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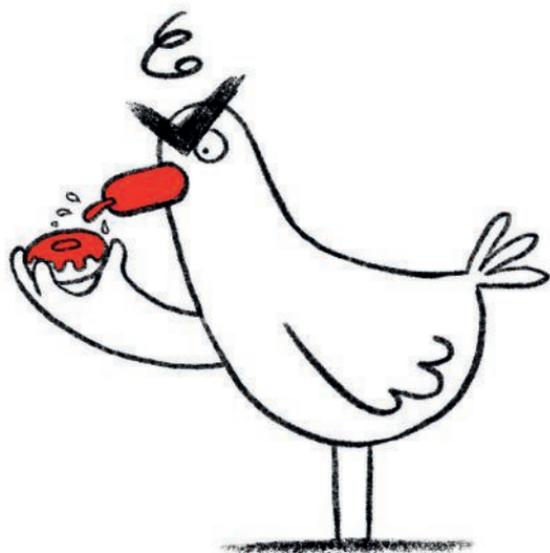


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For Lily and Isla.
And for all the geese who are doing
their best to be good.

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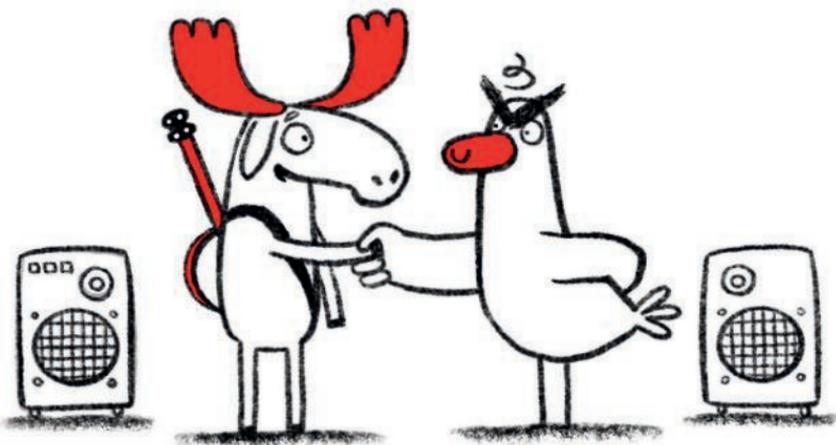
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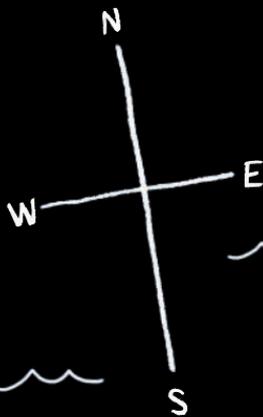
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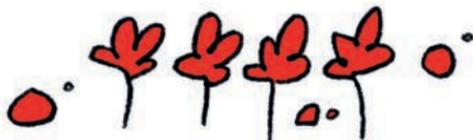
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HOUSE

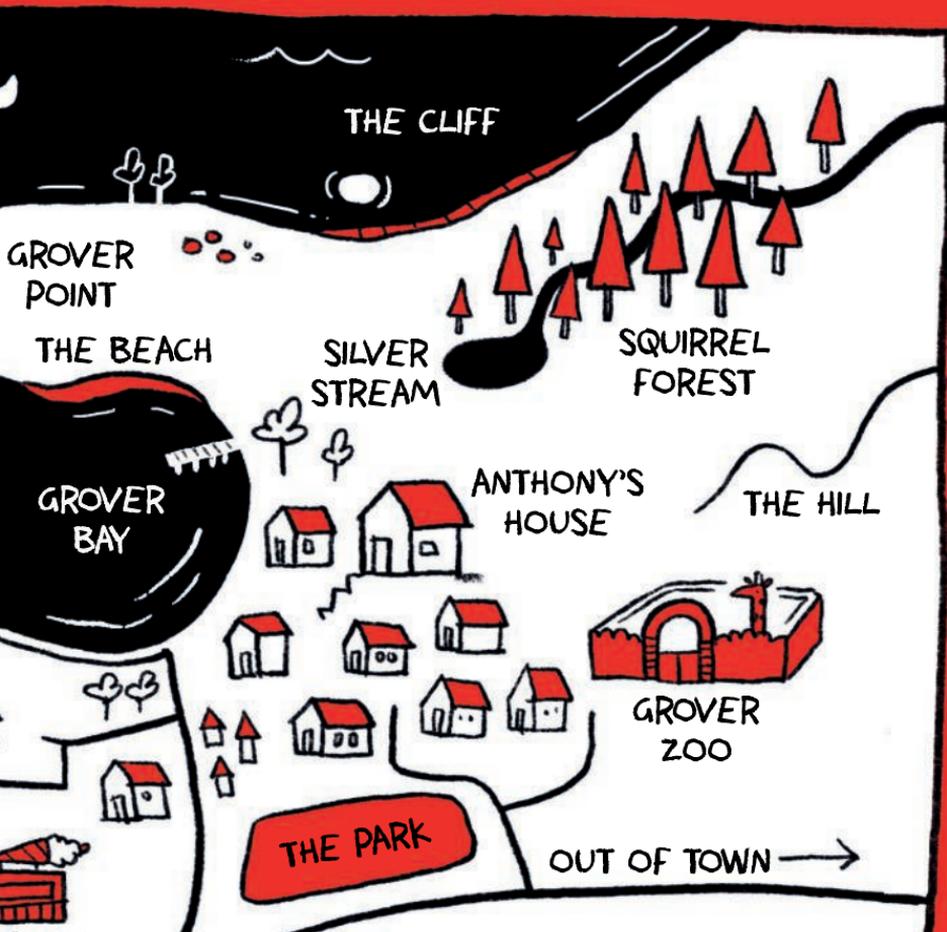


MR WALLACE'S
ICE CREAM



MAIN ROAD

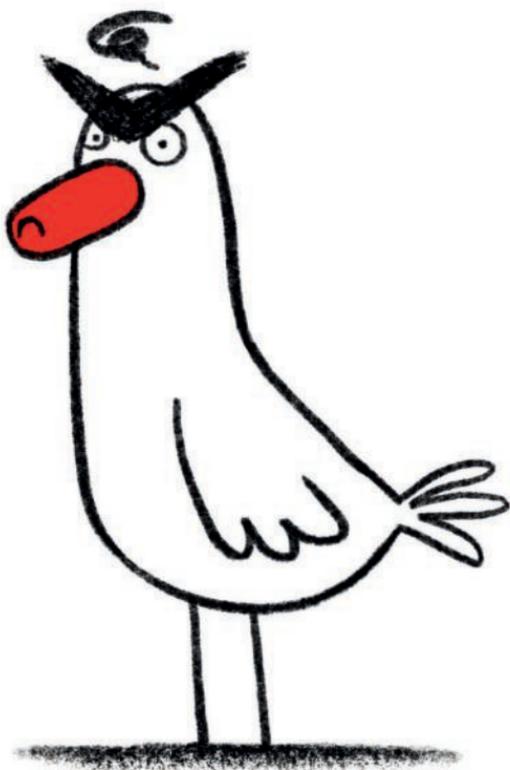




GROVER GARDENS


THE BIG ROCK

This is **GORDON**.
Gordon is a goose.
But Gordon is not just any goose.
NO!

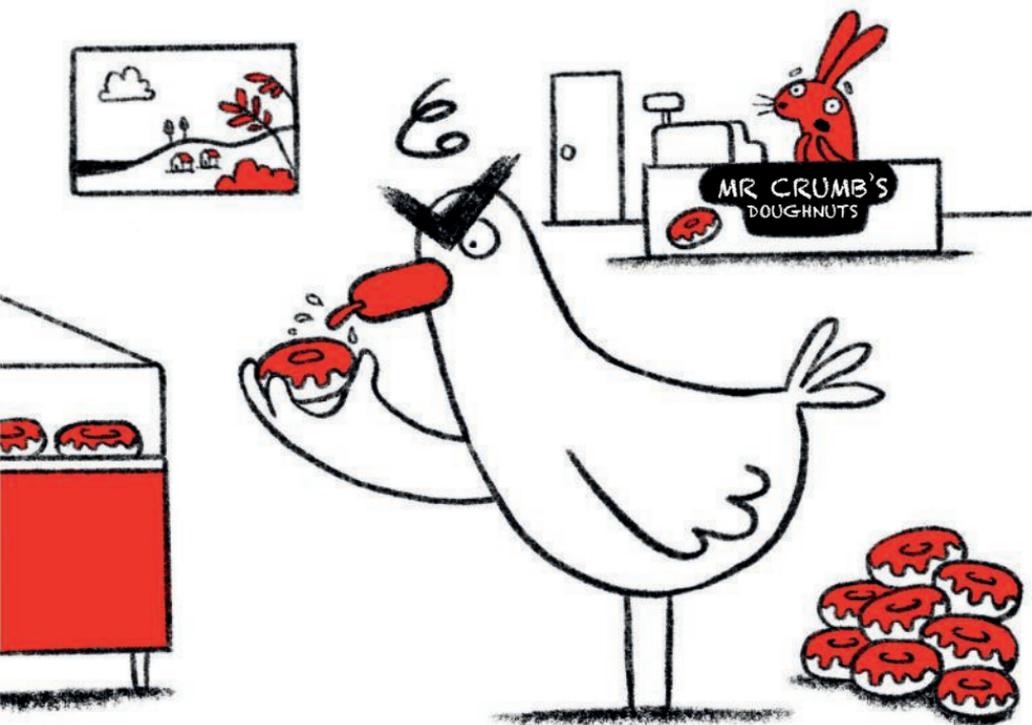


GORDON was once
**THE MEANEST GOOSE
ON EARTH.**



Maybe you've heard about some of the mean things he did? Maybe you've wondered whether any of it was true.

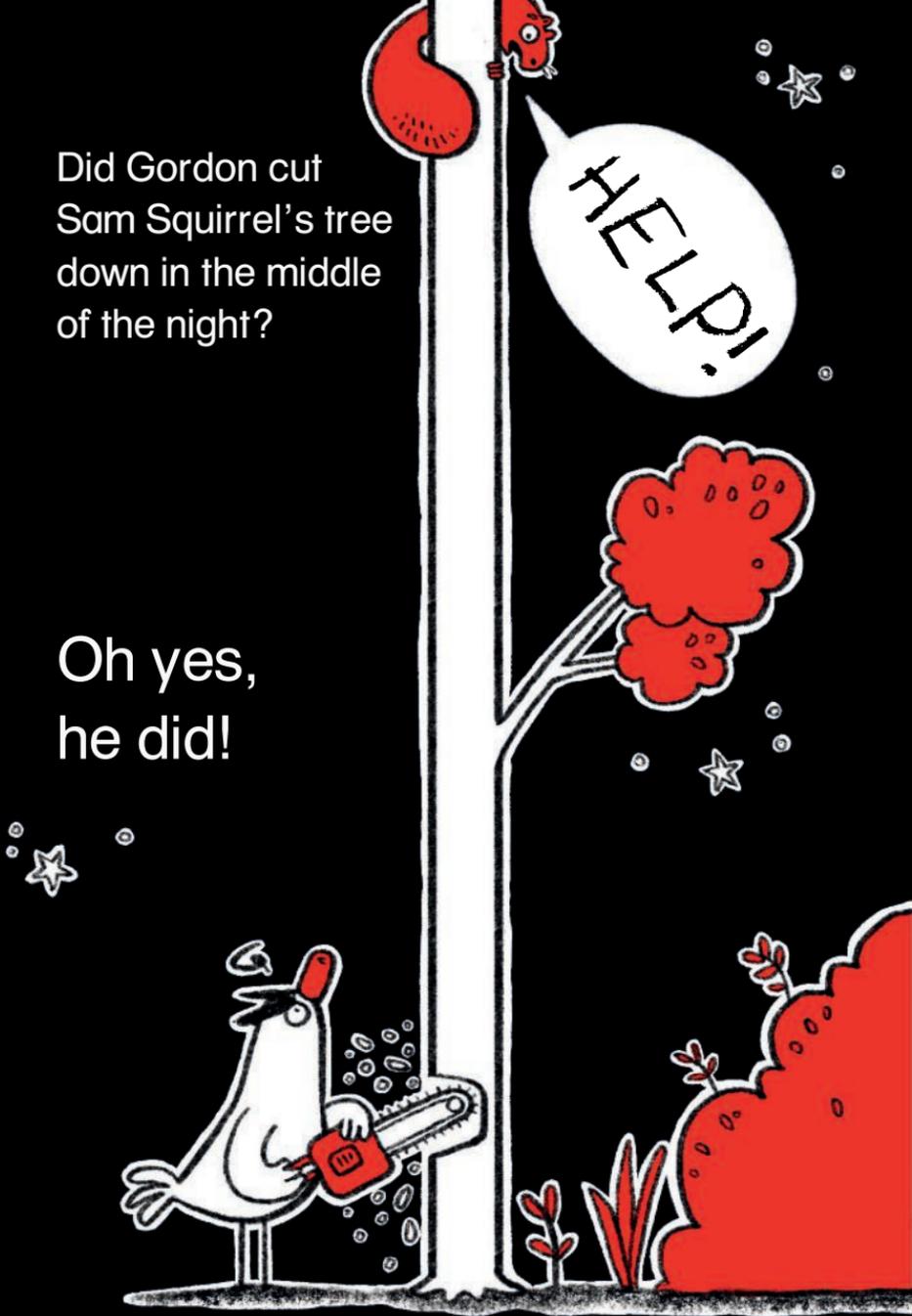
Did Gordon lick all the doughnuts
in Mr Crumb's doughnut shop?



You bet he did!
EVERY SINGLE ONE!

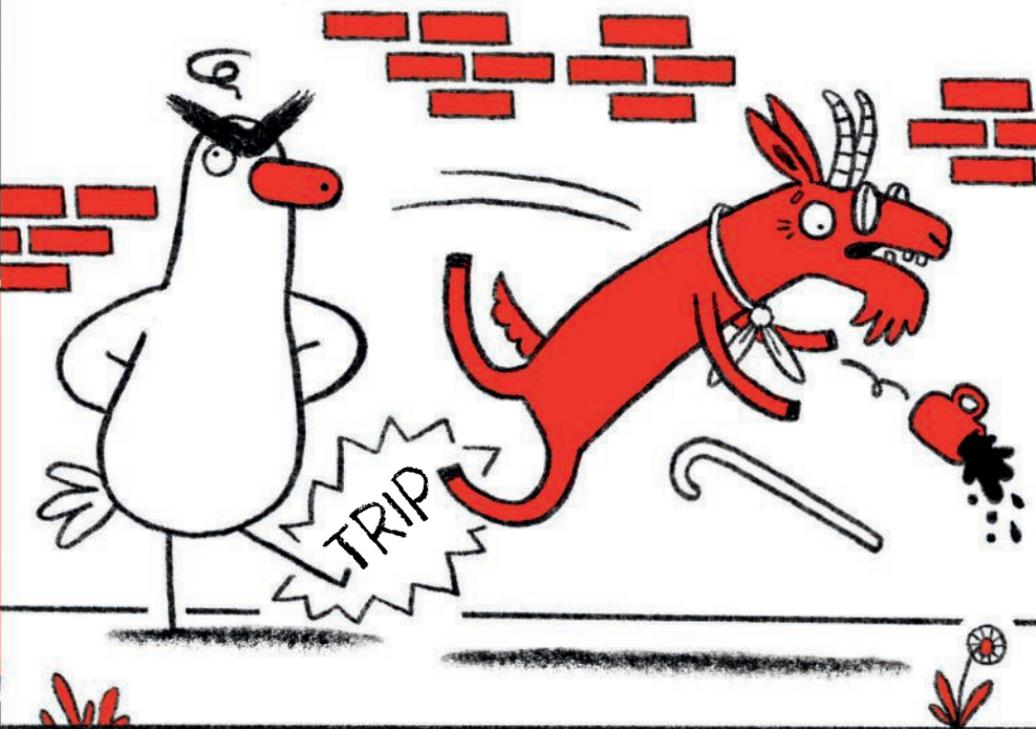
Did Gordon cut
Sam Squirrel's tree
down in the middle
of the night?

Oh yes,
he did!



Did Gordon wait outside the Home for Retired Goats every Tuesday and trip Old Man Jenkins as he was going for his weekly walk?

Yup!
Every week.

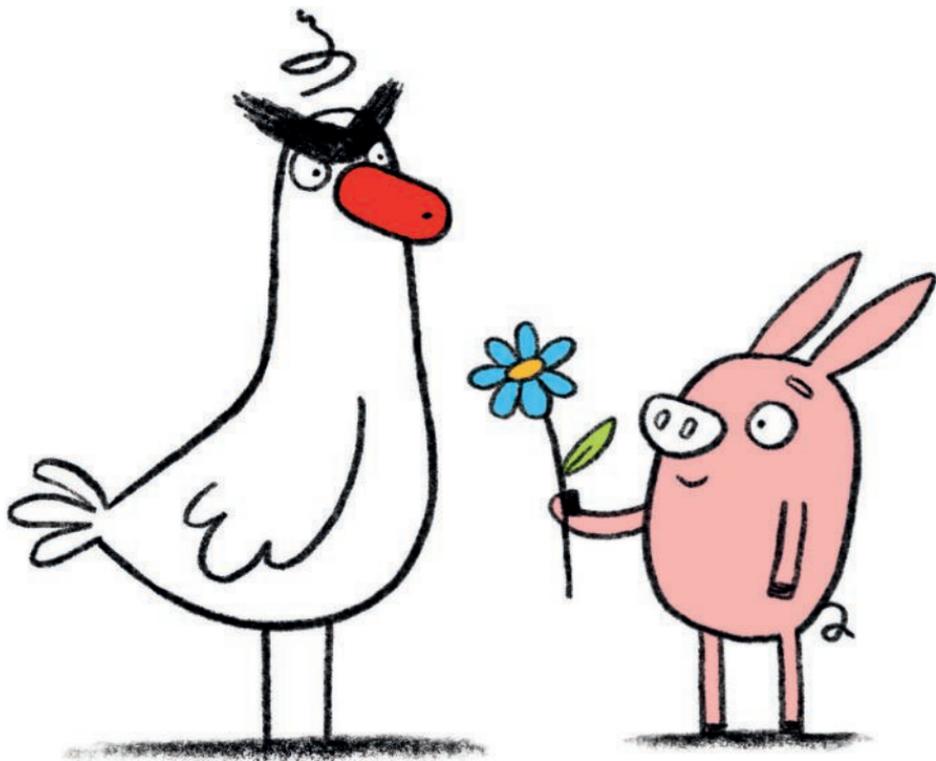


But then Gordon met
Anthony the Piglet.

Anthony is kind.

Anthony is brave.

Anthony is a kind, brave piglet.



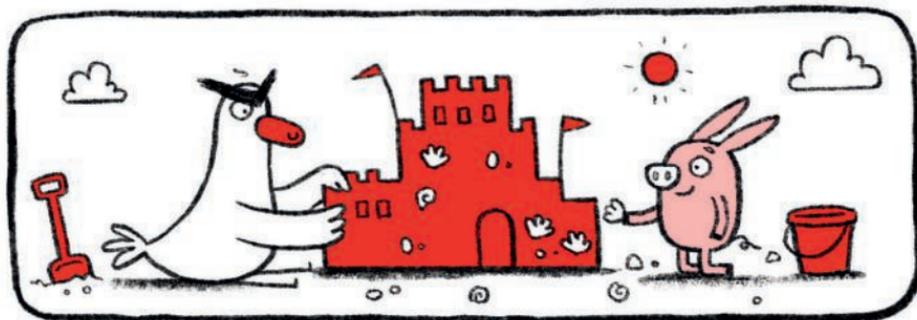
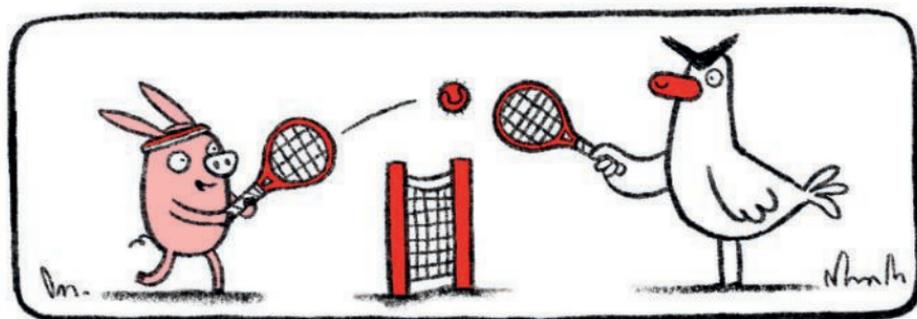
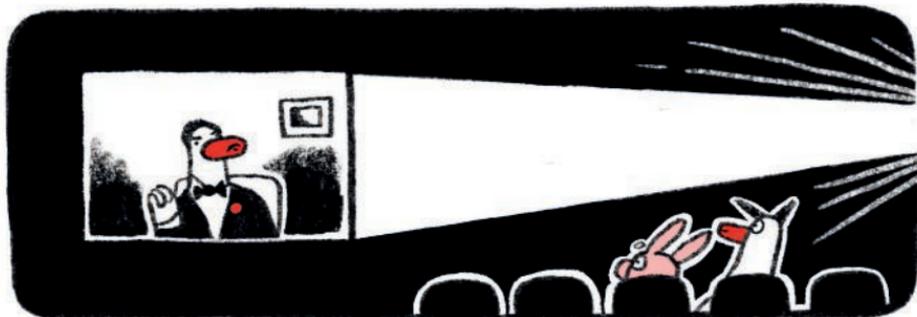
Anthony showed Gordon what kindness is. Anthony showed Gordon that it is braver to be kind than it is to be mean.



He also showed him this weird bird, but that has very little to do with this story.



From that day on, Gordon and Anthony have been best friends.



And with Anthony's help . . .

Gordon tries his best to make up for the mean things he's done.



But it doesn't always go to plan.

It is a beautiful day in Grover Gardens, the sun is shining, the trees sway in a gentle breeze, and that weird bird is singing. Gordon opens his eyes and smiles. It is time to begin a new day as a good goose.



Every morning Gordon wakes up and makes a list of all the good things he wants to do.

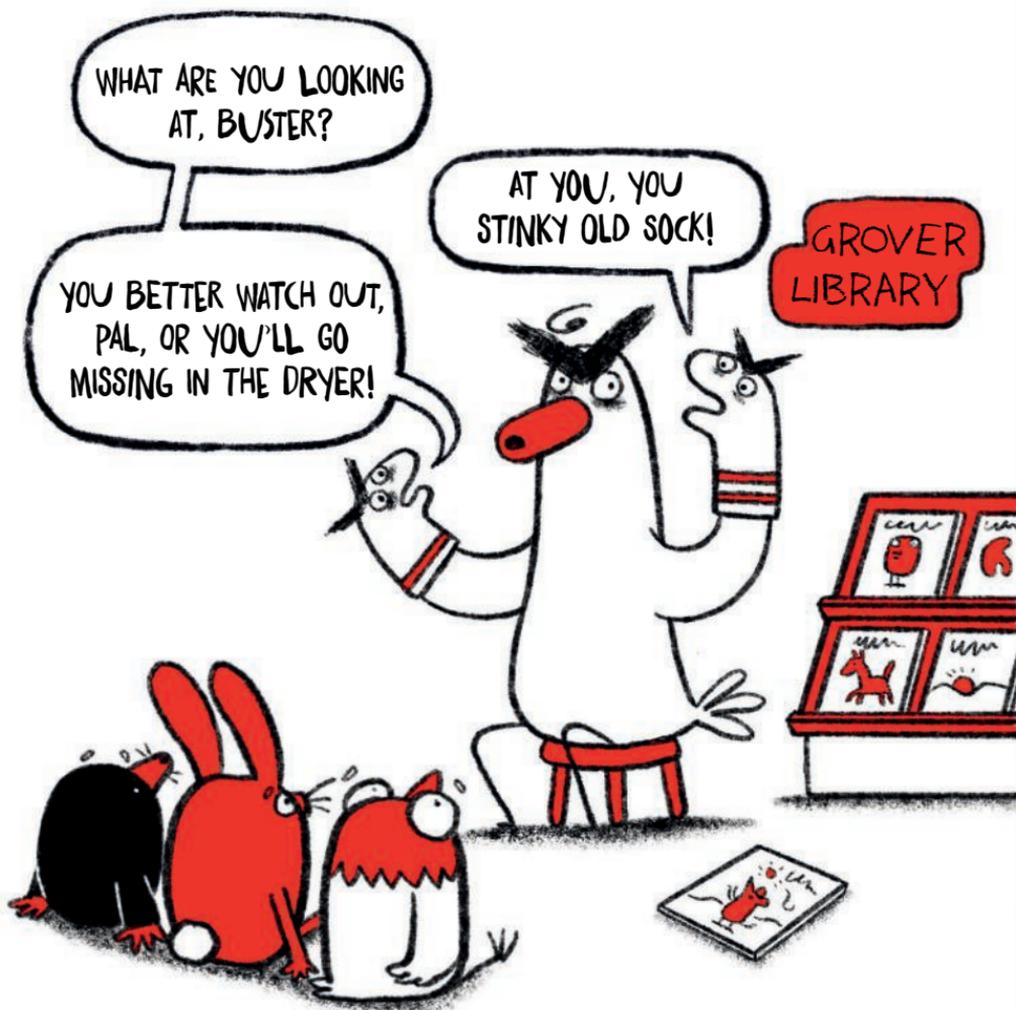
A hand holding a pencil is shown writing on a white rectangular piece of paper. The paper is tilted and contains a list of three items. The background is a solid red color. Another hand is visible at the bottom of the frame, holding the paper from underneath.

Read books
to children.

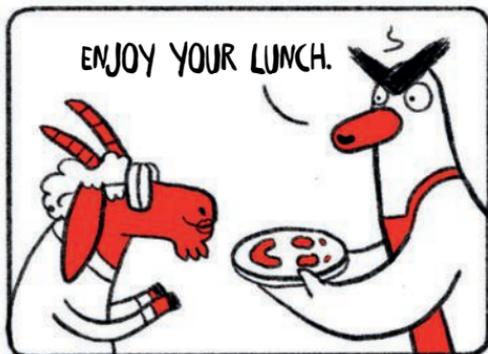
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the home for
retyred old
goats.

Plant a noo tree
for Sam Squirrel.

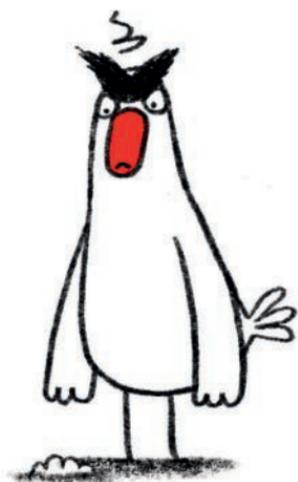
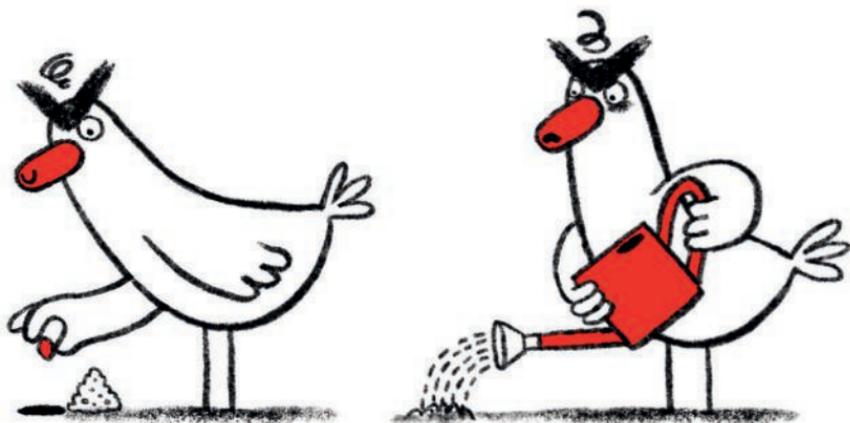
First on his list today is reading books to children. Old Gordon would have shouted at them until they cried and ran away—but new Gordon has even brought sock puppets!



Then Gordon serves lunch at the Home for Retired Goats.



After that, Gordon plants a new tree for Sam Squirrel.





BEING
GOOD IS
EXHAUSTING!

moans Gordon,
before he remembers
that good geese
shouldn't moan, so he
tries to smile instead.

Then he puts on his
PJs, brushes his
bill, and climbs into
bed. But . . .

