

A stylized illustration of a young girl with dark, curly hair and freckles, wearing a light blue t-shirt and blue overalls, sitting on a thick, brown tree branch. A small, yellow, pear-shaped fruit hangs from a nearby branch. A small, green and yellow striped caterpillar is visible on the branch to the left of the girl. The background is white, and the top of the image is filled with green leaves.

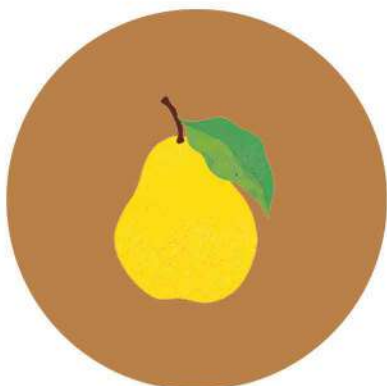
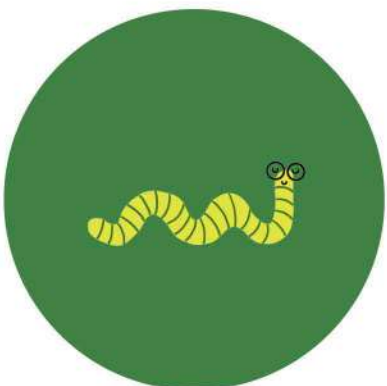
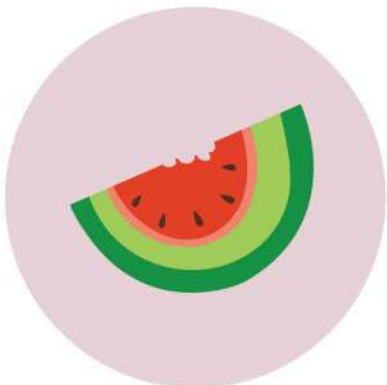
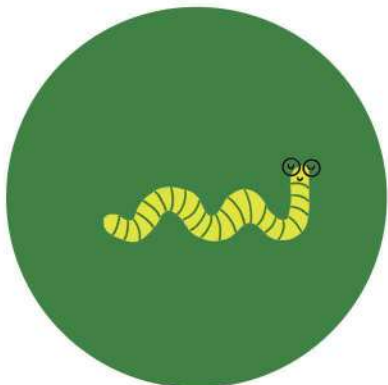
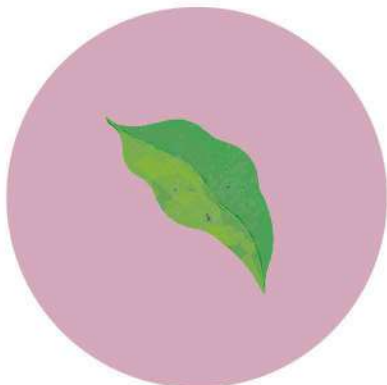
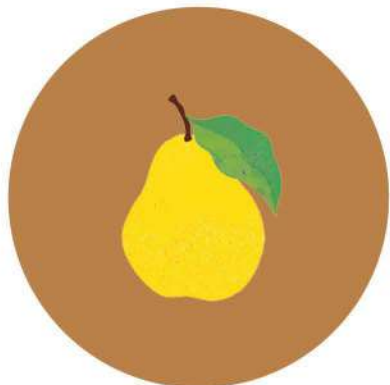
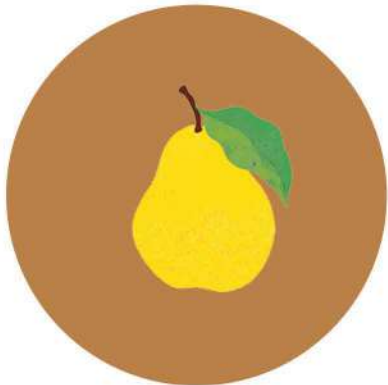
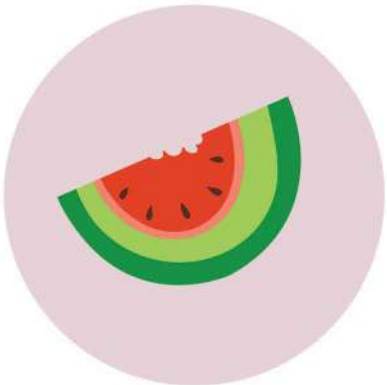
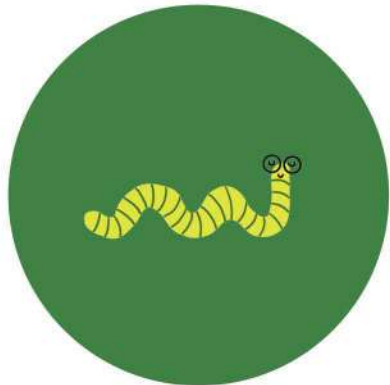
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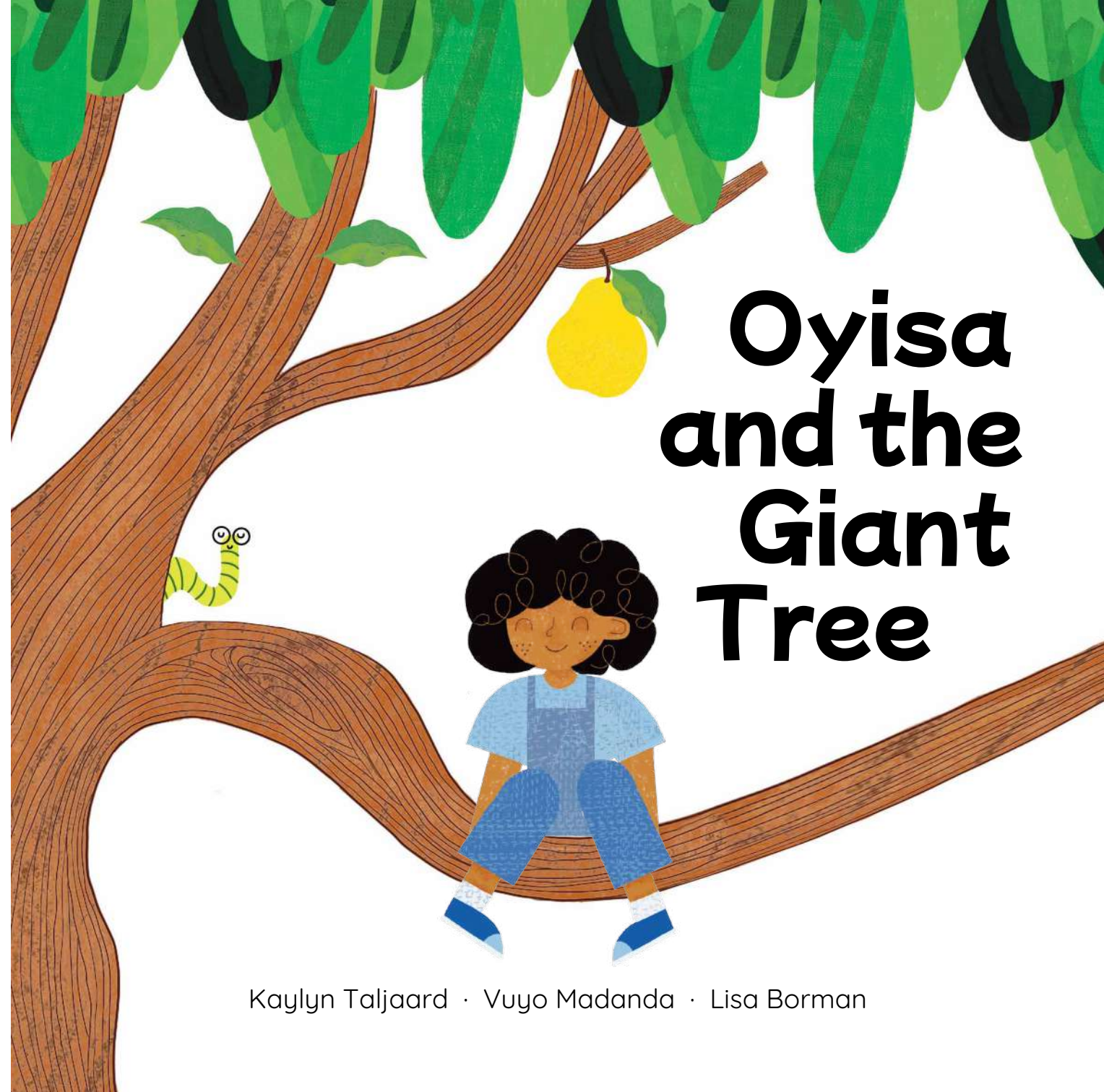
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Oyisa loves to eat all kinds
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oranges, and watermelon.



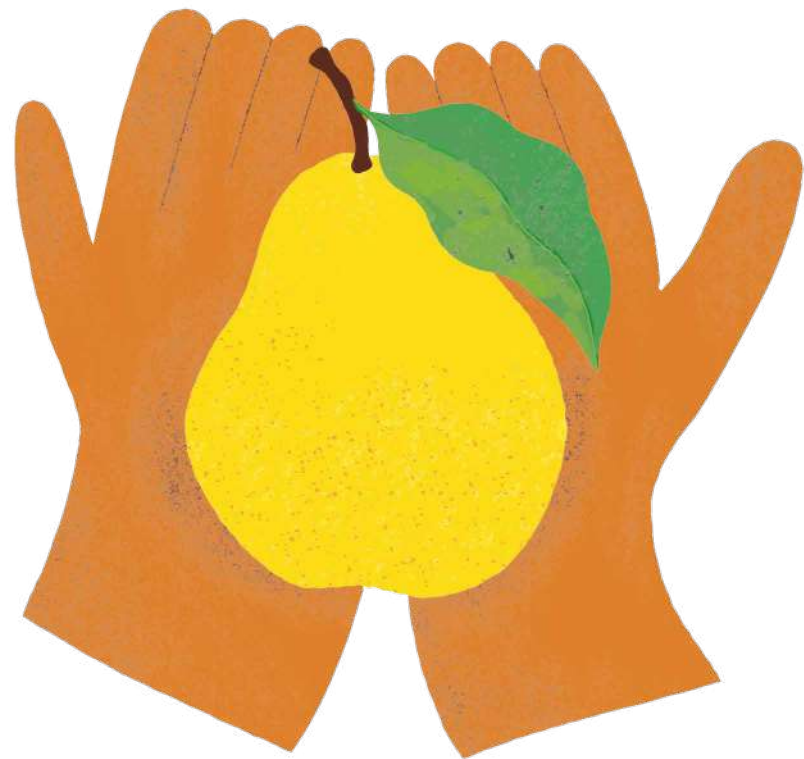


She can eat a whole
lot of fruit in no time at all.

But she doesn't like the seeds.

They get stuck in her teeth
and taste bitter. Yuck!





Today, she's eating a delicious,
juicy pear. She spits the seeds
out on the ground.



A plant begins to grow
between her feet.

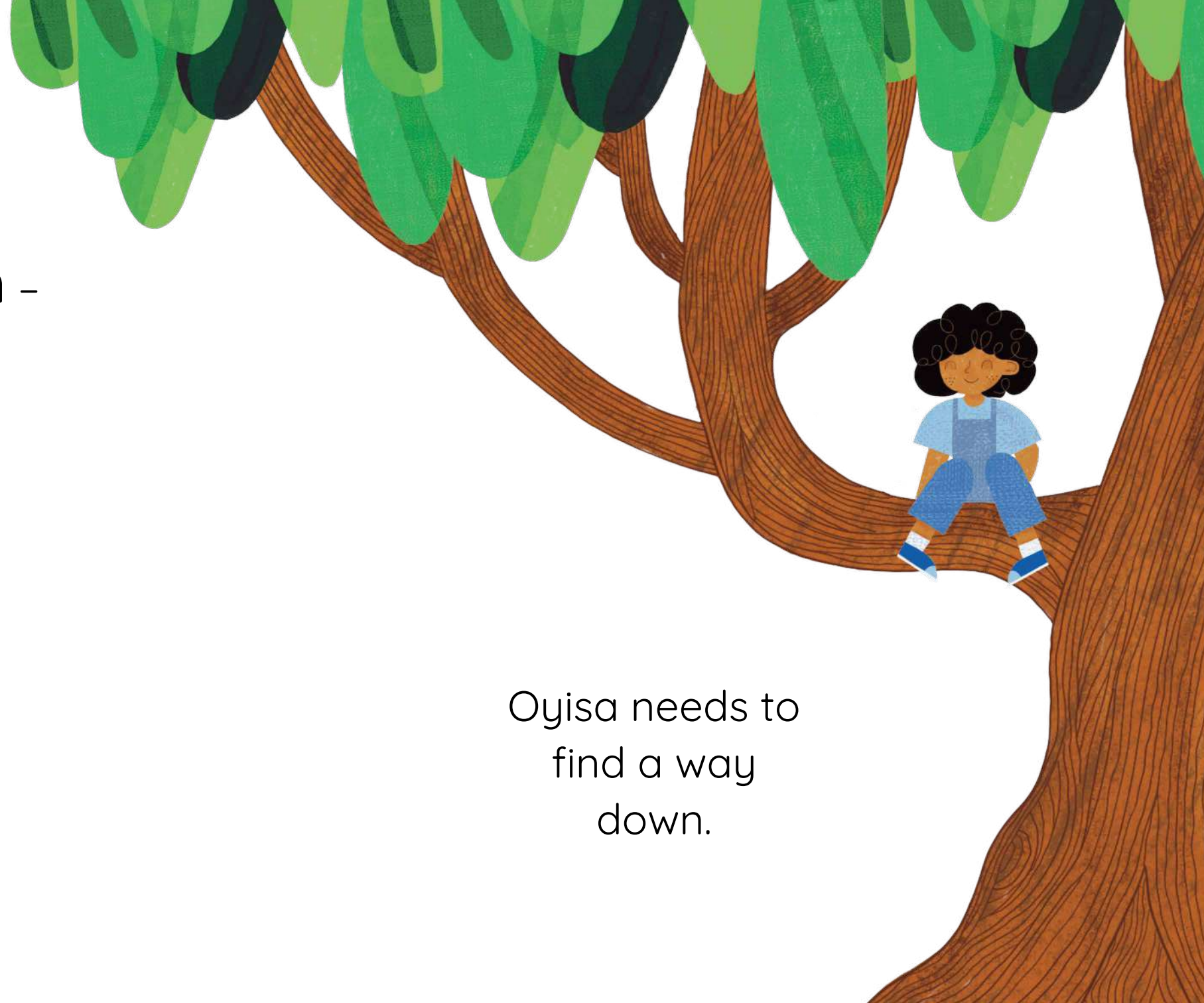
*That's strange, thinks Oyisa.
What's going on here?*

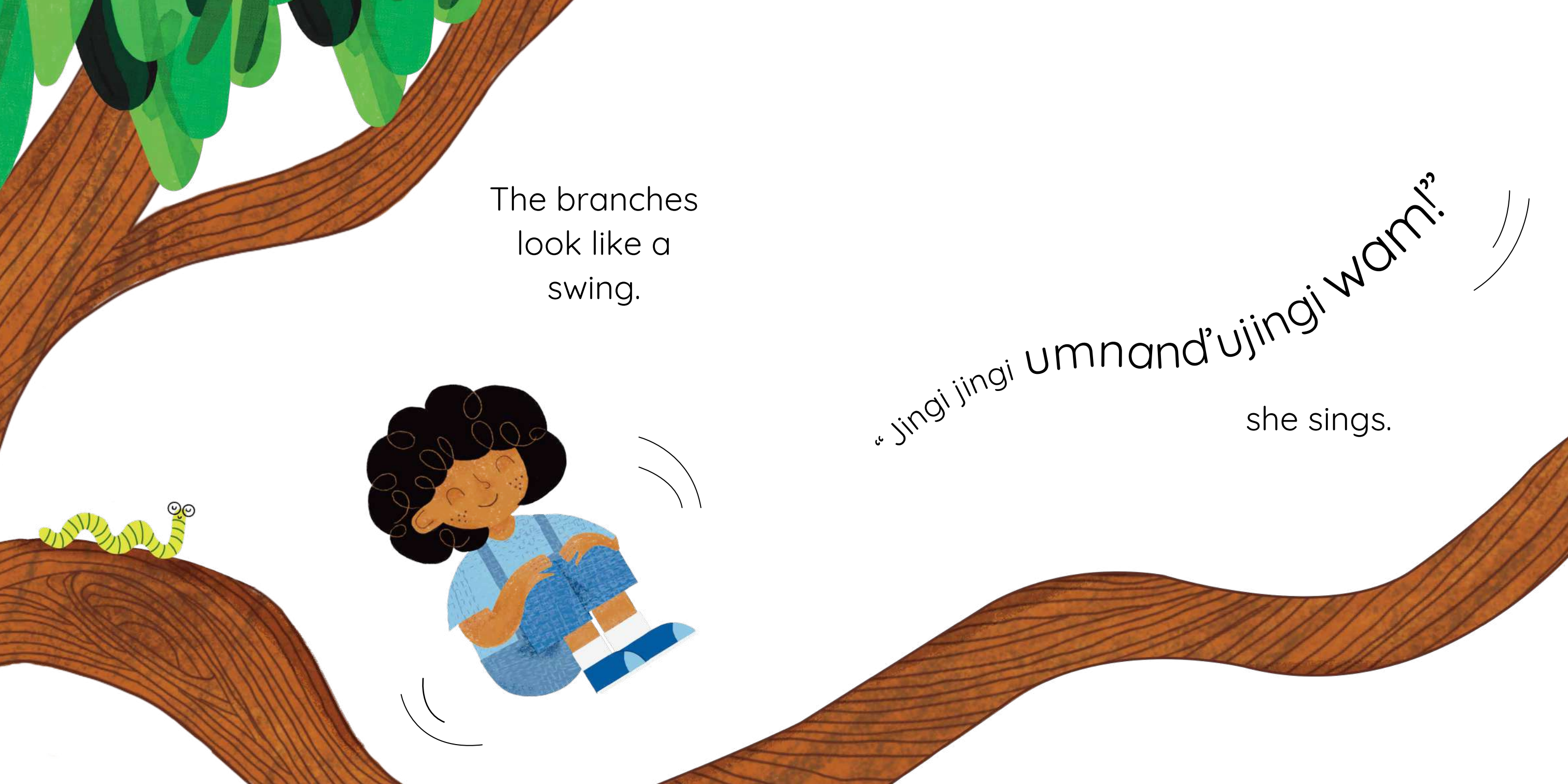


Suddenly, a tree shoots up high –
with Oyisa perched on top!



Oyisa needs to
find a way
down.





The branches
look like a
swing.

“Jingi jingi umnand’ujingi wam!”
she sings.



She swiiiiinggs to the next branch
and meets a bird.

The bird wants to build
a cosy nest in her hair.



On her way down,
she spies a giant pear
and climbs onto it.

It sways in different
directions, and this is the
best feeling in the world!





“Oyisaaaa! It’s time for
your bath,” Mama calls.

“I’m coming!”

shouts Oyisa
from the tree.

What an adventure!

Oyisa decides to start
collecting seeds. Who knows
what magic lies inside them?



