

# A Year at a Farm

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Lambing time



Spring growth



Haymaking



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Time Goes By



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**THIS IS THE STORY** of a year on a farm. All the pictures have exactly the same view. But each one shows a different time of the year. Lots of things happen during this year. Can you spot them all?

**S**ome pictures have parts of the walls taken away. This helps you see inside the farm's buildings.

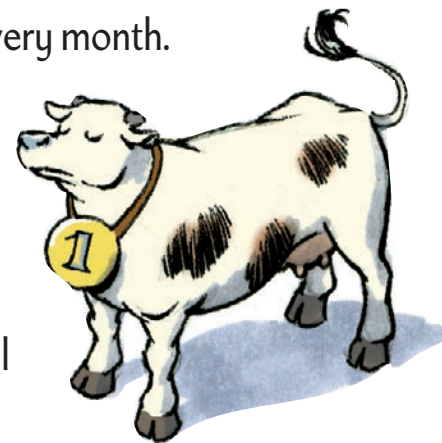






**Y**ou can follow all the action on the farm as the months pass. The calendar on each right-hand page tells you what month it is.

**A**s you read, look for people that appear every month. Look out especially for the farmer, her husband, their three children, and Grandma and Grandpa. Don't miss the team of scientists and their amazing discoveries! Think about what stories these people might tell about life at the farm.

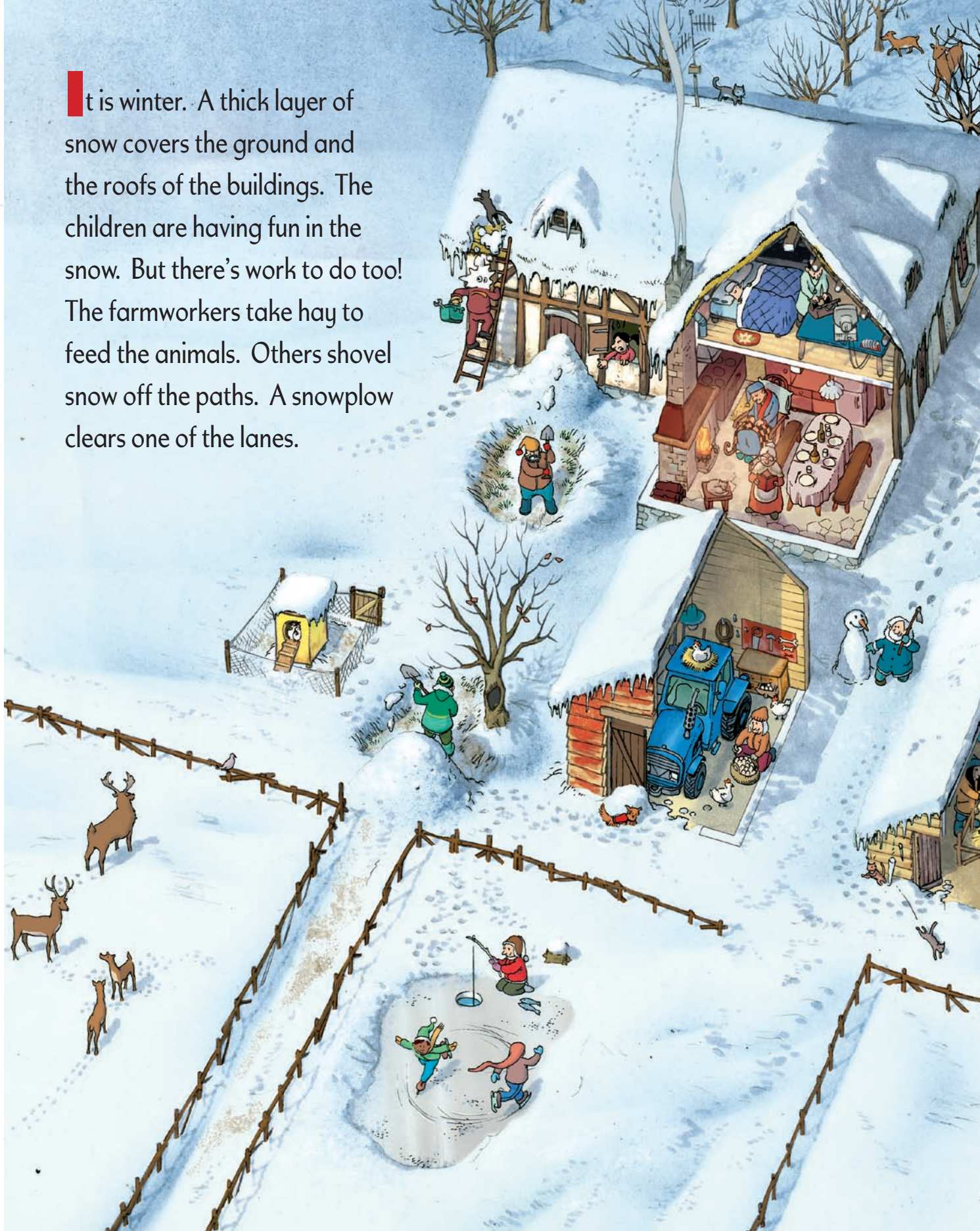


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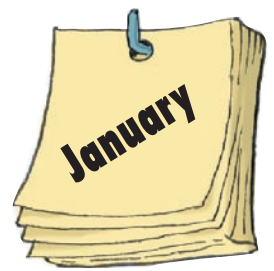


a sled?

It is winter. A thick layer of snow covers the ground and the roofs of the buildings. The children are having fun in the snow. But there's work to do too! The farmworkers take hay to feed the animals. Others shovel snow off the paths. A snowplow clears one of the lanes.







January



**A heavy snow**



**Lambing time**



**Spring growth**



**Haymaking**



**A summer fair**



**Harvesttime**



**Fall arrives**



**Winter returns**



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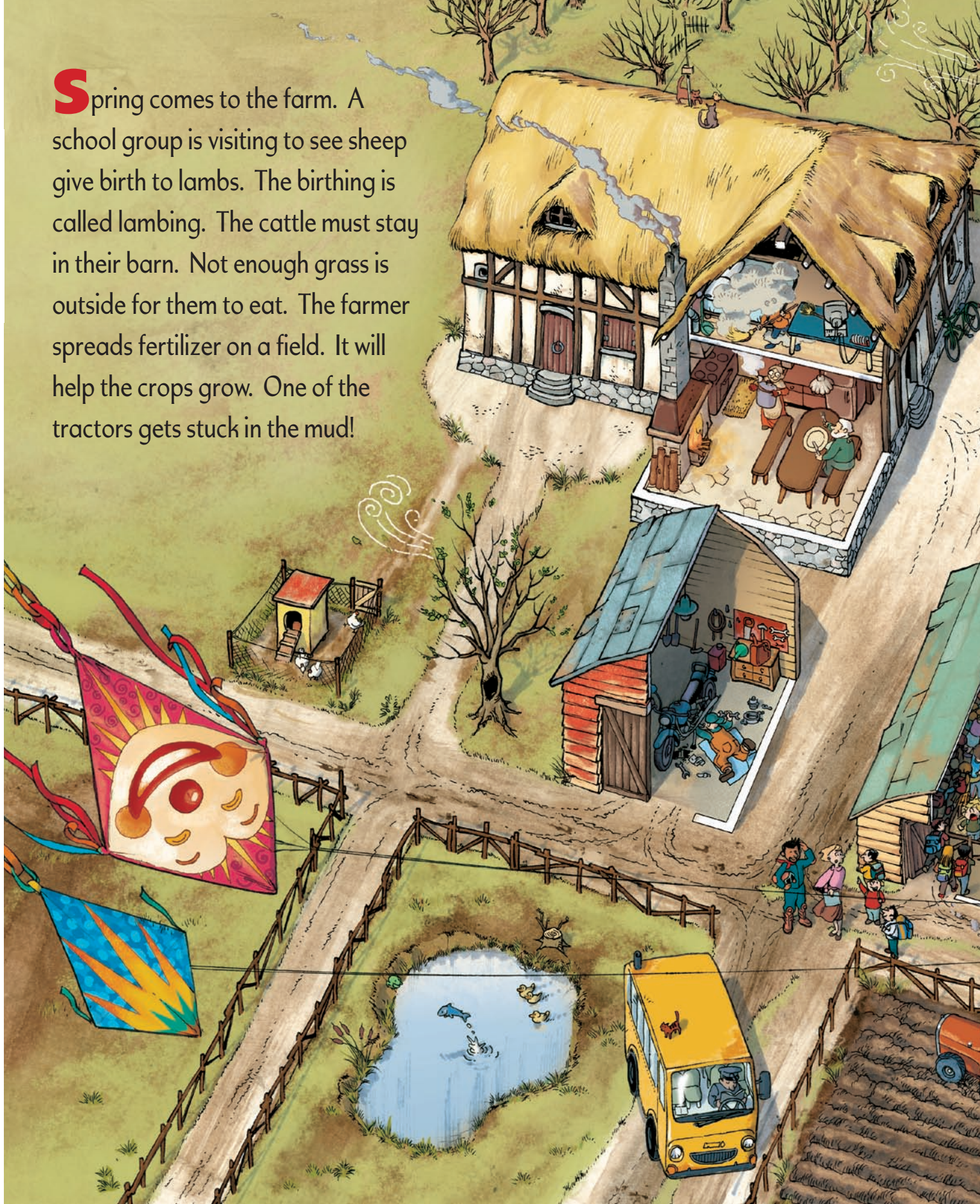


a chicken coop?



a pig?

**S**pring comes to the farm. A school group is visiting to see sheep give birth to lambs. The birthing is called lambing. The cattle must stay in their barn. Not enough grass is outside for them to eat. The farmer spreads fertilizer on a field. It will help the crops grow. One of the tractors gets stuck in the mud!







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Can you  
find . . .



a cat?

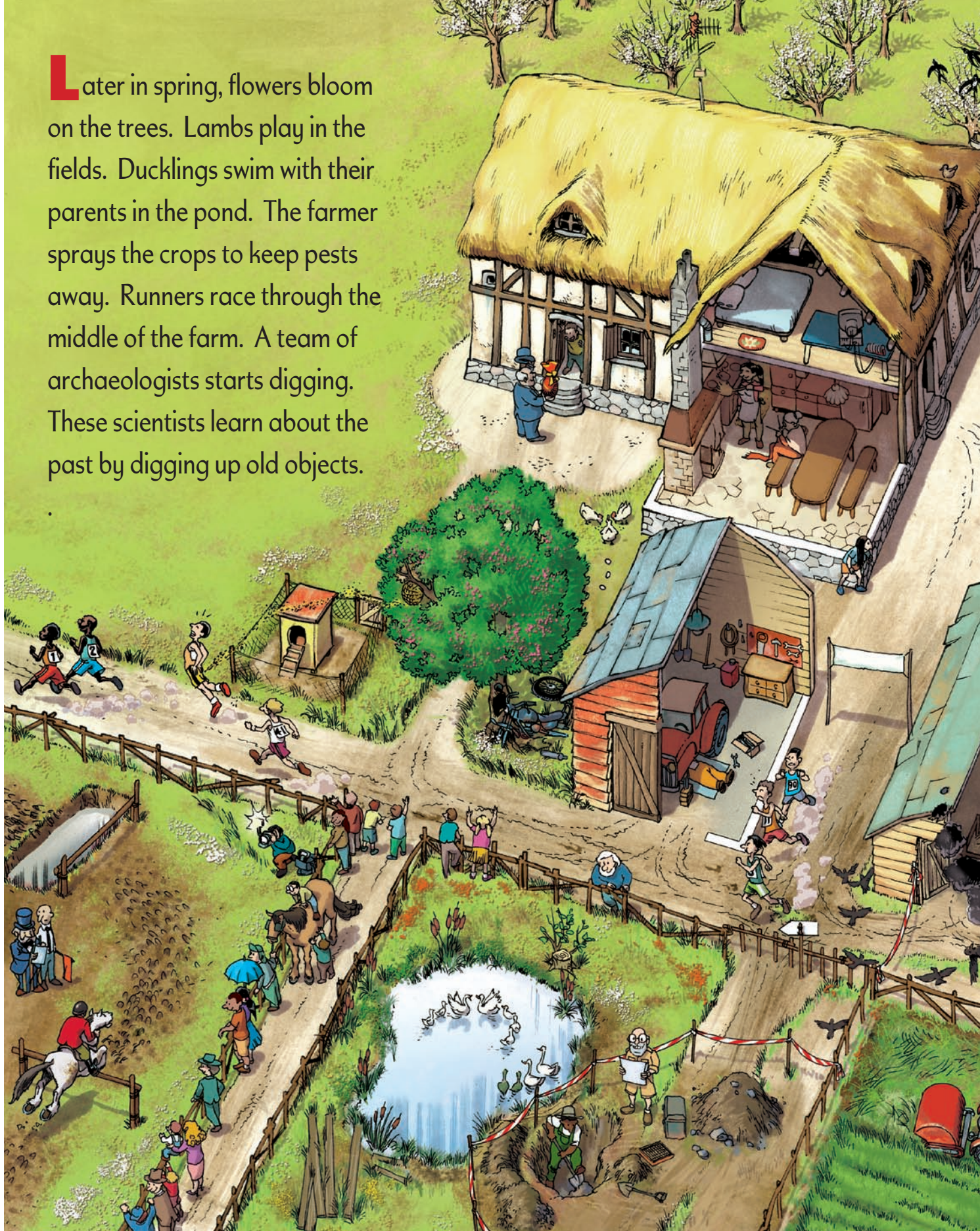


a beehive?



a scarecrow?

**L**ater in spring, flowers bloom on the trees. Lambs play in the fields. Ducklings swim with their parents in the pond. The farmer sprays the crops to keep pests away. Runners race through the middle of the farm. A team of archaeologists starts digging. These scientists learn about the past by digging up old objects.







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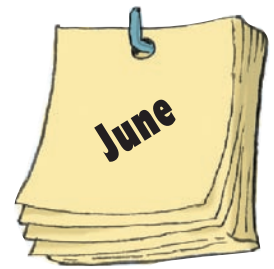


Winter returns









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Can you  
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a prize cow?



a scientist?

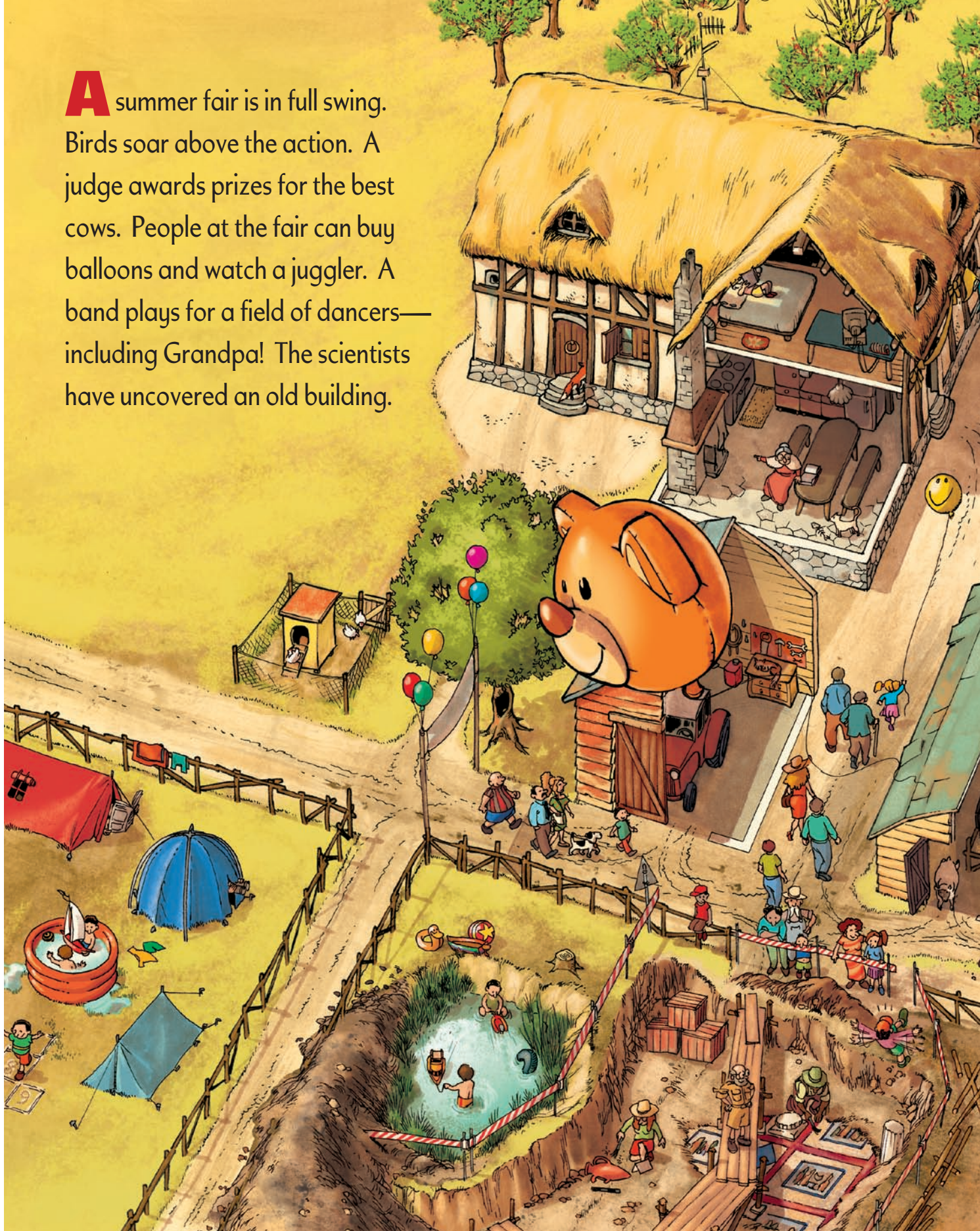


a tractor?



a juggler?

**A** summer fair is in full swing. Birds soar above the action. A judge awards prizes for the best cows. People at the fair can buy balloons and watch a juggler. A band plays for a field of dancers—including Grandpa! The scientists have uncovered an old building.







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Can you  
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a grill?



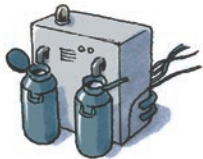
a butterfly?



a frog?

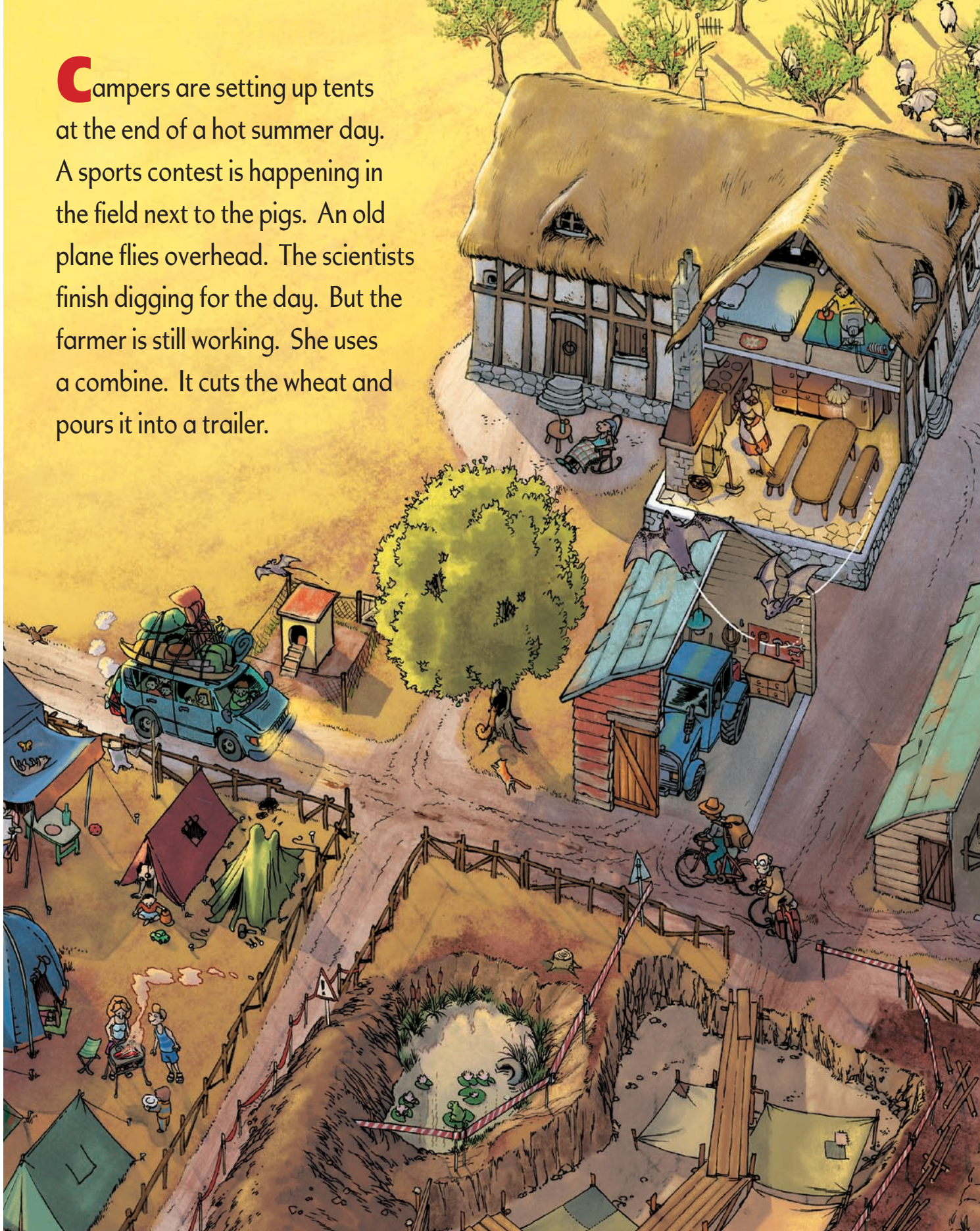


an archer?



a milking machine?

**C**ampers are setting up tents at the end of a hot summer day. A sports contest is happening in the field next to the pigs. An old plane flies overhead. The scientists finish digging for the day. But the farmer is still working. She uses a combine. It cuts the wheat and pours it into a trailer.







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Can you  
find ...



an ax?



a duck?



some pumpkins?

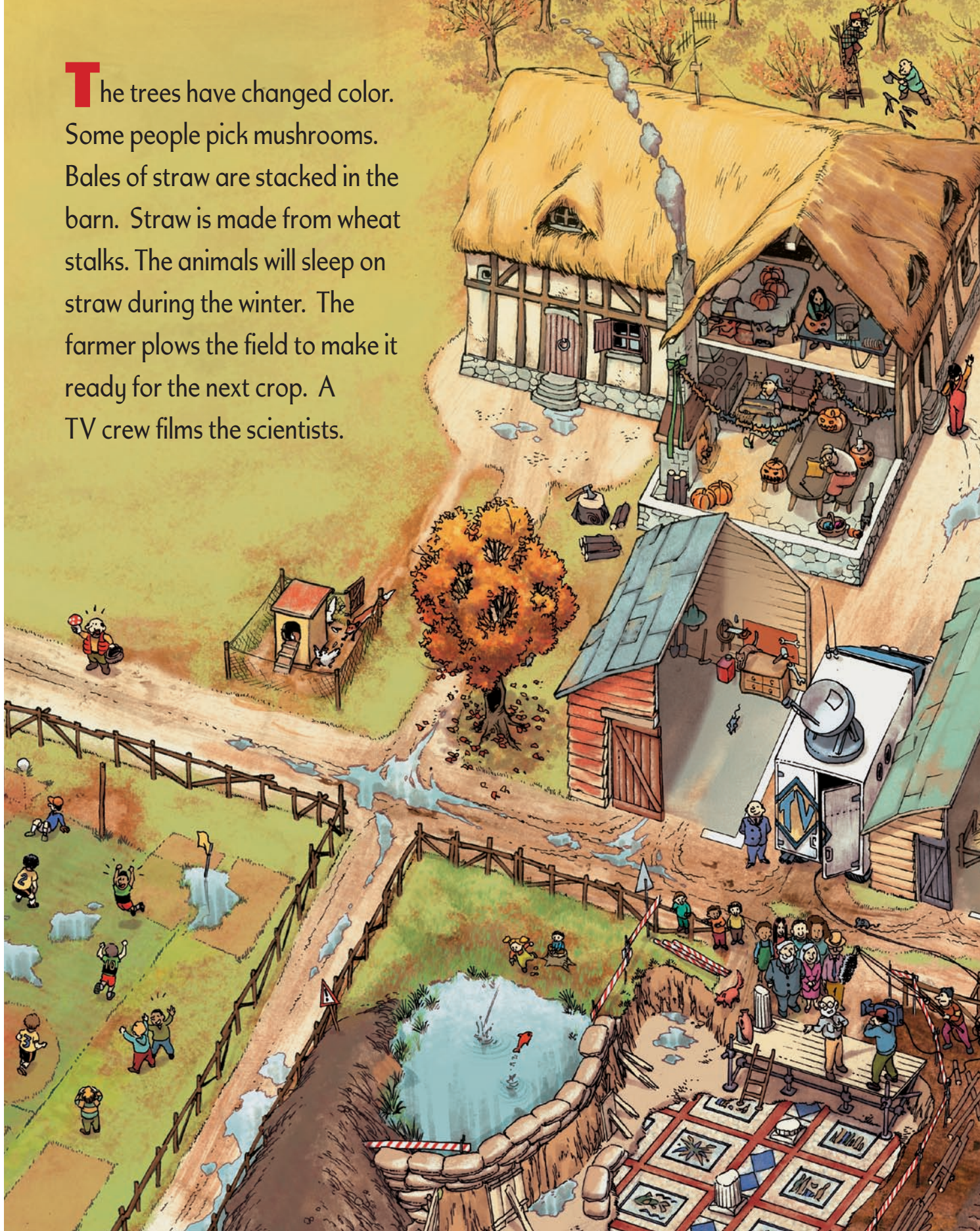


a veterinarian?



a man  
picking mushrooms?

**T**he trees have changed color. Some people pick mushrooms. Bales of straw are stacked in the barn. Straw is made from wheat stalks. The animals will sleep on straw during the winter. The farmer plows the field to make it ready for the next crop. A TV crew films the scientists.







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Can you  
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a bonfire?



Grandma knitting?



a Christmas tree?

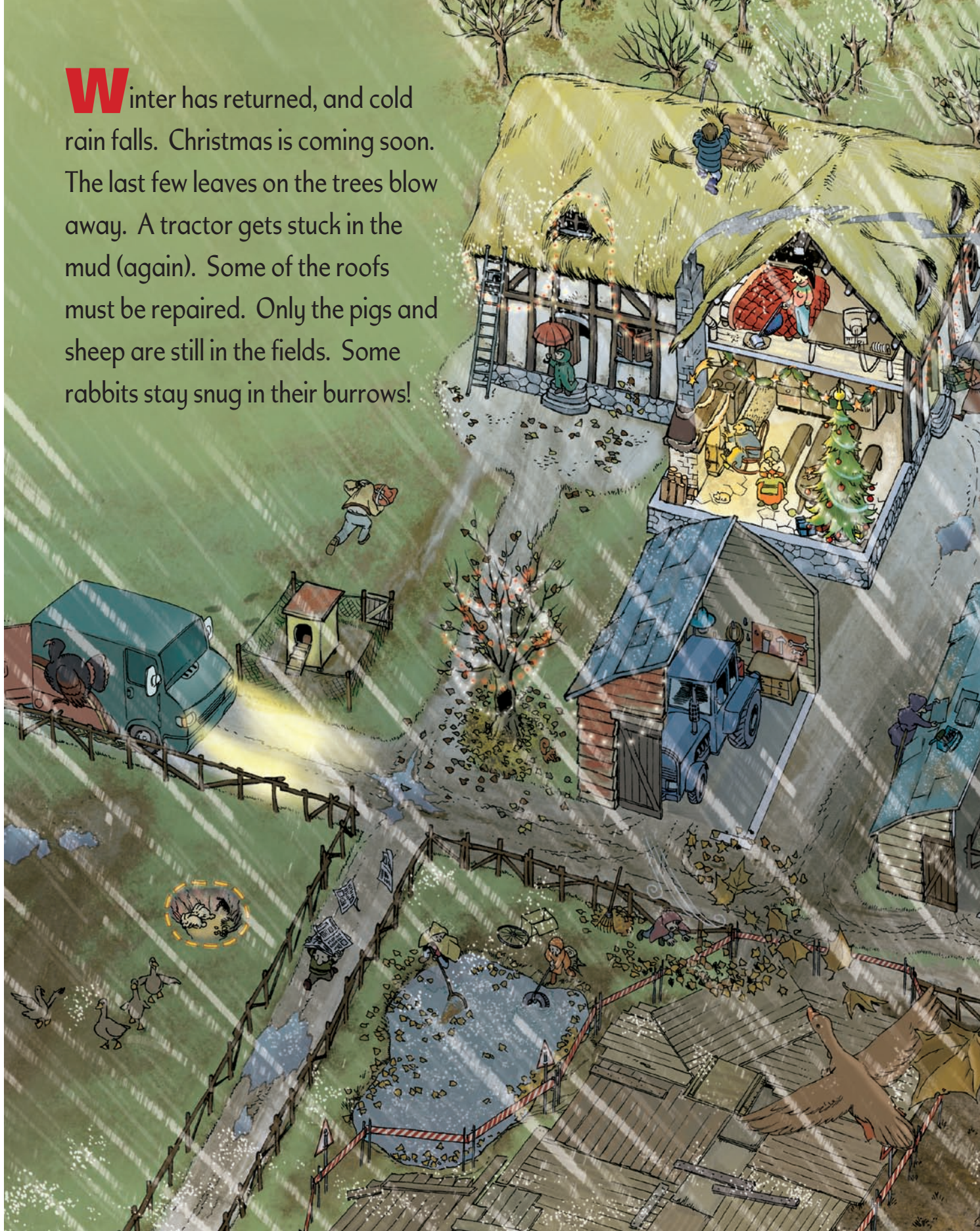


a man fixing  
the roof?



a squirrel?

**W**inter has returned, and cold rain falls. Christmas is coming soon. The last few leaves on the trees blow away. A tractor gets stuck in the mud (again). Some of the roofs must be repaired. Only the pigs and sheep are still in the fields. Some rabbits stay snug in their burrows!







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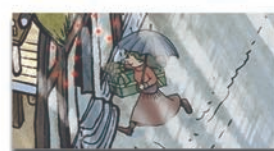
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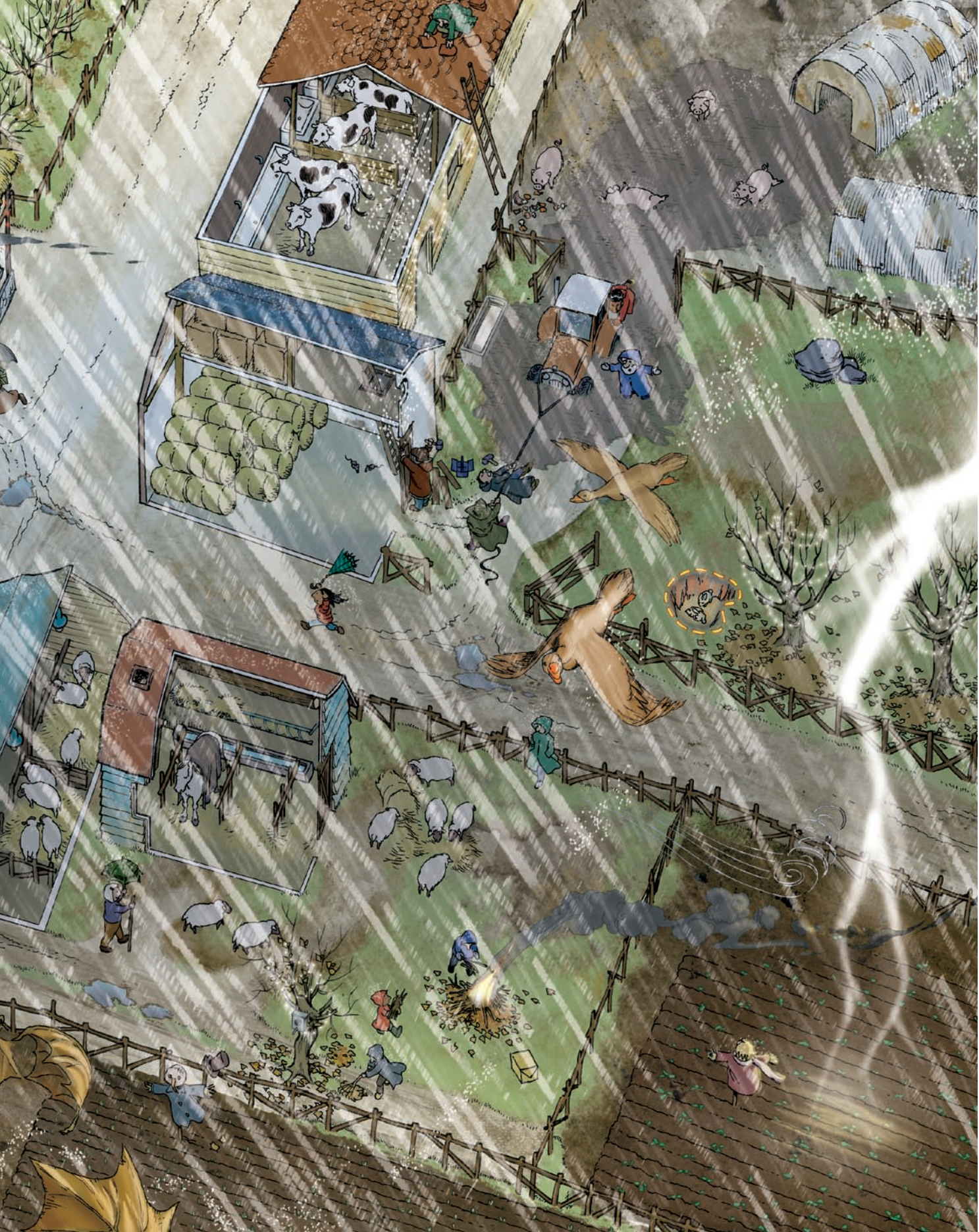
Harvesttime



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# Glossary

**archaeologists:** people who learn about the past by digging up and studying objects

**archer:** someone who shoots at a target with a bow and arrow

**bales:** large bundles of straw or hay that are tied tightly together

**burrows:** tunnels or holes in the ground where animals live

**combine:** a machine that harvests grain

**ducklings:** baby ducks

**fertilizer:** a substance containing chemicals that help crops grow

**hay:** dried grass that farm animals eat

**lambing:** the birth of lambs

**lambs:** baby sheep

**shear:** to cut wool off sheep

**stalks:** plant stems

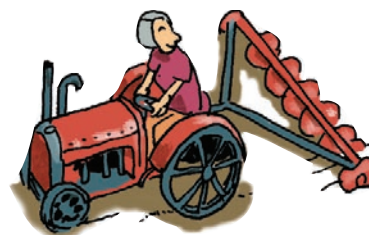
**straw:** dried stems of wheat, oats, or another grain plant

**veterinarian:** an animal doctor





# Learn More about Farms



## Books

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Farm Animal Coloring Pages—Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/coloring/farm.shtml>

This Web page has outlines of many different farm animals.

Choose an animal, print out the page, and color it!



The Farm at MSI: Combine

[http://www.msichicago.org/exhibit/farm/combine\\_inner.html](http://www.msichicago.org/exhibit/farm/combine_inner.html)

The website for Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry features an interactive diagram of a combine. Click on the names of the different parts to learn more about how they work.

Welcome to Kids' Farm—National Zoo

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/KidsFarm/>

The National Zoo in Washington, D.C., has an exhibit about farm animals. Take an online tour to find out what animals are on their farm.





## A Closer Look

This book has a lot to find. Did you see people who showed up again and again? Think about what these people did and saw during the year. If these people kept journals, what would they write? A journal is a book with blank pages where people write down their thoughts. Have you ever kept a journal? What did you write about?

Try making a journal for one of the characters in this book. You will need a pencil and a piece of paper. Choose your character. Give your character a name. Write the name of the month at the top of the page. Underneath, write about the character's life during that month. Pretend you are the character. What do you do all day long? Is your life hard or easy? Why? What have you noticed about the other people at the farm? Have you seen anything surprising? What? What do you hope to do next month?

Don't worry if you don't know how to spell every word. You can ask a parent or teacher for help if you need to. And be creative!

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# Time Goes By



**Horses! Ducks! Cows! Would you like to see what happens during a year at a farm? Then come spend the next twelve months at this farm. Check out eight action-packed scenes for a bird's-eye view of spring planting, a summer festival, and an autumn harvest. Look out for an escaped cow and a surprise landing by a hot air balloon. Keep your eye on the calendar too. By spending a whole year at a farm, you can watch events unfold as the seasons change.**



**Read all the books in the Time Goes By series!**

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**A Day at an Airport**

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**A Year on a Pirate Ship**



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