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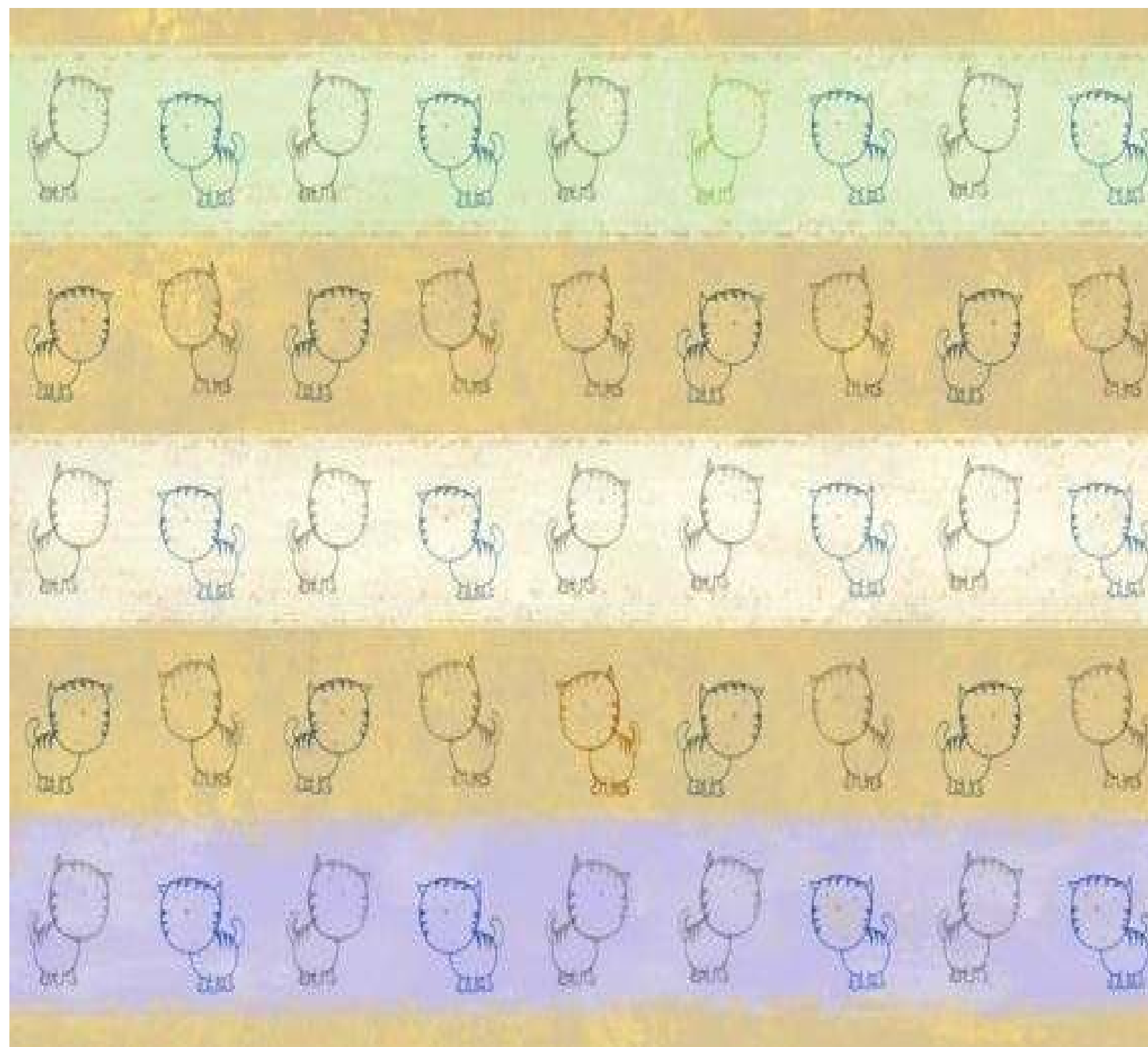
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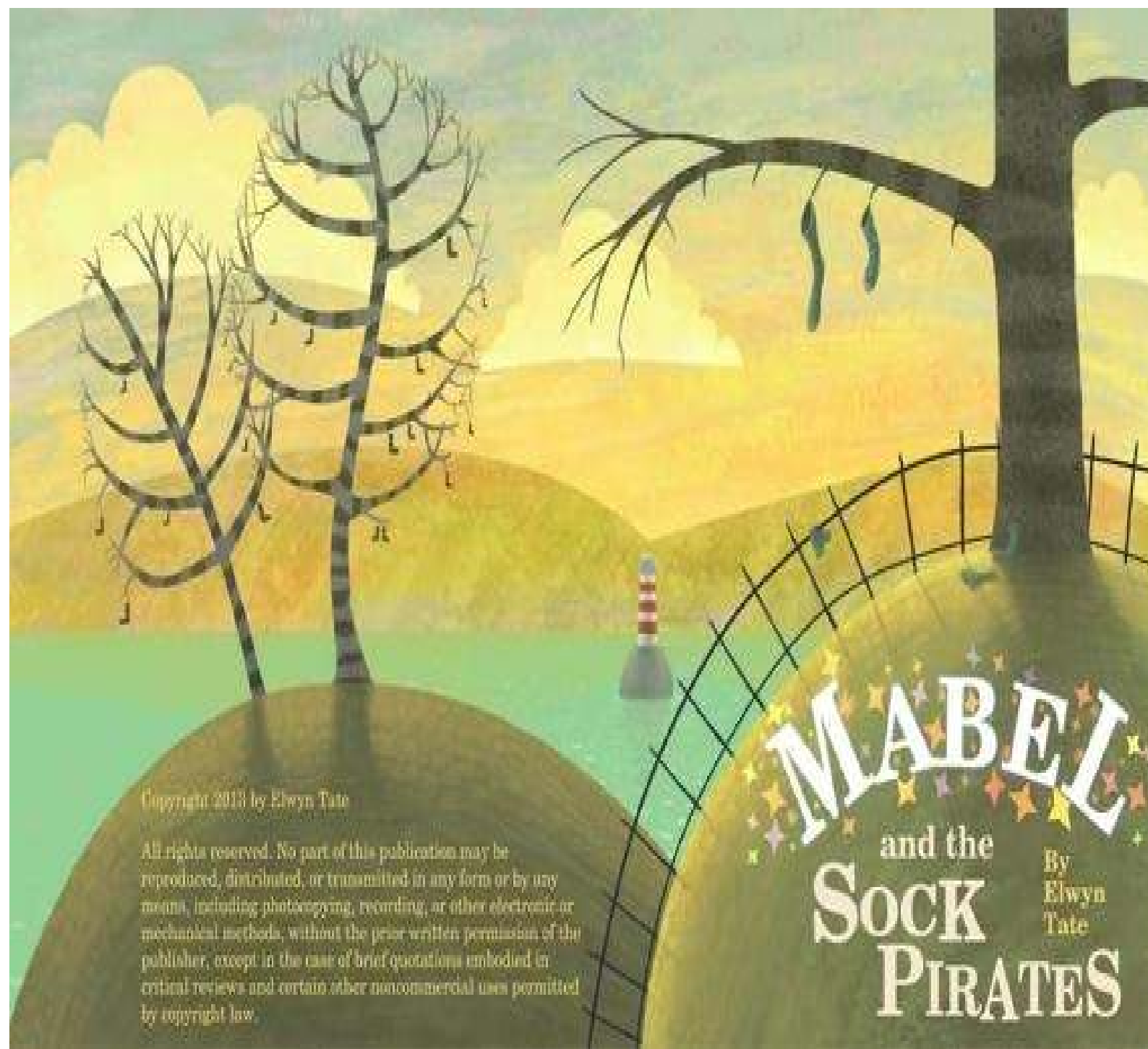


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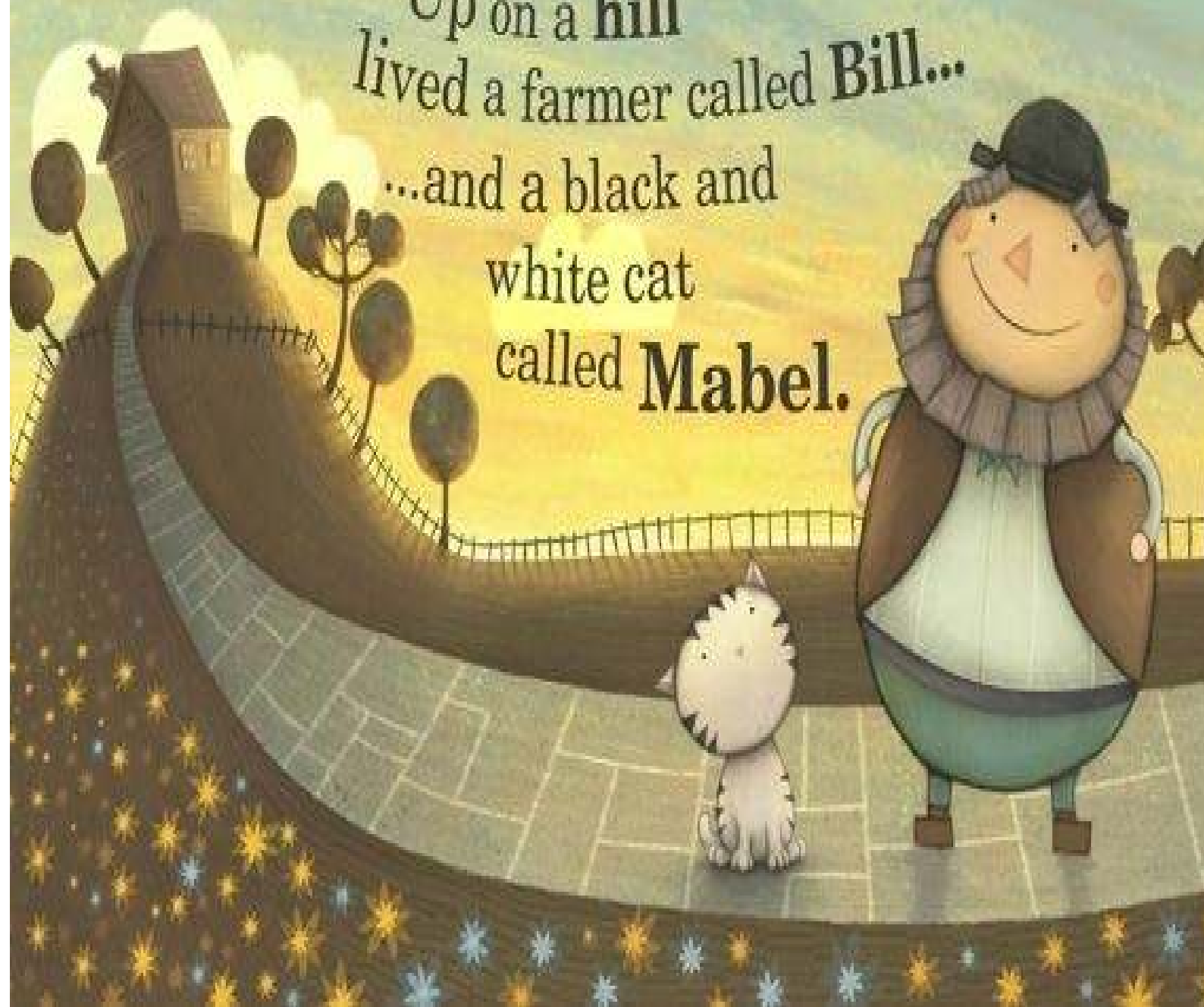
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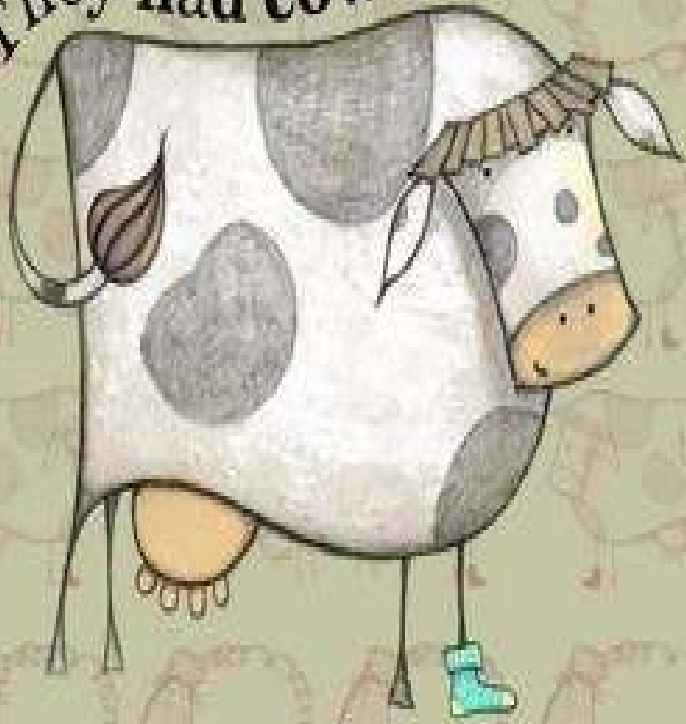
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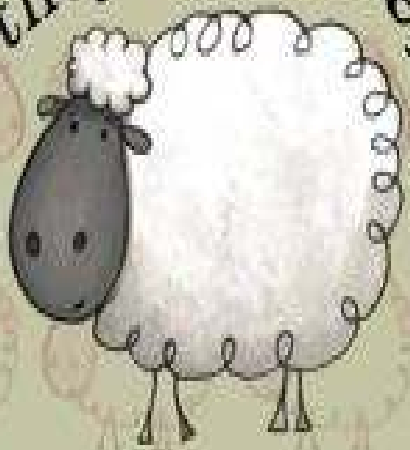
Up on a **hill**  
lived a farmer called **Bill...**  
...and a black and  
white cat  
called **Mabel.**



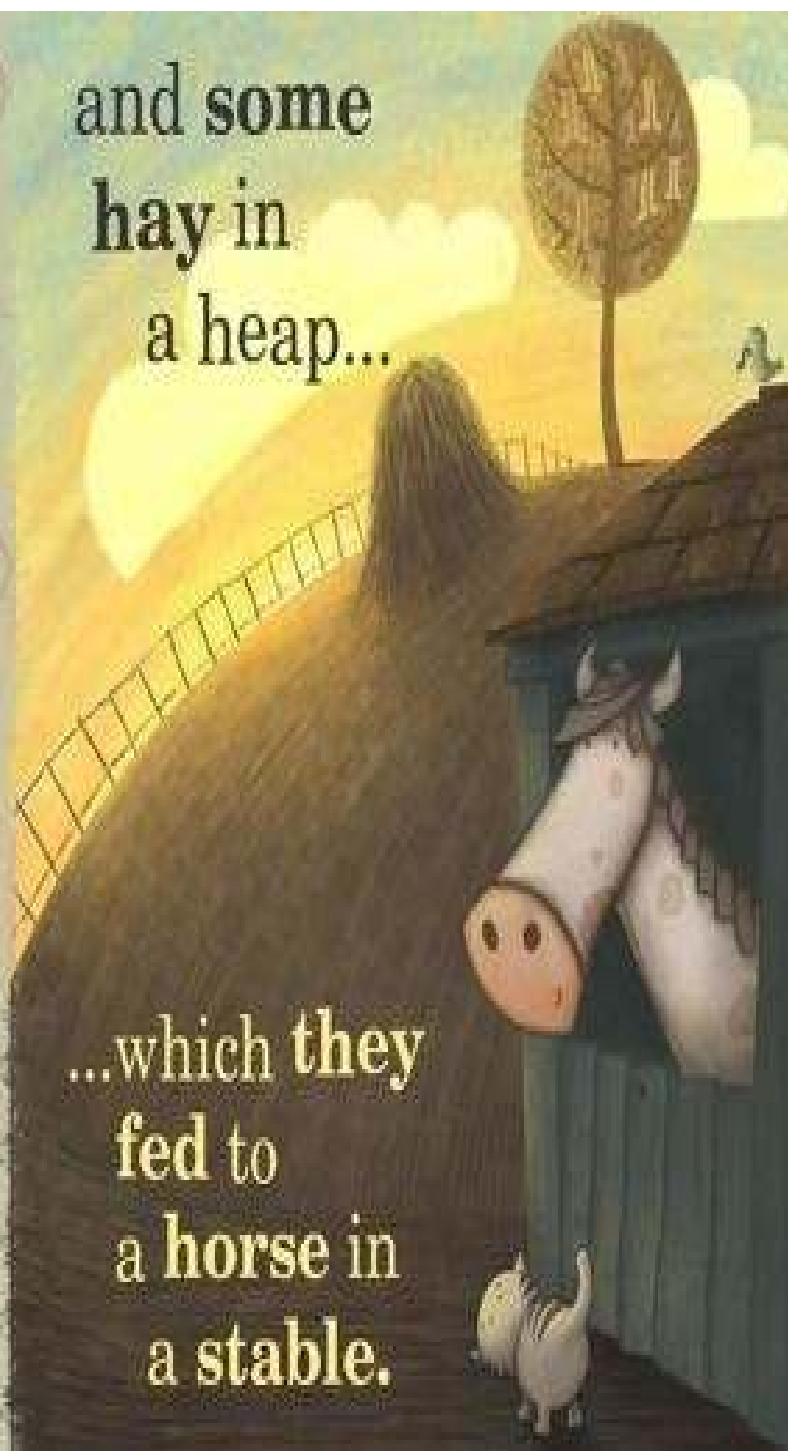
**They had cows...**



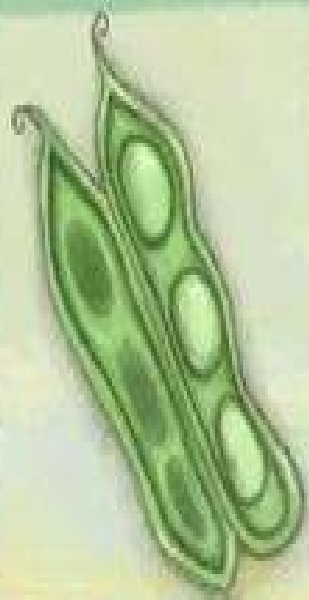
**...they had sheep...**



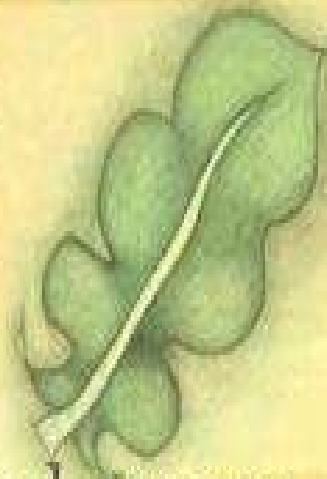
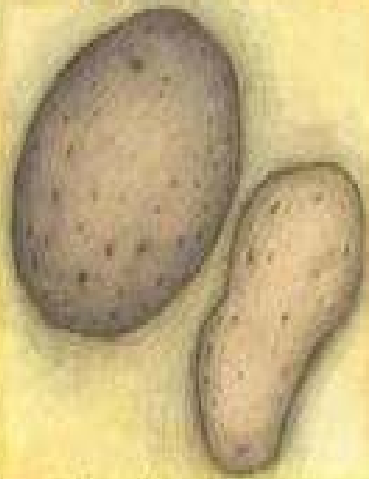
**and some  
hay in  
a heap...**



**...which they  
fed to  
a horse in  
a stable.**



They had  
apples... and beans,



potatoes... and greens,

..and onions  
piled up  
by the  
**box.**







There were  
red socks  
and green  
socks.



Long socks  
and lean  
socks.



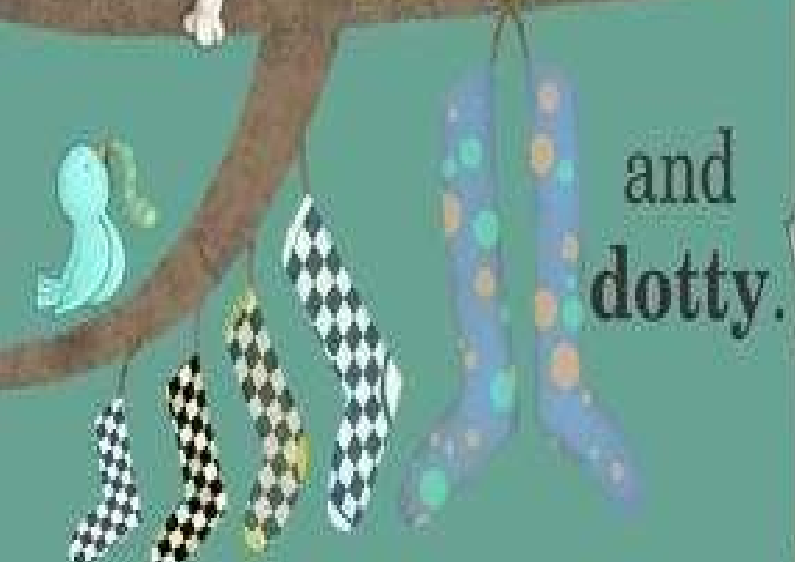
There were socks  
made of silver  
and gold

They were  
stripey...



and spotty.

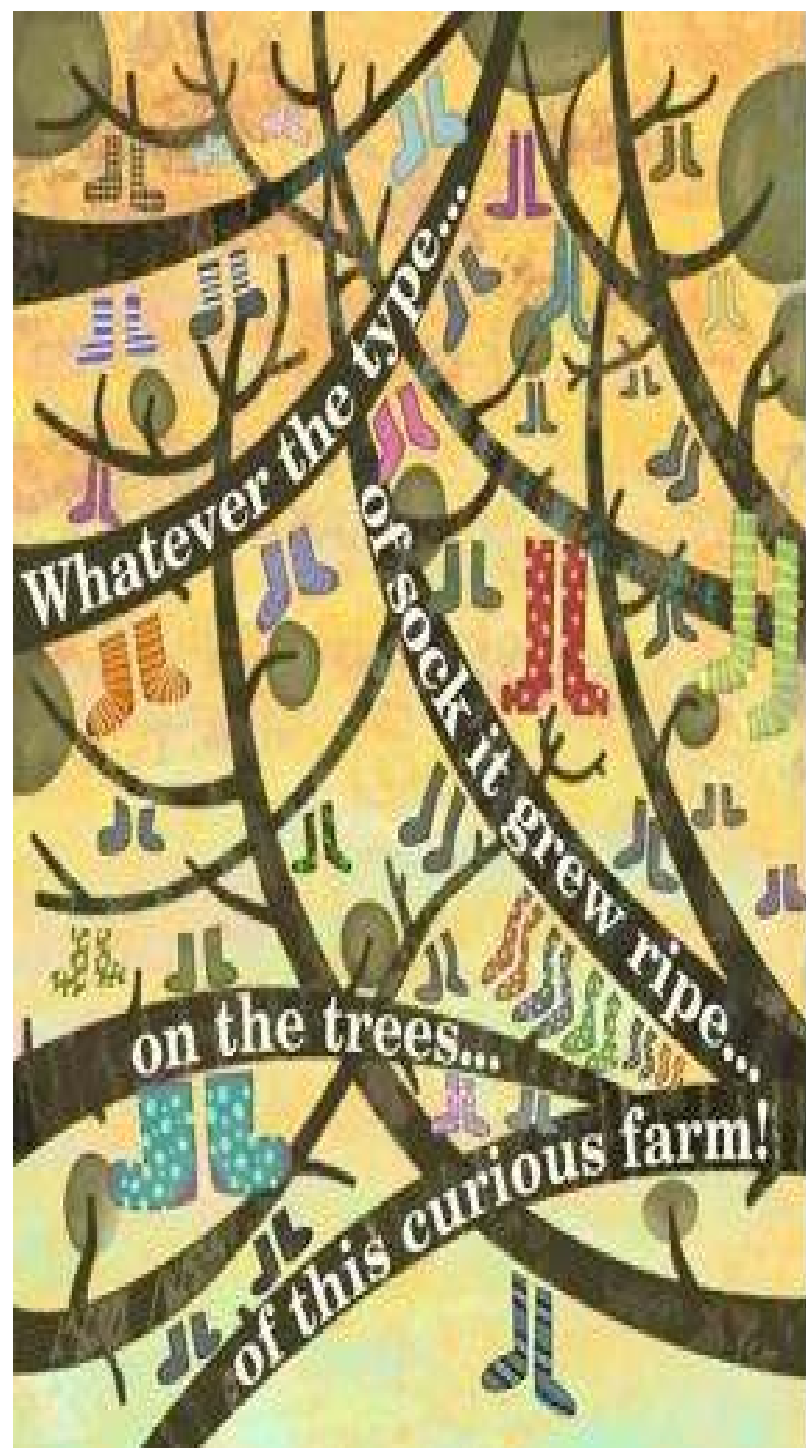
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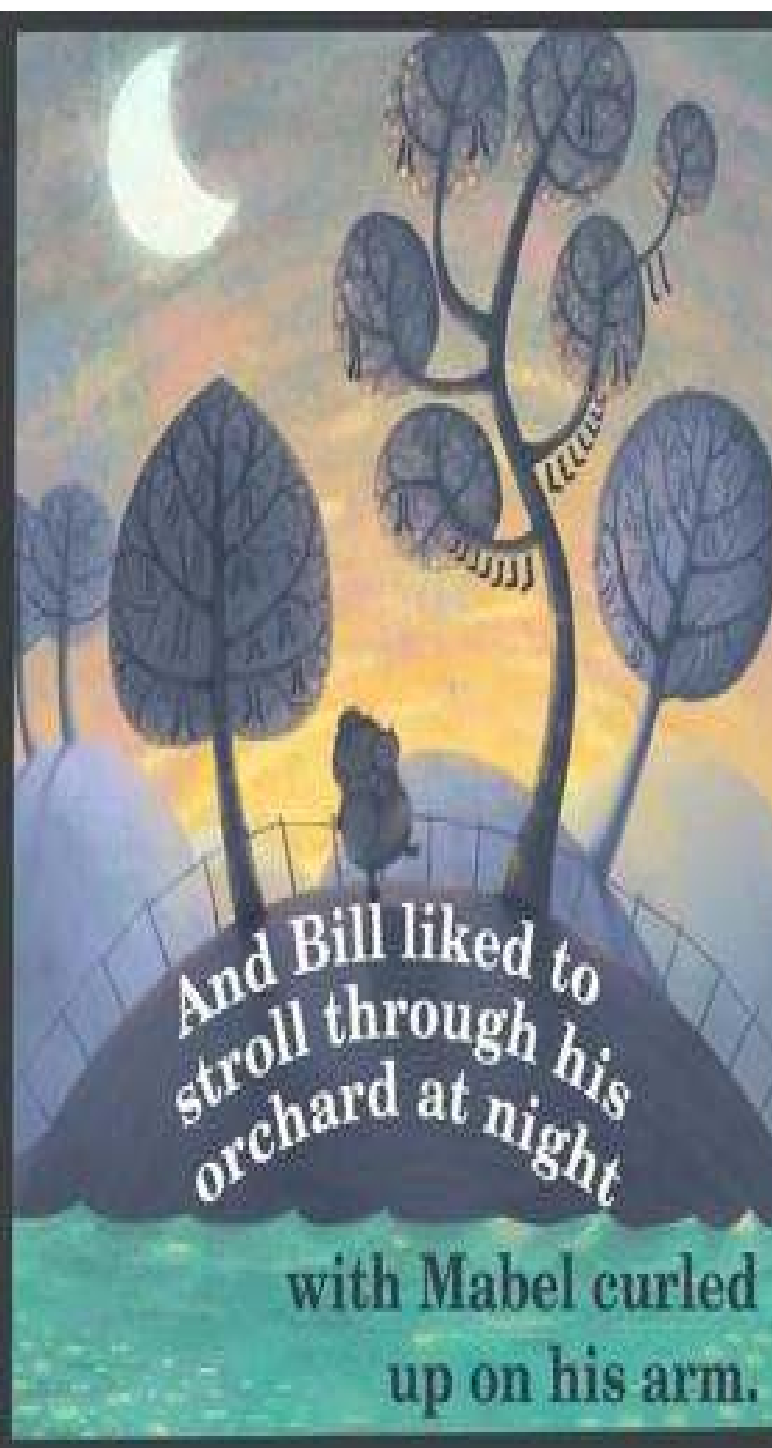
and  
dotty.

While **some**  
were just  
**smelly** and **old.**





Whatever the type...  
of sock it grew ripe...  
on the trees...  
of this curious farm!



And Bill liked to  
stroll through his  
orchard at night  
with Mabel curled  
up on his arm.

A colorful illustration of a pirate ship sailing on a sea under a sunset sky. The ship has a large white sail and a black skull-and-crossbones flag. A magnifying glass is positioned over the sea, focusing on a small, green island with three trees. The word "BUT!" is written in large, bold, black letters at the top right.

**BUT!**

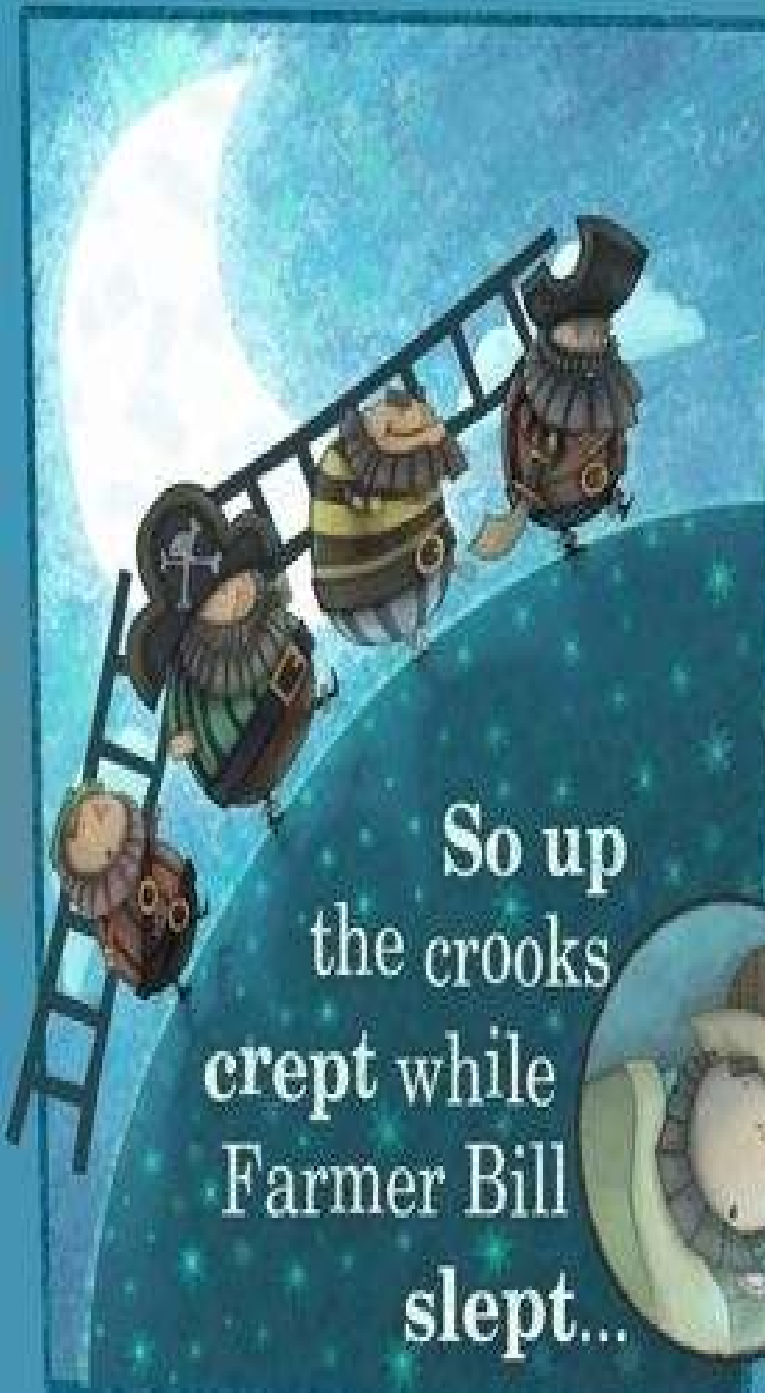
It was **late**  
one July when  
**pirates** sailed  
by, and they  
**spied** on the  
magical **trees**.




**“Yo Ho!”**

said the chief  
(that dastardly thief)

**“Let’s take  
all the  
socks that  
we please.”**



So up  
the crooks  
crept while  
Farmer Bill  
slept...

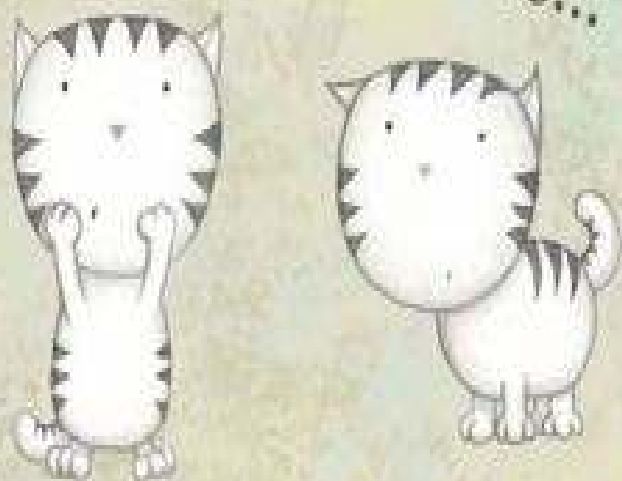


...and they  
**pilfered** and  
**plundered**  
with glee.



But watching  
this theft, with  
marvelous **deft**,  
was **Mabel**...  
high up in a **tree**.

“Oh what a scene...



...those pirates are mean,”



she said in a  
terrible huff.

“They’re stealing  
and looting,

they’re laughing  
and hooting,

and I...

have had...

quite  
enough!”







Quick as a **flash**,  
with a **leap** and  
a **dash**...

...she **ran** yelling,  
“Stop pirates  
...**HALT!**”



But she  
tripped...

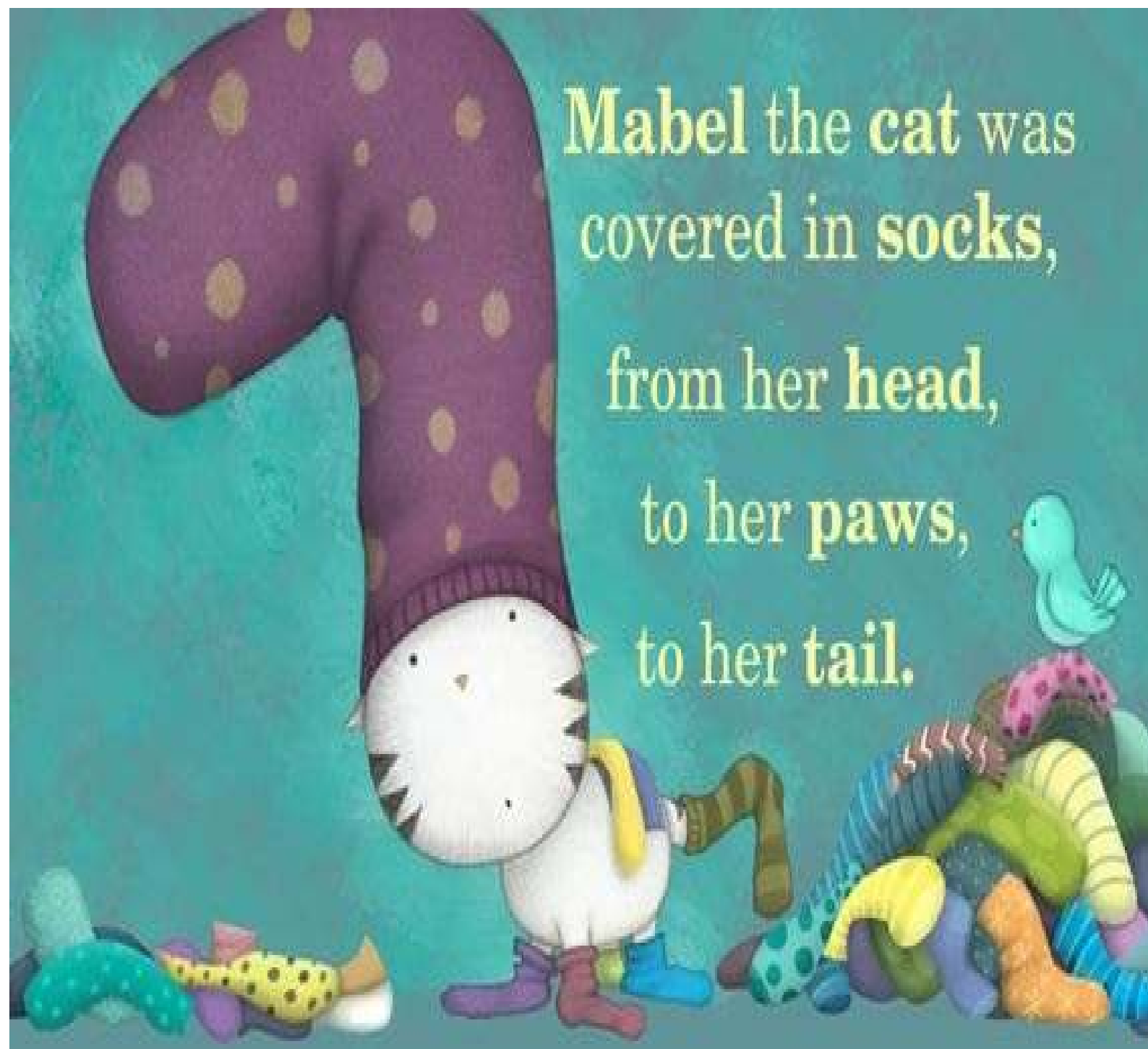


...and turned a complete  
**somersault**.

on a jumble... of socks... with a  
tumble...



Mabel the cat was  
covered in socks,  
from her head,  
to her paws,  
to her tail.



Still she ran and she flew  
at the piratical crew,  
and she gave an  
enormous  
**BIG...**





**“Yo Ho**  
pirate boys,  
What’s  
making  
that noise?”

said the **chief**  
as he  
scratched  
on his **beard.**



“It has  
**big**  
flappy  
toes.”



“A long  
floppy  
nose.”

“And it  
walks in  
a way  
that’s  
quite  
weird.”



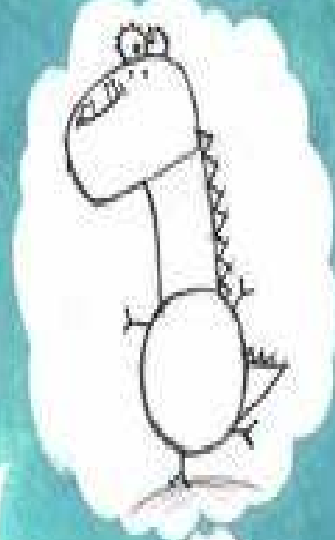
“It’s... A sea Monster...  
...HELP!”

howled the chief with a yelp.

“Let’s  
scarper.”

“Let’s  
Scram.”

“No! Let’s  
HIDE.”



"I'm a monster  
alright,  
and  
I'll chase  
you  
all  
night.

**Meow...  
Meow!"**

Mabel cried.

"Run!"

"Run!"

"This job is  
no fun!"

yelled the  
cowardly,  
villainous  
pack.

So they  
scampered away  
to their boat  
in the  
bay...

and the **SOCK PIRATES**... never... **came... back.**

An illustration of a wooden boat with a large white sail on a bay at night. The sky is dark blue with a crescent moon and stars. The water is a light blue-green. In the background, there are dark, rounded hills with small, dark trees. The boat is tilted, and several small, round, white creatures with large eyes are visible on the deck and hanging from the sail. One of the creatures is wearing a red and black striped shirt. The overall style is whimsical and cartoonish.



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