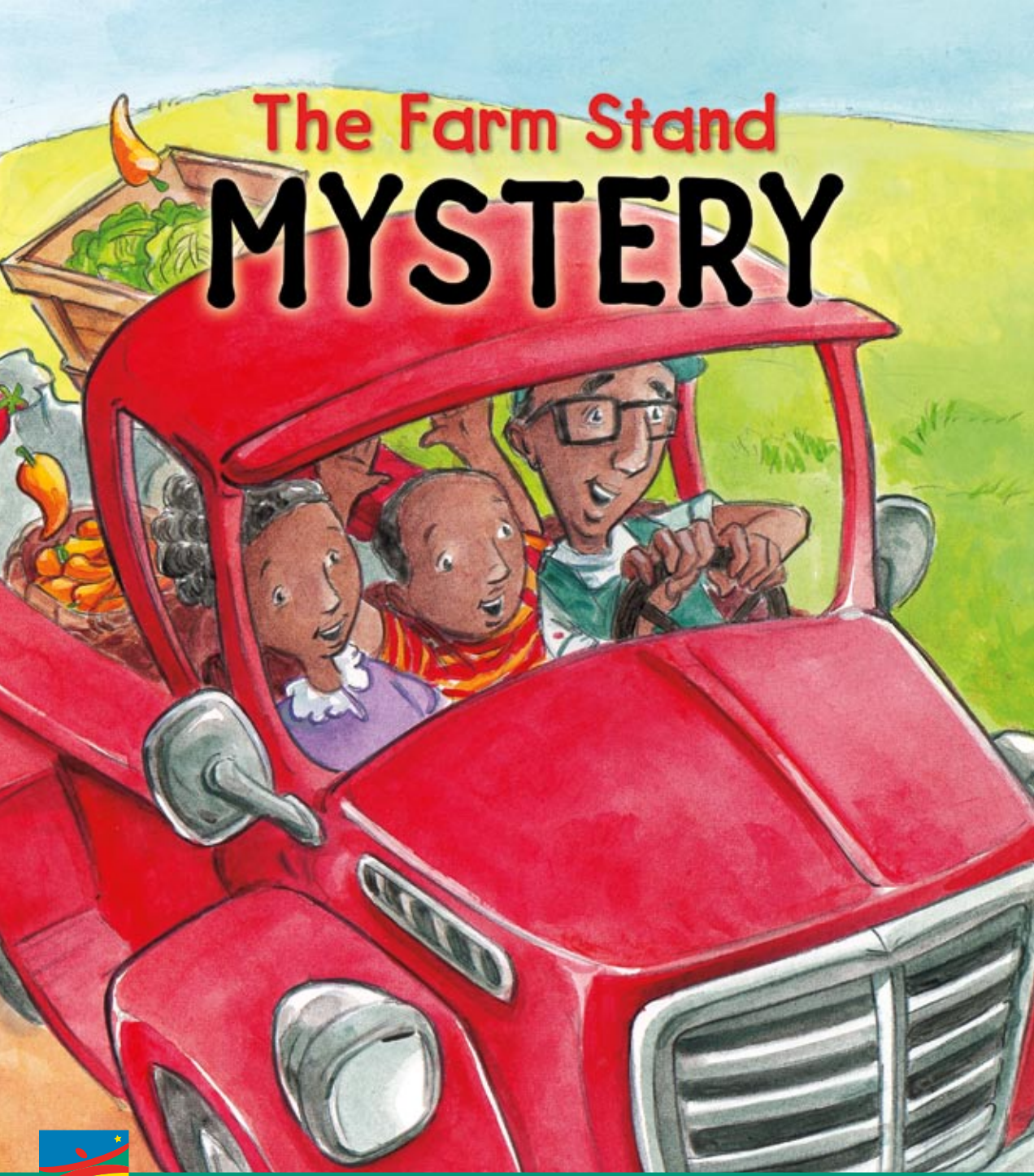
The Farm Stand MYSTERY



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Summary

Penny Porto helps Dad and the kids figure out what happened to their missing vegetables.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Ask questions

Comprehension
- Summarize

Phonics
- Variant vowel /or/ (more, Nora, Porto)

Word Study
- Adjectives (best, different, fresh)

Fluency
- Read with dramatic expression

Fiction Genre
- Realistic fiction

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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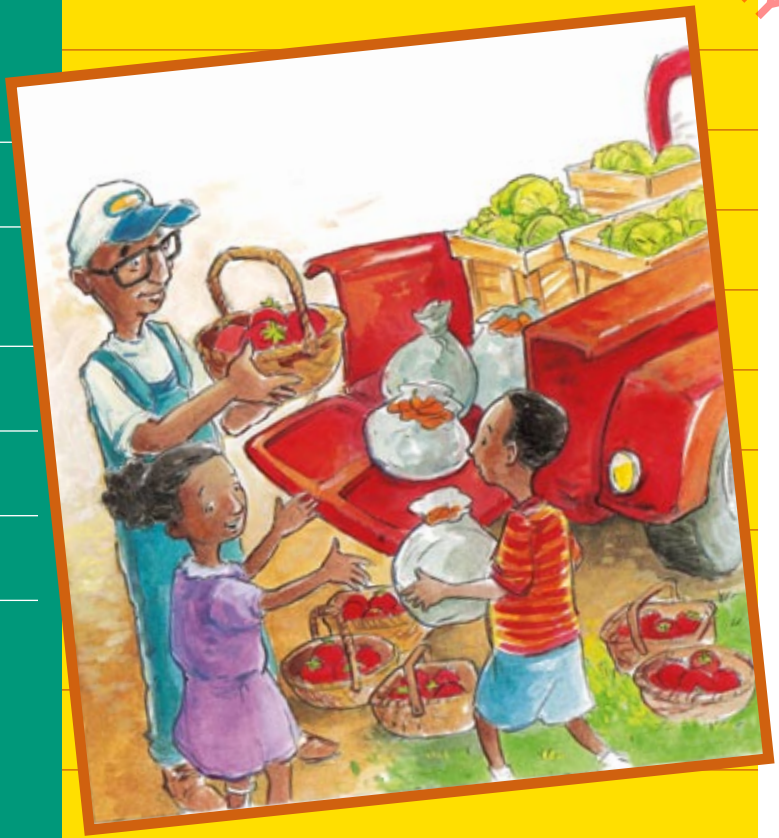
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Dad



Matt



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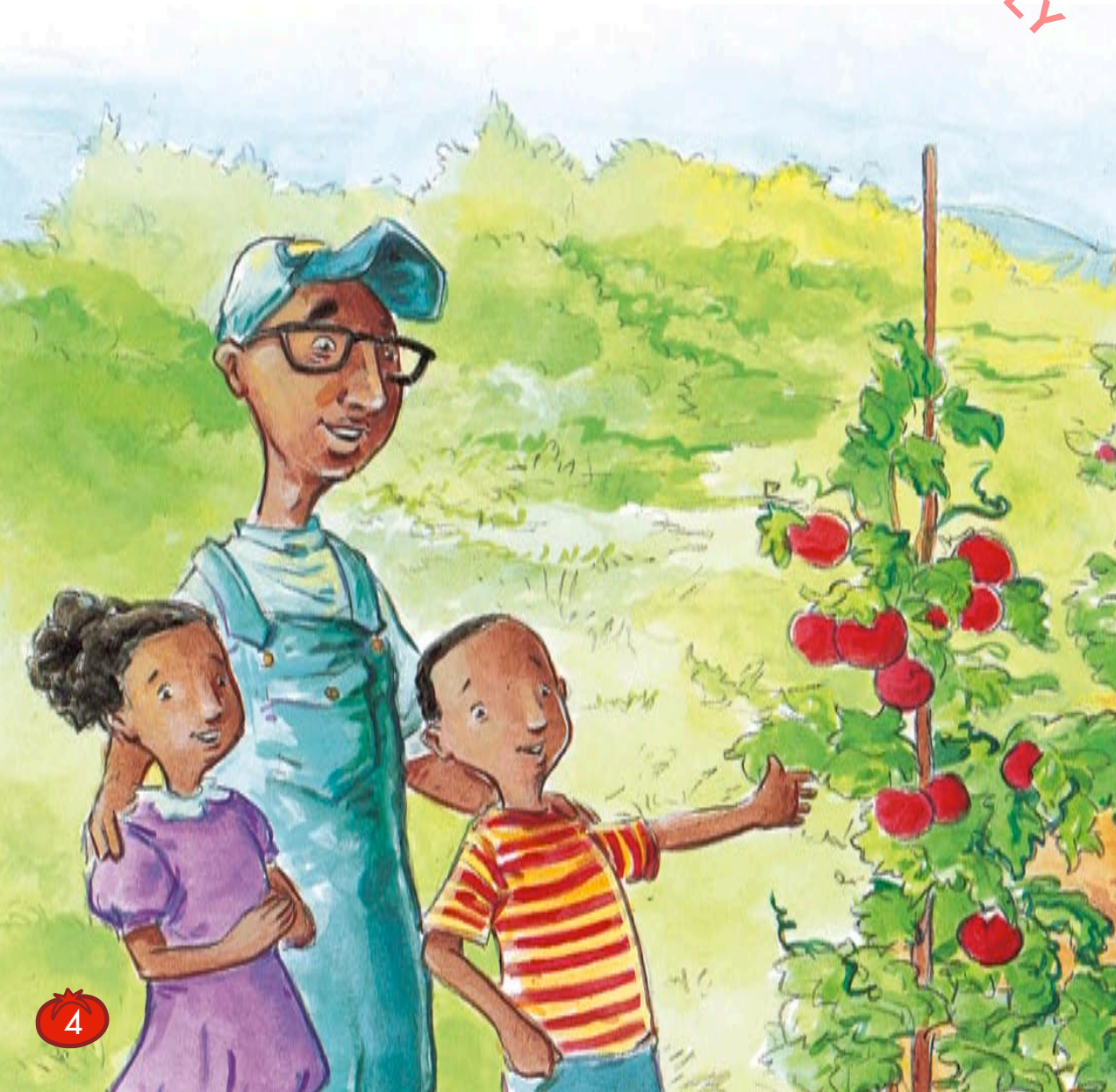
Nora



Penny Porto



Dad says, "Kids, let's pick the vegetables. I think we will have the best farm stand ever."



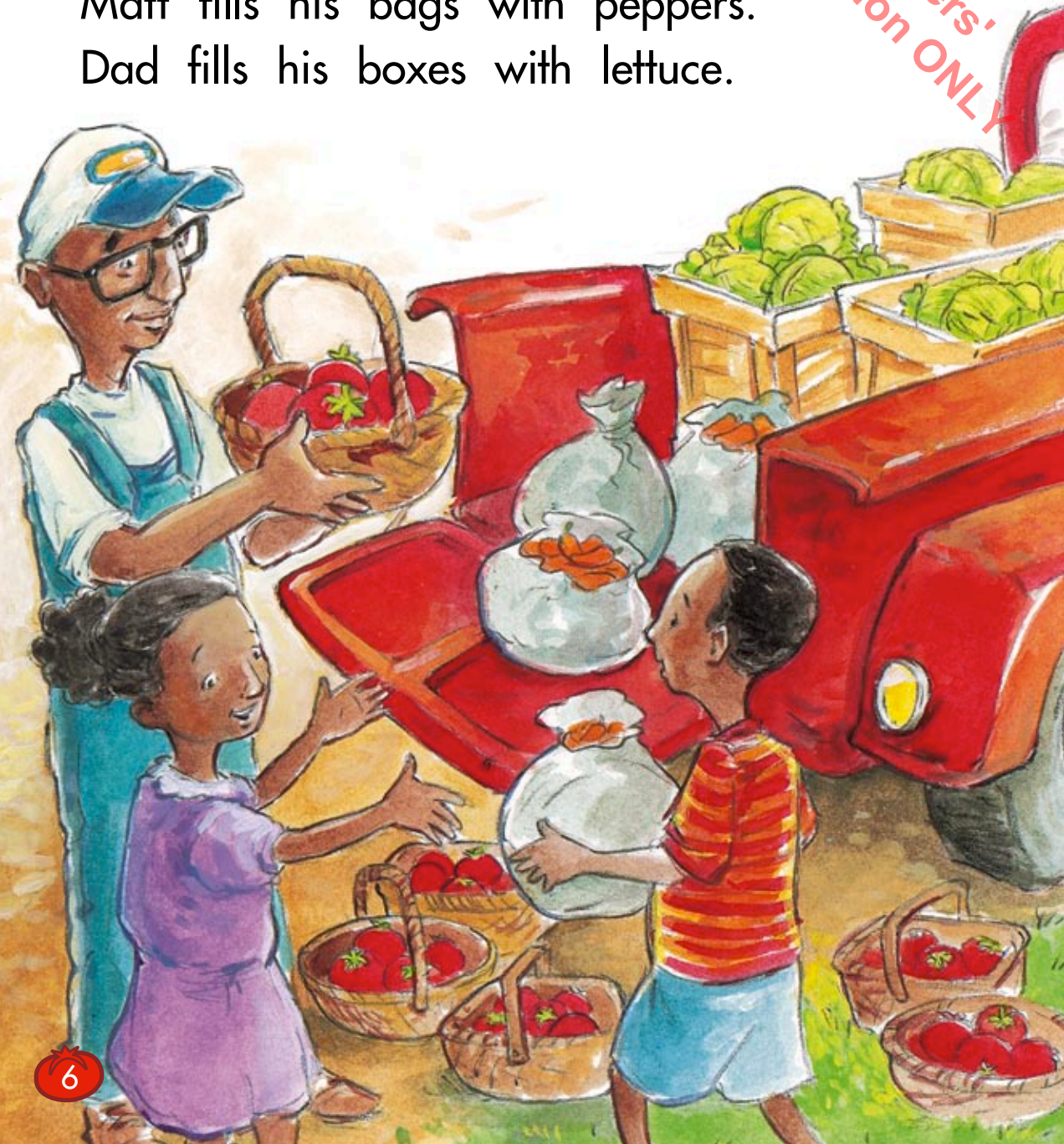
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Matt picks 67 peppers. Nora picks 84 tomatoes. Dad looks at the lettuce. "I have 33 heads of lettuce," says Dad.

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Nora fills her baskets with tomatoes.
Matt fills his bags with peppers.
Dad fills his boxes with lettuce.



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Dad, Nora, and Matt drive to the farm stand. *Bounce! Plop!* Some vegetables fall off the truck.



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Dad, Nora, and Matt finally get to the farm stand. They put the vegetables on the table. Nora counts 11 tomatoes. Matt counts 12 peppers. How many vegetables are missing?



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"I do not think we will have the best farm stand ever," says Dad. Nora is missing 73 tomatoes. Matt is missing 55 peppers. Where did the vegetables go?

