

# The Pumpkin Patch



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# Vocabulary

farmer

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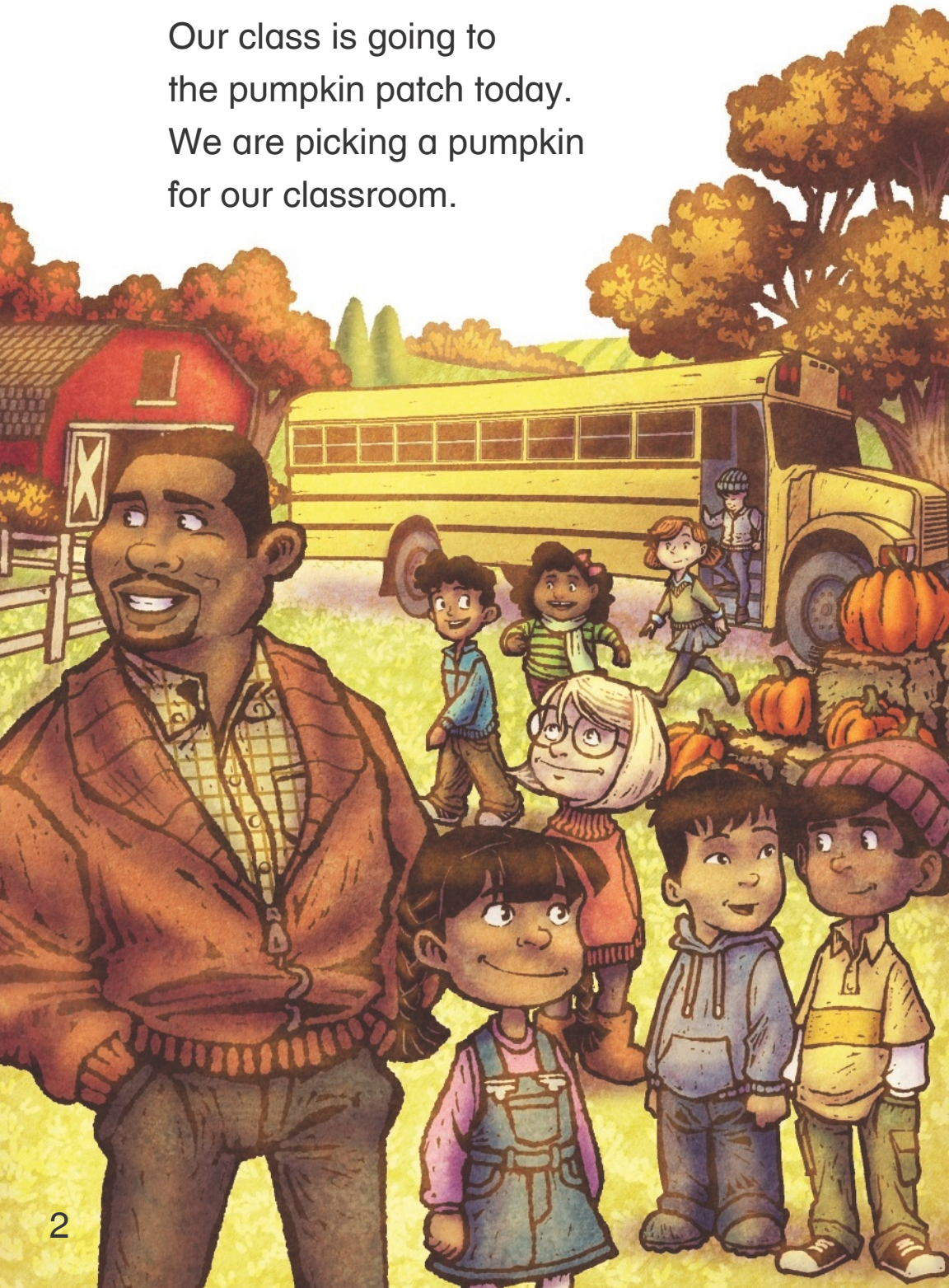
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Our class is going to  
the pumpkin patch today.  
We are picking a pumpkin  
for our classroom.





“All aboard!”

The farmer takes us  
to the pumpkin patch.  
She drives a tractor.  
It pulls the wagon we are in.  
It’s a very bumpy wagon ride!  
We look at the leaves  
turning color on the trees.



We get to the pumpkin patch  
and hop off the wagon.  
It's a sunny fall day.  
It's perfect for picking pumpkins!

We walk through the pumpkin patch.  
The orange pumpkins  
have big green leaves.  
There are all kinds of pumpkins.





“Look at that one,” says Jenna.

“That one is so small!”

“That one is really skinny,”  
says Yusuf.

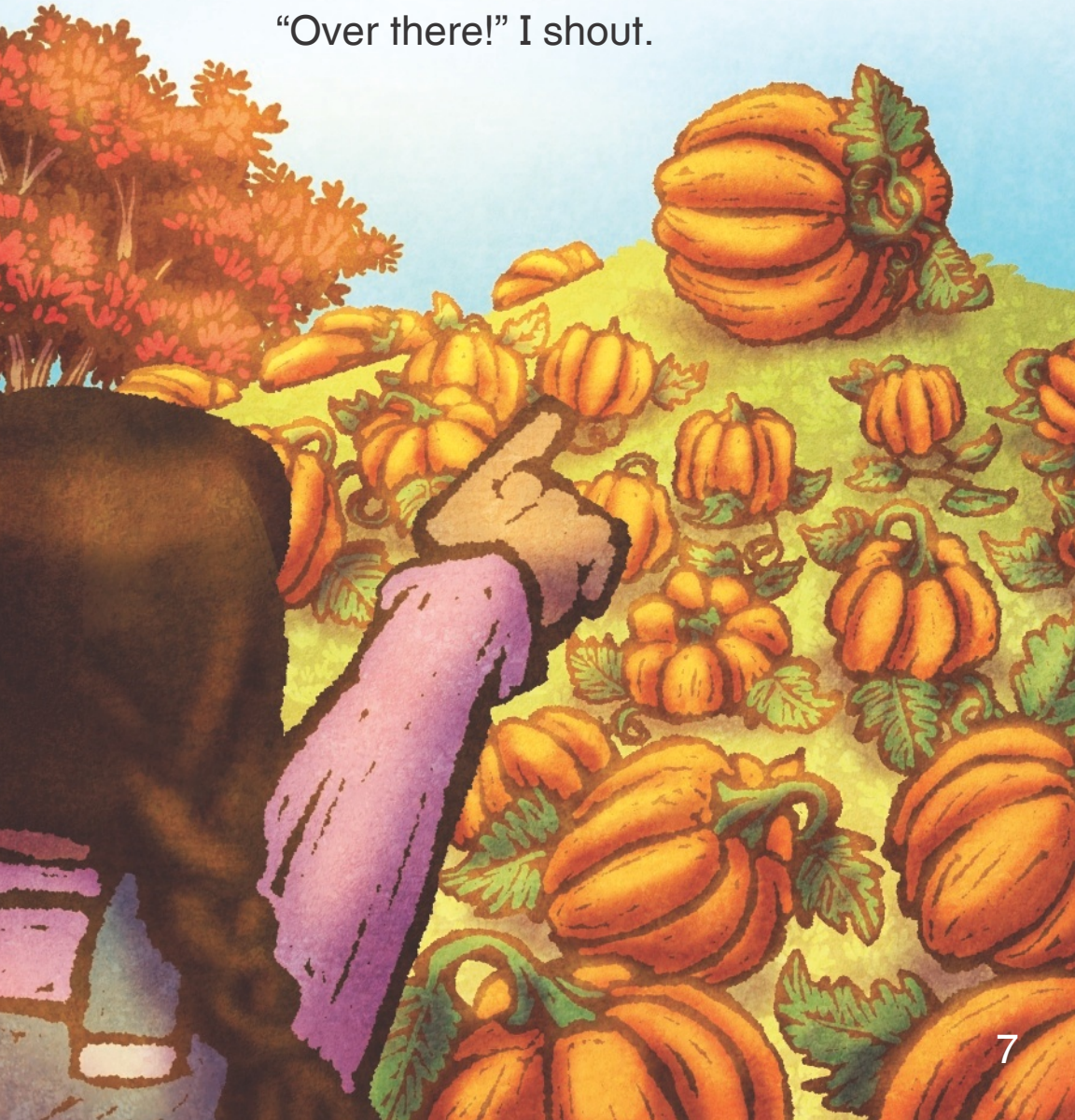
“Look how bumpy that one is!”  
Adam says.



“Let’s pick the biggest pumpkin,”  
I say.

We look and look around  
the pumpkin patch.

“Over there!” I shout.





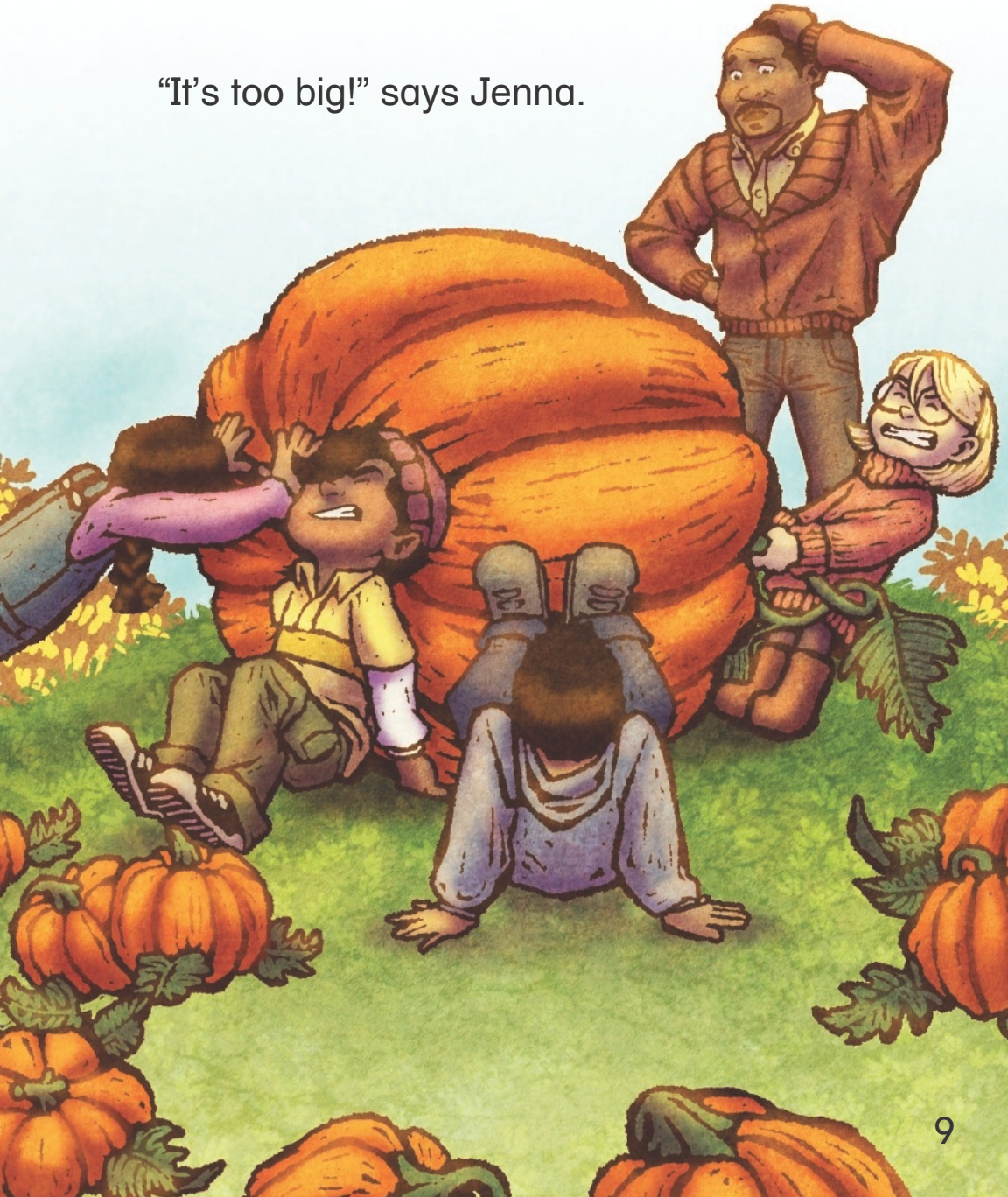
We see the biggest pumpkin ever  
on a hill.

“Let’s go!” we all shout.

We all run over to the pumpkin.  
We try to put our arms around it.  
It is too big!

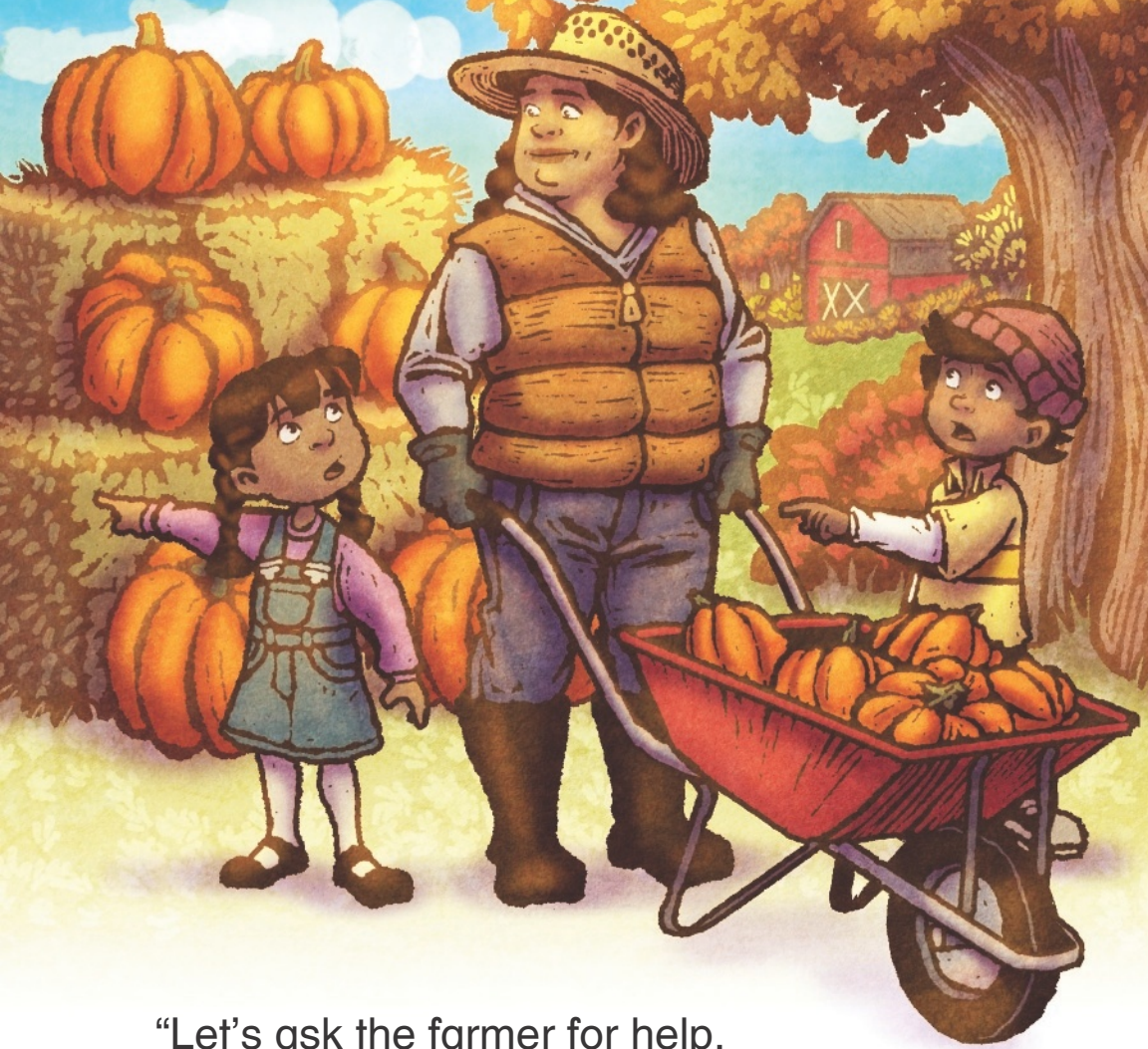
We try to lift it.  
We push and pull the pumpkin,  
but it will not move.

“It’s too big!” says Jenna.



We all take turns trying  
to move the pumpkin.  
We lean on it, and we try to wiggle it.





“Let’s ask the farmer for help.  
Maybe she can use her tractor,”  
says Yusuf.

Yusuf and I run back to the farmer.  
We point to the big pumpkin.

“We can’t move it!” we say.  
“Can you help?”

The farmer laughs.

“Of course,” she says.

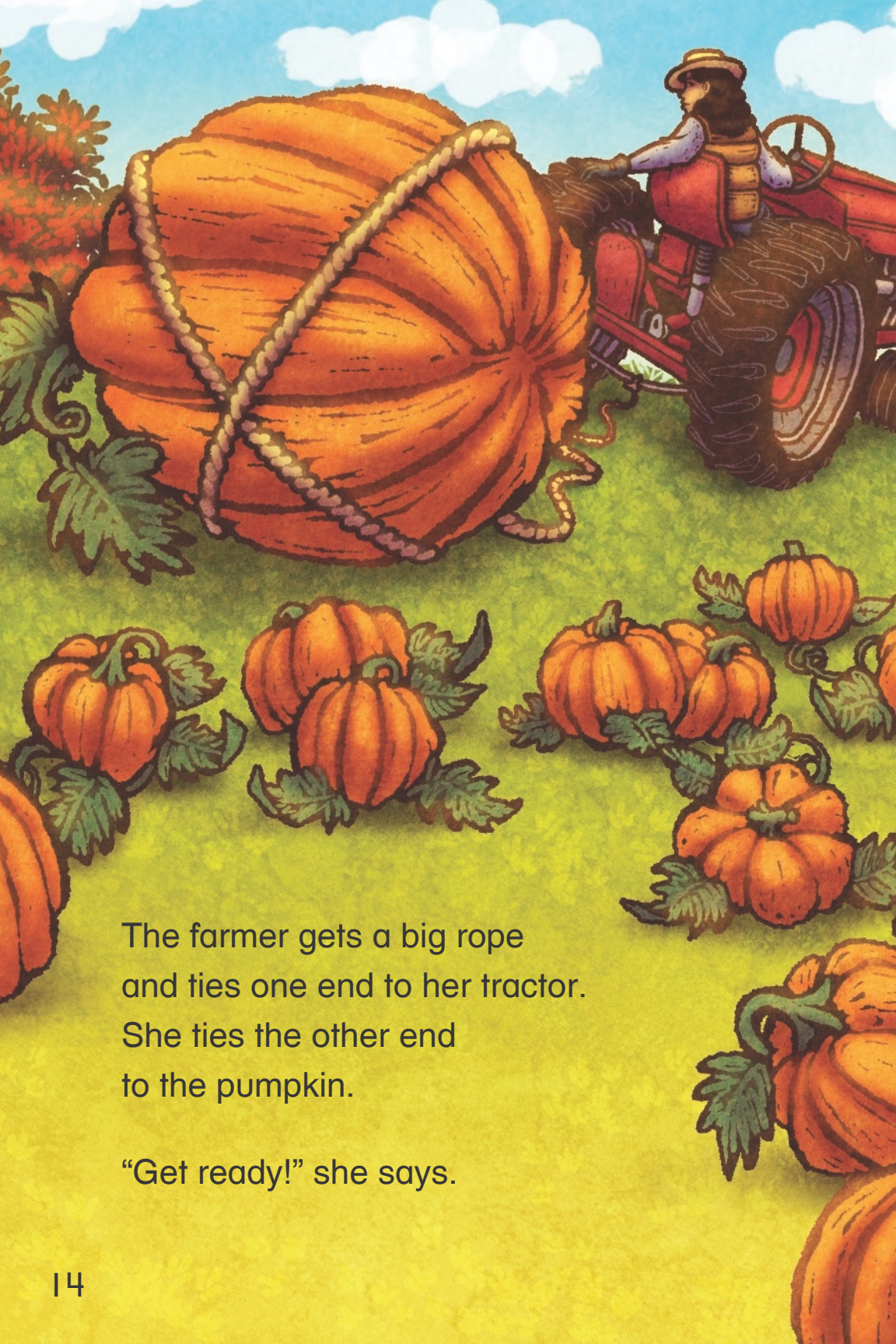
The farmer rides in her tractor  
to the pumpkin.





“I will cut the pumpkin  
off the vine,” the farmer says.  
“Then we can move it.”

Our teacher is going to help too.



The farmer gets a big rope  
and ties one end to her tractor.  
She ties the other end  
to the pumpkin.

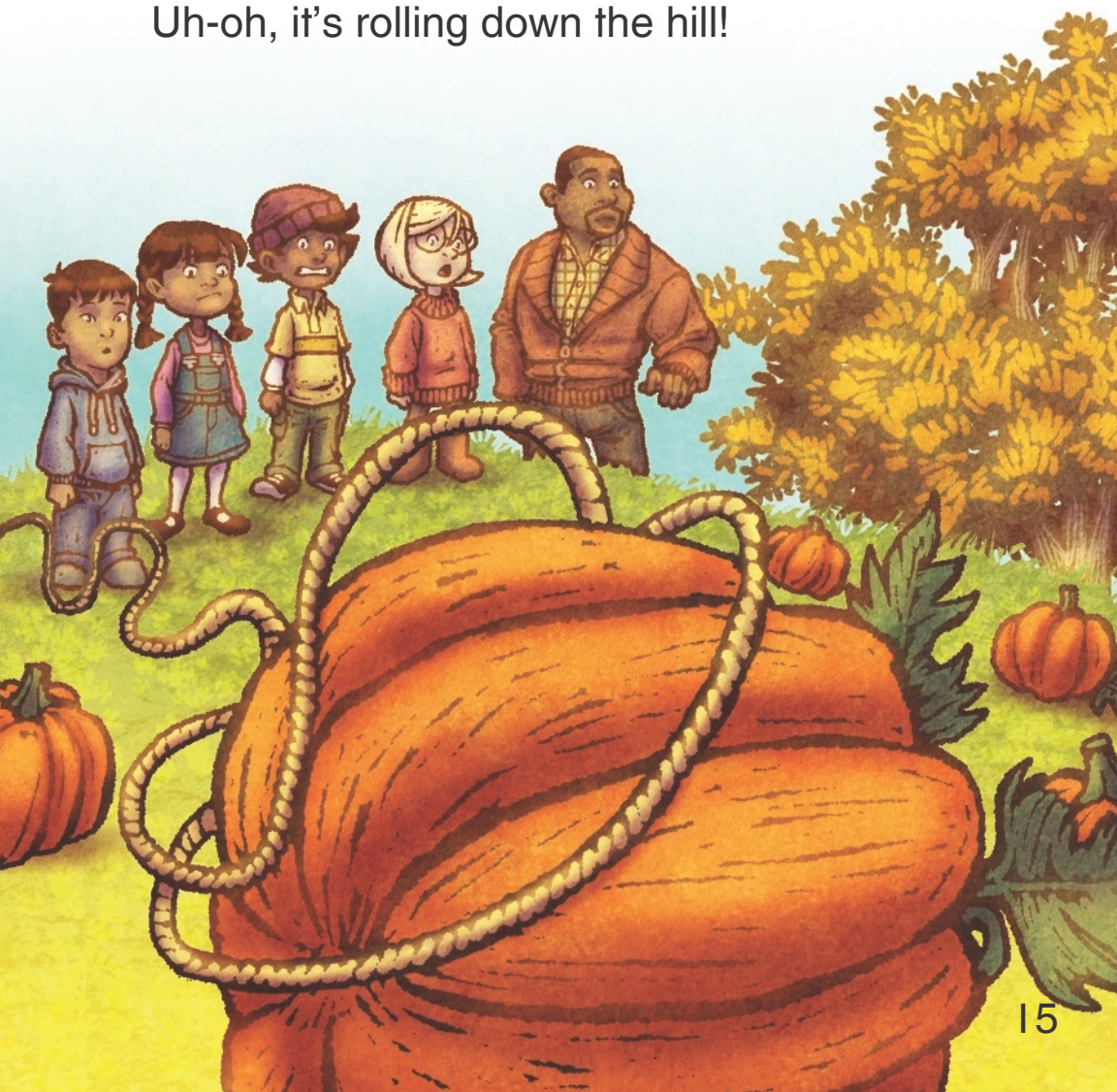
“Get ready!” she says.



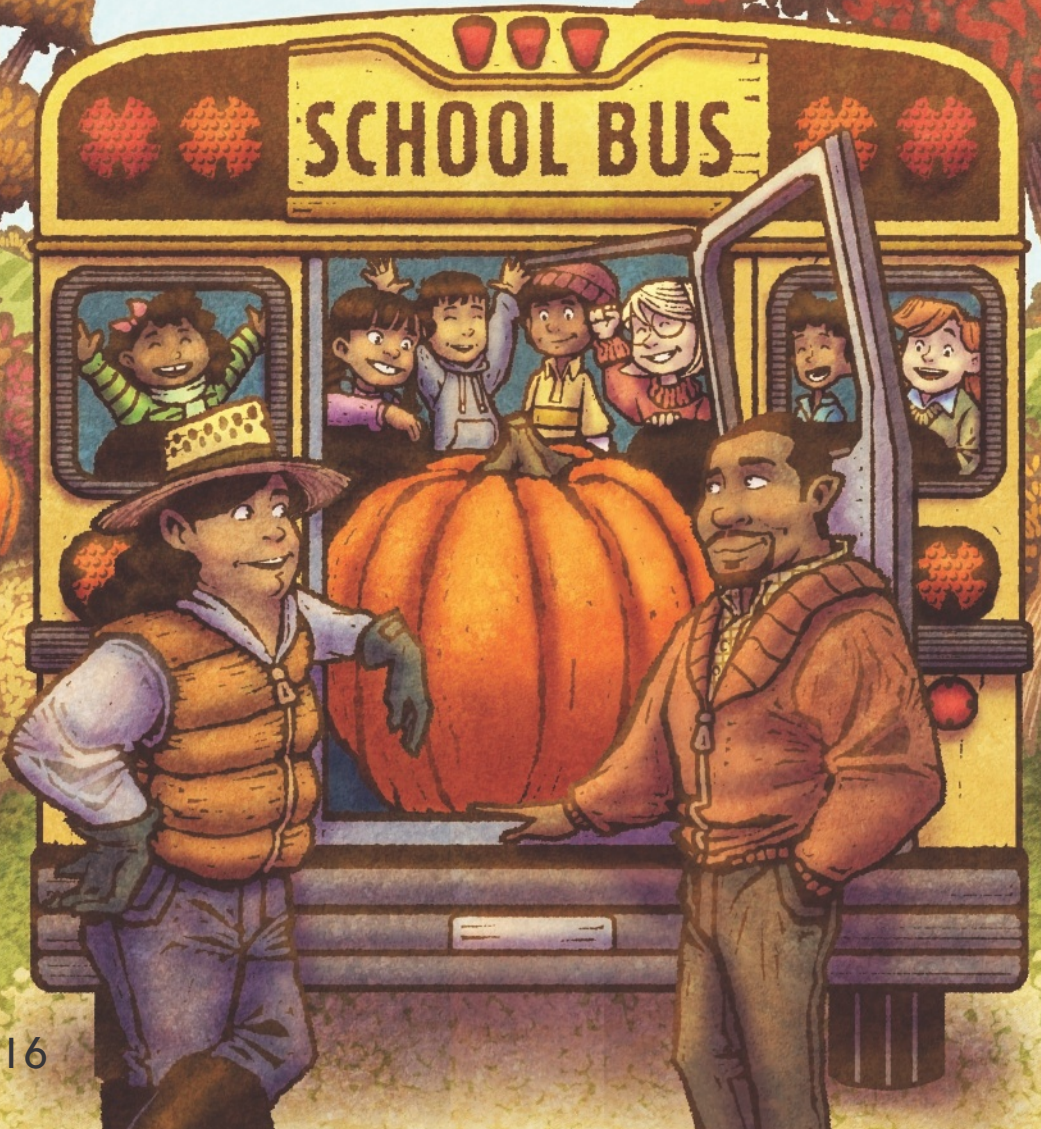
We all get behind the pumpkin.  
We get ready to push  
when the tractor pulls.

“One, two, three!” the farmer shouts.

The pumpkin starts to move.  
Uh-oh, it’s rolling down the hill!



We run after the pumpkin until it stops.  
The farmer and our teacher  
put it on the bus.  
We picked the biggest one.  
It was a perfect day  
at the pumpkin patch!



## Think About It

Use a story sequence graphic organizer.  
Write about the beginning, middle, and end of  
the story.

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning



Middle



End



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