

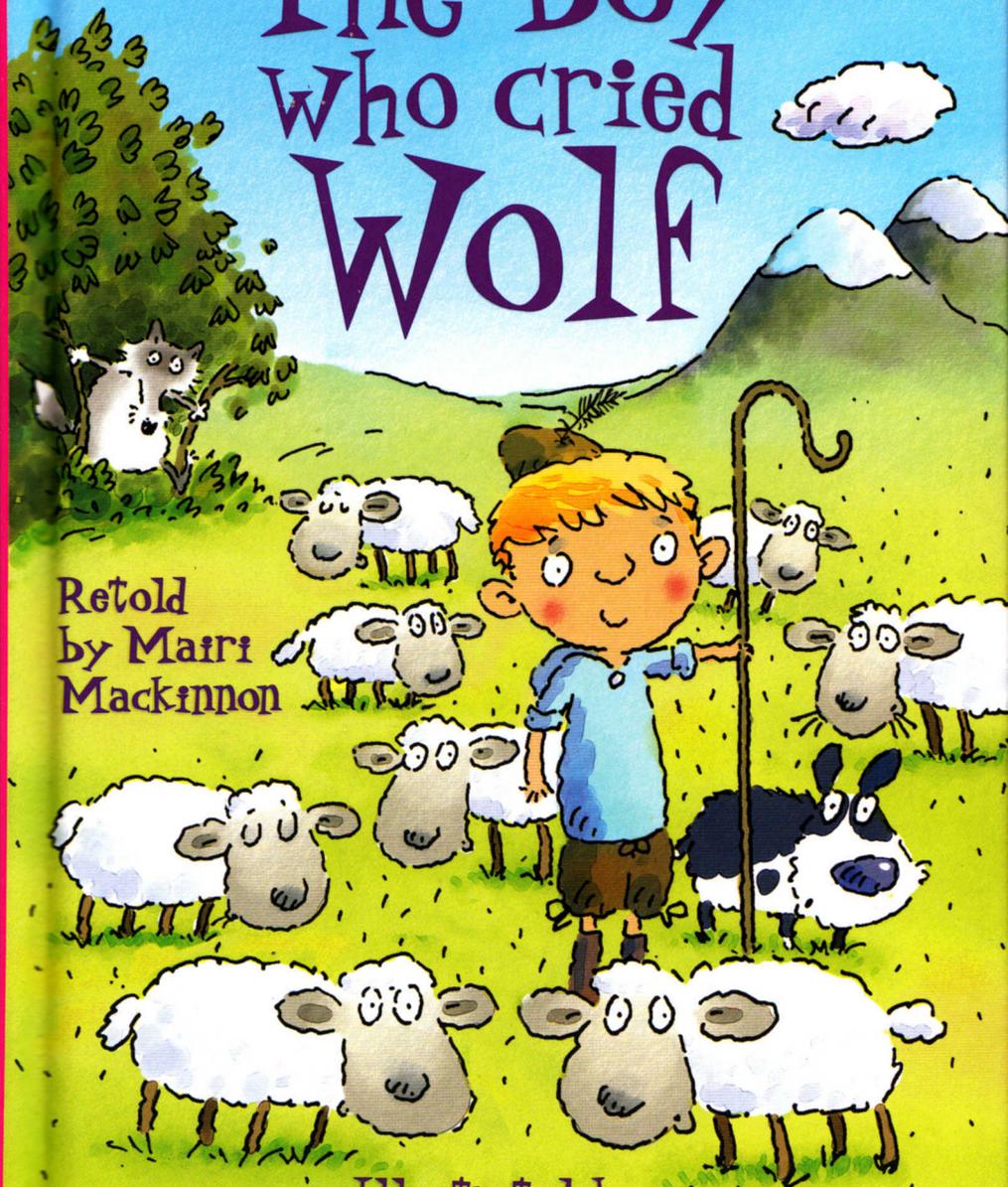
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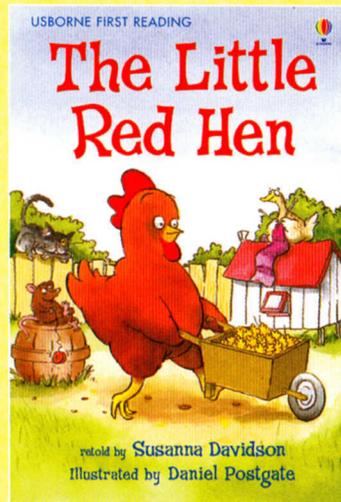
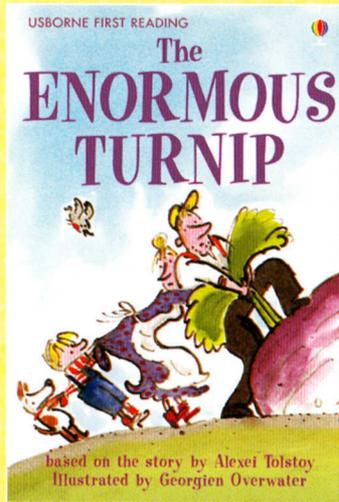
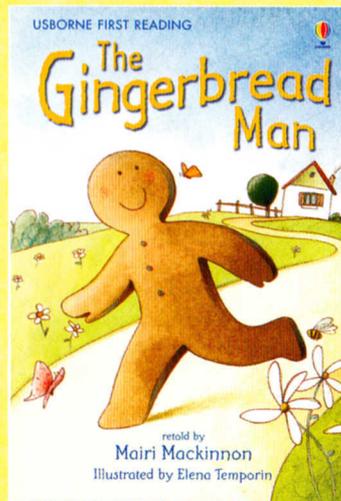
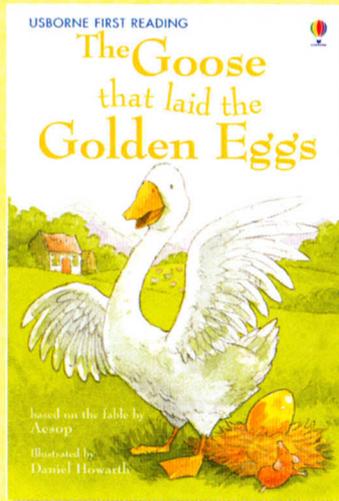
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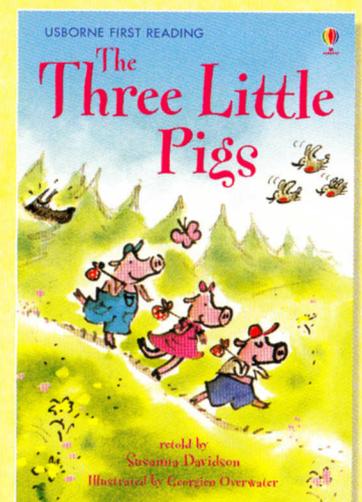
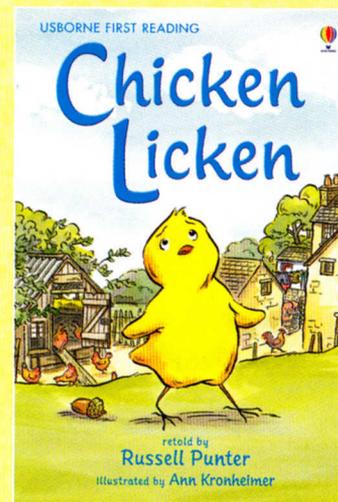
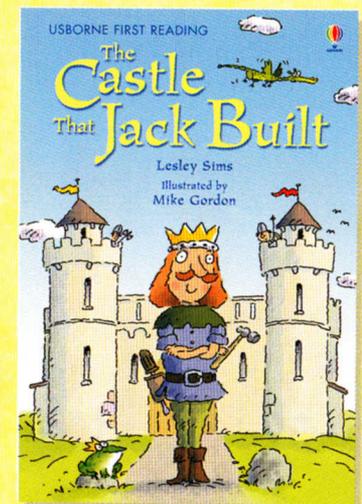
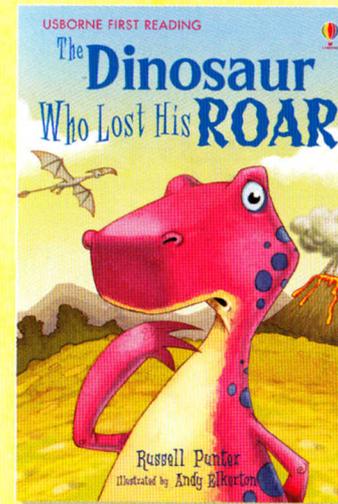
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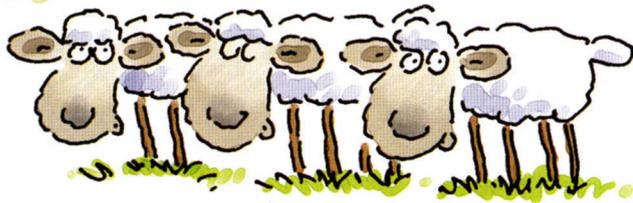
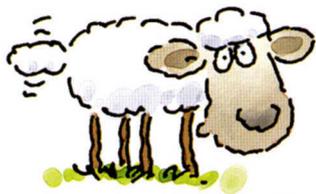
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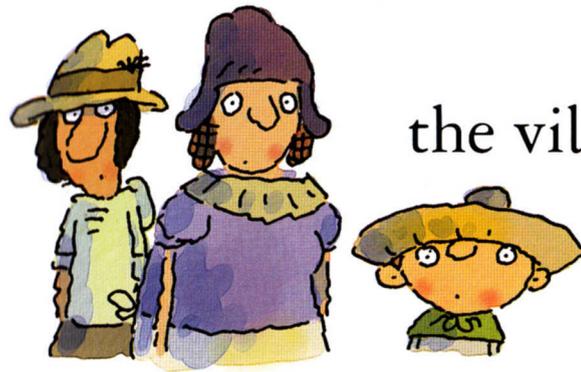
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some sheep,

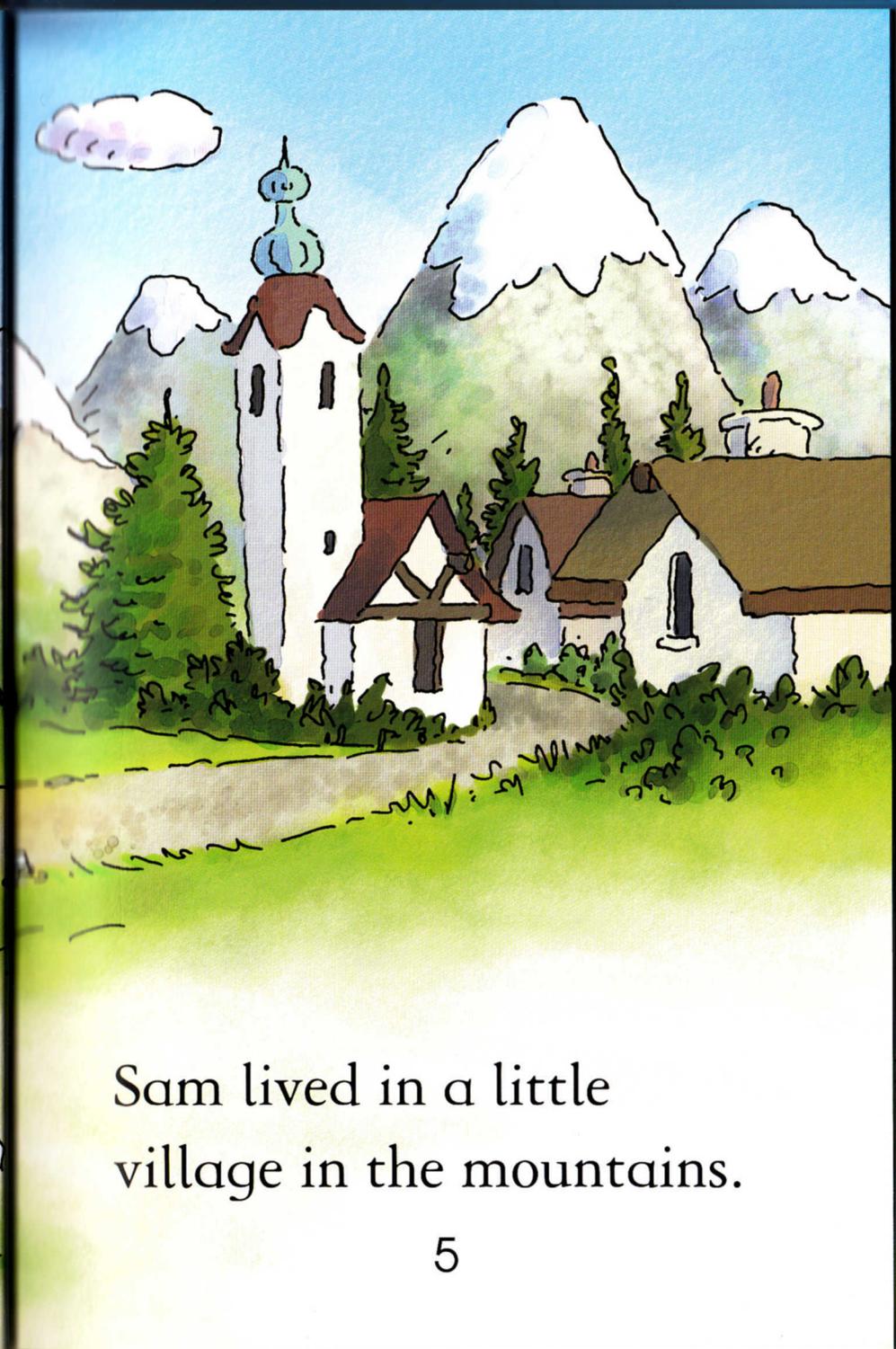
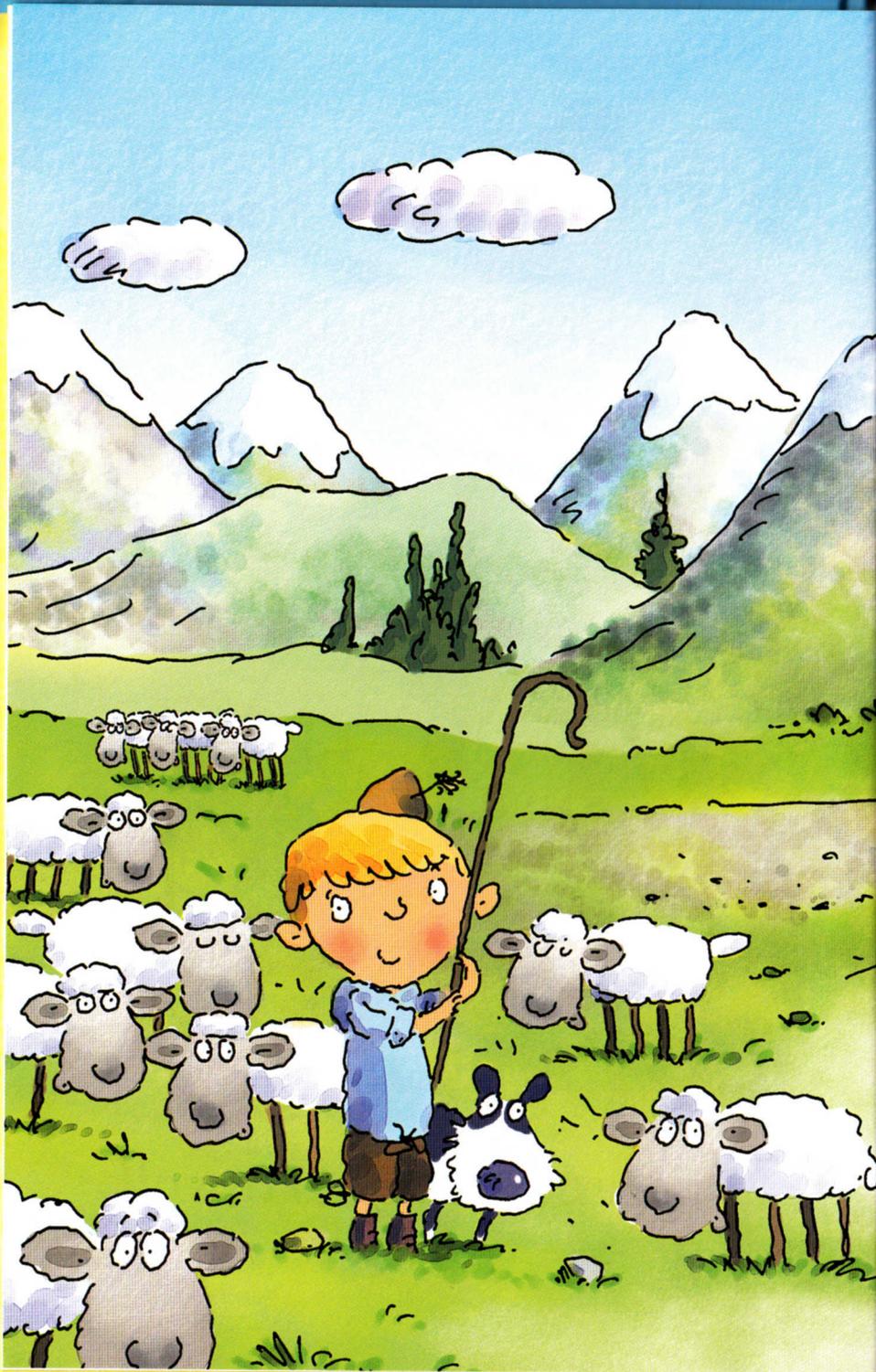
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the villagers



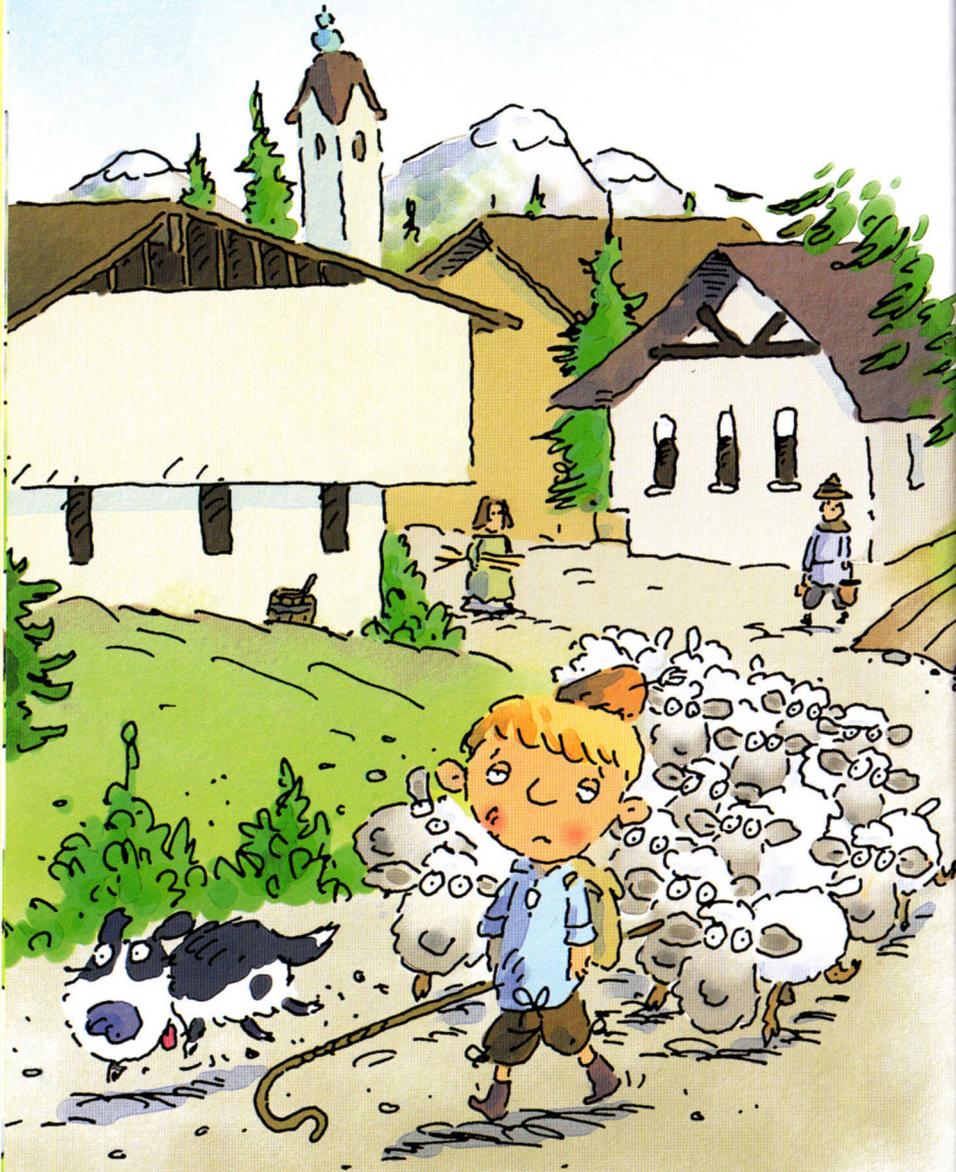
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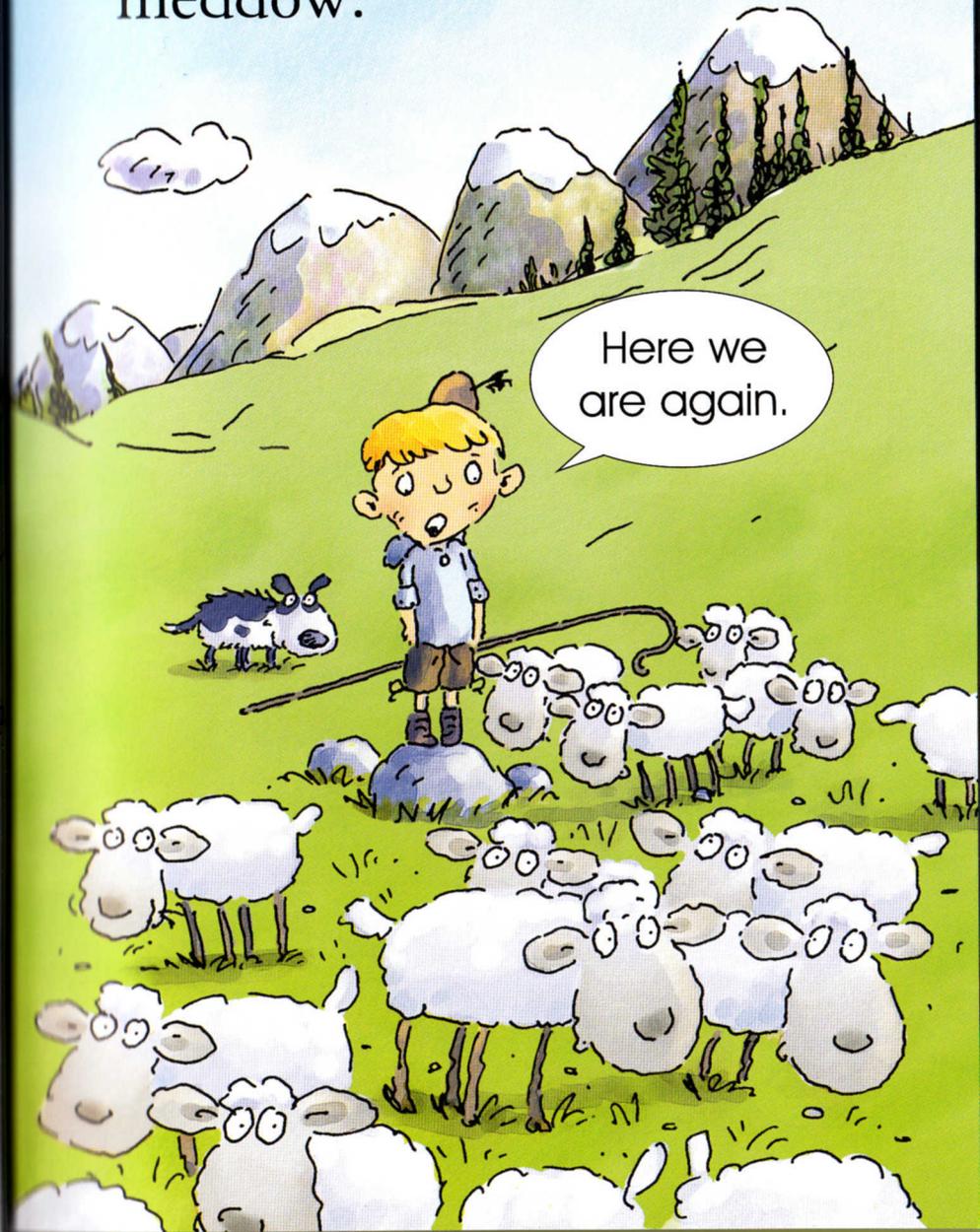


Sam lived in a little
village in the mountains.

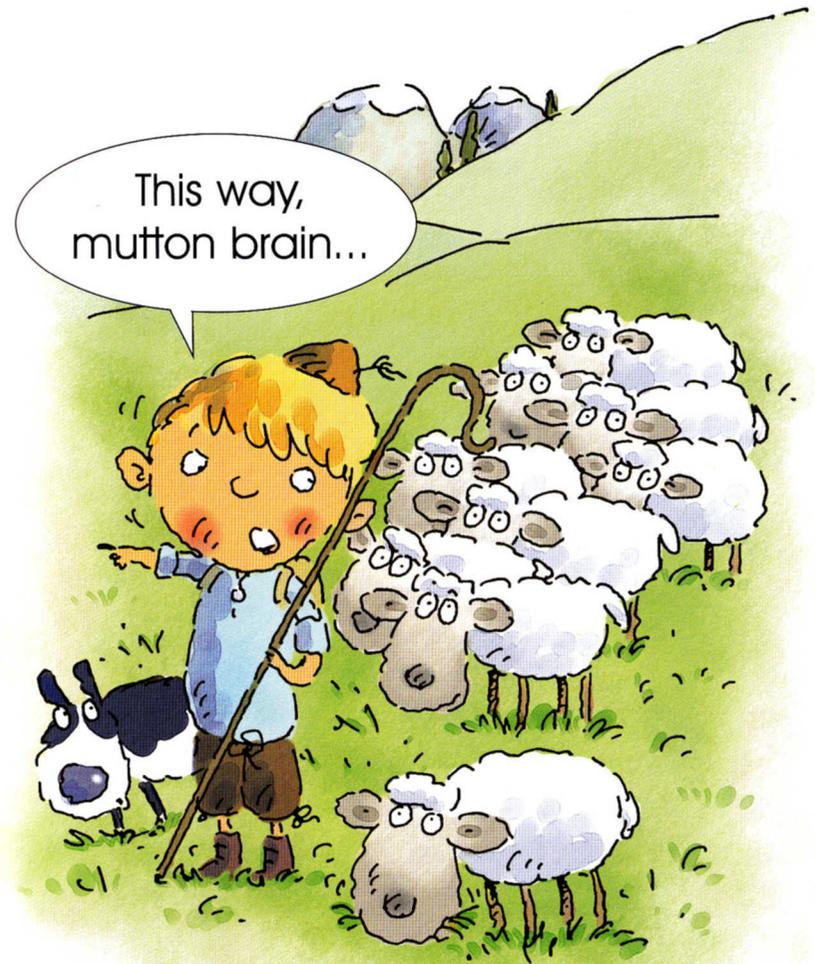
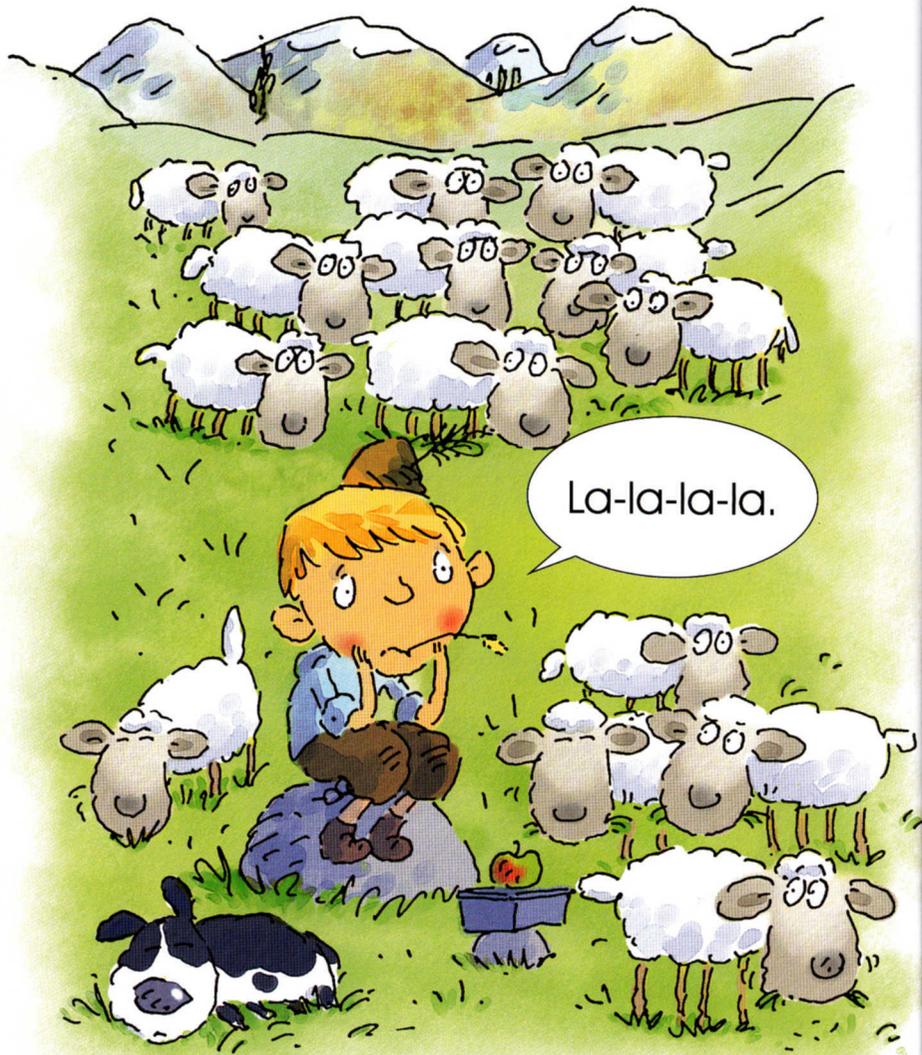
Every day he took the sheep from the village...



...up the hill to a grassy meadow.

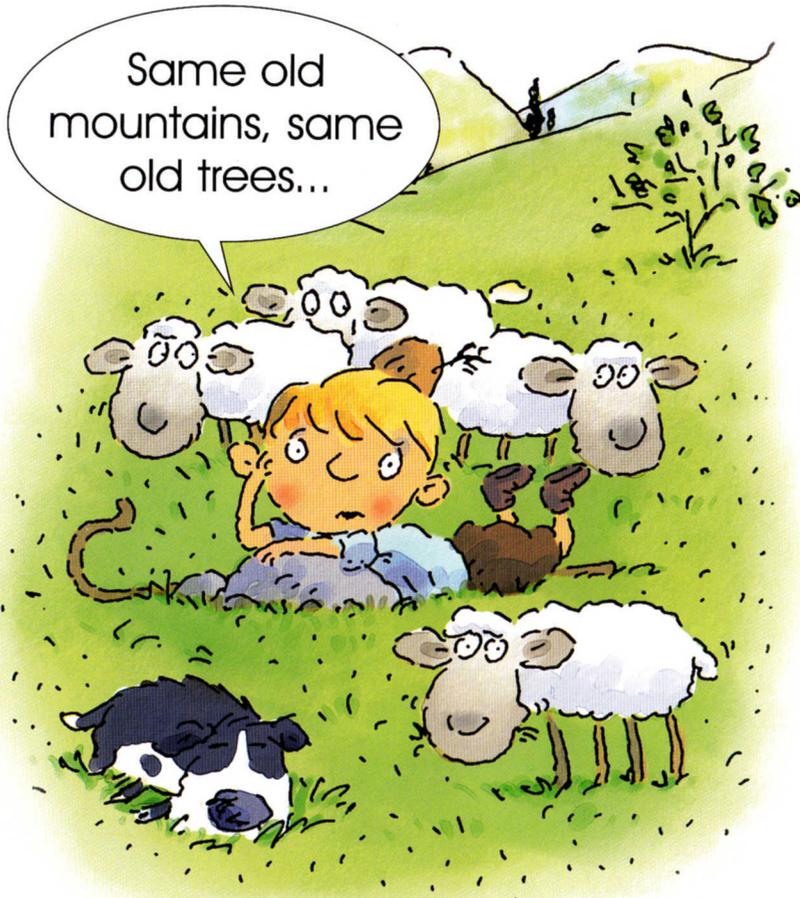


He watched them from morning until evening.



Then he took them home again.

Every day was the same.

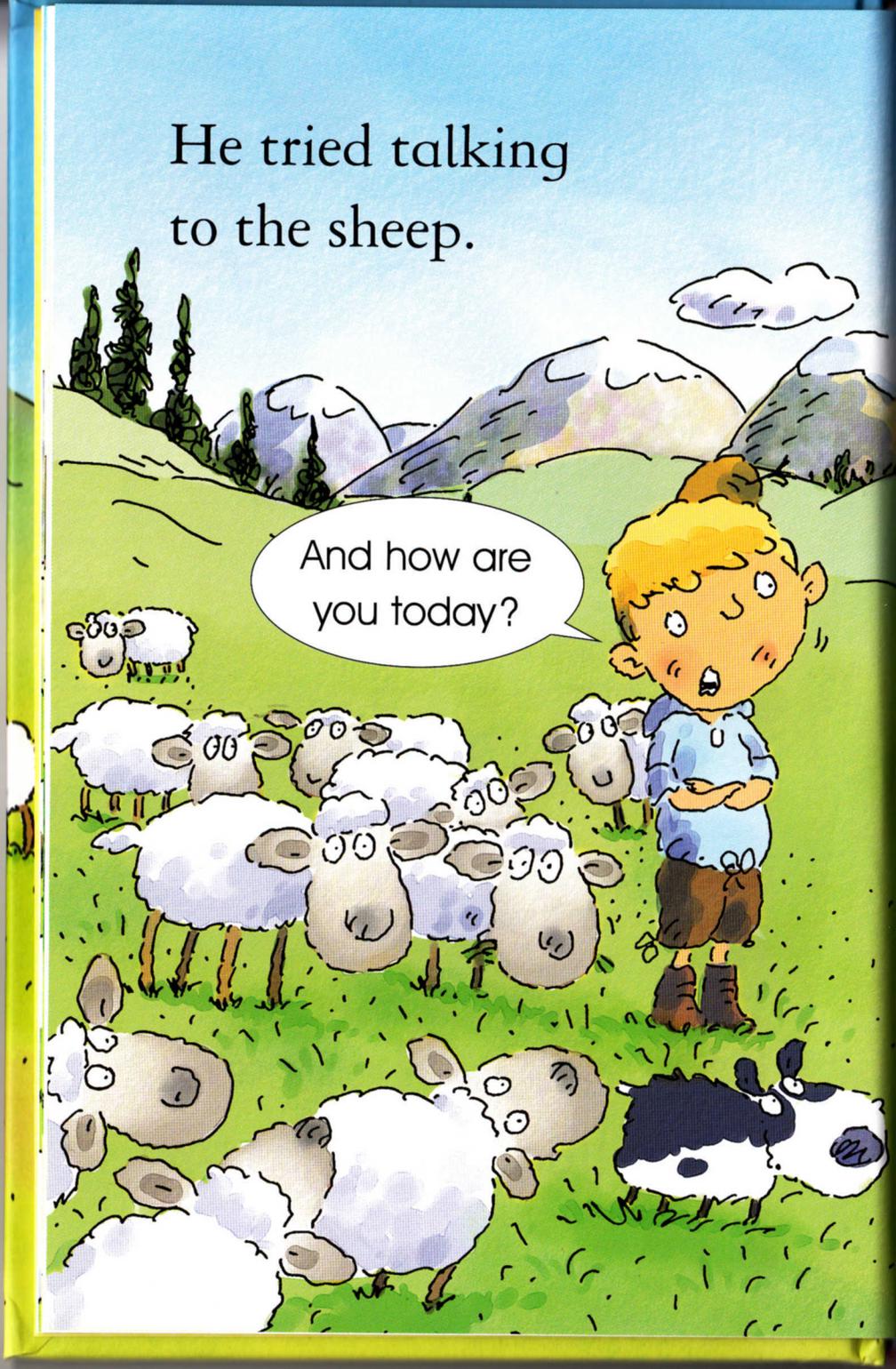


Sam was lonely and he was SO bored.

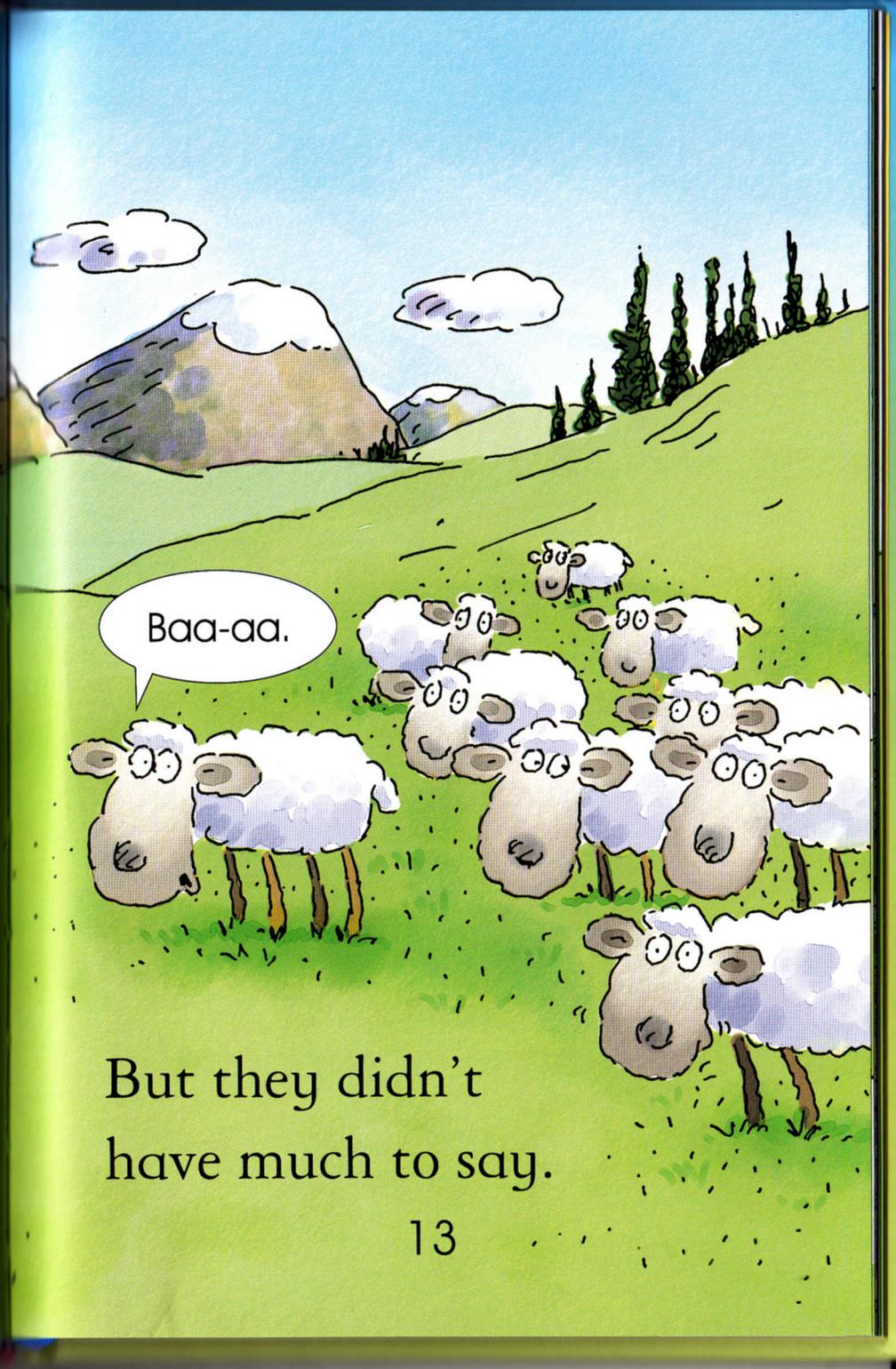


All his friends were down in the village.

He tried talking
to the sheep.



And how are
you today?



Baa-aa.

But they didn't
have much to say.

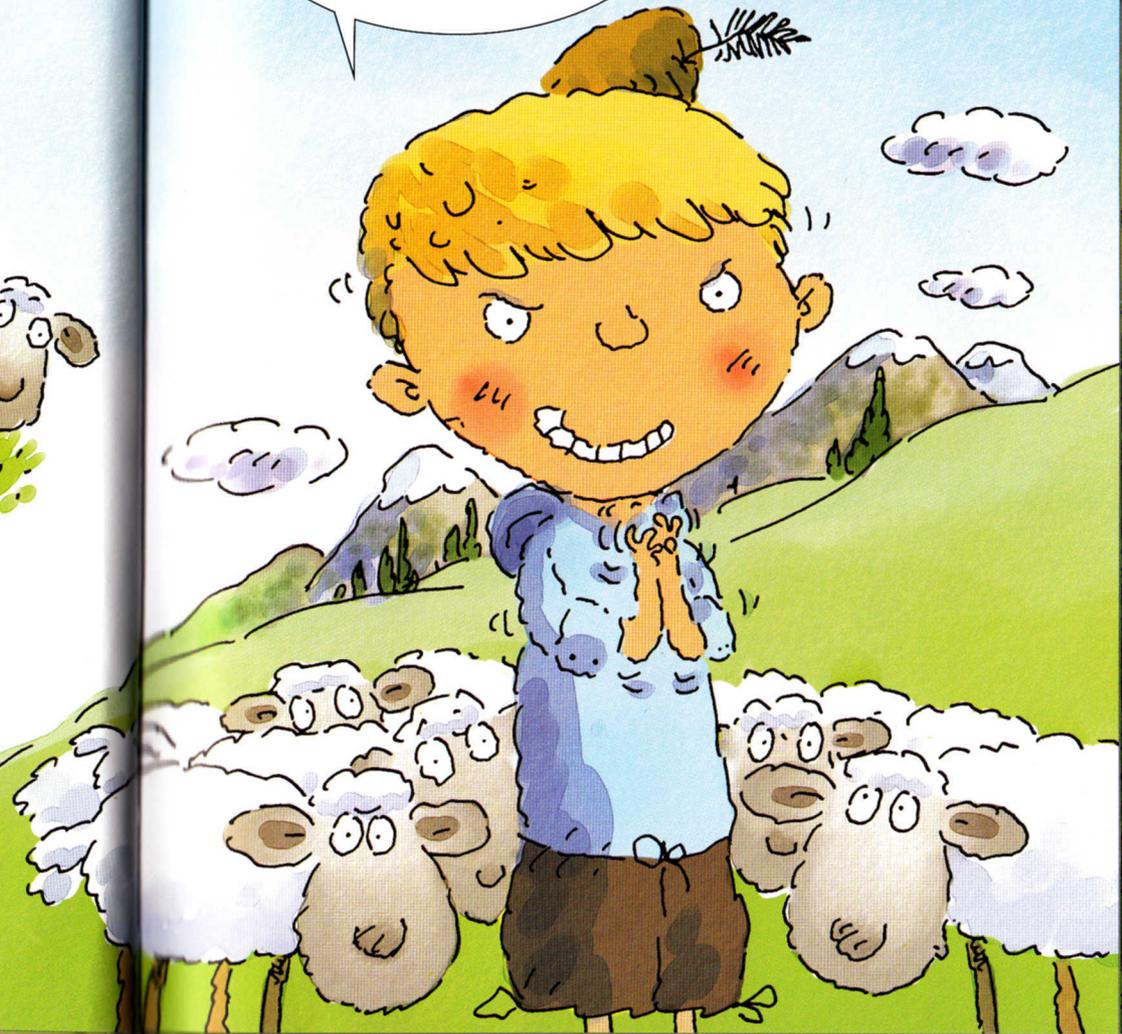
“Nobody ever comes up here,” moaned Sam.



“Nothing ever happens.”

One day, he had an idea.

I could make something happen.



He ran down the hill to
the village.



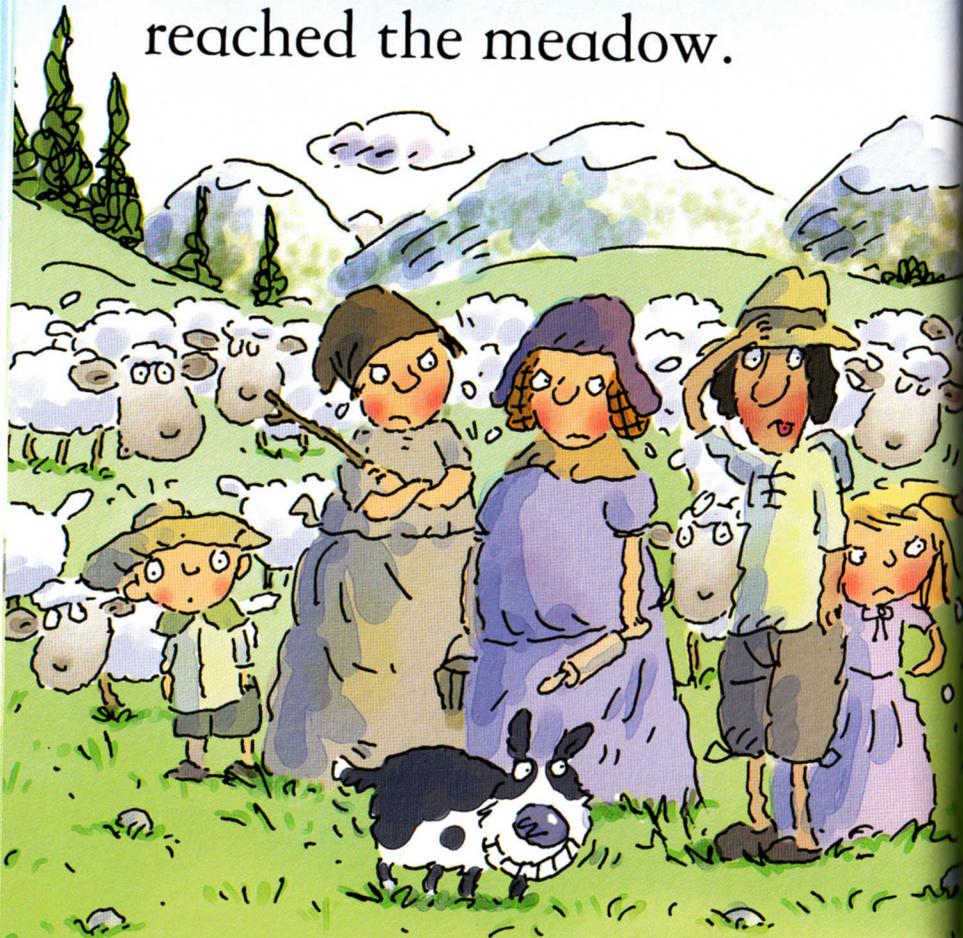
"A wolf!" he shouted.

"A wolf has come out of
the forest!"

Everyone ran up the hill
with him.



Puffing and panting, they
reached the meadow.



Of course, there was
no wolf.

All that way,
for nothing.



The sheep were quietly
eating their grass.

The villagers were angry,
but Sam just laughed.



A few days later, Sam was bored again. He ran down the hill to the village.

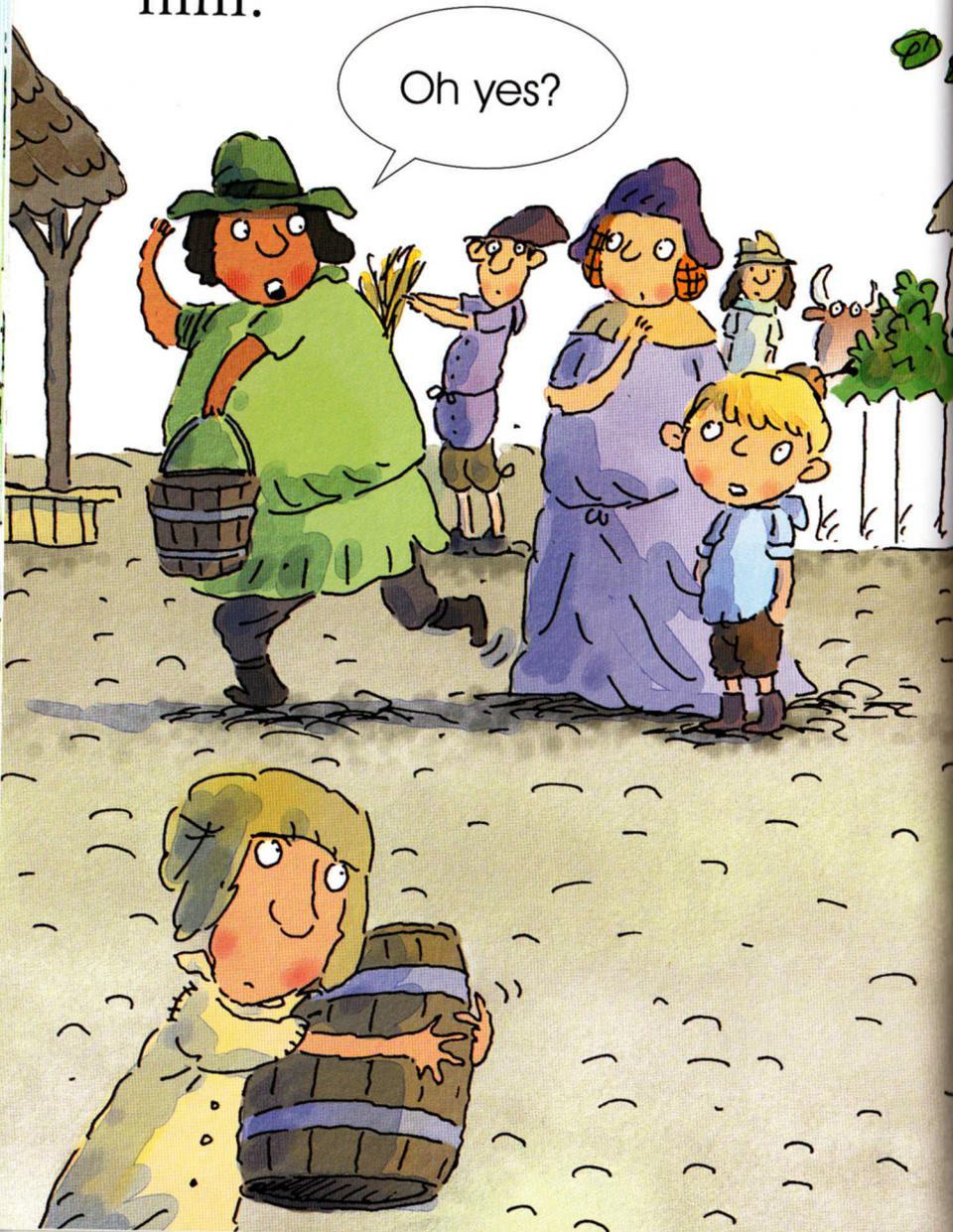


"A wolf!" he shouted.

"A wolf has come out of the forest!"

Some people didn't believe him.

Oh yes?



We'd better make sure.



But most ran up the hill to see.



Puffing and panting, they reached the meadow.



Of course, there was no wolf.

The sheep were quietly eating their grass.



Everyone was very angry, but Sam just laughed.

A week later, Sam was bored again. He ran down the hill to the village.

Help, help!
There really is
a wolf!



Come quickly!



Most people didn't believe him this time. Just a few ran up the hill.

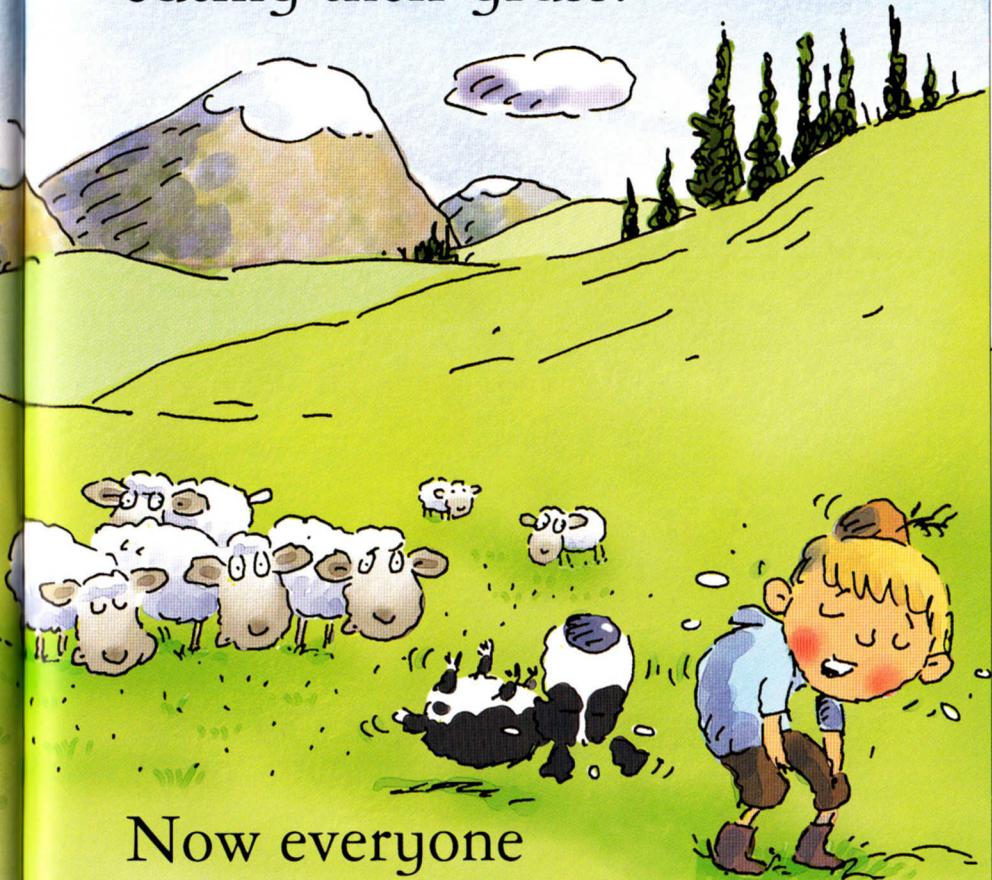
Puffing and panting, they reached the meadow.



You think you're so clever...

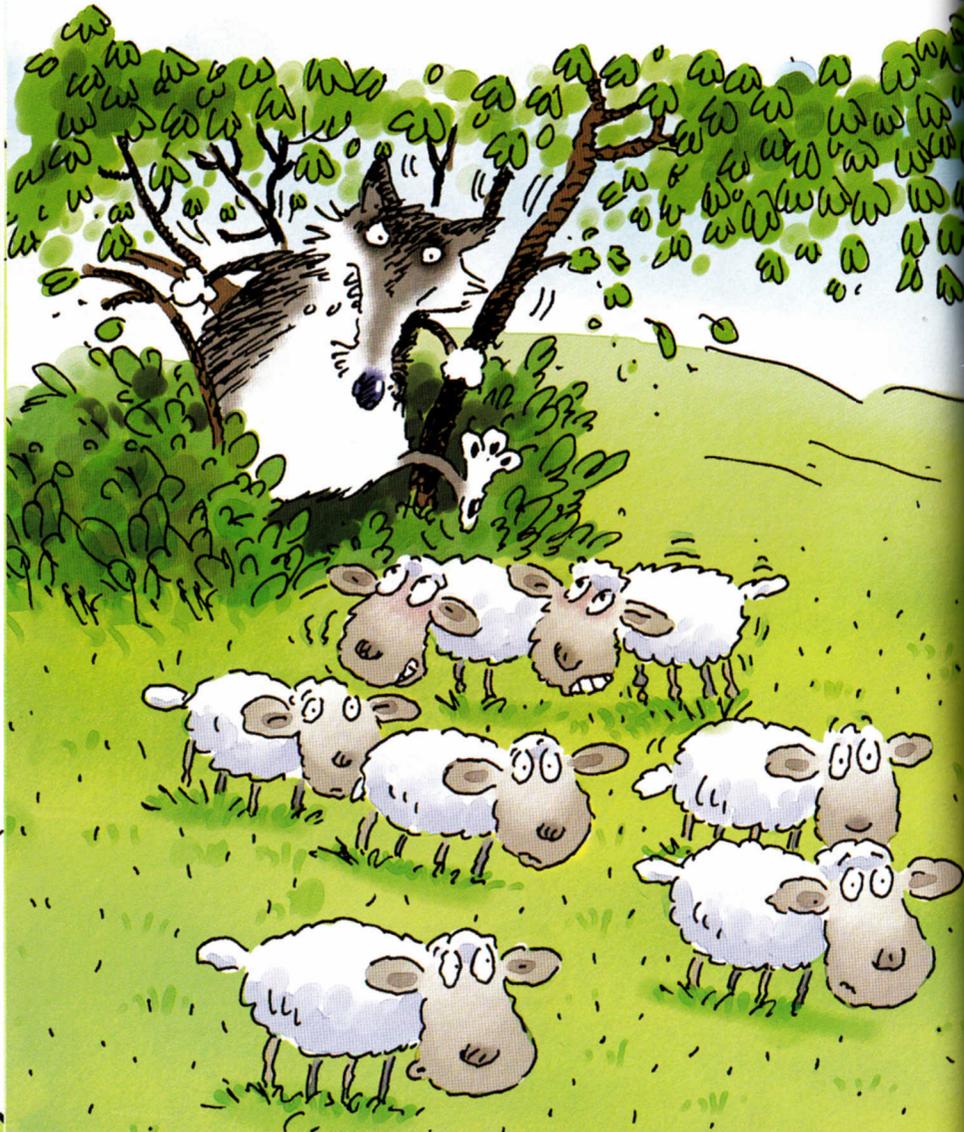
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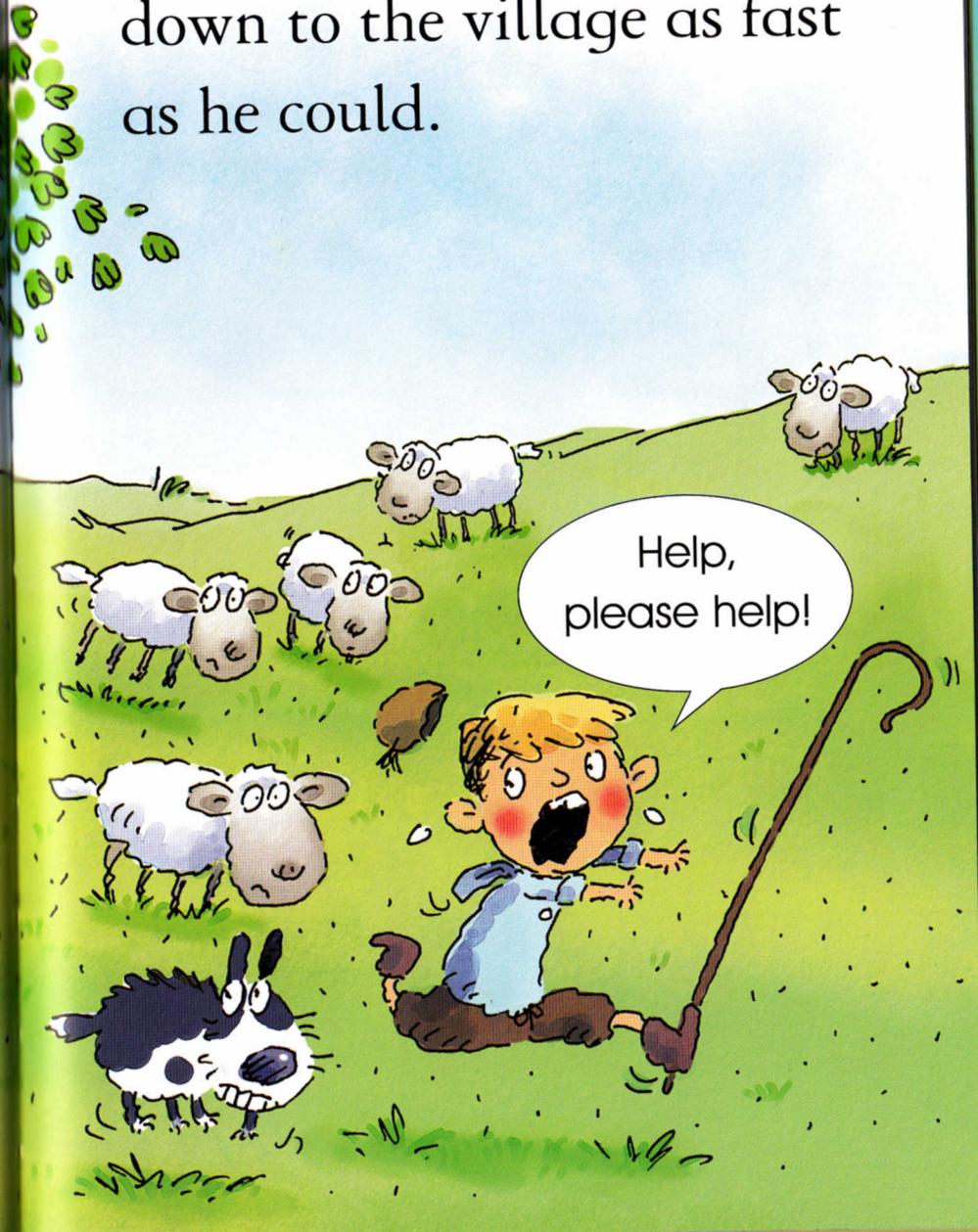


Now everyone was furious. Sam laughed and laughed.

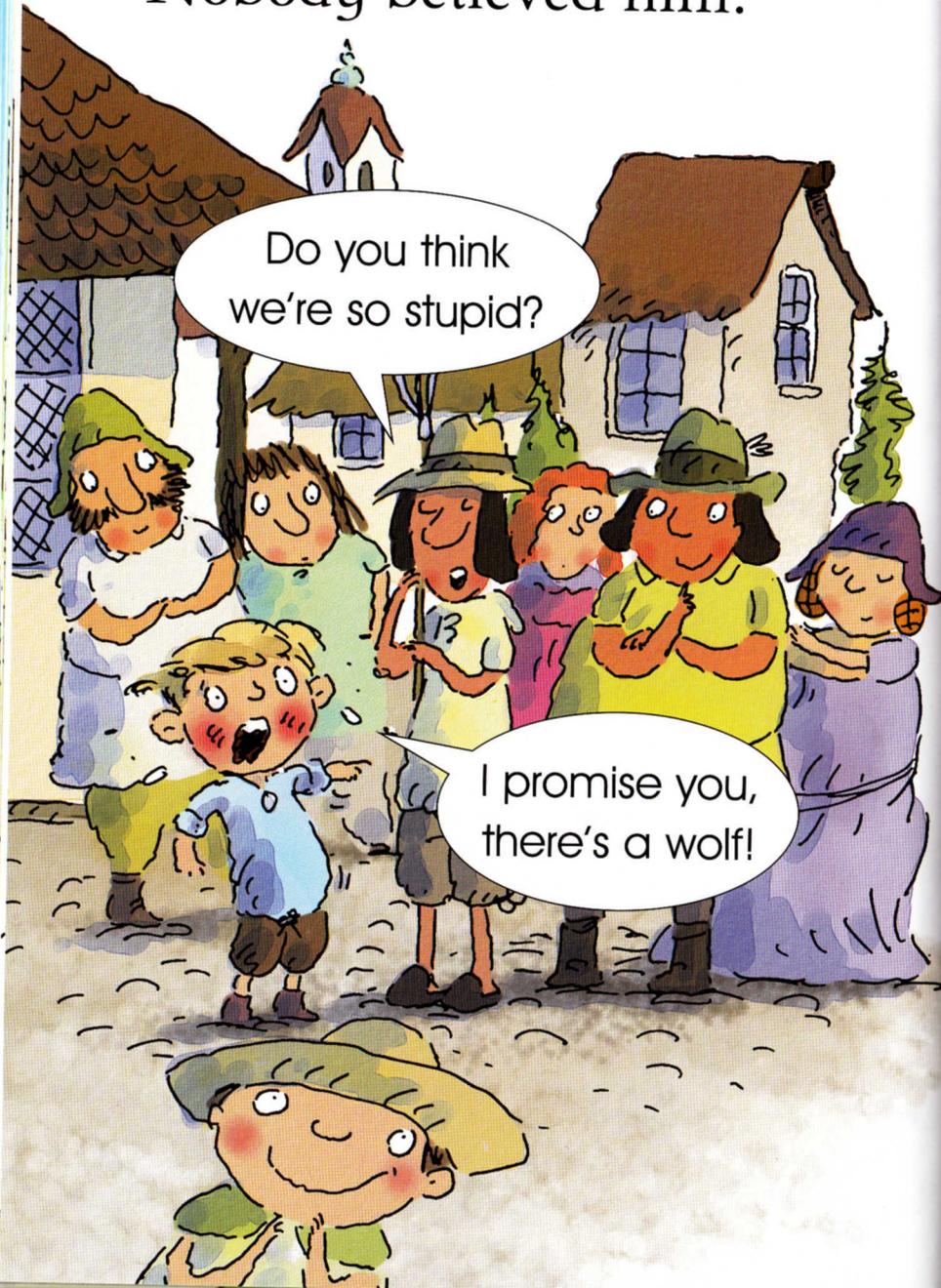
A few days later, a wolf
DID come out of the forest.



Sam was terrified. He ran
down to the village as fast
as he could.



Nobody believed him.

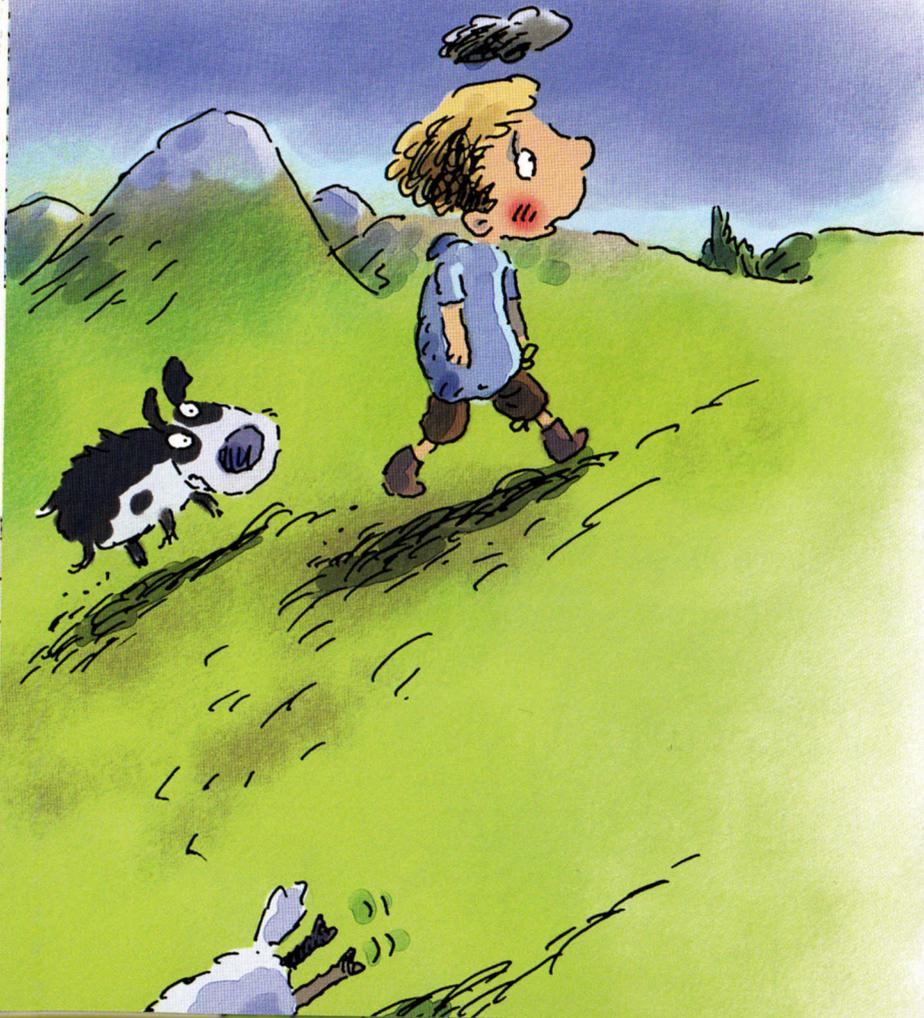


Sam begged them to come with him.

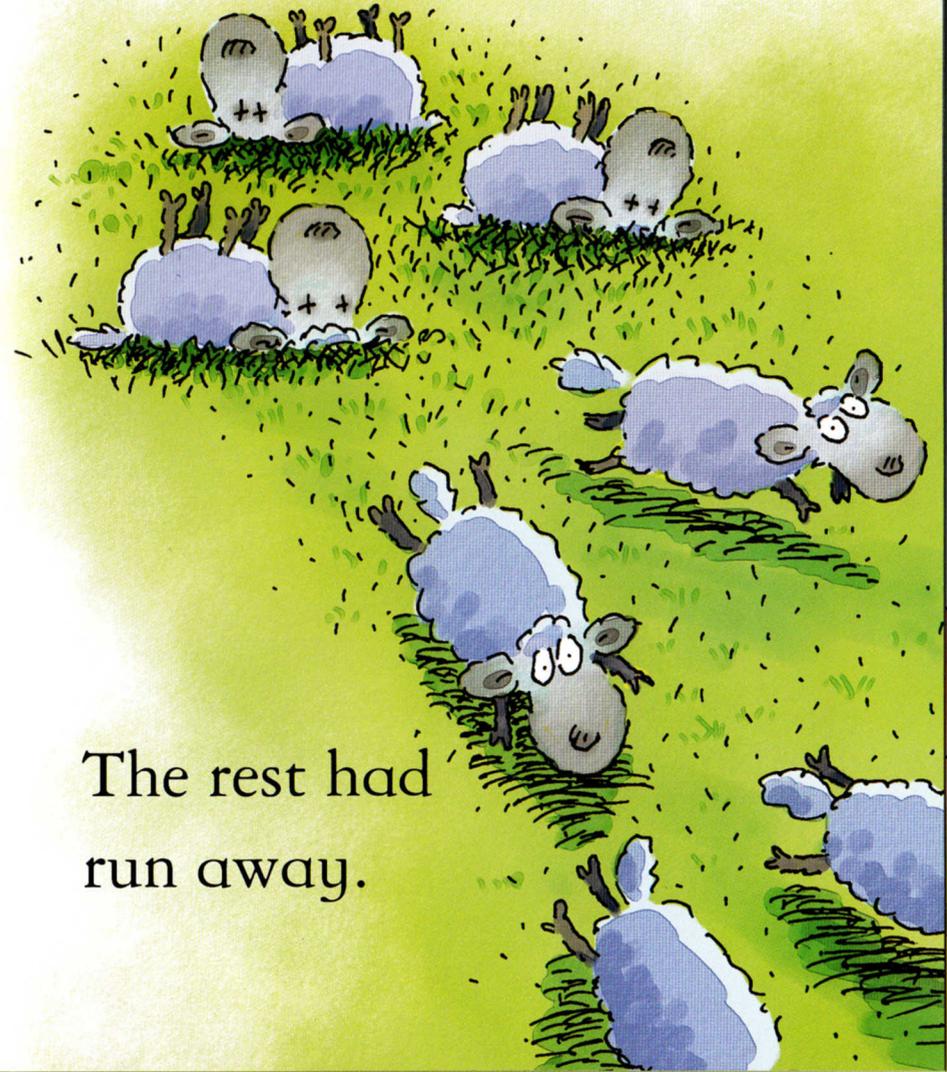


This time, they just laughed at him.

In the end, Sam had
to go back up the hill
all alone.



The wolf had killed some
of the sheep.

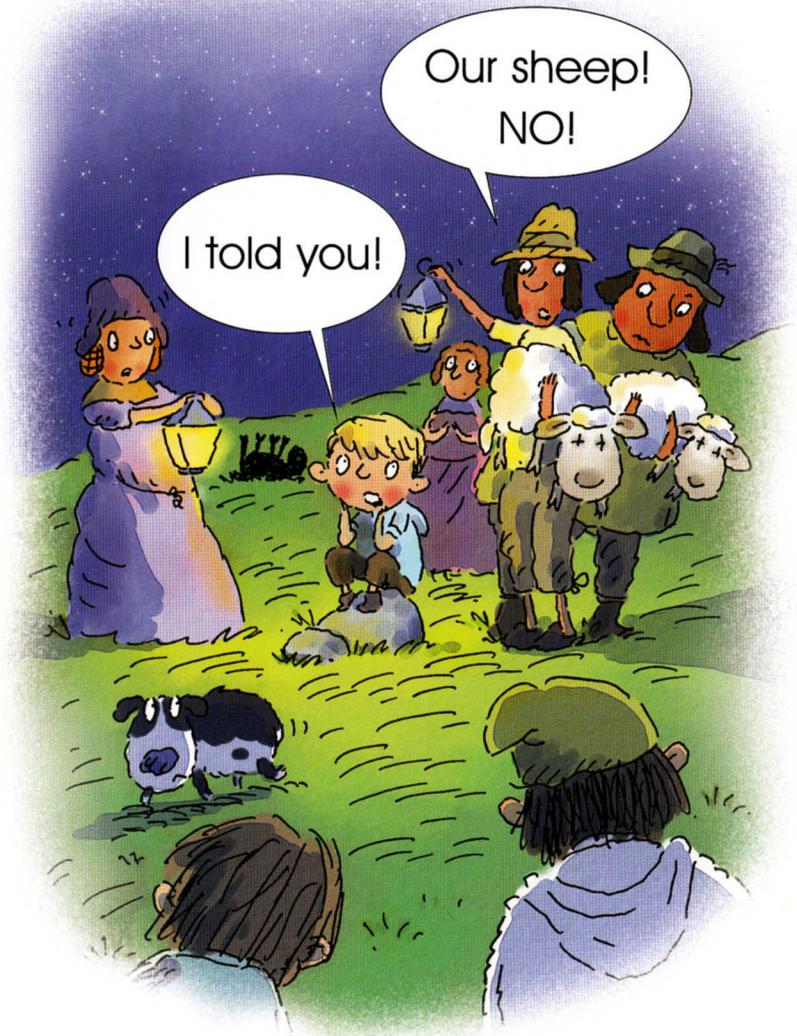


The rest had
run away.

Sam stayed in the meadow until it was dark.



Finally, the villagers came to find him.



“Why didn’t you believe me?” he asked.



“You always told lies before,” they said.



“I’ve learned my lesson. Never again,” said Sam.

About this story

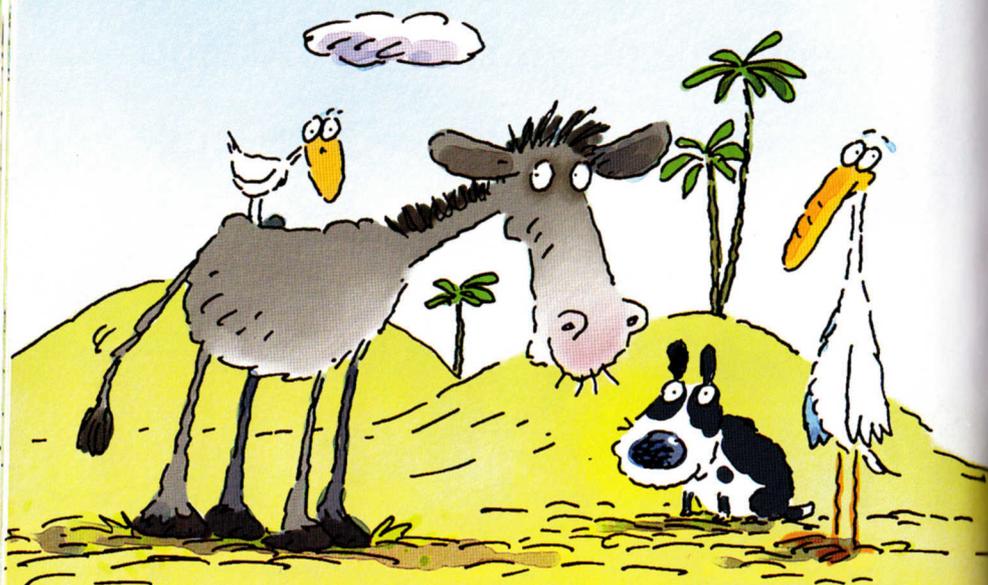
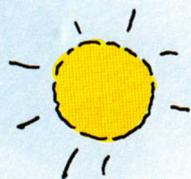
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Fables. These are a collection
of short stories, first told in
Ancient Greece around
4,000 years ago.



Nobody knows exactly who
Aesop was, but the stories
are still popular today, and
they are known all around
the world.



The stories are often about animals, and they always have a “moral” (a message or lesson) at the end.



The moral of the story about the boy who cried wolf is:

No one believes liars, even when they tell the truth.

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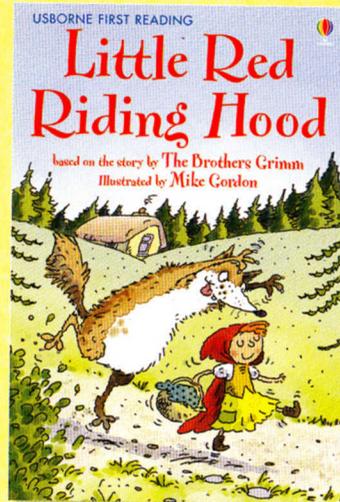
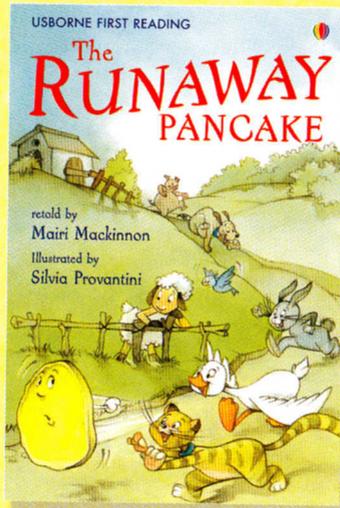
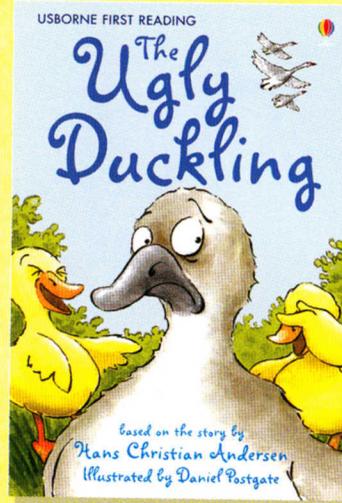
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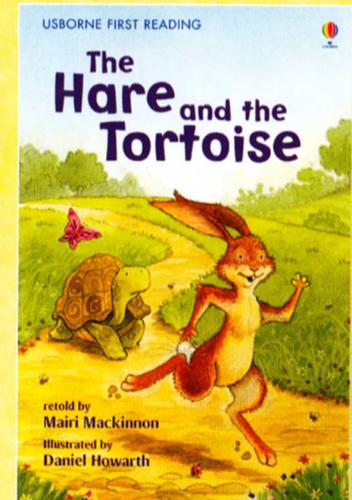
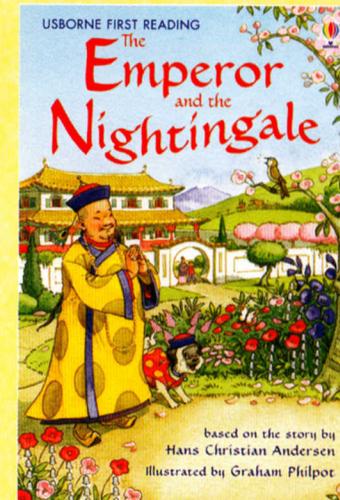
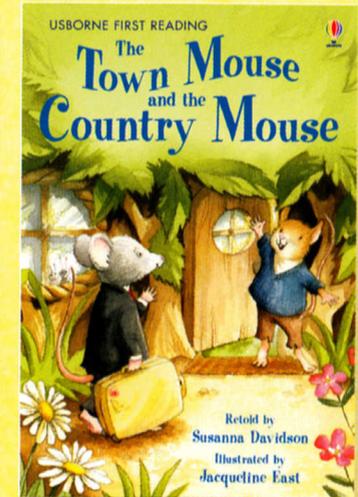
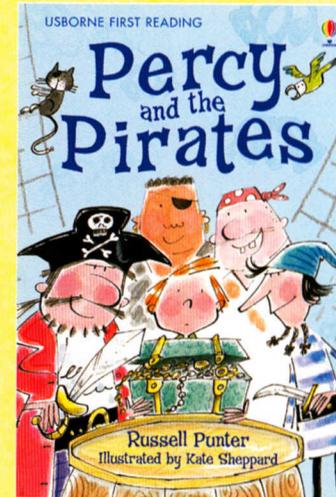
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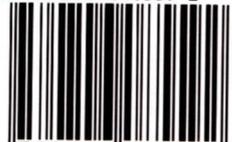
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