

# BEAKER'S WINTER WONDERS

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But as Beaker wandered  
(and wondered), she noticed  
something odd. “The woods  
seem so quiet today,” she  
thought. **“I wonder why.”**



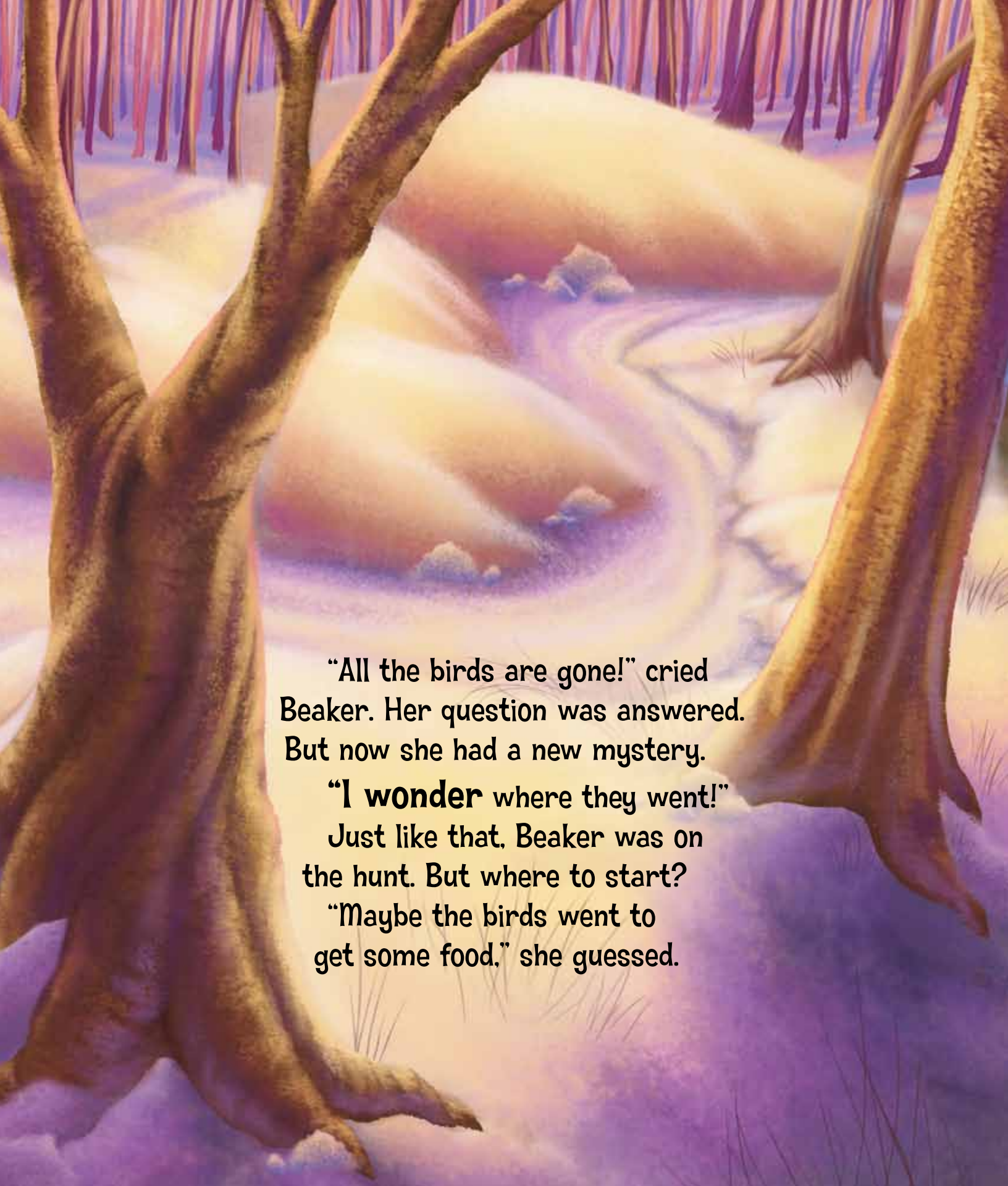




Beaker studied the trees and their bare branches. Then, it hit her.







“All the birds are gone!” cried Beaker. Her question was answered. But now she had a new mystery.

“**I wonder** where they went!”  
Just like that, Beaker was on the hunt. But where to start?  
“Maybe the birds went to get some food,” she guessed.

Beaker scurried all through the bakery. She searched the kitchen.



She peeked under the tables.



She even checked in Bun the baker's hat. "Excuse me!" said Bun.

But Beaker found no birds. "Maybe they went somewhere to warm their wings," she guessed.





Beaker knocked on every door in Tree Town, where most Midlandians lived. Some Midlandians were not very polite.

“Got any birds in there?” asked Beaker.

“What do you think this is?” snapped Buck.

“A zoo?”





**“The zoo!”** Beaker said as she plowed through the snow. “I completely forgot to look there.”

The Animal Land zoo had lots of birds from all over the world. They lived in a special home called an aviary. The aviary was warm all year and had lots of room for flying.

“I’ll bet all the forest birds moved in there,” thought Beaker.



In the aviary, Beaker saw many birds. But there were no robins, or bluejays, or woodpeckers.

Beaker was becoming worried. “Where are the birds from the forest?” she wondered aloud.

Then, the strangest thing happened. One of the birds spoke back! It was a parrot. **“Hello,”** he said.



Soon, it was dinnertime at Animal Land. Wilda, the zookeeper, had a bucket of seeds and fruits ready for the birds.

When Wilda reached the aviary, she spotted Beaker with the parrot. "What on earth is she doing?" thought Wilda.

