

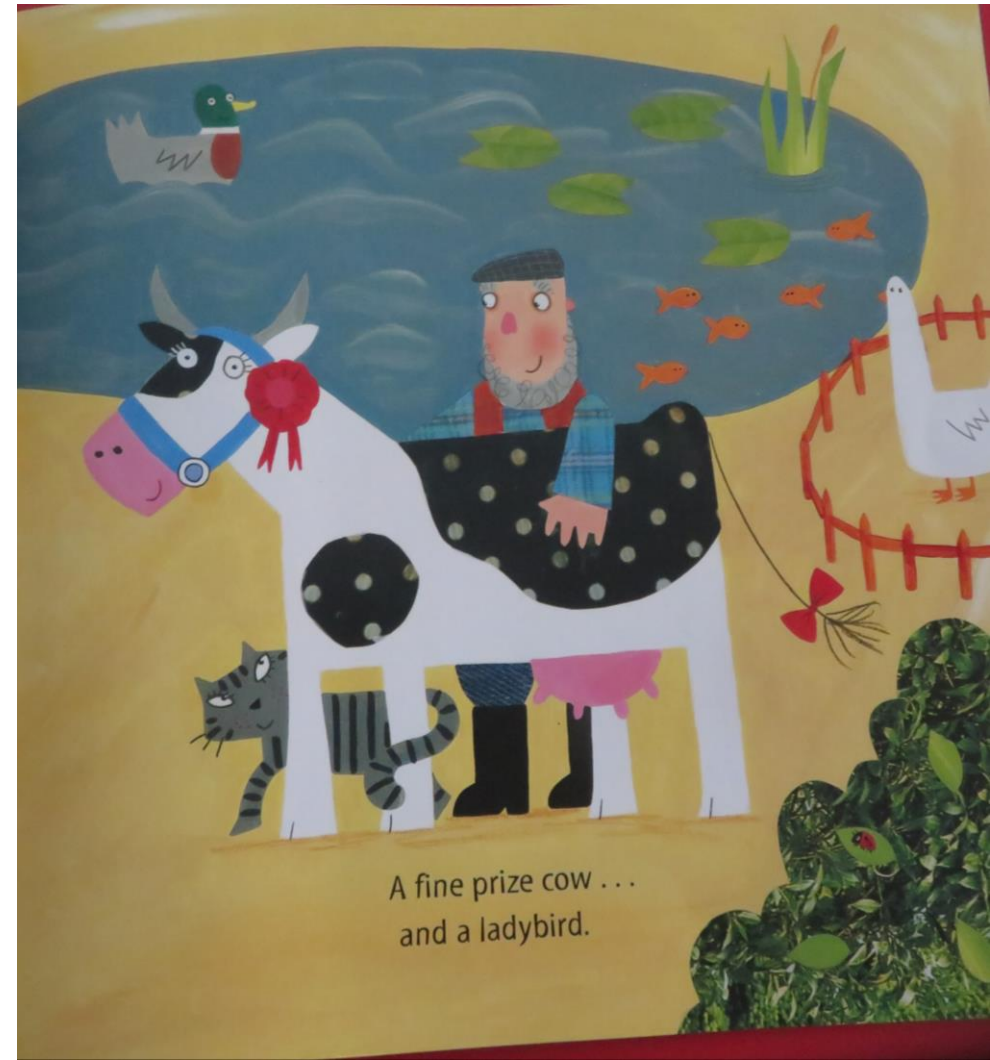
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# What the Ladybird Heard

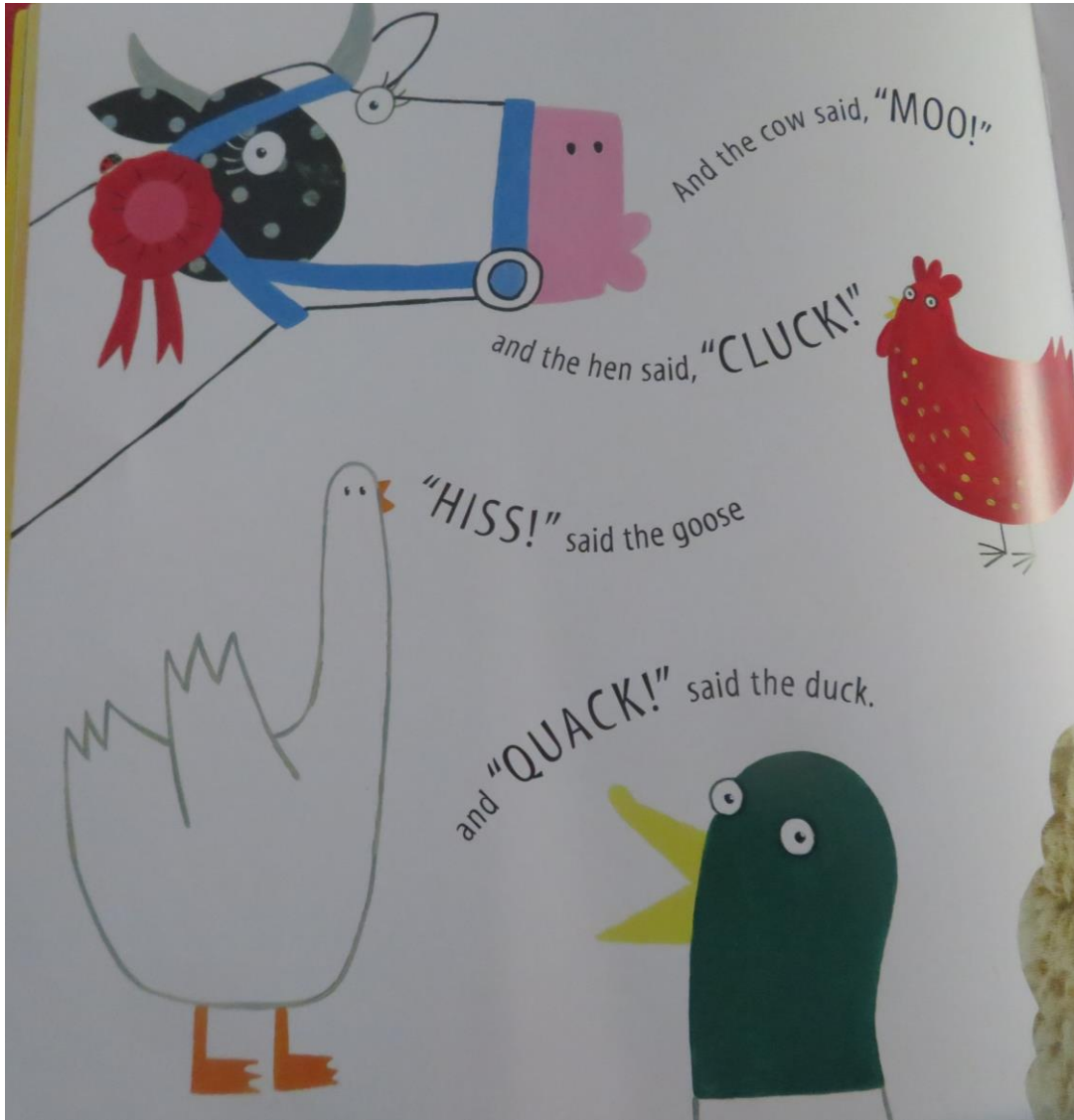


One clever ladybird  
4 million  
books sold!  
Two bungling burglars

Once upon a farm lived a fat red hen,  
A duck in a pond and a goose in a pen,  
A woolly sheep, a hairy hog,  
A handsome horse and a dainty dog,  
A cat that miaowed and a cat that purred,



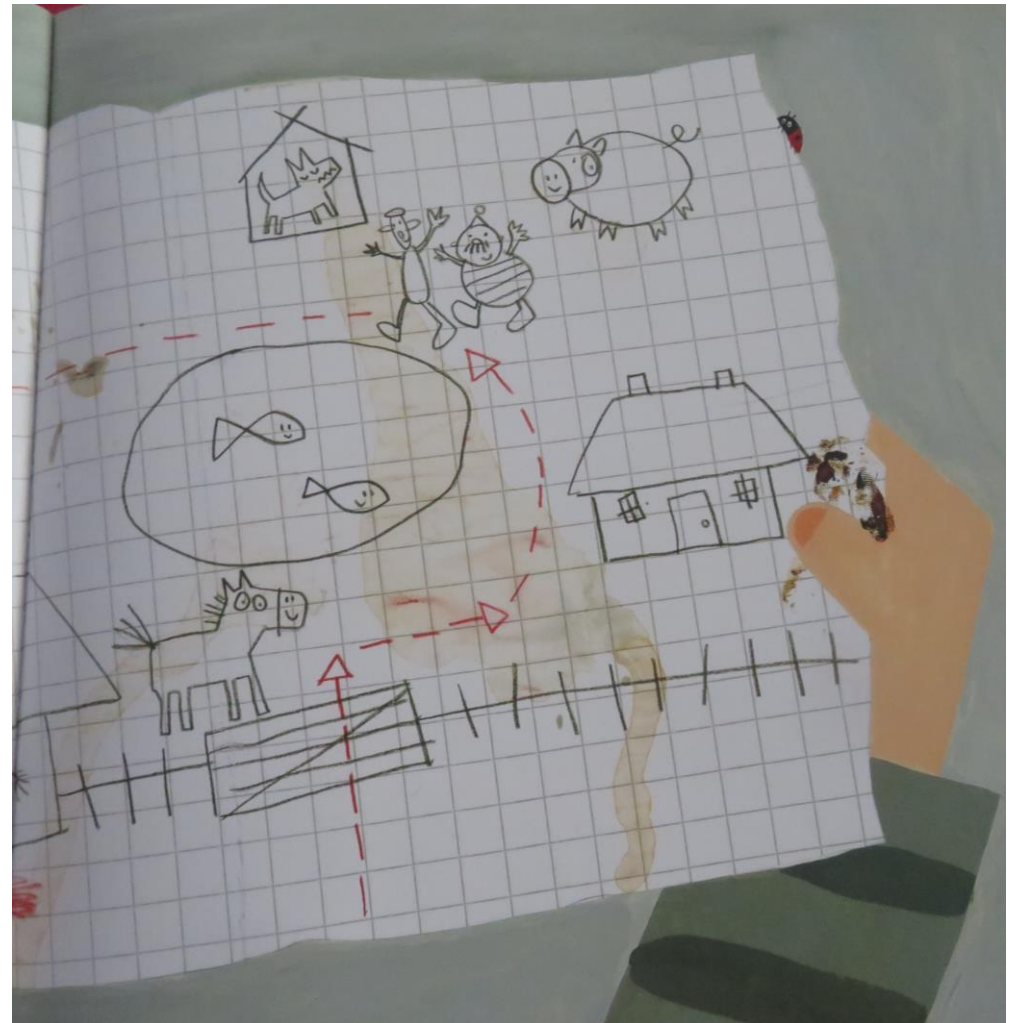
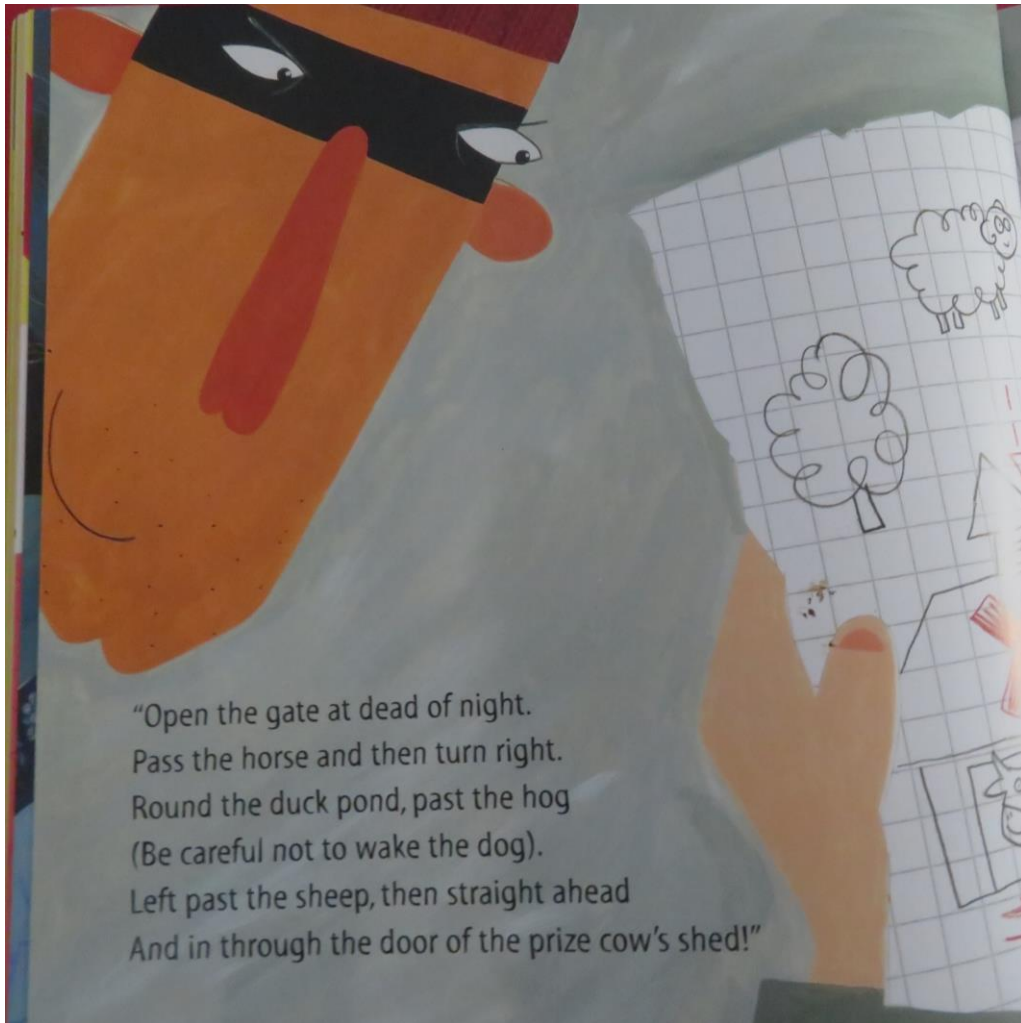
A fine prize cow . . .  
and a ladybird.





And the ladybird said never a word.



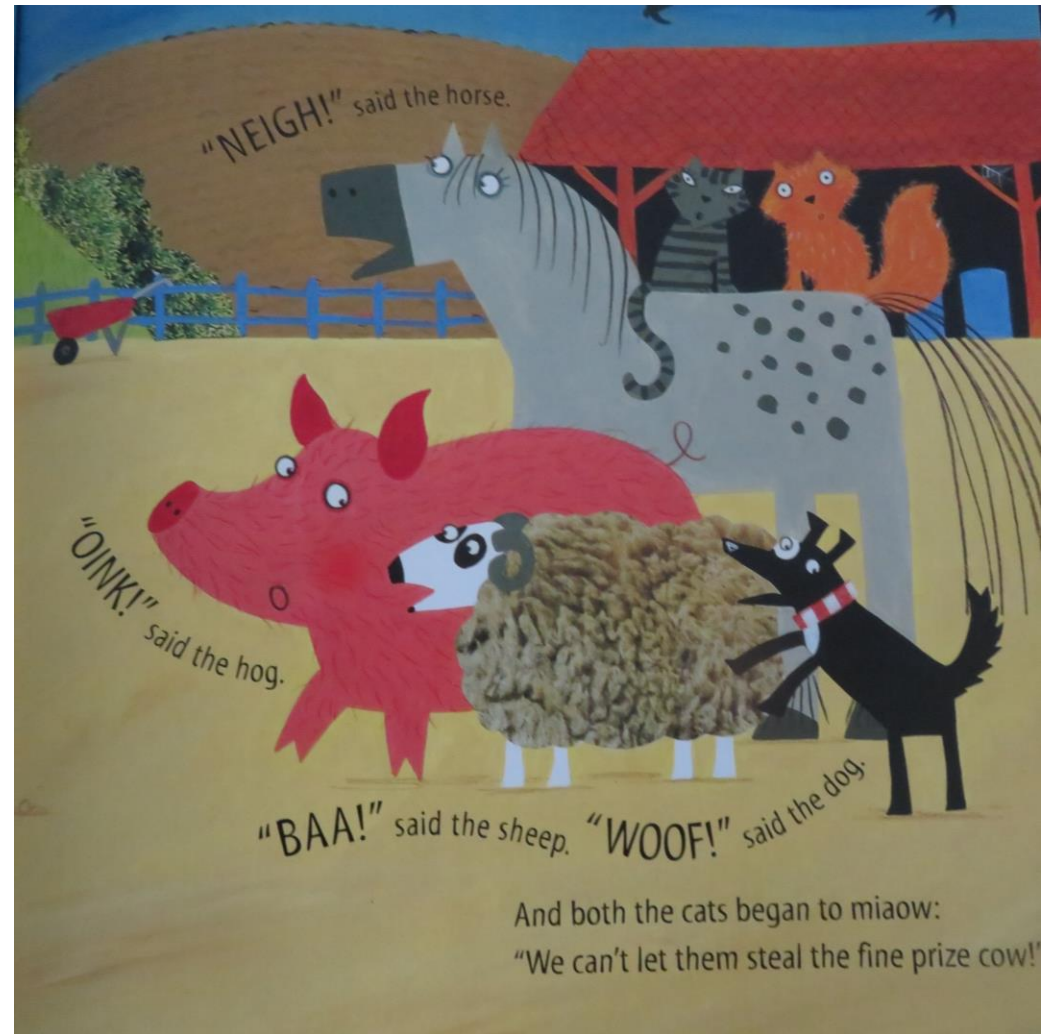


And the little spotty ladybird  
(Who never before had said a word)  
Told the animals, "This is how  
Two thieves are planning to steal the cow:  
They'll open the gate at dead of night.  
Pass the horse and then turn right.  
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Round the duck pond, past the hog  
(Being careful not to wake the dog).  
Left past the sheep, then straight ahead  
And in through the door of the prize cow's shed!"







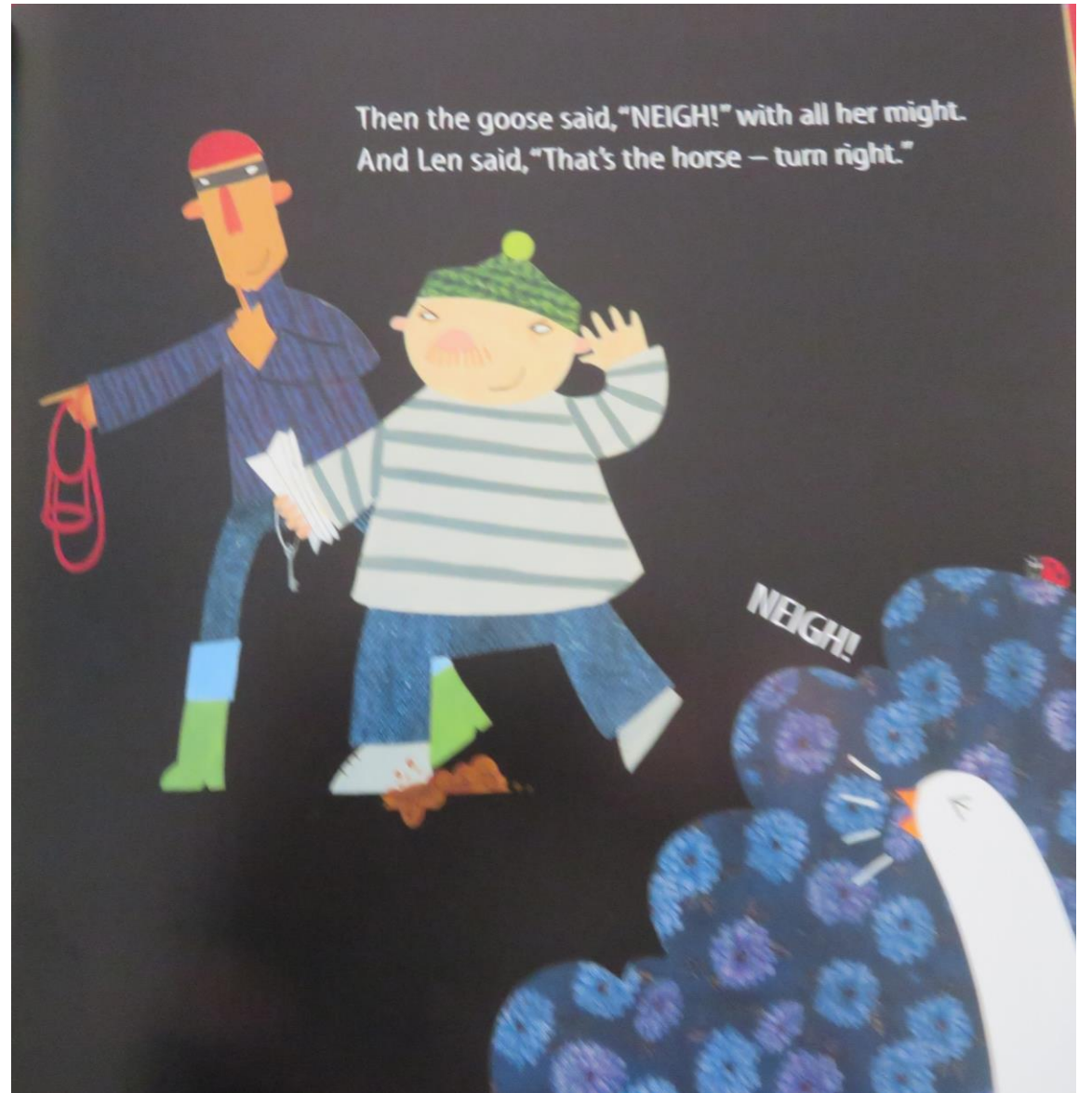
But the ladybird had a good idea  
And she whispered it into each animal ear.



At dead of night the two bad men  
(Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len)  
Opened the gate while the farmer slept  
And tiptoe into the farm they crept.



Then the goose said, "NEIGH!" with all her might.  
And Len said, "That's the horse – turn right."



And the dainty dog began to QUACK.  
"The duck!" said Hugh.  
"We're right on track."

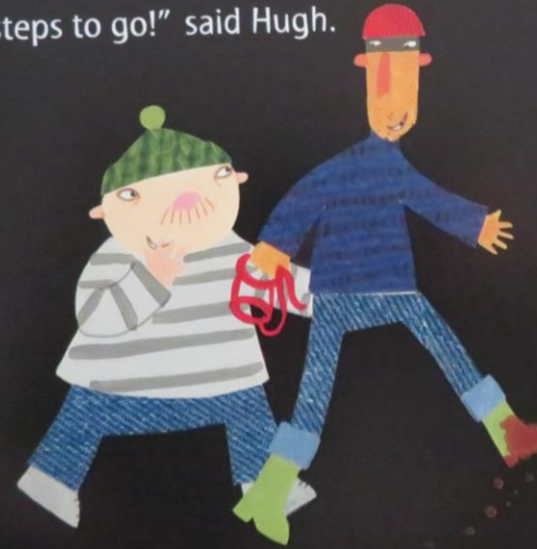


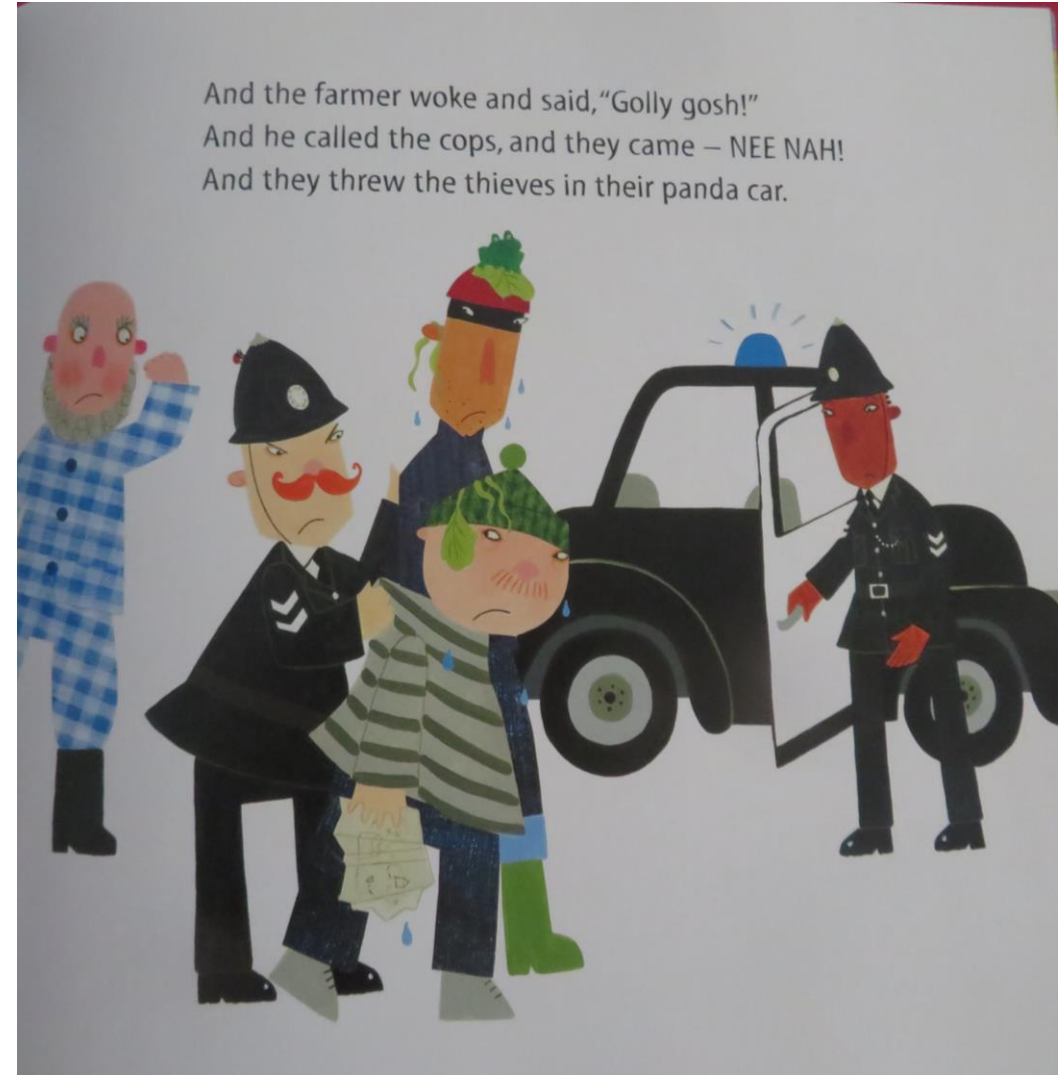
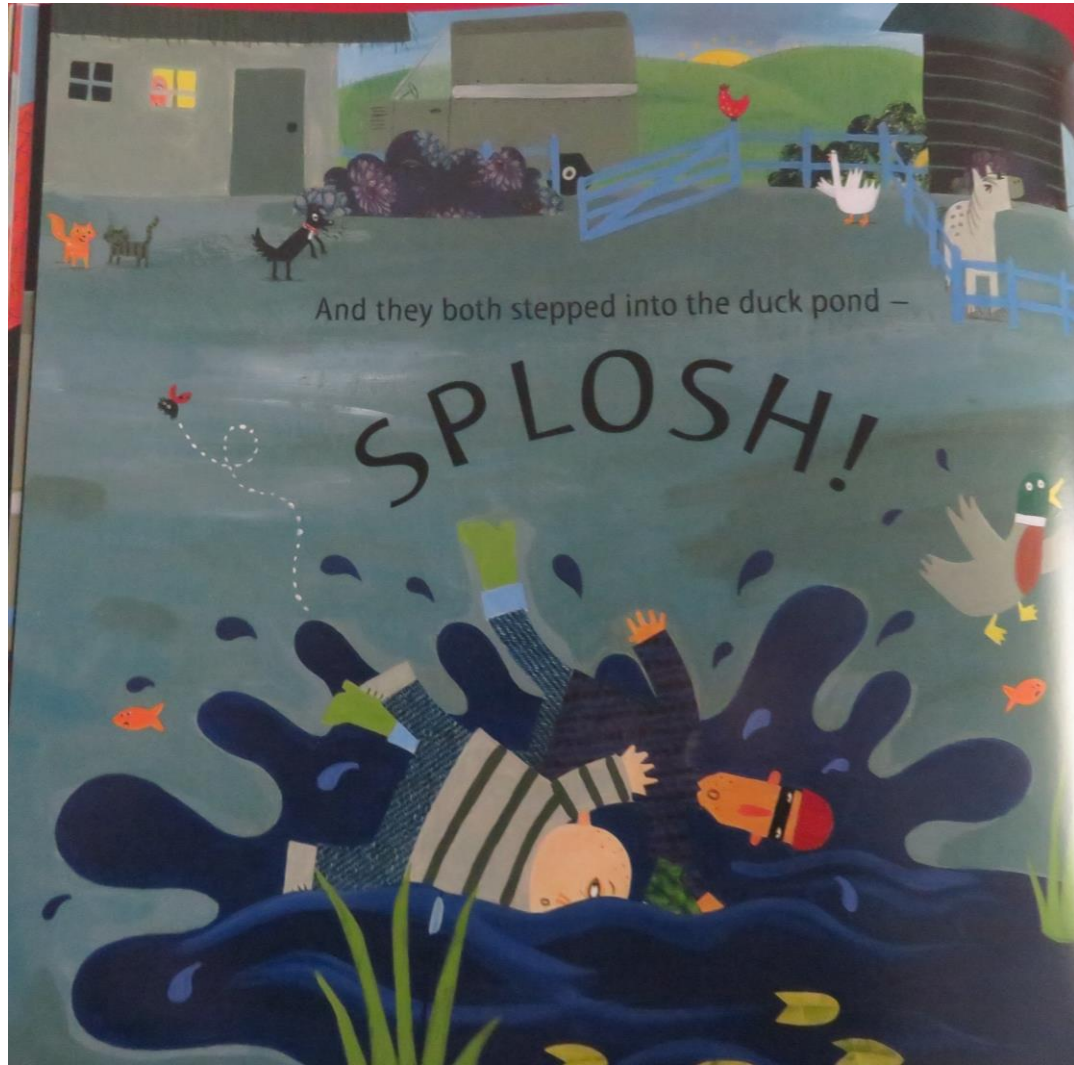
"OINK," said the cats.  
"There goes the hog!  
Be careful not to wake the dog

"BAA BAA BAA," said the fat red hen.  
"The sheep! We're nearly there," said Len.



Then the duck on the pond said, "MOO MOO MOO!"  
"Two more steps to go!" said Hugh.





Then the cow said, "MOO!"



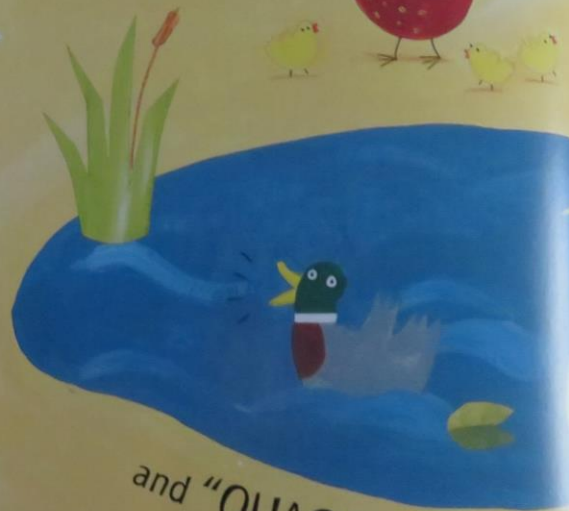
and the hen said, "CLUCK!"



"HISS!" said the goose



and "QUACK!" said the duck



"NEIGH!" said the horse.



"OINK!" said the hog.



"BAA!" said the sheep.



"WOOF!" said the dog.



And the farmer cheered, and both cats purred.



But the ladybird  
said never a word.

