

A SPECIAL FLOWER



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In spring, the trees are loaded with flowers and there is a carpet of blossoms.



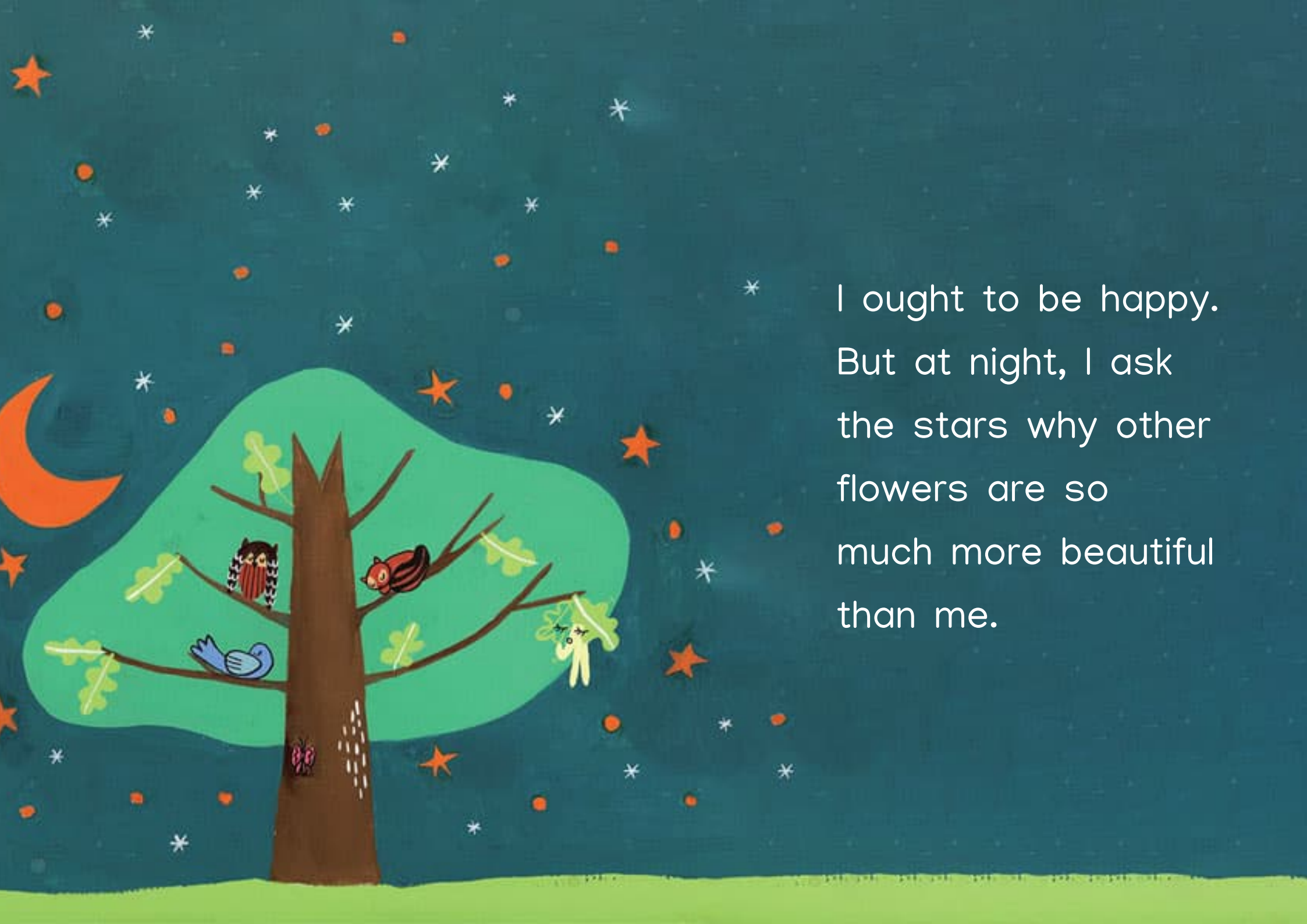


I am a male white oak
flower. I sit on the
bough of an oak tree.

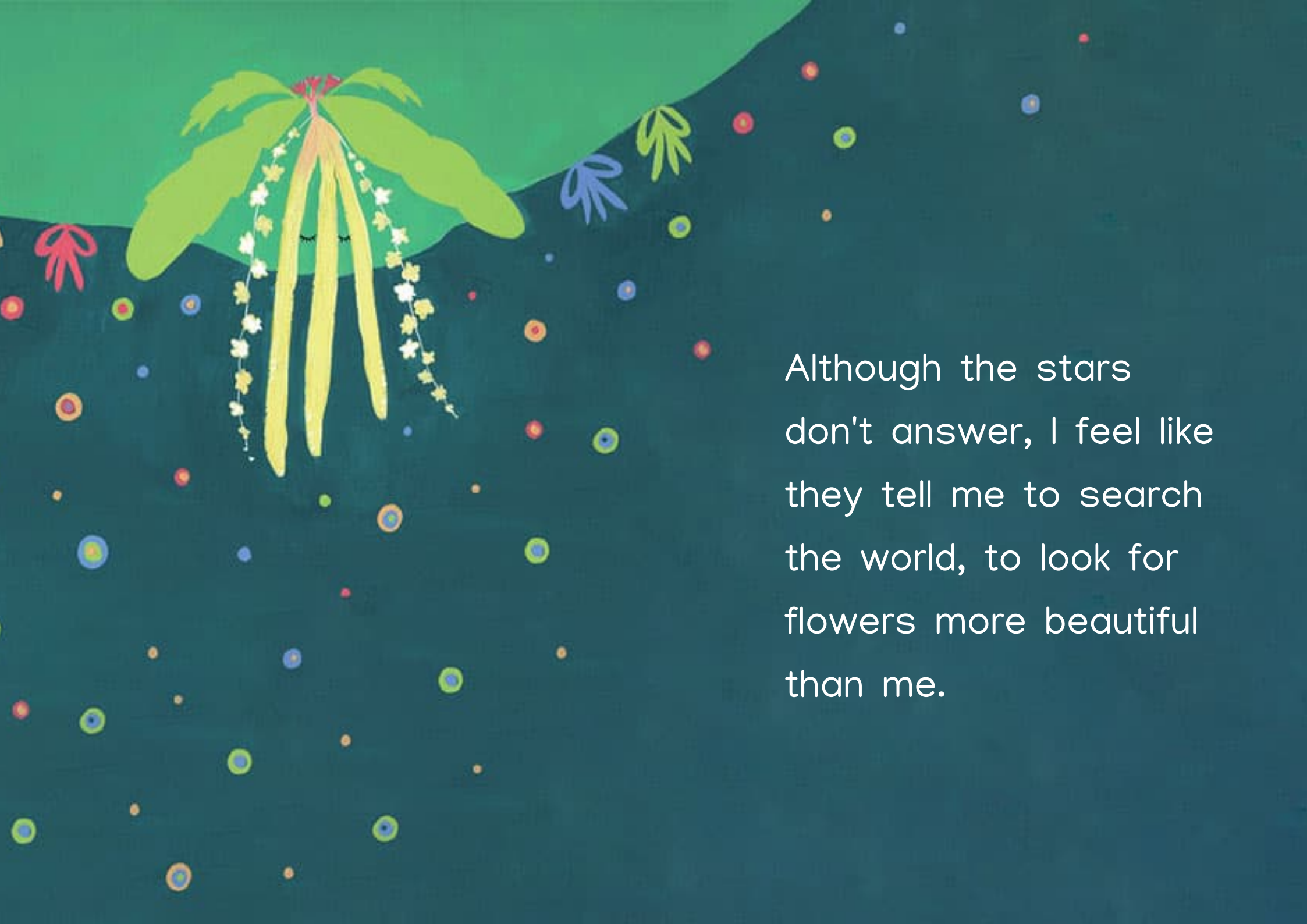
I look different to other flowers, though.

I have two big petals shaped a bit like the oak leaves, but white.





I ought to be happy.
But at night, I ask
the stars why other
flowers are so
much more beautiful
than me.



Although the stars
don't answer, I feel like
they tell me to search
the world, to look for
flowers more beautiful
than me.

I imagine I drift on a cloud,
under a rainbow.

The entire world is below me
and I search for the most
lovely blossom of all.



A vibrant, stylized illustration of a landscape. A winding, light-colored path leads through a green field dotted with small red and pink flowers. In the foreground, a large, dark brown tree trunk stands prominently. The background features rolling green hills and a large, dark green mountain under a light blue sky. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

I thought that I was ugly.

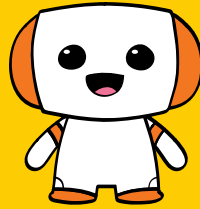
Now I see that I am
unique, but I am beautiful
too.

There would be no acorns
without the long, dangling
stamens of the male oak
flower.



I am a very special flower.





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