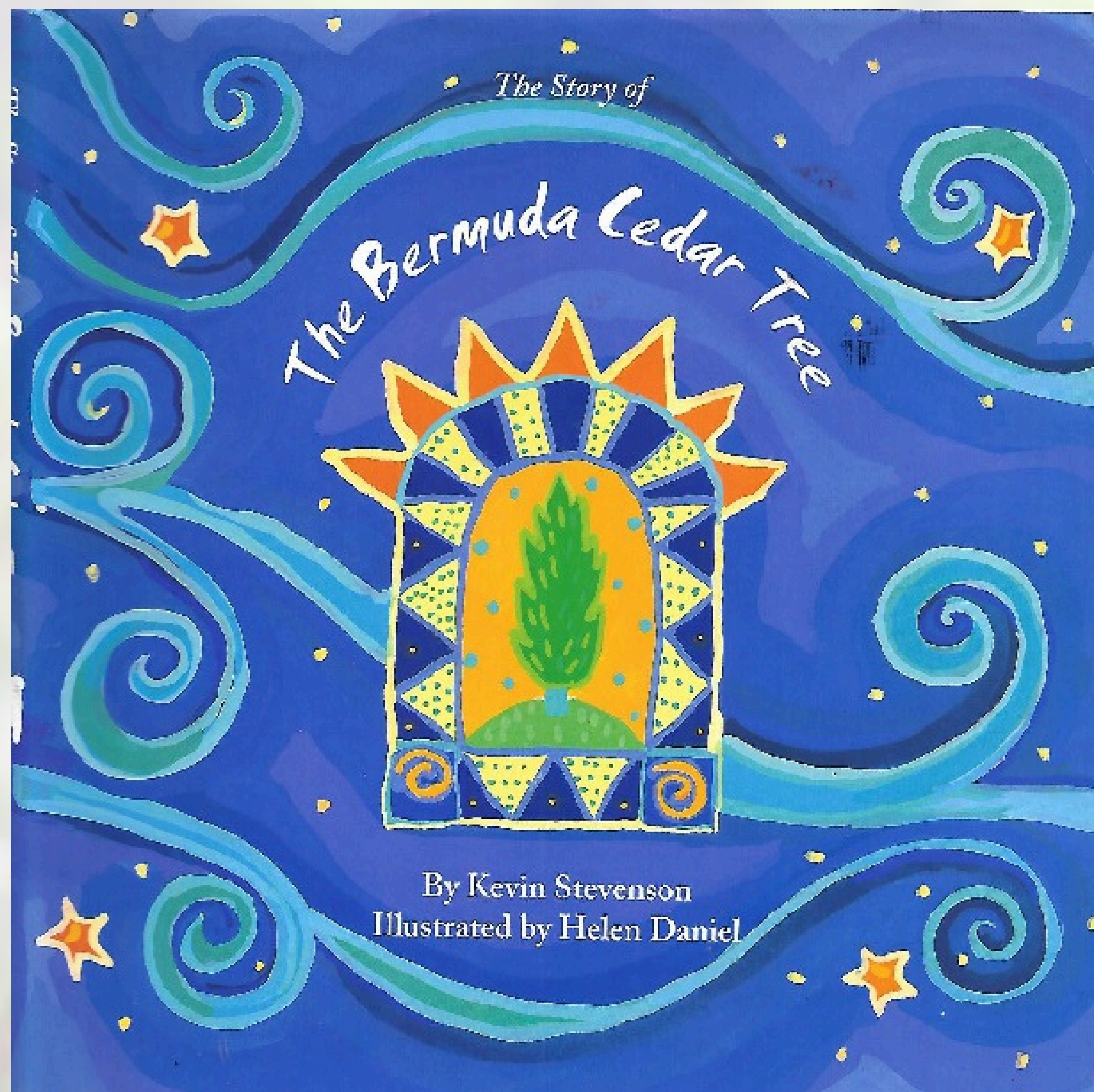


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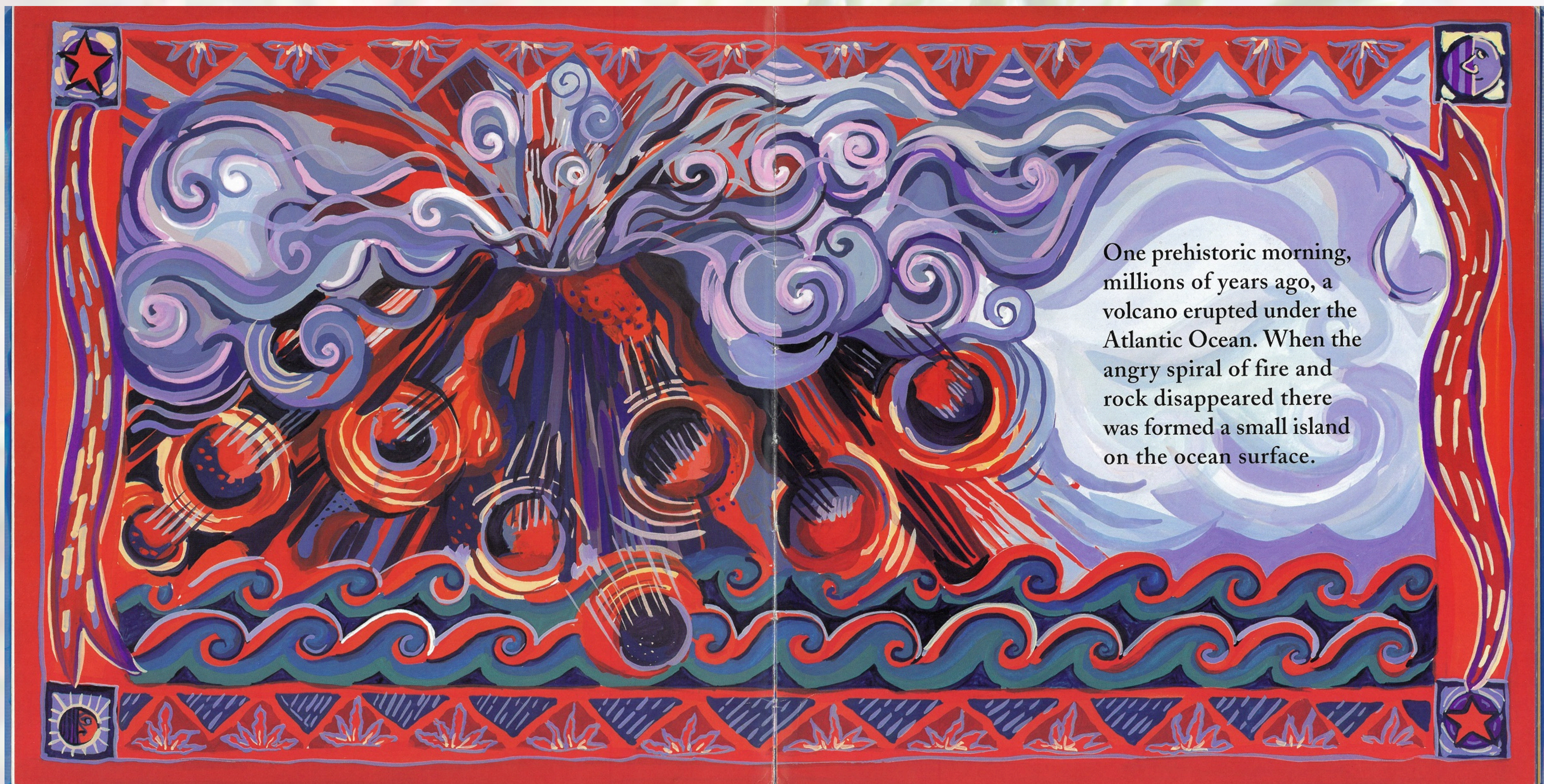
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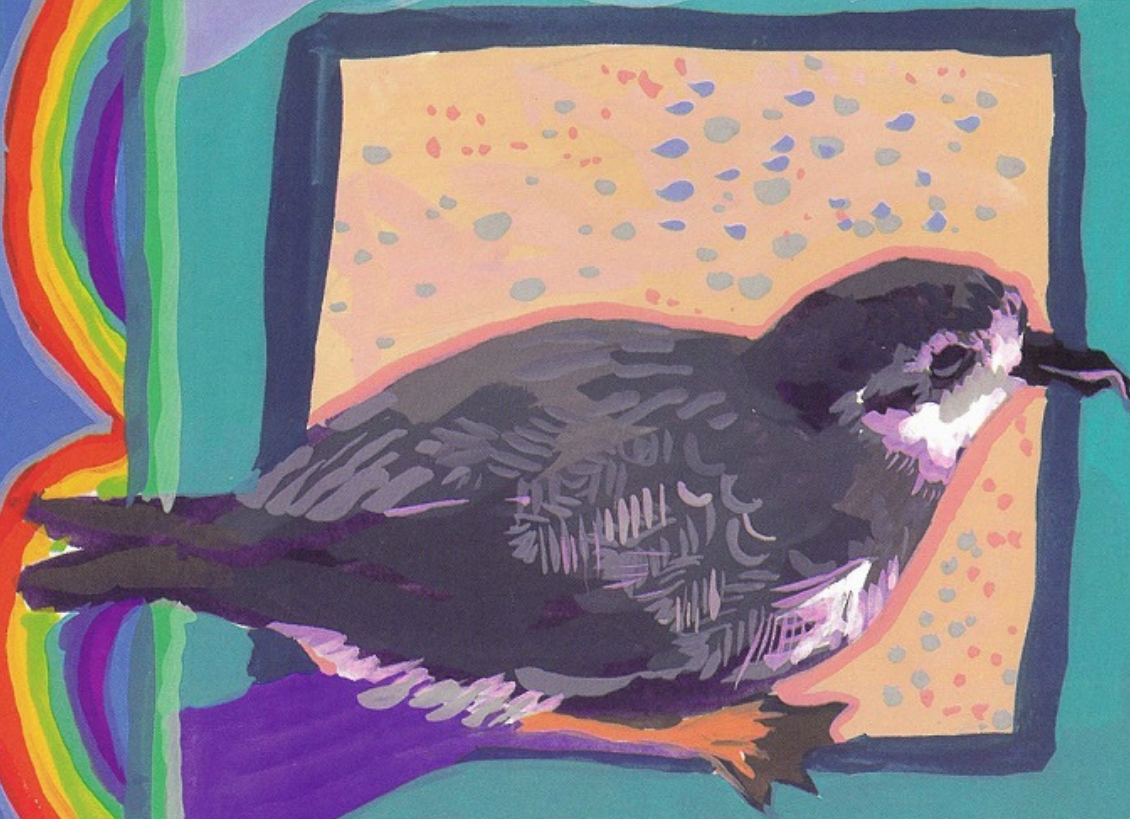
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One prehistoric morning, millions of years ago, a volcano erupted under the Atlantic Ocean. When the angry spiral of fire and rock disappeared there was formed a small island on the ocean surface.

Far away from the nearest land, these plants and animals became their own special kind. A tiny lizard known as a

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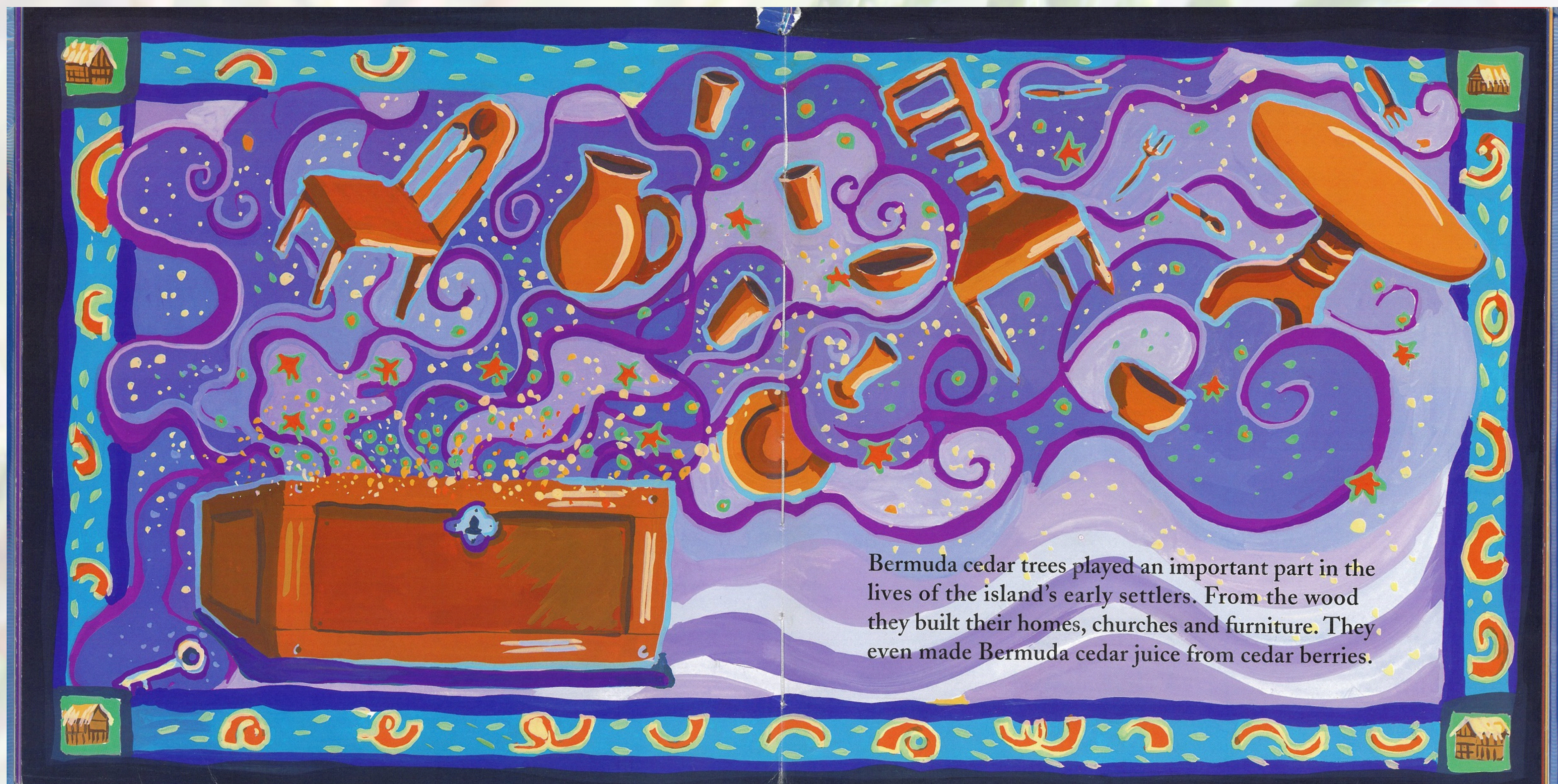


Soon the Bermuda cedars became a deep forest that covered the island in green. Slow



to grow, the trees were strong and could withstand terrible gales and hurricanes.

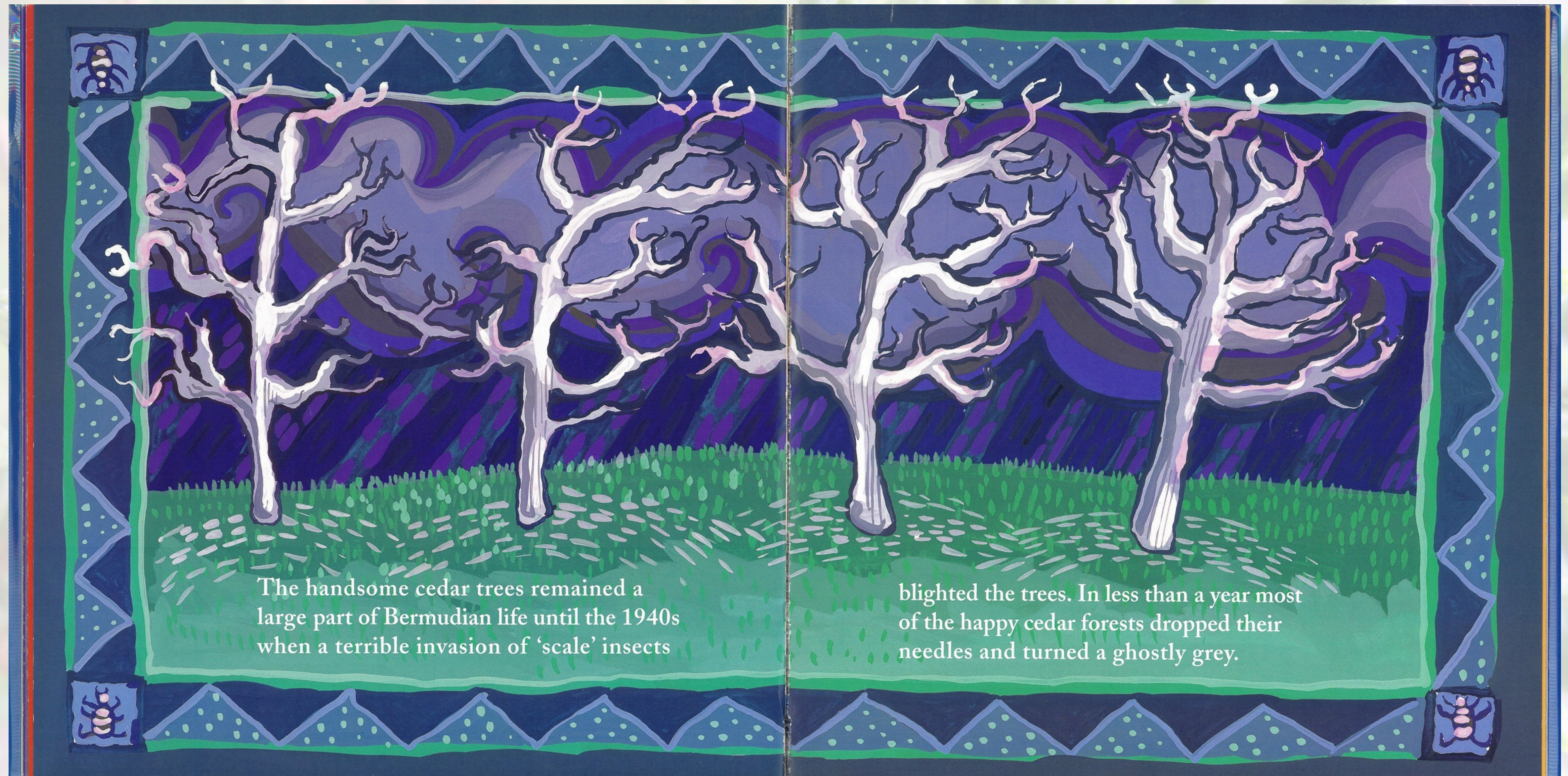




Bermuda cedar trees played an important part in the lives of the island's early settlers. From the wood they built their homes, churches and furniture. They even made Bermuda cedar juice from cedar berries.



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The handsome cedar trees remained a large part of Bermudian life until the 1940s when a terrible invasion of 'scale' insects

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Bermudians refused to let their cedars die out. With the help of Mother Nature they carefully sowed a new generation, and today the Bermuda cedar is once again healthy and proud.

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