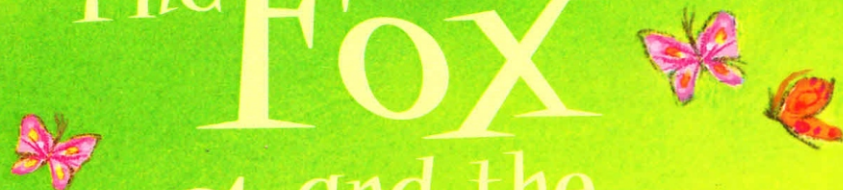


USBORNE FIRST READING



The FOX and the CROW



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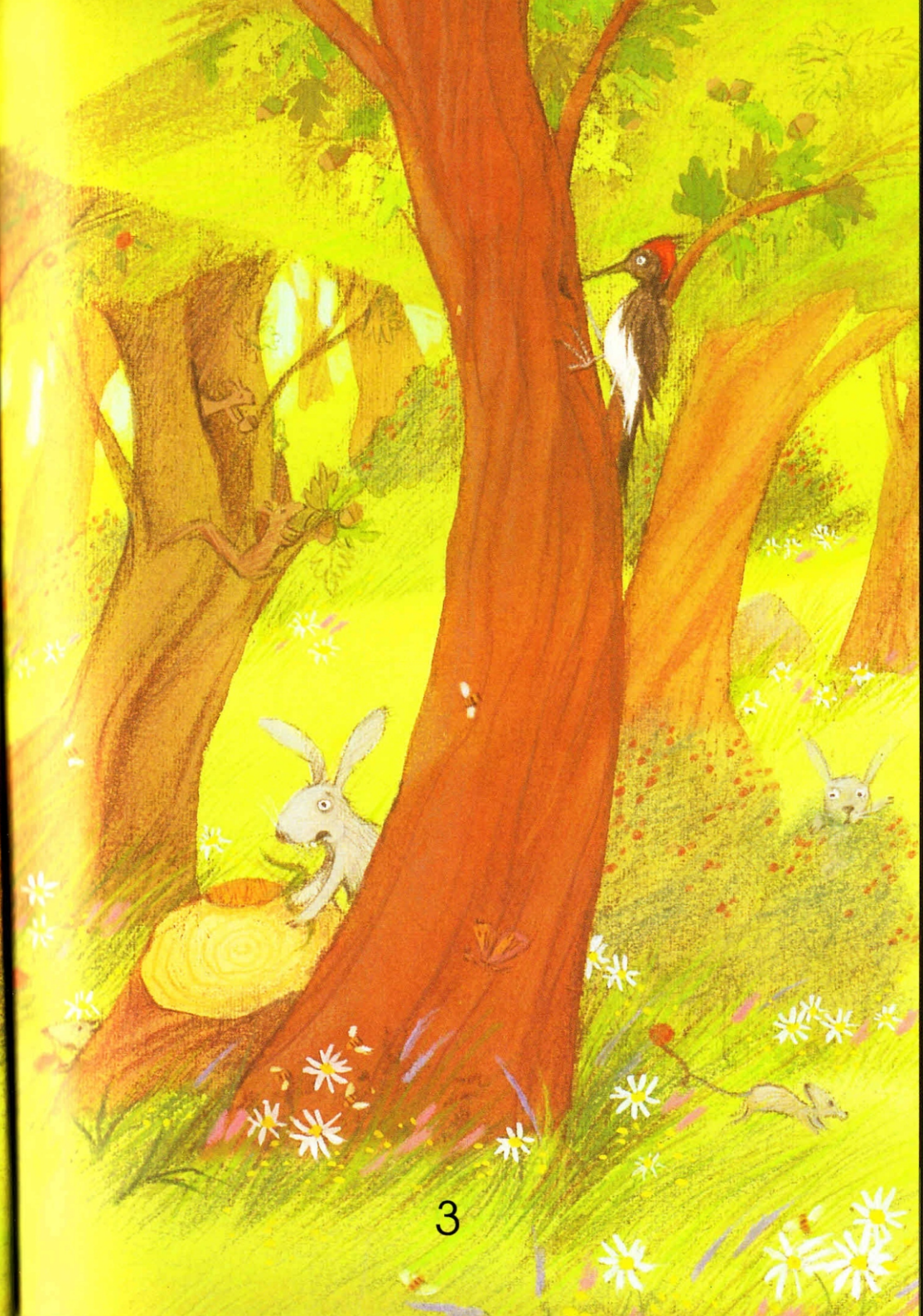
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Fox was always hungry.



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One day, he
saw Crow...



...with some cheese.



A fox with a large bushy tail is standing on a log in a sunlit forest. It is looking towards a large wheel of cheese on the ground in the distance. The forest has tall trees and green grass with small flowers.

I want that
cheese!

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A fox is climbing a large, thick tree trunk. The fox is positioned higher up on the tree, looking down. The forest floor is covered in green grass and white daisies. A tree stump is visible in the bottom right corner.

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He grinned at Crow.
“You’re pretty!”

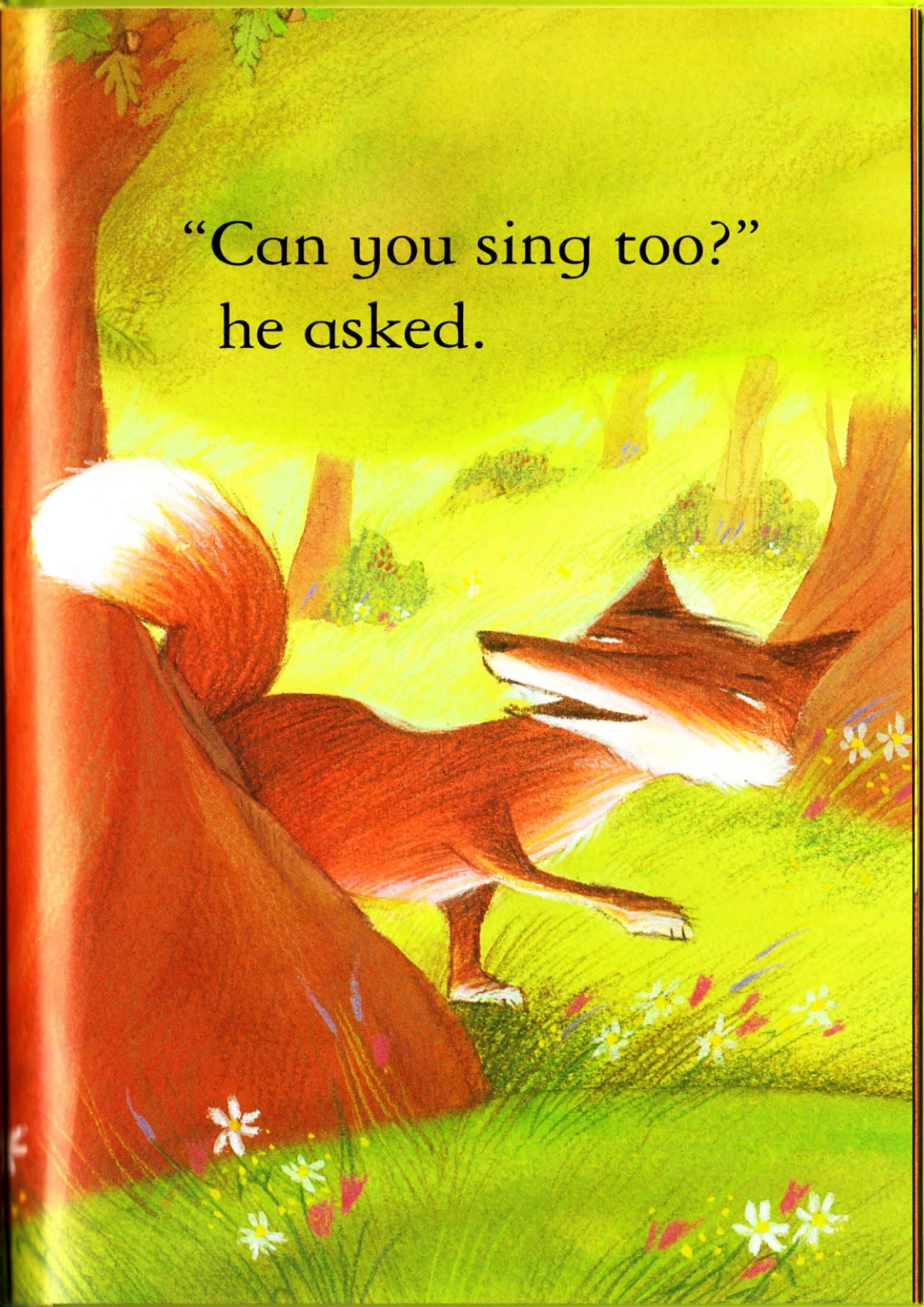


I am!



“What beautiful
feathers!”

They are!



“Can you sing too?”
he asked.

Crow nodded.



She opened her beak...



CAW!

Down fell
the cheese.

Fox snapped it up.

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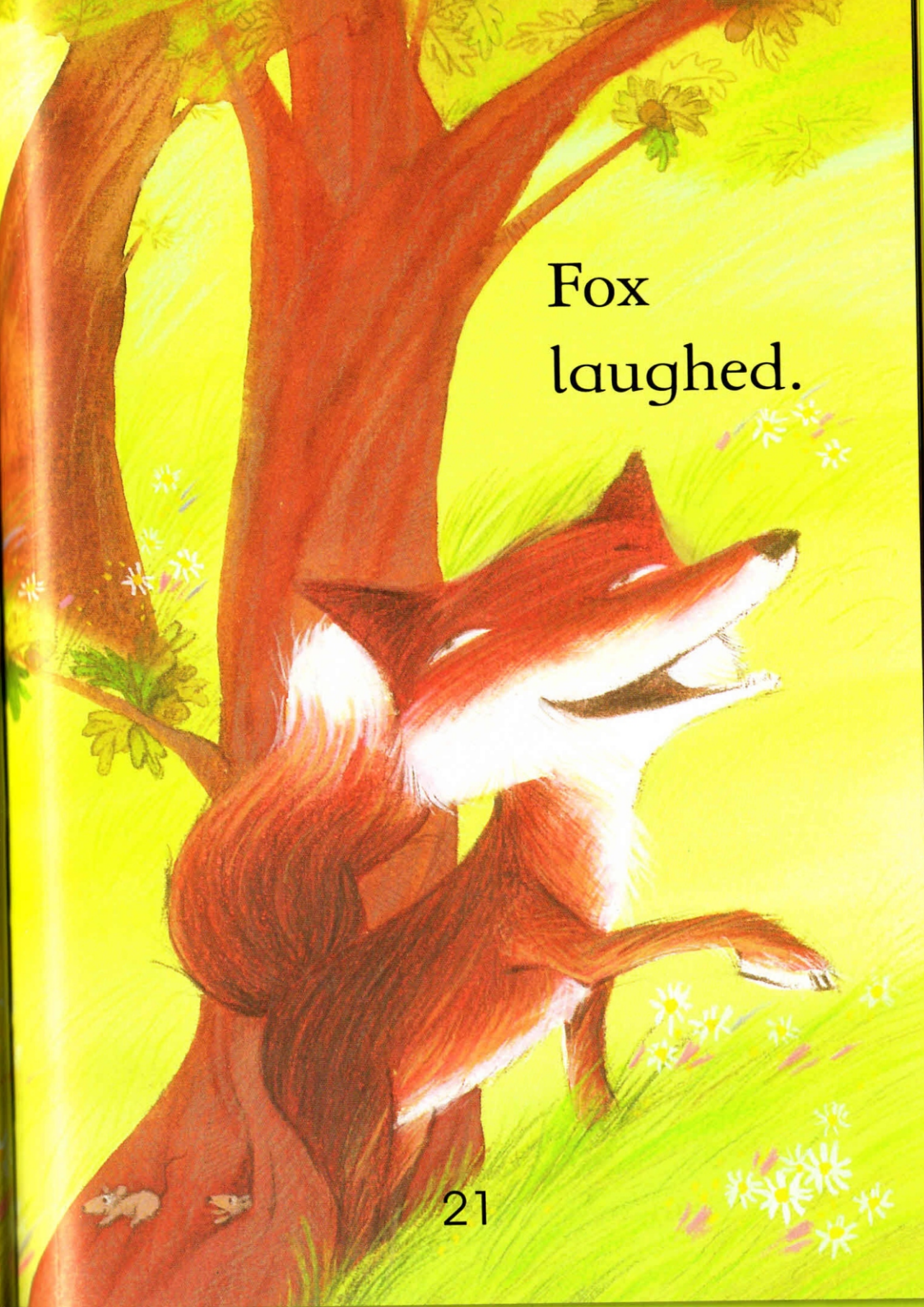
CAW!

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“That was mine!”
cried Crow.



Fox
laughed.

“Don’t always
believe people who
say nice things,”
he said.



“Sometimes they
just want something
from you.”



Puzzles

Puzzle 1

Put the story in order.

A



“You’re pretty!”

B



“That was mine!”

C



“I want that cheese!”

D



“CAW!”

E



“Can you sing, too?”

Puzzle 2



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Find these
things in
the picture:

carrot

squirrels

mice

butterfly

rabbits

Fox

bees

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Puzzle 3

True or false?



A Fox is hungry.



B Crow is pretty.



C Fox is truthful.



D Crow is clever.



E Fox is happy.



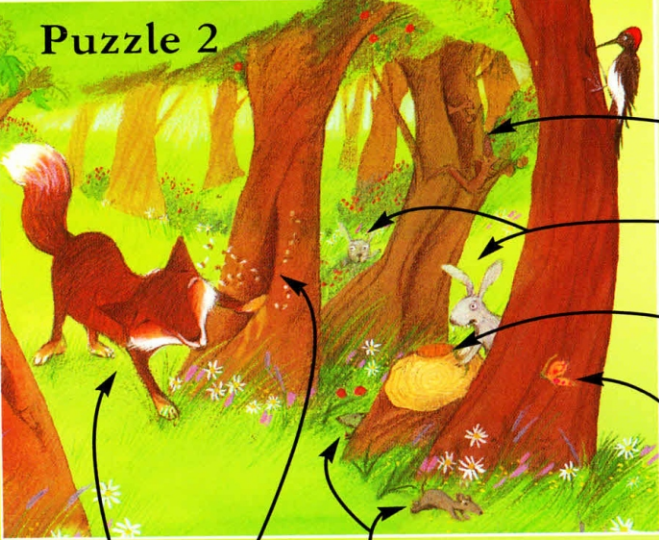
F Crow is happy.

Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1







C  A  E 
 "I want that cheese!" "You're pretty!" "Can you sing too?"
 D  B  
 "CAW!" "That was mine!"

Puzzle 2



squirrels
 rabbits
 carrot
 butterfly
 Fox
 bees
 mice

Puzzle 3

A  B  C 
 True, Fox is hungry. False, Crow is not pretty. False, Fox is not truthful.
 D  E  F 
 False, Crow is not clever. True, Fox is happy. False, Crow is not happy.

About the story

The Fox and the Crow is one of Aesop's Fables, a collection of stories first told in Ancient Greece around 4,000 years ago. The stories always have a "moral" (a message or lesson) at the end.





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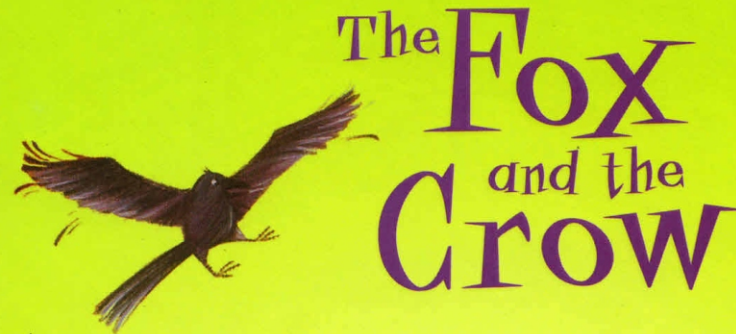


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