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—Hebrews 6:12

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It was summertime. School was closed for the year. Brother and Sister Bear were walking down a dusty road. They were thinking about how they should spend their summer vacation.



"We could just play," said Sister.

"Playing is fine," said Brother. "But playing all the time would be boring."



"We could go swimming," said Sister.



"Swimming is fine," said Brother. "But we can't go swimming every day."





"We could go to the library," said Sister.

"Yes," said Brother. "Mama takes us to the library every Saturday. But what will we do the rest of the week?"

"Maybe we could get a job!" said Sister. "Papa says according to Proverbs, 'All hard work brings a profit.' Maybe we can make some money."



"That's a good idea," said Brother. "But what kind of job could we get? We're just cubs."





That's when they saw the sign. It was hanging on Farmer Ben's front gate. It said: HELP WANTED. SEE FARMER BEN.

"Well, yes," said Farmer Ben. "I do need help. But I was thinking of someone older. What could you cubs do to help?"



"All kinds of things," said the cubs.

"We could sweep the barn,



feed the chickens,



collect the eggs,

slop the hogs,



HERE BOSSIE

call the cows,



and make sure the bull pen
is locked tight."

"Hmmm," said Farmer Ben. He thought for a while. Then he said, "All right. The job is yours. Here are some brooms. You can start by sweeping the barn."

"There's just one thing," said Sister. "If this is a job, we should get paid."

"Yes," said Brother. "How much will you pay us?"



"Hmmm," said Ben. "See that field? That's my cornfield, and corn is my cash crop."



"What's a cash crop?" asked Sister.

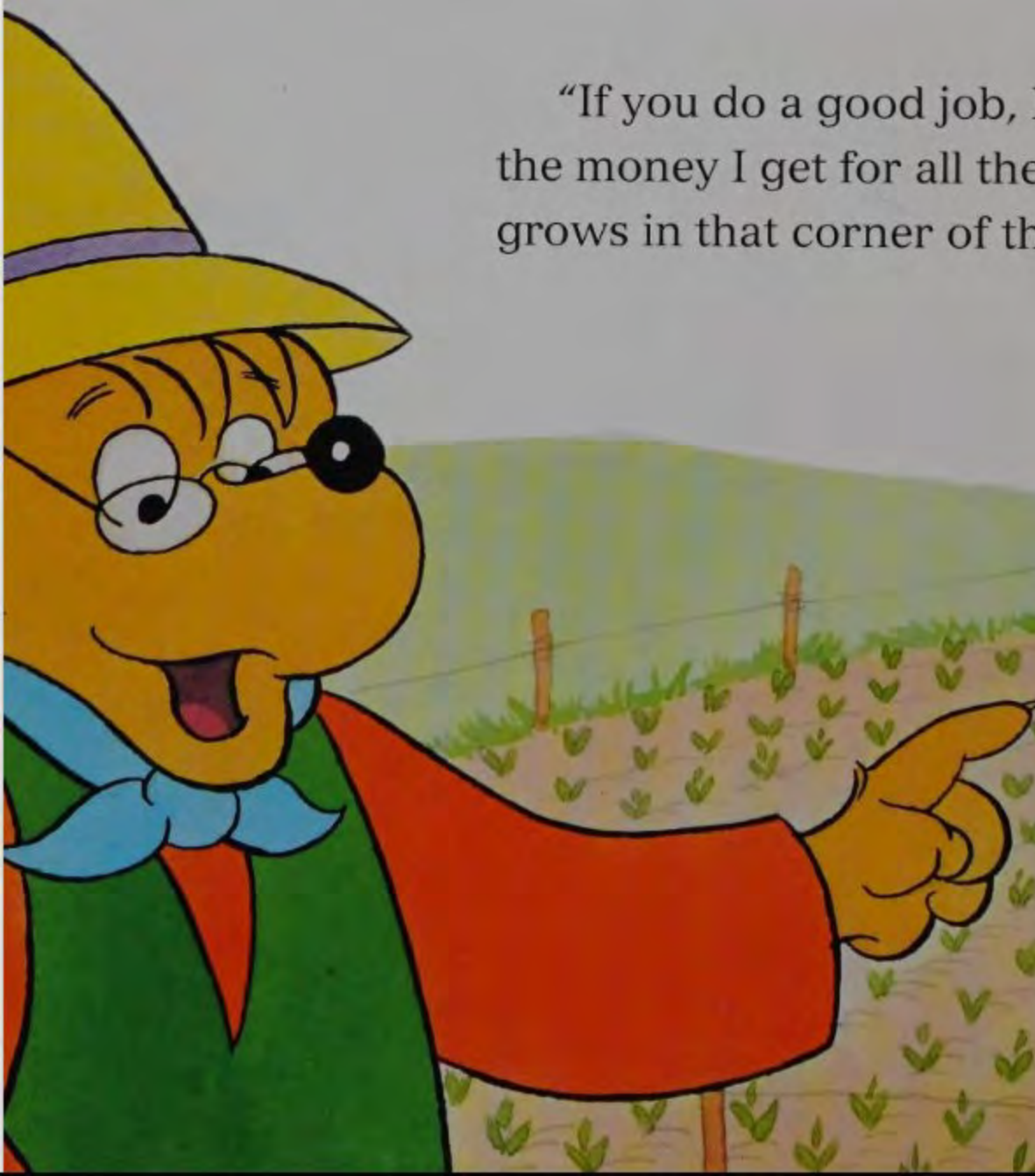
"A cash crop is what a farmer grows to make money," said Brother.



"I'll tell you what," said Ben.
He took a piece of string and
some sticks and marked off a
corner of the field.



"If you do a good job, I'll pay you
the money I get for all the corn that
grows in that corner of the field."



"How much will that be?" asked Sister.

"Depends," said Farmer Ben.

"Depends on what?" asked Brother.





"Depends on how much rain the Good Lord sends our way," said Ben. "Not too little; not too much. Depends on cornbugs. In a bad year, cornbugs can ruin a crop. Depends on keeping the crows from eating the seed—



that's why I'm making this scarecrow."



"So we won't know how much money we'll earn until the end of the summer," said Sister.

"No more than I will," said Farmer Ben. "That's the way it is with farming. Same way it is with faith... our true reward comes later on—in God's good time."



So the cubs went to work.

They swept the barn.



They slopped the hogs.



They called the cows.

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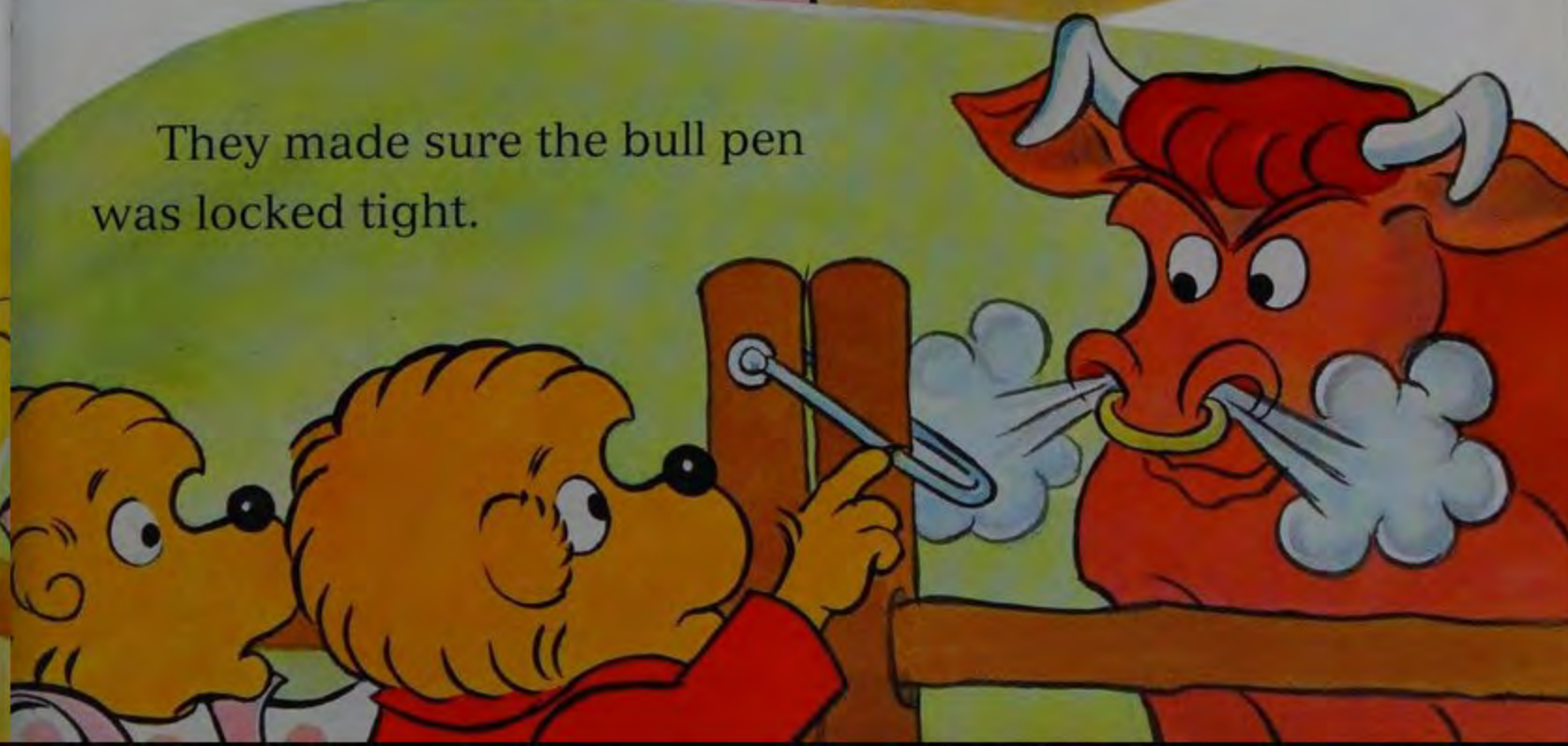
They fed
the chickens.



They collected the eggs.



They made sure the bull pen
was locked tight.



And they kept a close watch on
their corner of the cornfield!

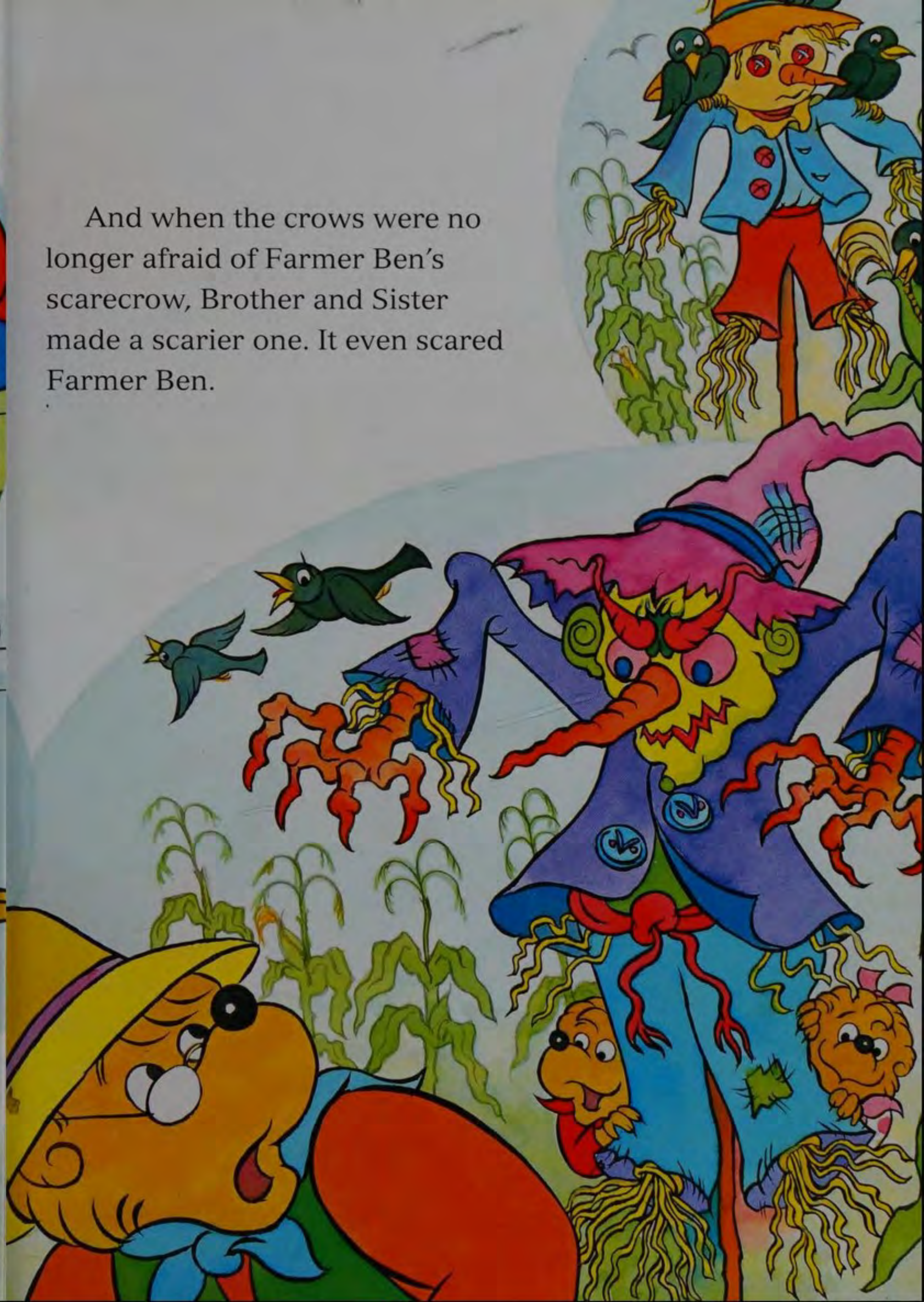


Brother watched the sky for rain.



Sister had bad dreams about cornbugs.

And when the crows were no
longer afraid of Farmer Ben's
scarecrow, Brother and Sister
made a scarier one. It even scared
Farmer Ben.



Working on the farm was hard, but it was fun too.



the chickens,

Brother and Sister both loved and respected all of God's creatures. And they made friends with the animals—



the pigs,



the cows.

Even Ben's big bull seemed to like Brother and Sister.



But the best thing was having their own corner of the cornfield. The corn grew straight and tall and healthy.

"Farmer Ben told me the book of Timothy says, 'The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops,'" quoted Brother.





"Yessir," said Ben as he got ready to harvest the corn. "This is the finest cash crop I've grown in years. You cubs are going to do all right."

And they did. Their corner of the cornfield earned them many, many dollars. The farm had been blessed with a fine harvest indeed.



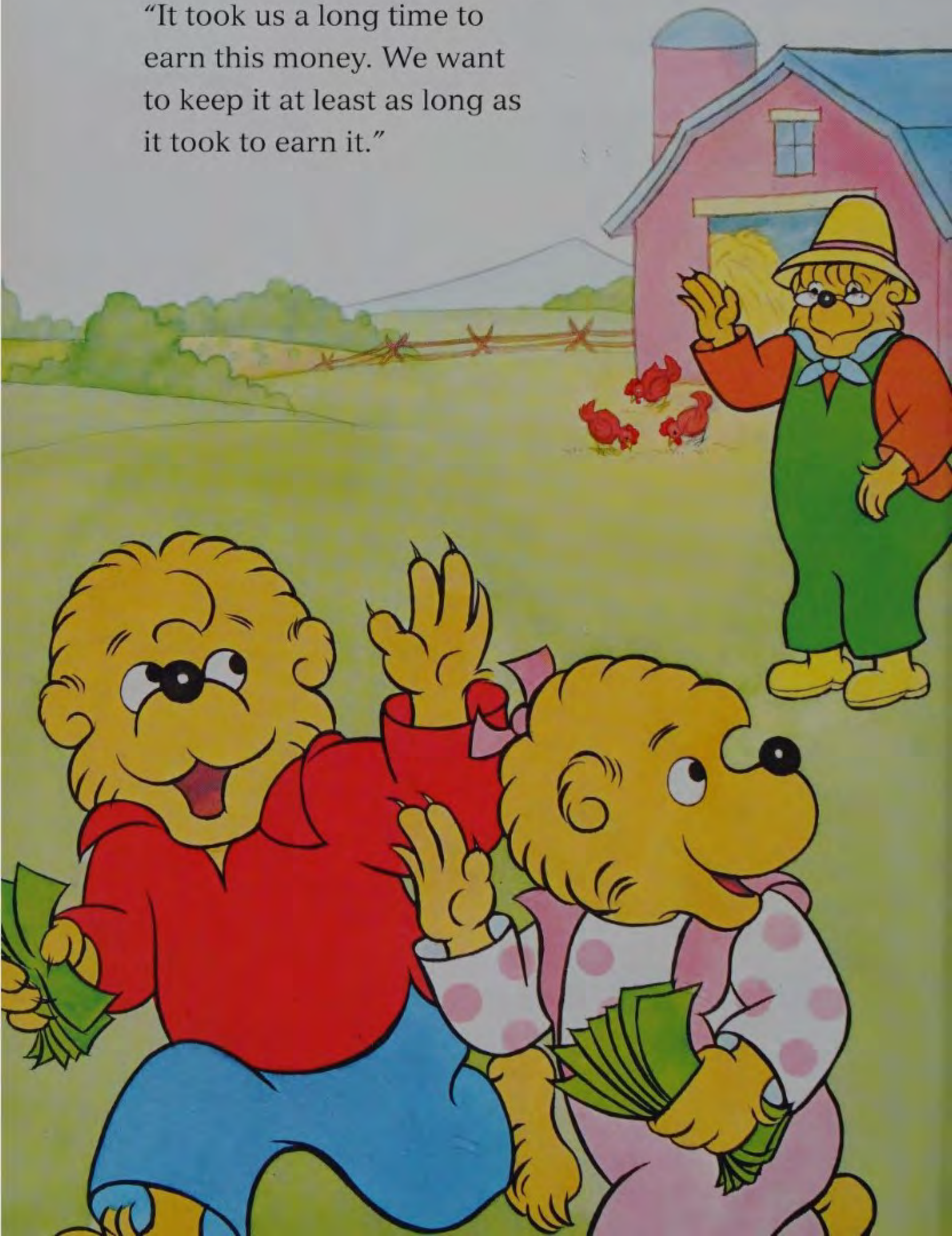


"Well," said Farmer Ben as he paid the cubs, "you should be proud of the good job you did all summer. Now don't spend it all in one place."

"We won't," said Brother.
"But we will *put* it all in one place—the bank!"



"That's right," said Sister.
"It took us a long time to
earn this money. We want
to keep it at least as long as
it took to earn it."



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"That's the way it is with farming. Same way it is with faith... our true reward may come later on—in God's good time."

Brother and Sister take a summer job on Farmer Ben's farm. But will their hard work pay off at the end of summer?



Stan and Jan Berenstain introduced the first Berenstain Bear books in 1962. Mike Berenstain grew up watching his parents work together to write about and draw these lovable bears. Eventually he started drawing and writing about them too. Though Stan died in 2005, Jan and Mike continued the delightful Bear adventures from their family home in Pennsylvania that looks much like the sunny dirt road deep in Bear Country.



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