the stores of others.



Crumbly old tree trunks and rotting stumps are more important for the natural world than you might think. As well as providing many small animals and insects with a home, they are a rich source of food. Some species couldn't manage without 'deadwood', which is their only sustenance.

When two male stag beetles come together, things can get bad ... Keen fighters, they use their distinctive mandibles in the scrap. What do they fight over? That's simple – a female's favour, or food.

The inside of a tree is filled with life which we can't see from outside. Under the bark, the wood teems with beetles, while squirrels, owls and other birds nest in its hollows.

As a stump ages, it becomes ever more beautiful and interesting. Moss grows over it, depressions form in it, and it becomes a home to insects and small animals. As it decomposes, it provides the soil with nutrients – some of which give life to a new tree to replace the stump.

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Which creature
gnaws paths in
the wood?



What does
a weasel eat?

Explore life
in a tree stump!

It may be inconspicuous, overgrown, large or small, but it is always on the ground. Does it get lonely? Never! Because a stump is teeming with life, as careful inspection will show. Look, there's a longhorn beetle! And what's that in the burrow between the roots? Come with us on an adventure to the inside of a stump. We're sure to have a great time together!



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