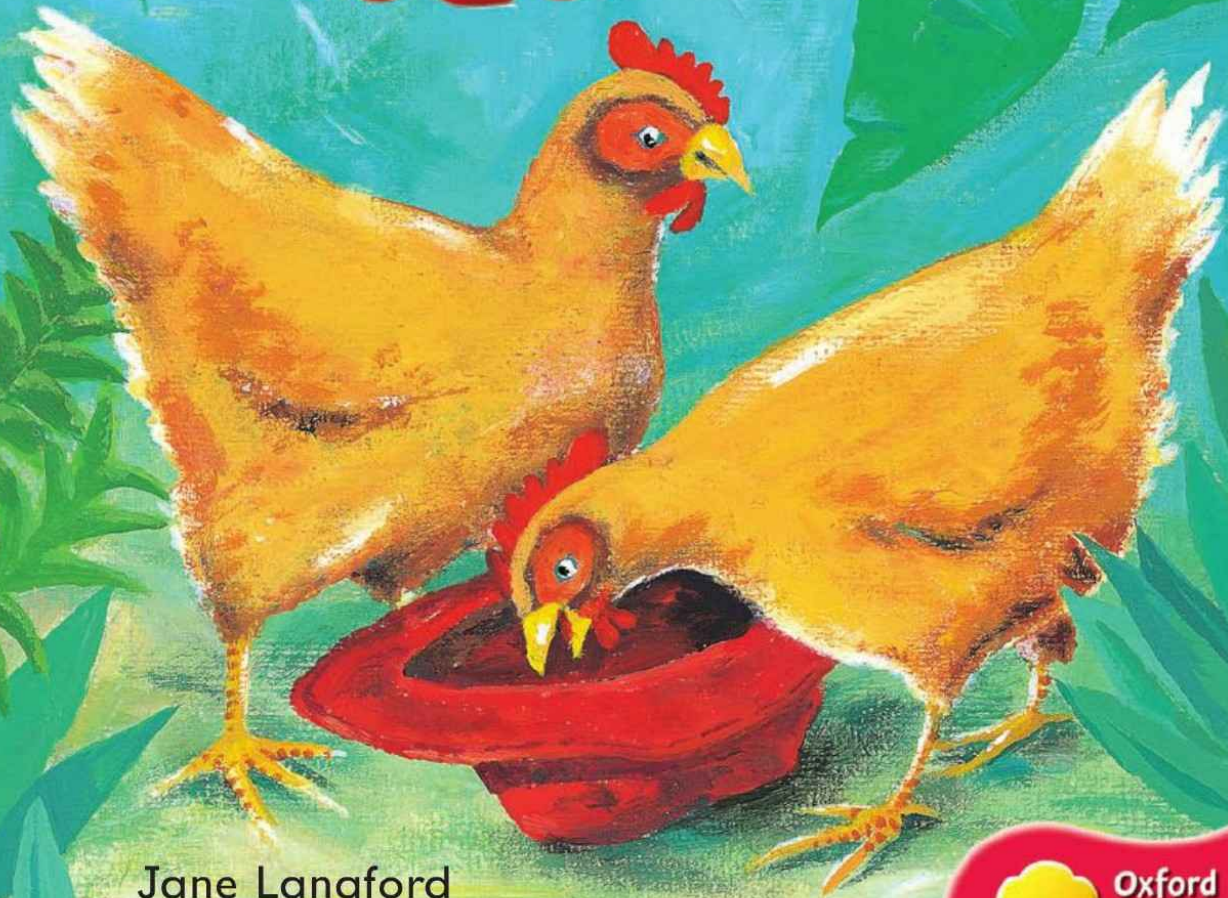


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An Old Red Hat



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What is the story about?

Ada finds three eggs that a hen has laid in her mother's old red hat. Ada goes on a bus to market to sell them. A lady on the bus buys the eggs for three pennies. At the market, Ada uses the money to buy a new red hat for her mother.

Talk together

Look at the cover and read the title together. Say, "Let's look through the story and find out what happens to the old red hat." Look briefly through the illustrations. Talk about where the story takes place.

Read the story

- Read the story together. Let your child hold the book and turn the pages.
- Encourage your child to join in with you and to read alone when he/she wants to.
- On page 4, ask your child to point to the words 'One... two... three'.
- On page 5, help your child read 'market'. On page 6, ask him/her to find the word again.
- Encourage your child to match words on each page with their pictures as you continue reading.
- Ask your child to read the book again, and praise when he/she reads with an expressive tone.

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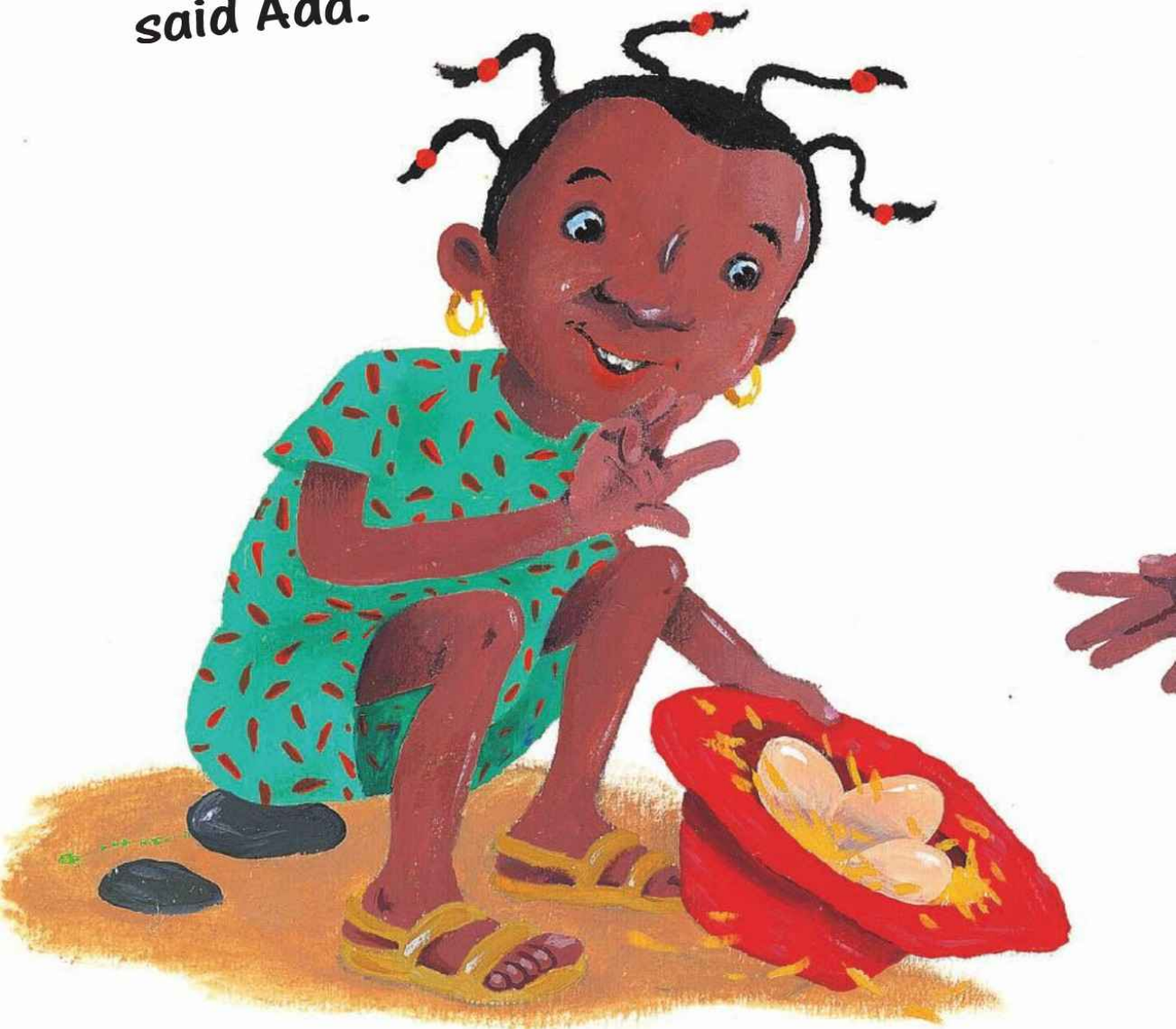
Ada had a nest.

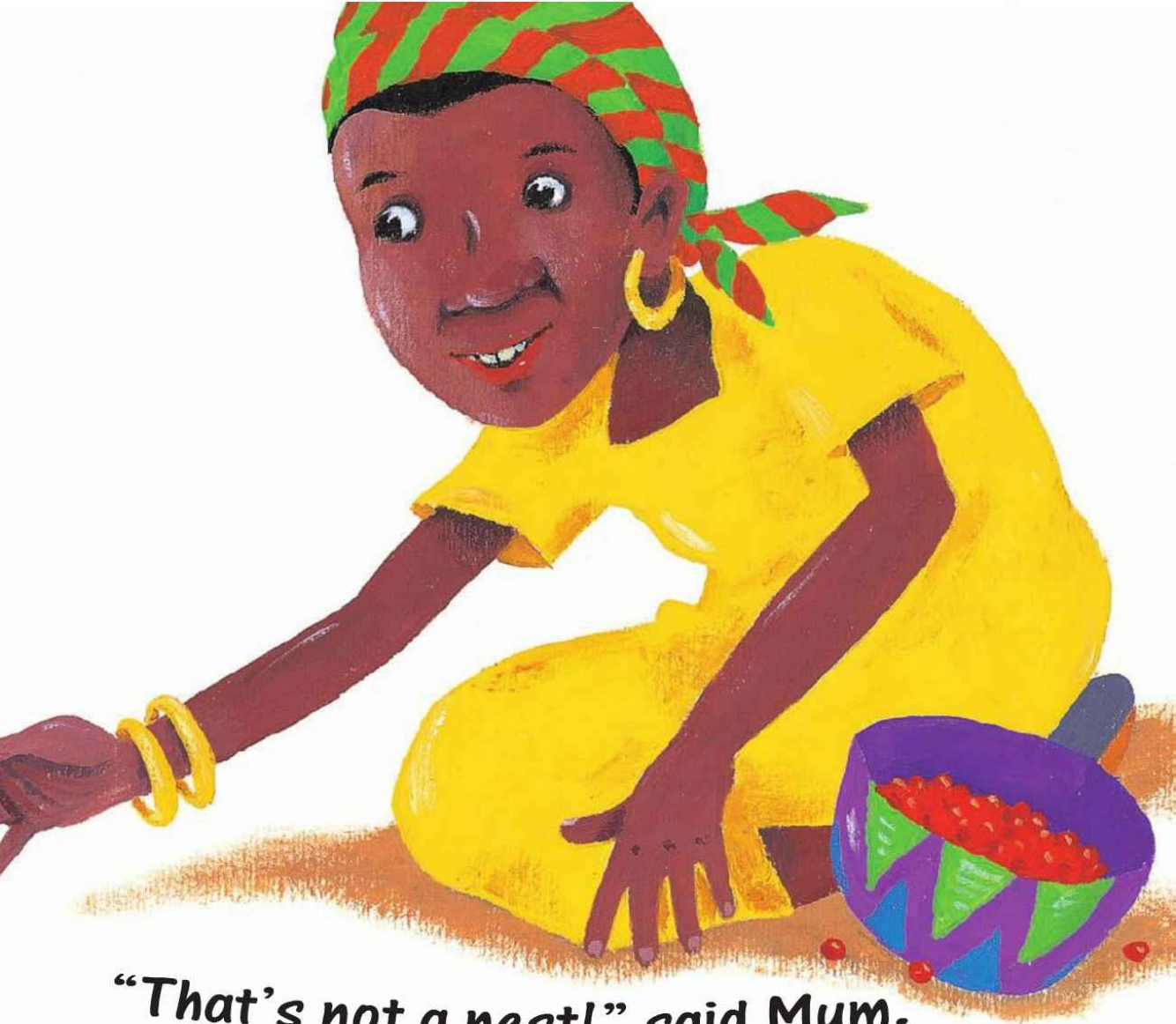
“What have you got there?” asked Mum.





“One... two... three eggs in a nest,”
said Ada.



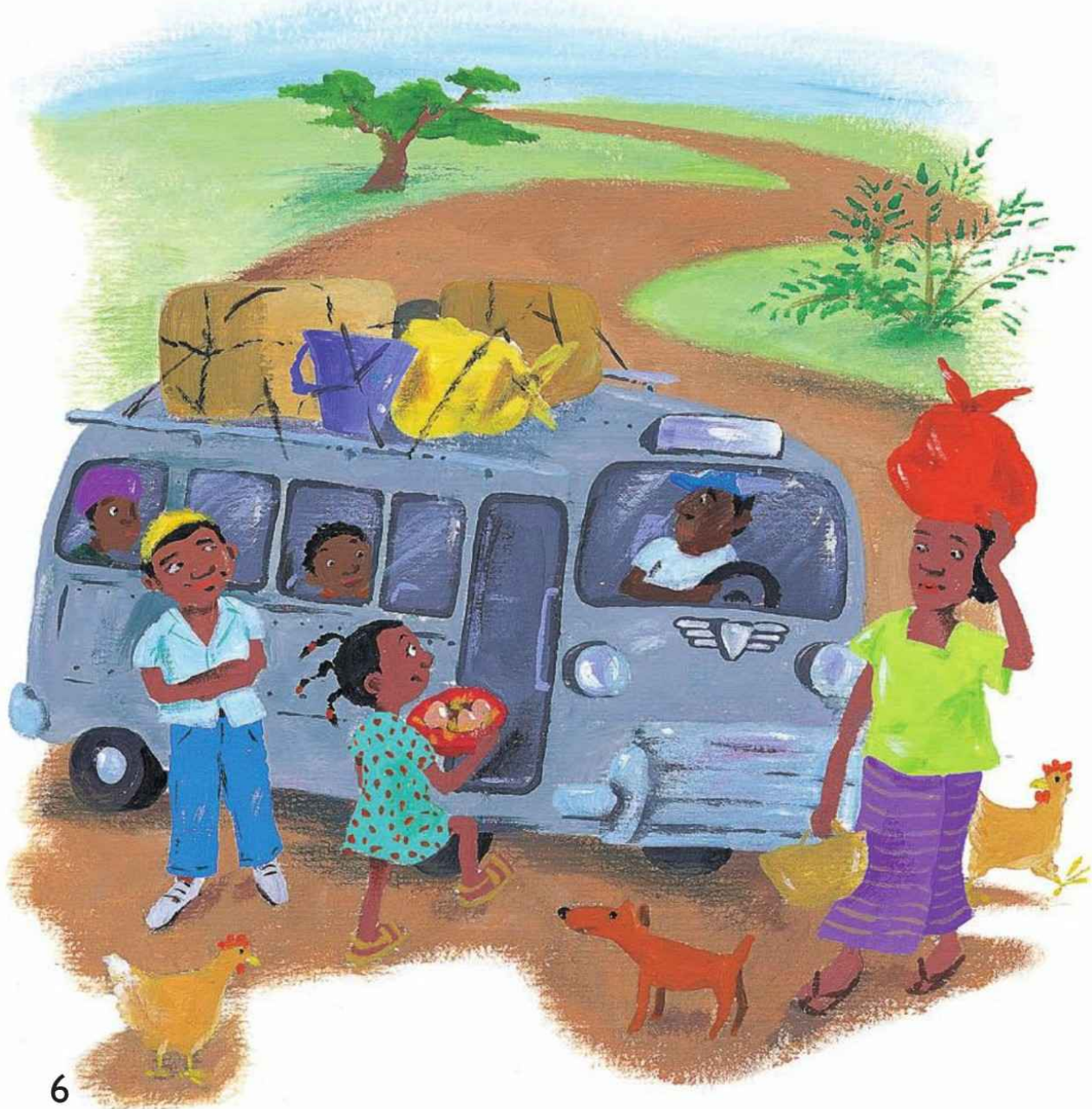


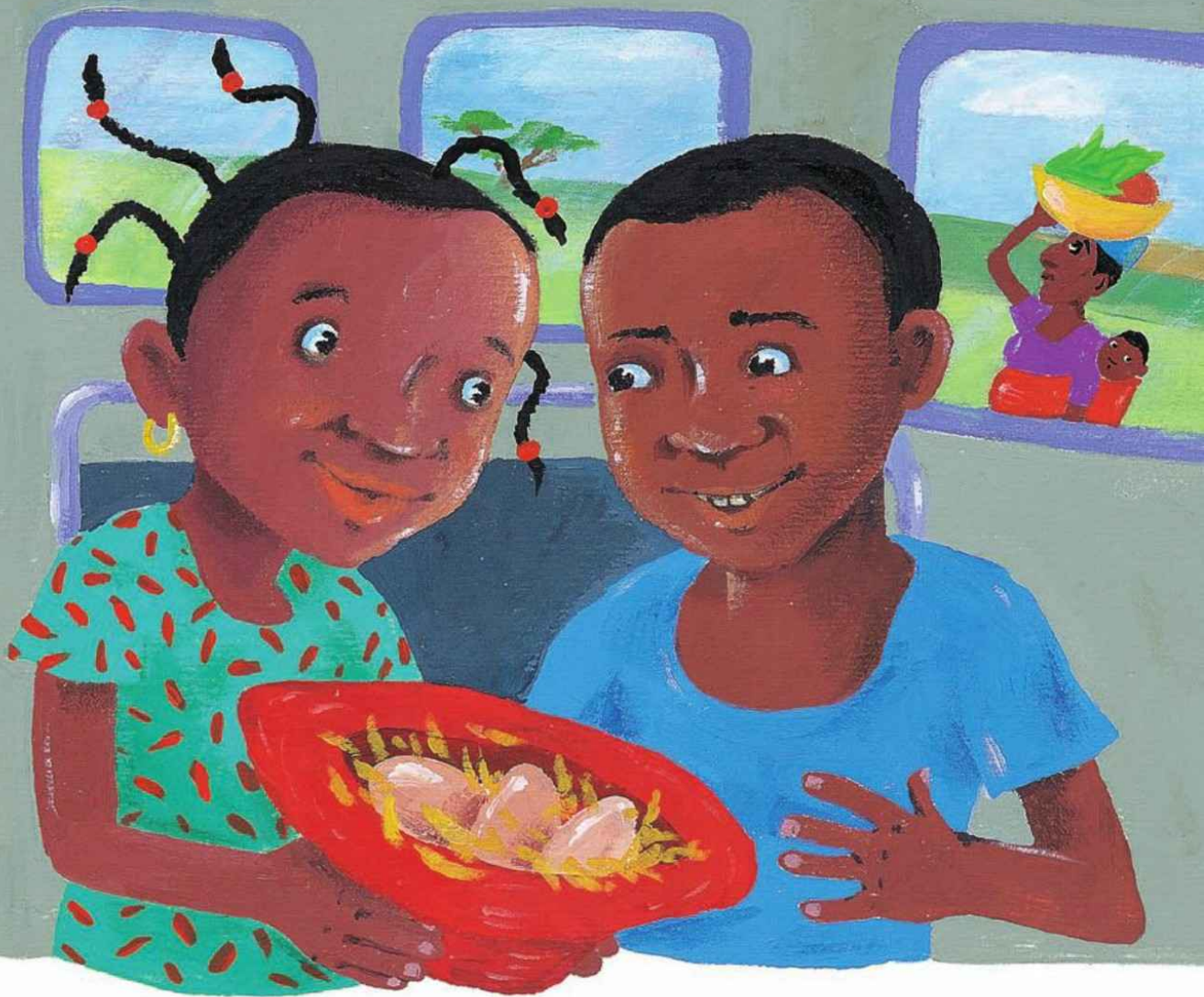
“That’s not a nest!” said Mum.

“That’s my old red hat!”

“I’m going to sell the eggs at the market,” said Ada.

Ada got on the bus to go to market.

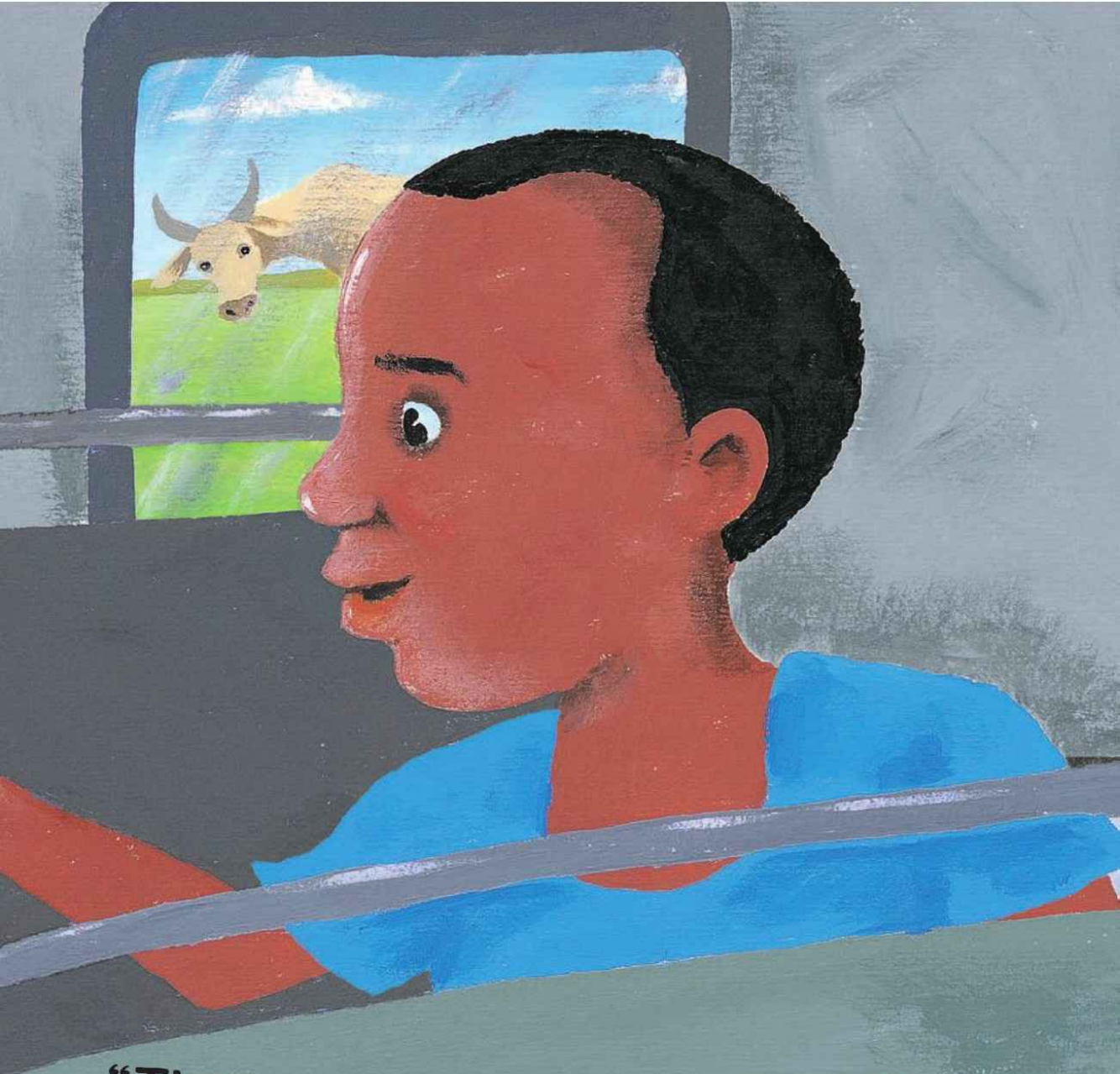




A boy on the bus saw Ada.
“What have you got there?” he
asked.

“One... two... three eggs in a nest,”
said Ada.





*“That’s not a nest!” said the boy.
“That’s an old red hat!”*

A lady on the bus saw Ada.
“Let me see. What have you got
there?” she asked.





“I have got one... two... three eggs in a nest,” said Ada.

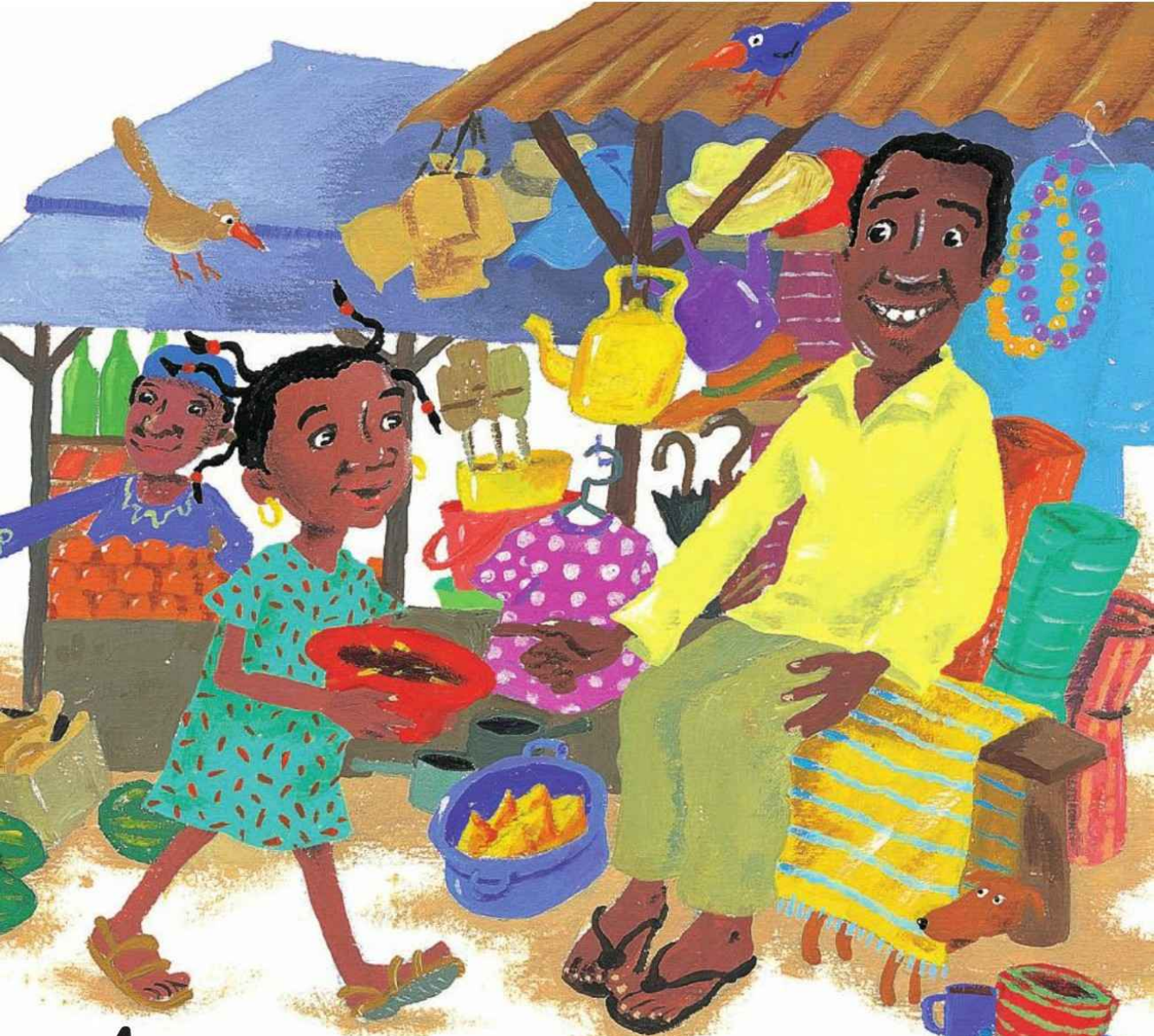


**“I’ll give you three pennies for the
eggs,” said the lady.**



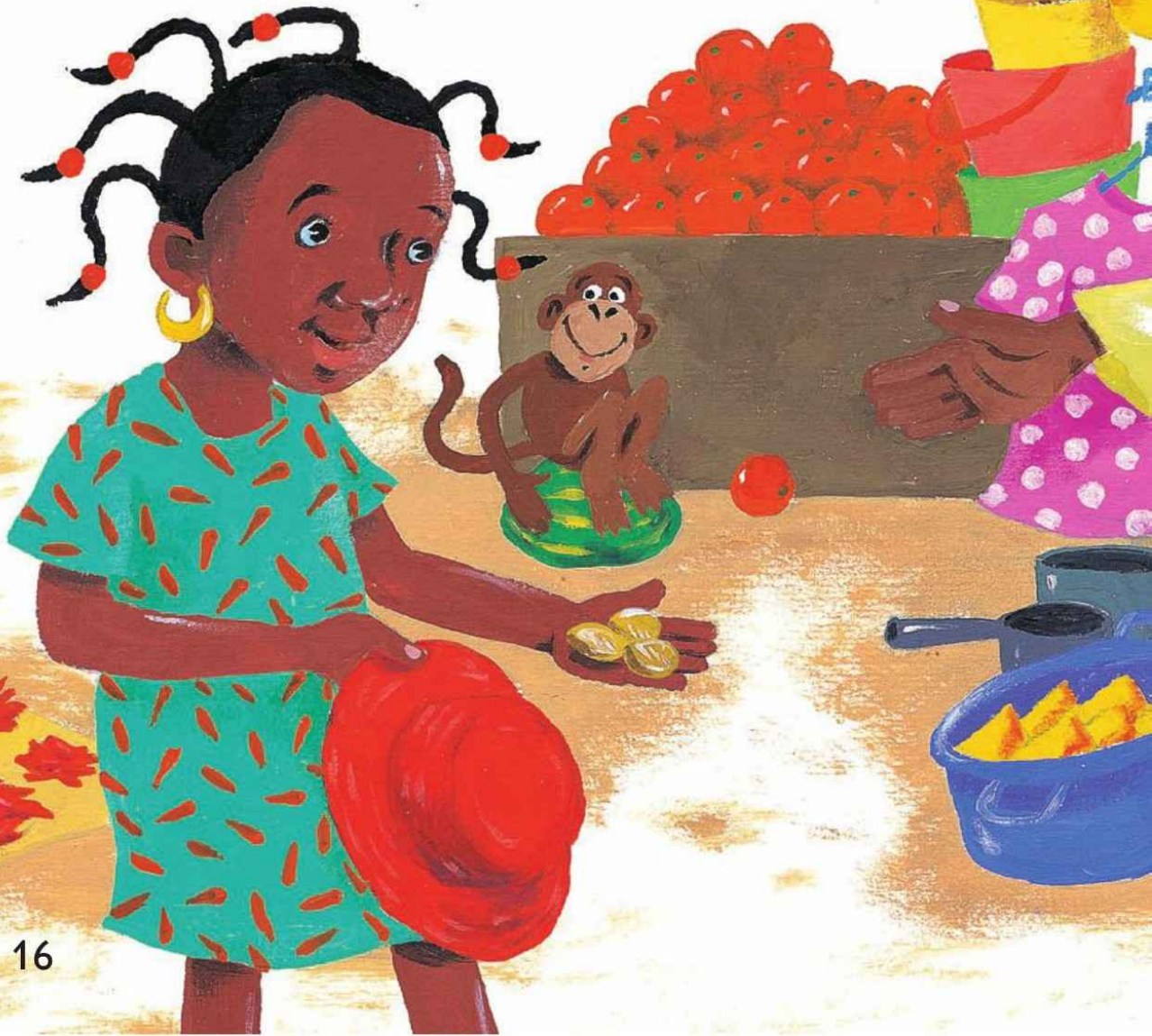
Ada got off the bus at the market.





A man at the market saw Ada.
“What have you got there?” he
asked.

“One... two... three pennies!” said Ada. “What can I get with three pennies?”

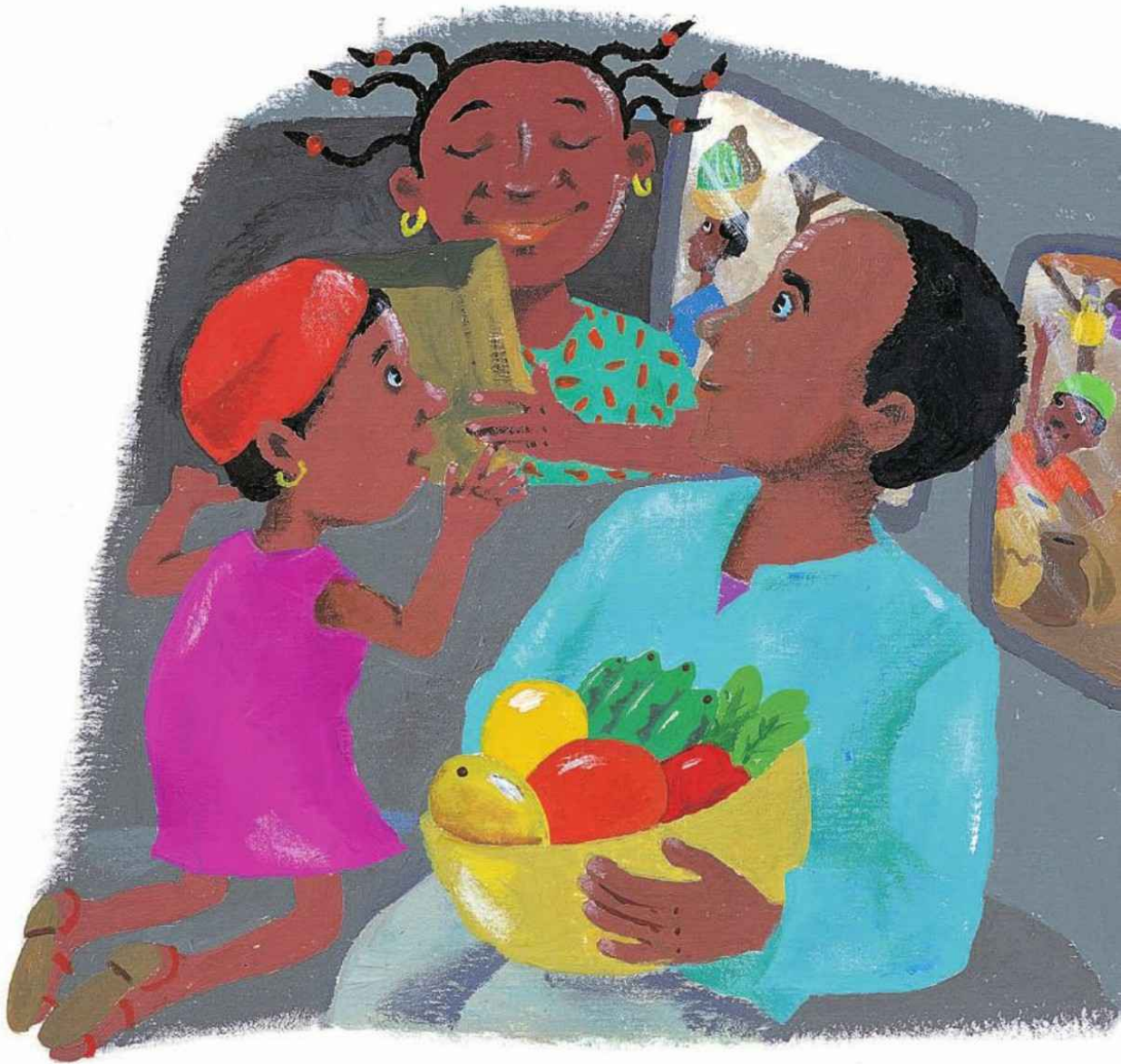




“Give me the three pennies and you can have this,” said the man.

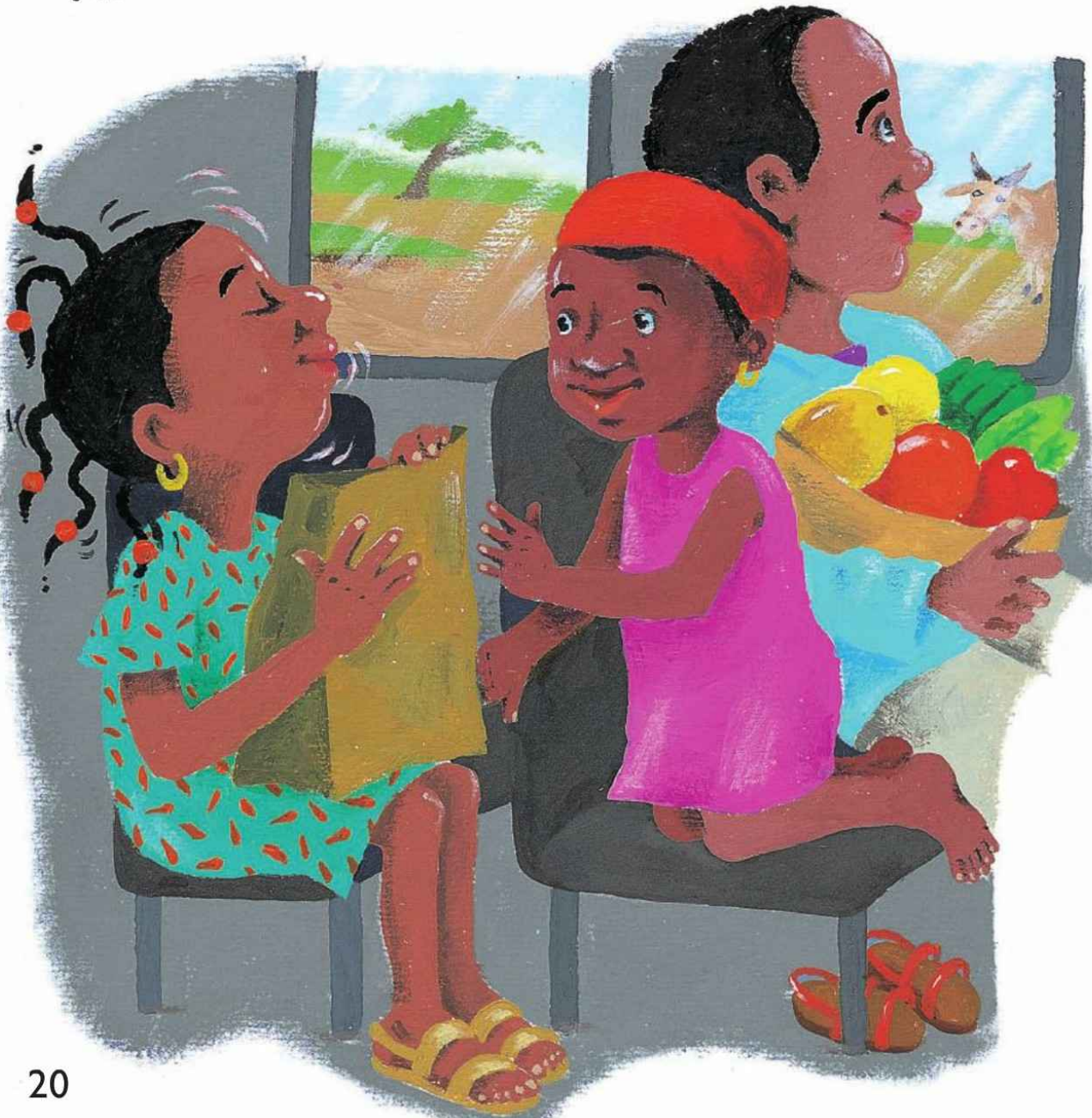
Ada got back on the bus.

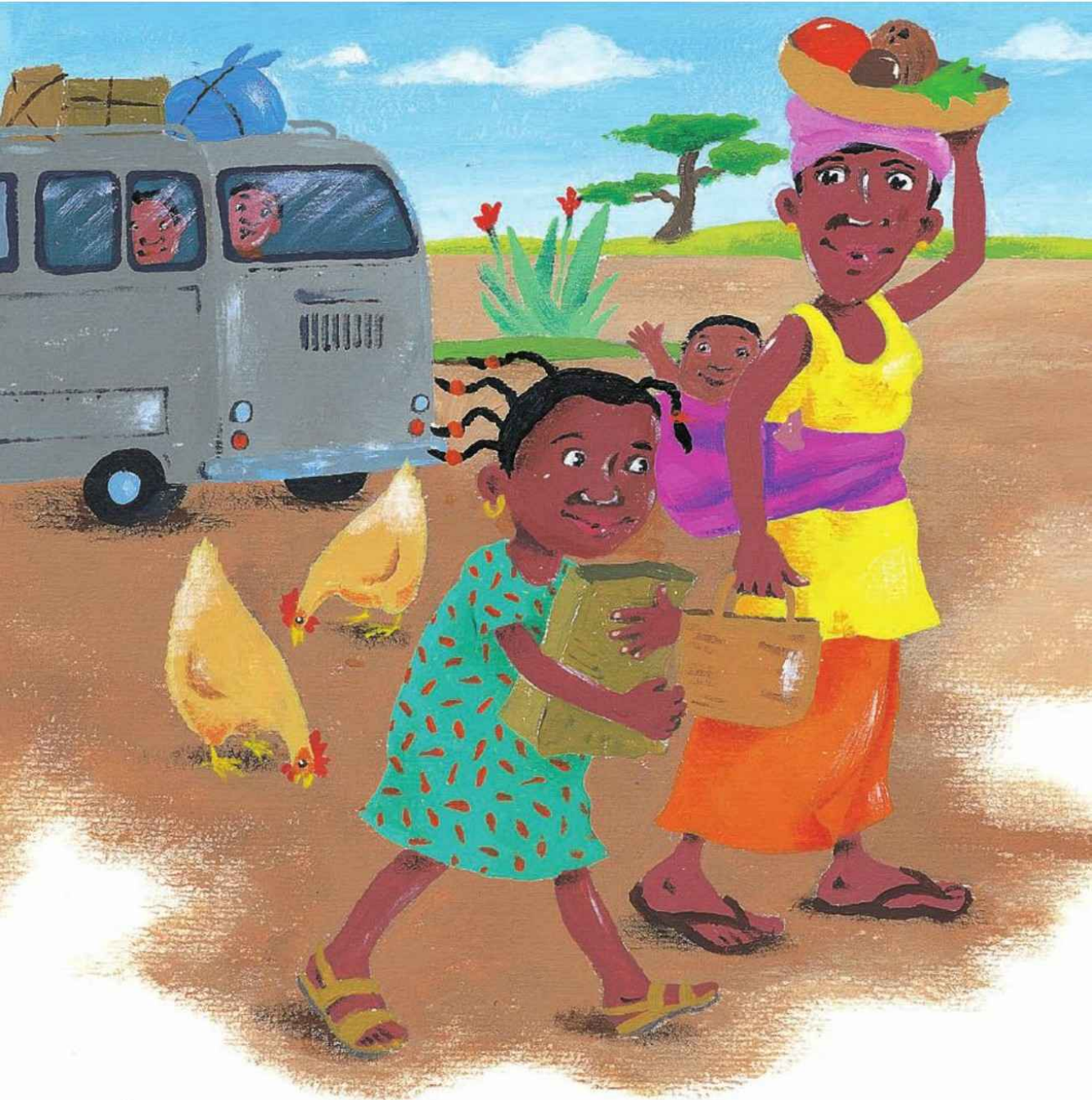




A girl on the bus saw Ada.
“What have you got there?” she
asked.

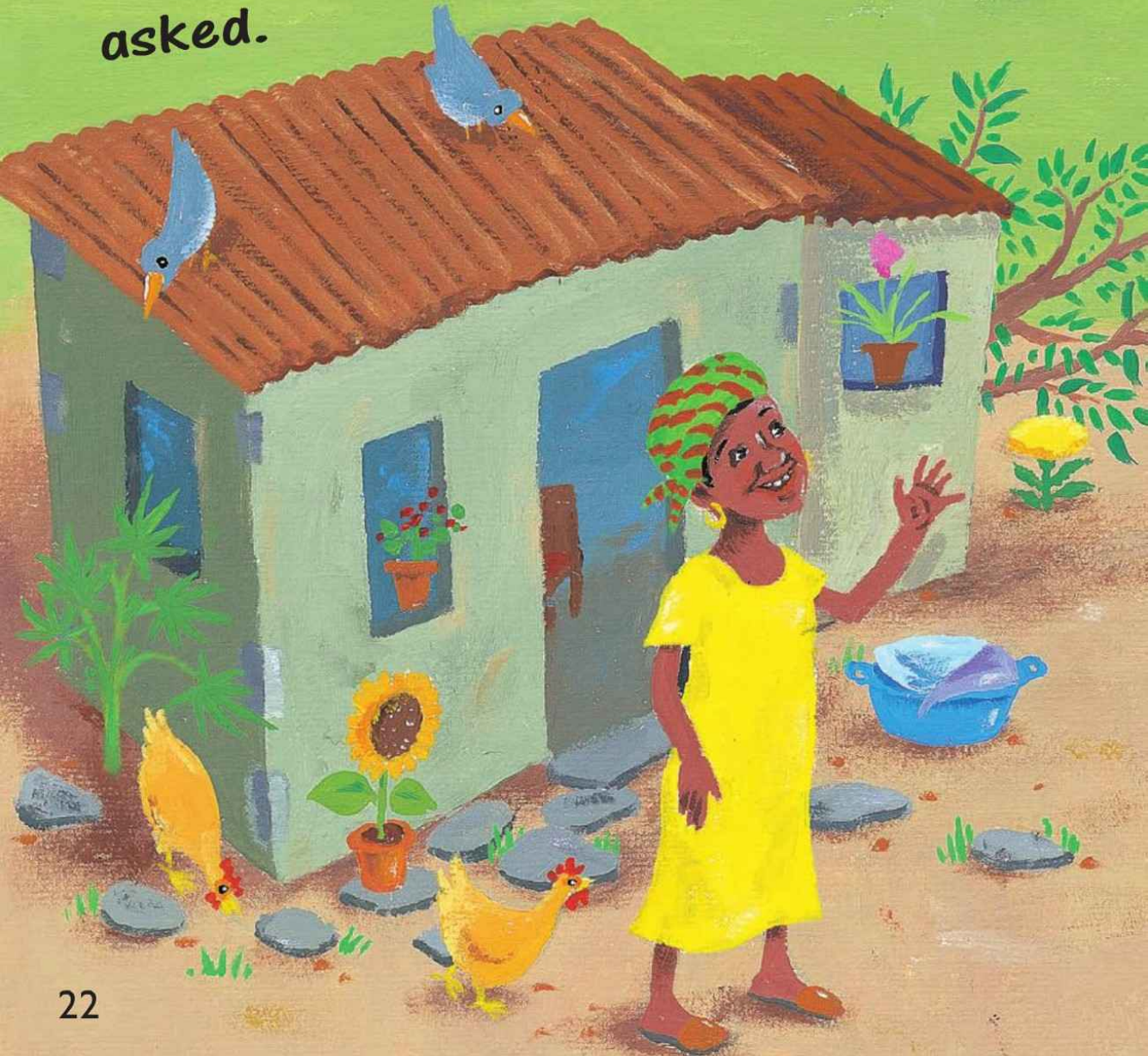
Ada shook her head and smiled.





She got off the bus and went home.

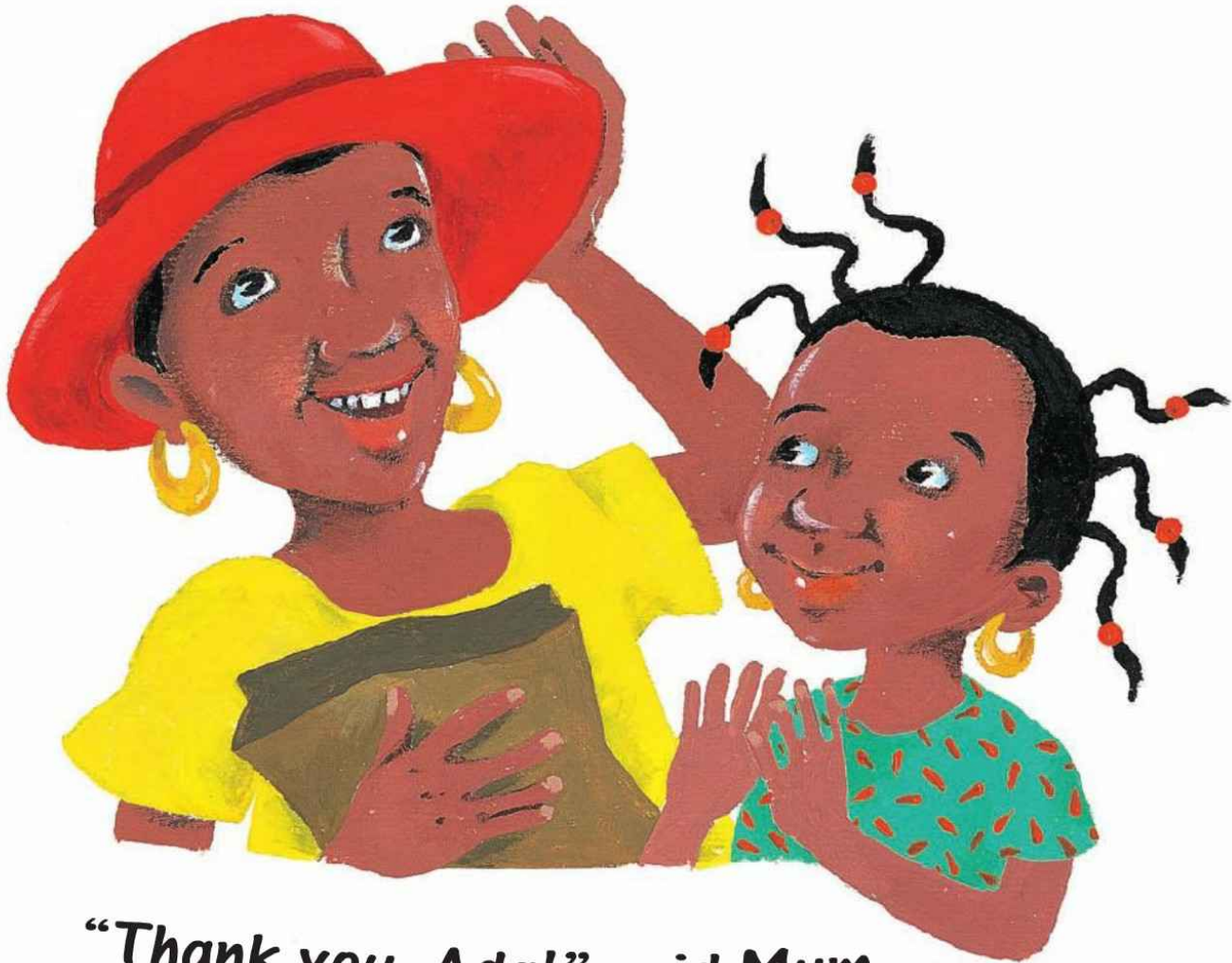
Mum saw Ada.
“What have you got there?” she
asked.





"It's for you," said Ada.

It was a new red hat!



“Thank you, Ada!” said Mum.

Play a game

Find the capital

This game will help your child understand the uses of capital letters, which will help in their own writing. It will also encourage your child to look quickly over lines of text to find specific words or phrases when he/she is reading.

- Write three or four of the capital letters that occur in the story on a piece of paper, e.g. A, M, T, W.
- Ask your child to choose a letter and see how quickly he/she can find all the words that begin with it in the book.
- Ask your child to choose another letter and challenge you to find all the words.

Other ideas

- Ask your child to describe what happened in the story using words such as first, next, then, at last.
- Write the numbers, 1, 2 and 3 on paper and ask your child to find the words that match them in the story.

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Ada goes to market with an old red hat.



This story practises these words:

what have got there one two three that not
as red

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