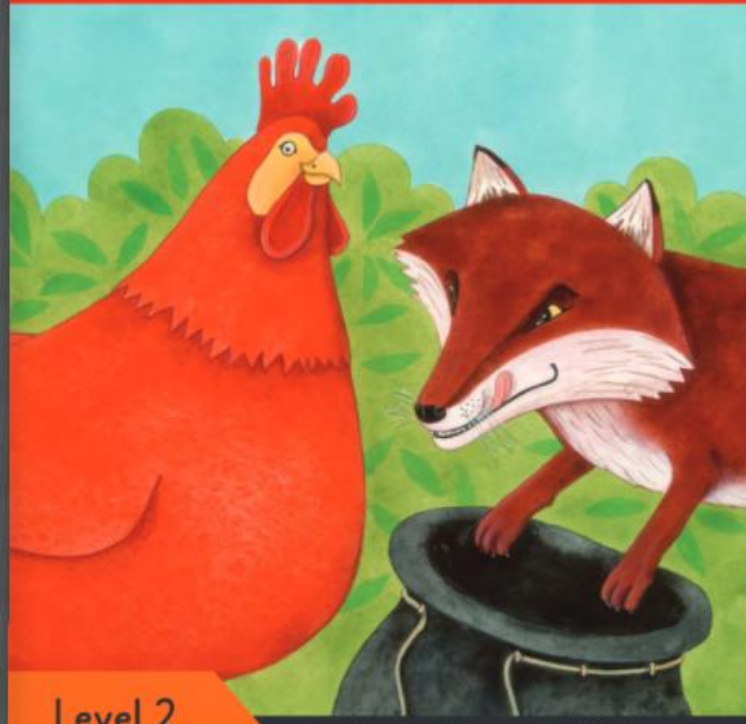


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Red Hen



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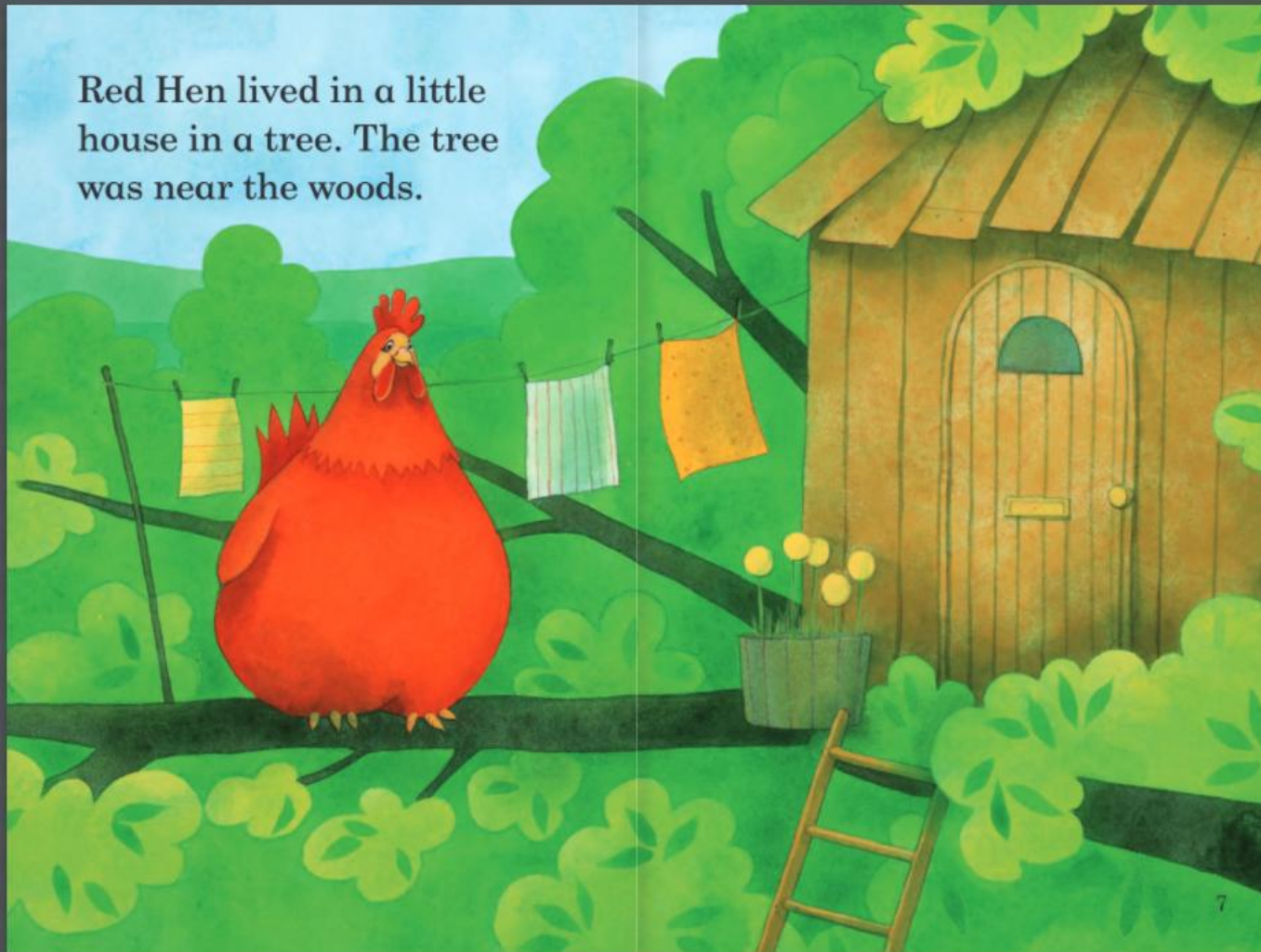


stones



cooking pot

Red Hen lived in a little house in a tree. The tree was near the woods.



Sly Fox lived in the woods.
“I’m Sly Fox,” he said.
“A sly fox is a clever fox.
And I’m hungry.”



Sly Fox got his big,
black bag.

“I want to catch
Red Hen and eat
her,” he said.



Sly Fox waited in Red Hen's little house.

"I'm the fox, I'm the fox, I'm really sly. You cannot run fast, but you can try!" said Sly Fox.



Red Hen saw Sly Fox
and ran from her house.

“You’re the fox, you’re
the fox, you’re really sly.
You cannot catch me, but
you can try!” said Red Hen.



“I want to eat you, Red Hen,” said Sly Fox, and he ran very fast.



Red Hen did not run
very fast and Sly Fox
caught her. He put her
in his big, black bag.



Sly Fox ran to the woods.
The big, black bag was
heavy and Sly Fox was
tired. Soon, he slept.

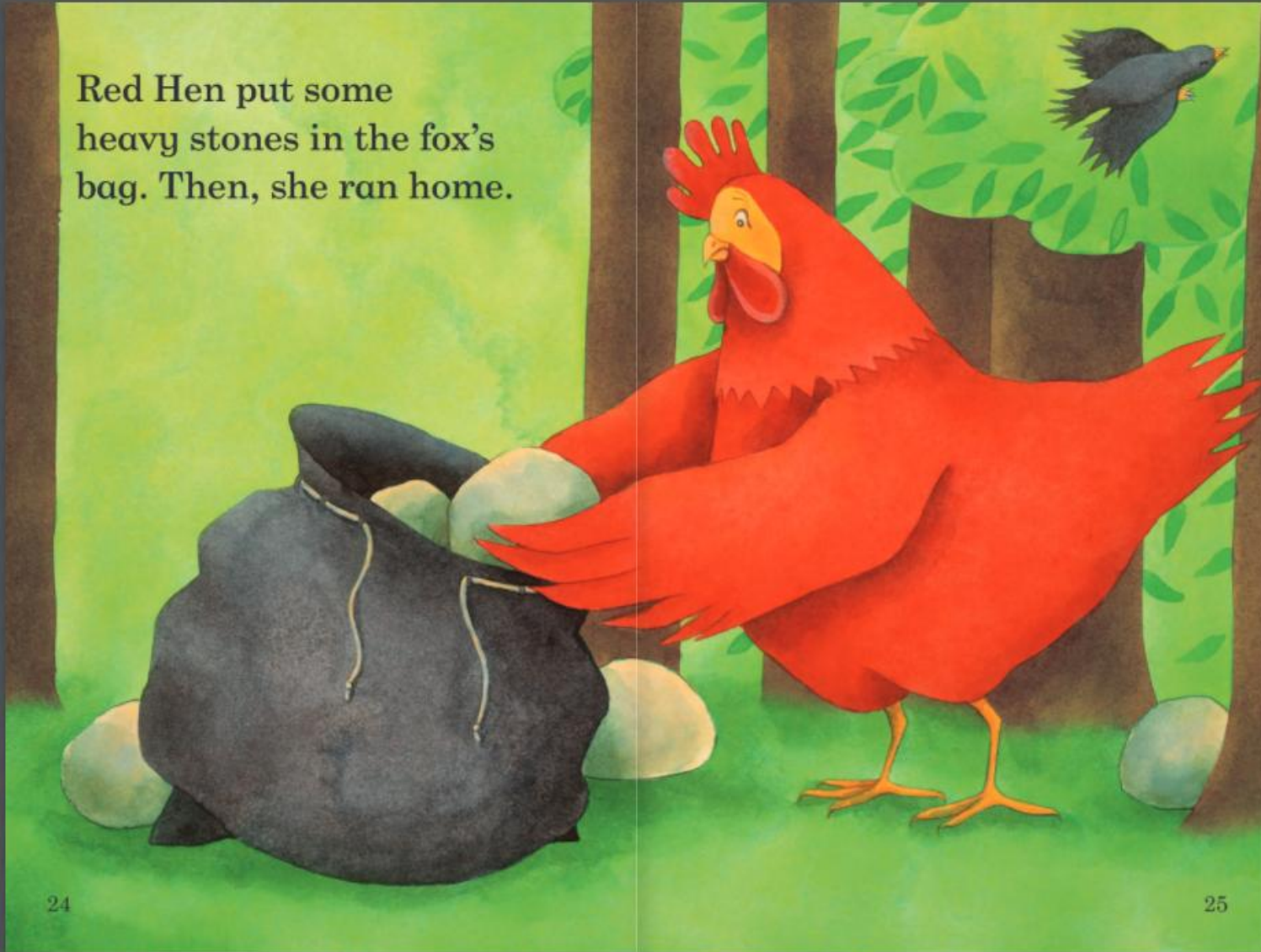


Red Hen jumped from
the bag.

“You’re the fox, you’re
the fox, you’re really sly.
You cannot catch me,
but you can try!” said
Red Hen quietly.



Red Hen put some
heavy stones in the fox's
bag. Then, she ran home.



Sly Fox opened the bag
above the cooking pot.

Then he said, "I'm the fox,
I'm the fox, I'm really sly.
I want to eat you. Say
goodbye!"



The stones hit the
hot water. And the hot
water hit the fox!

“Oh no!” said Sly Fox.
“And I did not catch
Red Hen!”



