



For my father,
Dr. Robert Schmoll,
who filled our home
with music.



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An illustration of five sparrows in a nest of autumn leaves. One sparrow on the left wears a blue and white polka-dot scarf. The leaves are in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The text is positioned in the upper right corner.

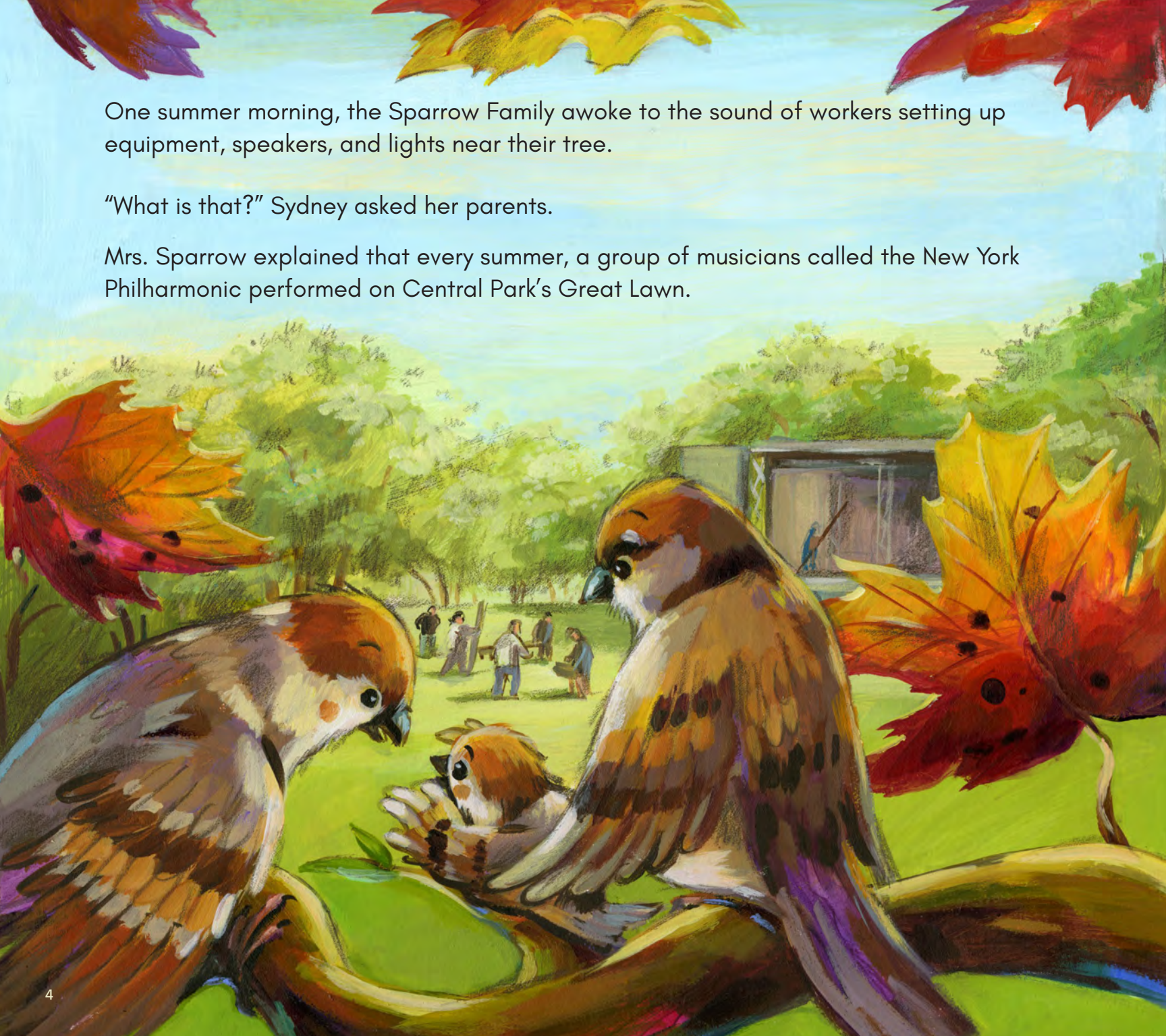
In New York City, in the middle of Central Park,
Sydney Sparrow lived with her family in a
beautiful red maple tree.

Her mother, Mrs. Sparrow, taught her three
young sparrows all the lessons little birds need
to grow: how to fly, how to build nests, and
how to hunt for seeds and worms.

One summer morning, the Sparrow Family awoke to the sound of workers setting up equipment, speakers, and lights near their tree.

“What is that?” Sydney asked her parents.

Mrs. Sparrow explained that every summer, a group of musicians called the New York Philharmonic performed on Central Park’s Great Lawn.



By evening, thousands of people had made their way to Central Park to hear the symphony play.

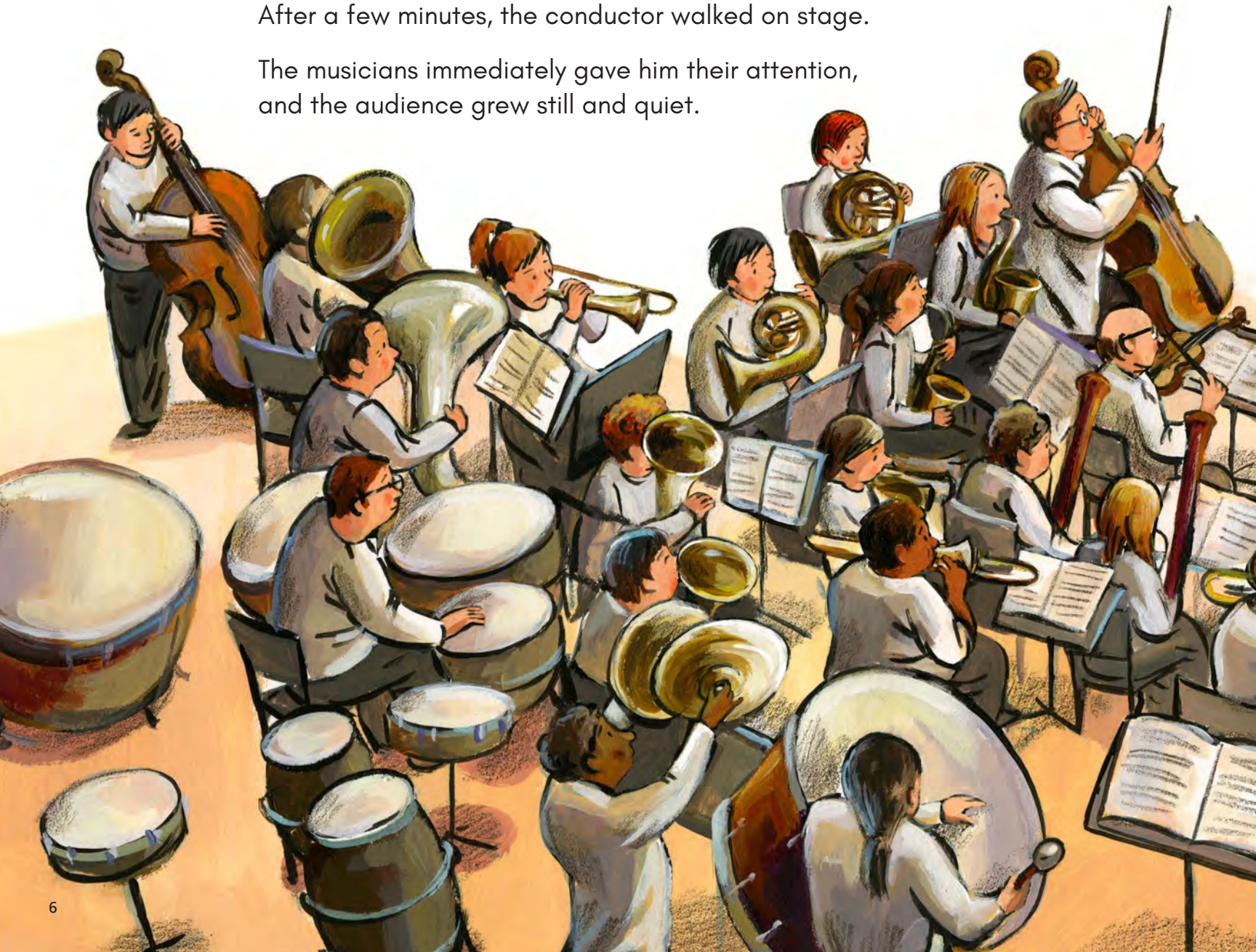
Men, women, and children carried blankets and picnic baskets, looking for the perfect spot on the lawn.



When it was almost time for the concert to begin, the musicians tuned their instruments. Sounds of clarinets, flutes, and violins filled the air.

After a few minutes, the conductor walked on stage.

The musicians immediately gave him their attention, and the audience grew still and quiet.



Sydney watched from the edge of the nest in amazement.

She had never heard such beautiful sounds before.

