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“Good morning!” say the birds. 
“What a lovely day it is. Would you like to help us find twigs for our nests?”

“NO,” say the fairies.

Can’t see any twigs anyway.

Nests are STUPID!
It's a goblin!

And everybody knows that the lunch he loves best is...
Off the grumpy goblin stumps, back into the forest.

"Phew!" say the fairies.

They are so relieved the goblin has gone that, on the way home, they don't mind helping Mouse gather acorns,
or the bees collect nectar,
or the birds find twigs.
Bethan could never decide which she loved more – words or pictures. So she chose a career that squashed the two together. After studying for a BA in English literature, Bethan went on to complete her MA in Children’s Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art, where she graduated in 2019 with a Distinction.

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