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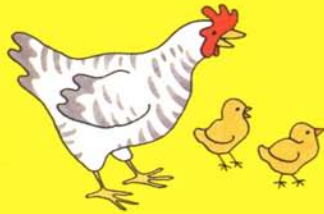
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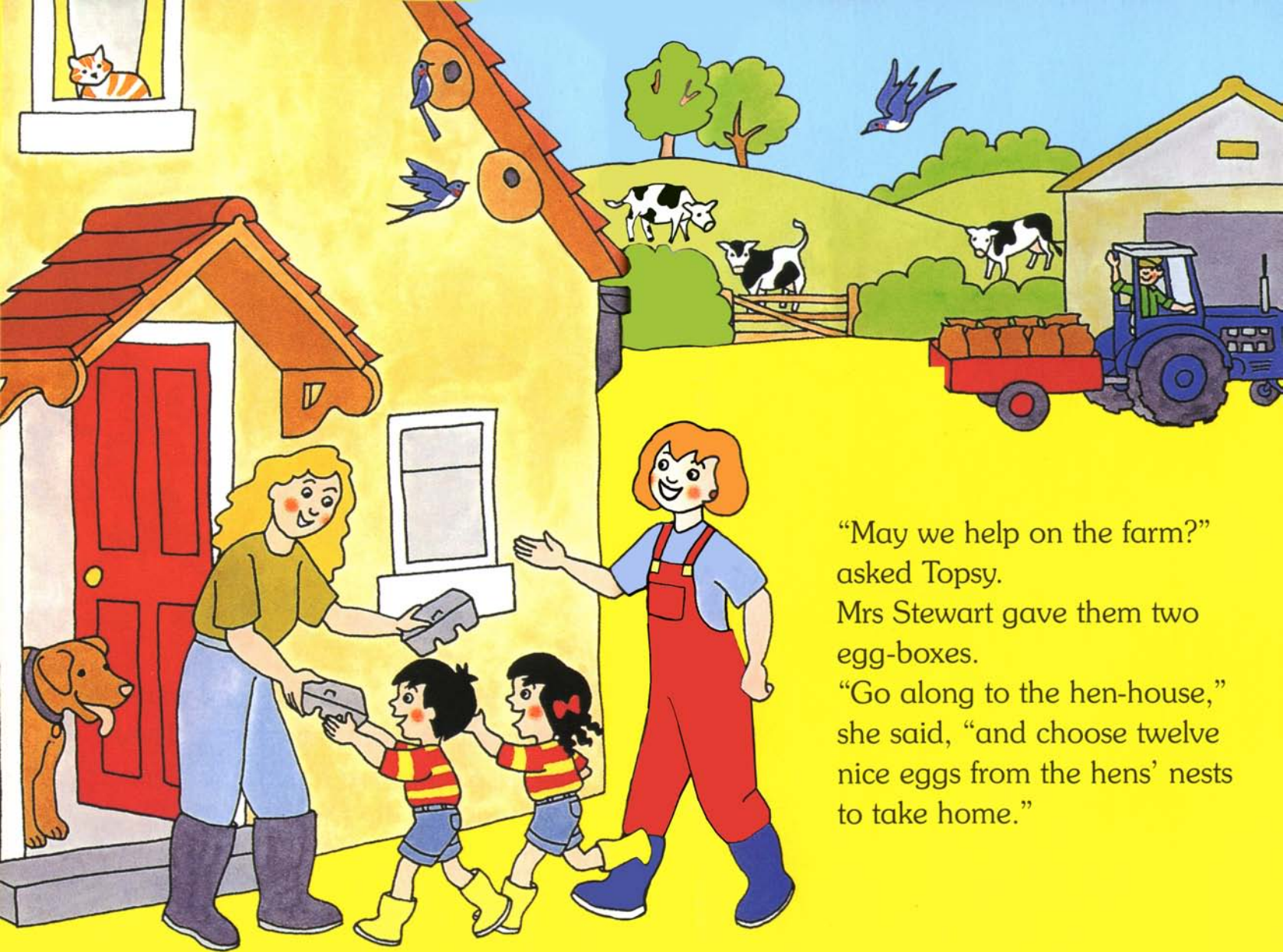
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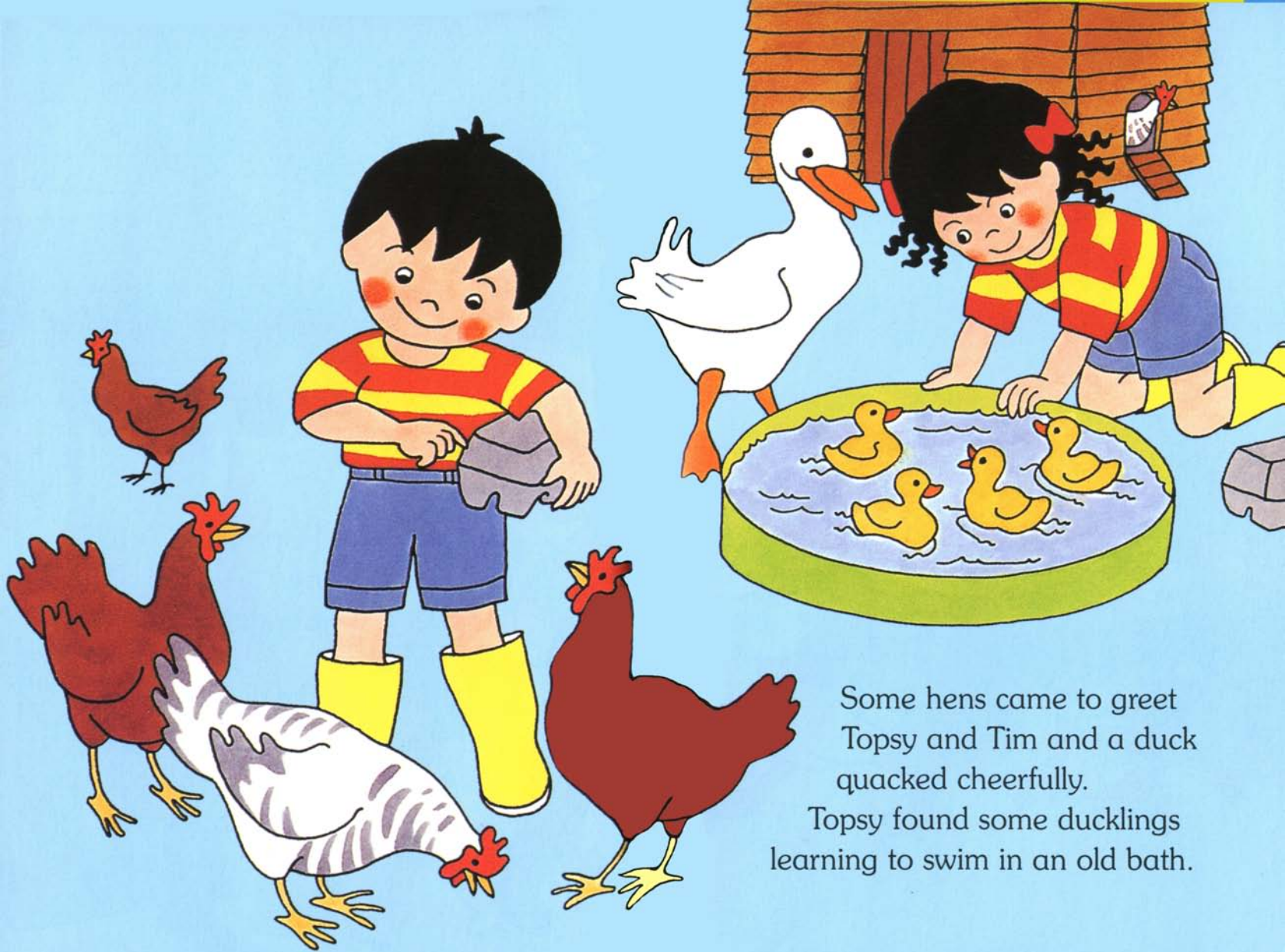


Topsy and Tim and Mummy were on their way to Rosemary Farm. They were going to see Mummy's friend Mrs Stewart, the farmer's wife.





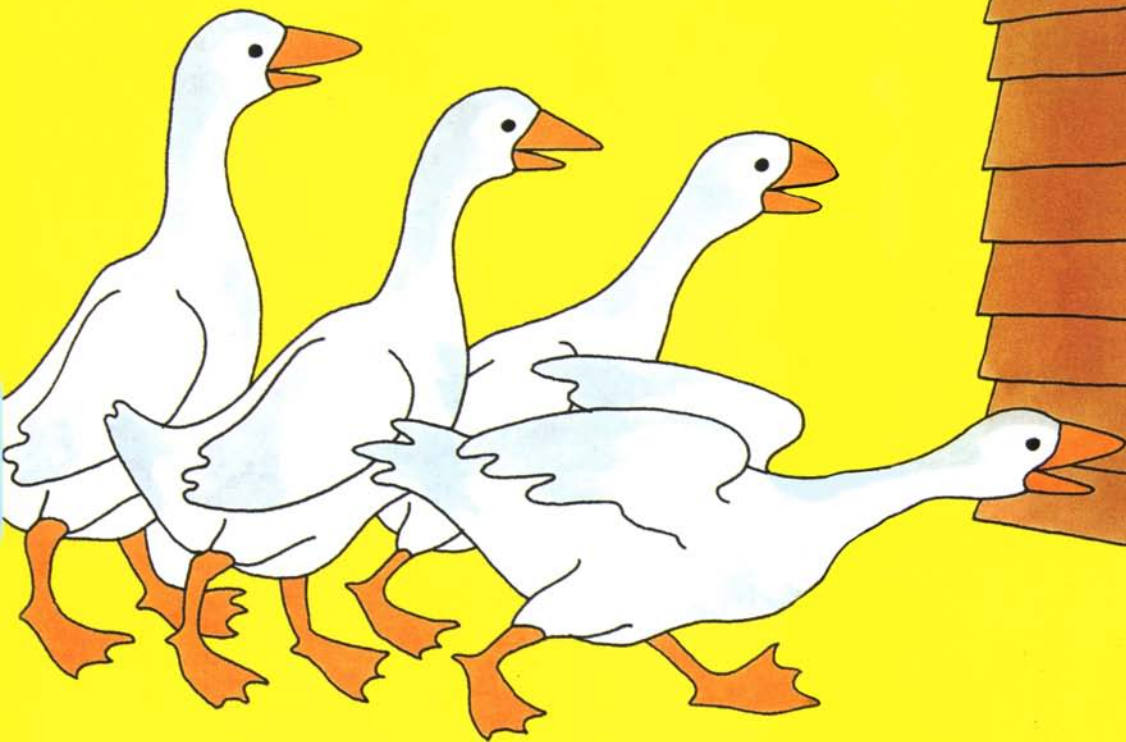
“May we help on the farm?”  
asked Topsy.  
Mrs Stewart gave them two  
egg-boxes.  
“Go along to the hen-house,”  
she said, “and choose twelve  
nice eggs from the hens’ nests  
to take home.”



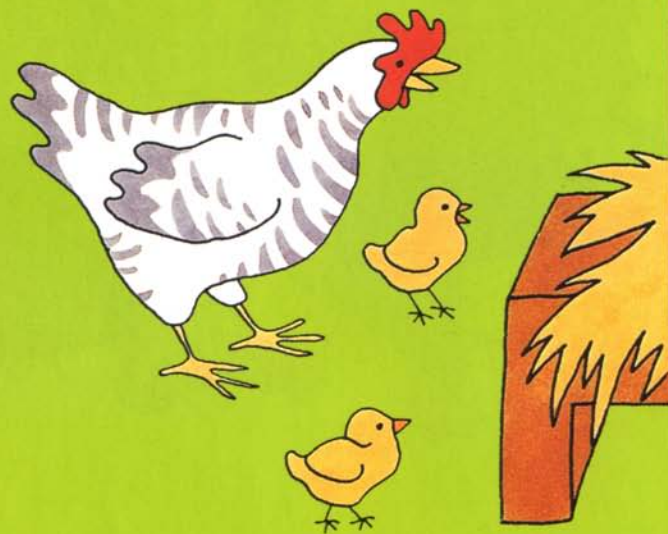
Some hens came to greet  
Topsy and Tim and a duck  
quacked cheerfully.  
Topsy found some ducklings  
learning to swim in an old bath.



A loud hissing noise startled Topsy and Tim. Four big, angry-looking geese were moving towards them. "We'd better run into the hen-house," said Tim.



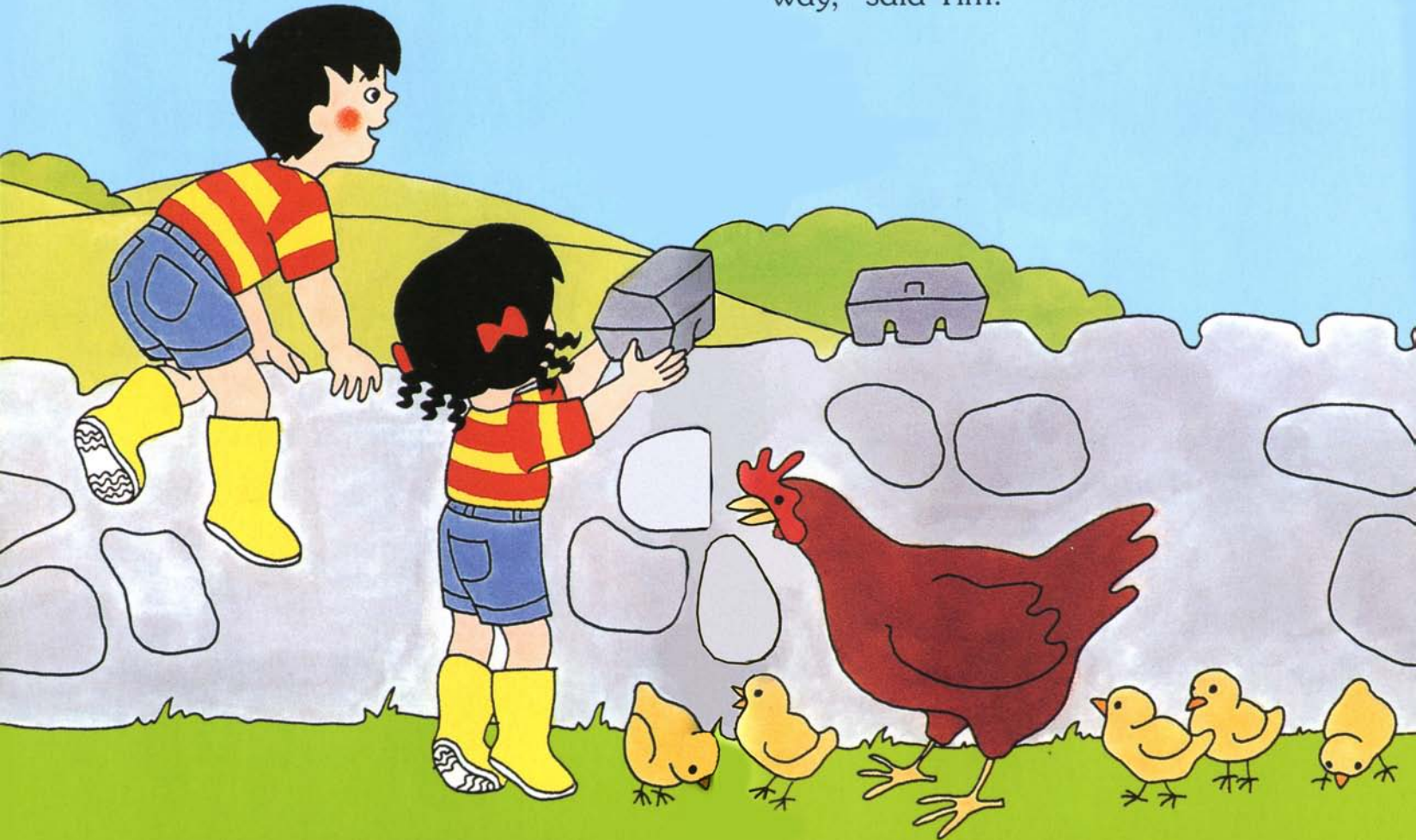
The hen-house felt safe, but it was very gloomy. Soon their eyes grew used to the dark and they could see plenty of eggs in the hens' nests. Topsy chose six big eggs to fill her box. Four were white and two were brown.



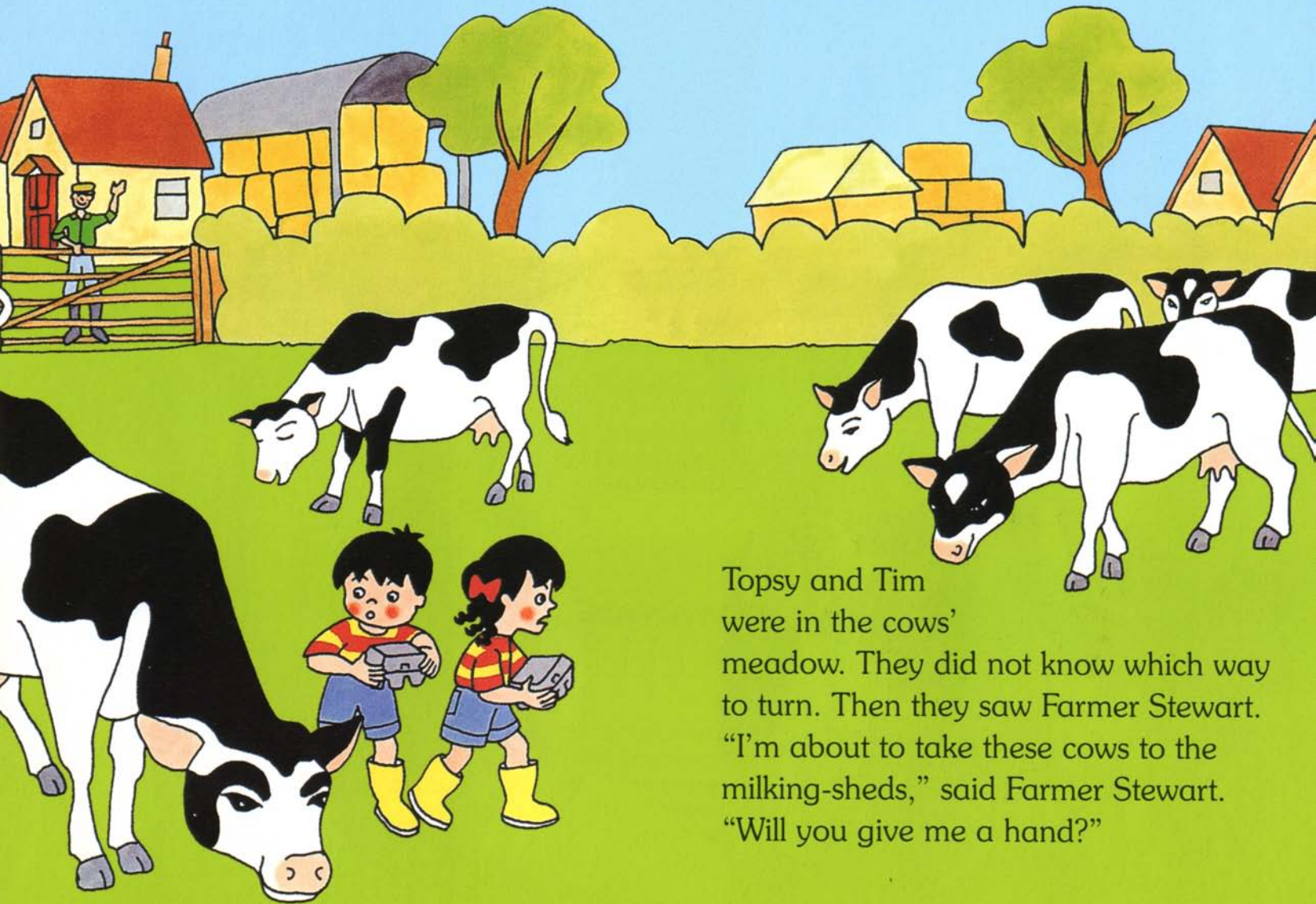


The angry geese were on the path back to the farmhouse, so Topsy and Tim could not go that way.

They climbed the wall instead, being very careful with their eggs. "Let's go back to the farmhouse this way," said Tim.

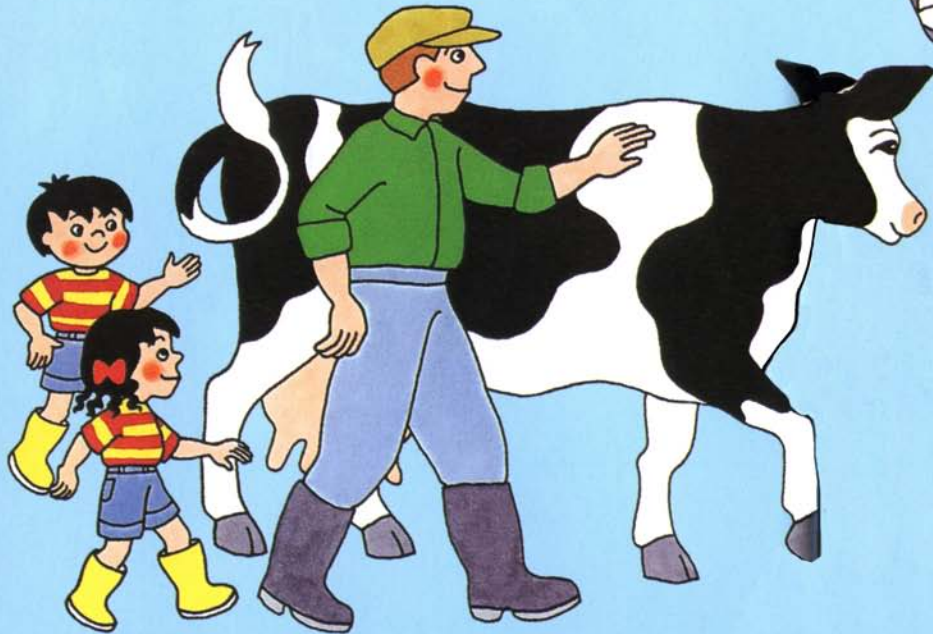
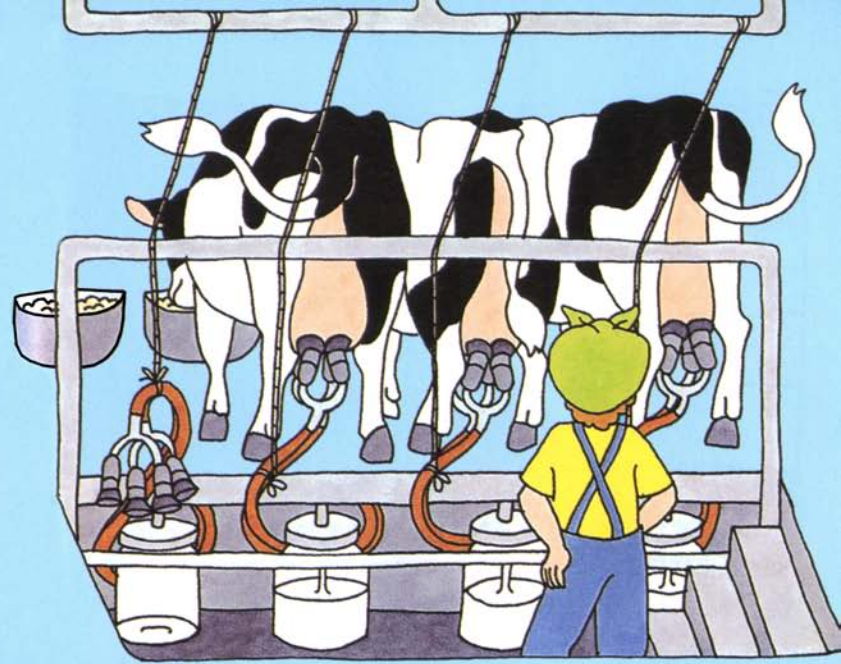






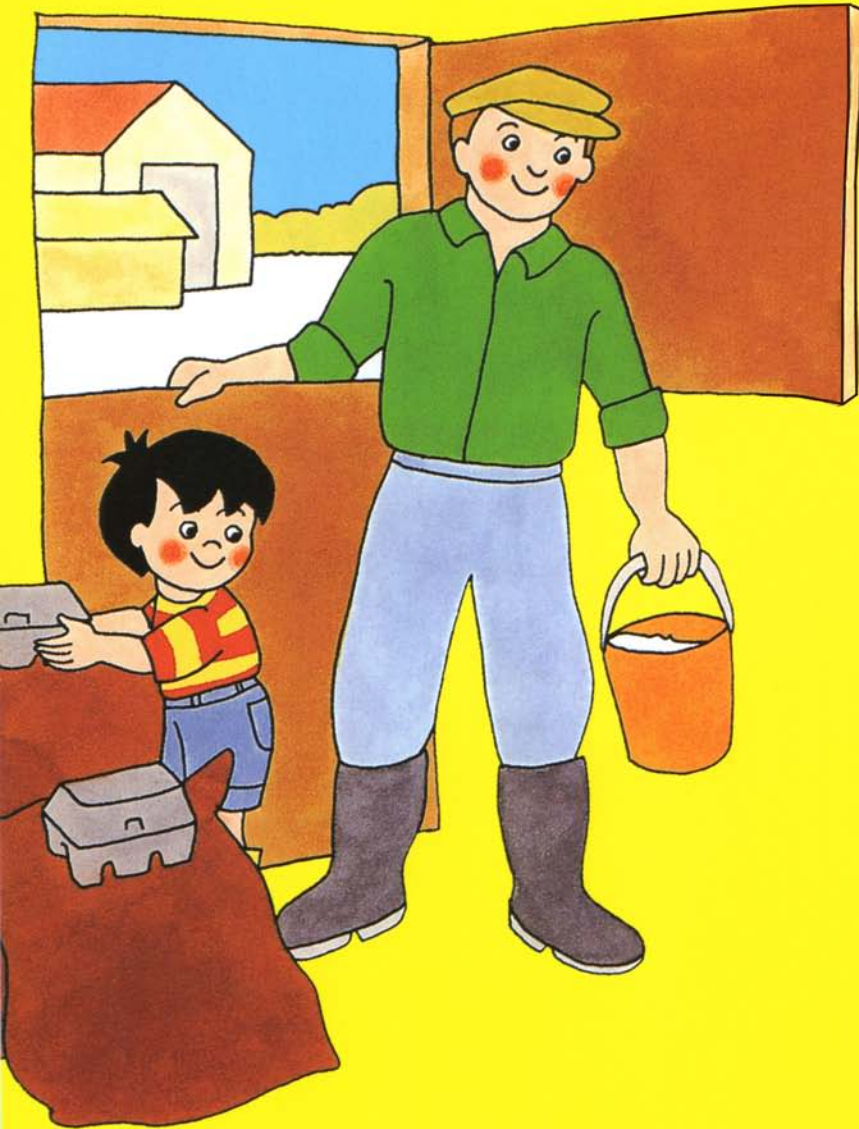
Topsy and Tim  
were in the cows'  
meadow. They did not know which way  
to turn. Then they saw Farmer Stewart.  
"I'm about to take these cows to the  
milking-sheds," said Farmer Stewart.  
"Will you give me a hand?"

Topsy and Tim helped Farmer Stewart take the cows to the milking-sheds, although the cows knew the way themselves. "Can we help milk the cows?" asked Topsy and Tim.



"We will soon do that with our machines, thank you," said Farmer Stewart. "I've got a special job for you, though, if you'd care to help."





Farmer Stewart took a bucket of new milk. He led Topsy and Tim to a smaller shed.

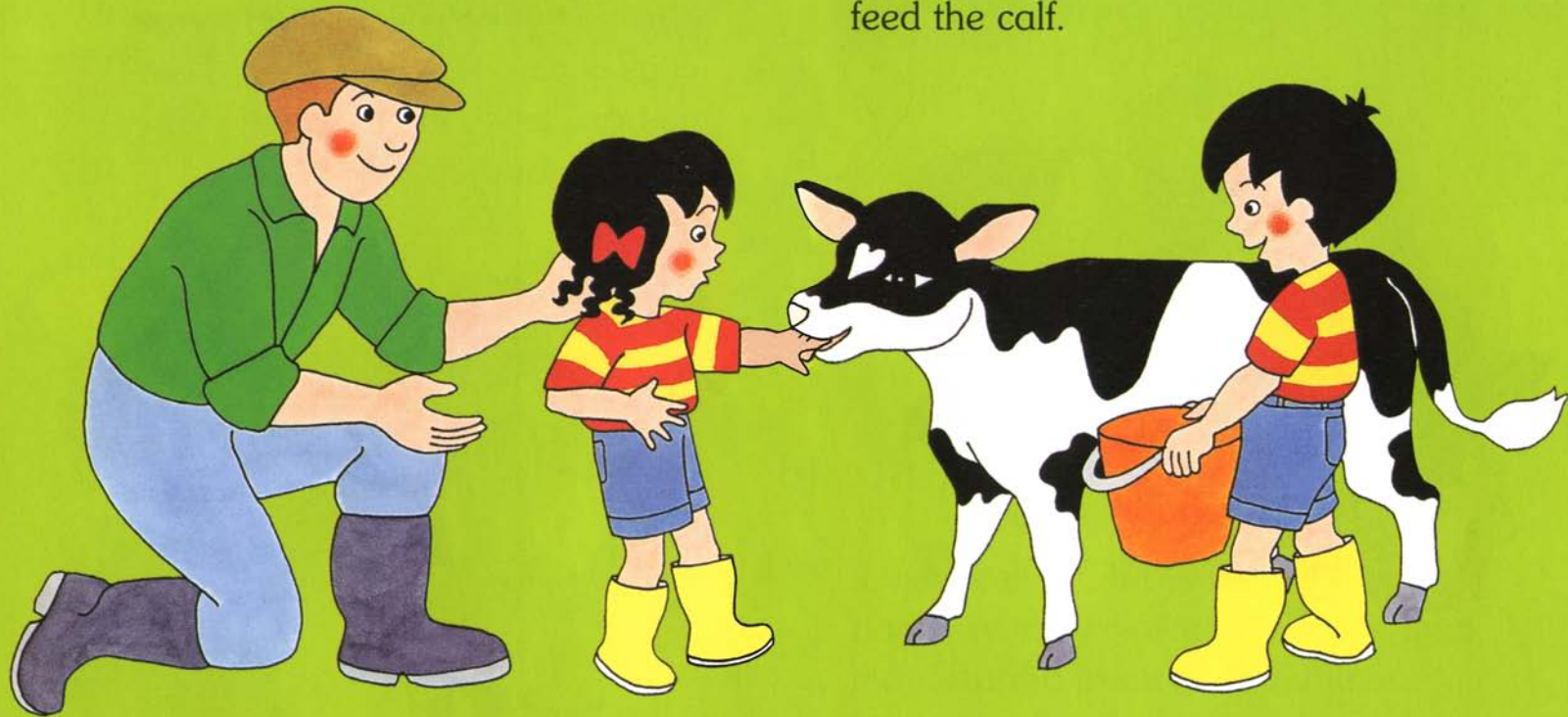
There was a baby calf in the shed. "Poor thing. It wants this milk," said Farmer Stewart, "but it can't drink. It only knows how to suck. Put your eggs down somewhere and then you can teach the calf how to drink from the bucket."



Farmer Stewart showed Topsy what to do. She dipped her finger in the milk. Then she let the calf suck her milky finger.

The calf sucked so hard that Topsy felt nervous.

“Don’t worry, it won’t bite,” said Farmer Stewart. Next, Topsy put her hand into the bucket. The calf went on sucking Topsy’s finger until her hand and its nose were both in the warm milk. Then it was Tim’s turn to feed the calf.



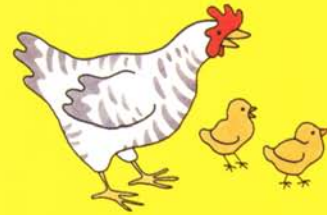


The calf soon discovered how to drink from the bucket without any help. Topsy and Tim ran back to the farmhouse to tell Mummy all about it.



It was time for Topsy and Tim to go home. As they walked down the lane they heard a tractor behind them. It was Farmer Stewart.

“Here are the eggs you forgot,”  
he said, “and here is a big carton of  
cream for your tea, because you were  
so good and helpful at the farm.”





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