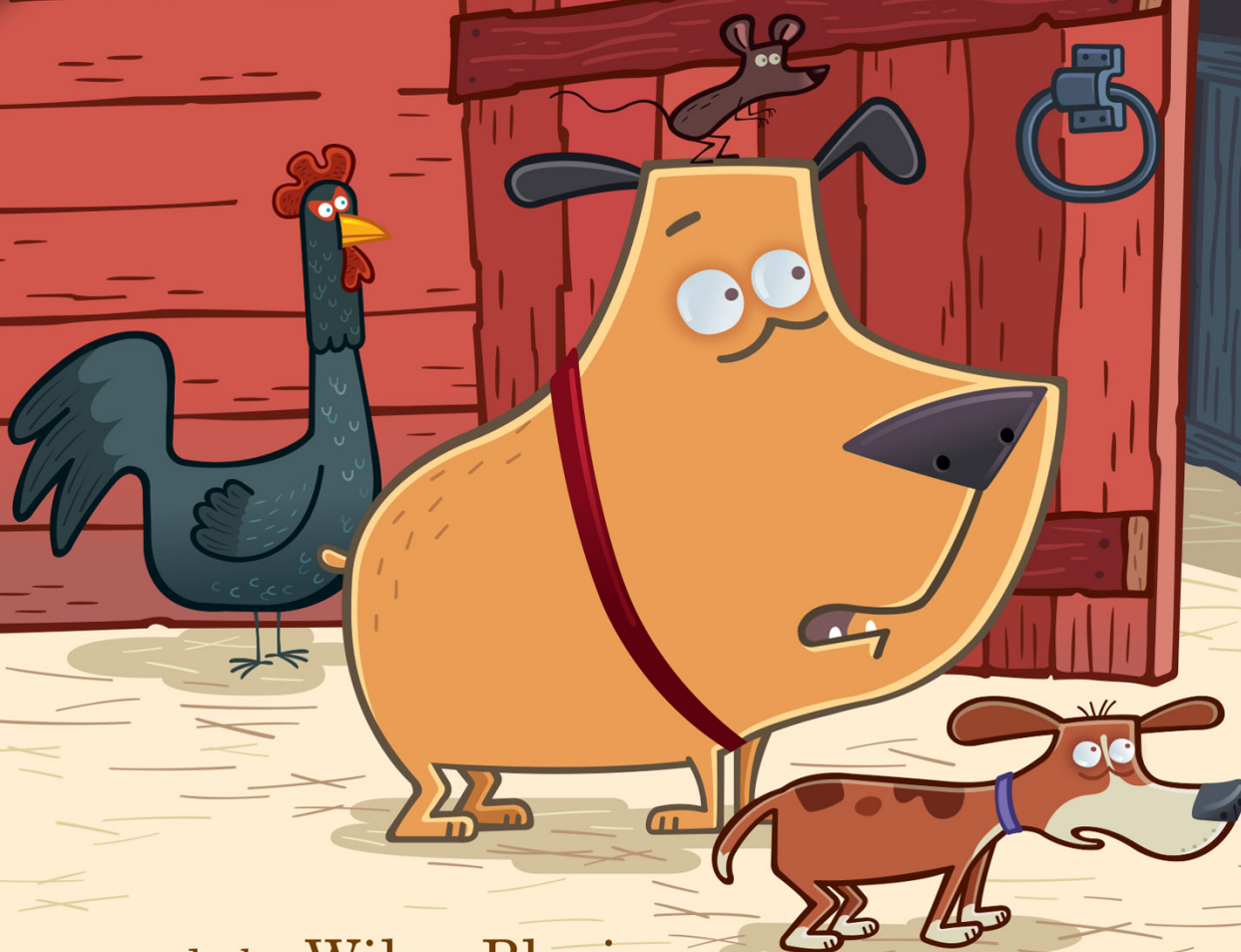


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Meet the Characters



Crud



Ick



Miss Puffy



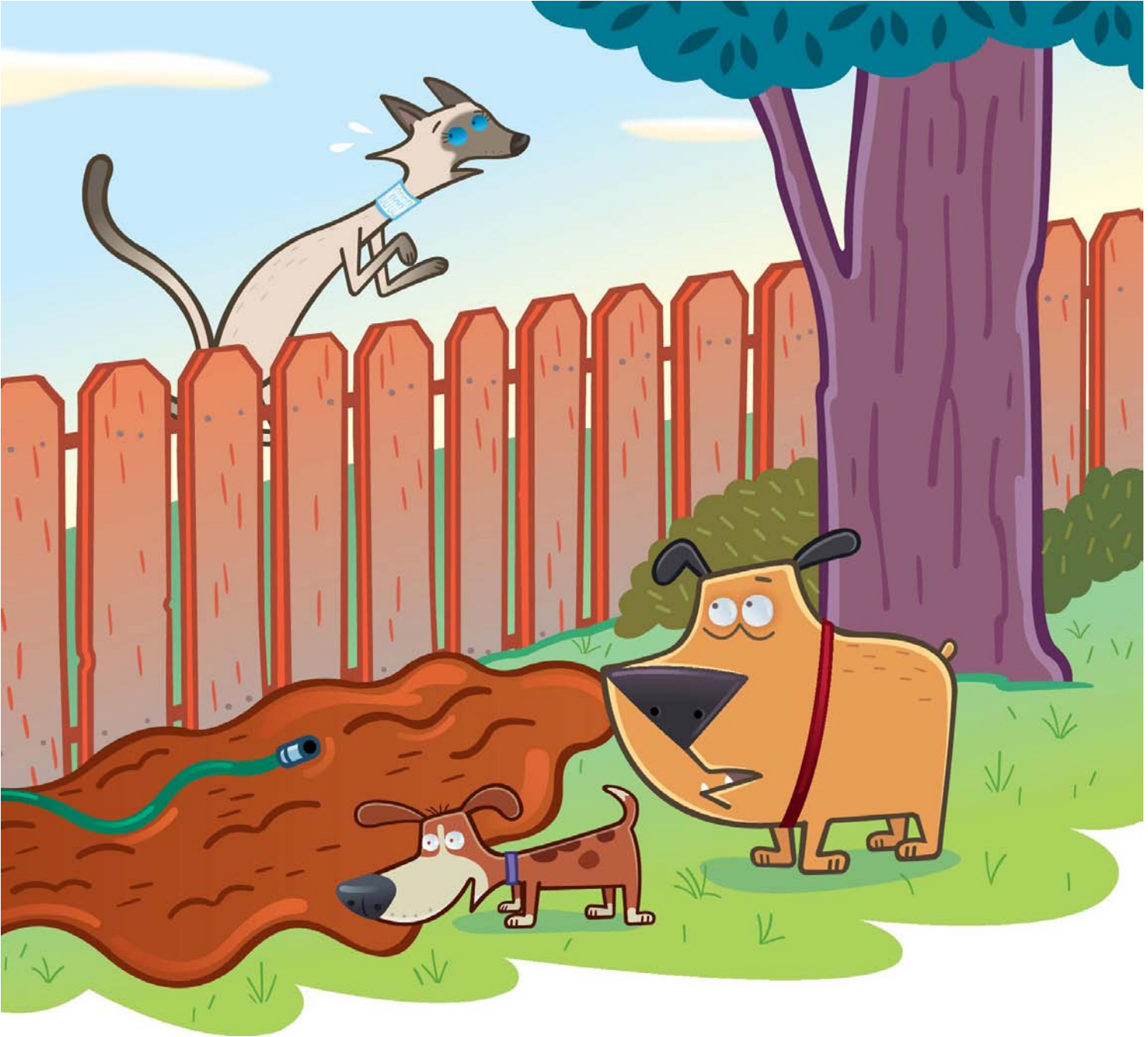
Bob

Something Big!



Ick and Crud set out to have another fun day. They raced through their yard, skipping and yapping until they came to Mrs. Martin's fence.

"Stop," yelled Crud.



“Why?” asked Ick.

“The mud,” said Crud.

“Oh, right,” said Ick. “Good thinking.”

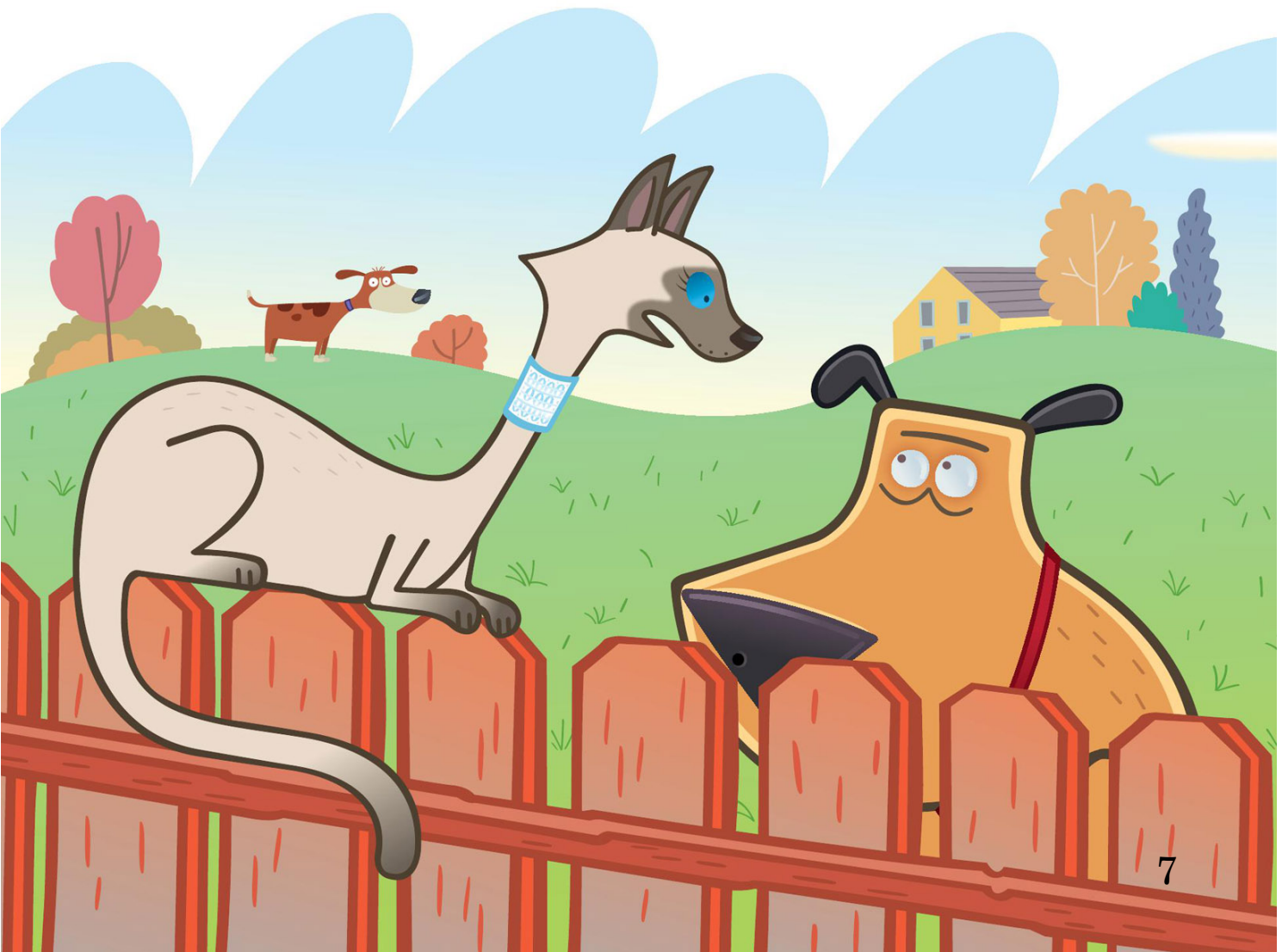
Miss Puffy hopped on top of the fence.
She shook like she had just seen something
very scary.

“Should we ask?” asked Ick.

“No,” said Crud. Miss Puffy shook again. “I give up,” said Crud. “What’s bugging you now?”

Miss Puffy purred. “I thought you’d never ask. Something BIG is about to happen.”

Just then a noise rang out from the barn in the back of Mrs. Martin’s yard.



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