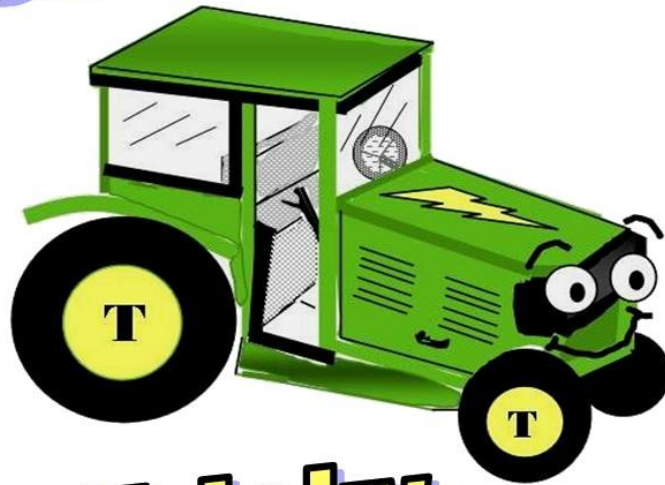
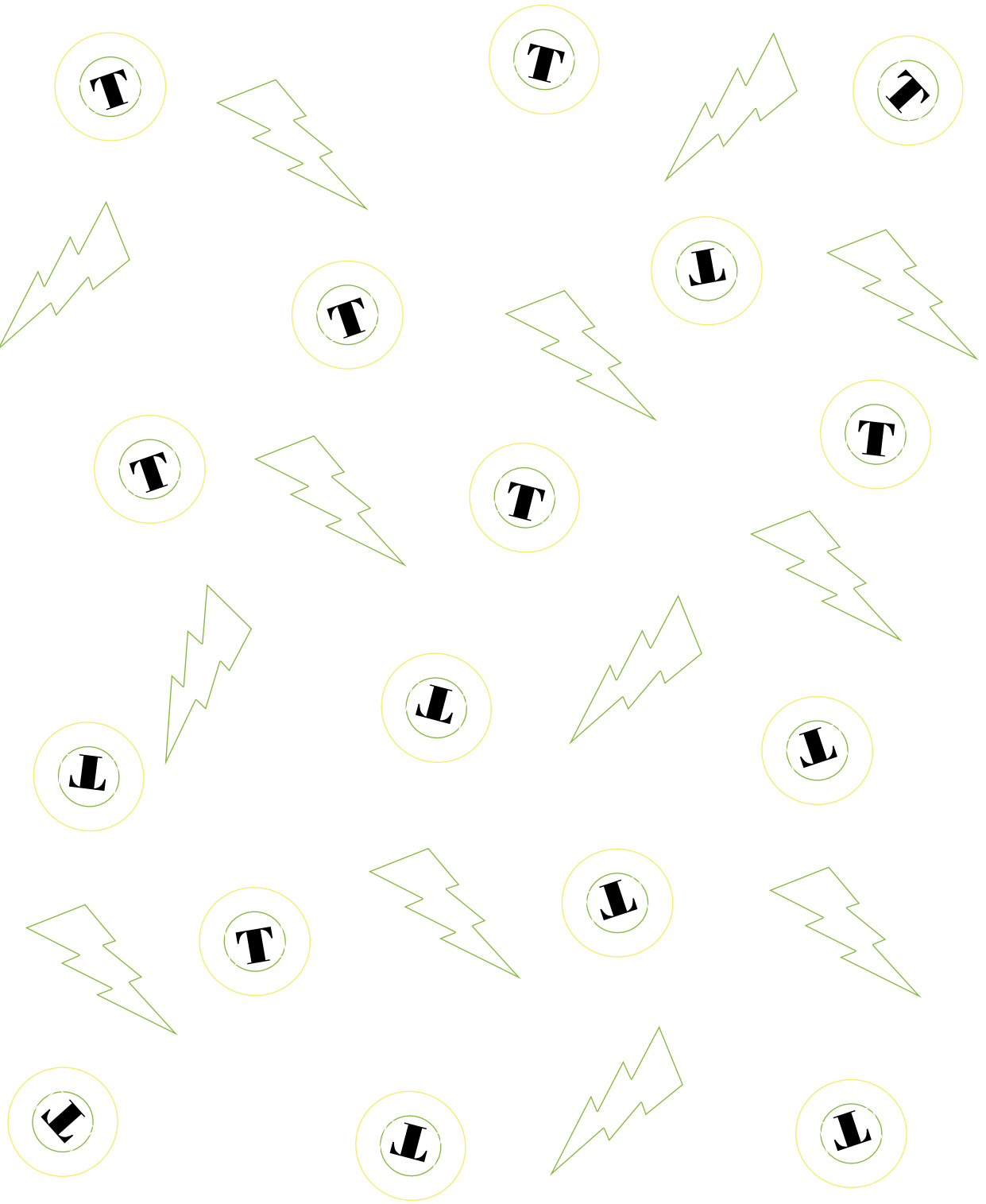


Tucker



the Tricky
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Dedication page

“Thank you to V. Samuels who wished for a story about a green tractor for her grandsons. All other stories got put on the back burner when her wish set me into action. To S.E. Bennett who came by to see my Knock On Wood Shamrocks story. To my best bud/husband, Larry, who watched me toil into the early morning/late nights to get the books done. To our four sons: Tom, Bill, Sean and Joe...their paths granted me a broader view of the world. To my sister, Judy, with her good point of view to adopt. To my cousin Eileen for the “why-nots?” that I listen to. To all the close, wonderful, encouraging friends. To my NC Jane and my PA Jane. How can I not continue with the great supportive network surrounding me?”

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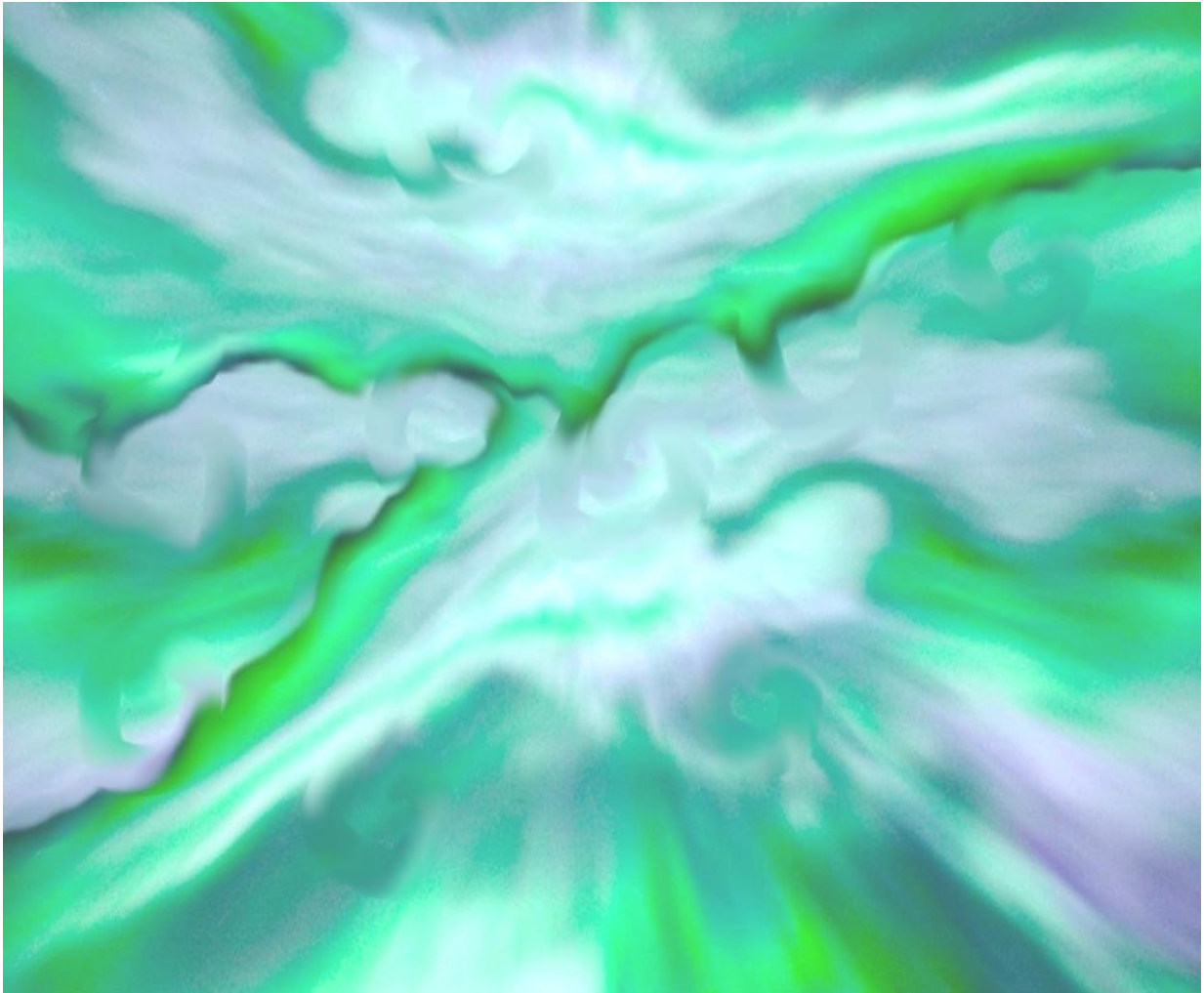


Poor Tucker. He used to be shiny and green, but now he was rusted. He has no engine and cannot move. He gets sad when the rain comes down. He has no one to love, and no one to love him.



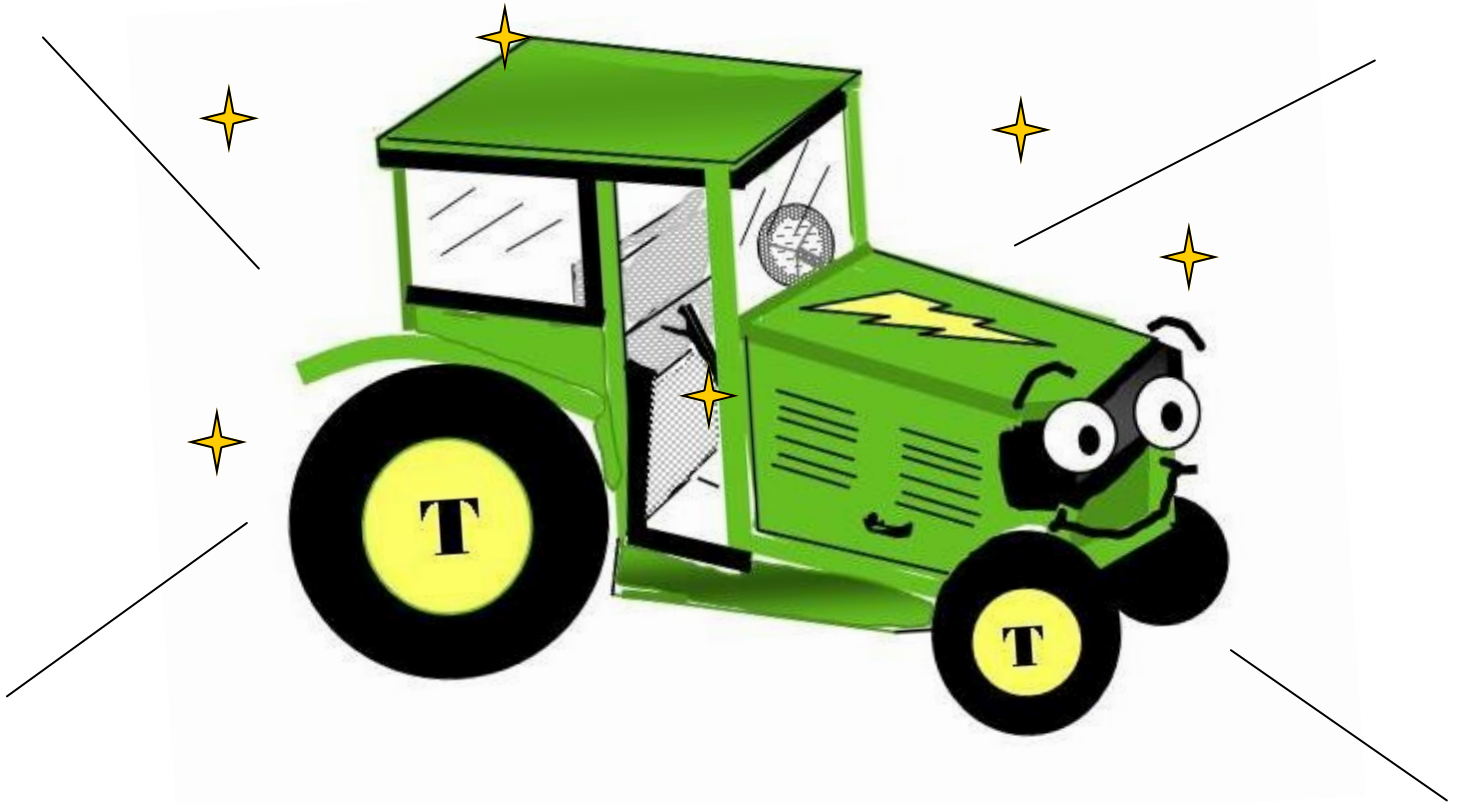
Next there was a lightning storm. He was very frightened. What was happening to him? He shook all over and cried for HELP. How will this turn out?

When the lightning stopped,
the sky was full of many colors.

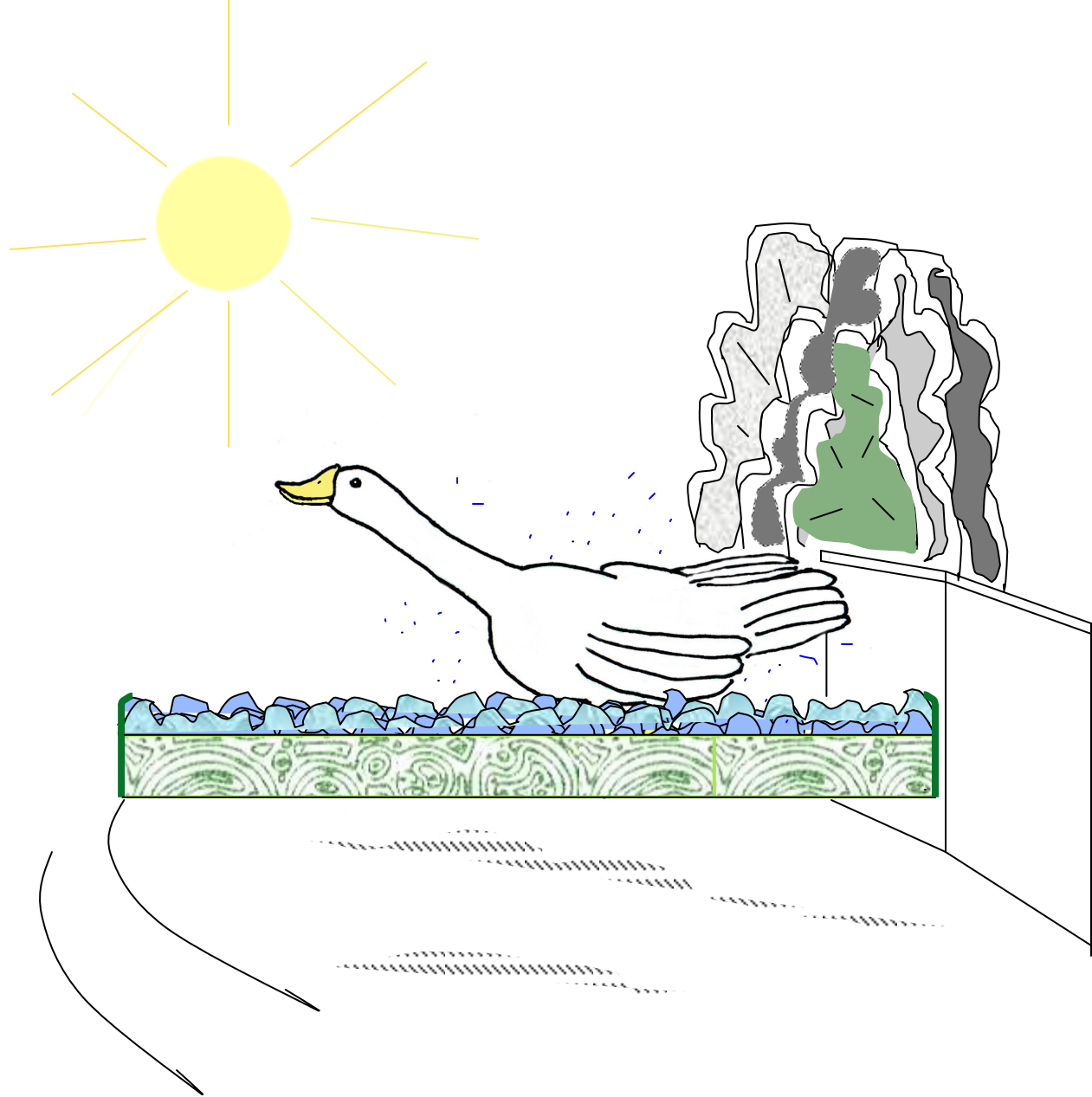


But, what happened to Tucker?

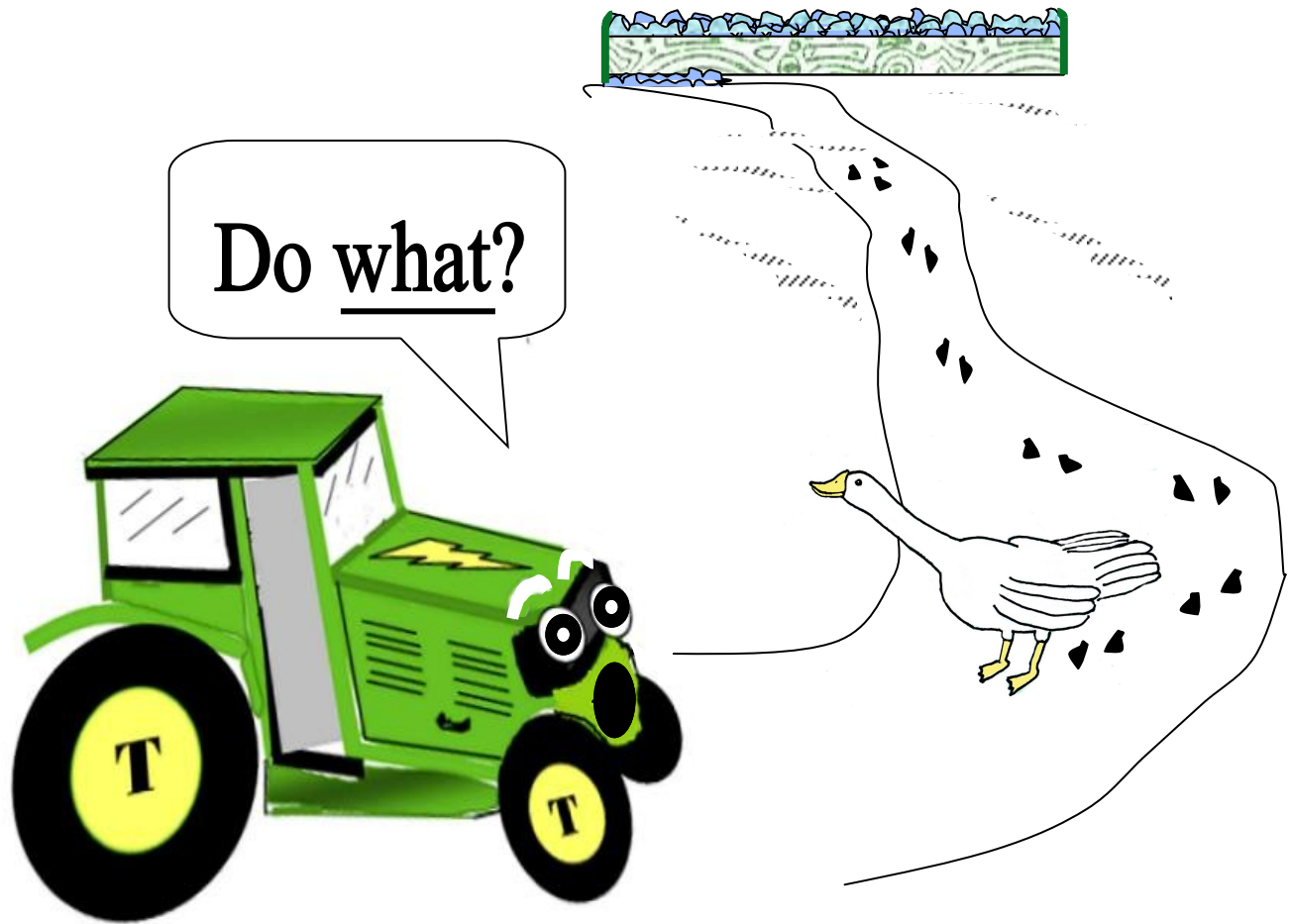
The magic storm turned Tucker green again.
He had power from one lightning bolt.



He was ready to use his new engine and wanted see all the animals on the farm. He wanted to meet the brand new owners, too. He was ready to do new tricks with them all.



Gregory Goose took his swim in the warm sun. He just splashed and splashed. Tucker the Tricky Green Tractor will visit him first.



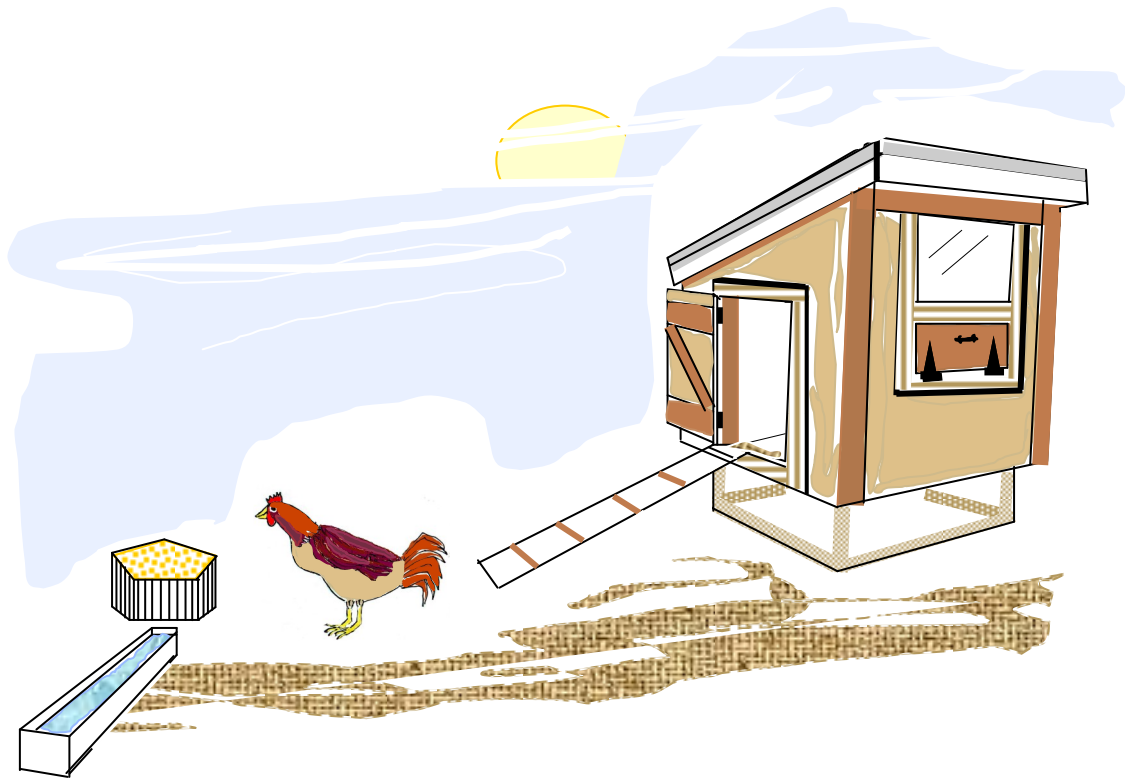
After his swim, Gregory stepped in mud but didn't know it. He asked, "Could you do a trick for me today, Tucker? Can you HONK?" Tucker was fearful. "Do what?" he asked Gregory. "That sounds scary to do. If you show me, I will try."



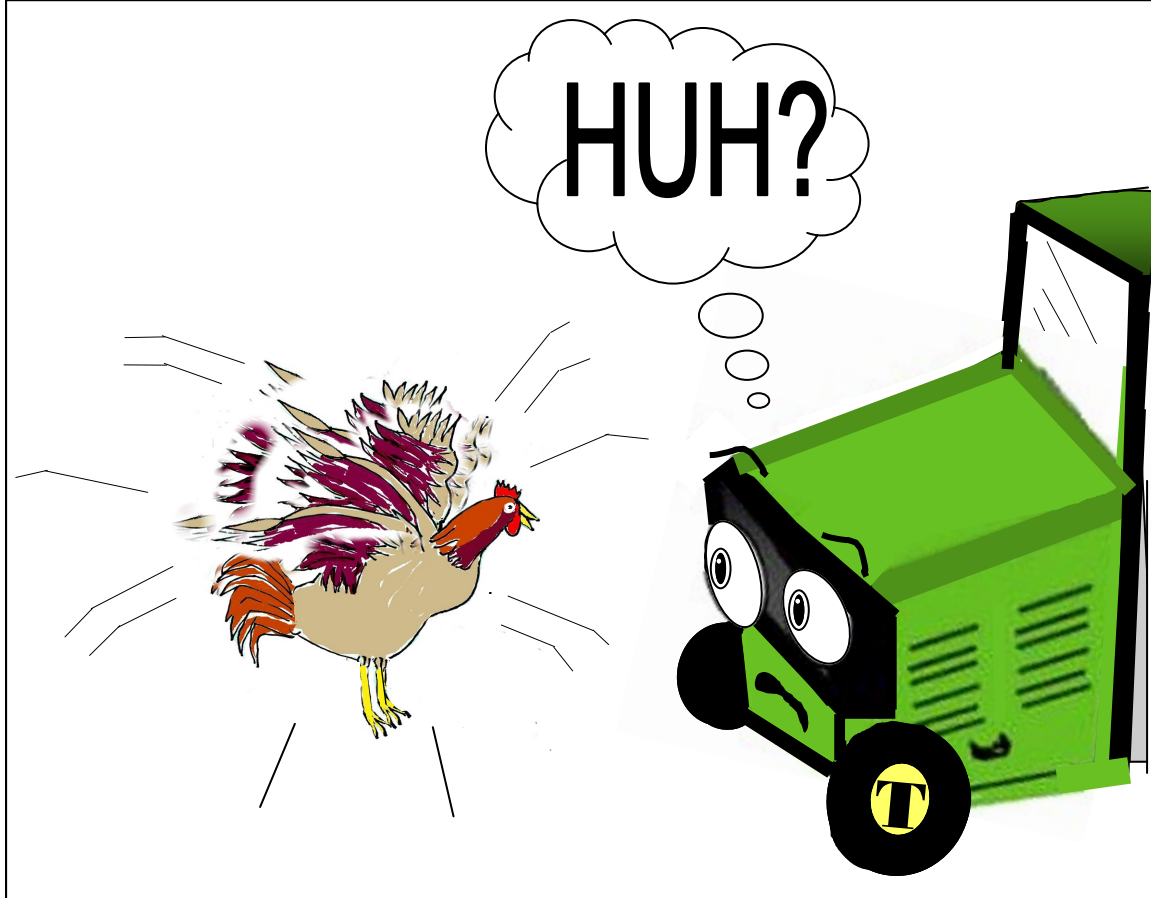
“It’s a loud sound, said Gregory. Now watch and listen. You blow with all your might and the noise comes out. O.K., now it is your turn, Tucker.”



Tucker tried with all his might, and he blew out the same sound which was: “**HONK!**” Because of the force, it came out so much **LOUDER!!** He did it!

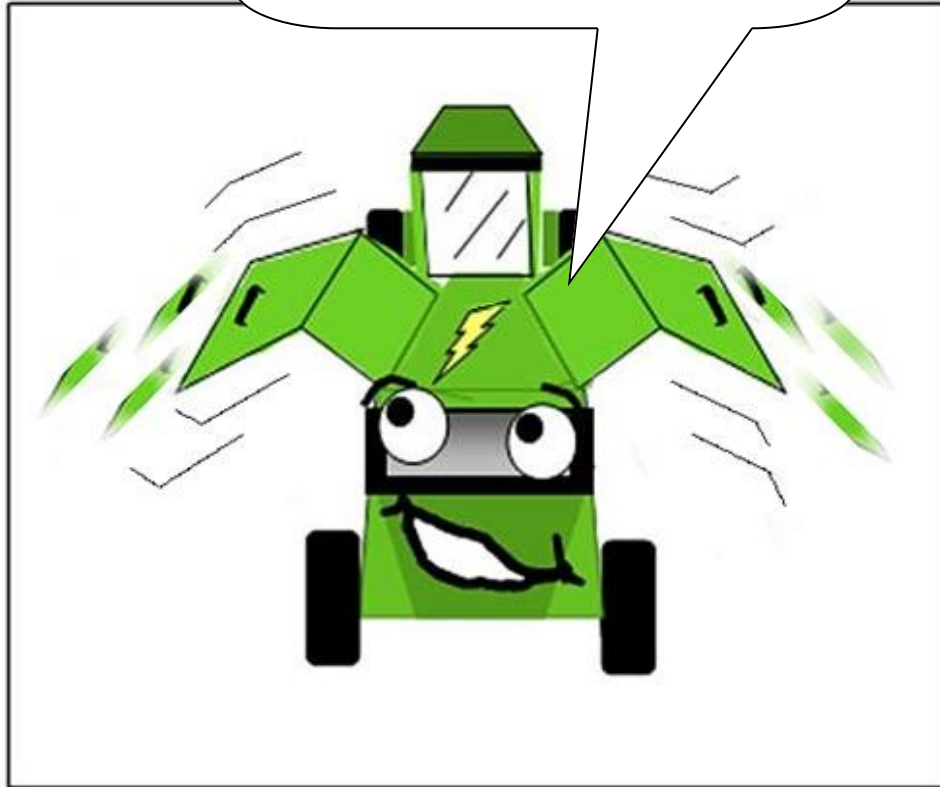


Ricky Rooster came out of the chicken coop to eat corn and drink water. He was waiting for Tucker the Tricky Tractor to come by and visit him soon.

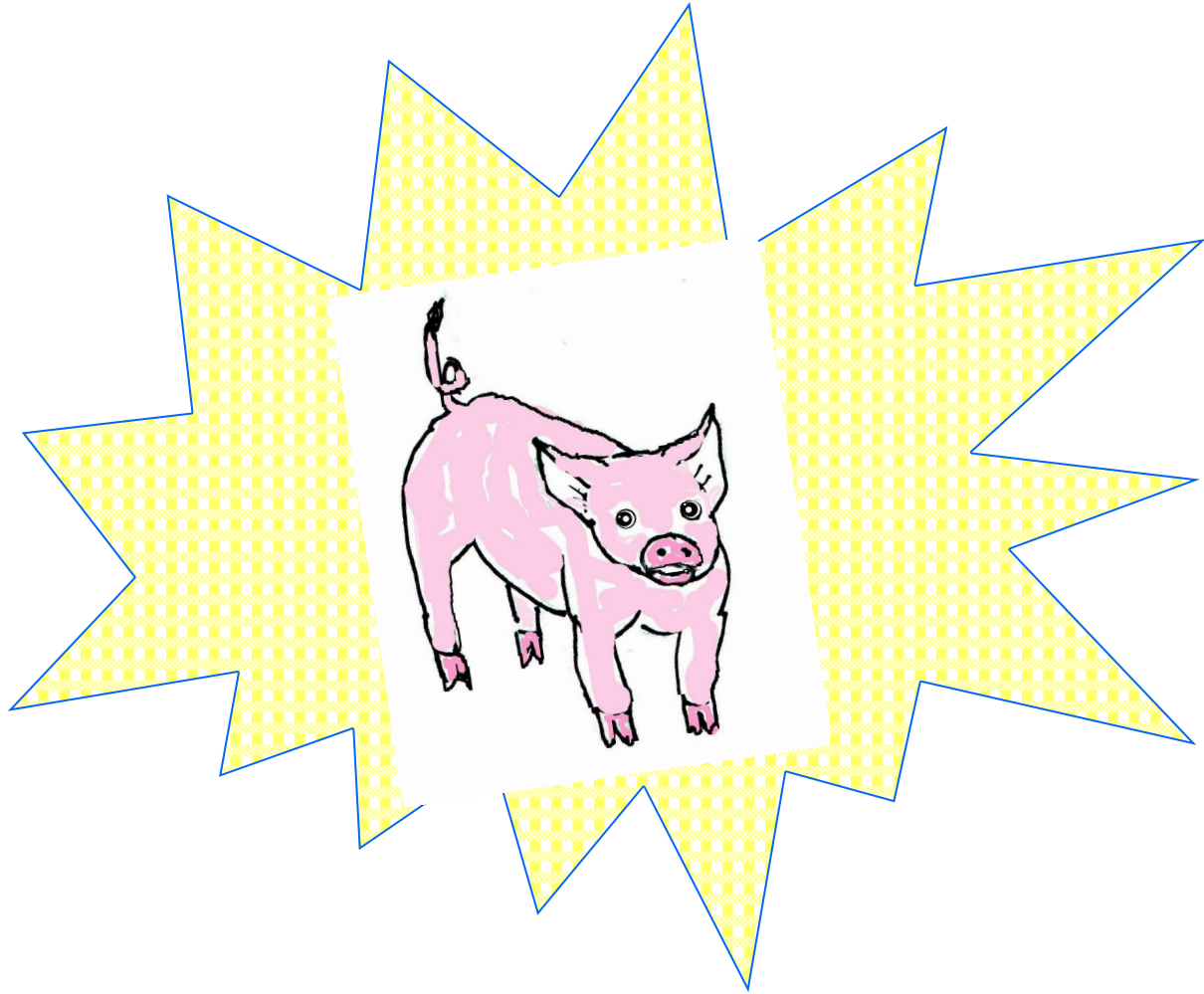


Ricky just started to flap his wings in front of Tucker. “This is my Trick,” said Ricky. “Can you flap your wings up and down like this?” “Oh, is that what you just did?” asked Tucker. “I can see how you do it, so I will try.”

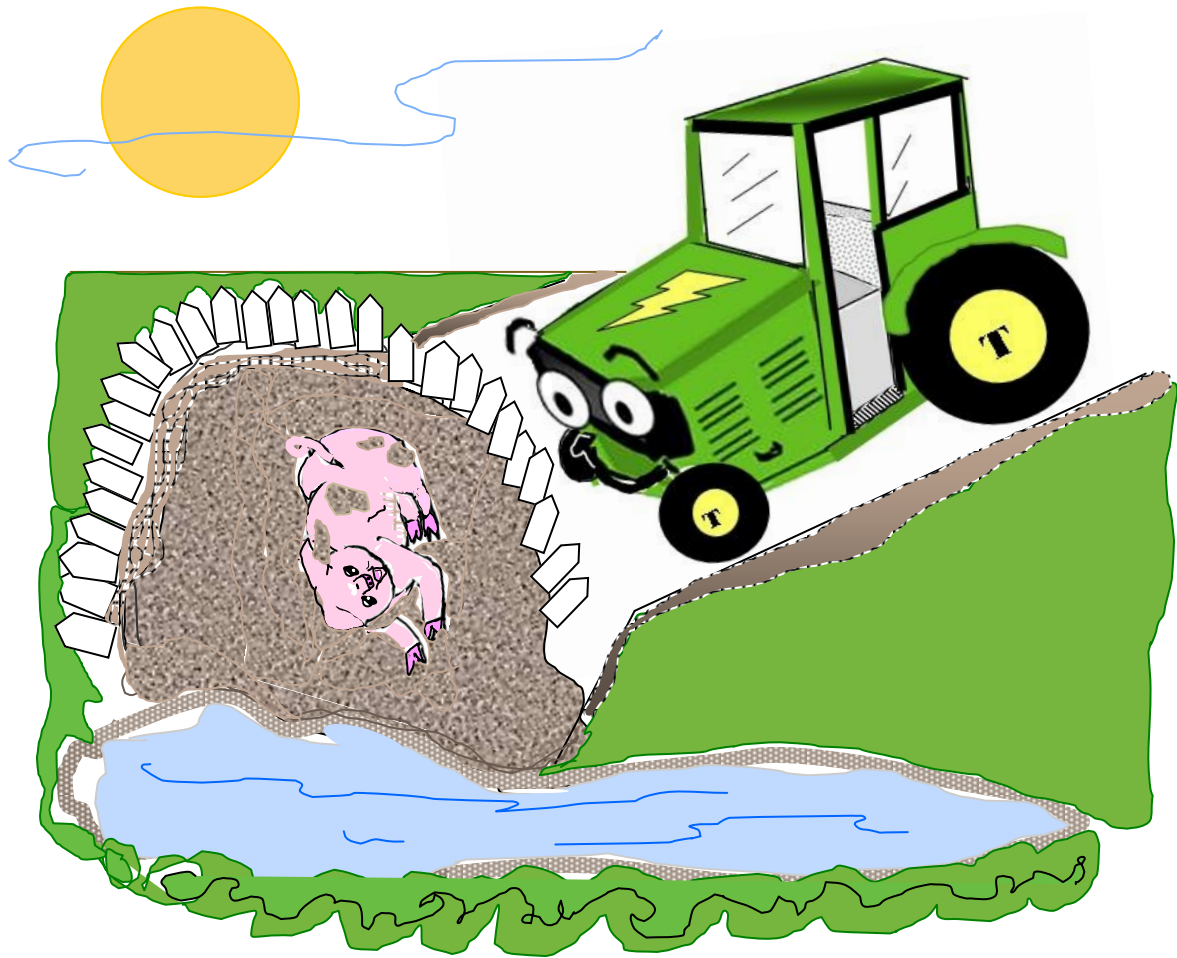
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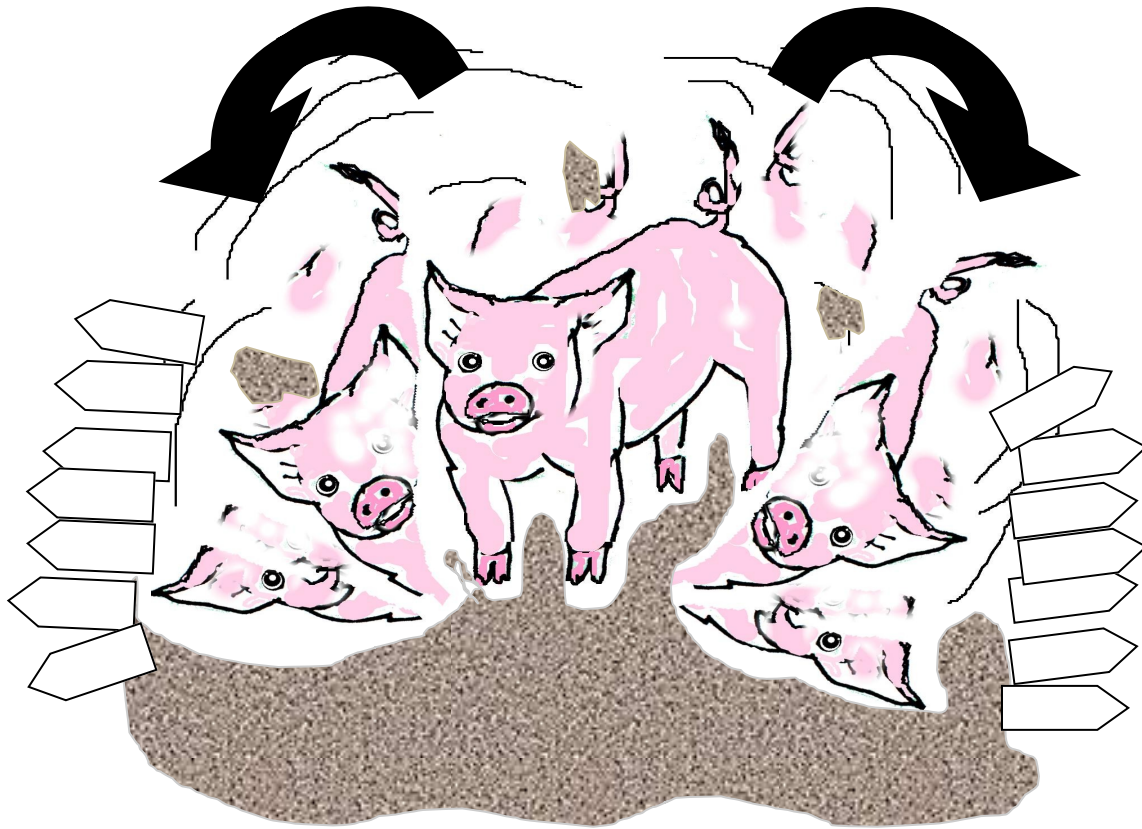
He raised his engine doors and flapped them just like Ricky Rooster. Done!



Pamela Pig was waiting to see Tucker.
Could he do another trick with her?

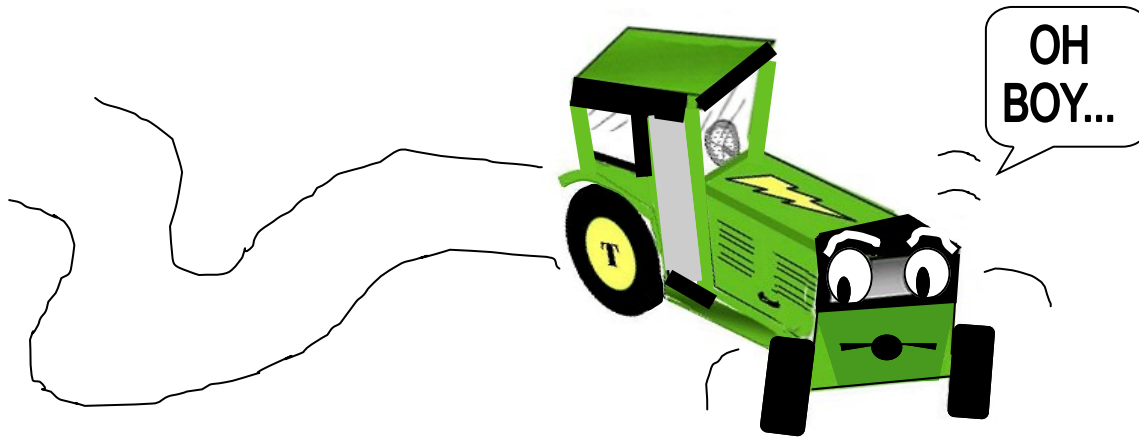


“Hello Pamela,” said Tucker. “Hello, Tucker,” said Pamela Pig. “I am taking a mud bath, but I will stand up and show you my trick. Do you think you can do it?” she asked. Tucker said: “Show me first, and I will try.”



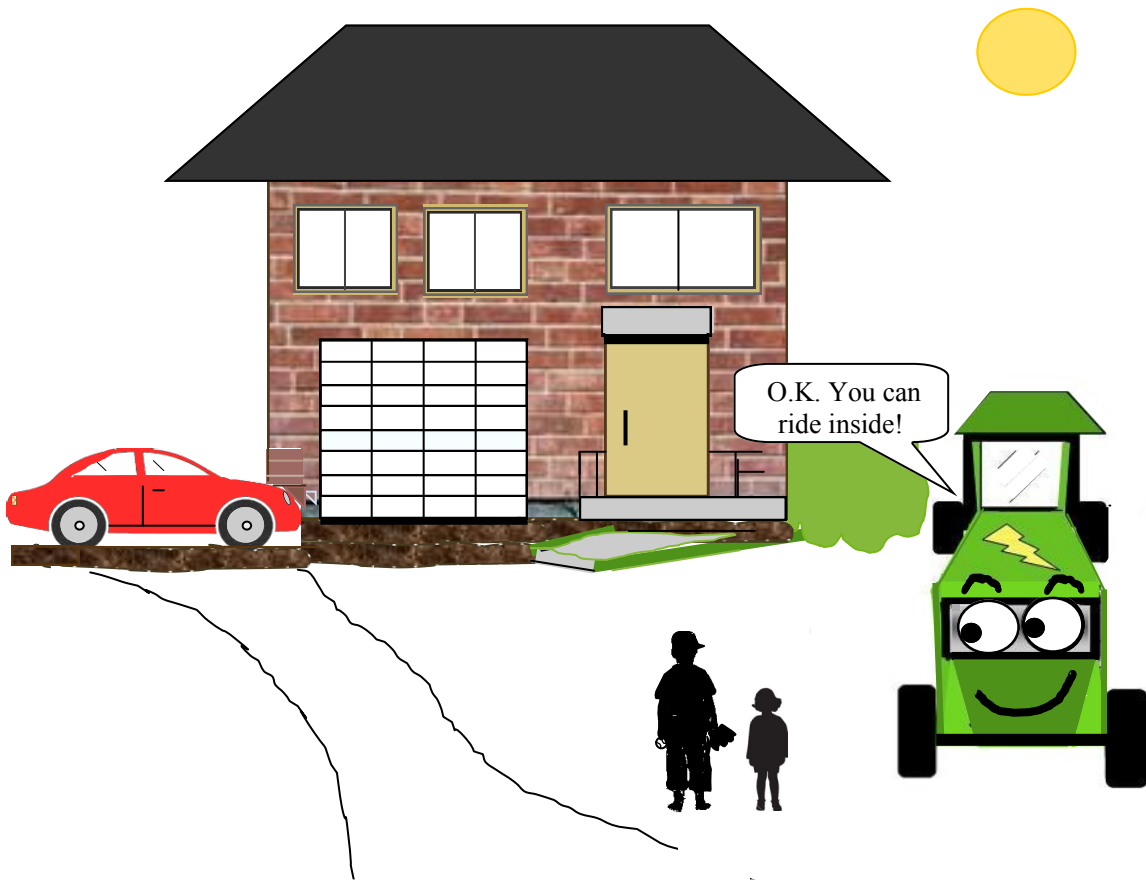
Pamela Pig stood up in the mud. She bent over on her left side, and then she bent on her right side. Tucker watched her and he will try it next.

First, Tucker turned to do the trick.

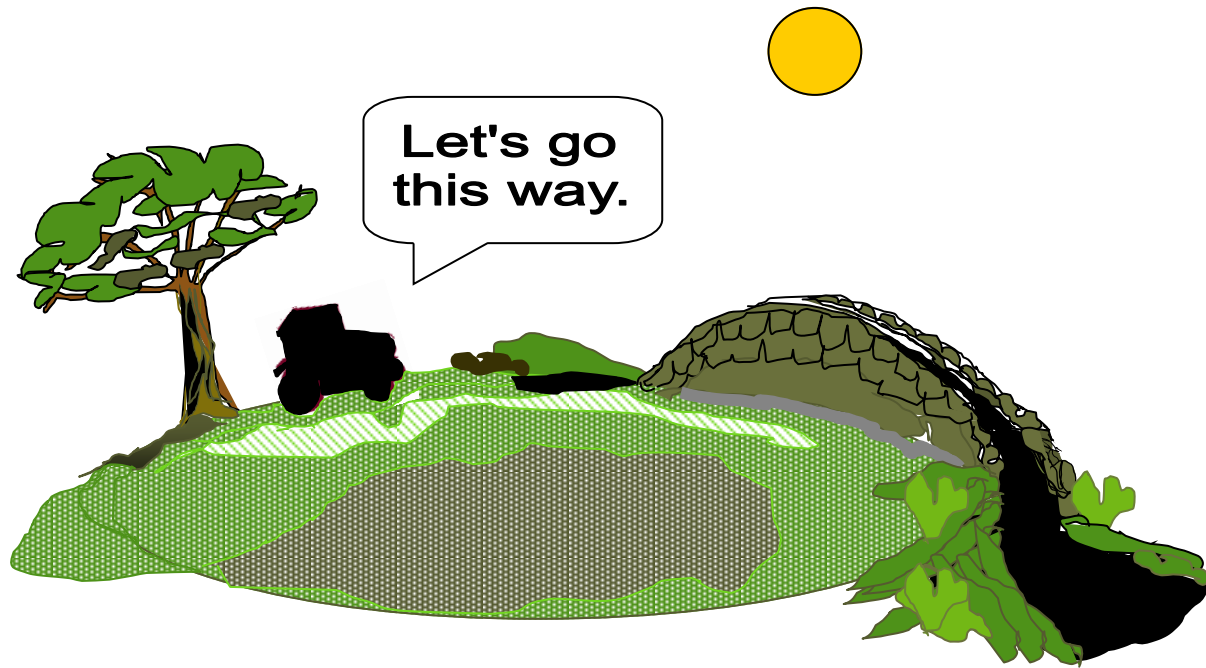


Next, He did it!

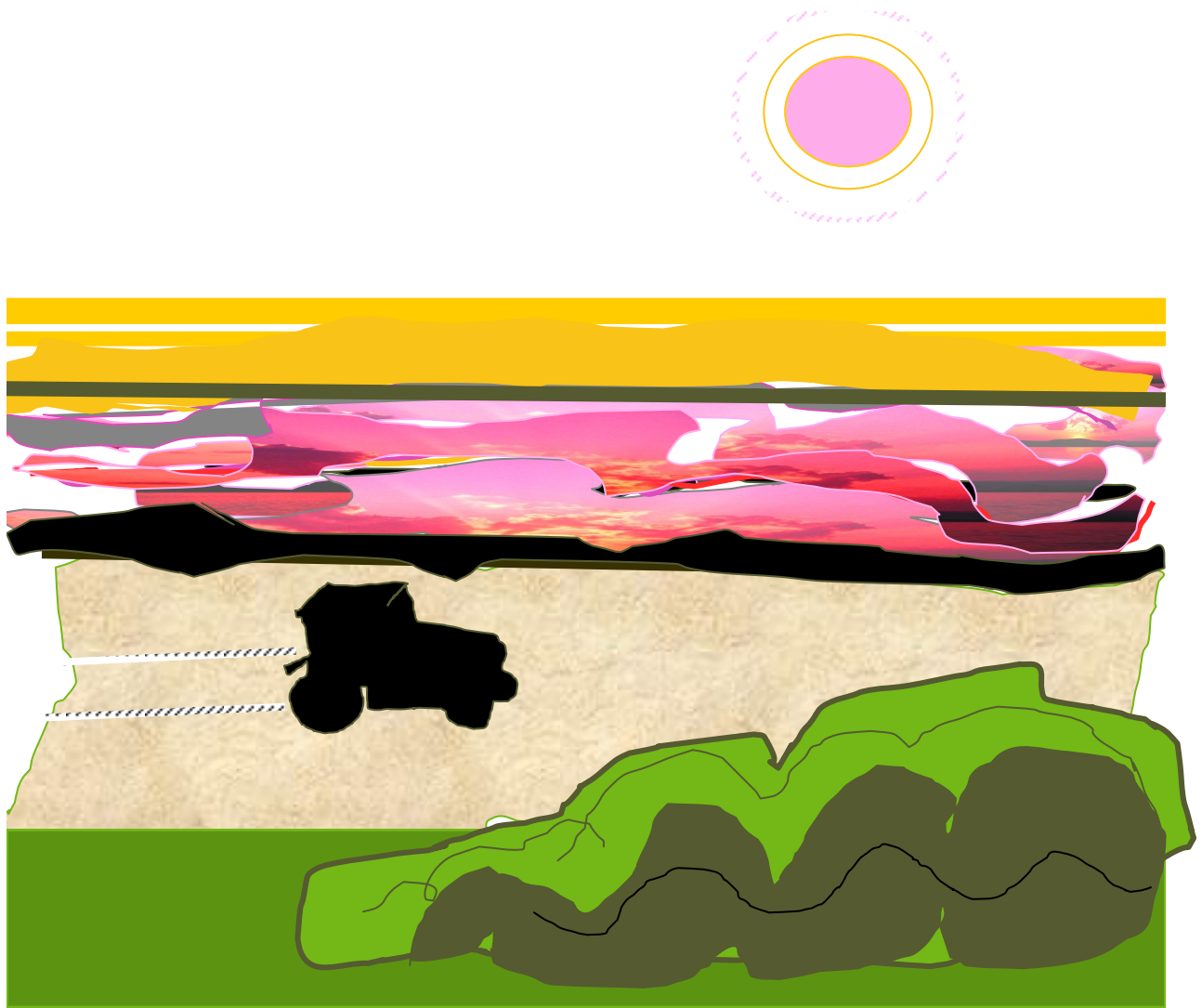




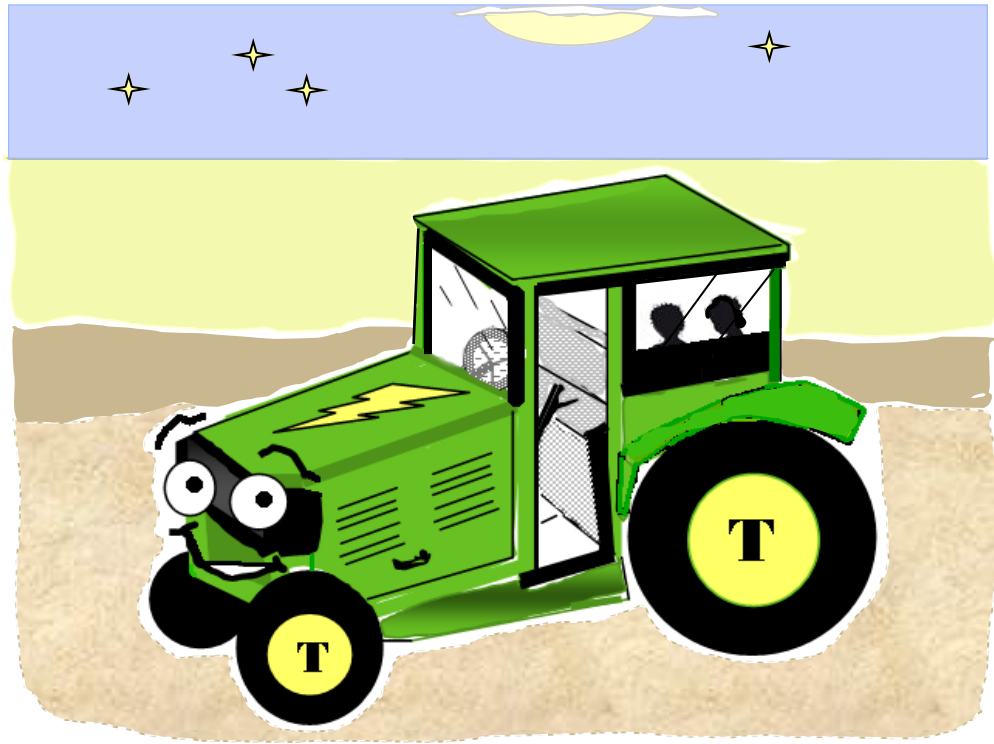
Then Tucker went to meet the new owners of the farm. He also met the children: a boy and girl. Their parents gave them permission to take a ride in Tucker's seat. The children's seat belts went on for a safe ride.



Tucker wanted to see some other places. This was his “doing something new” trick. He took the children up a hill and over a stone bridge. “No more rusting away, again!” said Tucker! “Let’s see more.”



Tricky Tucker drove the boy and girl to see the colorful river rapids before heading home. The sun was starting to set. How wonderful it looked.



“Hey, children, See the moon? It looks like it’s getting late,” said Tucker. “It’s time to get home for dinner and sleep. I hope you enjoyed our trip together. After I drop you off, I will be going to sleep for the night, too.”



Tucker dropped off the children as their parents greeted them. “Thank you, Tucker,” The children said. “See you tomorrow, said Tucker.” Then Tucker thought about his brand new day of doing tricks.

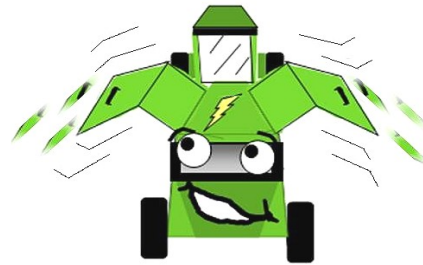
Tucker thought that perhaps the tricks he did this day were tricky ways to do exercises. It kept him in good shape. What do you think?

1. Gregory Goose's trick



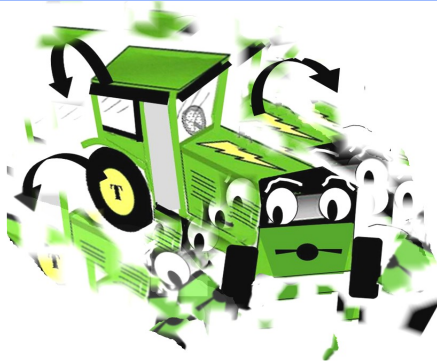
Blowing for good breathing

2. Ricky Rooster's Trick



Flapping for good arm strength

3. Pamela Pig's trick



Side moves for a flexible body

4. Tucker's new sights trick

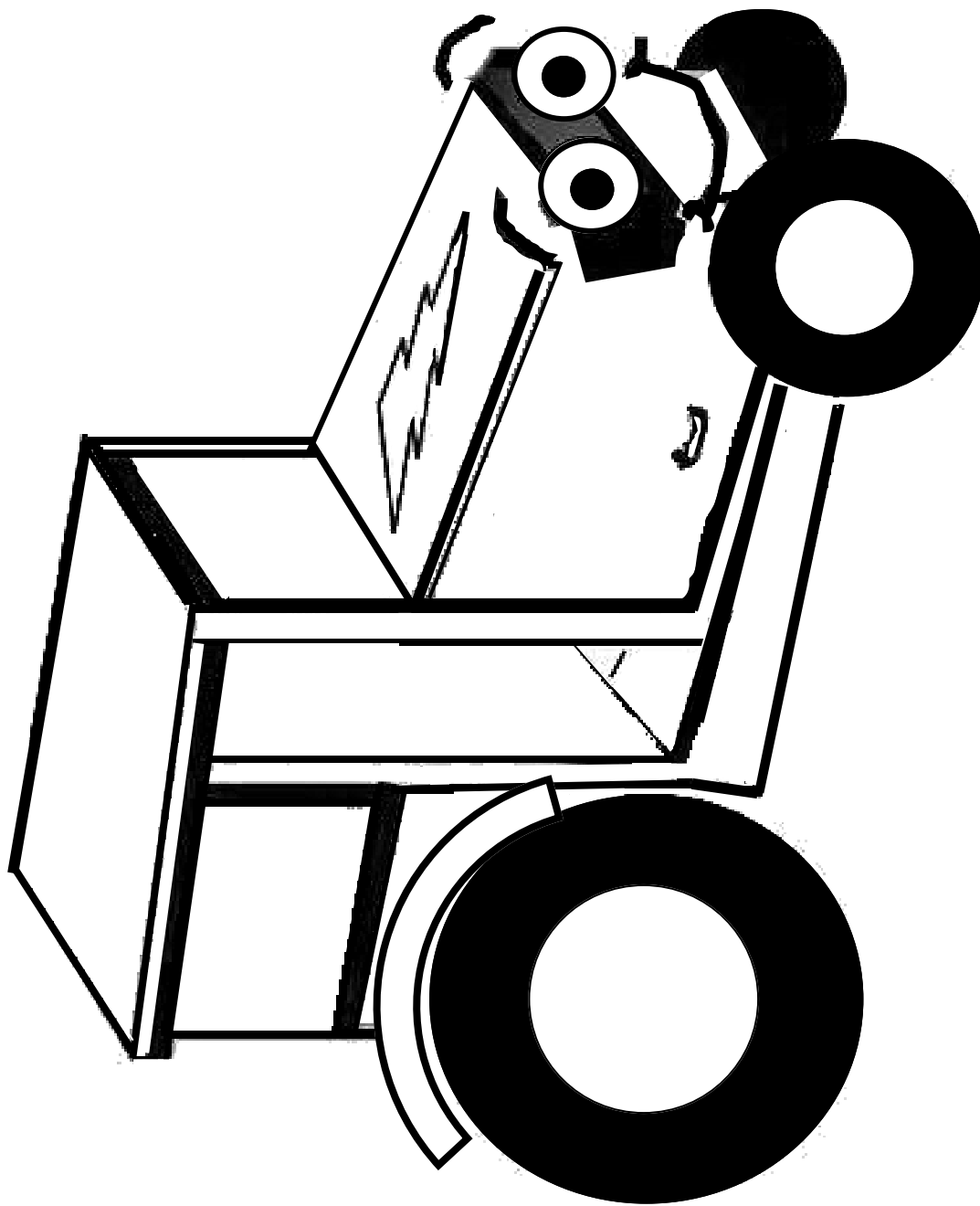


Do new things for a stronger brain



Tucker drove from the house to the barn to sleep. He is able to go anywhere he wanted. He did many tricks. Now he had someone to love, and someone loved him. He was brand new again. Tomorrow will be even better.

THE END



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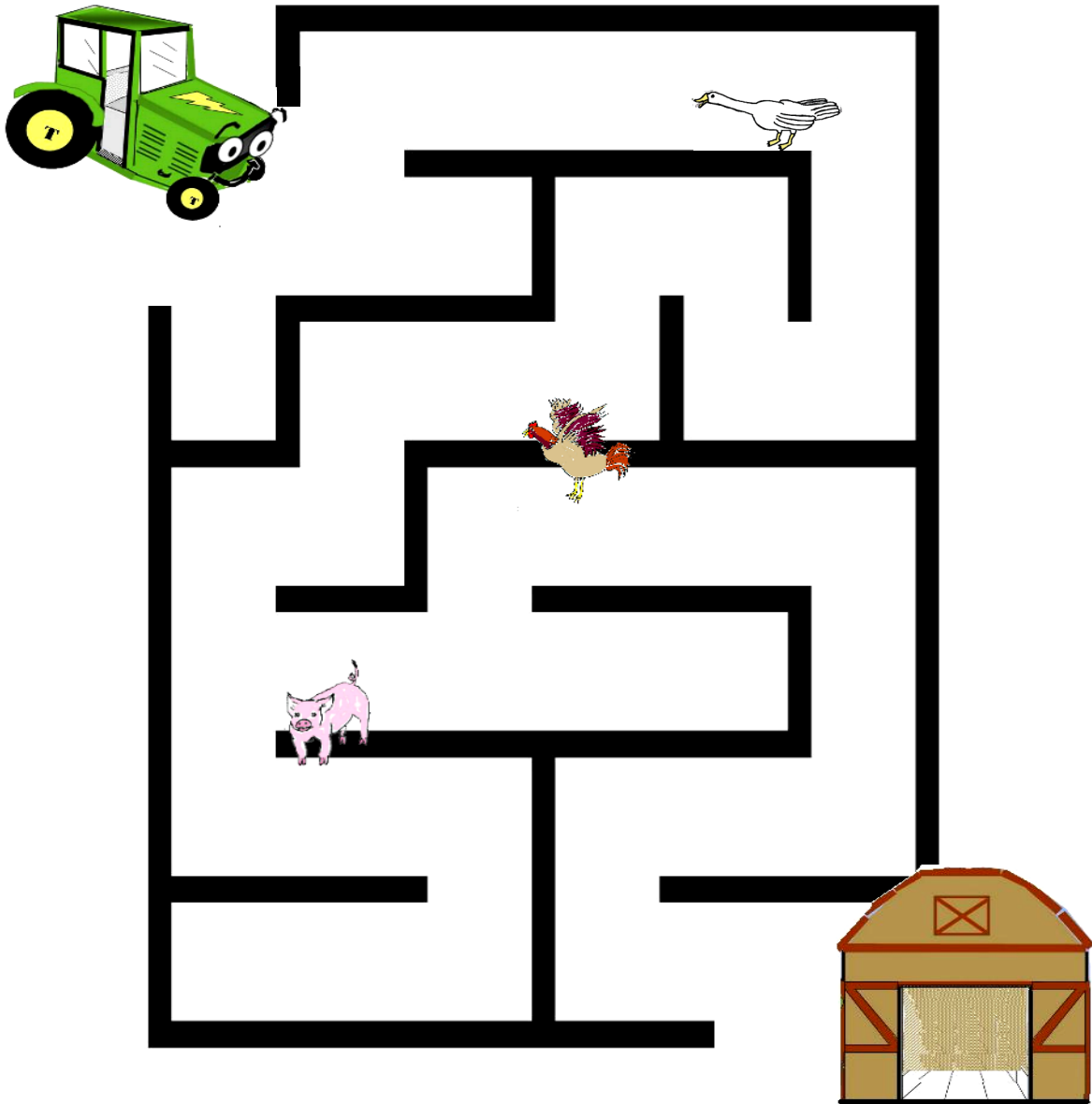
Name something you learned. Name a new place you visited. Name someone you met.

Name something that changed you. Name an exercise you did. Name a dream goal.

Write in these boxes, or paste photos. See how much you have grown smarter and stronger.

Draw a path for Tucker to get to his barn.

The farm animals may help him or trick him.



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Author's Notes:

“After recovering from a quadruple by-pass heart surgery, it came to mind that many people recover from various stages of being stuck in, or struck by a situation that’s out of their control. After they come through it by some intervening miracle or self help, then life begins anew. I had my lightning bolt: a literal Wake-Up-Call that certainly changed my outlook. My potential was stagnating and rusting away before that struck me. Let’s remind ourselves to not procrastinate; Do what you were meant to do. How? By trying something new and positive. Why? Because you may not ever get another chance. Put fear aside. Seek, try, and grow.”

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Book Review

Tucker the Tricky Green Tractor by Lynn Darby creatively encourages children to be active and undertake new adventures.

Picture

Tucker is a rusted and broken down tractor, who sits alone in a field. Tucker longs to have someone to love. One day Tucker is caught in a terrible lightning storm. Feeling frightened Tucker yells for help, but no one hears his cries. However, this was no ordinary storm, this was a magic storm and Tucker is transformed into a beautiful shiny green tractor with a new engine. He can hardly wait to explore the farm and meet the new family that lives in the farmhouse.

Children will join Tucker as he learns new tricks from several different farm animals. They will also delight in Tucker's happiness as he rides off into the sunset with his new friends. Has Tucker finally found someone to love?

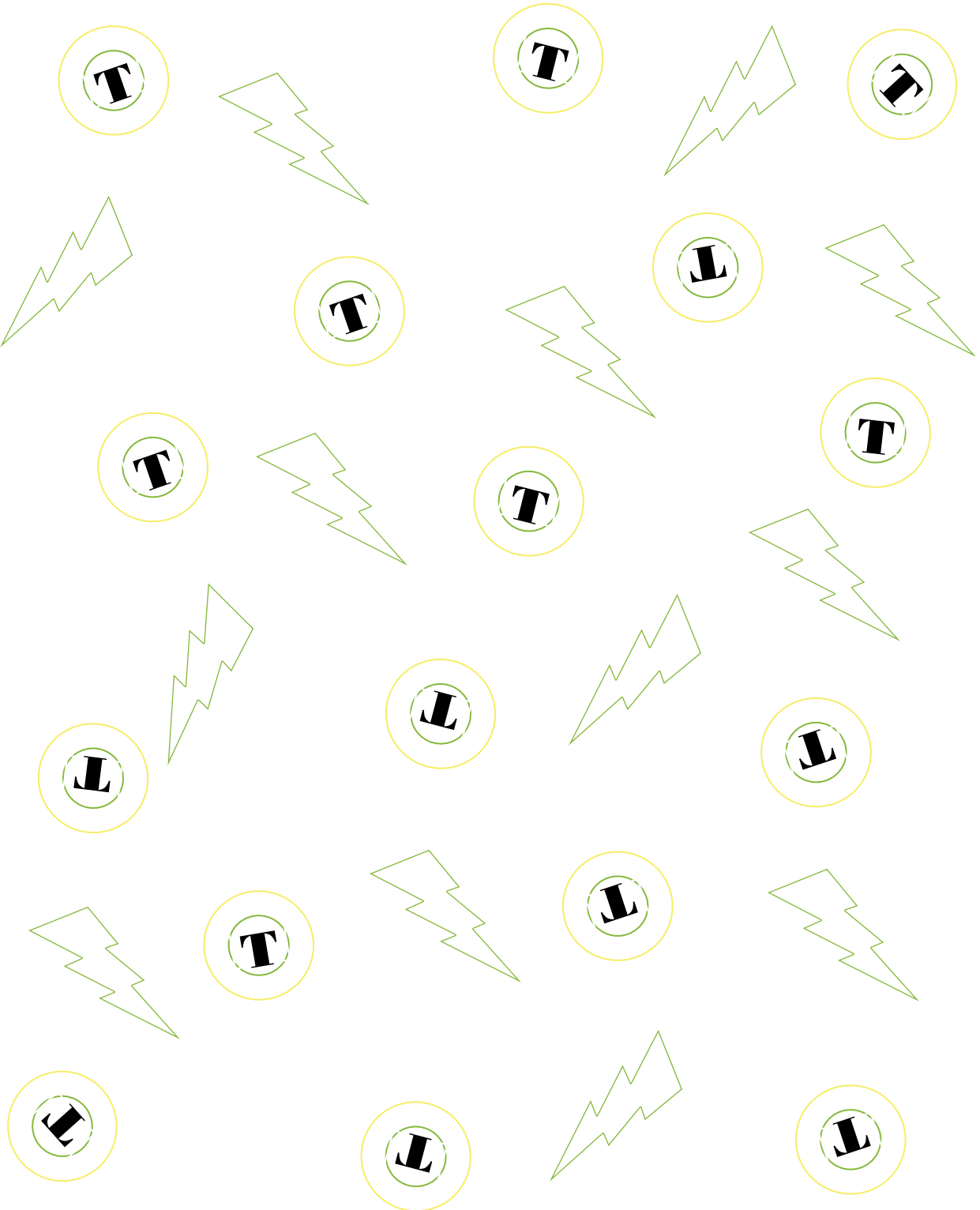
Lynn Darby does a wonderful job of incorporating the benefits of physical activity into a fun story line children will enjoy. Her upbeat illustrations add to the adventure and children will want to read Tucker the Tricky Green Tractor again and again.

I recommend picking up a copy at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and www.lynnardarbycreations.com

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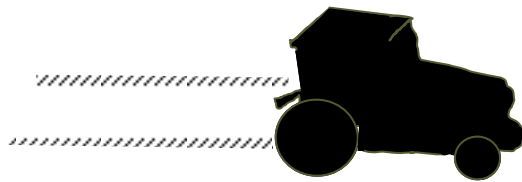




See Tucker recover from a rusted life and discover a new life. Although frightened to try new things, he is at least determined to give them a try. His new animal and human friends give him encouragement.

“Put fear aside. Seek, try, and grow.”

-Lynn Darby 2012



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