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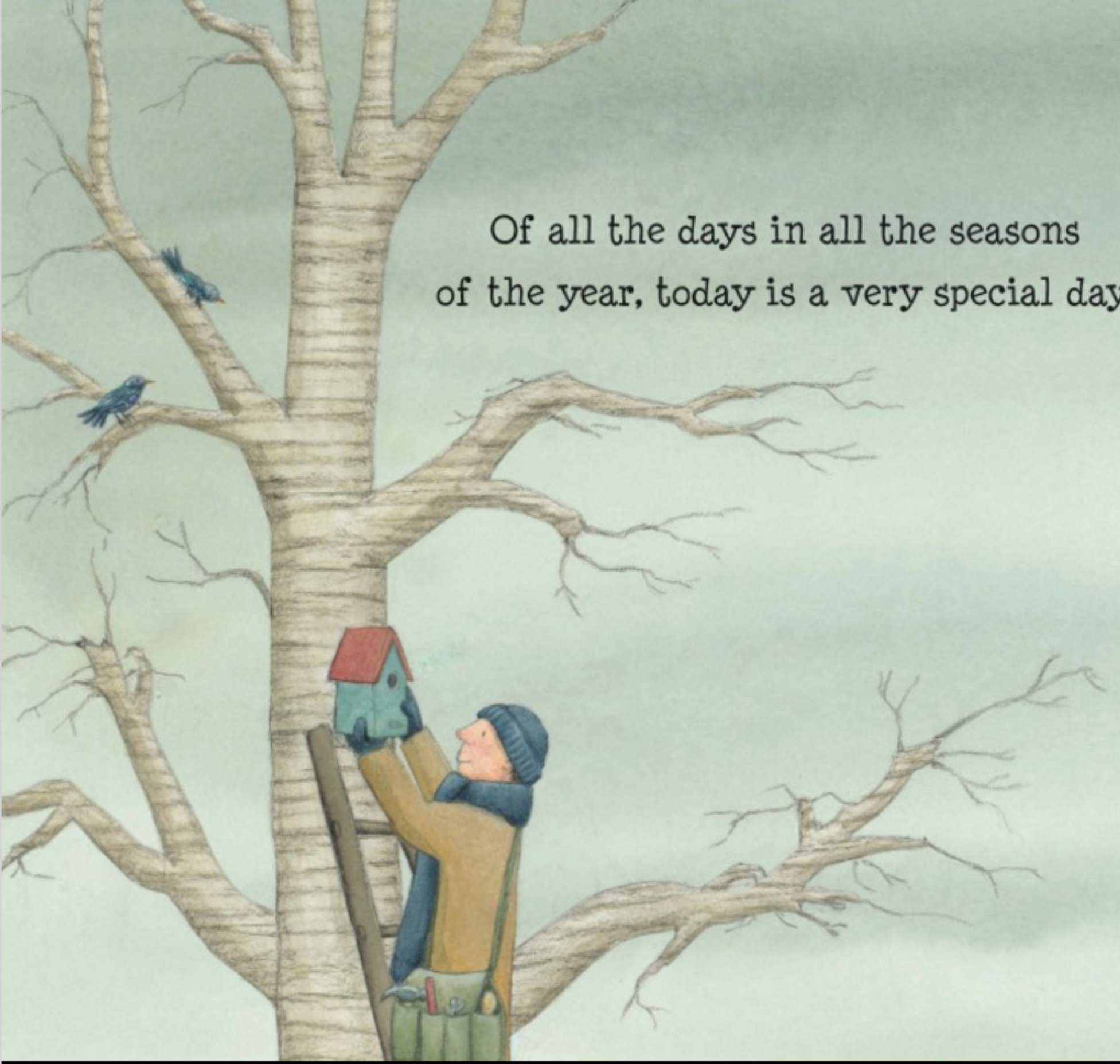
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A man wearing a blue beanie, a brown jacket, and a blue scarf is climbing a wooden ladder against a large, leafless tree. He is holding a small, green birdhouse with a red roof. Two small blue birds are perched on the tree's branches. The background is a pale, overcast sky.

Of all the days in all the seasons
of the year, today is a very special day.

You might not think so yet,
but it really is!

The day starts wintry gray.





But look!

Suddenly, silently,
frozen flakes are falling
from the sky.



And ever so softly
all around, snow, snow,
snow is covering
the ground!


Hooray!

Soon you'll be standing outside . . .



in the bright, white world.




A child wearing a yellow coat, a red hat, and a red and yellow striped scarf stands in a snowy landscape. Two trees with snow on their branches are in the background. The sky is a pale blue-green, and snow is falling. The child has a small red nose.

You'll be cold,


cold,

cold,

with a radish-red nose.


A close-up of the child from the previous page, wearing the same yellow coat and red hat. The child is holding a small brown and red bird in their hands. The bird is perched on a branch of a tree. The child's eyes are wide and bright.

Your arms may be stiff,
but your eyes
are going to shine.

A winter scene with a boy in a brown coat and blue hat looking through binoculars. A tree with a birdhouse is on the left. A small robin is on the snow in the foreground. The sky is a pale teal color with falling snow.

A long woolen scarf
around your neck
should keep you warm,

but the cold
doesn't seem to
matter to you,

A winter scene with a girl in a yellow coat and red hat holding a snowball. A red and yellow striped scarf is draped over a tree trunk. The sky is a pale teal color with falling snow.

because . . .



today is the special day . . .



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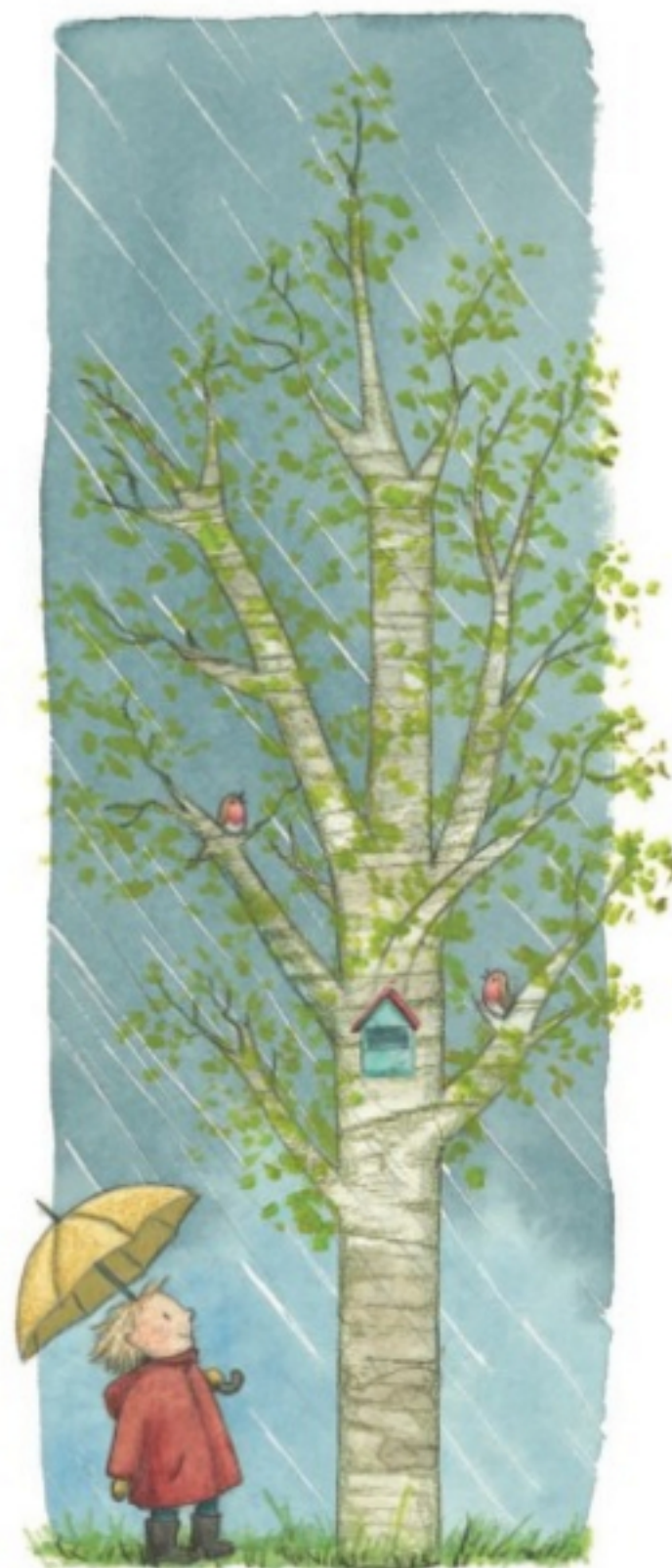
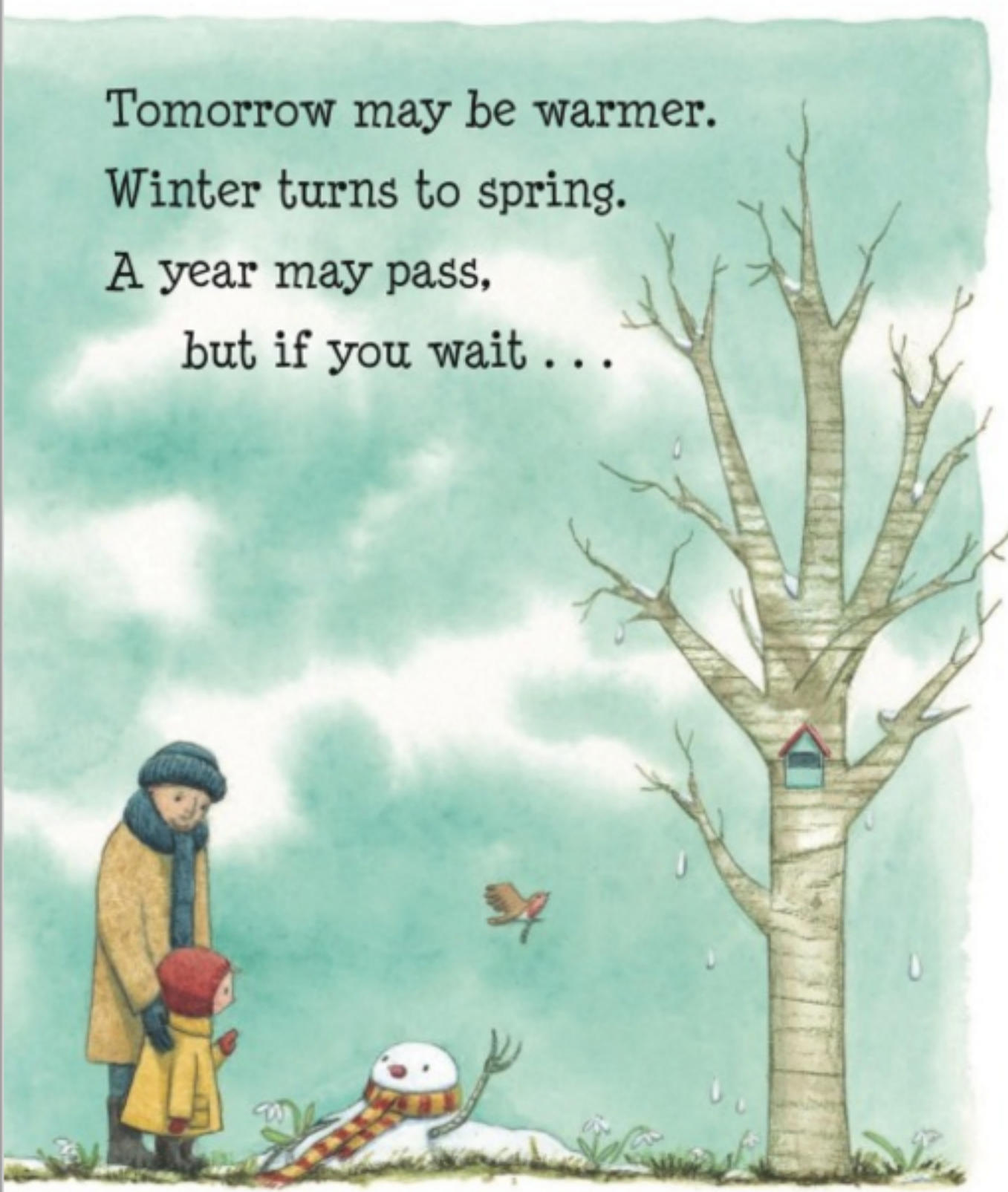
smile.





“Smile!”

Tomorrow may be warmer.
Winter turns to spring.
A year may pass,
but if you wait . . .





. . . we can share a snowy smile again.