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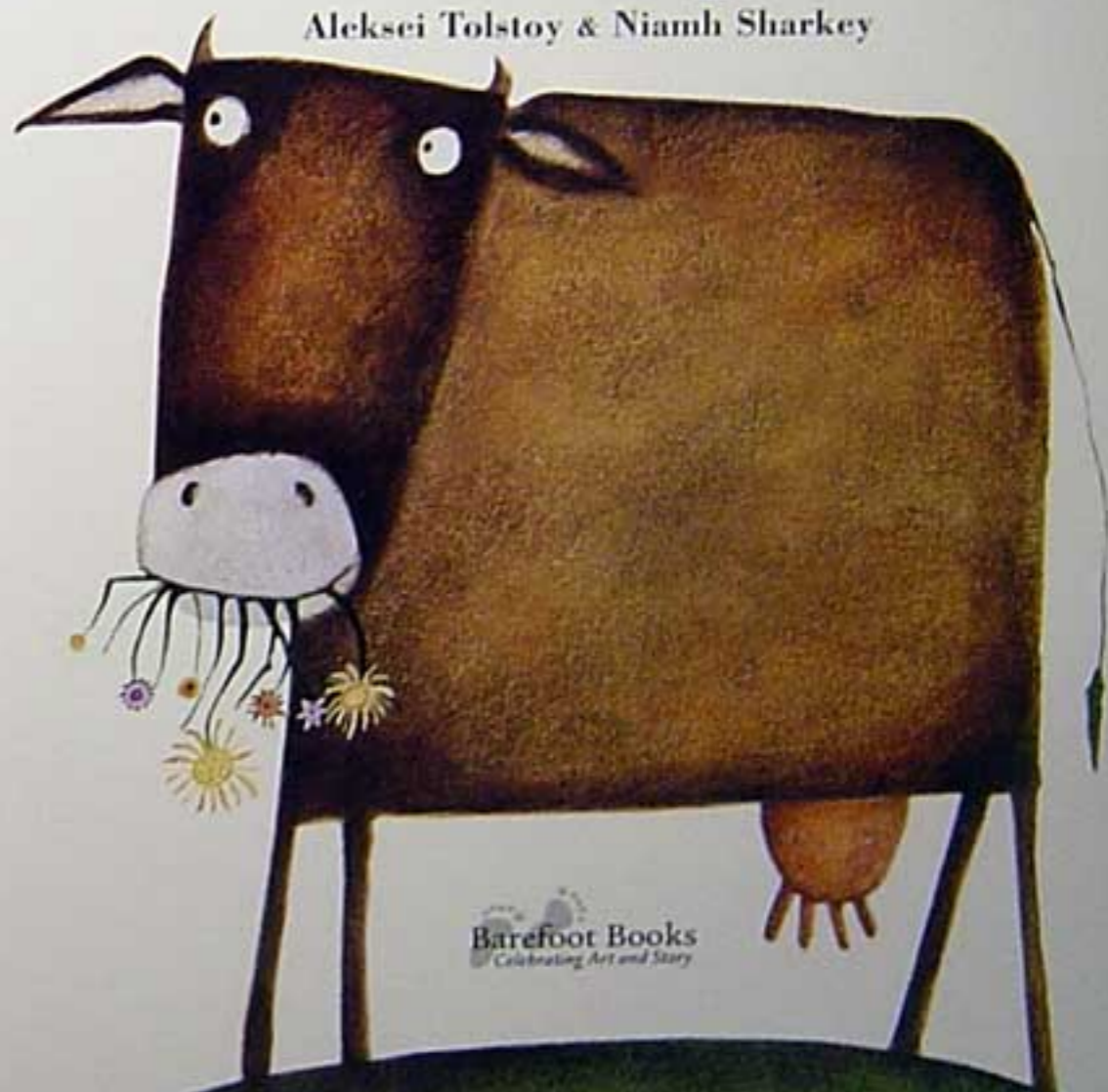
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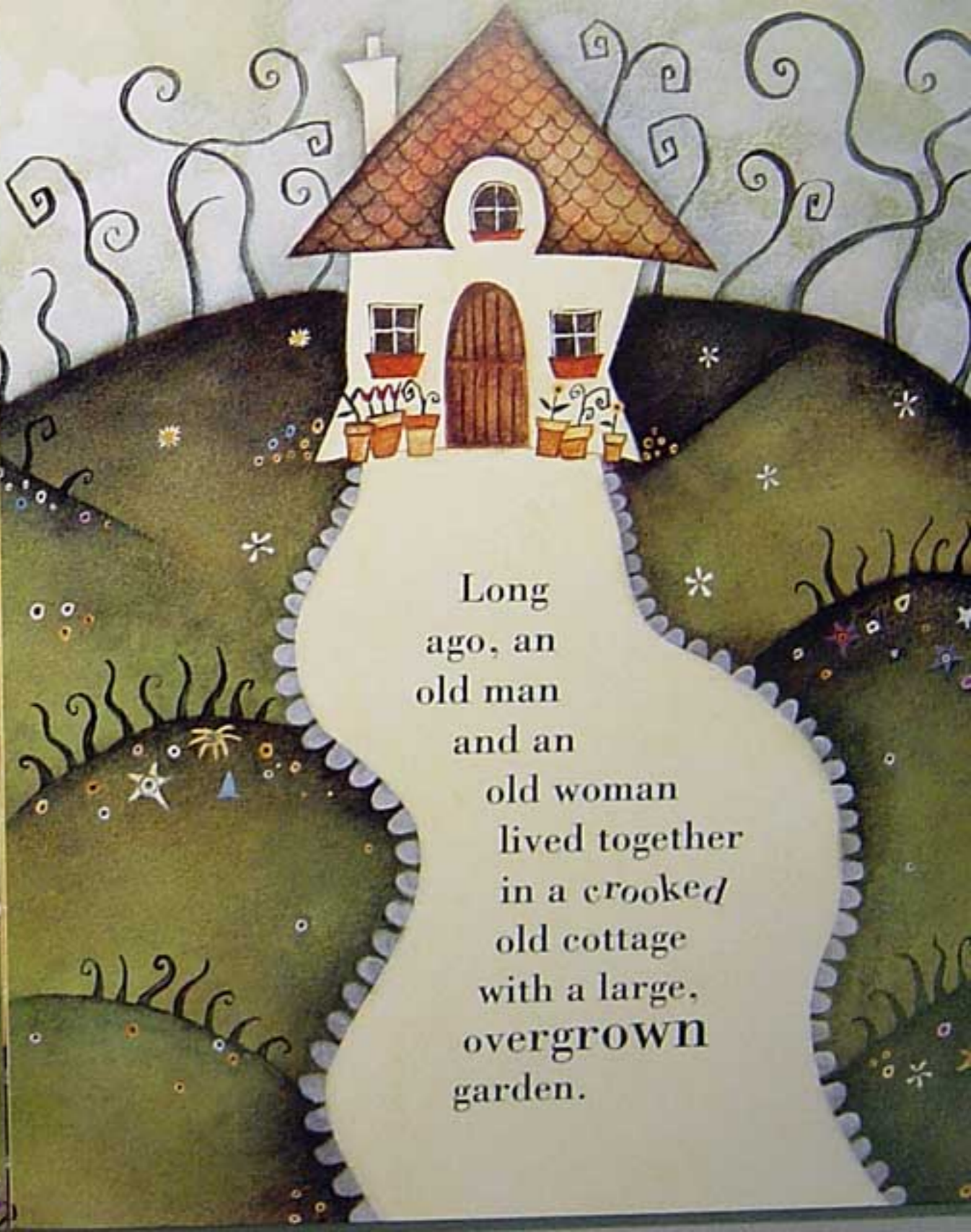
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Long ago, an old man and an old woman lived together in a crooked old cottage with a large, overgrown garden.



The old man  
and the old  
woman



kept six yellow canaries,



five white geese,



four speckled hens,



two pot-bellied pigs



and one big brown cow.

