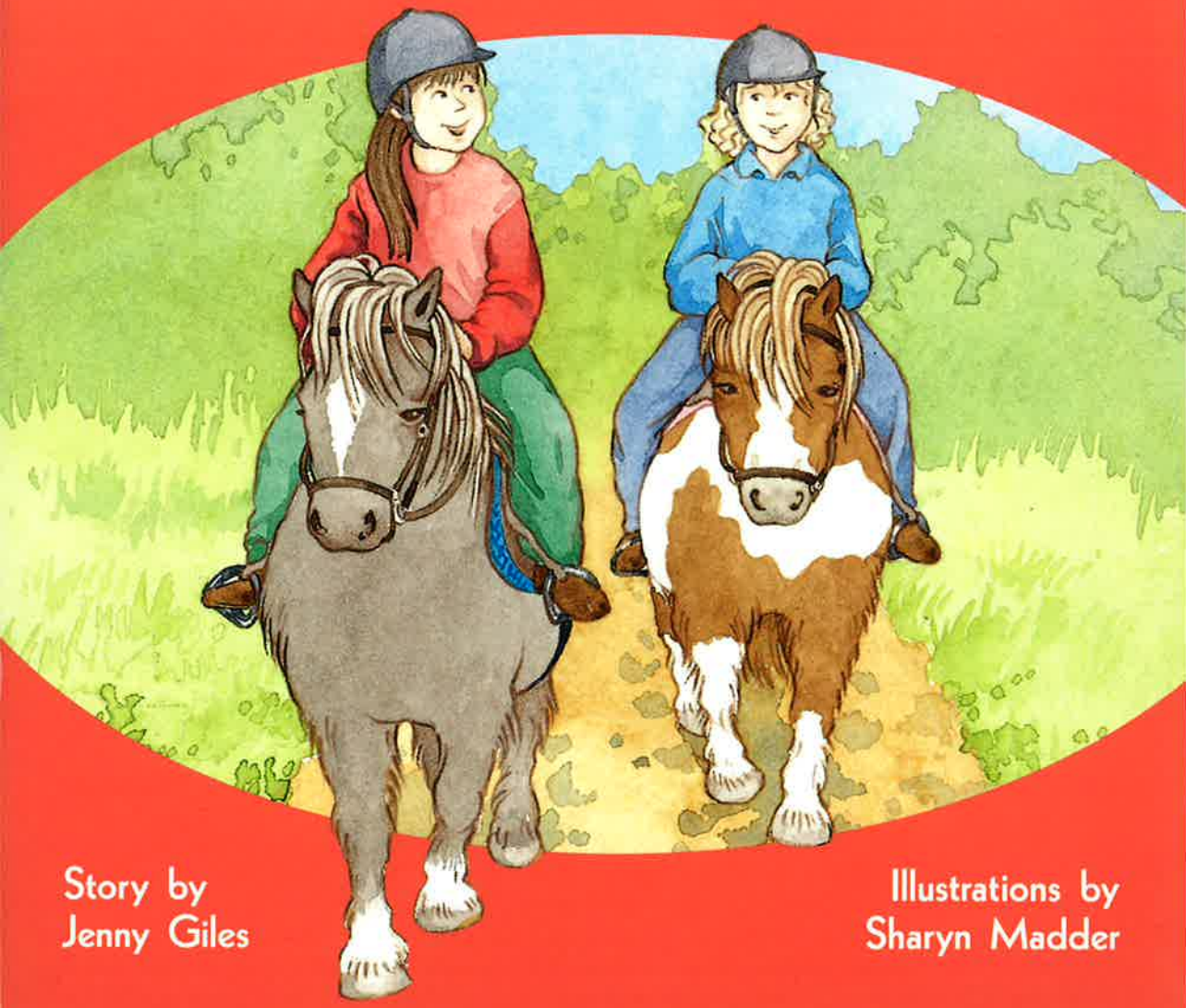
Star and Patches

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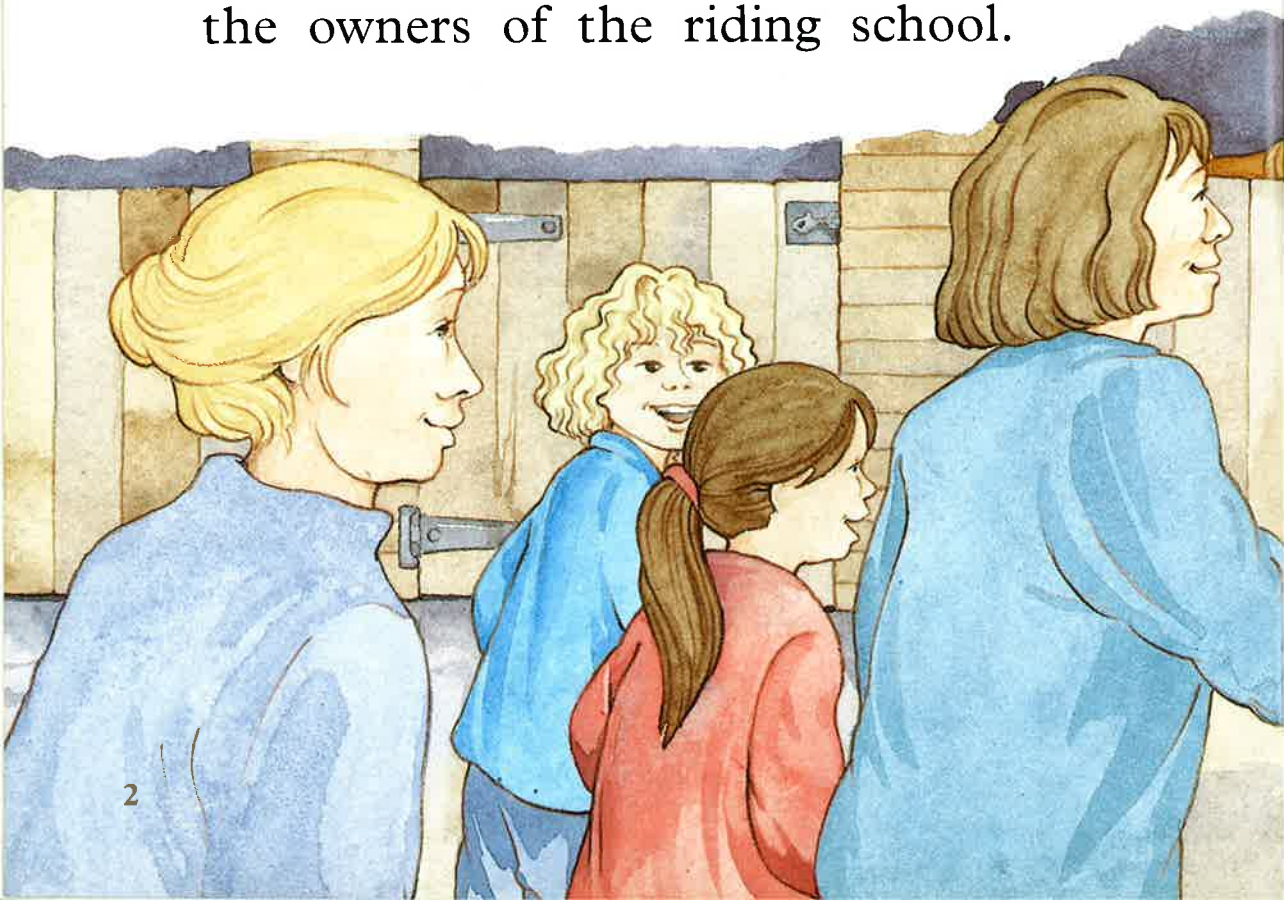
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Abby said to her friend Clare,
"We are going to have a ride
on a horse at last!"

"Yes," said Clare. "It's so exciting!"

The girls went to meet
Penny and David,
the owners of the riding school.



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"We have got two quiet ponies for you today," said Penny, "because this is your first ride."

"One is called Star," said David, "and the other is called Patches. Come and see them."



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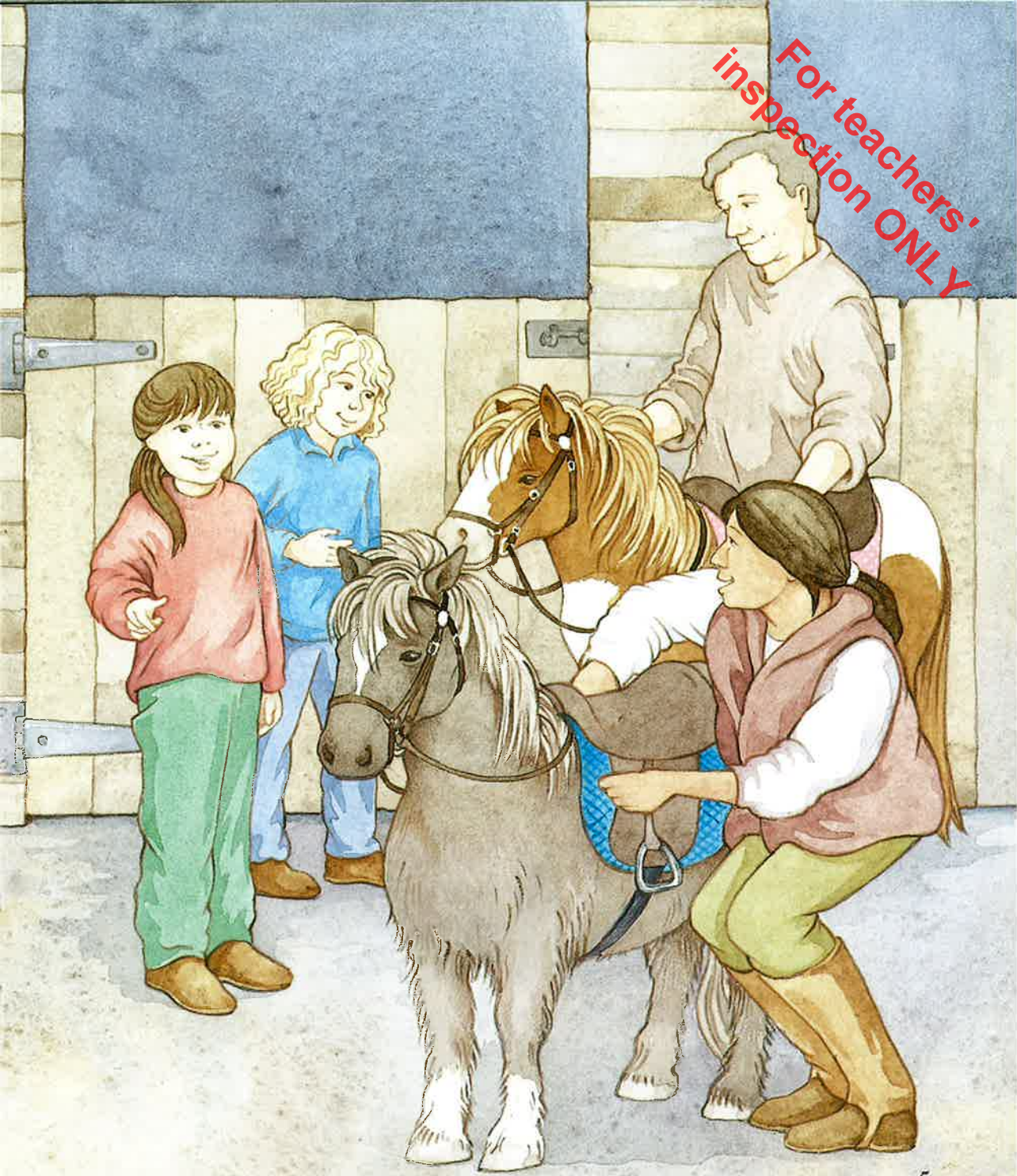
"I think this one is Patches,"
said Abby,
"because she's brown
with white patches."

"And this one must be Star,"
said Clare.
"She's got a white star shape
on her head."

"Right," said David.
"And now you can both decide
which pony you are going to ride."

Clare said, "I like Star best."

"And I like Patches!" said Abby.

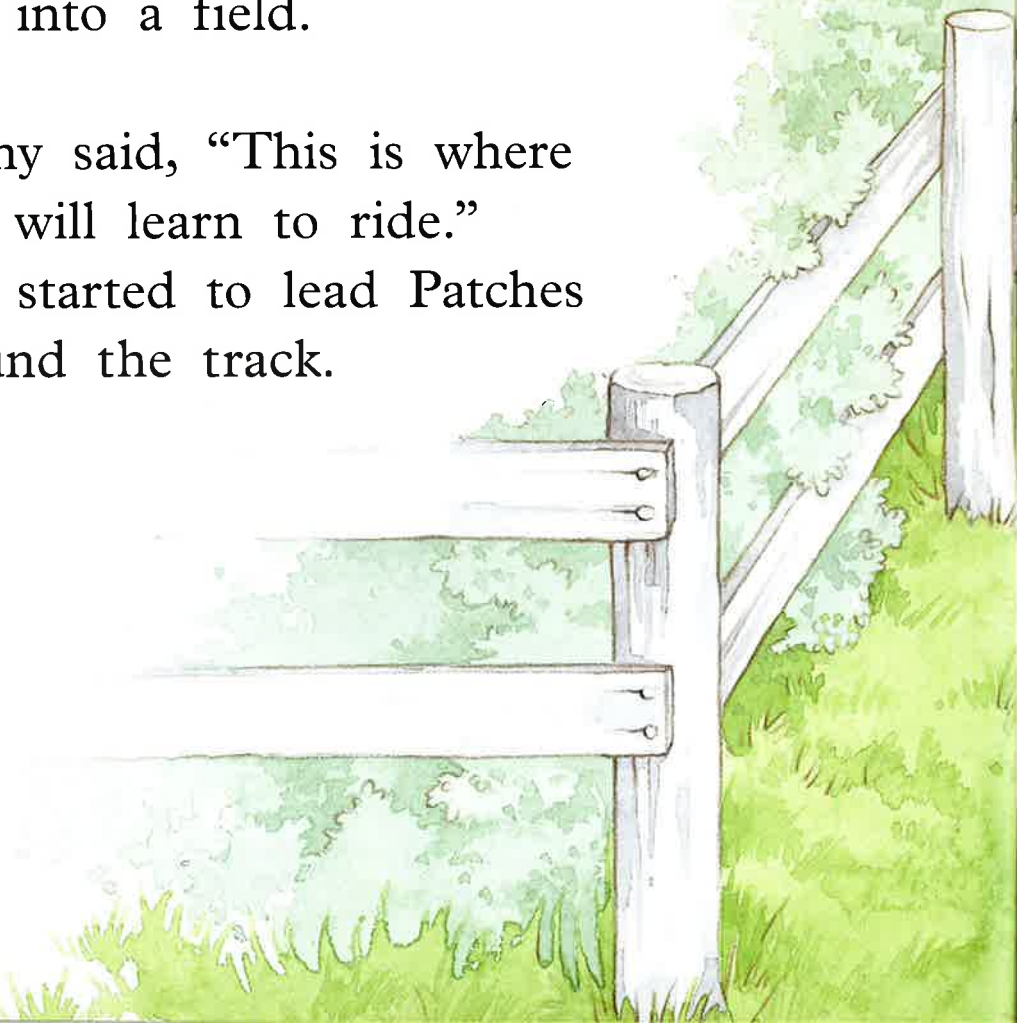


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Clare and Abby sat up on the ponies,
and smiled at each other.

They held on to the reins
as David and Penny led them
through the gateway,
and into a field.

Penny said, "This is where
you will learn to ride."
She started to lead Patches
around the track.



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