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A LITTLE girl lives here.
She lives here with her mother.
They have no money.
And they're very hungry.

‘Oh, mother!’ says the little girl.
‘I’m hungry, hungry, hungry!’



I’m hungry, hungry, hungry!

But there’s no food in the house.

It's cold.

'Oh, I'm hungry, hungry, hungry!'
cries the little girl.

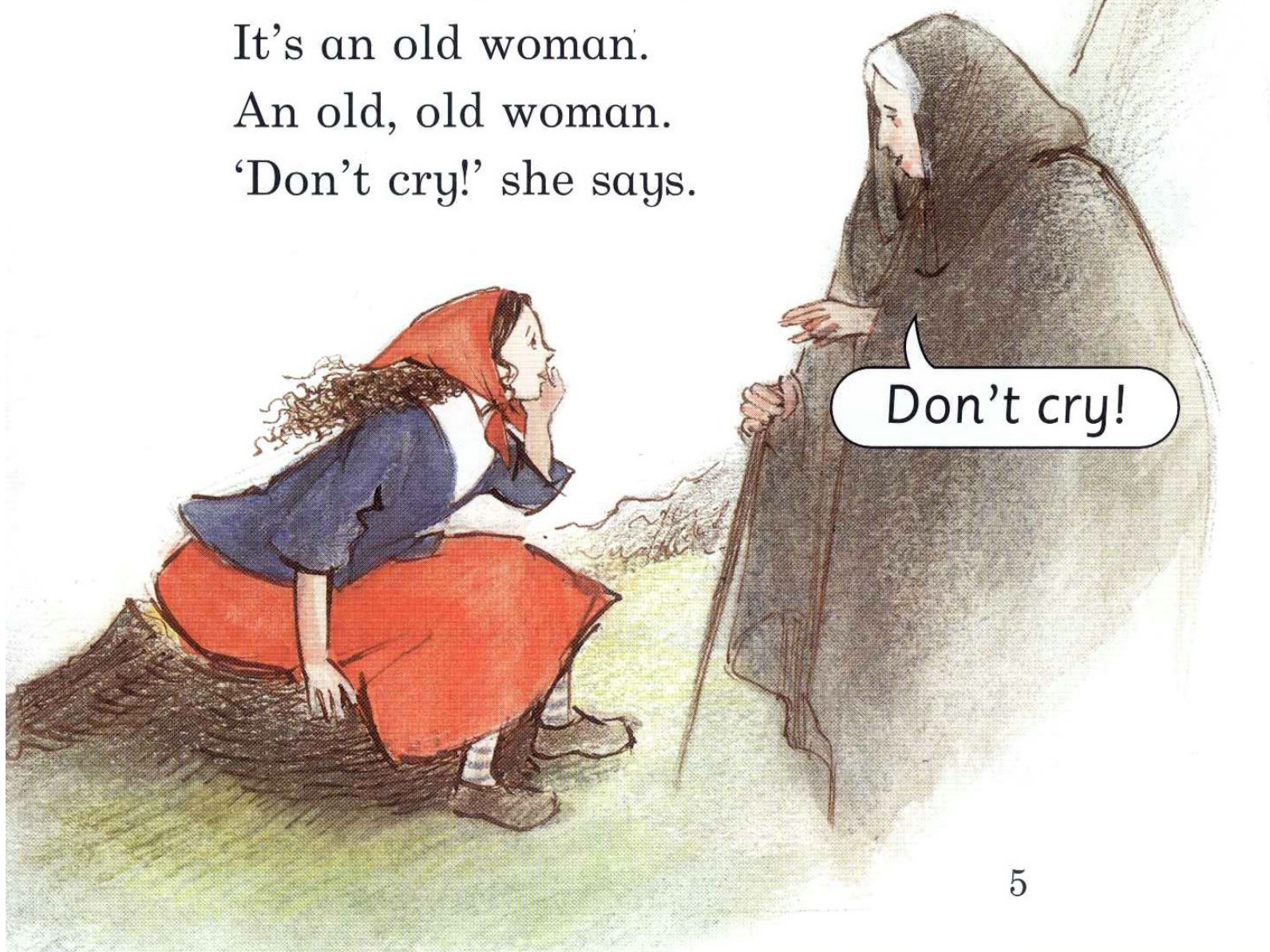
'I want something to eat!'



I want something to eat!



The little girl sits down and cries.
But look! Who's this?
It's an old woman.
An old, old woman.
'Don't cry!' she says.



'I must cry,' says
the little girl.
'I'm hungry.'



I must cry.

What is it?



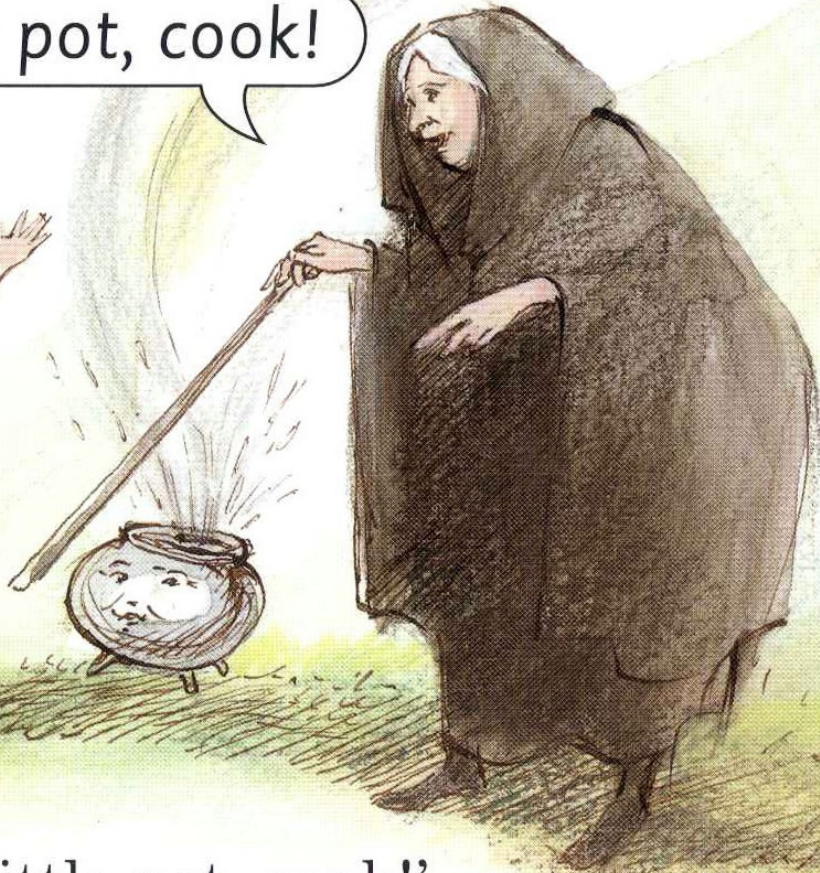
'Don't cry,' says the old woman.
'Look! You can have this.'
'What is it?' says the little girl.

‘It’s a magic
cooking pot,’
says the old
woman.



It’s a magic cooking pot.

Cook, little pot, cook!



‘Cook, little pot, cook!’
says the old woman.
And the pot cooks.
It cooks nice hot porridge.



‘Oh!’ says the little girl. ‘Oh! Oh! Oh!’

‘Wait!’ says the old woman.

‘First the pot must stop.’

Then she says to the pot,

‘Stop, little pot, stop!’

The pot stops.

‘Now you can
eat,’ says the
old woman.

‘It’s very good!’
says the little
girl.

‘It’s delicious!’



‘You can have this pot,’
says the old woman.

‘When you want to eat, you say
“Cook, little pot, cook!”

And the pot cooks.

Then say, “Stop, little pot, stop!”

And you can eat the porridge.’

An illustration showing an old woman on the left, wearing a dark, heavy hooded cloak, and a young girl on the right. The girl is wearing a red hood, a dark jacket, and a red skirt. She is holding a large, round, silver pot with both hands, presenting it to the old woman. A speech bubble above the girl says "Thank you!". The background is a simple, textured landscape with a tree on the right side.

Thank you!

‘Thank you!’ says the little girl.

The little girl runs home.
'Look, mother! It's a magic
cooking pot!'



Cook, little pot, cook!

'Cook, little pot, cook!'
says the little girl.
And the pot cooks.
It cooks nice hot porridge.
'Oh,' says the mother. 'Oh! Oh! Oh!'

An illustration showing a woman in a white headscarf and blue dress pouring soup from a large, smiling pot into a blue bowl. A young girl in a red headscarf and dark dress is sitting at a table, looking up at the woman. The pot is on a stove, and steam is rising from it.

Stop, little pot, stop!

‘Wait, mother!’ says the little girl.
‘Stop, little pot, stop!’ she says.
And the pot stops.

An illustration showing the woman in the white headscarf sitting at the table, eating the soup from the blue bowl with a spoon. The young girl in the red headscarf is sitting next to her, looking at the woman. The smiling pot is now on the table in front of the girl.

It's very good!

‘Now you can eat,’ says the little girl.
‘It's very good,’ says her mother.
‘It's delicious!’

The little girl and her mother eat
porridge every day.

They aren't hungry now.

They have a magic cooking pot.



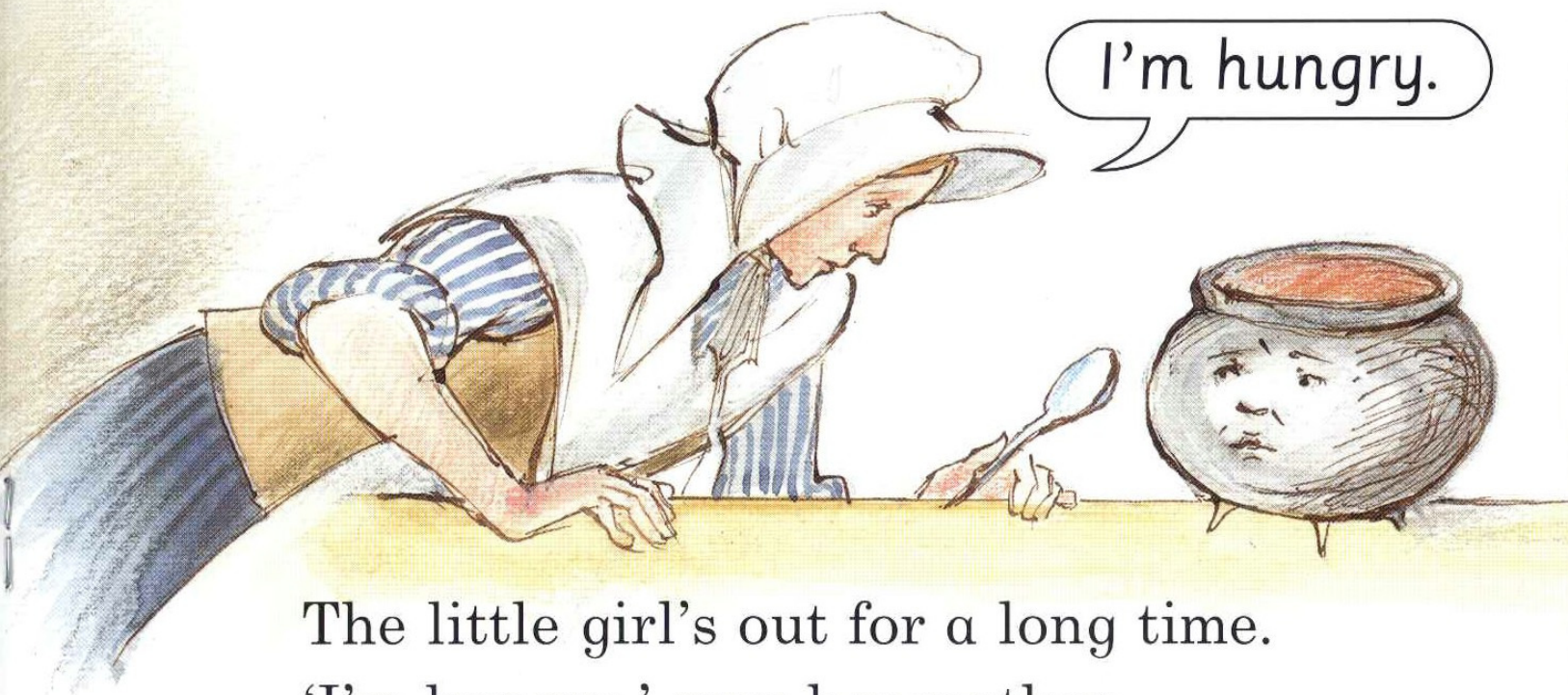
You're a good little pot!

'You're a good little pot!'
says the girl. 'You're a good
little magic cooking pot!'



See you later!

One day the little girl goes out.
She goes out to play.
'See you later, mother!' she says.



I'm hungry.

The little girl's out for a long time.
'I'm hungry,' says her mother.
'I want some nice porridge.'




Cook, little pot, cook!

‘But what do I
say?’ she says.
‘Oh, yes! Cook,
little pot, cook!’



Oh good!



The pot cooks.
It cooks nice hot porridge.
‘Oh, good!’ says the mother.
But she doesn’t say, ‘Stop,
little pot, stop!’

So the magic cooking pot cooks
and cooks.

It cooks more and more porridge.

‘Oh, no!’ says the mother.

‘What do I say?’

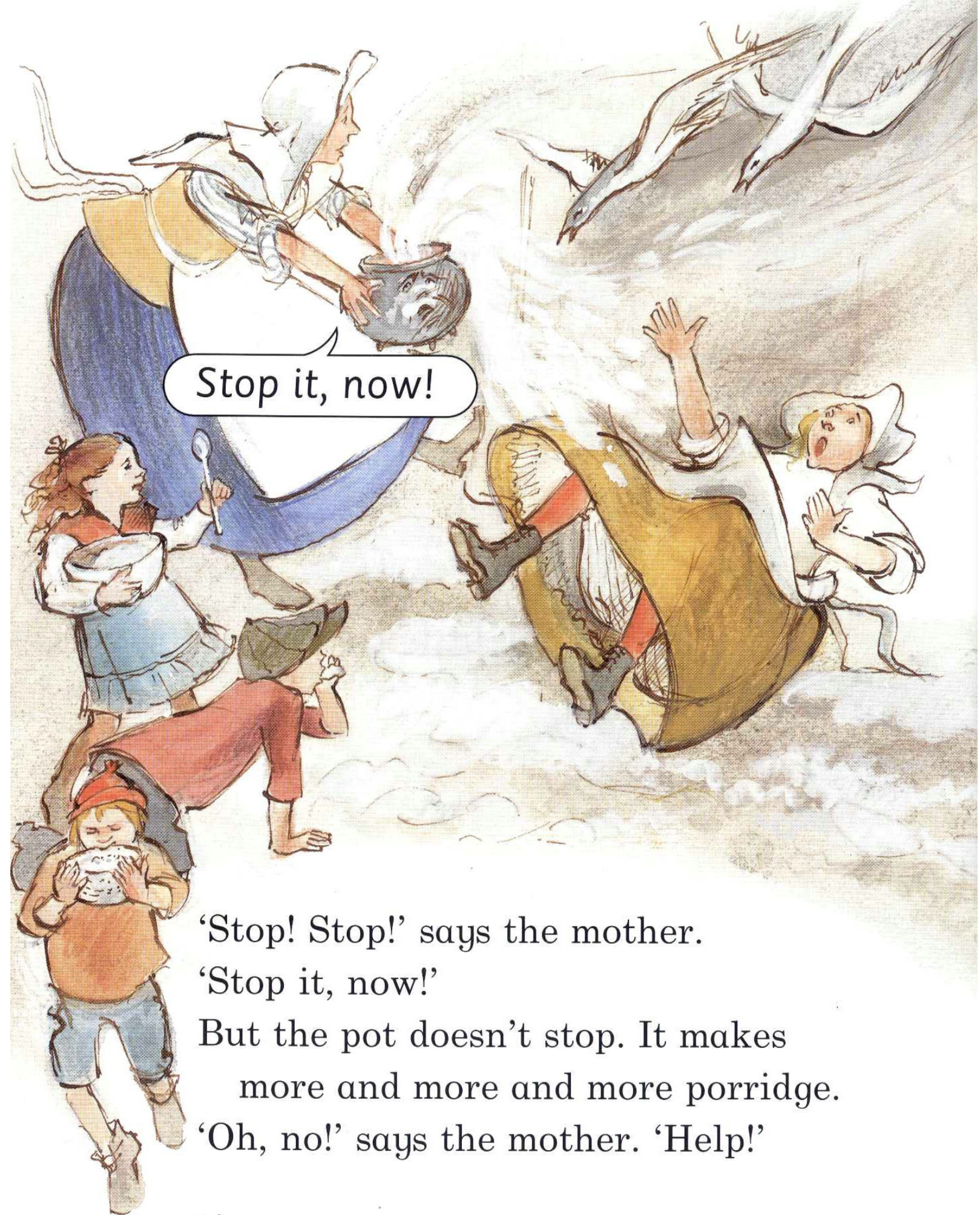
‘Please stop, little pot! Please!’



Please stop, little pot! Please!

But she doesn't say the right words.

So the magic cooking pot doesn't stop.



Stop it, now!

‘Stop! Stop!’ says the mother.

‘Stop it, now!’

But the pot doesn’t stop. It makes
more and more and more porridge.

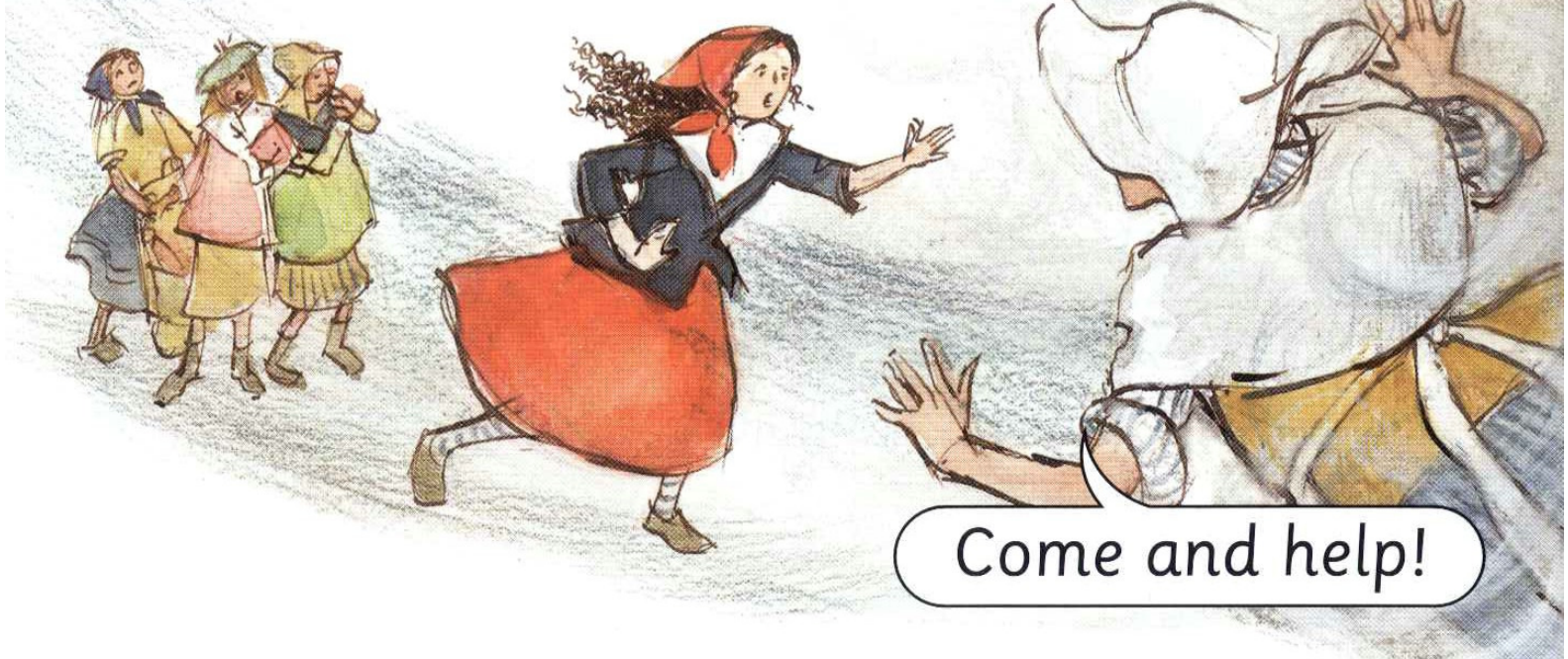
‘Oh, no!’ says the mother. ‘Help!’

'Help!' says the mother.
'I can't stop this pot.'
Two men come to help her.
'Stop it, pot!' they say. 'Stop it now!'



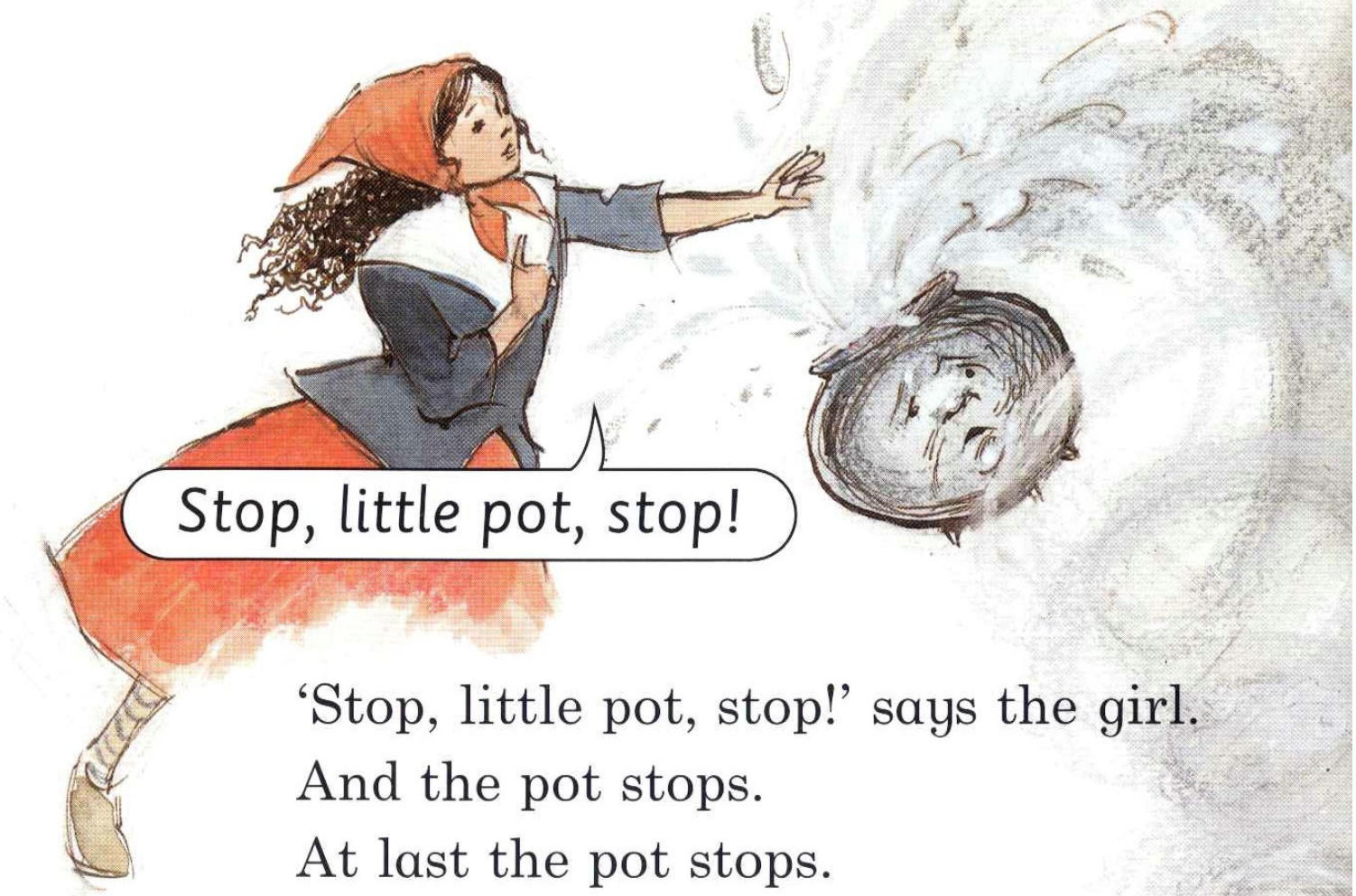
Stop it, pot!

But they don't say the right words.
So the magic cooking pot doesn't
stop. It makes more porridge.
More and more and more porridge.



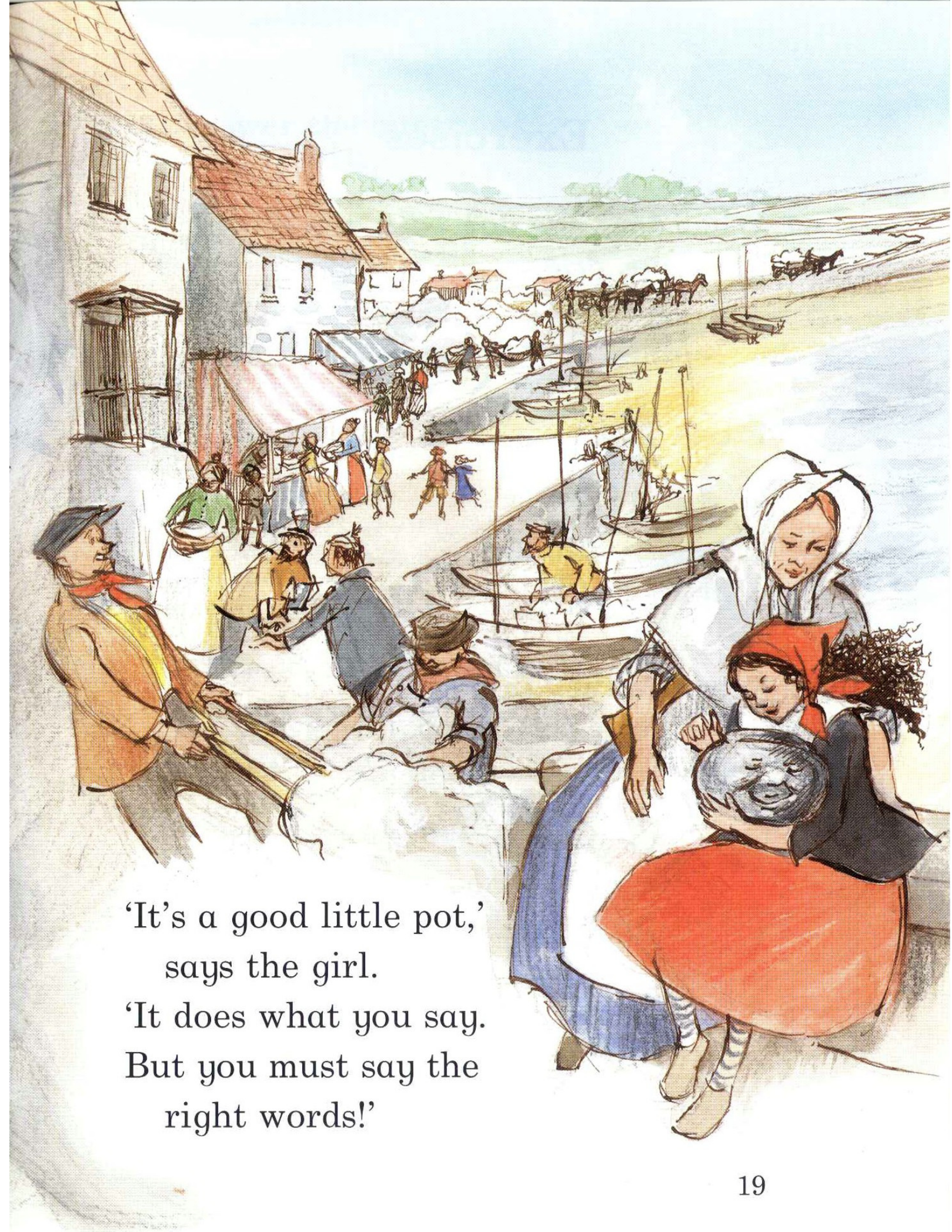
Come and help!

Then the mother sees the little girl.
‘Quick!’ she says. ‘Tell this pot to stop!’



Stop, little pot, stop!

‘Stop, little pot, stop!’ says the girl.
And the pot stops.
At last the pot stops.



‘It’s a good little pot,’
says the girl.
‘It does what you say.
But you must say the
right words!’

Exercises

1 What does she do? *eats, sits down, ~~goes out~~, cries.*



1 She *goes out*



2 She



3 She



4 She

2 What do they say?

'Cook, little pot!', 'Stop, little pot!',
'~~I'm hungry!~~', 'What is it?'



1 *I'm hungry!*



2



3



4

3 Answer the questions.



1 Does the mother want the pot to stop?

Yes	No
yes	

2 Does she say the right words?

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3 Does the pot stop?

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4 Is there a lot of porridge?

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5 Does the pot make more and more porridge?

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6 What does the mother say?

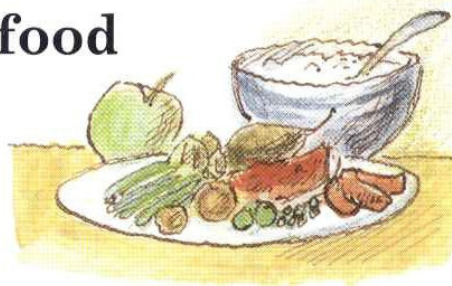
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Glossary

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food



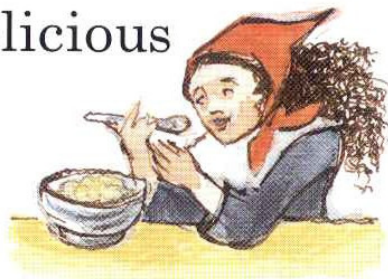
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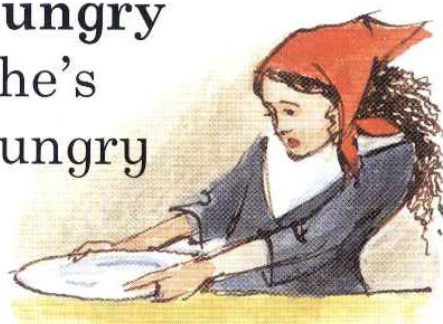
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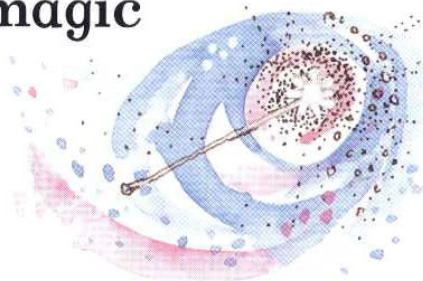
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hungry



eat



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men



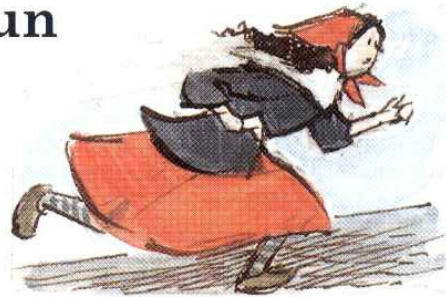
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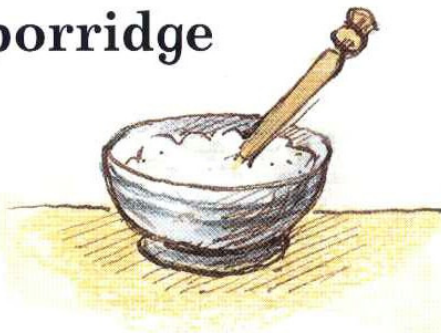
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woman
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porridge



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