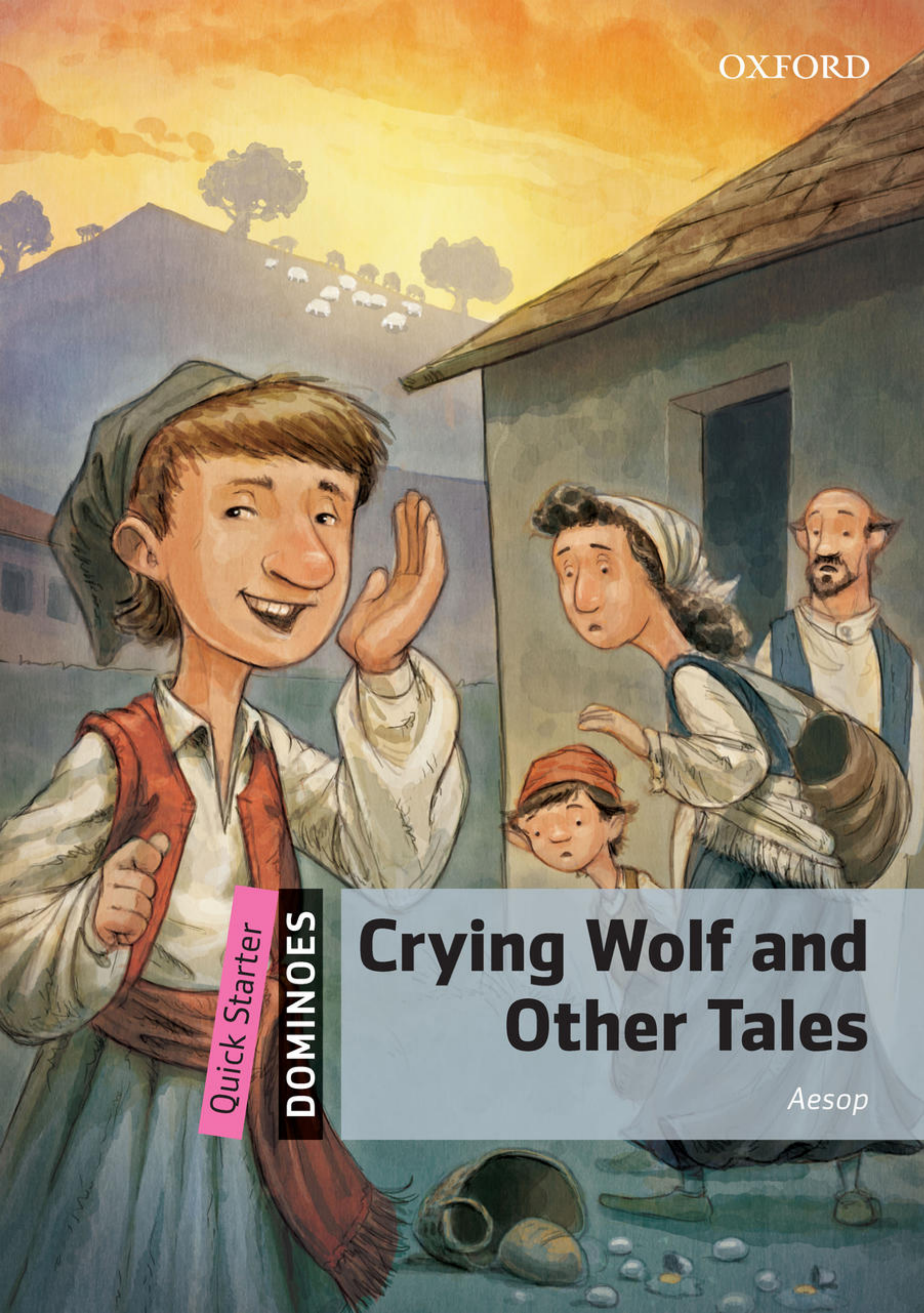


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Story Characters

Crying Wolf



Kosmas



Sirius, the dog



The wolf

The Goose with the Golden Eggs



Yiannis



Dafni



The goose

The Bear and the Two Travellers



Marios



Nikos



The bear



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BEFORE READING

1 Where do the stories happen? Match the stories and the places.



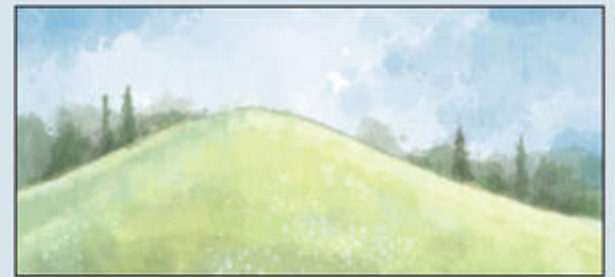
a *Crying Wolf*



1 In some woods.



b *The Goose with the Golden Eggs*



2 On a hill.



c *The Bear and the Two Travellers*



3 In a garden.

2 What happens in which story? Write the letters of the sentences in the table.

- a Two men hear a noise.
- b A boy talks to his dog.
- c Something new visits a garden.
- d The boy runs down a hill to a village.
- e One man goes up a tree.
- f A man finds things under a goose.
- g Some villagers are very angry.
- h Two friends talk angrily.
- i The man and his wife become rich.

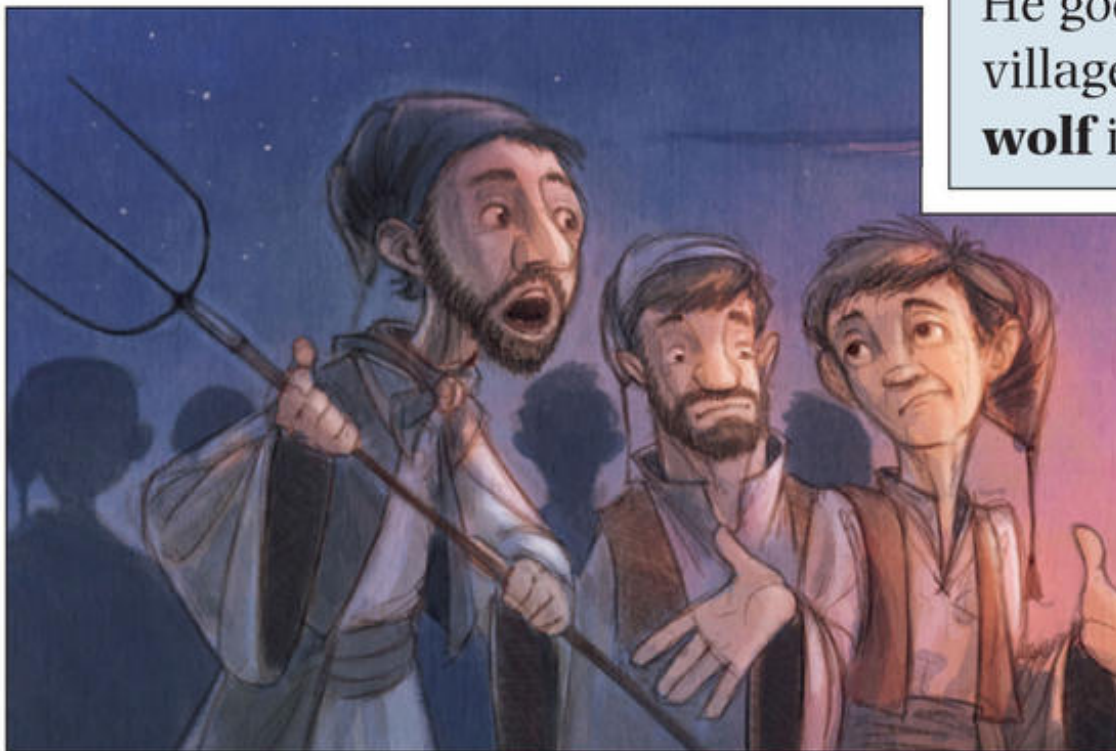
<i>Crying Wolf</i>	<i>The Goose with the Golden Eggs</i>	<i>The Bear and the Two Travellers</i>

Crying Wolf ~ Part 1

Kosmas is a **shepherd** boy in Greece. One evening, he is **bored**. 'What can I do?' he thinks.



He goes to the nearest village and cries, 'Help! A **wolf** is eating my **sheep**!'



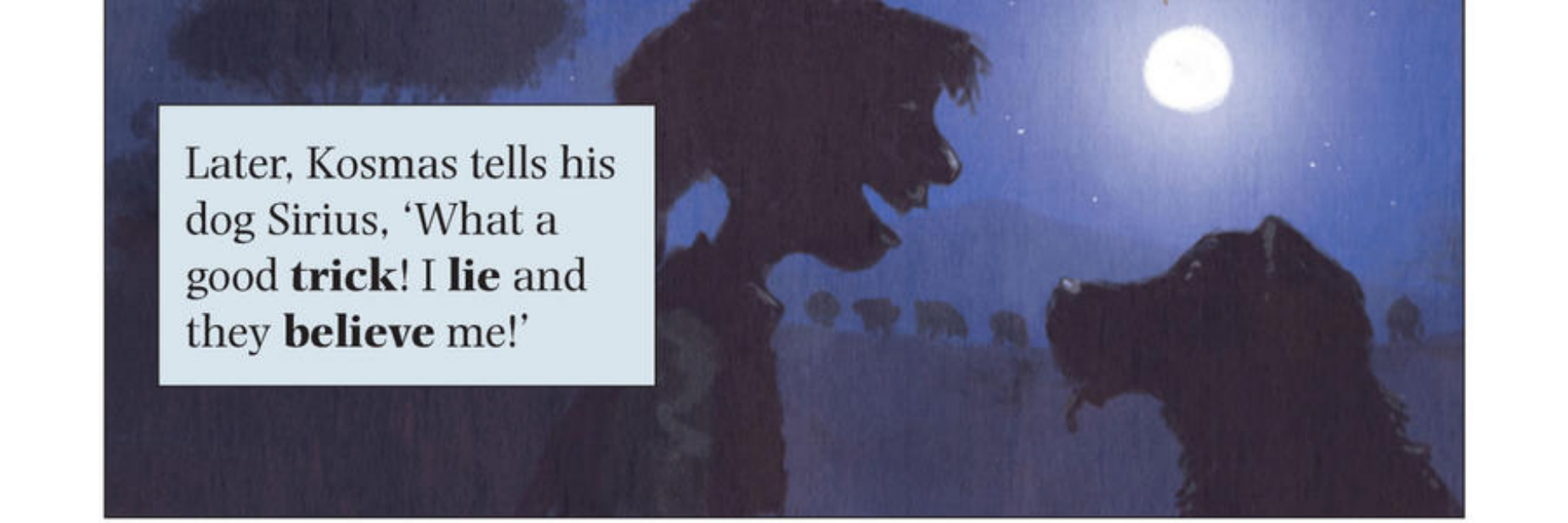
The villagers run up the hill angrily. But the sheep are standing there quietly, with no wolf. 'Where's the wolf?' they ask. 'It isn't here now,' Kosmas says.

shepherd a man or boy who looks after sheep


bored not happy because you have nothing interesting to do

wolf (*plural wolves*) a wild animal like a dog

sheep (*plural sheep*) an animal, usually white or black, that lives in the country



Later, Kosmas tells his dog Sirius, 'What a good **trick!** I **lie** and they **believe** me!'



The next week, Kosmas cries 'Wolf!' again, and all the villagers run up the hill. But this time, some villagers listen when Kosmas speaks to Sirius. So they learn about his trick.

'Never tell lies again!' they say.
'All right. I **promise!**' Kosmas answers.

trick a thing which makes people think something is true


lie to say something that is not true; when you say something that is not true

believe to think that something is true

promise to say now that you can do something later; when you say that you can do something later

READING CHECK

Match the first and second parts of the sentences.

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>a One evening, Kosmas is very</p> <p>b So he runs to</p> <p>c He tells the villagers about</p> <p>d The villagers all come up</p> <p>e But a wolf isn't eating</p> <p>f Kosmas laughs about</p> <p>g Soon, Kosmas cries, 'Wolf!'</p> <p>h But he is telling</p> <p>i The villagers are now very</p> |  | <p>1 his trick.</p> <p>2 bored.</p> <p>3 the sheep.</p> <p>4 again.</p> <p>5 the village.</p> <p>6 a wolf.</p> <p>7 angry.</p> <p>8 the hill.</p> <p>9 a lie.</p> |
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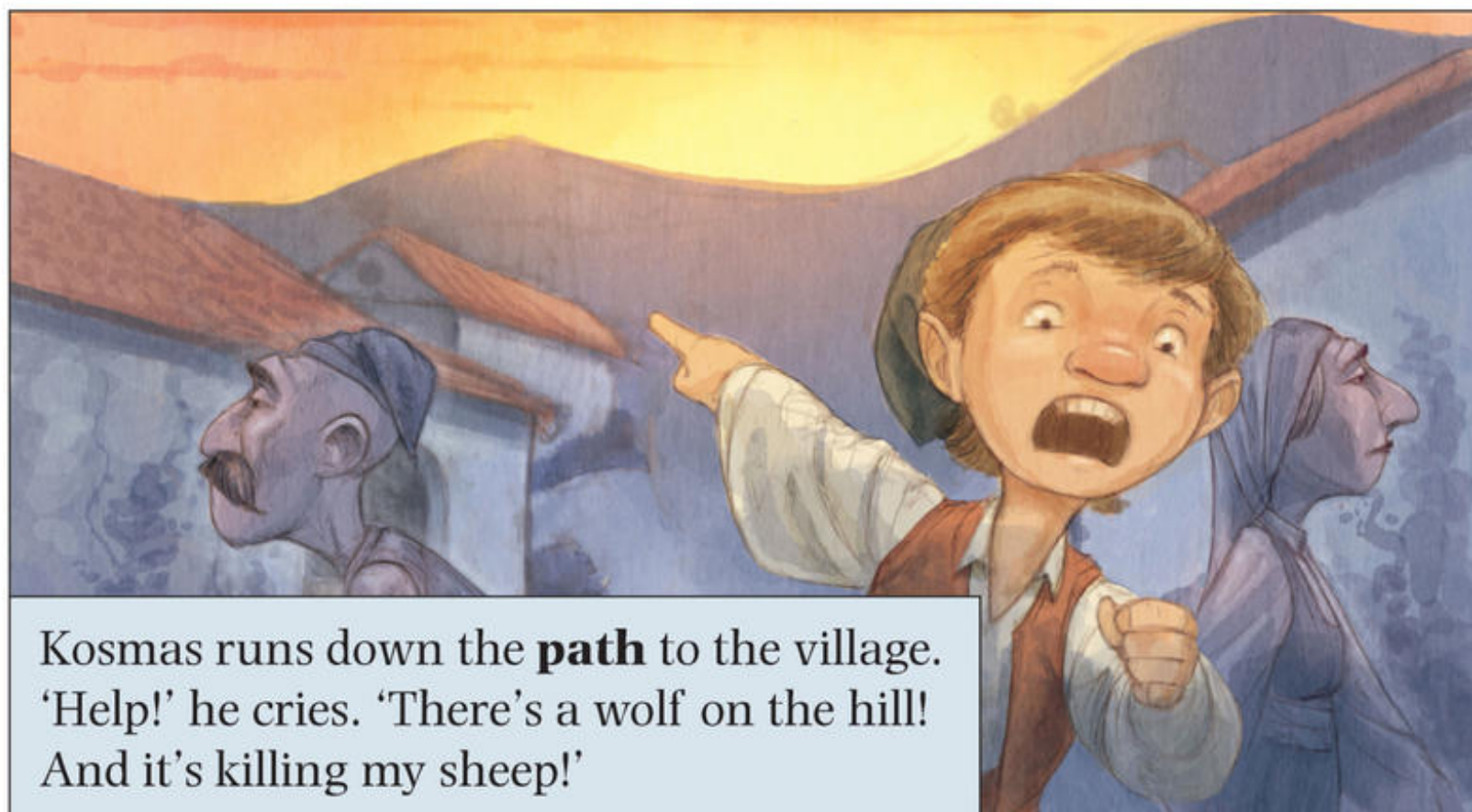
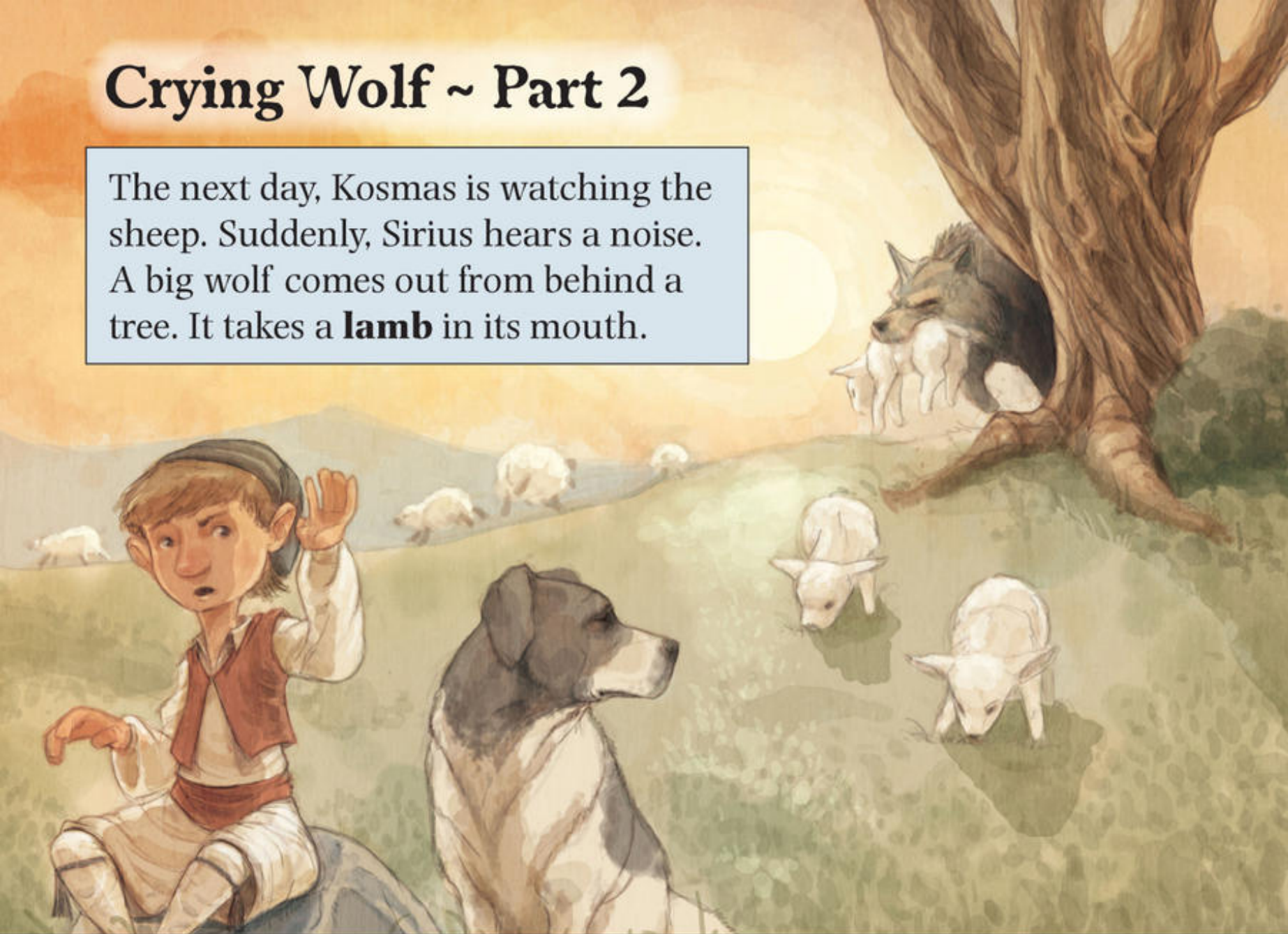
GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>a A big  comes and eats ...</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> a villager.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Kosmas's family.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> some young sheep.</p> |
| <p>b This time,  ...</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> don't help Kosmas.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> laugh at Kosmas.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> hit Kosmas.</p> |
| <p>c  the dog ...</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> runs away.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> dies.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> kills the wolf.</p> |
| <p>d In the end,  is very ...</p> | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> happy.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> sorry.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> angry.</p> |

Crying Wolf ~ Part 2

The next day, Kosmas is watching the sheep. Suddenly, Sirius hears a noise. A big wolf comes out from behind a tree. It takes a **lamb** in its mouth.

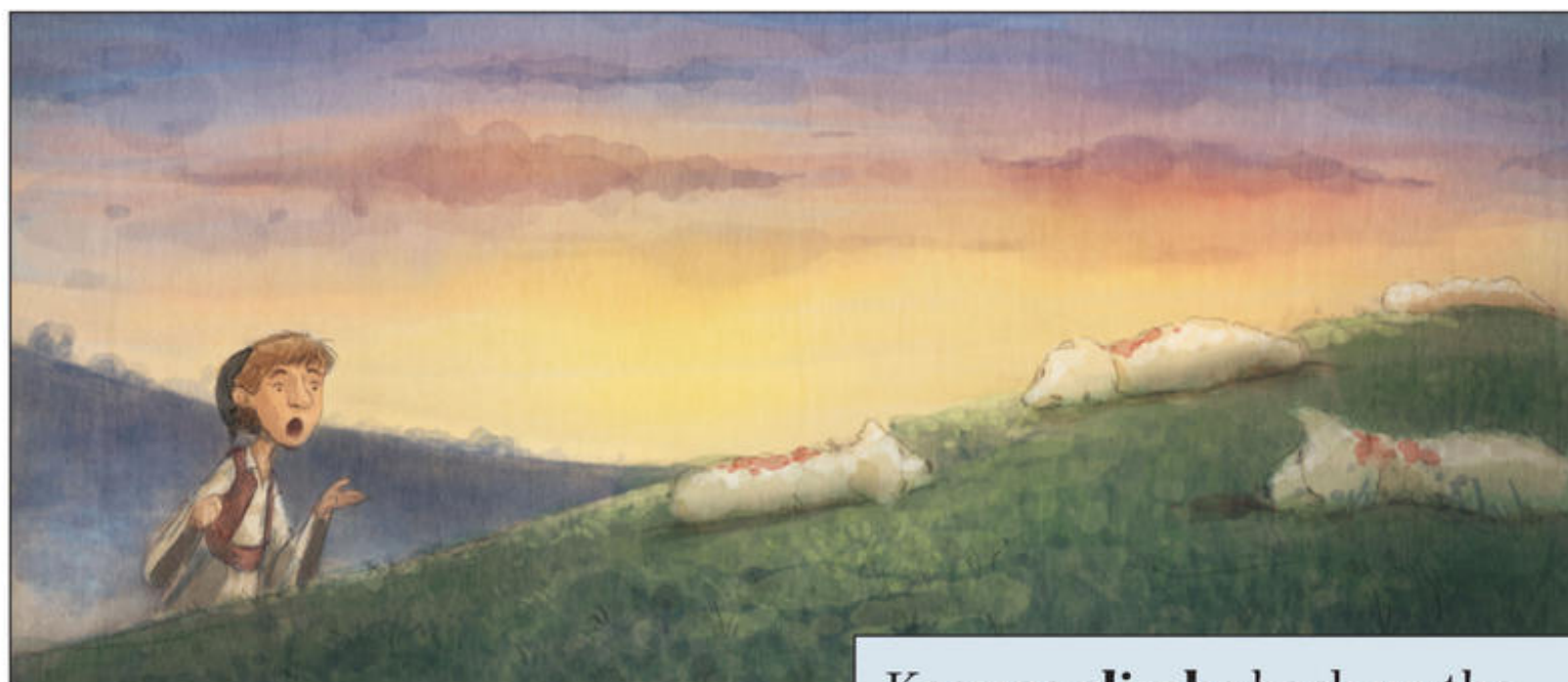
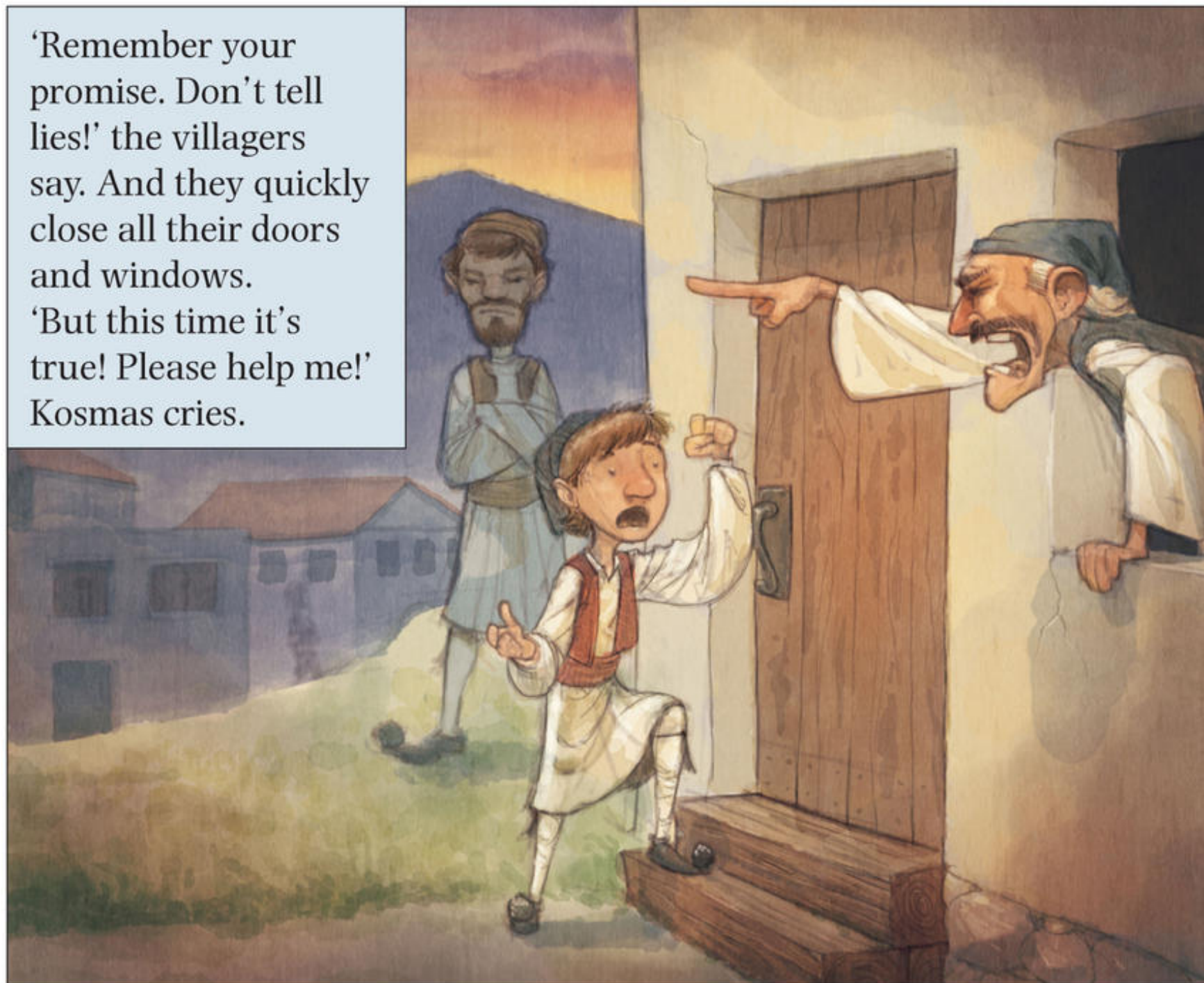


Kosmas runs down the **path** to the village. 'Help!' he cries. 'There's a wolf on the hill! And it's killing my sheep!'

lamb a young sheep

path a way across a piece of land or a garden where people can walk

'Remember your promise. Don't tell lies!' the villagers say. And they quickly close all their doors and windows. 'But this time it's true! Please help me!' Kosmas cries.



Kosmas **climbs** back up the hill **alone**. He finds some of his lambs, but they are dead.

climb to go up or down, walking or using your hands and feet

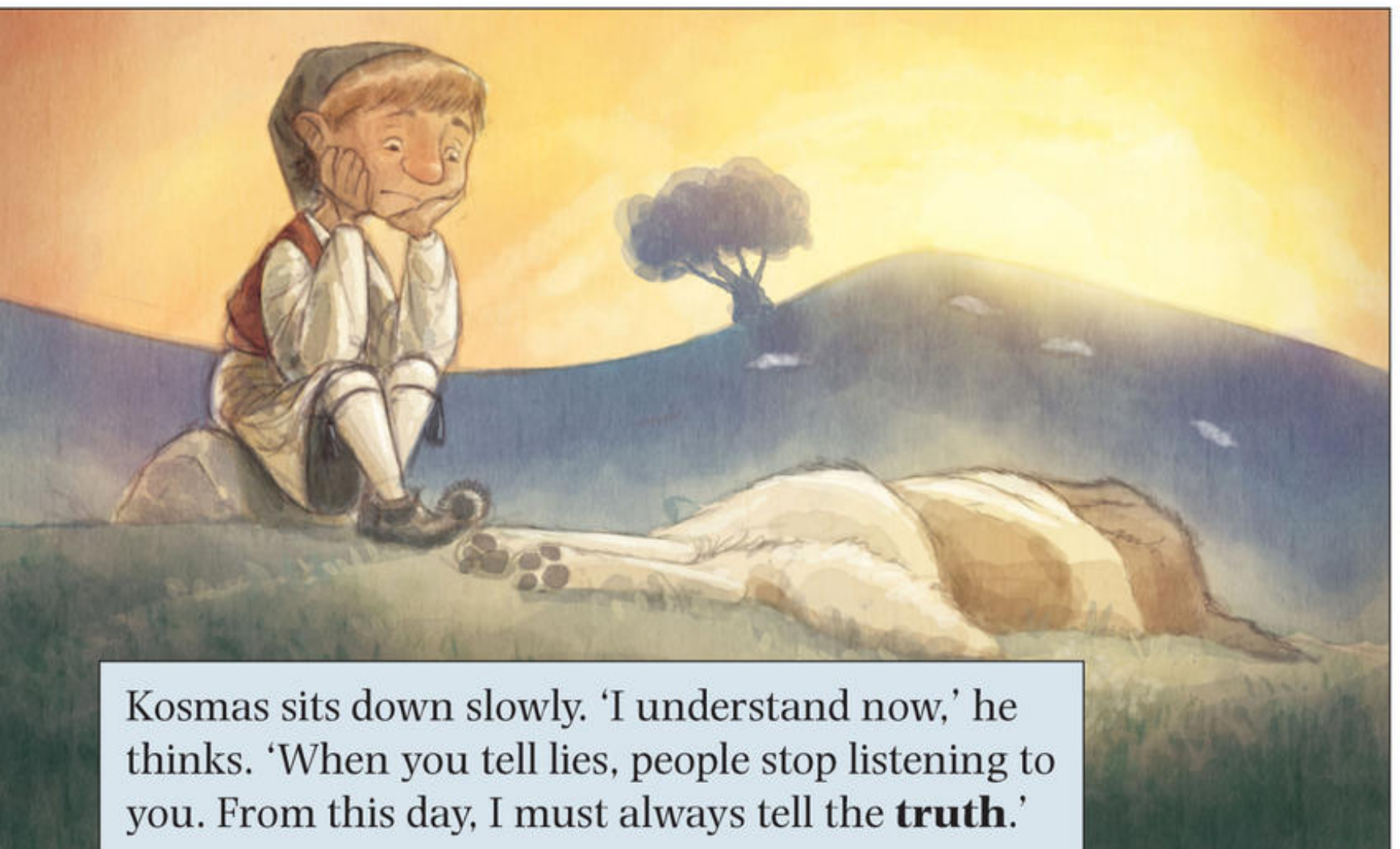
alone with nobody



'Where's Sirius?' he thinks. 'Sirius! Where are you? Come here, boy!' he calls again and again.



Just then, he sees his dog on the **ground**. 'Oh no! Sirius is dead, too!' he cries.



Kosmas sits down slowly. 'I understand now,' he thinks. 'When you tell lies, people stop listening to you. From this day, I must always tell the **truth**.'

ground we walk on this

truth what is true

READING CHECK

Put the sentences in order. Number them 1–9.

- a But the villagers don't listen to him.
- b Kosmas is watching his sheep.
- c Kosmas goes up the hill alone.
- d There is a sudden noise.
- e But the dog is dead on the ground.
- f Kosmas thinks, 'I always want to tell the truth now.'
- g A wolf quickly takes one of the young lambs.
- h Kosmas runs fast to the village.
- i Kosmas finds some dead lambs. He then calls Sirius.

GUESS WHAT

In the next story *The Goose with the Golden Eggs*, a goose arrives at Yiannis and Dafni's house. What do they do? Tick two boxes.



- a They give the goose to a friend.



- b They put the goose in their garden.



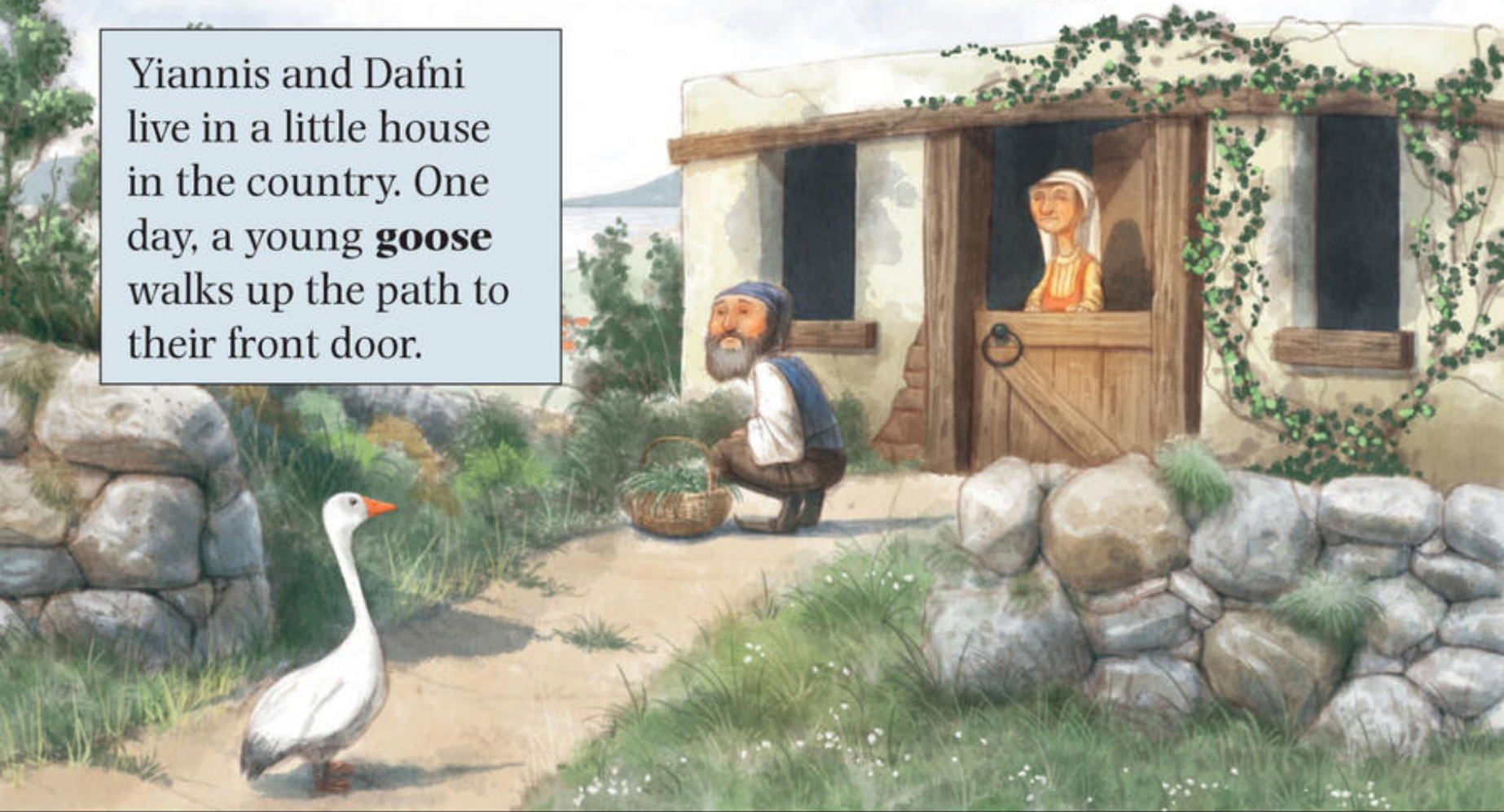
- c They soon kill the goose and eat it.



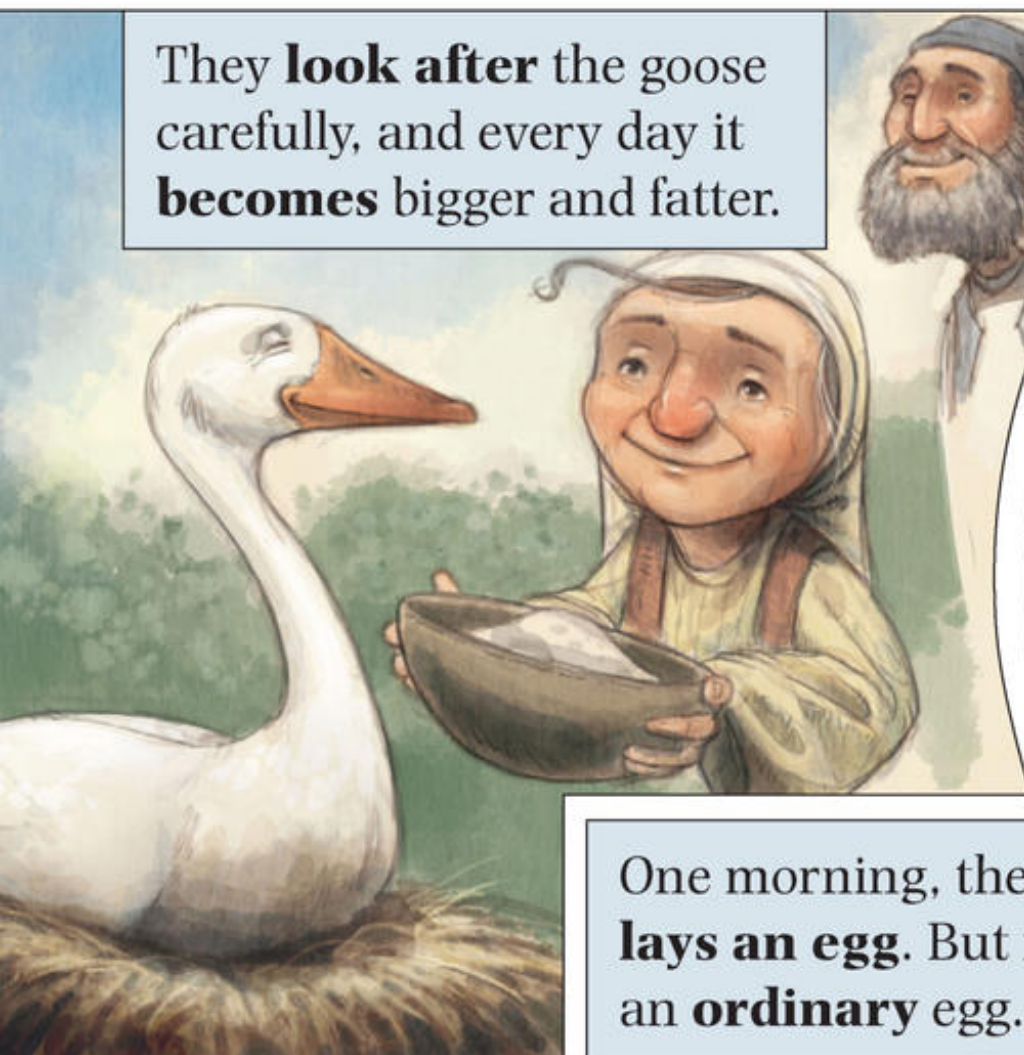
- d They make money from the goose.

The Goose with the Golden Eggs ~ Part 1

Yiannis and Dafni live in a little house in the country. One day, a young **goose** walks up the path to their front door.



They **look after** the goose carefully, and every day it **becomes** bigger and fatter.



One morning, the goose **lays an egg**. But it isn't an **ordinary** egg.



goose (*plural geese*) a large, usually white bird; people sometimes eat it

look after to do things for something or someone that needs help

become to begin to be

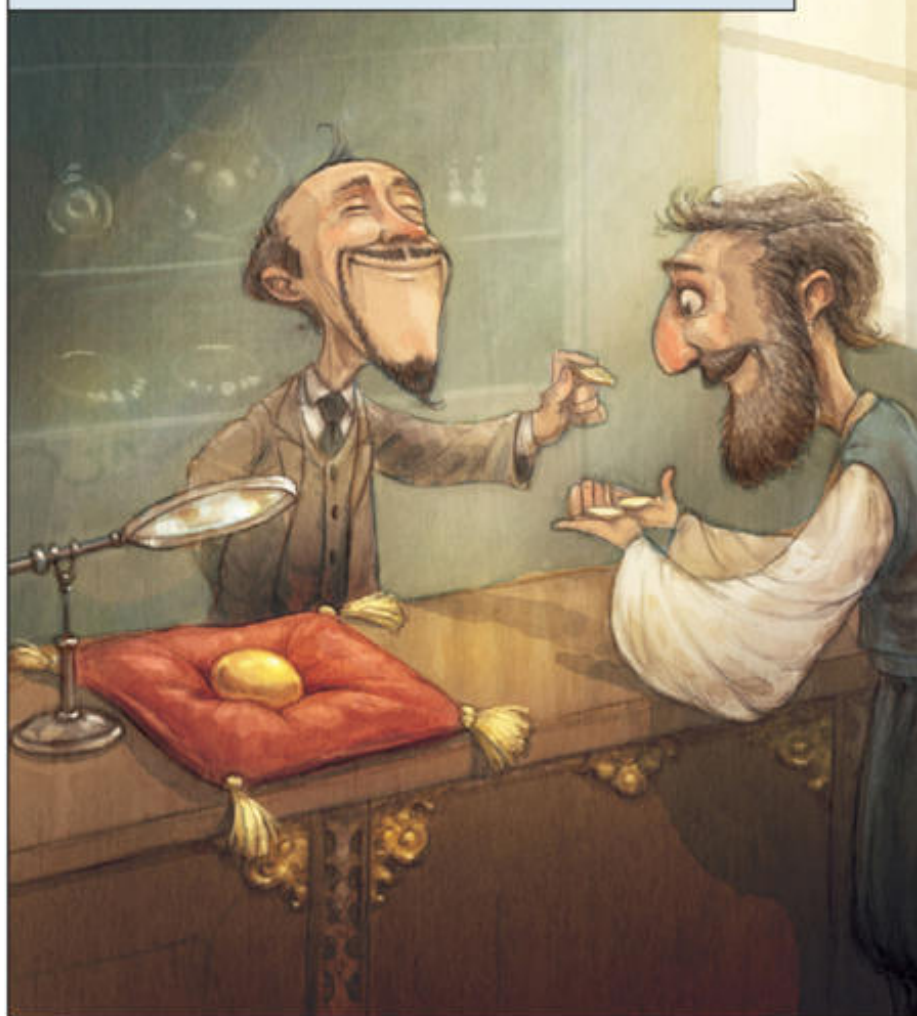
lay an egg to make a round thing that can have a young bird in it

ordinary not special or unusual

'Look at this, Dafni,'
Yiannis says. 'It's
a **golden** egg! Can
you believe it?'



Later, Yiannis goes to a shop in
town. He **sells** the golden egg
there for lots of money.



The next morning, the goose lays a
golden egg again. Yiannis and his **wife**
look after the goose well. Day after day,
they find a golden egg under it.

golden made of gold, an expensive
yellow metal

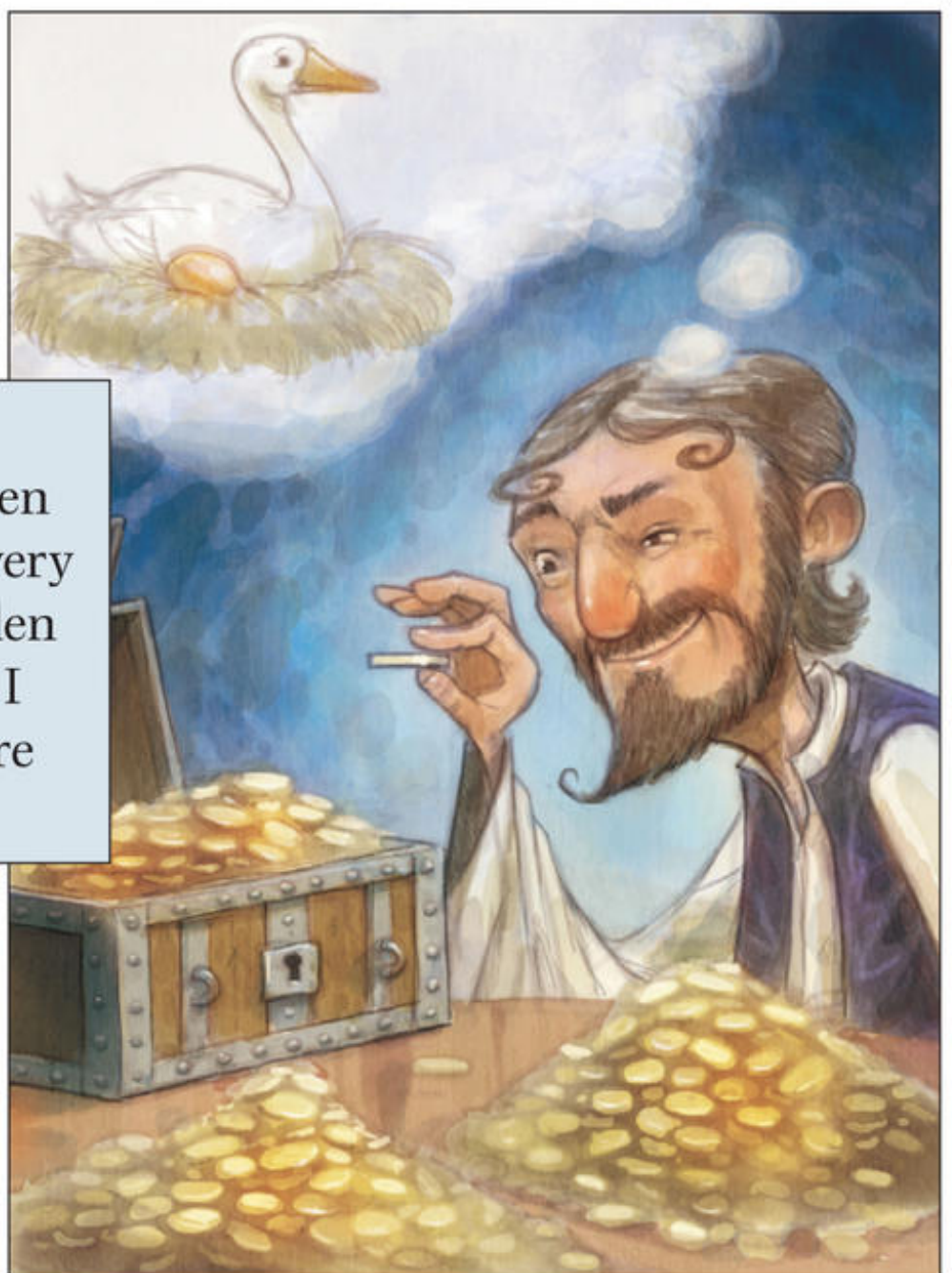
sell to take money for something

wife a woman living with a man

Yiannis sells all the eggs, and soon they have lots of money.



One evening, Yiannis is **counting** the money when he thinks, 'This goose is very slow. It lays only one golden egg every day – no more. I want to become **rich** more quickly. What can I do?'



count to look at money and see how much there is

rich with a lot of money

READING CHECK

Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

	True	False
a Yiannis and Dafni have got a big house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b An old goose comes up the garden path one day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Yiannis and Dafni look after the new goose well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d One morning, Yiannis sees a golden egg under the goose.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e Yiannis takes the egg to a hotel in town.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f Yiannis sells the egg for a lot of money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g The goose lays one golden egg every week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h Yiannis and Dafni soon have a lot of money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i One evening, Dafni counts all the money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j Yiannis would like to become rich soon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GUESS WHAT

What does Yiannis do in the next chapter? Tick one of the boxes.



a He sells the goose for a lot of money.



b He takes the goose to a big town. Everybody looks at it.



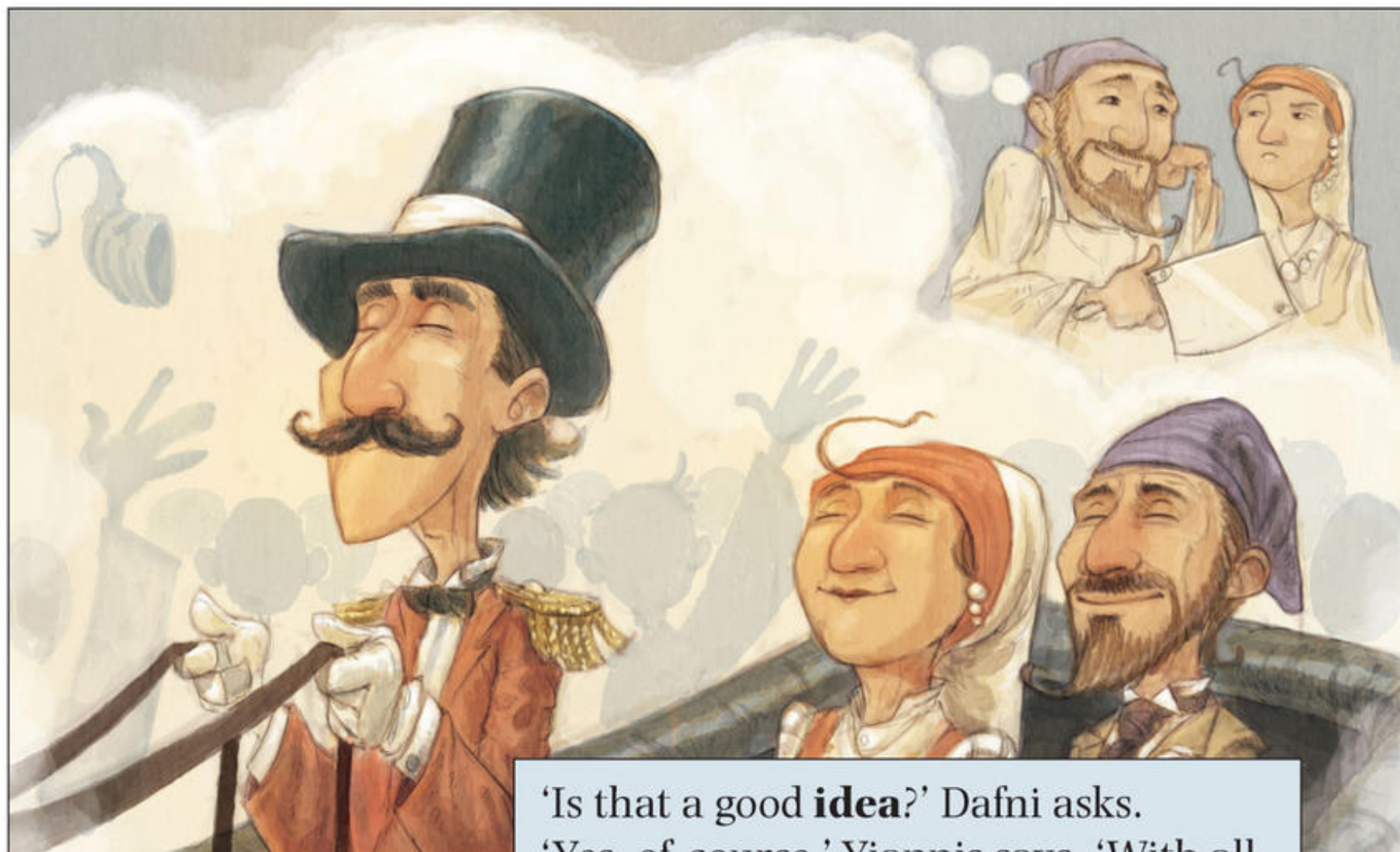
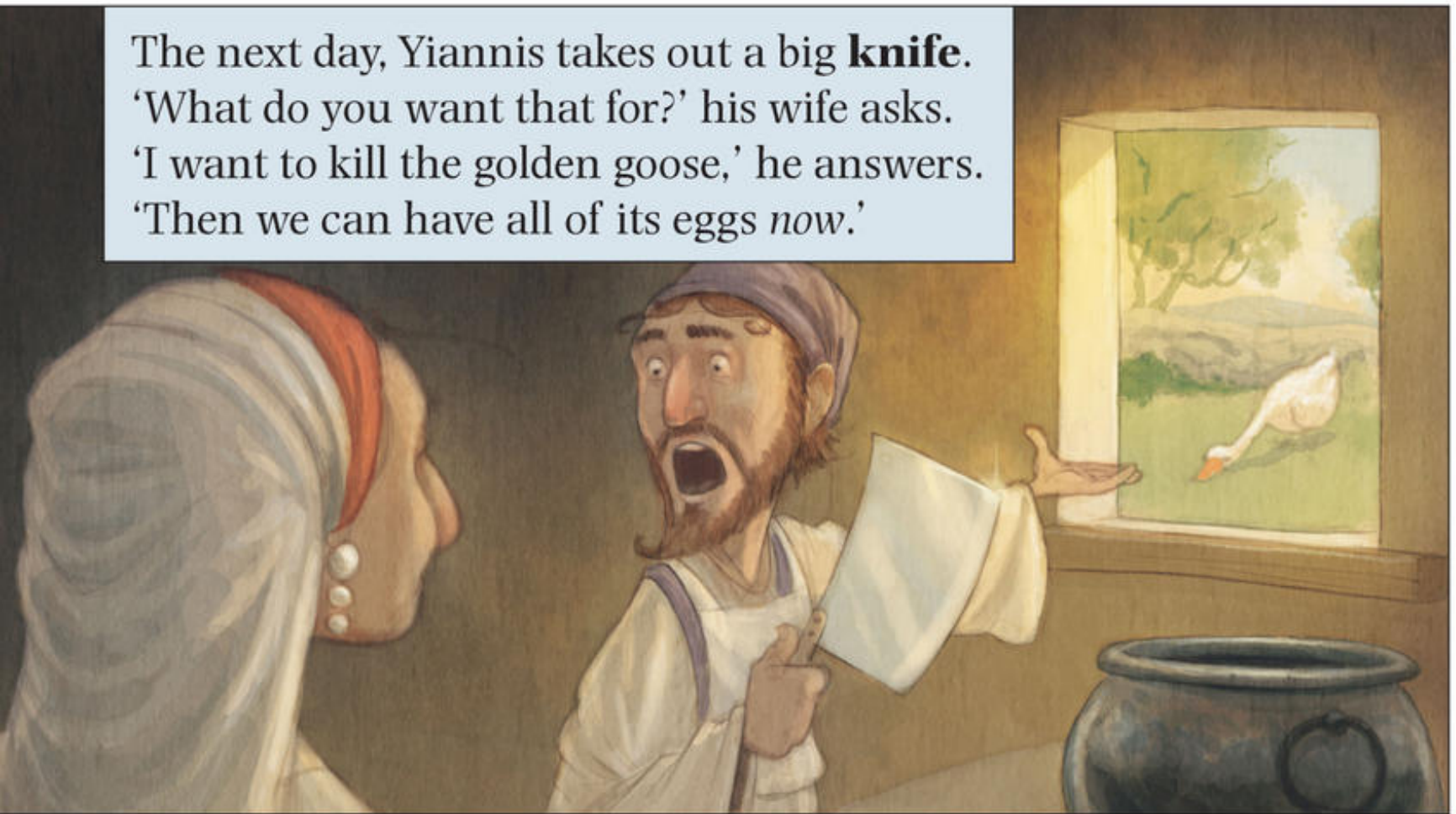
c He kills the goose because he wants all the golden eggs from it.



d He talks very angrily to Dafni about the goose.

The Goose with the Golden Eggs ~ Part 2

The next day, Yiannis takes out a big **knife**.
'What do you want that for?' his wife asks.
'I want to kill the golden goose,' he answers.
'Then we can have all of its eggs *now*.'



'Is that a good **idea**?' Dafni asks.
'Yes, of course,' Yiannis says. 'With all those golden eggs we can become the richest people in any of the towns and villages near here!'

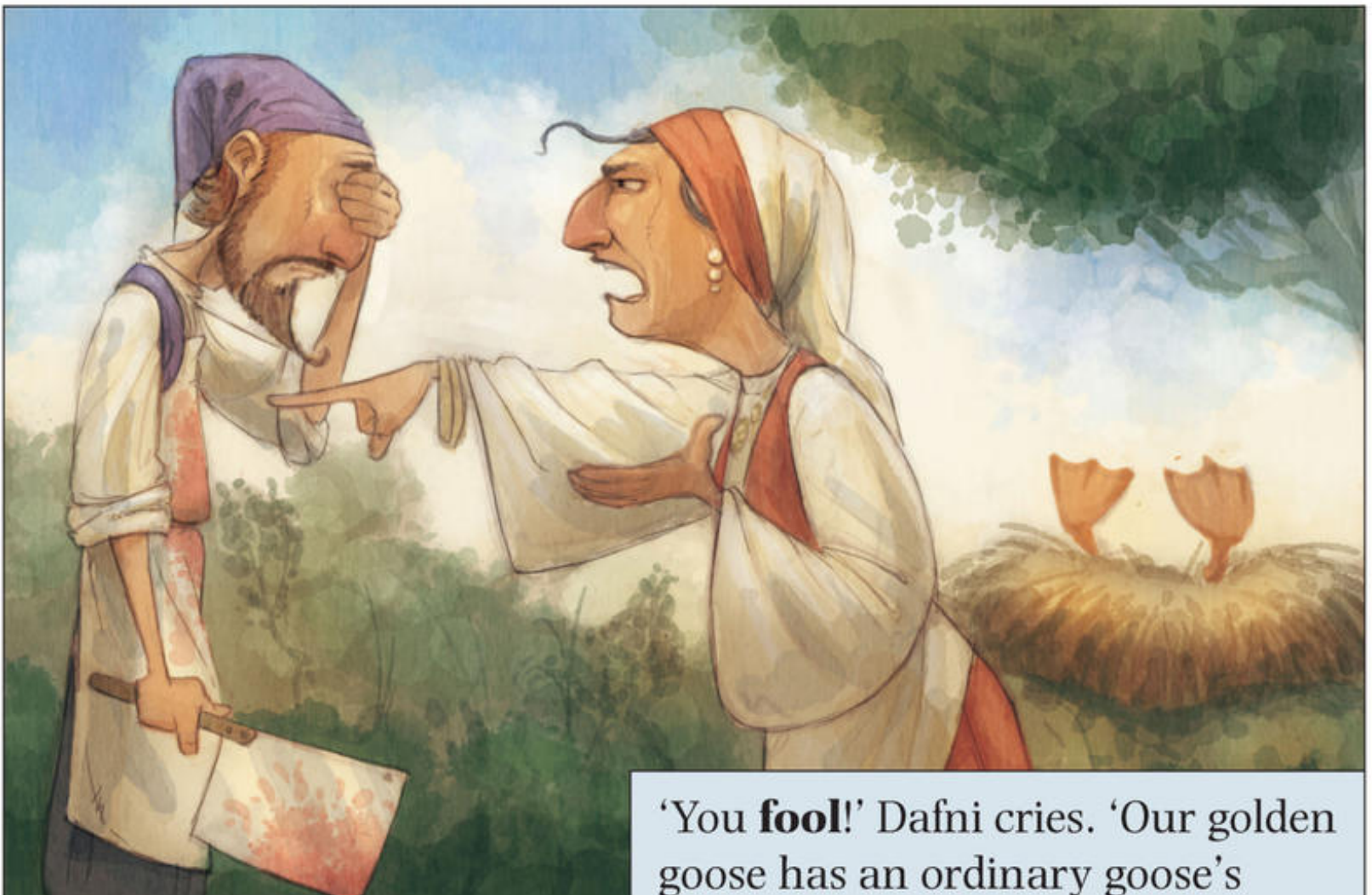
knife a sharp thing that you use to cut something

idea something that you think

Yiannis goes into the garden alone. He quickly kills the goose, and he opens it with his big knife.



‘Oh no! I can’t believe it!’ he cries. ‘There aren’t any golden eggs **inside** it.’

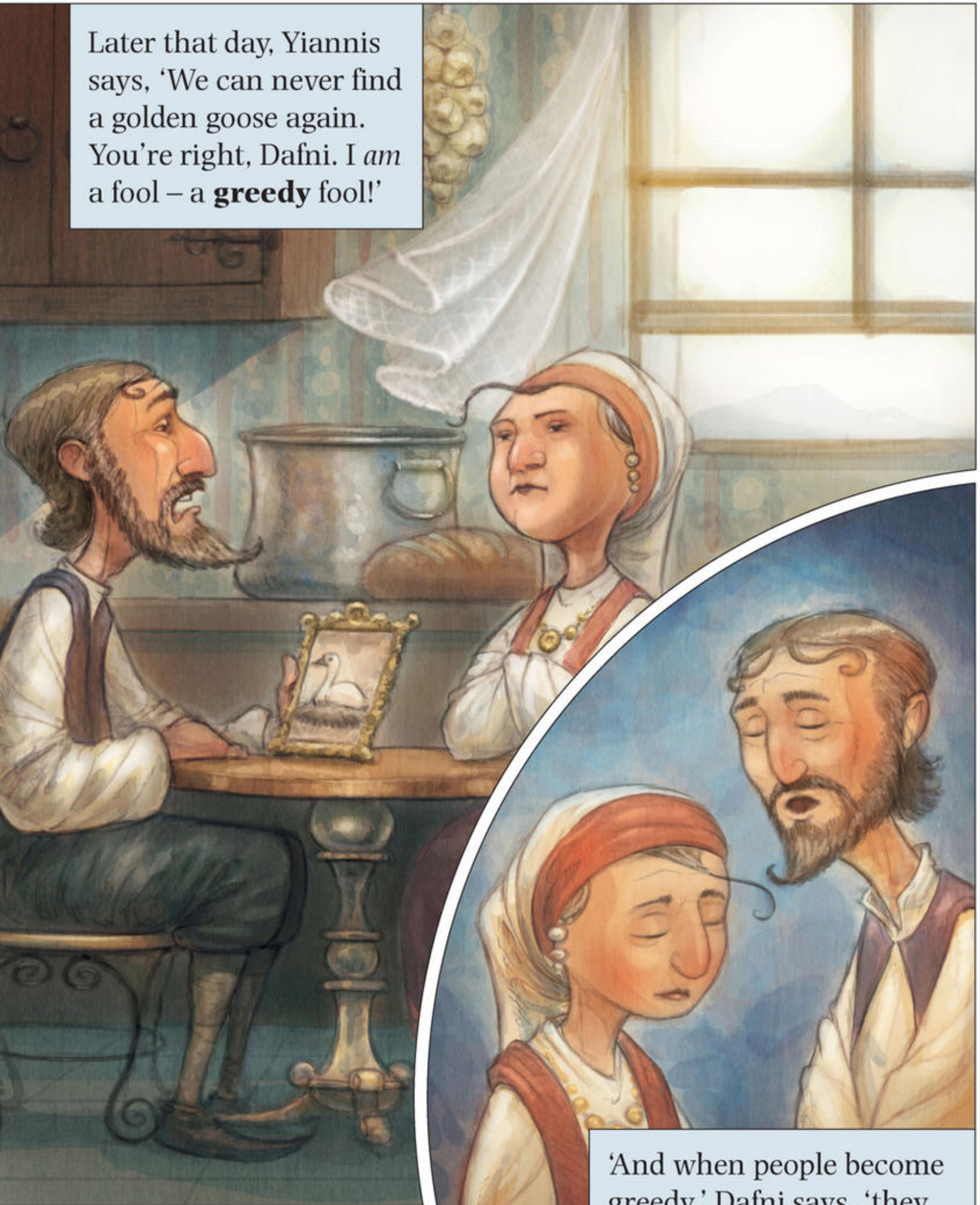


‘You **fool!**’ Dafni cries. ‘Our golden goose has an ordinary goose’s body! Now it’s dead, and we can’t have any more golden eggs!’

inside in

fool someone who cannot think well;
a stupid person

Later that day, Yiannis says, 'We can never find a golden goose again. You're right, Dafni. I *am* a fool – a **greedy** fool!'



greedy when a person takes more of something than he or she needs

'And when people become greedy,' Dafni says, 'they often lose everything.'
'Yes,' Yiannis answers quietly. 'I know that now.'

READING CHECK

Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- a The next ^{day}~~week~~, Yiannis takes out a knife.
- b The knife is very little.
- c Yiannis would like to eat the goose.
- d Yiannis wants some of its eggs now.
- e Yiannis kills the goose in the house.
- f The goose has got golden eggs inside it.
- g Dafni is happy with Yiannis.
- h Dafni is a fool.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next story, *The Bear and the Two Travellers*? Tick one box in a and b.

a The bear is very ...



- 1 angry with the two travellers.



- 2 interested in the two travellers.



- 3 nice to the two travellers.

b The travellers are very ...



- 1 afraid of the bear.



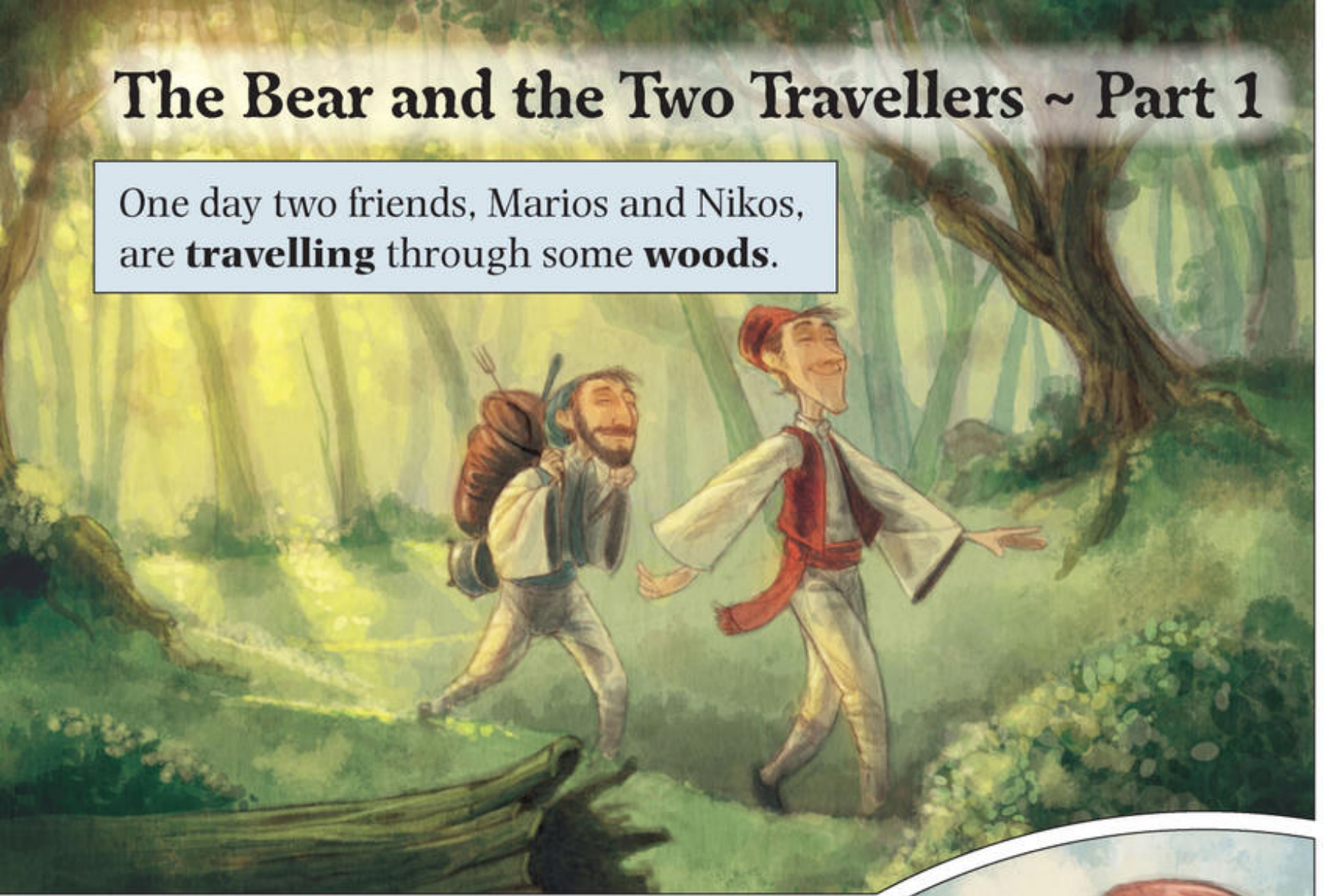
- 2 excited by the bear.



- 3 sorry for the bear.

The Bear and the Two Travellers ~ Part 1

One day two friends, Marios and Nikos, are **travelling** through some **woods**.



Marios has a big bag on his back. Inside the bag there are lots of things. He wants to sell these in the nearest town.



Suddenly, the two men hear a **loud** noise. Nikos stops walking. 'What's that noise, Marios?' he asks.

travel to go to a different place

loud making a lot of noise; not quiet

woods a place where lots of trees grow together

Just then, a big brown **bear** arrives on the path. It stands up on its back legs in front of the two travellers.

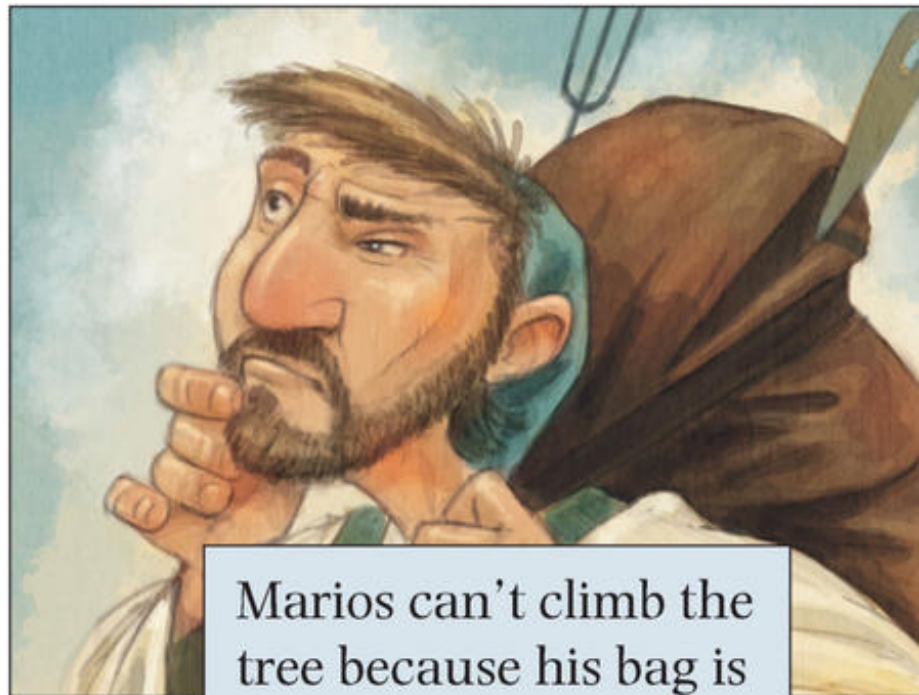


bear a big animal with four legs

heavy not easy to take in your hands

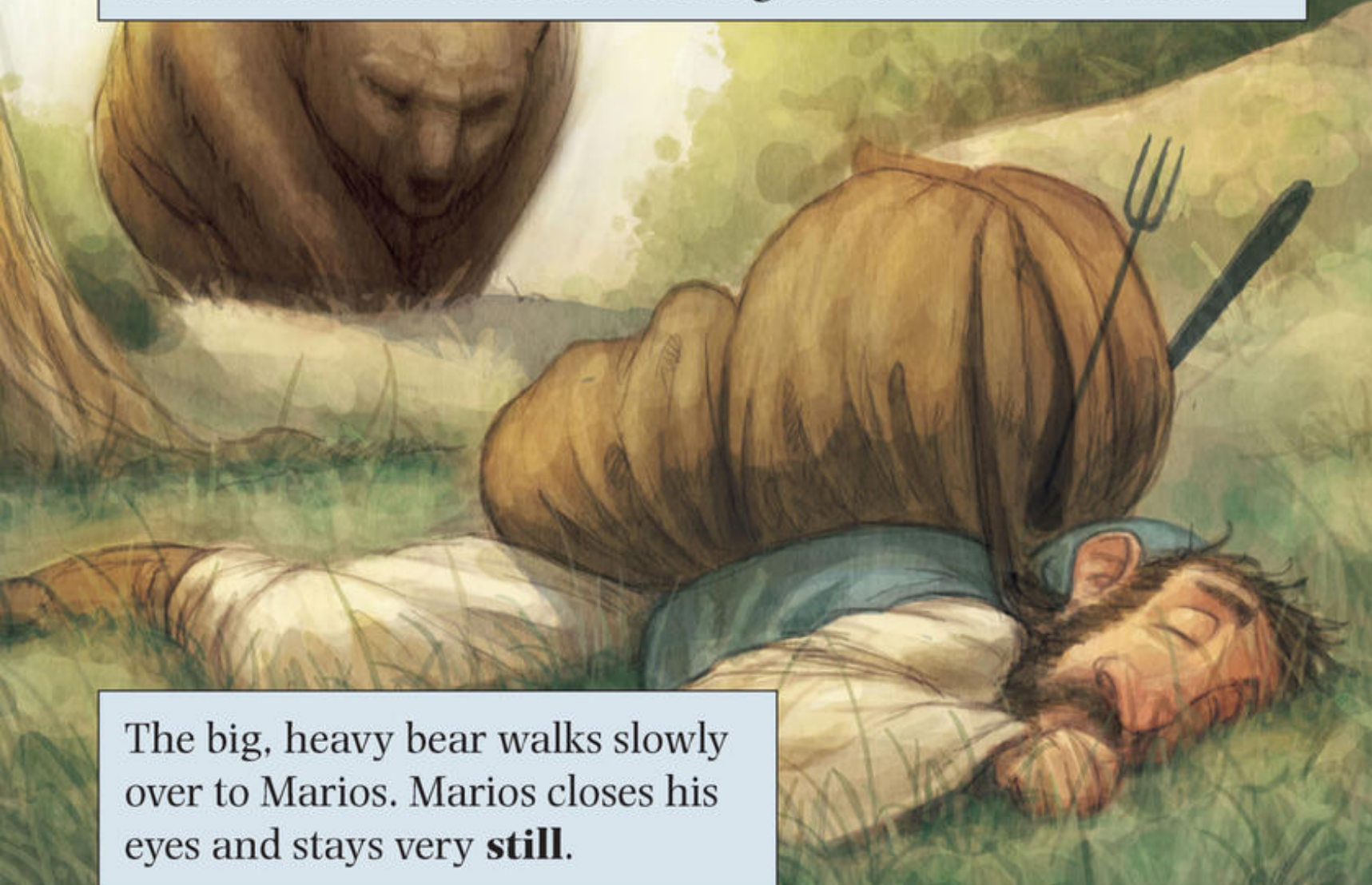


'Aargh! It's a bear!' Nikos cries loudly. He quickly climbs up a big tree, and he leaves Marios alone on the path.



Marios can't climb the tree because his bag is big and **heavy**. 'What can I do?' he thinks.

Marios suddenly has an idea. 'Bears never **touch** a dead body,' he thinks. So he **lies** down on the ground and doesn't move.



The big, heavy bear walks slowly over to Marios. Marios closes his eyes and stays very **still**.



Nikos looks down from the tall tree. He watches the bear. It moves nearer to Marios. Nikos is afraid. He doesn't help his friend.

touch to put your hand or leg on somebody or something

lie to have all your body on the ground

still without moving

READING CHECK

Choose the correct words to complete these sentences.

- a Marios and Nikos are *brothers* / friends.
- b Marios has got a lot of things in his *coat* / *bag*.
- c The travellers are walking to a *village* / *town*.
- d Suddenly, there is a *big* / *little* noise.
- e The bear is on the path *behind* / *in front of* the two men.
- f Nikos climbs up a tree very *fast* / *slowly*.
- g Marios stays on *a tree* / *the ground*, and he doesn't move.
- h The bear comes slowly over to *Marios* / *Nikos*.
- i Marios's eyes *are* / *aren't* open.
- j Nikos *comes* / *doesn't come* down from the tree.

GUESS WHAT

What does the bear do in the next chapter? Tick one box.



- a It suddenly sees Nikos and begins to climb the tree.



- b It takes Marios's big bag and it runs away.



- c It looks carefully at Marios, but it doesn't touch him.



- d It kills Marios, and leaves him dead on the ground.

The Bear and the Two Travellers ~ Part 2

The bear begins to **sniff** Marios with its big, black **nose**. First, it slowly sniffs his body. But Marios doesn't move.



Then it sniffs his hair, nose, and face. But Marios doesn't open his eyes.



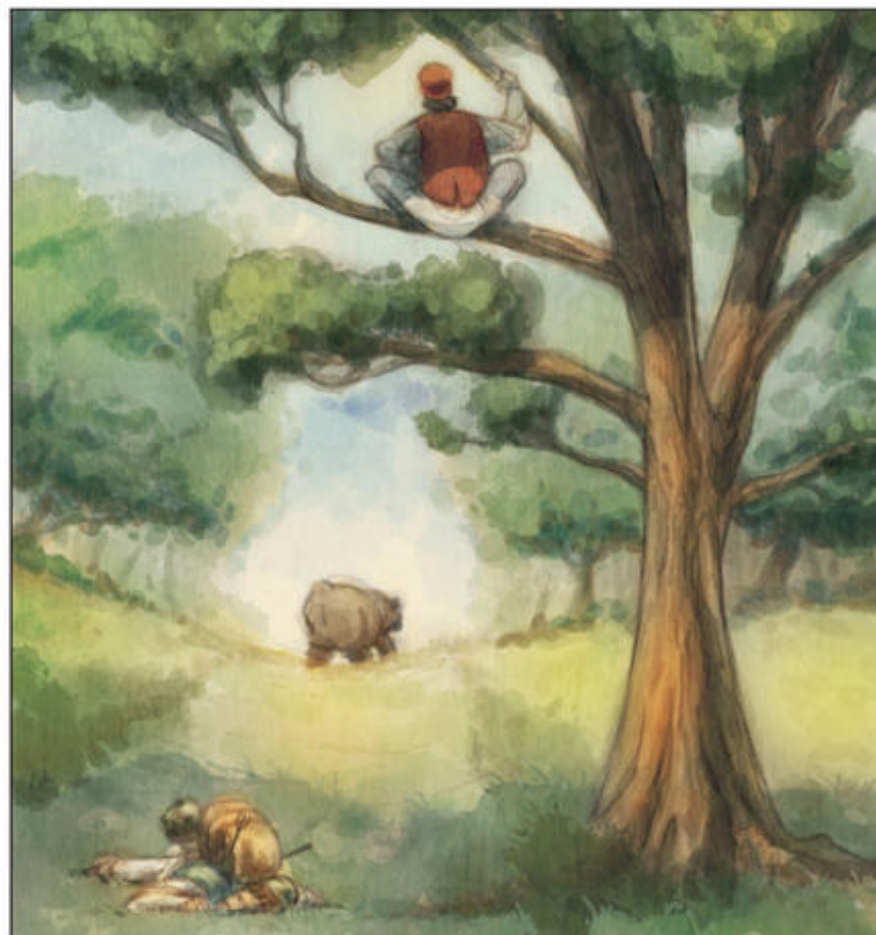
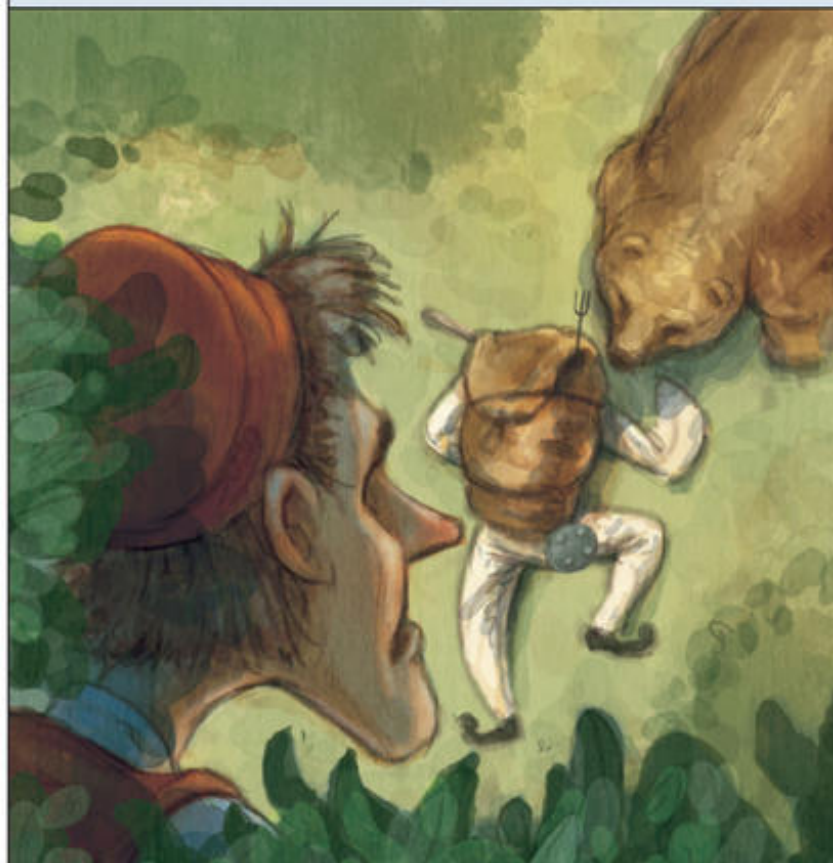
Next, it sniffs his **ears** for a long time. But Marios lies very still on the ground.

sniff to make a noise when you smell something

ear you have two of these on your head, and you hear with them

nose this is between your eyes and you smell things with it

Nikos watches carefully from the tree. 'That bear is **whispering** something in Marios's ear,' he thinks. 'What's it saying? I want to know!'

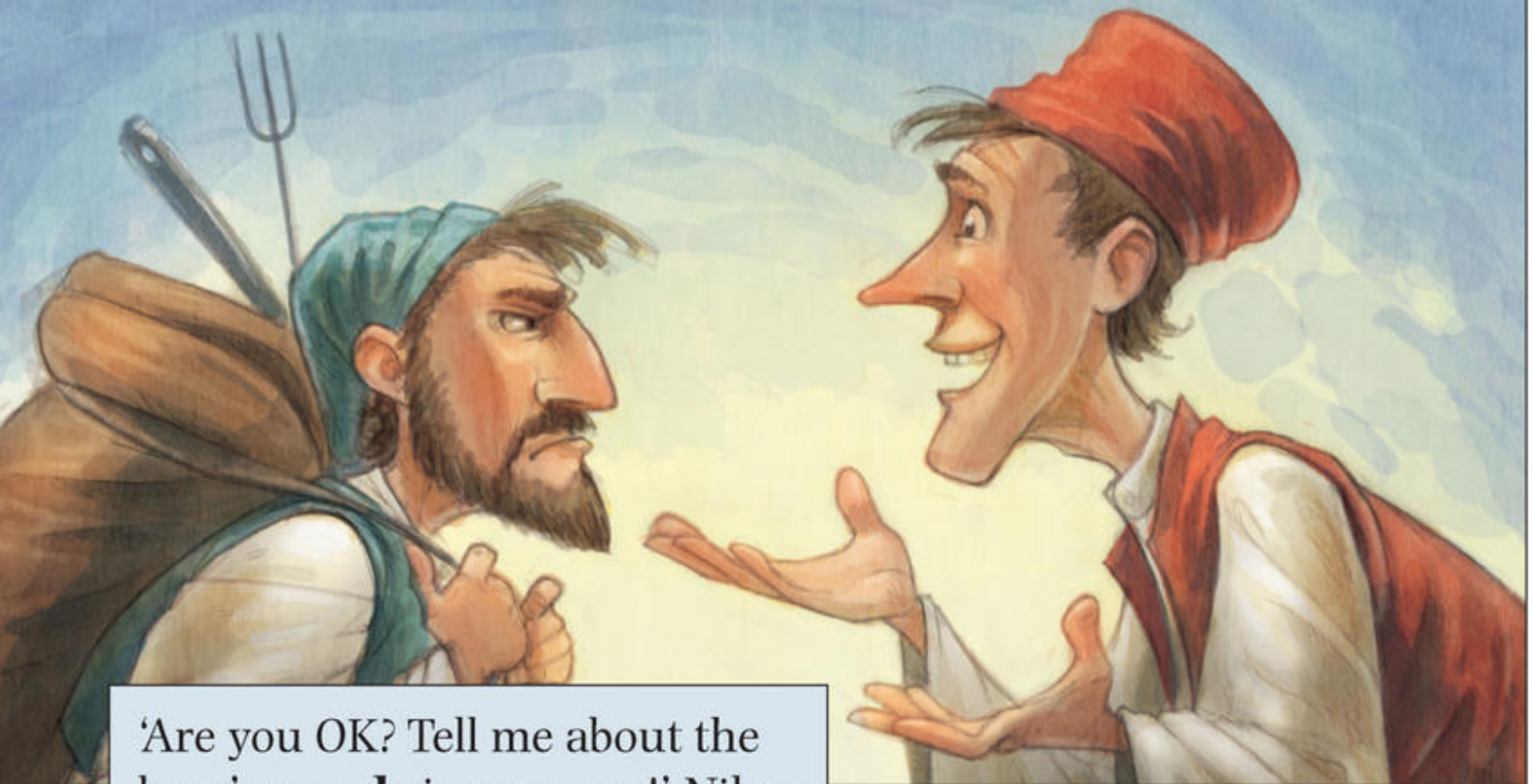


In the end, the bear becomes bored with Marios. It walks down the path, and goes away into the woods.



After some minutes, Marios stands up. Nikos quickly climbs down the tree and runs to his friend.

whisper to speak very quietly



‘Are you OK? Tell me about the bear’s **words** in your ear!’ Nikos says excitedly to Marios. ‘I must know the truth!’



‘All right. I can tell you his **advice** to me,’ Marios says. “‘When times are bad, you know your true friends.’” And after all this, I know you better, I feel. And you’re not a true friend to me, Nikos!’

word a thing that you say or write
advice something that you say to help somebody

READING CHECK

Choose the right words to finish the sentences.

- a** Marios ... when the bear sniffs him.
 1 stays still 2 smiles 3 moves
- b** The big bear sniffs the traveller's ... for a long time.
 1 shoes 2 hands 3 ears
- c** When Nikos is in the tree, he ... Marios and the bear.
 1 talks to 2 watches 3 laughs at
- d** After some time, the bear is
 1 afraid 2 tired 3 bored
- e** When the bear goes away, Nikos
 1 sits down 2 climbs down the tree 3 runs away
- f** Nikos is very interested in the bear's
 1 words 2 legs 3 eyes
- g** Marios thinks, 'Nikos isn't a ... to me.'
 1 bad friend 2 good friend 3 nice brother

GUESS WHAT

What do you think happens after the end of the stories?
 Tick the boxes.

- a** Kosmas becomes bored and cries, 'Wolf!' again.
- b** Kosmas never tells a lie again.
- c** Kosmas's sheep die and he goes to live in the village.
- d** Dafni and Yiannis live happily with all their money.
- e** Dafni and Yiannis soon lose their money.
- f** A new goose with golden eggs visits them.
- g** Nikos and Marios become good friends again.
- h** Marios never talks to Nikos again.
- i** One day, a bear suddenly kills Nikos.

Yes No



Project A *Animals*

1 Read about grey wolves. Complete the table. Use a dictionary to help you.

Grey wolves live in the open woods and hills of North America, Asia, and some parts of Europe. They don't usually live alone. They move about in numbers of between two and six. A wolf often lives to about seven or eight years old.

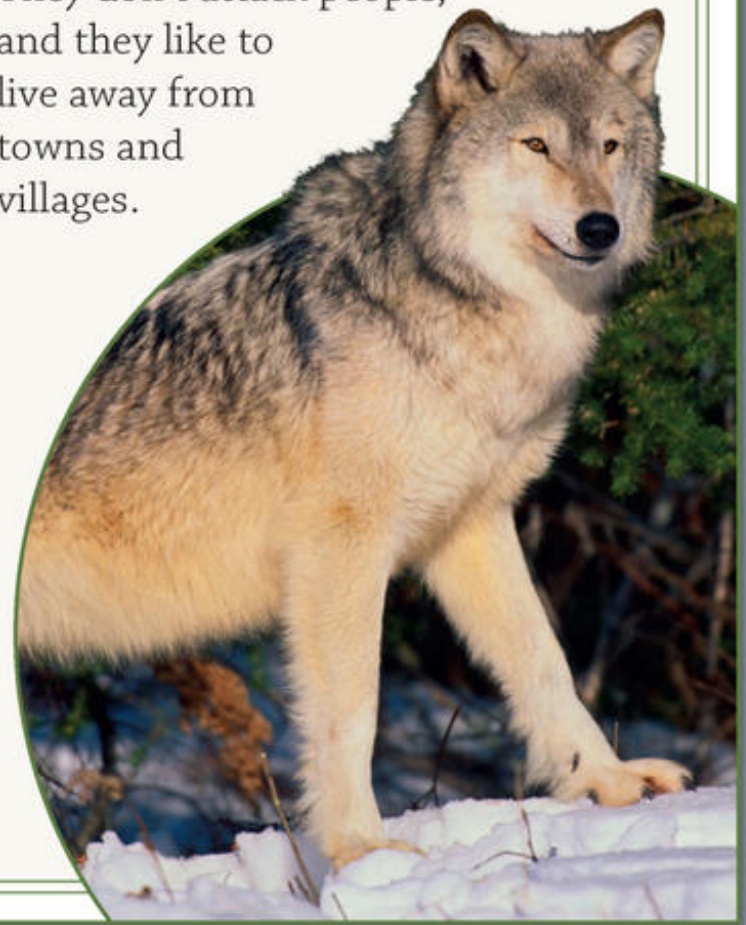
Grey wolves are a grey-brown colour on their bodies with white near their mouths. They have thick coats because they live in cold countries.

An older wolf can weigh between 23 and 60 kilograms, and it can be up to one and a half metres long. Wolves can also run very fast. Some wolves can run over 60 kilometres an hour.

Wolves eat different things. They run after and kill bigger animals like deer, but they eat little animals like

mice, too. In the warmer months, they take fruit from trees.

Some people are afraid of wolves, but they aren't usually dangerous. They don't attack people, and they like to live away from towns and villages.



Where do grey wolves live?	<i>In North America, Asia, and Europe.</i>
Do they live alone?	
How long do they live?	
What do they look like?	
How heavy and long are they?	
How fast can they run?	
What do they eat?	
Do they attack people?	

2 Read the notes in the table and complete the text about brown bears.

Where do brown bears live?	In Asia, North America, and parts of Europe.
Do they live alone?	Yes.
How long do they live?	For up to 25 years.
What do they look like?	They have thick coats – these can be from a dark brown to a very light brown colour.
How heavy and long are they?	Between 150 and 450 kilograms. From 1.5 to 2.5 metres long.
How fast can they run?	Sometimes 48 kilometres an hour.
What do they eat?	Fruit, insects, little animals, and fish.
Do they attack people?	Not usually. But it can be dangerous when you go near mothers with babies.

You can find brown bears in the far hills and woods of Asia, North America, and some countries in They live for most of the year, and they can live for a very long time – sometimes for up to

The bears can be different colours from a dark to a very brown colour. They have thick and these help them stay warm when they go to sleep in the colder months of the year. A brown bear is often very heavy – between

..... and kilograms. They can be between about to metres long. When bears run after something, they can go very fast – up to kilometres an hour. Brown bears eat,, and They love, too, and they can easily take them out of the water. Brown bears usually attack people. But sometimes the can become very angry when someone is near their

3 Write about one of these animals.

lion

tiger

elephant

leopard

python

Project B *Stories with morals*

1 The stories in this book all finish with a 'moral' (some advice about life). Match the morals with the stories.



- 1 You know your true friends when things are going badly for you.
- 2 It's best not to tell lies – because when liars tell the truth, nobody believes them.
- 3 Sometimes when you want to have everything, you lose everything.

2 Read these 'sayings' (short sentences people often say to give advice). Use a dictionary to help you. Match each saying with a moral from Activity 1.

- i 'Risk all, lose all.'
- ii 'A friend in need is a friend indeed.'
- iii 'Honesty is the best policy.'

3 Match these English sayings with their meanings. Use a dictionary to help you.

- a 'East or west, home is best.'
- b 'Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.'
- c 'Two heads are better than one.'
- d 'Two wrongs don't make a right.'

- 1 It's not OK to do something bad because someone does something bad before you.
- 2 Sometimes you need help to find the answer to a question.
- 3 It's nice to travel, but it's very nice to come back home, too.
- 4 Be careful! Bad people can look good at first.

- 4 Read the short story by Aesop. Choose the best moral for it from the sayings in Activity 3.



One day, a hungry wolf thinks, 'With a sheep's coat on my back I can live with sheep and eat their lambs!'

So the wolf finds an old sheep's coat. It goes and lives with some sheep, and it eats their lambs.

But at night, the hungry shepherd arrives. 'What a nice big sheep!' he thinks when he sees the wolf. So he takes the wolf and he kills it.

The moral is:

- 5 Do you know a saying, or a story with a moral, in your language? Can you translate and explain the saying, or tell the story in English?

WORD WORK 1

1 Find words from *Crying Wolf* to match the pictures.



a b. **ored**.....



b w.....



c l.....



d s.....



e p.....



f s.....



g g.....



h c.....

2 Complete the sentences with other new words from *Crying Wolf*.

- a 'Let's play a **trick** on your sister!' 'Great! What shall we do?'
- b 'I'm going home now!' 'Don't go! I don't want to be !'
- c 'My dad's a singer on TV.' 'No, he isn't. Tell the !'
- d 'Can you help me now?' 'Not now. But I can help later, I !'
- e 'I'm a good tennis player.' 'That's a ! You're very bad!'
- f 'I never do bad things.' 'I'm sorry, but I don't you.'

WORD WORK 2

1 Find words from *The Goose with the Golden Eggs* to match the pictures.



a rich



b



c



d



e



f



g



h

2 Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box.

become ~~fool~~ greedy inside look after ordinary sell

- a He *never* thinks before he does things. He's a **fool**
- b I can't come out later because I need to my little brother.
- c Our dog has a lot of food, but it always wants more! It's very
- d I'd like to a teacher when I'm older.
- e My mother and father have got a shop. They old books.
- f 'Is the cat in the garden?' 'No. It's the house.'
- g 'Is that your best dress?' 'No. It's one of my dresses.'

WORD WORK 3

1 These words don't match the pictures. Correct them.



a ~~whisper~~
..... touch



b woods
.....



c sniff
.....



d bear
.....



e nose
.....



f touch
.....

2 Complete the sentences with other new words from *The Bear and the Two Travellers*.

- a How do you make bread? Can you give me some advice?
- b We don't often walk. We usually _ r _ _ _ l in our car.
- c I can't hear you because the television is very _ o _ d!
- d Please help me with my bag. It's very _ _ a _ y.
- e Stay _ t _ l _ and don't move. I want to take your photo.
- f Do you know the Italian _ _ _ d for 'Hello'?
- g Don't _ _ e on the dirty ground! You're wearing your new coat.

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