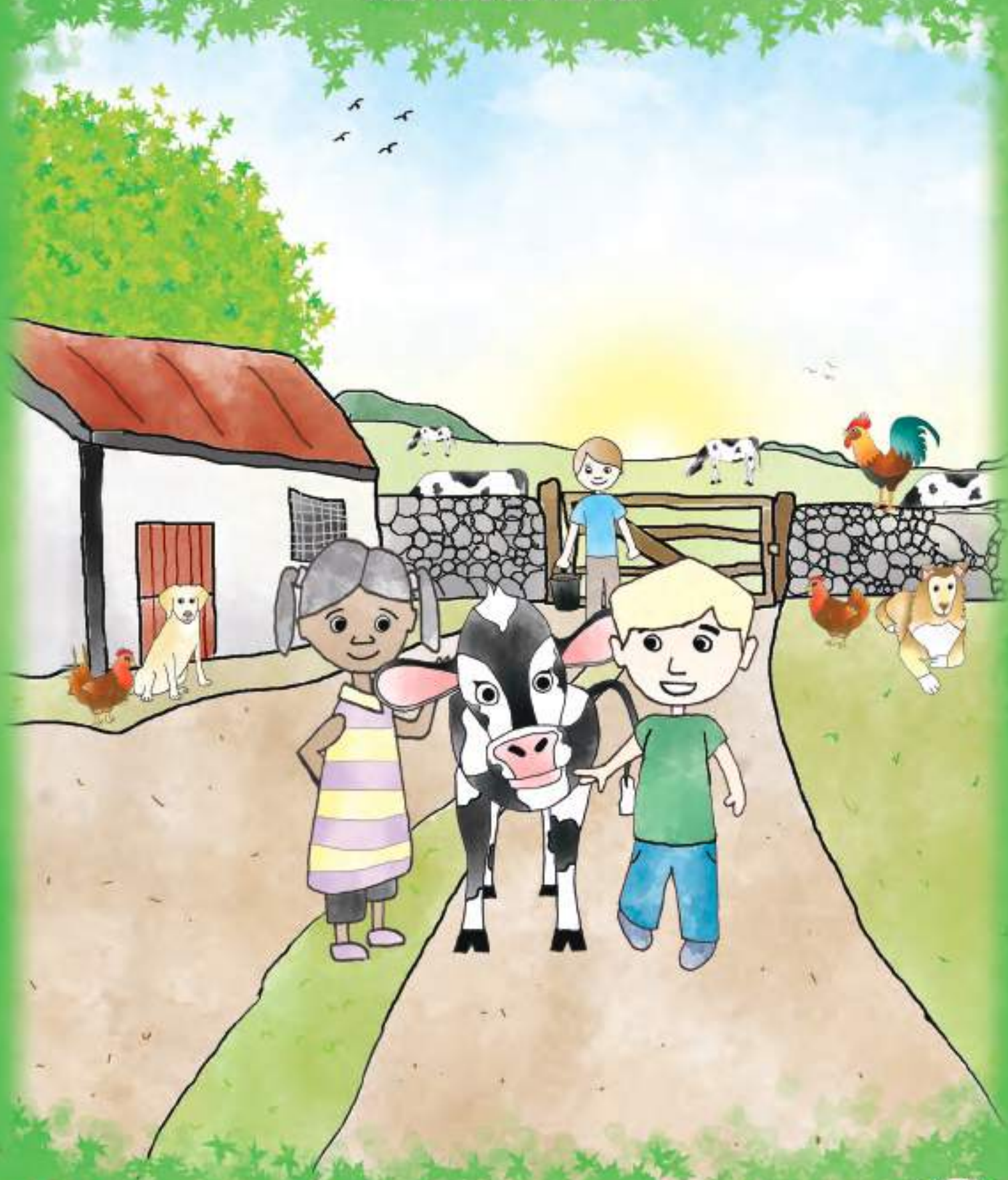


SALLY AND JAKE

STAY SAFE ON THE FARM



READER FOR SECOND AND THIRD CLASS STUDENTS



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COCK – A – DOODLE – DOO!

Chapter One

Robbie the Rooster walks lazily out of the henhouse. "Cockadoodledoo!" he screeches, starting another days work on Beech Tree Farm.

Inside, the kids, Sally and Jake are waking up. They had a sleep over, Sally and Jake are great friends.

They put on their clothes and run downstairs. Jake's Mum is waiting for them at the breakfast table.

They eat their porridge, it's yummy and warm. The friends eat it as fast as they can. "What a healthy way to start our day" they say.

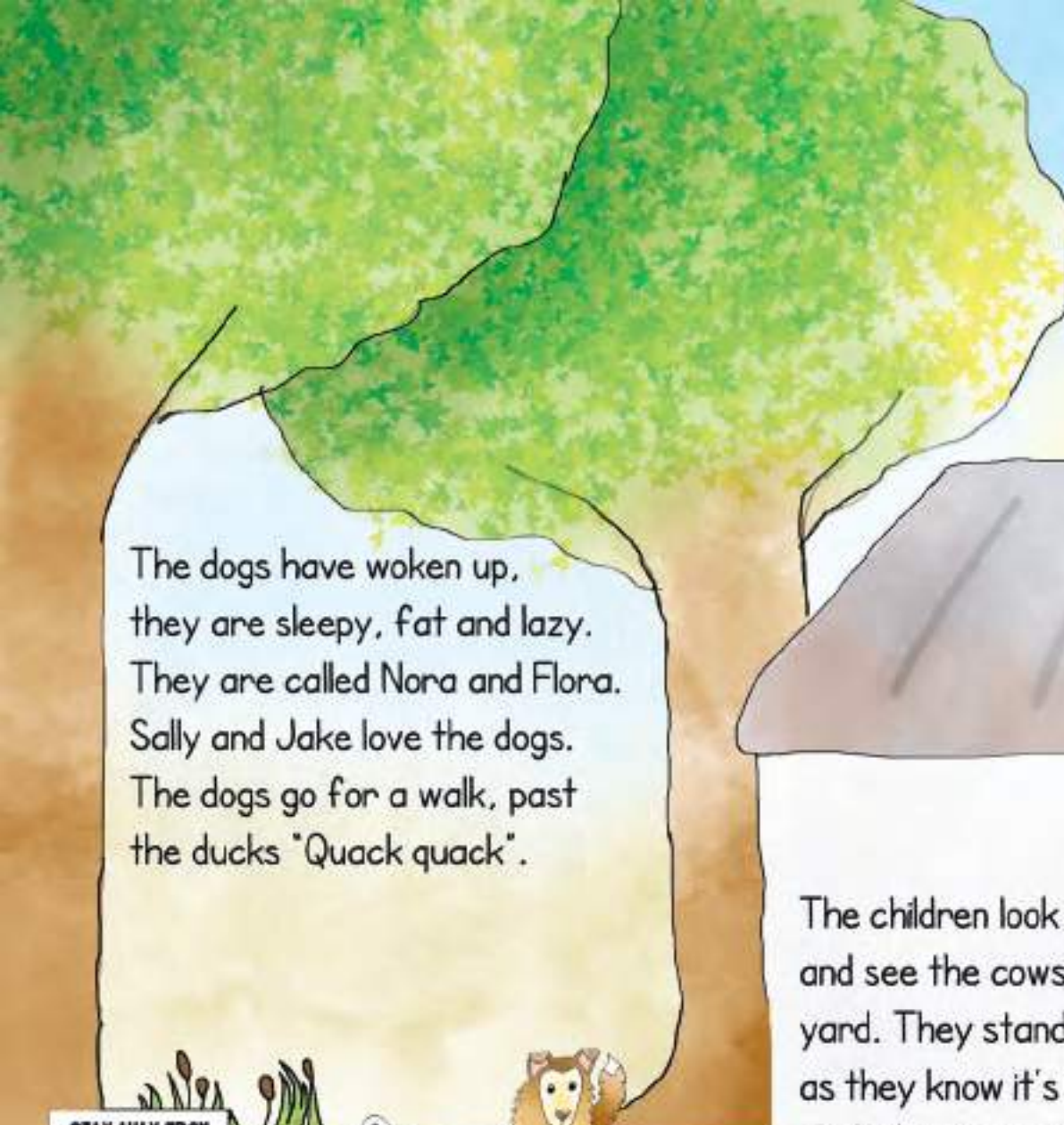


The sun is shining as Jake's Dad walks down the farm passage, the cows are waiting at the gate. They are waiting to be milked. They are black and white and munch the green grass happily.




Although the cows are quiet, Dad always carries a stick in case a cow is cross. Dad knows it is very important to stay safe on the farm and he reminds Jake everyday.

Dad opens the gate slowly and walks back down the passage, the cows are very nice and walk towards the milking parlour. Dad smiles to himself and follows them but shuts the gate before he goes.






The dogs have woken up,
they are sleepy, fat and lazy.
They are called Nora and Flora.
Sally and Jake love the dogs.
The dogs go for a walk, past
the ducks "Quack quack".





STAY AWAY FROM
THE EDGE OF PONDS
AND RIVERS

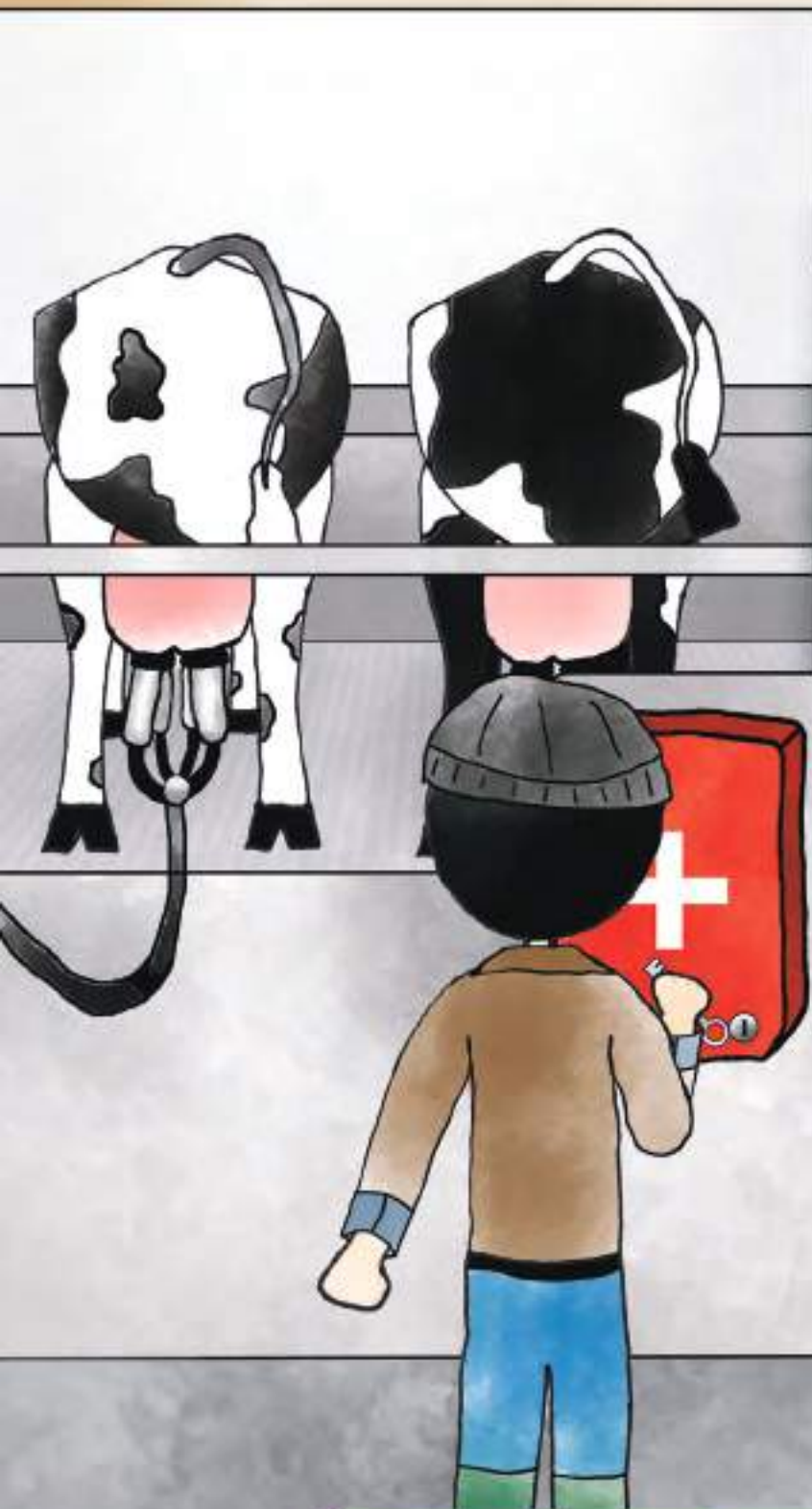


The children look around the corner
and see the cows coming into the
yard. They stand behind the gate
as they know it's not safe to
climb things on a farm. "Well done"
says Jake's Mum who is watching
nearby. It's time for milking.

The cows walk into the parlour and
eat some nuts. They stand still and
each cow makes lots of creamy,
healthy milk.



PLEASE KEEP
GATE CLOSED



Dad sees one lame cow, this means she has a sore foot. Dad gets some medicine for the cow. She should be better by tomorrow.

When Dad is putting away the medicine he needs to lock the press. Medicines are very dangerous and children should never touch them.

Dad brings the cows back to their field and they eat happily.

Cassie the calf is here to give you tips at the end of each chapter, to help you stay safe on the farm!

Well done Sally and Jake for not climbing at the farm.
Remember, all animals can be cross and farm medicines are very dangerous.





WORKSHEET CHAPTER 1

Q1: What did Jake's Dad carry in case a cow was cross and why?

Answer:

Q2: Do you think Jake's Dad was correct to close the gate? Yes / No

Why?

Q3: Dad sees one lame cow. This means she has a _____ foot.

Choose: Big or Sore.

Q4: Should you touch chemicals or medicine on the farm? Yes / No

Why?

Q5: Was Jake's Dad right to lock the medicine press? Yes / No

Why?

Q6: What safety advice would you give a younger child if they were visiting a farm?

Answer:

**DRAW A PICTURE OF SOMETHING
YOU LEARNED FROM CHAPTER ONE**



FUN ON THE FARM

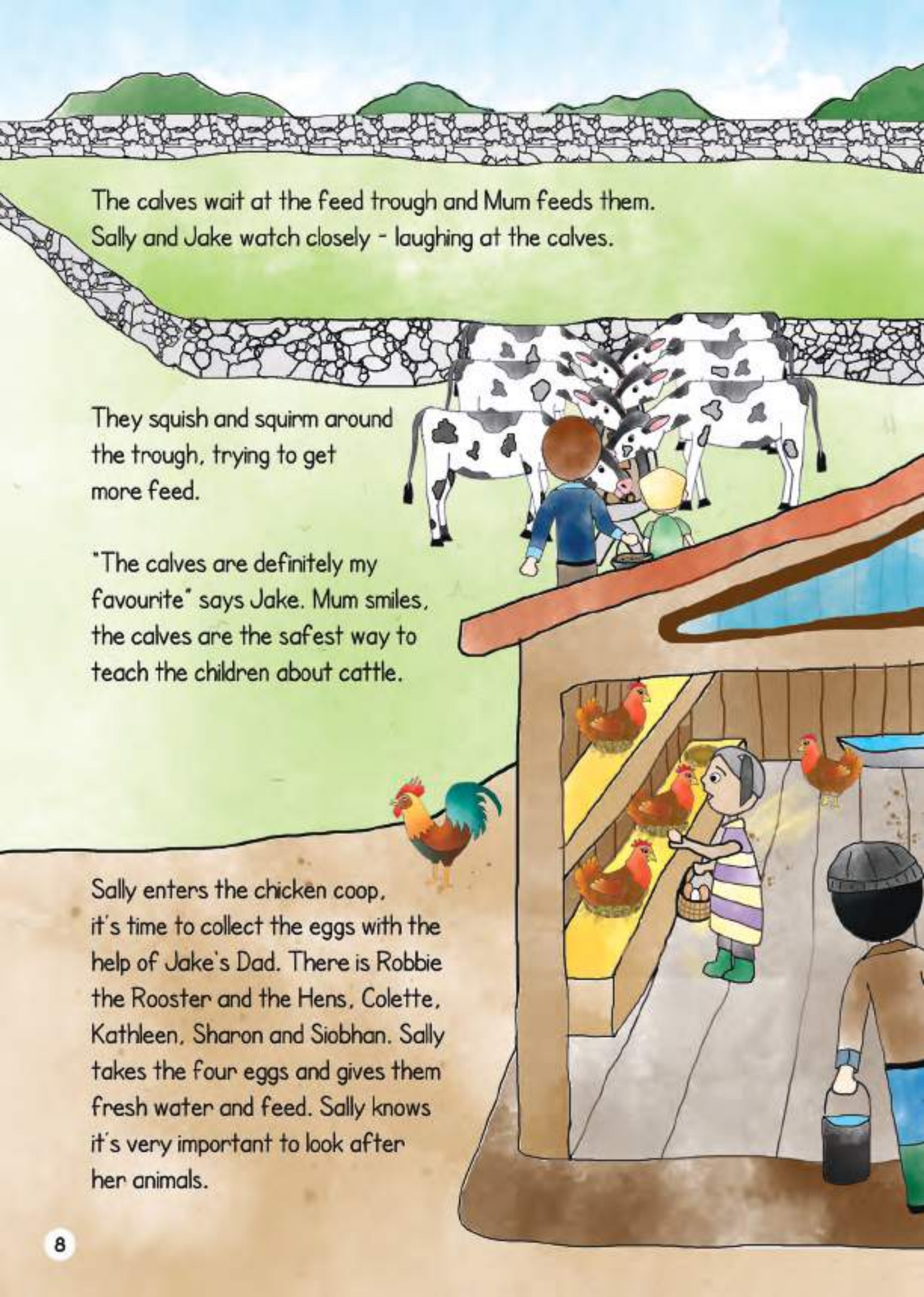
Chapter Two

Sally and Jake are excited, their friends Mark and Lily and their parents are visiting today. They put on their wellies and wait for Jake's Mum at the farmyard gate. The children know it is important to stay safe on the farm. Mum arrives and opens the gate; "Come on then!".

Mum, Sally, Jake, Nora and Flora are walking through the fields. They are all carrying buckets and the dogs want to know why.



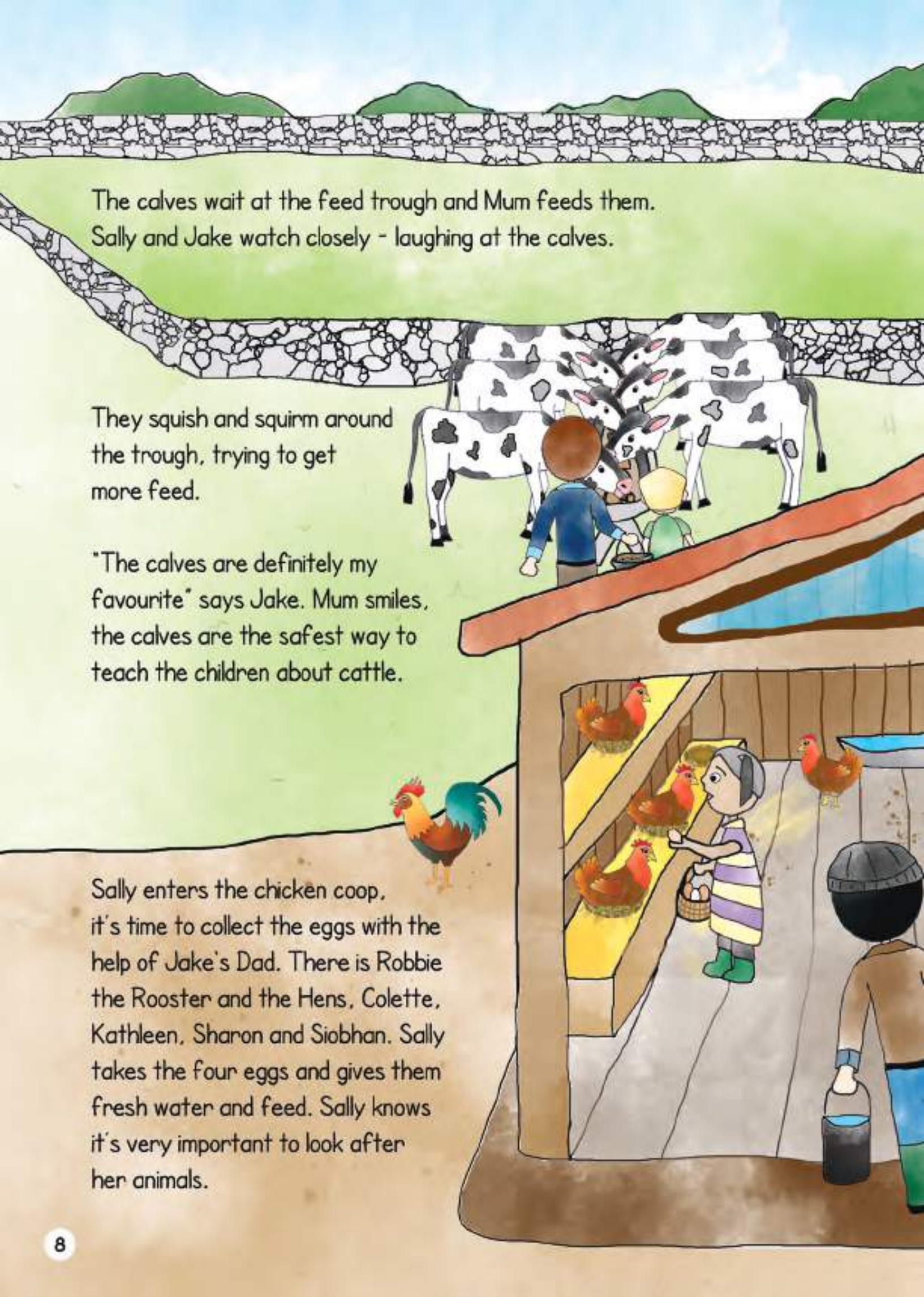
They reach the "Church Field". The dogs pant loudly. The baby calves run over with their tails in the air. They are so cute, with pink noses and black hooves, their coats are white, with splashes of black.



The calves wait at the feed trough and Mum feeds them.
Sally and Jake watch closely - laughing at the calves.

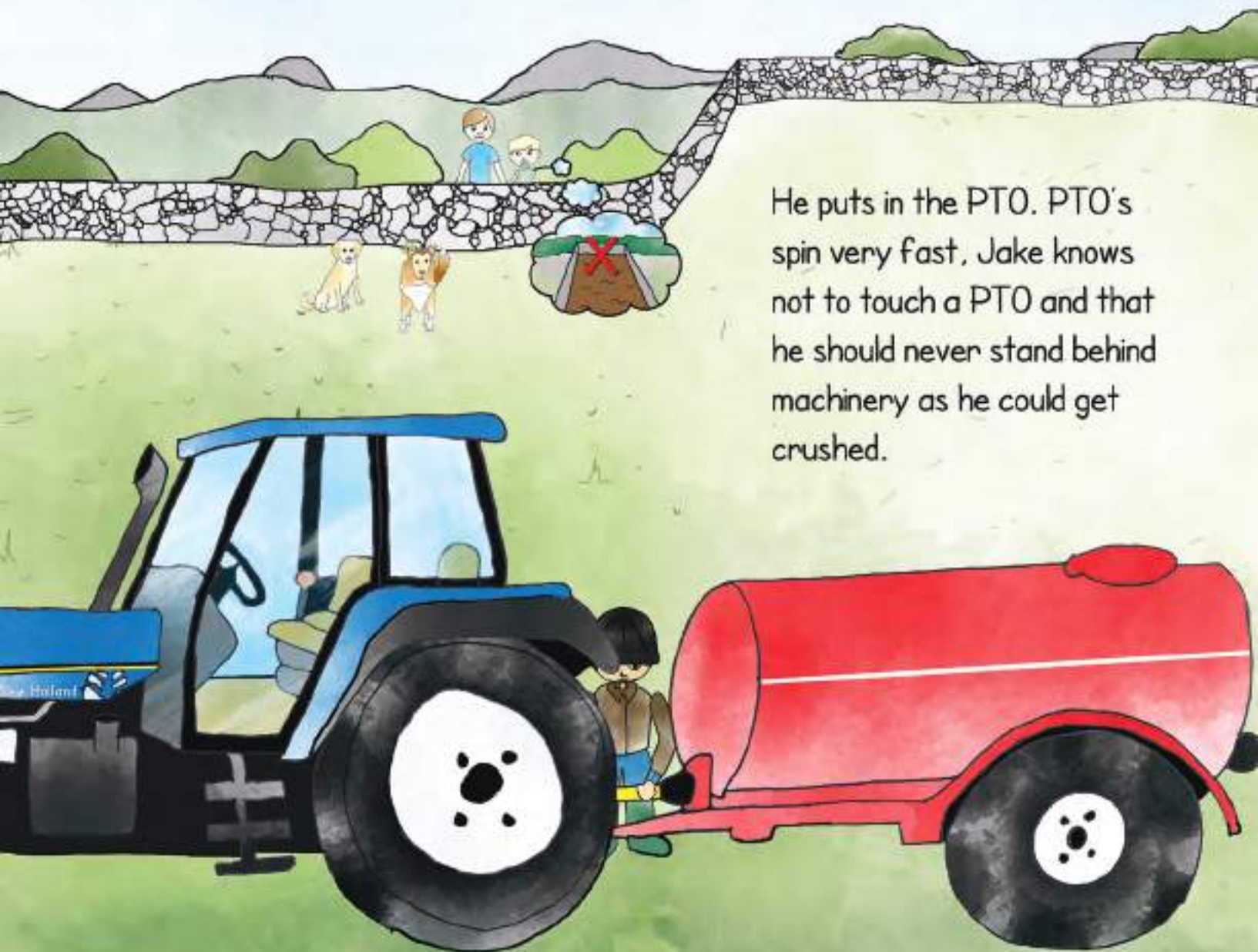
They squish and squirm around the trough, trying to get more feed.

"The calves are definitely my favourite" says Jake. Mum smiles, the calves are the safest way to teach the children about cattle.



Sally enters the chicken coop, it's time to collect the eggs with the help of Jake's Dad. There is Robbie the Rooster and the Hens, Colette, Kathleen, Sharon and Siobhan. Sally takes the four eggs and gives them fresh water and feed. Sally knows it's very important to look after her animals.

Jake and Mum watch from a safe distance as Dad hitches on the slurry tanker to his blue New Holland tractor.



He puts in the PTO. PTO's spin very fast, Jake knows not to touch a PTO and that he should never stand behind machinery as he could get crushed.

A farm is a workplace and machinery is dangerous. Jake also knows that slurry pits are very dangerous, you could fall in and they release dangerous gases.

Dad sets off and spreads the slurry. The slurry tanker sucks up all the muck that the cows make during the winter, then it can be spread on the fields.

The slurry is good for the fields but it doesn't smell very nice! When you first mix the slurry gases can be released. This is why Jake is not allowed on the farm when the slurry is being mixed.



Well done Sally for looking after the animals.
Remember, never touch a PTO or stand behind machinery. Slurry pits are dangerous and release dangerous gases.





WORKSHEET CHAPTER 2

Q1: Should Sally and Jake feed the calves on their own? Yes / No

Why?

Q2: Sally enters the chicken coop. It's time to collect the eggs with the help of _____.

Choose: Jake's Dad or Robbie the Rooster.

Q3: Should Jake sit in the tractor? Yes / No

Why?

Q4: PTO's spin very fast. Jake knows not to touch one. Jake also knows he should never stand behind _____ as he could get crushed.

Choose: Trees or Machinery.

Q5: Is Jake allowed on the farm when the slurry is being mixed?

Answer:

Q6: What safety advice would you give a younger child if they were visiting a farm?

Answer:

**DRAW A PICTURE OF SOMETHING
YOU LEARNED FROM CHAPTER TWO**



HANGIN' WITH THE HEIFERS

Chapter Three

When Dad has finished spreading the slurry, Jake goes home to get ready, Mark and Lily will be arriving soon.

Dad goes to check on the heifers. A heifer is a young female cow.

Dad drives to the "Hill Field" in the jeep. The scenery is lovely, with dark green trees all around the field.



The bull is in the field with the heifers.
He wears a nose ring. This allows the
bull to be lead on a chain, he is big,
black, and strong. This breed is called
Aberdeen Angus. They come from
Scotland.

Dad has signs all around his land
saying; "Beware of Bull".

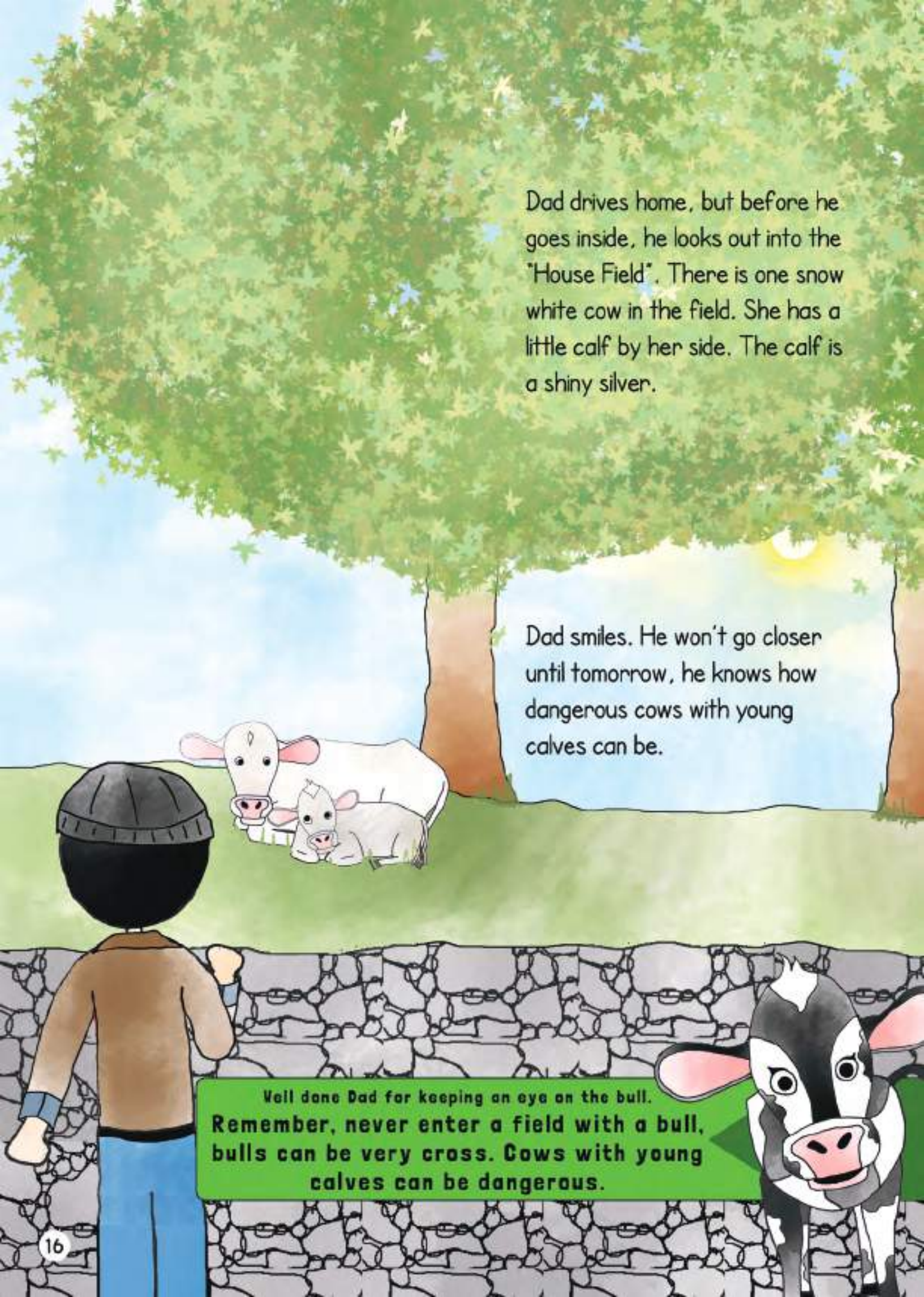


He is the only person who checks these cows as the bull can be cross.

They are all healthy today. Dad keeps one eye on the bull, he has his stick with him in case anything happens. Bulls can be very aggressive and cross.



You should never enter a field with a bull, even if you think that the bull looks quiet.



Dad drives home, but before he goes inside, he looks out into the "House Field". There is one snow white cow in the field. She has a little calf by her side. The calf is a shiny silver.

Dad smiles. He won't go closer until tomorrow, he knows how dangerous cows with young calves can be.

Well done Dad for keeping an eye on the bull.
**Remember, never enter a field with a bull,
bulls can be very cross. Cows with young
calves can be dangerous.**



WORKSHEET CHAPTER 3

Q1: How would you recognize a bull in the field?

Answer:

Q2: What is a heifer?

Answer:

Q3: Should Jake's Dad have 'Beware of bull' signs on his farm? Yes / No

Why?

Q4: Can bulls be very aggressive and cross?

Answer:

Q5: Should you enter a field with a bull? Yes / No

Why?

Q6: What safety advice would you give a younger child if they were visiting a farm?

Answer:

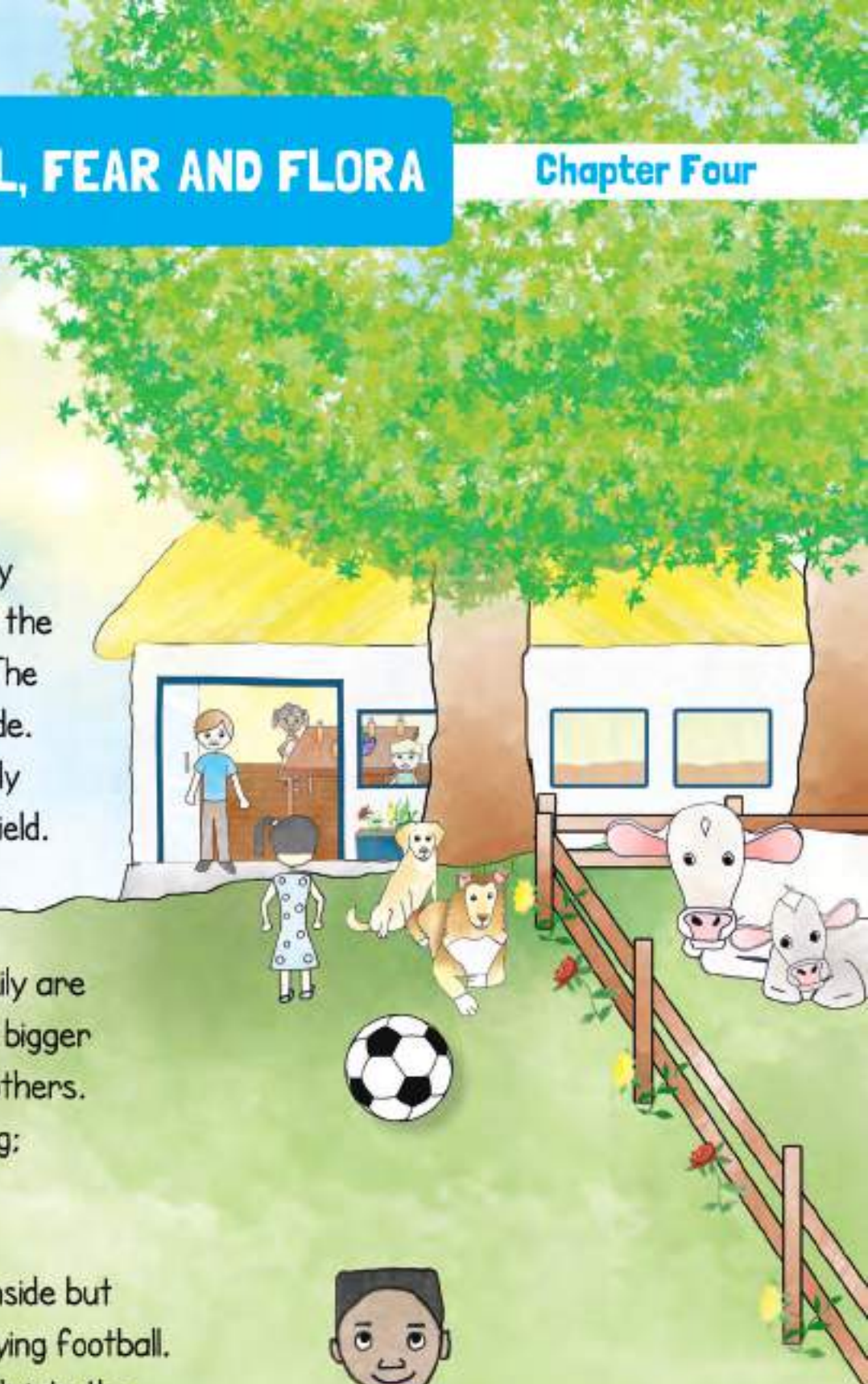
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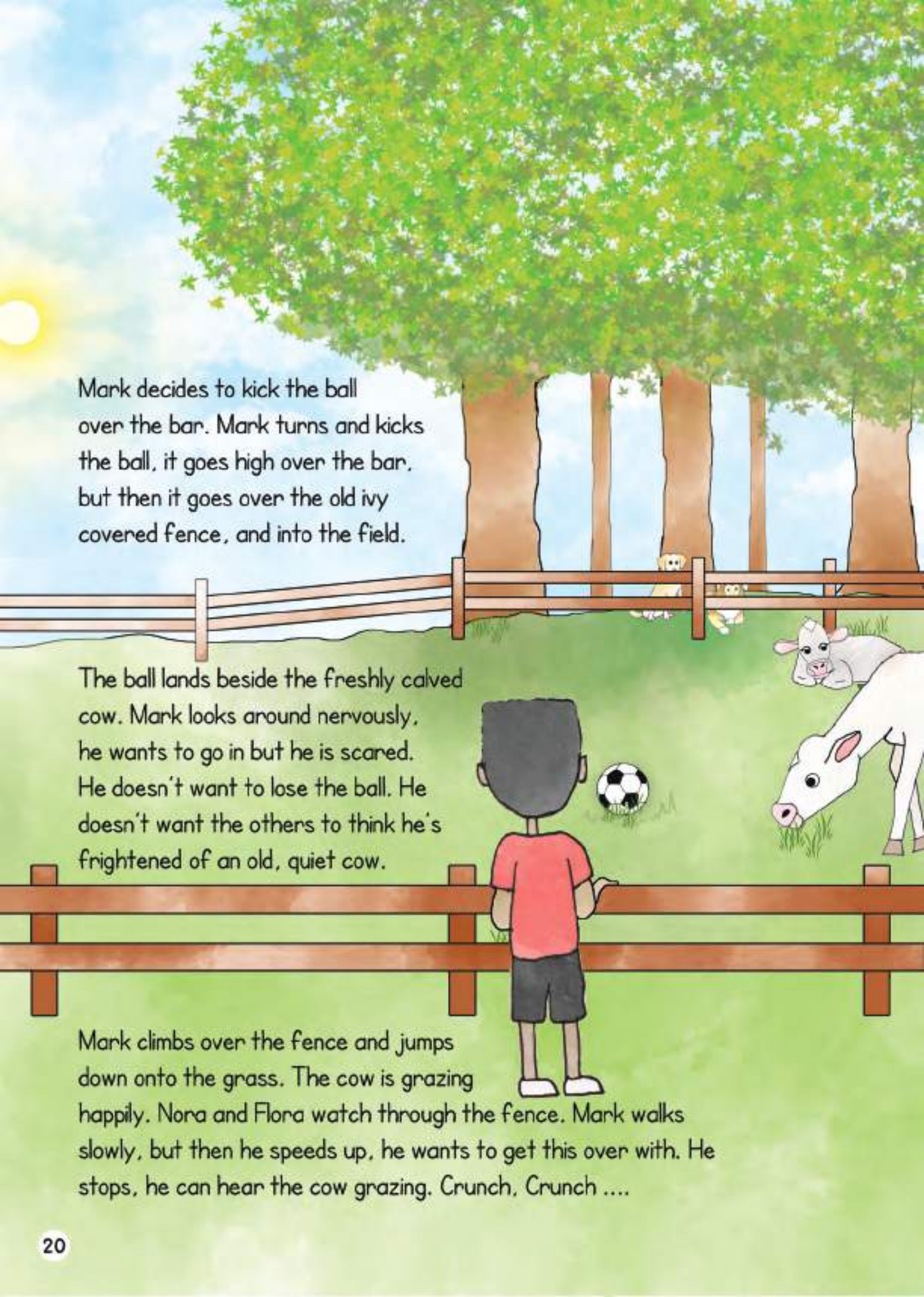


Nora and Flora lie happily under the beech tree in the corner of the garden. The two dogs enjoy the shade. They can see the freshly calved cow in the next field.

Sally, Jake, Mark and Lily are playing football. Mark is bigger and stronger than the others. They hear Mum shouting: "It's time for tea!"

Sally, Jake and Lily go inside but Mark wants to keep playing football. He kicks the football high into the sky. Each time Mark would kick it higher, and higher, and higher. Nora and Flora felt dizzy just watching!

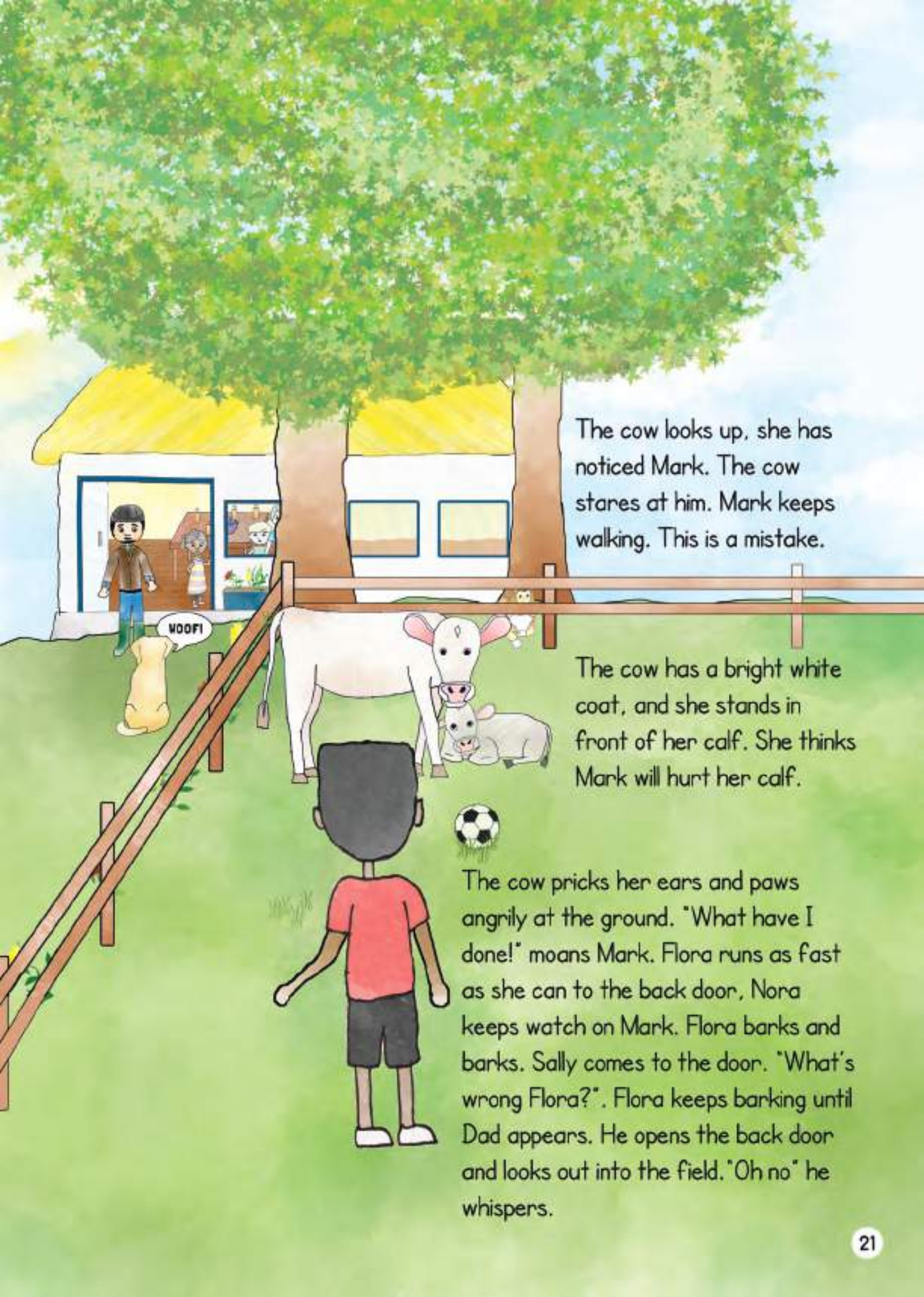




Mark decides to kick the ball over the bar. Mark turns and kicks the ball, it goes high over the bar, but then it goes over the old ivy covered fence, and into the field.

The ball lands beside the freshly calved cow. Mark looks around nervously, he wants to go in but he is scared. He doesn't want to lose the ball. He doesn't want the others to think he's frightened of an old, quiet cow.

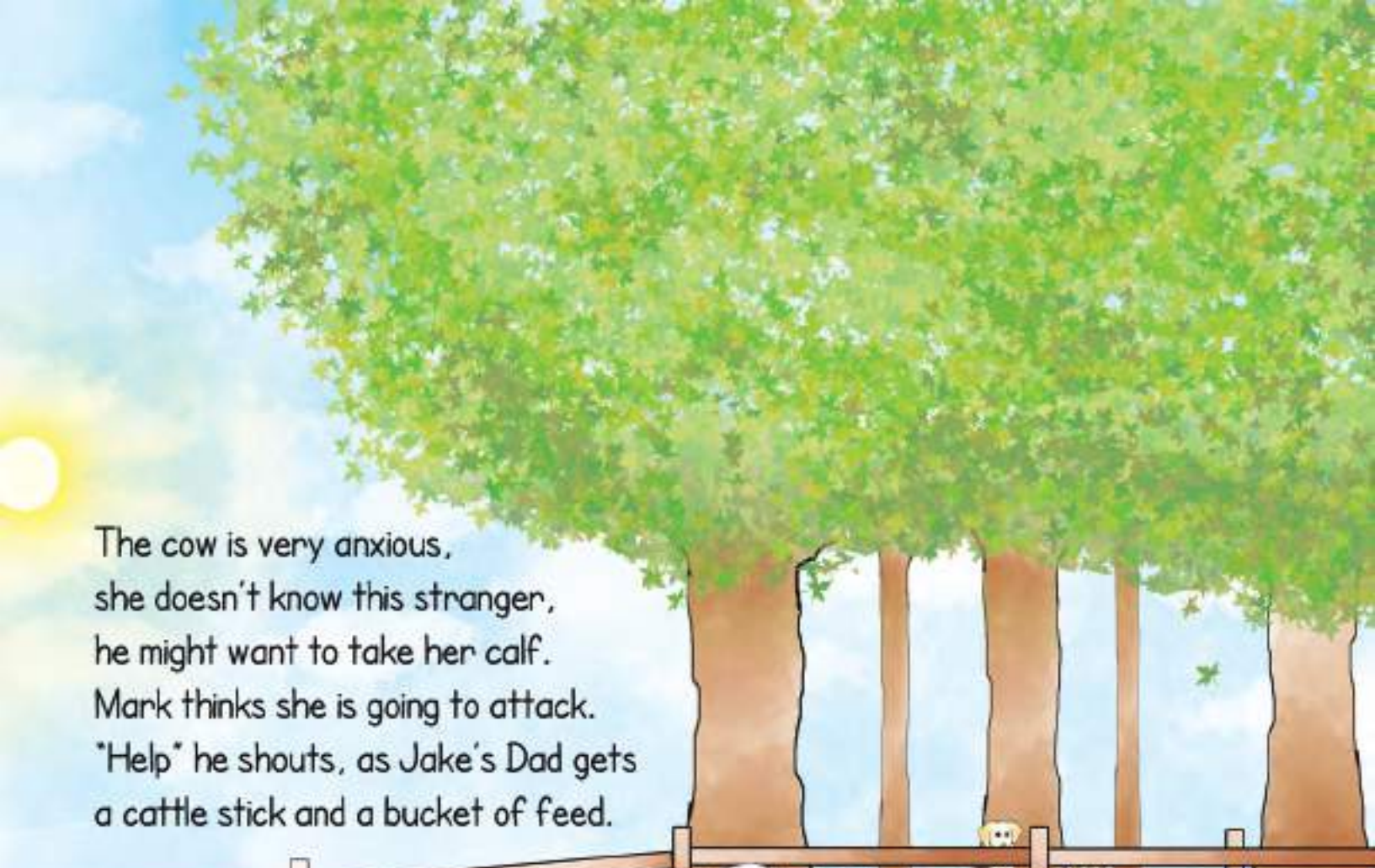
Mark climbs over the fence and jumps down onto the grass. The cow is grazing happily. Nora and Flora watch through the fence. Mark walks slowly, but then he speeds up, he wants to get this over with. He stops, he can hear the cow grazing. Crunch, Crunch




The cow looks up, she has noticed Mark. The cow stares at him. Mark keeps walking. This is a mistake.

The cow has a bright white coat, and she stands in front of her calf. She thinks Mark will hurt her calf.


The cow pricks her ears and paws angrily at the ground. "What have I done!" moans Mark. Flora runs as fast as she can to the back door, Nora keeps watch on Mark. Flora barks and barks. Sally comes to the door. "What's wrong Flora?". Flora keeps barking until Dad appears. He opens the back door and looks out into the field. "Oh no" he whispers.



The cow is very anxious,
she doesn't know this stranger,
he might want to take her calf.
Mark thinks she is going to attack.
"Help" he shouts, as Jake's Dad gets
a cattle stick and a bucket of feed.

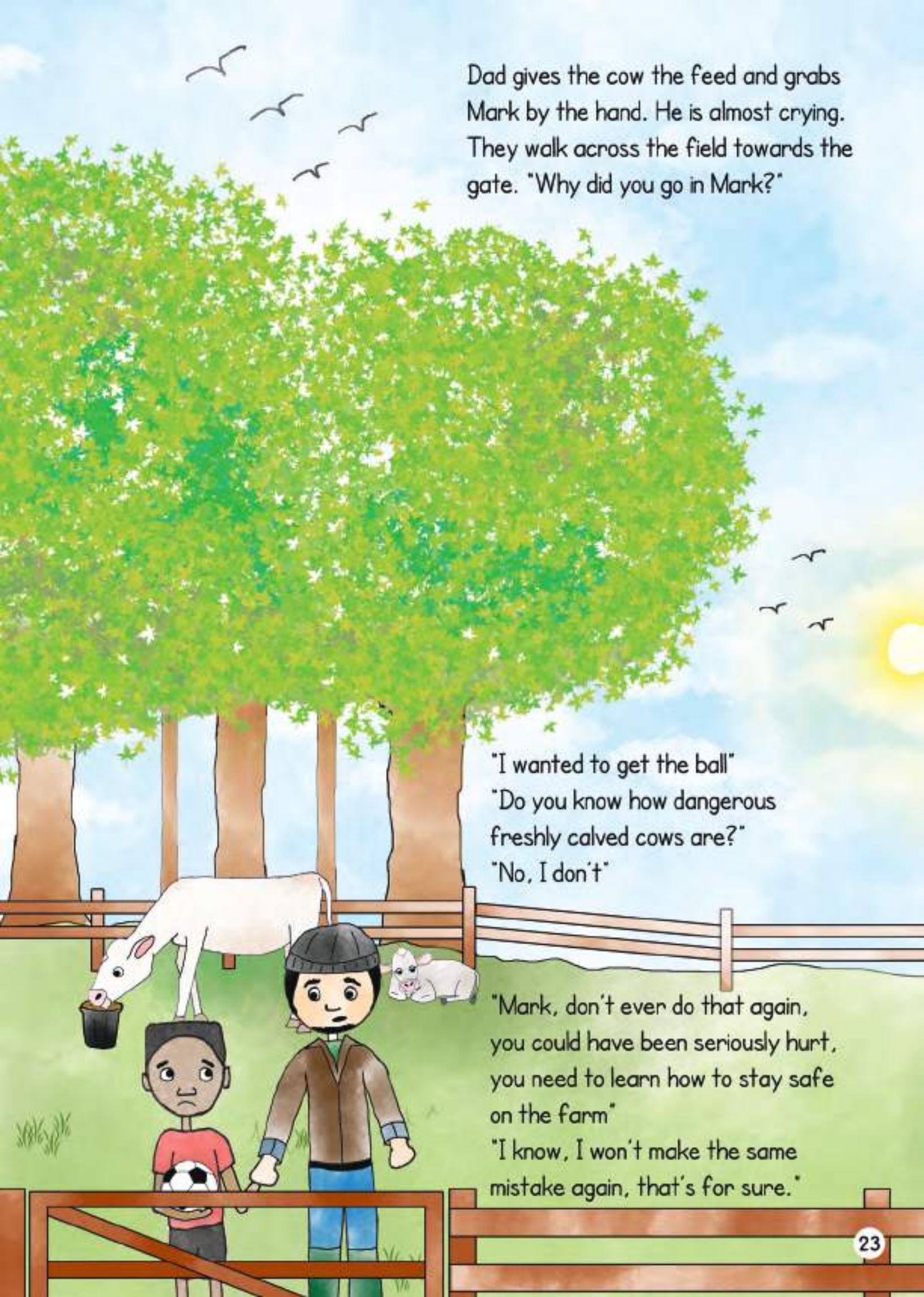


"Don't move!" he shouts
as he enters the field.
The cow leaves out a
low moo, her calf is
still asleep.



Fear is flowing
through her body.
But then Jake's Dad
called "Woah, woah girl".
The cow knew who he was,
she knew it was going to be ok.





Dad gives the cow the feed and grabs Mark by the hand. He is almost crying. They walk across the field towards the gate. "Why did you go in Mark?"

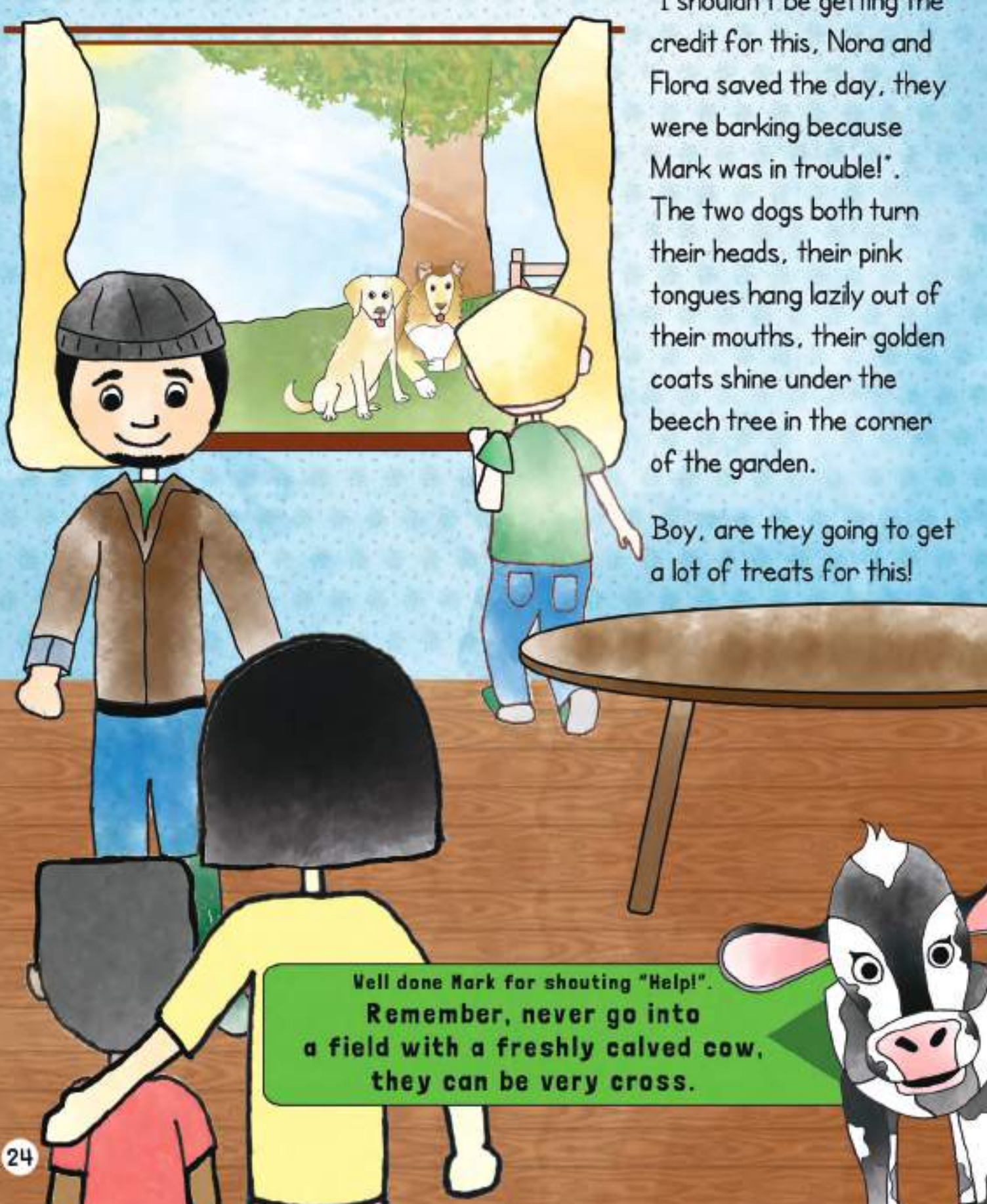
"I wanted to get the ball"
"Do you know how dangerous freshly calved cows are?"
"No, I don't"

"Mark, don't ever do that again, you could have been seriously hurt, you need to learn how to stay safe on the farm"
"I know, I won't make the same mistake again, that's for sure."

When they got back to the house Sally, Jake, Lily and Mum were all waiting. Mark's parents were so worried, they thanked Jake's Dad over and over again.

"I shouldn't be getting the credit for this, Nora and Flora saved the day, they were barking because Mark was in trouble!". The two dogs both turn their heads, their pink tongues hang lazily out of their mouths, their golden coats shine under the beech tree in the corner of the garden.

Boy, are they going to get a lot of treats for this!



Well done Mark for shouting "Help!".
Remember, never go into
a field with a freshly calved cow,
they can be very cross.



WORKSHEET CHAPTER 4

Q1: Should Mark have gone in for tea when Jake's Mum called him?

Answer:

Q2: The ball lands beside the freshly calved _____. Mark looks around nervously, he wants to go in but he is scared.

Choose: Cow or Sheep.

Q3: Was Mark right to enter the field with the freshly calved cow? Yes / No

Why?

Q4: What did Mark shout when he knew he was in danger?

Answer:

Q5: Can freshly calved cows be cross? Yes / No

Why?

Q6: What safety advice would you give a younger child if they were visiting a farm?


Answer:

Help!


**DRAW A PICTURE OF SOMETHING
YOU LEARNED FROM CHAPTER FOUR**




CASSIE THE CALF'S 12 TIPS TO STAY SAFE ON THE FARM



Tip 1: No climbing on the farm. Don't climb things like gates, bales or silage pits.



Tip 2: All farm animals can be cross. Children should never enter a field with a bull or a freshly calved cow.




Tip 3: Farm medicines are very dangerous. Children should never touch farm medicines. Adults should keep farm medicines out of reach of children in a locked press.



Tip 4: PTOs are dangerous. Children should never touch or stand near a PTO.

Tip 5: Farm machinery can be dangerous. Never stand behind, go on or play in farm machinery. Keep a safe distance away from working machinery.



Tip 6: Slurry pits are very dangerous and release toxic gases. Children should never go near a slurry pit and should not be on the farm when slurry is being agitated/mixed or spread.





CASSIE THE CALF'S 12 TIPS TO STAY SAFE ON THE FARM



Tip 7: Children should be with an adult at all times on the farm.



Tip 8: Ponds and rivers are dangerous. Never go near the edge of a pond or river. Never walk or skate on ice covered waters.



Tip 9: Reeds and rushes can hide ponds, streams, drains and other water hazards. Don't walk in rushes and reeds.

Tip 10: Water tanks, buckets, holes and drains can be deep and dangerous. Don't go near any of these. Adults should cover water tanks/containers, open drains or holes.



Tip 11: Shout HELP! if you are in danger.



Tip 12: Always wash your hands after being on the farm or handling animals.



**MAKE A LIST OR DRAW A PICTURE ABOUT
HOW TO STAY SAFE ON THE FARM**

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