

Illustrator Brief

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Complete Story: The Mystery of the Missing Acorns

Story Summary

One autumn morning, Grey Squirrel discovers that his acorn stash has disappeared. His friend White Rabbit, playing detective, comes to help. They find a mysterious rainbow feather that leads them to Olivia the Owl, the wise one of the forest.

Olivia examines the feather and shares a riddle that leads them to an enchanted clearing. There, they discover a second magical feather and follow a rainbow-colored ladybug. This ladybug guides them to Carlos the Coati, who had taken the acorns to make himself a cozy nest.

The story ends happily: Carlos apologizes, and all the friends help each other share the acorns and build comfortable homes for winter.

Main Characters

Grey Squirrel

- Main character
- Main emotions: worry, sadness, then joy
- Characteristics: small, grey, fluffy tail

White Rabbit

- Amateur detective
- Main emotions: curiosity, determination
- Characteristics: large ears, pink nose, white fur

Olivia the Owl

- Forest sage
- Main emotions: wisdom, kindness
- Characteristics: large eyes, soft feathers

The Rainbow Ladybug

- Mysterious guide
- Characteristics: multicolored spots (blue, red, gold)
- Graceful flight

Carlos the Coati

- New neighbor
- Main emotions: embarrassment, then friendship
- Characteristics: striped tail, long snout

Atmosphere and Settings

The Autumn Forest

- Warm colors: red, orange, gold
- Falling leaves
- Soft morning light

Olivia's Great Oak

- Majestic tree
- Cozy nest high up
- View over the entire forest

The Enchanted Clearing

- Circle of trees
- Colorful flowers
- Golden light filtering through branches

Carlos's Tree

- Large tree with multiple holes
- Secret cache for acorns
- Welcoming new home

Scenes to Illustrate

Chapter 1: The Awakening and Discovery

Scene 1: The Forest Awakening

- Moment: Sunrise
- Atmosphere: Soft and peaceful
- Key elements:
 - Autumn leaves (red, orange, gold)
 - Golden morning light
 - Dew on leaves

Scene 2: The Empty Cache

- Focus: Grey Squirrel's hiding place
- Key elements:
 - Scattered leaves
 - Mysterious tracks
 - Empty hole in the ground

Chapter 2: The Strange Feather

Scene 3: The Feather Discovery

- Focus: The rainbow feather
- Key elements:
 - Color-changing feather

- Tree root
- Mysterious glow

Scene 4: Arrival at Olivia's

- Focus: Olivia's home
- Key elements:
 - Majestic oak tree
 - Comfortable nest in branches
 - Evening golden light

Chapter 5: The Enchanted Clearing

Scene 5: The Magical Clearing

- Focus: The secret clearing
- Key elements:
 - Circle of trees
 - Golden light
 - Colorful wildflowers

Chapter 7: The Great Secret

Scene 6: Carlos's Home

- Focus: Tree interior
- Key elements:
 - Hollow tree interior
 - Acorn collection
 - Cozy nest

Scene 7: The Grand Final Celebration

- Focus: The celebration
- Key elements:
 - All characters gathered
 - Joyful atmosphere
 - Sharing acorns

Production Workflow

1. Character Design

Production Order

1. Grey Squirrel (main character)
 - Base design
 - Key expressions (worry, curiosity, joy)
 - Action poses
2. White Rabbit (deuteragonist)

- Base design
- Key expressions (determination, reflection, satisfaction)
- Action poses

3. Olivia the Owl

- Base design
- Key expressions (wisdom, kindness)
- Static poses

4. Rainbow Ladybug

- Base design
- Flight variations
- Light effects

5. Carlos the Coati

- Base design
- Key expressions (embarrassment, friendship)
- Action poses

Folder Structure

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illustrations/characters/
├─ grey_squirrel/
│   ├─ development.md
│   ├─ finals/
│   └─ resources/
├─ white_rabbit/
│   ├─ development.md
│   ├─ finals/
│   └─ resources/
...etc
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2. Scene Production

Production Order

1. Chapter 1 Scenes

- Forest awakening
- Empty cache

2. Chapter 2 Scenes

- Feather discovery
- Arrival at Olivia's

3. Chapter 5 Scene

- Magical clearing

4. Chapter 7 Scenes

- Carlos's home

- Grand final celebration

3. Technical Standards

For Characters

- Format: 1:1
- Style: Pixar-style 3D animation
- Background: Pure white

For Scenes

- Format: 16:9
- Style: Pixar-style 3D animation
- Background: Pure white

4. Key Points

1. Maintain style consistency across all illustrations
2. Respect proportions suitable for young audience (3-5 years)
3. Ensure expression readability
4. Document each production step
5. Regularly save work versions# Detailed Scenes for the Illustrator

1. The Forest Awakening

- **Composition:** Wide view of an autumn forest at sunrise. Sunbeams filter through branches, creating golden light rays.
- **Atmosphere:** Peaceful, early morning, soft and warm
- **Key Details:**
 - Warm-colored leaves (red, orange, gold) gently floating in the air
 - Light mist at ground level
 - Dew glistening on leaves
 - Small touches of life: some birds in the distance
- **Artistic Direction:** Favor warm tones and soft lighting

2. The Empty Cache

- **Composition:** Close-up at the base of a large tree, centered on a hole in the ground
- **Atmosphere:** Mysterious, slightly worrying
- **Key Details:**
 - Empty hole with scratching marks around
 - Scattered leaves in disarray
 - Small mysterious footprints
 - Grey Squirrel looking at the hole with concern (3/4 position)
- **Artistic Direction:** Create contrast between the scene's disorder and usual order

3. The Feather Discovery

- **Composition:** Close-up on a large tree root emerging from the ground
- **Atmosphere:** Magical, intriguing
- **Key Details:**
 - Rainbow feather resting on the root, slightly glowing

- Special light around the feather
- Squirrel and Rabbit leaning towards the feather with curiosity
- Play of shadows and light through leaves
- **Artistic Direction:** Emphasize the magical aspect of the feather

4. Arrival at Olivia's

- **Composition:** Low-angle view of a majestic giant oak
- **Atmosphere:** Wise, welcoming, mysterious
- **Key Details:**
 - Large oak with multiple branch levels
 - Olivia's cozy nest visible in the branches
 - Small lanterns or fireflies for lighting
 - Olivia perched on a branch, looking down
 - Squirrel and Rabbit at tree base, looking up
- **Artistic Direction:** Play with proportions to emphasize tree grandeur

5. The Magical Clearing

- **Composition:** Overview of a perfect circular clearing
- **Atmosphere:** Enchanted, luminous, peaceful
- **Key Details:**
 - Circle of majestic trees surrounding the clearing
 - Golden light rays piercing through the canopy
 - Colorful wildflowers dotting the ground
 - Curious small animals watching from the edges
 - Second rainbow feather glowing in the center
- **Artistic Direction:** Create a natural sanctuary effect

6. Carlos's Home

- **Composition:** Cross-section view of a large hollow tree
- **Atmosphere:** Warm, cozy, slightly messy
- **Key Details:**
 - Tree interior arranged on multiple levels
 - Carefully stored acorn collection
 - Cozy nest made of leaves and moss
 - Carlos's small personal items
 - Carlos surprised by the visit
- **Artistic Direction:** Show contrast between organization and improvised aspects

7. The Grand Final Celebration

- **Composition:** Wide view of the clearing filled with all characters
- **Atmosphere:** Joyful, festive, warm
- **Key Details:**
 - All characters gathered in a circle
 - Acorn sharing in the center
 - Happy expressions on all faces
 - Natural decorations (flowers, leaves)
 - Rainbow ladybug flying above

- **Artistic Direction:** Create balanced composition highlighting each character

Style Notes

- Maintain Pixar 3D style throughout illustrations
- Adapt proportions for young audience (3-5 years)
- Favor clear and readable expressions
- Use warm autumn color palette
- Keep compositions simple but rich in relevant details