

WALKER  BOOKS

Reading Together

Once Upon a Time

John Prater



Read it together

The pictures in *Once Upon a Time* bring together many favourite stories and nursery rhymes. Yet the words tell another story, about a boy's day where nothing much seems to happen, or so he says!

The humour in this book depends on children's familiarity with traditional rhymes and stories.

Who's this over here?

It's the three pigs building their house!

Children will enjoy being "experts", identifying familiar characters and discovering the secrets and jokes inside this book.

Daddy's washing up.
I look out.
Is that someone walking about?

The gentle rhyme helps children to remember how the story goes. They may want to read it to you. Don't worry if the words aren't always the same as those on the page. They will become more accurate with time.

I like this story best.

If they are reading and get stuck on a word, show them how to guess what it says by:

- looking at the pictures
- looking at the letter the word begins with
- reading the rest of the sentence and coming back to it.

Always help them if they get really stuck or tired by giving them the word.

That wolf's bow –

He's hurt his toe so he's...

Howling!

Children will notice more about the way letters and words look by writing them down. Help them to write some of the words they know well, like family names.

His mum hasn't noticed the pigs.

Wolf – it begins the same way as William and whistle.

This picture book offers lots to talk about. Children might wonder why the boy in the story can see all the different characters but his parents can't!

We hope you enjoy reading this book together.

For Jasmine

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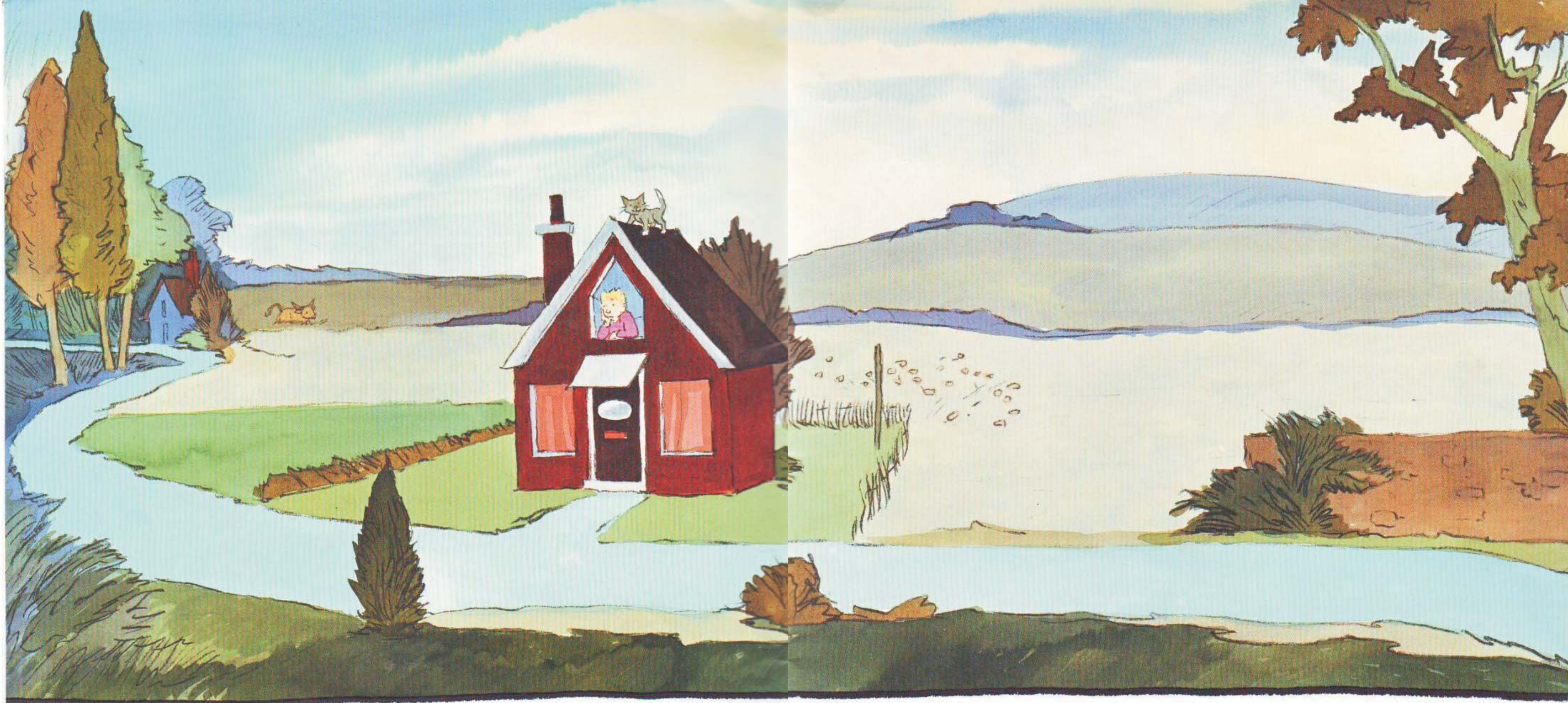
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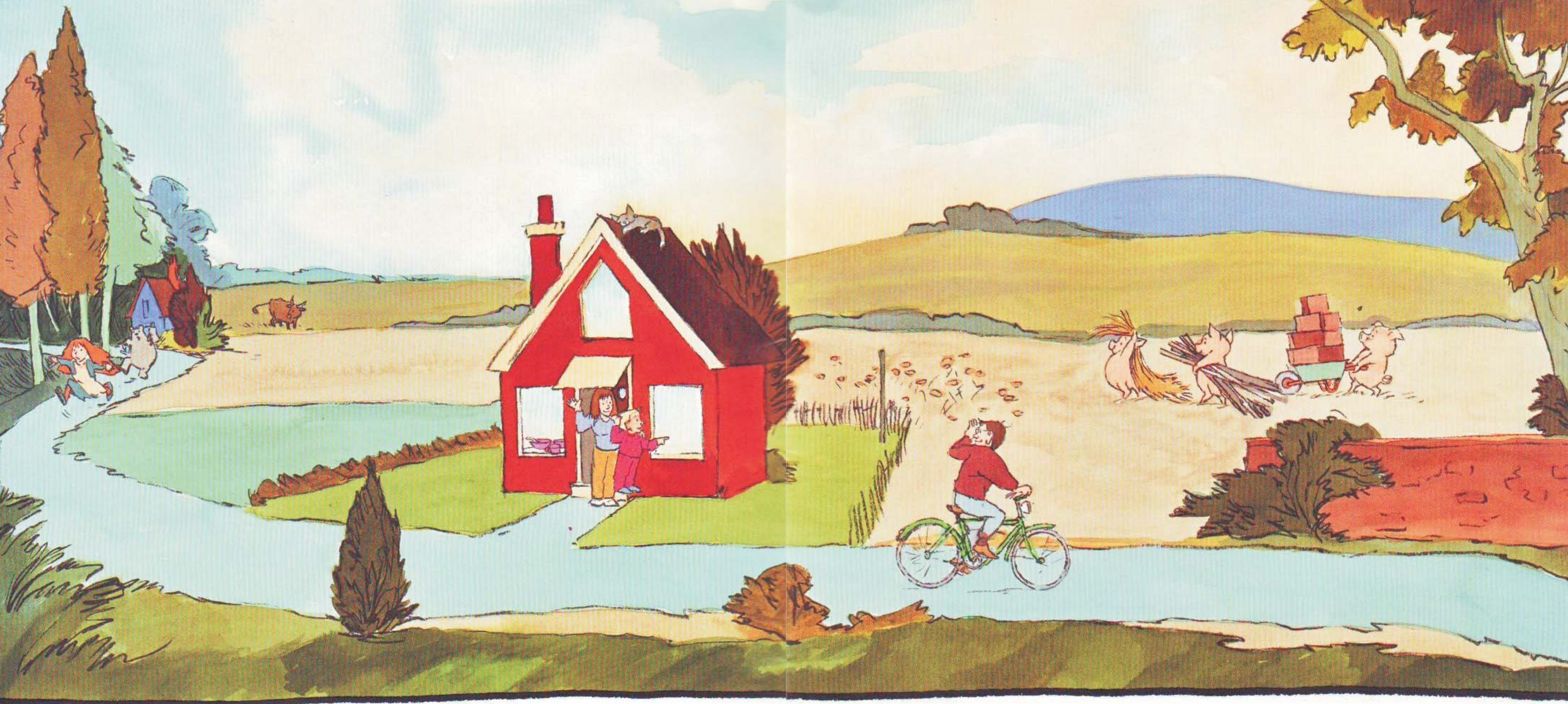



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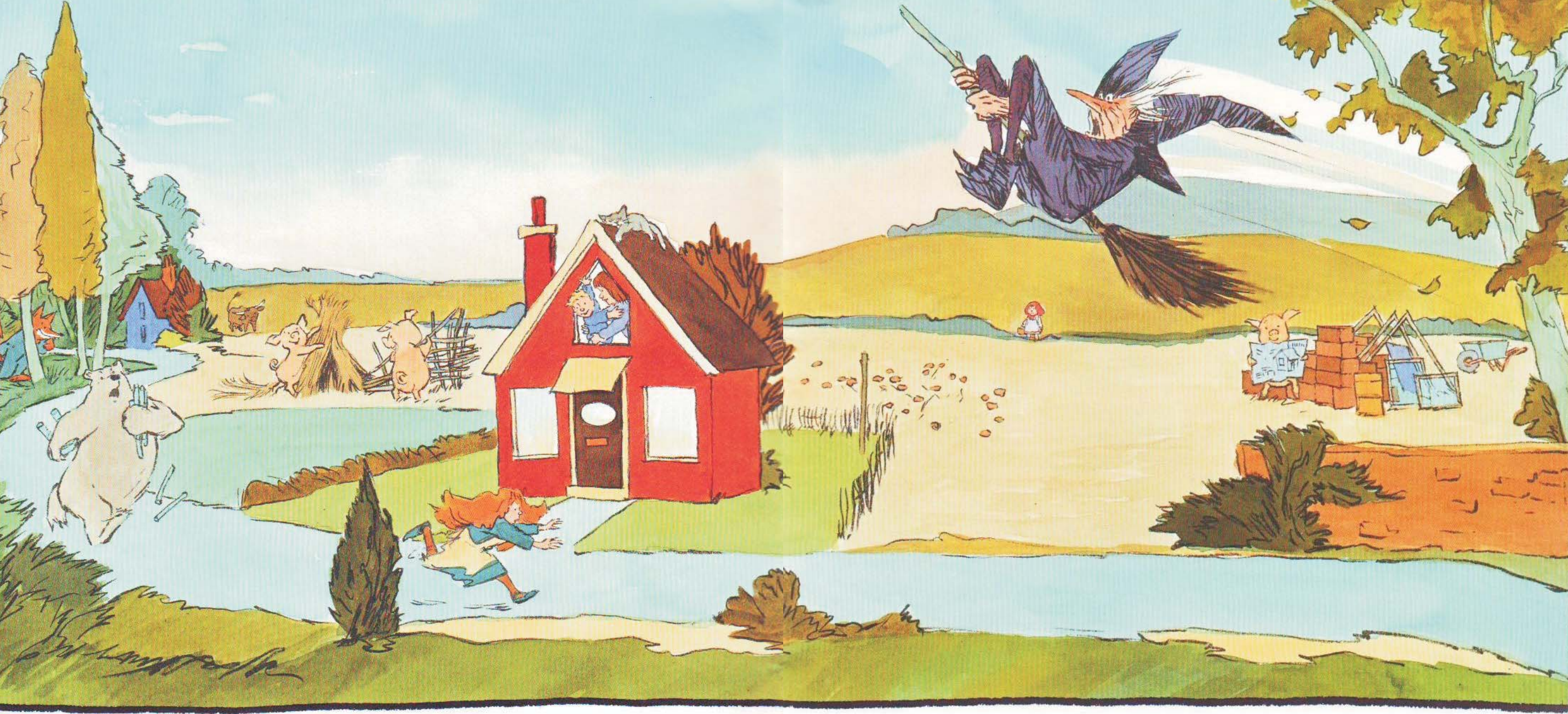
Early in the morning
Cat and me.

Not much to do.
Not much to see.



Dad's off to work now
Mum's up too.

Not much to see.
Not much to do.



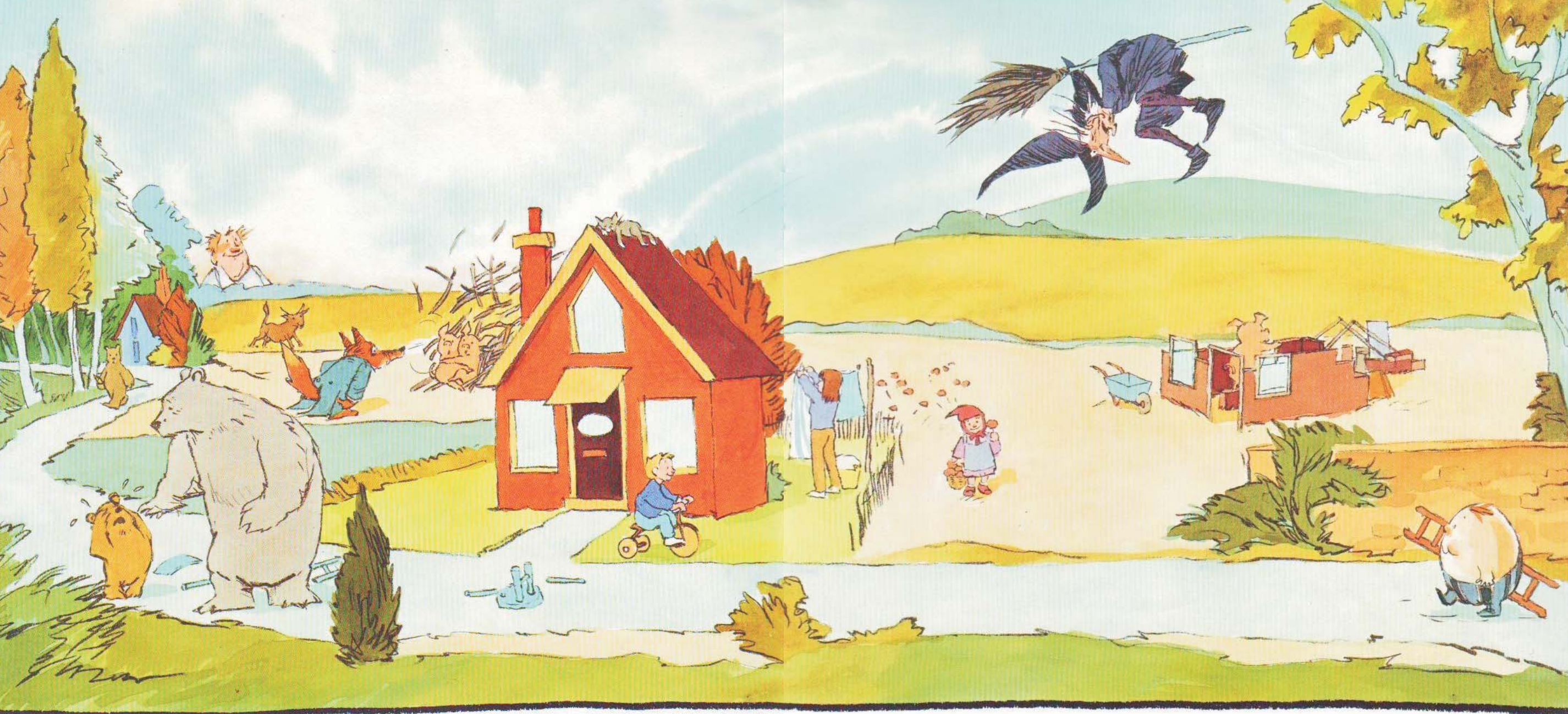
Day's getting older
Sun's up high.

Wave to a little girl
Hurrying by.



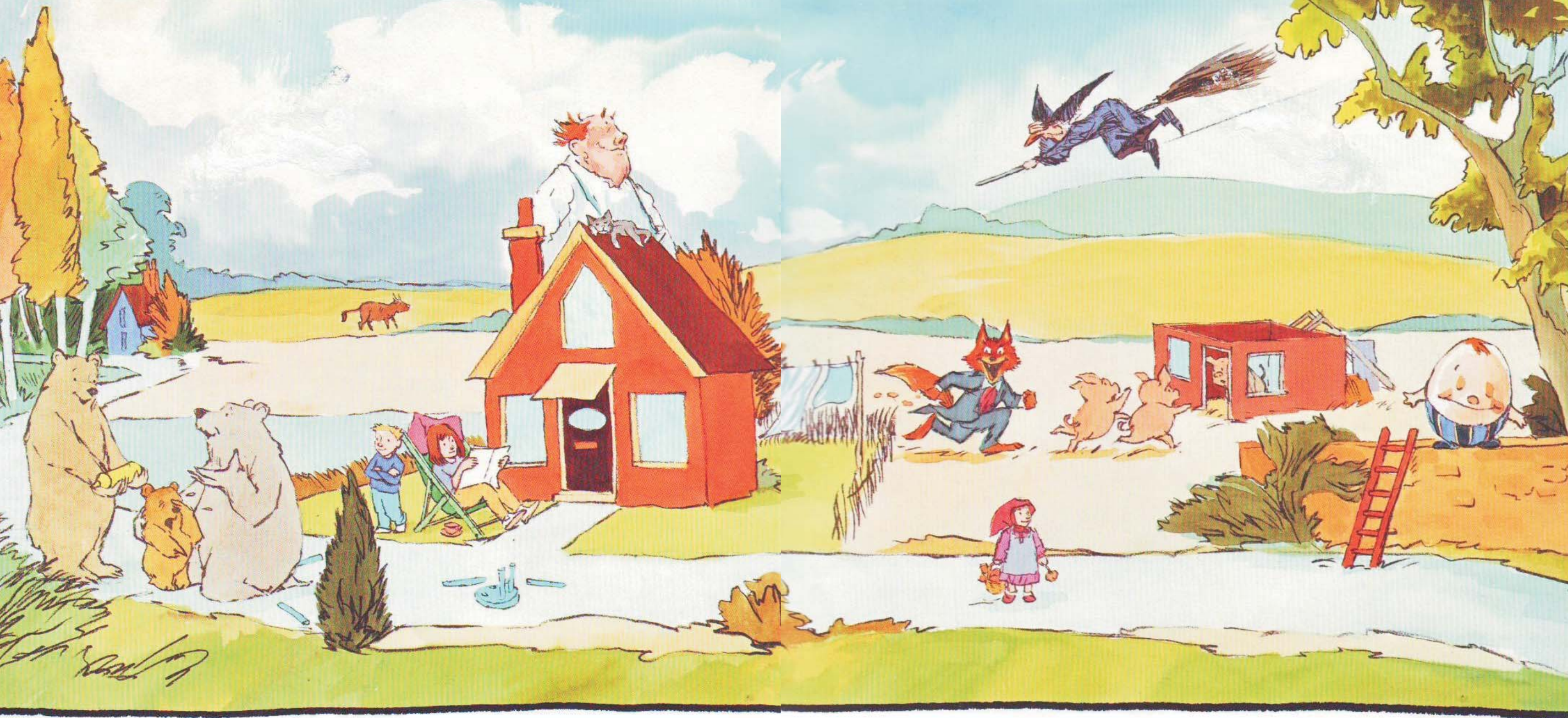
Mum's cleaning windows.
Here's a bear

Making a fuss
About a chair.



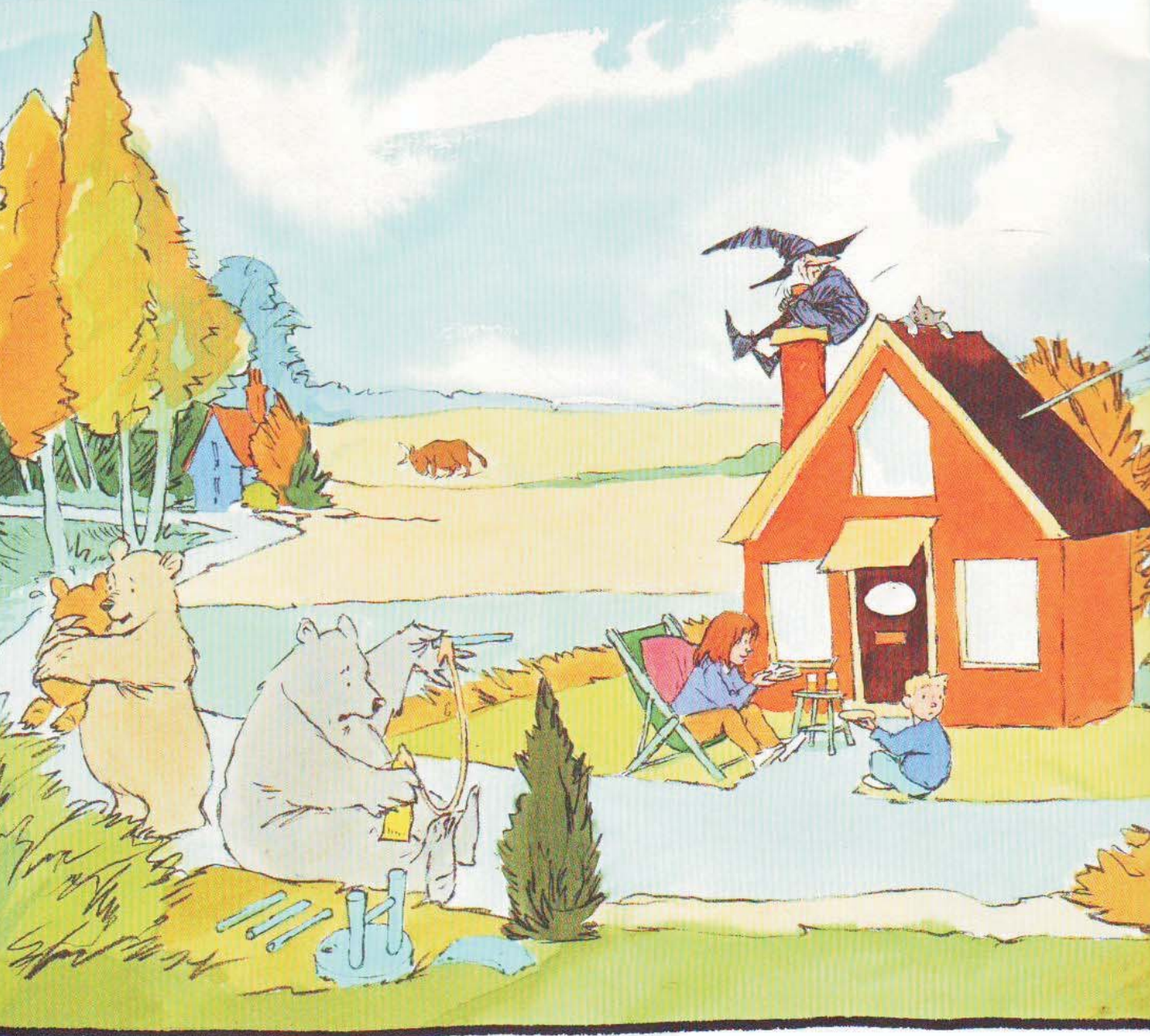
Ride my tricycle
For a while.

There's an egg
With a happy smile.



Mum's in the garden.
Washing's dry.

Why do babies
Always cry?



We've got sandwiches –
Cheese today.



Why's that wolf saying
"Come this way"?



I like jumping
To and fro.

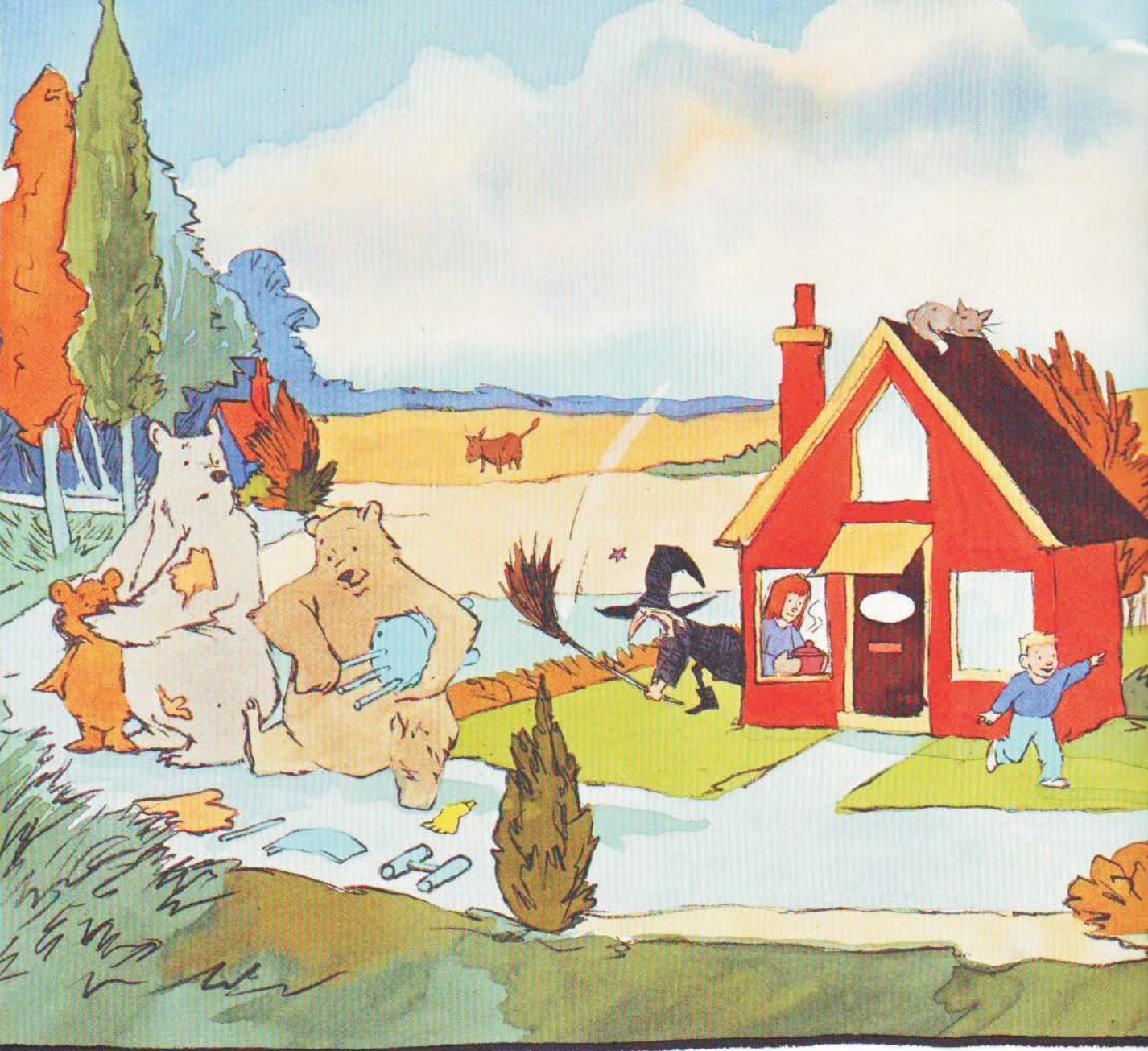
That wolf's howling—
He's hurt his toe.



Mum's drinking coffee.
We can chat.



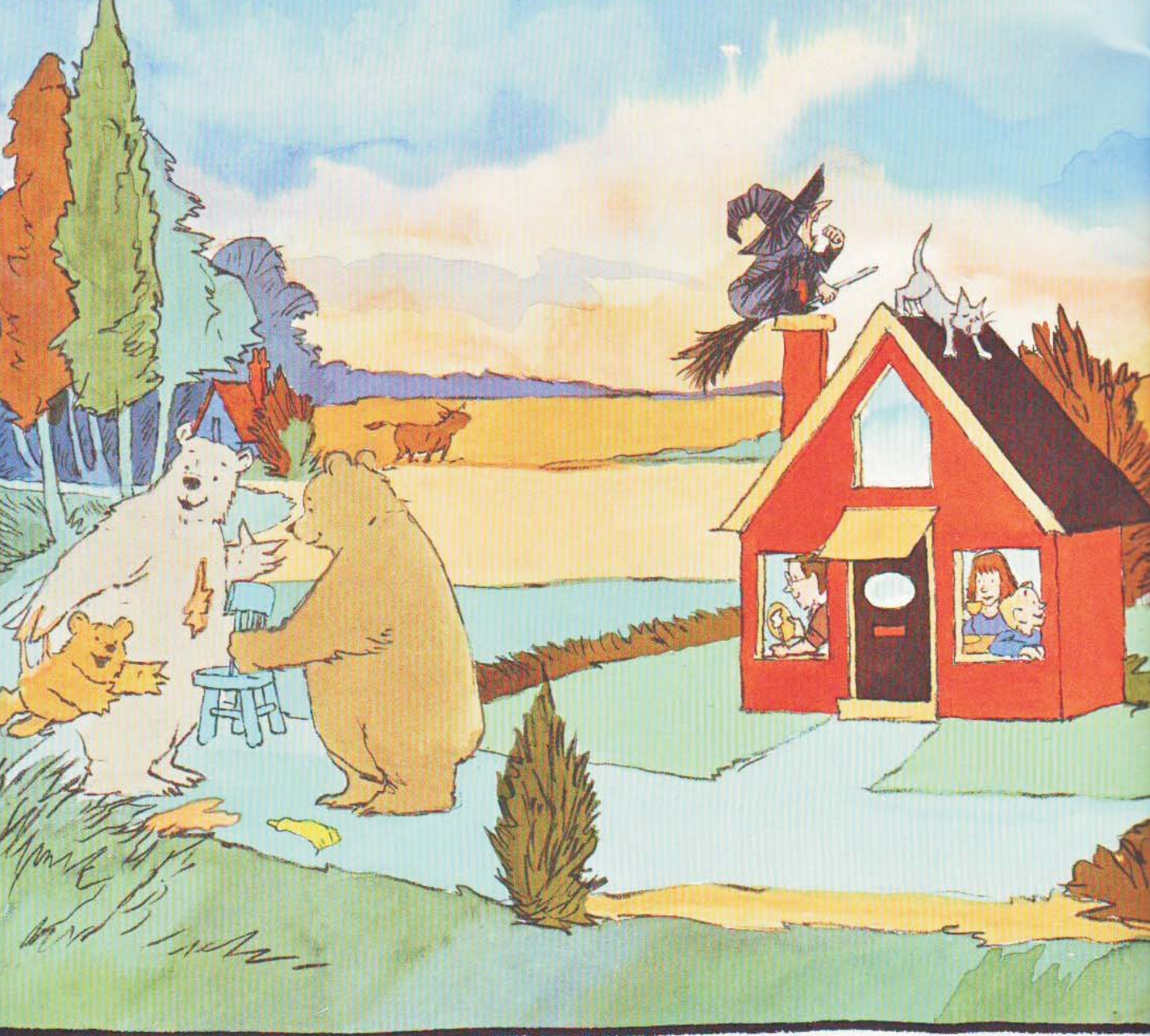
I tell her my jump
Is as big as THAT!



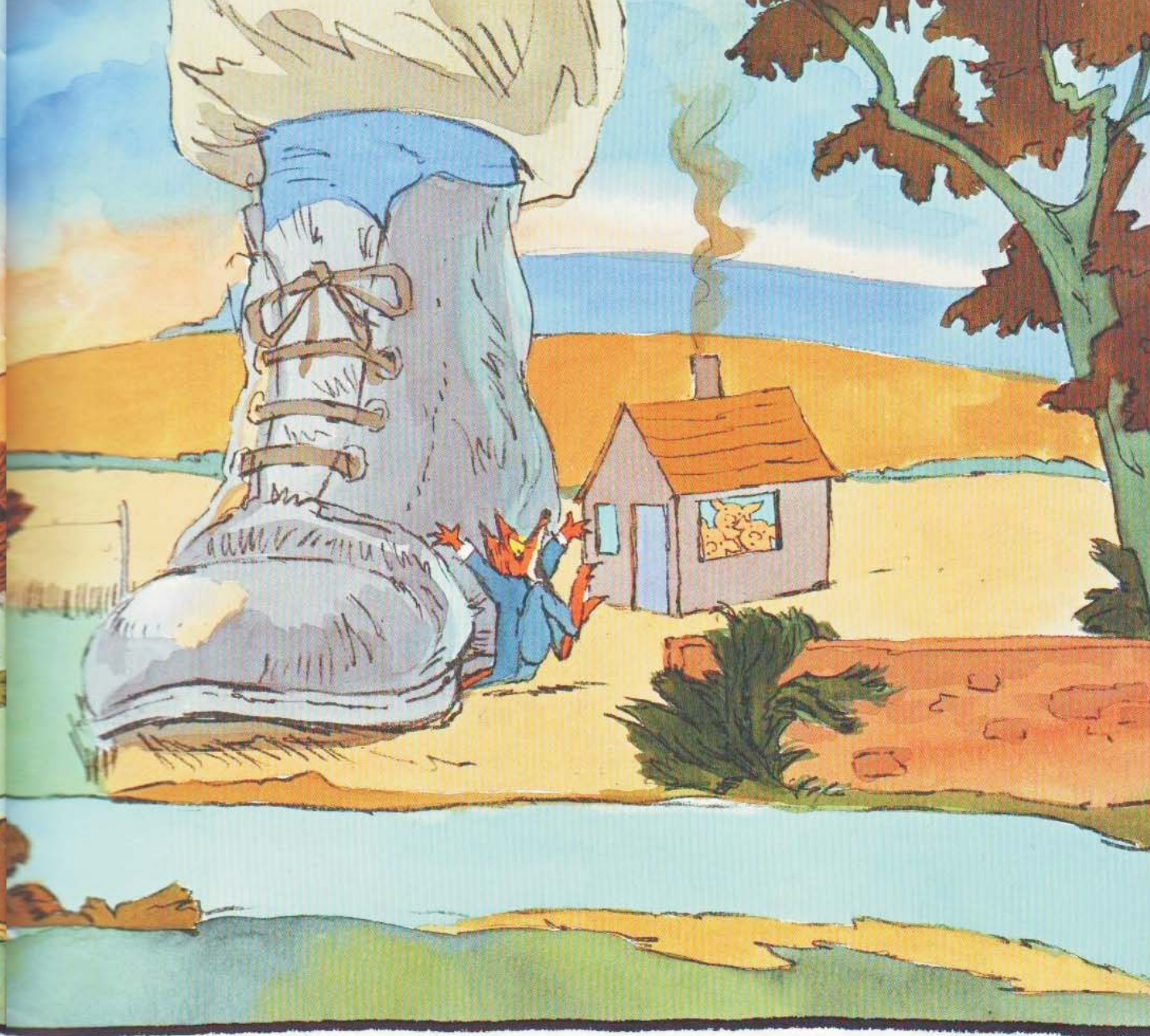
Here's Dad home again!
Time for tea.



I wave to him
And he waves to me.



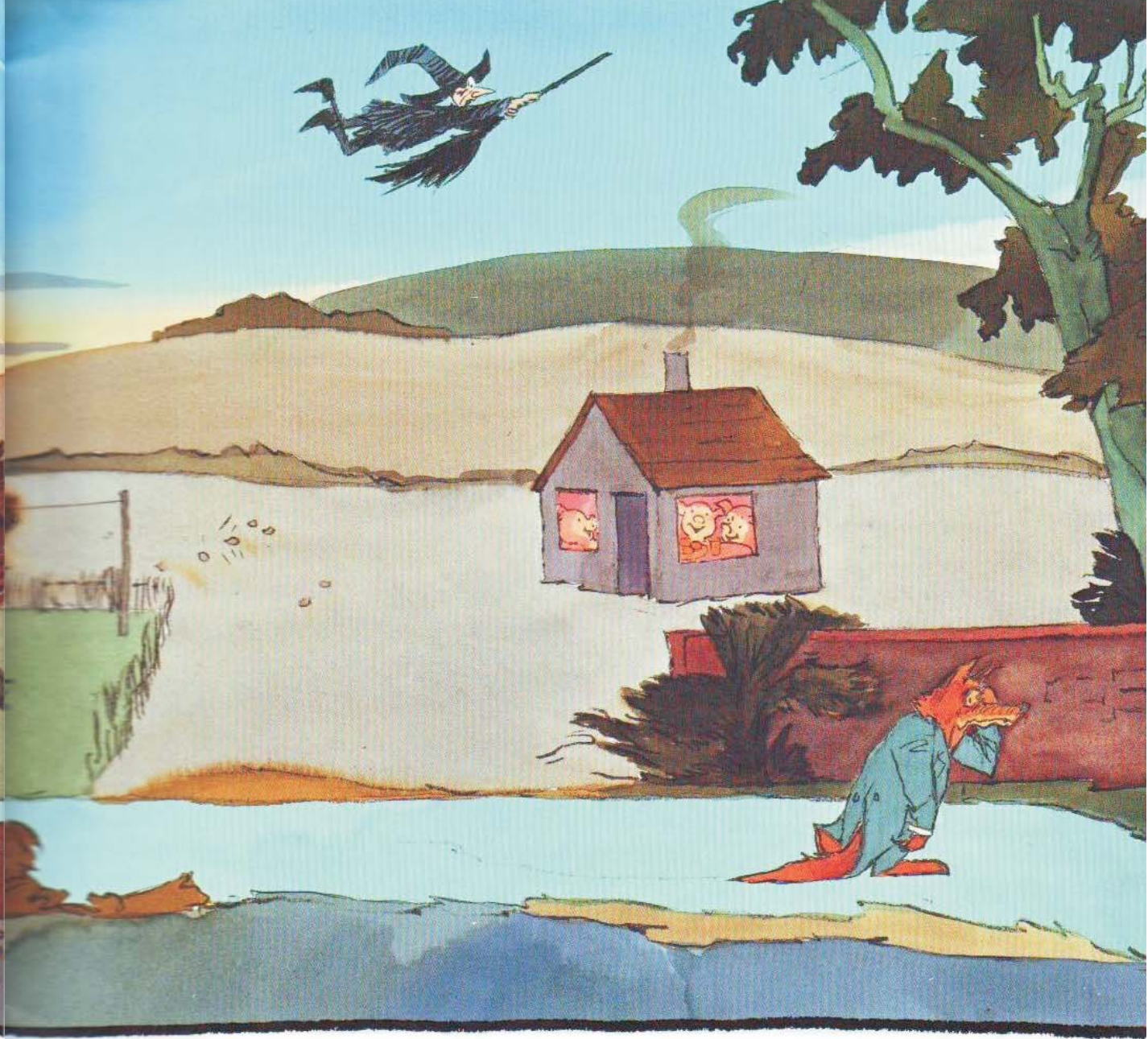
Dad's washing dishes.
I look out.



Did I hear someone
Walking about?



Time for my story.
I yawn and say,



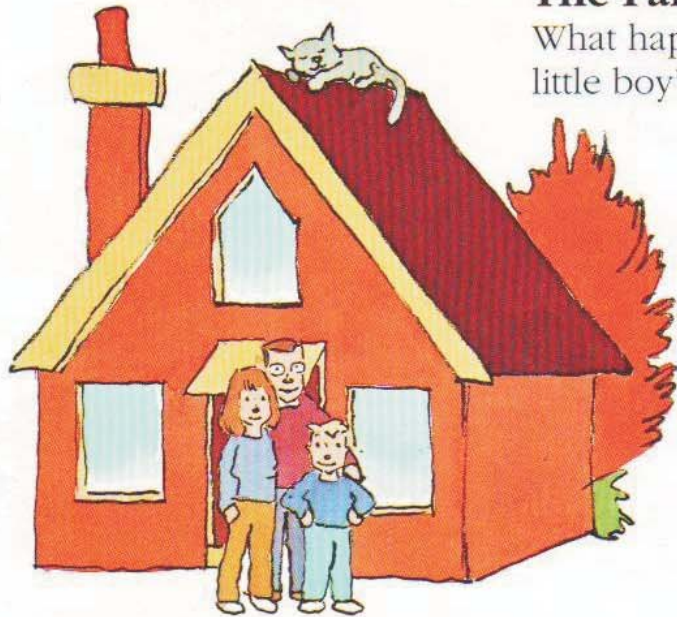
“Nothing much happened
Round here today.”

Read it again

There are many well-known stories and rhymes in this book. You can enjoy looking back through the pictures to tell the tale of each set of characters in turn. You could also find and read the original versions of these stories and rhymes.

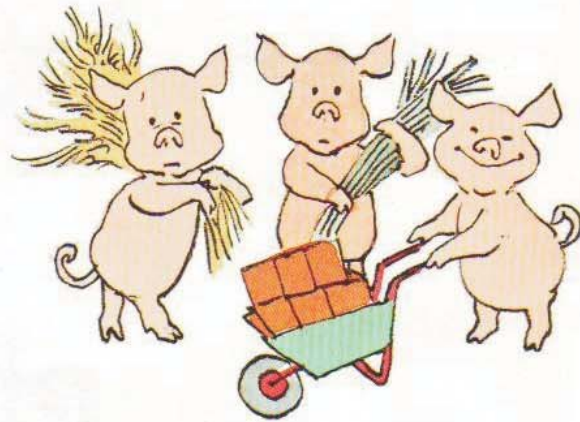
The Family

What happens to the little boy's cat?



The Three Little Pigs

Who wants to blow their house in?



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Who mends the broken chair?



The Giant

Whose tail does he tread on?



Hey Diddle Diddle

Can you sing the song about the cat and the fiddle?

The Witch

Why does she get cross?



Humpty Dumpty

Can you say a rhyme about him?



Red Riding Hood

What happens to her?



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**A small boy describes his dull day,
while around him all manner of dramas
are taking place with Goldilocks,
the three little pigs, a wolf, Humpty Dumpty
and a host of other favourite
nursery characters!**

Reading Together is a series of high-quality picture books, designed to entertain children, while helping them develop their reading skills. It helps *parents* too. In recognition of the vital role *you* play in your child's literacy development, every book contains its own set of lively support notes, suggesting useful and enjoyable ways of making the most of reading together.

The series has been developed in conjunction with the internationally acclaimed authority on language and literacy teaching, the Centre for Language in Primary Education.



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