A squirrel with reddish-brown fur and a white belly is perched on top of a snow igloo. Another squirrel is visible inside the igloo. To the left, there is a small structure made of sticks with a small metal bucket hanging from it. The background is a snowy forest with a decorative overlay of snowflakes and bokeh lights.

The adventures of Vante

Making a new friend



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***Vante is playing in the snow
with his campfire.***

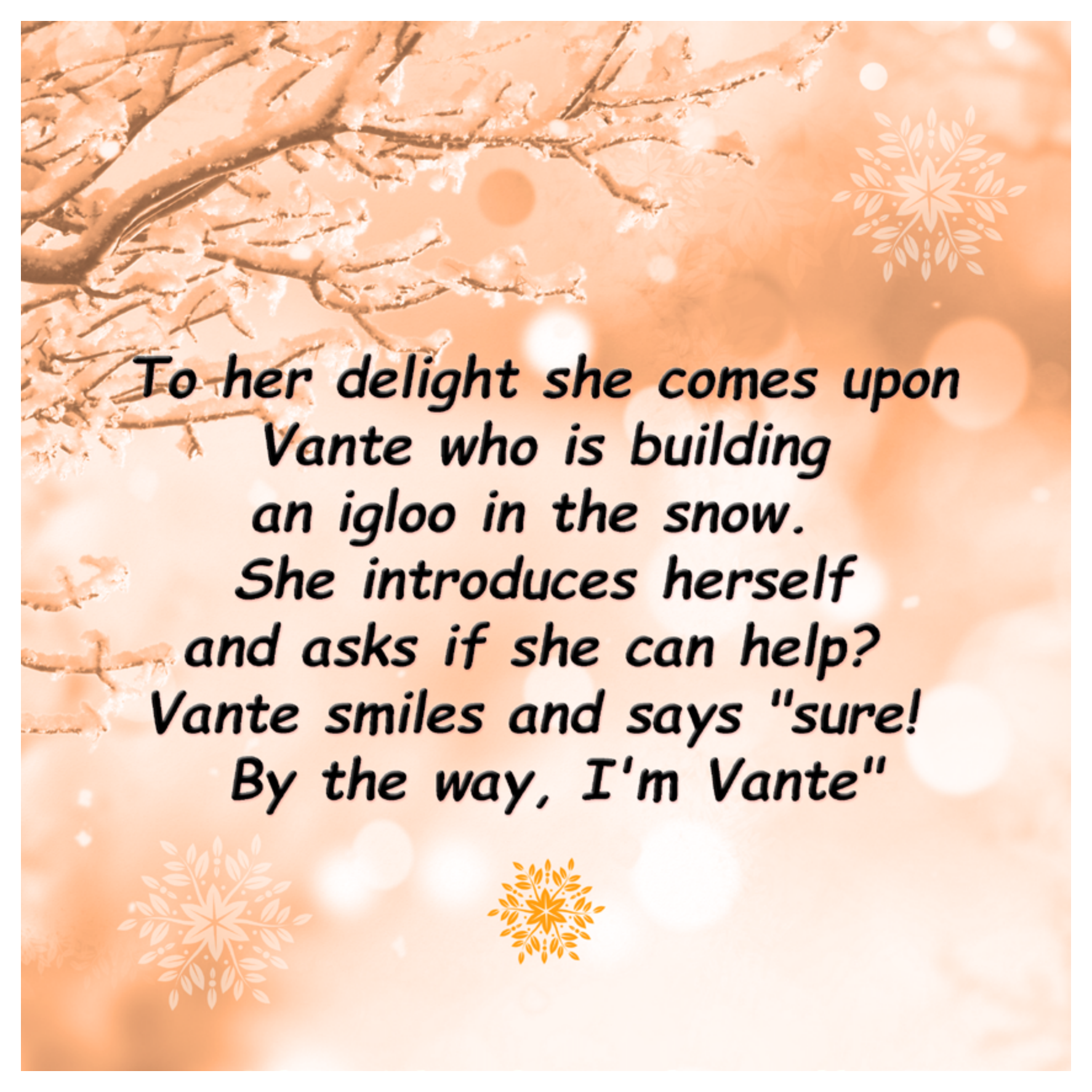




*It's a beautiful winter day.
Daisy heads out early
to play in the snow.*








*To her delight she comes upon
Vante who is building
an igloo in the snow.
She introduces herself
and asks if she can help?
Vante smiles and says "sure!
By the way, I'm Vante"*

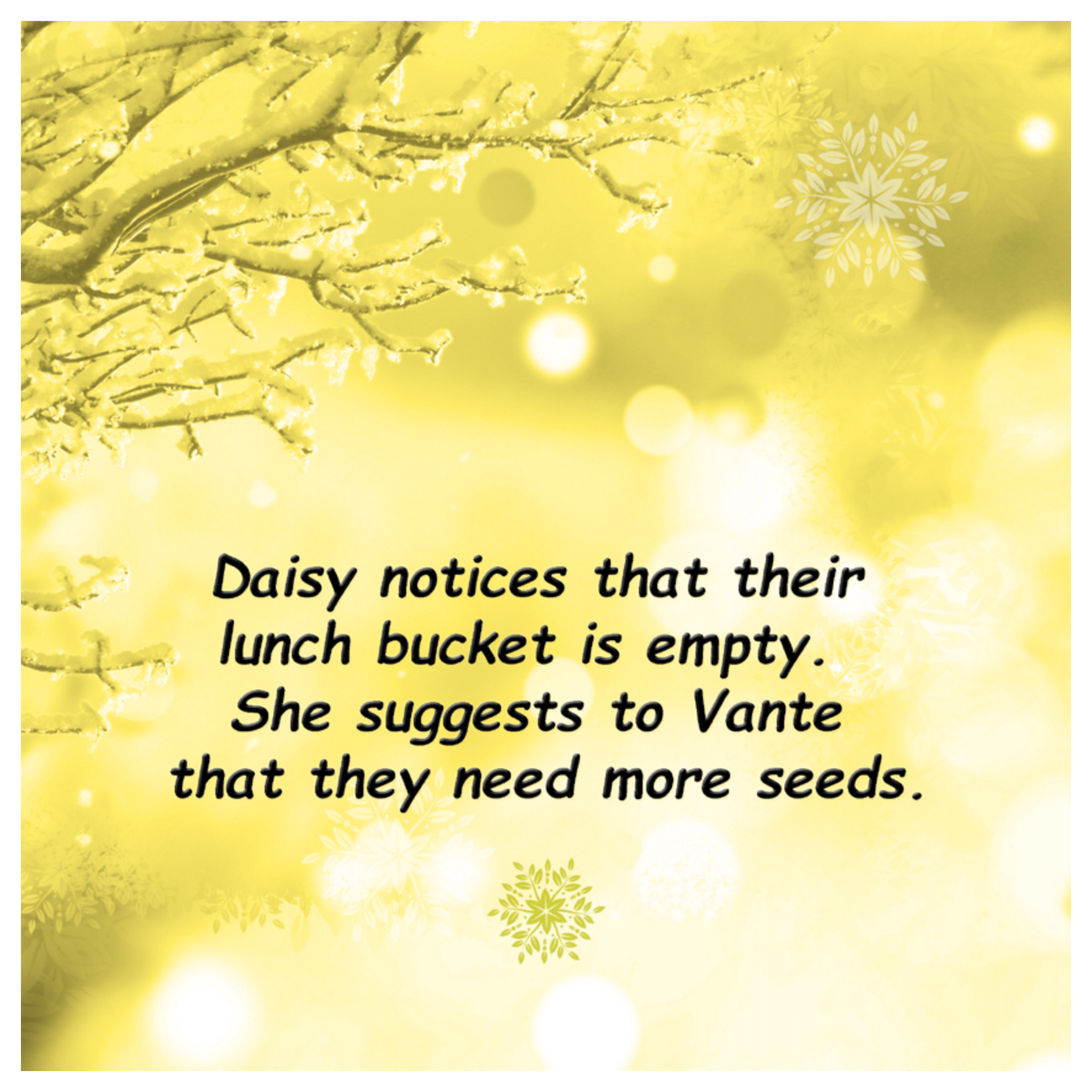




*Vante and Daisy build the rest
of the igloo together.*

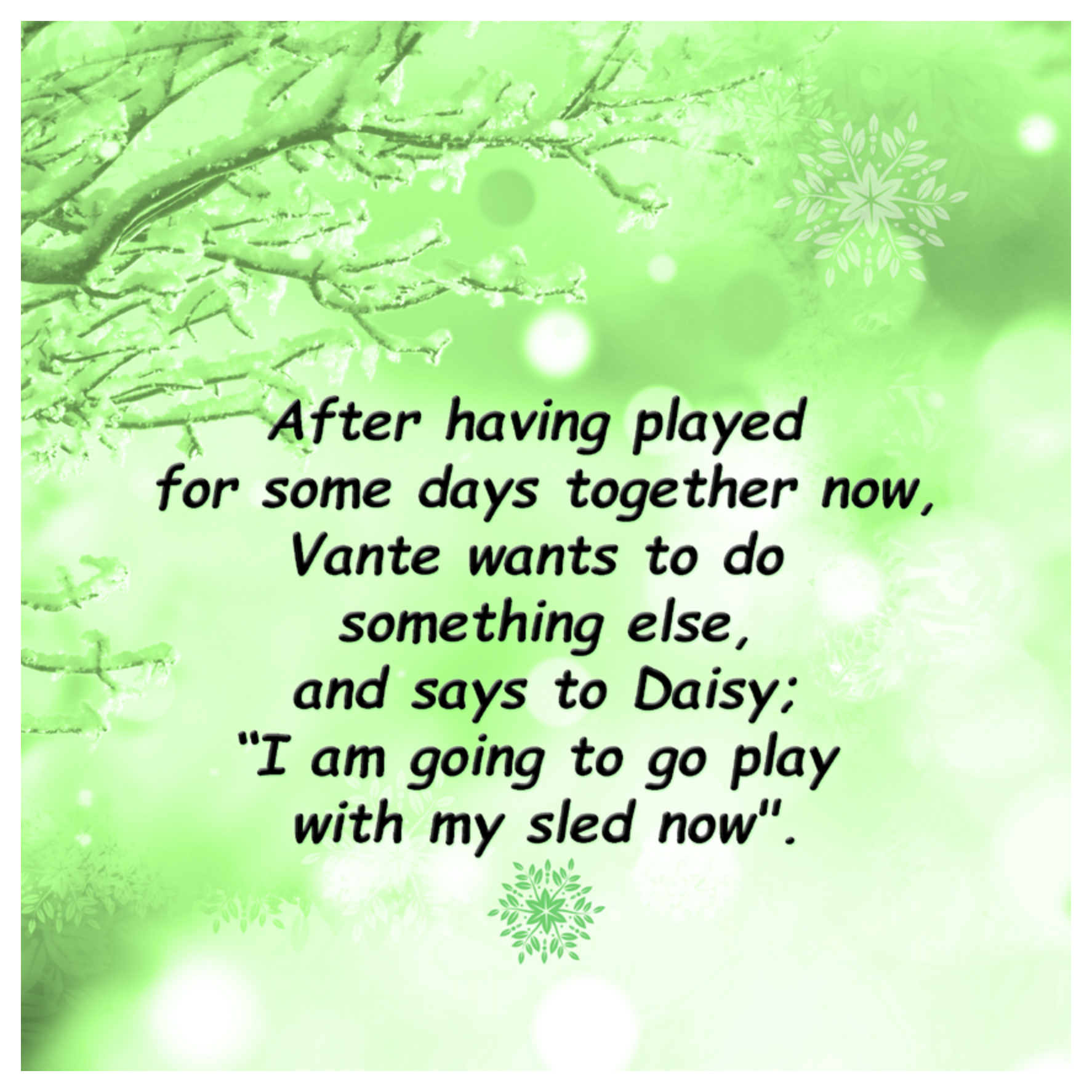






*Daisy notices that their
lunch bucket is empty.
She suggests to Vante
that they need more seeds.*





*After having played
for some days together now,
Vante wants to do
something else,
and says to Daisy;
"I am going to go play
with my sled now".*







*Vante finds a nice hill
that will be fun to slide down.*








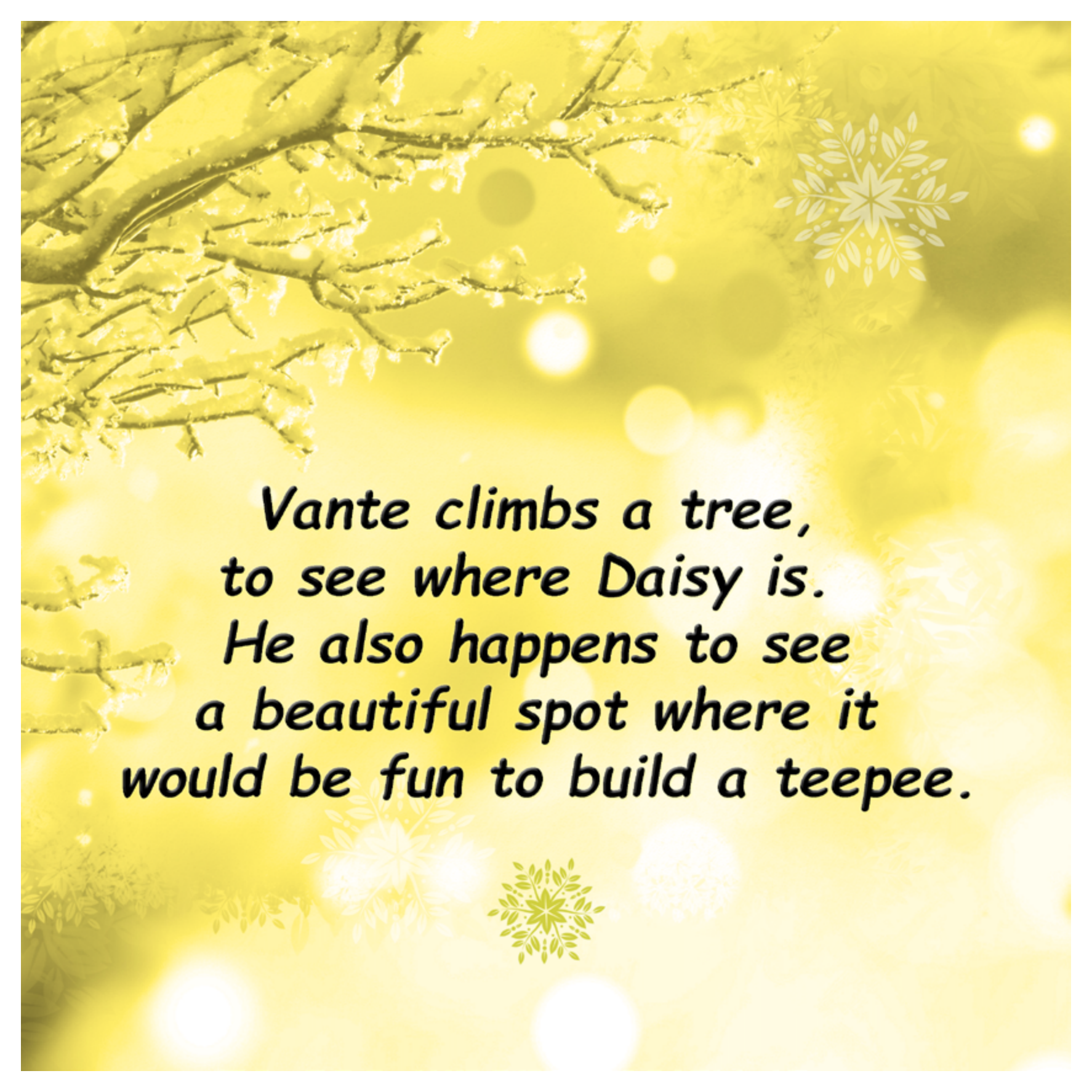
*While Vante
is busy with his sled,
Daisy is just enjoying the snow.*






*After sliding down the hill
a couple of times,
Vante realizes that it's
not much fun to play alone.*





*Vante climbs a tree,
to see where Daisy is.
He also happens to see
a beautiful spot where it
would be fun to build a teepee.*






Vante calls out to Daisy.








*Daisy joins Vante on the hill.
Vante asks "would you like
to help me build a teepee?
I know just the place!
We can slide down there
together!"*







***It is not easy
to build a teepee alone.***







*Vante looks at Daisy and thinks
"It is nice to have a friend"*



A photograph of a man with grey hair, wearing a green knitted sweater, leaning over a wooden table. He is looking down at a red squirrel sitting on a nest of twigs and moss. The nest is decorated with autumn leaves and a small green snowflake ornament. A small blue umbrella is hanging from the table. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a house.

A story about friendship.
It is winter time. Squirrel Vante is used to playing in the snow.
Soon he finds out that it is much more fun to have a friend to play with.

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