

Educational Tales for Children  
From 8 to 10 years

# End of a Fox



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## *Preface*

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

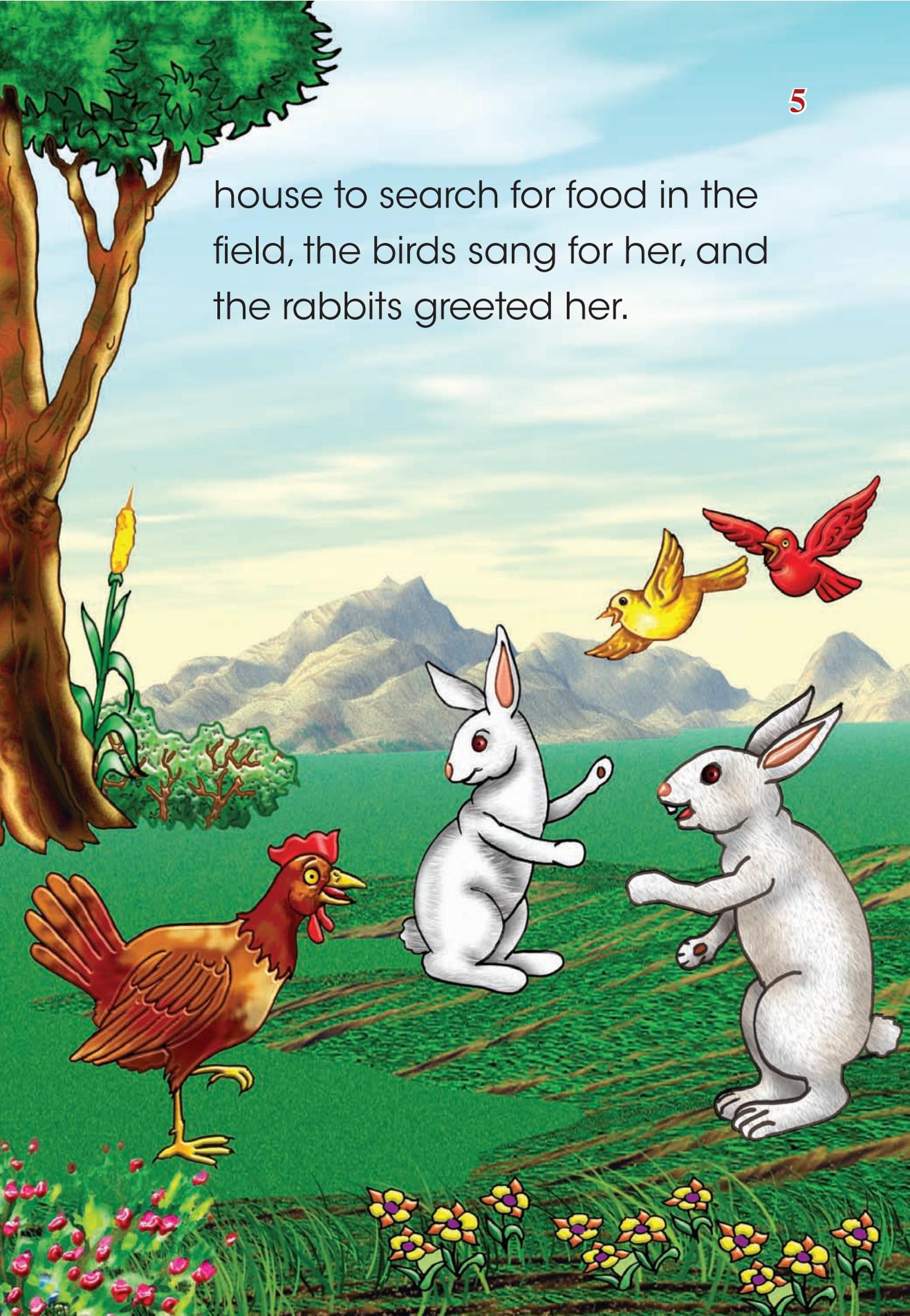
We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.

Once upon time, a red hen lived on a farm. In the center was a pool from which the birds drank. The hen had a small red house with yellow windows. Whenever the hen went out of the



house to search for food in the field, the birds sang for her, and the rabbits greeted her.





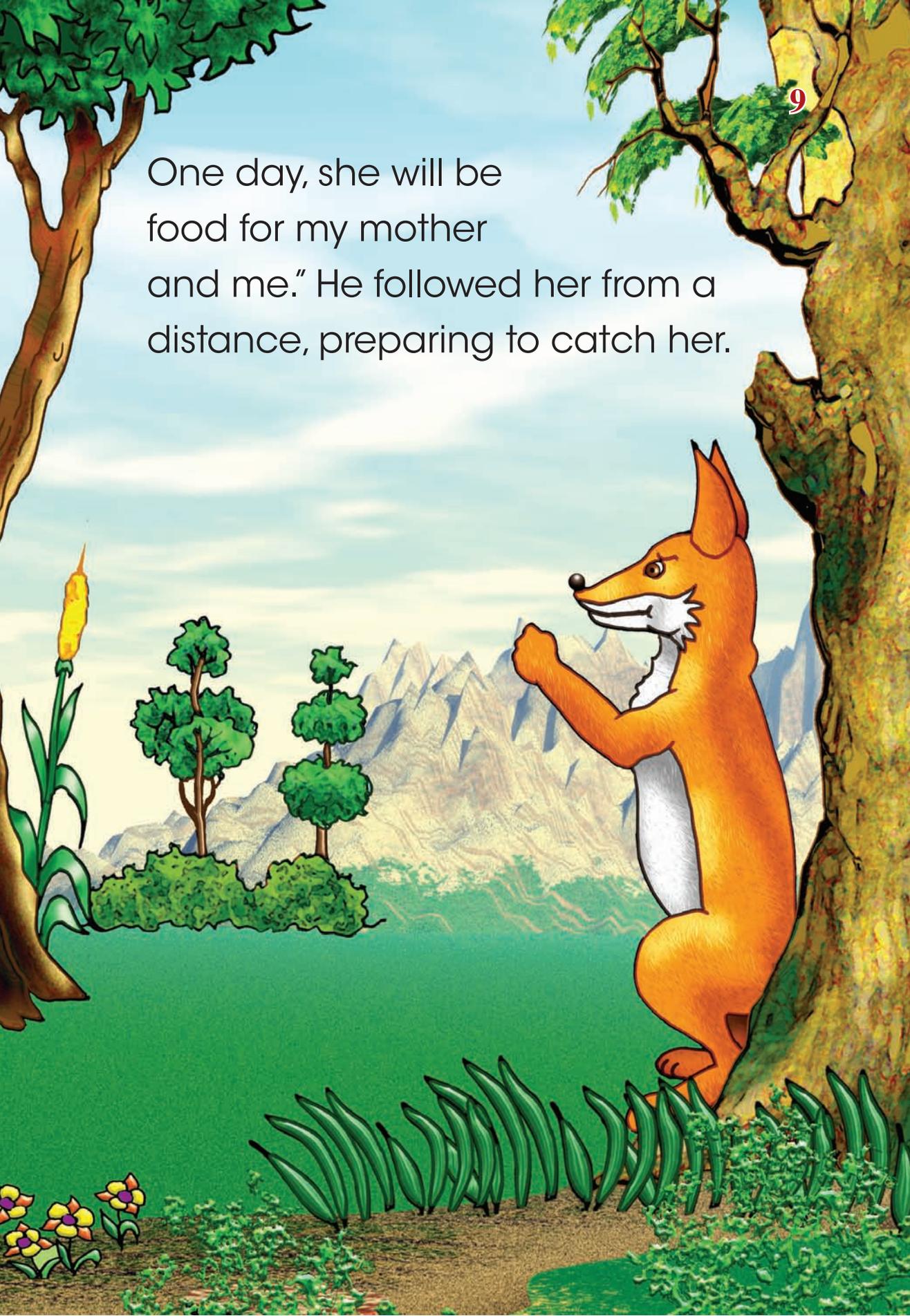
In a distant village, lived a cunning fox. He attacked hens in their houses and ate them. The villagers drove him and his mother out of their fields. The fox and his mother began to search for a new house in the quiet farm.



They found a house near the red hen's. The cunning fox began to watch her whenever she left home. Whenever he saw her, he licked his lips and murmured, "What a delicious hen this is!

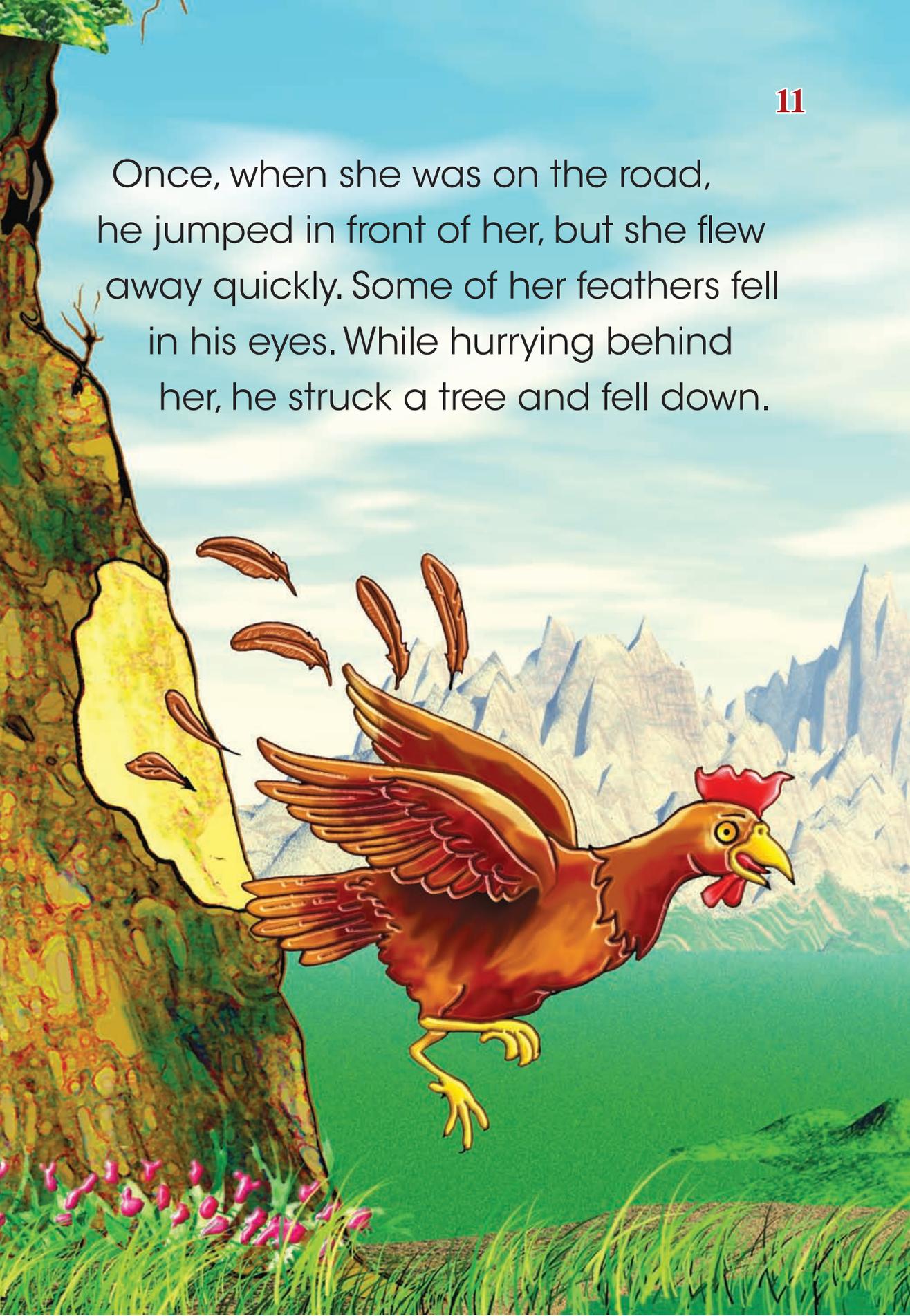


One day, she will be food for my mother and me.” He followed her from a distance, preparing to catch her.





Once, when she was on the road,  
he jumped in front of her, but she flew  
away quickly. Some of her feathers fell  
in his eyes. While hurrying behind  
her, he struck a tree and fell down.





Another time, he planned to tie a rope to the tree on her path. Then, he put it on the ground in the shape of a circle. When she passed over it, he pulled the rope to catch her, but he failed.



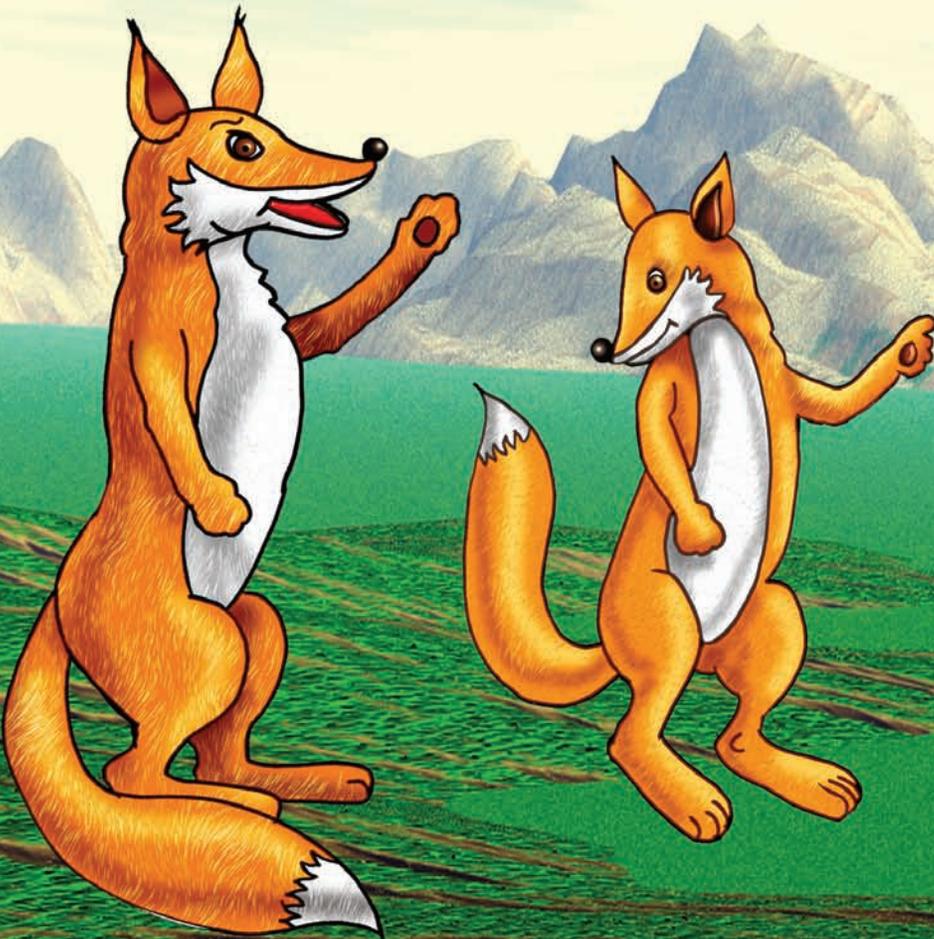
One time, he was disguised as an old villager, wearing a hat and carrying a fruit basket; however, the birds flew over and knocked the hat down. They attacked the basket and knocked it down. The hen saw the cunning fox, so she escaped.



The fox began to think of a plan to trick the hen. His mom said, "Go to her and sing because she likes singing."



The fox said, "Well, mom, boil the water because I have found a way to catch her." The fox waited in front of the red hen's house. Then, he began to sing. She went out to see who was singing.



He entered her home carrying a bag and hid, waiting for her return. The birds saw him, so they began to chirp to warn her of the danger. However, the hen thought the birds were just singing



for her. Suddenly, the fox jumped in front of her and shouted, "You will not escape from me this time, clever hen." However, the hen gathered her courage and flew to the closet.



Laughing, she said to him, "Hey Tricky Fox, first you have to learn how to fly."

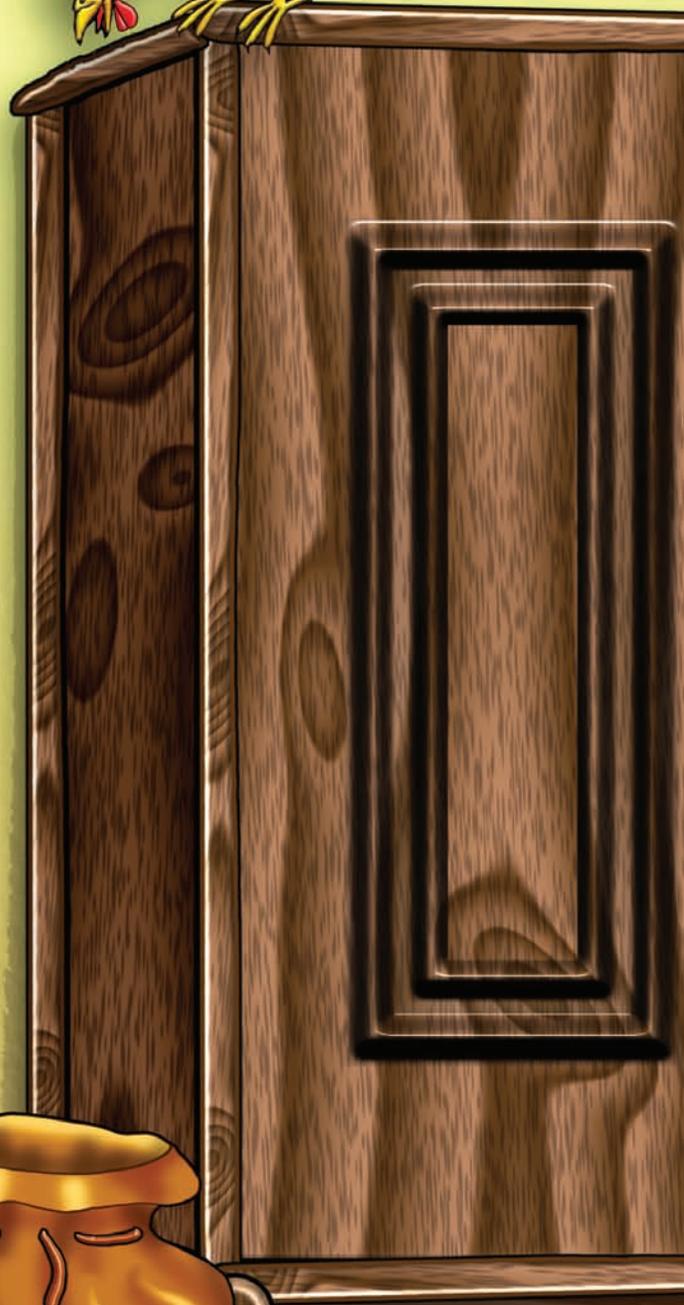
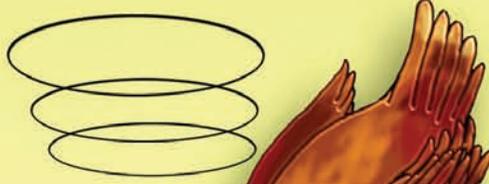


The fox began to sing and go around in circles. Then, he began to dance gracefully and sing, "Go around, go around, my friends. Sing, sing, my beloved!"

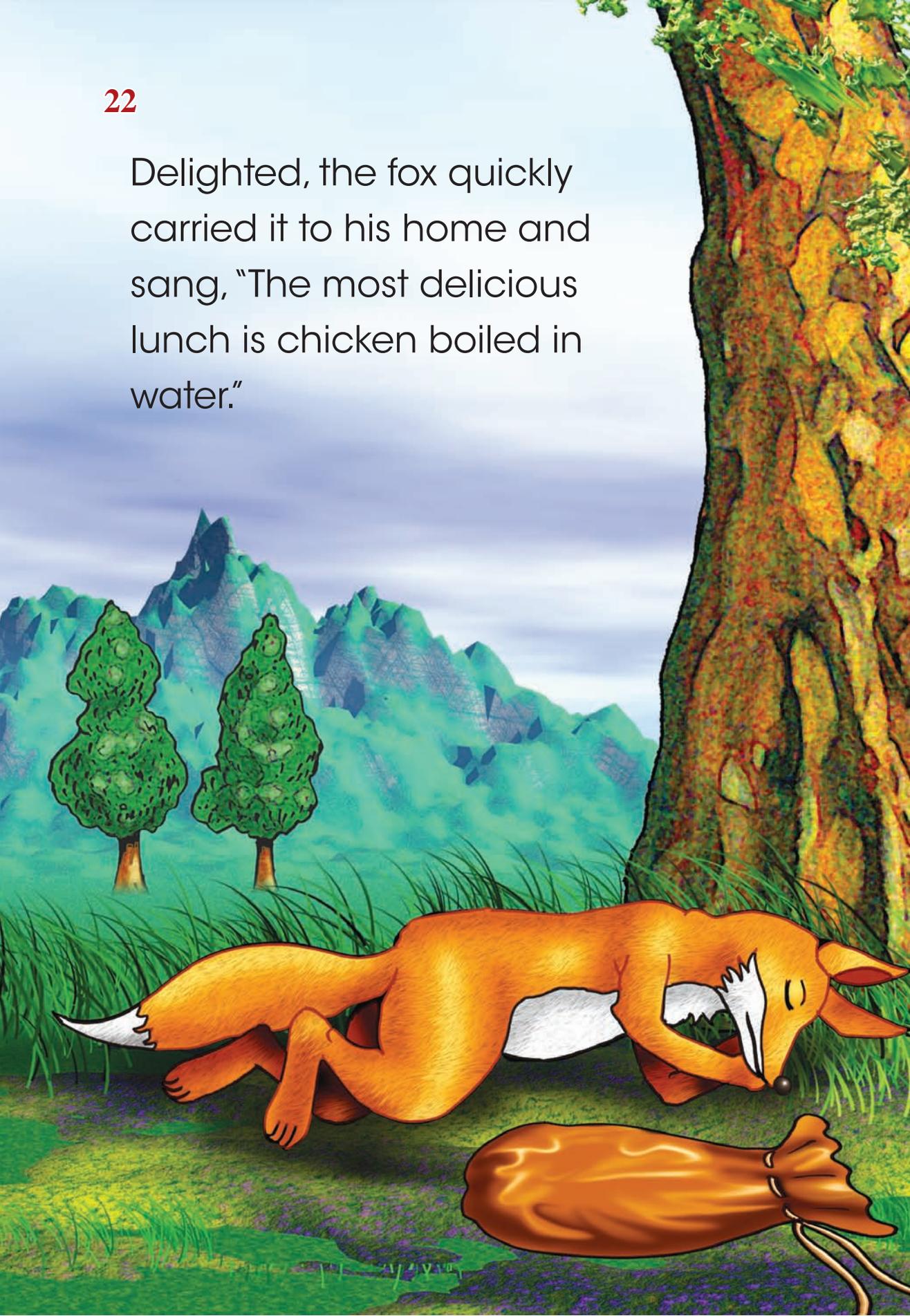
The hen was delighted with the singing, but the dancing of the fox made her dizzy, so her eyes began to spin around.



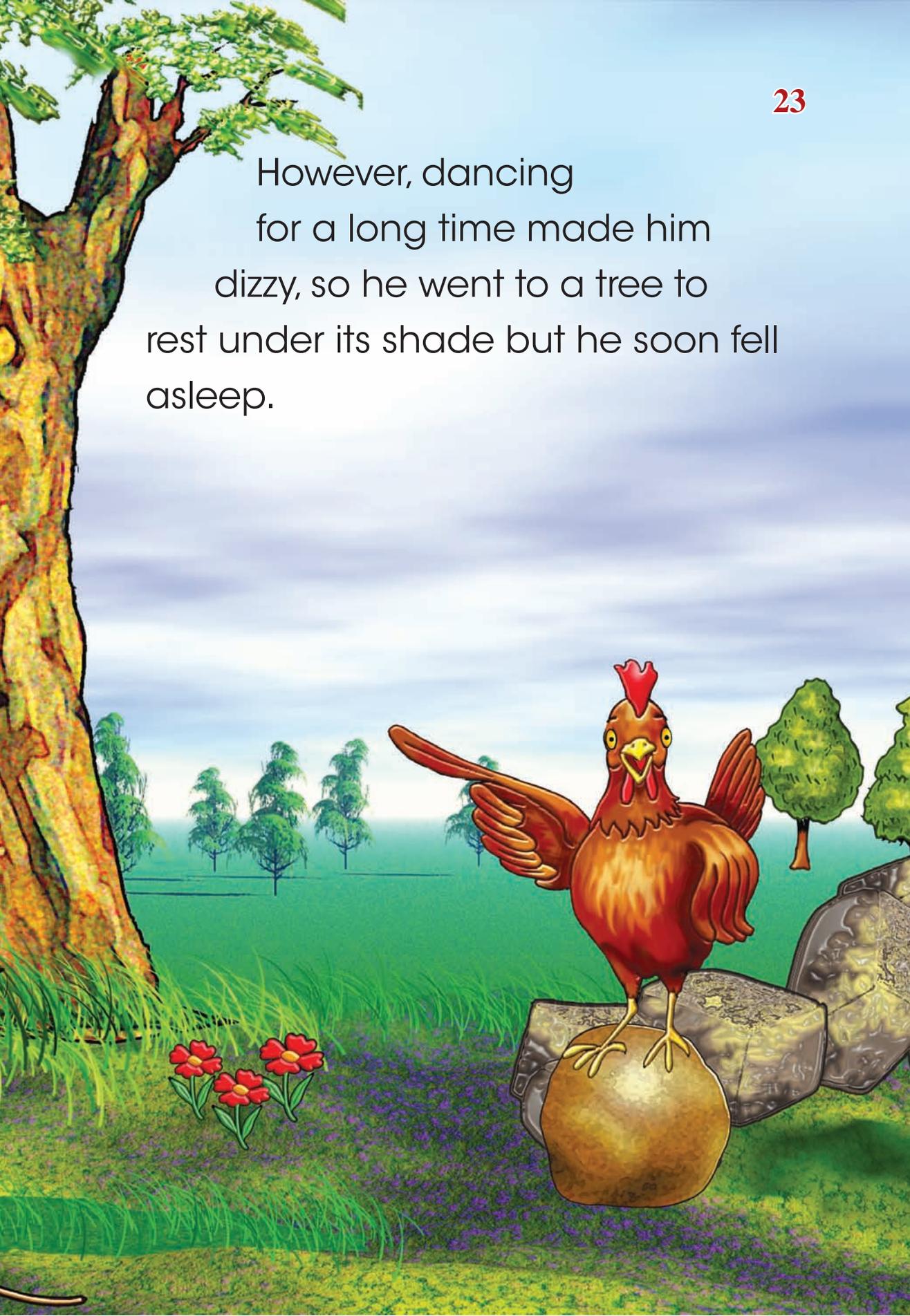
She mumbled,  
“Go around, go  
around... Fly, fly.”  
She fell down from  
the closet into the  
tricky fox’s bag.



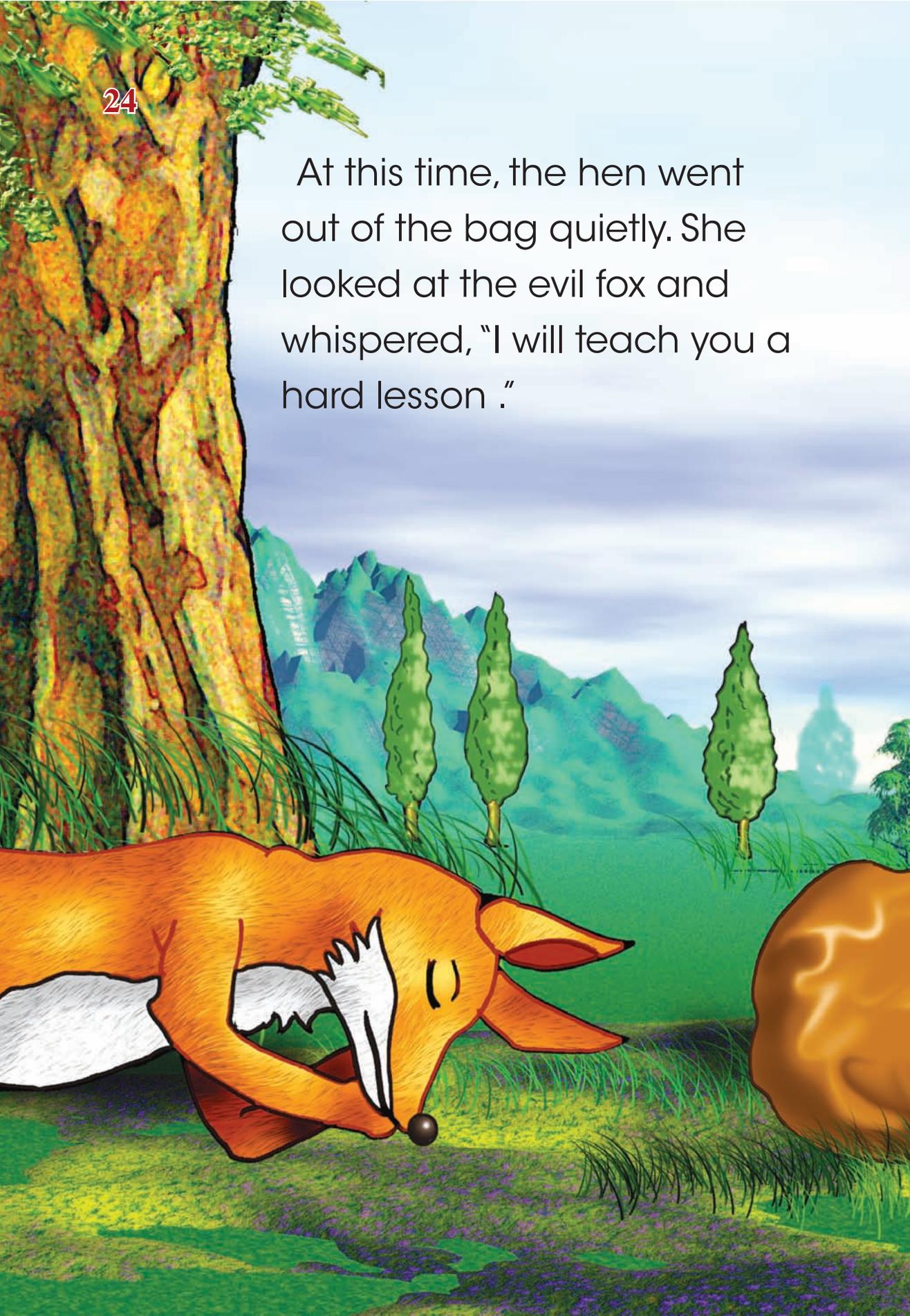
Delighted, the fox quickly carried it to his home and sang, "The most delicious lunch is chicken boiled in water."



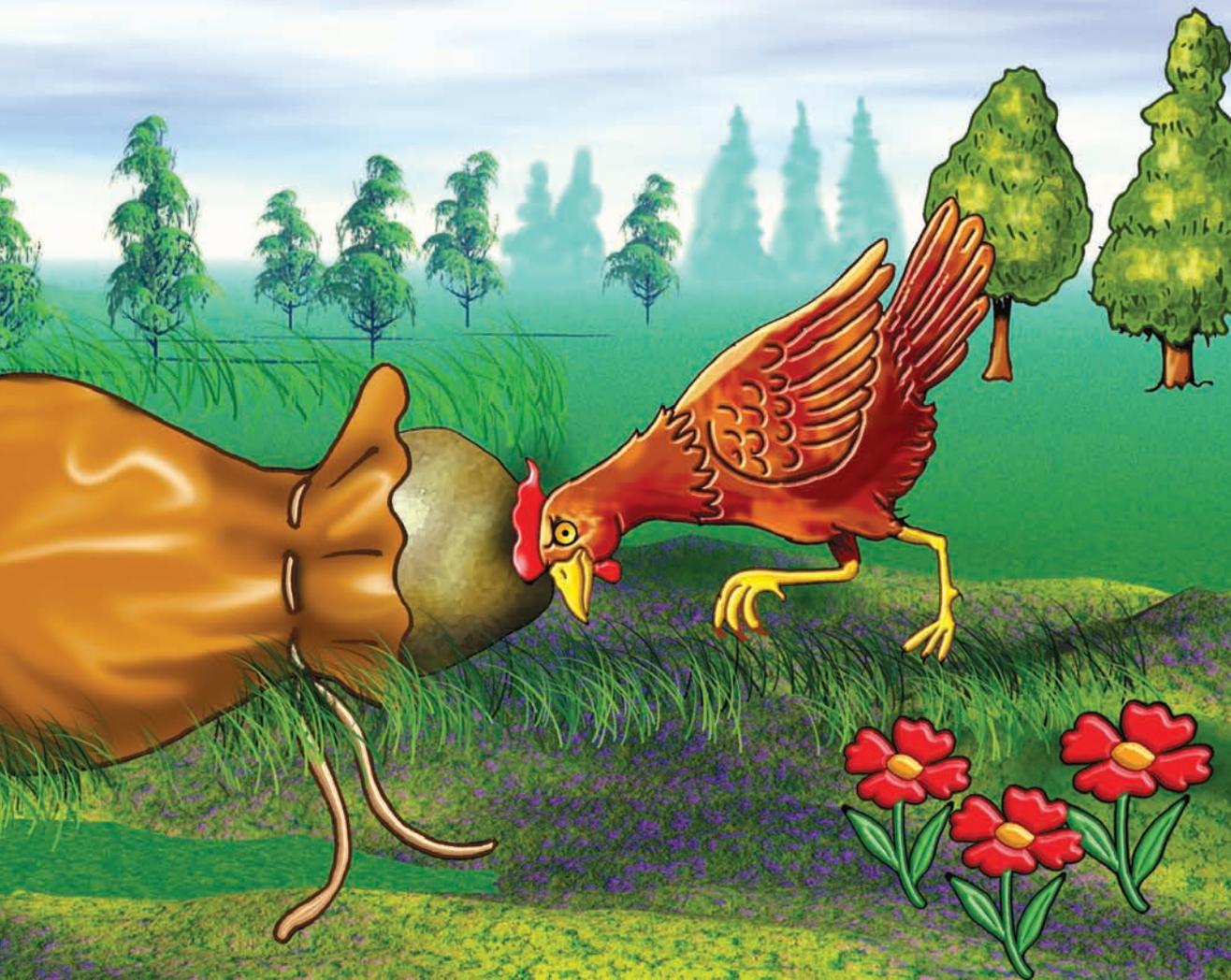
However, dancing  
for a long time made him  
dizzy, so he went to a tree to  
rest under its shade but he soon fell  
asleep.



At this time, the hen went out of the bag quietly. She looked at the evil fox and whispered, "I will teach you a hard lesson ."

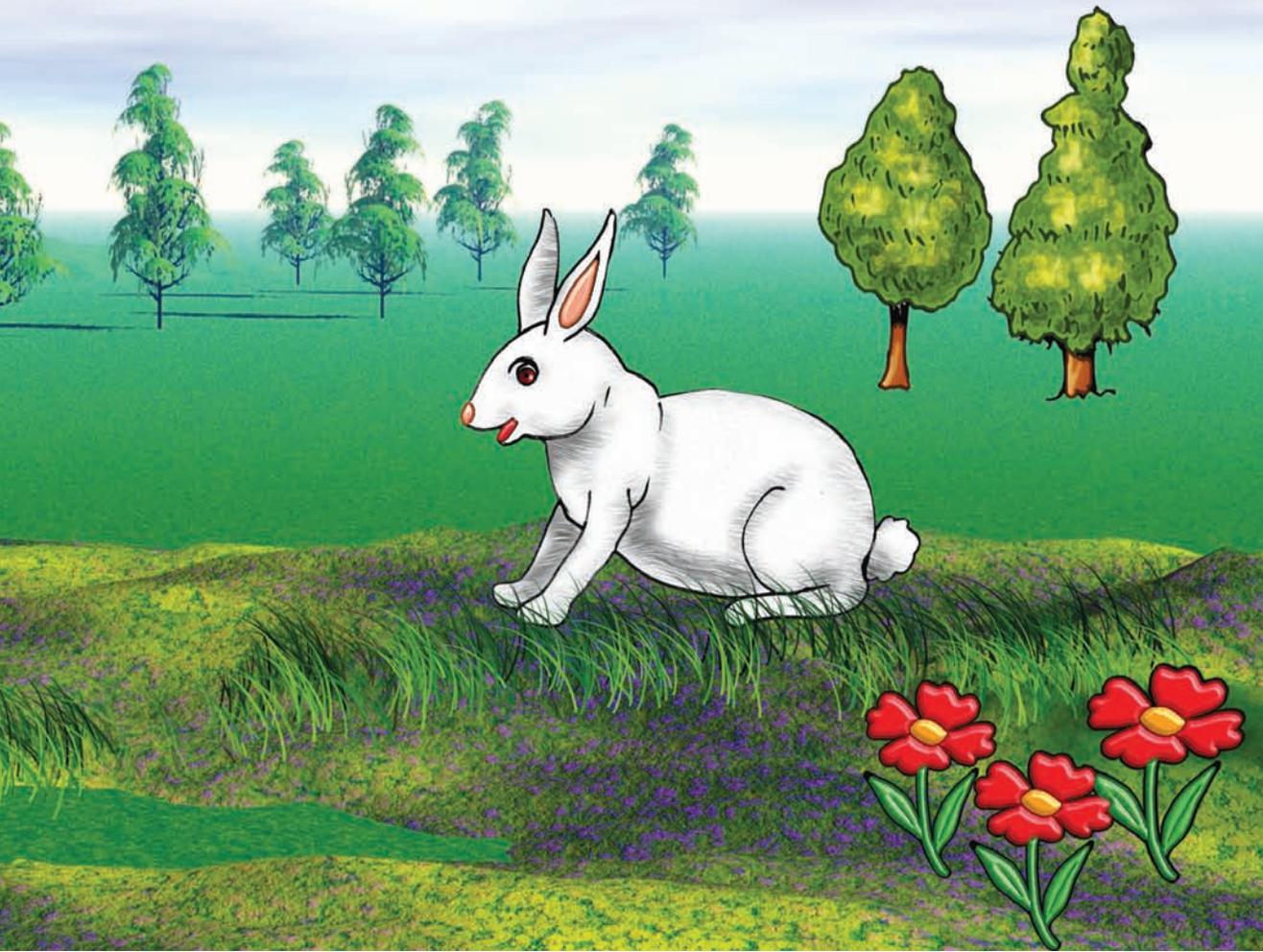


She began to push big stones with her head. Then, she put them inside the bag and tied it with its beak. She quickly returned to her home.



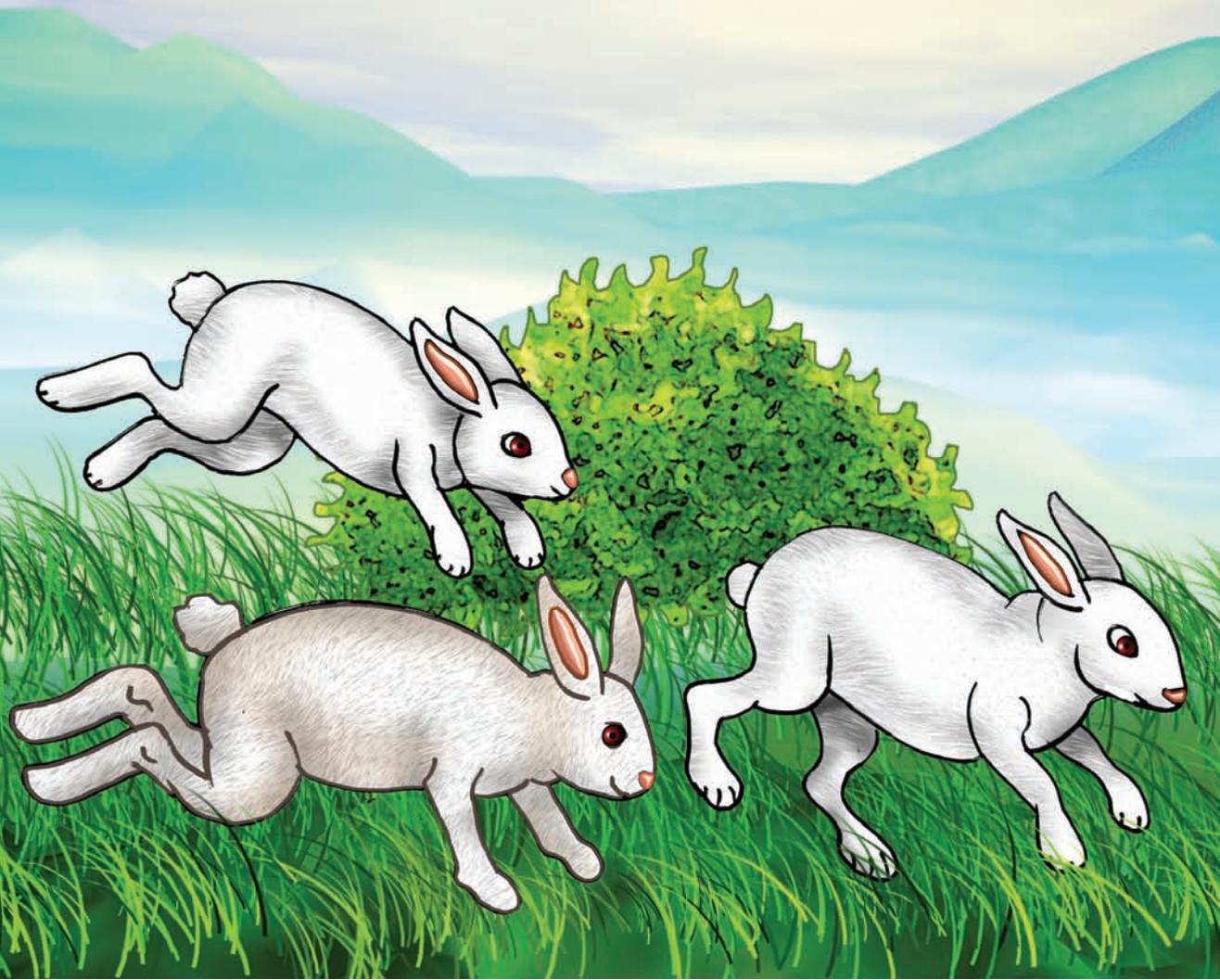


The birds were happy with the return of the hen. They flew to see what had happened to the fox. They began to whistle until he woke up. The fox thought that they were worried about the hen, so he carried the bag and said to the birds, "Come and see what I will do with the red hen: the best recipe for soup."



The rabbits were jumping and laughing on the side of the road. The fox was surprised.

But he was happy that the hen was on his back. She was bigger than he had expected because she was really heavy, "How delicious this lunch will be," he thought.



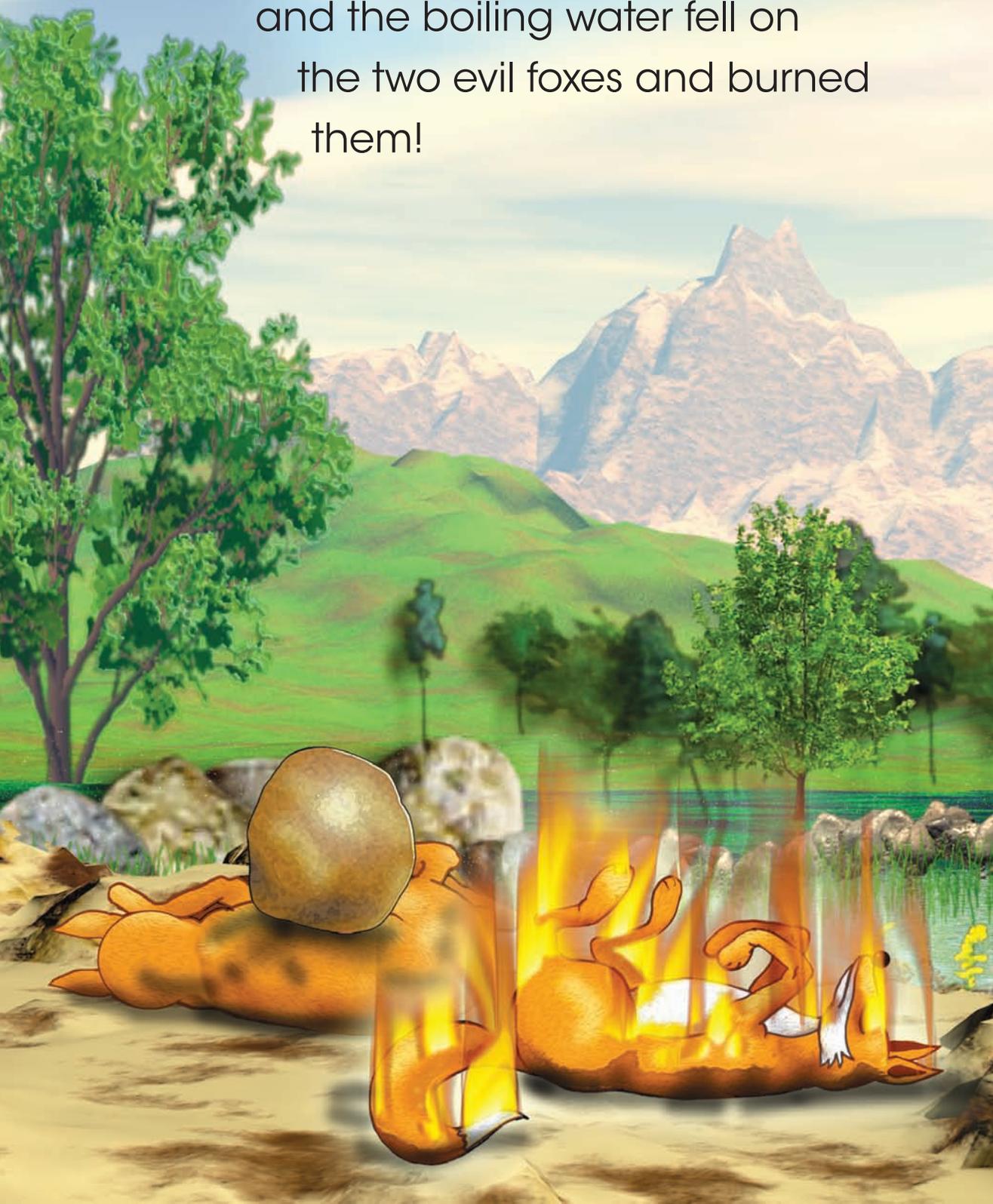


Mother fox clapped for her son and said, "Come on, let's hurry and cook it in the boiling water."

The fox emptied the bag quickly.



Then, heavy stones turned over the pot,  
and the boiling water fell on  
the two evil foxes and burned  
them!



The red hen sang with the birds  
and the rabbits, "The tricky fox is  
burned."

"His tricky mother is crushed by  
the stones."



***I. Answer the following questions.***

1. Where did the red hen live?

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2. Why did the cunning fox follow the hen?

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3. What did the hen put in the bag? Why?

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4. Why were the birds happy at the end of the story?

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5. Who was smarter: the hen or the fox? Explain.

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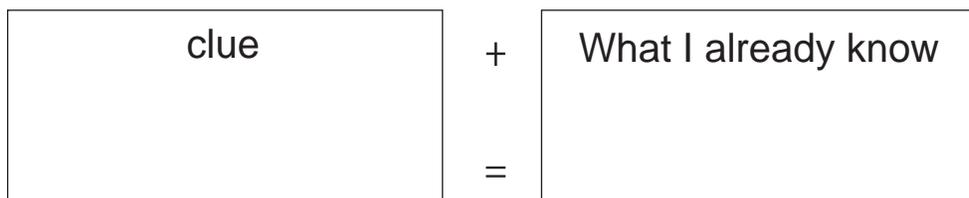
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6. What happened to the fox and his mother at the end of the story?

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**II. Go back to pages 4 and 5. What inference can you make about how the birds feel towards the hen?**



Inference

**III. Use the given words to write a paragraph that explains why the fox and his mother had to leave the village.**

*attacked – hens – ate – villagers – drove – began – house*

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**IV. The fox tried four times to catch the hen. Write what he did each time and what the outcome was.**

attempt

outcome

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**V. Circle the correct answer.**

1. When the birds sang to warn the hen,

a. the hen entered her house and hid.

b. the hen thought they were singing.

c. the fox jumped and attacked the birds.

d. the fox heard them and hid.

2. The conflict is that:

- a. the hen is stuck on the closet.
- b. the fox cannot find the hen in the bag.
- c. the fox wants to eat the hen.
- d. the fox cannot fly.

3. The dancing of the fox made the hen

- a. upset
- b. dizzy
- c. dance
- d. mad

4. The conflict was resolved when

- a. the birds freed the hen.
- b. the hen went out of the bag.
- c. the fox felt tired.
- d. the fox and his mother ate the hen.

5. The fox slept under the tree because

- a. after he had eaten the hen, he needed to relax.
- b. it was not sunny in the shade.
- c. it was late, and he could not reach his house.
- d. dancing for a long time made him dizzy.