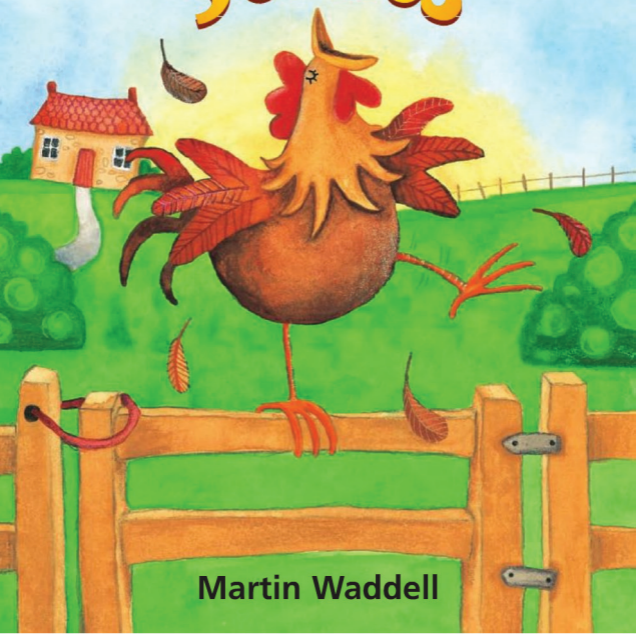




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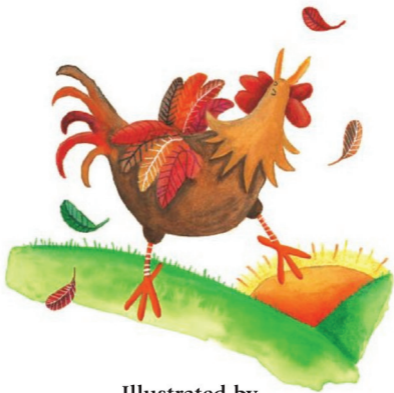
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Four Fools in a Field





Chapter 1

A Problem for Charlie

Farmer Skiboo called Charlie to help with the bull.

Charlie looked at the bull.

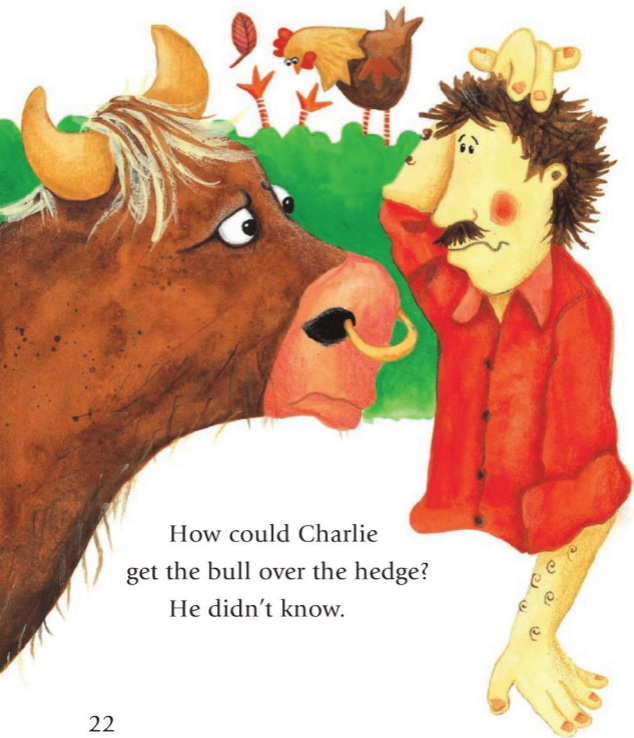
The bull looked at Charlie.

The bull didn't think much of Charlie.

"Get the bull out of this field, Charlie," said Farmer Skiboo. "But don't wreck my hedge when you do it!"

"Right!" said Charlie.

Charlie looked at the bull and the hedge.
The hedge was quite small.
The bull was a whole lot of bull.



How could Charlie
get the bull over the hedge?
He didn't know.

"Well, here goes, I suppose!"

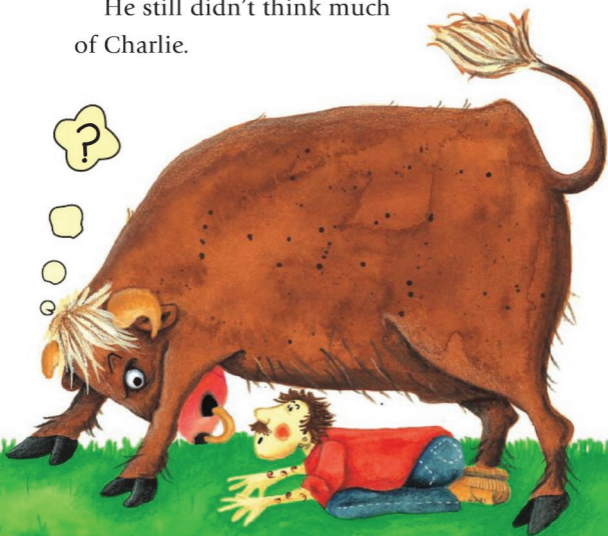
Charlie said.

He crawled in under the bull.

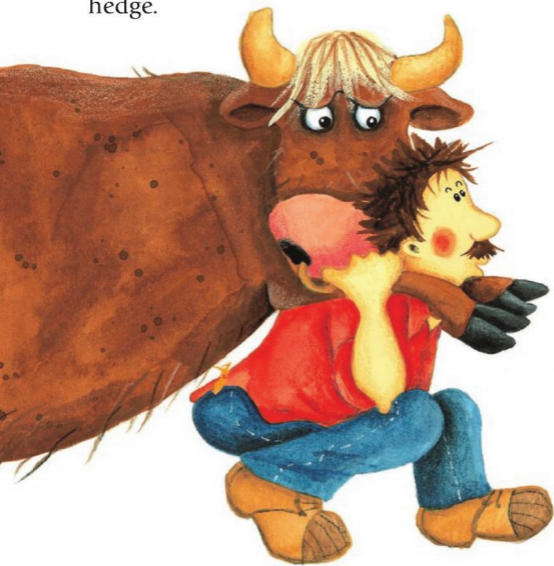
The bull looked in under himself.

He saw Charlie there ...

He still didn't think much
of Charlie.



Charlie tried to stand up.
He had the bull on his back.
He was trying to lift the bull over the
hedge.



Charlie puffed and he pulled.
He couldn't budge the old bull.

"Ned!" Charlie said. "Give me a hand with this bull."

Ned took one end of the bull.

Charlie stood at the other.



They puffed and they pulled.

They still couldn't budge the old bull.

"Send for Bert and Sid," Ned told Charlie.

Bert and Sid came, and they each took a leg of the bull.

“ONE, TWO, THREE, LIFT.”

And they puffed and they pulled, but they couldn't budge that old bull.



Chapter 2

Stuck Charlie!

They sat down to think.

The four fools looked at the bull.

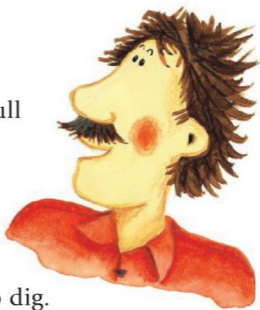
The bull looked at the fools.

The bull didn't think much of the fools.





"We could dig a bull tunnel, under the hedge," Charlie said.



Nobody wanted to dig.
"We're stuck with that bull!"
Charlie said.



Chapter 3

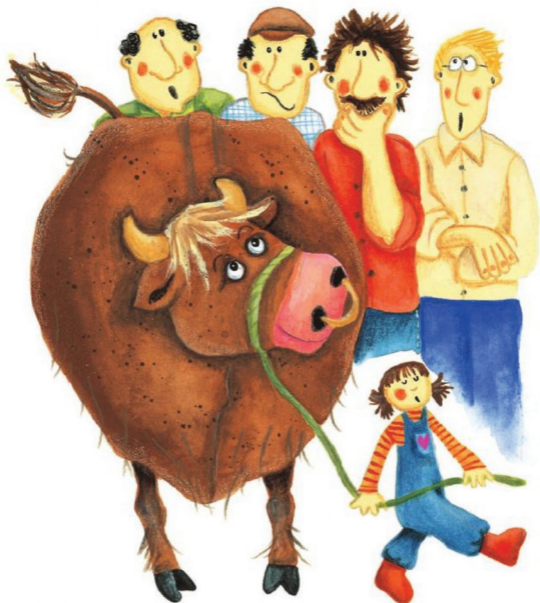
Small Anne to the Rescue

Along came Farmer Skiboo's daughter,
Small Anne.

"I know how to do it!" she said.



Small Anne opened the gate.
She LED the bull out of the field,
without touching the hedge.
She closed the gate.
She patted the bull on the head.
Then Small Anne walked away whistling.



Ned, Bert, and Sid beamed at the bull.
But Charlie stood scratching his head.

"What if Farmer Skiboo wants that
bull BACK in the field?" Charlie said.
"How can we put the bull back without
busting the hedge?"

"I dunno ..." sighed Ned.



"Me neither!"
sobbed Bert.

"Forget it!" said Sid.



Then ...

"GOT IT!" Charlie said.
"If he wants the bull back
in the field, we just send
for Small Anne."

And that's what they did.





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