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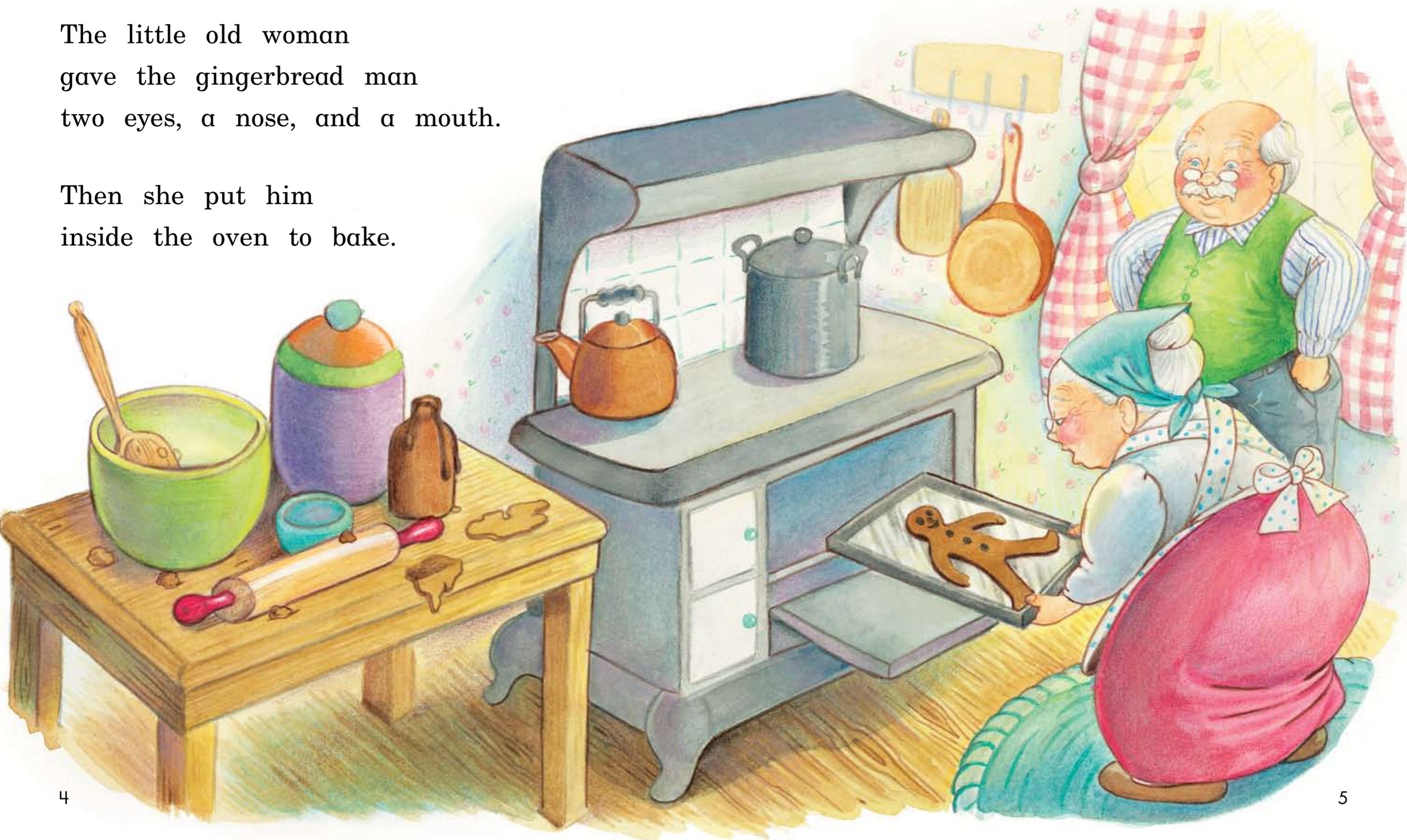
Once upon a time,
a little old woman
and a little old man
lived deep in the woods.

One day, the little old woman said,
“Let’s make a gingerbread man.”
So they made the gingerbread,
and they cut out a man.



The little old woman
gave the gingerbread man
two eyes, a nose, and a mouth.

Then she put him
inside the oven to bake.



“I’m hungry!” said the little old man.

“Is the gingerbread man
ready to eat?”

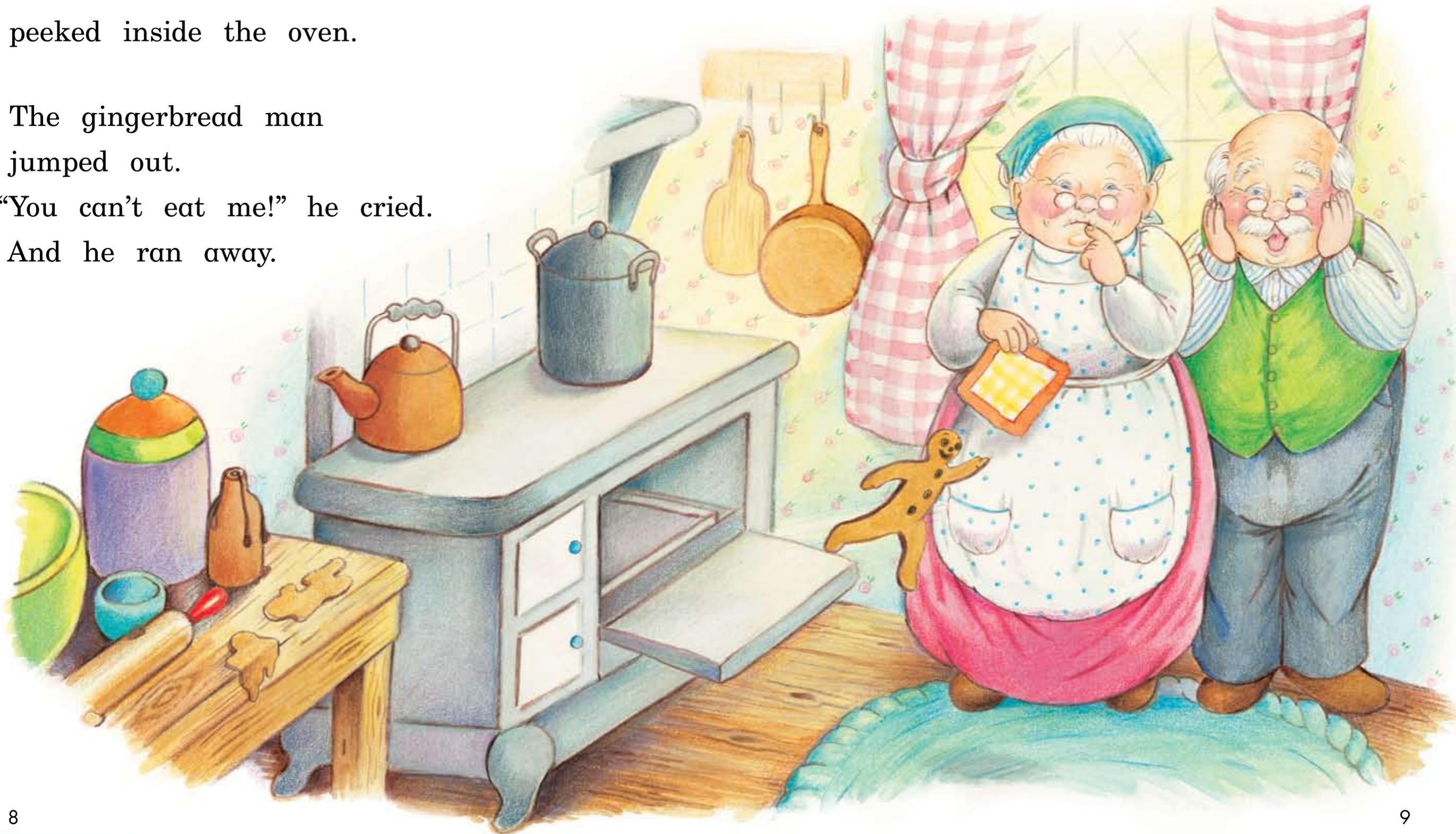
“I’ll look,” said the little old woman.



The little old woman
peeked inside the oven.

The gingerbread man
jumped out.

“You can’t eat me!” he cried.
And he ran away.





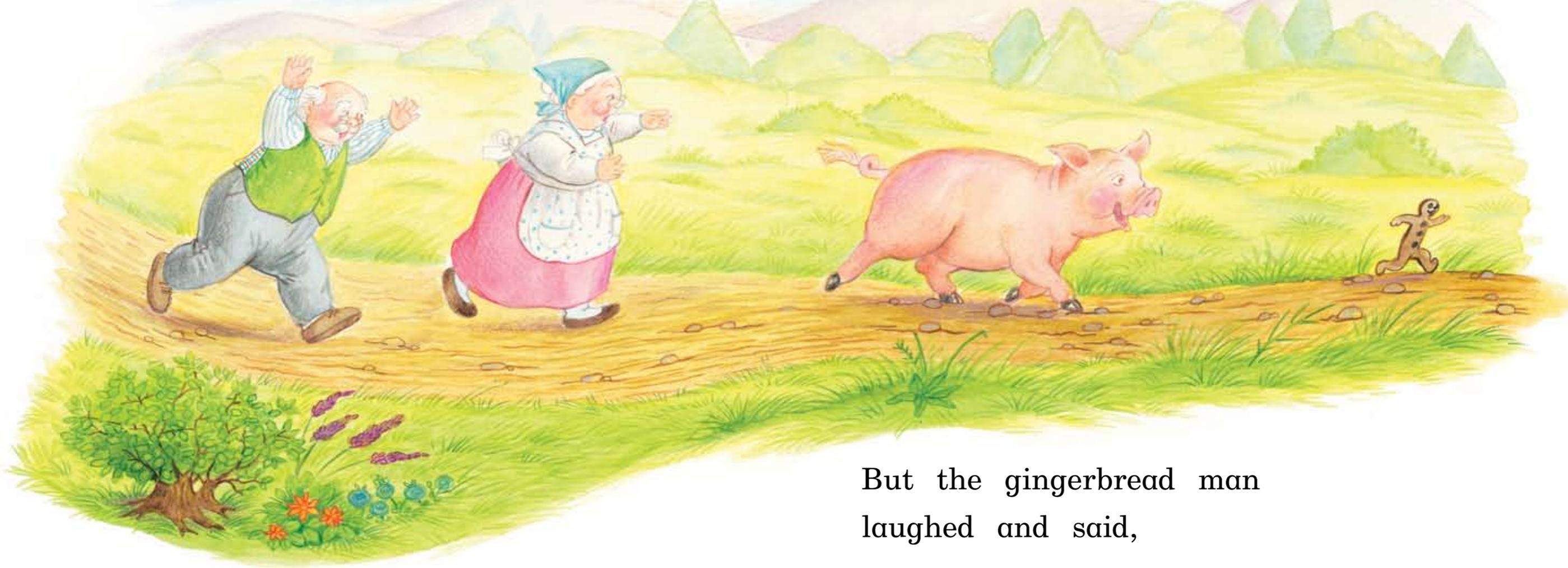
“Come back!”
cried the little old woman.

“Come back!”
cried the little old man.

Then the little old woman
and the little old man
ran after the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man ran and ran.
He laughed and said,

“Run, run, as fast as you can!
You can’t catch me.
I’m the gingerbread man!”



Down the road,
the gingerbread man
met a hungry pig.

“Stop! Stop!” cried the pig.

“I want to eat you!”

But the gingerbread man
laughed and said,

“Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can’t catch me.

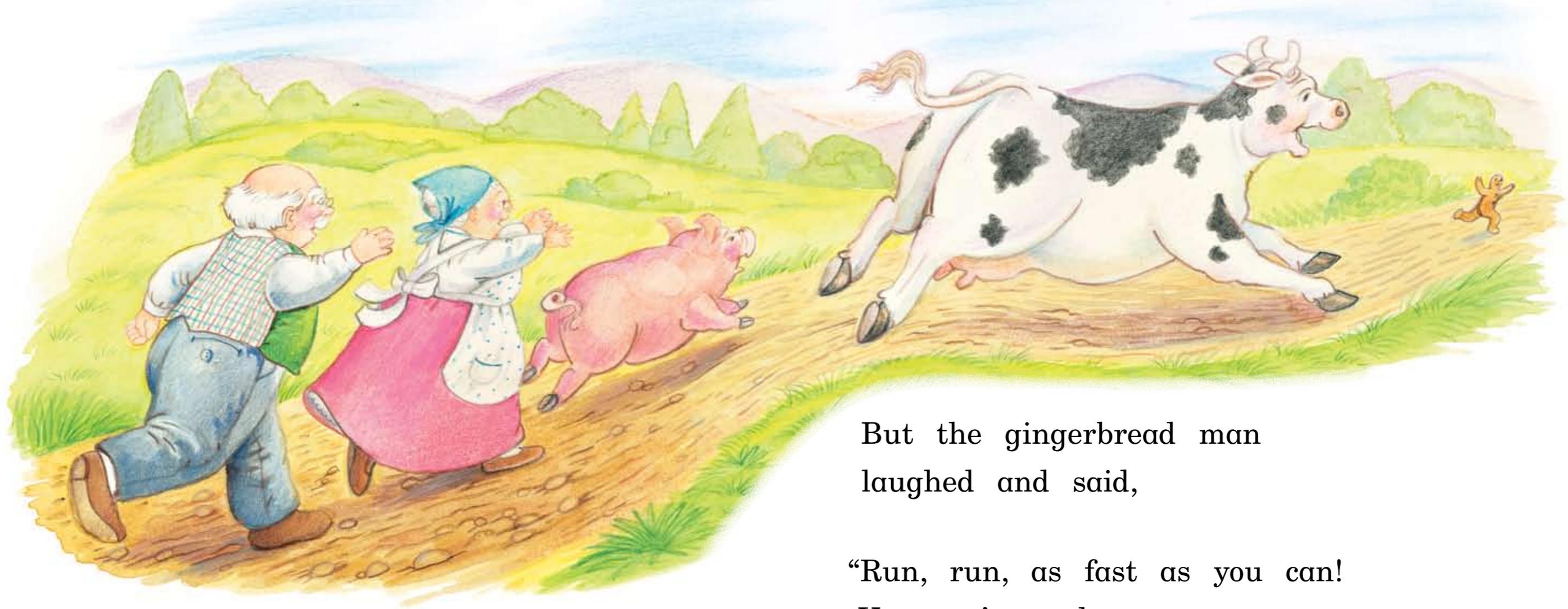
I’m the gingerbread man!

I ran away from the little old woman.

I ran away from the little old man.

And I can run away from you.

I can! I can!”



Down the road,
the gingerbread man
met a hungry cow.

“Stop! Stop!” cried the cow.

“You look good to eat!”

But the gingerbread man
laughed and said,

“Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can’t catch me.

I’m the gingerbread man!

I ran away from the little old woman.

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I ran away from the pig.

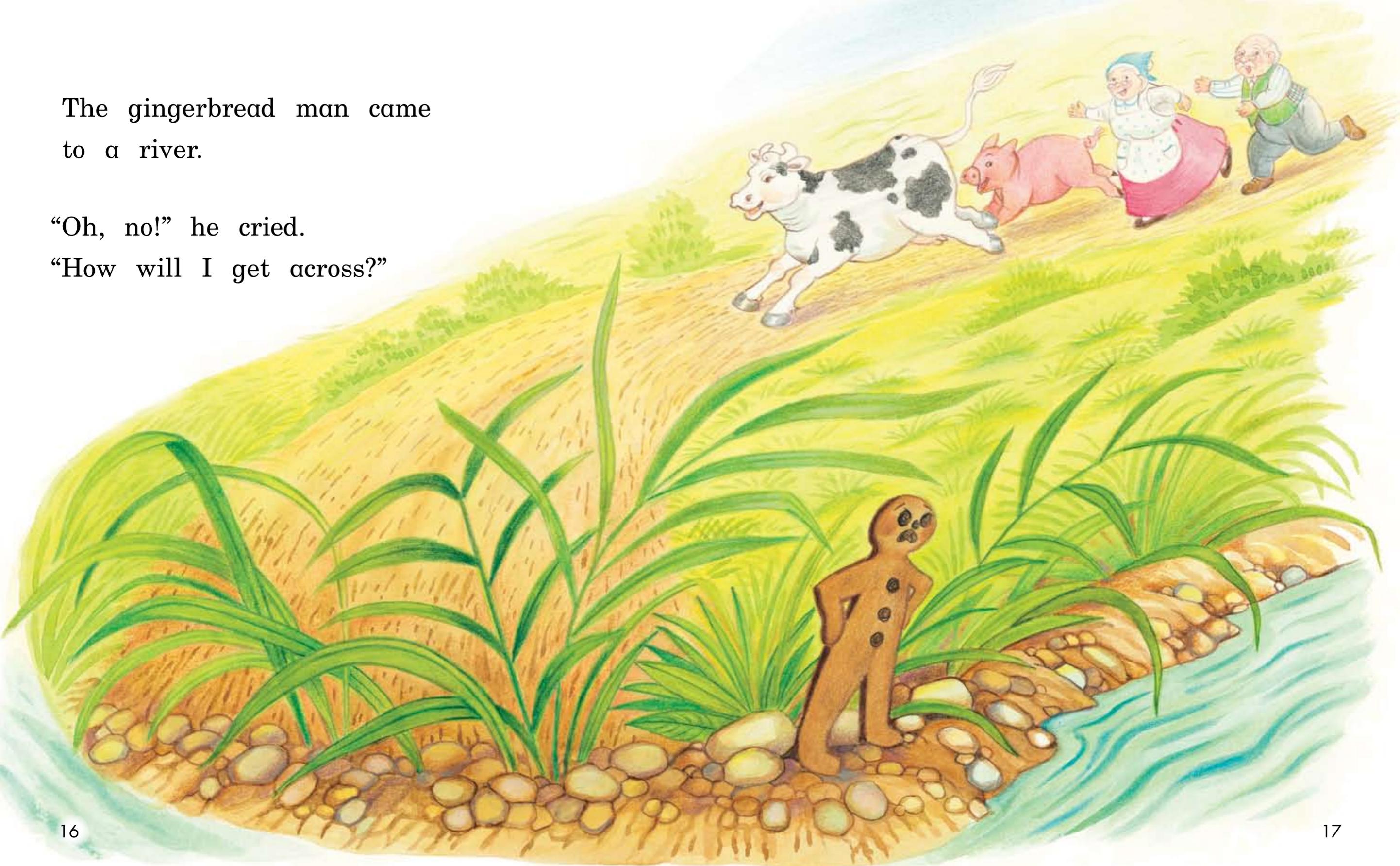
And I can run away from you.

I can! I can!”

The gingerbread man came
to a river.

“Oh, no!” he cried.

“How will I get across?”

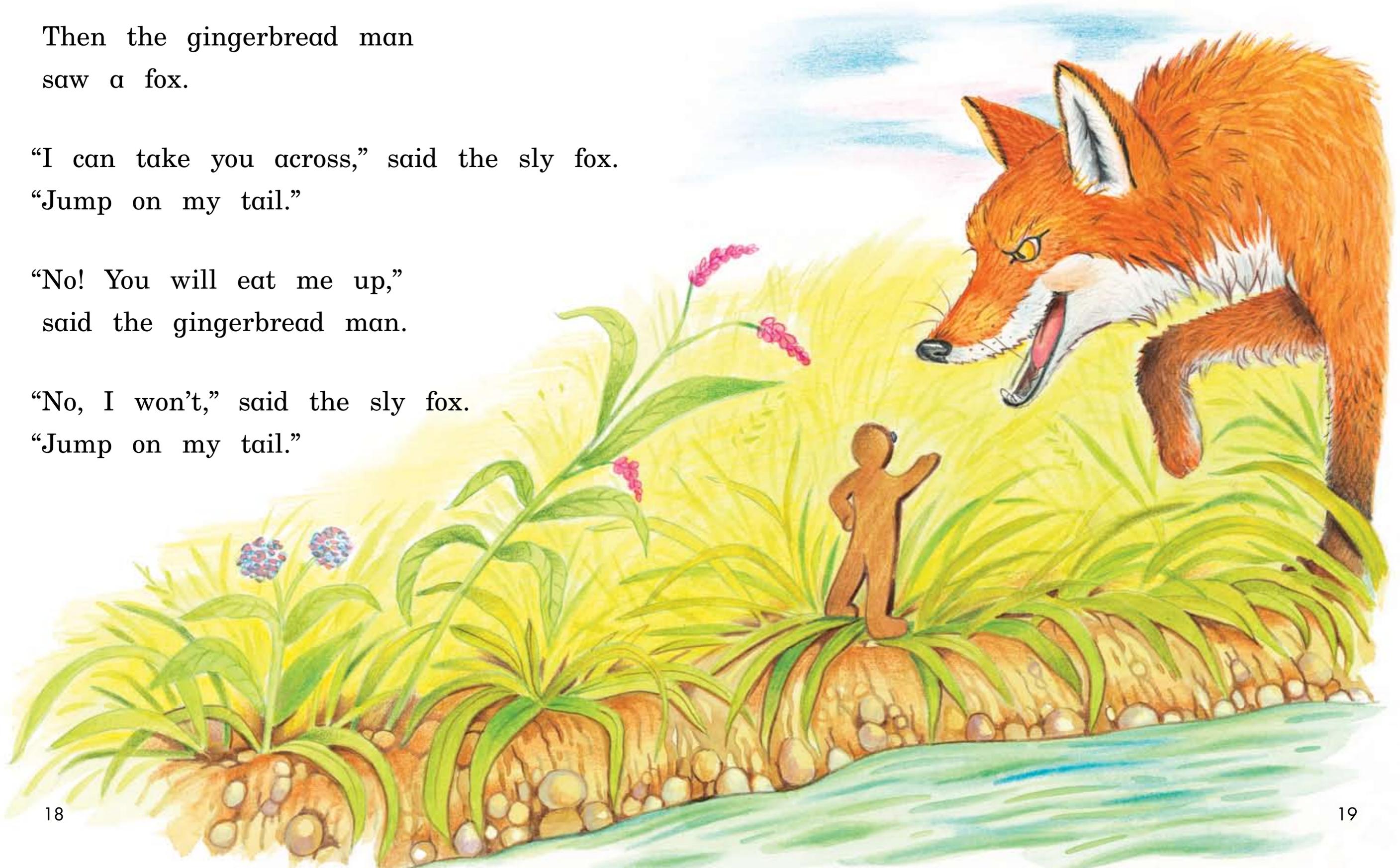


Then the gingerbread man
saw a fox.

“I can take you across,” said the sly fox.
“Jump on my tail.”

“No! You will eat me up,”
said the gingerbread man.

“No, I won’t,” said the sly fox.
“Jump on my tail.”



So the gingerbread man jumped
on the fox's tail.

“I’m getting wet,”
said the gingerbread man.

“Jump on my back,”
said the sly fox.

“You will stay dry there.”



The gingerbread man jumped
on the fox's back.

“I am getting wet,”
said the gingerbread man.

“Jump on my nose,”
said the sly fox.

“You will stay dry there.”



The gingerbread man jumped.
He jumped right into
the fox's mouth!

“Yum!” said the sly fox.

And that was the end
of the gingerbread man!



The Gingerbread Man

The Play

Characters



Narrator



Gingerbread Man



Little Old Woman



Little Old Man



Pig



Cow



Sly Fox



Narrator

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Narrator

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and the little old man
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to bake.



Little Old Man

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Little Old Woman

I'll look.



Narrator

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And he ran away.



Gingerbread Man

You can't eat me!



Little Old Woman

Come back!



Little Old Man

Come back!



Narrator

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the little old man
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Gingerbread Man

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You can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!



Narrator

Down the road, the gingerbread
man met a hungry pig.



Pig

Stop! Stop!
I want to eat you!



Gingerbread Man

Run, run, as fast as you can!
You can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!
I ran away from the little old woman.
I ran away from the little old man.
And I can run away from you.
I can! I can!



Narrator

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Narrator

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Gingerbread Man

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Sly Fox

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