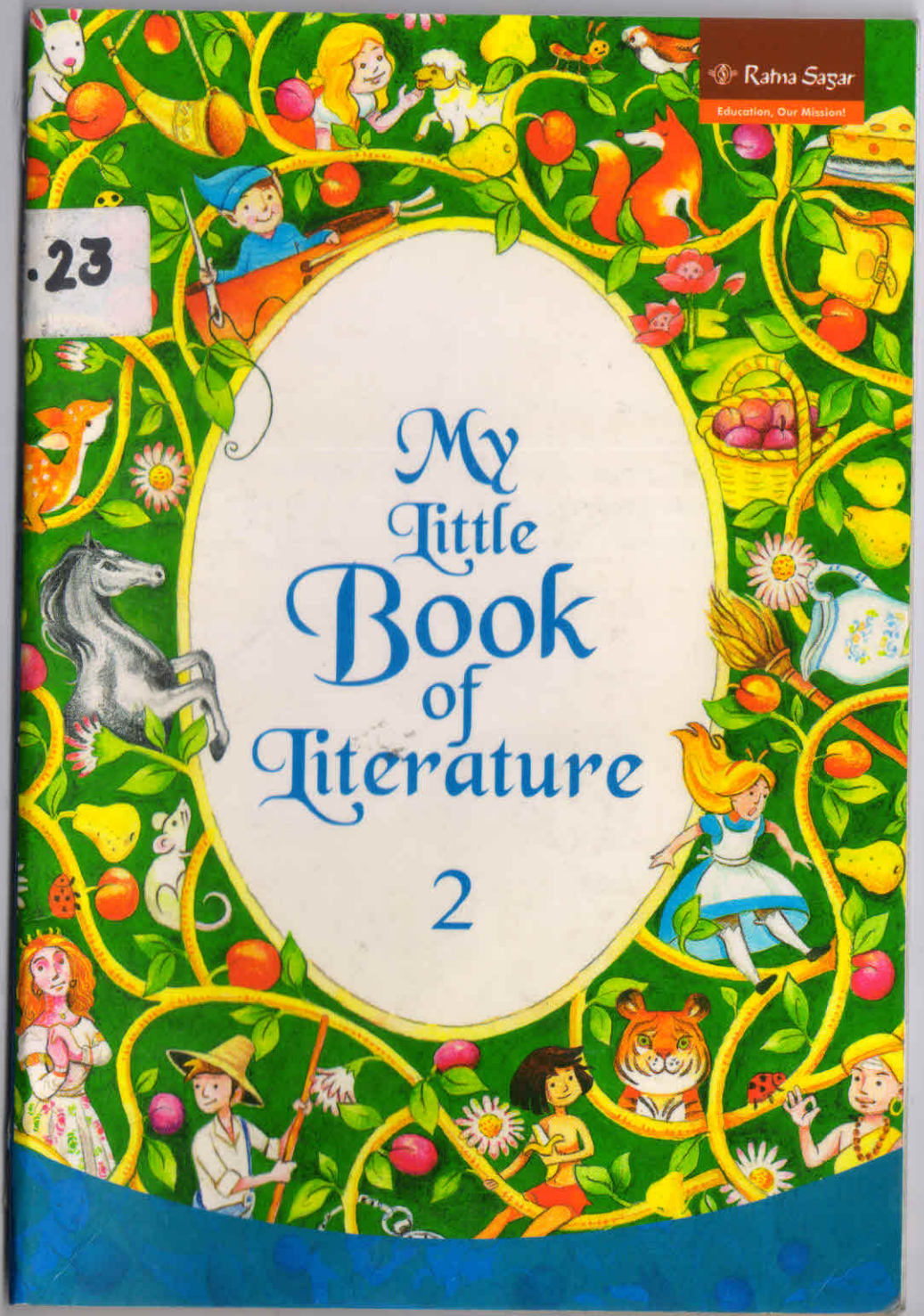
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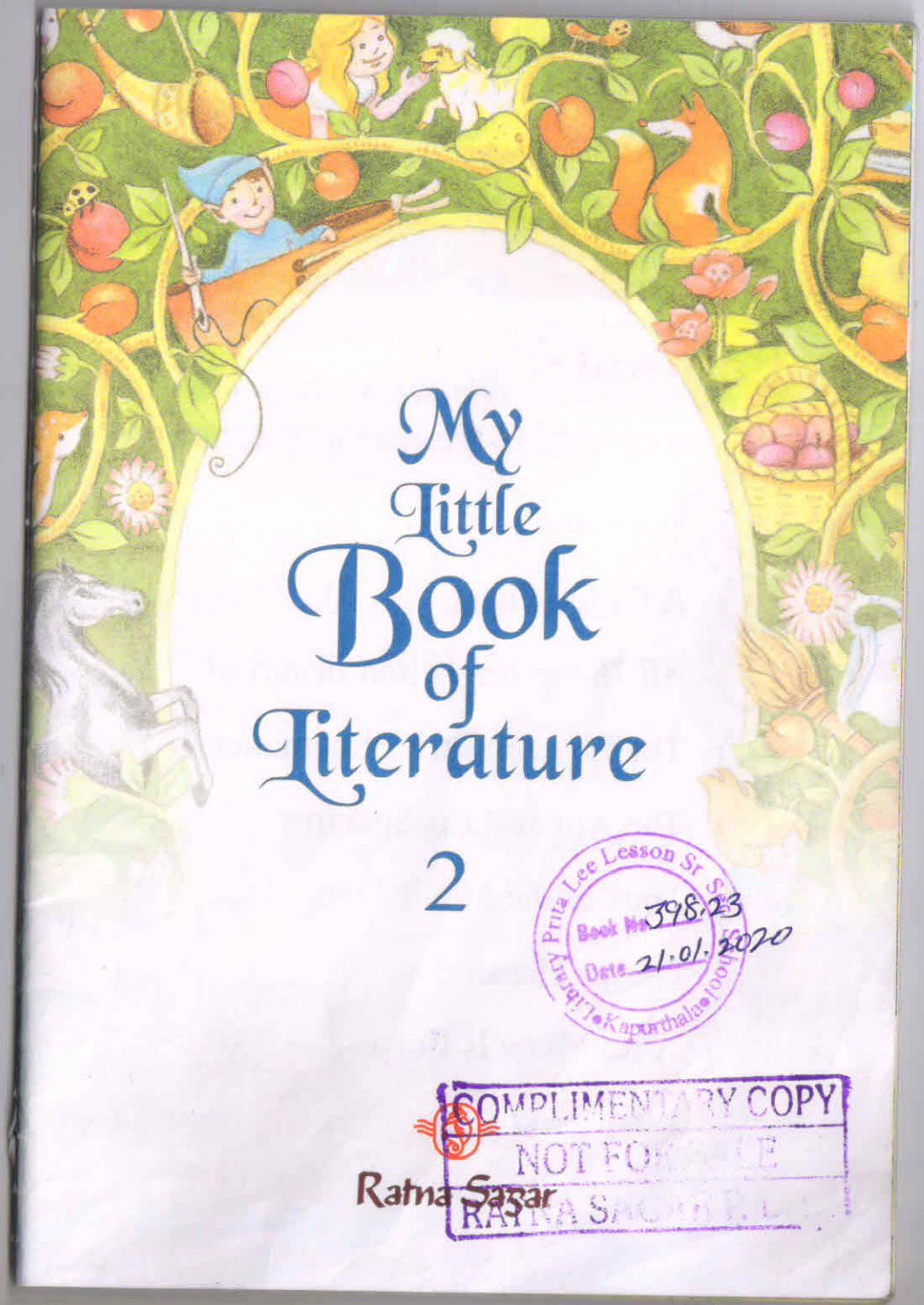

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1 Wild Beasts

I will be a lion
And you shall be a bear,
And each of us will have a den
Beneath a nursery chair.

And you must growl and growl,
And I will roar and roar.
And then – why, then –
You'll growl again,
And I will roar some more!

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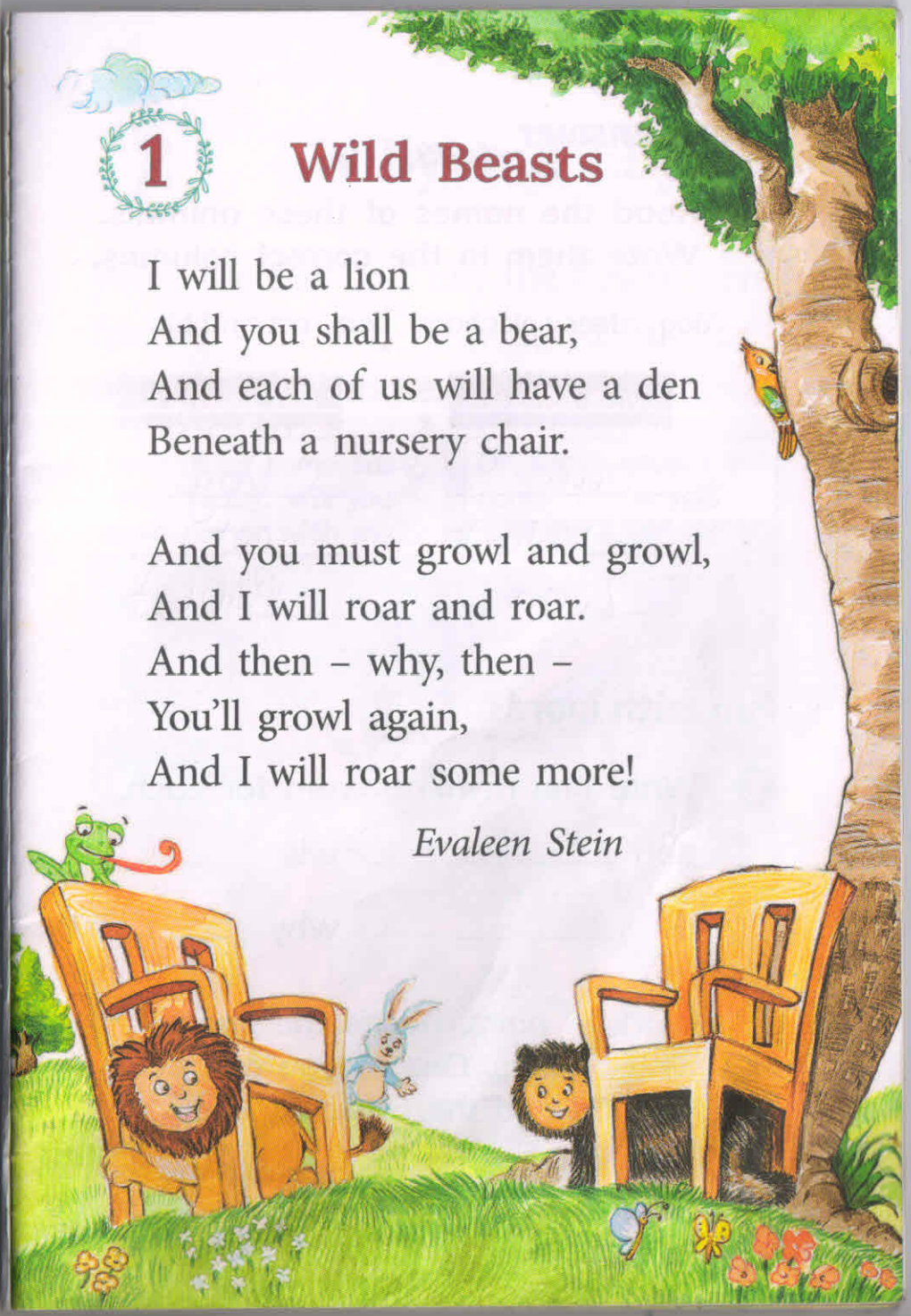


Let us answer

A Read the names of these animals. Write them in the correct columns.

dog deer elephant lion cat rabbit

WILD ANIMALS	PET ANIMALS
Deer	Dog
Elephant	cat
Lion	Rabbit

Fun with words

B Write one rhyming word for each.

1. den _____
2. be _____
3. will _____
4. why _____

C Work in pairs. Recite the poem with actions. One of you can be the lion and the other can be the bear.

2 Willy and Elly

Willy the Fox and Elly the Crane were friends. One day, Willy asked Elly for dinner to his house.

That evening, Elly went to Willy's house.

Willy and Elly sat down to have dinner.
Willy had put the soup in two plates.

Elly could not drink the soup.

Elly went home hungry. She was angry with her friend, Willy.

In the evening, Willy went to Elly's house. Elly had put the soup in a bottle with a long neck.

Willy knew he had been unfair to his friend. The next day, Willy again made soup.

Fun with words

A Form pairs. One of you can play the part of Willy and the other of Elly. Read the text aloud.

B In the wordsearch, find the names of six vegetables Willy put in the soup.

R	T	G	O	A	X	U	K	T
P	O	T	A	T	O	M	A	S
U	M	X	Q	H	J	P	A	H
M	A	C	A	B	B	A	G	E
P	T	Z	J	N	M	K	I	D
K	O	N	I	O	N	L	P	N
I	B	A	Z	V	Y	X	K	O
N	T	P	E	A	S	M	W	C

3 A Grand Feast

STORYTELLER: One day, a city mouse went to visit his cousin who lived in the country. The country mouse was very happy to see her cousin. She gave him a small piece of bread and a few grains of sugar.

COUNTRY MOUSE: Welcome, Cousin! Come and have some bread and sugar.

CITY MOUSE: This is not what I would call good food. In the city, I eat cakes and cookies all day long. Why don't you come to the city with me? You can eat what you never get here.

STORYTELLER: So the country mouse followed her cousin to the city. They went to the house where the city mouse lived. The two mice climbed to the top of a table that was piled with all kinds of food. They found cakes, cheese and cookies on the table.

COUNTRY MOUSE: Oh, my! How I have wasted my time in the country! I like the city. This is fun!

STORYTELLER: Just then, the door to the room opened. A huge cat ran right towards the two little mice. The city mouse called out to his cousin.

CITY MOUSE: Hurry! Run! It's the cat!

STORYTELLER: The two mice ran to the nearest hiding place. After some time, the cat went away.

COUNTRY MOUSE: Goodbye, Cousin. I am happy with my country life. You may have a feast every day but this place is not safe.

STORYTELLER: The country mouse ran all the way home. She never returned to the city again.

Let us answer

A Write T for True and F for False.

1. The city mouse loved eating bread and sugar. ____
2. The country mouse followed her cousin to the city. ____
3. A dog ran after the mice. ____
4. The country mouse ran all the way home. ____

Fun with words

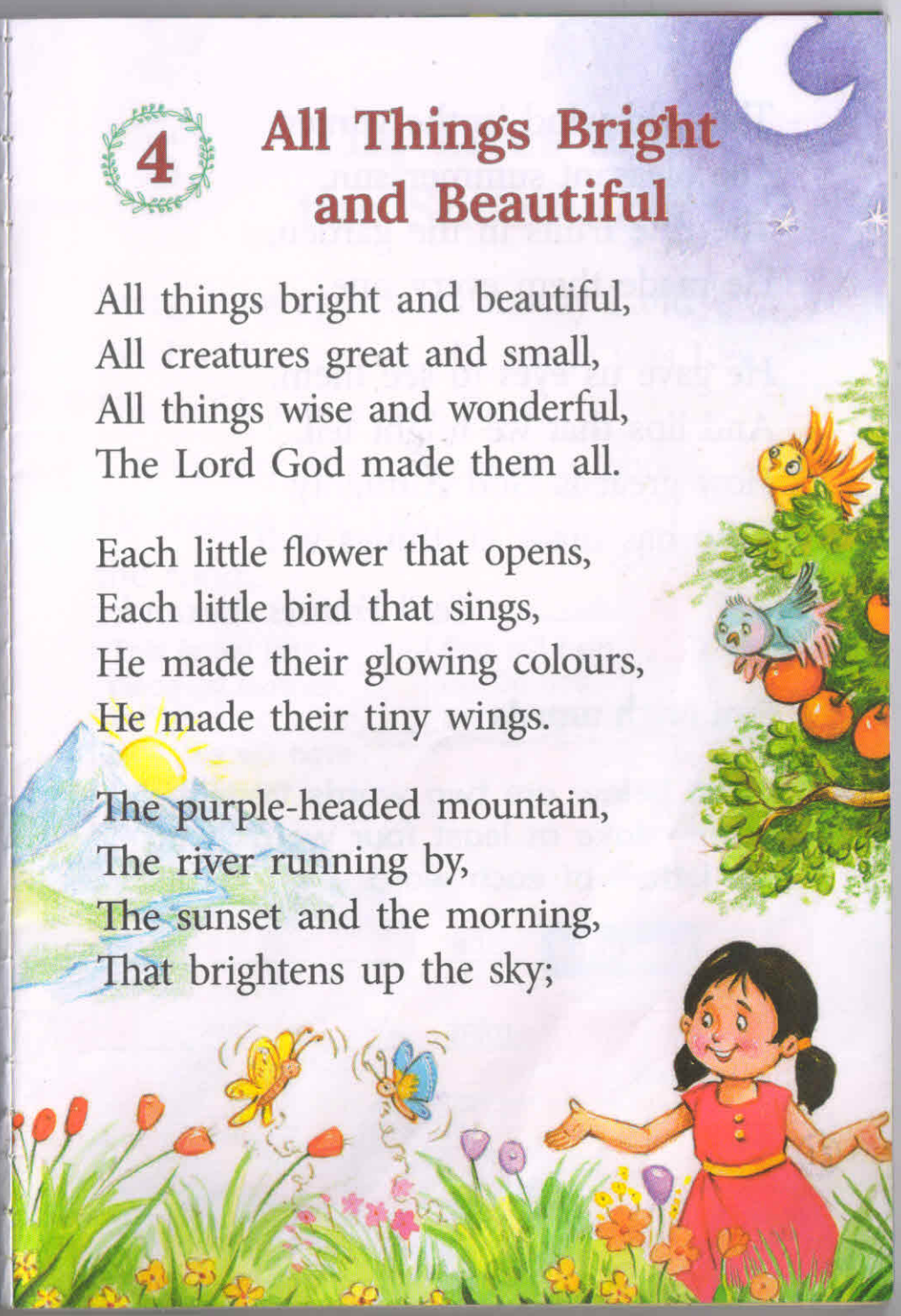
B Tick (✓) the food items that you think the country mouse and the city mouse would love to eat.

4 All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;



The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Cecil Frances Alexander

Fun with words

Given below are two words from the poem. Make at least four words with the letters of each word.

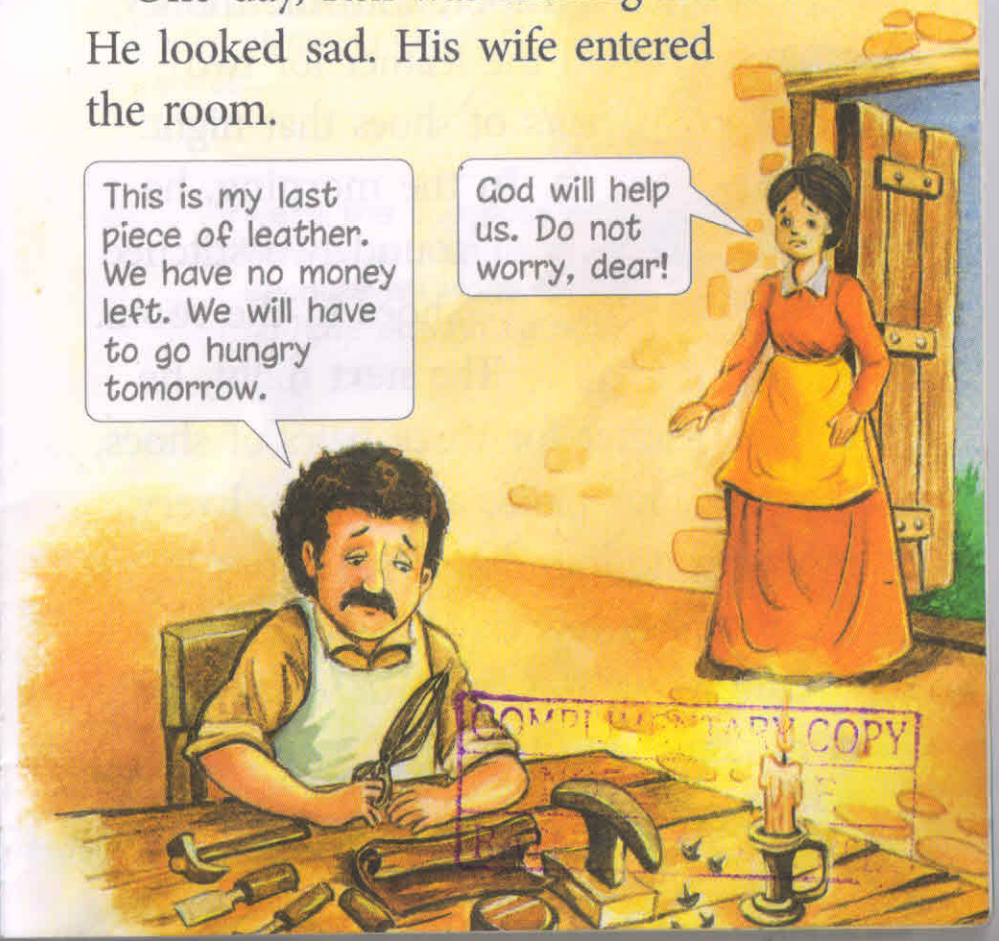
1. beautiful ate _____ _____ _____

2. mountain mint _____ _____ _____

5 The Elves and the Shoemaker

Long, long ago in a Faraway Land lived a shoemaker. His name was Rex. His wife's name was Rosy.

One day, Rex was making shoes. He looked sad. His wife entered the room.



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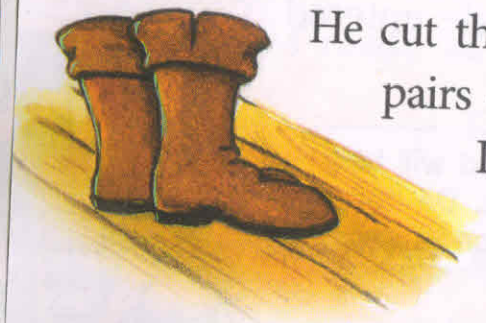
When Rex woke up the next morning, he got a surprise.

REX: Rosy, look! A new pair of shoes.

ROSY: They are lovely! I knew everything would be all right.

Rex sold the shoes and bought some leather and food with the money.

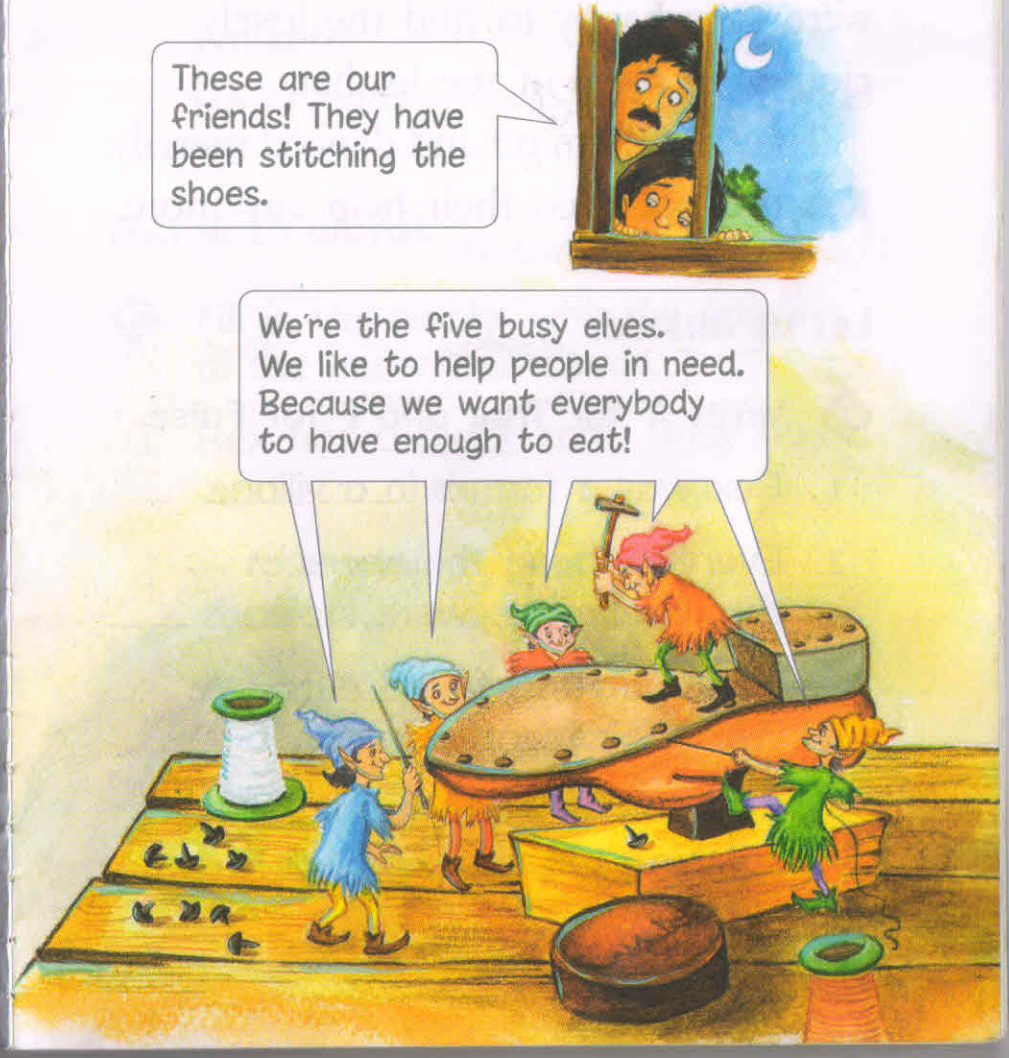


He cut the leather for two pairs of shoes that night. In the morning, he found two stitched shoes in the room. The next night, he cut the leather for three pairs of shoes, then for four pairs, and so on. Every morning he found stitched shoes in the room. A few days passed by.

One night, Rex and Rosy saw five elves come into their house, dancing

and singing. The elves sat down to work and stitched all the shoes. As they worked, they sang.

The elves finished their work and went away.



ROSY: Such kind, helpful little people! I will make some clothes for them just to say 'thank you'.

So, Rosy stitched new clothes for the elves. The next night, the elves were very happy to find the lovely clothes in place of the leather.

They put them on and danced merrily. Rex did not need their help any more.

Let us answer

A Write T for True and F for False.

1. Rex was a farmer in a village. ____
2. Every morning the shoes that Rex made were stolen. ____
3. Rex and Rosy found out who their friends were. ____
4. Six elves helped Rex by stitching the shoes. ____

B **Answer these questions.**

1. Why was Rex sad?
2. What did Rex find when he woke up in the morning?
3. What did the elves do while they worked?
4. What did Rosy do to thank the elves?

Fun with words

C **Fill in the blanks with the opposites of the underlined words.**

1. Rex has a <u>black</u> coat. Rosy has a _____ dress.
2. A rose bush is <u>short</u>, but a coconut tree is _____
3. A lion is a <u>big</u> animal, but an ant is a _____ animal.
4. A hare can run <u>fast</u>, but a tortoise is _____

6 The Ant and the Sparrow

A little red ant was very thirsty. He went to the bank of a river. He took one tiny step at a time and walked towards the water. When he got close to the water, he tipped his head forward. His feet slipped and he fell into the river.

The ant did not know how to swim. He began to drown. He tried to keep his head above the water.

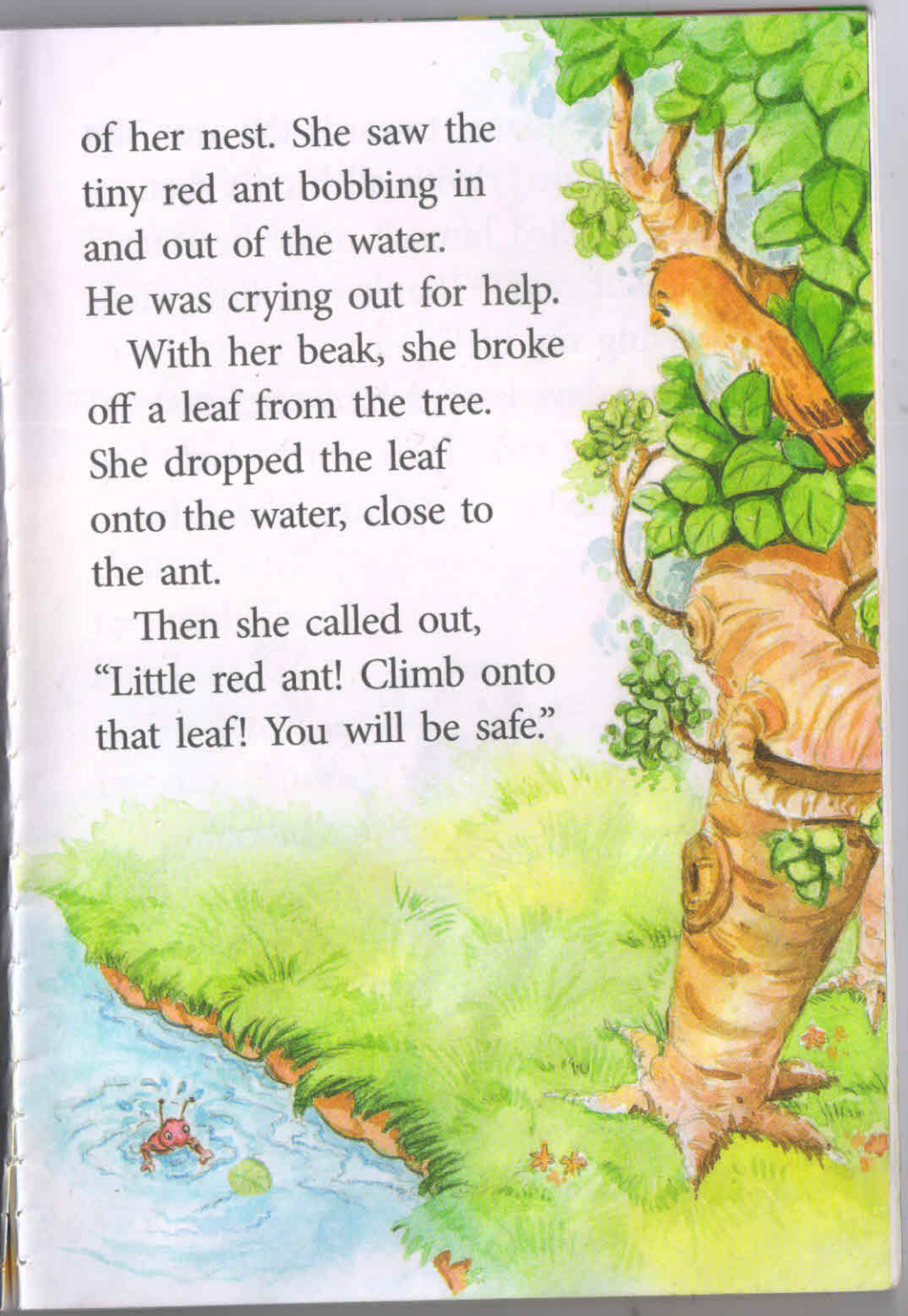
The ant bobbed in and out of the water like a tiny red ball. Each time he bobbed out of the water, he cried out, "HELP!"

A sparrow lived in a tree near the river. She heard his cry and looked out

of her nest. She saw the tiny red ant bobbing in and out of the water. He was crying out for help.

With her beak, she broke off a leaf from the tree. She dropped the leaf onto the water, close to the ant.

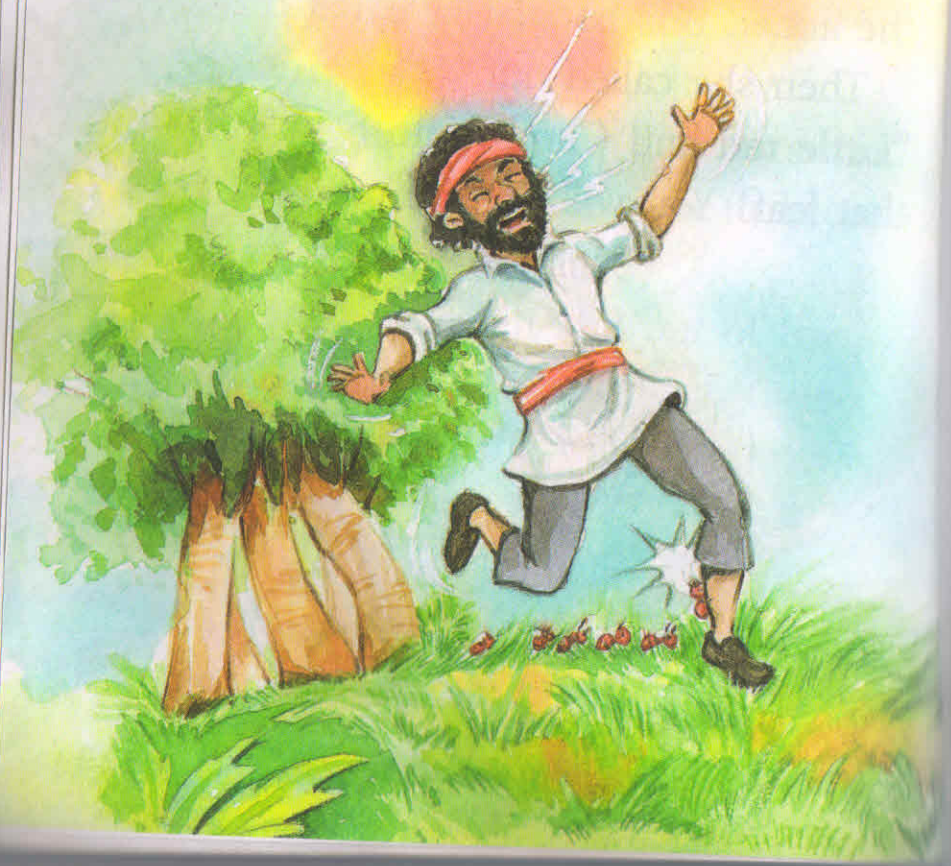
Then she called out, "Little red ant! Climb onto that leaf! You will be safe."



The leaf floated towards the ant. The ant held onto it with all his six feet. Then he rolled himself onto the leaf.

The ant said, "Thank you, little bird, for saving my life!"

A few days later, a bird-catcher came to the river bank with a net. The little red ant saw him spread his

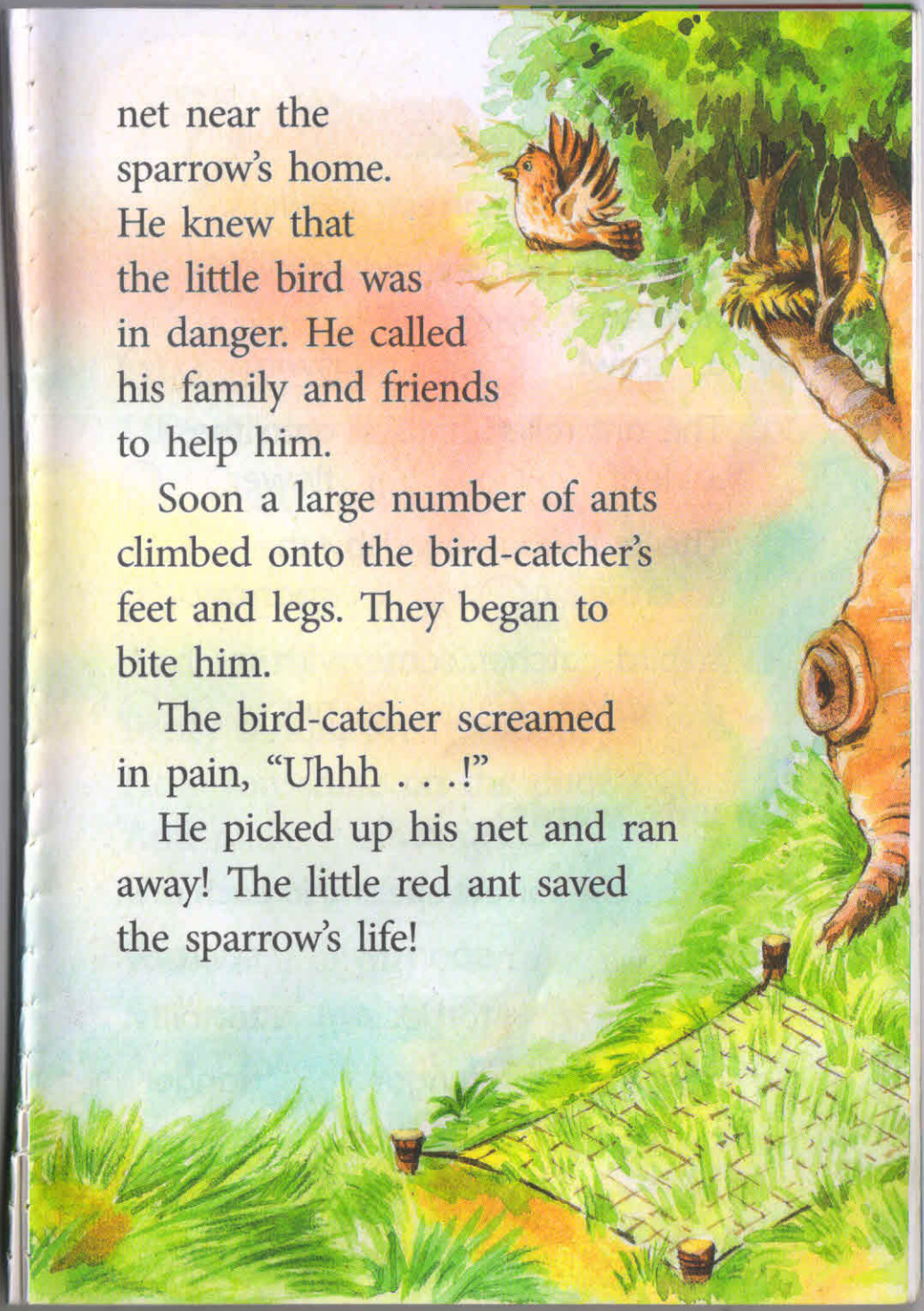


net near the sparrow's home. He knew that the little bird was in danger. He called his family and friends to help him.

Soon a large number of ants climbed onto the bird-catcher's feet and legs. They began to bite him.

The bird-catcher screamed in pain, "Uhhh . . .!"

He picked up his net and ran away! The little red ant saved the sparrow's life!



Let us answer

A Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. The little red ant did not know how to
   a. crawl. ◯ b. swim. ✓
2. The ant rolled himself onto the
   a. leaf. ✓ b. flower. ◯
3. The ant was saved by the
   a. crow. ◯ b. sparrow. ✓
4. A bird-catcher came with a
   a. basket. ◯ b. net. ◯

Fun with words

B Circle the correct spelling in each row.

1. sparow **sparrow** sperrow
2. **tortoise** tortiose tortoies
3. denger dengar **danger**
4. anemal **animal** aminal

7 Look at the Moon

O, look at the moon!
She is shining up there;
O Mother, she looks
Like a lamp in the air.

Last week she was smaller,
And shaped like a bow;
But now she's grown bigger,
And round as an O.

Pretty moon, pretty moon,
How you shine on the door,
And make it all bright
On my nursery floor!

You shine on my playthings,
And show me their place,
And I love to look up
At your pretty bright face.

Eliza Lee Cabot Follen

Let us answer

A Complete these sentences.

1. The moon looks like a lamp in the air.
2. Last week, she was shaped like a bow
3. Now, she is as round as an _____
4. The moon shines on the child's _____
5. The child loves to look at the moon's pretty _____ face.

Fun with words

B The moon shines in the sky. Which of these can you see in the sky? Circle their names.

book sun teddy star

kite apple aeroplane bird

8 Clever Hasan

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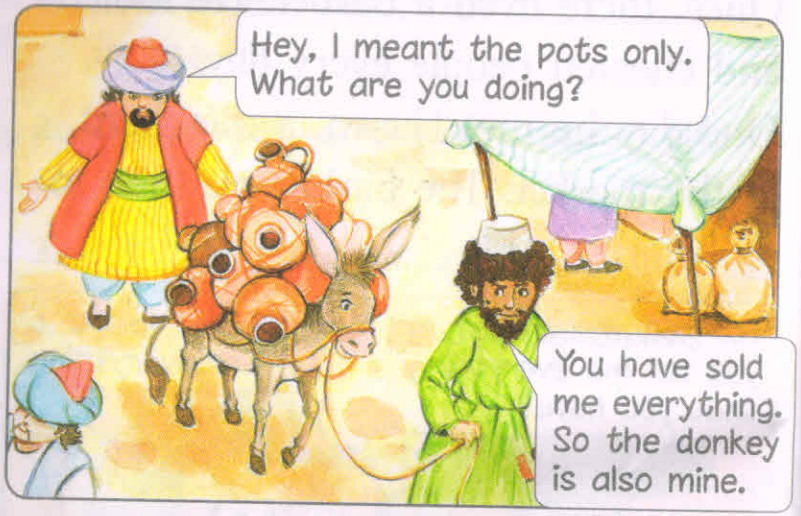
Once, there lived a barber. He fooled and cheated people every day.
One day he met Hasan, a merchant, in the market. The barber planned to fool him.

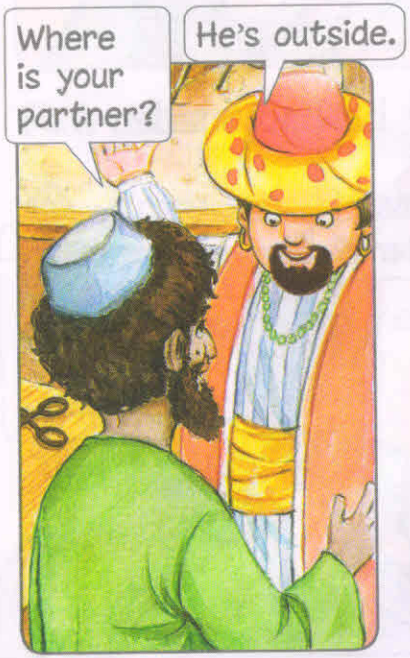
The barber took the donkey from Hasan and began walking away. Hasan tried to stop him, but the barber would not stop.



Hasan went crying to the Qazi and told him what had happened. The Qazi said Hasan had not said clearly what he was selling. So he would have to give away his donkey to the barber.

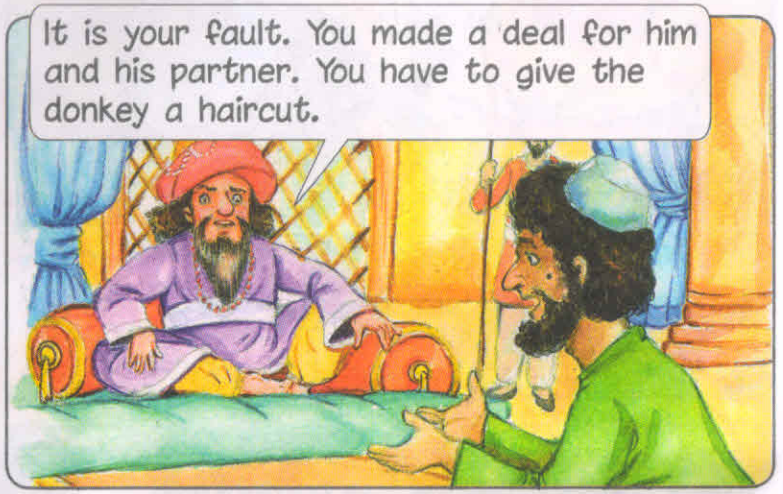
Hasan decided to teach the barber a lesson. One day, he dressed up like a rich man and went to the barber's shop.

My partner and I would like a haircut.
Sure, Sir. Just a hundred dinars for both of you.

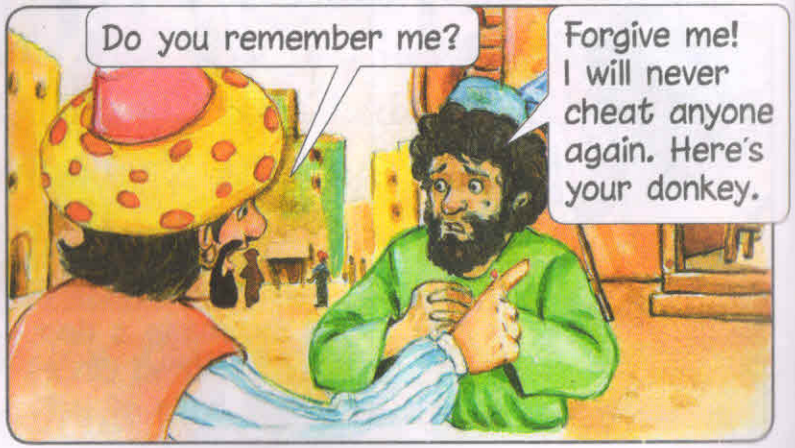

Where is your partner?
He's outside.

I don't give haircuts to donkeys!
You made a deal. A hundred dinars for both of us!

The barber ran to the Qazi and told him what had happened.



The barber knew he had made a mistake.



Let us answer

A Circle the correct words.

1. Hasan was a (merchant / sailor).
2. The (barber / carpenter) planned to cheat Hasan.
3. Hasan wanted fifty (dollars / dinars) for everything he had.
4. The barber refused to give (Hasan / the donkey) a haircut.

Fun with words

B Cross out (✗) every second letter to get the names of people who help us.

1. n b u f r a s t e

_____

2. f m a e r s m h e g r

_____

3. s z o p l i d j i k e l r

_____

9 A Rainbow Is Born

A long, long time ago, lived a man named Bob. His house was in a little village at the foot of a mountain. On one side of the mountain was a lovely waterfall.

When Bob looked out of his window, he could see the waterfall.

In front of Bob's house was a small garden. One day, Bob looked out of his window. The sun was shining brightly on the green grass.

He saw that all the flowers were white. He decided to paint the flowers.

Bob carried pots of violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red paint into the garden.

He sat down on the grass and began

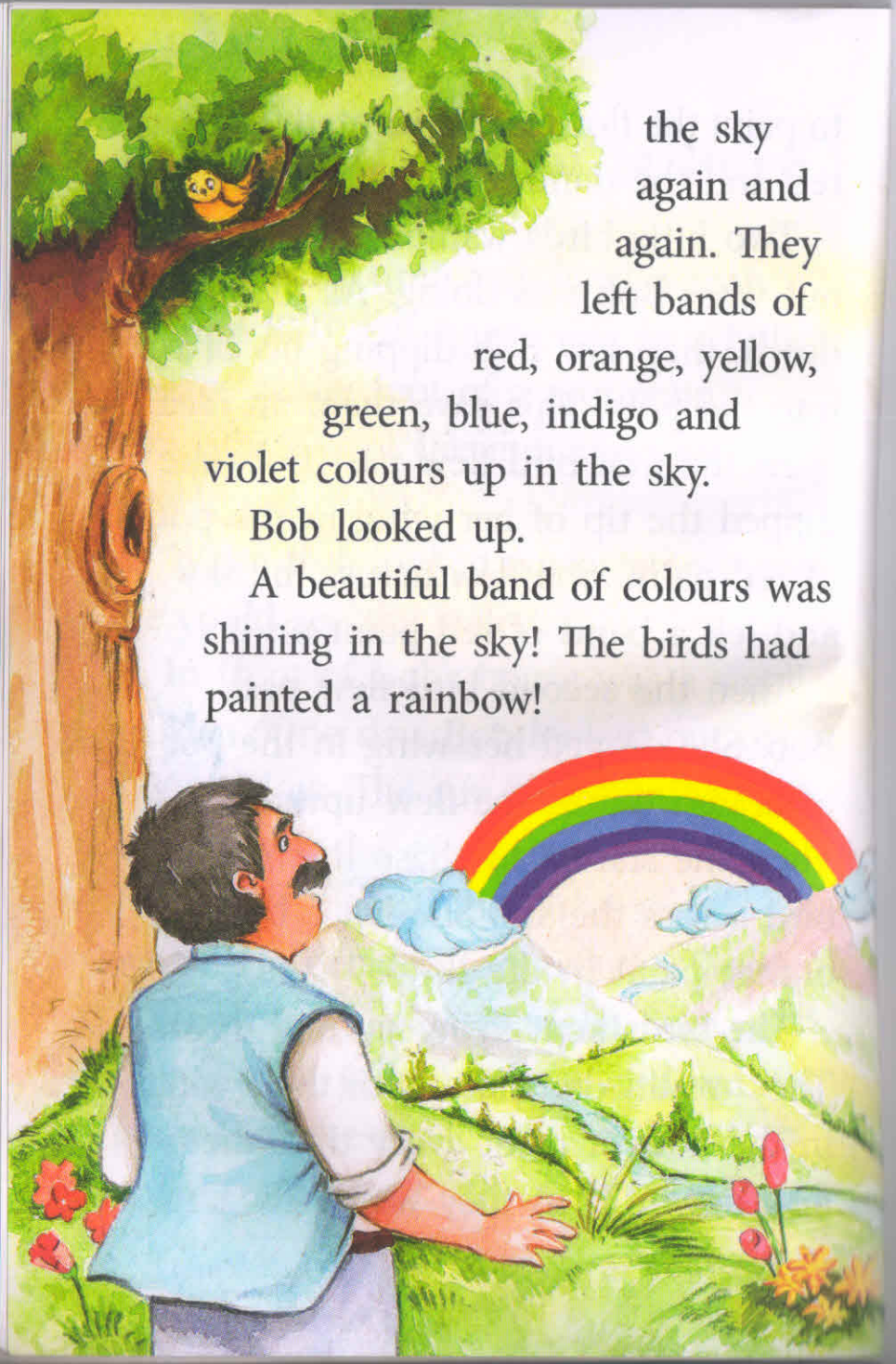
to paint the flowers. He painted the roses red and the daffodils bright yellow.

Two little birds wanted to find out what Bob was doing. As they flew down, they saw Bob dipping his brush into the pots. This gave them an idea.

As the first bird flew past Bob, she dipped the tip of her wing in the pot of red paint. She flew across the sky and left a band of red paint on it.

Then the second bird flew past Bob. She dipped her wing in the pot of orange paint. She flew upwards. Then she started to chase the first bird across the sky. She left a band of orange paint in the sky.

The birds kept flying up and down. They would dip the tips of their wings in the pots of paint every time they flew down. Then they would fly across



the sky again and again. They left bands of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet colours up in the sky.

Bob looked up.

A beautiful band of colours was shining in the sky! The birds had painted a rainbow!

Let us answer

A Number these sentences in the correct order.

___ Two little birds wanted to find out what Bob was doing.

1 In a village lived a man called Bob.

___ The birds painted a rainbow in the sky.

___ Bob decided to paint the flowers.

Fun with words

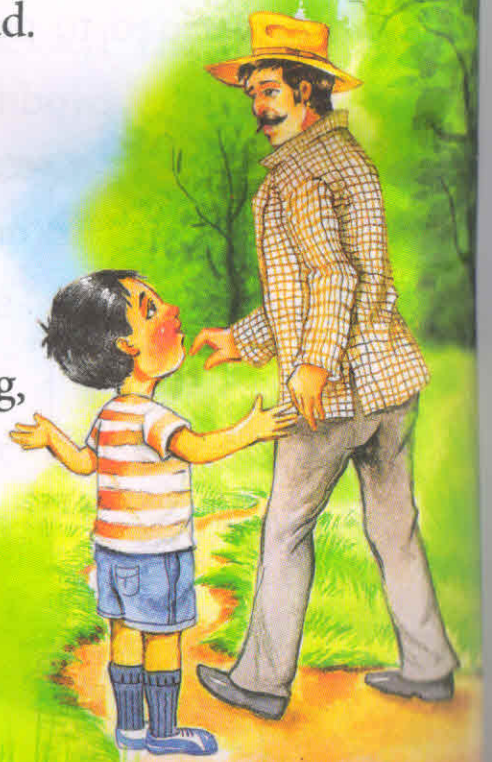
B Write B for bird and F for flower.

1. lotus ____
2. lily ____
3. cock ____
4. cuckoo ____
5. parakeet ____
6. dahlia ____
7. dove ____
8. tulip ____

10 Puppy and I

I met a Man as I went walking,
We got talking, Man and I.
"Where are you going to, Man?"
I said.
(I said to the Man as he went by).
"Down to the village,
to get some bread.
Will you come
with me?"
"No, not I."

I met a horse
as I went walking,
We got talking,
Horse and I.

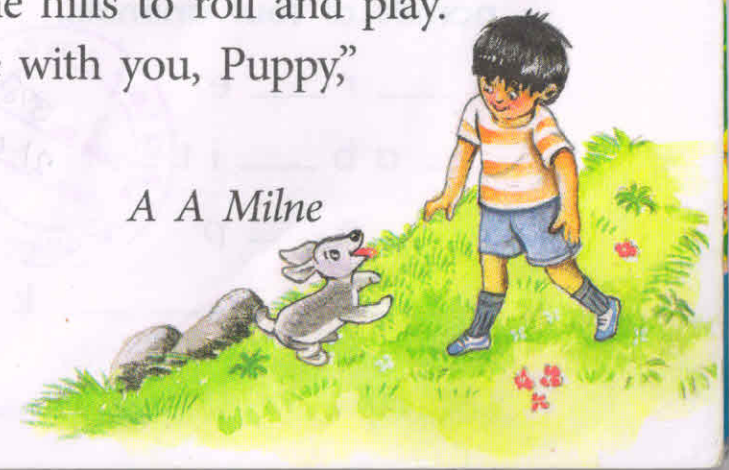


"Where are you going to,
Horse, today?"
(I said to the Horse as he
went by).
"Down to the village to
get some hay.
Will you come with me?"
"No, not I."

* * *

I met a Puppy as I went walking,
We got talking, Puppy and I.
"Where are you going this nice
fine day?"
(I said to the Puppy as he went by).
"Up to the hills to roll and play."
"I'll come with you, Puppy,"
said I.

A A Milne



Let us answer

A Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. The Man was going to the village to get some
   a. milk. ◯ b. bread. ◯
2. The Horse was going to the village to get some
   a. hay. ◯ b. oats. ◯
3. The Puppy was going up to the hills to
   a. sleep. ◯ b. play. ◯

Fun with words

B Fill in the missing letters to get the names of four animals.

1. h ___ r ___ e
2. ___ a b ___ i t
3. s ___ e ___ p
4. p ___ ___ c ___ ___ k

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