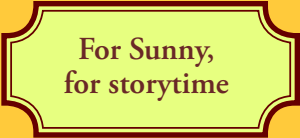


A cartoon illustration of a tree with a thick brown trunk and a few green leaves. A person's legs and feet are visible as they climb a branch. A blue bicycle is leaning against the base of the tree. The background is a simple landscape with a yellow sky and green ground.

# Sunny

CLIMBS  
A TREE

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For Sunny,  
for storytime

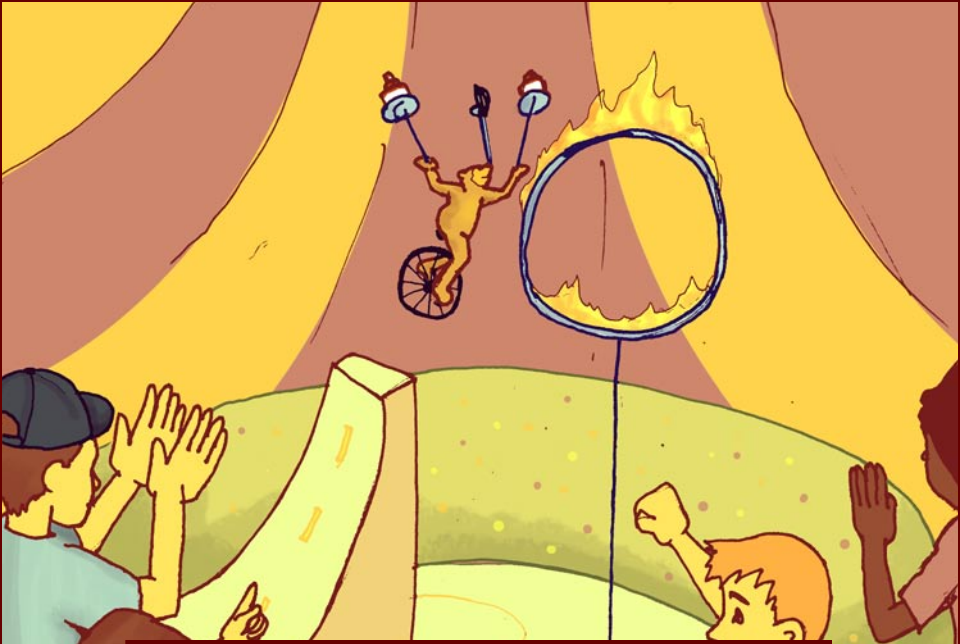
Sunny The Cubby Bear Climbs a Tree  
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Sunny the cubby bear spent her days climbing trees. Each night, Jake the Circus Barker would call her back to the big top. Sunny was the star of the circus.



“Ladies and Gentlemen,” Jake barked, “direct your attention to the center ring, where Sunny the cubby bear will perform death-defying stunts on her unique unicycle!”

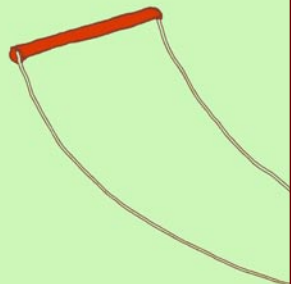


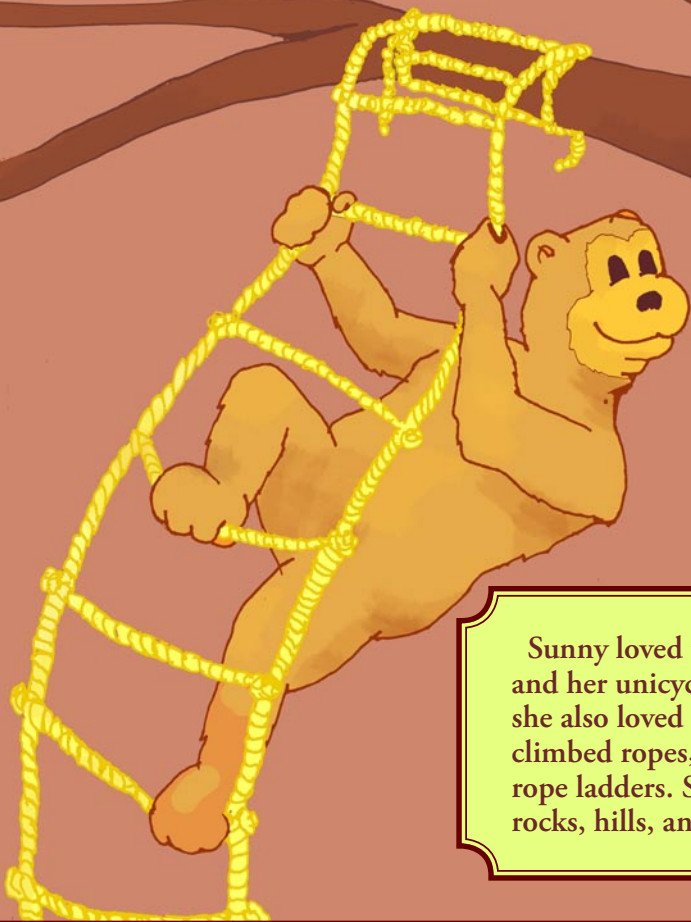
The children cheered as Sunny juggled, flipped and jumped through rings of fire. She balanced swords, plates and cakes on plates. She rode on high wires ramped off high ramps, all without a net. Sunny stole the show.



Sunny was such a hit that the children hardly noticed Big John bear's act. John's unicycle was so big that he added an extra wheel. John's bicycle leaped the crowd, but they hardly noticed.

Marissa the marsupial  
flew through the air on  
the flying trapeze, but  
nobody even looked up.  
The children all loved  
Sunny and her unicycle.

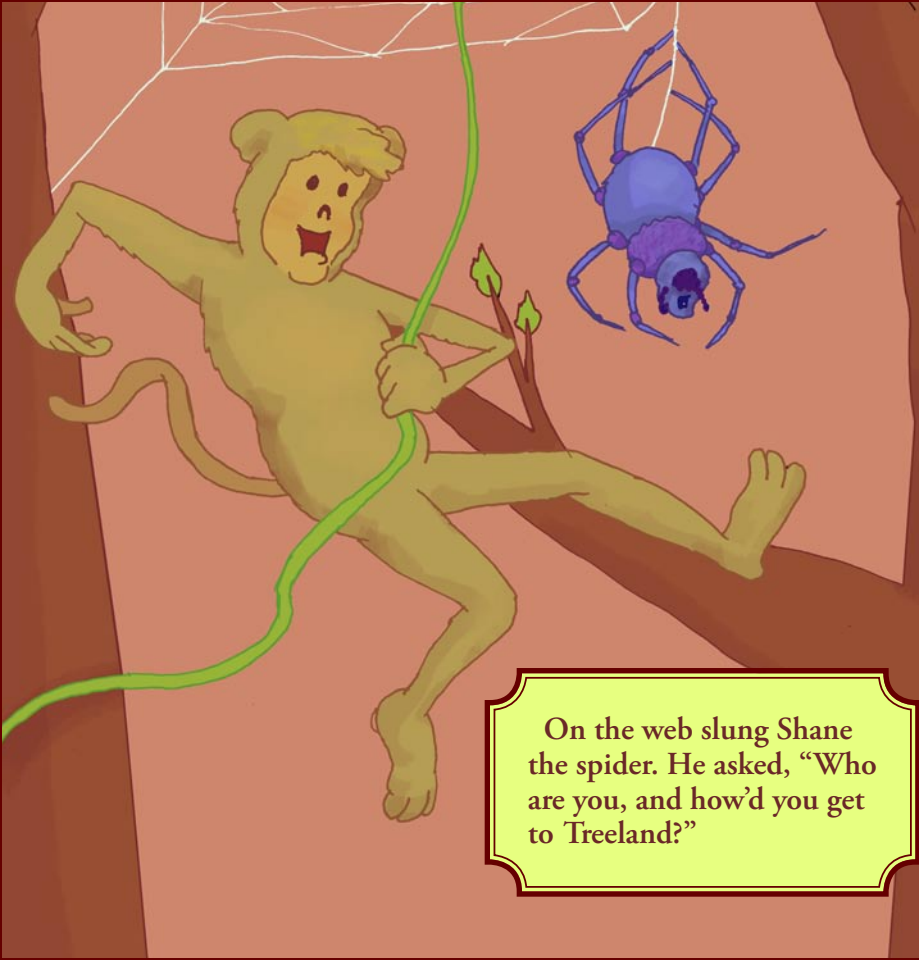




Sunny loved the children and her unicycle, but what she also loved climbing. She climbed ropes, ladders, and rope ladders. She climbed rocks, hills, and trees.



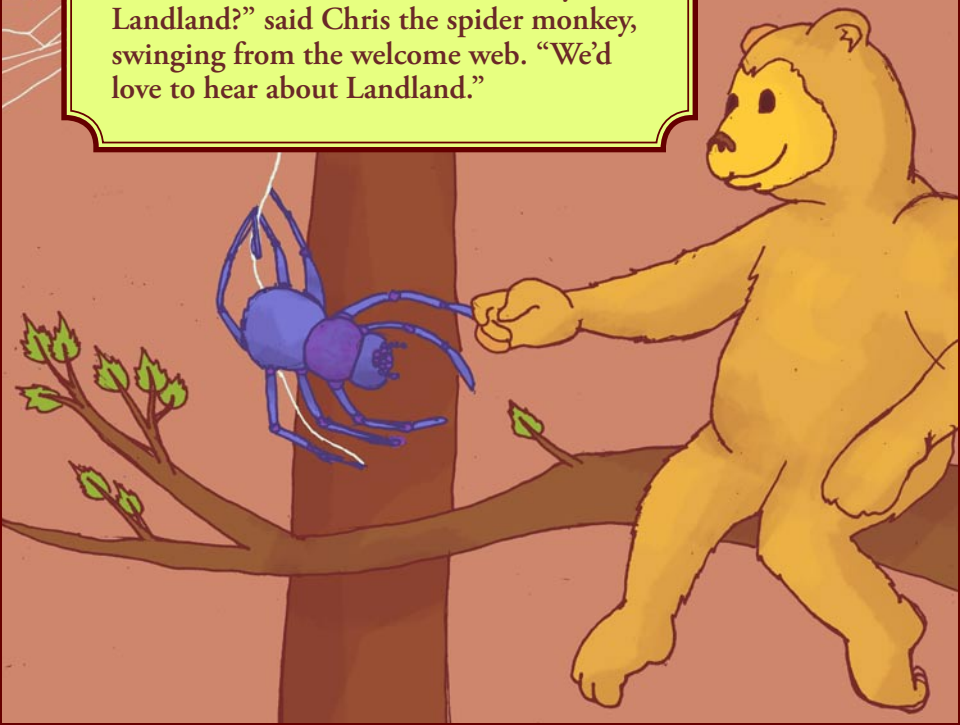
One day, Sunny climbed a tree so tall that it went to another land.  
A web read, "Welcome to Tireland."



On the web slung Shane  
the spider. He asked, "Who  
are you, and how'd you get  
to Treeland?"

Sunny held out her hand and said, "I'm Sunny the cubby bear. I climbed here from Landland."

"Landland! You climbed all the way from Landland?" said Chris the spider monkey, swinging from the welcome web. "We'd love to hear about Landland."





Sunny told them all about her unicycle and the circus. Other creatures gathered to hear the tale.

There were star birds, perched on tree tops, snakes slithering round tree trunks, and tree limbs covered with leaves and bugs that looked like leaves.



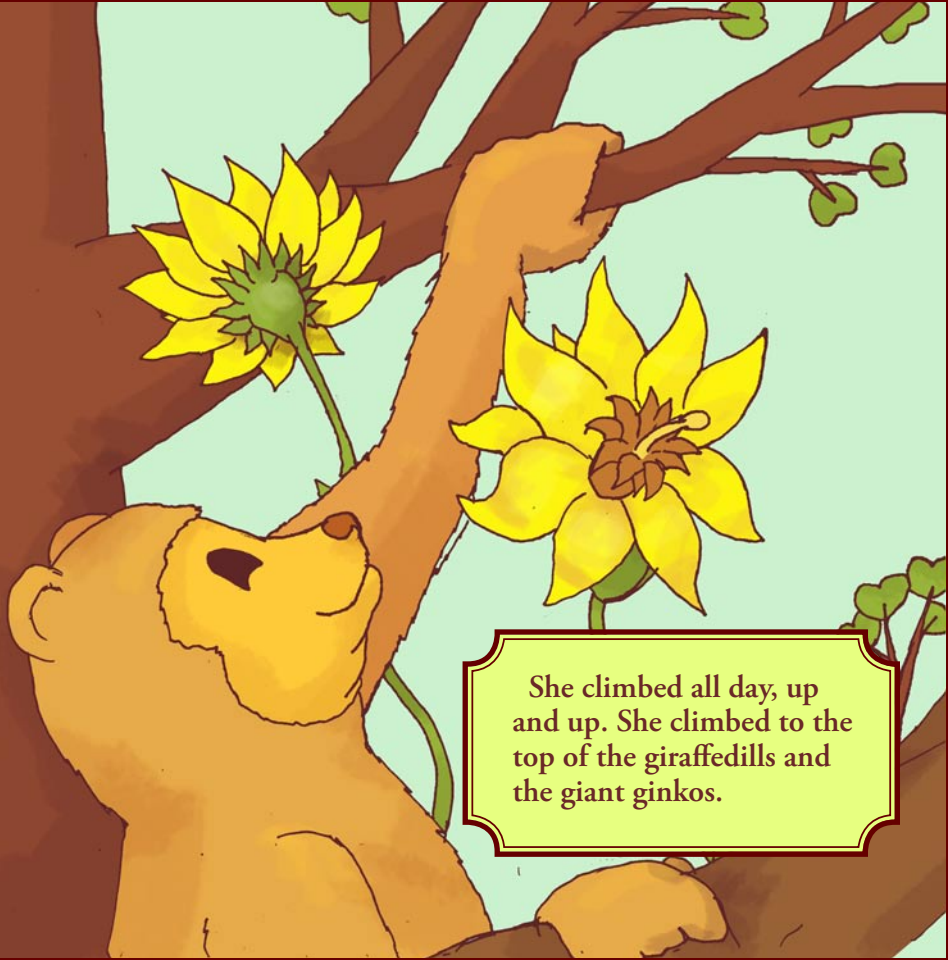
One bird flew all the way from Skyland.

“I’d love to live on Landland, but you can’t fly on the ground.” said Pedro the pelican.

“I’d love to go to Skyland but there’s no place to climb,” said Sunny Bear.

“You can stay in Treeland. Here you can climb everywhere.” said Chris the Spider Monkey.

The other animals agreed and welcomed Sunny to their home.

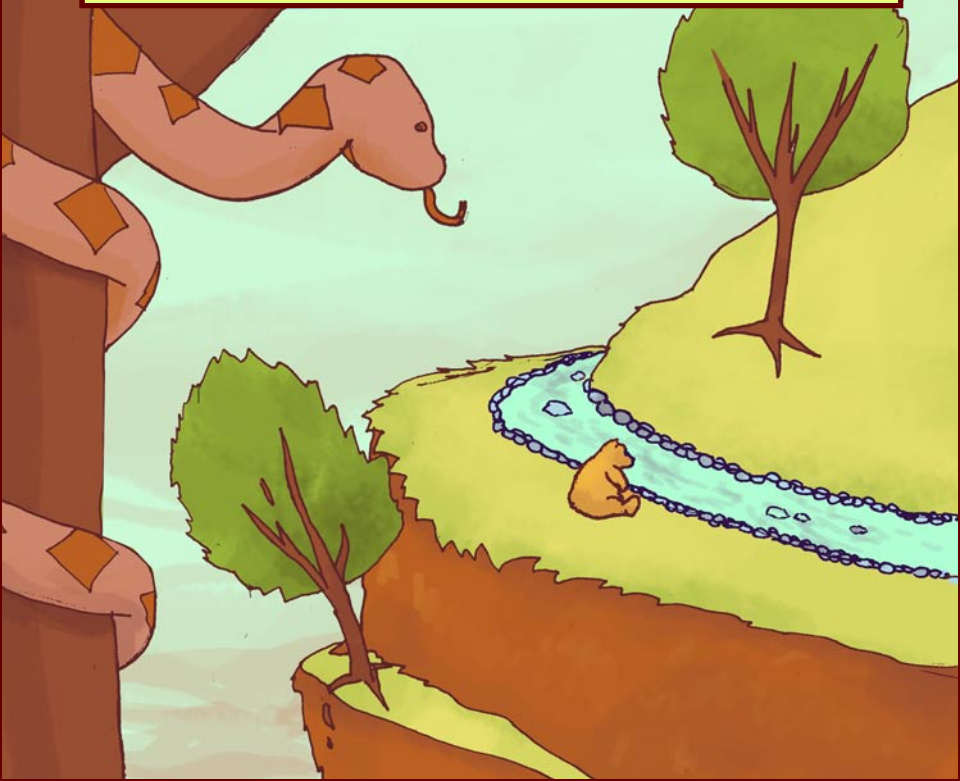



She climbed all day, up  
and up. She climbed to the  
top of the giraffedills and  
the giant ginkos.

She found the sweetest honey hives, but could only take a little because their bees were so big they buzzed buzzards. Sunny feared the bees and buzzards.



Where there weren't bees there were snakes, some nice and some snappy. They guarded giant eggs, high up in fruit trees.





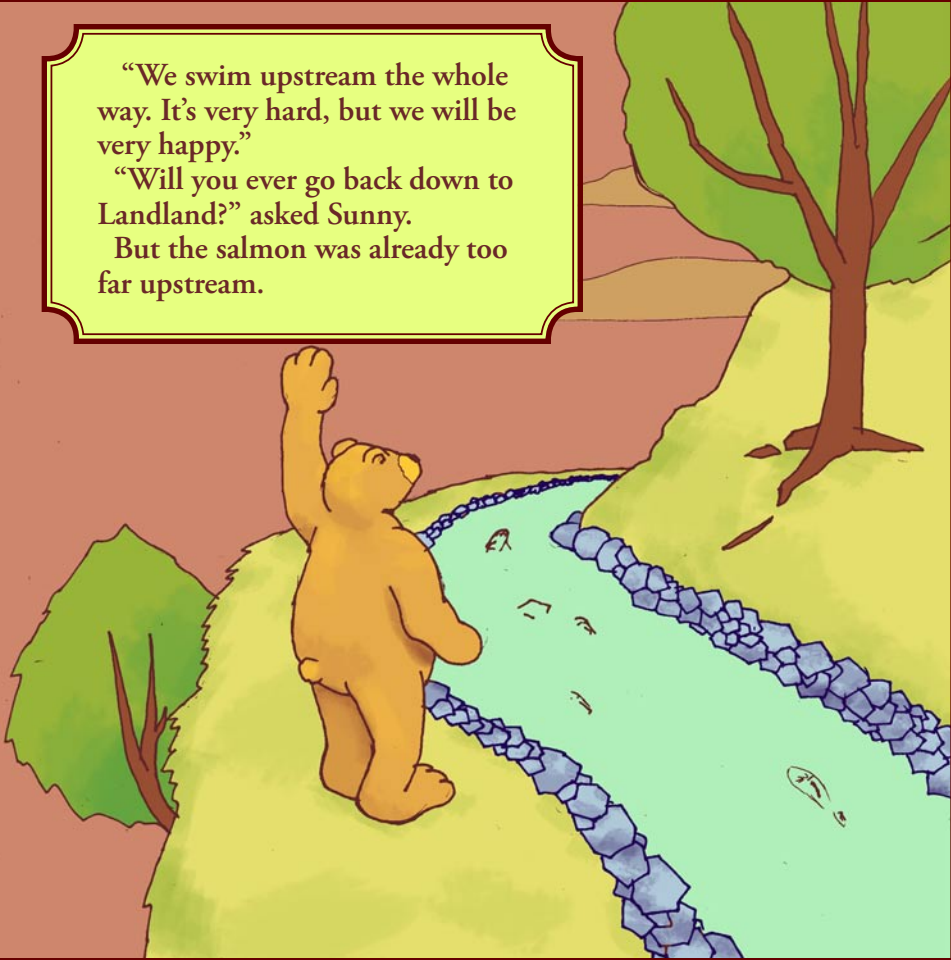
Avoiding the snakes, bees, buzzards,  
and fruit, Sunny climbed down to  
rest by a stream.

There she met a school of salmon.  
“We’re on our way to Lakeland,”  
said a salmon.

“We swim upstream the whole way. It’s very hard, but we will be very happy.”

“Will you ever go back down to Landland?” asked Sunny.

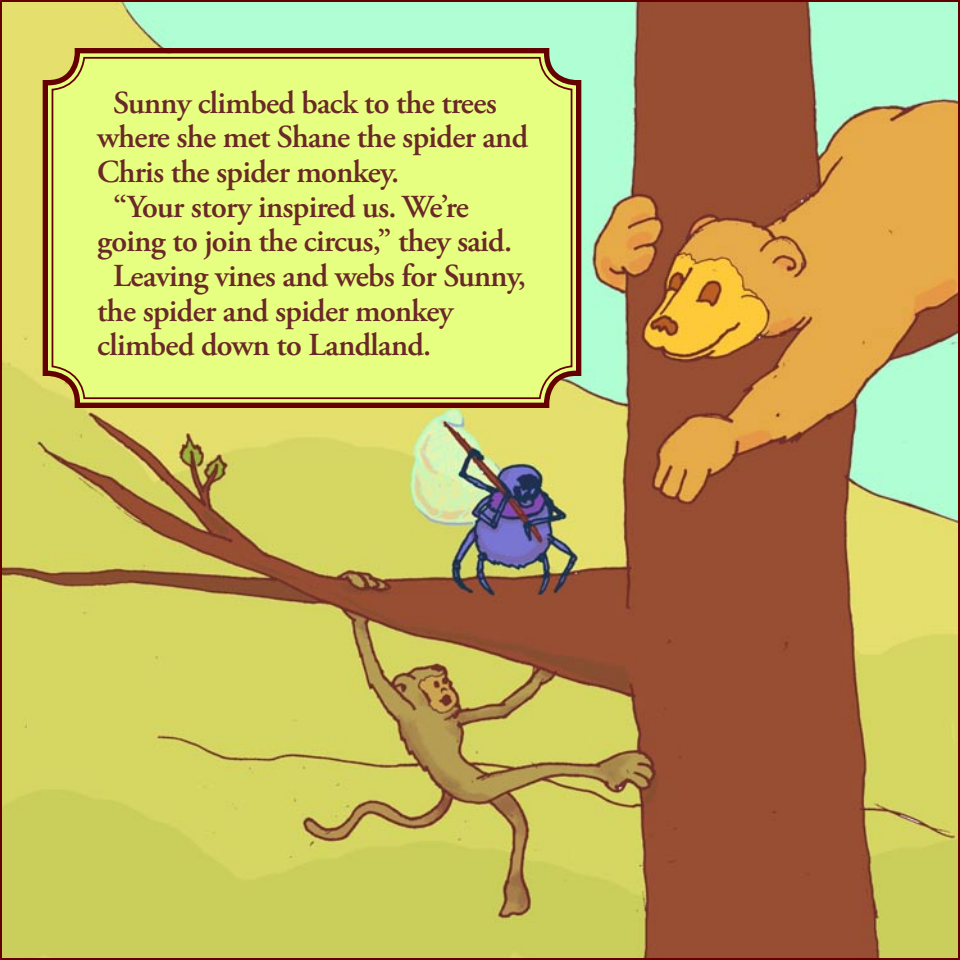
But the salmon was already too far upstream.



Sunny climbed back to the trees where she met Shane the spider and Chris the spider monkey.

“Your story inspired us. We’re going to join the circus,” they said.

Leaving vines and webs for Sunny, the spider and spider monkey climbed down to Landland.



Sunny used the web to spin warm coats for cold Treeland nights. She climbed every branch, met every animal, and was as happy as ever.

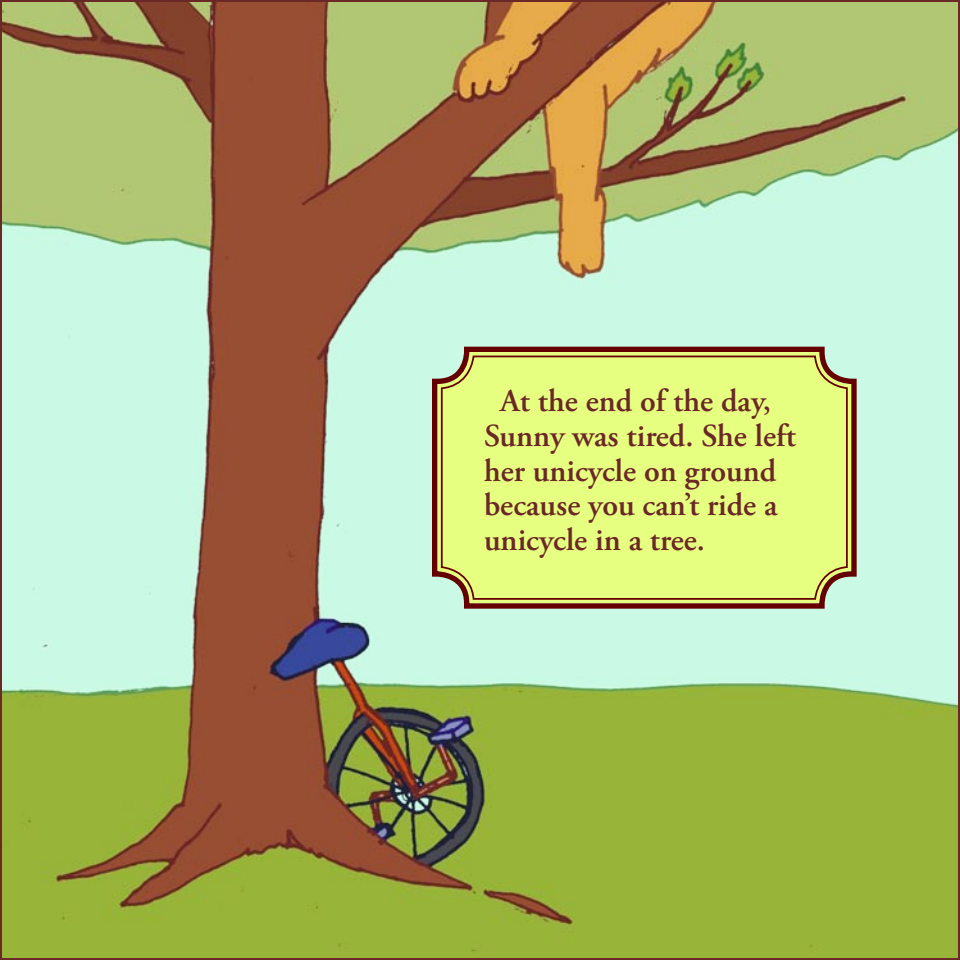


Until one day she went back to visit Landland. The big top circus was bigger than ever. The spider and the spider monkey wove the whole tent. Marrisa the marsupial jumped from rope to rope, and Big John balanced his enormous bike on the highest twine.

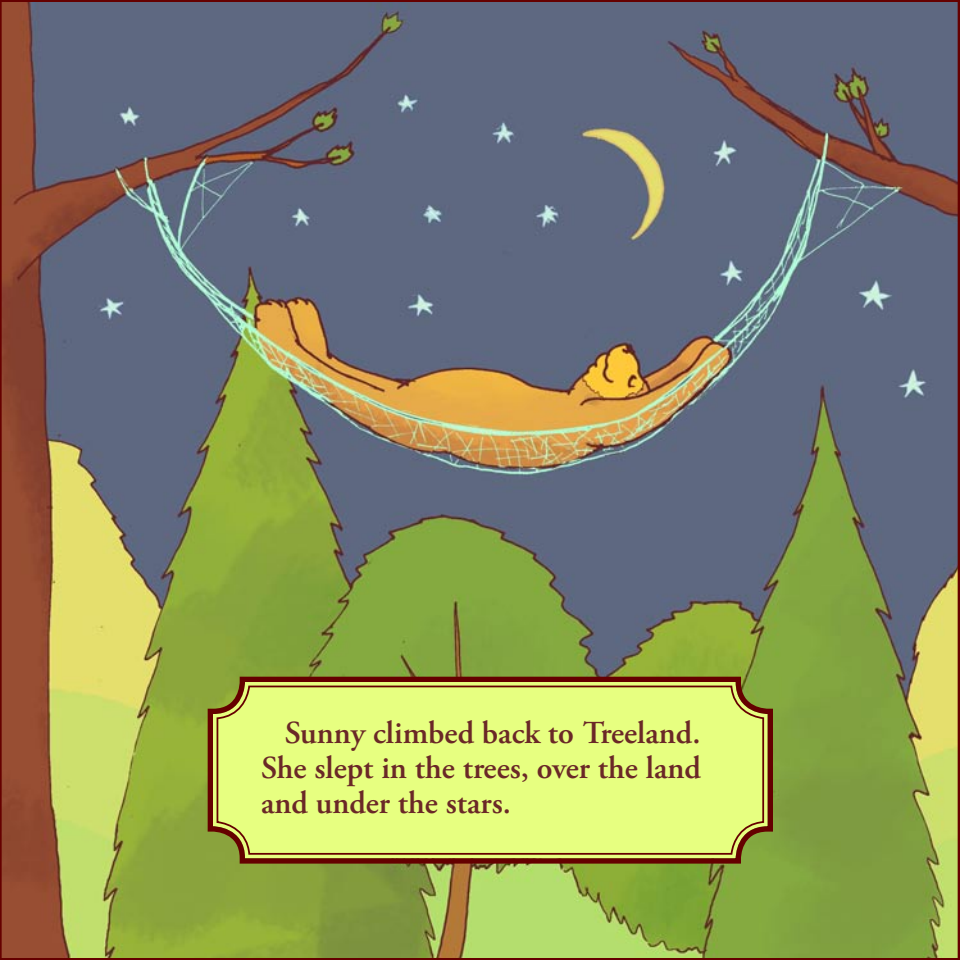


Sunny even rode her unicycle.





At the end of the day,  
Sunny was tired. She left  
her unicycle on ground  
because you can't ride a  
unicycle in a tree.



Sunny climbed back to Treeland.  
She slept in the trees, over the land  
and under the stars.

A decorative frame with a light green background and a dark green border, containing the text "The End." in a serif font.

The End.



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