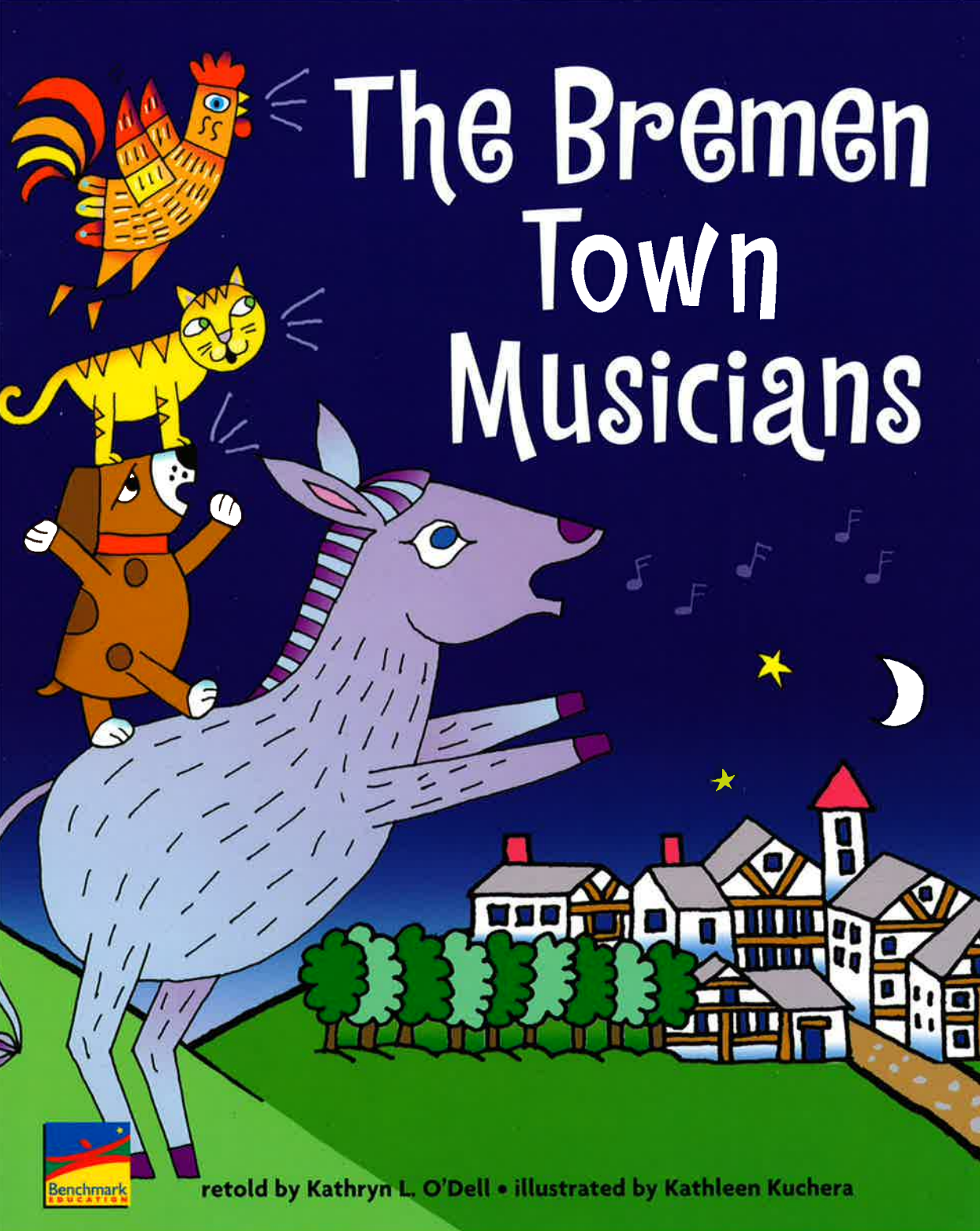
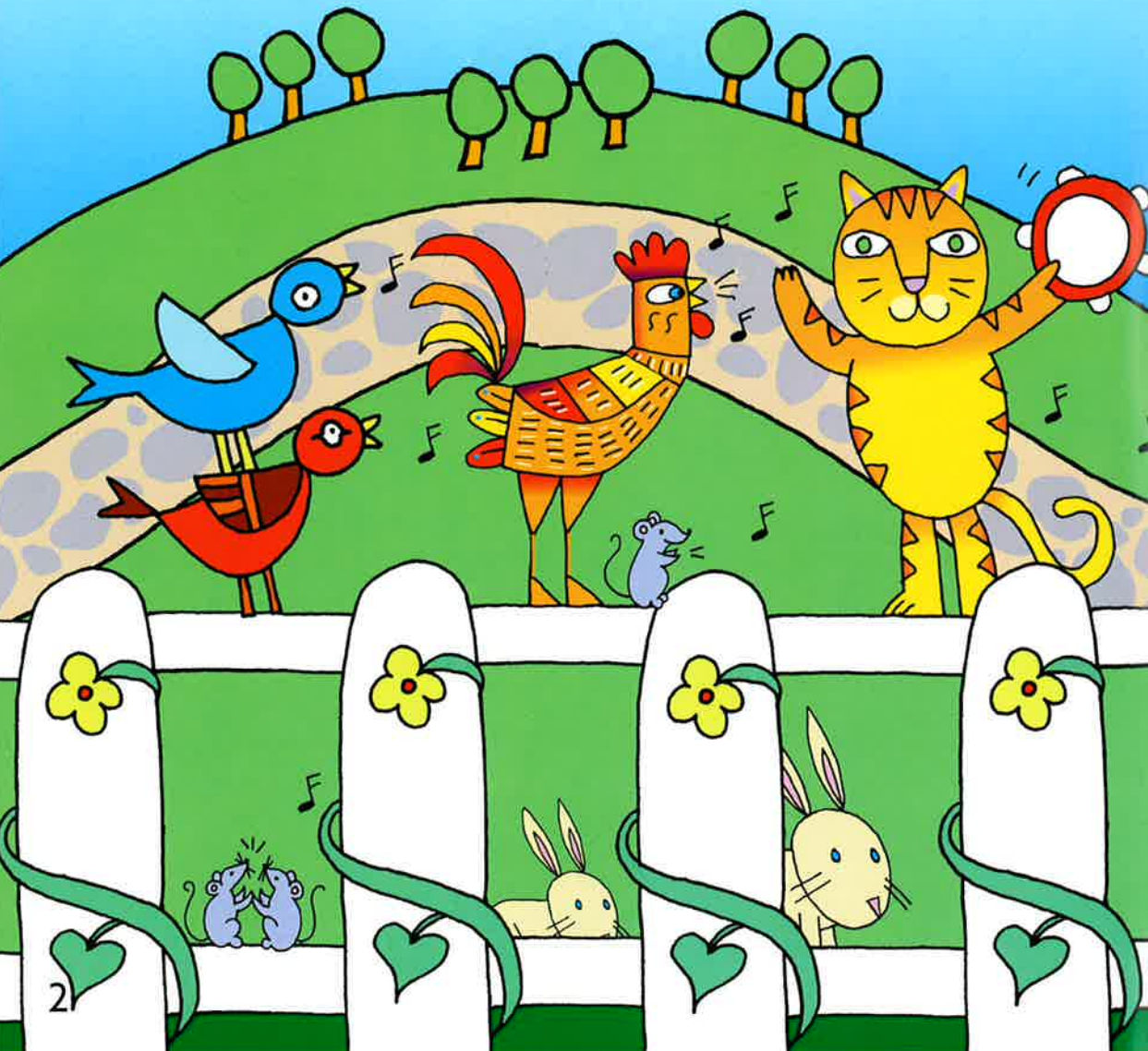

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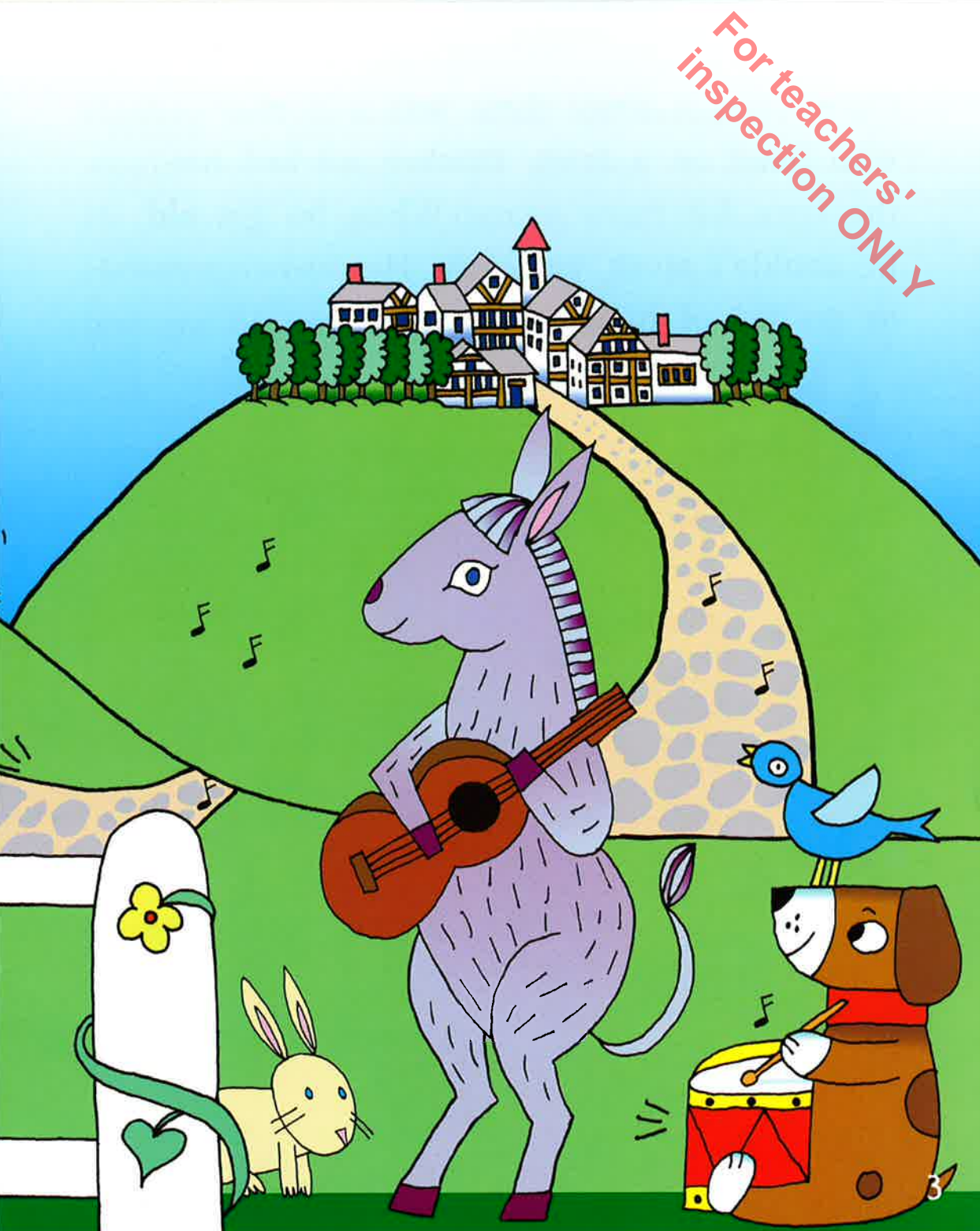
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Visualize

What do you think you would hear if you were in this picture?



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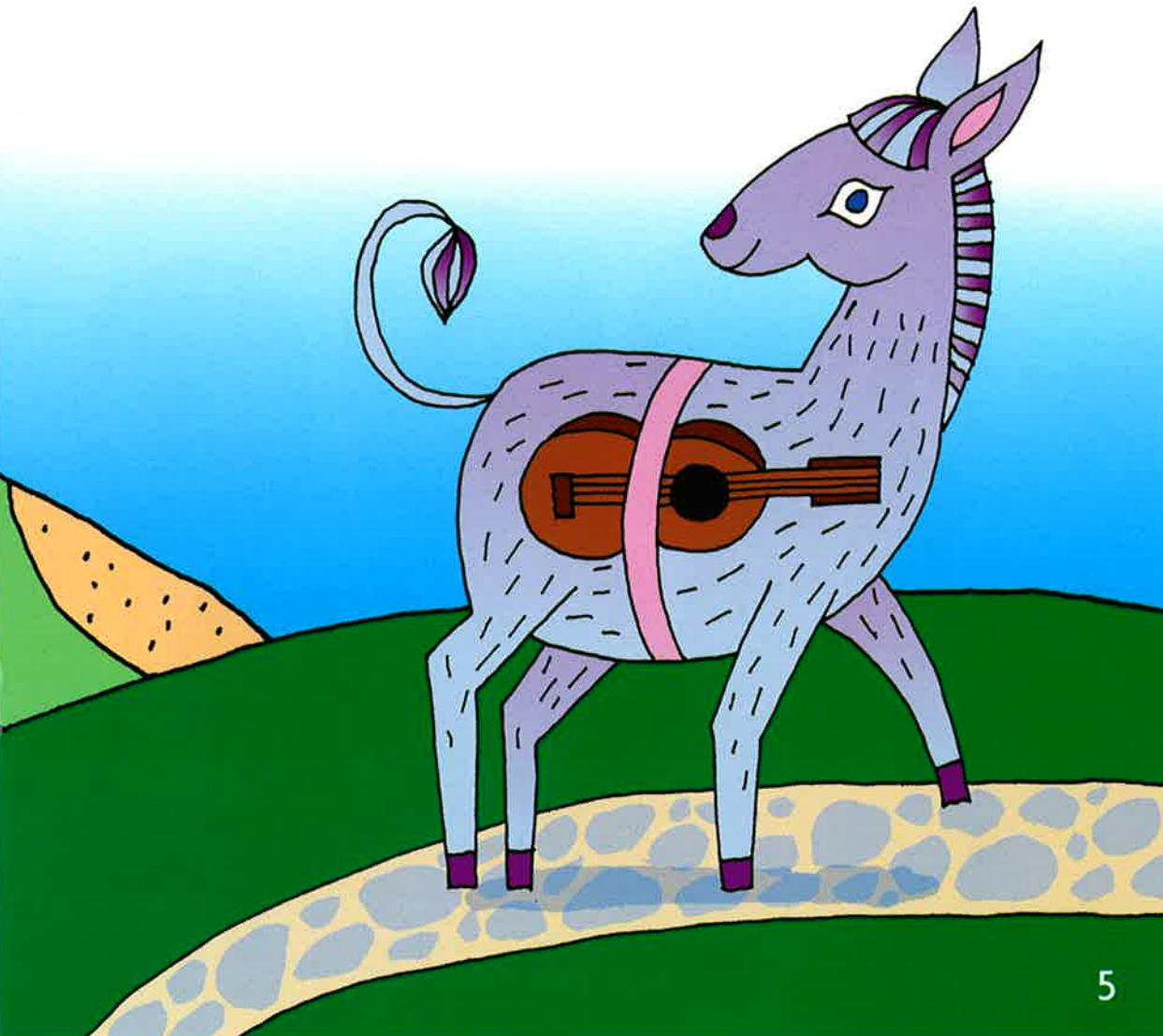
Once upon a time, there was a donkey who lived on a farm. Donkey worked on the farm for many years. When he got old, he couldn't work very fast. His owner wanted to get rid of him.



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Donkey was afraid of what his owner would do to him, so he decided to leave. He wanted to go to the town of Bremen. He wanted to be a musician, so he brought his guitar with him.



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On the way, Donkey saw a friendly dog. "Hello, Dog," said Donkey. "How are you this morning?"

Dog said, "I feel bad. My owner wants to get rid of me because I'm old."

Donkey said, "Come with me to Bremen. I'm going to be a musician. You can be in my band."

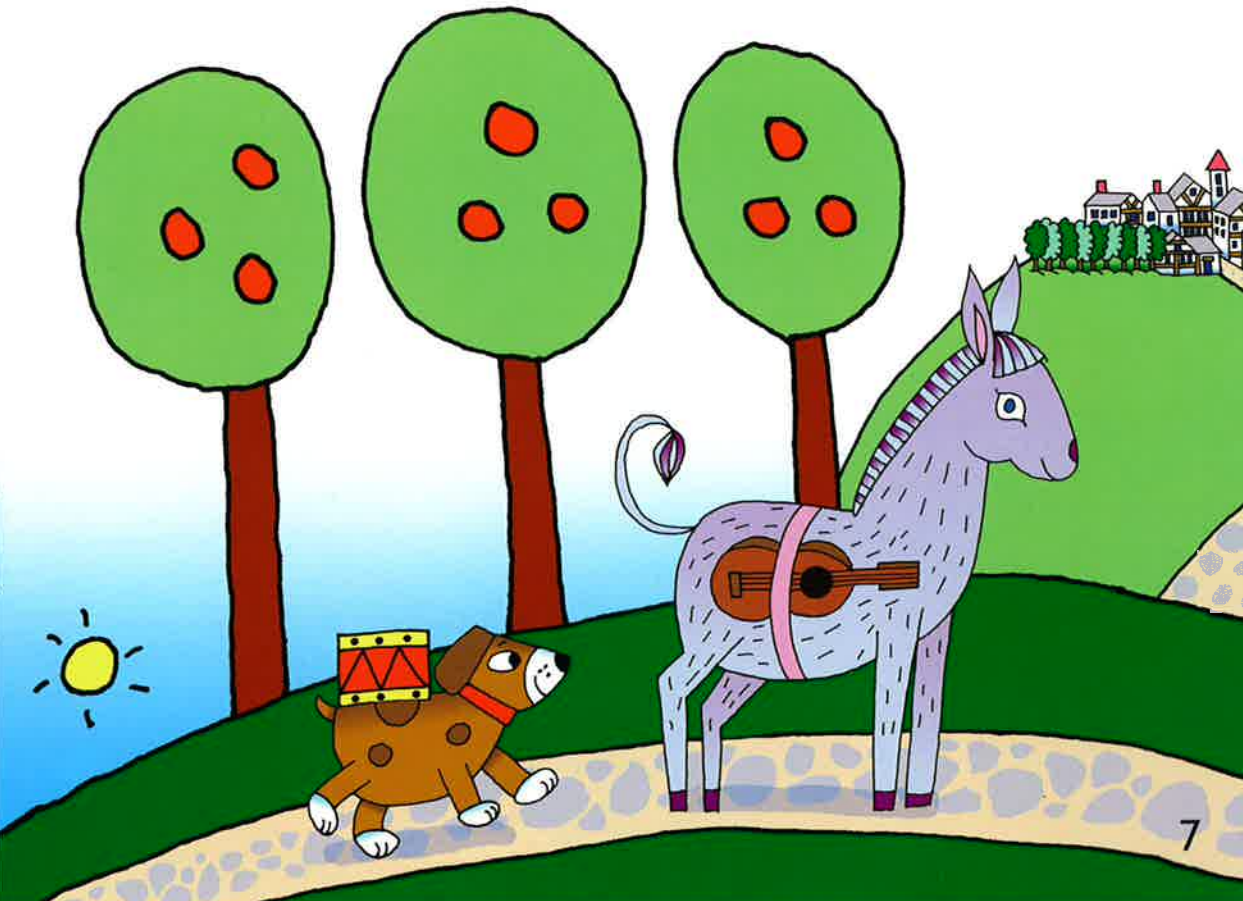


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Dog said, "I play the drums."

Donkey said, "That's great! I need a drummer in my band."

Donkey and Dog walked down the road toward the town of Bremen. Donkey had his guitar, and Dog brought her drum.



On the way, they saw a beautiful cat. "Hello, Cat," said Donkey. "How are you this afternoon?"

Cat said, "I feel awful. My owner wants to get rid of me because I'm old."

Donkey said, "Come with us to Bremen. We are going to be musicians. You can be in our band."



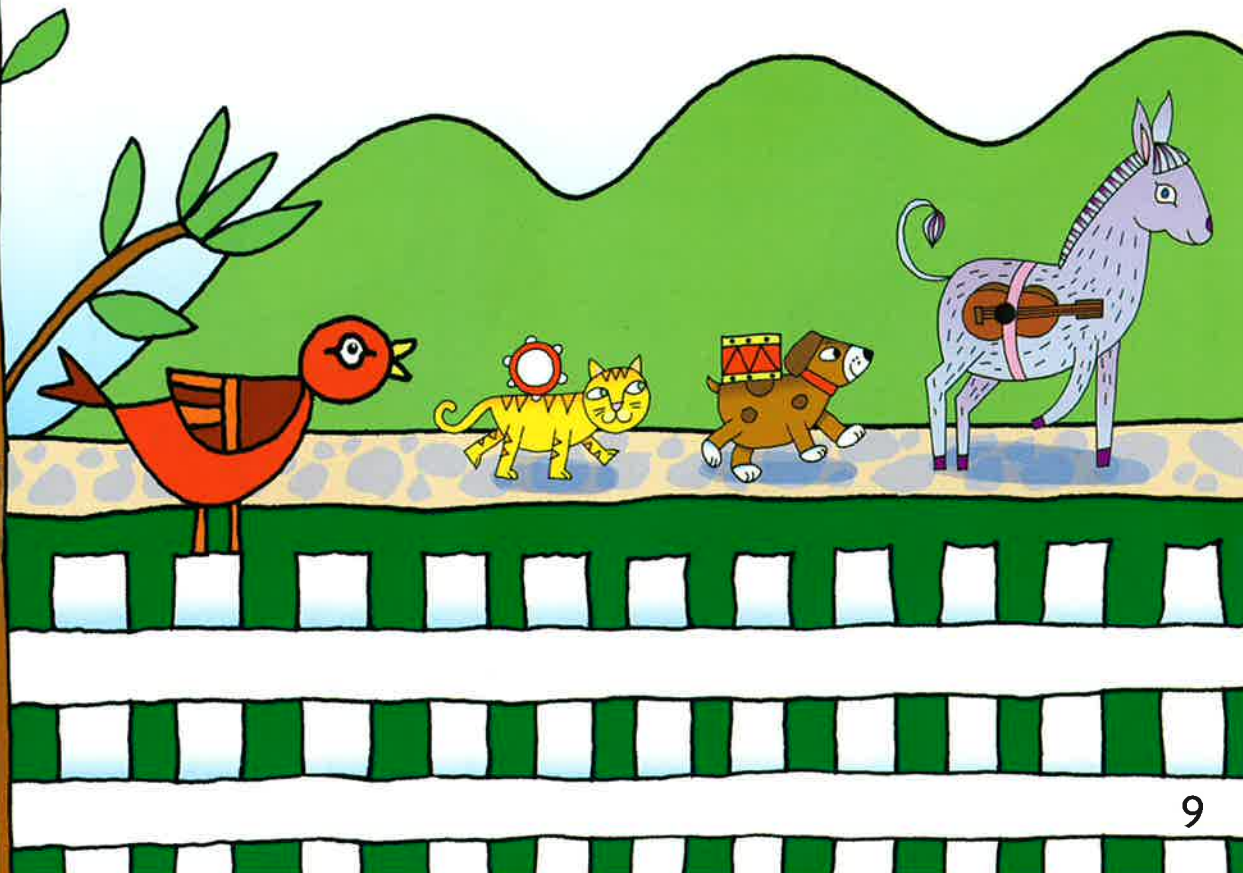
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Cat said, "I play the tambourine."

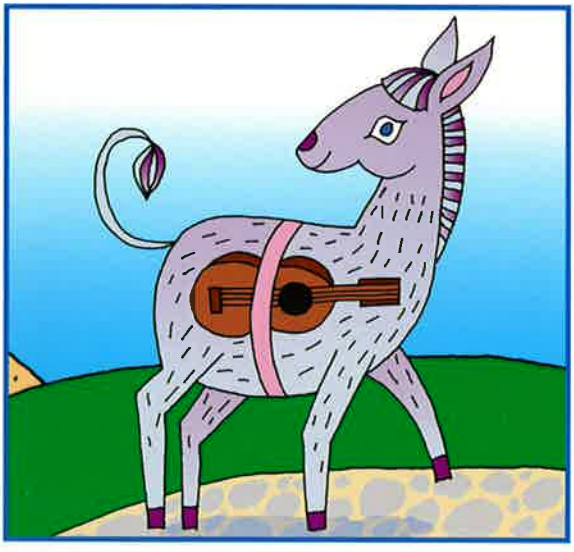
Donkey said, "That's terrific! We need a tambourine player in our band."

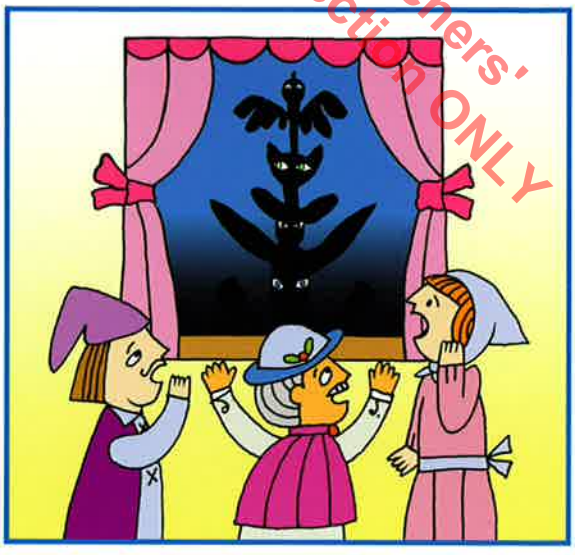
Donkey, Dog, and Cat walked down the road toward the town of Bremen. Donkey had his guitar, Dog had her drum, and Cat brought her tambourine.



What happened in this fairy tale?

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Analyze Story Elements

What did Donkey want at the beginning of the story?