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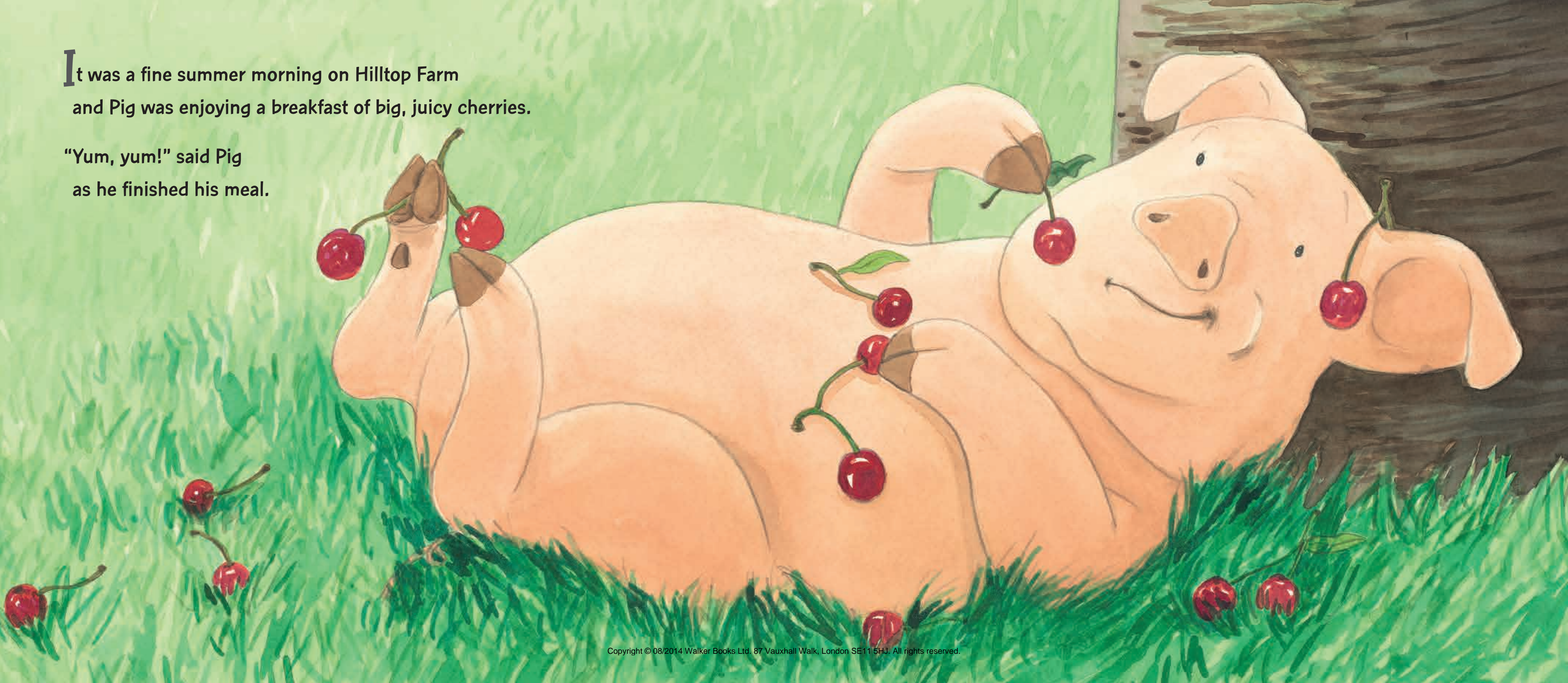
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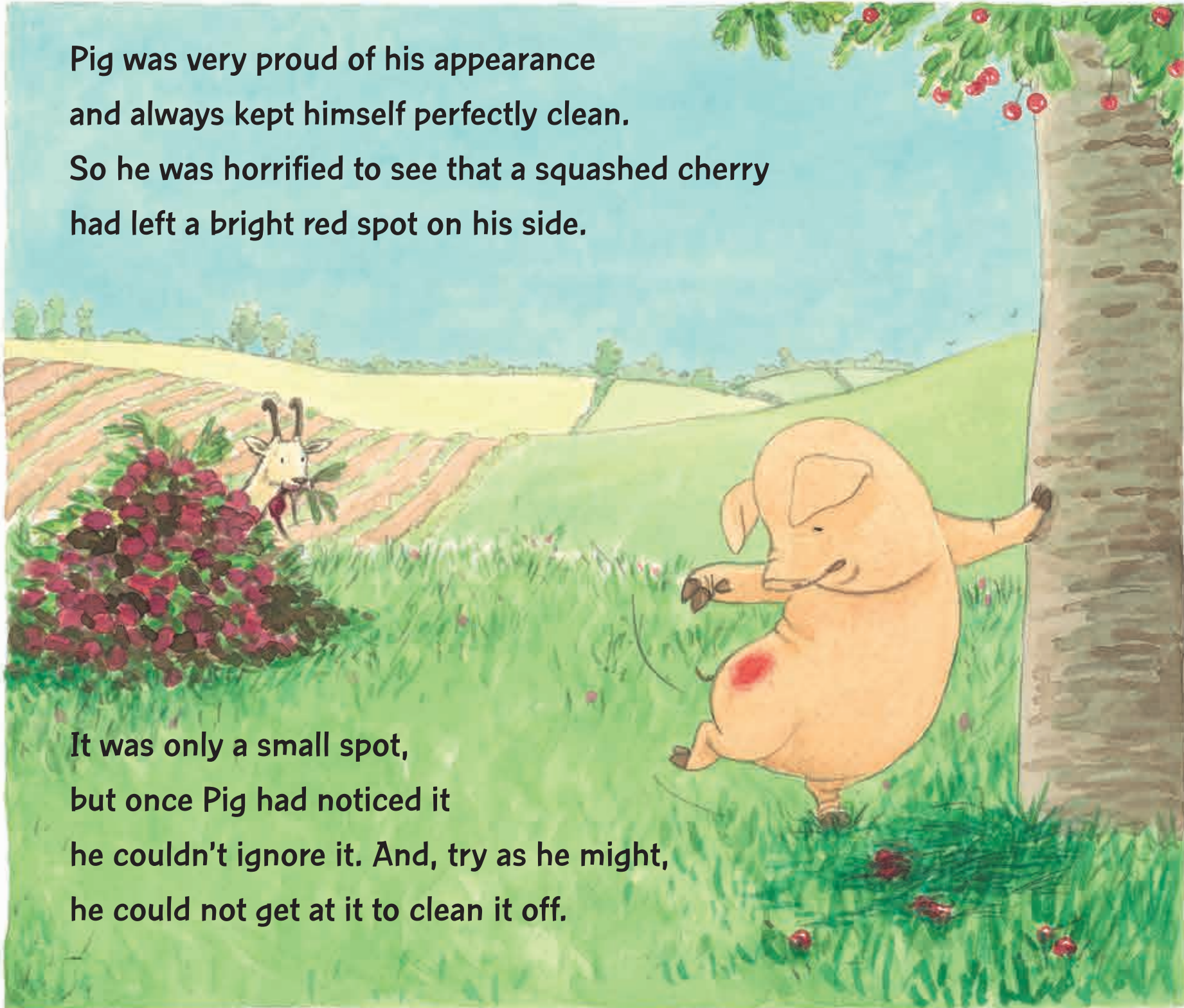
**I**t was a fine summer morning on Hilltop Farm  
and Pig was enjoying a breakfast of big, juicy cherries.

“Yum, yum!” said Pig  
as he finished his meal.



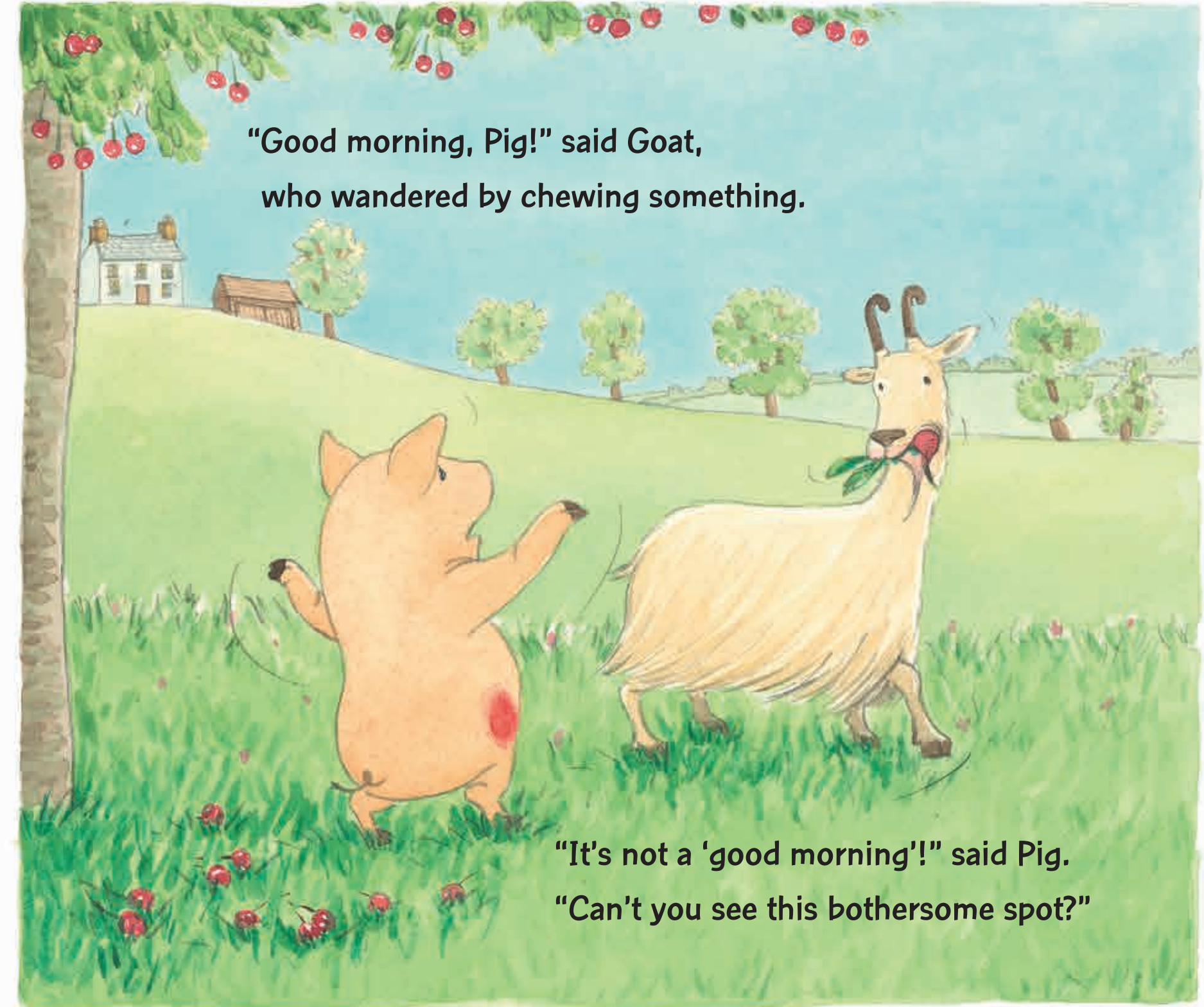
Pig was very proud of his appearance and always kept himself perfectly clean. So he was horrified to see that a squashed cherry had left a bright red spot on his side.

It was only a small spot, but once Pig had noticed it he couldn't ignore it. And, try as he might, he could not get at it to clean it off.



"Good morning, Pig!" said Goat, who wandered by chewing something.

"It's not a 'good morning!'" said Pig. "Can't you see this bothersome spot?"



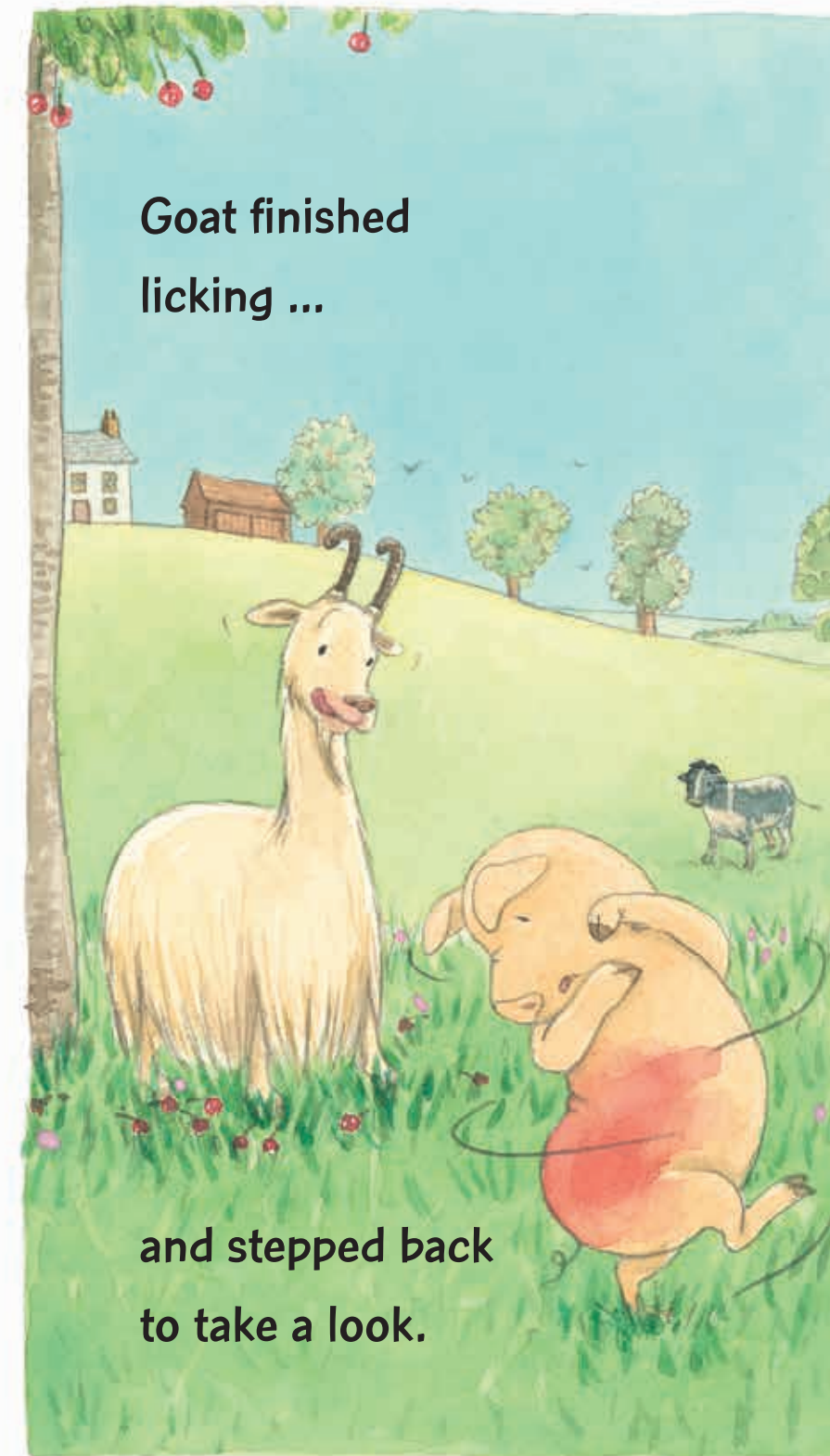


**"It's a MONSTROUS MISFORTUNE!" said Pig.**



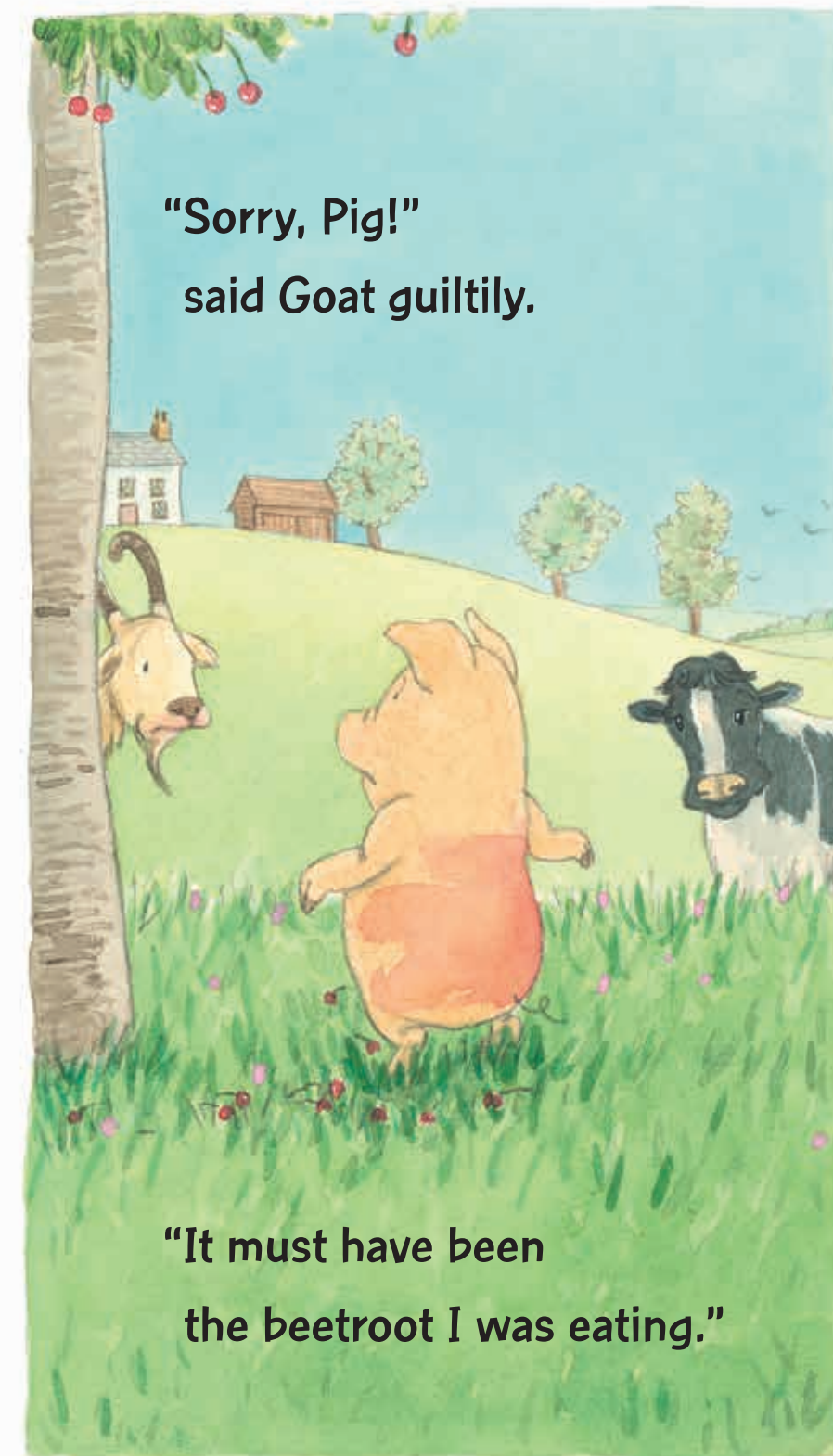
**"Don't worry," said Goat,  
"I'll soon clean it off!"**

**And he began licking  
at the spot.**



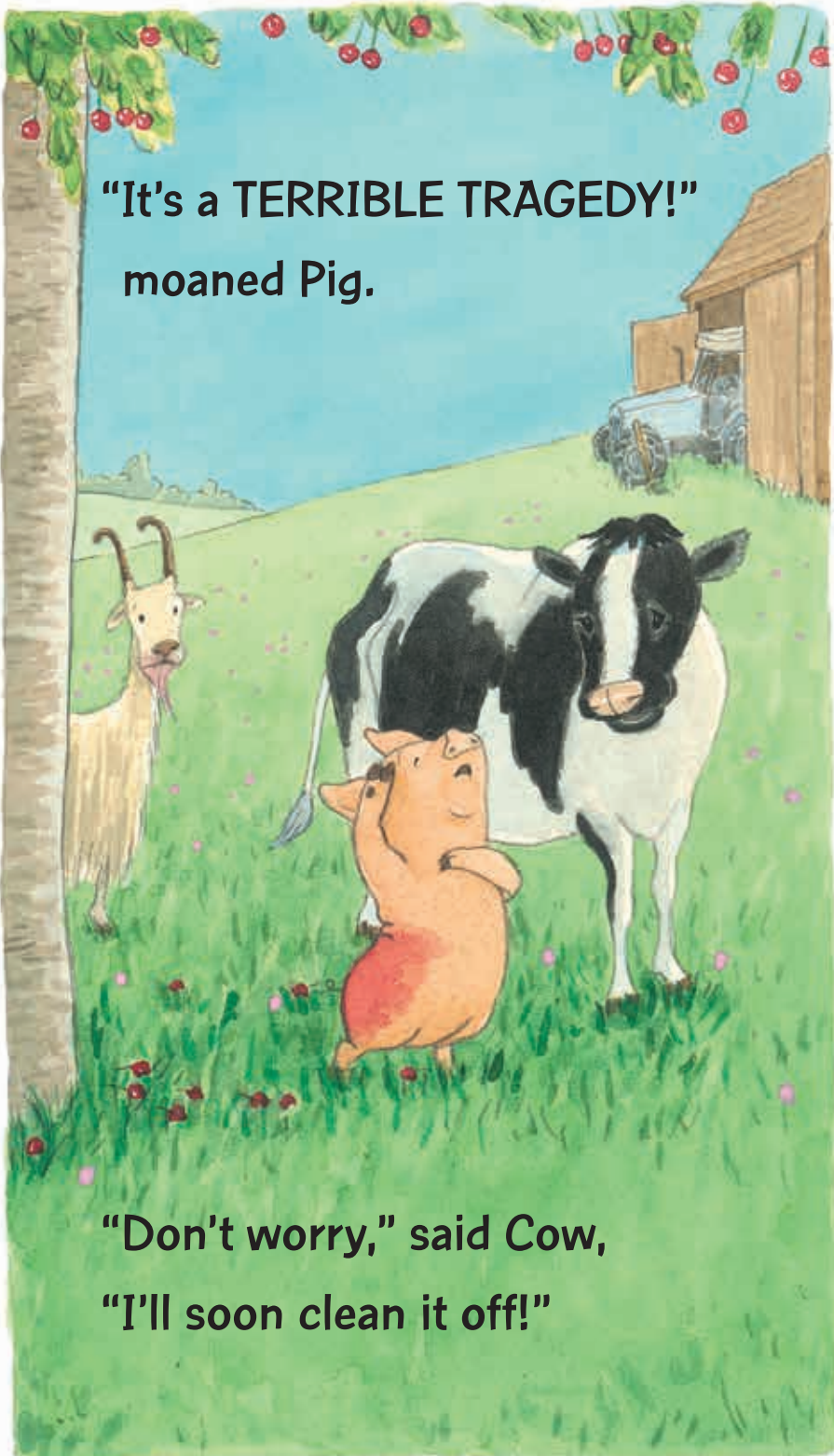
**Goat finished  
licking ...**

**and stepped back  
to take a look.**



**"Sorry, Pig!"  
said Goat guiltily.**

**"It must have been  
the beetroot I was eating."**



**"It's a TERRIBLE TRAGEDY!"  
moaned Pig.**

**"Don't worry," said Cow,  
"I'll soon clean it off!"**



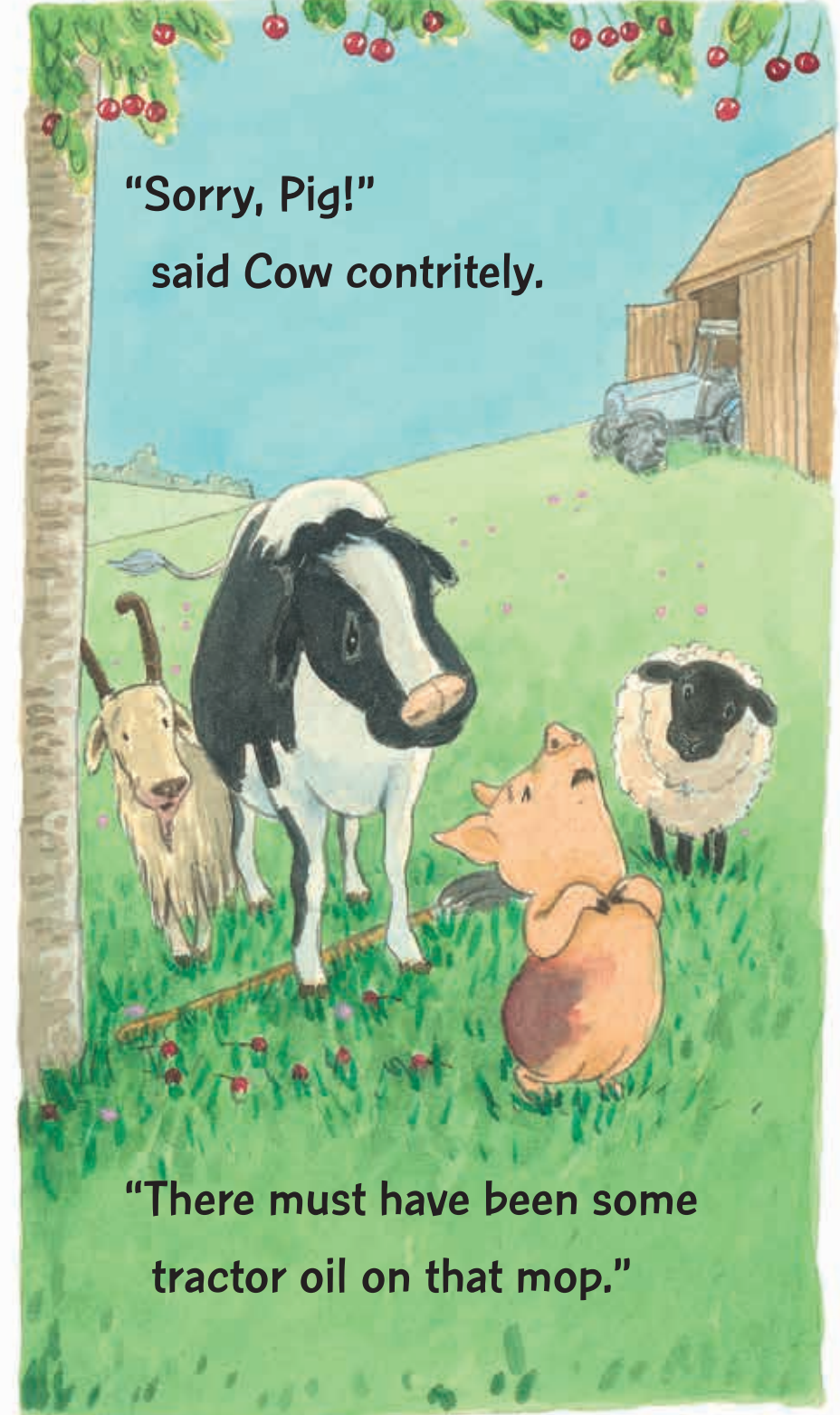
**Cow fetched a mop from  
the tractor shed.**

**And she rubbed it  
on the spot.**



**Cow finished  
rubbing ...**

**and stepped back  
to take a look.**



**"Sorry, Pig!"  
said Cow contritely.**

**"There must have been some  
tractor oil on that mop."**

"It's a DREADFUL DISASTER!"  
wailed Pig.



"Don't worry," said Sheep,  
"I'll soon clean it off!"

Sheep led Pig  
to the sheep dip.



And poured shampoo  
on the spot.

Sheep finished  
shampooing ...



and Pig climbed  
out to take a look.

"Sorry, Pig!"  
said Sheep sheepishly.



"That shampoo – it must have  
been sheep dye."