



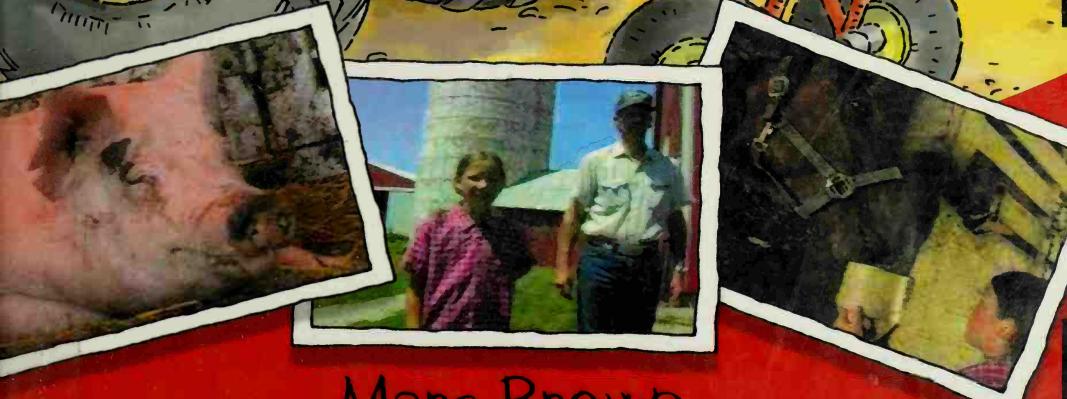
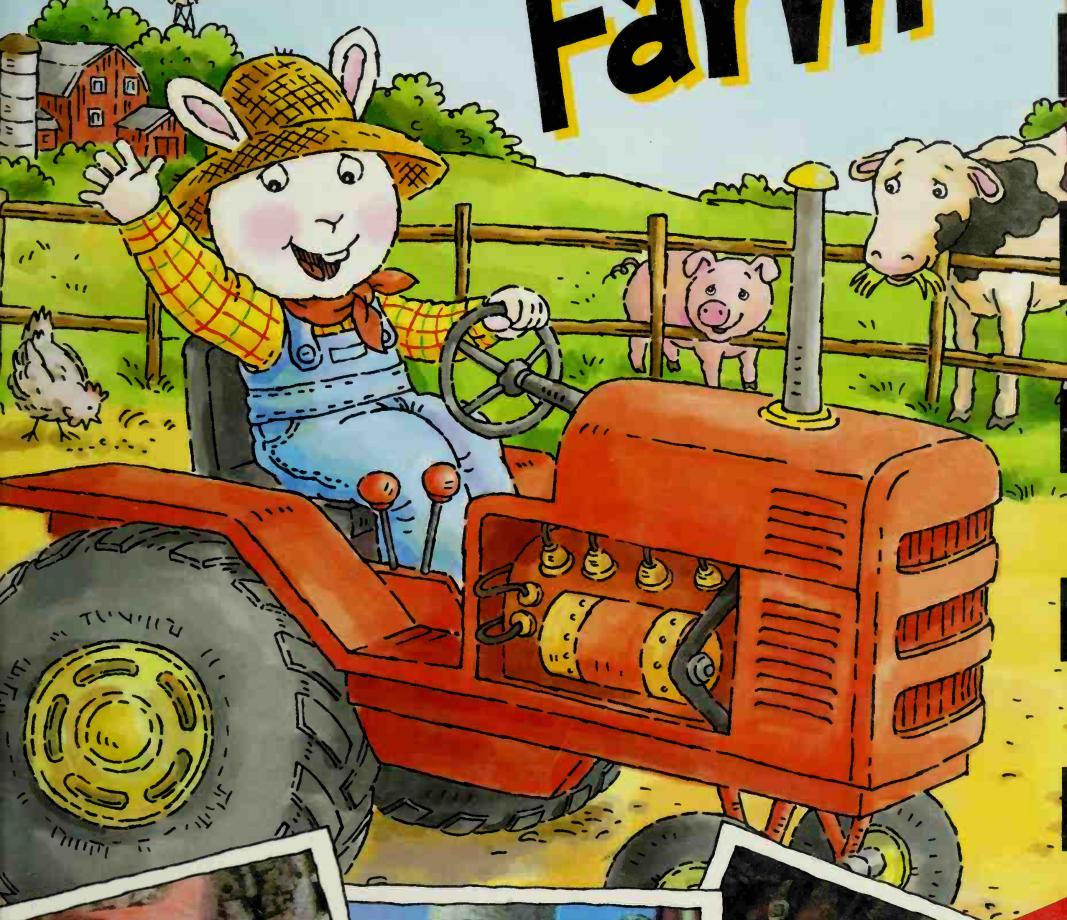
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# On the Farm



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# Do you know what these words MEAN?

**bale:** to cut, press together, and tie up hay so that it can be stacked or stored

**county:** an area in a state that has its own government

**county fair:** a place where farm animals and products are shown to the public; often county fairs include amusement park rides, shows, and contests.

**field:** an area of cleared land that can be used for planting

**hay:** grasses that have been cut and dried

**scarecrow:** a life-sized figure that resembles a person and is used to scare birds away from crops

**view:** what you see from one place

# STATEistics



## Indiana

- Indiana is the 19th state.
- There are 85,000 farms in Indiana.
- People from Indiana are known as "Hoosiers" (HOO-zhurz). No one is sure where the word came from. One theory is that when a visitor knocked on the door of a pioneer cabin in Indiana, the settler would respond, "Who's yere?" )

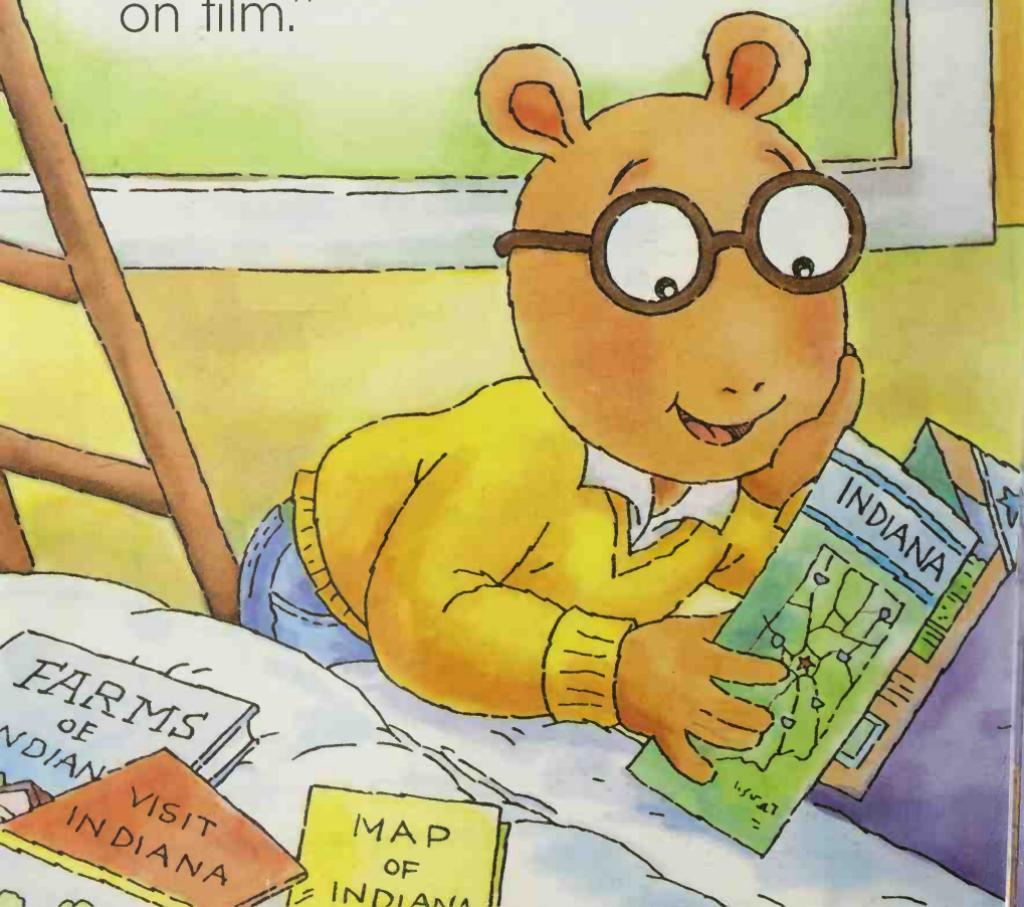
Buster was going to visit  
a farm in Indiana.

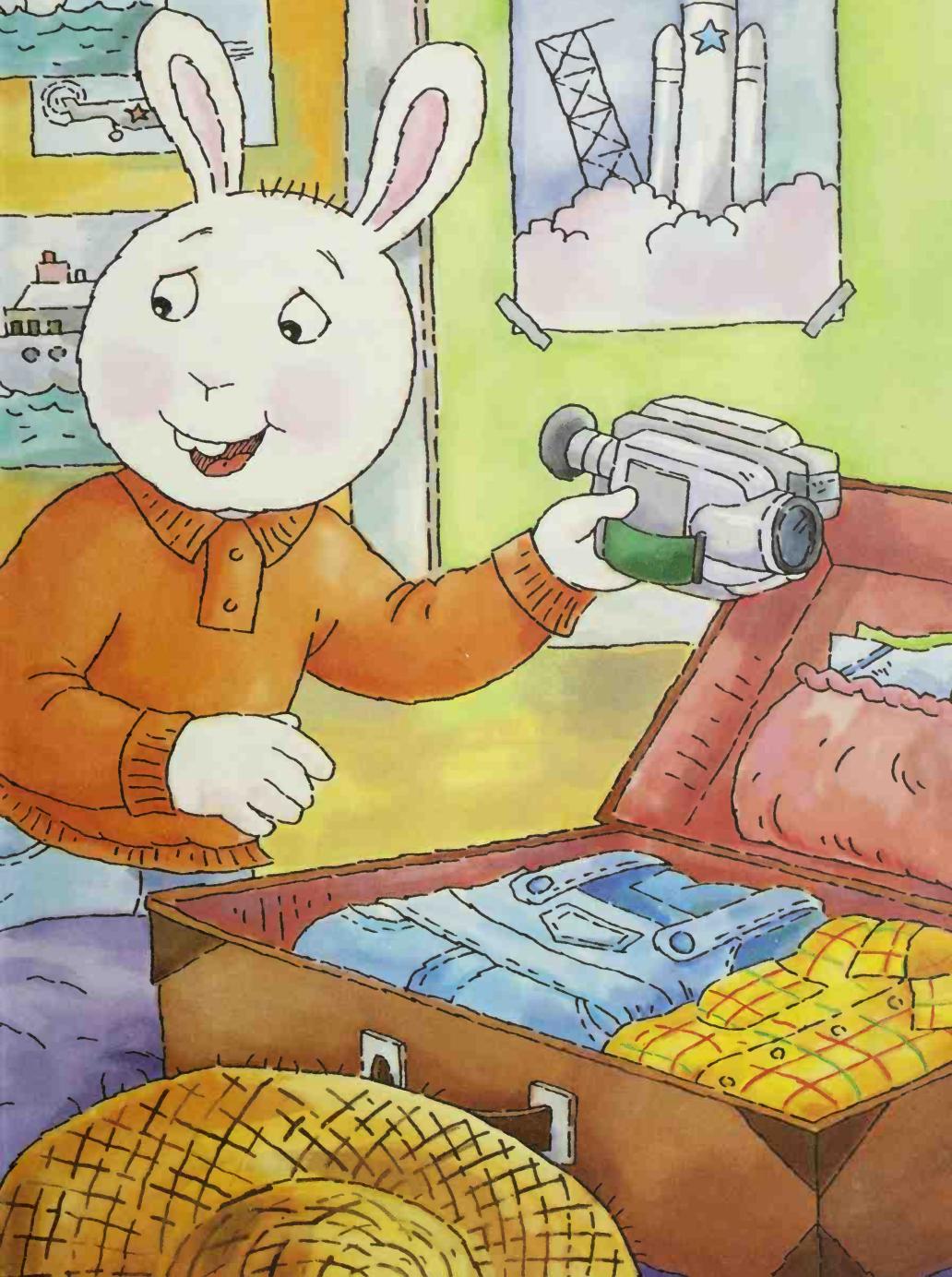
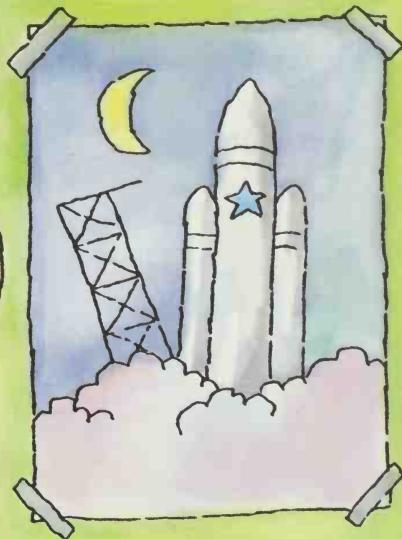
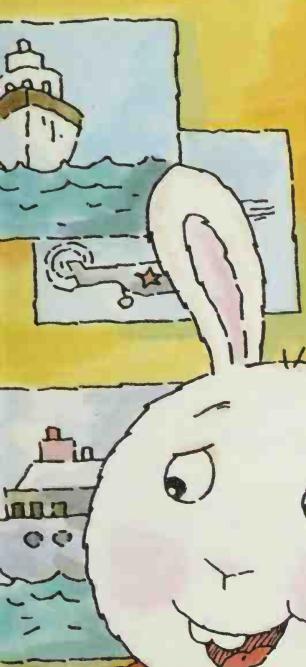
“You’re so lucky,”  
Arthur told him.



“I’ll send lots of postcards,”  
Buster promised.

“And I’ll get everything  
on film.”

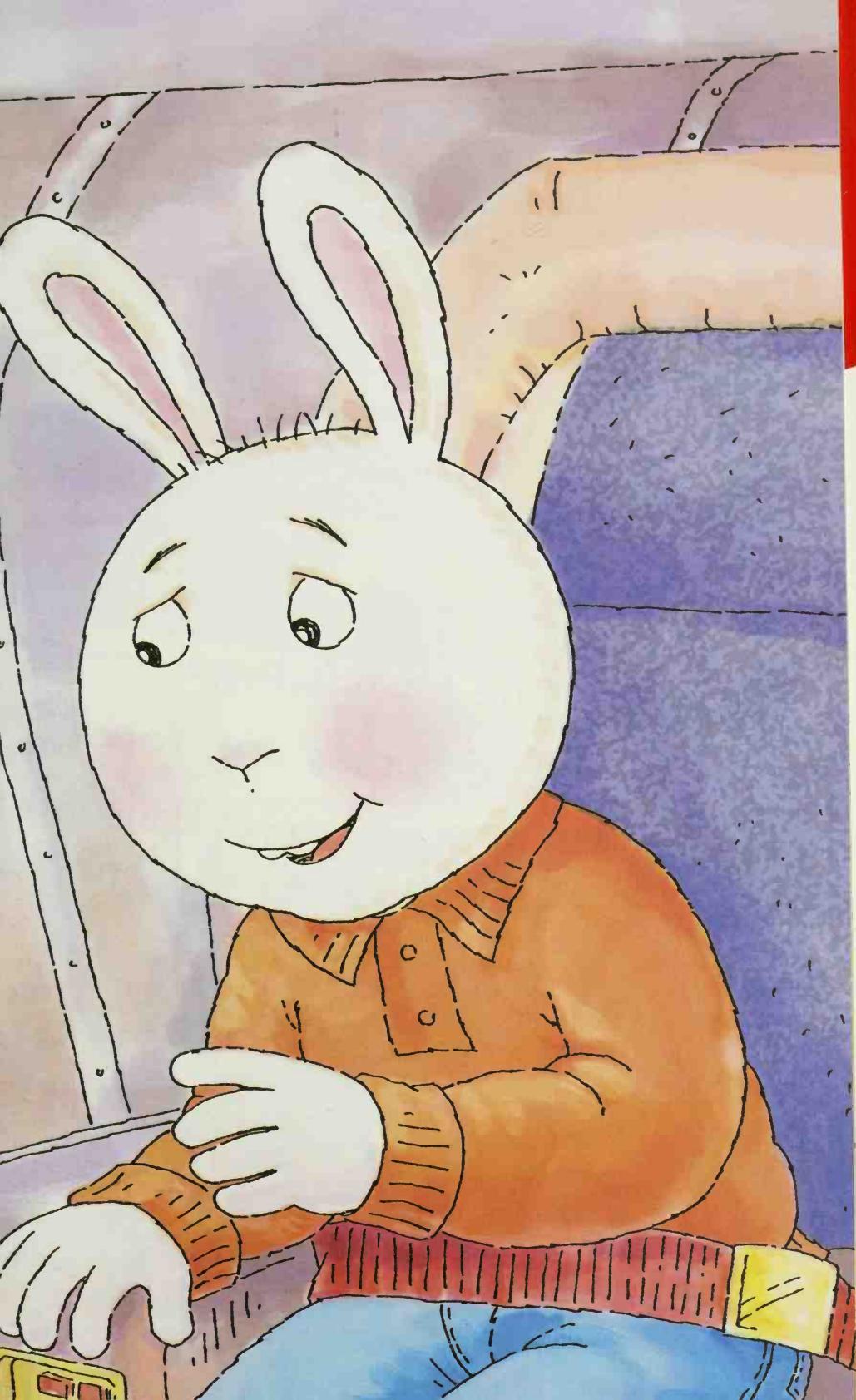




On the plane,  
Buster kept staring  
out the window.

“The farms sure look small,”  
he thought.







Dear Arthur,

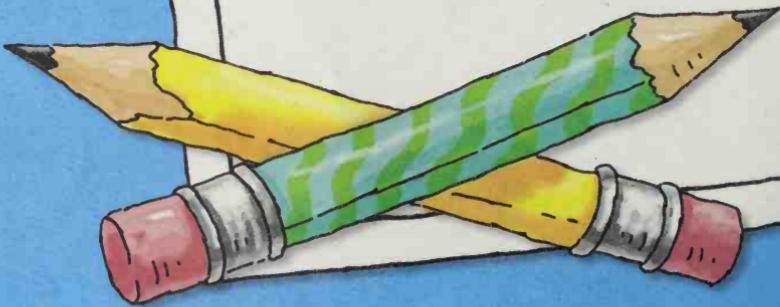
The farm is huge!

The horses are, too.

My new friend Lauren  
wants me to ride one.

No way!

Buster



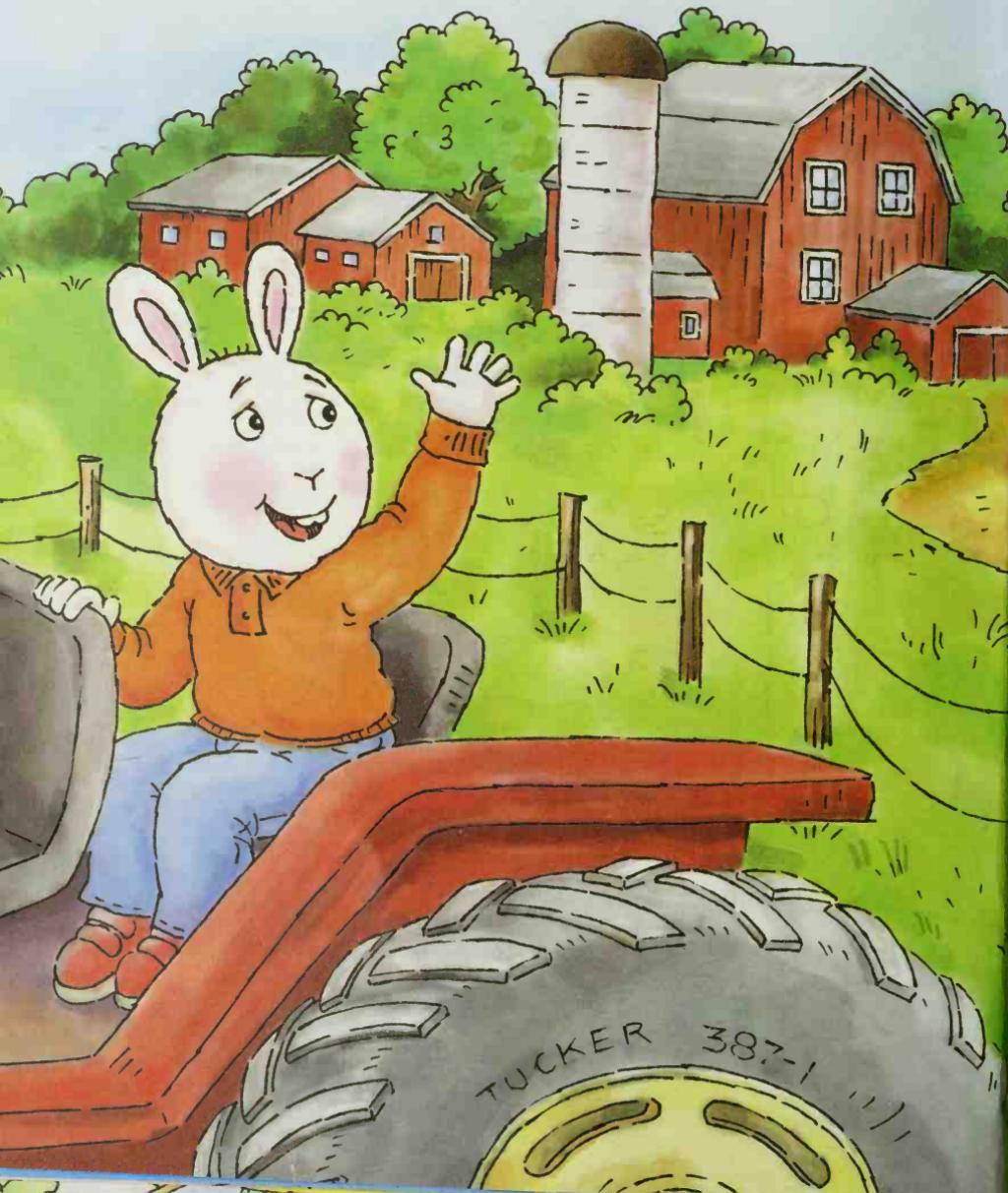


Arthur Read  
100 Main Street  
Elwood City



Lauren showed Buster around the farm.

He liked everyone he met—even the scarecrow.





Dear Binky,  
I rode on this  
tractor today.  
It can cut down  
a field of corn in  
a few hours.  
The tractor  
rumbles louder  
than your stomach  
before lunch.

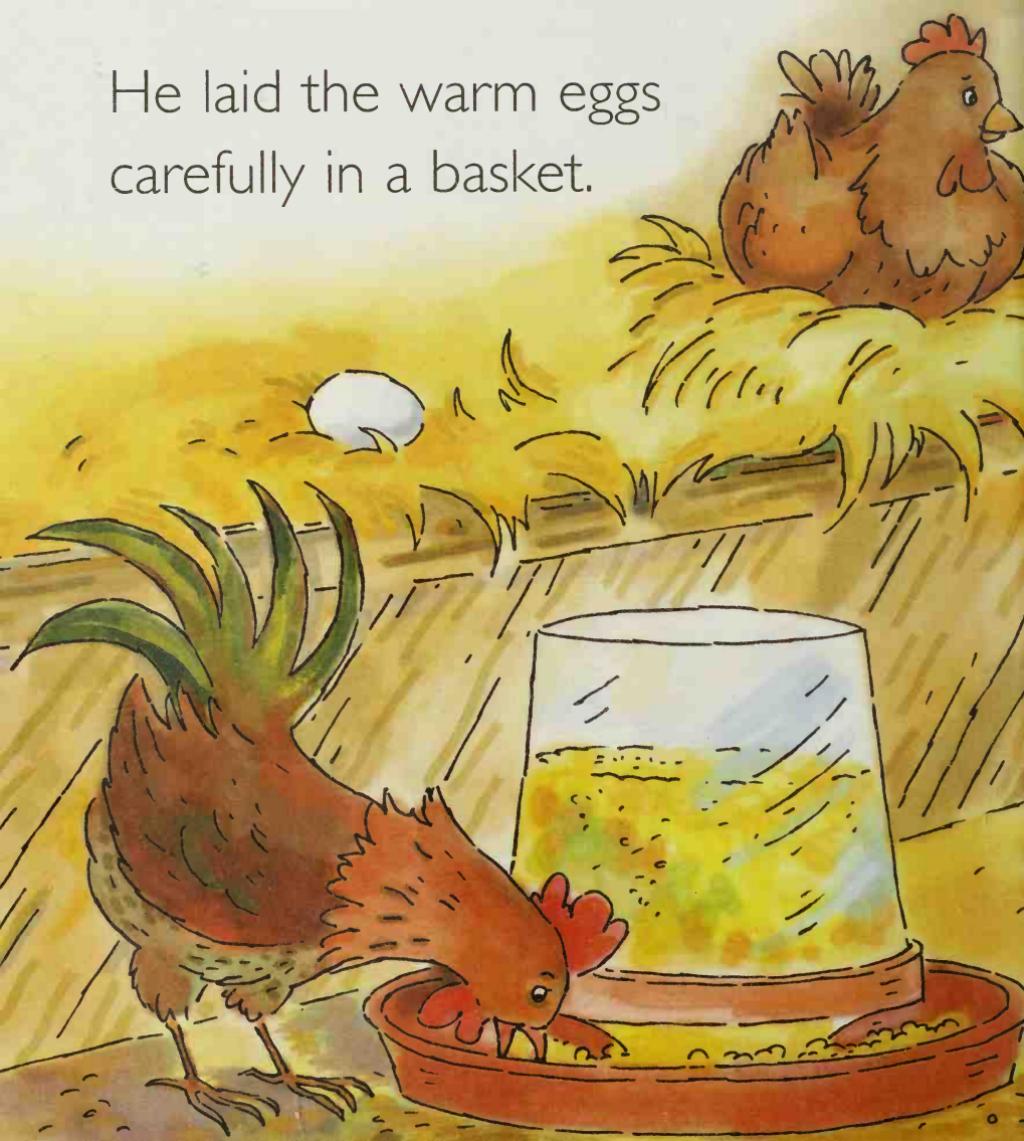
Buster

At the henhouse,  
Buster gathered some eggs.

"This is harder than buying them  
at a store," he said.

"But more fun, too."

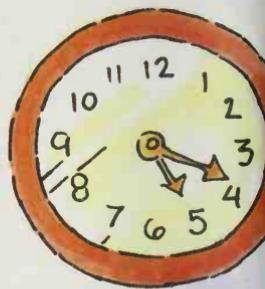
He laid the warm eggs  
carefully in a basket.





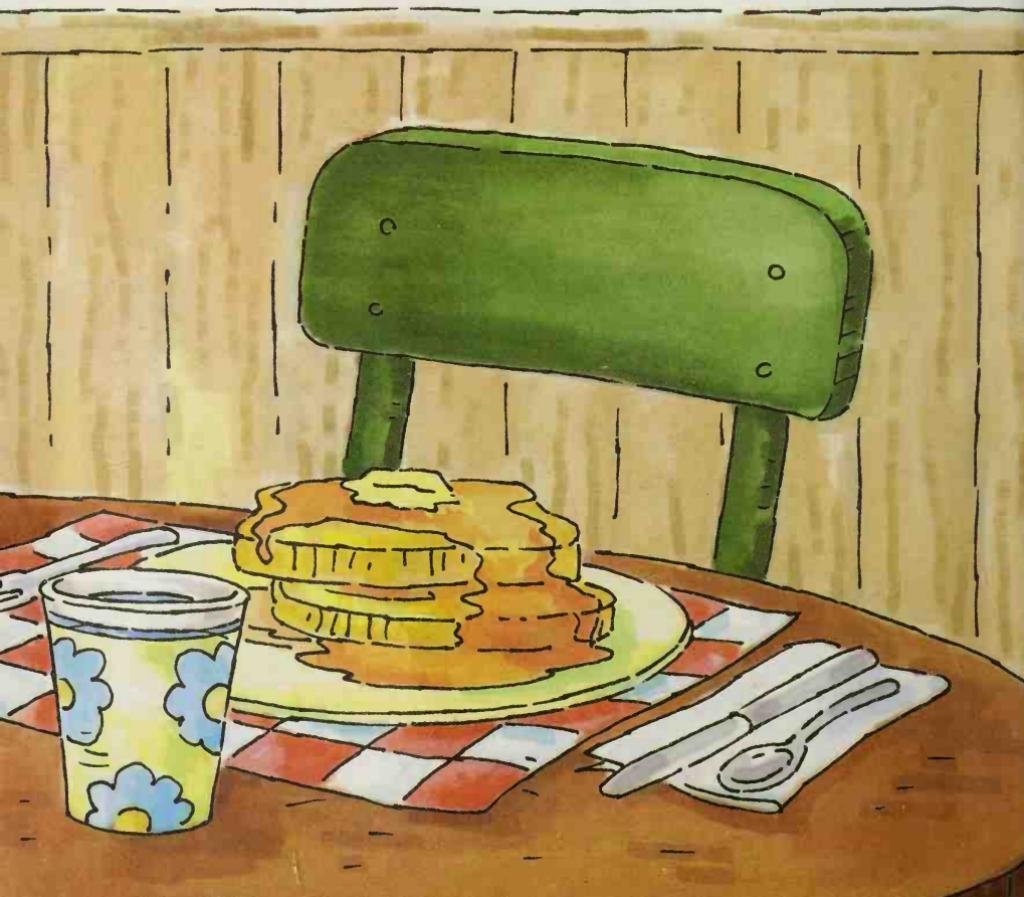
The next morning  
Buster went downstairs.

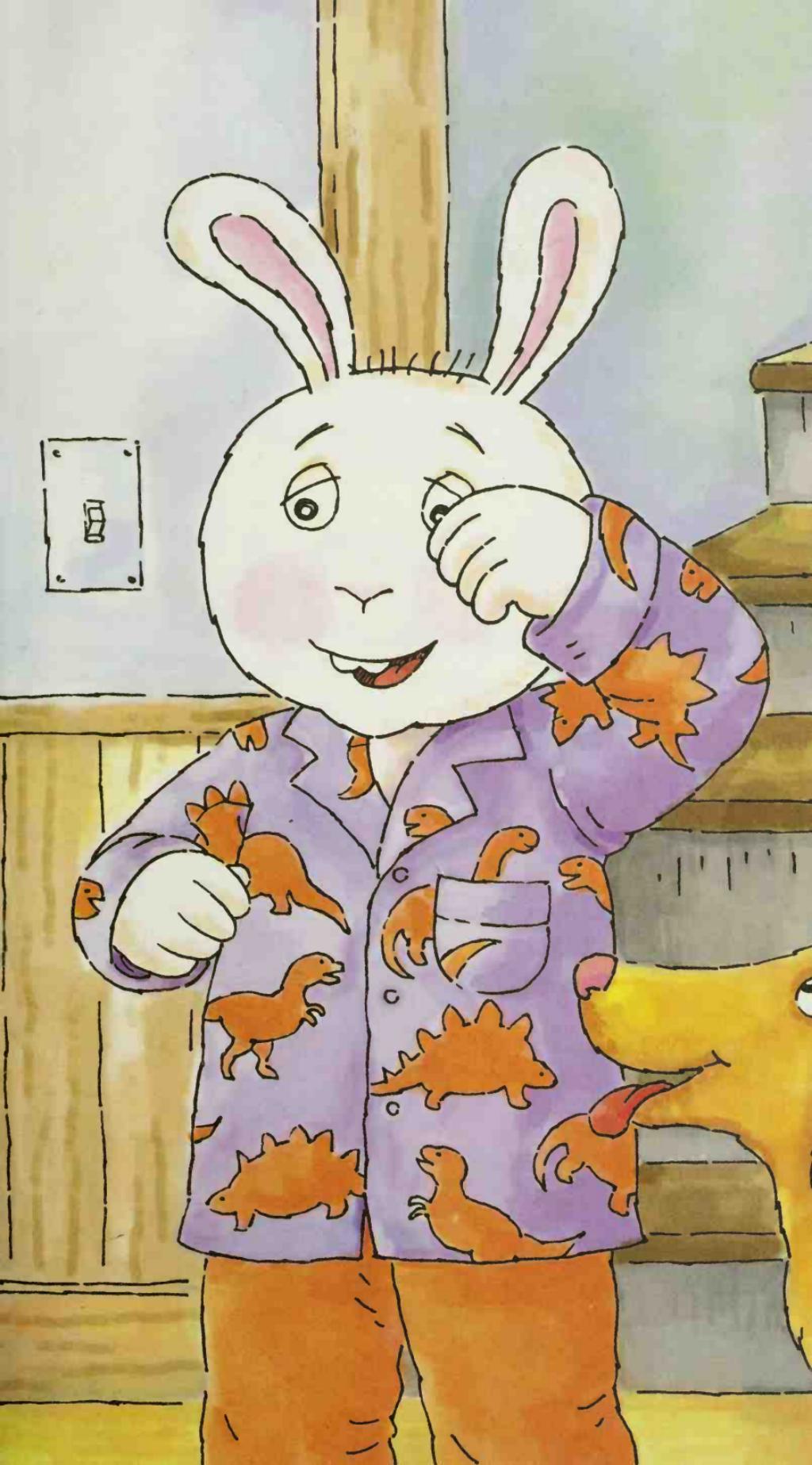
The sun wasn't up yet—  
but Lauren was.



"Hey, Sleepyhead,"  
she joked.

"The cows are waiting."





Dear Francine,

Today I tried milking a cow.

It is harder than it looks.

I got pretty wet at first.

The cow didn't seem to mind.

Buster

P.S. None of the cows gave  
chocolate milk.

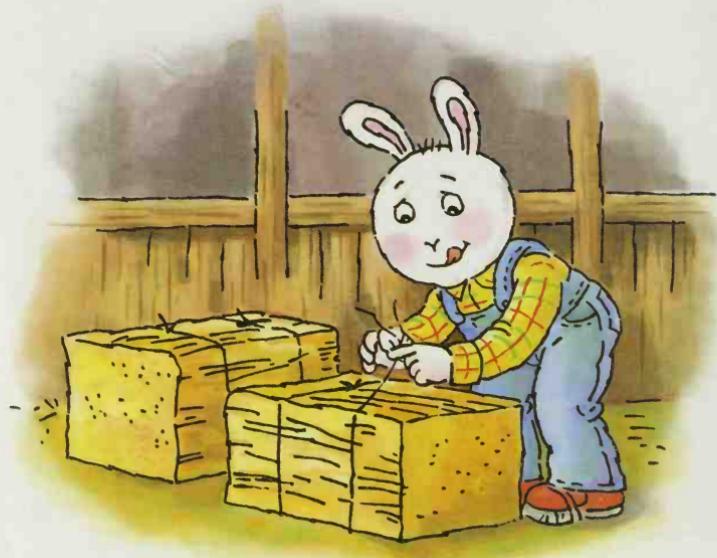




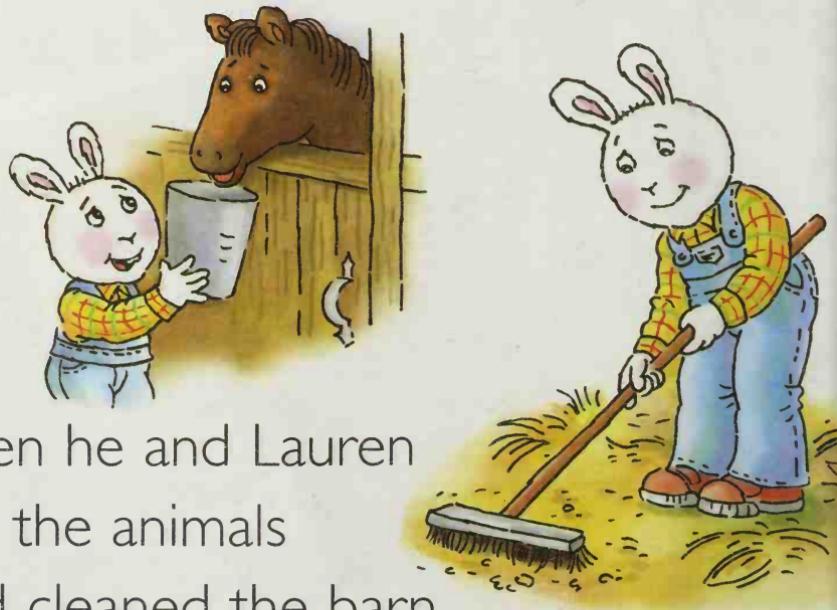
Francine Frensky  
Maple Drive Apt. 5  
Elwood



Buster was busy all day.



First, he helped bale some hay.



Then he and Lauren  
fed the animals  
and cleaned the barn.



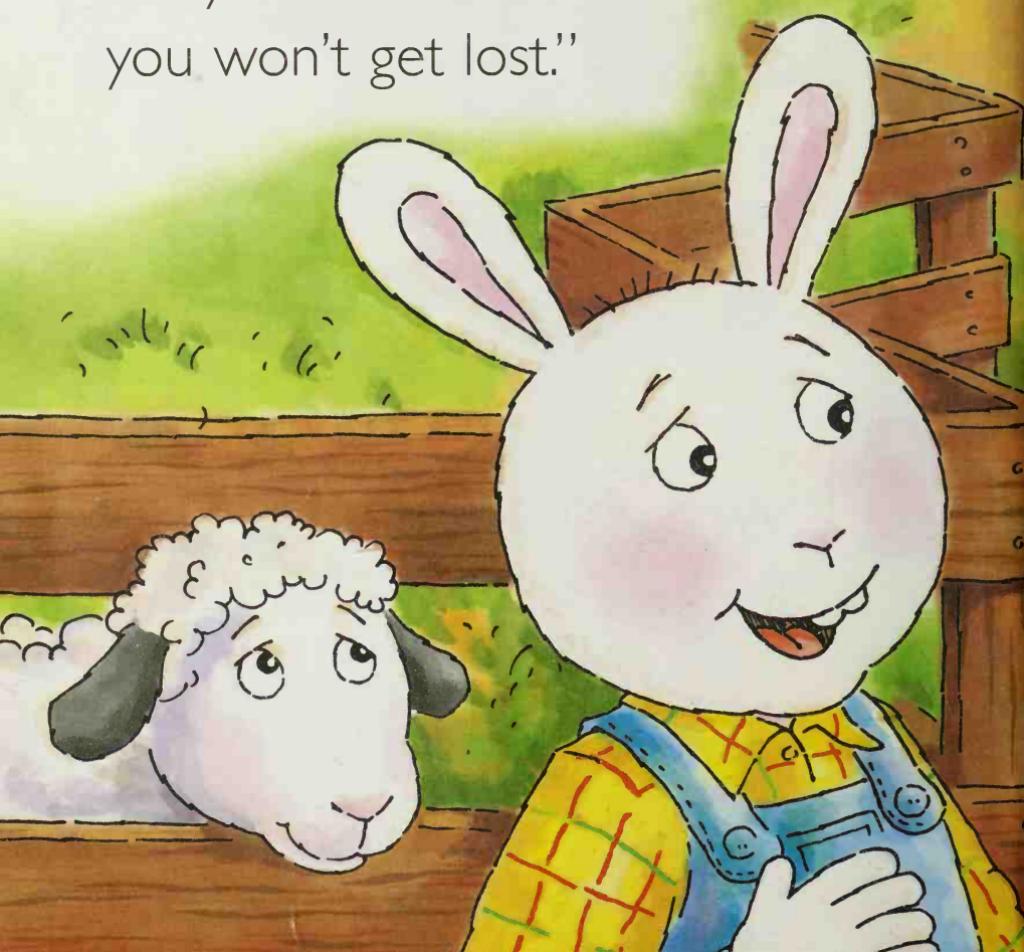
“Whew!” said Buster.  
“Farming is hard work.”

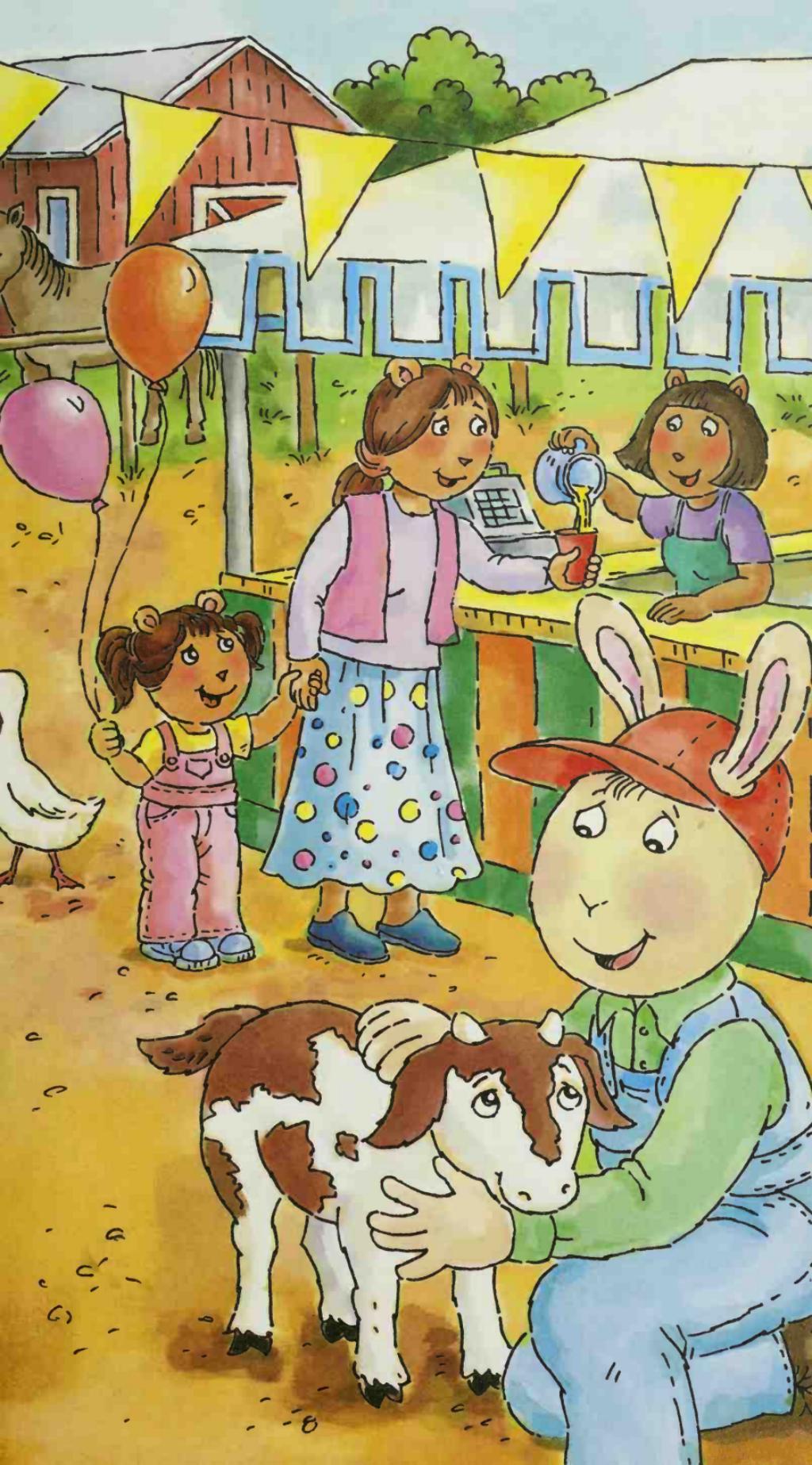
The next day all the chores  
were done early.

Then everyone got ready  
for the county fair.

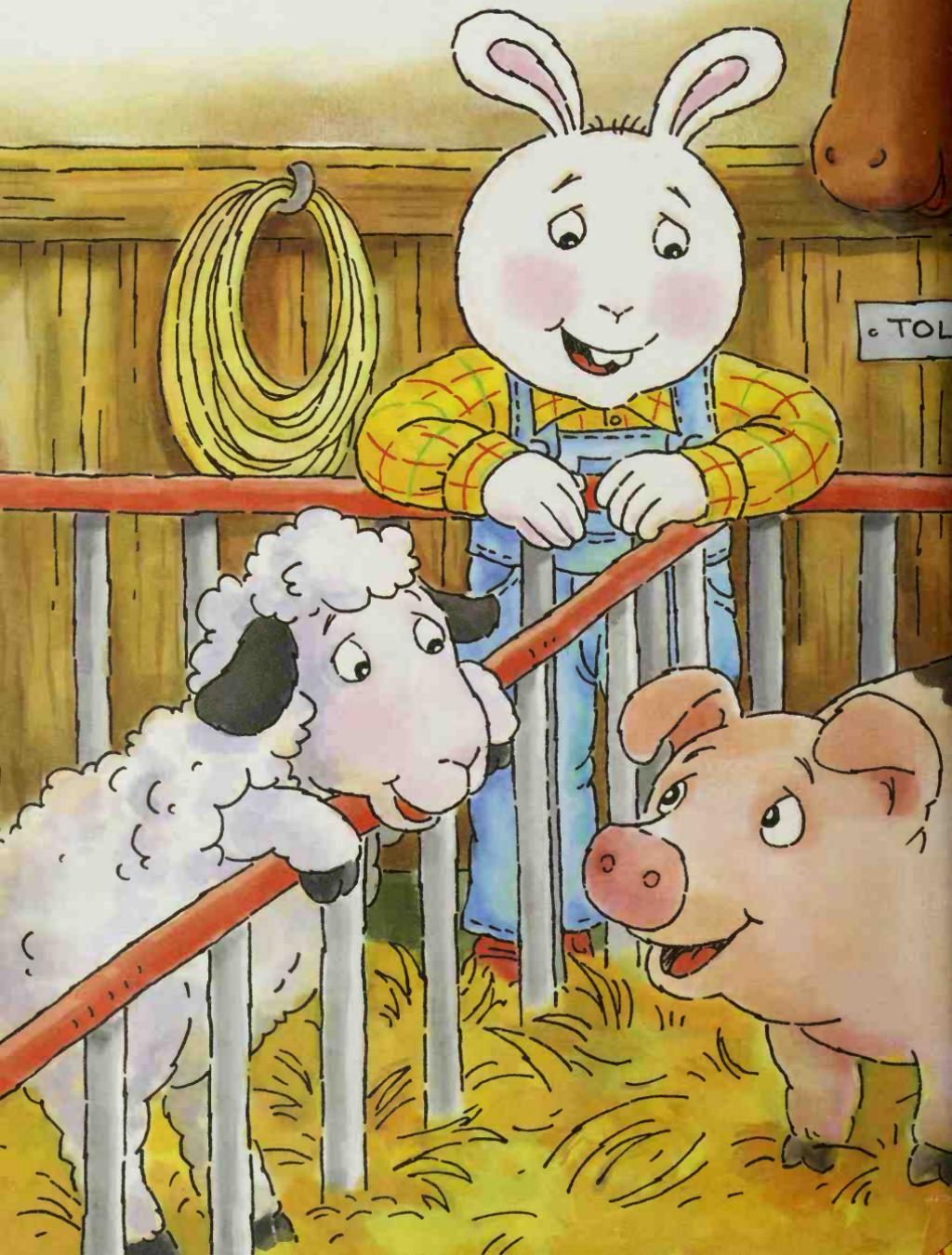
"Don't worry, Buster,"  
said Lauren.

"Stay close to me and  
you won't get lost."





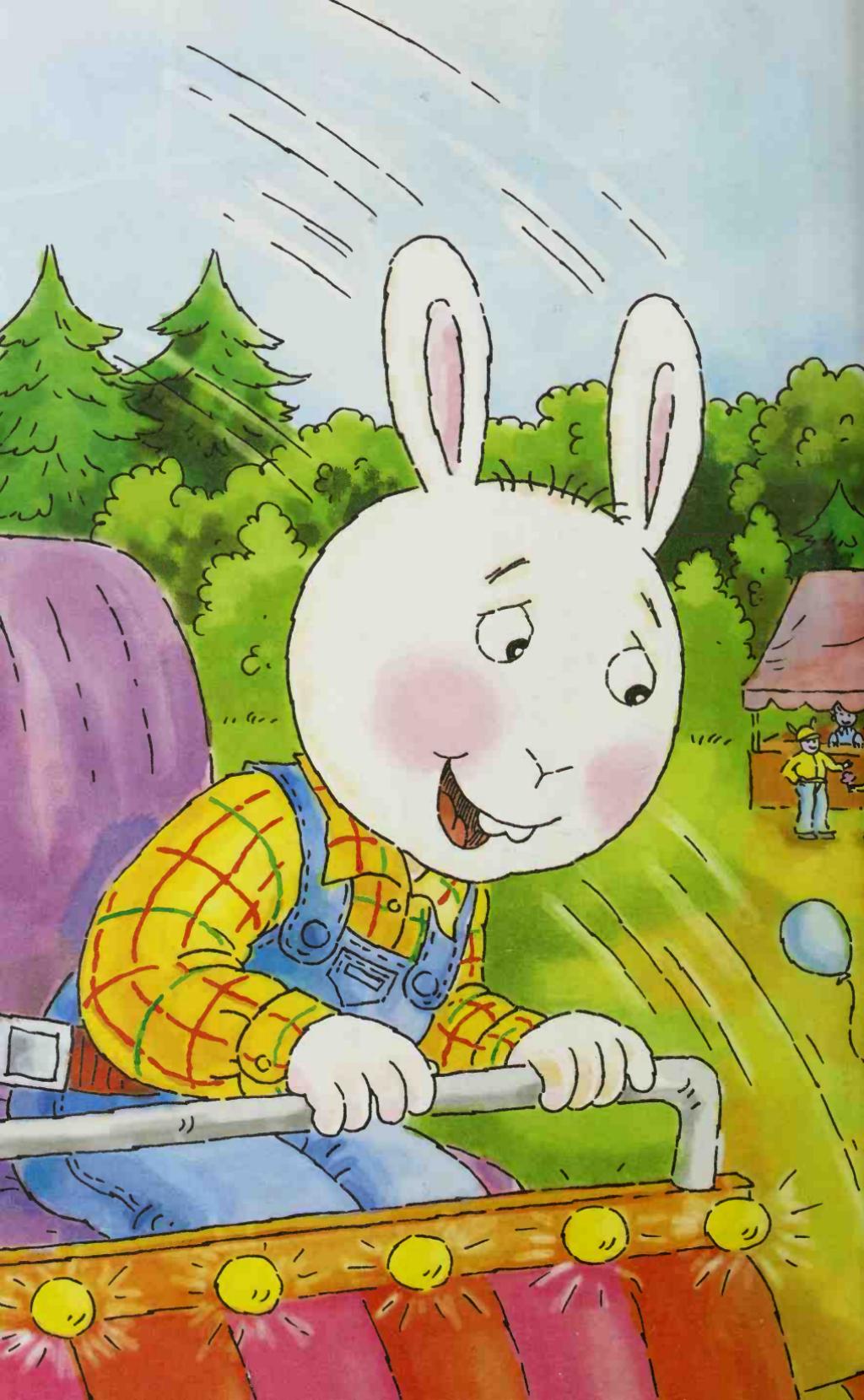
"Wow! said Buster,  
"This place is Animal Central!"





Dear Francine,  
This is Francine.  
Don't worry, she is  
not named after you.  
We took her to  
the county fair.  
Did you know that  
pigs are smarter than  
humans?

Buster  
P.S. Don't tell the  
horses.



Buster could see the whole fair from the top of the Ferris wheel.

"I wonder if the pigs would like this view," he thought.

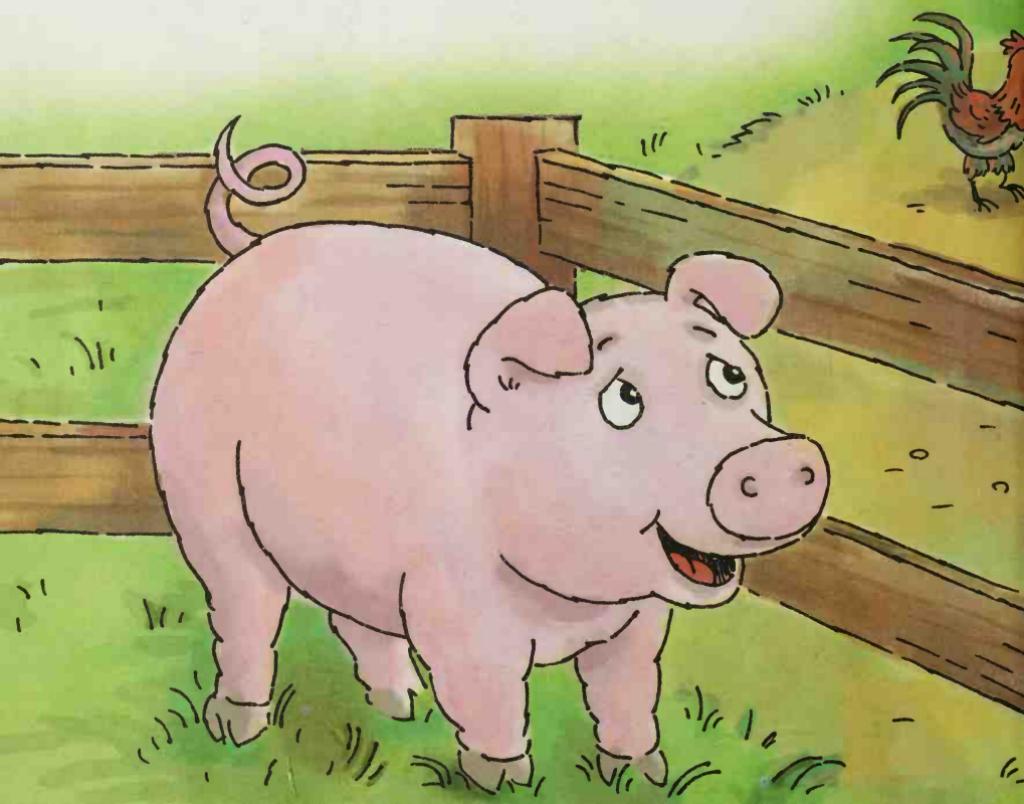


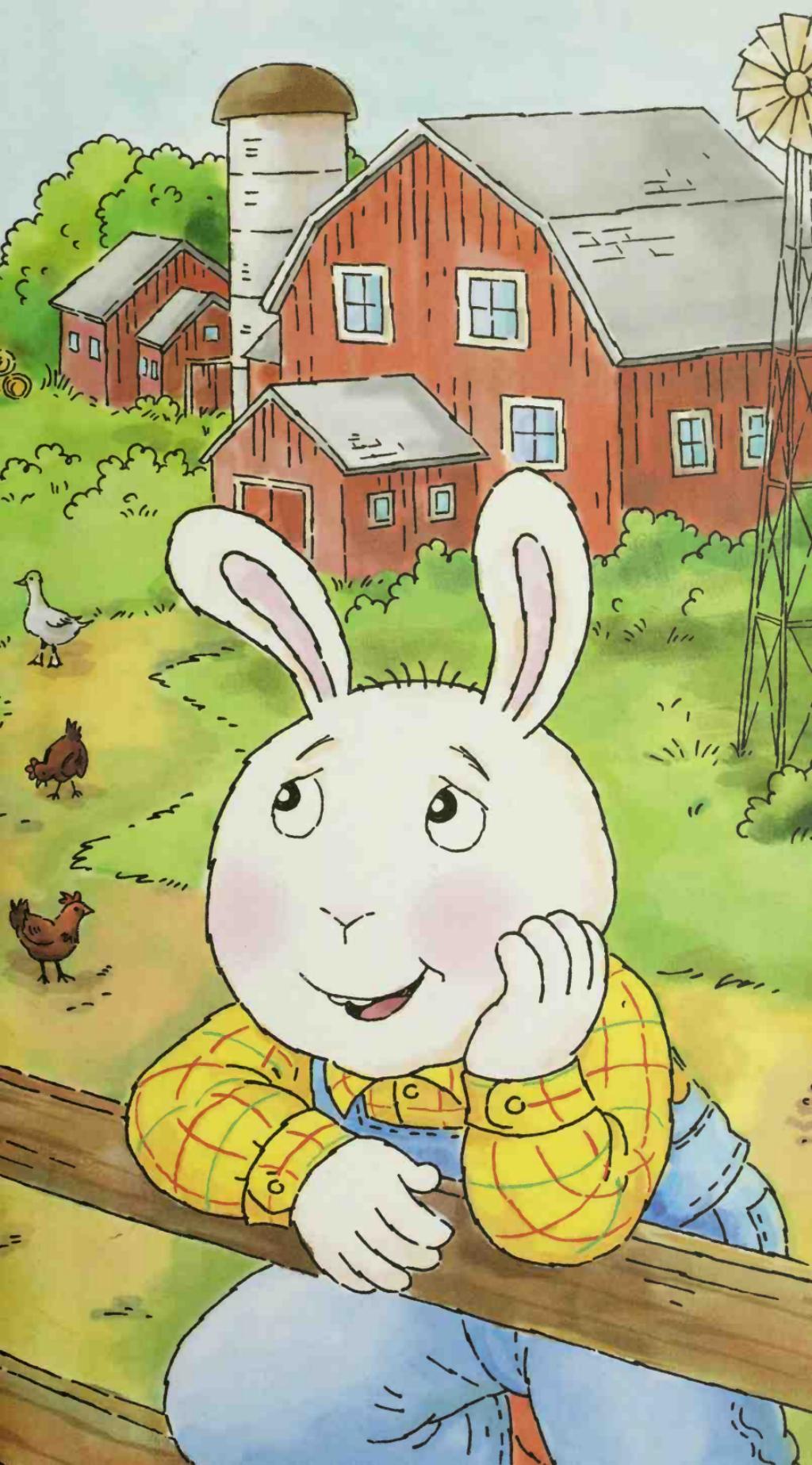
Buster couldn't believe  
the next day was his  
last day on the farm.

"I sure did a lot  
on this trip," he said.

"There's one more thing  
for you to do," said Lauren.

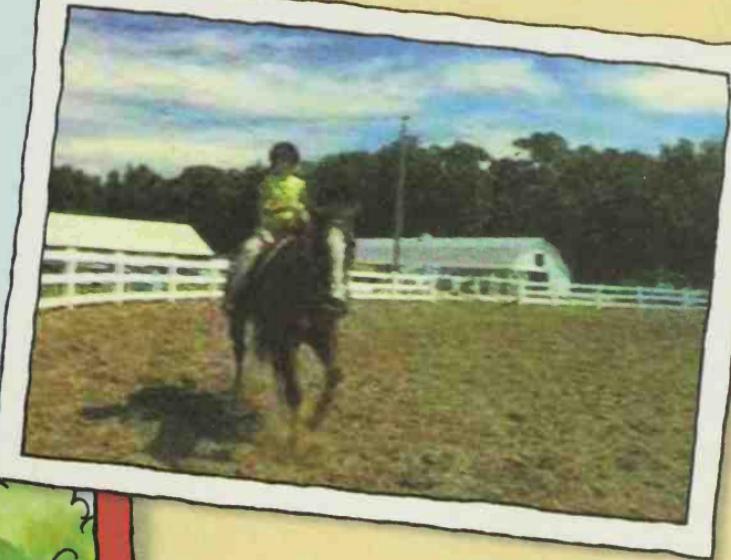
"What's that?" asked Buster.





"Take a horseback ride!"  
said Lauren.





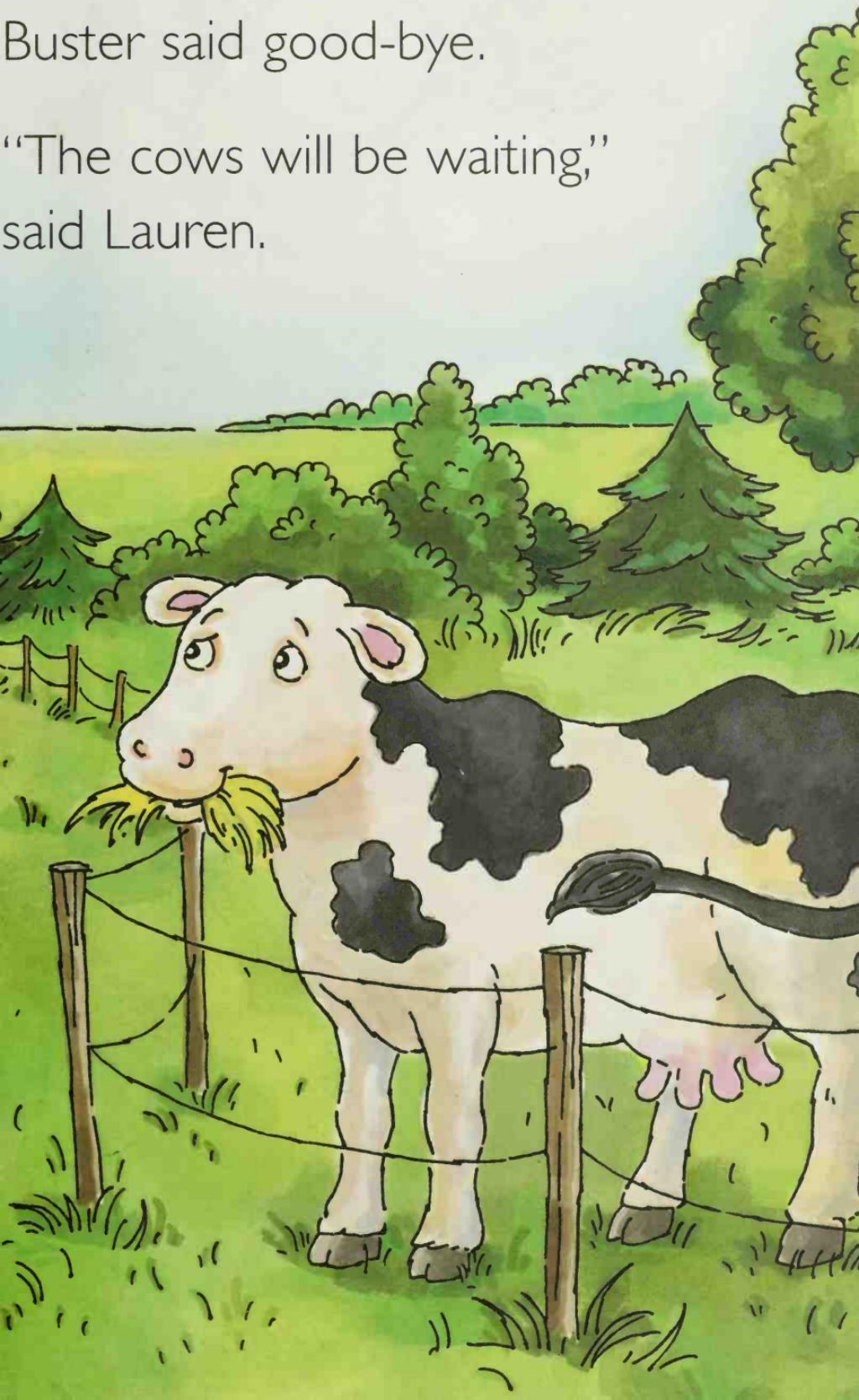
Dear Arthur,  
I rode a horse!  
Can you believe it?  
It's a little like  
riding a bike.  
Only with  
no handlebars.  
And no brakes!

See you soon,  
Buster



At last it was time to go.  
Buster said good-bye.

"The cows will be waiting,"  
said Lauren.





Dear Lauren,

Thanks for  
showing me your farm.

Someday we'll have to get your  
Francine to meet my Francine.

Your friend,  
Sleepyhead  
(Buster)





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# Buster on the Farm

Arthur's best friend, Buster, is off to Indiana, home of 85,000 farms. Join him as he discovers what life on a farm is like and learns that milking cows and feeding chickens is not as easy as he thought. Share Buster's adventure!

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