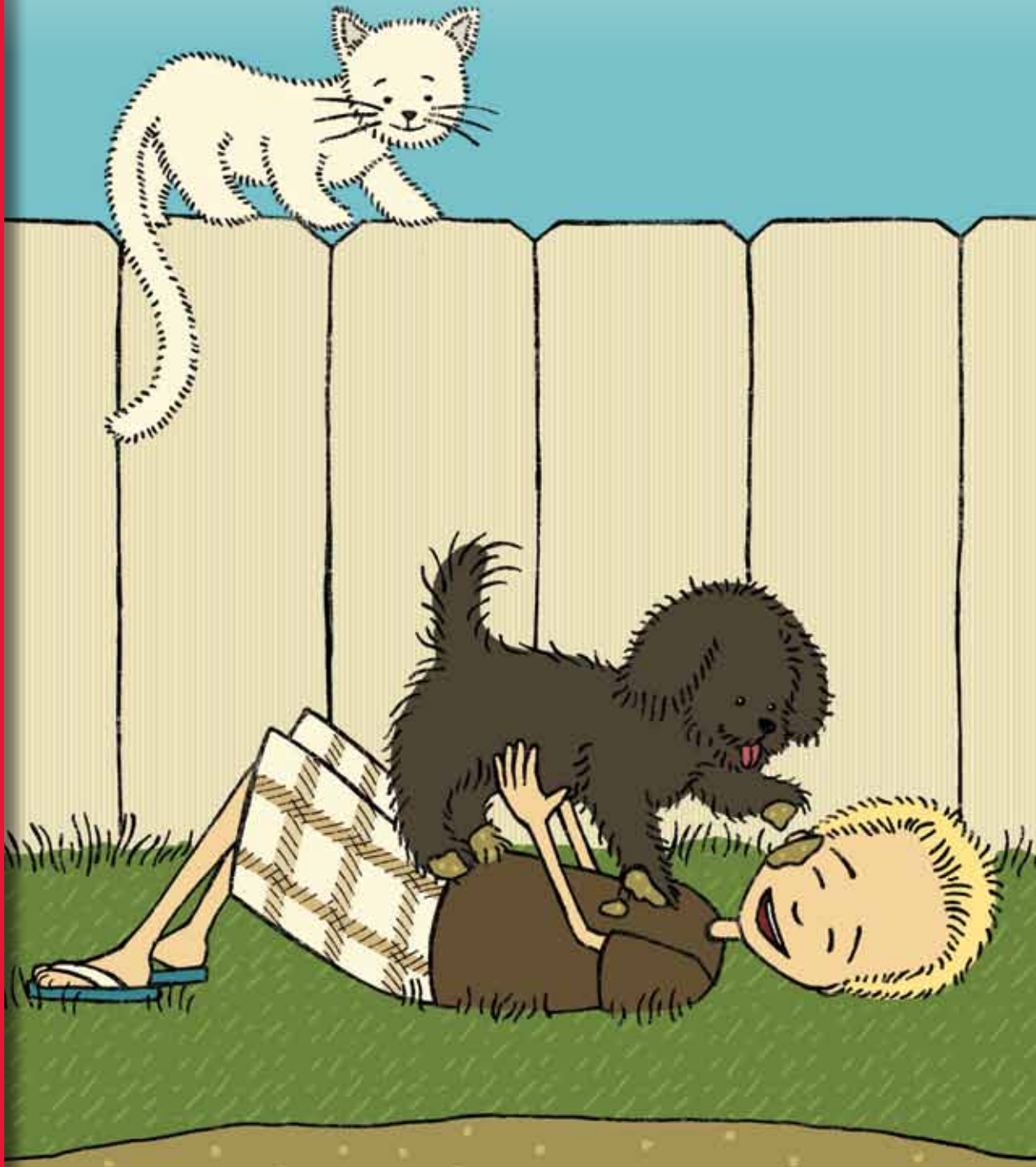




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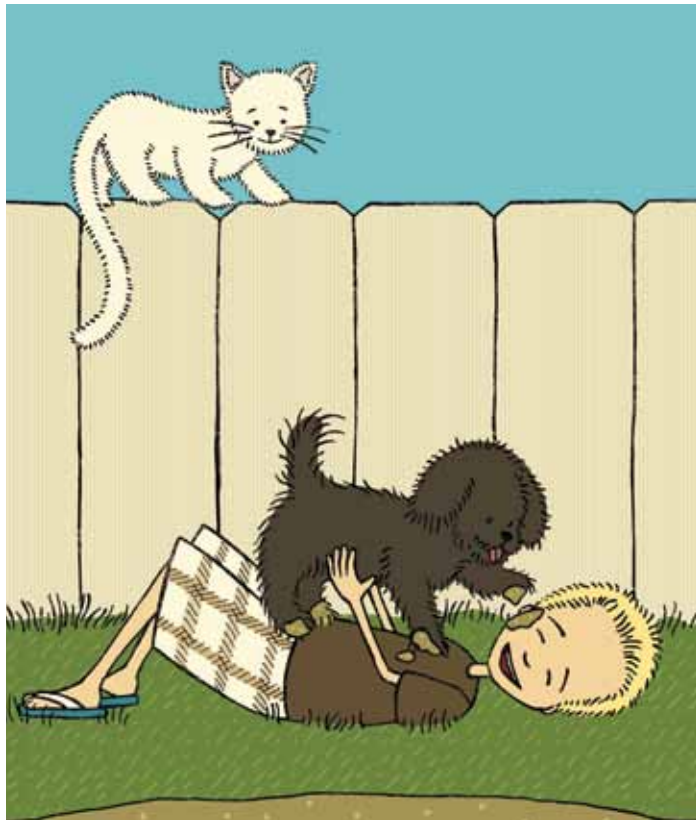
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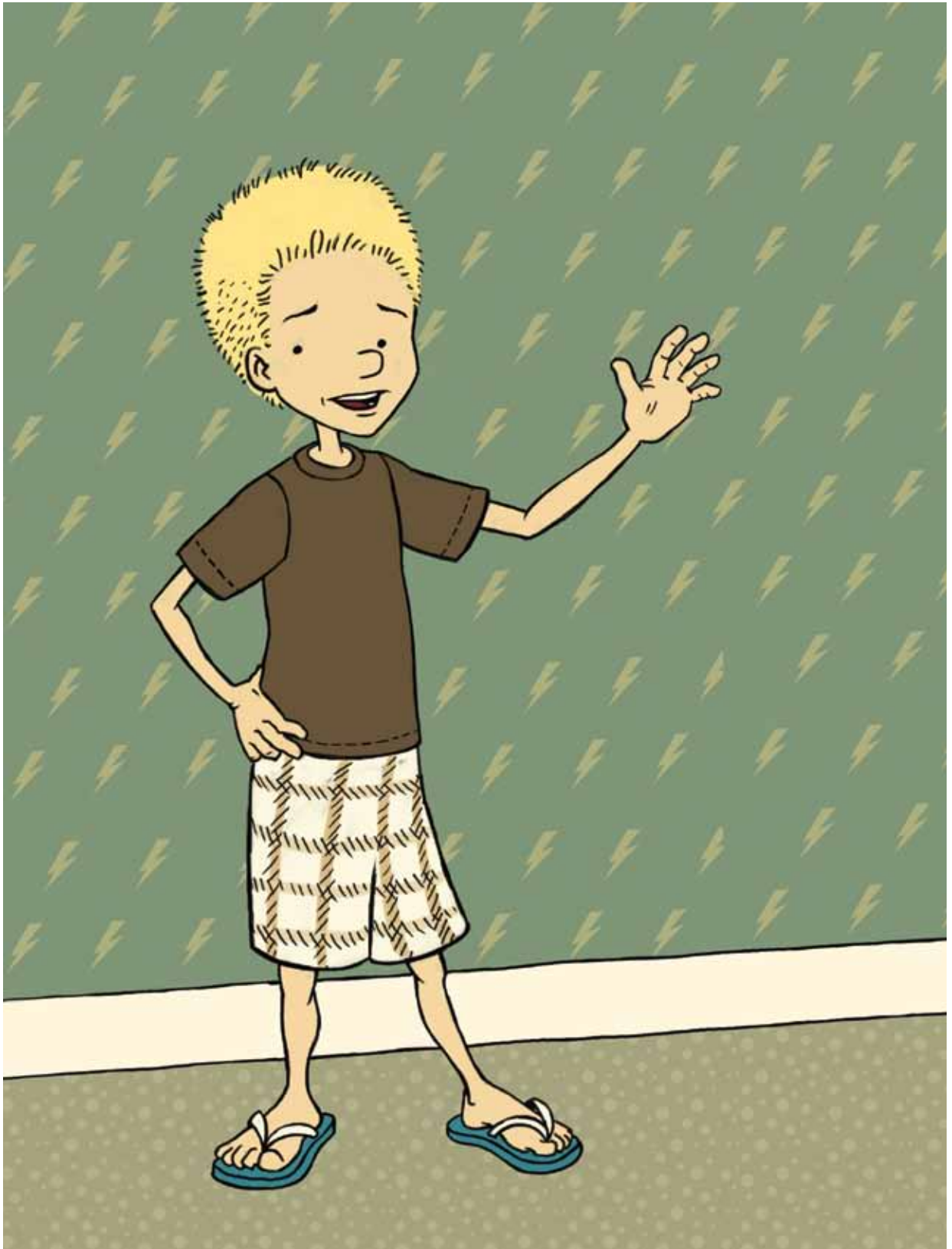
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# Sam and the Fish

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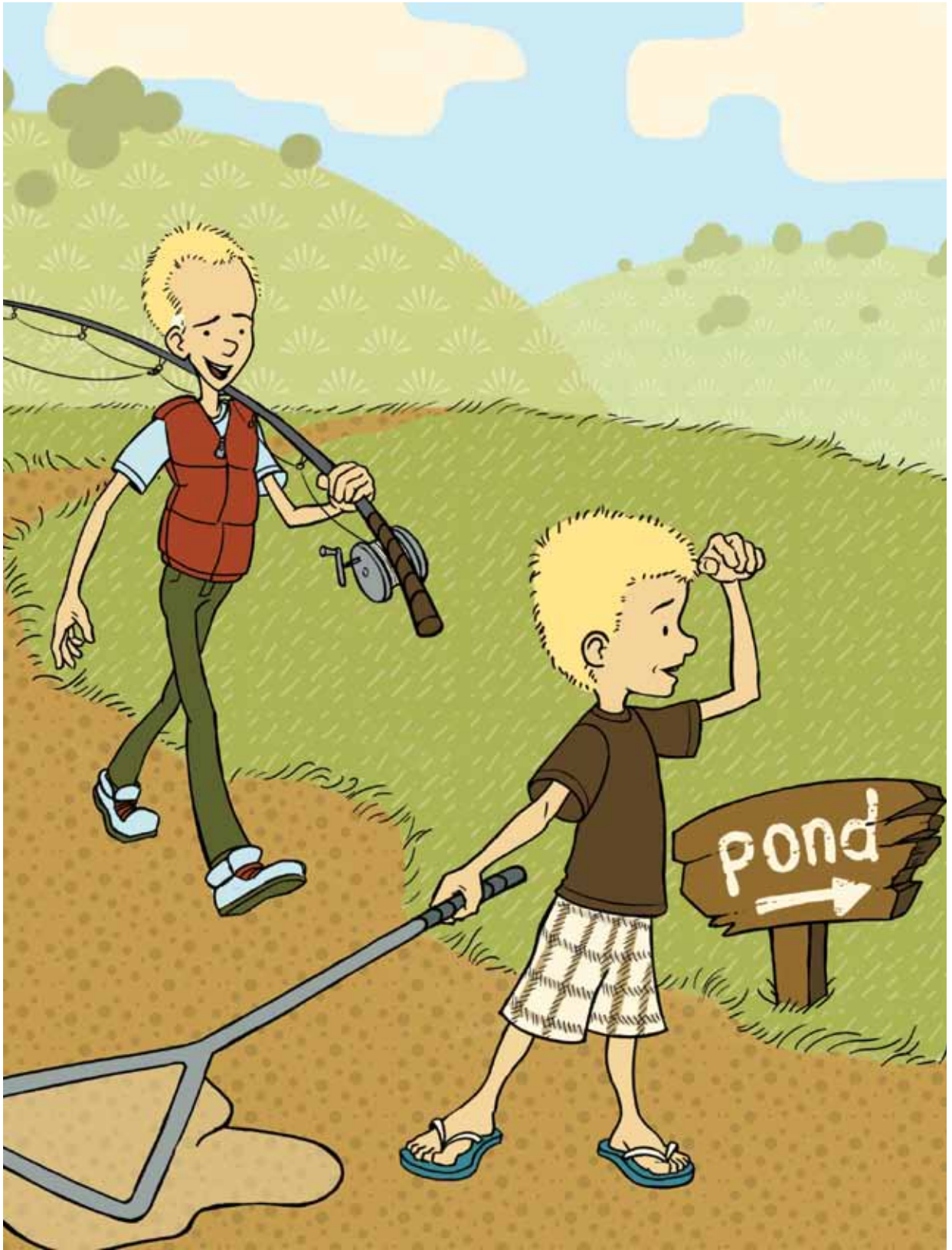




Sam and his dad fish in a pond.

Sam's dad brings a rod.

Sam brings a net.



Sam and his dad sit and sit.

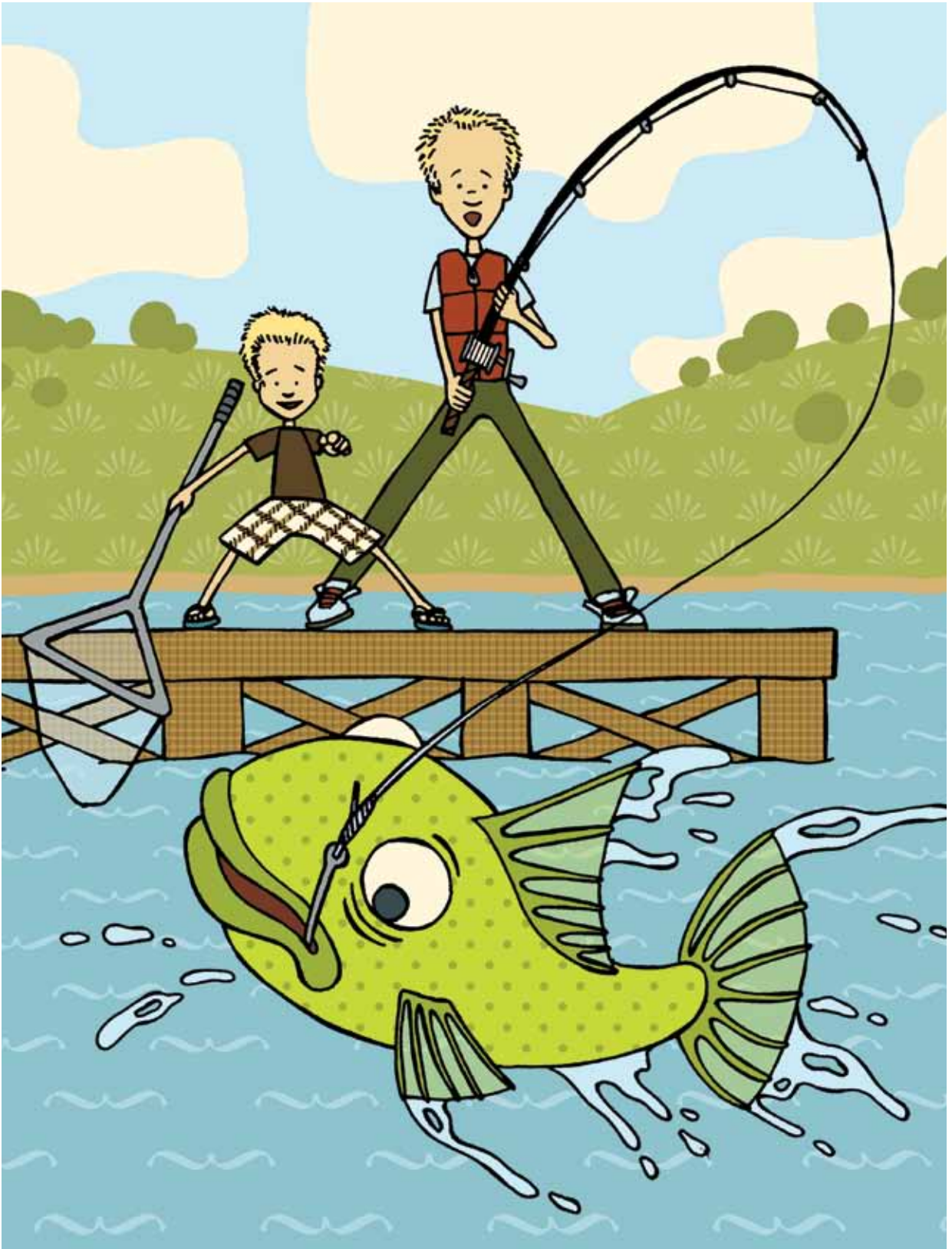
Then, zap!

Sam's dad gets a fish.

The fish jumps.

The fish twists and swims.

Sam's dad tugs on the rod.



Thee fish swims past Sam.

Sam swings his net.

Sam lifts up thee net.

Thee fish is in thee net!

Sam and his dad grin.



# Fun at the Pond

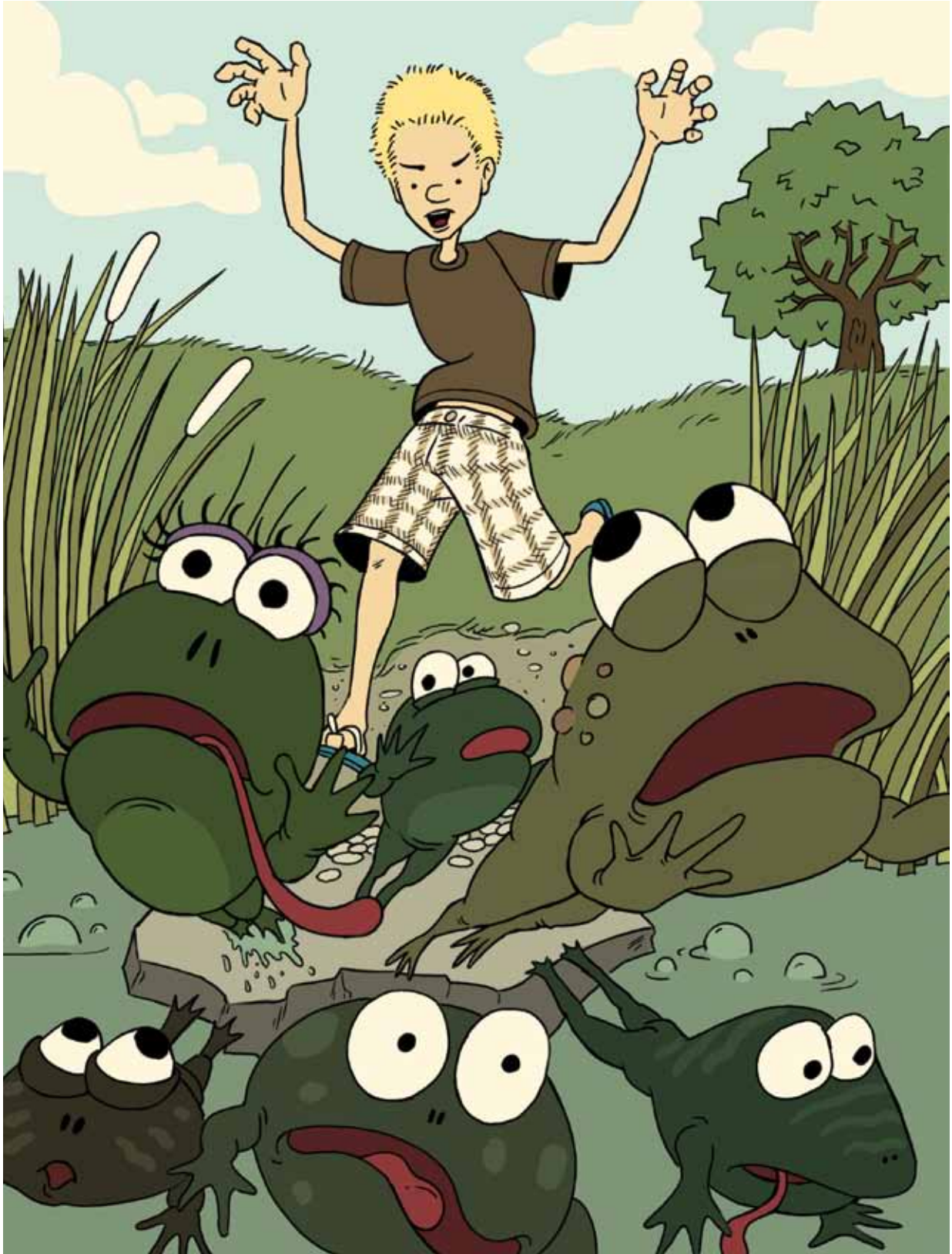
Sam is at the e pond with his pals.

Six frogs rest in the e wet mud.

Sam runs at the e frogs.

The e frogs all hop in the e pond.





Sam's pal, Chad, digs up a crab.

The crab gets mad at Chad.

The crab snips at Chad's hands.

Chad drops the crab.



Jen lifts up a log and spots a bug.

Thee bug is long with lots of legs.

Thee bug runs and digs in thee  
sand.

Thee pond is lots of fun.



# Sam's Pets

Sam has pets.

One of his pets is a dog.

One of his pets is a cat.

One of his pets is a bug.



This is Sam's dog, Max.

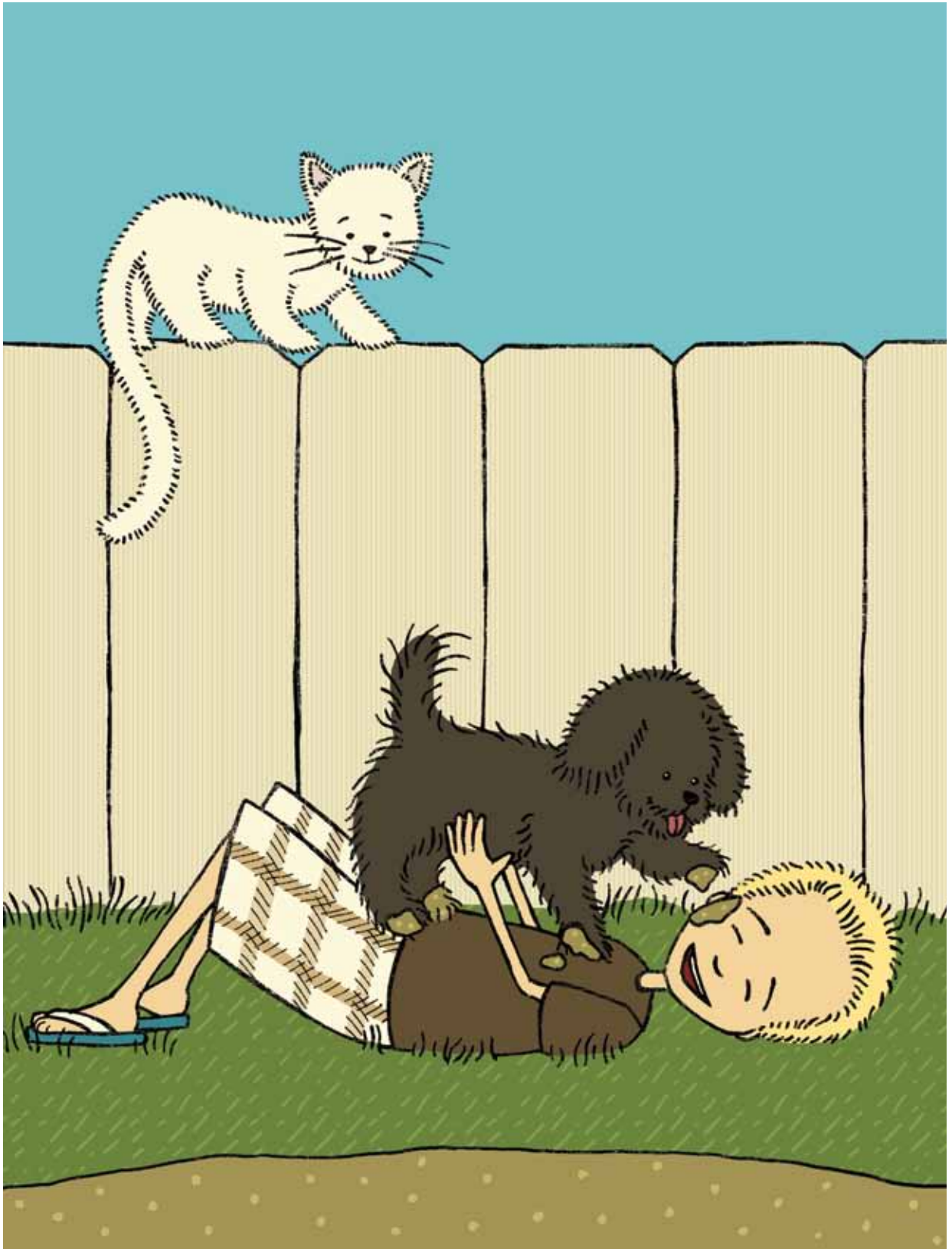
Max runs and jumps.

Max digs in the e mud.

Max rubs mud on Sam.

Max yelps at the e cat.



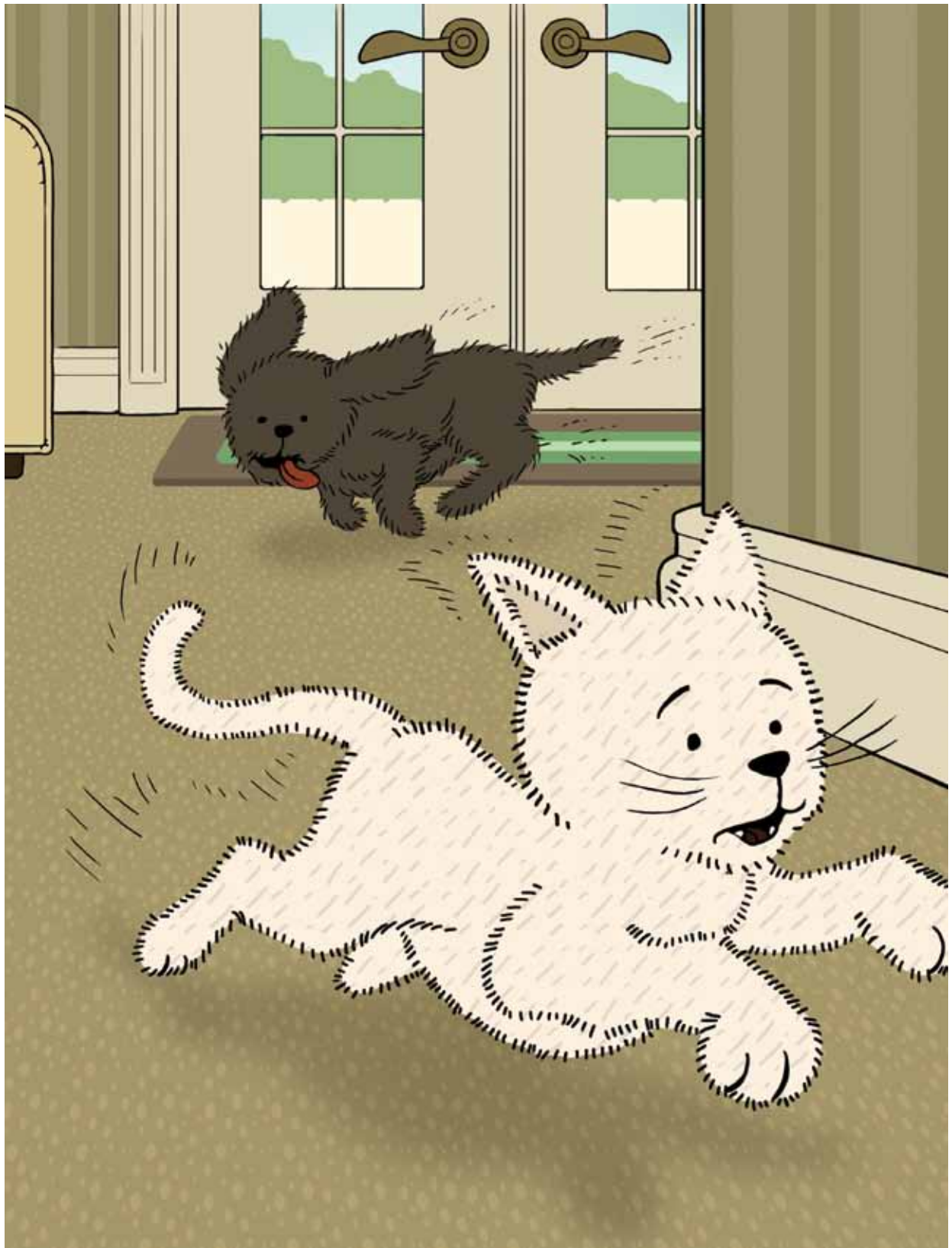


This is Sam's cat, Tim.

Tim sips milk from a dish.

Tim naps on Sam's bed.

Tim runs from Max.



This is Sam's bug, King Tut.

King Tut hops from plant to plant.

King Tut chomps on plants.

King Tut runs from Tim.



# Tasks

Sam has a long list of tasks.

Sam must scrub a bunch of cups.

Sam must help his dad trim shrubs.

Sam must mop the steps.



Sam scrubs all of the cups.

Scrub, scrub, scrub.



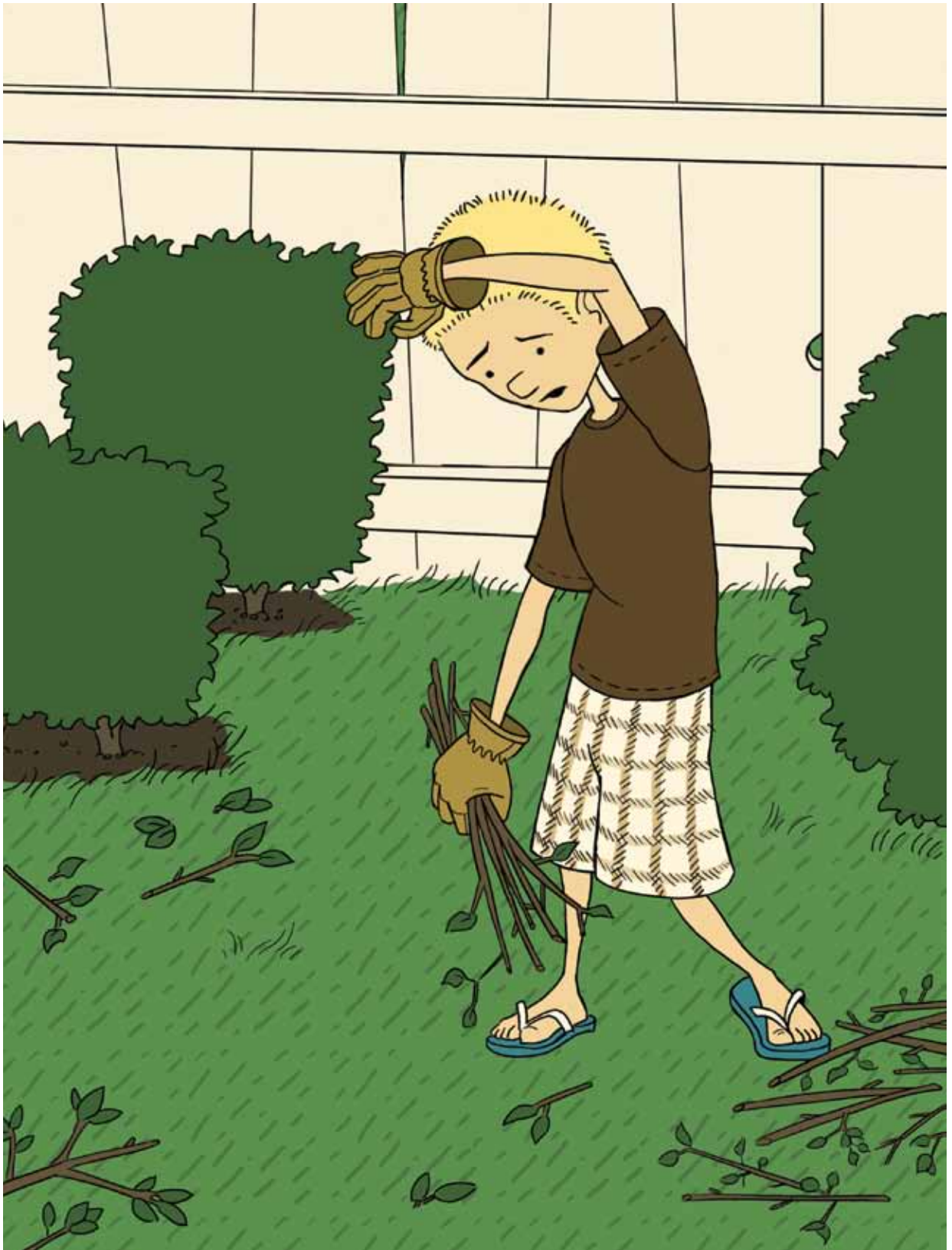


Sam helps his dad trim shrubs.

Snip, snip, snip.

The sun is hot.

Sam gets hot.



Sam spots a fan on the rug.

Sam flops on the rug and naps.

Then his mom spots him.

Sam's mom taps him with the  
mop.

Sam jumps up. Sam picks up the  
mop.



# The Van

Sam's mom has a van.

Sam is in the van.



Sam and his mom got his pal,  
Chad.

Then the van hit a big bump.

The van will jump up, up, up.





Then, slam!

The van hit the land.

Crash!

Smash!

Crunch!

Snap!

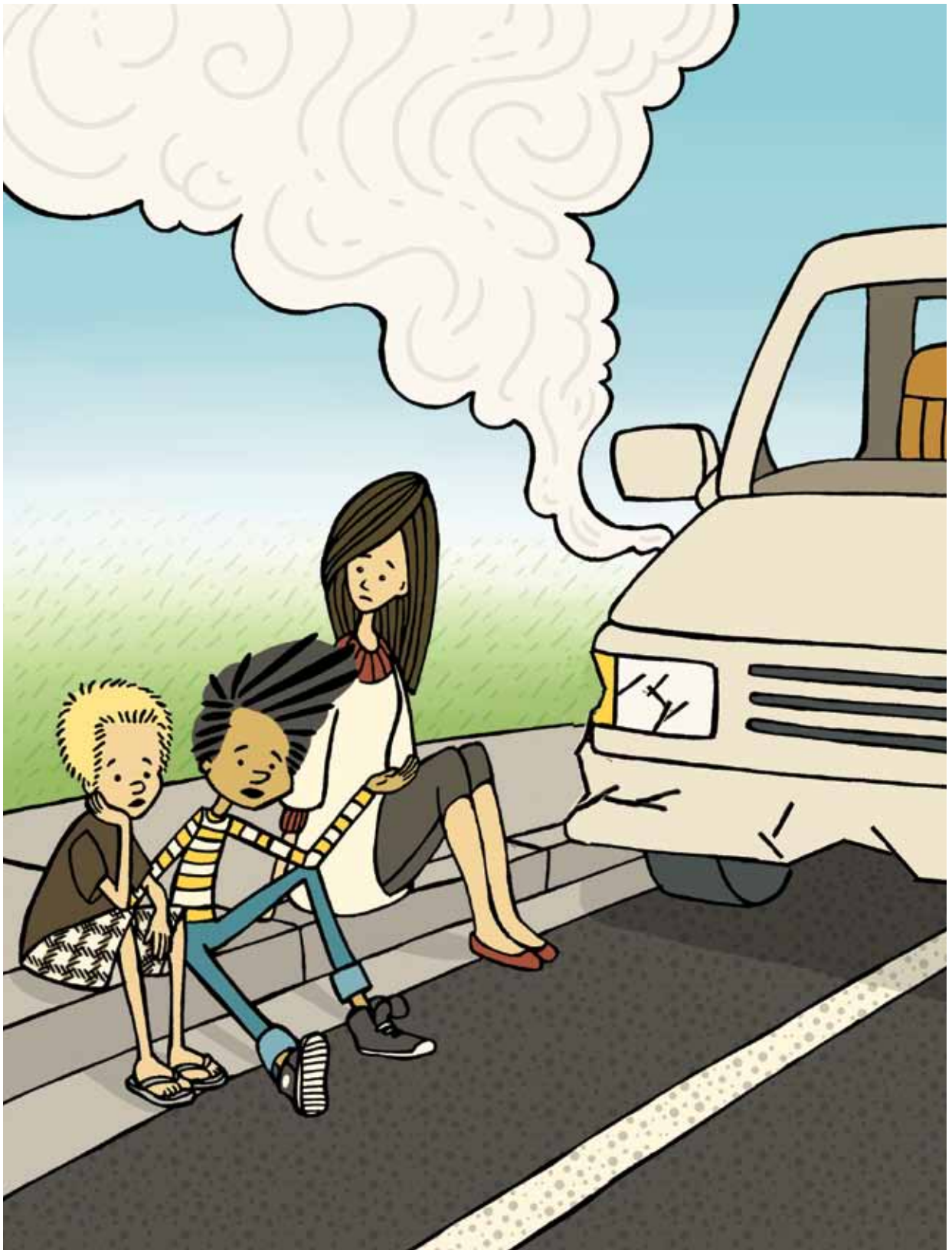
Pop!



The van was bent.

The van had lots of dents.

The van did not run.



Sam's mom got a fix-it man.

The fix-it man had a big fix-it kit.

The fix-it kit did not help much.

The fix-it man did not fix the van.



Sam's mom got a cab.

The kids got in the cab.

Sam's mom was sad.

Sam held his mom's hand.

Then Sam sang his mom a song.

"Mom," Sam sang,

"a van is just a van!"





# On the Bus

The van is in the fix-it shop.

Sam's mom must get on the bus.

The bus pulls in at the bus stop.

Sam's mom gets on and sits in **back**.

The bus bumps up the **hill**.

Sam's mom hangs on with one  
hand.



Sam's mom rings the bell.

The bus stops at the next stop.

Sam's mom gets **off**.



# Sam in Class

Sam sits in Miss Mack's class.

The kids will print till class ends.

Then the bell will ring.

Sam will run and jump in the pond.



Miss Mack has the class print.

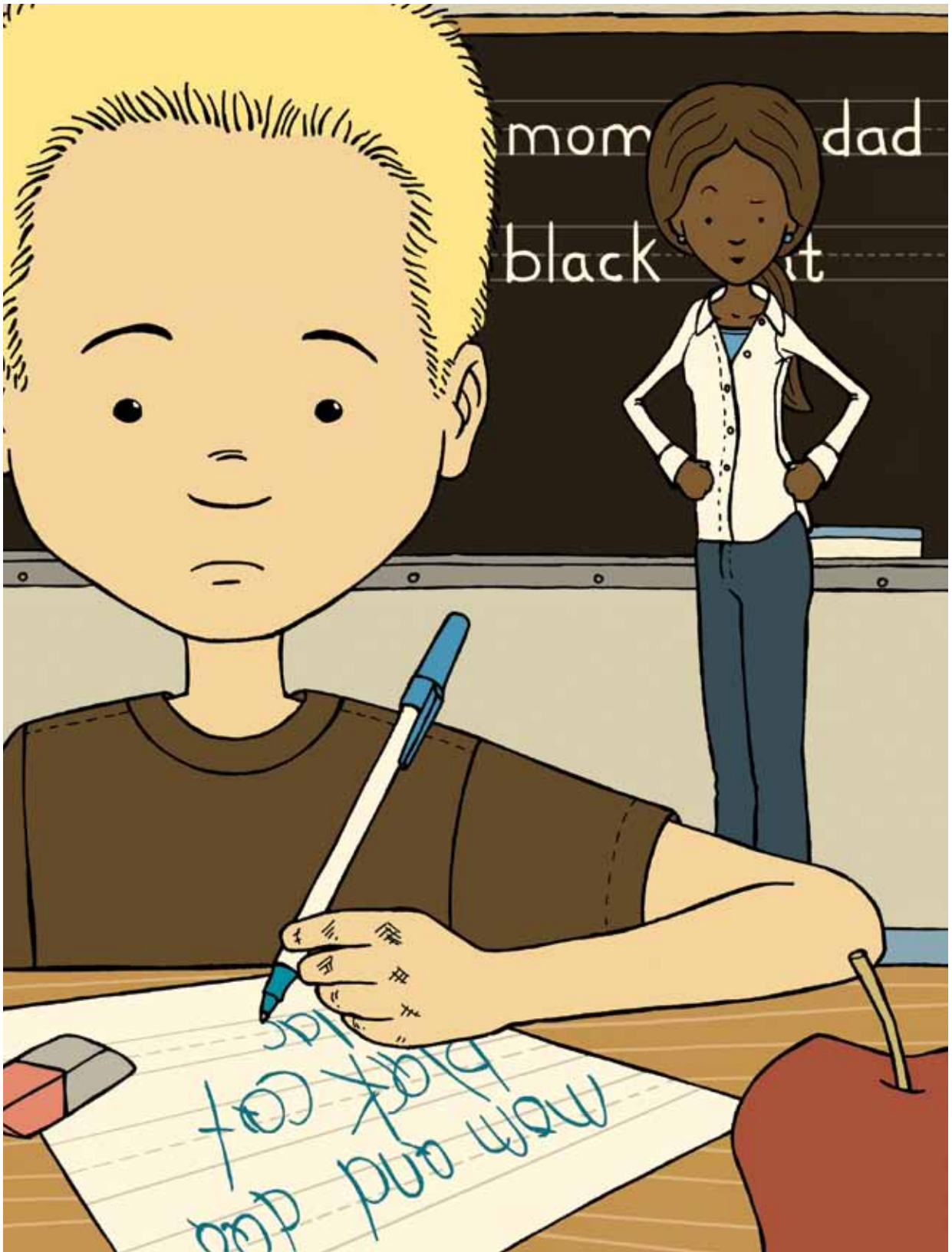
The kids print *black cat*.

Miss Mack checks Sam's print.

"That's a mess!" quips Miss Mack.

"Fix it!"





The **bell** rings.

Sam jumps up and grabs his bag.

**Miss Mack** tells Sam,

“Sit and print!”



Sam sits and prints.

Will **Miss Mack** let him swim?

Sam can't tell.



Miss Mack tells Sam,

“Print one last thing.

Print *splash in the pond.*”

Sam grins at Miss Mack.

Miss Mack grins back at him.

Sam prints *splash in the pond.*

Then Miss Mack sends him off.

Sam yells, “Miss Mack is the best!”



# The Chills

Sam met Chad at the pond.

Chad left his pants on the sand.

Sam left his pants on a big **rock**.

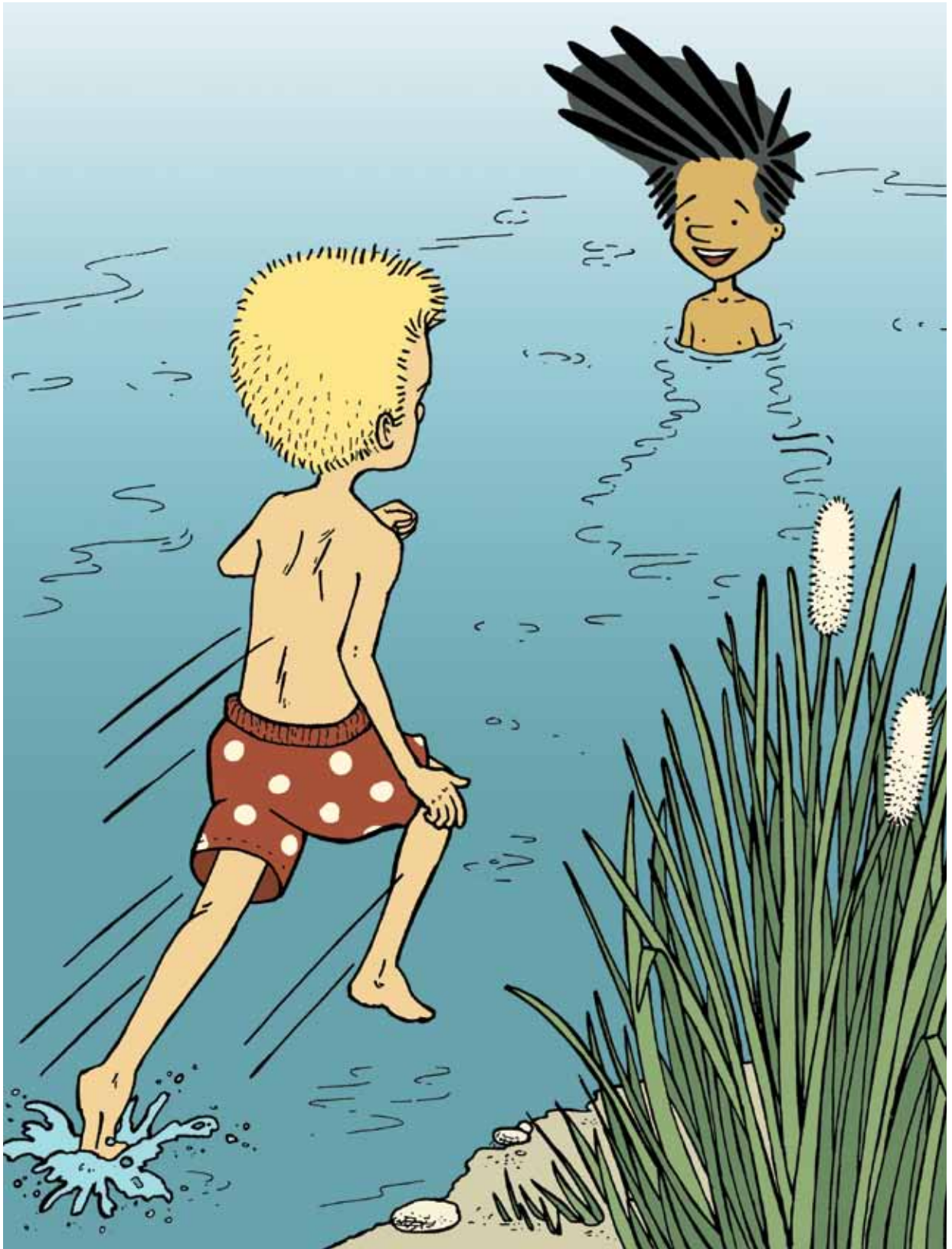
Chad got in.

Splash!

Then Sam got in.

Splish!





Sam and Chad go **swimming** in  
the pond.

The sun was hot,

but the pond was not.

Chad and Sam got the **chills**.



Sam ran up on the **rock**

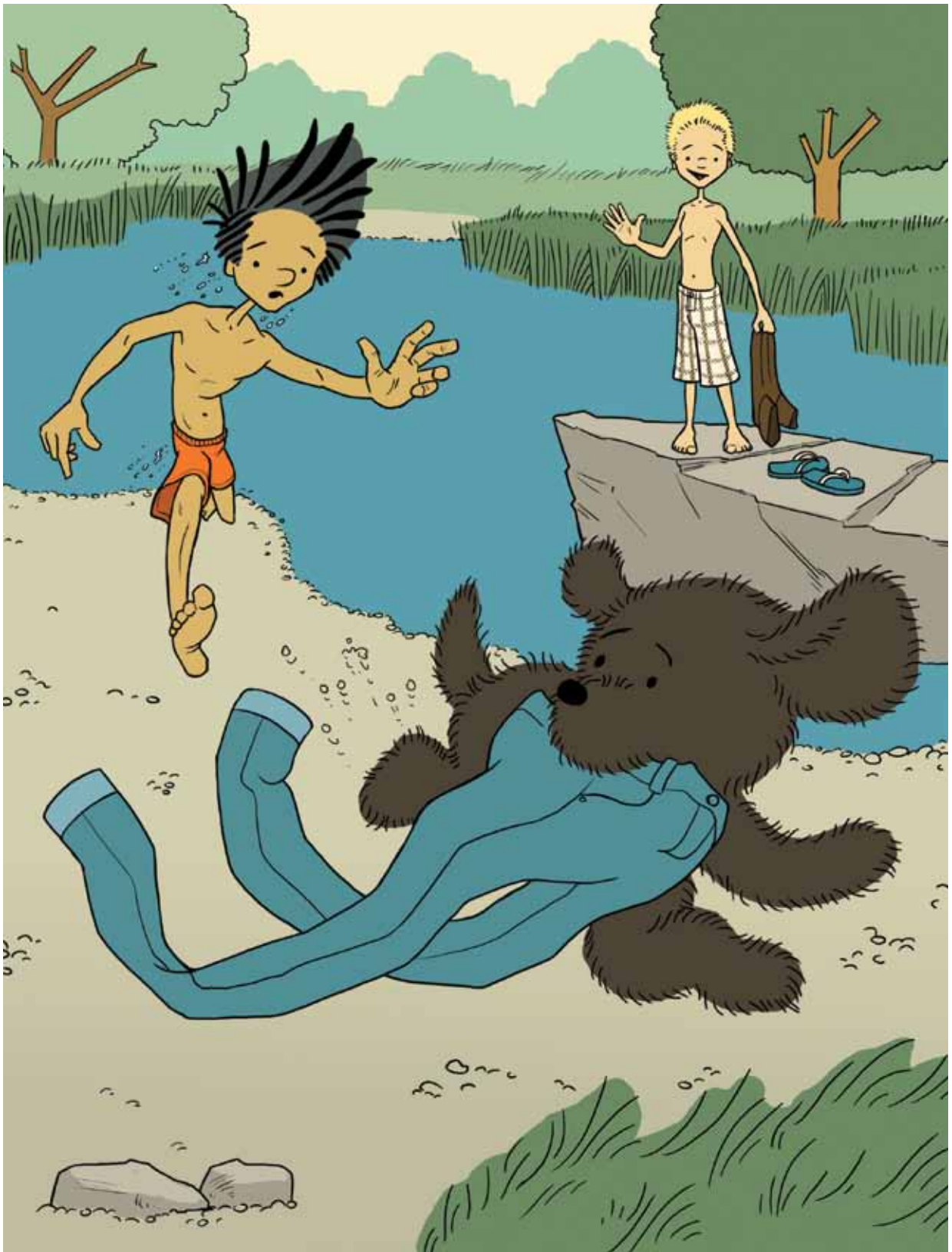
and got his pants.

Chad ran up on the sand,

but Max, the dog, had his pants.

Chad ran and got his pants

**back** from Max.



# Stop That Bus!

Sam's mom runs in and yells,

“Sam, get up!”

Sam jumps up.



Sam's mom hands him his pants.

Sam jumps in his pants.

Sam's mom hands him his **pack**.

Sam slips the **pack** on his **back**.

Sam's mom hands him his lunch.

Sam grabs it.





Sam and his mom run fast.

“That’s the bus!” Sam yells.

Sam’s mom huffs and puffs.

“Stop the bus!” Sam yells.



The kids on the bus spot Sam.

One of them yells, “That’s Sam.

Stop the bus!”

The bus stops.

Sam is in **luck**.

Sam gets on the bus.

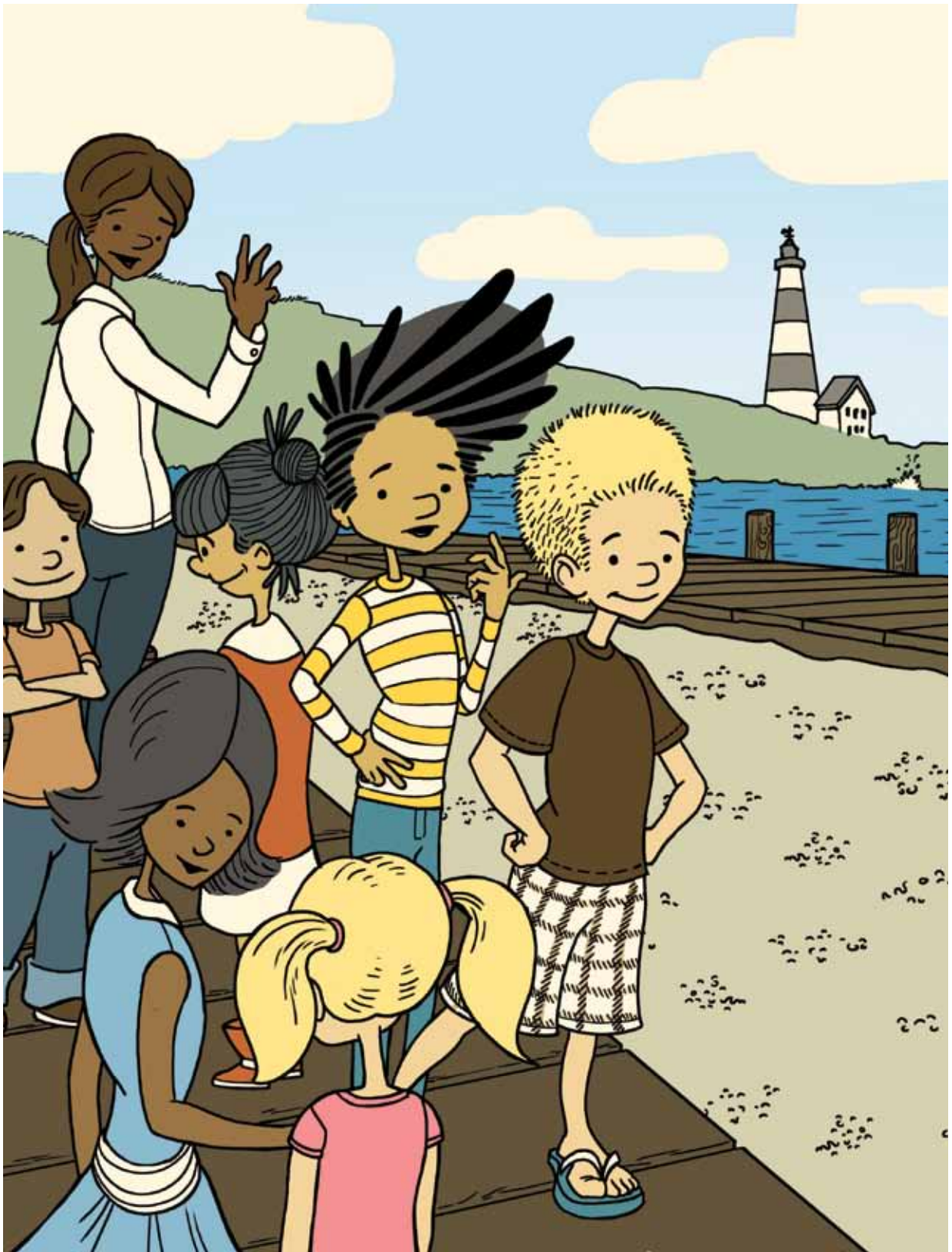


# Sam and the Duck

Sam's **class** is on a trip.

The **class** is at the **dock**.

**Miss Mack** spots Ken, the fish man.



“Ken,” Miss **Mack** asks,

“Can the kids dig in the sand?”

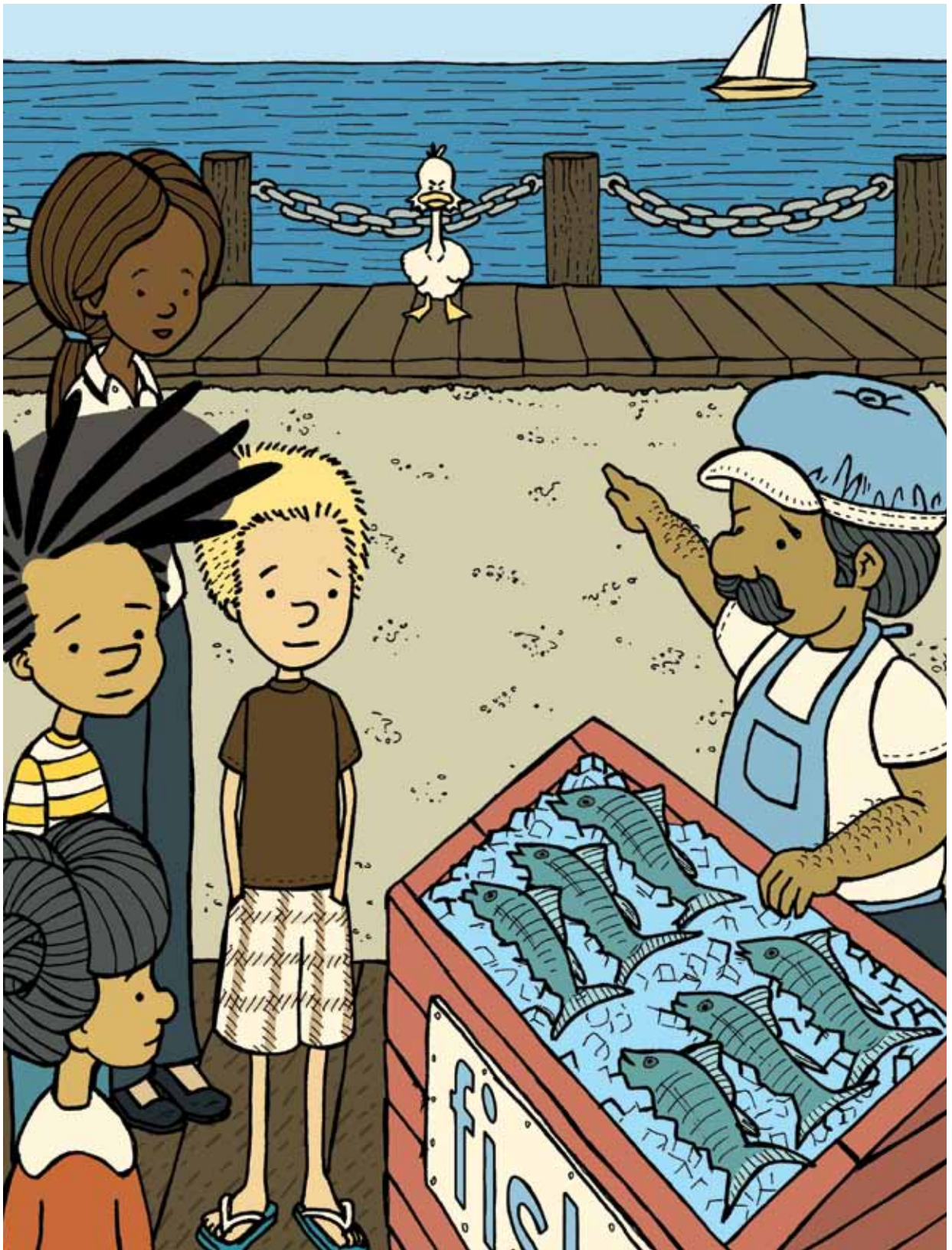
Ken nods.

“Yes, the kids can dig in the sand,  
but the kids must not pet the  
**duck**.

That **duck** is a bad **duck**.

That **duck** **pecks** at kids.”





Miss Mack tells the kids,

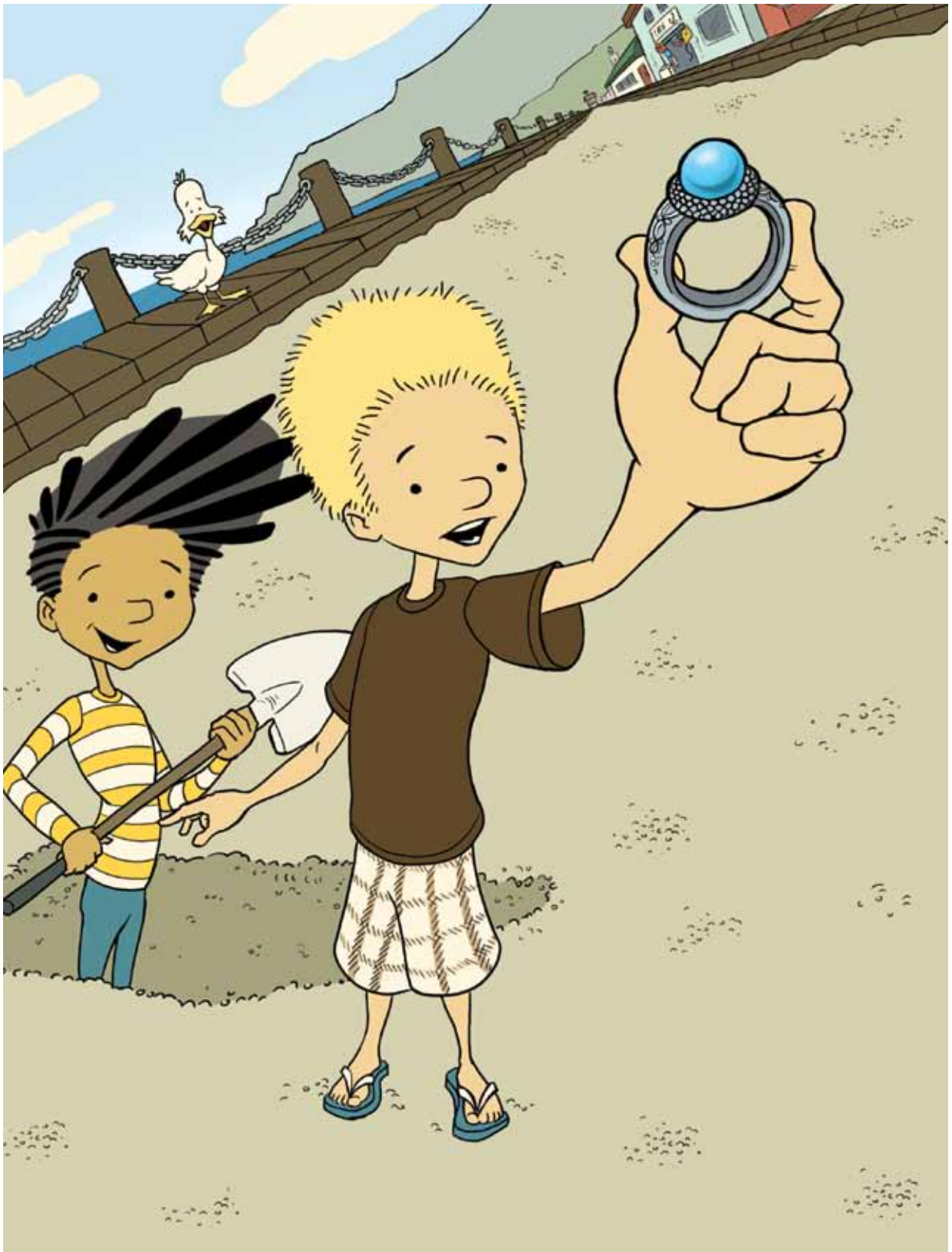
“Class, let’s not pet the duck.”

Sam and Chad dig in the sand.

Chad digs up a ring.

Sam lifts the ring up.

The ring glints in the sun.



The **duck** spots the ring.

The **duck** quacks and runs at Sam.

“Sam!” **Miss Mack** yells,

“It’s that bad **duck**,

the one that **pecks!**”



The **duck** runs up and **pecks**  
at Sam's hand.

Then it runs **off** with the ring.

“Man!” **yells** Chad.

“That is one bad **duck!**”



# Max in the Mud

Max tracks mud on the deck.

Sam's mom yells, "Bad dog!"





Sam's mom has Sam get a mop.

Sam gets a mop

and mops up the mud.



Sam's mom sniffs Max.

Ug!

The dog smells bad!



Sam gets Max in the bath tub.

Sam's mom scrubs him.

Then, at last, Max smells fresh!



# The Band

Sam's dad is in a **jazz** band.

That's him in the **back**.

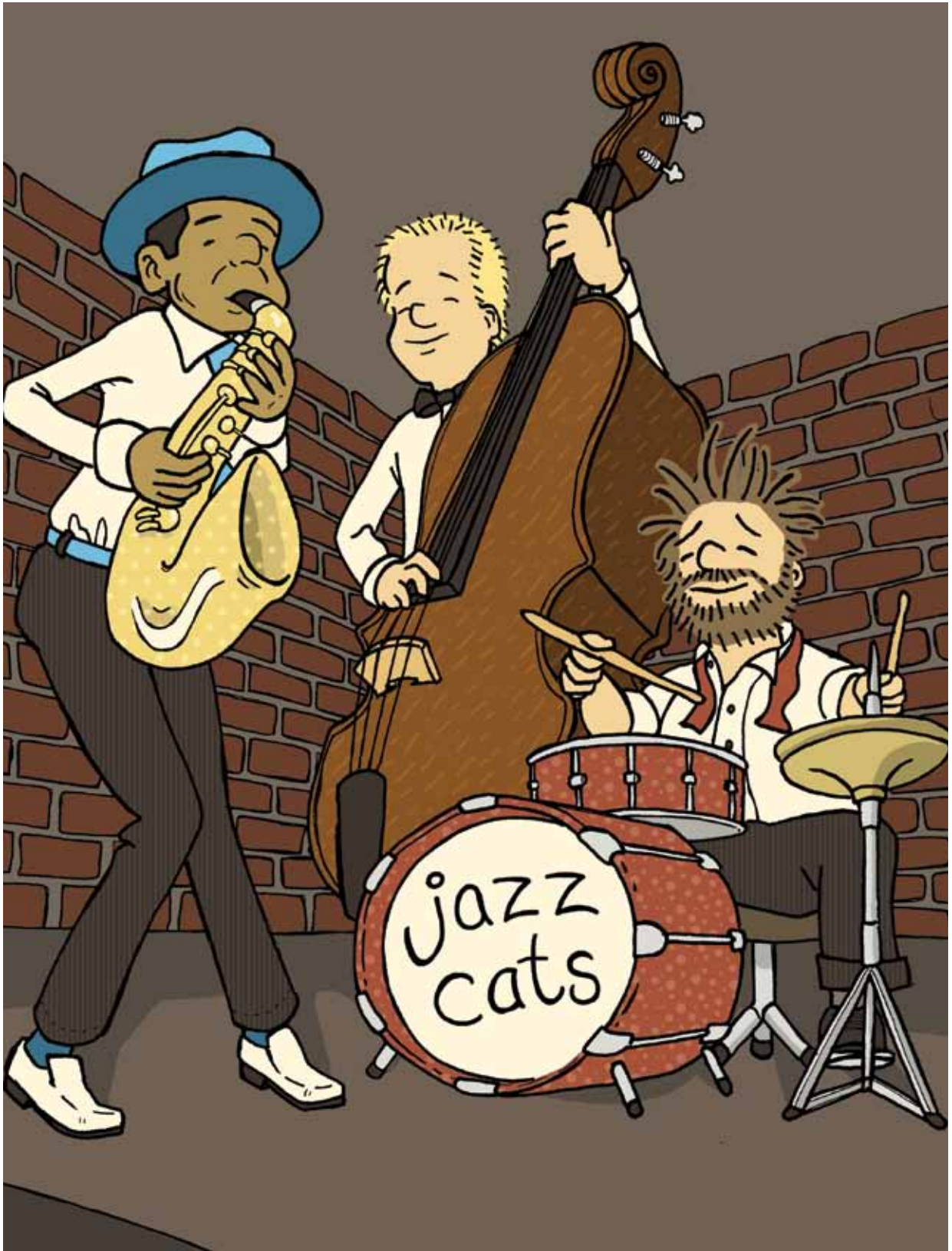
Chad's dad is in the band with him.

That's him on the drums.

Chad's **boss** is in the band, as well.

That's him on the left, in the hat.





Sam's dad **plucks** at his strings.

Chad's dad bangs on his drums.

The kids clap and **yell**.

The band is a big hit!



# The Chick

Sam and Chad got up on a **rock**.

On top of the **rock** was a gull's nest.

The **gull** had a **chick**.

The **gull** fed the **chick** a bit of fish.

Then the **gull** left.



The chick **fell** from its nest.

Plop!

The chick got **stuck** in a **crack**.

Sam and Chad got the **chick**.

Then Chad set it **back** in its nest.



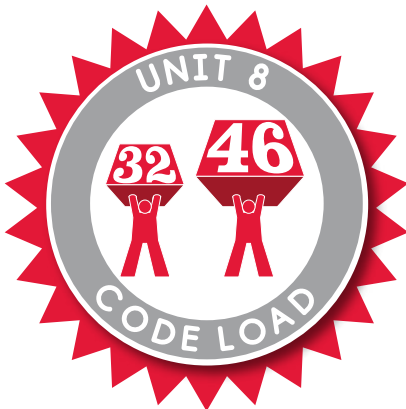
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### Vowel Sounds and Spellings:

/i/ as in *skim*

/e/ as in *bed*

/a/ as in *tap*

/u/ as in *up*

/o/ as in *flop*

### Consonant Sounds and Spellings:

/m/ as in *rim*

/t/ as in *got*

/d/ as in *dip*

/k/ as in *cot* and *kid*

/g/ as in *log*

/n/ as in *pen*

/h/ as in *ham*

/s/ as in *sit*

/f/ as in *fat*

/v/ as in *vet*

### Consonant Sounds and Spellings (continued):

/z/ as in *zip* and *hums*

/p/ as in *tip*

/b/ as in *bus*

/l/ as in *lamp*

/r/ as in *rip*

/w/ as in *wet*

/j/ as in *jog*

/y/ as in *yes*

/x/ as in *box*

/ch/ as in *chips*

/sh/ as in *ship*

/th/ as in *moth*

/th/ as in *this*

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