

Bel & Pip's Apple Adventure



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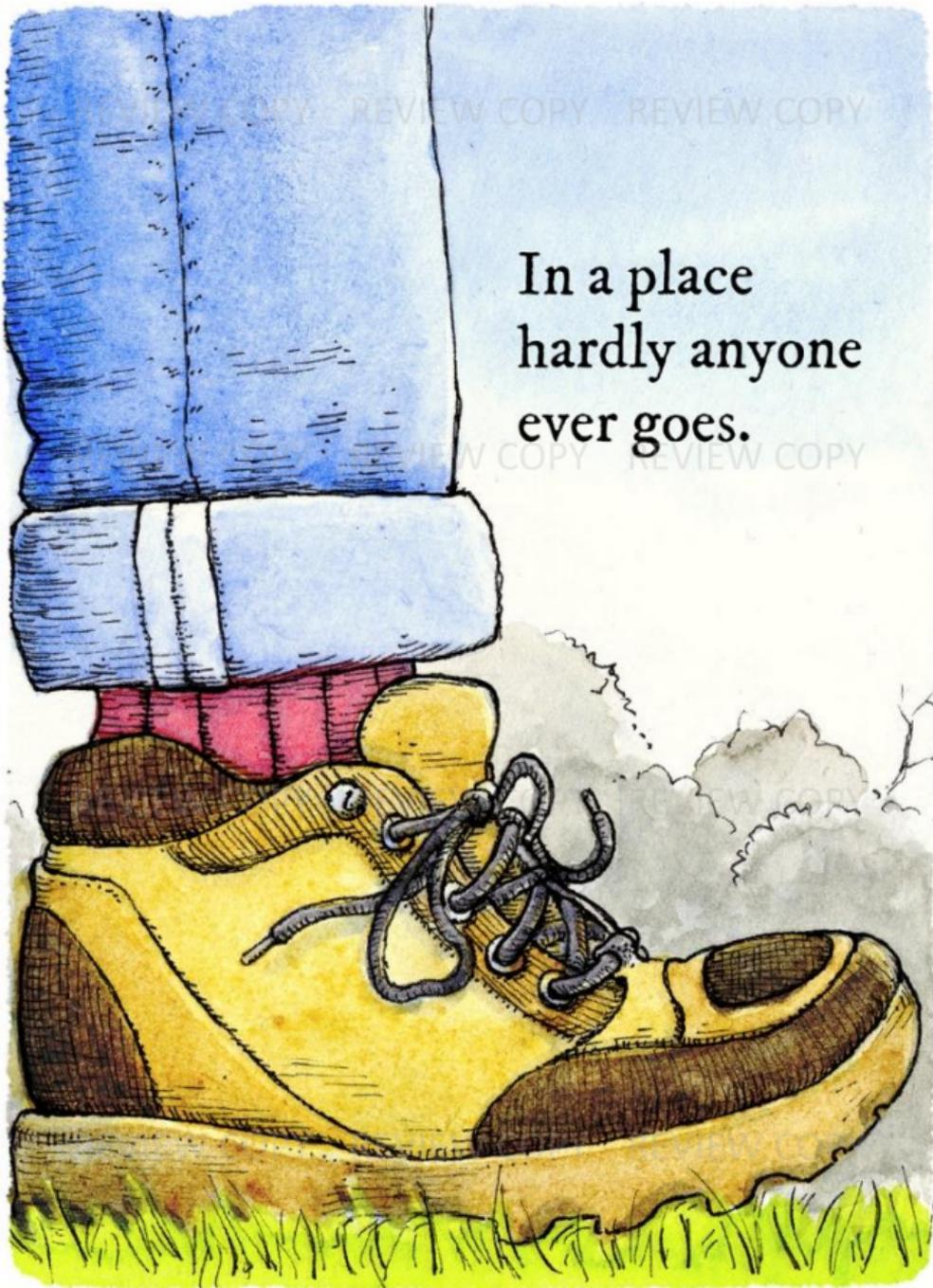
In a wild wood.

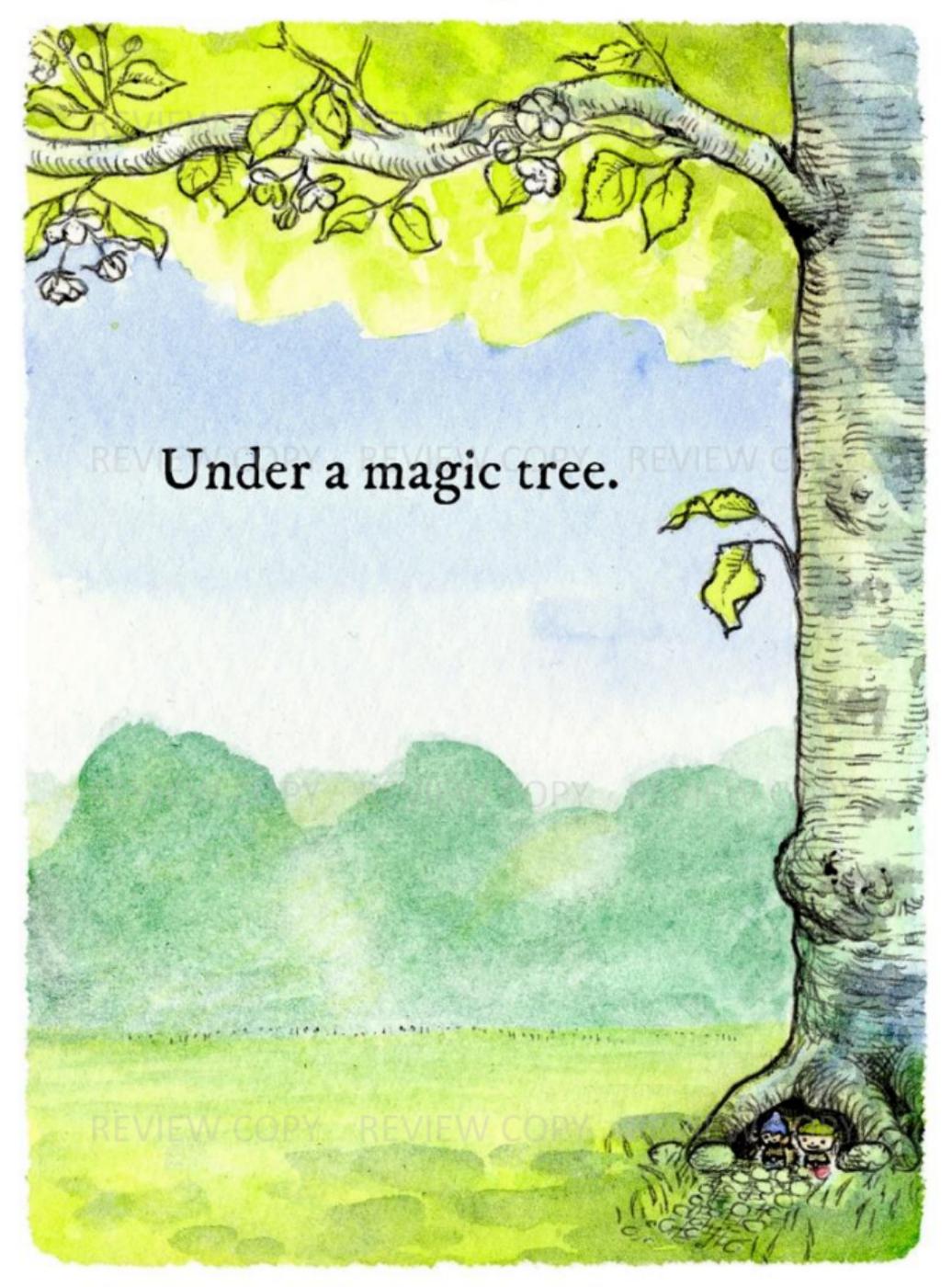
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In a place
hardly anyone
ever goes.

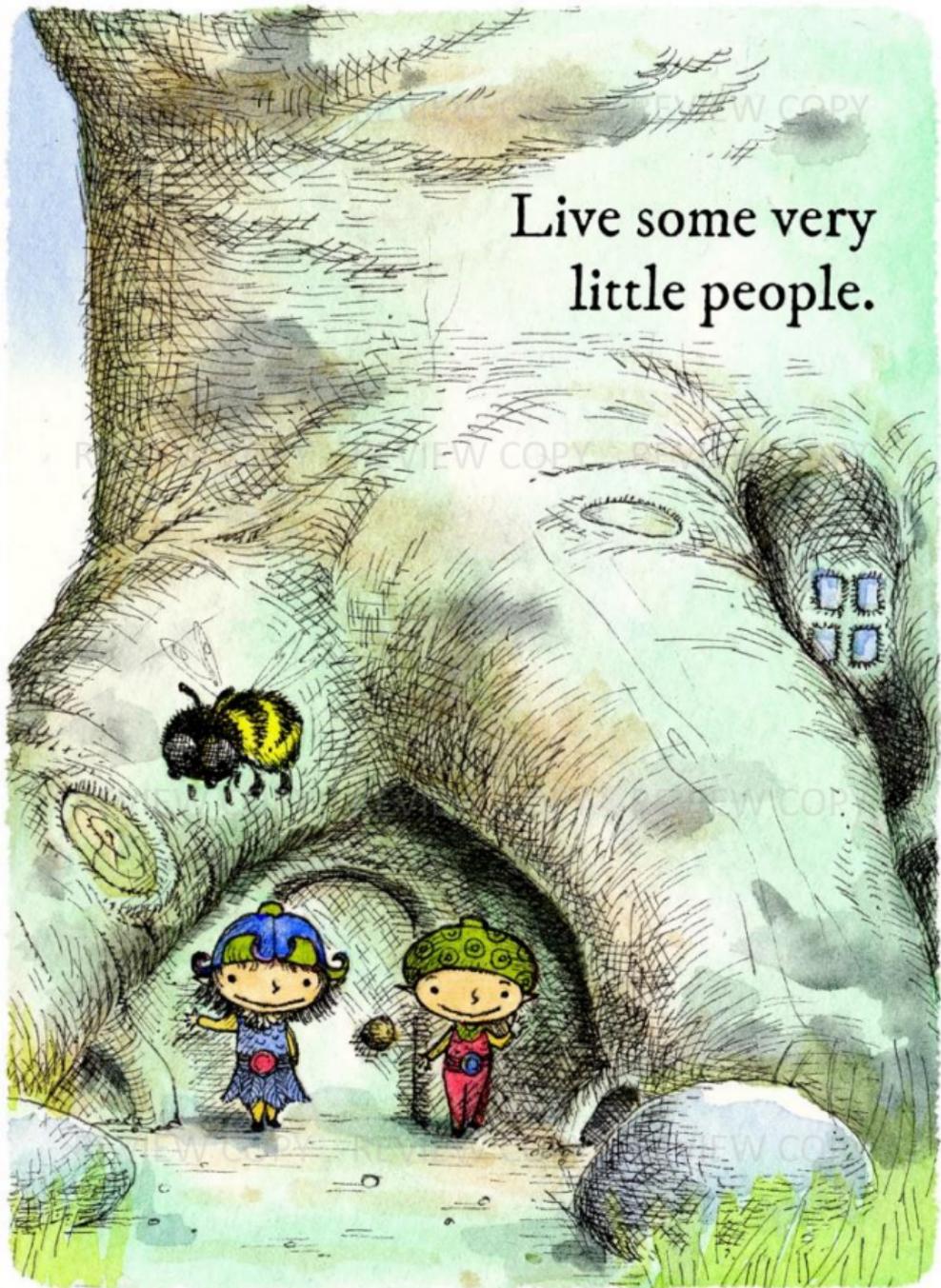
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Under a magic tree.

Live some very
little people.





A little person
called Bel.





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And a little person called Pip.

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Life isn't easy when you're
as little as them.

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But it is always
an adventure.

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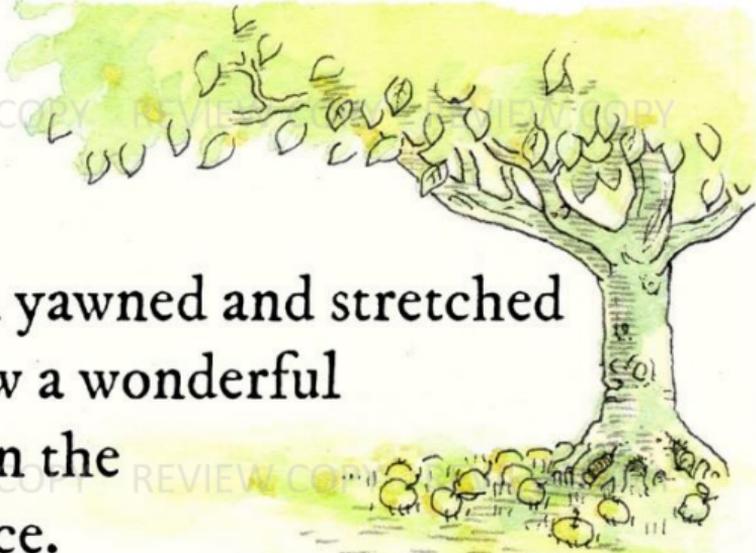
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One morning Bel and Pip strolled out of their snug little home nestled in the roots of the oldest tree in the wood.



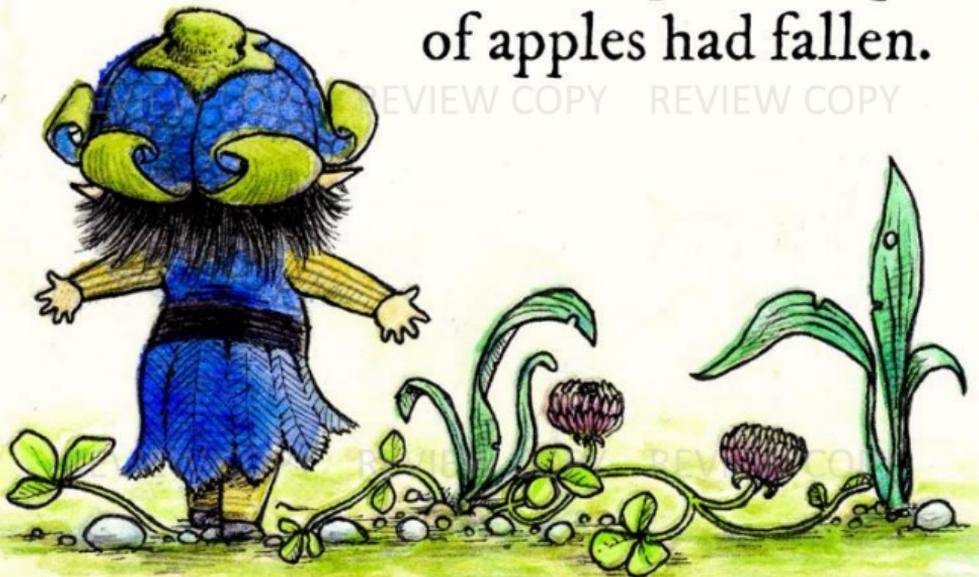
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As Bel yawned and stretched
she saw a wonderful
sight in the
distance.

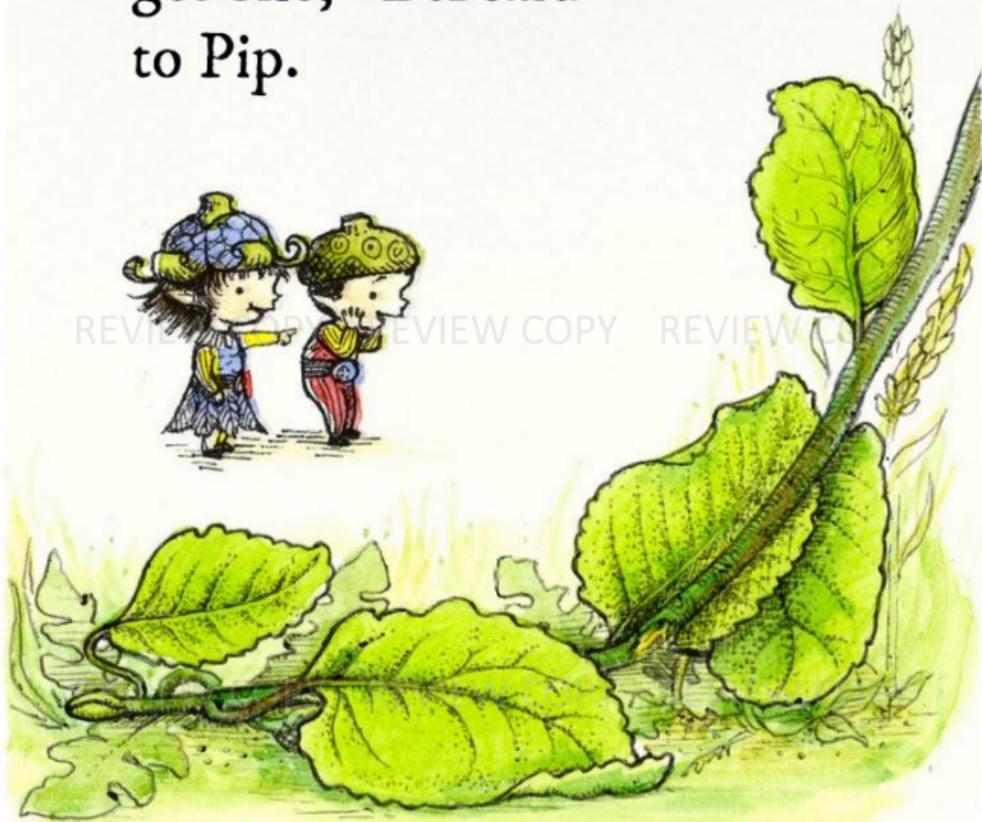


In the night a heap
of apples had fallen.

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“Let’s get the
mouse-drawn cart
ready and go and
get one,” Bel said
to Pip.





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So Pip got the cart.

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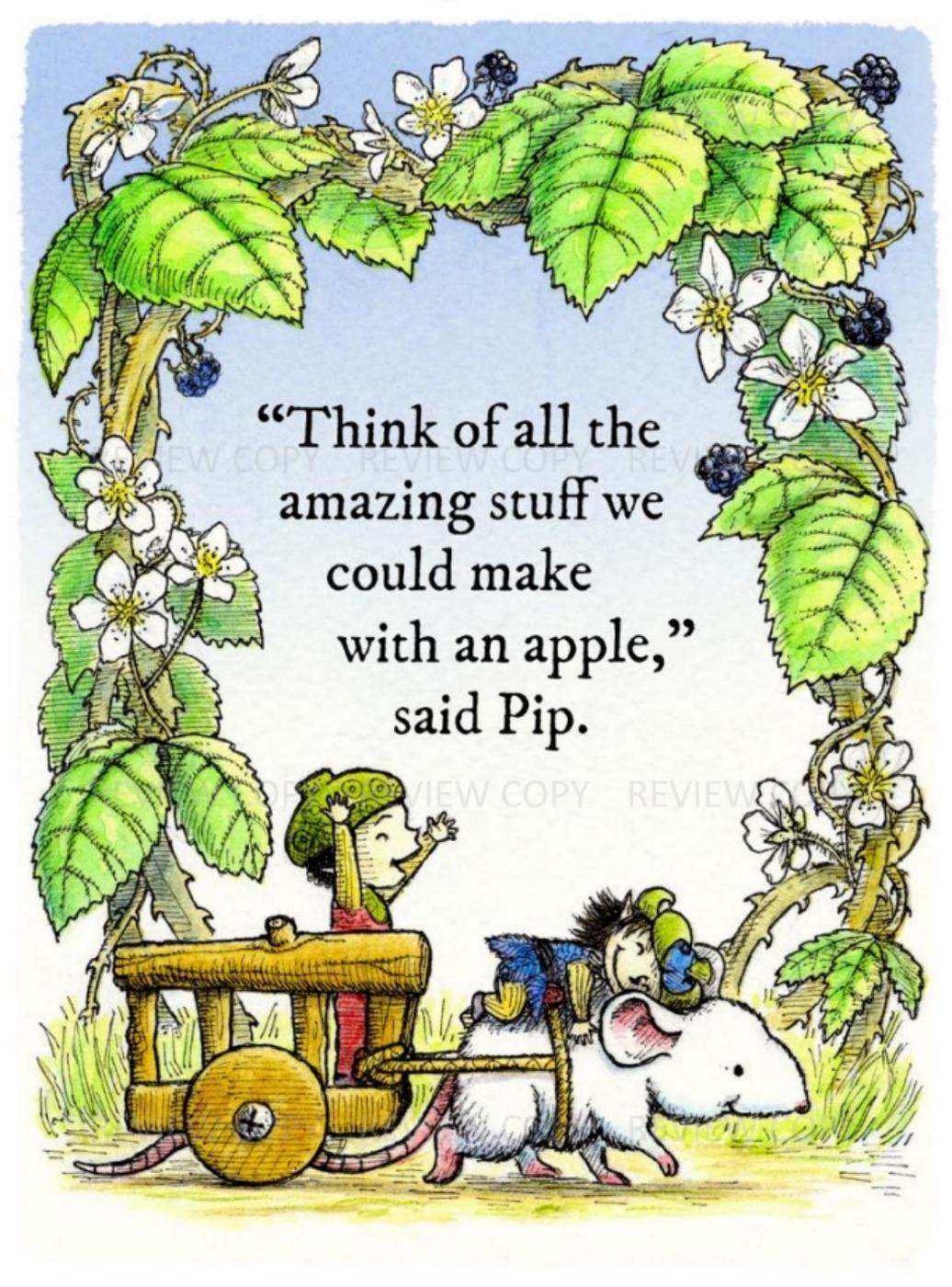


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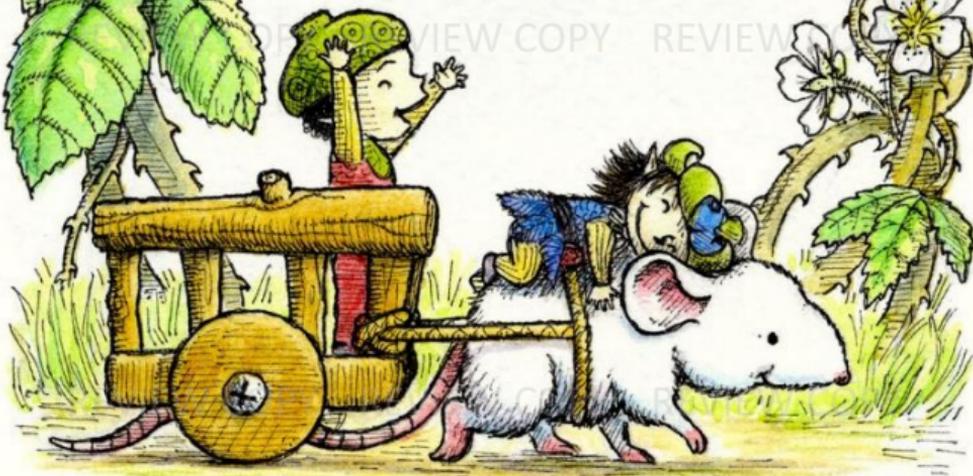
And Bel got their pet mouse Tilly,
who loved to pull the cart.

And they were ready to go.

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“Think of all the
amazing stuff we
could make
with an apple,”
said Pip.





“Apple cake,”
said Bel.



“Apple Pie,”
said Pip.





“APPLE CRUMBLE!”

they said together.

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When they got to the apples,
there were lots to choose from.

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Bel and Pip wanted to get the
perfect one for their crumble.





It needed to be firm and juicy.

“Not this one,” said Bel.

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It must smell sweet and fresh.

“Not this one either,” spluttered Pip.





And it absolutely definitely
had to be fat and round.

“No again,” sighed Bel and Pip.



At last they found one that was

PERFECT!

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It was hard work rolling the apple onto the cart.

As Bel and Pip pushed with all their strength, they heard a buzzing overhead.

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A WASP!





“What do you two think you’re doing with my apple?” said the wasp.

“We didn’t realise it was yours,”
said Pip.

“Course it’s mine,” shouted the wasp.
“They’re *all* mine!”





“Who says so?”
asked Bel bravely.

“I say so,” said the wasp.
“And what I say is the rules.”





“Annoying little pests that tamper with *my* apples get stung,” snarled the wasp.

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Bel and Pip were a bit

SCARED!



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But then they heard
more buzzing.

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Another wasp had stopped
to see what was going on
and was sitting on an apple
chuckling to himself.

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“You’d better get off that apple,”
Bel said to the new arrival.

“How very dare you!” said the wasp.

“I didn’t mean to be rude,” said Bel.
“It just isn’t your apple to sit on.”

“Who says!” snapped the wasp.



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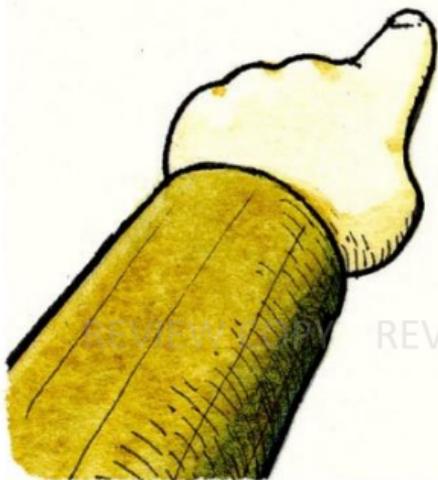


“Him,” said Pip
pointing at the
other wasp.

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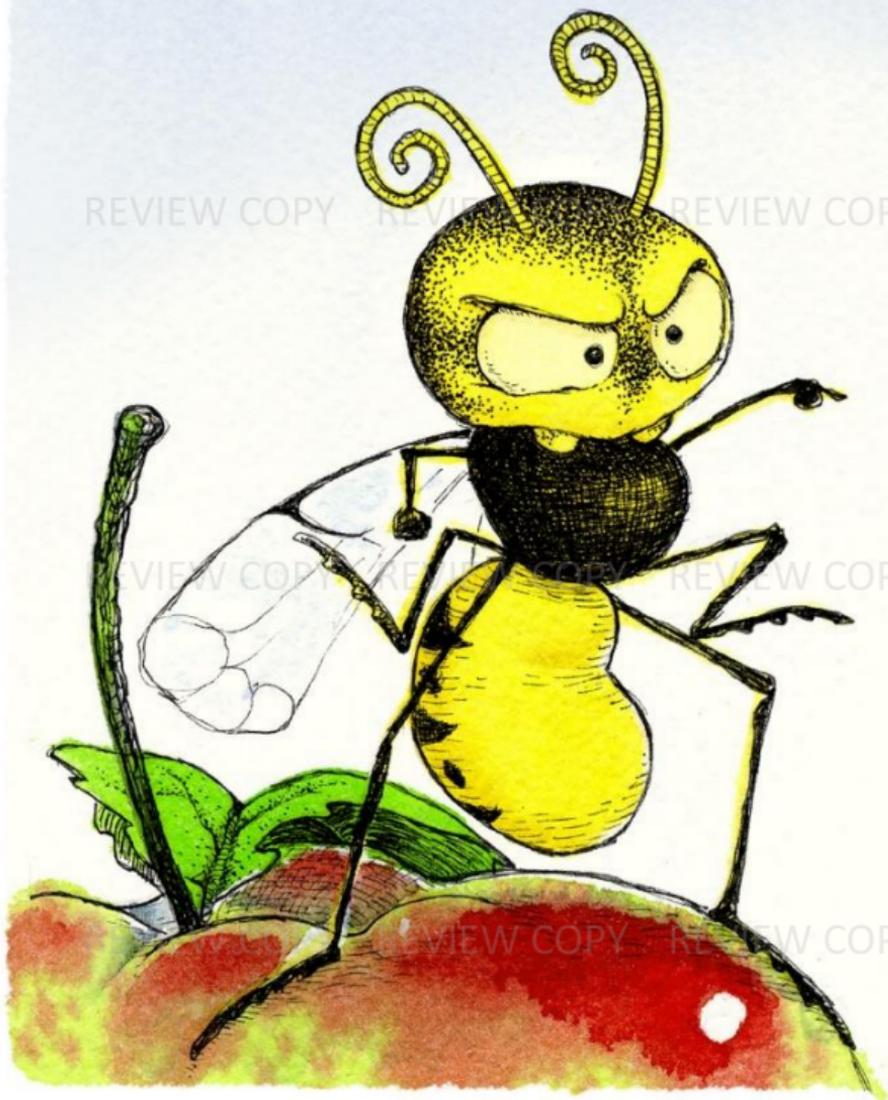
“He says *all* the apples are
his and pests that tamper
with them get stung.”

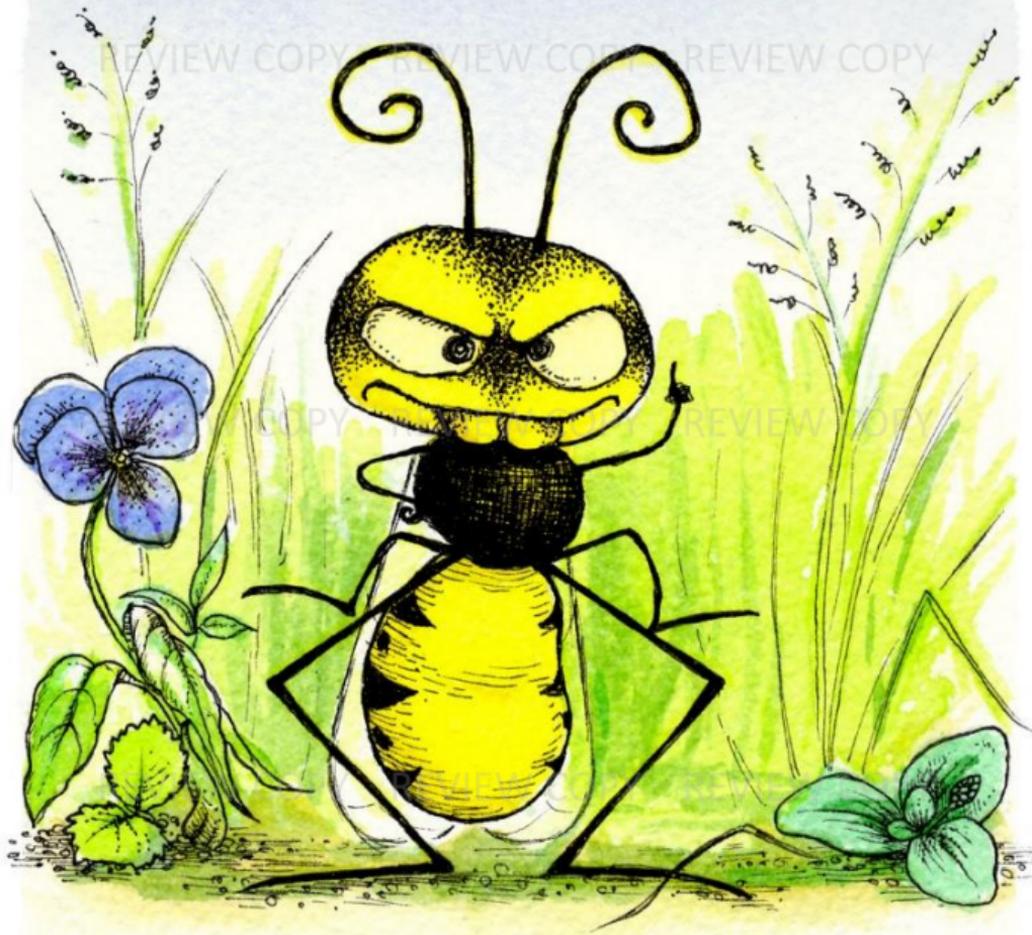
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“Sting me will he!” shouted the wasp.
“Not if I sting him first!”

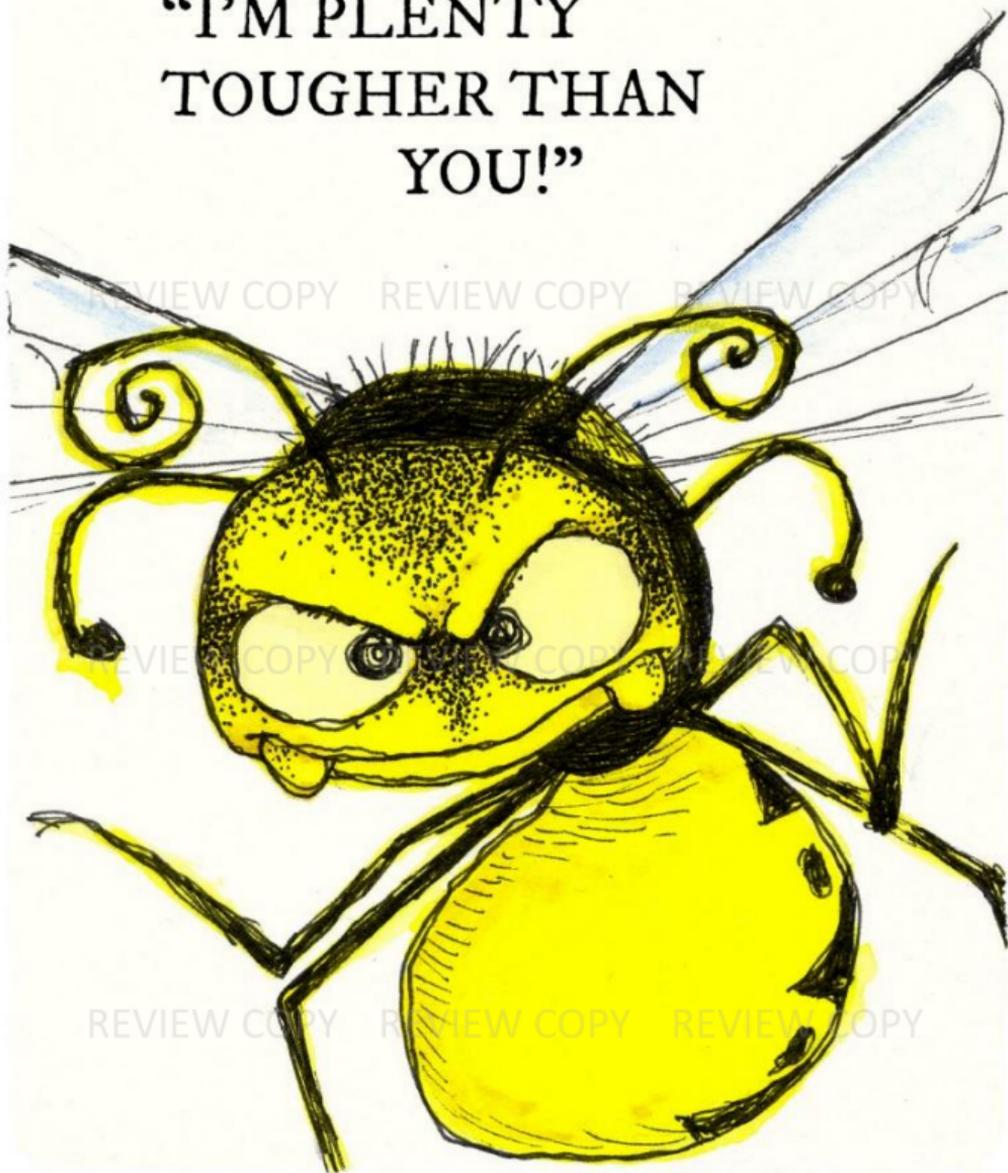




“Come and have a go if you think you’re tough enough!” shouted back the other wasp.

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**“I’M PLENTY
TOUGHER THAN
YOU!”**

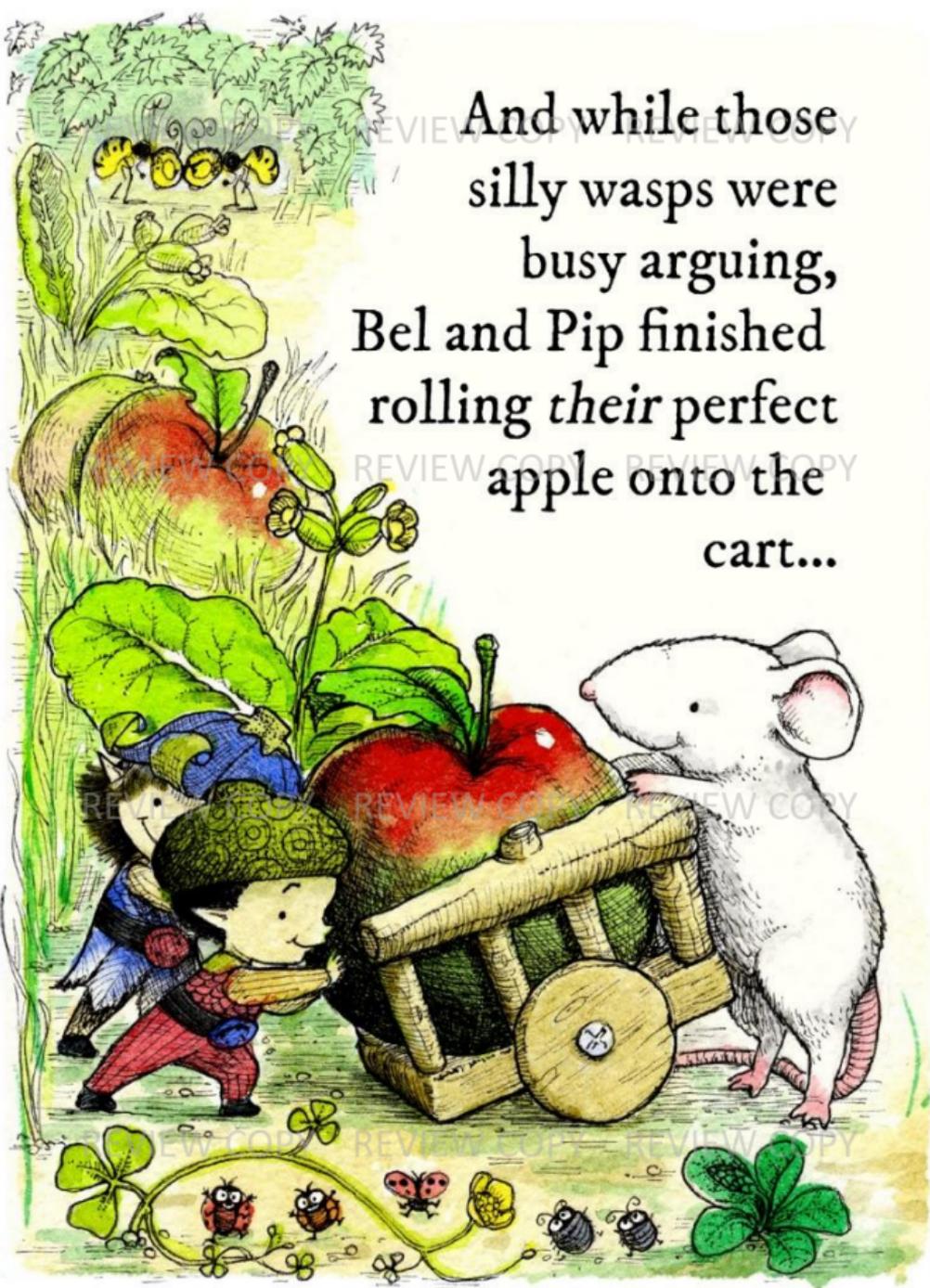


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“NO, I’M PLENTY
TOUGHER THAN
YOU!”



And while those
silly wasps were
busy arguing,
Bel and Pip finished
rolling *their* perfect
apple onto the
cart...



...and went home.





And that evening, they all had the most delicious apple crumble ever!

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Bel & Pip's Most-delicious-ever apple crumble recipe.



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What you'll need

Filling

Five decent-sized cooking apples

Three tablespoons of caster sugar

Crumble

200g of plain flour (or half flour half oats)

125g of butter chopped
into dice-sized cubes

125g of brown sugar

Other stuff

An oven-proof dish

A mixing bowl

An oven heated to 180 c/360 f

An adult helper for tricky bits



What to do

Peel and core your apples then slice them quite thinly.

Put them in your oven-proof dish with the caster sugar on top.

Mix the flour, oats (if using) and brown sugar in the mixing bowl and then add the butter. Mash everything together with your fingers until it's crumb like.

Put the crumble over your apples and pop in the oven until golden on the top and bubbling around the sides, which should take about 30 minutes.

Eat your crumble on its own or with one of its best buddies: custard, ice cream or cream .



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