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Billy to the Rescue

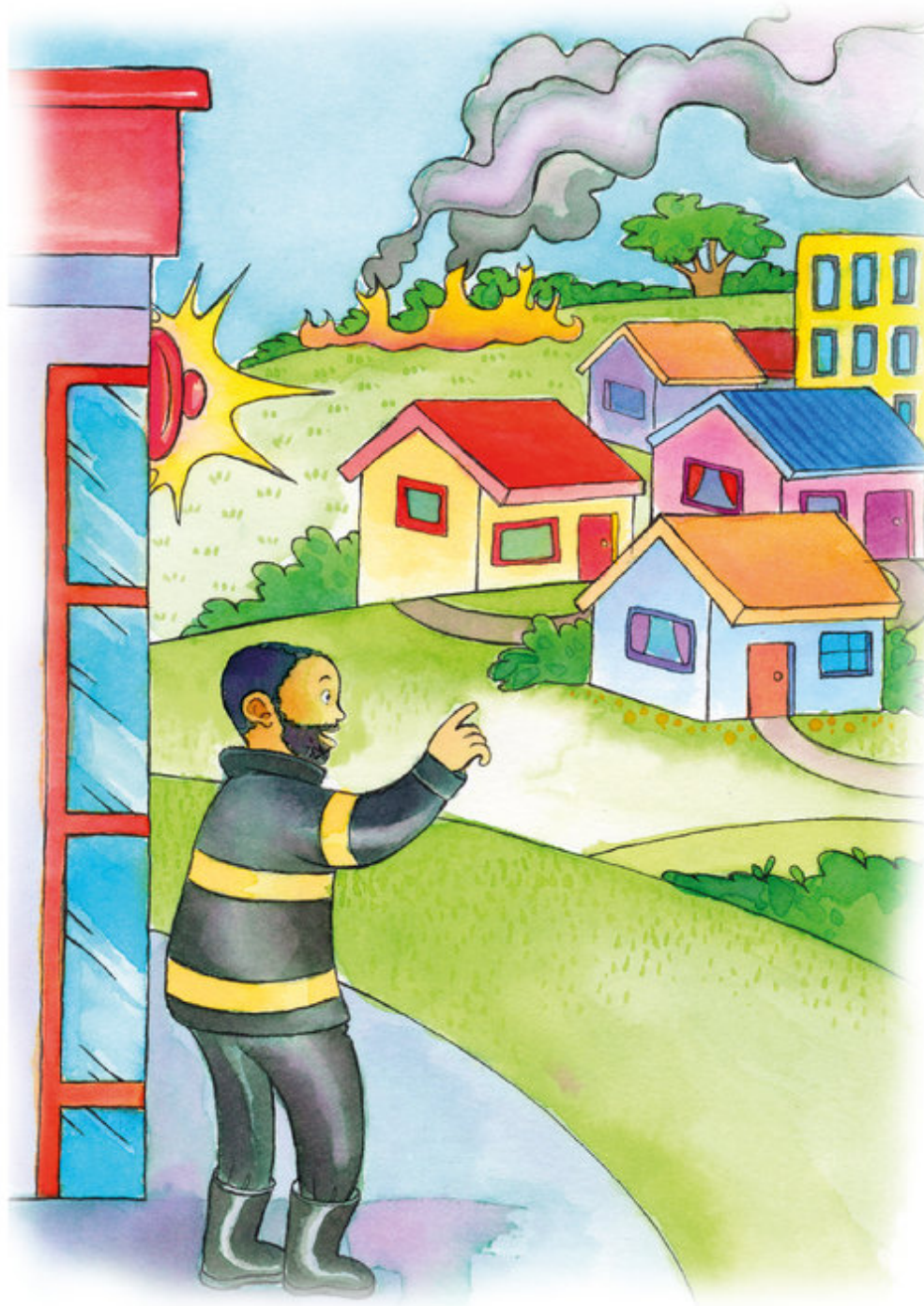
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Billy is a fire engine.



"Fire! Fire!"
says a firefighter.



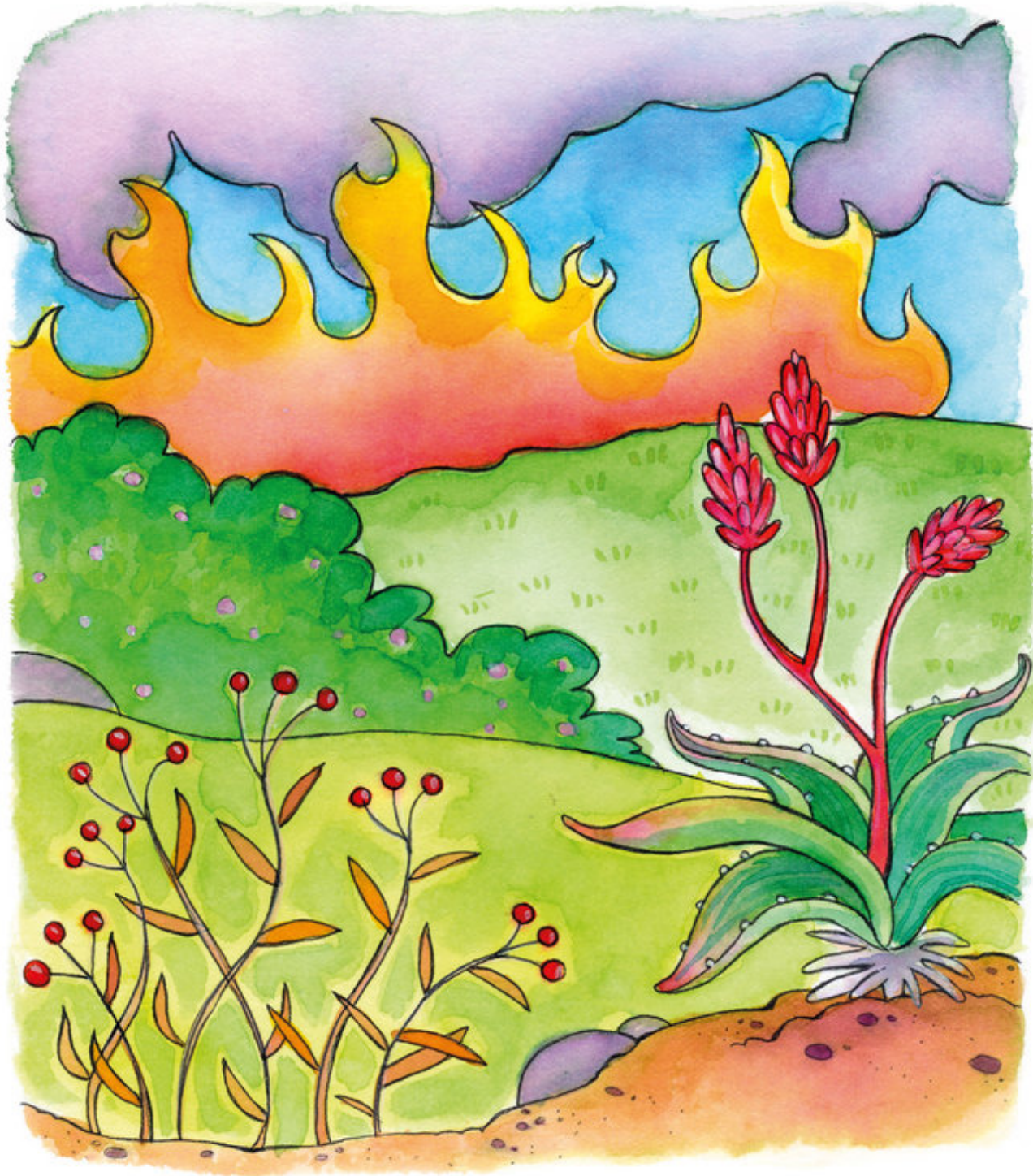
"Oh no! Let's go!" says another.



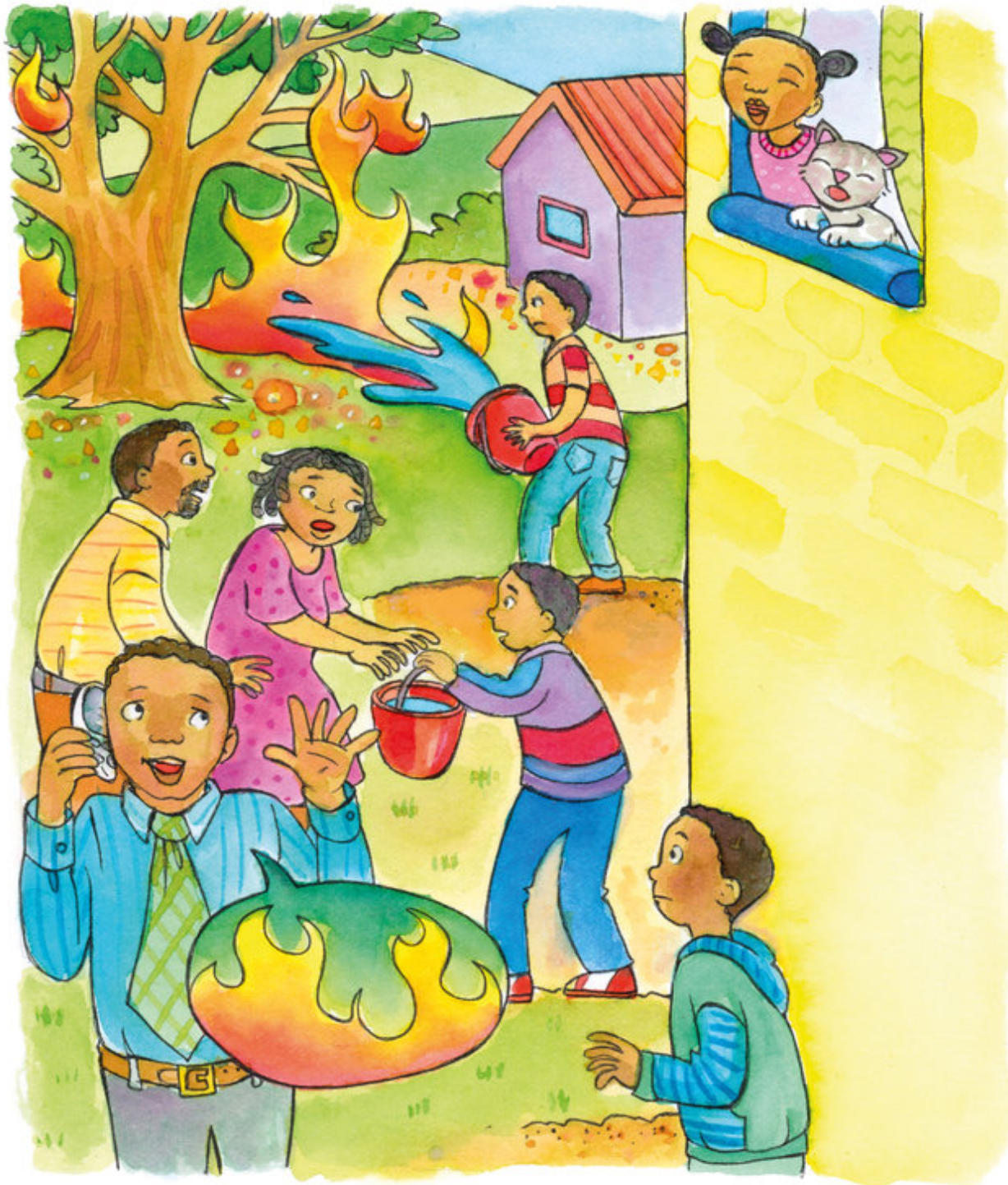
But Billy loves being clean and shiny.
“I don’t want to get dirty,” he says.



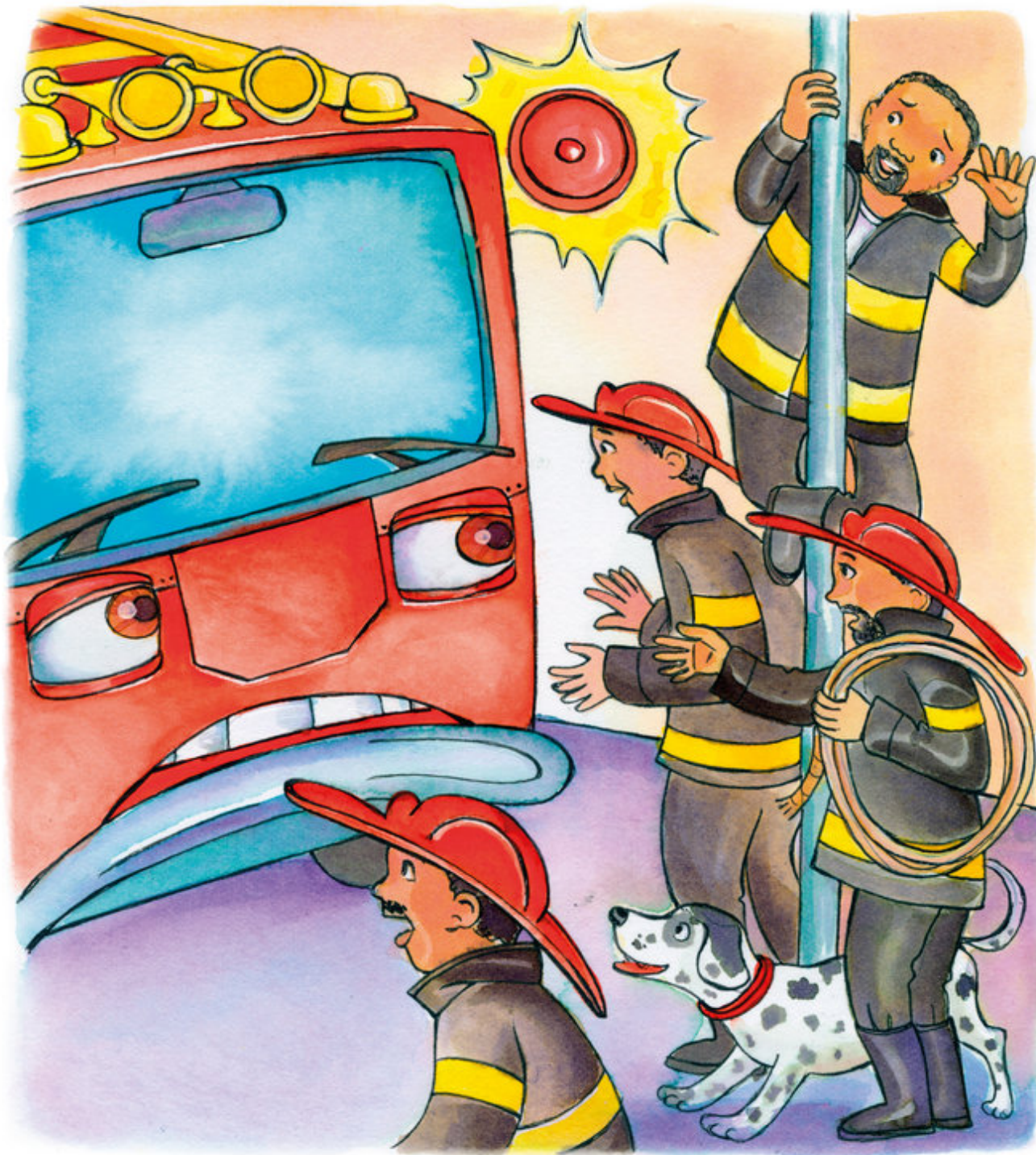
"Billy, the animals
need you,"
say the firefighters.



“Billy, the plants
need you!”



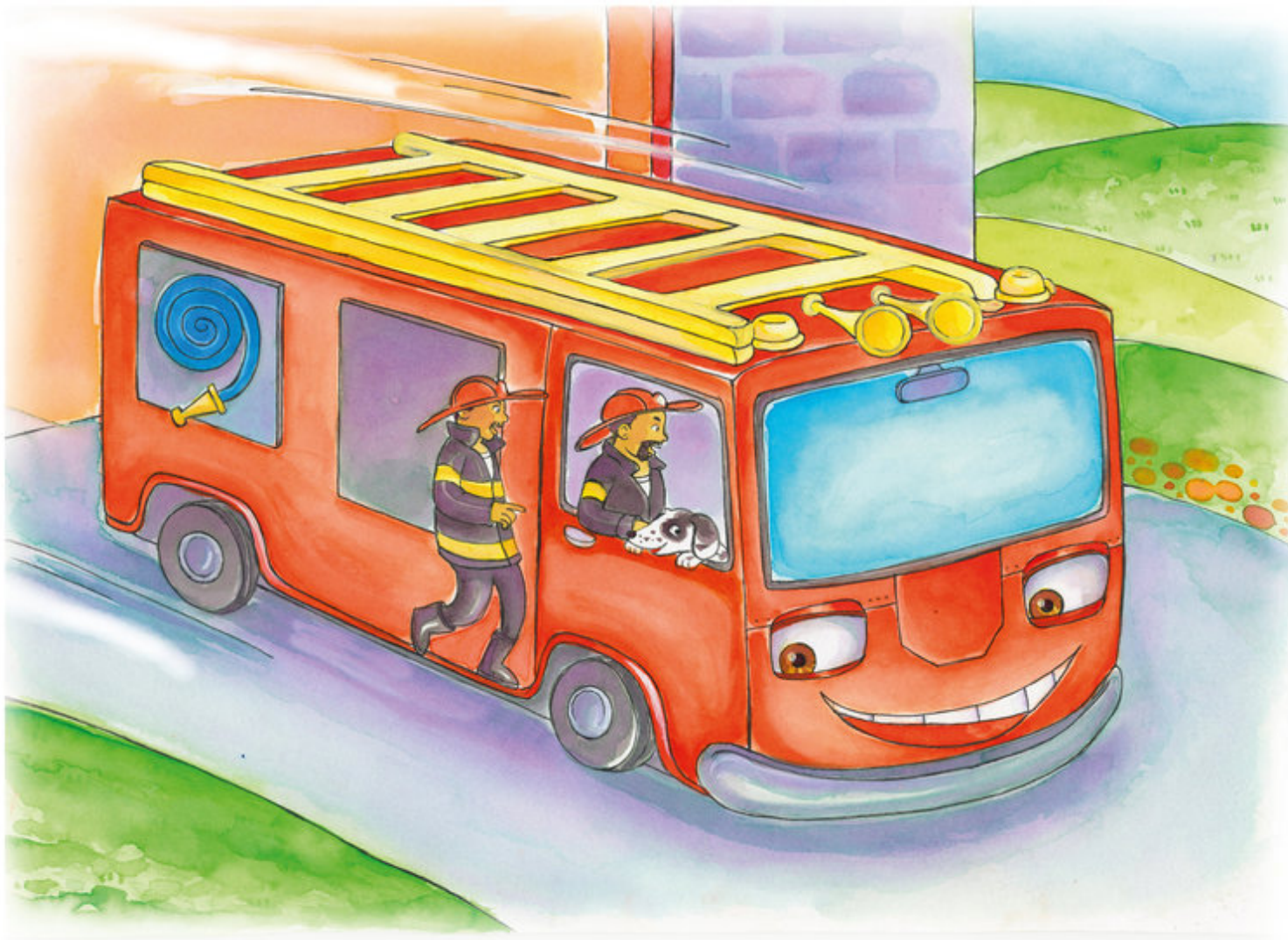
"Billy, the people
need you!"



"Please, Billy, we *all* need you."

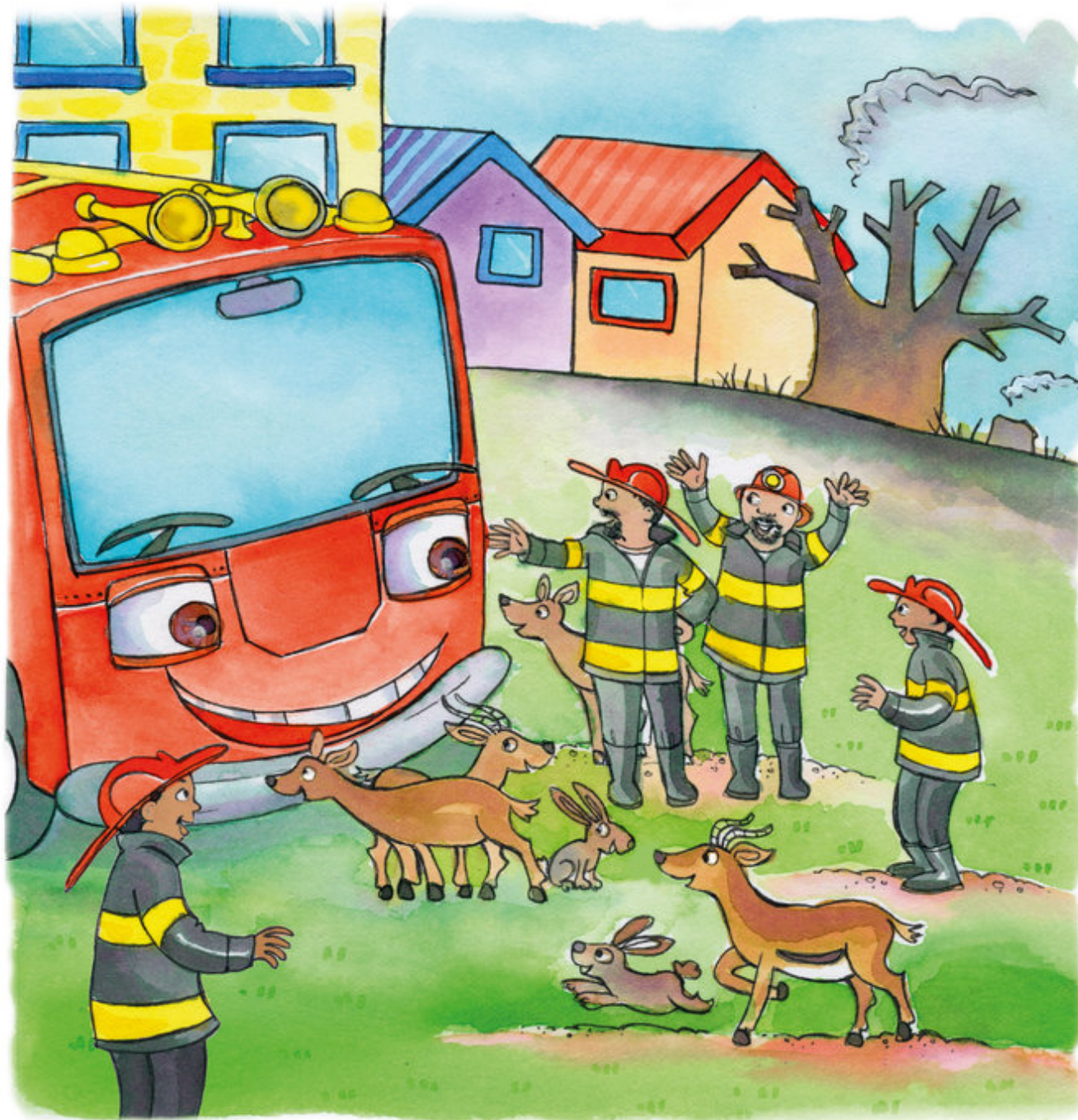


“Am I that important?” Billy asks.



“Yes, you are! Let’s go then!”





"Thank you, Billy,"
everyone shouts.

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(English)

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