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Level

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The Enormous Turnip

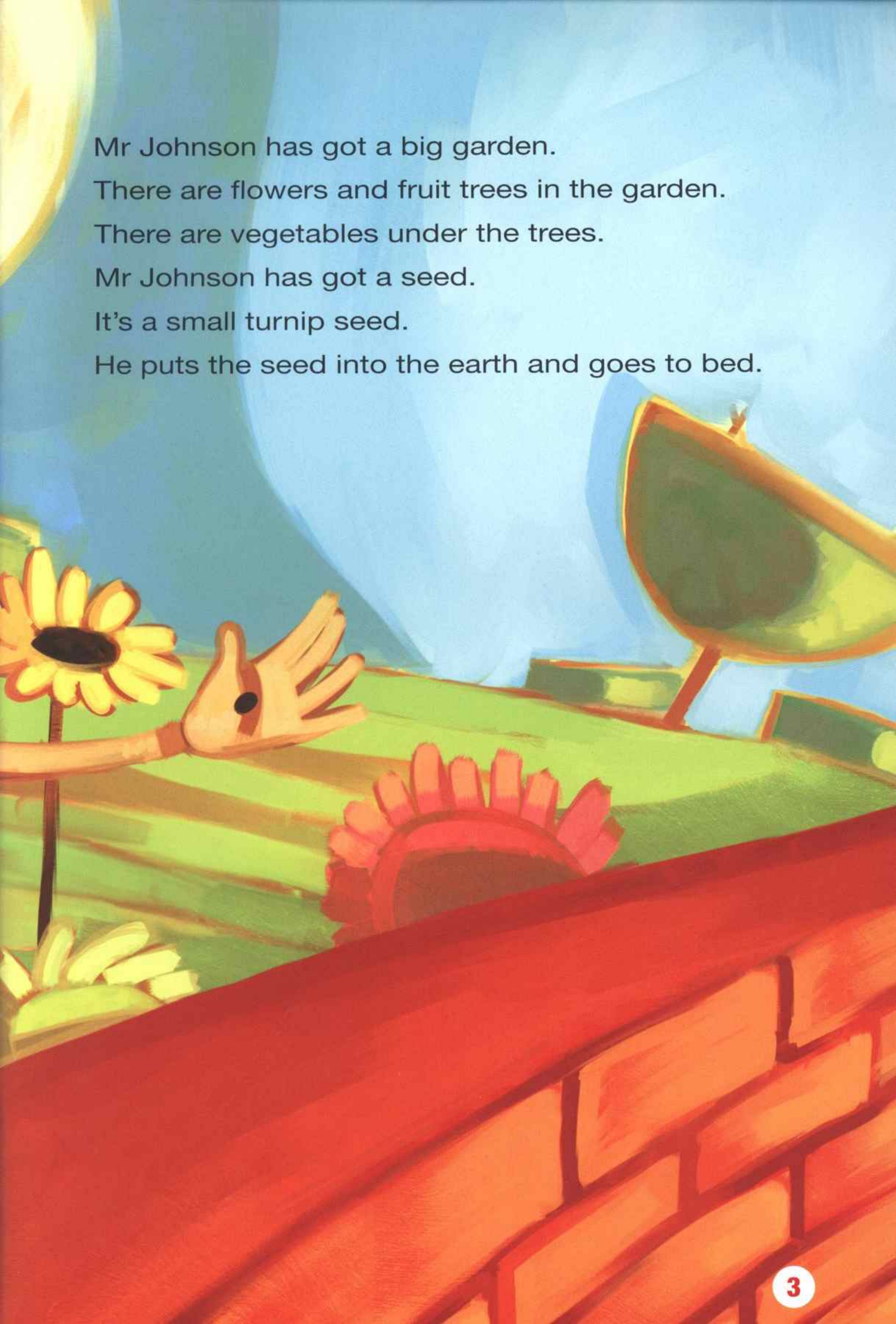
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The Enormous Turnip







Mr Johnson has got a big garden.
There are flowers and fruit trees in the garden.
There are vegetables under the trees.
Mr Johnson has got a seed.
It's a small turnip seed.
He puts the seed into the earth and goes to bed.

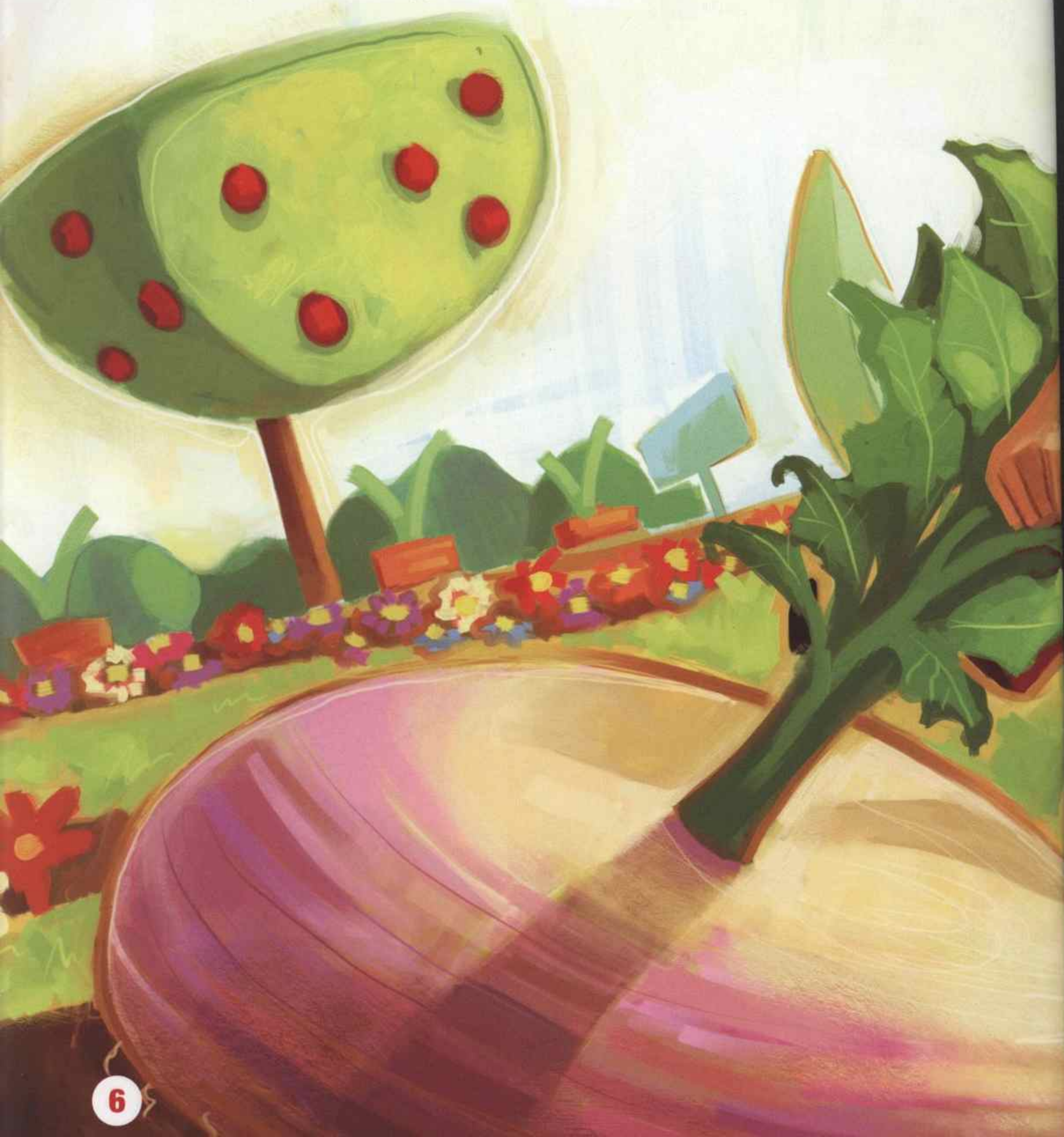
In the night the turnip grows
and grows and grows.
It grows very, very big.
It's ENORMOUS!



In the morning Mr Johnson is in the garden.
He puts his hand on the enormous turnip.
'What a wonderful, enormous turnip!' he says.



Mr Johnson pulls the turnip but... nothing happens!
He pulls and he pulls.
But... nothing happens!
The turnip is too big!
Mr Johnson calls his wife, Lizzie.
'Come here, Lizzie. Come and help me.
This turnip is too big!'





Mr Johnson and his wife Lizzie pull and pull and pull.
But... nothing happens!
The turnip is too big!



Mr Johnson calls his son, Ben.
'Come here, Ben. Come and help us.
This turnip is too big!'



Mr Johnson, his wife Lizzie and his son Ben pull
and pull and pull.

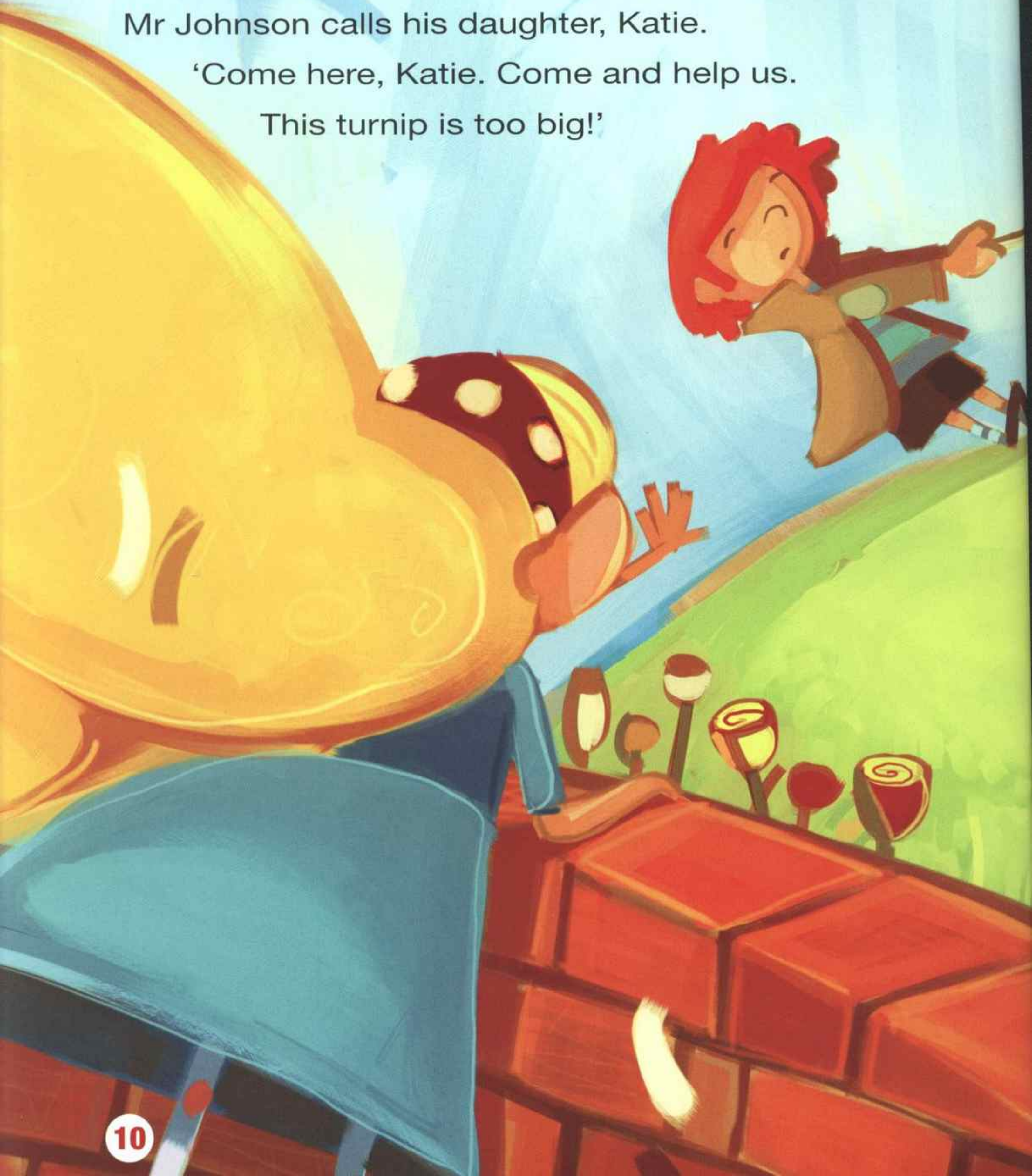
But... nothing happens!

The turnip is too big!

Mr Johnson calls his daughter, Katie.

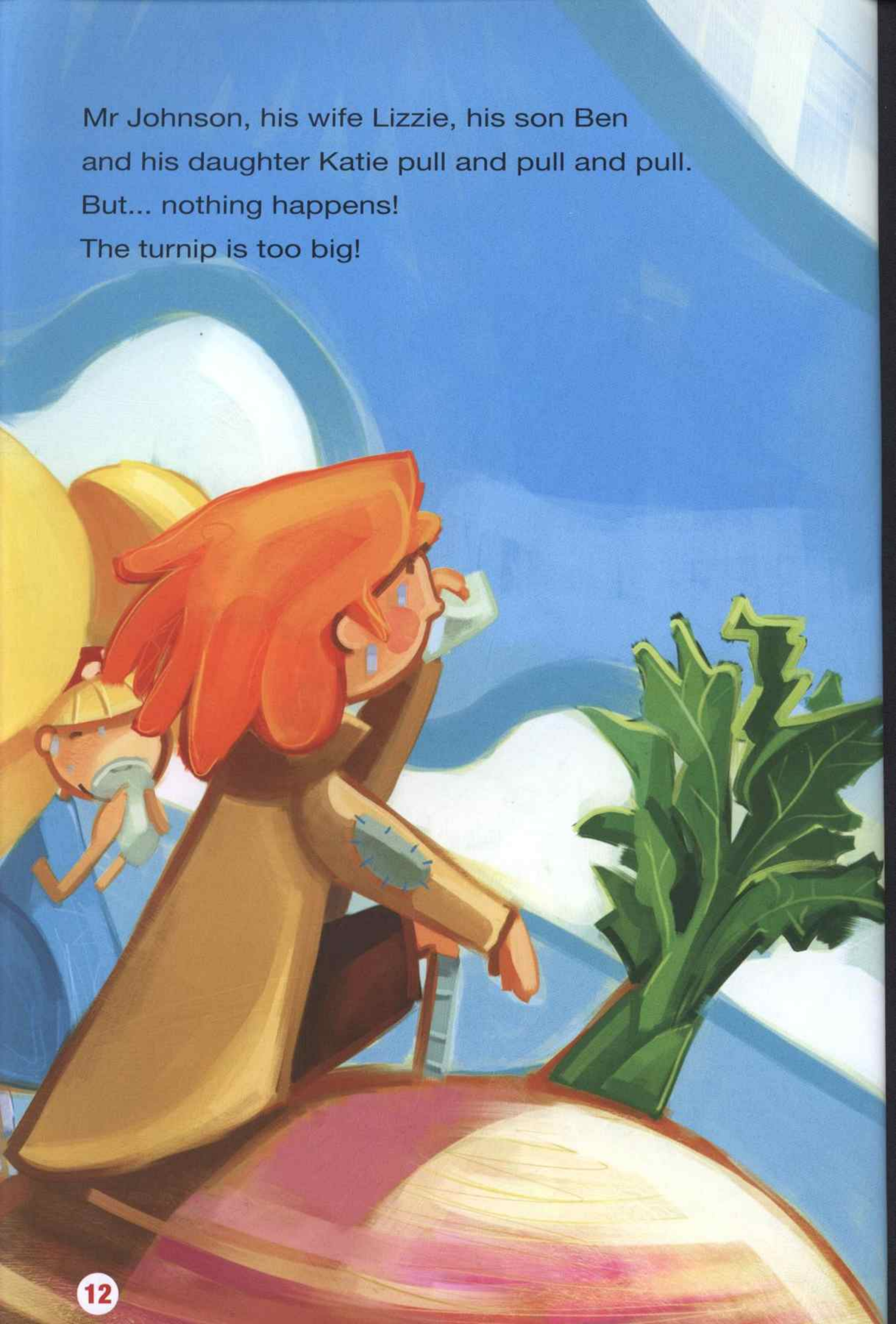
‘Come here, Katie. Come and help us.

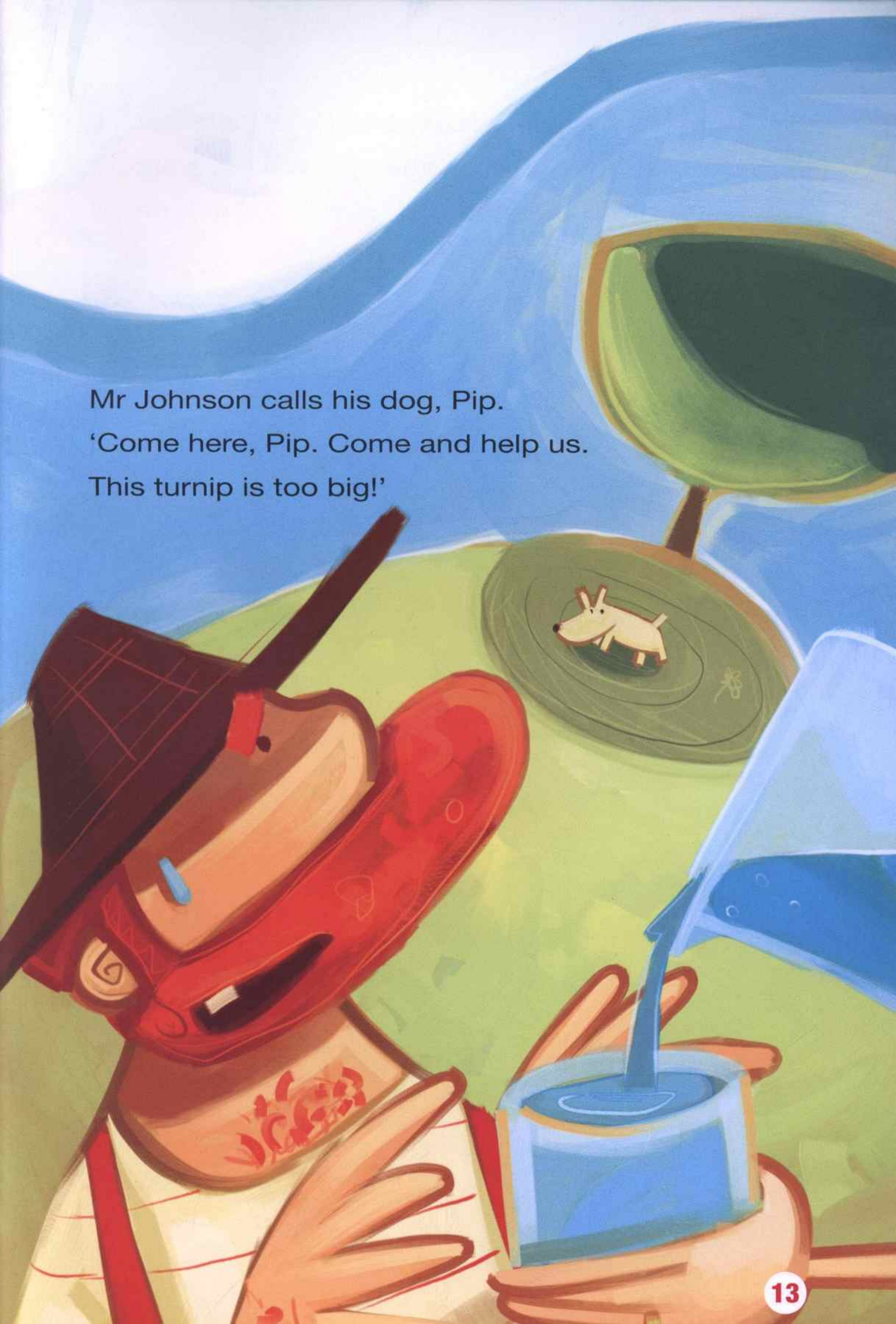
This turnip is too big!’





Mr Johnson, his wife Lizzie, his son Ben
and his daughter Katie pull and pull and pull.
But... nothing happens!
The turnip is too big!



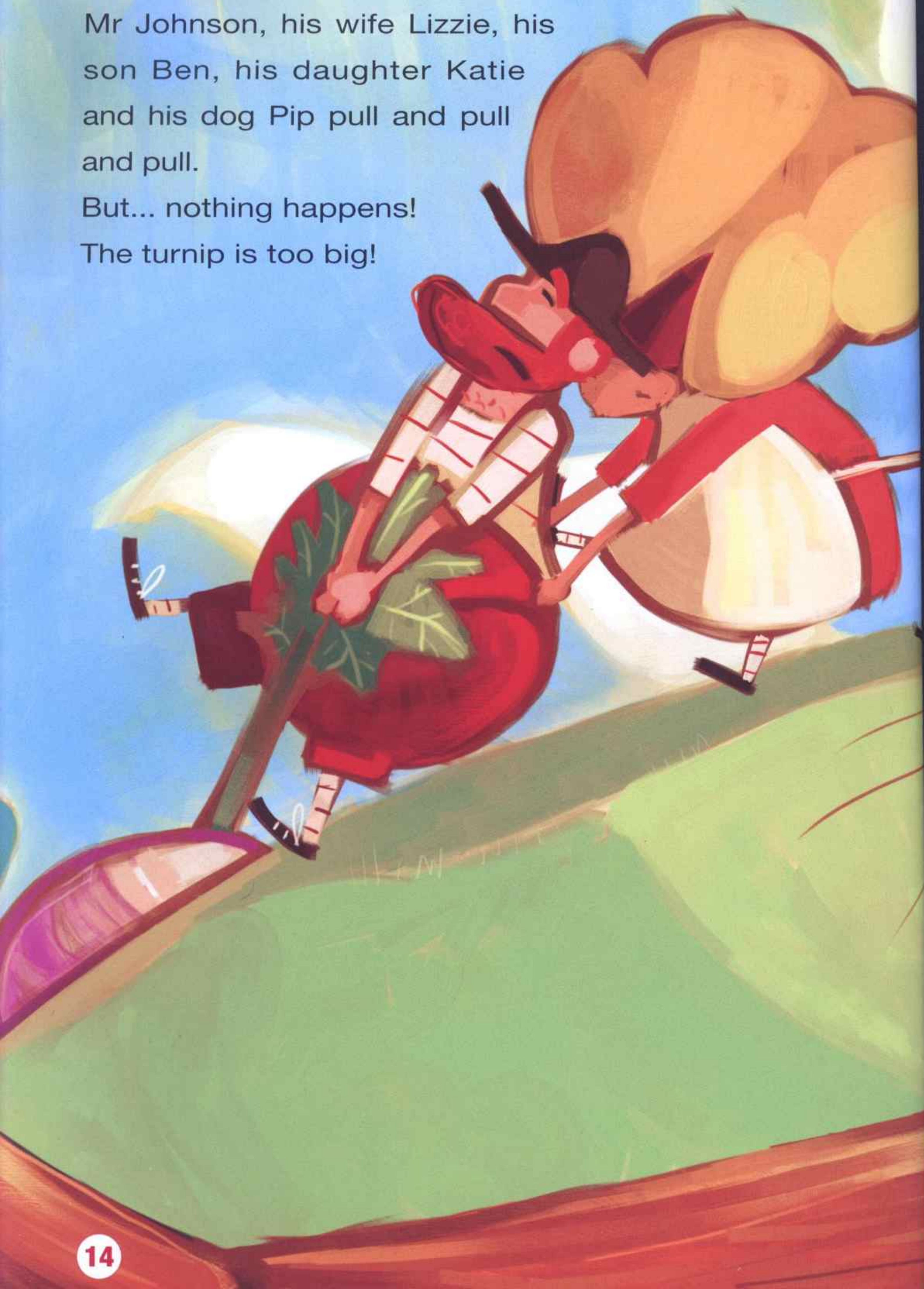
A stylized illustration of a man, Mr. Johnson, wearing a brown hat and a red jacket, holding a large red turnip. He is looking down at it with a concerned expression. In the background, a small yellow dog, Pip, is standing on a green patch of grass. A blue stream flows from a blue container into a blue cup. The scene is set against a blue sky with a large white cloud.

Mr Johnson calls his dog, Pip.
'Come here, Pip. Come and help us.
This turnip is too big!'

Mr Johnson, his wife Lizzie, his
son Ben, his daughter Katie
and his dog Pip pull and pull
and pull.

But... nothing happens!

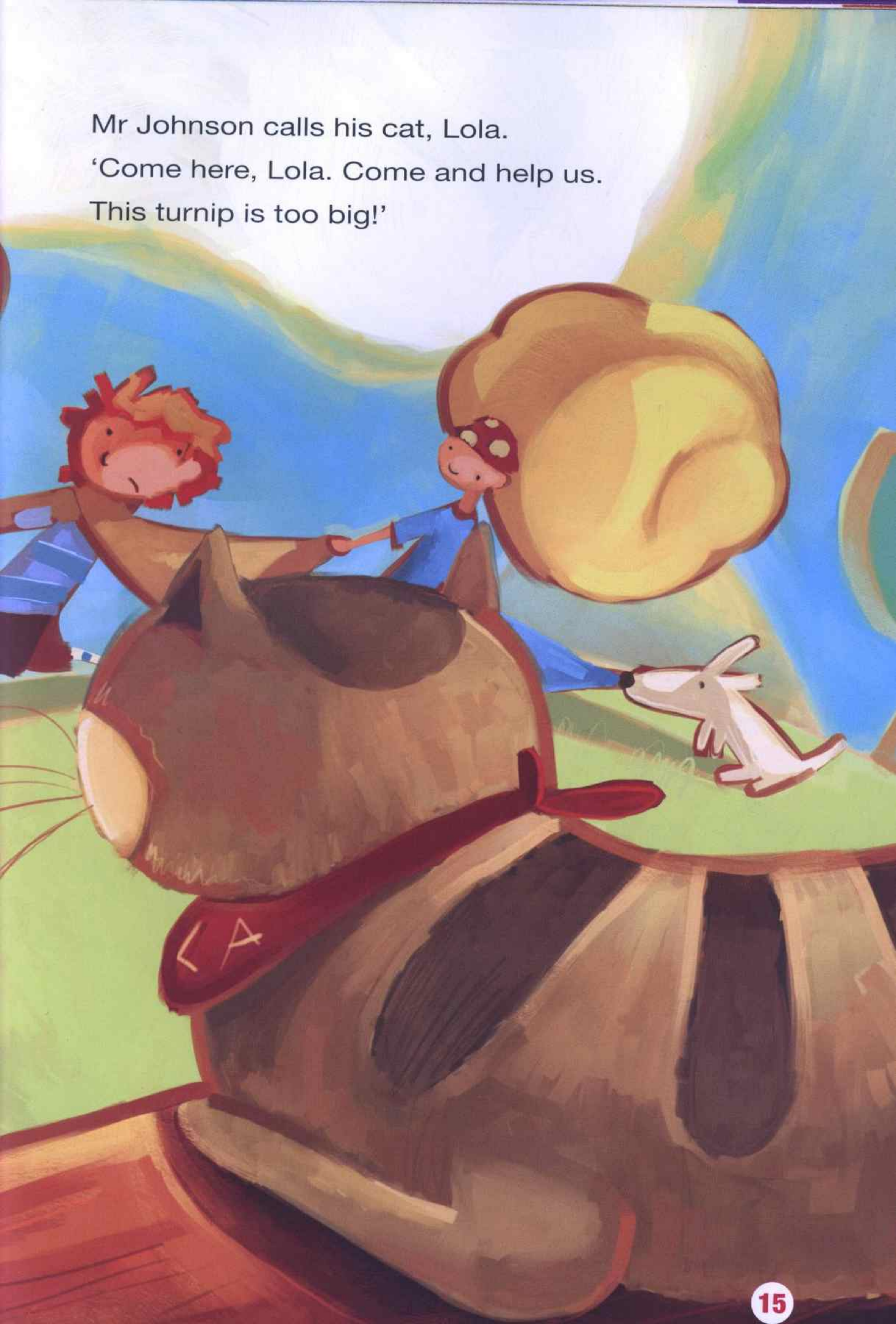
The turnip is too big!



Mr Johnson calls his cat, Lola.

‘Come here, Lola. Come and help us.

This turnip is too big!’





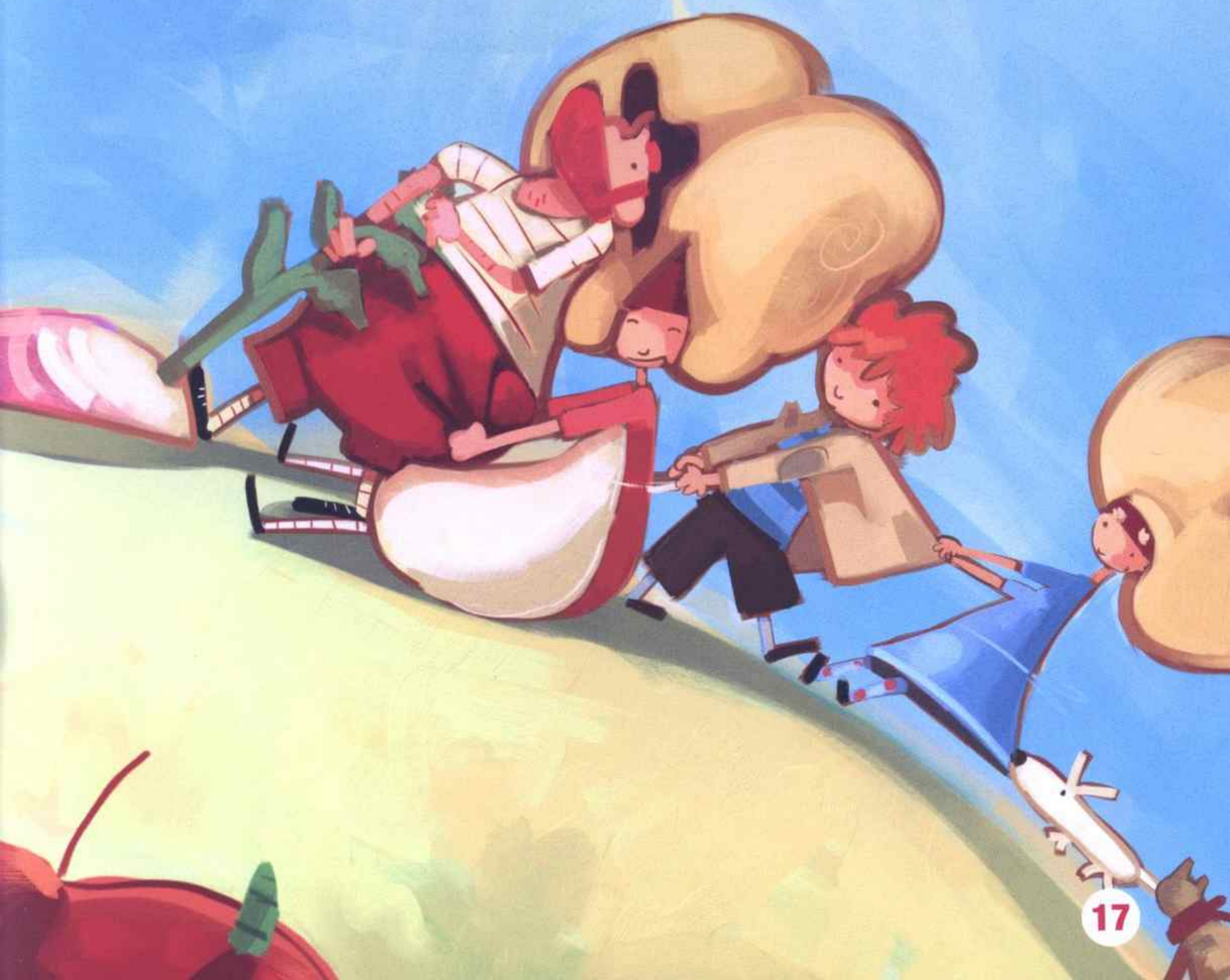
Mr Johnson, his wife Lizzie, his son Ben, his daughter Katie, his dog Pip and his cat Lola pull and pull and pull.

But... nothing happens!

The turnip is too big!

A little white mouse is under the apple tree.

The little mouse looks at Mr Johnson and his family.

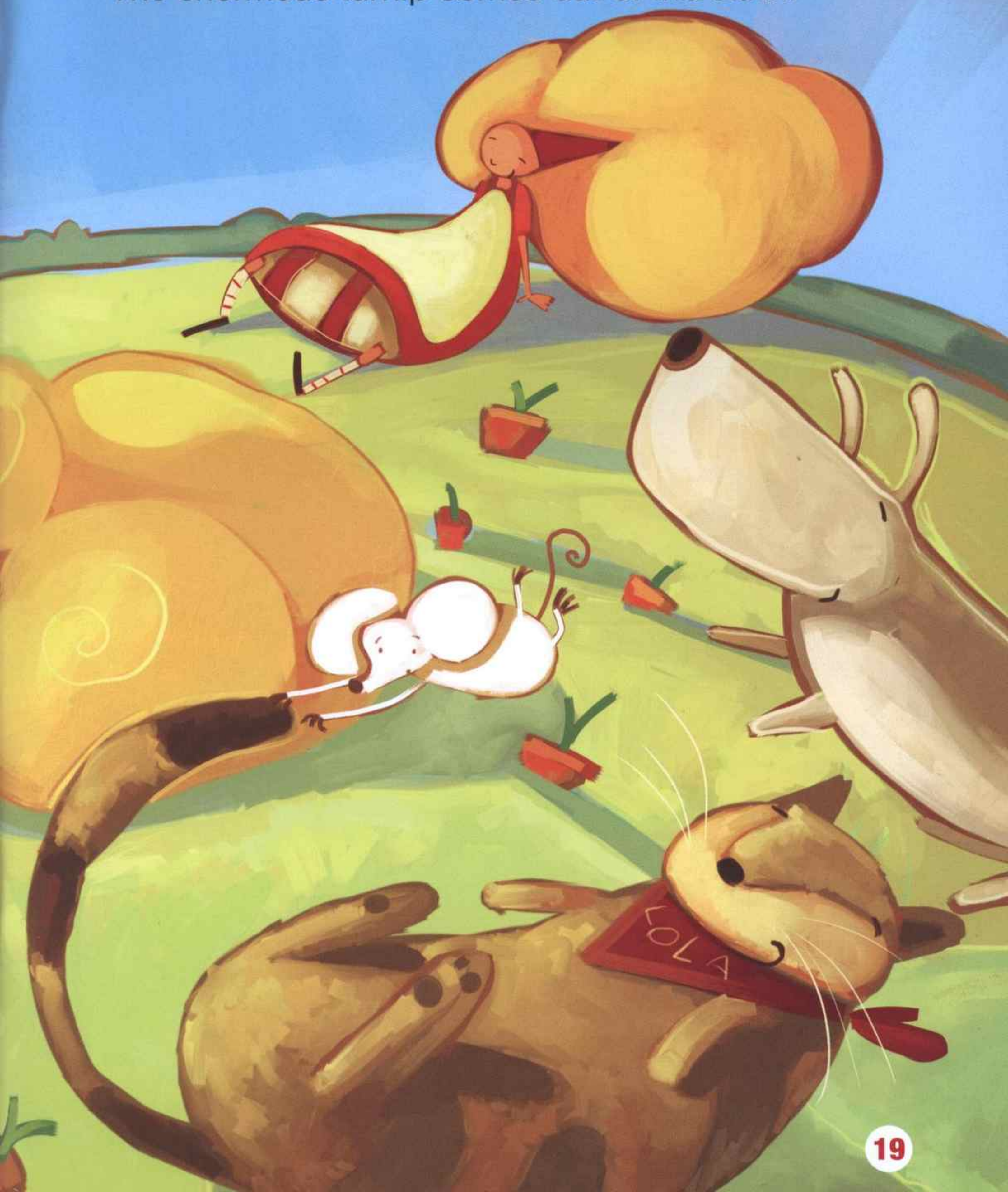


Mr Johnson calls the mouse.

‘Come here, little white mouse. Come and help us.
This turnip is too big!’



Mr Johnson, his wife Lizzie, his son Ben, his daughter Katie, his dog Pip, his cat Lola and the little mouse pull and pull and pull and... POP!
The enormous turnip comes out of the earth!



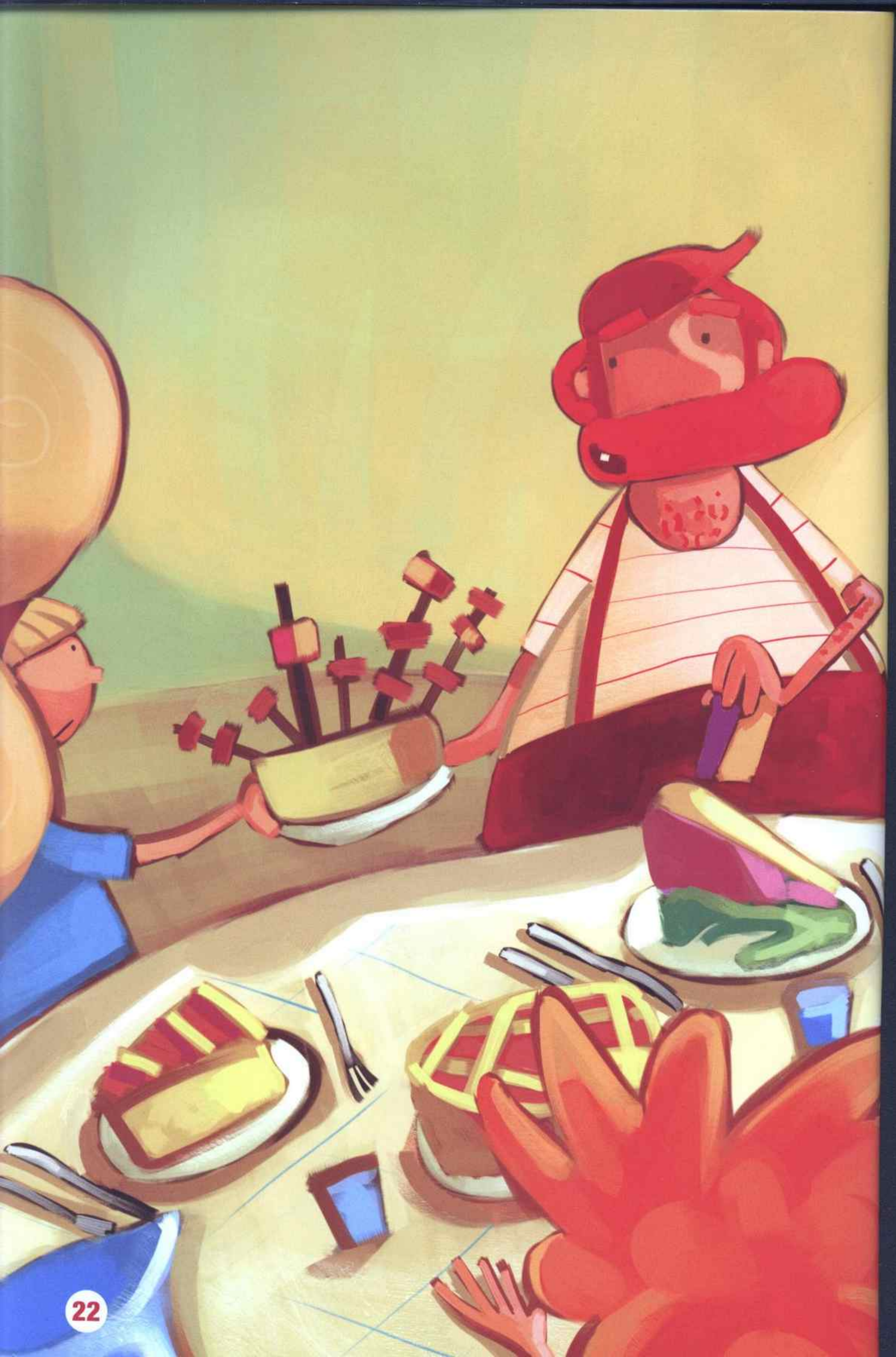
Mrs Johnson says, 'Come and help me cook this wonderful, enormous turnip!'

She goes into the house with Mr Johnson, her son Ben, her daughter Katie, her dog Pip, her cat Lola and the little white mouse.



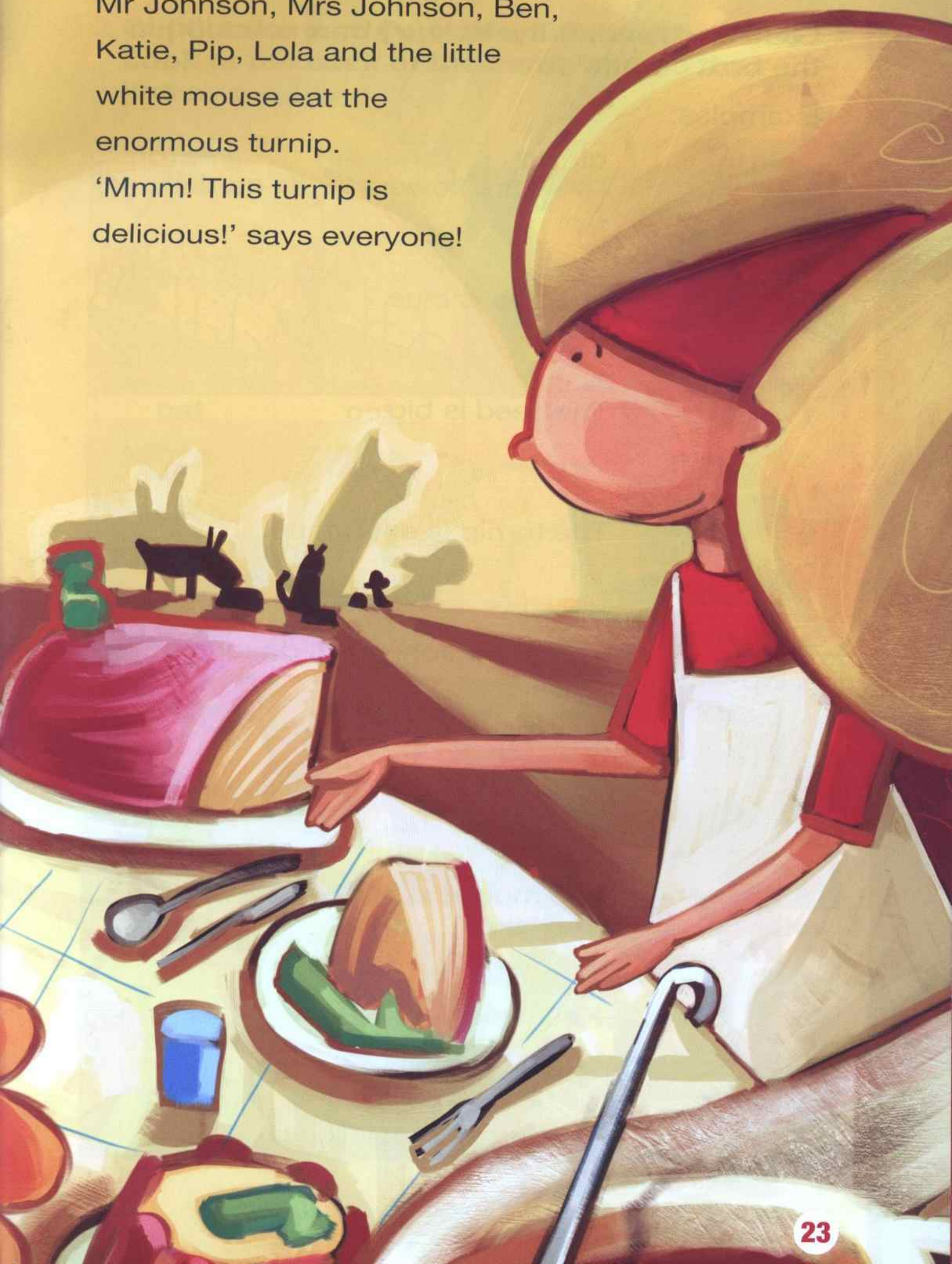
Mr Johnson, Ben, Katie, Pip, Lola and the little white mouse help Mrs Johnson cook the enormous turnip.





Mr Johnson, Mrs Johnson, Ben,
Katie, Pip, Lola and the little
white mouse eat the
enormous turnip.

‘Mmm! This turnip is
delicious!’ says everyone!



Right or wrong?

1 Look and read. Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) in the box.

Examples:



There are flowers in the garden. ☒



The tree is blue. ☐

1



The seed is big. ☐

2



The turnip is enormous. ☐

3



This is Mr Johnson's daughter. ☐

4



Pip is a cat. ☐

5



The mouse is white. ☐

6



Katie cooks the turnip. ☐

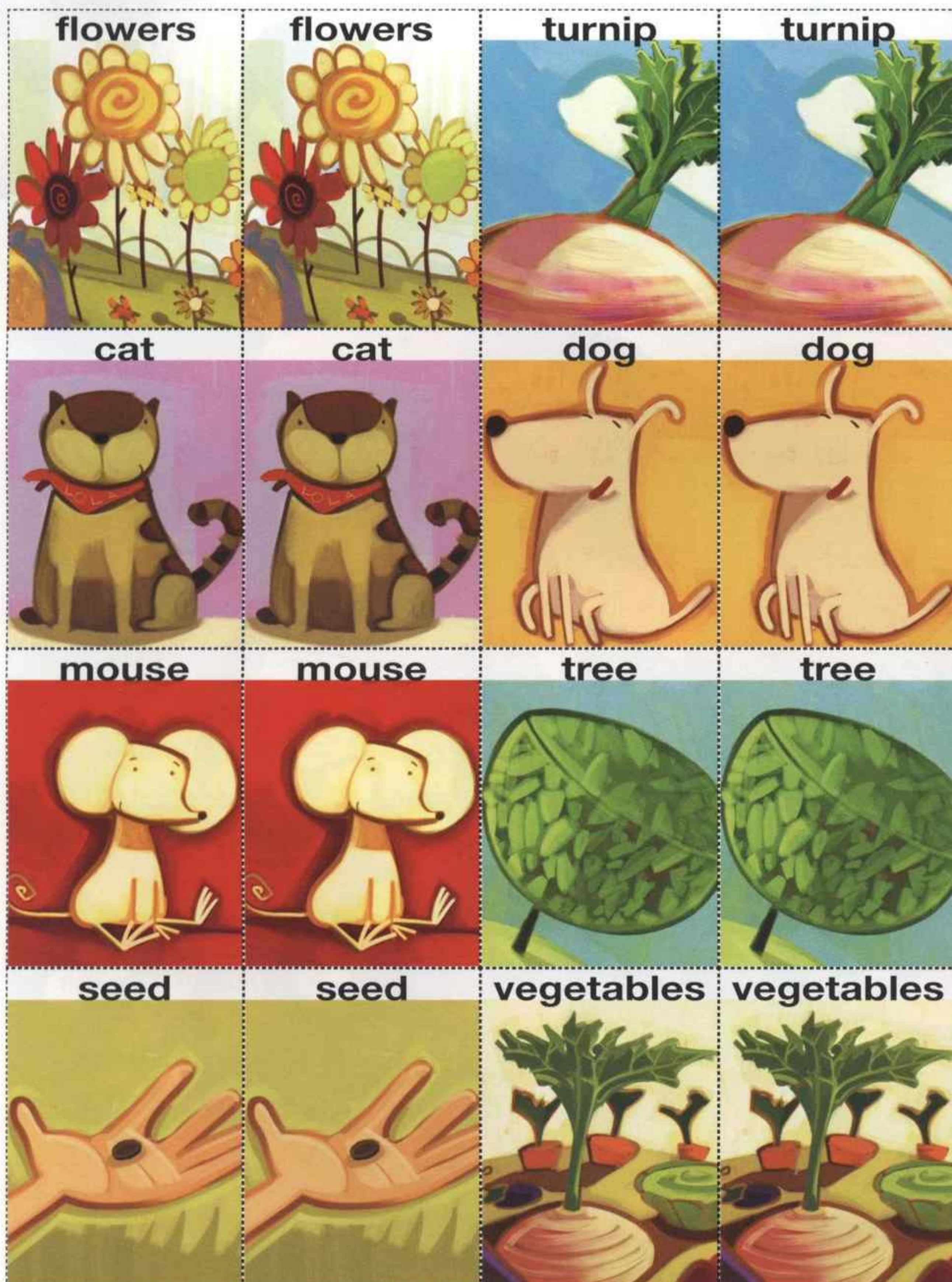
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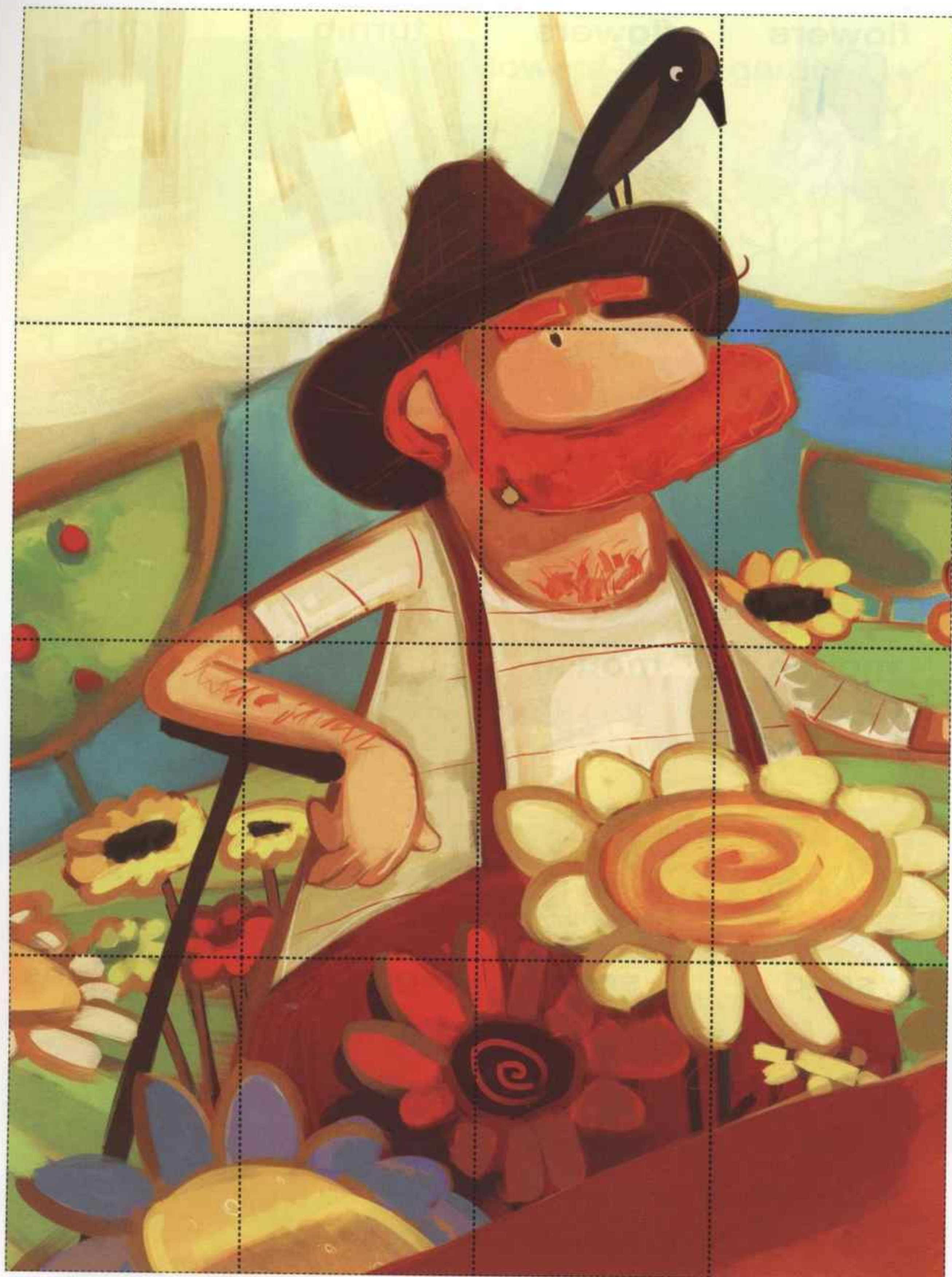
The turnip is delicious. ☐

Let's play Pairs!

2 Cut out the cards and play Pairs with a friend. Look at the back of the cards and do the jigsaw puzzle.



Jigsaw puzzle





Join!

3 Join Mr Johnson to the right person or animal.

1 Mr Johnson calls his wife.

2 Mr Johnson calls his son.

3 Mr Johnson calls the little white mouse.

4 Mr Johnson calls his dog.

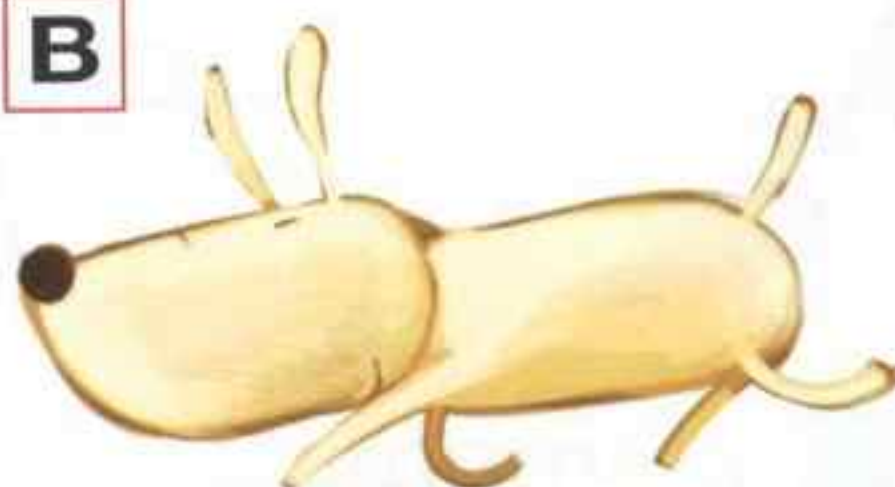
5 Mr Johnson calls his daughter.

6 Mr Johnson calls his cat.

A



B



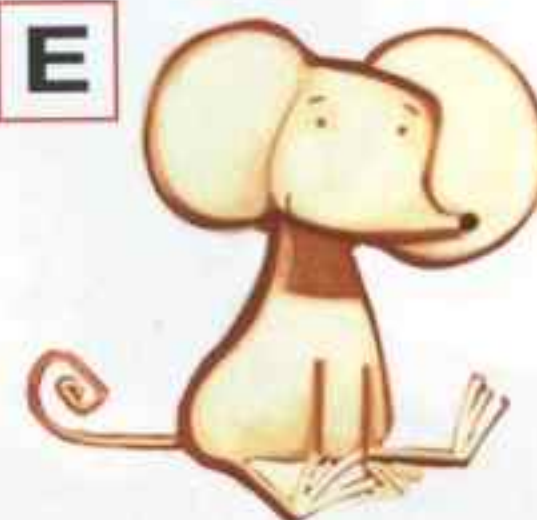
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C



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F



Too big or too small?

4 Say 'It's too big!' or 'It's too small!'

1



Example



It's too big!

3



2



It's too small!

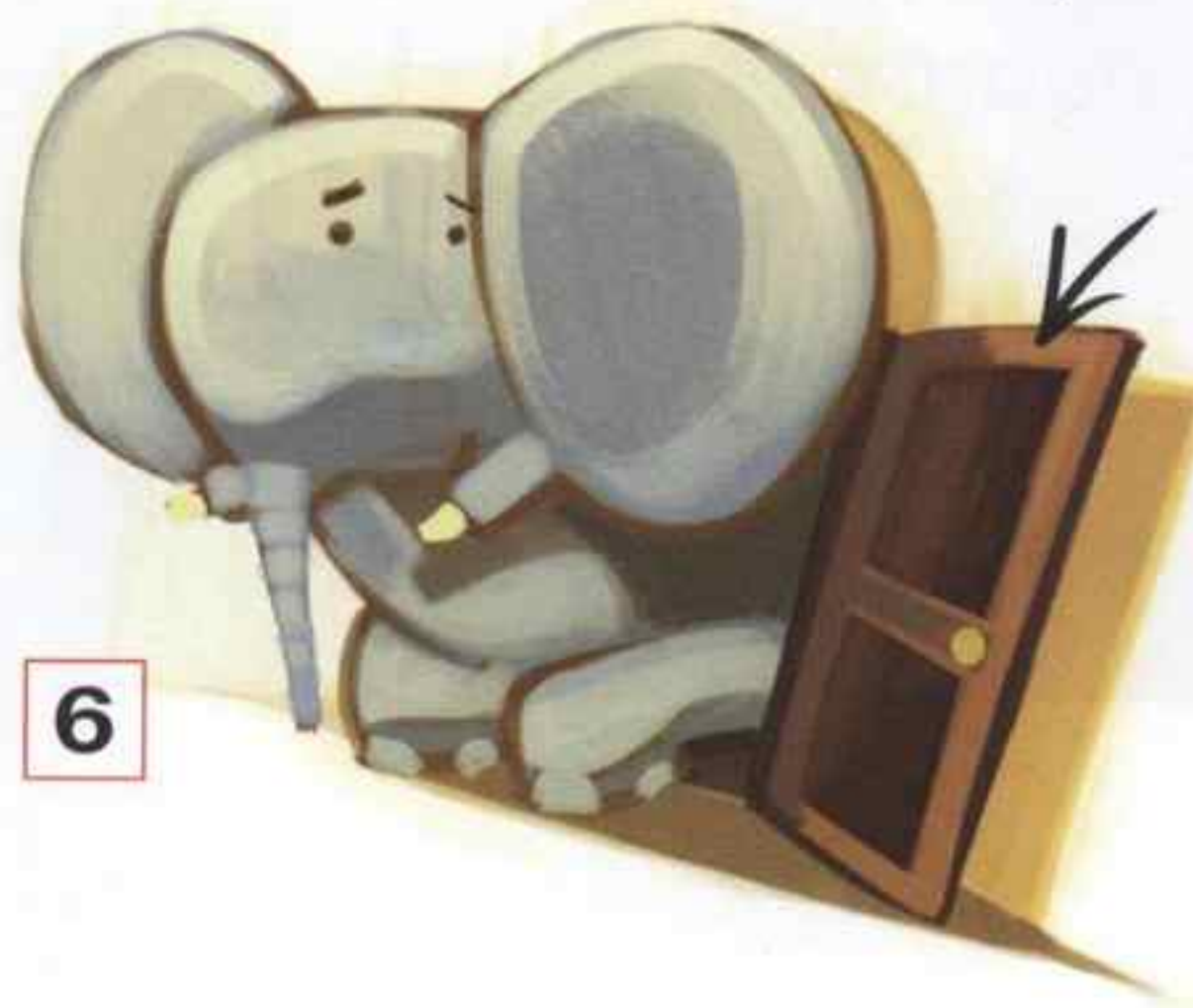
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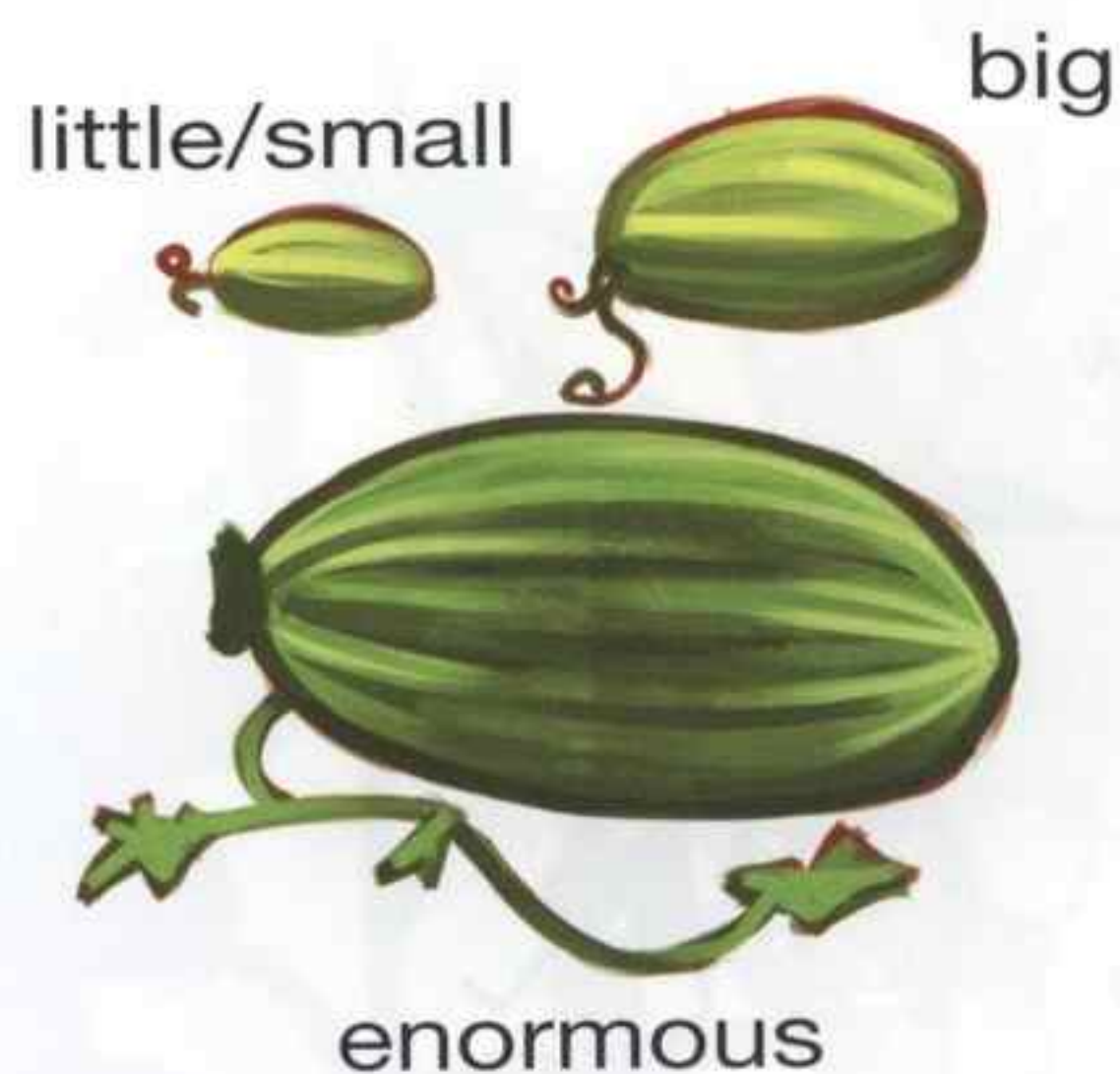
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Picture Dictionary



call



pull



come



put



cook



eat



into



grow



out of



help



look at



Key

Page 24 – Activity 1

1 ✗, 2 ✓, 3 ✗, 4 ✗, 5 ✓, 6 ✗, 7 ✓

Page 27 – Activity 3

1F, 2D, 3E, 4B, 5C, 6A

Page 28 – Activity 4

1 It's too big! 2 It's too big! 3 It's too small! 4 It's too small!

5 It's too small! 6 It's too small!



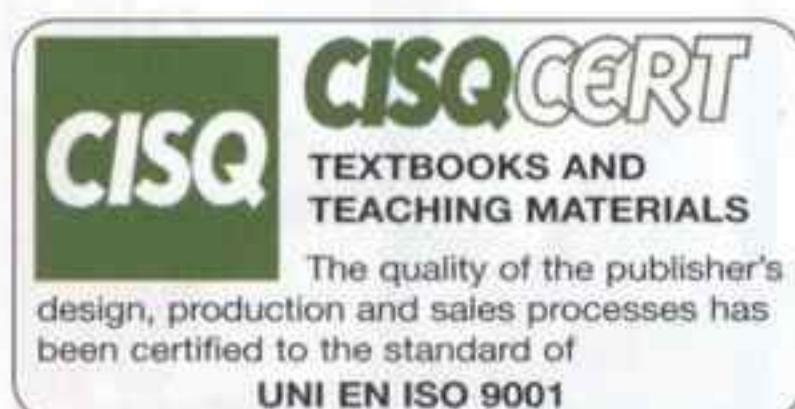
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