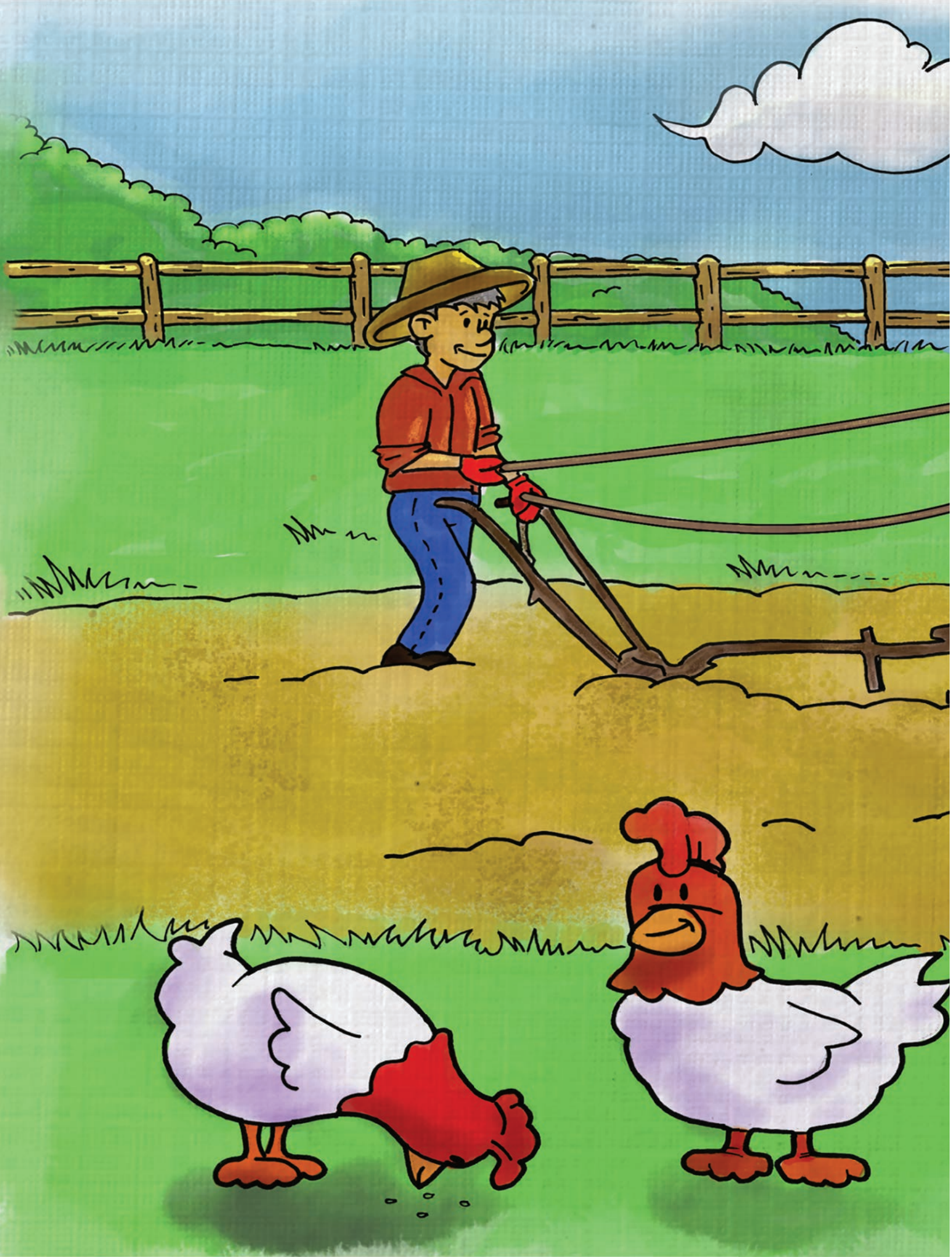


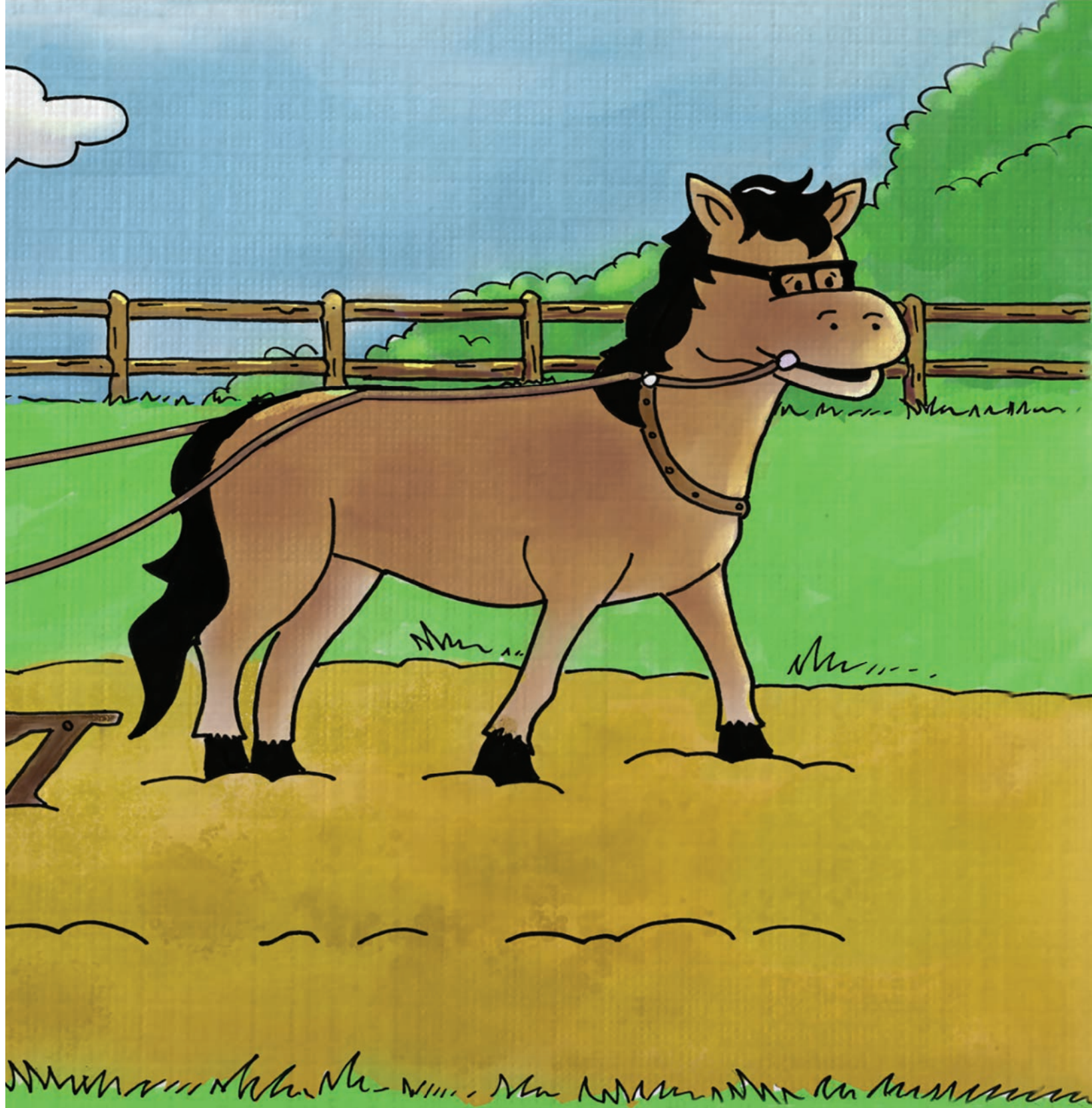
The Adventure of
Hardy
the Horse

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Hardy is a horse on Farmer Joe's farm. He lives in the barn with Cindy and Mindy Chicken and Bessie the Cow.

Hardy often helps Farmer Joe plow the field and carry the supplies. He is always very helpful.

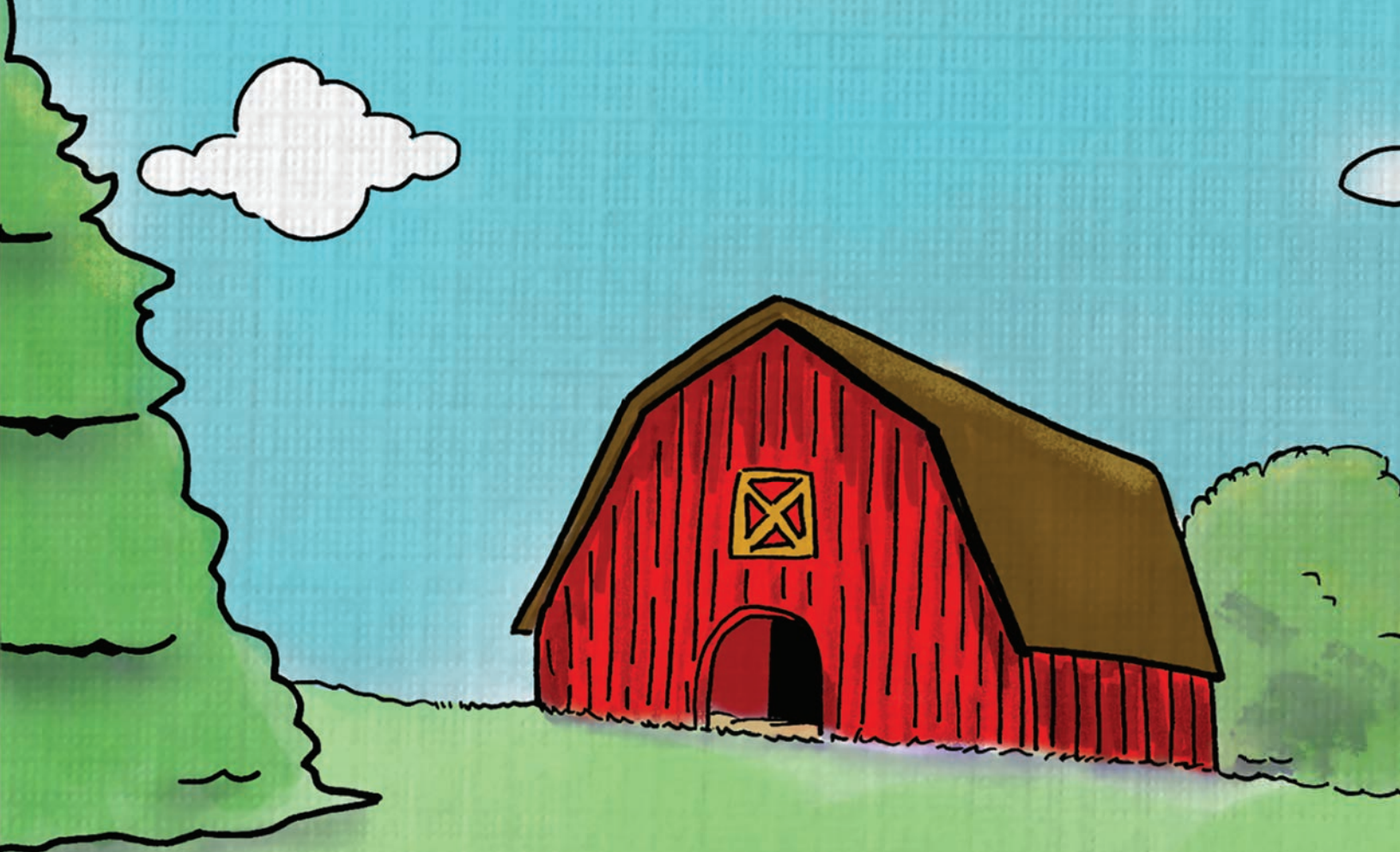


One sunny morning, Neighbor Bob came looking for Farmer Joe, but could not find him. He looked in the barn, where he found Bessie the Cow.

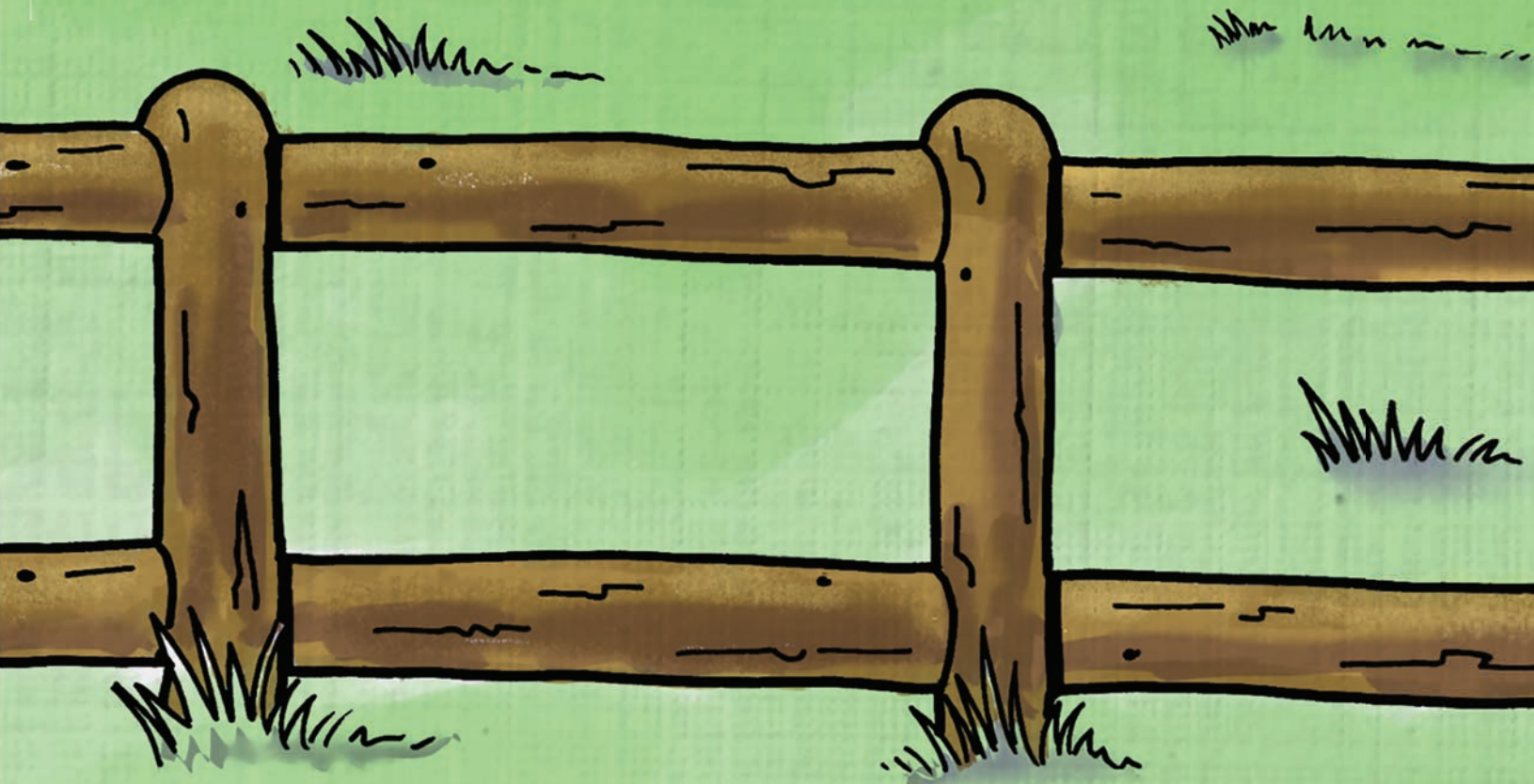
“Farmer Joe has gone into town,” said Bessie, “but he’ll be back in time for dinner.”

“I will leave him a note,” said Neighbor Bob. And so he did.






But when Neighbor Bob left, he forgot to close the gate.

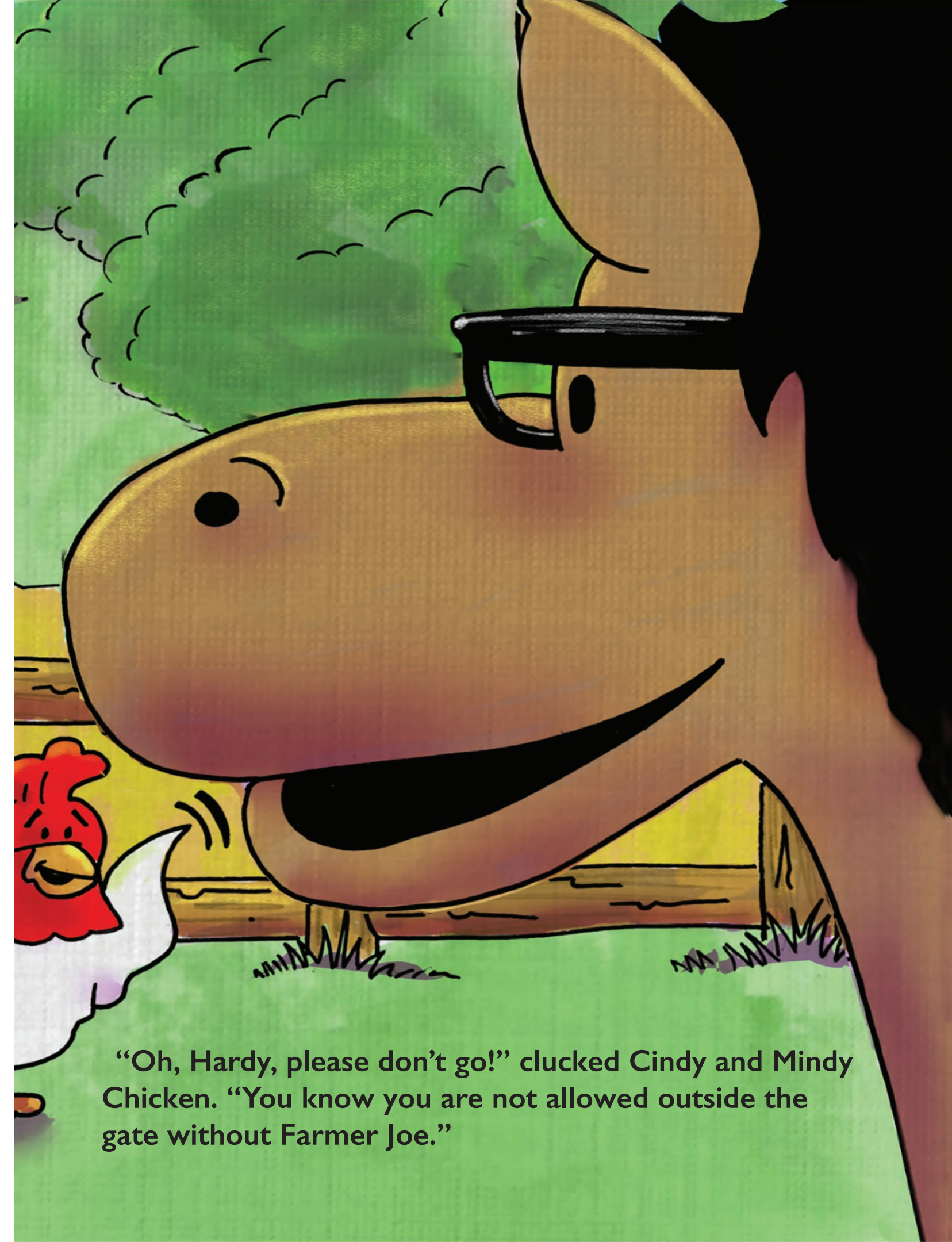






Hardy saw the gate open, and he knew it would be wrong to leave, but his curiosity got the better of him. He thought about all of the fun adventures he could have on a journey into the woods.





“Oh, Hardy, please don’t go!” clucked Cindy and Mindy Chicken. “You know you are not allowed outside the gate without Farmer Joe.”