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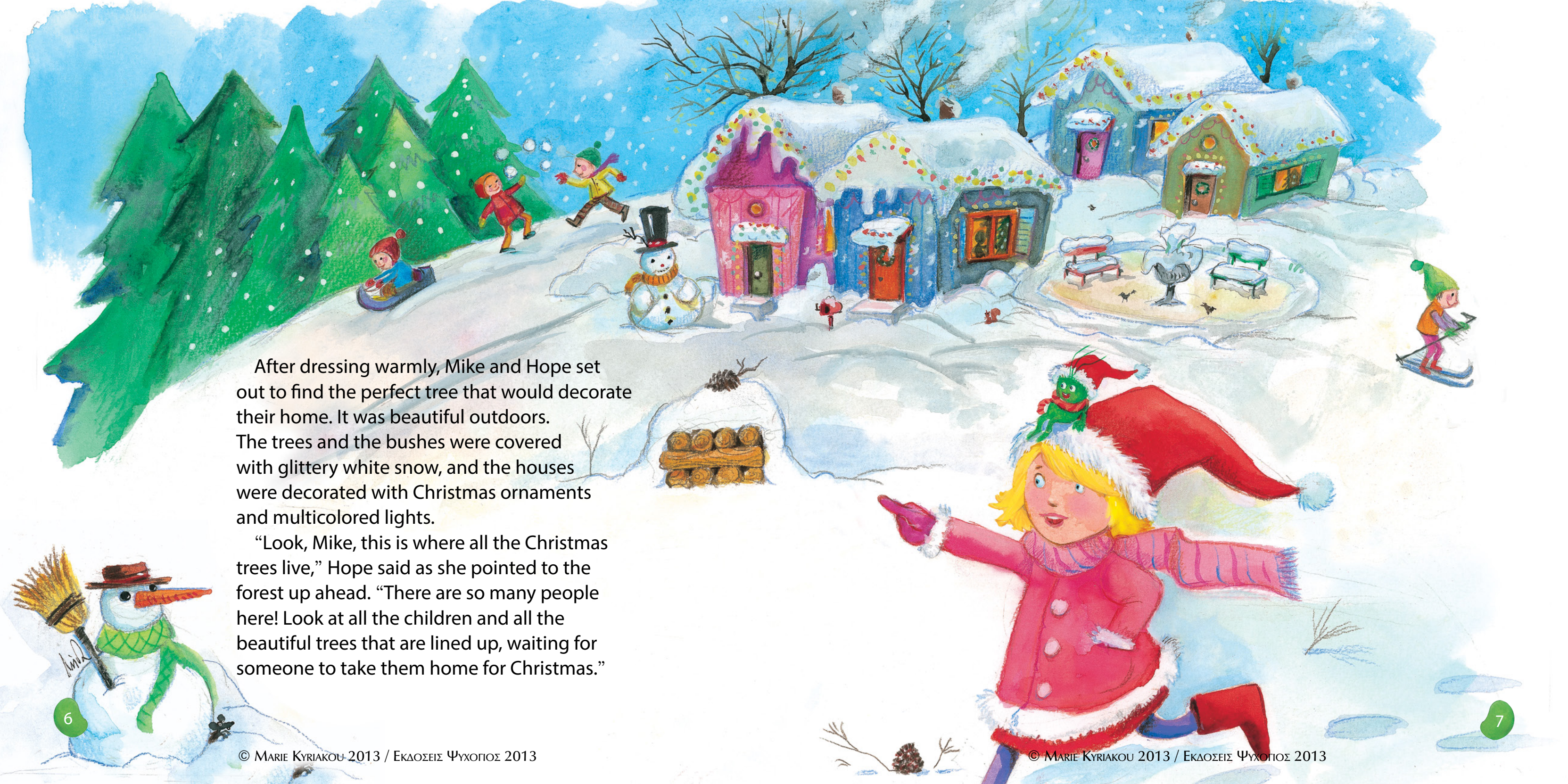


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“**W**ally! Get up, Wally!
We’re going out to pick
a Christmas tree,” Mike
the little bean called out to Wally,
who was falling asleep by the
fireplace.


“Brrr... Just the thought of
going out makes me feel cold,”
Wally replied. “Why don’t you and
Hope go ahead without me? I will
stay home to prepare some fish
soup.”





After dressing warmly, Mike and Hope set out to find the perfect tree that would decorate their home. It was beautiful outdoors. The trees and the bushes were covered with glittery white snow, and the houses were decorated with Christmas ornaments and multicolored lights.

“Look, Mike, this is where all the Christmas trees live,” Hope said as she pointed to the forest up ahead. “There are so many people here! Look at all the children and all the beautiful trees that are lined up, waiting for someone to take them home for Christmas.”



But Mike wasn't listening.
He just kept walking and walking... until he
saw a Christmas tree that stood all alone, apart
from the rest.

It wasn't very tall, its branches were not full,
and its color was not as green as all the others.

The tree
wasn't smiling
like all the others
either.

"Hi there. I'm Mike,"
Mike the little bean said.
He walked closer to the
lonely tree. "What is your
name?" Mike asked.

"I am Chris the Christmas
tree," the tree answered.



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