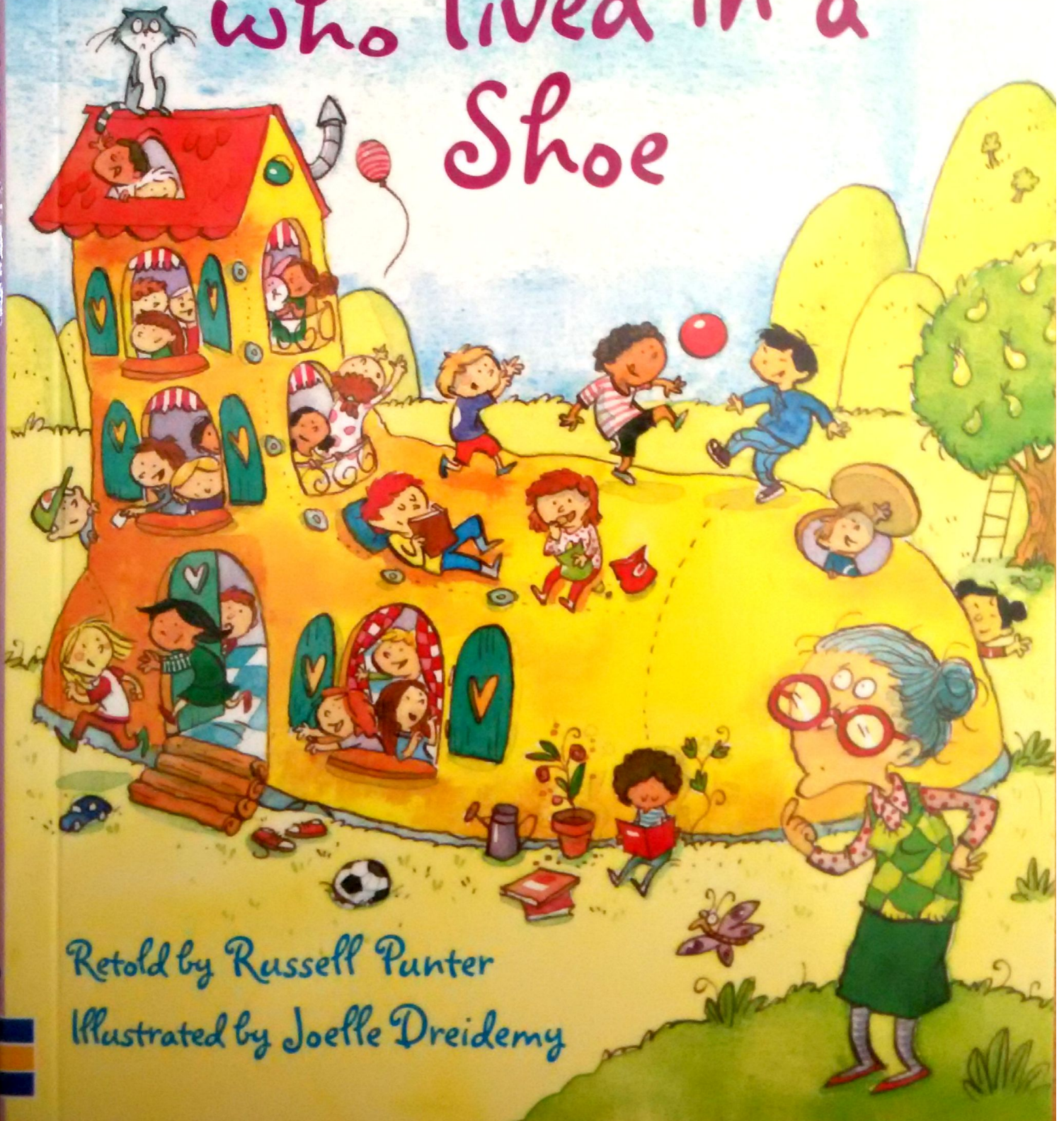


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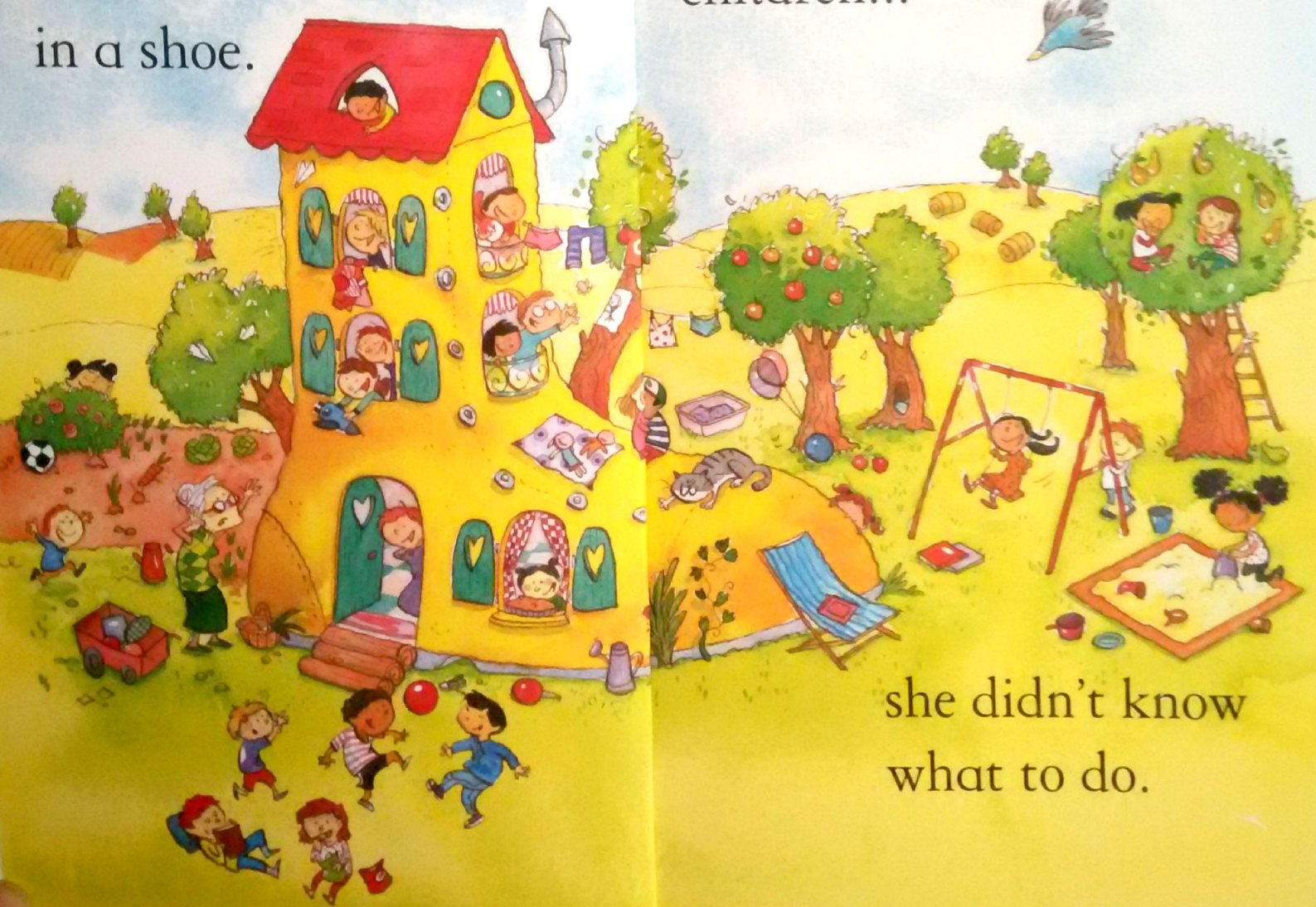


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There was an old  
woman who lived  
in a shoe.

She had so many  
children...



she didn't know  
what to do.

There was Hannah  
and Harry...



and Sara and Sam.

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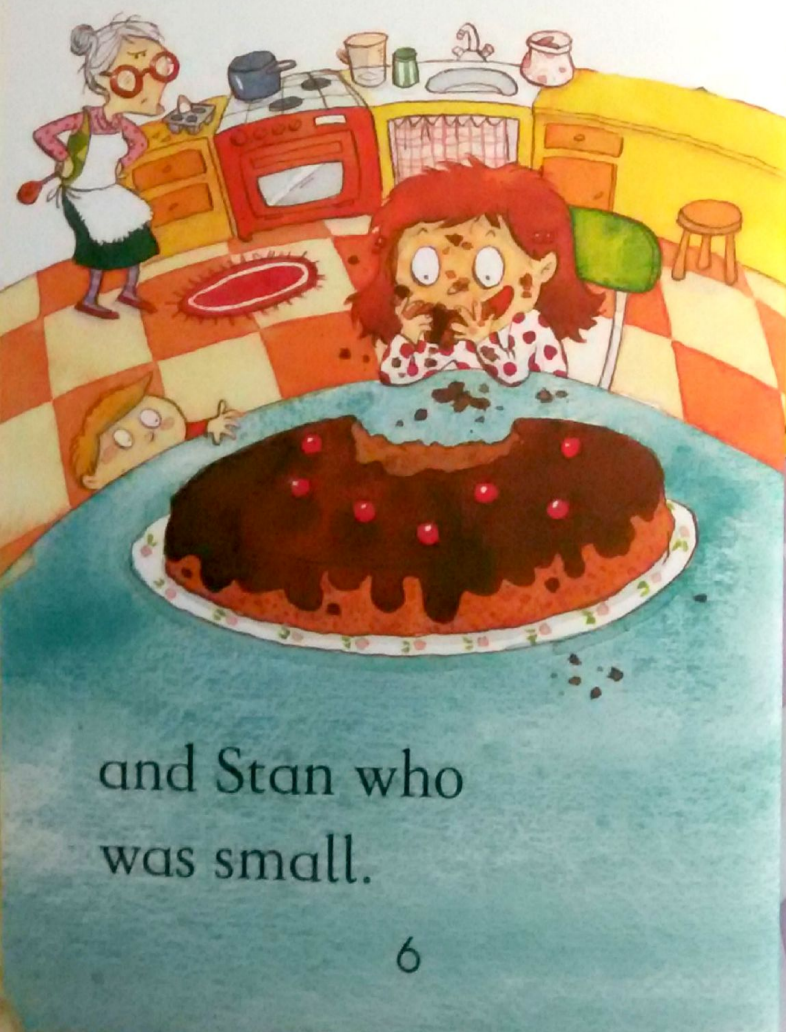
There was Aisha  
and Abdul...



and Daisy and Dan.

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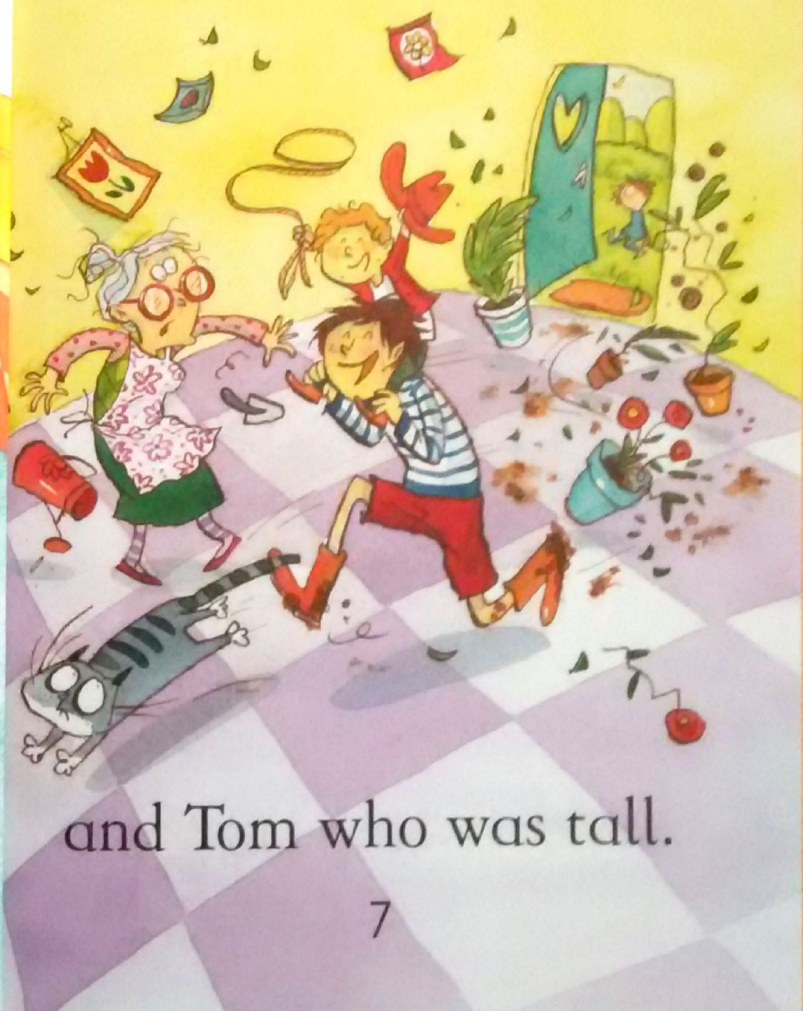
There was Gwen  
who was greedy...



and Stan who  
was small.

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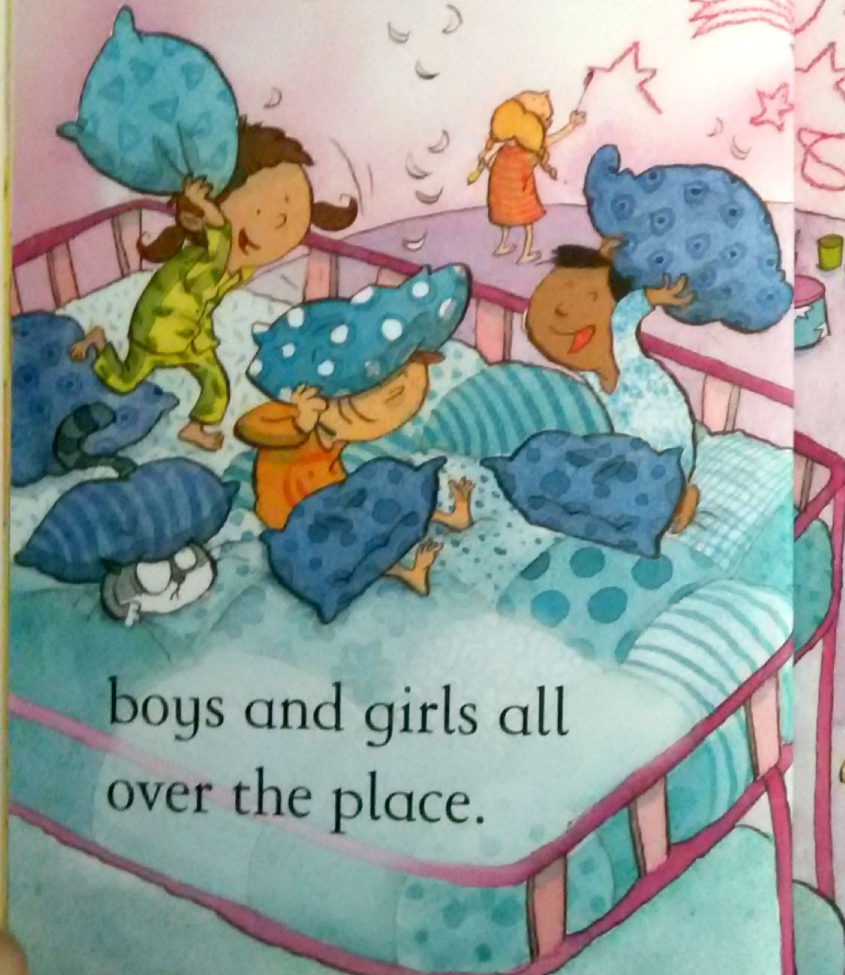
There was Sean  
who was short...



and Tom who was tall.

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There was  
Jasmine and Jeremy,  
Sandeep and Grace...



boys and girls all  
over the place.

Ying and Yasmin,  
Jacob and Joe...

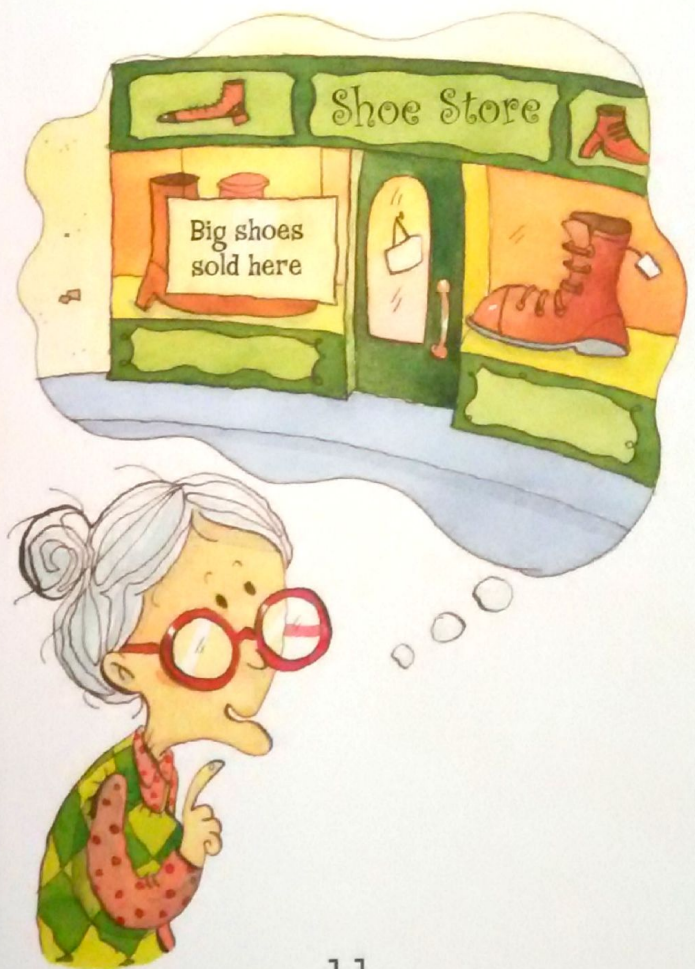


squeezed in together,  
with no room to grow.

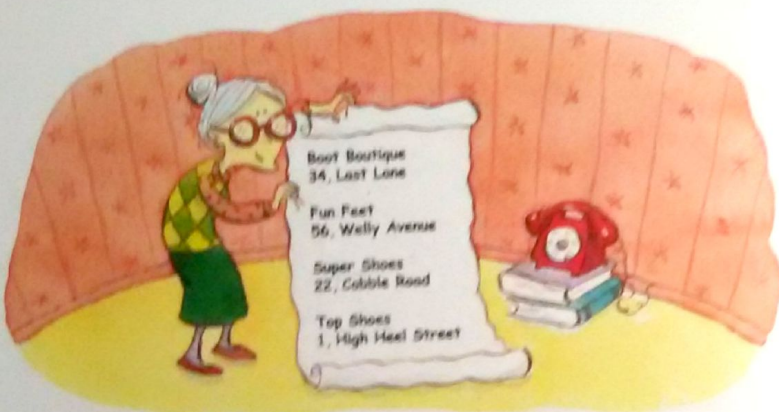
“This shoe is too full,”  
said the woman,  
one day.



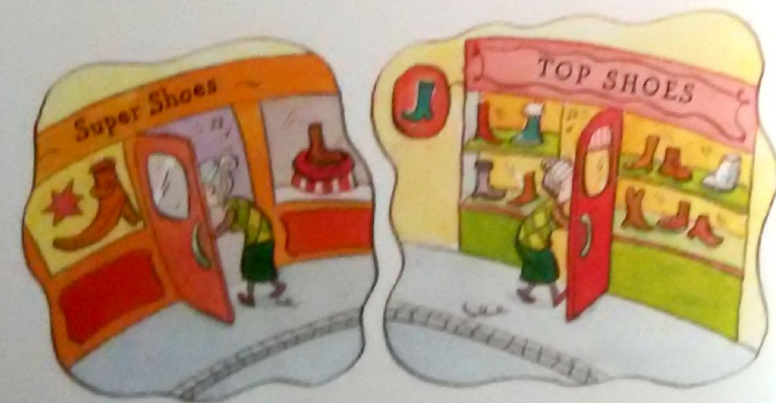
“We must get another.  
I’ll look right away.”



With a list of the shoe stores...

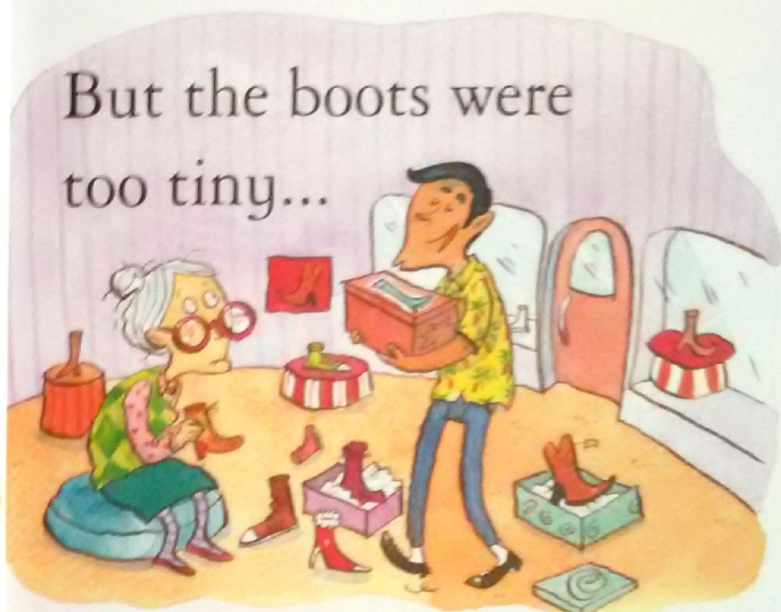


she went to them all...

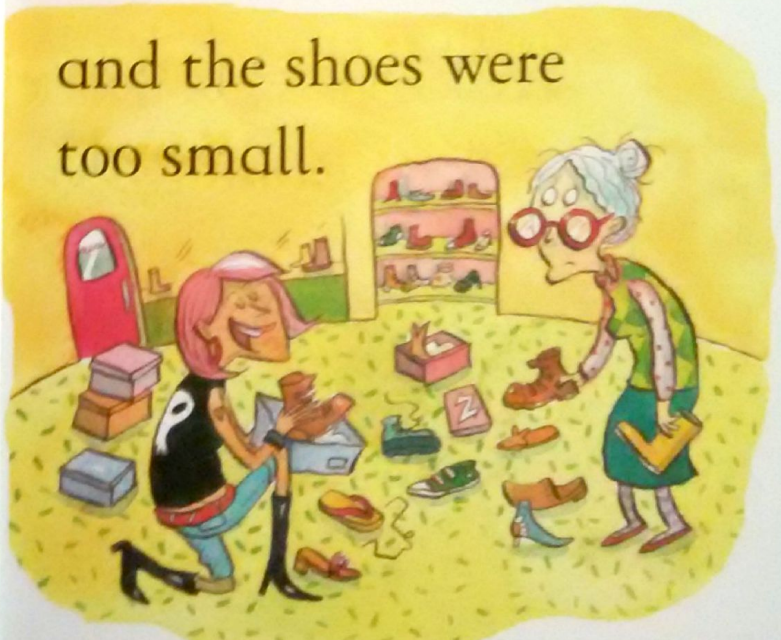


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But the boots were too tiny...



and the shoes were too small.



She was on her  
way home...



by the side of a river,

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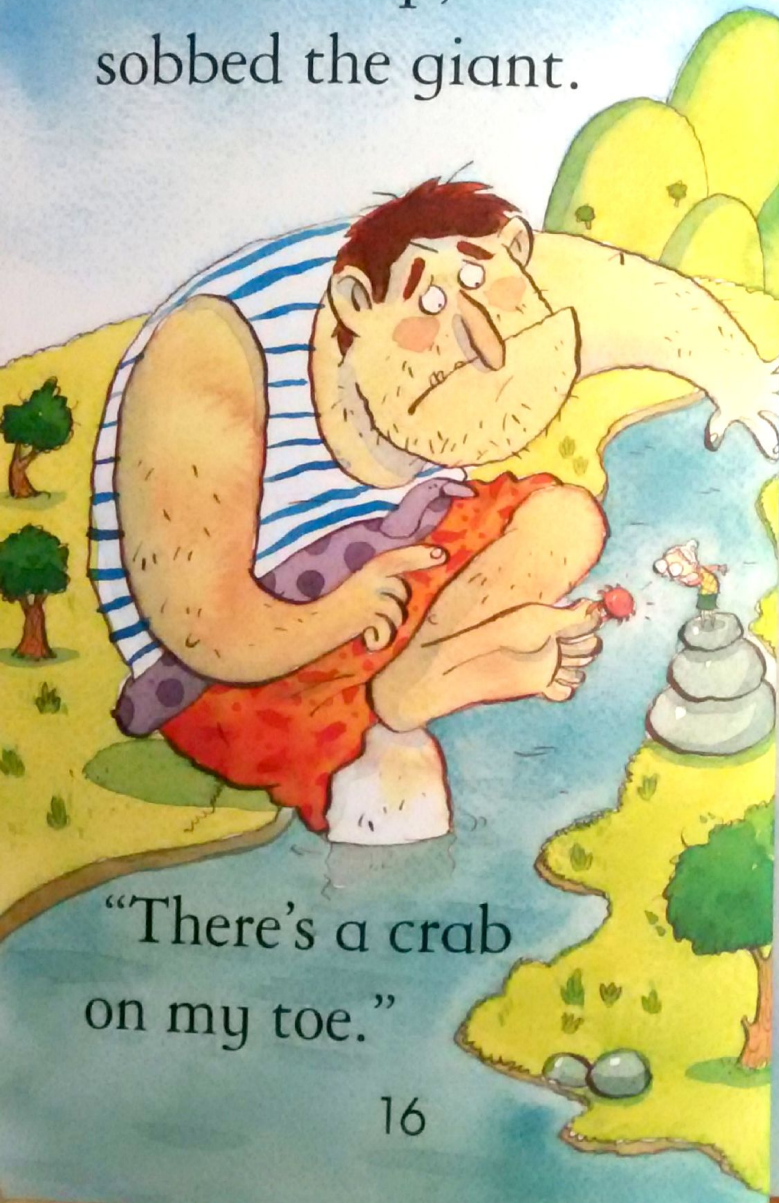
when she met  
a huge giant.



He gave a sad shiver.

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“Please help,”  
sobbed the giant.



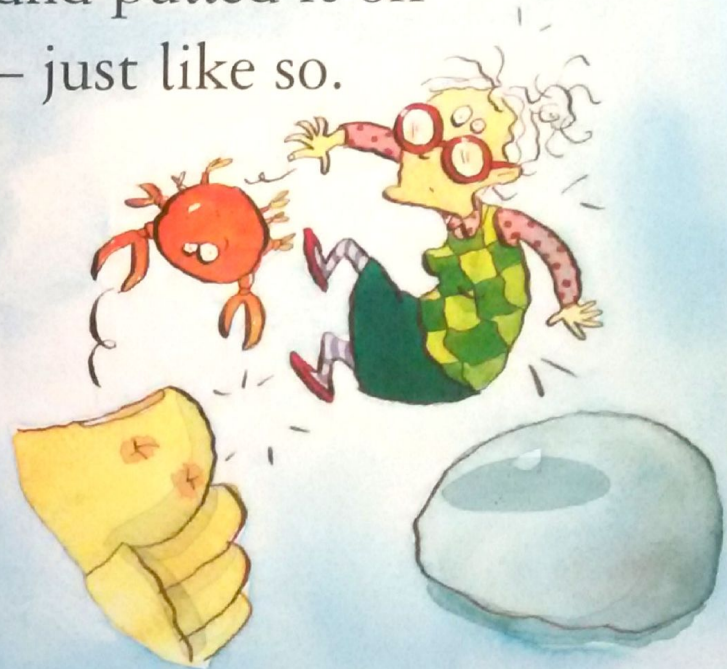
“There’s a crab  
on my toe.”

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The old woman  
took hold...



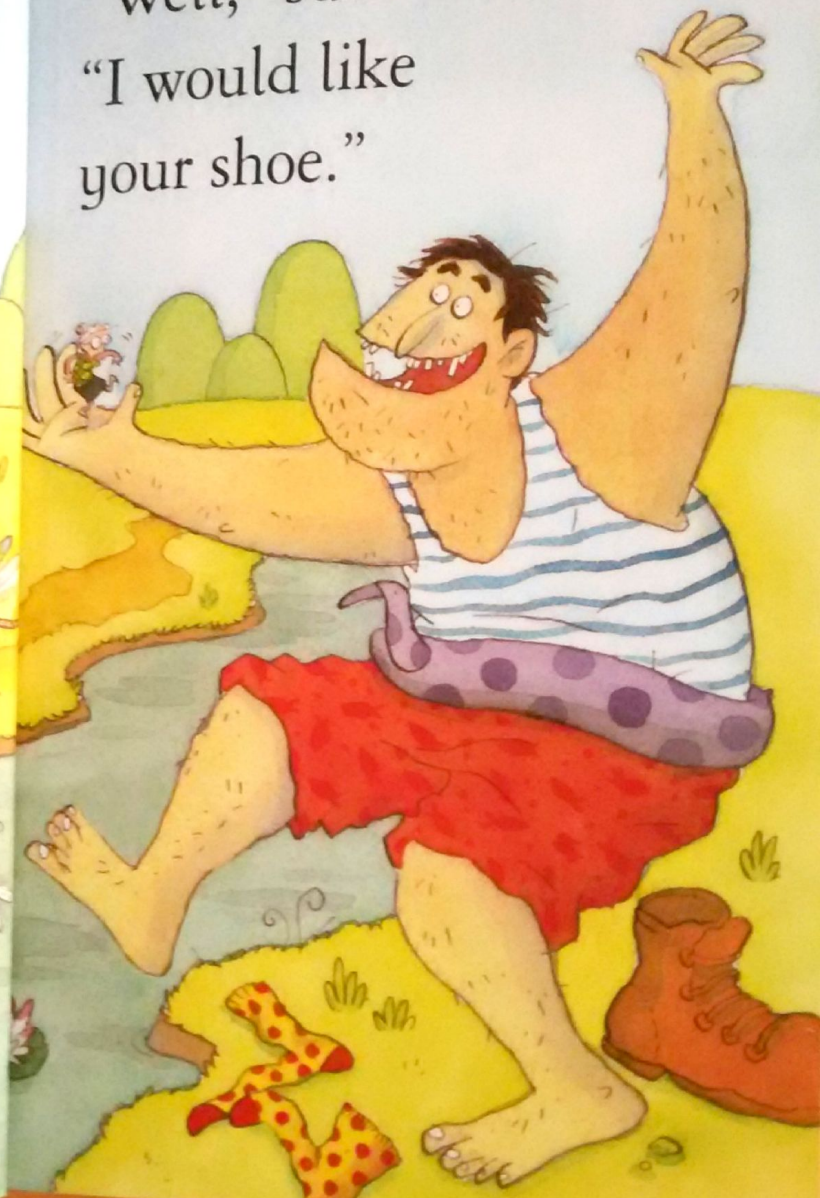
and pulled it off  
– just like so.



"Thanks!" said the giant. "Now, can I help you?"



"Well," said the woman, "I would like your shoe."



“Of course,” said the giant and he gave her his shoe.



“And for being so helpful, take the other one too.”



Now all the children  
have space to have fun.

And the little old woman  
can knit in the sun.



# PUZZLES

## Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?  
There are six to find.



## Puzzle 2

Find these things in the picture:

ball  
birds  
chair

old woman  
roof  
swing



### Puzzle 3

Put the pictures in order.

A



B



C



D



E



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### Puzzle 4

Find the opposites.



short



awake



asleep



happy



sad



tall

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# Answers to puzzles

## Puzzle 1



## Puzzle 2



## Puzzle 3

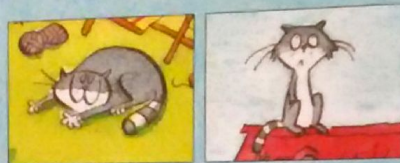


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## Puzzle 4



tall



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## About the story



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