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Ages 4-8

Baxter and Danny Stand Up to Bullying



Baxter the Bunny is the fastest animal in the forest. Danny the Bear is the best dancer. Baxter and Danny like to run and dance together in the forest...until Buford Blue Jay comes along. Buford makes up mean names for all the animals in the forest.

With the help of Queen Beth of the Bees, Baxter and Danny learn how to start feeling better, and help the other animals in the forest feel better too. Together, they are able to stand up to Buford's bullying!

Includes a **Note to Parents and Other Caregivers** with more information about bullying and strategies for building self-esteem and resilience in children.

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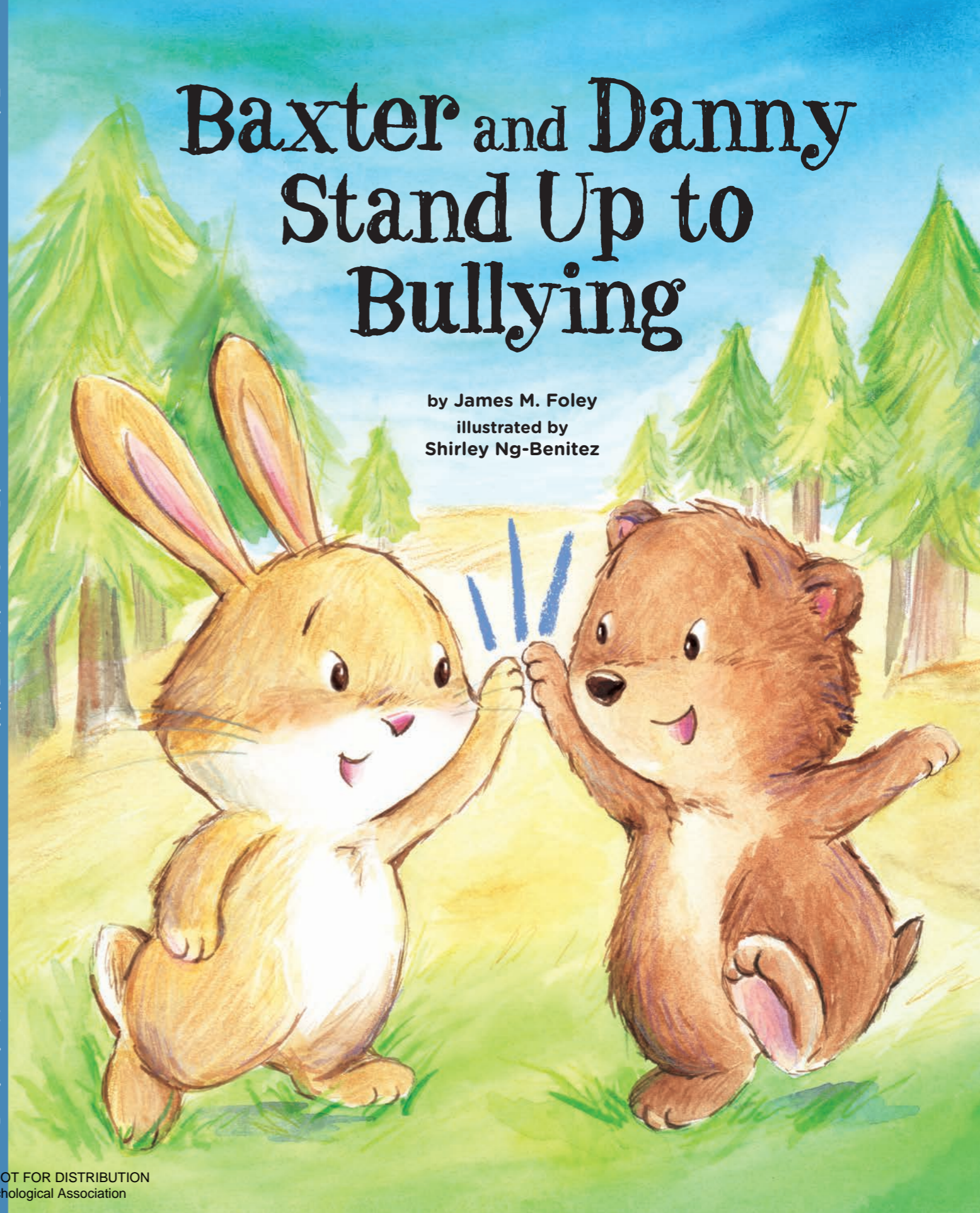
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To Beth, whose song always made us happy — *JMF*

To those who've felt even just a little bit bullied, may you
find strength in your beautiful voice and heart — *SN-B*

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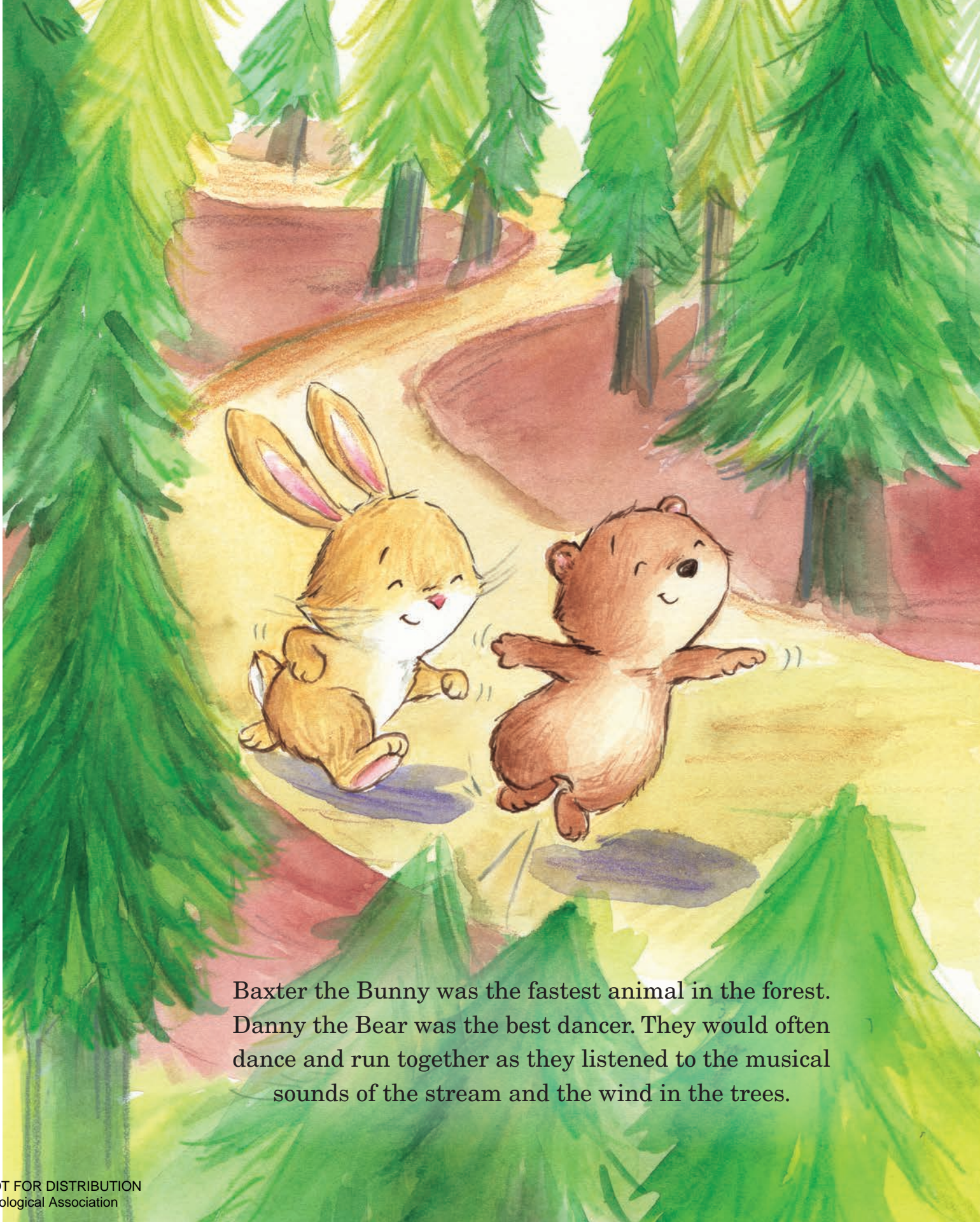
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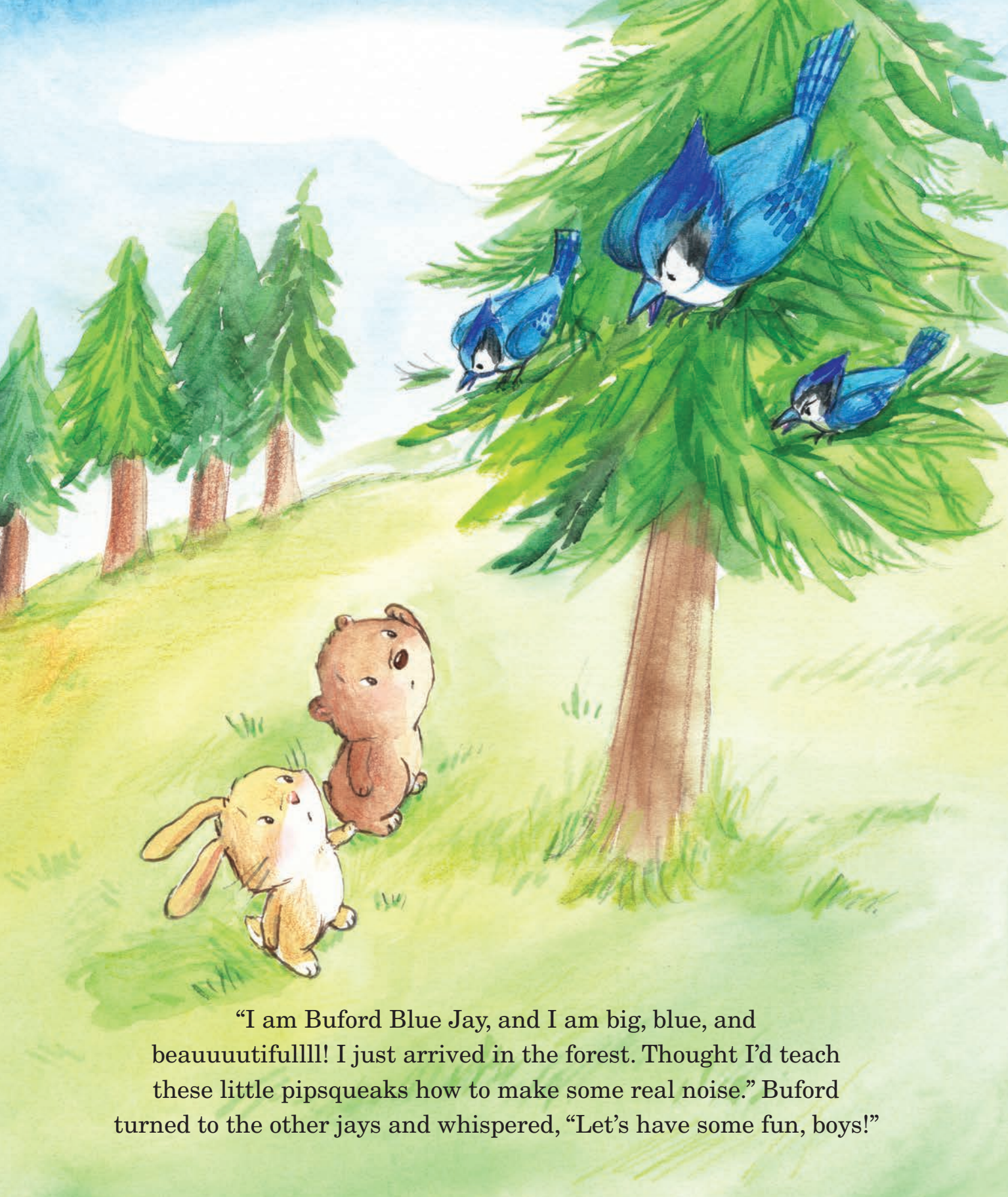


Baxter the Bunny was the fastest animal in the forest.
Danny the Bear was the best dancer. They would often
dance and run together as they listened to the musical
sounds of the stream and the wind in the trees.

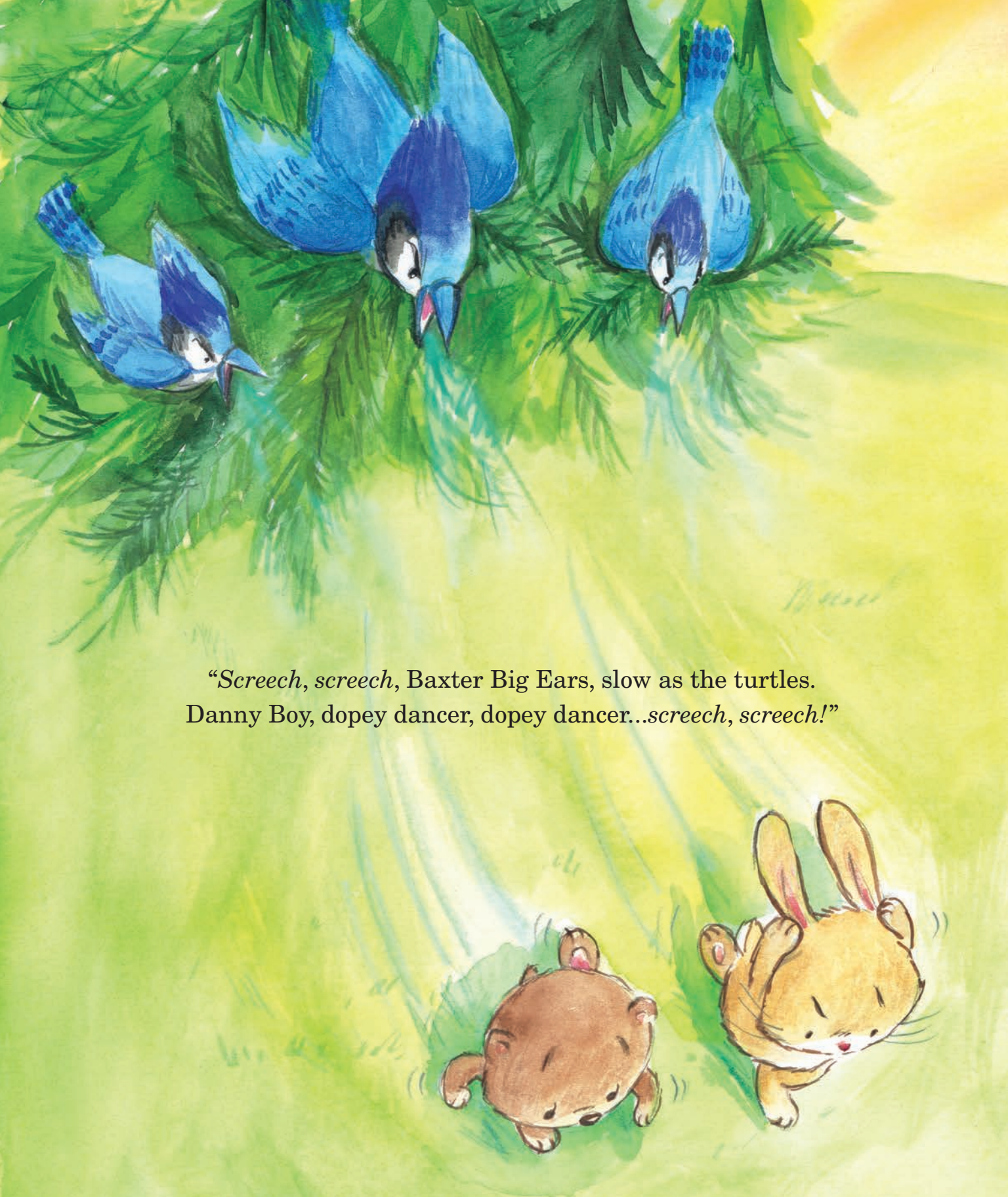


One day, they heard a loud noise coming from the trees ahead. On top of a tree sat a huge blue jay surrounded by all of the forest jays. They were screeching. Baxter and Danny had never heard the jays make such noise.


Baxter said, "Who are you?
Please be more quiet.
My ears are beginning to hurt."



“I am Buford Blue Jay, and I am big, blue, and beauuuutifullll! I just arrived in the forest. Thought I’d teach these little pipsqueaks how to make some real noise.” Buford turned to the other jays and whispered, “Let’s have some fun, boys!”



“Screech, screech, Baxter Big Ears, slow as the turtles. Danny Boy, dopey dancer, dopey dancer...screech, screech!”



As time went by Buford and
the jays cried louder and louder.
Buford made up mean names
for all the forest animals.
The jays would cry along and
laugh and laugh.

“Slimy Snake, Slimy Snake,
screech, screech!
Bucktooth Beaver, Bucktooth Beaver,
screech, screech!”