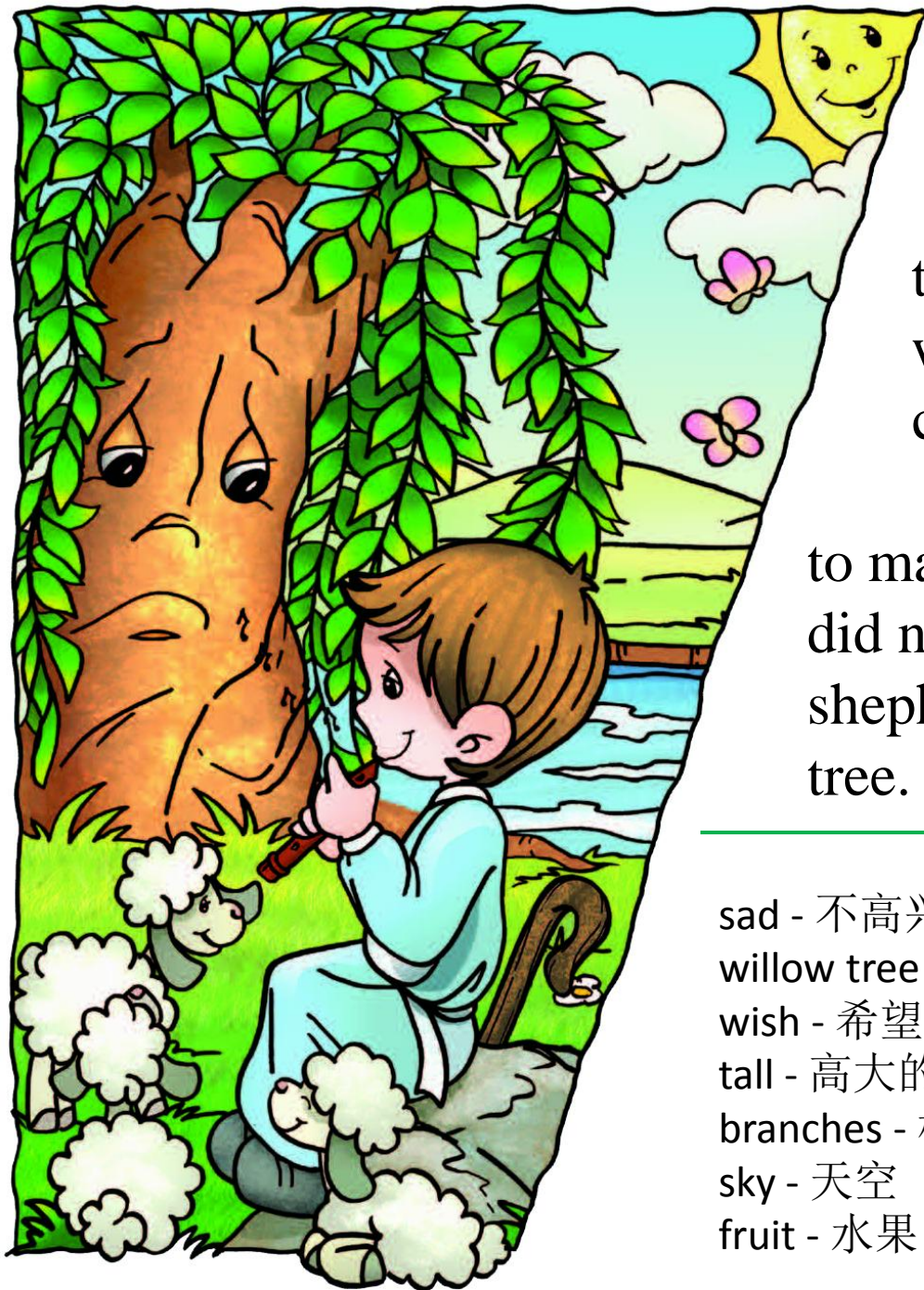


The Sad Tree





Once upon a time, there was a sad willow tree.

“I wish I was tall,” said the tree. “I wish my branches would touch the sky. I wish I could bear fruit.”

A kind shepherd boy tried to make the tree happy. But the tree did not want to be happy. Finally, the shepherd stopped coming to visit the tree.



sad - 不高兴
willow tree - 柳树
wish - 希望
tall - 高大的
branches - 树枝
sky - 天空
fruit - 水果

kind - 善良的
shepherd - 牧羊人
happy - 快乐
did not want - 不要
finally - 最后
stopped - 停止
visit - 访问

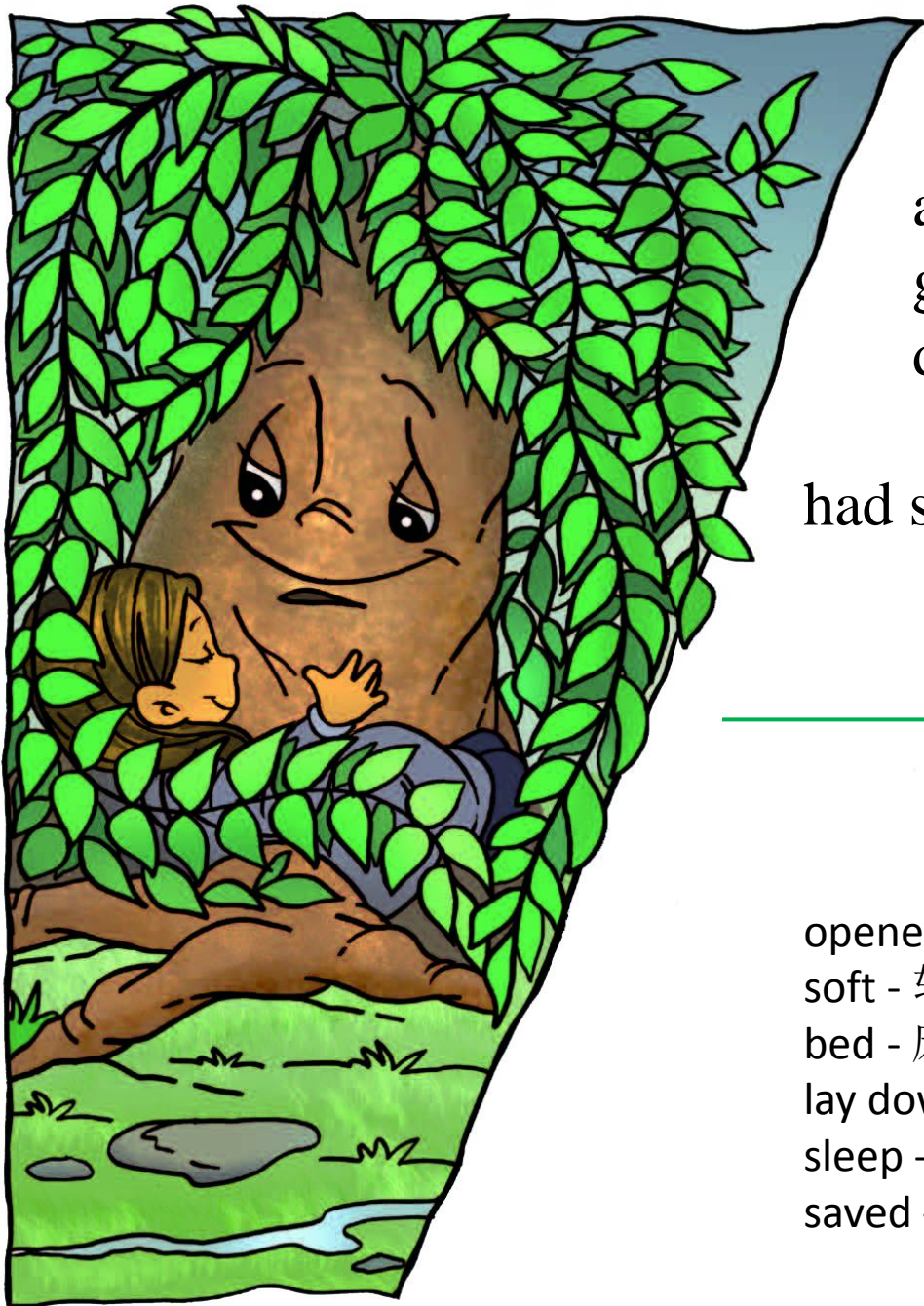
One day, there was a terrible storm. The sad tree saw a little girl crying in the rain. She was lost.

The girl stood next to the tree. She didn't know what to do or where to go.



One day - 有一天
terrible - 可怕的
storm - 风暴
saw - 看到
little girl - 小女孩
crying - 哭了

rain - 下雨
lost - 迷路
stood - 站在
next to - 旁边
didn't know - 不知道



The tree opened his branches and made a soft bed for the little girl. She was so happy! She lay down and went to sleep.

The tree was happy too! He had saved the little girl from the storm.

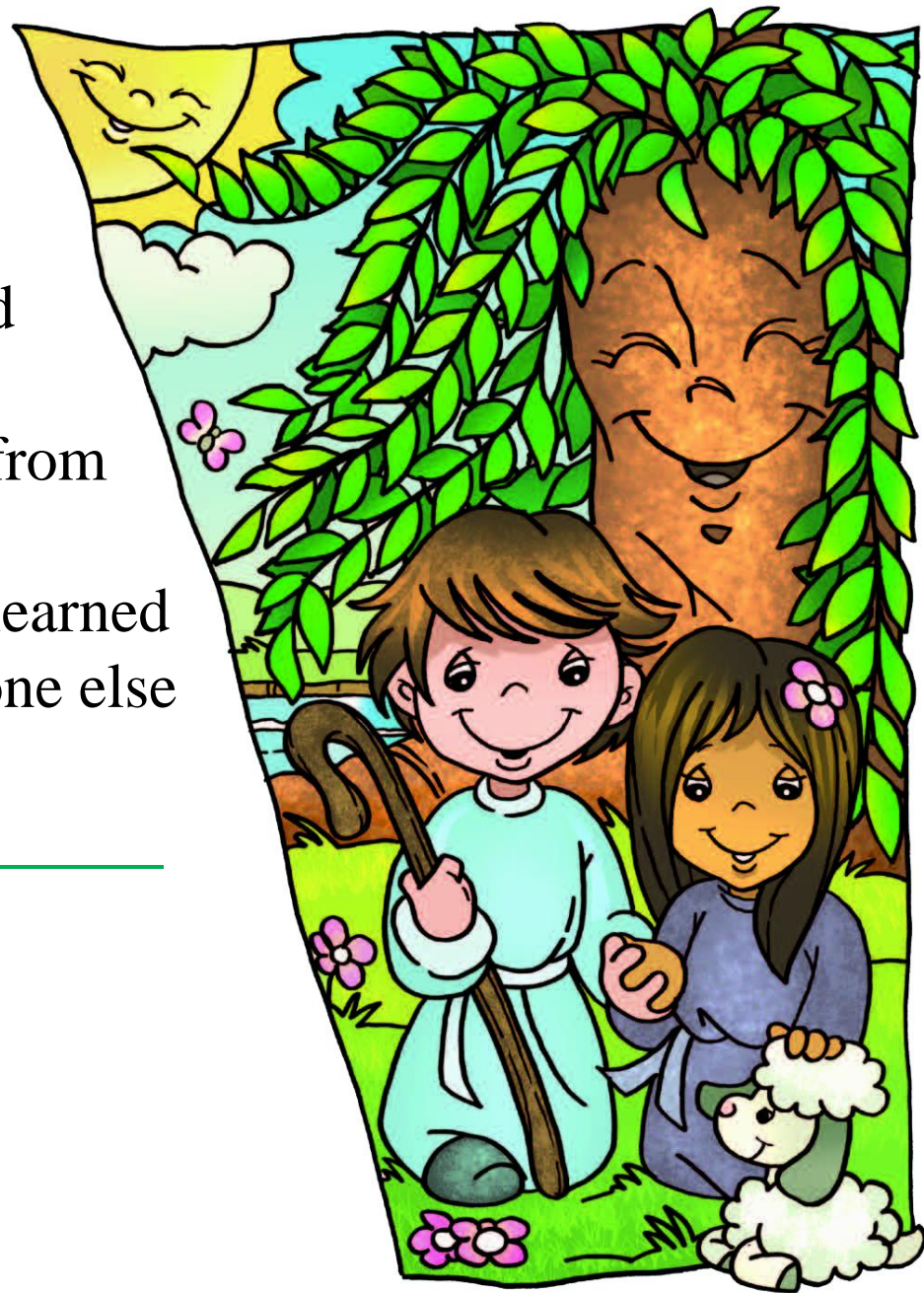


opened - 打开
soft - 软
bed - 床
lay down - 躺下
sleep - 睡觉
saved - 救了

The next morning, the tree saw the little shepherd boy. He was looking for his lost sister.

The tree opened its branches and the little girl came out. The girl thanked the tree for protecting her from the storm.

The tree was so happy! He had learned the secret of happiness: help someone else and you will be happy too!



looking - 寻找
thanked - 感谢
protecting - 防护
discovered - 发现

happiness - 幸福
help - 帮忙
someone else - 别人