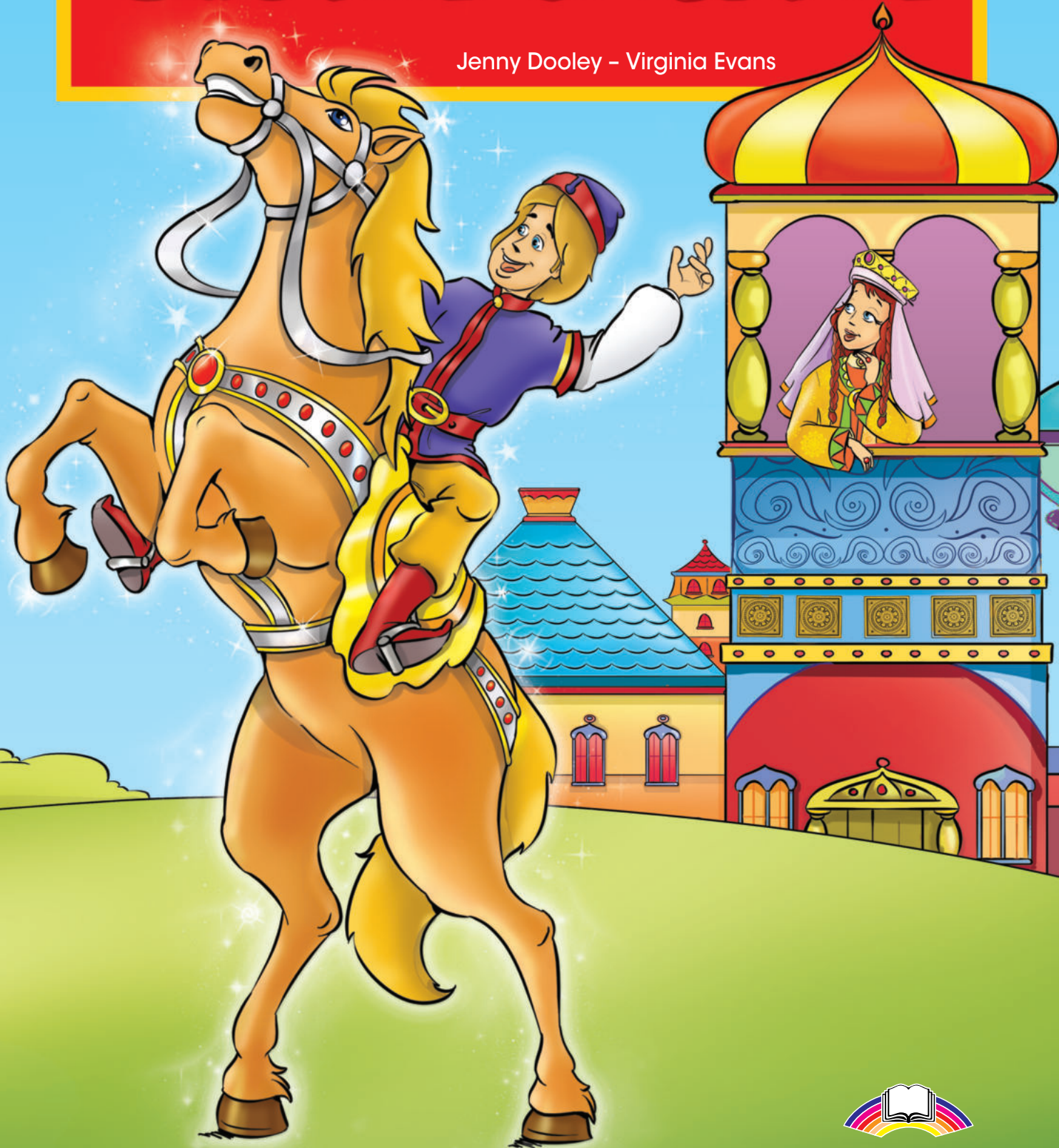


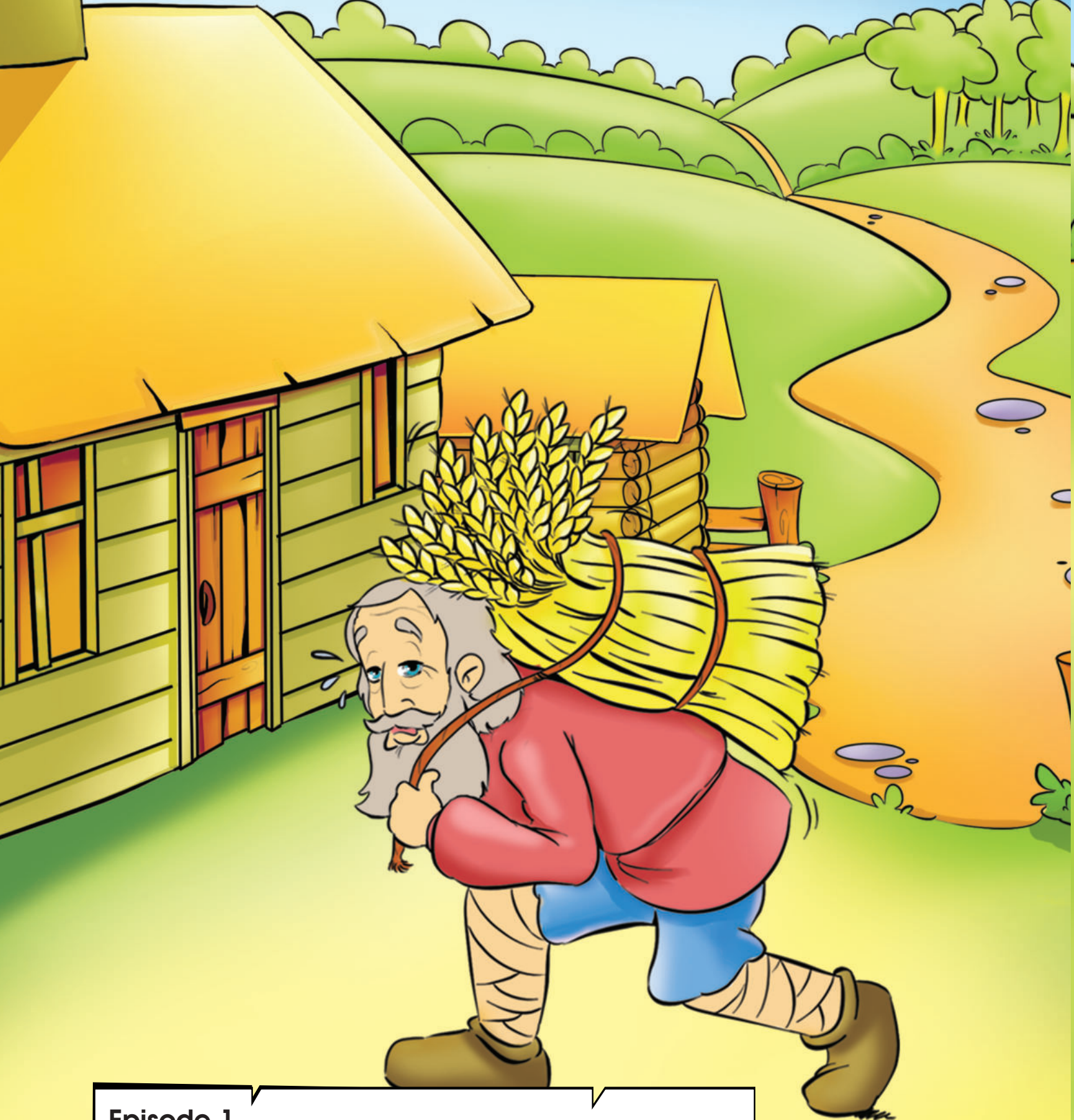


Sivka-Burka

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Episode 1

This is a small village in Russia. Look! There is a farmer with his three sons, Andrei, Sergei and young Ivanushka. The farmer is an old man and he works very hard. He wants to give his sons a good life and he wants them to be happy. They are not very rich and they haven't got a big farm.



Andrei and Sergei are very clever, but Ivanushka is not as clever as his brothers. The two older sons work in the field and they like wearing nice clothes. But Ivanushka is not like his two brothers. He likes to go into the forest and collect mushrooms. When he is at home he spends most of his time sitting on the kitchen stove. Sometimes Andrei and Sergei call him 'Silly Boy.' But Ivanushka doesn't mind and he never gets angry. He is a kind young man with a big heart.

8 Read the story again and choose **a** or **b**.



- 1 *They take some bread ...*
a the three brothers
b Sergei and Andrei
- 2 *... making it look like silver.*
a the moon **b** the wheat

- 3 *I'm tired.*
a Sergei **b** Andrei
- 4 *He sits back.*
a Ivanushka **b** Sergei

9 Read the story again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Ivanushka feels very
- 2 He sees a, running into the field.
- 3 The horse has got a
- 4 It starts to
- 5 Ivanushka walks quietly up to it and
- 6 He feels and lets the horse
- 7 The next morning they wake up and go

10 Look and complete the sentences.

This is John and his family.

- 1 **Ian** is John's father.
- 2 is Ian's wife.
- 3 is Ian's daughter.
- 4 is John's grandmother.
- 5 is Kate's grandfather.
- 6 is John's brother.



11 Read the story again and choose the right words.

- 1 The Tsar lives in a big **castle/palace**.
- 2 He's got a beautiful **son/daughter**.
- 3 He's looking for a brave **man/woman**.
- 4 His daughter is in a high **tower/tree**.
- 5 The Tsar's daughter is wearing a gold **watch/ring**.



12 Read the story again and write who says the sentences.

- 1 *Let us go and try our luck.*
- 2 *Brothers, take me with you to try my luck, too.*
- 3 *Stay here, silly boy!*
- 4 *Sivka-Burka, come!*

13 Read and complete the sentences. Use: **cheer**, **climb**, **left** or **right**.

1 Our football team is the winner. Let's all



cheer!

2 My house is on the



.....

3 Can you



..... that hill?

4 Dennis, can I see your



..... hand, please?





Now let's act it out!



Characters: Narrator
Farmer
Andrei
Sergei
Ivanushka
Chorus

Scene 1

Narrator: This is a small village in Russia. Look! There is a farmer with his three sons, Andrei, Sergei and young Ivanushka. The farmer is an old man and he works very hard.

Farmer: I want you to have a good life, my sons. I want you to be happy!

Andrei: But we are not very rich, father!

Sergei: And we haven't got a big farm!

Farmer: Don't worry, my sons. We have enough money to have a good life!

Sergei: As long as we can have nice clothes!

Narrator: Andrei and Sergei are very clever, but Ivanushka is not as clever as his brothers. He is not like his two brothers. When he is at home, he spends most of his time sitting near the kitchen stove.

Ivanushka: I think I'll go to the forest again to collect some mushrooms!

Andrei & Sergei: You're always going to the forest, Silly Boy!

Ivanushka: Father wants me to bring back some big mushrooms! Don't you father?

Farmer: Ivanushka you are a kind young man. You've got such a big heart!

Let's Sing!
Chorus

Narrator: There is only one field on the farm, but it is full of tall, golden wheat. The farmer is very proud of his wheat.

Farmer: My wheat is like gold! It is the best wheat in the land!

Andrei: Our wheat makes the best bread in the land!

Sergei: Our wheat makes the best cakes in the land!

Ivanushka: Can I help you in the field? I like our wheat, too.

Andrei: No! Go and collect your mushrooms.

Sergei: Silly Boy! Go back and sit near the stove!

Let's Sing!

Chorus

Scene 2

Narrator: One day, the farmer goes to his field as usual. But when he gets there, he is shocked by what he sees. There are big, heavy footprints all over it and his beautiful wheat is flat.

Farmer: My beautiful, golden wheat! My sons, come quickly!

Andrei: Look at the wheat!

Sergei: Look at these big, heavy footprints!

Farmer: What kind of animal can do this?

Ivanushka: A horse, perhaps?

Andrei: A horse! Don't be silly, Ivan! Go and collect mushrooms!

Sergei: Silly Boy! Go back and sit near the stove!

Let's Sing!

Chorus

Farmer: Look at my poor field! What is this? I want to know! Tonight, my sons, you must stay and guard the field. We must find the animal responsible for this!

Sergei: Don't worry, father. You can count on me!

Andrei: I am not afraid of anything! You can count on me!

Ivanushka: You can count on me, too, father. I can help find this animal.

Farmer: Take Ivanushka, too. He is a good boy and he can help you.

Andrei: Oh, alright, Ivan, come on. But don't get in the way!

Sergei: Ha! And don't fall asleep!

Let's Sing!

Chorus

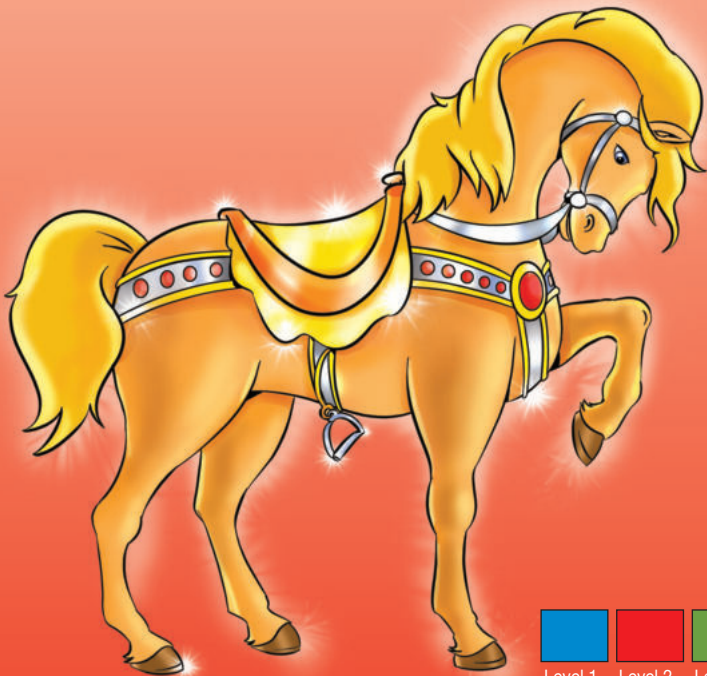
Narrator: That night, the three brothers go to the field. They take some bread and cheese for their supper. They eat and then lie down in the field to wait. The night is very still and quiet. The moon is shining on the wheat, making it look like silver. Andrei and Sergei start to feel very sleepy.

Andrei: There's nothing to see. This is really boring!



Sivka-Burka

Ivanushka lives with his father and two brothers on a farm. One day the farmer's wheat field is trampled, so he sends his sons to find out what has caused it. That night, Ivanushka catches Sivka-Burka, a beautiful magical horse. Ivanushka's life is about to change forever.



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