

Words
to Know

once

story

tell

Tell a Story

Listen and chant.

Jack and
the Hike

A **story** has a problem,
A solution as well.
Here is an example
Of a story to **tell**.

Once upon a time,
A boy named Jack
Went on a hike
And lost his way back.

He looked to the east.
He looked to the west.
He looked for the path
That was the best.

He looked up and down,
And then . . . hooray!
He looked on a map
And found his way.

Chant



More Key Words

direction



North is a **direction**.

• far



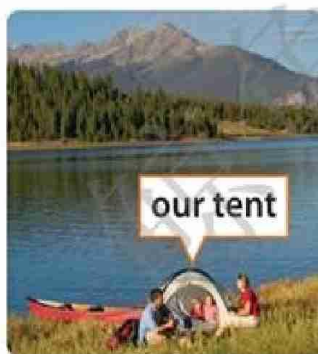
The red states are **far** from each other.

• follow



Follow the path through the grass.

location



Our tent is in a good **location** by the lake.

• near



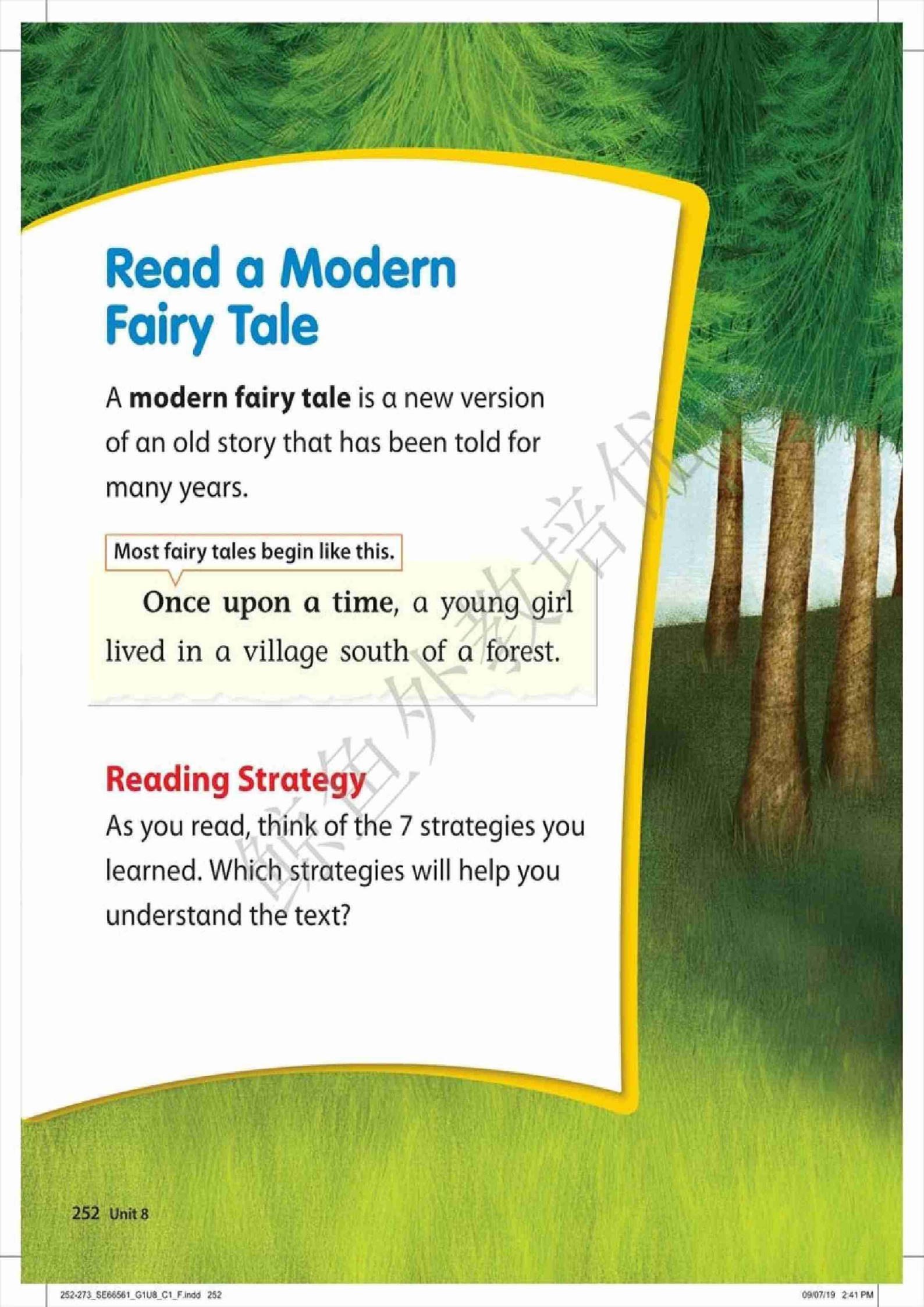
I sit **near** the window.

Talk Together

Describe a **Key Word** while your partner asks questions about it.

There are four of them. One of them is **South**.

Is it **direction**?



Read a Modern Fairy Tale

A **modern fairy tale** is a new version of an old story that has been told for many years.

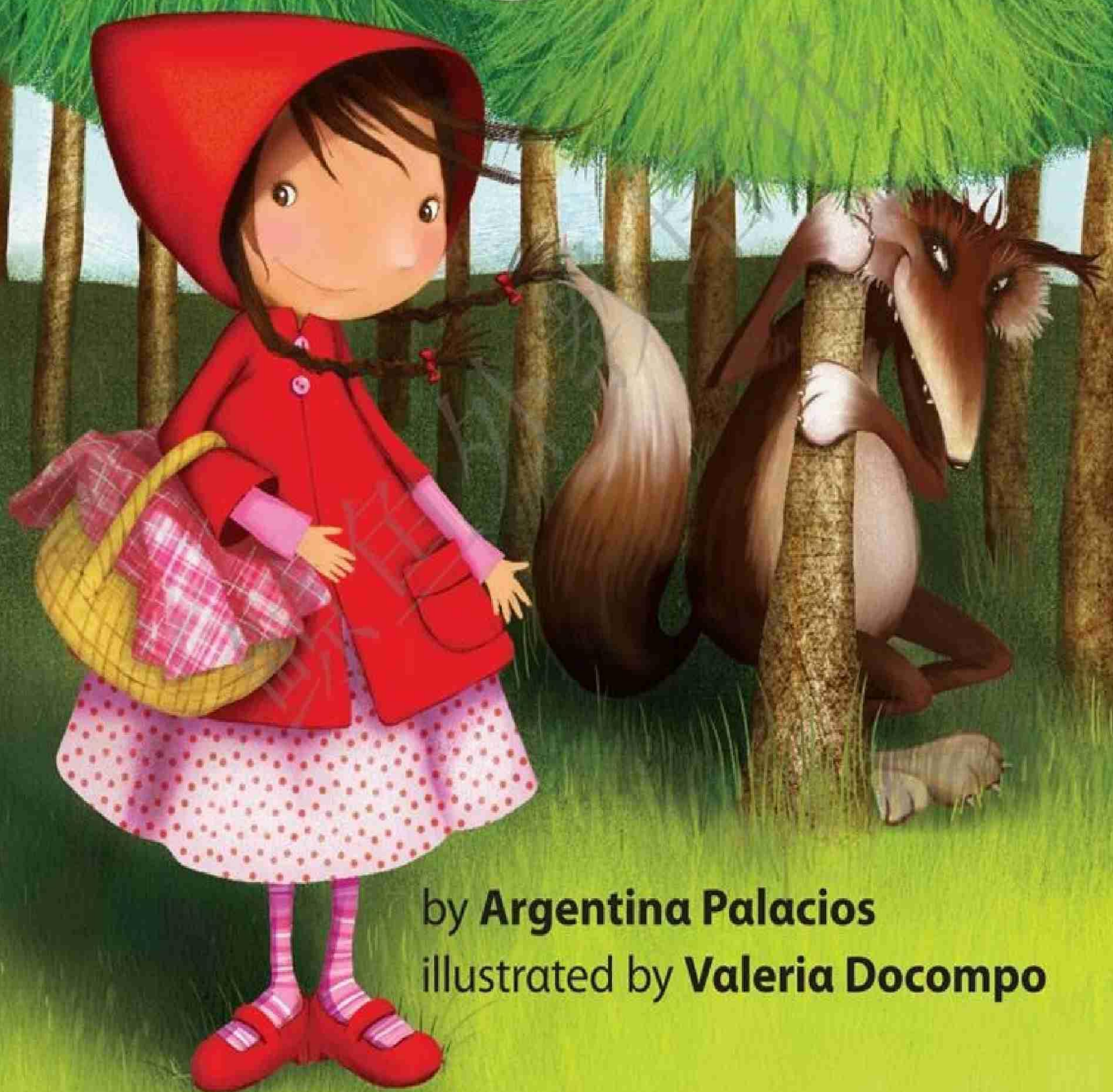
Most fairy tales begin like this.

Once upon a time, a young girl lived in a village south of a forest.

Reading Strategy

As you read, think of the 7 strategies you learned. Which strategies will help you understand the text?

• Little Red Riding Hood



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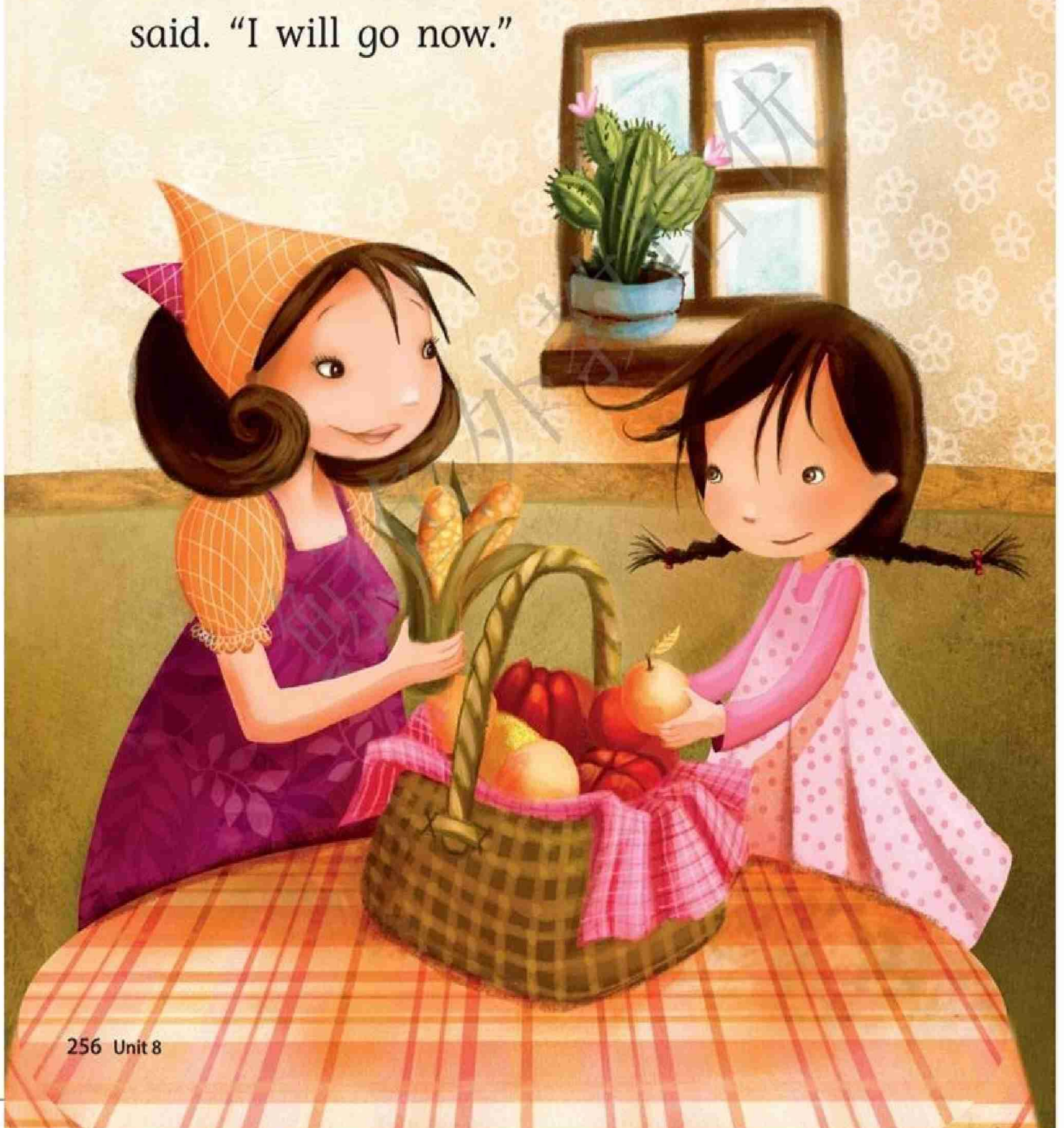
Once upon a time, a young girl lived in a village **south** of a forest. She had a red riding hood. She loved it. She wore her red riding hood every day. So people called her Little Red Riding Hood.





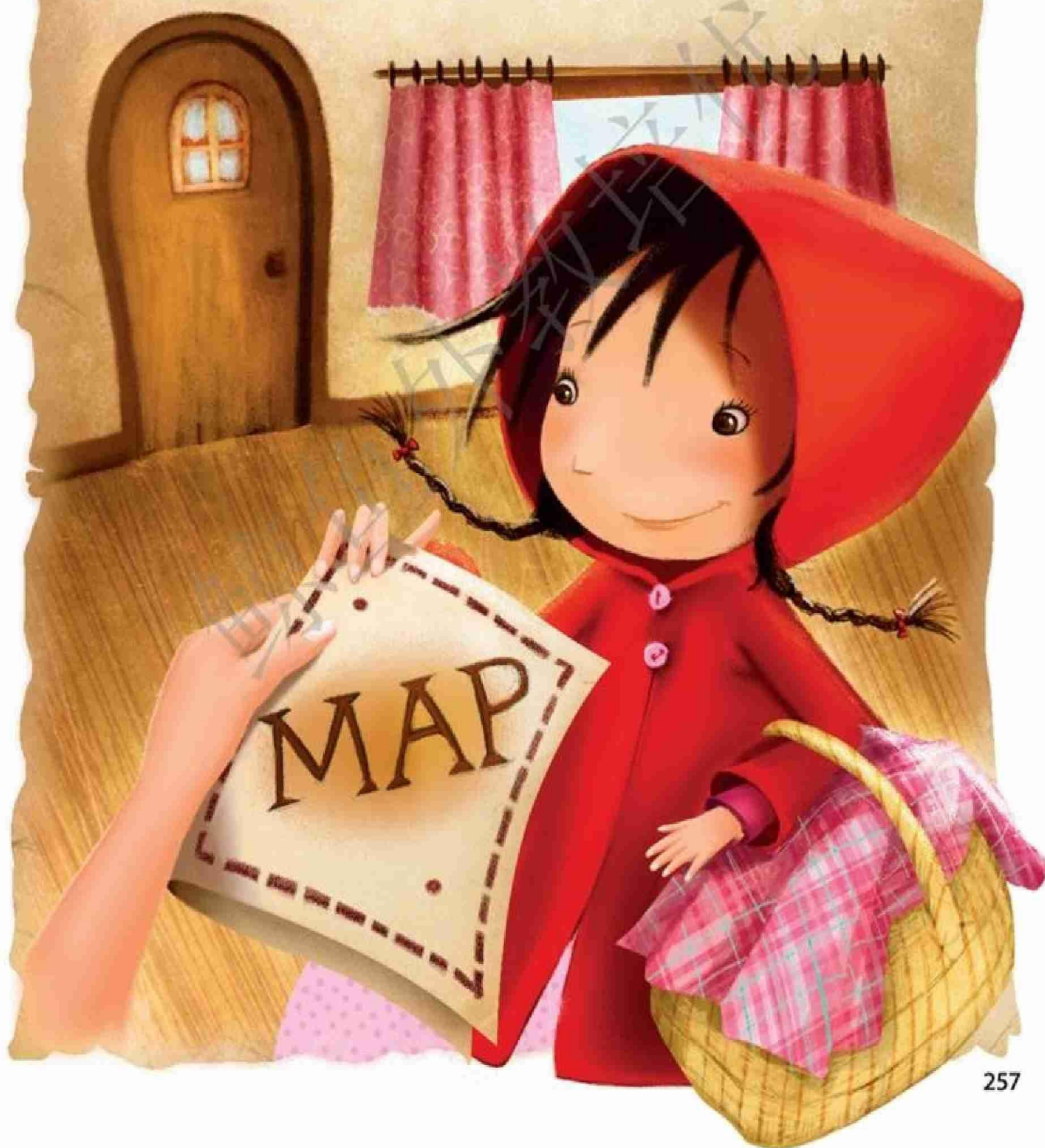
One day, Little Red Riding Hood's mother said, "Grandma is sick. Take her some food. Visit with her for a while."

"Yes, Mom," Little Red Riding Hood said. "I will go now."

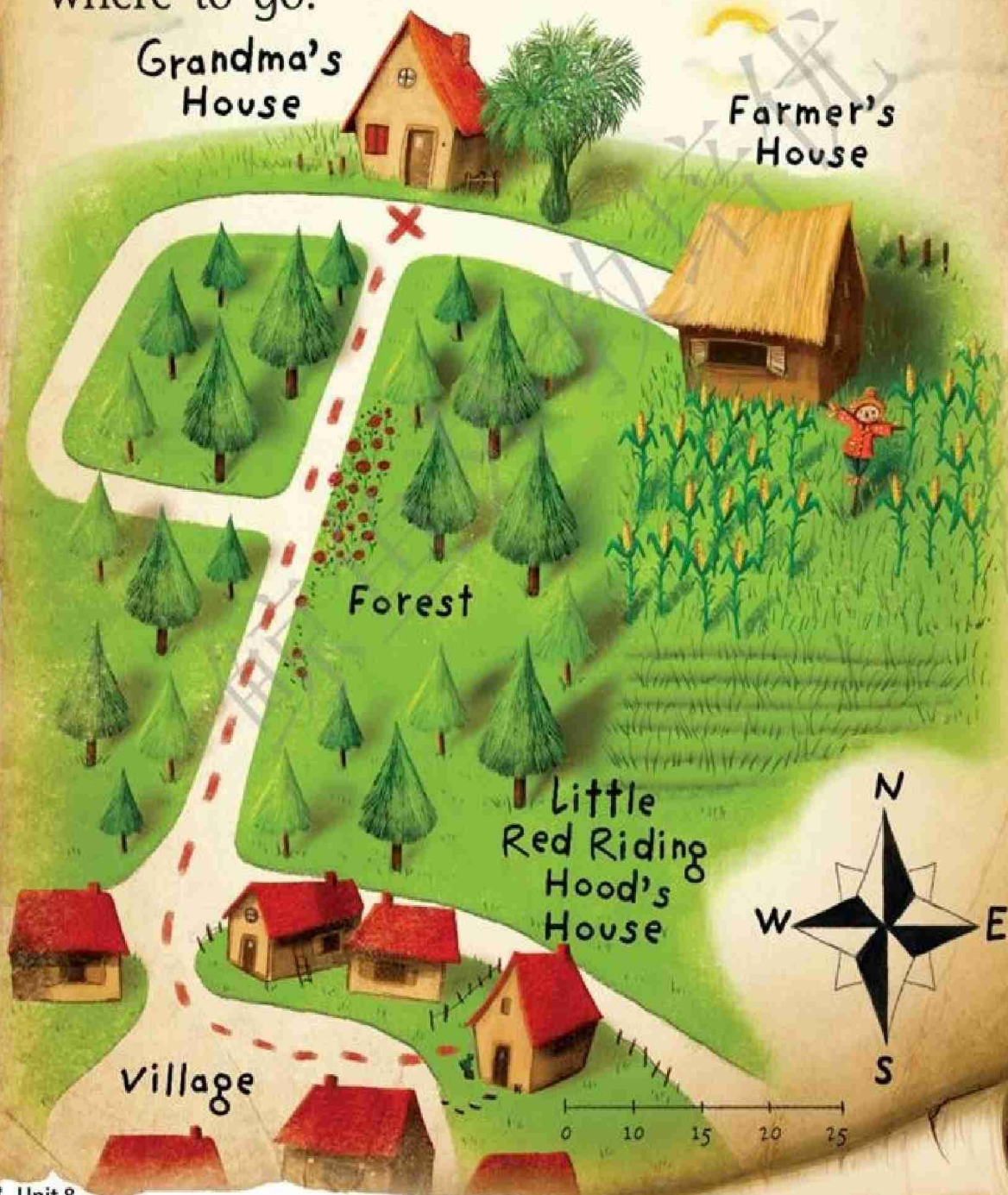


“**Follow** the shortest **path**. Do not get distracted. Go quickly!” her mother said. “Do not forget your map.”

“Yes, Mom. I will take the map with me,” said Little Red Riding Hood.

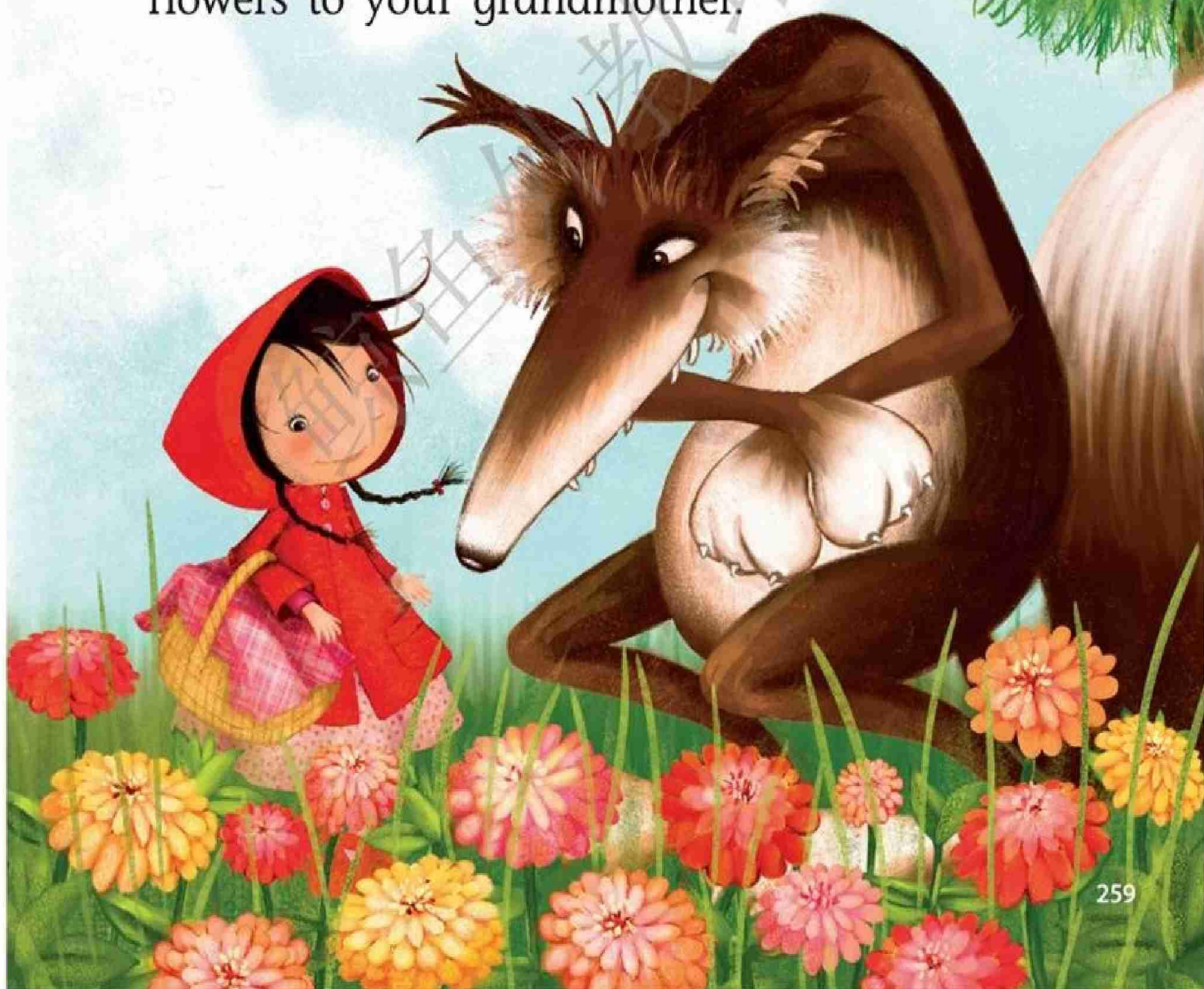


The village was **south** of the forest.
Grandma's house was **north** of the forest.
Little Red Riding Hood **followed** the
directions on her map. She knew exactly
where to go!



Suddenly, a wolf stepped out of the forest. He was big, and he was bad. So people called him Big Bad Wolf.

“Hello, Little Red Riding Hood,” he said. “Look at those pretty flowers. You should take some flowers to your grandmother.”





One, two, three, four flowers. Little Red Riding Hood got distracted.

The wolf wanted to eat Little Red Riding Hood. But people were walking on the **path**. They would not want Little Red Riding Hood to be eaten. They would stop him.



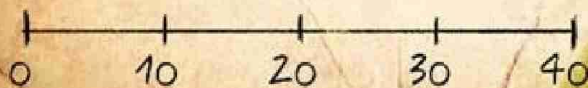
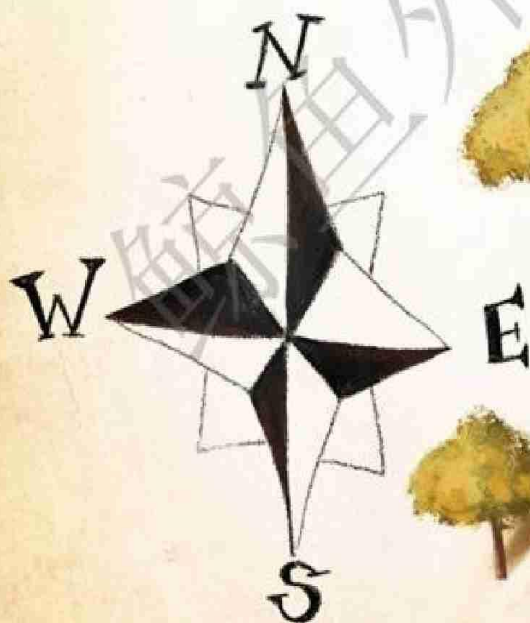
Big Bad Wolf was unhappy. Then he had an idea.

He ran away, but Little Red Riding Hood didn't notice. She was too busy picking flowers for her grandmother.



Big Bad Wolf thought he could get to Grandma's house before Little Red Riding Hood. He checked his map to see what **path** he could take.

He ran to the **west**. Then he ran to the **north**. Then he ran a little to the **east**.



GRANDMA'S
HOUSE

FARMER'S
HOUSE

FOREST

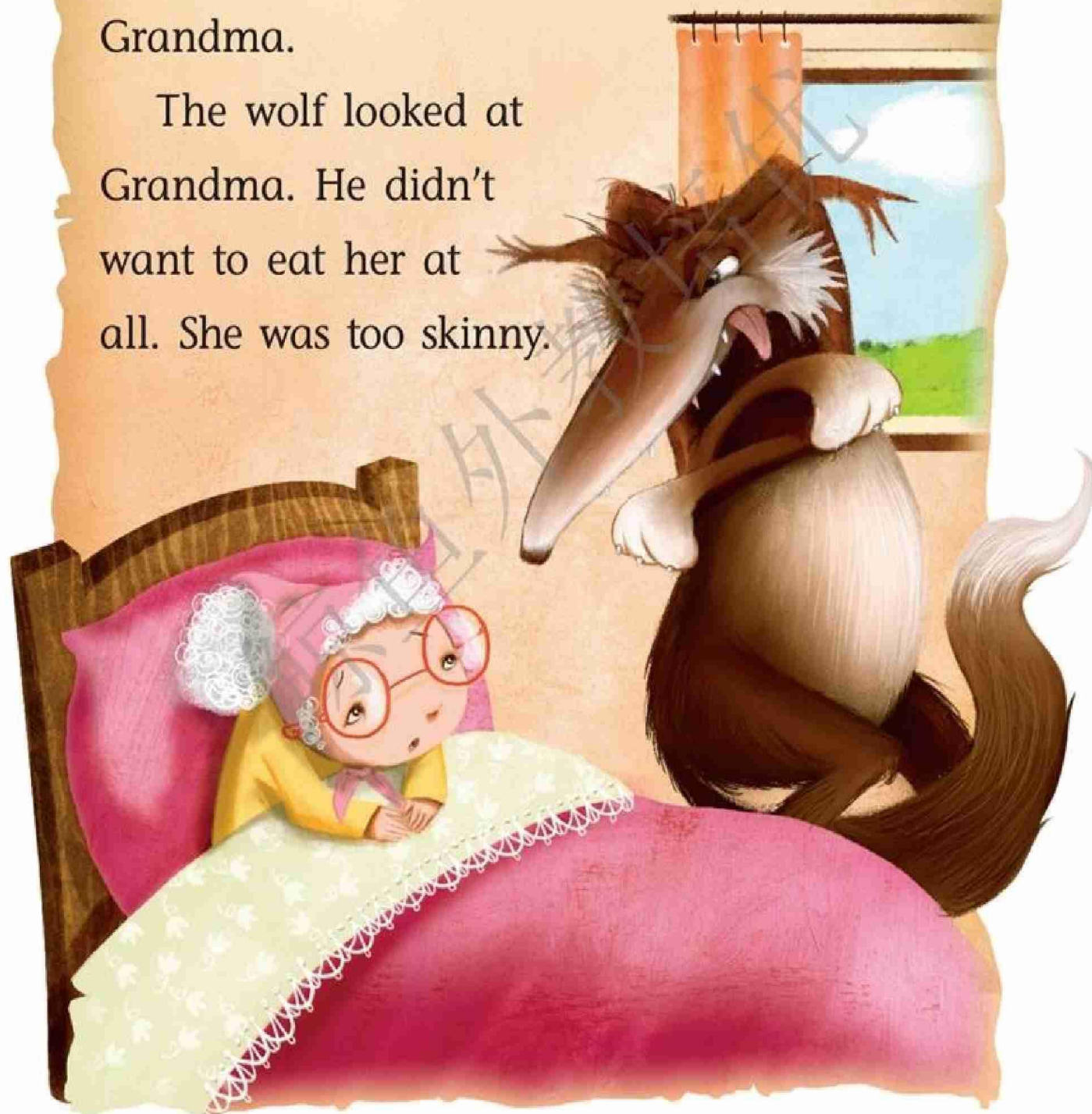
LITTLE RED RIDING
HOOD'S HOUSE

VILLAGE

Big Bad Wolf knocked on
Grandma's door. "It is Little Red
Riding Hood," he said.

"Come in, my dear," said
Grandma.

The wolf looked at
Grandma. He didn't
want to eat her at
all. She was too skinny.



“She does not look tasty,” Big Bad Wolf said to himself. So he pushed Grandma out of the bed and into the closet!

Then Big Bad Wolf put on one of Grandma’s nightgowns. “Now I look like Grandma. I will eat Little Red Riding Hood,” he said to himself.





Little Red Riding Hood knocked on the door.

“Come in!” Big Bad Wolf tried to sound like Grandma. But his voice was too low.

“That does not sound like Grandma,” Little Red Riding Hood said to herself. She opened the door. Something was wrong.



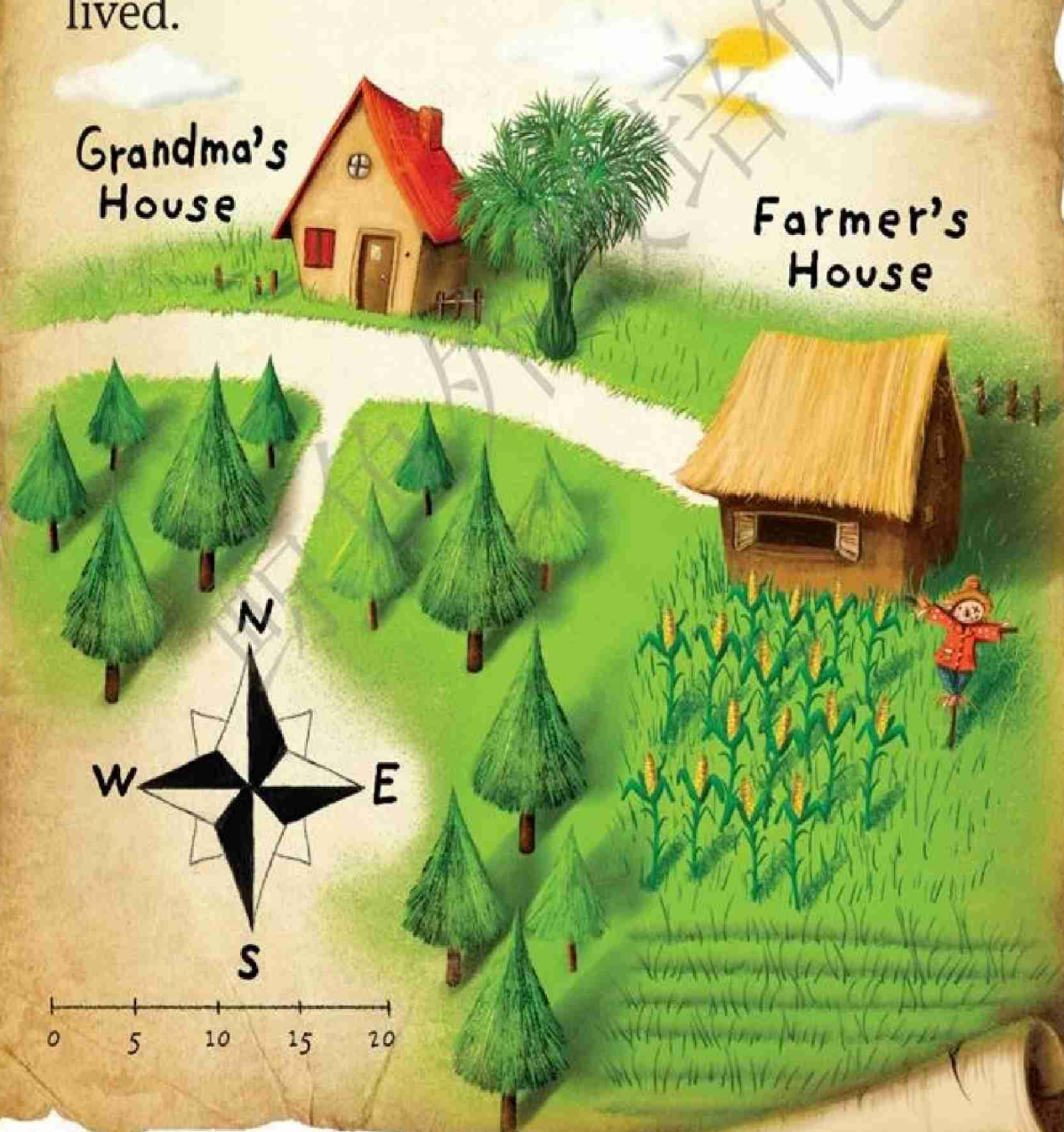
Little Red Riding Hood saw two long ears. They were not Grandma's ears.

Then she saw one very long nose. It was not Grandma's nose.

She saw two little, brown eyes. They were not Grandma's eyes.

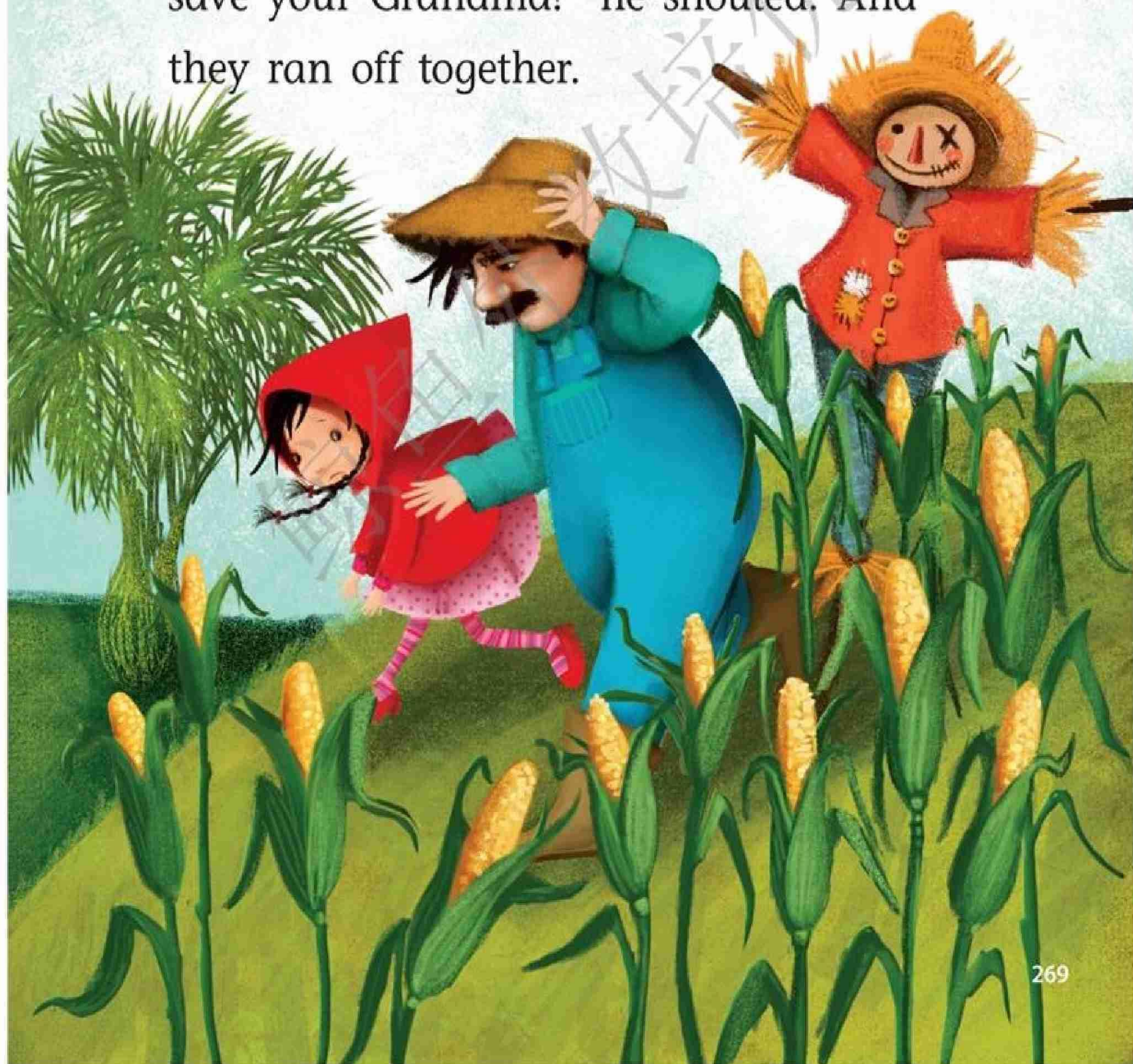
Little Red Riding Hood thought fast. "Who can help me? The farmer can! I will go get the farmer!"

Little Red Riding Hood looked at her map. It showed where the farmer lived.



Little Red Riding Hood went **east**. She ran and ran. She told the farmer about the wolf.

“I scare rabbits out of my garden every day. I will scare away that wolf! I will save your Grandma!” he shouted. And they ran off together.





When Big Bad Wolf saw the angry farmer, he jumped out of the bed. He tried to go **right**. He tried to go **left**. He could not escape. The farmer was too fast for him. So Big Bad Wolf jumped out of the window!



Little Red Riding Hood opened the closet door. She helped her grandmother back into the bed.

“Thank you for your help!” Little Red Riding Hood said to the farmer. “I could not have saved Grandma without you.”

Grandma began to feel better quickly. She and the farmer became good friends. They never saw Big Bad Wolf again.

Little Red Riding Hood often came to visit her grandmother and the farmer. And they all lived happily ever after. ♦



Meet the Author

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Argentina Palacios was born in Panama, and then moved to the United States. She was a Spanish teacher in Texas.

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Writing Tip



Argentina Palacios ended this story by solving the problem and telling us what happens to the characters afterward. What else would you add to the ending?

Talk About It



1. Which character in the story is sick?

_____ is sick.

2. How does Big Bad Wolf get to Grandma's house before Little Red Riding Hood?

Big Bad Wolf _____.

3. How does Little Red Riding Hood use a map to get help?

Little Red Riding Hood uses a map to _____.

Write About It



This fairy tale teaches you to know when you are in trouble and to go for help. When have you needed help? Who did you go to?

I needed help _____.

I went to _____.



Identify Problem and Solution

Little Red Riding Hood has a problem with the Big Bad Wolf. What is it and how does she solve it?

Problem-and-Solution Chart

Problem: Big Bad Wolf is trying to eat Little Red Riding Hood.
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Event 1:
Event 2:
Event 3:
↓
Solution:

Use your chart to retell the story of "Little Red Riding Hood."

The farmer scares Big Bad Wolf away.

