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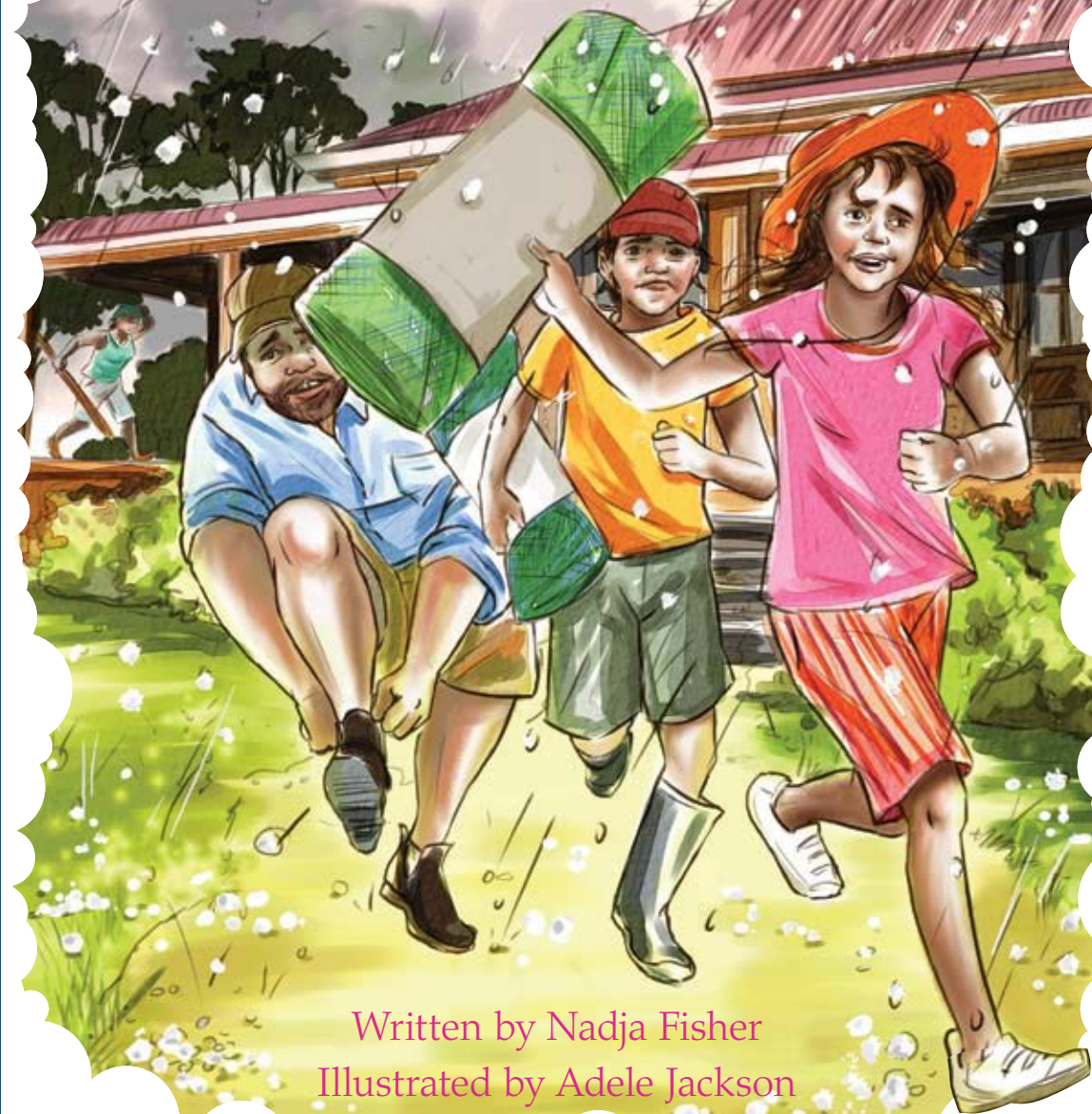
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Without warning, huge hailstones hammered down from the sky. Anka and Miro ran outside carrying nets. The hailstones plopped on the ground or crashed into the cherry trees.

“Quick!” Mum shouted through the noise. “The nets over the trees have become too heavy, so we have to shake off the hailstones. We have to replace damaged nets, too. If we don’t keep our trees covered, our harvest will be destroyed!”

Everyone on the farm was trying to protect the ripe fruit by shaking the heavy hailstones off the nets. They replaced nets that had been blown off or that had holes in them.



Minutes later, it was all over. The clouds parted. The sun came out. Everyone stood around, looking at the damage the hail had caused. Because the hailstones had been huge, most of the cherries were bruised.

“What do we do now?” Miro asked. “We were so close to the harvest. Now, the cherries are all damaged, so we can’t sell them fresh anymore.”



Dad gave Mum a worried look.

“We have to harvest them,” Joan, who was the person in charge, said.

“Yes,” Dad agreed. “We have to pick them as soon as we can. If we can’t sell them, we will lose a lot of money.”

The neighbours had heard about the disaster at Cherry Farm so they came to help. They all grabbed containers. They strapped them around their shoulders and waists. They spread out across the orchard.

