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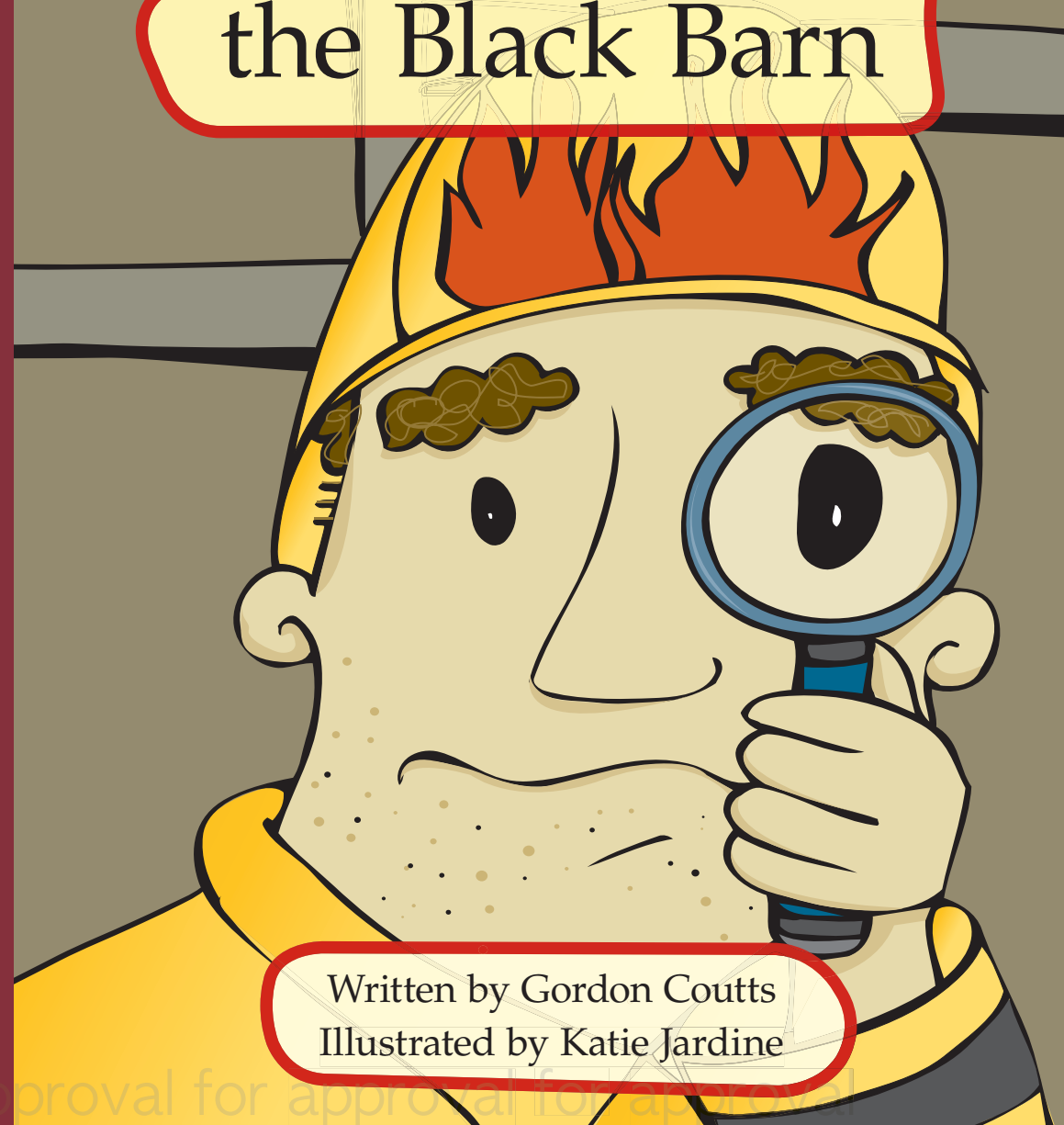
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Big Ted, Josh, and Paul were playing cards in the fire station.

“Snap!” shouted Big Ted. “I win again!”

“Drat,” said Josh. “You’re too sharp for us, Ted. That’s why you keep winning.”

But just then, the station alarm blared out! So the three firefighters leaped into action.

Big Ted, Josh, and Paul put on their gear and clambered into the fire engine.



Wooo-wooo-wooo-wooo-wooo went the siren,
as the fire engine screeched out of the station.

“Where’s the fire, Ted?” asked Paul.

“It’s at Farmer Palmer’s farm,” said Big Ted.
“She said her black barn is on fire. It’s burning
fast, so we must hurry.”

The firefighters raced to Farmer Palmer’s farm.

“Quick!” shouted Farmer Palmer. “Our black barn
is burning down! You must try to save it!”

Big Ted, Josh, and Paul sprayed the huge flames
with blasts of water from their hose. They sprayed
and sprayed until, finally, the fire was out.



The firefighters saved the black barn. But it was badly damaged. As a result, it would need a lot of repairs.

“Thank you, Big Ted, Josh, and Paul,” said Farmer Palmer. “Because of your bravery, you saved our barn. I wonder how the fire started, though.”

“That’s a big mystery at the moment,” said Big Ted. “But we’ll get to the bottom of it.”

Big Ted got his fire investigation kit and magnifying glass from the fire engine.

“Come on, lads,” said Big Ted. “Let’s solve the mystery of the black barn!”

