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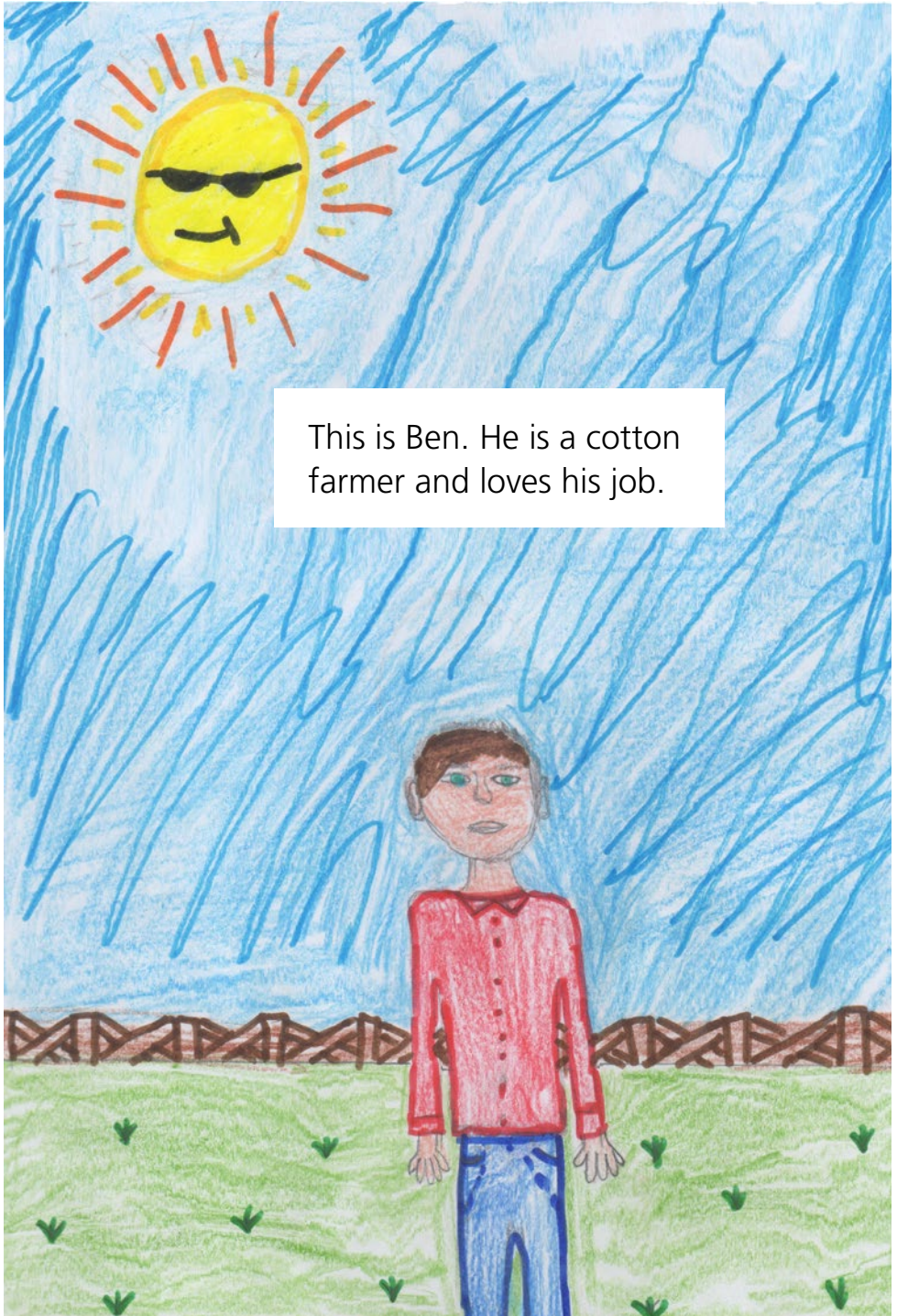
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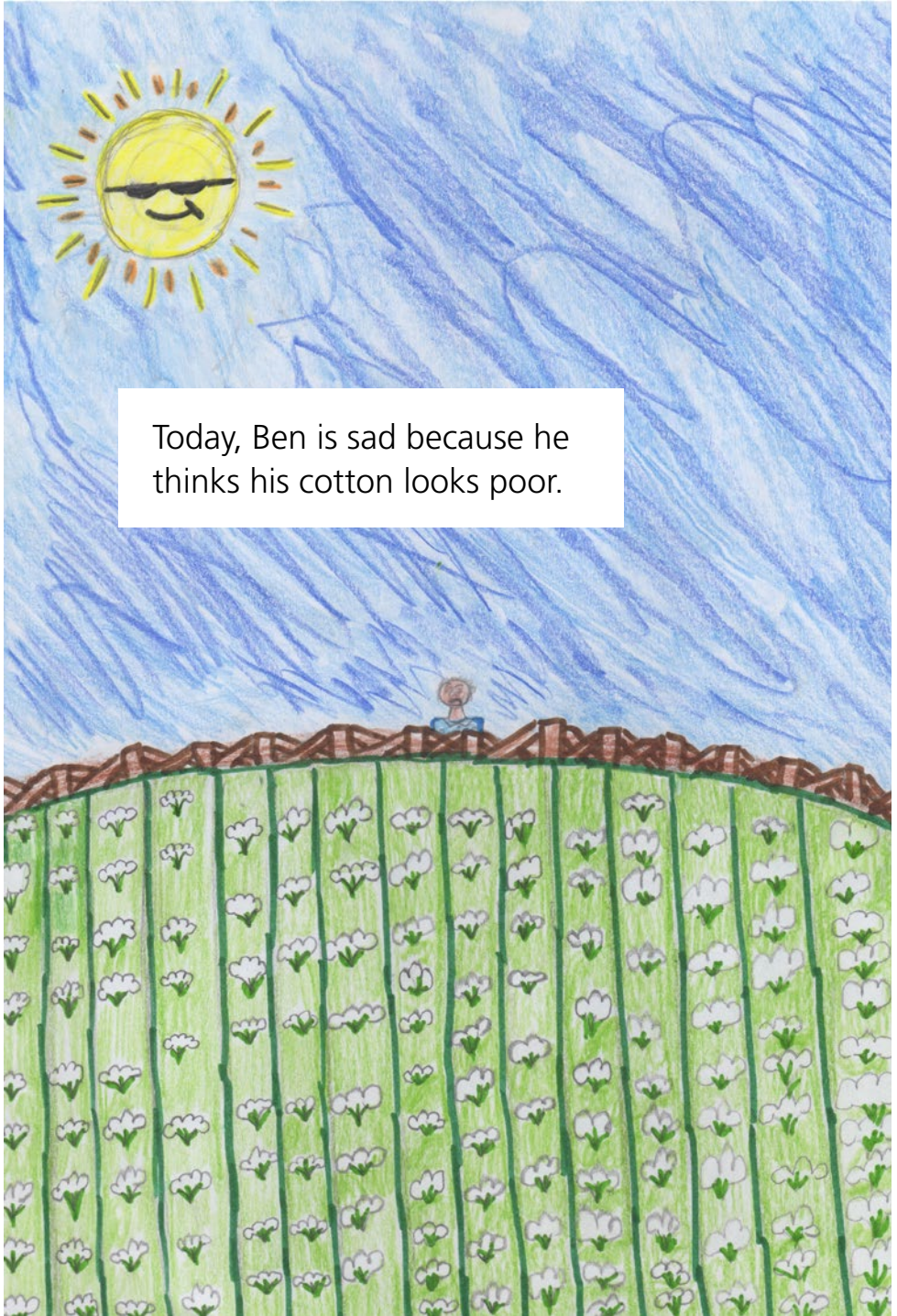




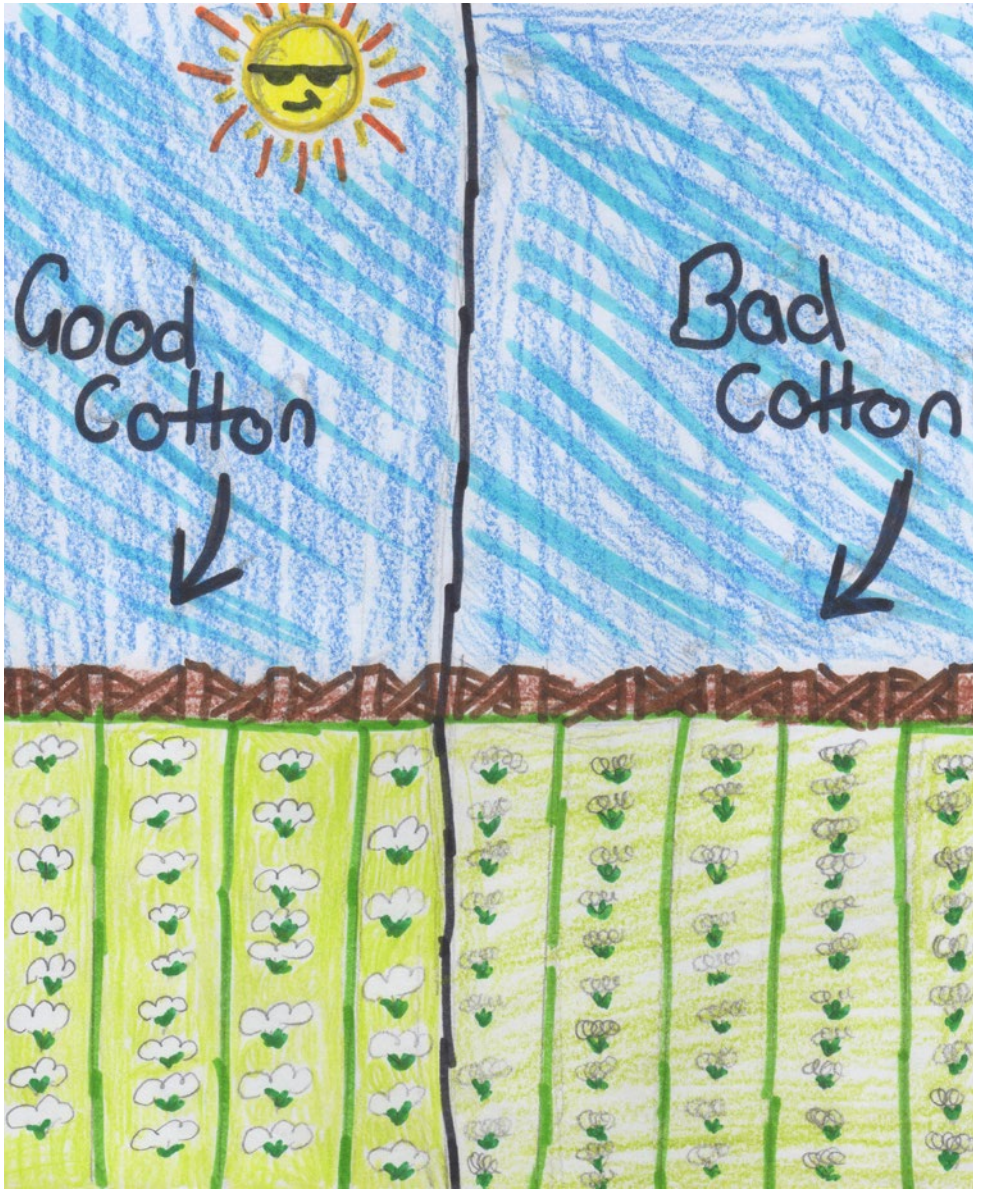


This is Ben. He is a cotton farmer and loves his job.



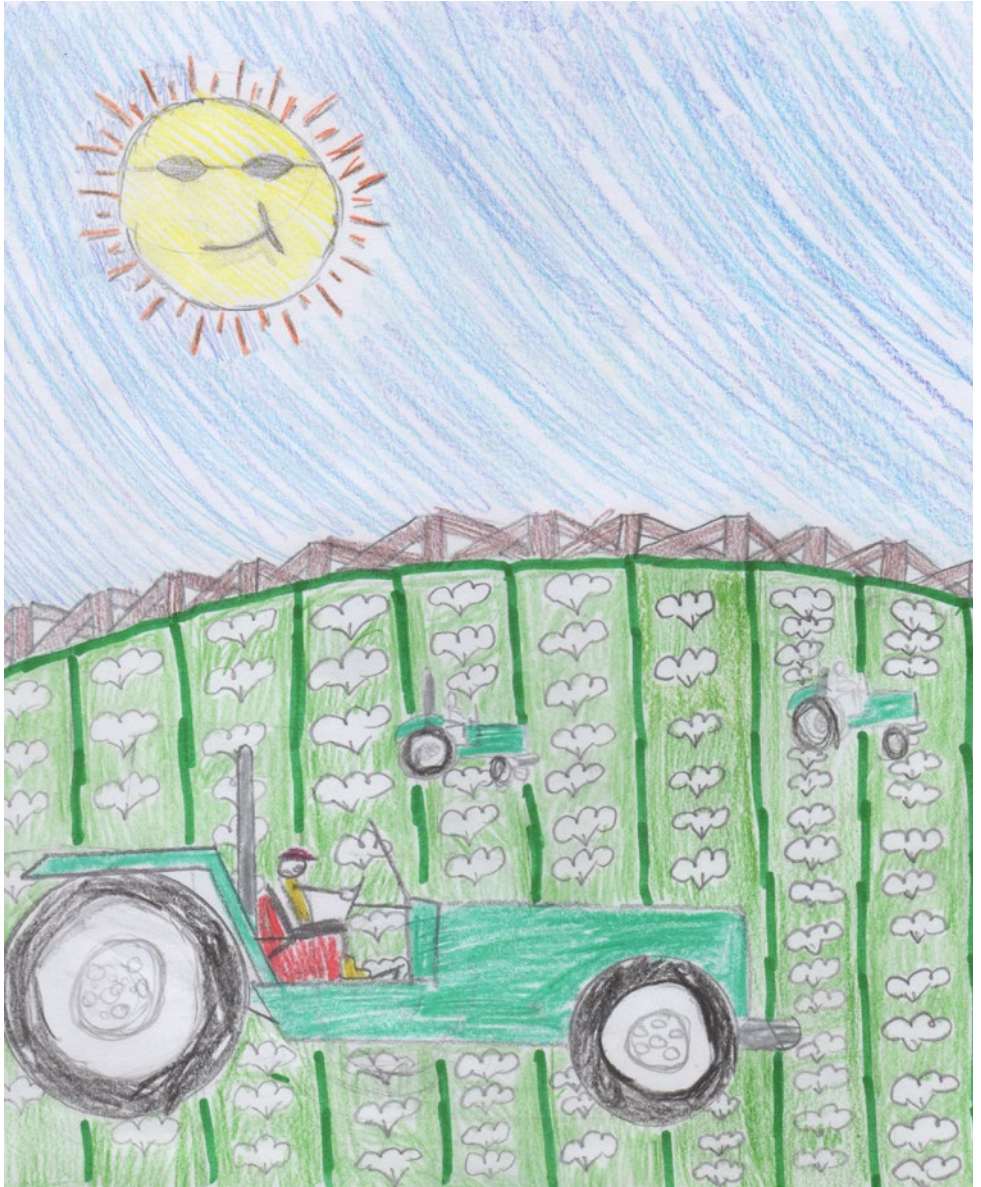


Today, Ben is sad because he thinks his cotton looks poor.



Ben keeps comparing his cotton to his neighbour's, because he thinks Jack's cotton is better than his.

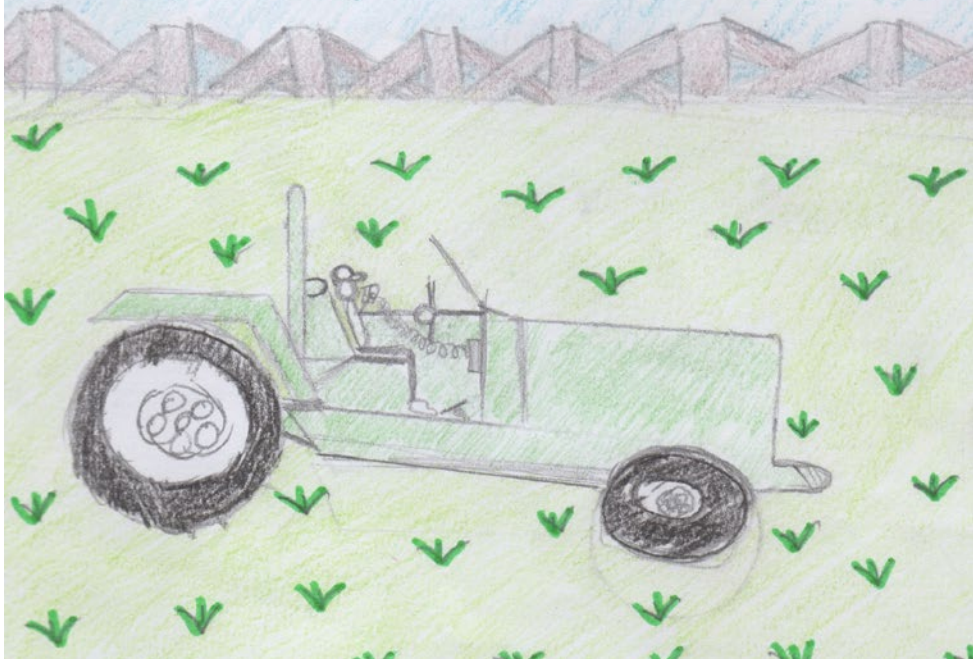




One day after Ben was finished working on his crops in his tractor, his other work mates could tell that he was sad.



His friends realised that if Ben was feeling down they should find out why and help him.







One of Ben's friends, Sam, got out of his tractor to go and see what was wrong.

"Are you okay Ben?" asked Sam.

"Yeah, I'm okay", said Ben in a disappointed voice.

"Are you sure?" replied Sam.

"Yeah", Ben said.



After he talked to Ben, Sam went back to his tractor. He turned on his radio to talk to their other friend Mitch about the conversation.





“Hey Mitch, I just went and saw Ben. He seems really sad”, Sam said over the radio.

“Righto. What if I go and talk to him?” Mitch replied.

“That might work but he won’t say much”, said Sam.



“Hey dude, are you alright?” Mitch asked kindly.

“Yeah, I just wish my crops were as good as Jack’s”, said Ben with a sad tone of voice.

Mitch tried to tell Ben that he was a good farmer and his crops were fine. Ben didn’t look convinced at all.

A thought came into Mitch’s head. “Okay, well I will catch up with you later. Bye”, said Mitch.





Mitch shared his idea with Sam and they got to work. They began organising a day for Ben to help him realise what an amazing farmer he is and how good his crops actually look.

It was nearly time to put the plan into action. Mitch just needed to organise a plane to borrow, so he could fly Sam over the farm.







“Hey Ben, can you come over here please!” shouted Mitch.

“Where are you?” Ben shouted back from his tractor.

“We’re over at the work shed. We have a surprise for you!” yelled Sam.



“Okay, stand right here and turn around,” commanded Sam.

“Alright mate, shut your eyes and walk in... and... open,” said Mitch excitedly.

“OH MY GOSH! Am I going in a crop duster?” said Ben in amazement.

“Yep! We’re taking you up to fly over one of the best cotton farms in the area,” said Mitch.



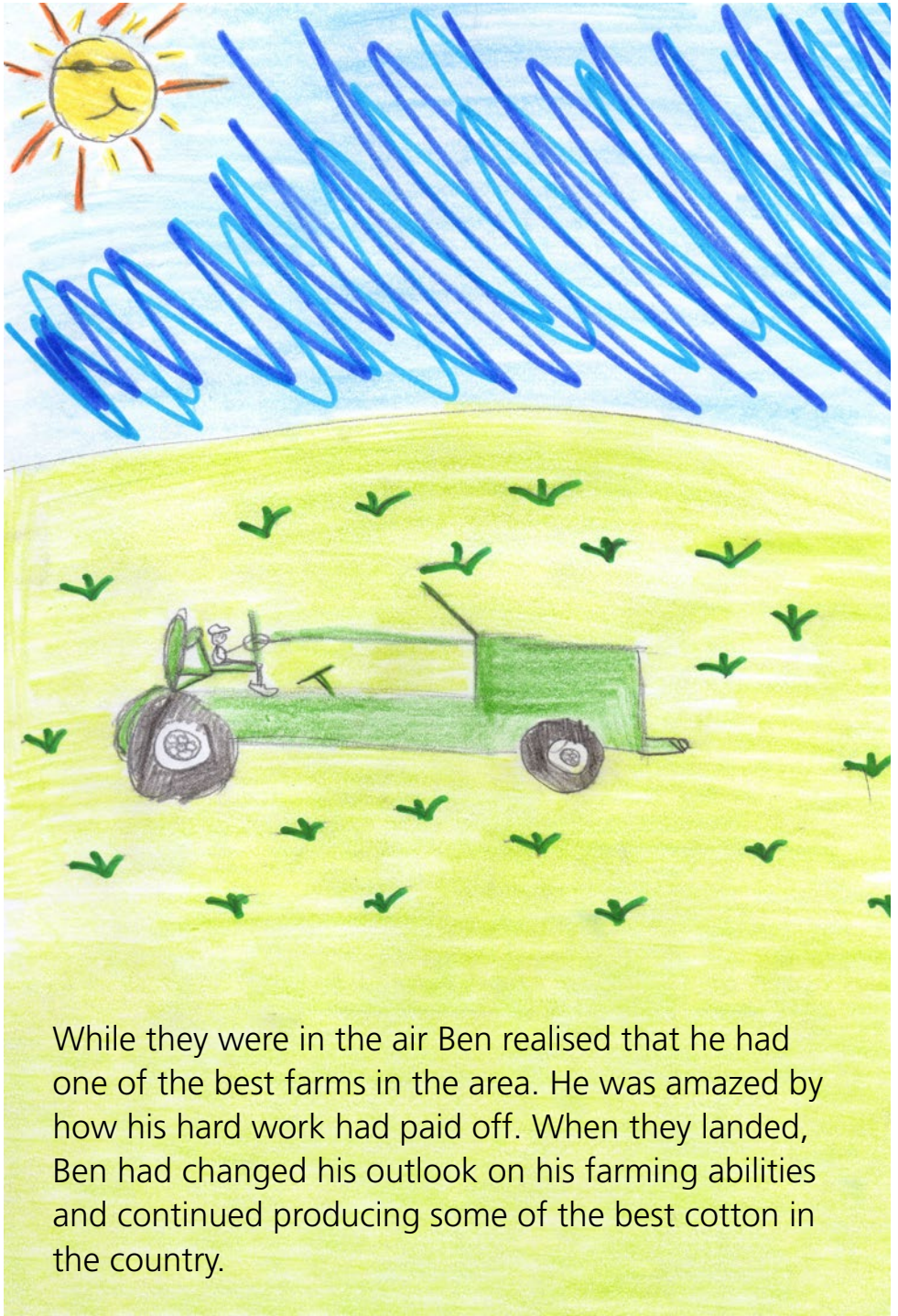


Once they were in the air they circled back and flew over Ben's crops.

"Who owns that cotton?" Ben shouted in astonishment.

"That cotton is yours Ben," Mitch and Sam said assuredly.

"You're joking!" Ben said with such a happy voice.



While they were in the air Ben realised that he had one of the best farms in the area. He was amazed by how his hard work had paid off. When they landed, Ben had changed his outlook on his farming abilities and continued producing some of the best cotton in the country.







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