



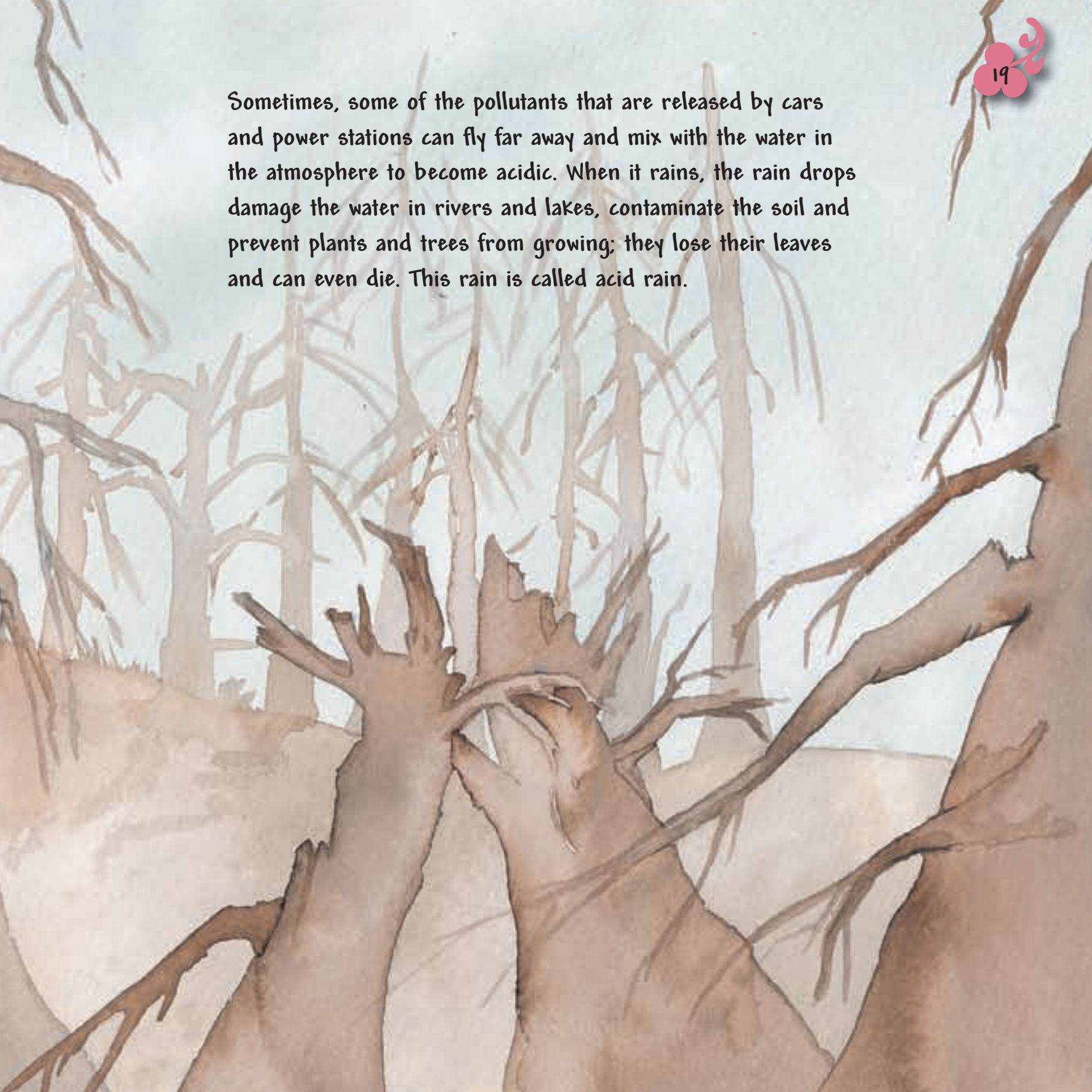
Many good things travel through the air, like clouds, the smell of the flowers or the cakes that grandmother is baking, the pollen of certain plants that make you sneeze when spring comes. Also, there are many flying animals, from the smallest like the fly, to the largest like the condor. Balloons, helicopters and airplanes can fly too. The air also carries things that are not so good, like unpleasant smells from rubbish and dust and very bad things, like some harmful substances called "pollutants", which come from the cities, factories and agricultural fields and it's very hard to make them disappear.







Sometimes, some of the pollutants that are released by cars and power stations can fly far away and mix with the water in the atmosphere to become acidic. When it rains, the rain drops damage the water in rivers and lakes, contaminate the soil and prevent plants and trees from growing; they lose their leaves and can even die. This rain is called acid rain.





As you can see, the air is very important. Our planet's climate and the life of the plants, animals, people and the rest of the living creatures that live on it depend on the air being clean. It is very easy to be careful and you don't need to make great changes to help to make the air less polluted. I already do, so what about you? It is in your hands. You can do it too!

