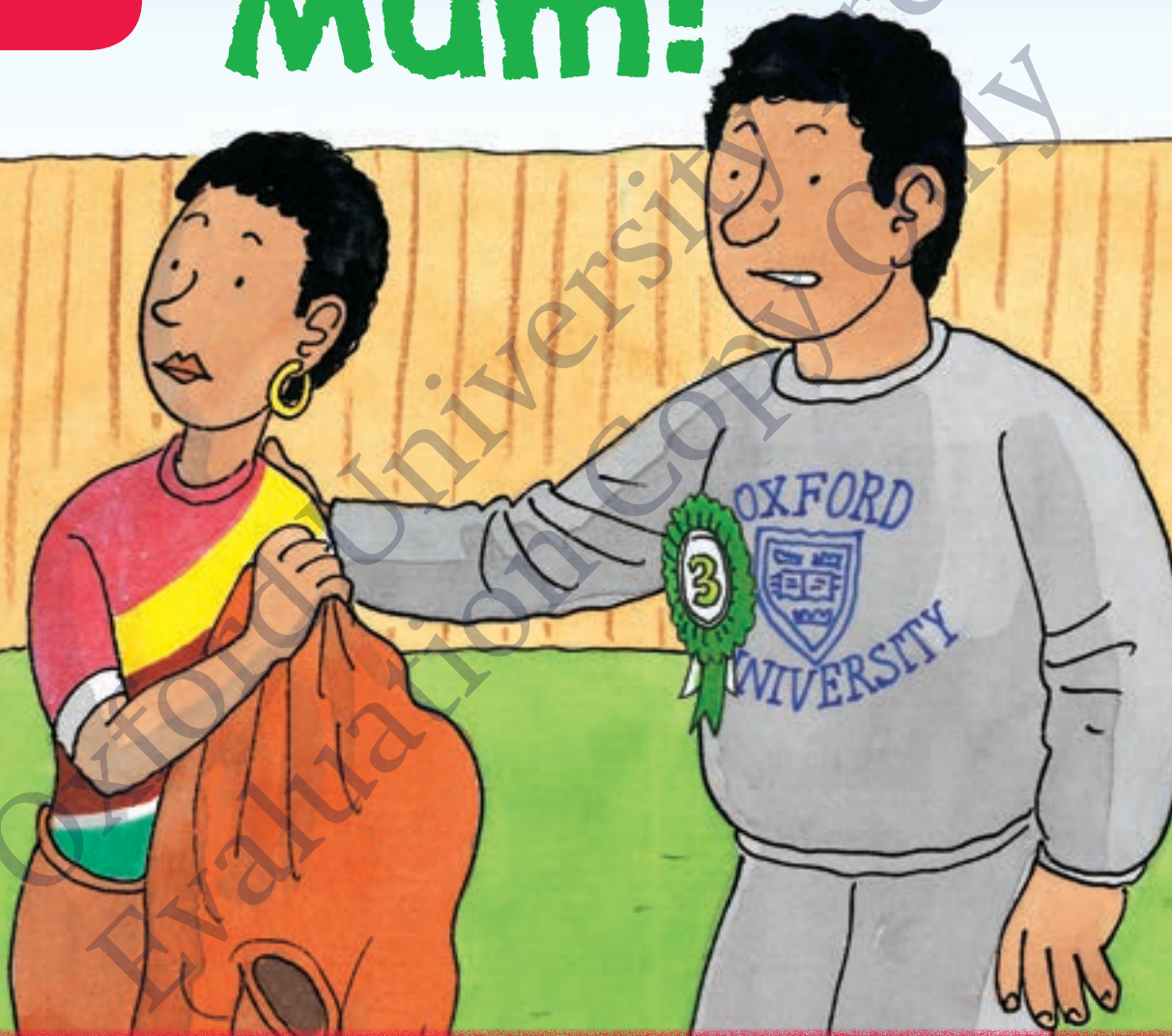


Poor Old Mum!





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What is Dad wearing? What do you think they're doing?*
- Talk about what might happen in this story.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:
egg jump last long well
spoon sports
- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

said were what
first hooray
shame surprise
third



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



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for more ideas.



It was sports day.



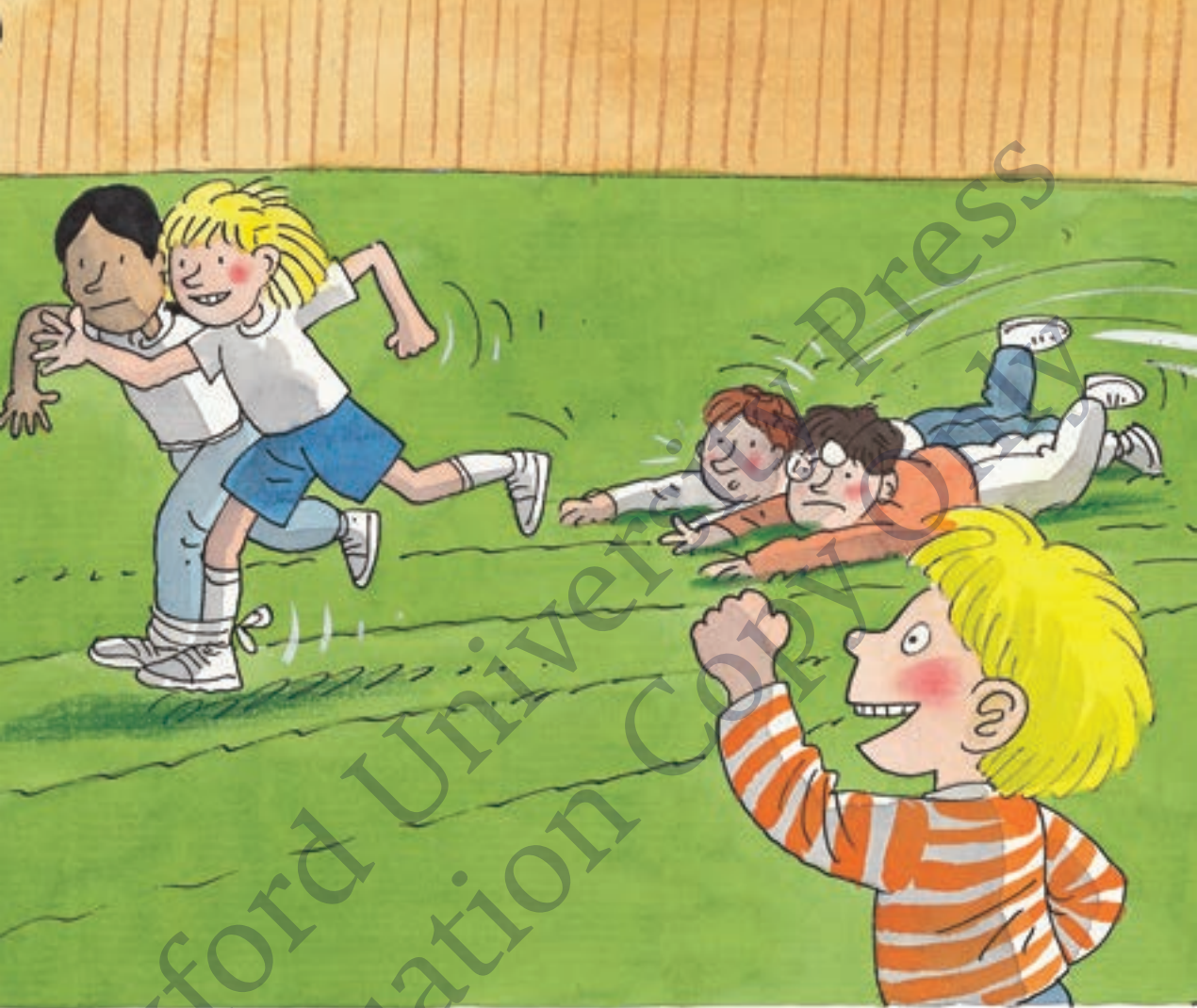
Wilma was in the long jump.



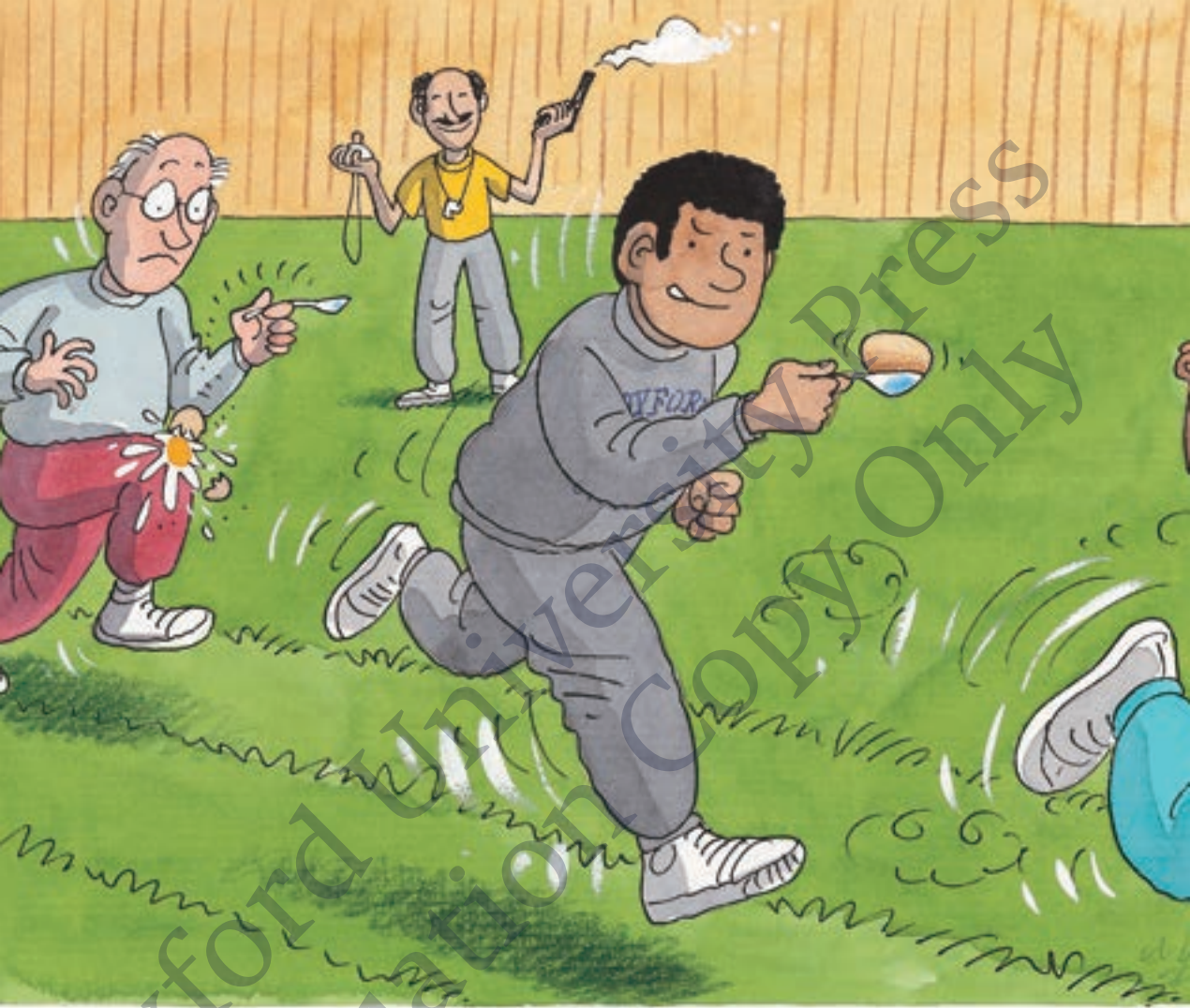
She came first.



Wilf and Chip were in a race. They came second.



“Hooray!” shouted Kipper.



Dad was in the egg and spoon race. He came third.



“Well done, Dad,” shouted Wilf.



Mum was in a race.



“Oh no!” said Wilma.



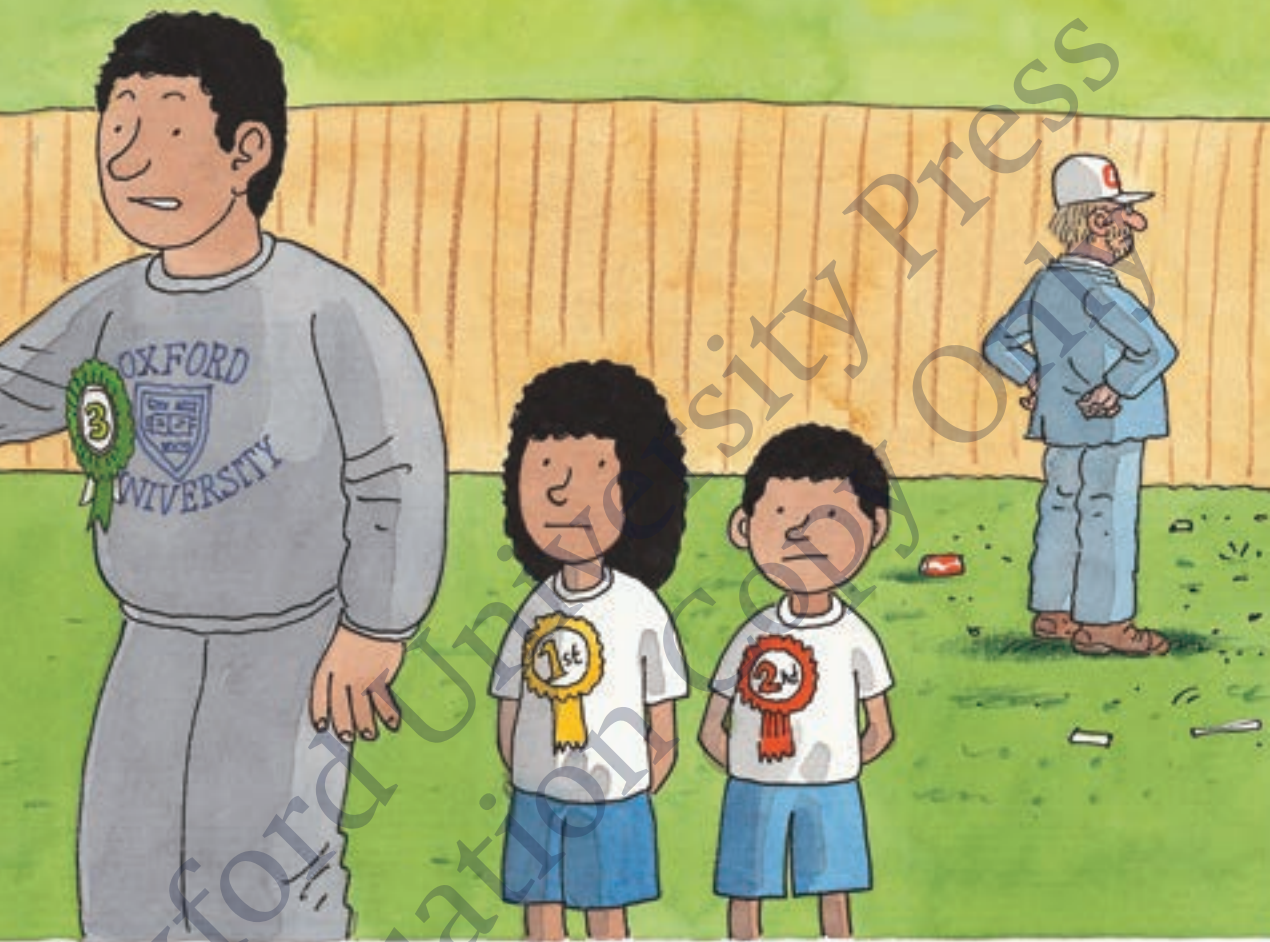
Mum came last.



“Poor old Mum,” said Wilf.



Mum was disappointed.



“What a shame!” said Dad.



Dad put a blindfold on Mum.



Wilf and Wilma had a surprise.



“Good old Mum,” said everyone.

AFTER READING

- Re-read page 12. Ask: *Why was Mum disappointed?*
- Ask: *Why did the family want to surprise Mum at the end? Was this a good thing to do?*
- Ask your child to re-tell the story to you.

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