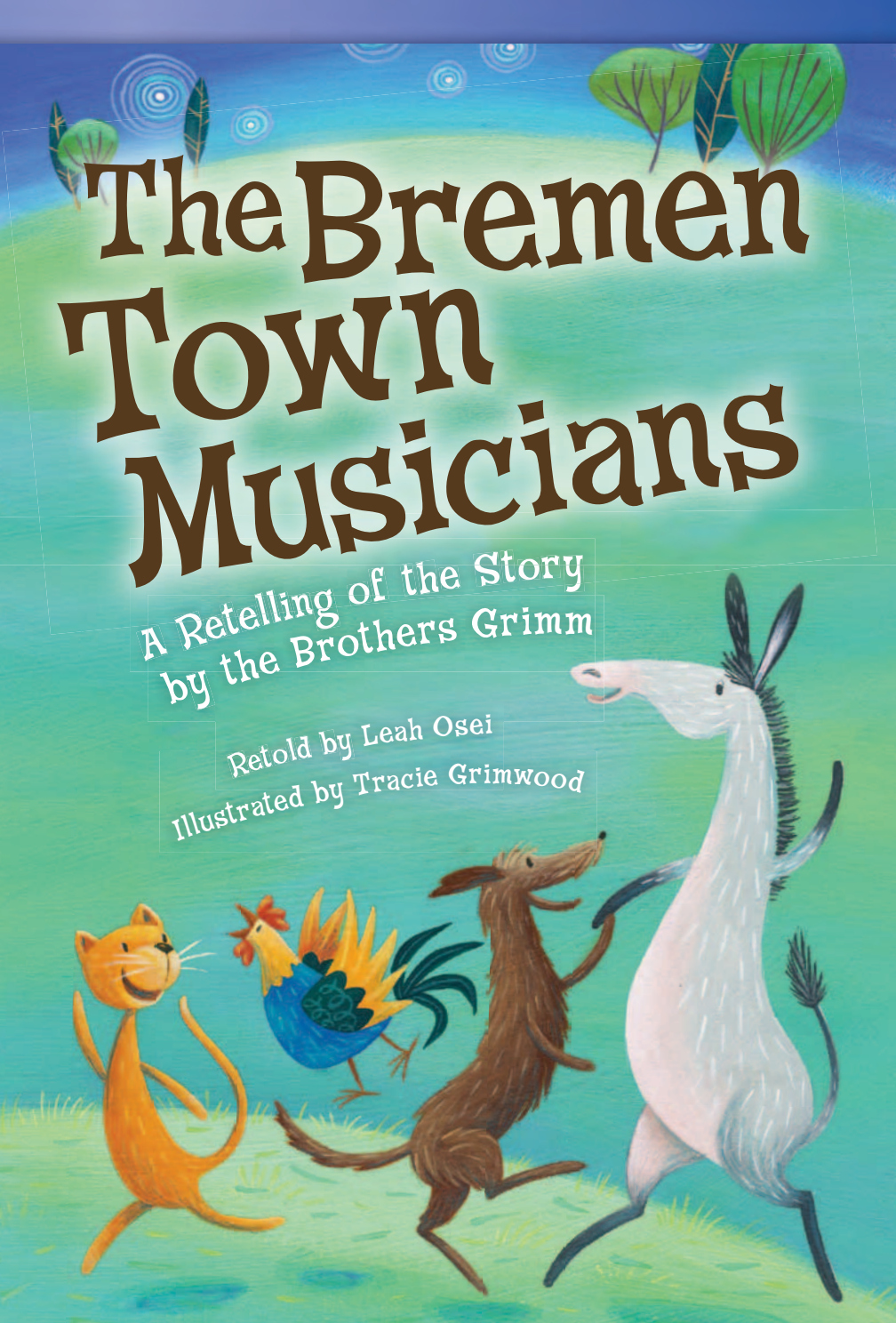
The Bremen Town Musicians

A Retelling of the Story by the Brothers Grimm

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Chapter One

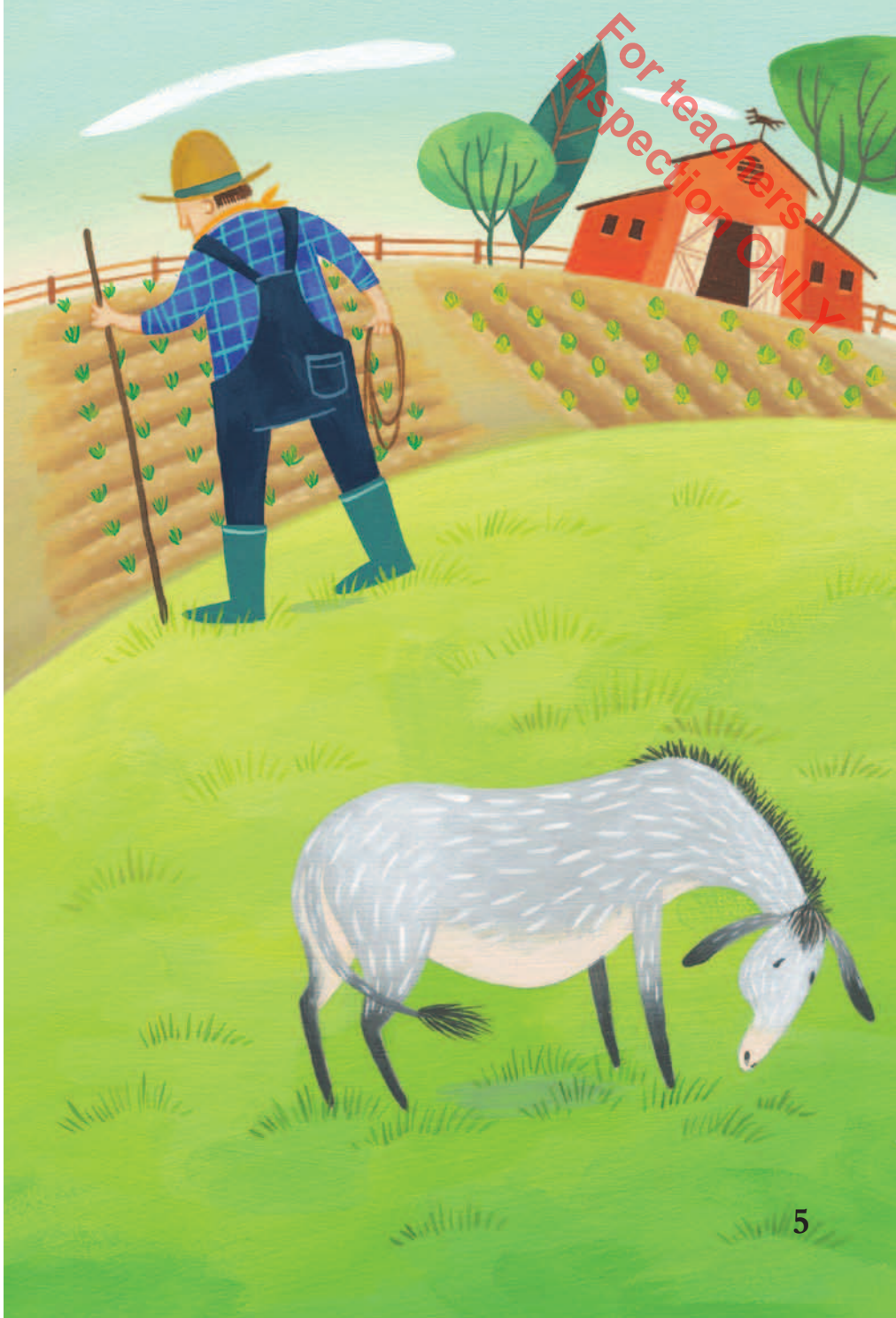
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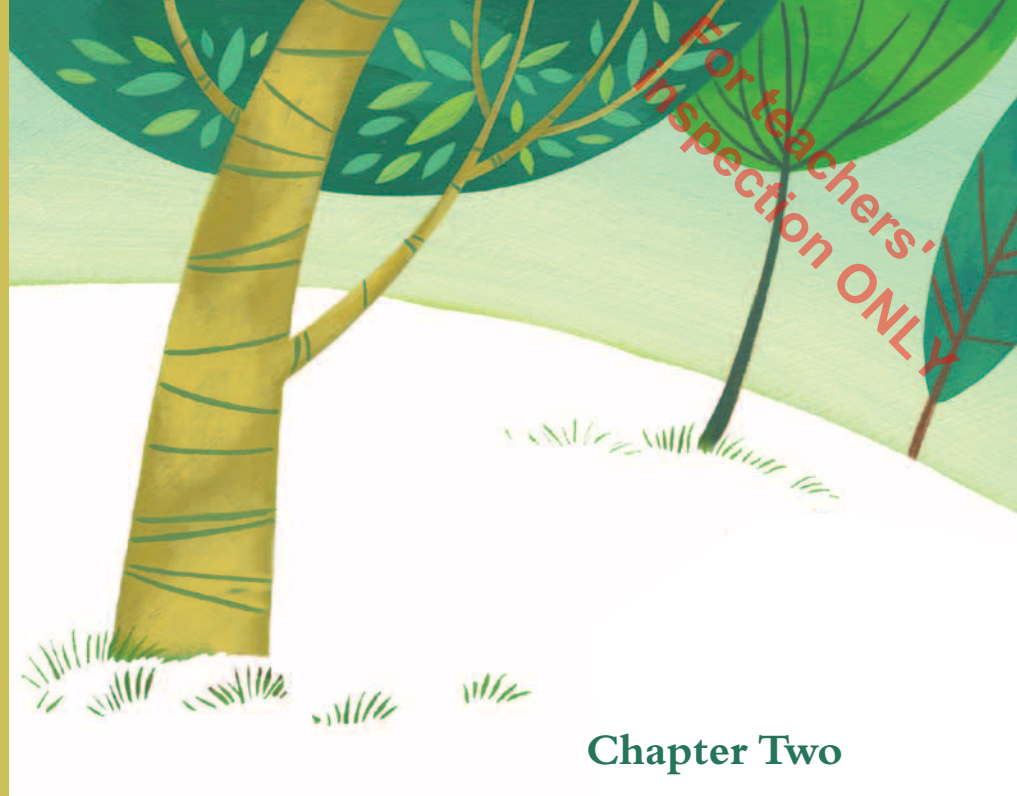
Once upon a time, a farmer had a donkey that had served him for many years. Donkey carried sacks of grain to the mill and potatoes to the market.



As the years passed, Donkey grew old and weak. He could no longer serve the farmer well. The farmer decided he must send Donkey far away. Donkey was very sad that this was to be his reward for having been such a faithful worker.

Donkey was worried until an idea came to him. "I know," he cried, "I will go away. I will run to Bremen and become a musician."


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Chapter Two

Escape!

Donkey ran across the field, jumped over the fence, and ran along the road to Bremen, singing happily as he went.

After a while, he saw something by the side of the road. It was a very old, sad-looking dog. Donkey asked, "Why are you sad, Dog?"

Dog replied, "Every day, I grow older and weaker. I can no longer round up sheep for my master. He is planning to send me away."

"Well! Why don't you run away with me to Bremen and become a musician?" asked Donkey.

"Yes! I'd like that," said Dog, wagging his tail.

Donkey and Dog set off along the road, singing happily as they went.



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