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# Autumn Acorns

It's autumn in a park.

Squirrel



A squirrel is eating acorns that drop from oak trees.




Acorn

The squirrel buries some of the acorns in the ground.







When winter comes,  
there is not much  
food around.

The squirrel digs up some of her buried  
acorns and eats them.

*She doesn't find all the acorns, though....*



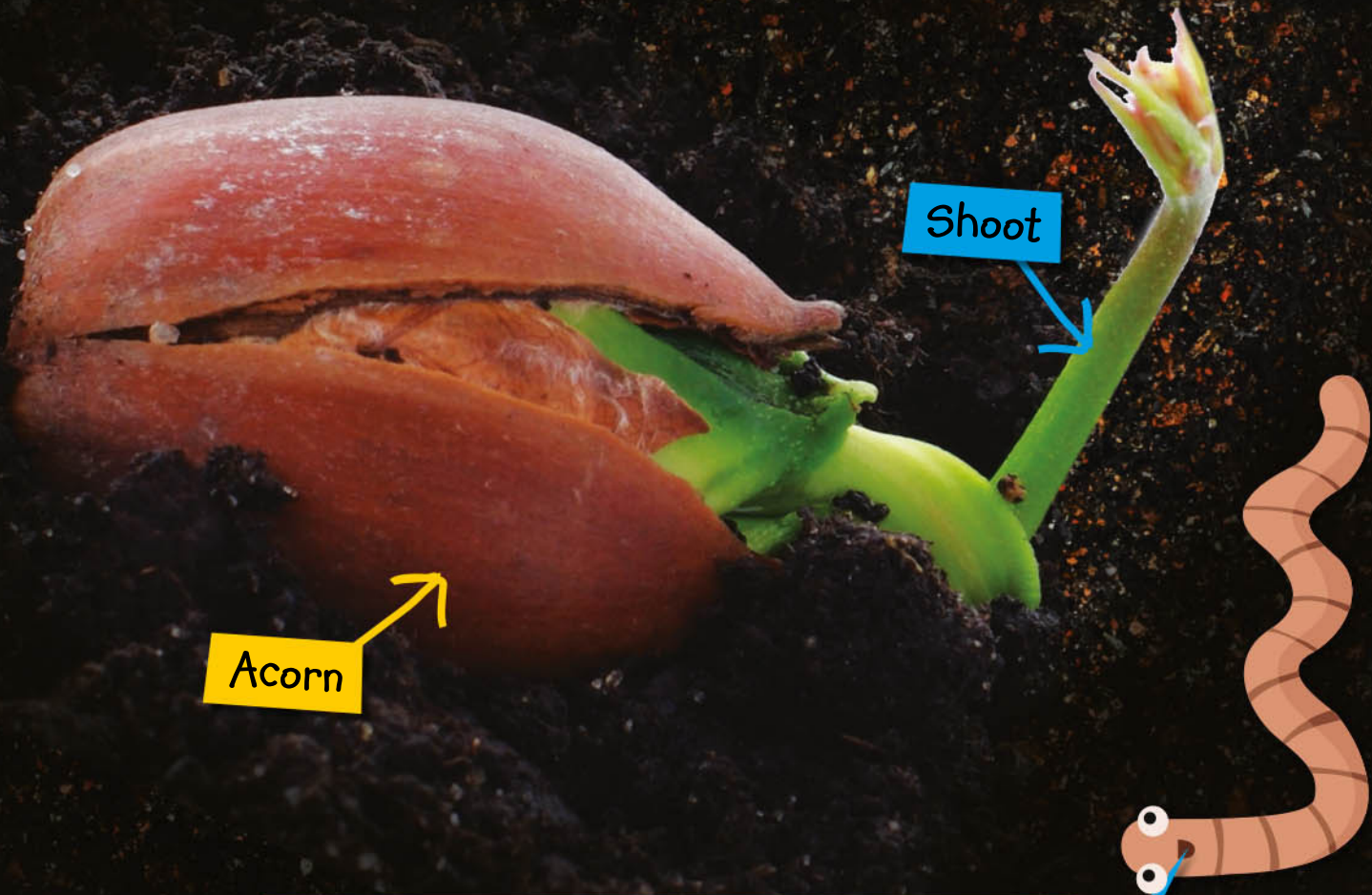
What do you think might happen to the  
acorns that stay buried in the ground?



# A New Oak Tree

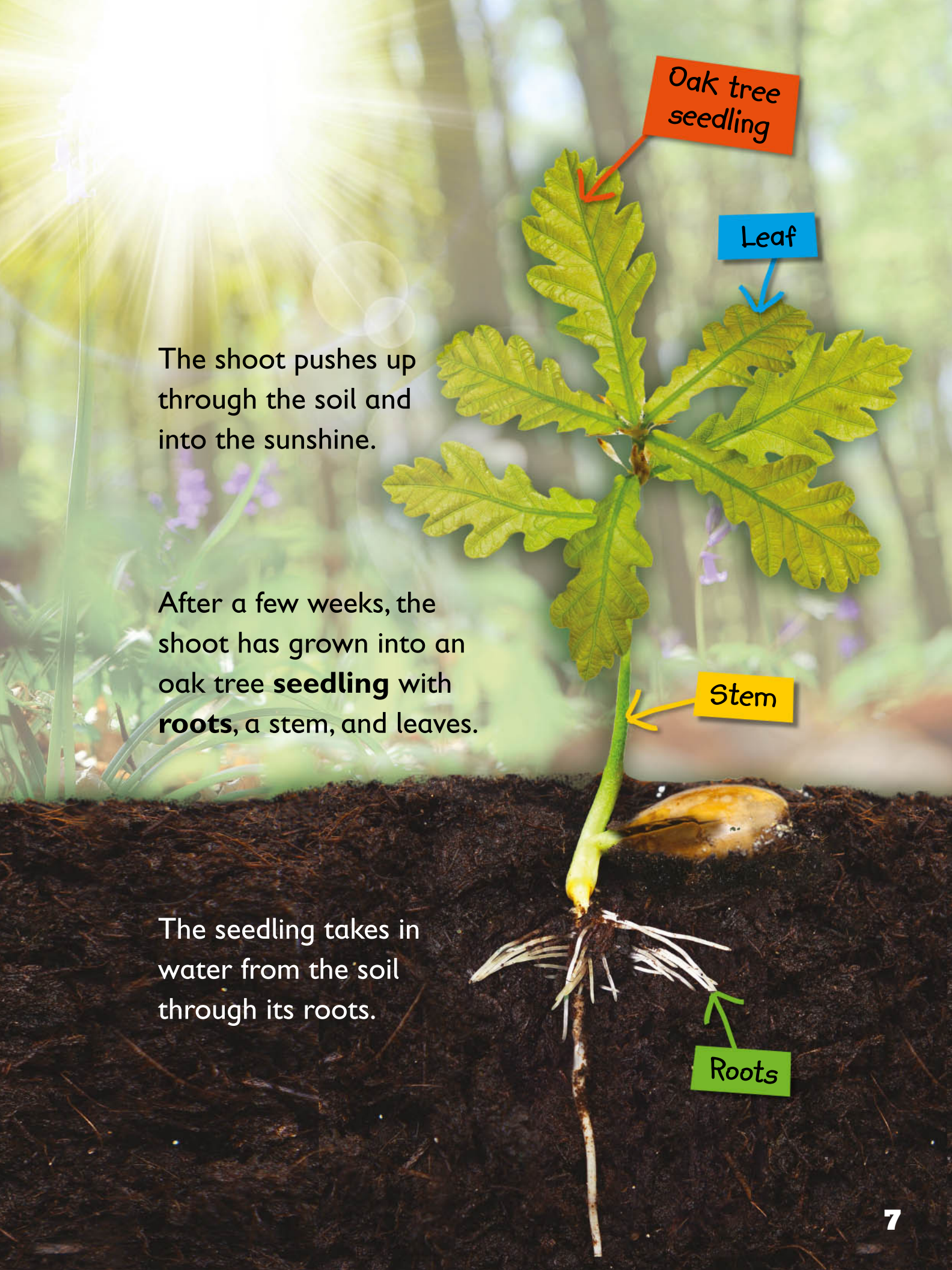
The buried acorns wait for winter to end.

In spring, the sunshine warms up the soil.  
Under the ground, a tiny **shoot** sprouts  
from an acorn.



Inside an acorn there is an oak tree seed. The seed contains all the material needed to grow a new tree.





Oak tree seedling

Leaf

The shoot pushes up through the soil and into the sunshine.

After a few weeks, the shoot has grown into an oak tree **seedling** with **roots**, a stem, and leaves.

Stem

The seedling takes in water from the soil through its roots.

Roots