

# The Gingerbread Man



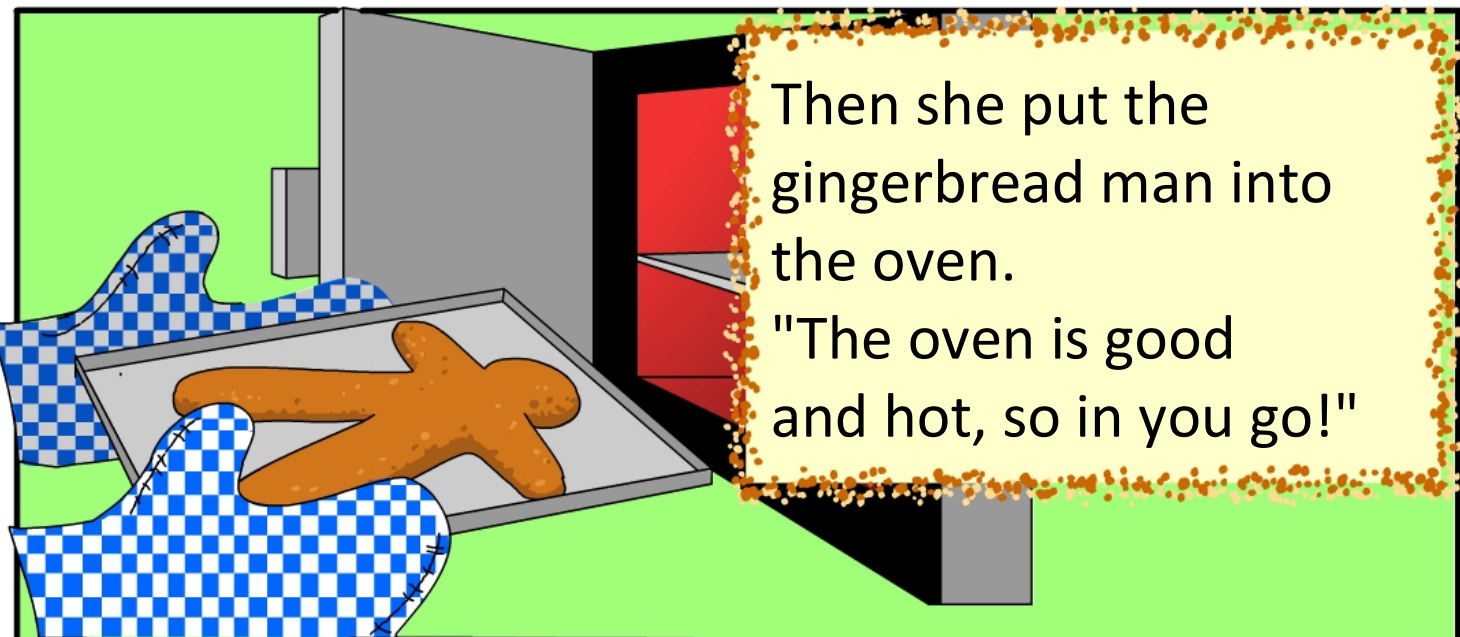
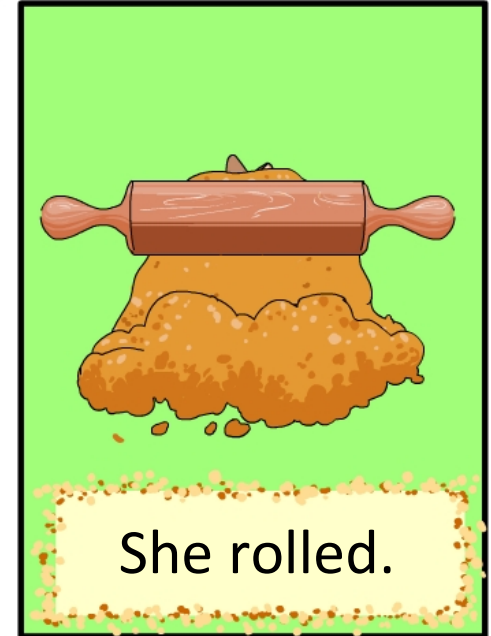
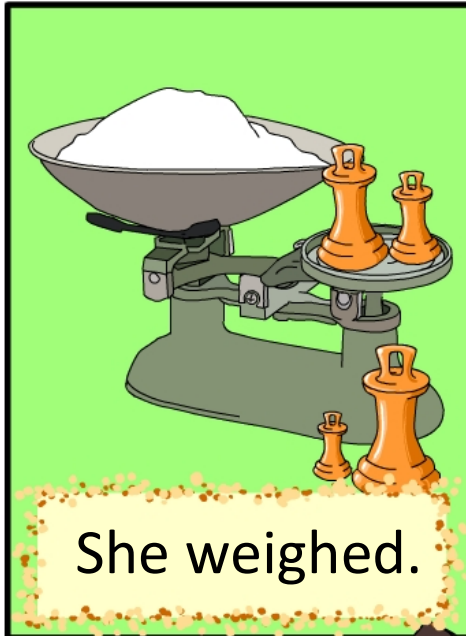




One day a little old woman said to herself, "Today I will make a gingerbread man."



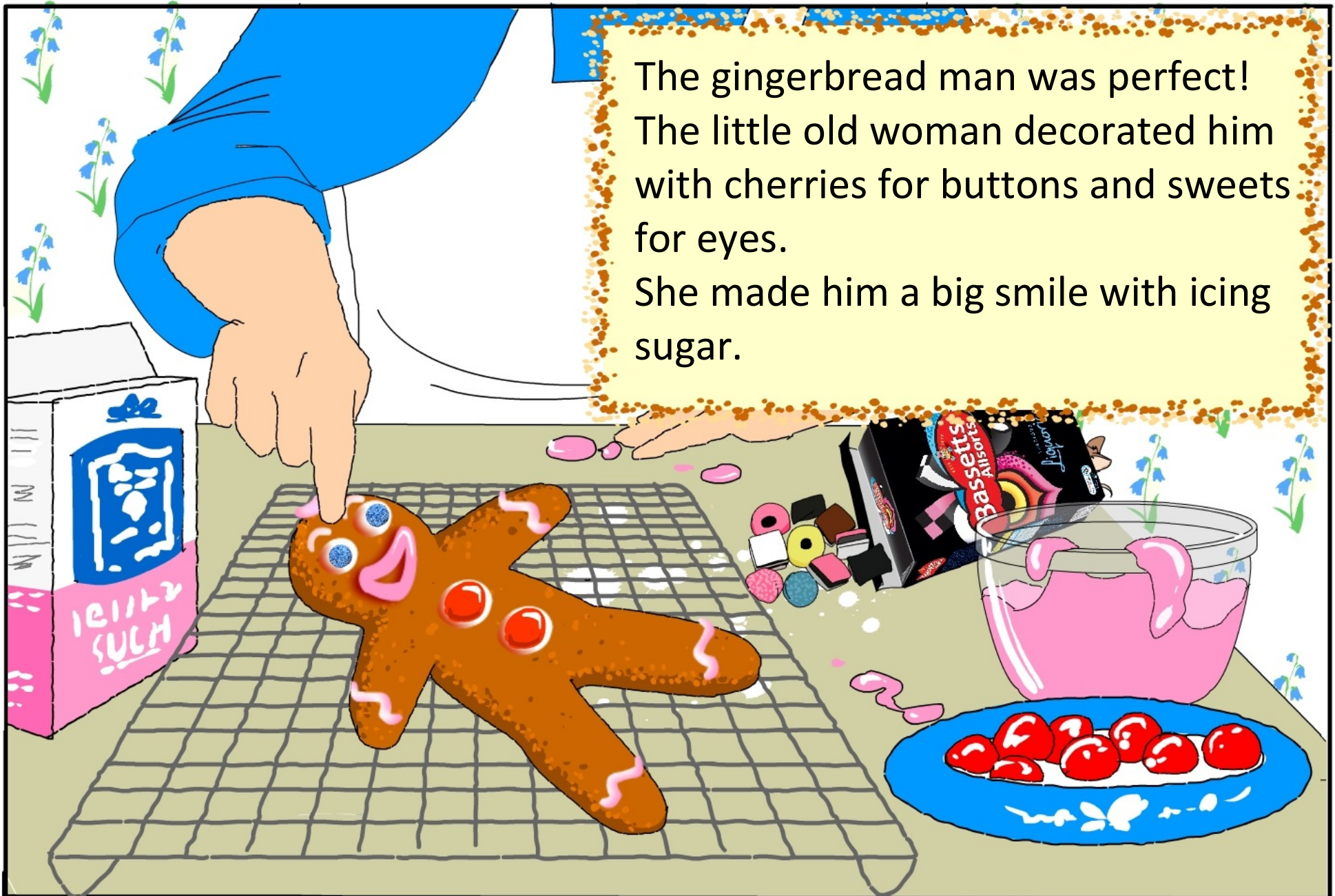








The gingerbread man was perfect!  
The little old woman decorated him  
with cherries for buttons and sweets  
for eyes.  
She made him a big smile with icing  
sugar.









The gingerbread man sat up!  
He jumped down from the  
table!  
He ran out of the kitchen.

"Come back! Come back!  
I want to eat you!" called the  
little old woman and she ran  
after him.





The gingerbread man  
ran down the road.

As he ran he shouted,

"Run, run as fast as you can.  
You can't catch me  
I'm the gingerbread man!"

The little old woman ran and ran,  
but she could not catch the  
gingerbread man.



A little old man was in the garden.  
He saw the gingerbread man.

"Come back! Come back!  
I want to eat you!" yelled the little  
old man and he ran after him.





The gingerbread man ran down the road.  
As he ran, he shouted,

"Run, run as fast as you can.  
You can't catch me,  
I'm the gingerbread man.

I'm running from a little old woman  
and I can run from you, I can, I can!"

The little old man ran and ran,  
but he could not catch  
the gingerbread man.



A pink pig was in a pigsty.  
He saw the gingerbread man.

"Come back, come back!  
I want to eat you!"  
snorted the pink pig and he ran  
after him.

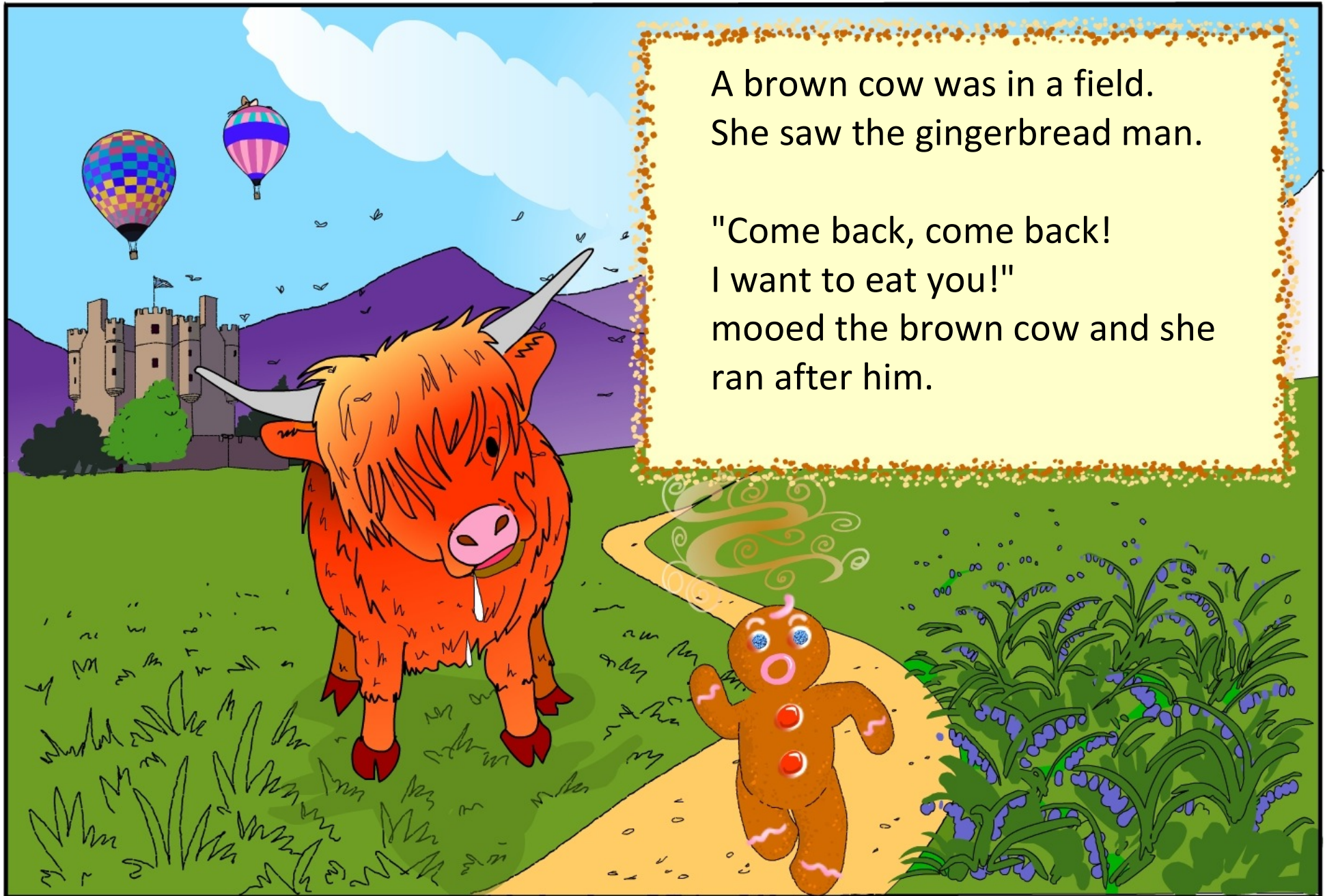




The gingerbread man  
ran down the road.  
As he ran, he shouted,

"Run, run as fast as you can,  
You can't catch me,  
I'm the gingerbread man!  
I'm running from a little old woman  
and a little old man  
and I can run from you,  
I can, I can!"

The pink pig ran and ran,  
but he could not catch  
the gingerbread man.



A brown cow was in a field.  
She saw the gingerbread man.

"Come back, come back!  
I want to eat you!"  
mooed the brown cow and she  
ran after him.





The gingerbread man ran down the road. As he ran, he shouted,

"Run, run as fast as you can,  
You can't catch me  
I'm the gingerbread man!  
I'm running from a little old woman,  
a little old man  
and a pink pig  
and I can run from you,  
I can, I can!"

The brown cow ran and ran,  
but she could not catch  
the gingerbread man.



A grey horse was in a stable.  
He saw the gingerbread man.

"Come back, come back!  
I want to eat you!" neighed the  
grey horse and he ran after him.





The gingerbread man ran down the road. As he ran, he shouted,

"Run, run as fast as you can,  
You can't catch me  
I'm the gingerbread man!  
I'm running from a little old woman,  
a little old man,  
a pink pig  
and a brown cow  
and I can run from you,  
I can, I can!"

The grey horse ran and ran,  
but he could not catch  
the gingerbread man.



The gingerbread man ran and ran until he came to a deep river.

"Oh!" he thought, "What will I do now?"

He saw a little fox sitting on the riverbank. "Hello," said the fox.





The gingerbread man shouted,  
"Run, run as fast as you can,  
You can't catch me,  
I'm the gingerbread man.  
I'm running from a little old woman,  
a little old man,  
a pink pig,  
a brown cow  
and a grey horse  
and I can run from you,  
I can, I can!"

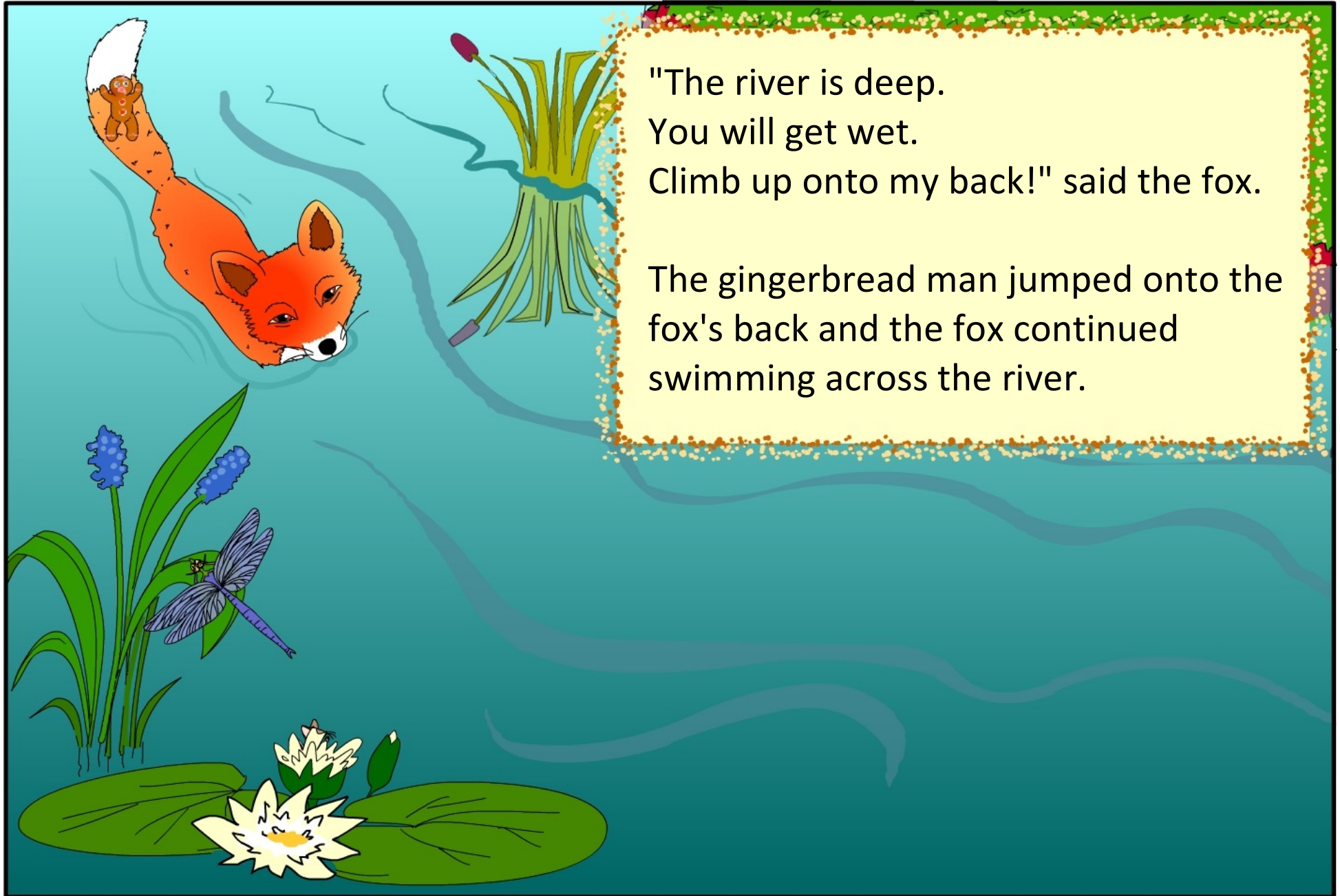


The little fox smiled and said,

"I can help you to cross the river.  
Climb onto my tail and I will swim  
across!"

The gingerbread man looked behind  
him. Everyone was still running after  
him! He jumped onto the fox's tail  
and the fox began to swim.



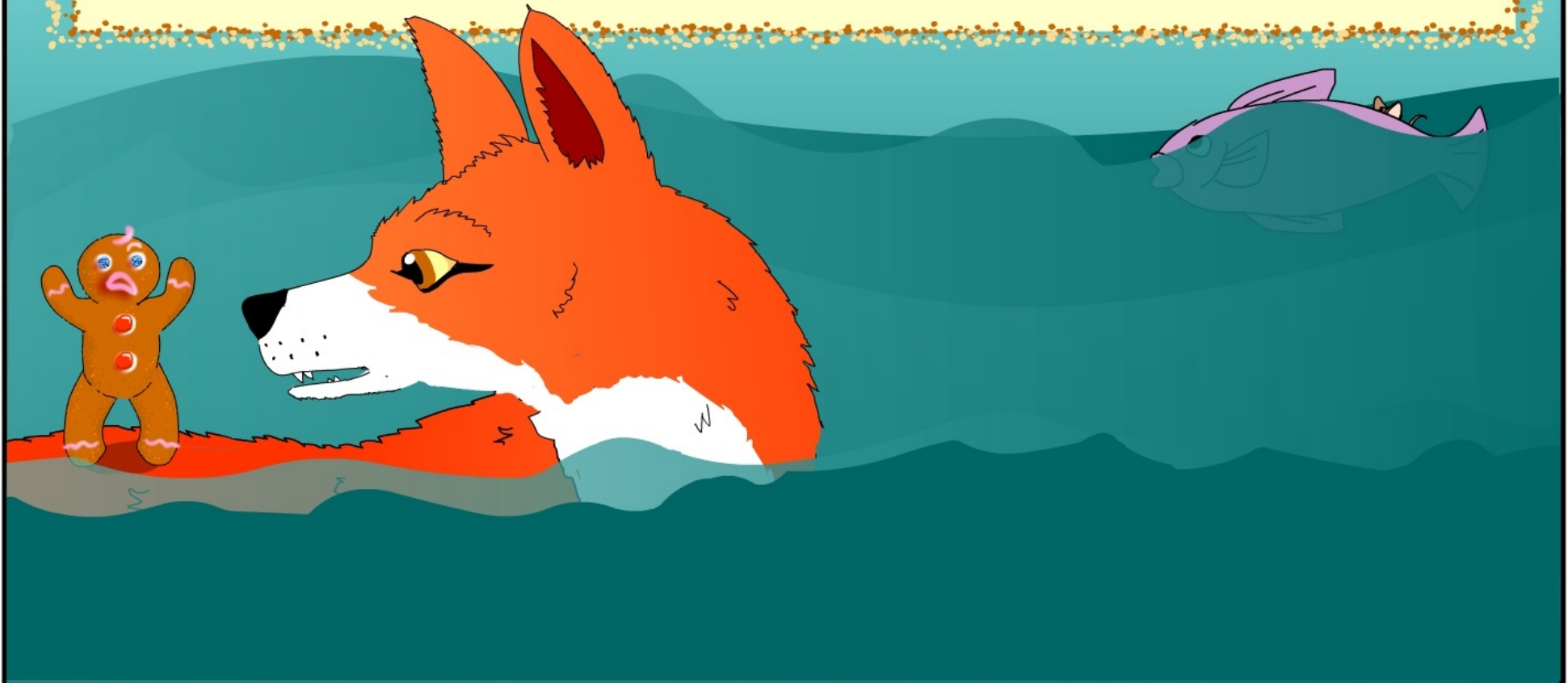


"The river is deep.  
You will get wet.  
Climb up onto my back!" said the fox.

The gingerbread man jumped onto the  
fox's back and the fox continued  
swimming across the river.

"The river is deeper.  
You will get wet.  
Climb up onto my head!" said the fox.

The gingerbread man jumped onto the fox's head  
and the fox continued swimming across the river.







"The river is very deep.  
You will get wet.  
Climb up onto my nose!" said the fox.

The gingerbread man jumped onto the  
fox's nose....



The fox smiled and licked his lips.  
He threw back his head.

The gingerbread man went  
up, up, up in the air...





...then down, down, down,  
right into the open mouth  
of the hungry fox!

