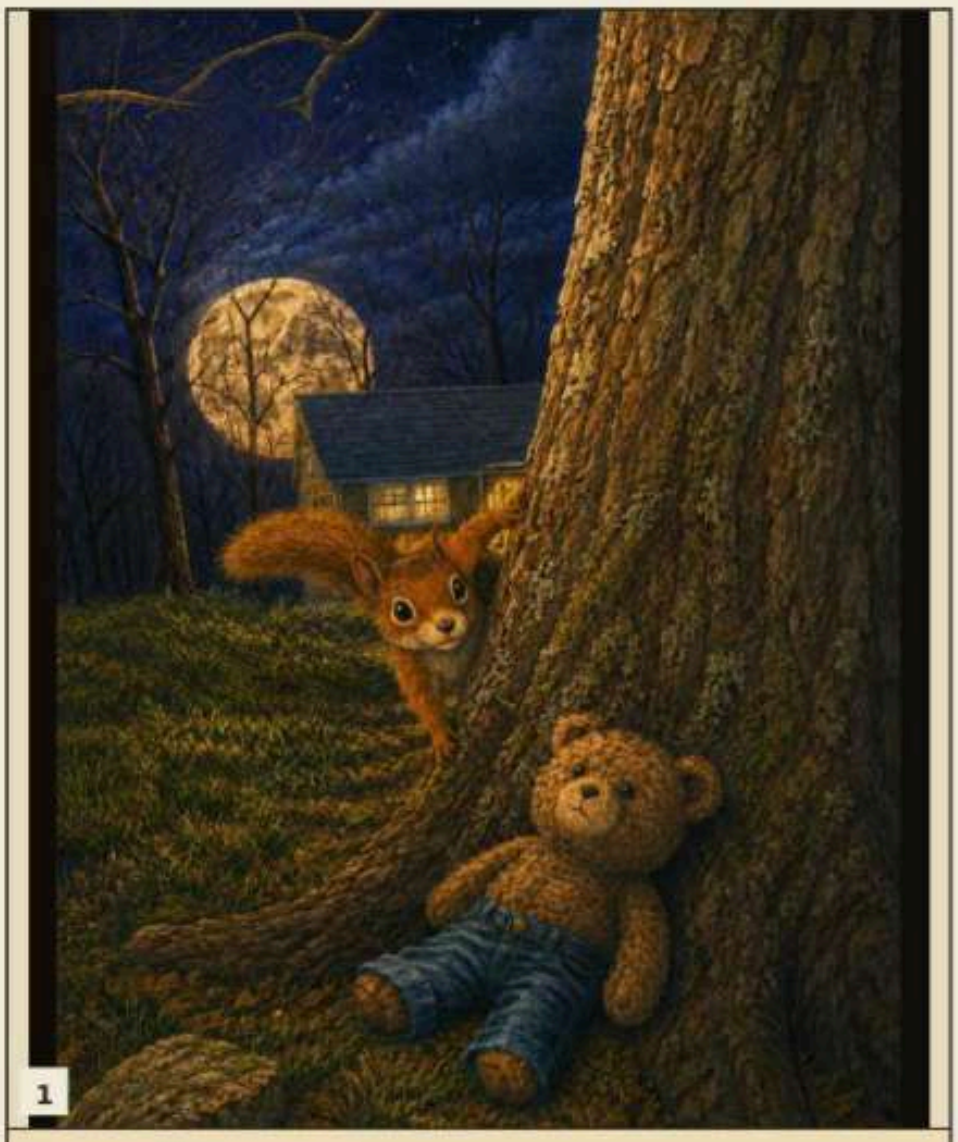
MURL THE SQUIRREL

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THE CONFRONTATION

The squirrel was confronted by a stuffed bear the moment he became self aware.



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CLARITY

Feelings that had no words crystallized. All of his thoughts suddenly organized.



3

A SQUIRREL OF GREAT MEANS

But no one ever did something great while they were cold and looked like bait. The squirrel took the stuffed bear’s jeans. He now appeared a squirrel of great means.



4

COLD NIGHT, BOLD MAGIC

The late autumn air was cold. Heavy with something unseen and bold. A magic stirred the night. It filled the squirrel with fright. Listen closely to the breeze. Just beyond the rustling leaves that were left hanging from the trees.

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THE MOON SPEAKS

The squirrel looked up and knew the Moon— all silver light upon the night. How funny that this glowing ball now had a name. Perhaps a squirrel in jeans should have the same. As if it knew his thoughts, the Moon made a claim. A quiet wind carried “Murlin” on strands so gossamer thin. Its whispered spell settling on all his woodland kin.



6

MURL STANDS TALL

Murl the Squirrel stood up tall. His new name made him feel the opposite of small.



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AN UNEXPECTED GOODNIGHT

Without warning an acorn struck Murl’s head. And just like that he went to bed.

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AWAKENING

Murl awoke to the morning Sun— another thing so easily named. This language thing should be quickly tamed. His stomach rumbled, quickly followed by a ball of squirrels that tumbled into his high tree nest. Murl felt the bump, a result of the acorn thump, and called these squabbling squirrels to test.



9

SQUIRT, SQUIRE & MURLINDA

Squirt and Squire stood at attention, respecting Murl's jeans that required no mention. All three squirrels felt their tummies growling. "Where have all our acorns gone?" Murl asked, frowning.



10

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Squirt and Squire squeaked a reply to their mama, then scampered off before starting more drama. Murl shared a grin with Murlinda. In the world below, there were nuts aplenty to accumulate. They set off to make the day great, for adventure was certain to await.

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