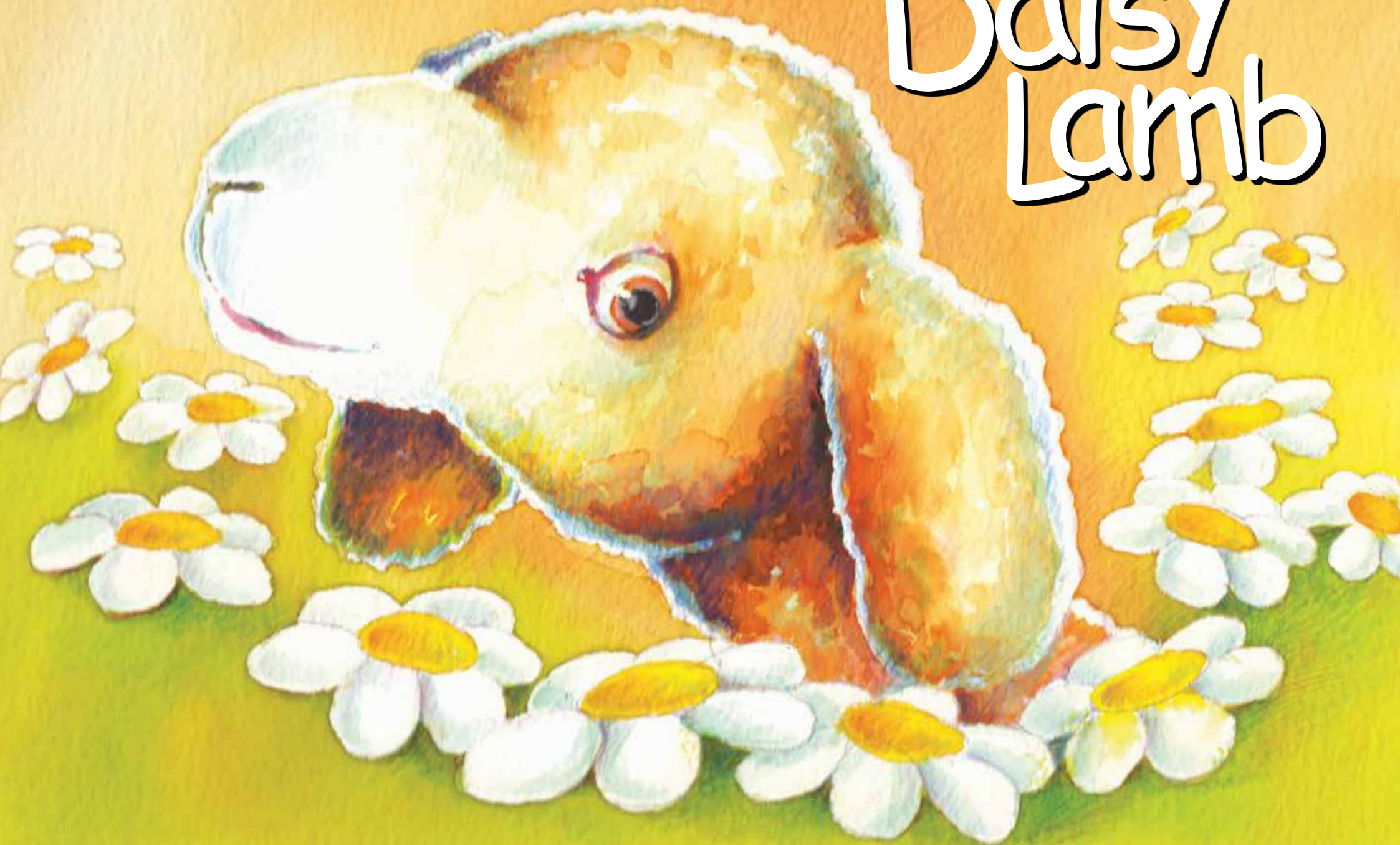
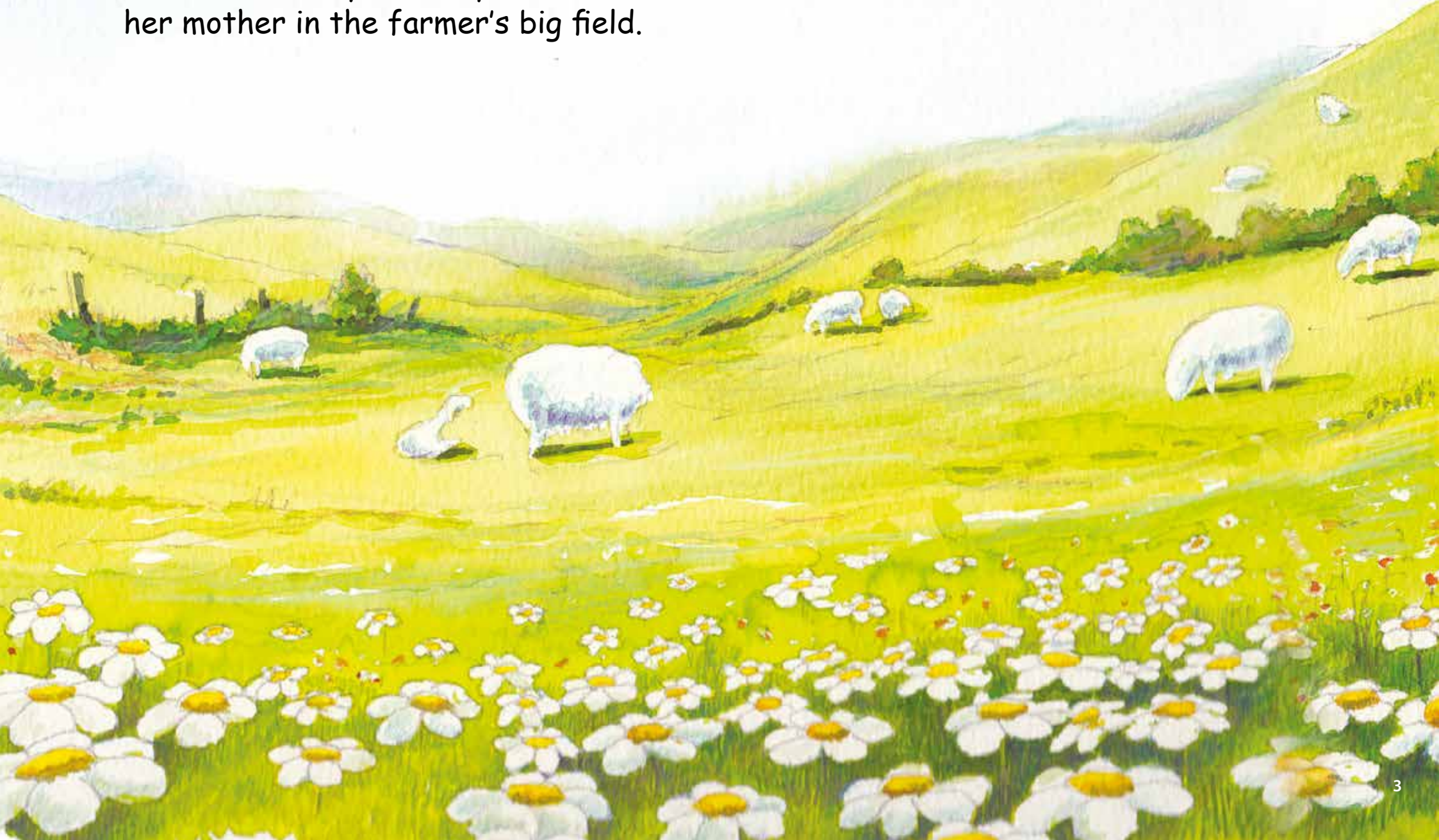


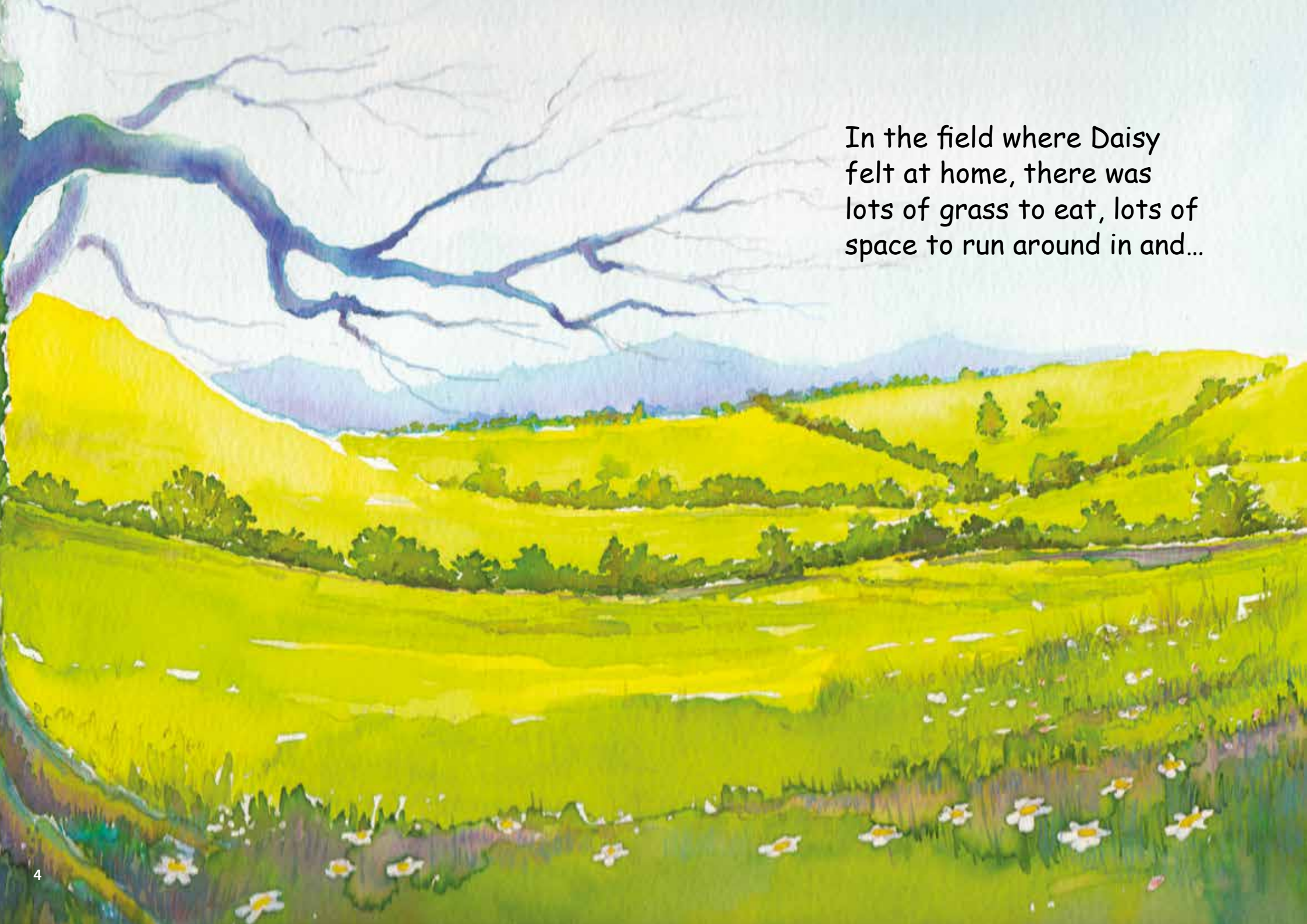
Daisy Lamb



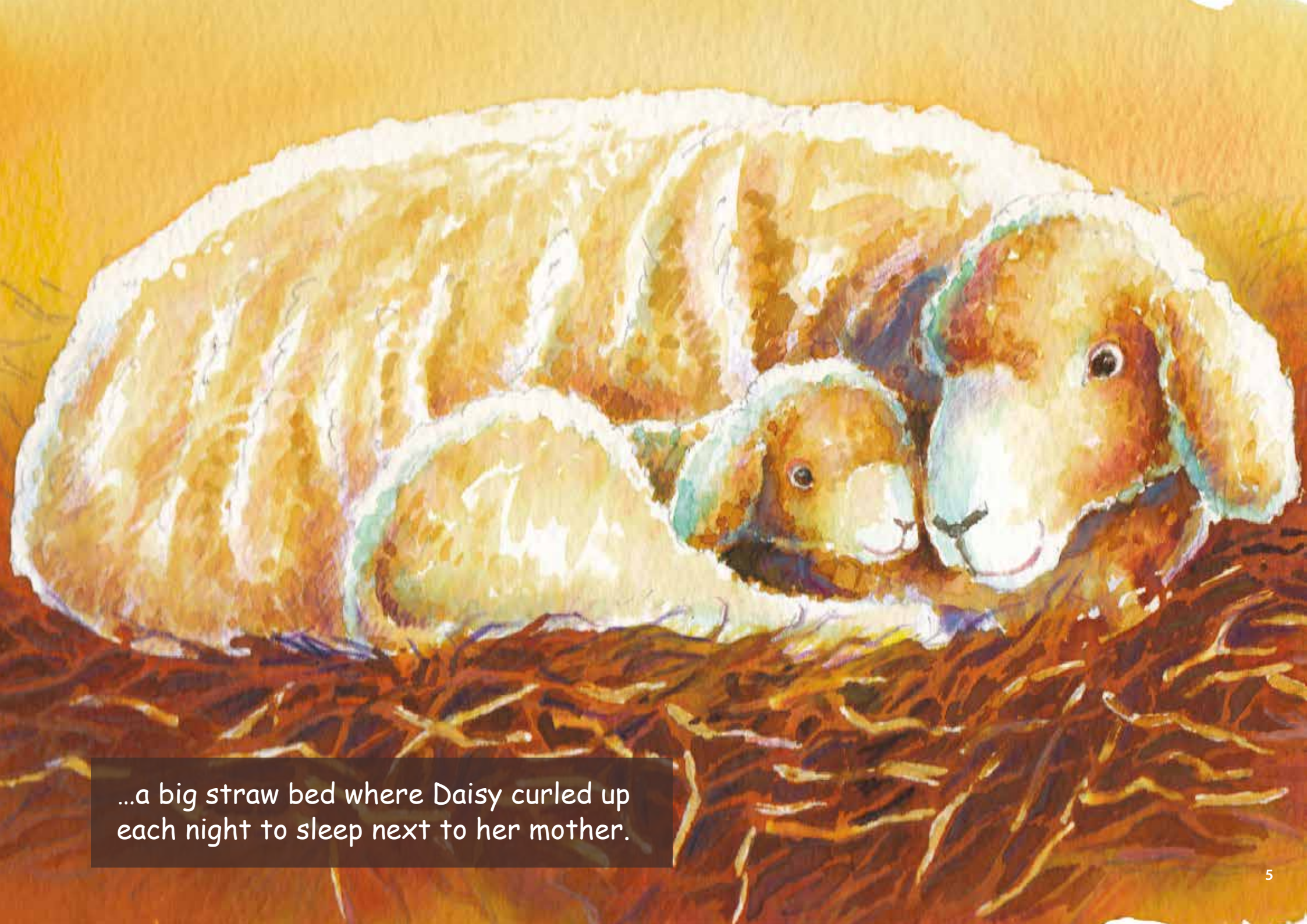
This book belongs to:

This is the story of Daisy Lamb, who lived with her mother in the farmer's big field.





In the field where Daisy
felt at home, there was
lots of grass to eat, lots of
space to run around in and...



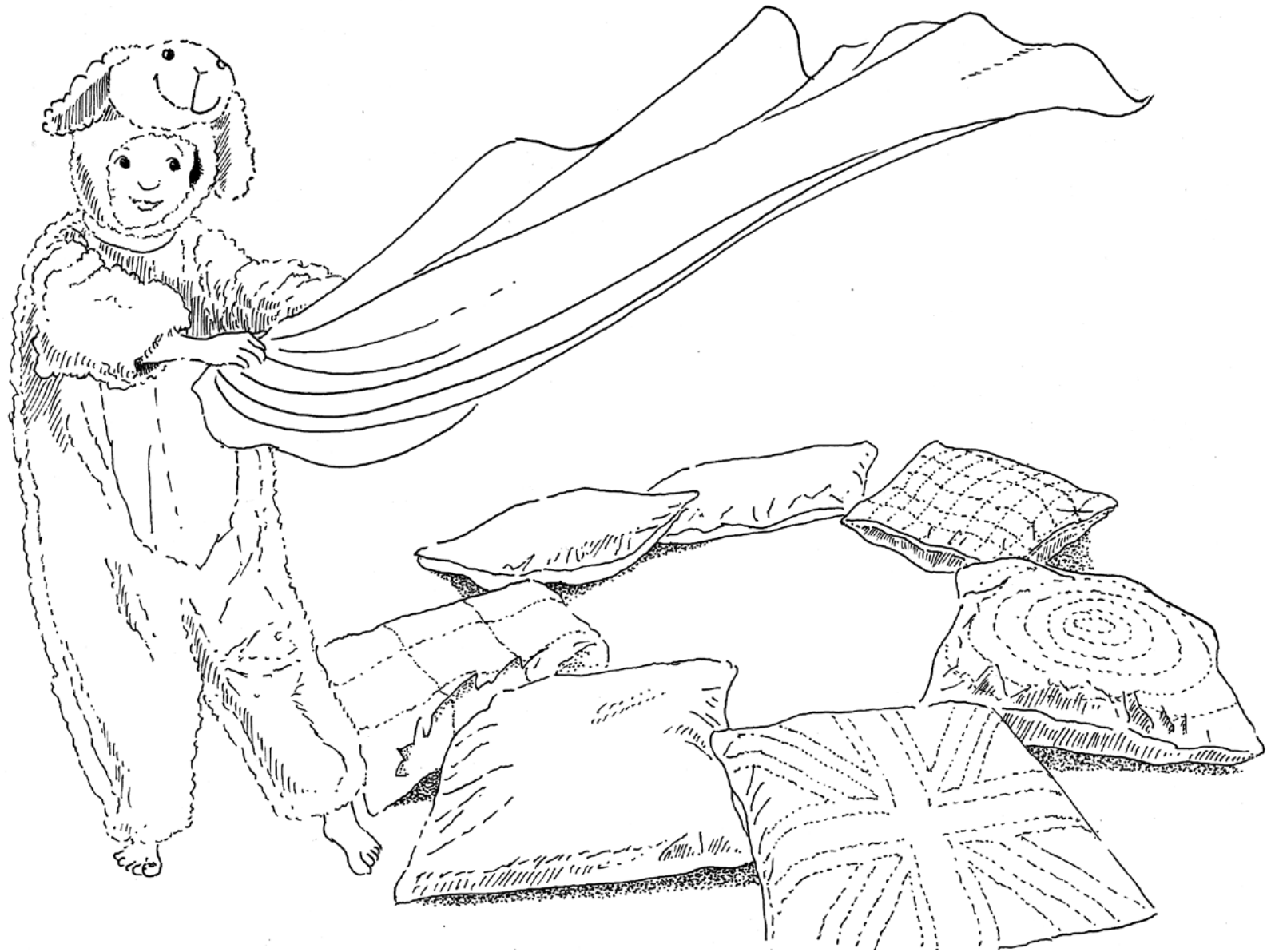
...a big straw bed where Daisy curled up each night to sleep next to her mother.

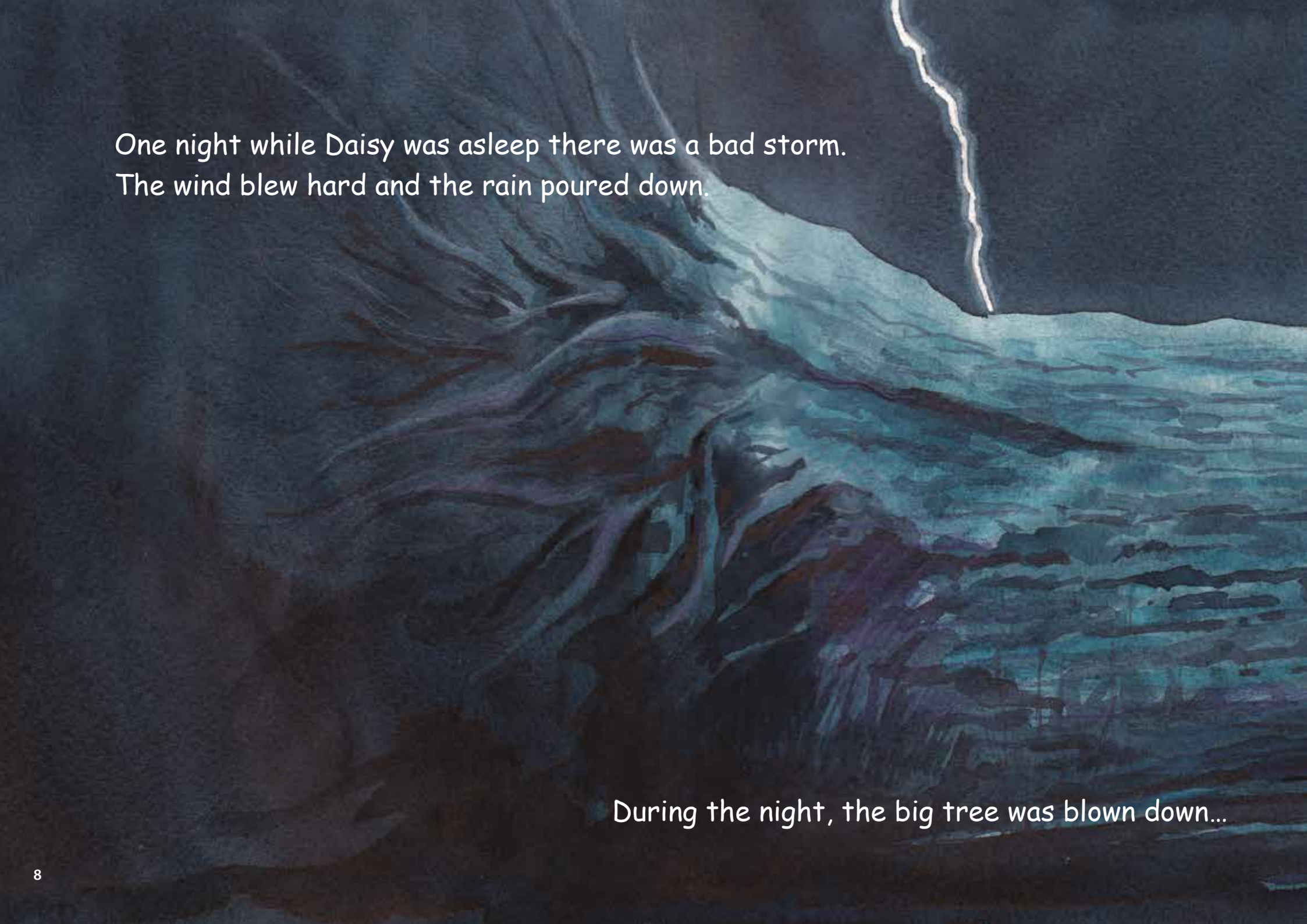
Activity

Can you make a bed like Daisy's?
Get some pillows or cushions, make a circle
and put your duvet over them.



Can you colour in the opposite page?



A dark, stormy night scene. A large, gnarled tree trunk is visible on the left side, leaning towards the right. A bright lightning bolt strikes down from the dark sky on the right side. The overall atmosphere is dark and ominous, with shades of blue, purple, and black.

One night while Daisy was asleep there was a bad storm.
The wind blew hard and the rain poured down.

During the night, the big tree was blown down...

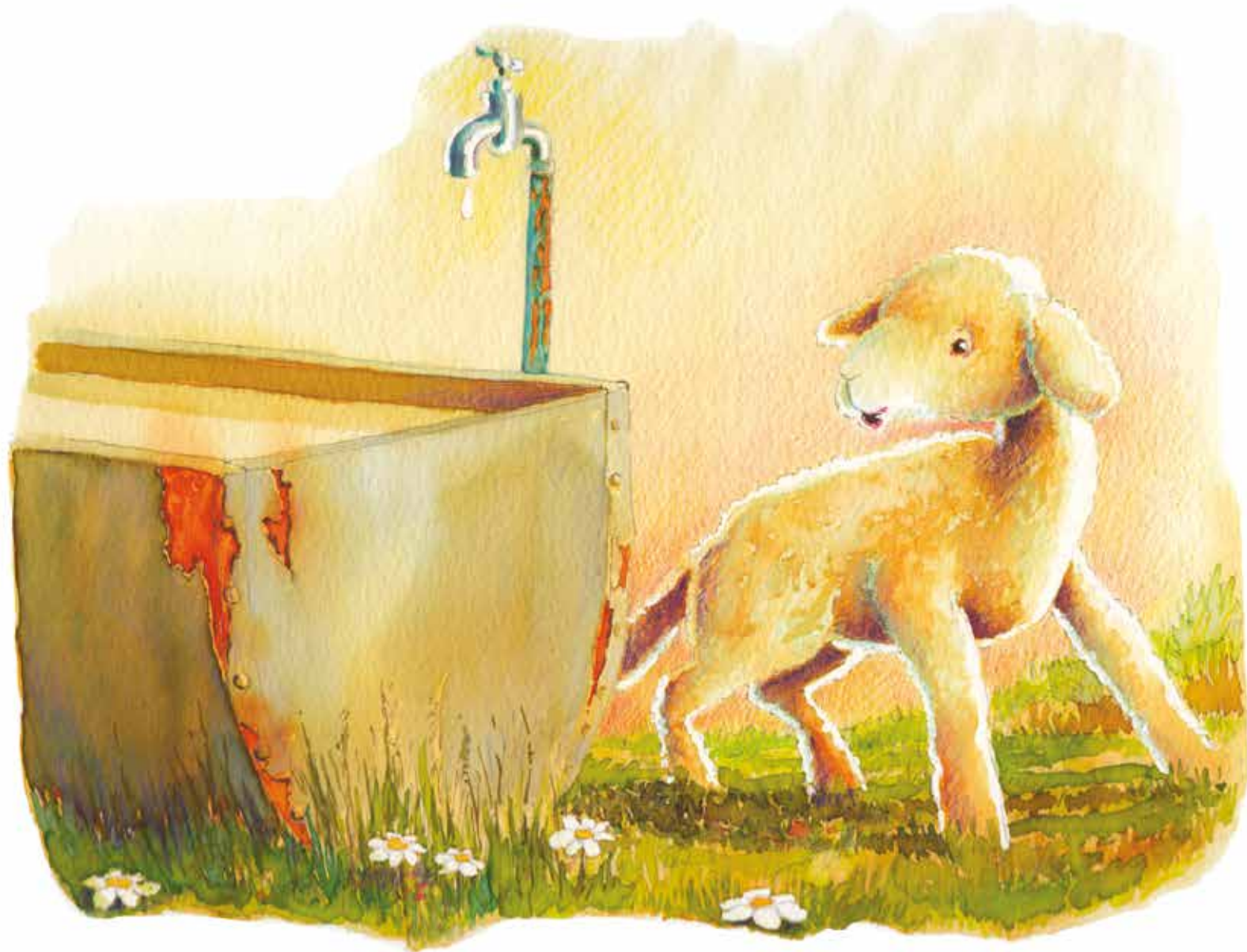


...and with a great crash, it fell across the gate.



The next morning, Daisy woke to find herself alone in the big straw bed. "Where's my mummy?" Daisy called, but there was no one around.

Daisy looked behind the water trough...



...Daisy looked behind the fallen tree,
and she looked all around the field...



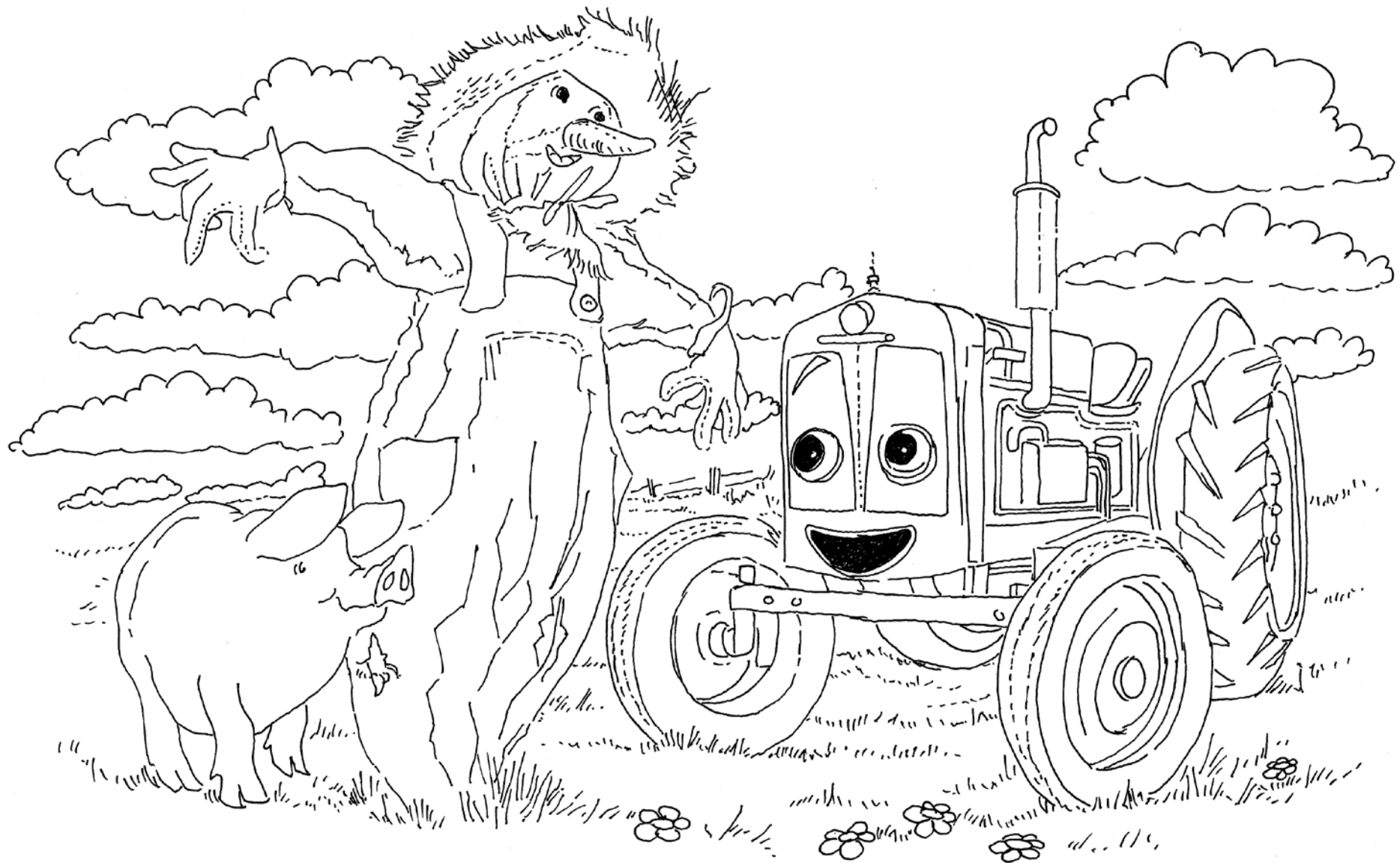
...but she couldn't see her mother.



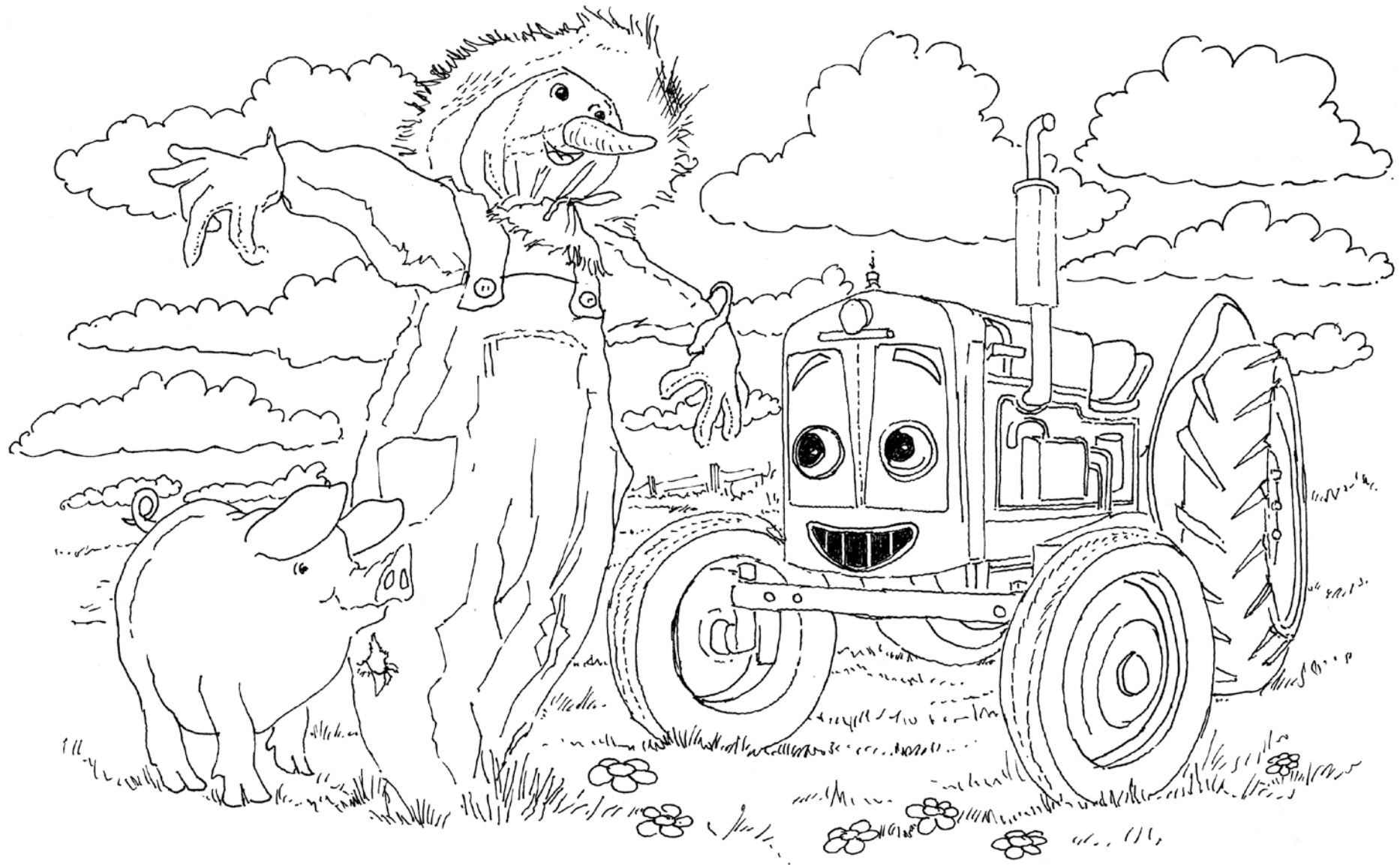
Daisy felt very alone and sad. Can you see the tear drop in Daisy's eye?

Activity

Can you spot the six differences between the pictures?



Once you have found all six differences, would you like to colour the pictures in?



Let's get back to Daisy's story.



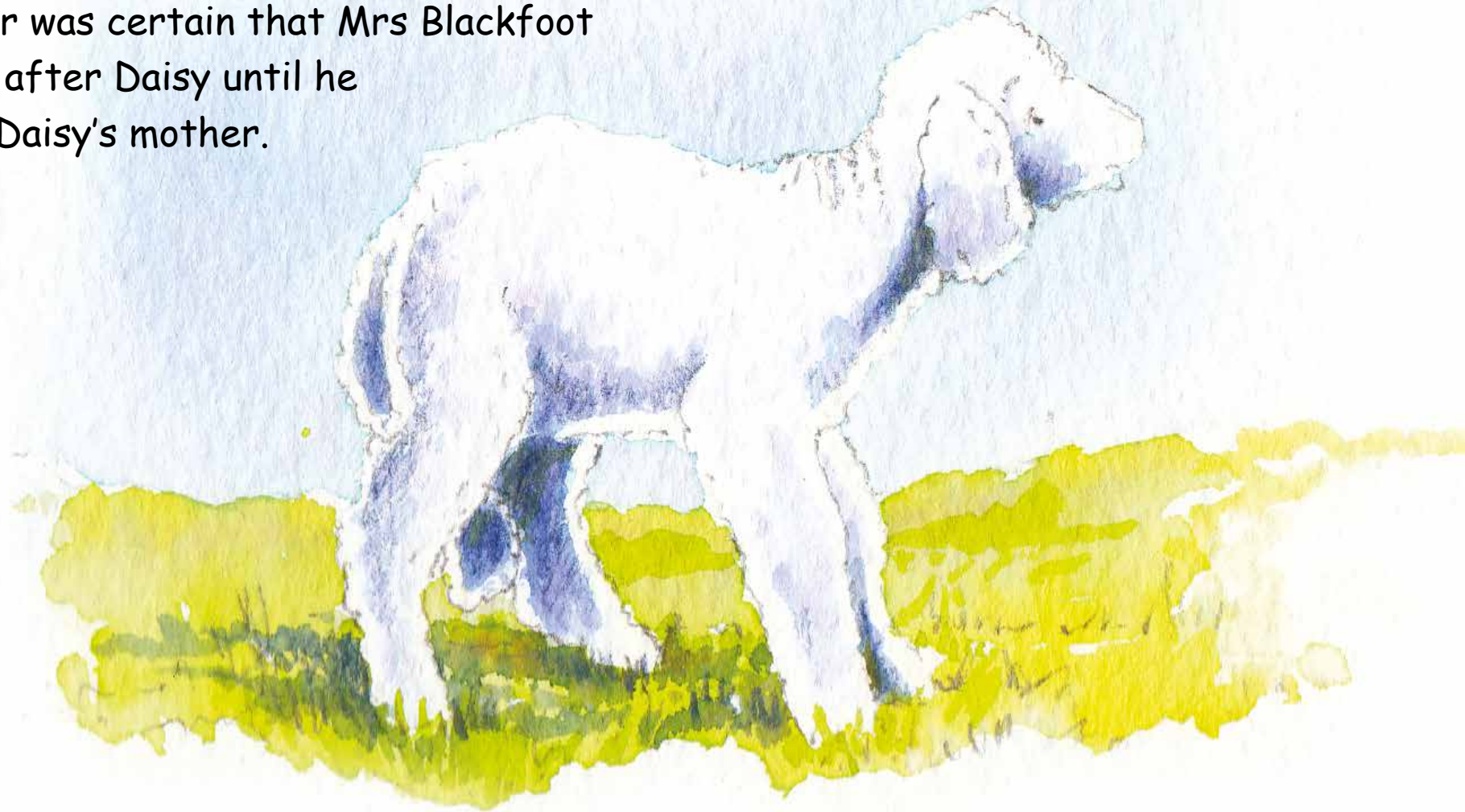
Feeling all alone and very scared, Daisy began to cry. Just then, two big gentle hands lifted Daisy into the air. It was the farmer. Daisy felt safer now the farmer was there to help her.

“What can I do with you until I find your family?” said the farmer. He had an idea and popped Daisy into the top of his coat to stay warm. Can you see Daisy peeking out?



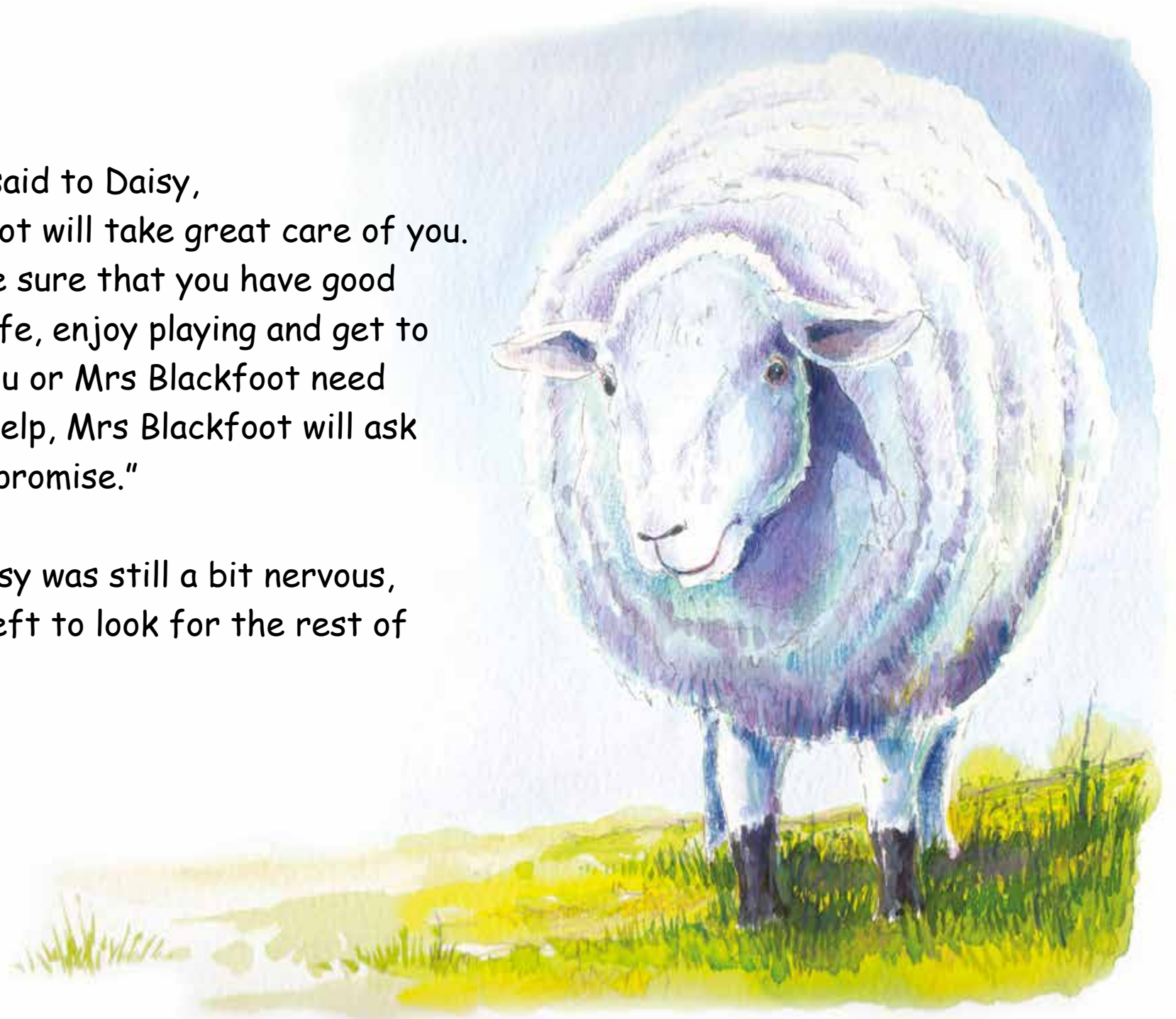
With Daisy safely inside his coat, the farmer took Daisy to the next field where Mrs Blackfoot lived.

The farmer was certain that Mrs Blackfoot would look after Daisy until he could find Daisy's mother.



The farmer said to Daisy,
"Mrs Blackfoot will take great care of you.
She will make sure that you have good
food, stay safe, enjoy playing and get to
school. If you or Mrs Blackfoot need
anything to help, Mrs Blackfoot will ask
me. That's a promise."

Although Daisy was still a bit nervous,
the farmer left to look for the rest of
the sheep.



"What do you think of our field?" asked Mrs Blackfoot.

"Well," said Daisy, "it's a bit like my field, but a little different. It has a tree, it has a water trough and you have a straw bed...but it's not my home!" Daisy felt sad again.

"That's true," said Mrs Blackfoot. "But why don't you share with us until the farmer comes back? I'm sure that soon you'll feel happy again."

Would you like to colour in these pages?



Mrs Blackfoot had two lambs, Larry and Pippa. Like their mother, they had black feet.

"That's why we are known as Blackfoot Sheep," said Mrs Blackfoot.

"Oh," said Daisy. "I wondered why."

"Come and play with Larry and Pippa," said Mrs Blackfoot. "You can show them some of your games."





Soon Daisy was smiling again. Daisy enjoyed Mrs Blackfoot's cooking. In particular, Mrs Blackfoot, Larry and Pippa enjoyed making Cornflake Cakes. They were yummy!

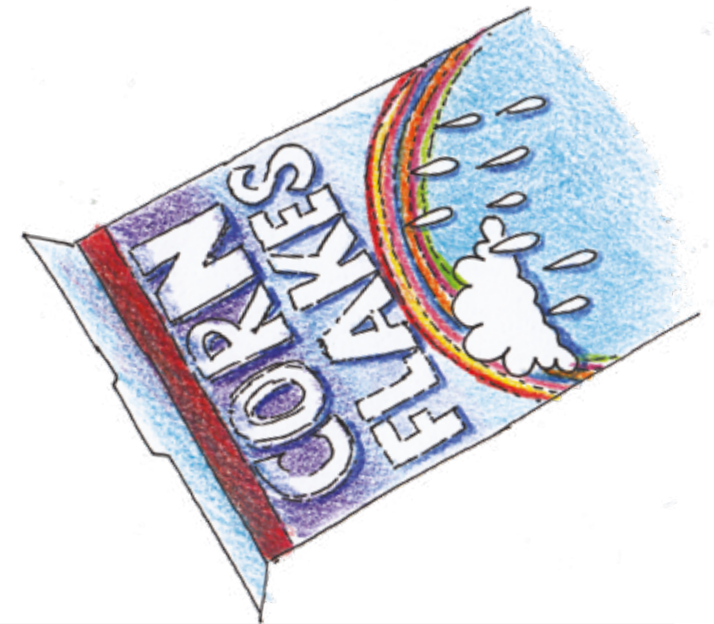
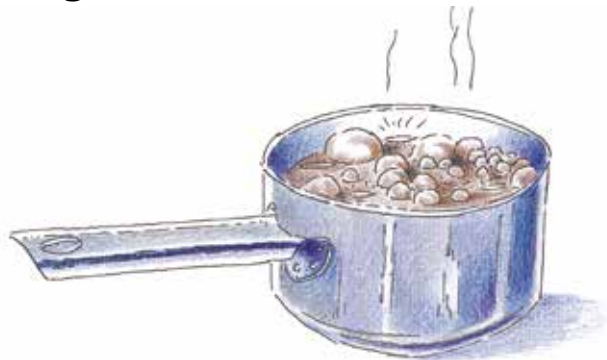


Perhaps you can make some Cornflake Cakes like Daisy.

Here is Mrs Blackfoot's recipe.
Remember to wash your hands before you start!

You will need:

50g butter
4 tbsp golden syrup
100g milk chocolate
75g cornflakes



- 1 Gently melt the butter, syrup and chocolate in a small saucepan or in the microwave. Stir in the cornflakes.
- 2 Place spoonfuls of the mixture on a buttered baking sheet or in individual cake cases and leave to set in the fridge.
- 3 When set, take them from the fridge and decorate with icing or Daisy's favourite, sprinkles.

Carer/Professional Support Information

The story of Daisy Lamb has been written to support early years children to begin the transition from living with their own family to living with new carers. It also highlights the core values supported by Kent County Council through the Kent Pledge commitment to children in care. The book can also help other children appreciate the issues of fostered/adopted children.

The book is designed to be shared by the child and care giver. Here are some handy hints:

- Please look through the book before you share it with the child.
- Consider the best place and time to share the book; try not to be interrupted.
- Have what you need to complete the activities or plan when you can.

- Take time to discuss Daisy's thoughts and feelings especially around loss and difference: what's different for your child about your home/family?
- Daisy deliberately has no father/siblings, allowing your child to talk about their family if appropriate.
- Finally, if either you or your child find any aspect of the sharing experience difficult, leave the book for other activities.

We hope you both enjoy reading the story of Daisy Lamb.

Find out more about the Kent Pledge by visiting:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/4790/The-Kent-Pledge.pdf



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