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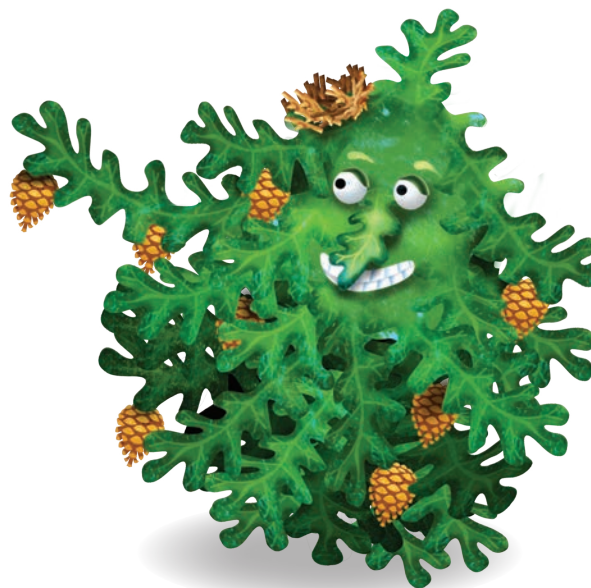
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Deep in the emerald forest grew a beautiful little pine tree.
He was very, very sad. He was so sad that he cried tree sap tears every day.
He cried so much that he was almost out of tree sap tears...

A few weeks ago, his father was taken.



“Why **my** dad?” the little pine tree asked his mom.

“Why was my dad the one?”

“I don’t know why,” said his mom. “It just happened.”

“Where did he go?”

“We won’t find that out until it is our time to go,” she said.

“Will he ever come back?”



“His trunk, branches and pine needles are gone now,
and they will never come back. But his roots are still hugging yours,
and his memory will live inside your heart forever.”



“But if he’s not coming back, who will protect me from the cold winter wind?”

“I will,” said the momma tree.

“I will,” said the uncle tree.

“We all will,” said the emerald forest.

“When it is summer time, who will shade me when the sun is too hot for my needles?”

“I will,” said the momma tree.

“I will,” said the uncle tree.

“We all will,” said the emerald forest.



"I just can't believe he's gone. I feel like somebody cut off all my branches and now I am just an empty stick stuck in the ground."



"I know how you feel on the inside. I feel like a lightning bolt split me in half."





“Where will the
cardinal family
build their nest?”

“I’m sure they will
find the right place.”

“My dad’s top branch was
the right place. There will
never be a better place for
their nest than his branch.

Now he’s gone and
now the cardinal family
is leaving, too.”

