



The Apple Dragon

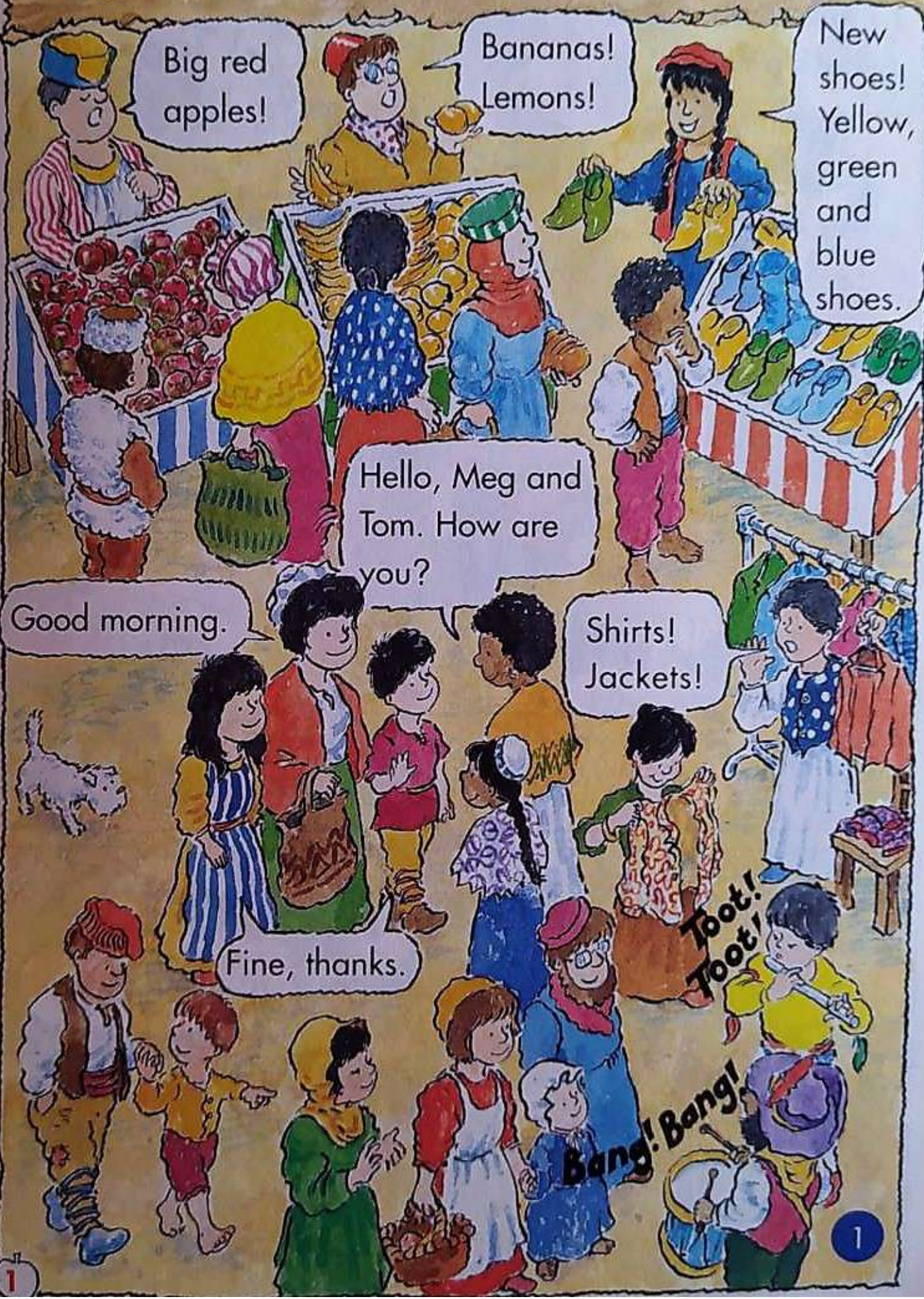


LONGMAN



Carol Skinner

Meg, Tom and their mother are at the market.



Big red apples!

Bananas! Lemons!

New shoes! Yellow, green and blue shoes.

Hello, Meg and Tom. How are you?

Good morning.

Shirts! Jackets!

Fine, thanks.

Toot! Toot!

Bang! Bang!

Look, Meg.
That's a drum and
that's a flute.



Toot! Toot!

Bang! Bang!



Grr! Roar! Grr!

Listen!

It's the dragon!

What's a dragon?



A Now answer the questions.

1 What's this?

1



2



3



2 Is this an apple or a banana?



Is this a flute or a drum?



3 Draw a yellow drum and a big red dragon.

Now act the story.

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Oh, look at my apples.

Look at this chair and table.

What's that?

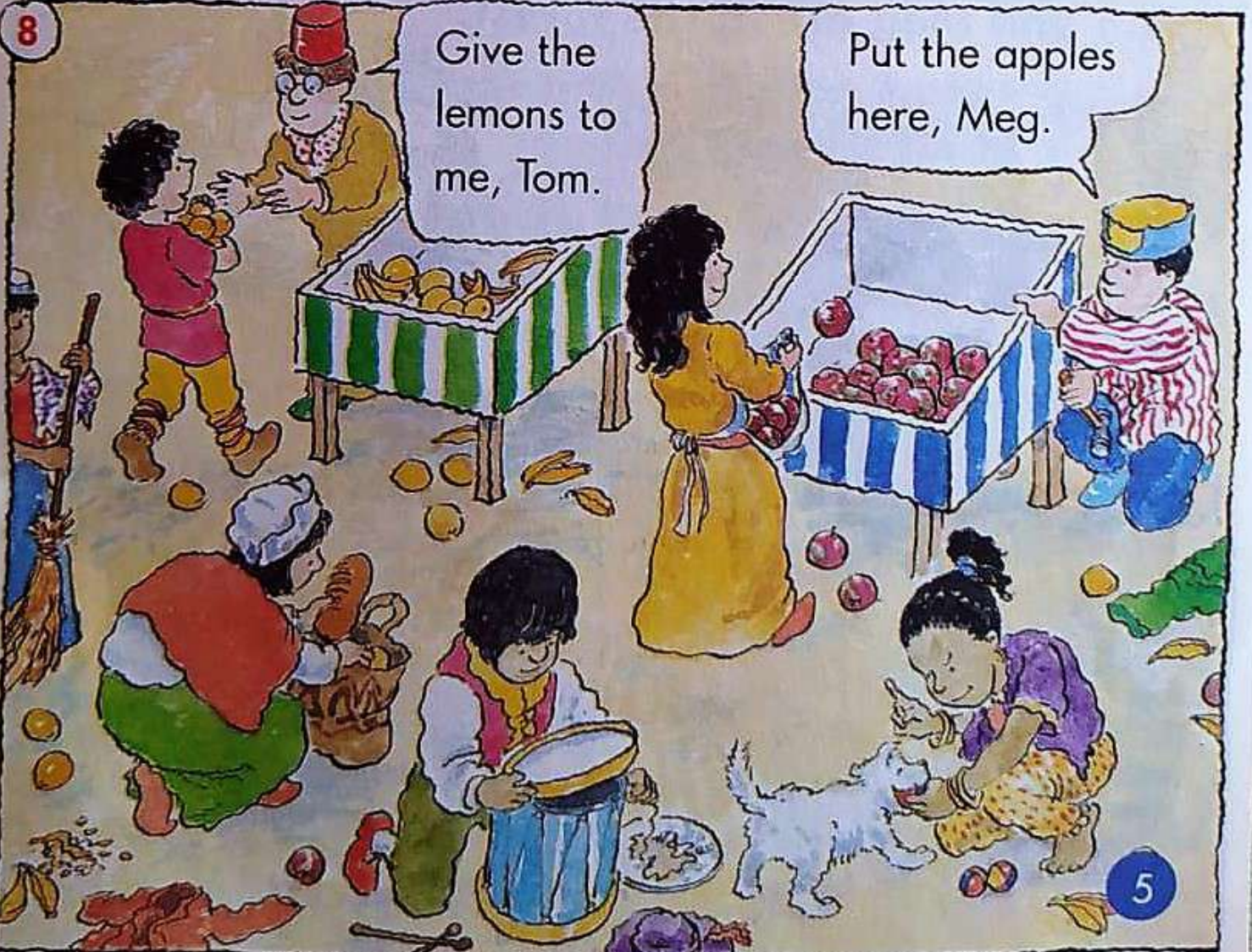
It's my drum.



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Give the lemons to me, Tom.

Put the apples here, Meg.



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Thank you, Meg and Tom.
Here you are.

Thank you!



Look, Mother.

Good!
Now
go and
play.



Tom and Meg are in the forest.

I like red
flowers.

Oh, there's a butterfly!



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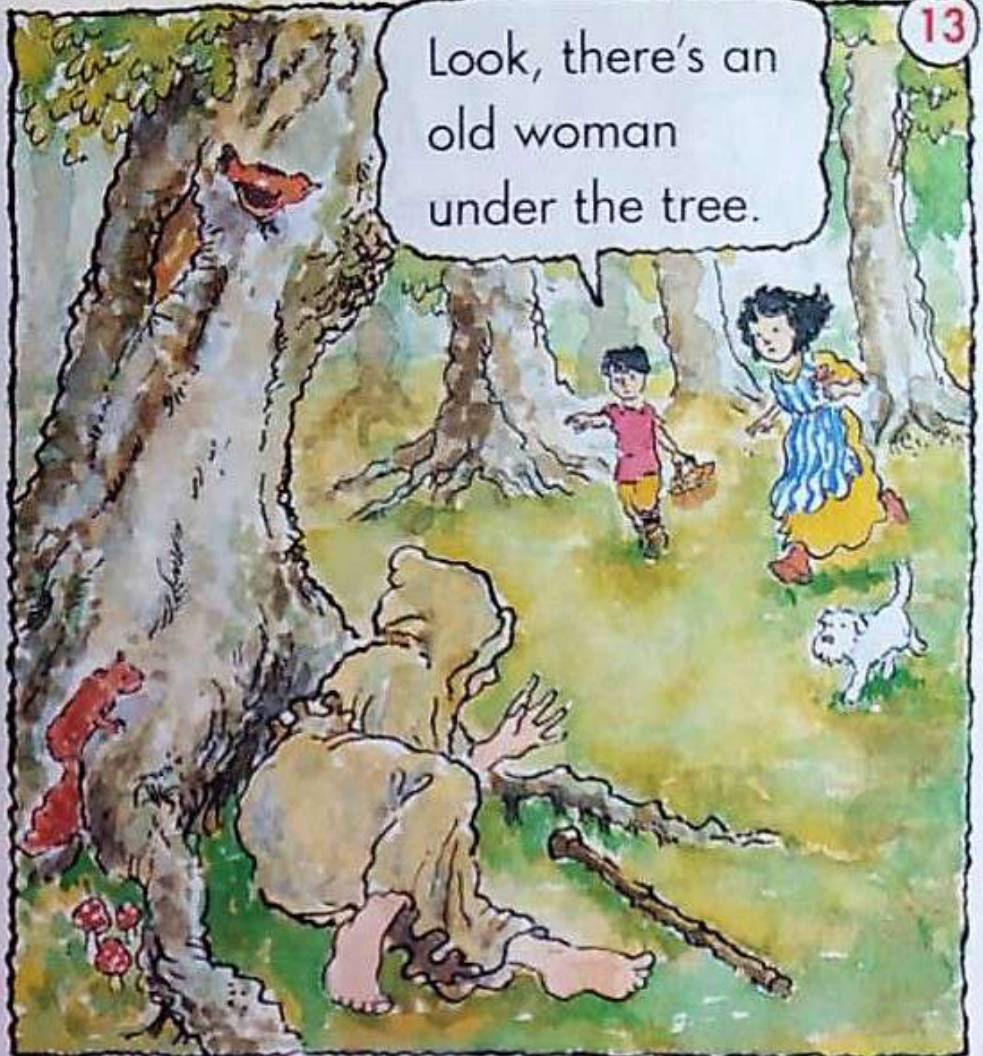
Help!
Help!

Listen.



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Look, there's an
old woman
under the tree.



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Help. Water. Bread.



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Thank you. You are
good children.



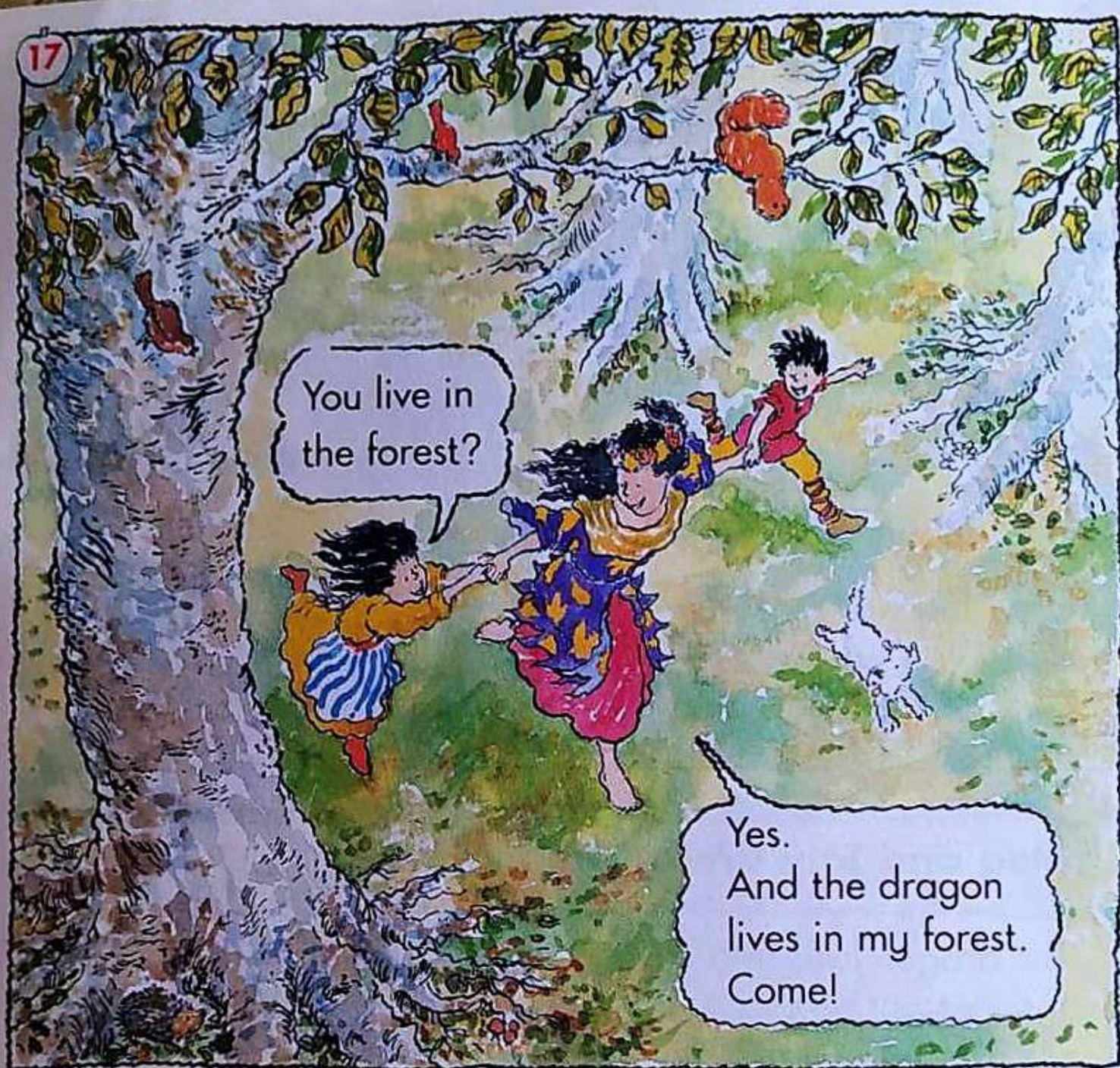


B Now answer the questions.

- 1 Look at picture 7. Are the people happy?
- 2 Choose the answer. Look at picture 11.

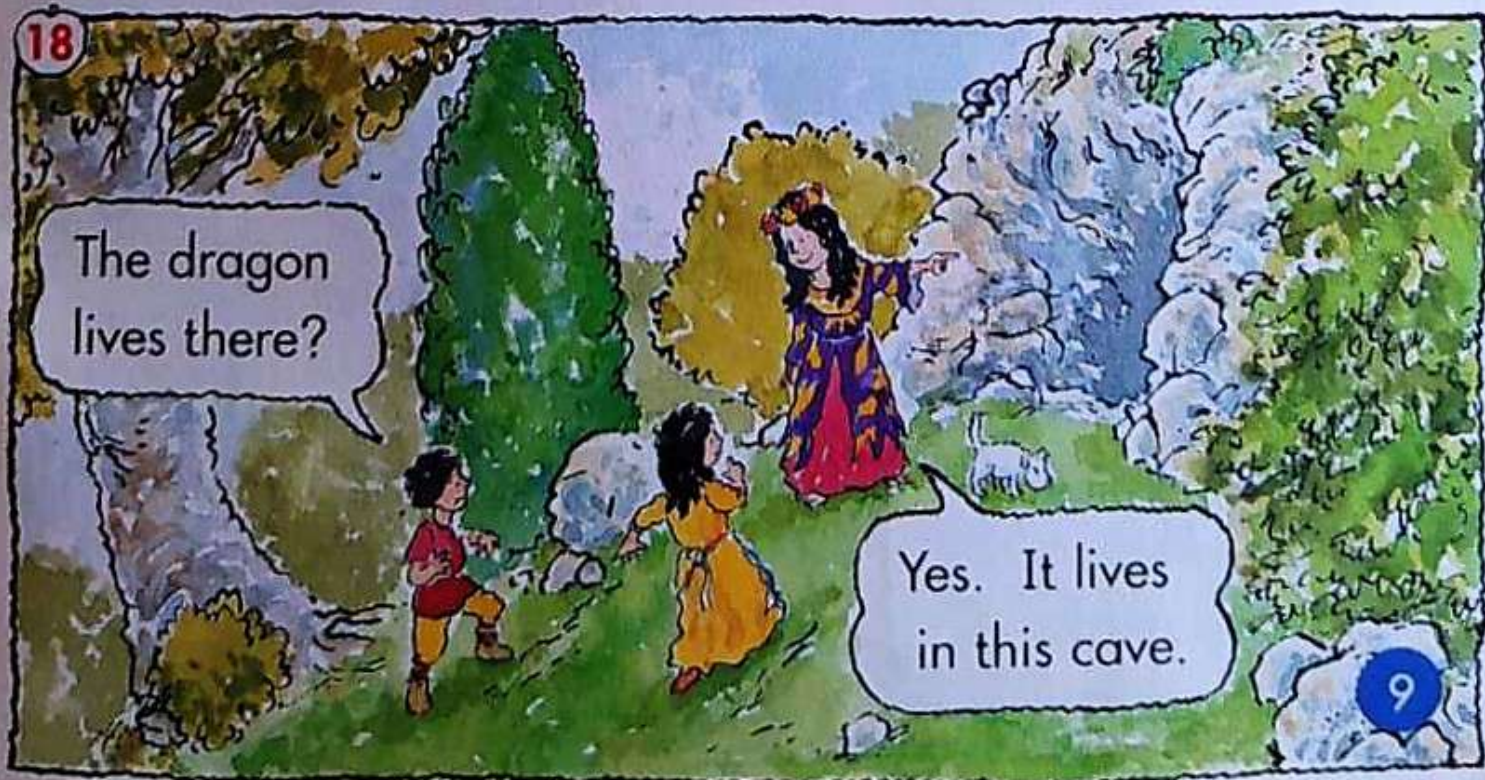
Meg and Tom are in the forest.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
There's a butterfly on the flower.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Meg likes yellow flowers.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
- 3 Who is the woman under the tree in the forest?
- 4 Draw a yellow butterfly on an orange flower.

Now act the story.



You live in
the forest?

Yes.
And the dragon
lives in my forest.
Come!



The dragon
lives there?

Yes. It lives
in this cave.

The dragon is bad.

I don't like it.

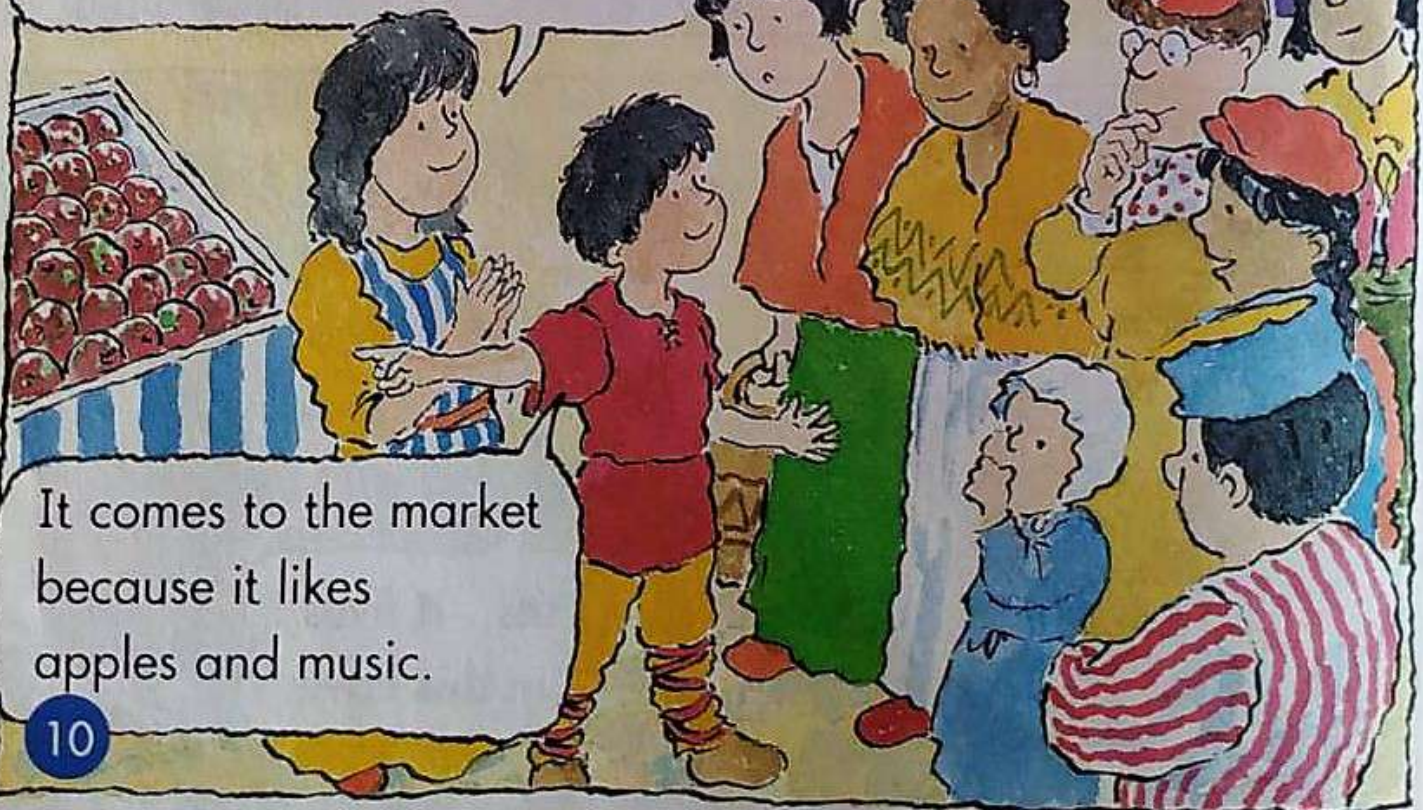


No, the dragon isn't bad. It's a good dragon, but it likes apples and music.



Meg and Tom are at the market.

The dragon lives in a cave. It isn't bad. It's good.



It comes to the market because it likes apples and music.



Here's the cave.

Give the apples to me.



Please be careful.





C Now answer the questions.

1 Who lives in the forest?

2 What lives in a cave?

3 Choose the answer.

The queen lives in a cave.

Yes No

The dragon is bad.

Yes No

The queen likes the dragon.

Yes No

The dragon likes apples.

Yes No

4 Draw the dragon eating apples in a cave.

Now act the story.

Look at Meg and Tom!



Toot! Toot!



Bang! Bang!

Ha! Ha! Look at the dragon now.

Toot! Toot!



Bang! Bang!

It's dancing!

Hooray for Meg!
 Hooray for Tom!
 Hip hip hooray!
 Hip hip hooray!
 The dragon's good.
 The dragon's good.
 What a great day!
 What a great day!

Toot!
Toot!

Bang!
Bang!



Who is in the play?



The dragon

The old woman



The queen



Mother



Tom

Meg

People in the market



What is in the play?

a drum



a flute



fruit/clothes/shoes



a mask

Now read it again.

Scene 1

Tables and a chair should be on the stage for market stalls with the various things on them for sale. The market people come on stage and start calling out "Big red apples", etc. Then the people visiting the market walk on and look at the stalls.

MARKET MAN 1: Big red apples!

MARKET MAN 2: Bananas! Lemons!

MARKET WOMAN 1: New shoes! Yellow, green and blue shoes.

MARKET WOMAN 2: Shirts! Jackets!

MOTHER: Good morning.

WOMAN: Hello, Meg and Tom. How are you?

MEG/TOM: Fine, thanks.

The musicians start to play their instruments. Acrobats do their act.

MOTHER: Look, Meg. That's a drum and that's a flute.

Off stage roaring noises of dragon.

DRAGON: Grr! Roar! Grr!

MOTHER: Listen!

ACROBAT: It's the dragon.

LITTLE GIRL: What's a dragon?

Off stage roaring noises of dragon. Everyone starts to run away.

MOTHER: Help! Help!

MARKET MAN 2: Look, there it is!

ACROBAT: Quick, run!

MEG: Oh, it's very big.

DRAGON: Grr! Arr! Grr!

The dragon comes on stage roaring. It heads for the apple stall. It pushes its nose into the apples and they all fall on the floor. The dragon moves around the stage trying to get the apples and knocks the market stalls on the floor. The dragon then leaves and the

people come back on stage. The market people gradually move all the things off the stage as if they are clearing up.

Scene 2

MARKET MAN 1: Oh, look at my apples.

MARKET WOMAN 2: Look at this chair and table.

BOY: What's that?

DRUMMER: It's my drum.

MARKET MAN 2: Give the lemons to me, Tom.

MARKET MAN 1: Put the apples here, Meg.

One of the stallholders gives the children a basket of food. The children go over to Mother and show her the basket.

MARKET MAN 1: Thank you, Meg and Tom. Here you are.

MEG/TOM: Thank you! Look, Mother.

MOTHER: Good! Now go and play.

The children walk around the stage pretending to look at flowers and butterflies, etc.

MEG: I like red flowers.

TOM: Oh, there's a butterfly.

A voice shouts for help off stage. The old woman comes on stage and sits down as if under a tree. She continues to call for help. The children suddenly see her.

OLD WOMAN: Help! Help!

MEG: Listen.

TOM: Look, there's an old woman under the tree.

The children go over to the old woman.

OLD WOMAN: Help. Water. Bread. Thank you. You are good children.

The old woman stands up and lets her cloak fall to the ground revealing a beautiful dress.

TOM: Ah! Who are you?

MEG: What's your name?

QUEEN: I'm a queen. I'm Dendra. This is my forest.

The queen takes the children's hands and pulls them to the other side of the stage.

Scene 3

MEG: You live in the forest?

QUEEN: Yes. And the dragon lives in my forest. Come!

The children look off stage as if they are looking into a cave.

TOM: The dragon lives there?

QUEEN: Yes. It lives in this cave.

TOM: The dragon is bad.

MEG: I don't like it.

QUEEN: No, the dragon isn't bad. It's a good dragon, but it likes apples and music.

The queen goes off stage and the children walk to the other side where they are joined by some of the market people.

MEG: The dragon lives in a cave. It isn't bad. It's good.

TOM: It comes to the market because it likes apples and music.

The market people go off stage and bring back baskets of apples. They walk to the other side of the stage with Meg and Tom to where the cave is.

TOM: Here's the cave.

MEG: Give the apples to me.

Meg puts apples in a line from the cave.

ACROBAT: Please be careful.

The dragon puts his head on stage, roars and moves towards the apples as if it is eating them. All the market people run in different directions.

MARKET MAN 1: Here comes the dragon!

ACROBAT: Help!

The market people move to the side of the stage as if they are hiding.

Scene 4

ACROBAT: Look at Meg and Tom!

The dragon moves up to Meg and Tom who start playing the drum and flute. It starts dancing.

DRUMMER: Ha! Ha! Look at the dragon now.

MARKET MAN 2: It's dancing!

More people come on stage. Some sit and eat on the floor. Others start dancing with the dragon. All sing or chant the song, with or without the cassette.

ALL: Hooray for Meg!
Hooray for Tom!
Hip hip hooray!
Hip hip hooray!
The dragon's good.
The dragon's good.
What a great day!
What a great day!

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