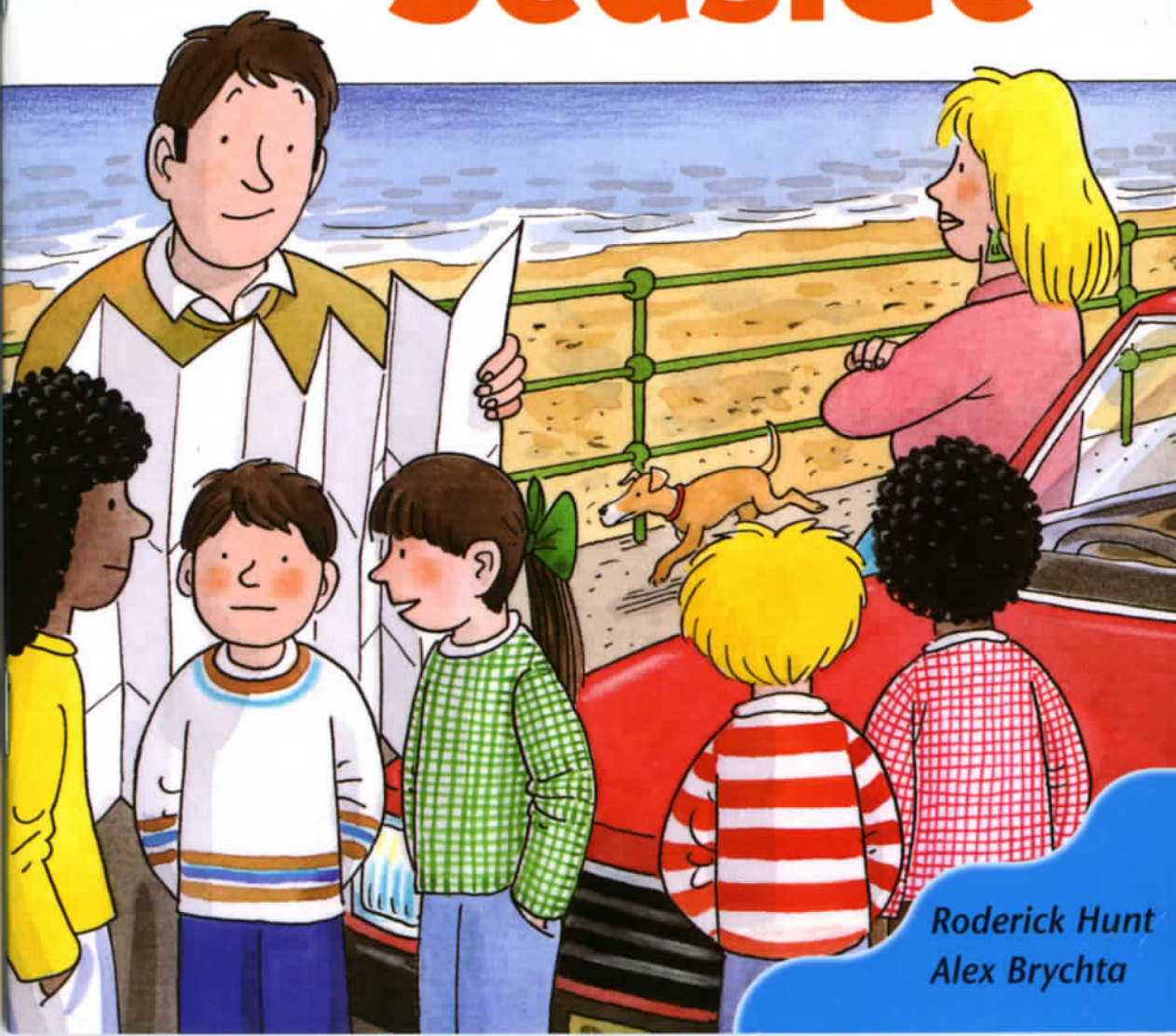




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At the Seaside



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What's this story about?

The family goes on holiday, but their hotel has burned down. On the way home the car breaks down, but a passing farmer helps out and saves the holiday.

Talk together

Talk about holidays. Look at the cover and ask, "Why do you think everyone looks fed up?"

Read the story

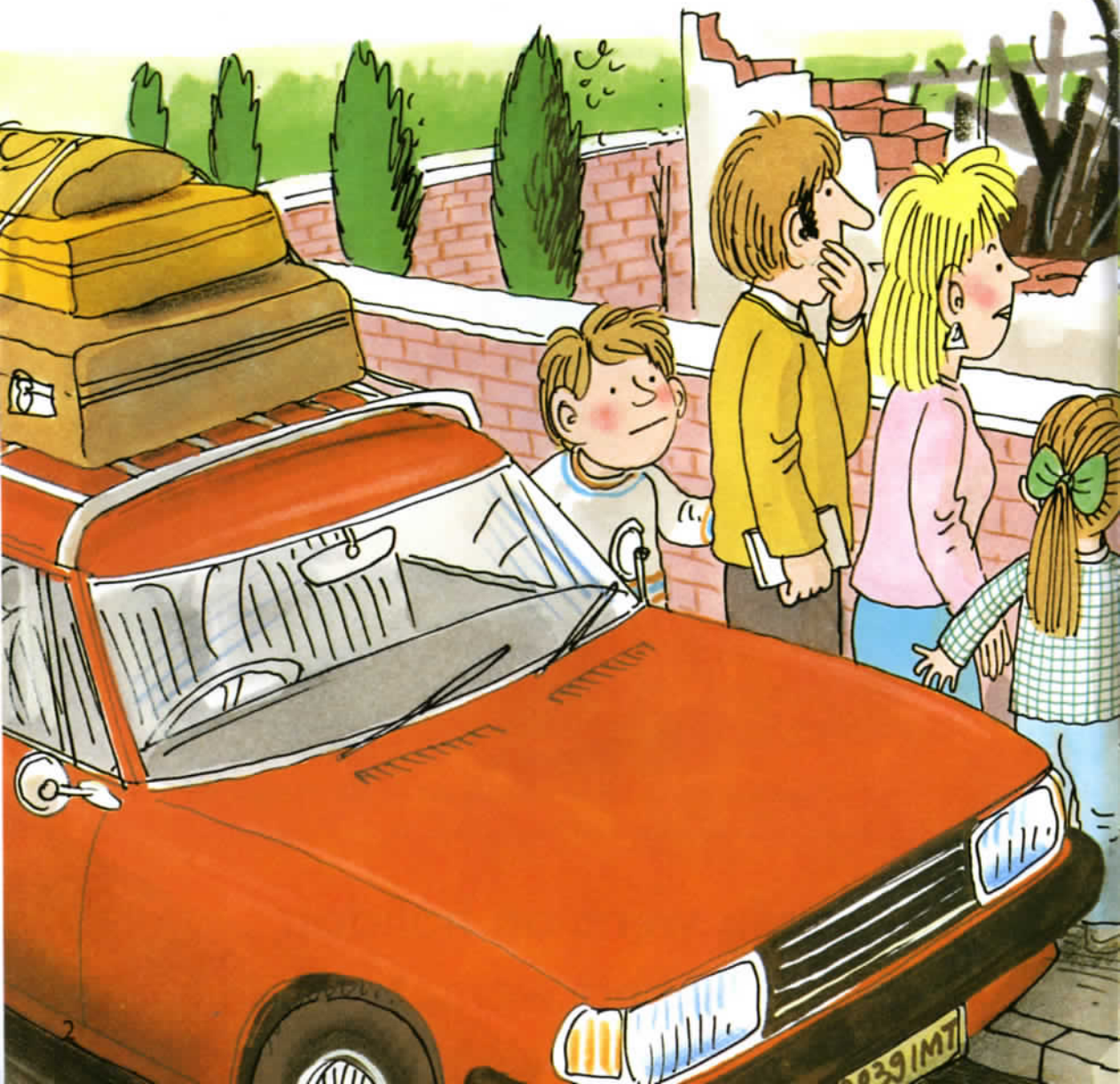
W = Word recognition **C** = Language comprehension

- W** Page 2, work out 'burned' by sounding out the letter sounds (b-ur-n-e-d).
- W** Page 5, show children how to work out 'expensive' by sounding out all the letter sounds, 'e-x-p-e-n-s-i-ve', then blending them together.
- C** Page 6, ask, "Why didn't the family want to stay in this hotel?"
- C** Page 11, ask, "What do you think the children were saying to each other?"
- C** Page 16, ask, "What would it be like to stay in a bus?"



The family went on holiday.
Wilf and Wilma went, too.

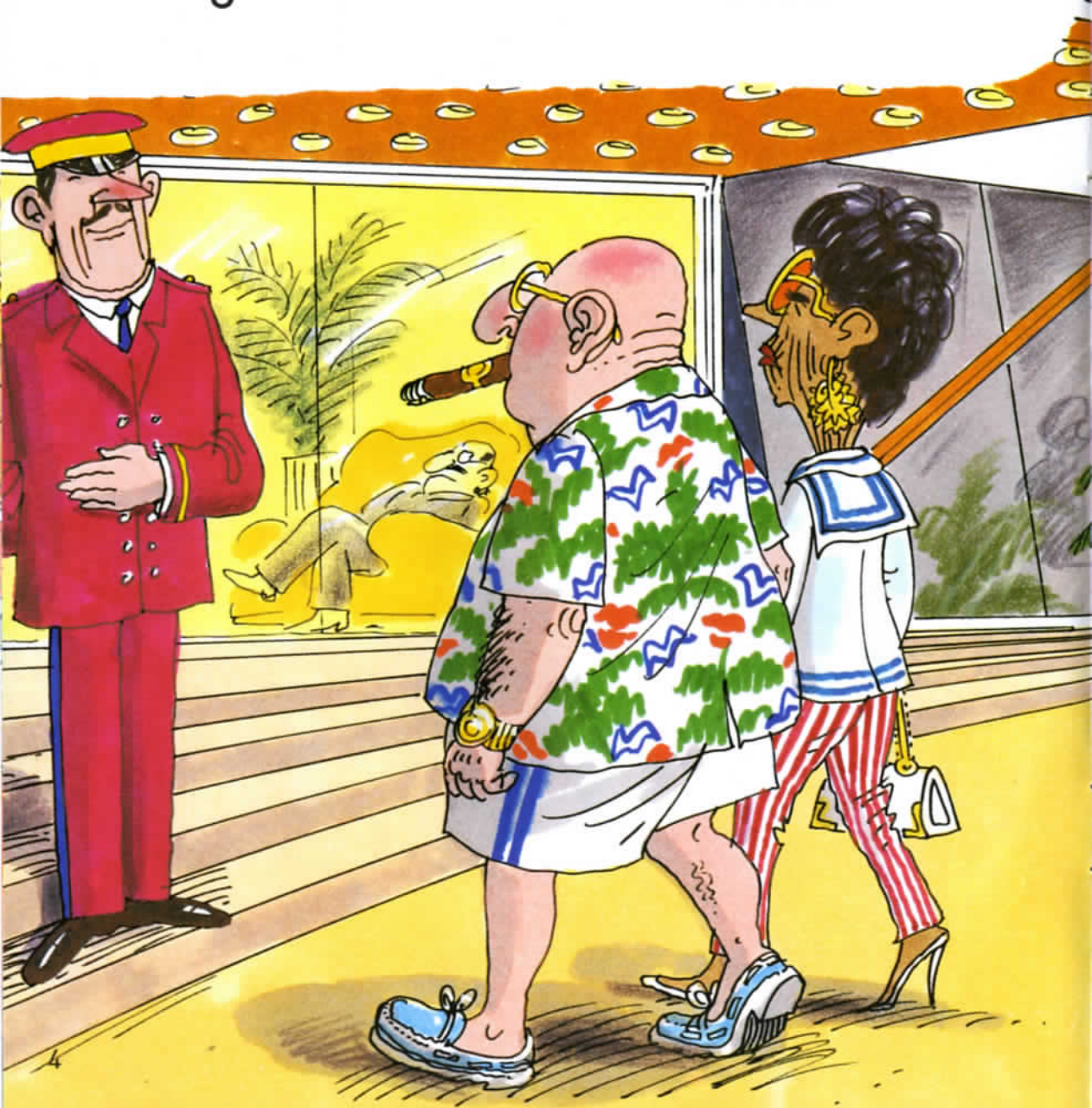
The hotel had burned down.

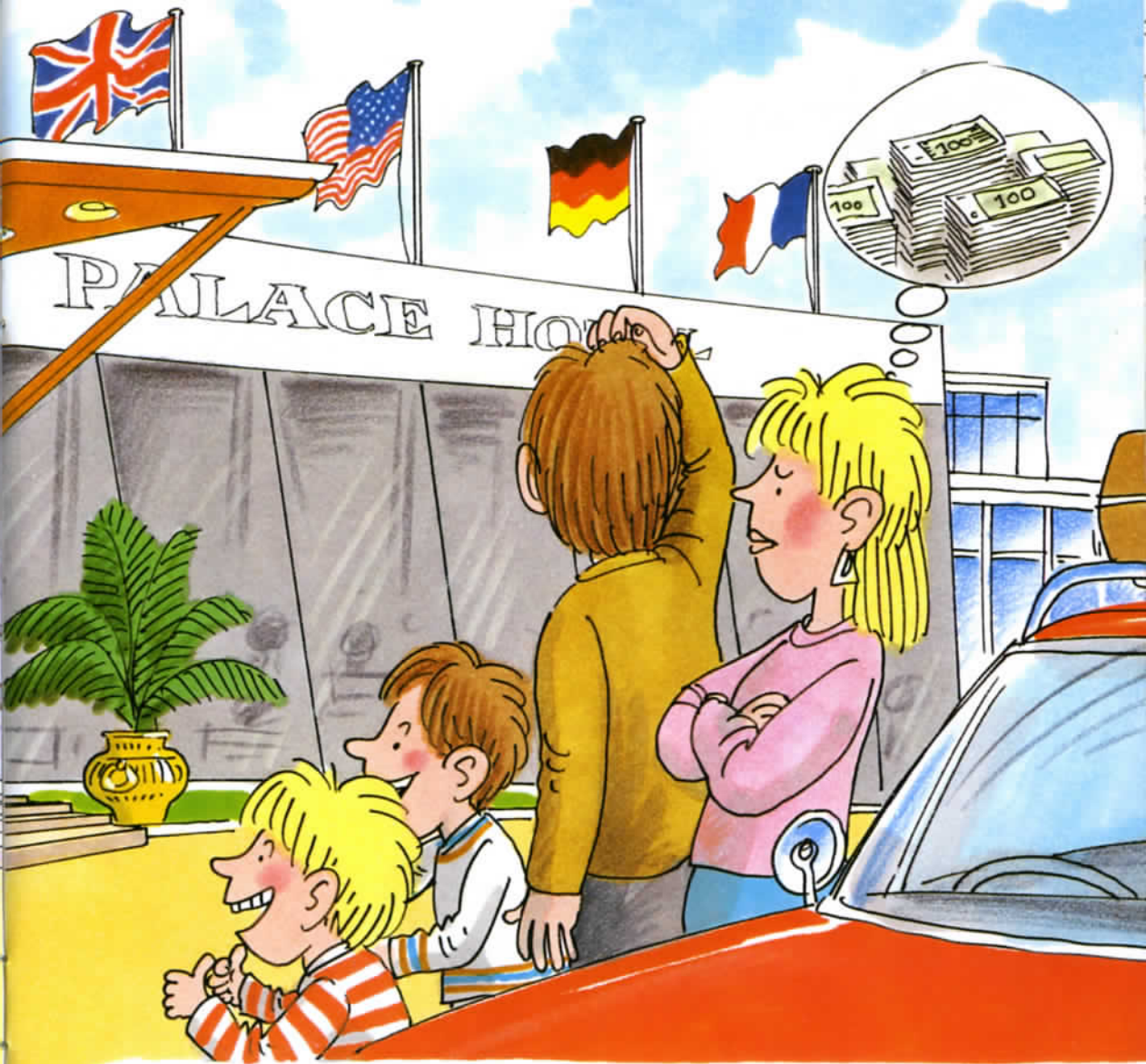




"Sorry!" said the man.

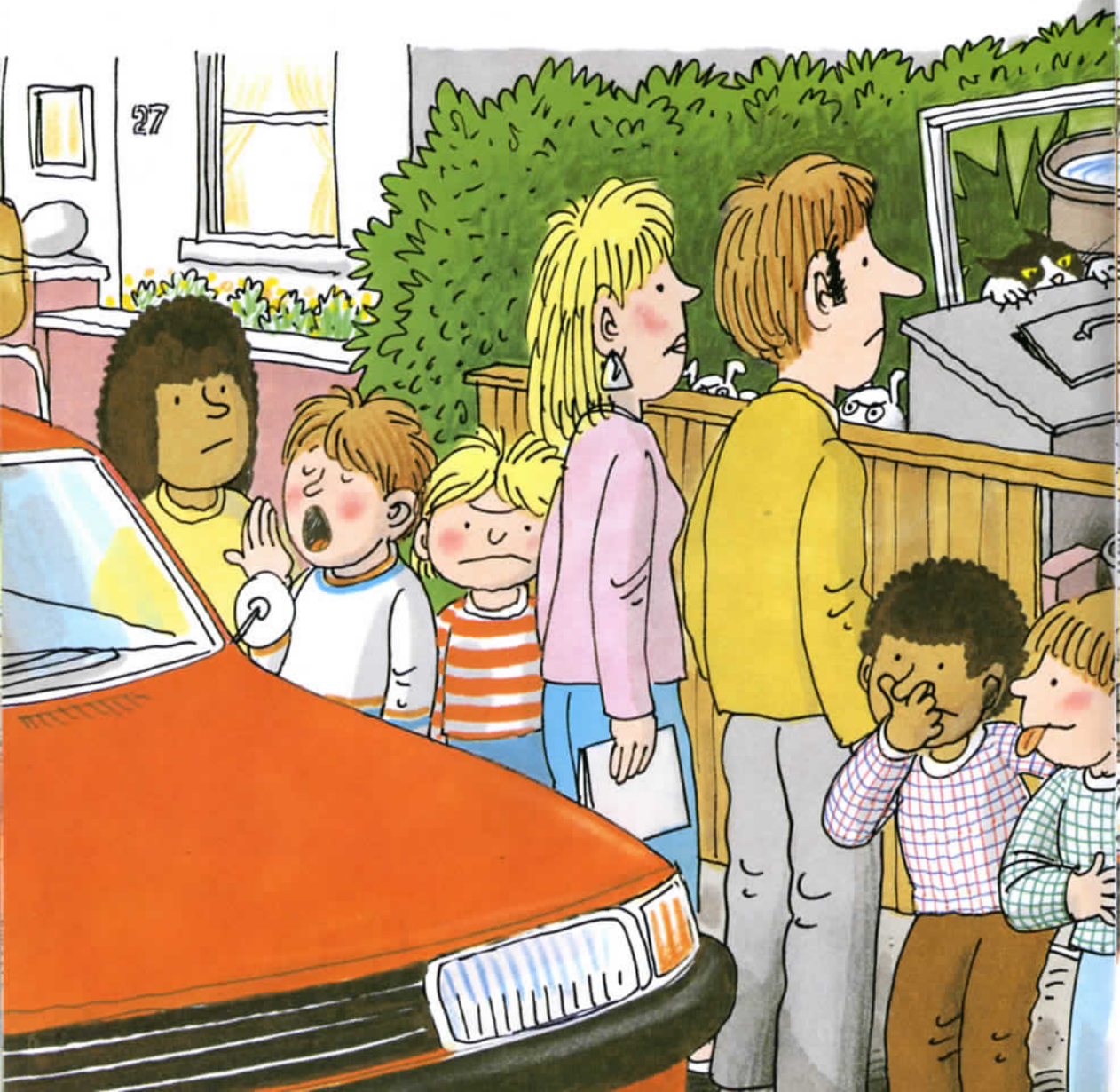
They looked at a new hotel.





“Too expensive,” said Mum.

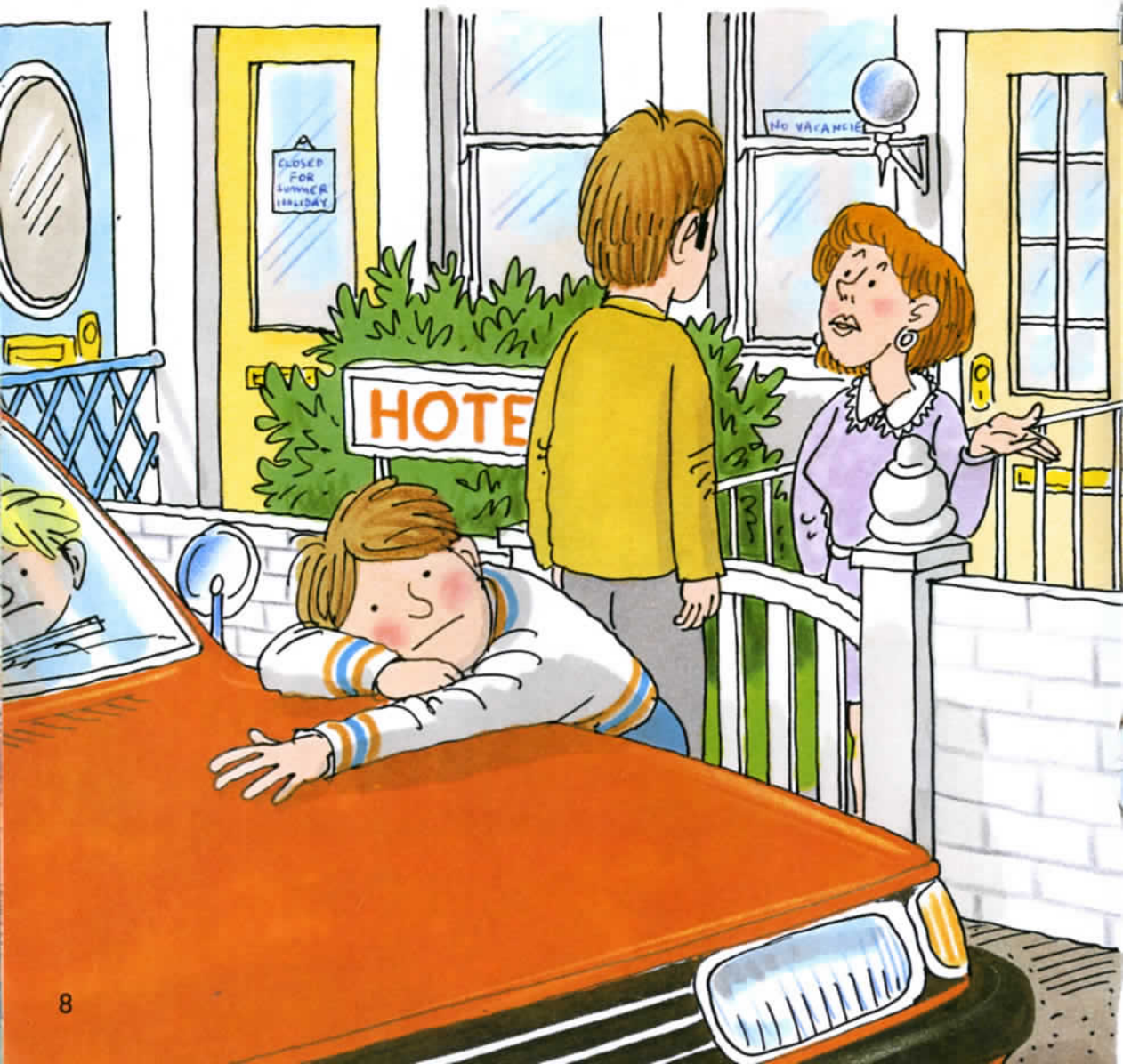
They looked at an old hotel.

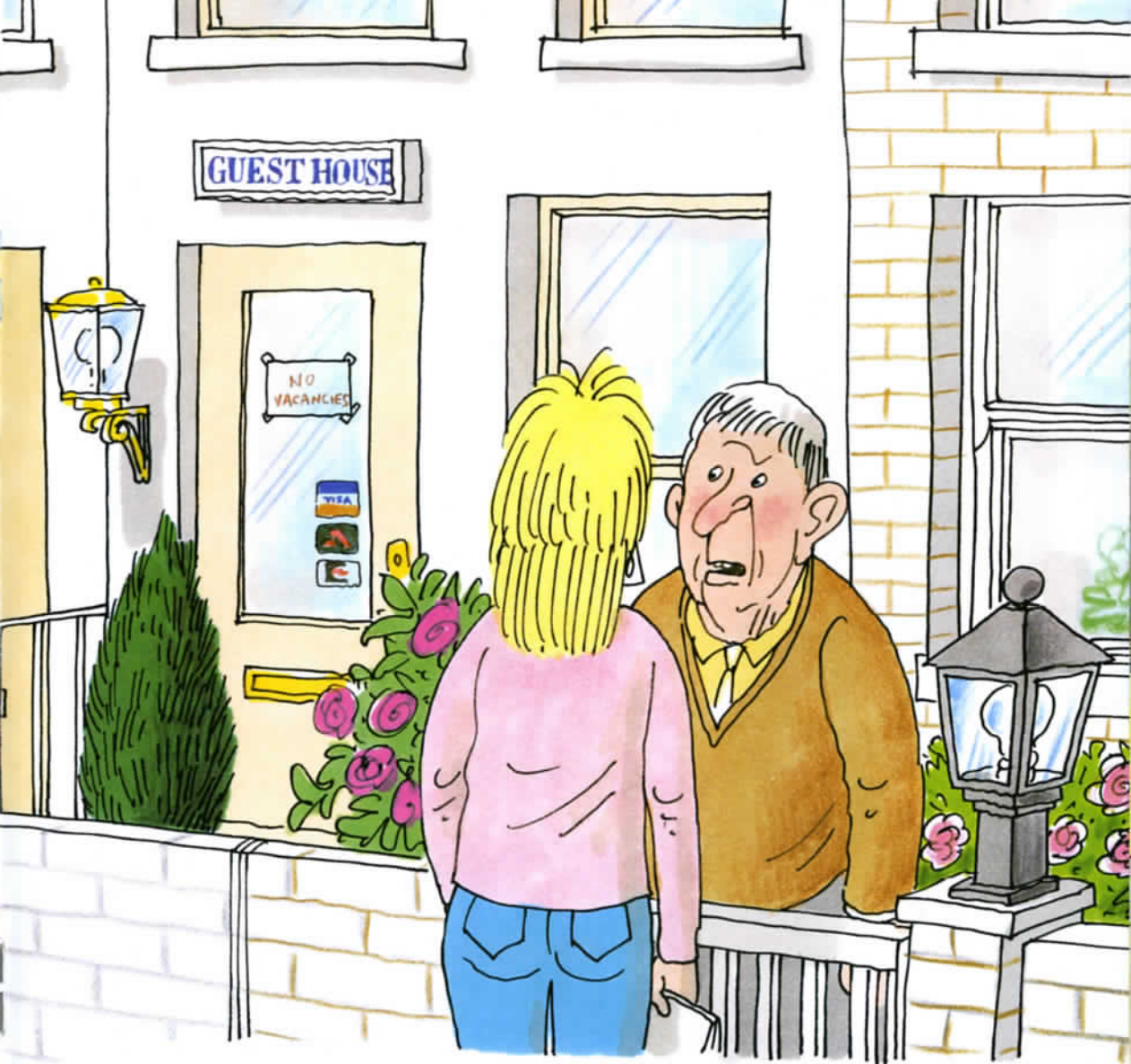




"No, thank you," said Dad.

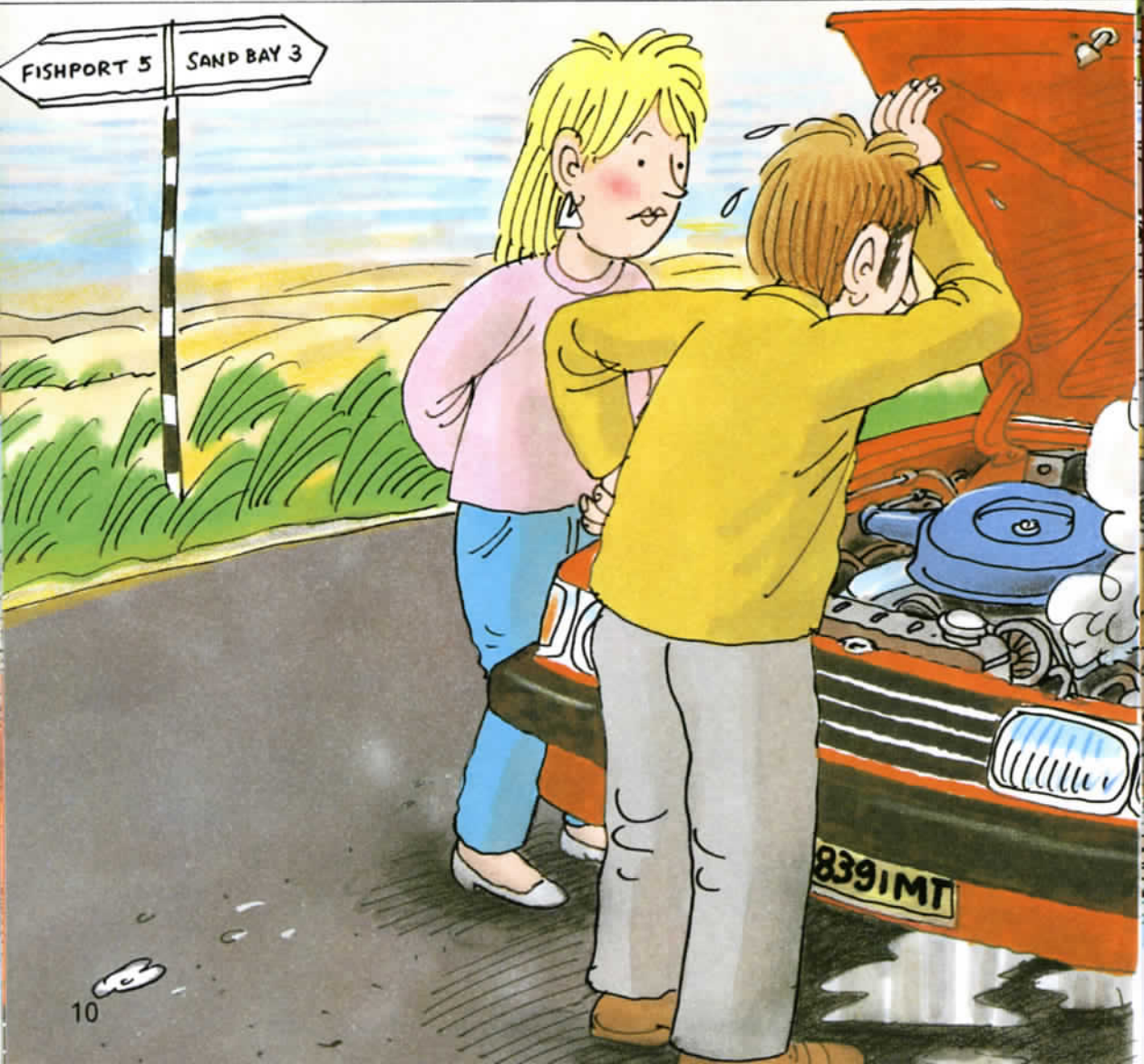
Every hotel was full.

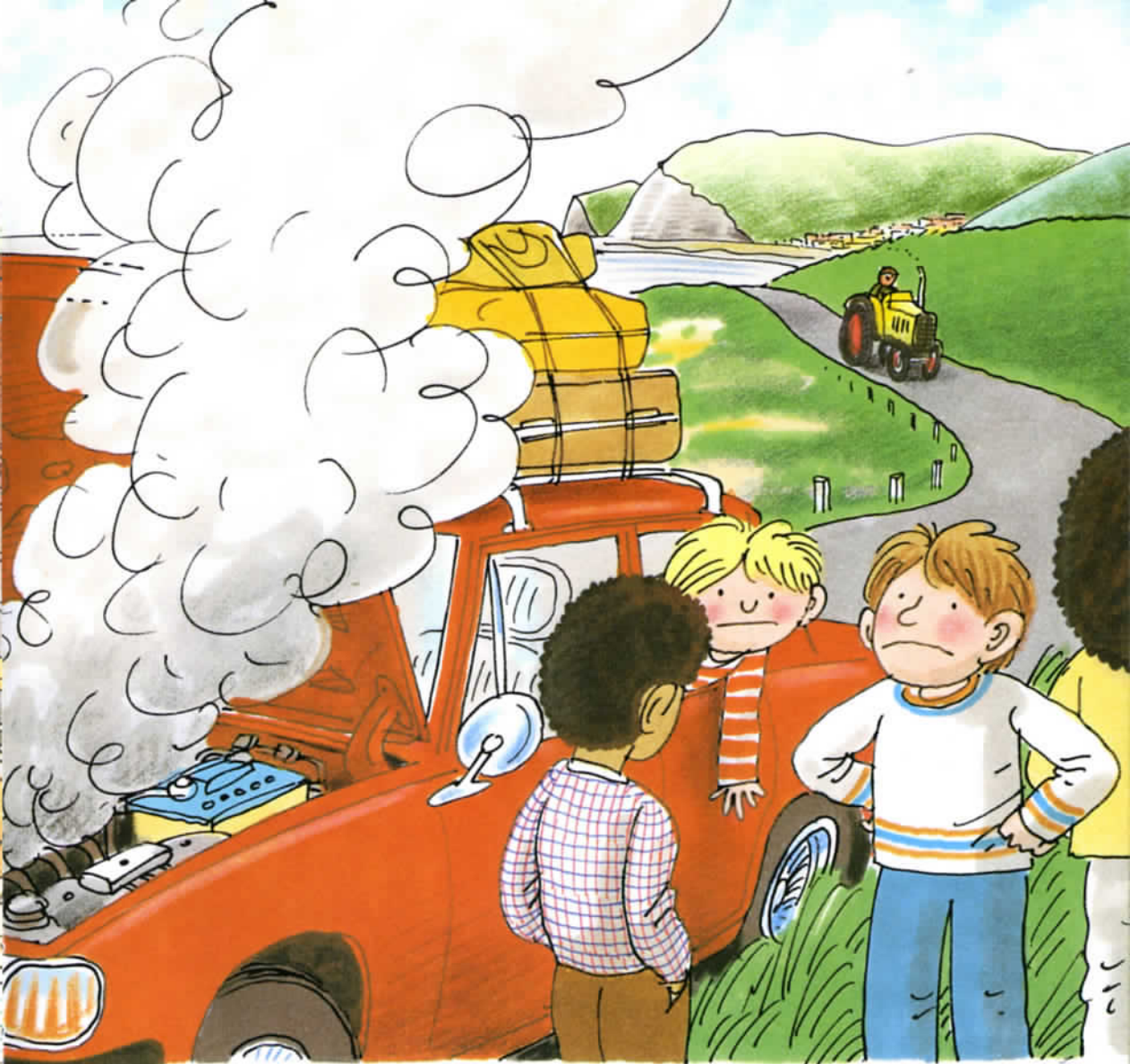




“Sorry!” said everyone.

They had to go home.

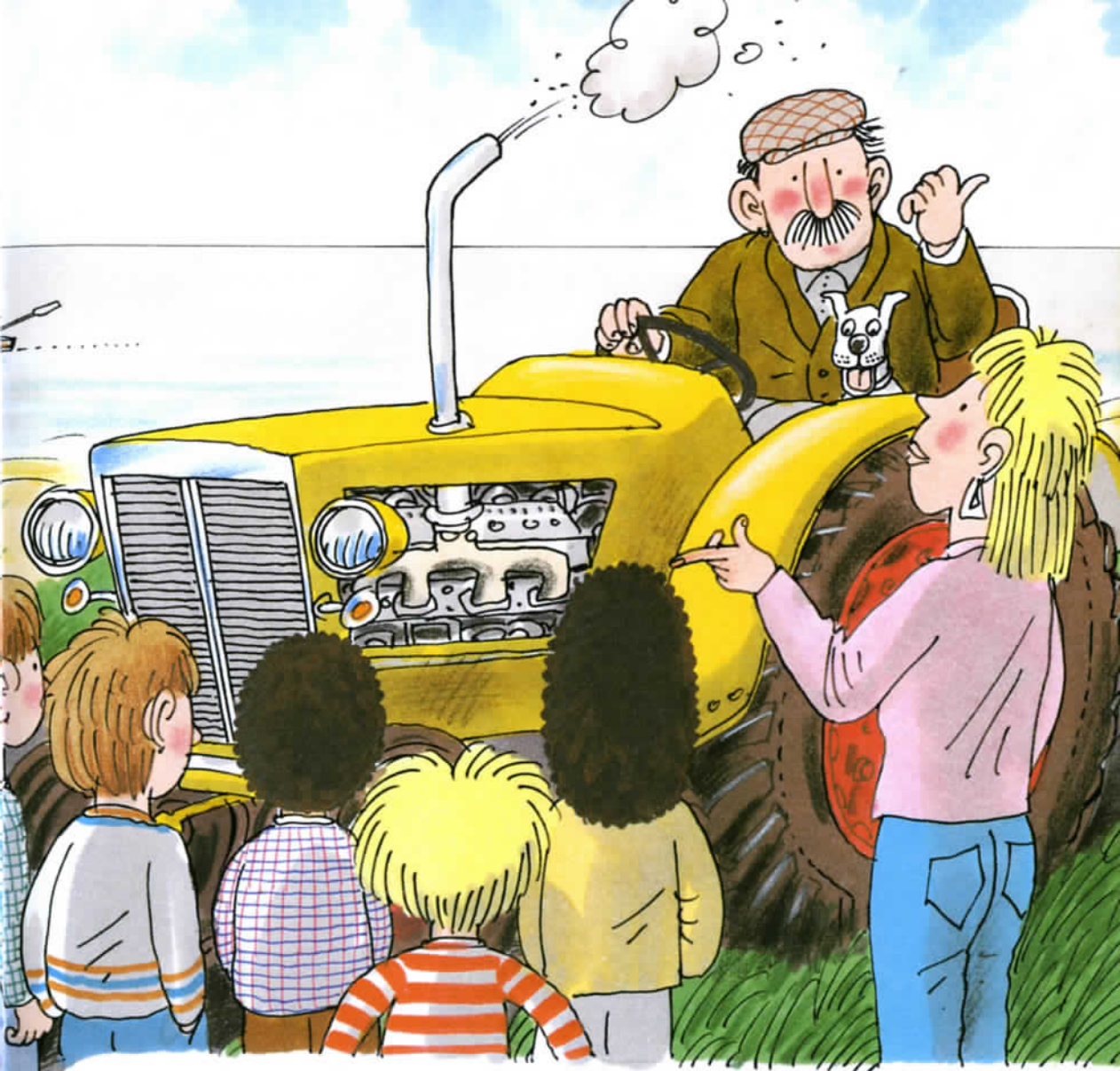




But the car broke down.

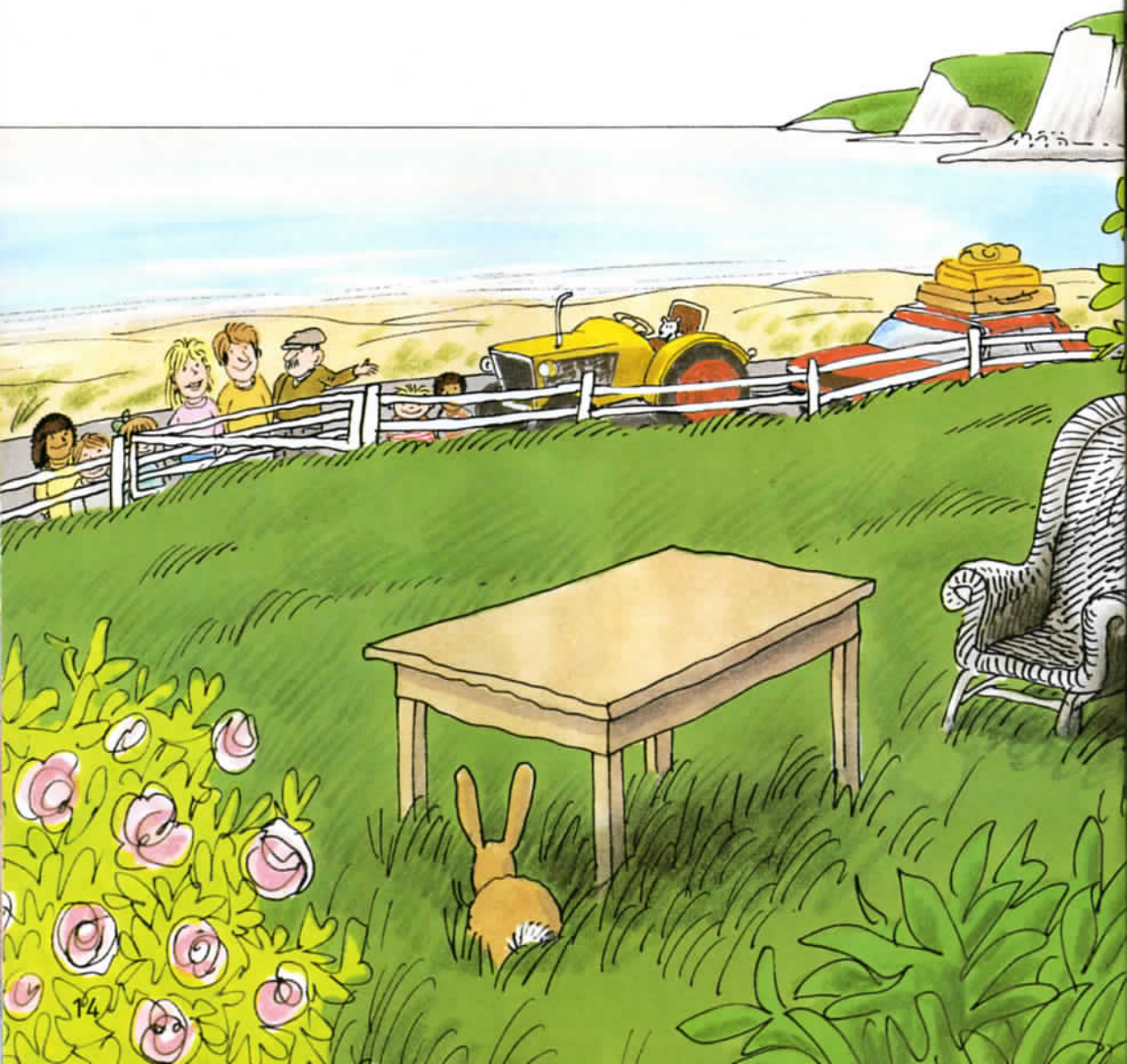
A farmer stopped his tractor.

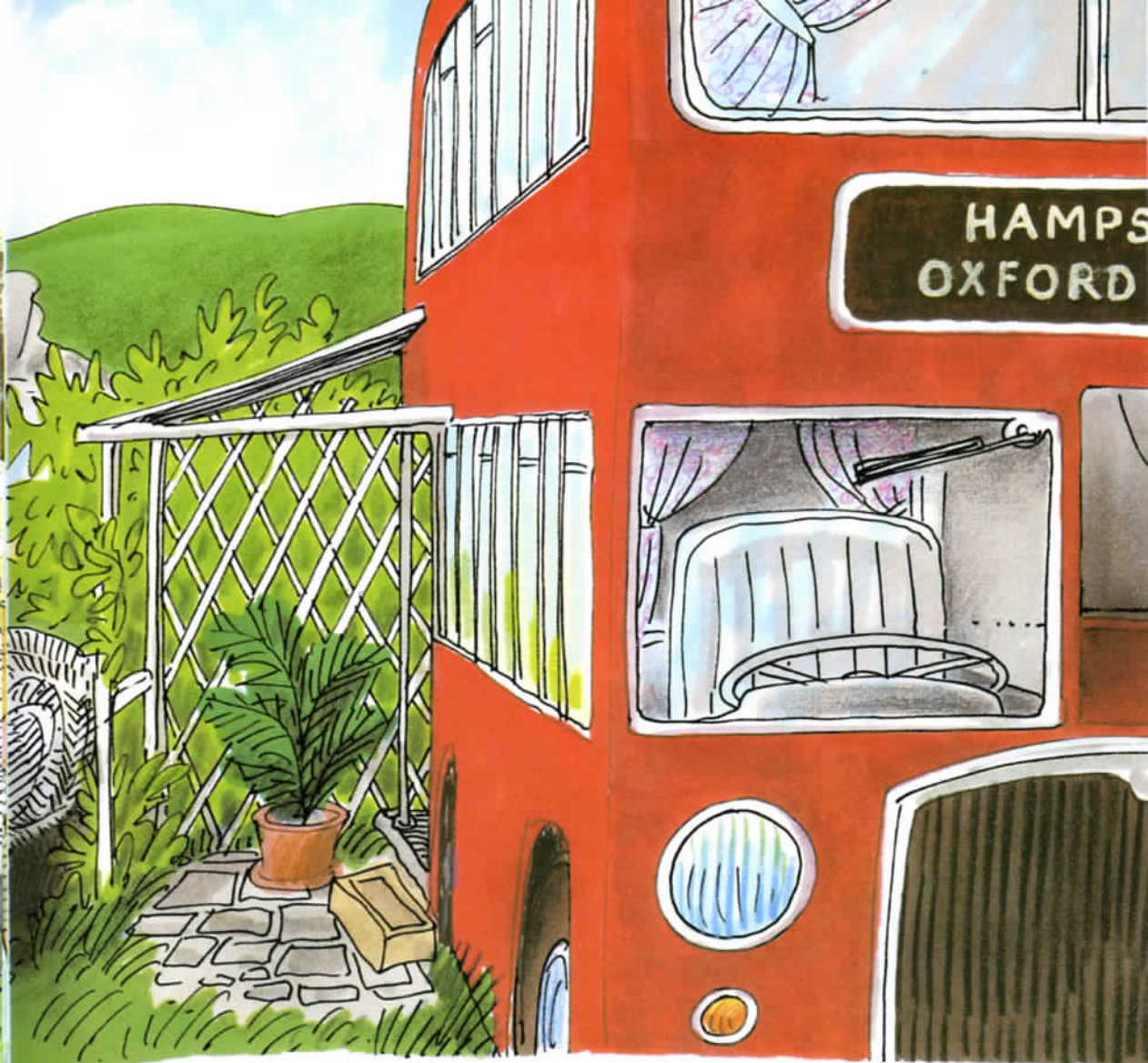




“Can I help?” he said.

The farmer had a bus.





"You can stay here," he said.



“What a good holiday!”
said Wilf.

Play a game

ABC

To help remember the letters of the alphabet in order.

- Say the alphabet together. Look in the book and find a word that has 'a' in it.
- Ask the child to find a word that has 'b' in it.
- If you can't find one, miss a letter or end the game.

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Look for capital letters in the story. Are they at the beginning of a sentence, or are they the first letters of names? Which ones are in notices?
- Find all the sentences that are said by people, e.g. "Can I help?" on page 13. Children pretend to be the person and say them with expression.

At the Seaside

There is nowhere to stay.

This story practises these words:

but down good had help here home
man new old too what

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