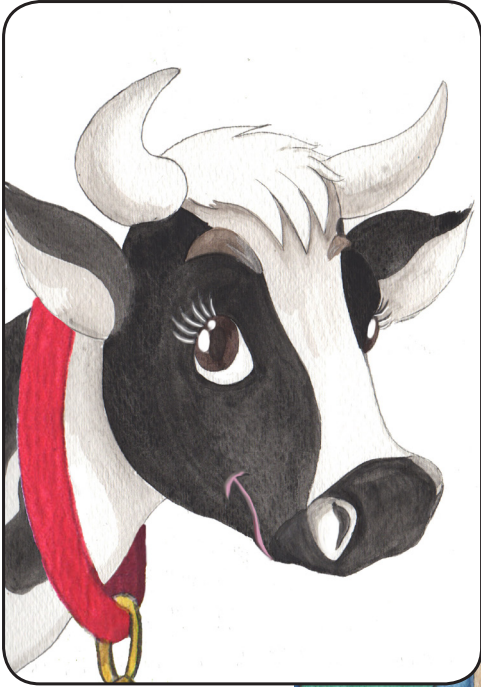
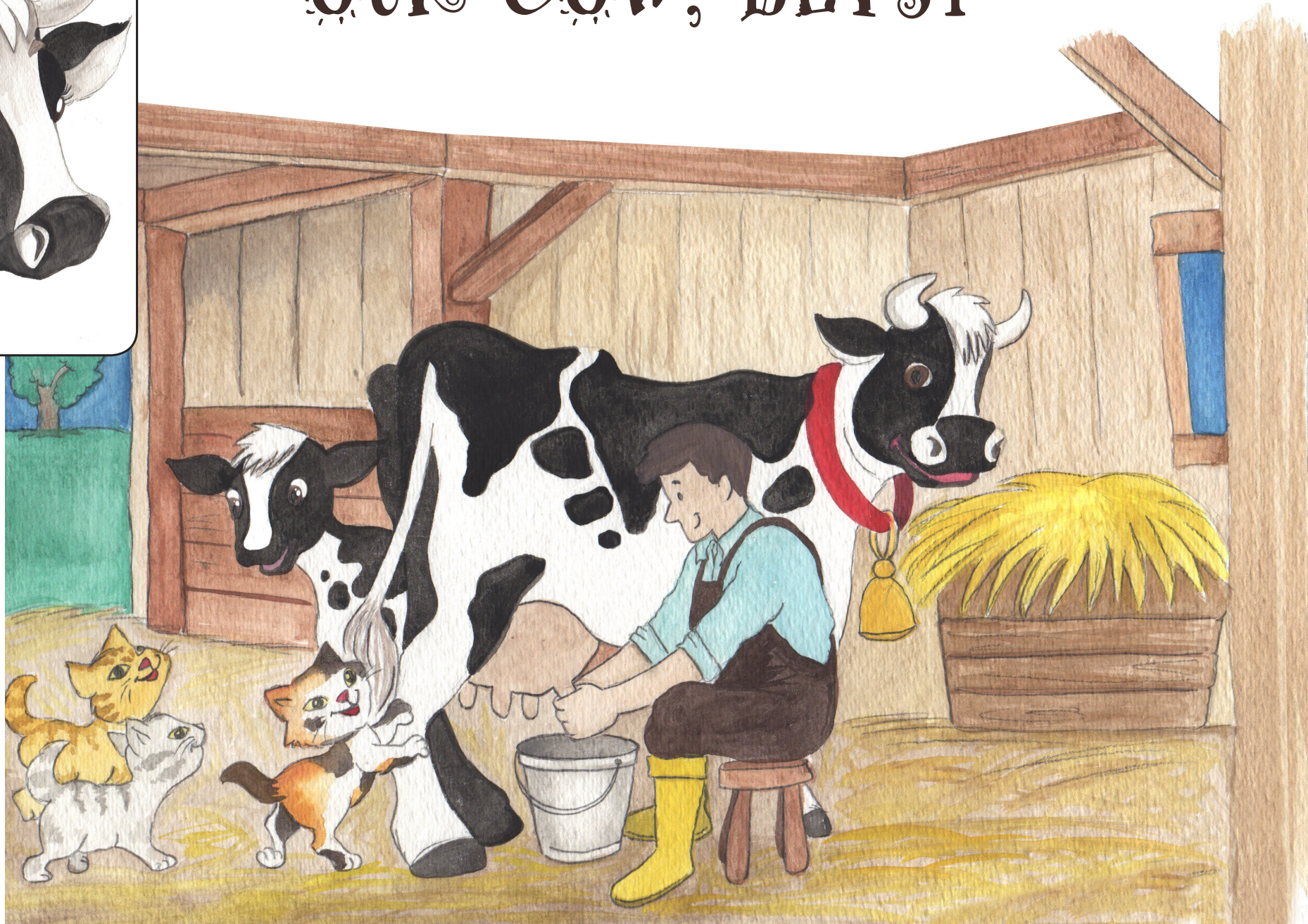


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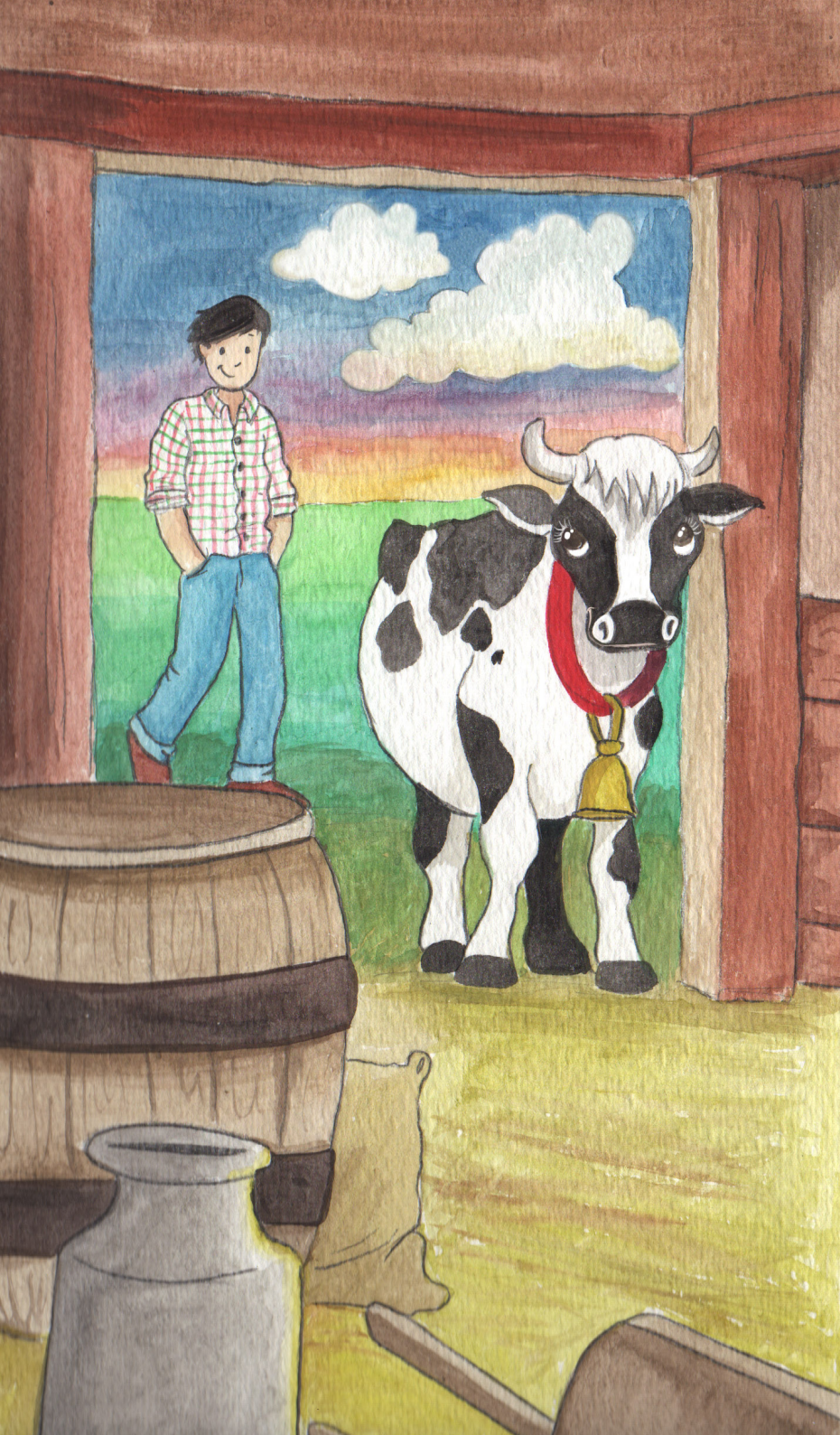
# OUR COW, BETSY



FOR MANY YEARS, BETSY WAS OUR FAMILY'S MILK COW. MY DAD MILKED HER EVERY MORNING AND EVERY NIGHT. A FARMER WITH A MILK COW CAN'T SKIP EVEN ONE MILKING. WHEN THE COW IS READY TO GIVE HER MILK, SHE HAS TO BE MILKED.





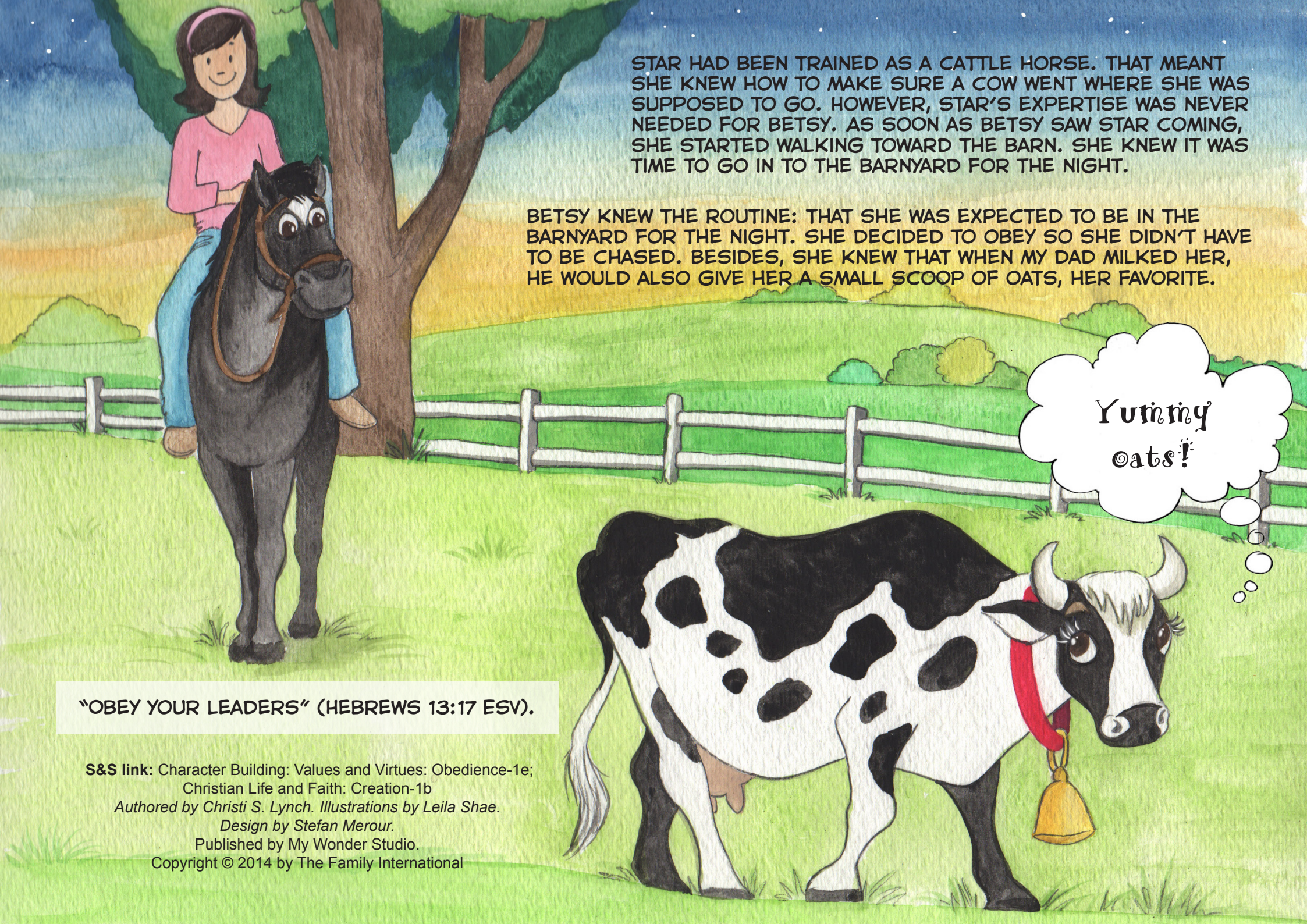


AS KIDS ON THE FARM, ONE OF OUR JOBS WAS TO GO OUT TO THE FIELD AND BRING BETSY IN. IT ONLY TOOK ONE PERSON, SO WE TOOK TURNS. AT TIMES WHEN SHE WAS NEAR THE HOUSE, IT WAS QUICK AND EASY TO WALK OUT TO GET HER.



BUT IF SHE WAS FARTHER AWAY, THEN IT WAS NECESSARY TO RIDE THE HORSE, STAR, OUT TO WHERE BETSY WAS.





STAR HAD BEEN TRAINED AS A CATTLE HORSE. THAT MEANT SHE KNEW HOW TO MAKE SURE A COW WENT WHERE SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO. HOWEVER, STAR'S EXPERTISE WAS NEVER NEEDED FOR BETSY. AS SOON AS BETSY SAW STAR COMING, SHE STARTED WALKING TOWARD THE BARN. SHE KNEW IT WAS TIME TO GO IN TO THE BARNYARD FOR THE NIGHT.

BETSY KNEW THE ROUTINE: THAT SHE WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE BARNYARD FOR THE NIGHT. SHE DECIDED TO OBEY SO SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE CHASED. BESIDES, SHE KNEW THAT WHEN MY DAD MILKED HER, HE WOULD ALSO GIVE HER A SMALL SCOOP OF OATS, HER FAVORITE.

Yummy  
oats!

**"OBEY YOUR LEADERS" (HEBREWS 13:17 ESV).**

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