

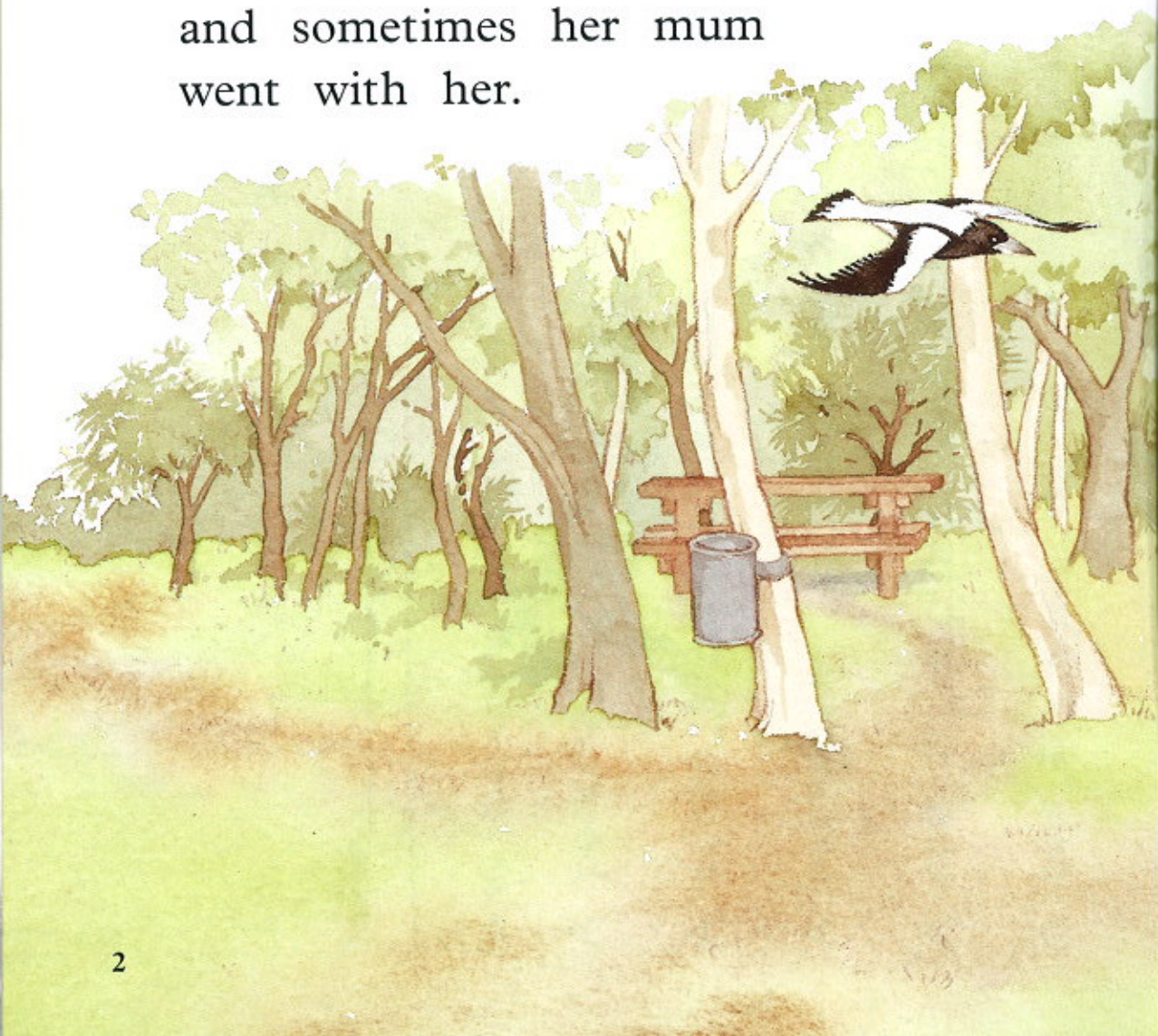
Swoop!

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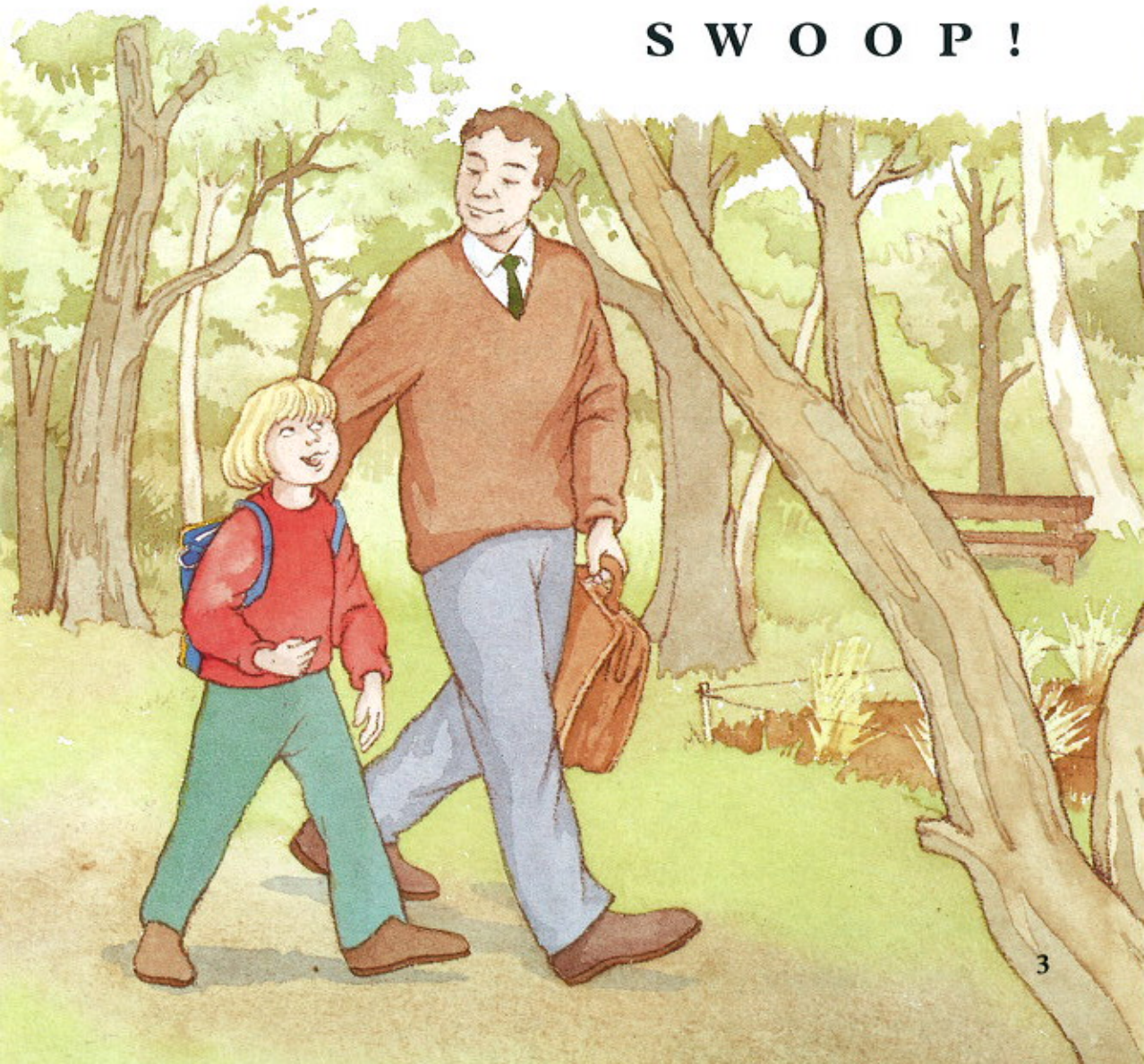
Alex liked walking
across the park
on her way to school.
Sometimes her dad went with her
and sometimes her mum
went with her.



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One day,
as Dad and Alex were walking along,
something swooped down at them...

S W O O P !



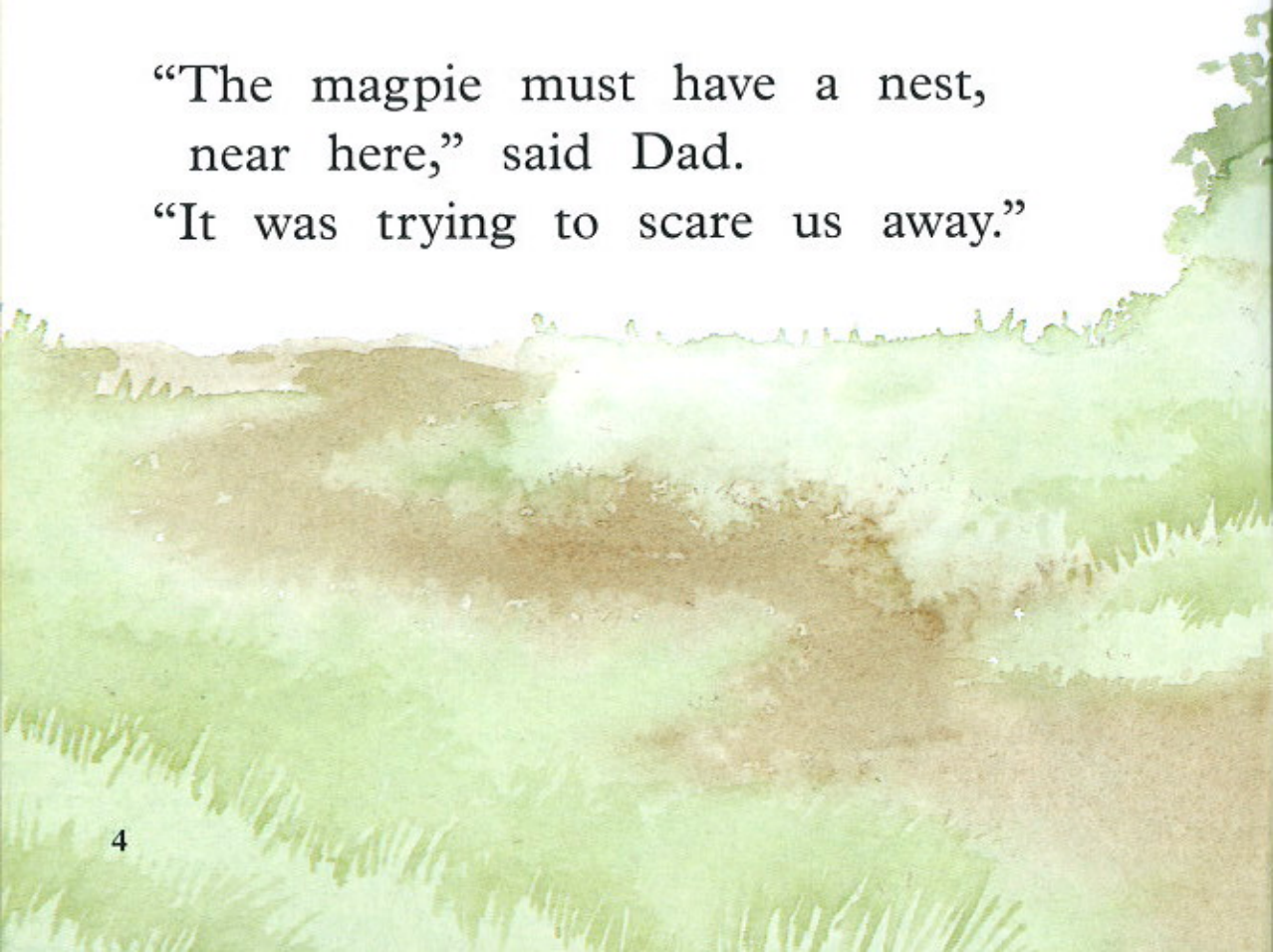
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"Dad!" cried Alex. "What was that?"

"That was a magpie!" said Dad.
"Are you hurt?"

"No," said Alex. "But it scared me.
Why did it do that?"

"The magpie must have a nest,
near here," said Dad.
"It was trying to scare us away."




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The next morning, Alex stopped when they got to the park.
"I don't want the magpie to swoop down on me again," she said.

"We will go the long way round today," said Dad.

But that morning,
Alex was late for school
and Dad was late for work.

