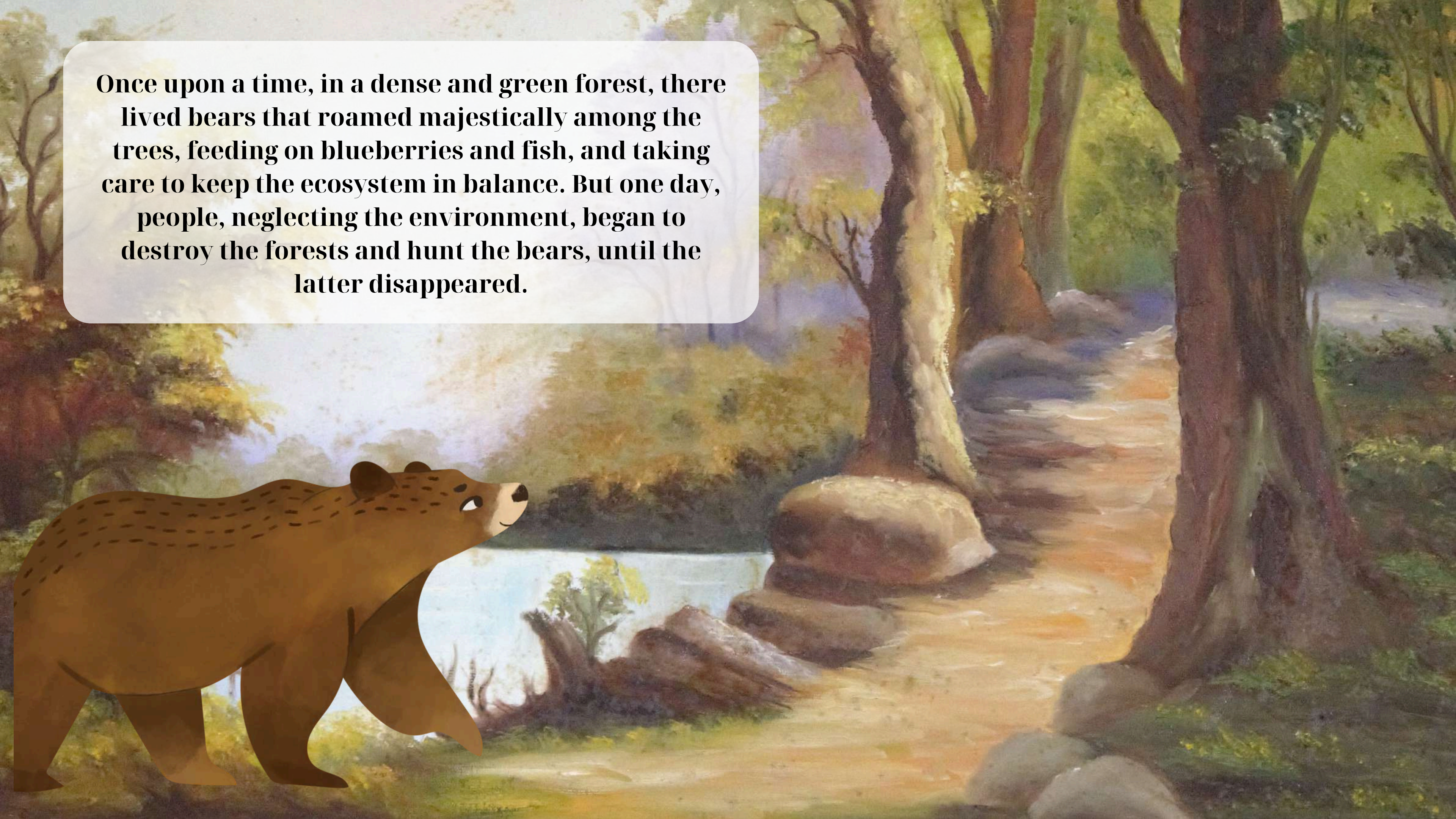


Once upon a time, in a dense and green forest, there lived bears that roamed majestically among the trees, feeding on blueberries and fish, and taking care to keep the ecosystem in balance. But one day, people, neglecting the environment, began to destroy the forests and hunt the bears, until the latter disappeared.



At first, everything seemed normal. The other animals continued to live their lives, but soon nature began to react. Smaller predators, once feared by bears, began to multiply uncontrollably. Deer and hares, usually kept in check, overpopulated and destroyed plants and forests. Slowly, the forest began to change. The plants that the bears helped disperse through their seeds no longer grew. The food for the other animals decreased, and many of them found themselves in danger. The silence of the forest began to be broken by the din of disturbance.



People, observing the changes, realized the tragic truth. Without the bears, the forest and life around it was no longer the same. Nature had lost its balance. And then, they started doing what they could to restore the forest, planting trees and creating shelters for the animals, but the absence of the bears was something they couldn't go back to. The forest was never the same. And humans have learned the hard way how precious bears are and the balance they bring to the heart of nature.

