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WHEN YOU ARE JEALOUS

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**Your love is
better than life.**


Psalm 63:3

It was summer in Mulberry Meadow—the season when Jax spent his nights high up in the branches of their oak tree—


*observing the sky, wide with stars,
through his telescope.*

Each morning he would remember the stars from the night before and record them in his star journal.




A squirrel character is dancing on a balcony. She is wearing a purple tutu and a purple and white striped party hat with a long yellow streamer. She is holding a wooden spoon and has a joyful expression. The background is a solid green wall.

One morning, while his sister, Jolie, was singing as she danced down the hall, and Papa and Mama were chatting over chestnut tea, he raced downstairs and barreled into the kitchen.

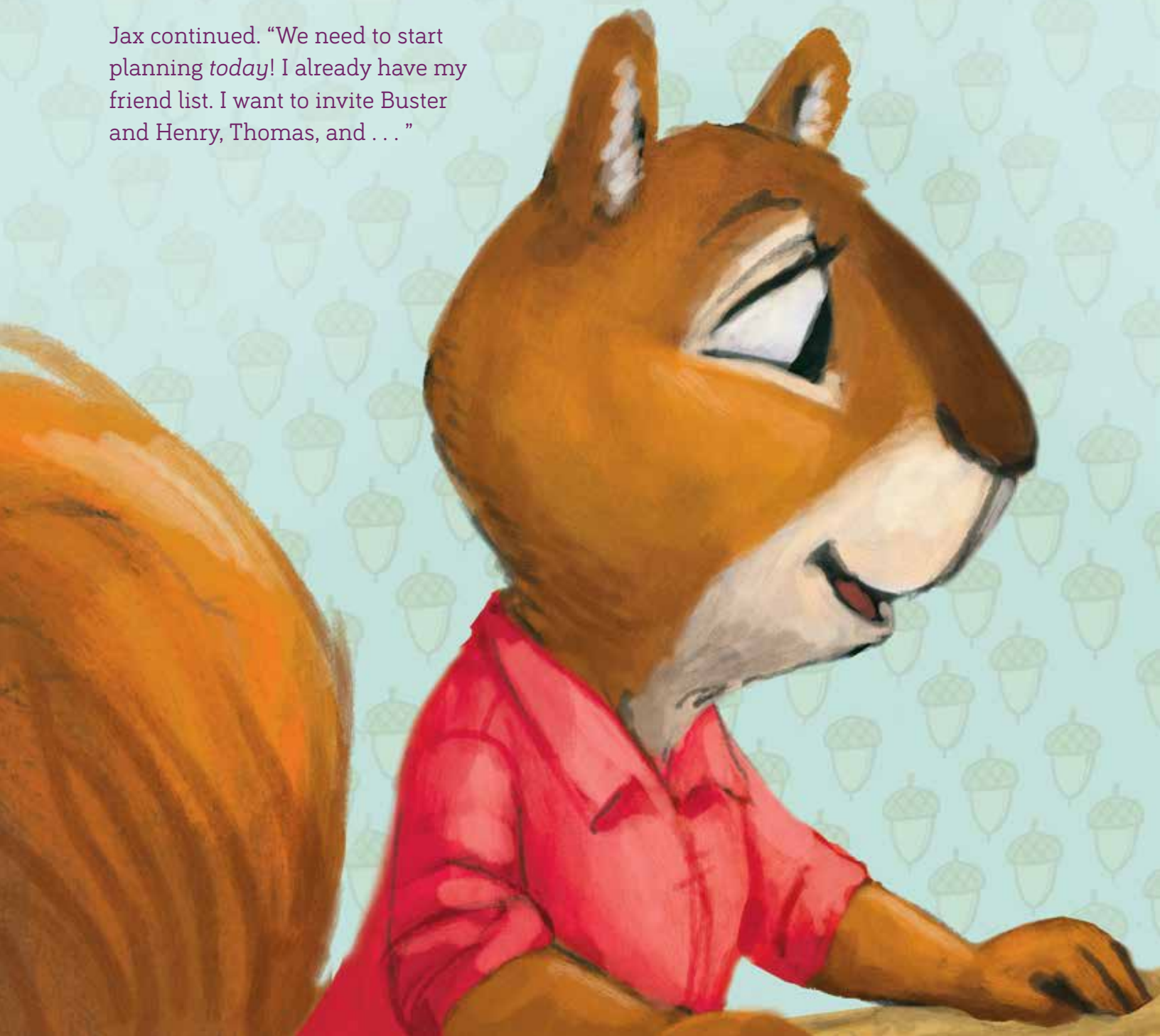
Two adult squirrel characters are sitting at a wooden table. The one on the left is wearing a pink shirt and the one on the right is wearing a red and yellow plaid shirt. They both have white cups of tea in front of them. The background is a light blue wall with a repeating pattern of acorns.

He blurted out,
“My birthday’s coming!
I saw it in the stars!”

A young squirrel character is jumping excitedly. He is wearing yellow and white striped pajamas. He has his arms raised and a wide, happy smile. The background is the same light blue wall with the acorn pattern as the previous scene.

Papa replied,
“It sure is! Just days away!”

Jax continued. “We need to start planning *today!* I already have my friend list. I want to invite Buster and Henry, Thomas, and . . .”



Mama laughed. “Hold your bushy tail, Jax! Let me grab a notepad. I’ll pop over to Walnut Lake this morning to make a reservation,” she said. “They are the perfect place, with paddle boats, pavilions, and—”

“Not *Walnut Lake*, Mama!” Jax interrupted. “That’s where Caspian had his party. I want to have *my* party at Olly’s Orbit House!”

“Olly’s Orbit House? What’s that?” asked Mama.

