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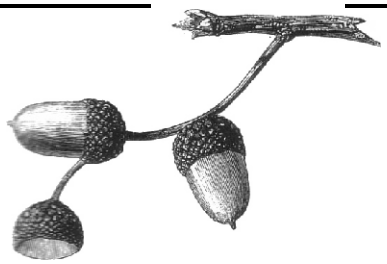

This drawing by Jennaya Dunlap at age 13

A shaft of light filters onto the forest floor through the firs. I find a frilly fern and finger its feathery leaf. Nearby, an effervescent butterfly flutters on a flower in search of food. A fuzzy fawn, camouflaging in the foliage, feels my presence and lifts his head to look. He turns to flee, but first he sniffs the air faintly for danger.

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