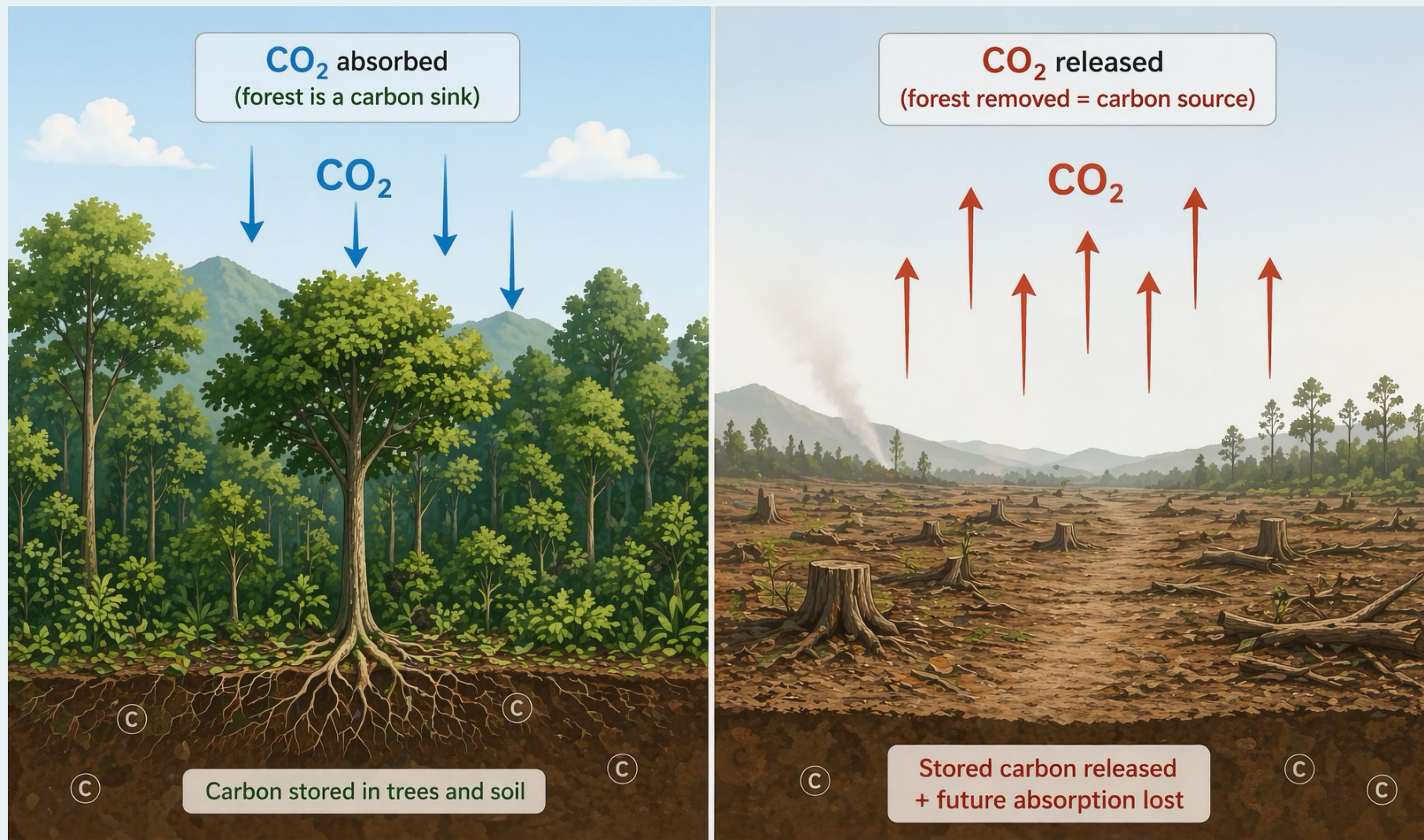


Illustration 5.2 - How forests store carbon



Forests absorb carbon dioxide from the air and store it. When forests are cleared, that stored carbon is released and the forest can no longer absorb CO₂.