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Opening extract from **We Have Lift-Off**

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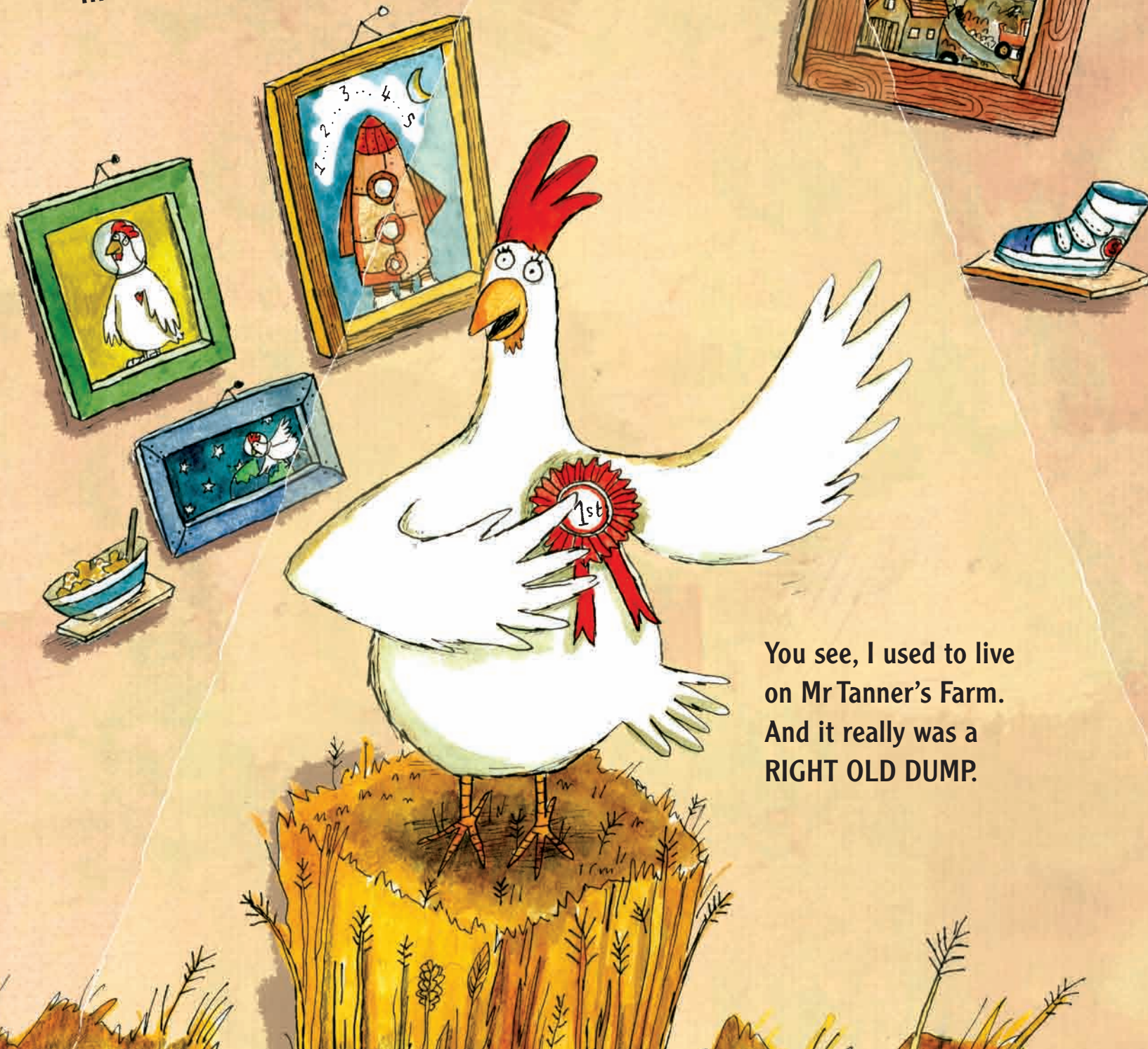
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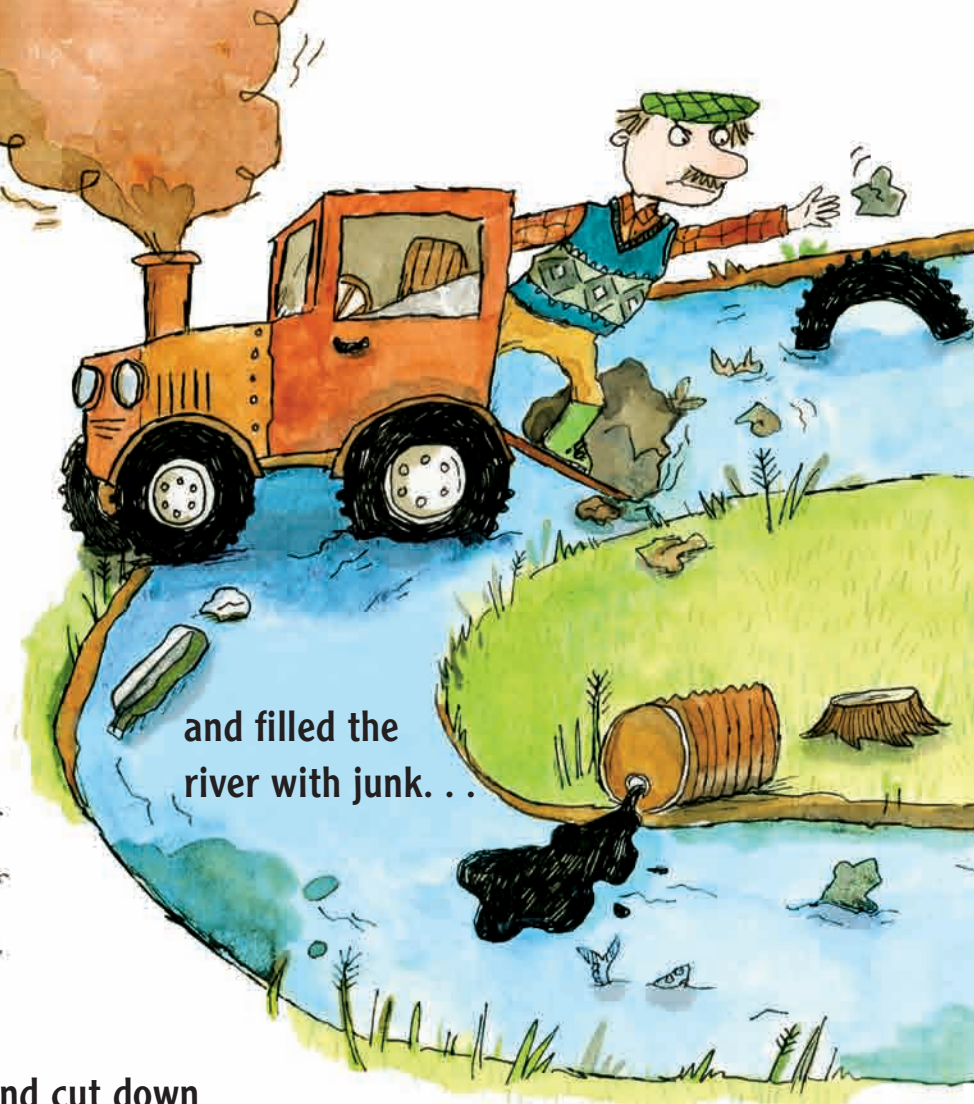
You're looking at the first chicken
in outer space, which was me.



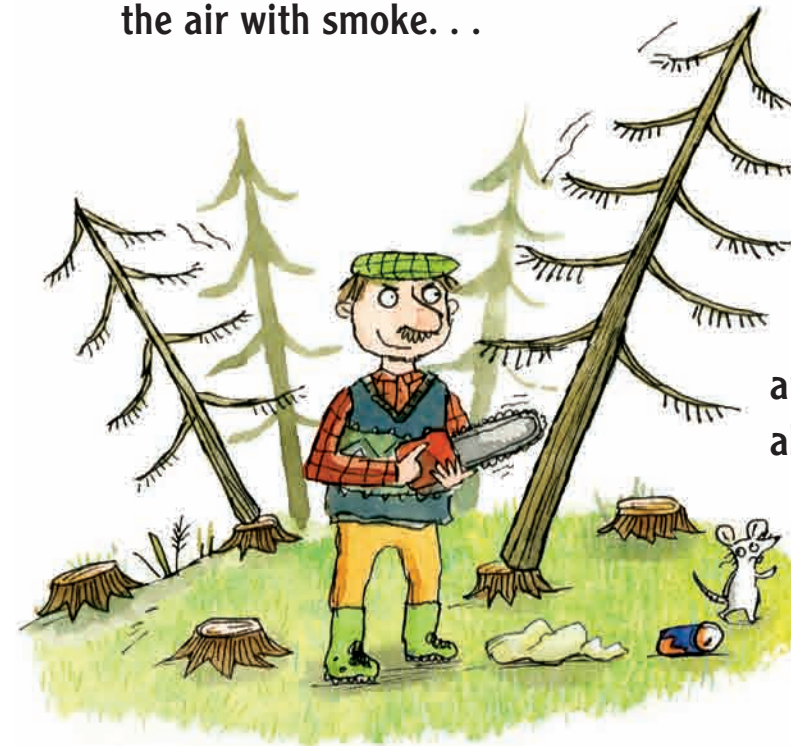
You see, I used to live
on Mr Tanner's Farm.
And it really was a
RIGHT OLD DUMP.



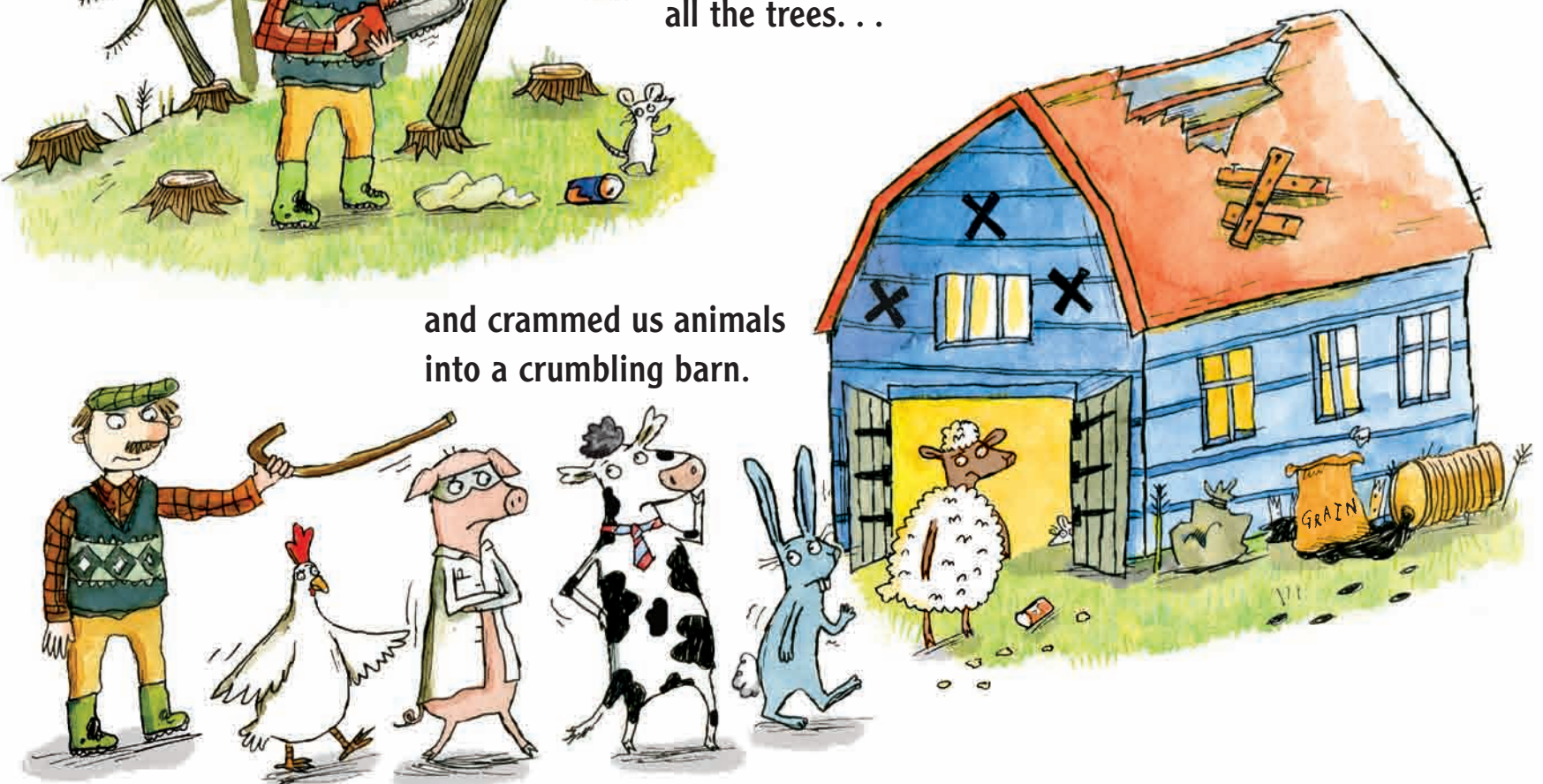
Mr Tanner poisoned
the air with smoke. . .



and filled the
river with junk. . .



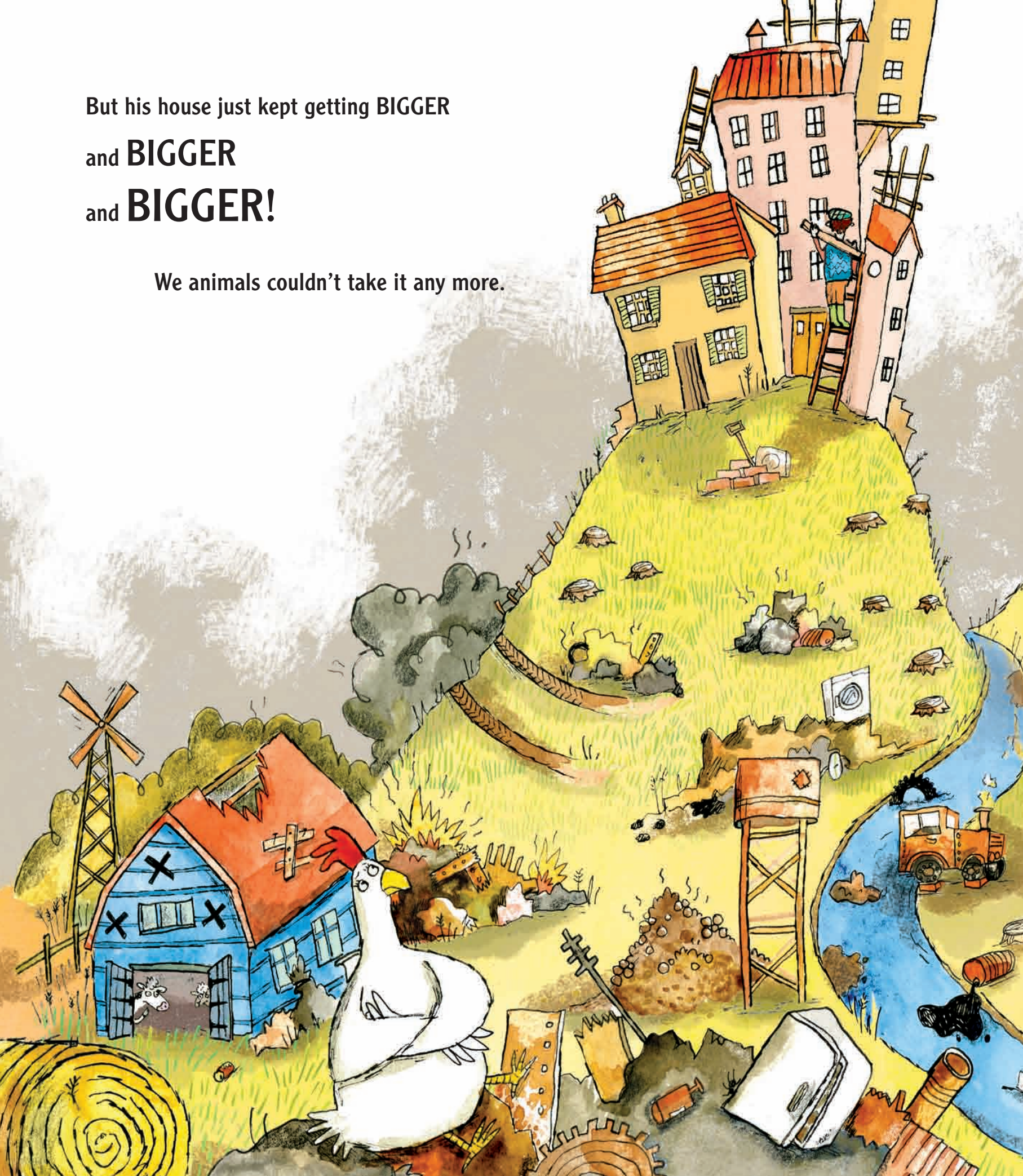
and cut down
all the trees. . .



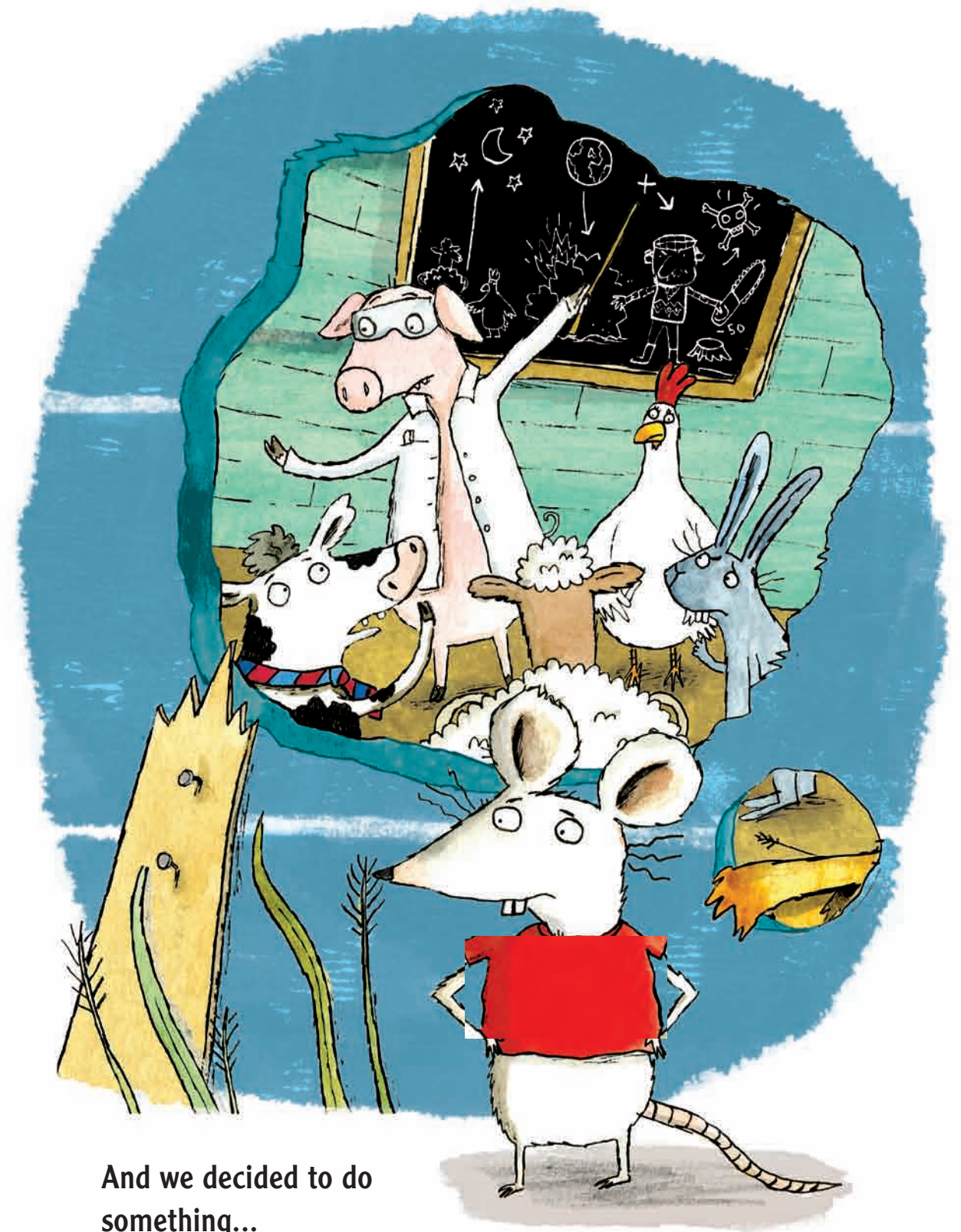
and crammed us animals
into a crumbling barn.

But his house just kept getting **BIGGER**
and **BIGGER**
and **BIGGER!**

We animals couldn't take it any more.



So we held a meeting in a top-secret location,
to see if there was anything we could do.



And we decided to do
something...



We built an intergalactic rocket so that we could escape, away from Mr Tanner, and up to the CLEAR, CLEAN STARS.

It was a difficult plan. But if it worked, we were sure that news would spread. Then ANIMALS ALL ROUND THE WORLD would probably start doing THE SAME THING!

Because, let's face it, animals have had enough of trying to share our planet with **people**.

People just keep on **MESSING THINGS UP.**