

# Illustration Brief: The Mystery of the Missing Acorns

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## Overview

### 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.

### General Atmosphere

- Style: Pixar-style 3D animation
- Target audience: 3-5 years
- Palette: Warm autumn colors
- Atmosphere: Soft, warm, mysterious

## Characters

### Grey Squirrel (Main Character)

- **Characteristics:** Small, grey, fluffy tail
- **Key Expressions:**
  - Worry (discovering the theft)
  - Curiosity (during investigation)
  - Joy (resolution)
- **Style:** Child-friendly proportions, very readable expressions

### White Rabbit (Detective)

- **Characteristics:** Large ears, pink nose, white fur
- **Key Expressions:**
  - Determination (investigation)
  - Reflection (clues)
  - Satisfaction (mystery solved)
- **Style:** Amateur detective posture, curious attitude

### Olivia the Owl

- **Characteristics:** Large eyes, soft feathers

- **Key Expressions:**
  - Wisdom (observation)
  - Kindness (welcome)
- **Style:** Wise and reassuring appearance

## The Rainbow Ladybug

- **Characteristics:** Multicolored spots (blue, red, gold)
- **Style:** Graceful flight, magical light effect

## Carlos the Coati

- **Characteristics:** Striped tail, long snout
- **Key Expressions:**
  - Embarrassment (revelation)
  - Friendship (resolution)
- **Style:** Likeable appearance despite his "misdeed"

## Scenes to Illustrate

### 1. The Forest Awakening

- **Composition:** Wide view of autumn forest at sunrise
- **Atmosphere:** Peaceful, early morning, soft and warm
- **Key Details:**
  - Sunbeams filtering through branches
  - Warm-colored leaves floating in the air
  - Light mist at ground level
  - Dew glistening on leaves
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Favor warm tones and soft lighting

### 2. The Empty Cache

- **Composition:** Close-up at the base of a large tree
- **Atmosphere:** Mysterious, slightly worrying
- **Key Details:**
  - Empty hole with scratching marks
  - Scattered leaves
  - Small mysterious footprints
  - Grey Squirrel looking concerned
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Create contrast between disorder and usual order

### 3. The Feather Discovery

- **Composition:** Close-up on a large tree root
- **Atmosphere:** Magical, intriguing
- **Key Details:**
  - Rainbow feather slightly glowing
  - Special light around the feather

- Squirrel and Rabbit leaning with curiosity
- Play of shadows and light
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Emphasize magical aspect of the feather

#### 4. Arrival at Olivia's

- **Composition:** Low-angle view of an immense oak
- **Atmosphere:** Wise, welcoming, mysterious
- **Key Details:**
  - Large oak with multiple branch levels
  - Cozy nest visible in branches
  - Lanterns or fireflies for lighting
  - Olivia perched, looking down
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Emphasize tree's majestic grandeur

#### 5. The Magical Clearing

- **Composition:** Overview of a circular clearing
- **Atmosphere:** Enchanted, luminous, peaceful
- **Key Details:**
  - Perfect circle of majestic trees
  - Golden light rays through canopy
  - Colorful wildflowers
  - Second glowing rainbow feather
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Create natural sanctuary effect

#### 6. Carlos's Home

- **Composition:** Cross-section view of a large hollow tree
- **Atmosphere:** Warm, cozy
- **Key Details:**
  - Interior arranged on multiple levels
  - Stored acorn collection
  - Cozy nest of leaves and moss
  - Carlos surprised by visit
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Show contrast between organization/improvisation

#### 7. The Grand Final Celebration

- **Composition:** Wide view of clearing with all characters
- **Atmosphere:** Joyful, festive, warm
- **Key Details:**
  - Characters in circle
  - Acorn sharing in center

- Happy expressions
- Rainbow ladybug flying above
- **Artistic Direction:**
  - Format: 16:9
  - Balanced composition highlighting each character

## Production Workflow

### Technical Standards

- **Characters:**
  - Format: 1:1 (square)
  - Background: Pure white
  - Style: Pixar 3D animation
- **Scenes:**
  - Format: 16:9 (landscape)
  - Background: Pure white
  - Style: Pixar 3D animation

### Production Order

1. Main character designs
2. Expressions and poses
3. Scenes in chronological order
4. Integration tests
5. Final adjustments

### Key Points

1. Maintain style consistency
2. Adapt proportions for young audience
3. Favor clear expressions
4. Document each step
5. Save versions regularly