Three Billy-Goats

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Level 1

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There are three goats.
There's a little goat.
There's a big goat.
And there's a very big goat.

The three goats like grass.

'I'm hungry!' says the very big black goat.

'I'm *very* hungry!' says the big red goat.

I'm very hungry!

The three goats see
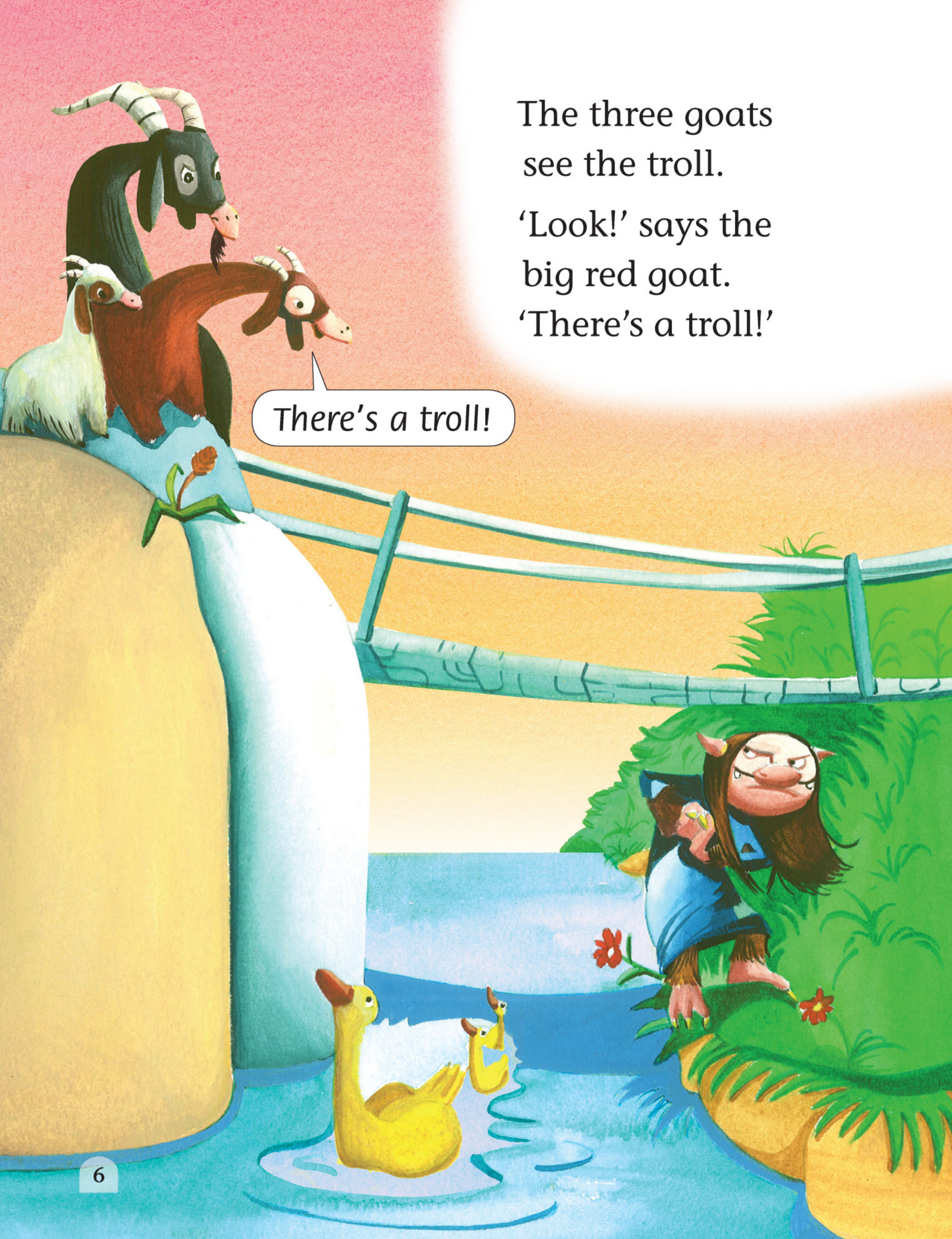a river. They see green,
green grass.

Look at the grass!

'Look!' says the little goat. 'Look
at the grass!'

The three goats see a bridge. But there's a troll under the bridge. He's a bad troll.
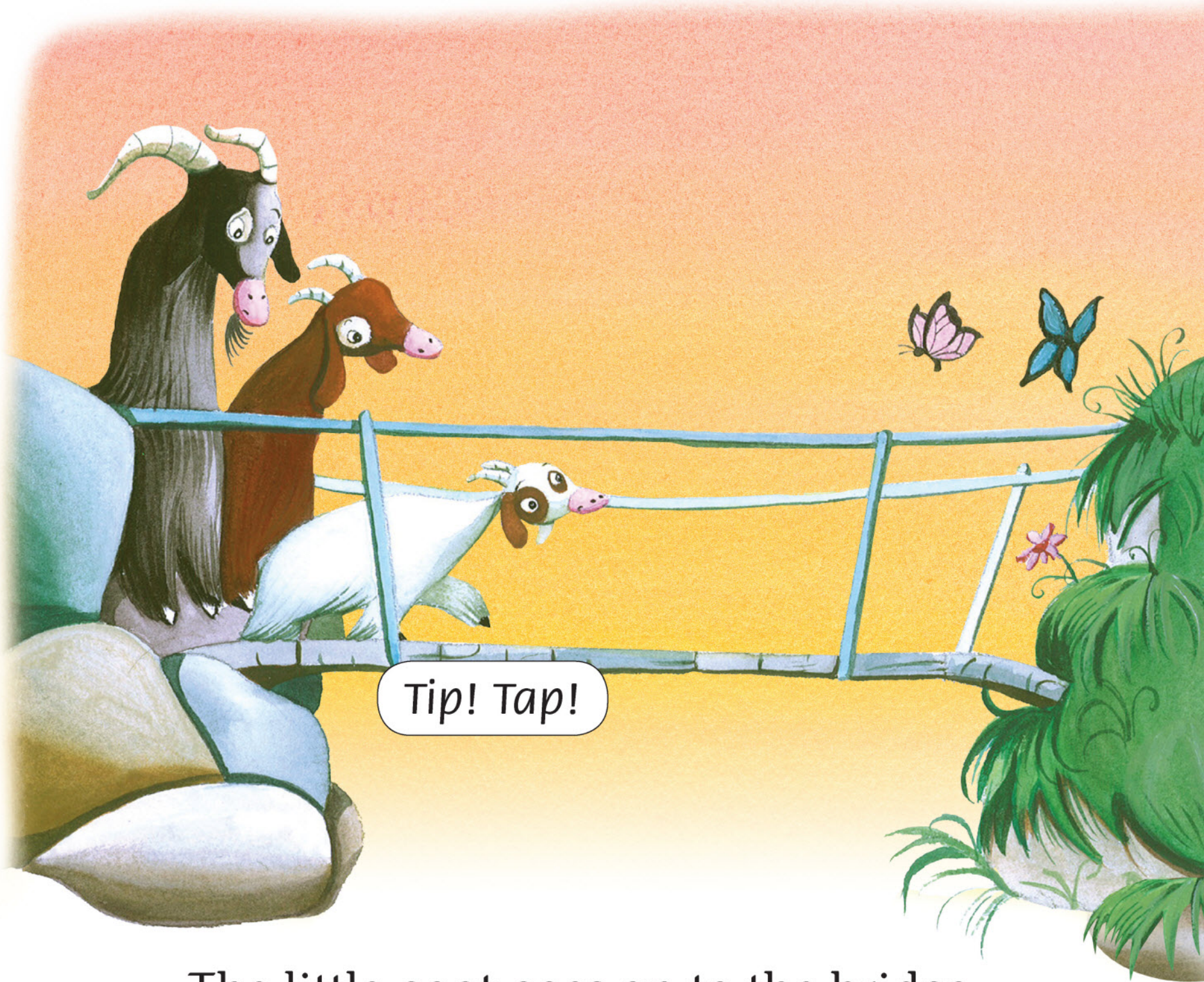
'This is my bridge!' says the troll.

This is my bridge!

The three goats see the troll.

'Look!' says the big red goat. 'There's a troll!'

There's a troll!

The three goats are very hungry.
They want the grass. They want
the green, green grass.

Tip! Tap!

The little goat goes on to the bridge.
'Tip! Tap!' go his feet.

The troll hears the little goat.

'Who's on my bridge?' he says.

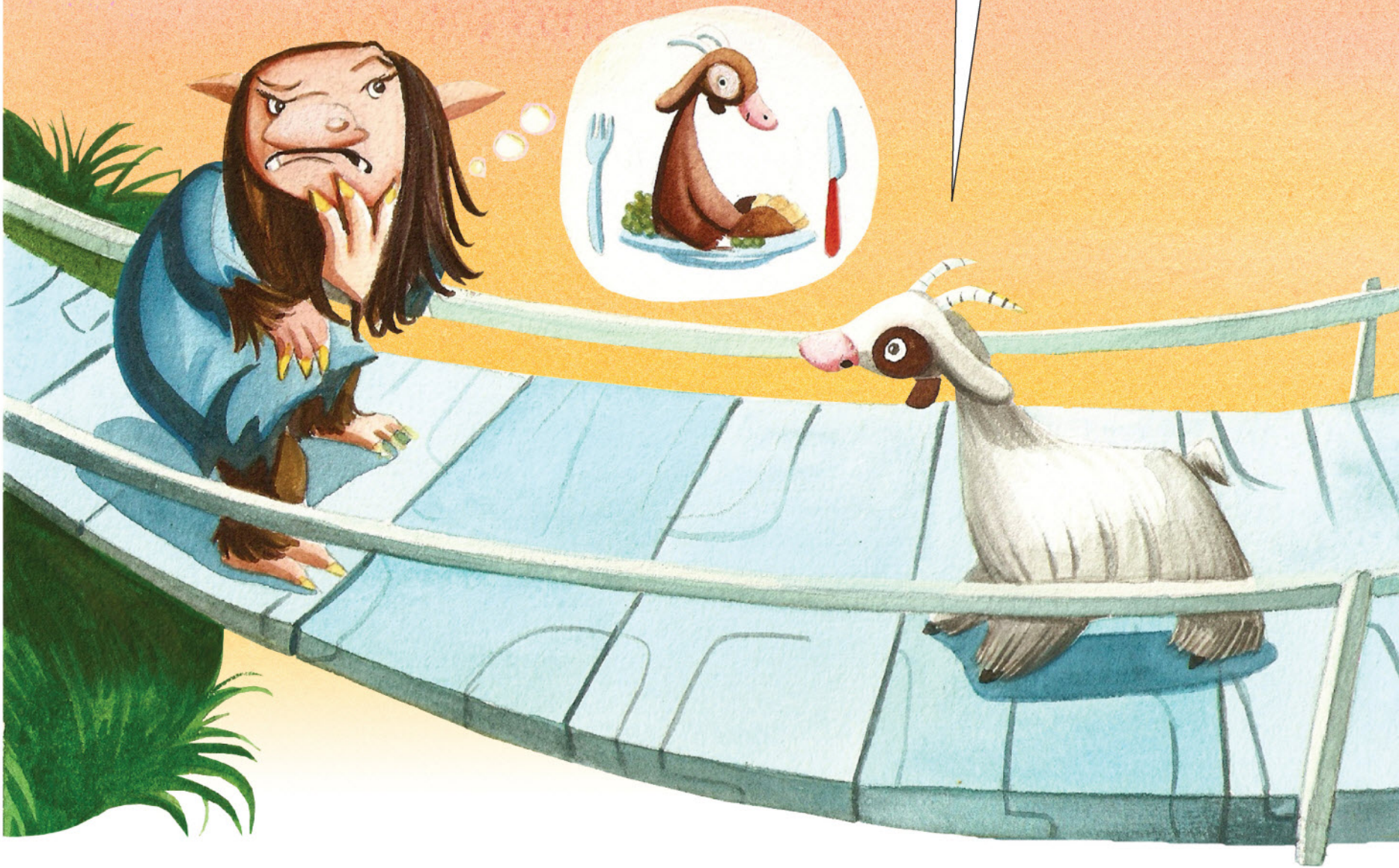'It's me,' says the little goat.
'I want to eat the grass.'

Who's on my bridge?

It's me.

The troll is hungry.

'Come here!' he says.
'I want to eat *you*.'

'Please don't eat me!' says the little goat. 'I'm little. Wait for the next goat. He's big.'

Wait for the next goat.

The troll listens. The troll thinks.

'OK,' says the troll.

And the little goat goes over the bridge.

The big goat goes on to the bridge.

'Tip! Tap!' go his feet.

The troll hears the big goat.

'Who's on my bridge?' he says.

Who's on my bridge?

It's me.

'It's me,' says the big goat. 'I want to eat the grass.'

The troll is hungry.

'Come here!' he says. 'I want to eat *you.*'

Come here!

'Please don't eat me!' says the big goat. 'Wait for the next goat. He's very big.'

The troll listens. The troll thinks.

'OK,' says the troll.

And the big goat goes over the bridge.

The very big goat goes on to the bridge.

'Tip! Tap!' go his feet.

The troll hears the very big goat.

'Who's on my bridge?' he says.

'It's me,' says the very big goat.

'I'm hungry,' says the very big goat.
'I want to eat the grass.'

I want to eat the grass.

But the troll's hungry.

'Come here!' he says. 'I want to eat *you*!'

'OK. Here I come!' says the very big goat.

He runs at the troll.

'Tip! Tap! Tip! Tap!' go his feet.

Tip! Tap! Tip! Tap!

The very big goat runs at the troll. He hits him.

Up goes the troll. Up goes the bad troll. Up, up, up.

'Help!' he says.

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Down comes the troll.
Down comes the bad troll.
Down, down, down.

'Help!' he says.

Help!

And the very big goat goes over
the bridge.

The bad troll goes away. He doesn't come back.

'Goodbye, troll!' the goats say.

Goodbye, troll!

The three goats eat the grass.
They eat the green, green grass.
They're happy.

Exercises

1 Write the words.

1

It's a ___goat___ .

2

It's _____ .

3

It's a _____ .

4

They're _____ .

5

It's a _____ .

6

It's a _____ .

2 Write the words.

~~on~~   in   under   over

1   **2**   **3**   **4**

1   The black goat is ____on____ the bridge.
2   The troll is _____ the bridge.
3   The red goat goes _____ the bridge.
4   The troll is _____ the river.

3 Write the words and number the sentences 1–6.

~~hungry~~   goat   grass   bridge   happy   troll

☐ They see green _____ , a bridge, and a troll.

☐ The big goat goes over the _____ .

☐ The very big goat runs at the _____ and hits him.

☐ The troll goes away and the three goats are _____ .

☐ The little _____ goes over the bridge.

1 There are three goats and they are _*hungry*_ .

4 Answer the questions.

1 Is he black? _No, he isn't._

2 Is he red? _____
   Is he very big? _____

3 Is he little? _____
   Is he black? _____

Picture Dictionary

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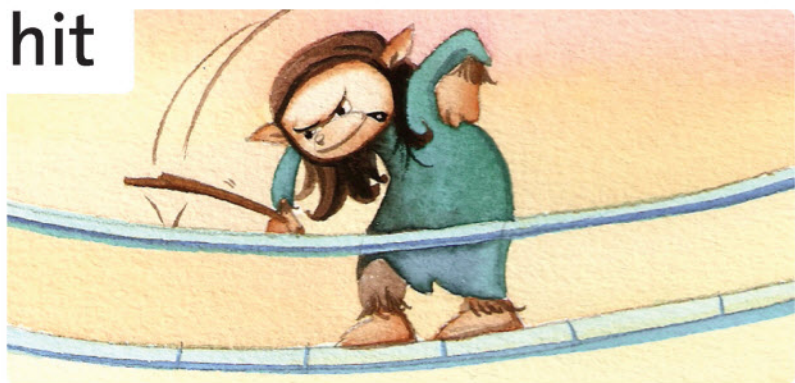
feet

bridge

go away

come back
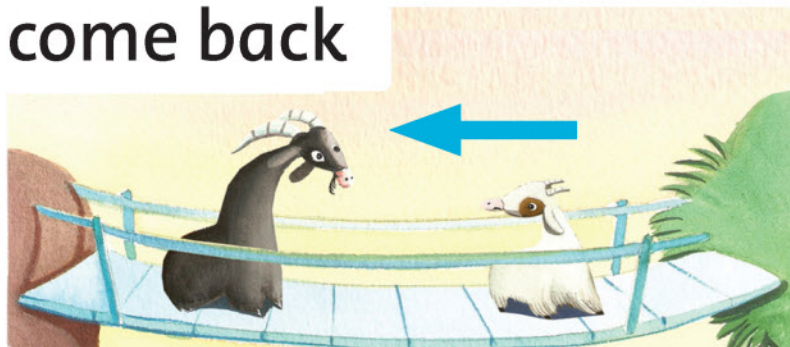
goat

down

grass

eat

happy *They're happy.*

hit

run

hungry *He's hungry.*

think

listen

troll

little *He's little.*

up

river

wait

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