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It was the Gingerbread Girl's birthday.

















The little old man and woman who baked her wanted to celebrate.













They gave her a gift that was wrapped with candy.









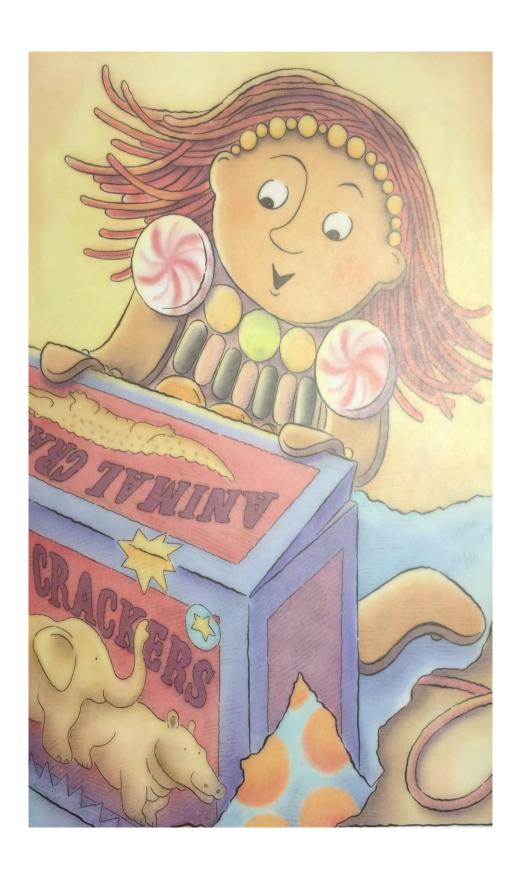
One year ago the Gingerbread Girl tricked a fox.



The same fox ate her brother, the Gingerbread Boy.



She has seen the fox waiting by the river, so she stays far away.













The Gingerbread girl opened her gift.











She got a box of Animal Crackers and was very happy!









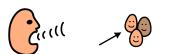




The Animal Crackers jumped out of the box and ran for the door.



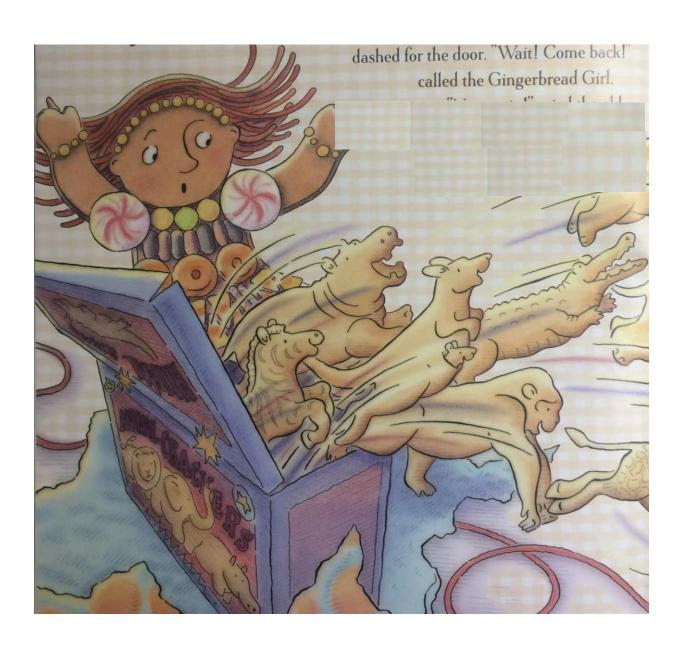








The Gingerbread Girl yelled for them to come back.











The Animal Crackers did not listen.





They kept running.

















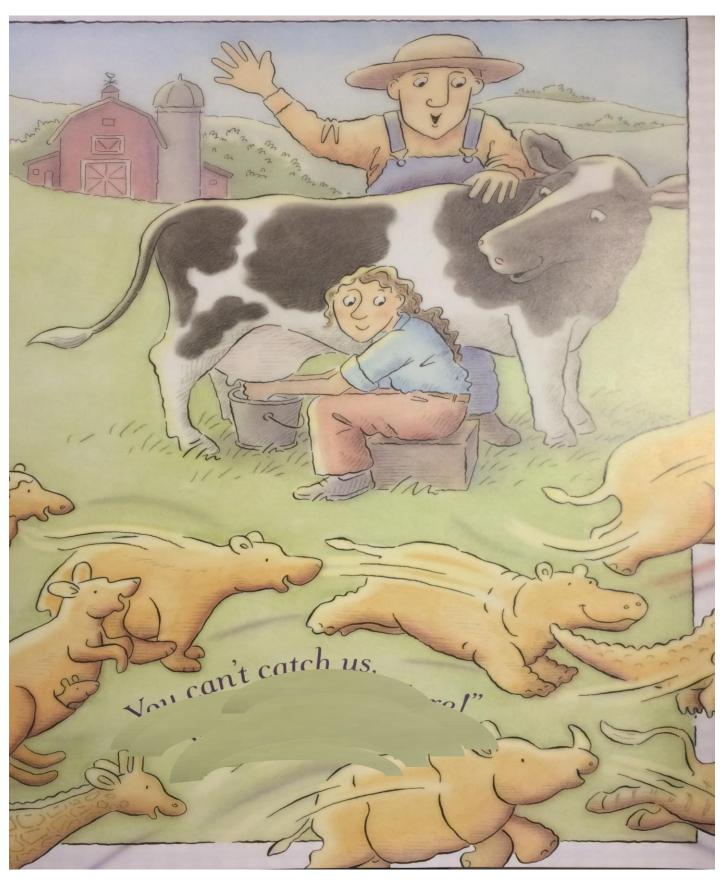
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The Gingerbread Girl ran after them.















The neighbors saw the Animal Crackers and ran after them too.









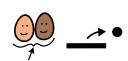


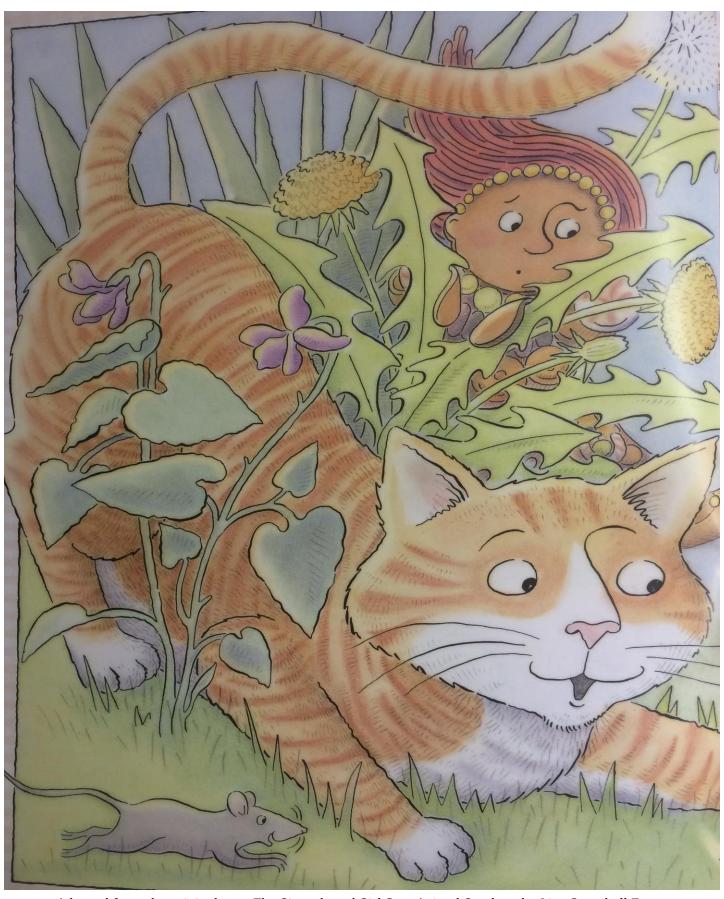


The Animal Crackers shouted, "We're wild Animal Crackers hear our

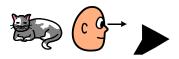








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Then, a cat saw the Animal Crackers and thought they looked yummy.











The cat started to run with the Gingerbread Girl and the neighbors.











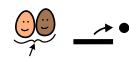


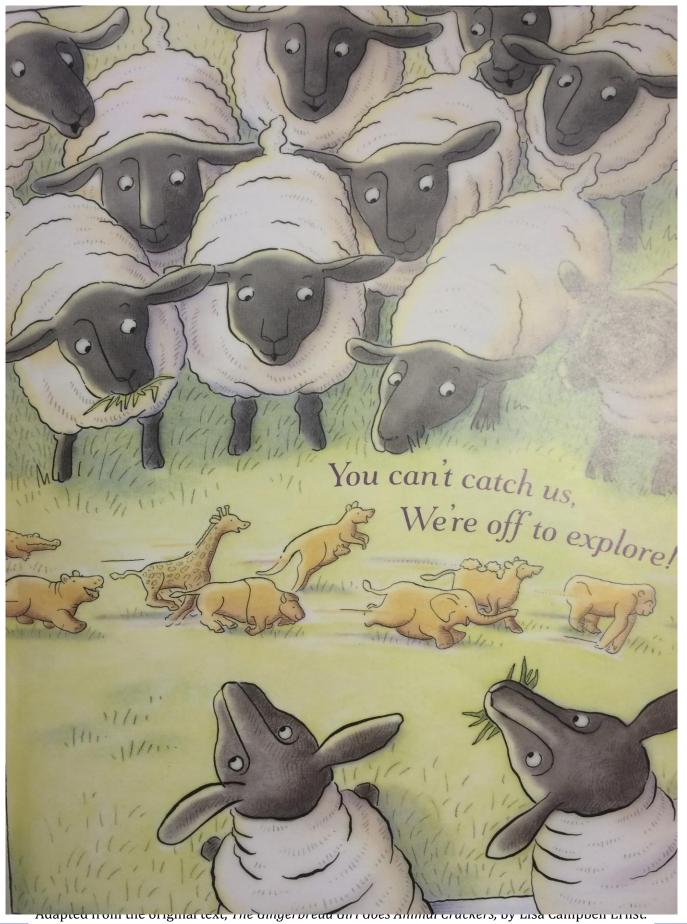


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The Gingerbread girl told the Animal Crackers they were headed for



danger!









A flock of sheep saw and joined the chase.











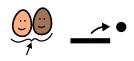


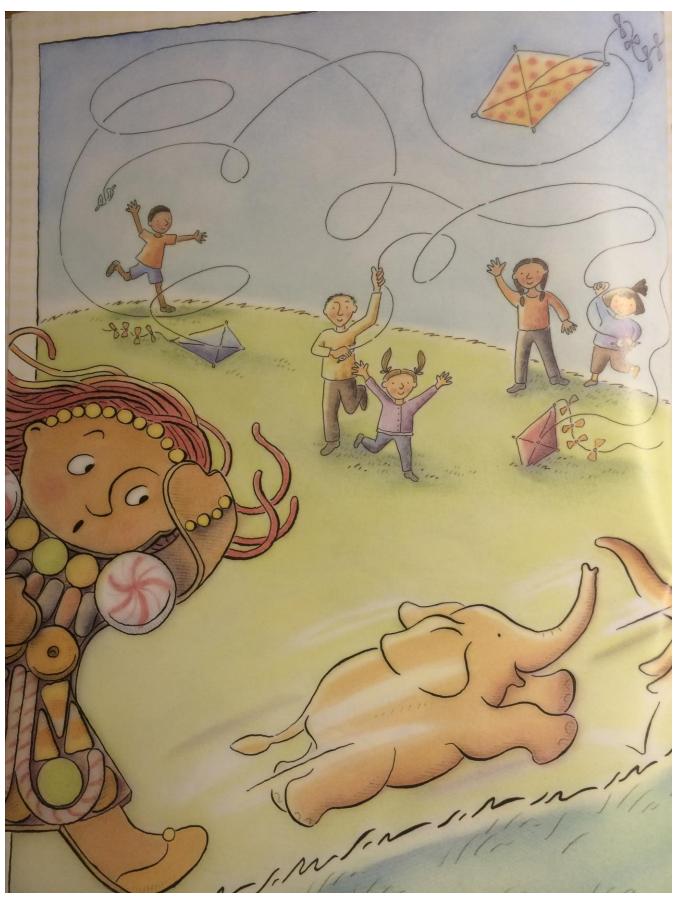


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The Animal Crackers ran by children flying kites.



The children saw the crackers and ran after them too!











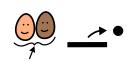


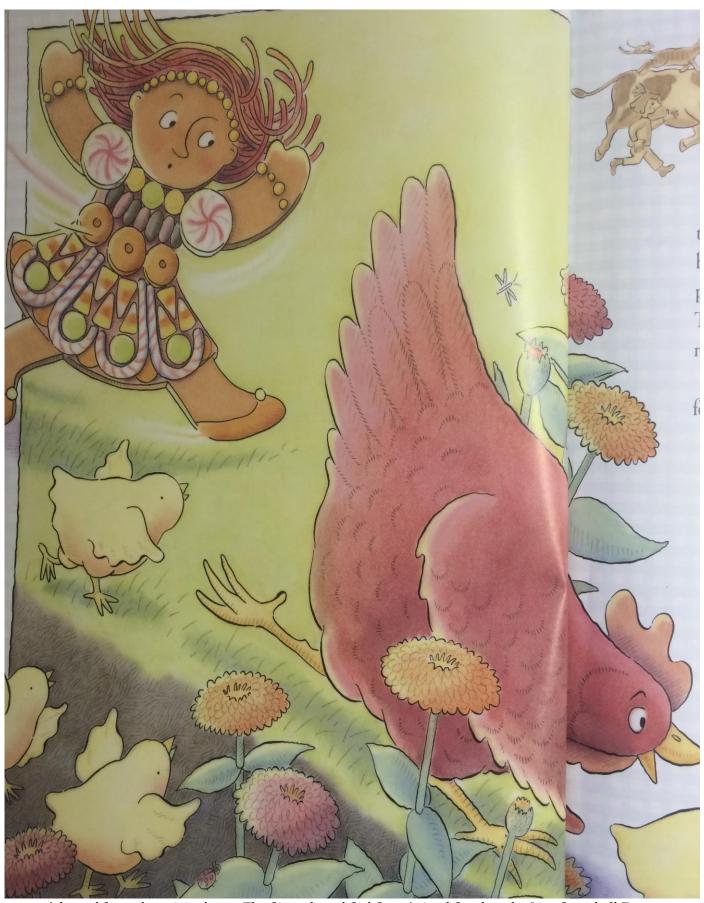


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Then, the Animal Crackers ran by a mother hen and baby chicks that were





looking for bugs.

















The mother hen and baby chicks saw and joined the chase.











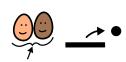


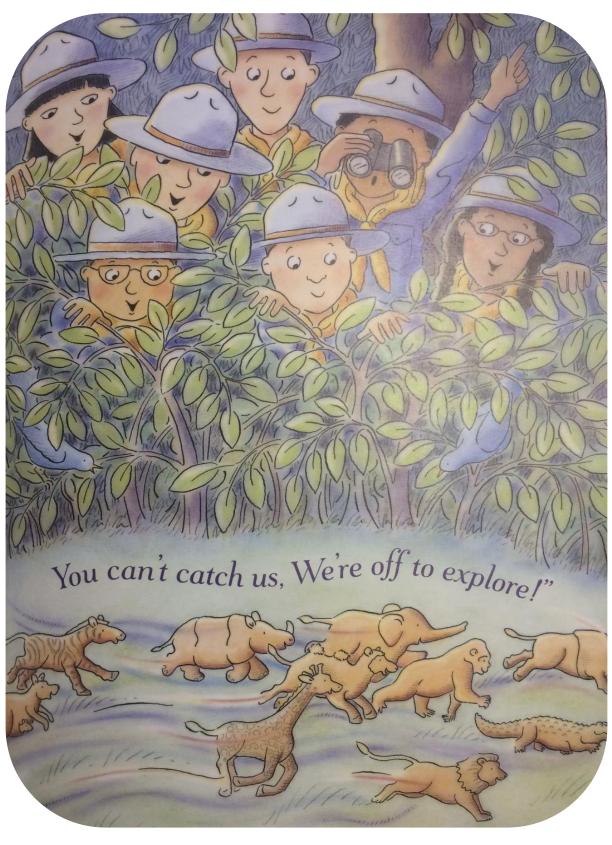


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There was a scout troop out for a hike.

















They were hungry and saw the Animal Crackers running by so they joined





the chase.















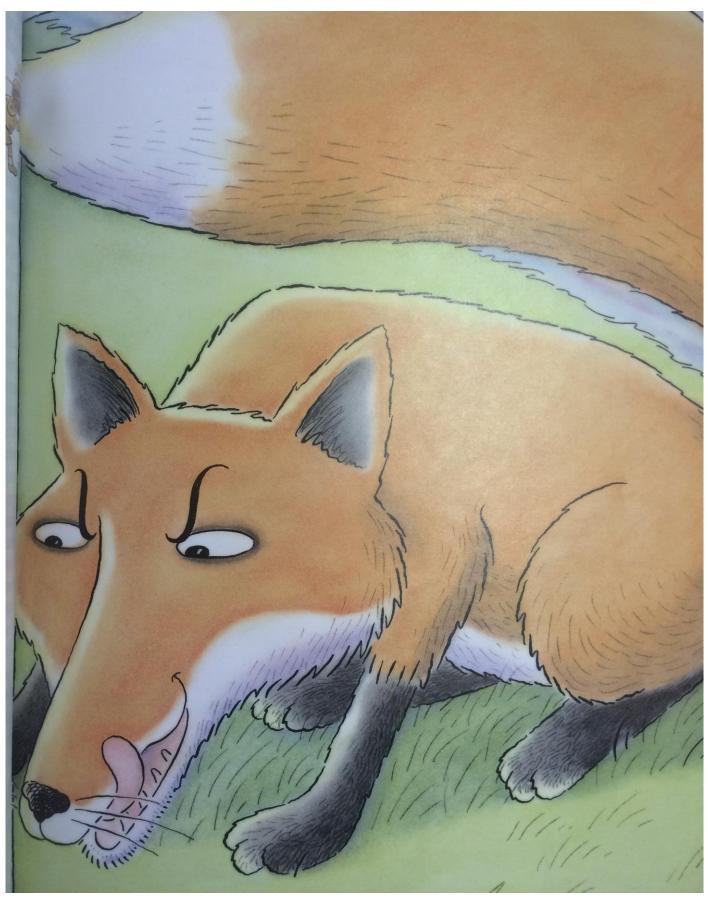
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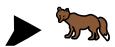








The Animal Crackers ran into the fox that ate the Gingerbread Boy.







The fox said he would help them over the river.

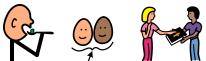














The Animal Crackers said, "You won't eat us? Can we trust you?"











The fox said yes and licked his lips.















The Animal Crackers sat on the fox to cross the river.







"Stop right there!" yelled the Gingerbread Girl.









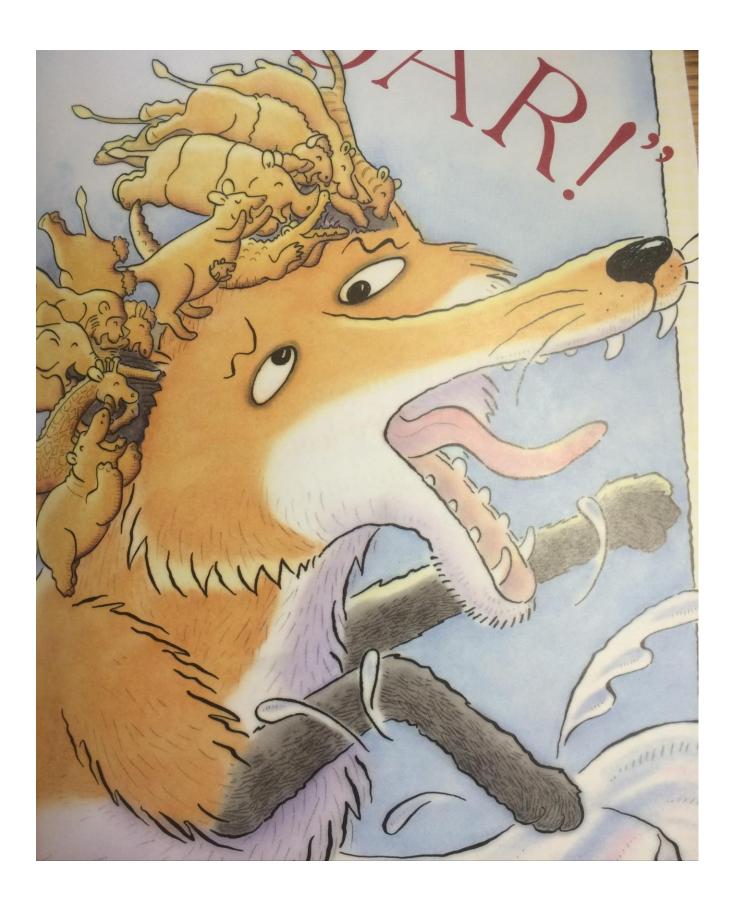
"I'm going to eat your friends!" said the fox.







The Animal Crackers cried.









The Gingerbread Girl had an idea.













She told the Animal Crackers to sing into the fox's ear.







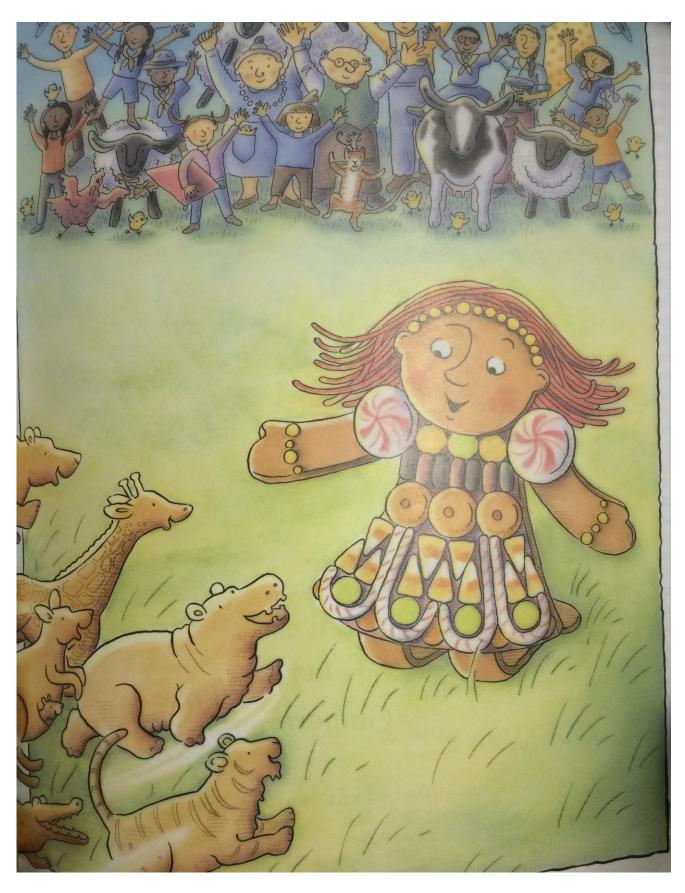






The Animal Crackers sang, "It's time to be noisy, let's hear your fierce

ROAR!"



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The fox did not like the noise and ran away.







The Animal Crackers were safe!

















The crowd danced back home and the Animal Crackers sang, "We the







Animal Crackers love the Gingerbread Girl!"

















The Gingerbread Girl celebrated her birthday will all of her friends.













That night, the Gingerbread Girl sang a lullaby to the Animal Crackers.















She sang, "Our day has been crazy but you are safe here with me, the



Gingerbread Girl."



The End

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