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The Kindest Family

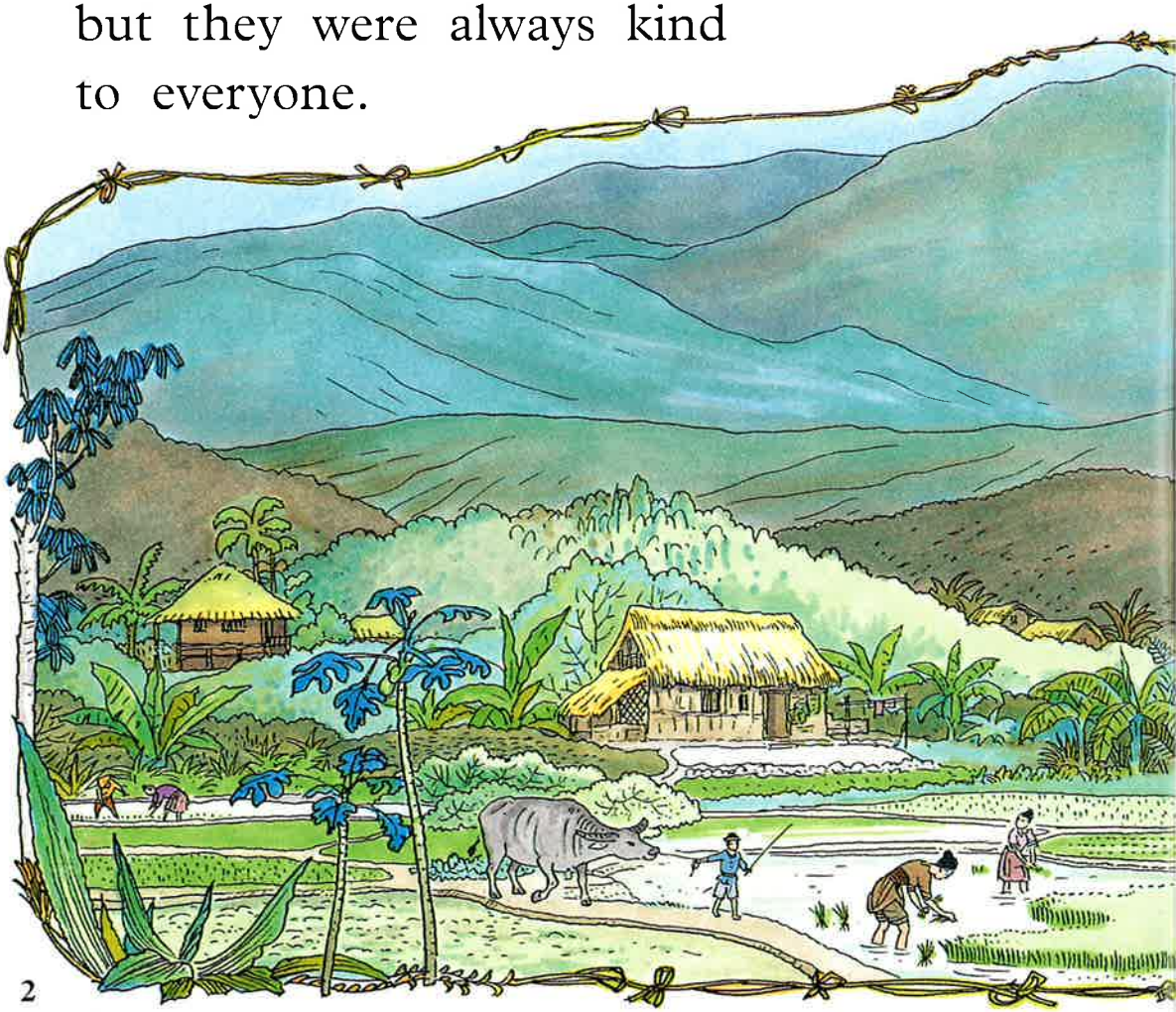


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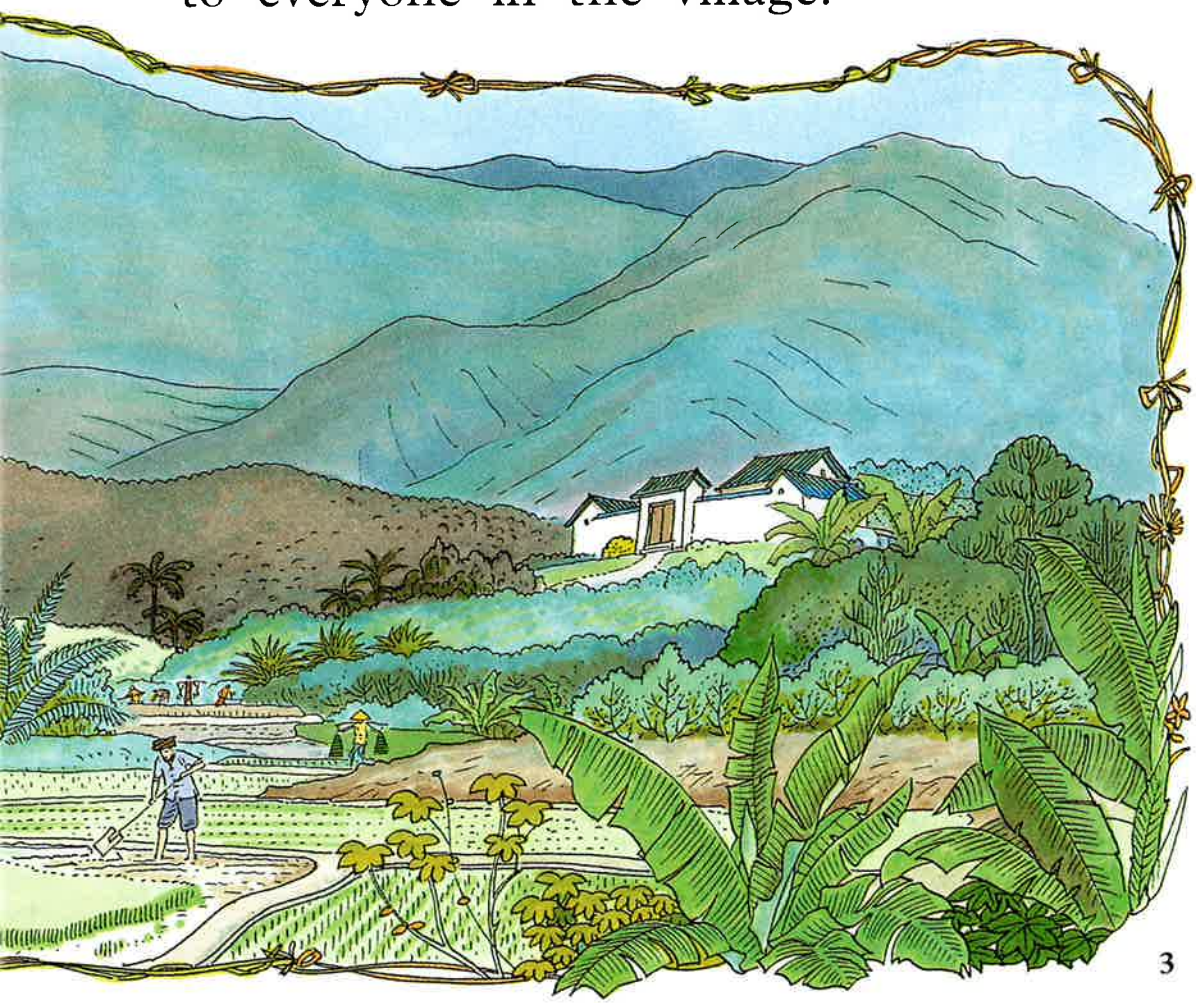
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Once upon a time,
a poor family lived in a small village.
They had to work very hard
to grow enough rice to eat.
The family had hardly any money
but they were always kind
to everyone.



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Up on a nearby hill,
there lived a rich lady.
She gave nothing to the poor family
who lived below her,
and she was unkind
to everyone in the village.



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One day,
a very old woman came to the village.
She had ragged clothes
and she looked tired.
She walked slowly up the hill
to the rich lady's house,
and knocked on the door.

"Could you give me something
to eat and drink, please?"
the old woman asked.
"I've come a long way
and I'm hungry.
I'm tired, too,
and I need somewhere to rest.
May I come in?"

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"No, you may not!" said the rich lady.
"You're too old and ragged
to come in here.
Go away and leave me alone!"



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The old woman hobbled
down the road to the house
where the poor family lived.
She knocked on their door.

"Could you give me something
to eat and drink, please?"
the old woman asked.
"I've come a long way
and I'm hungry.
I'm tired too,
and I need somewhere to rest.
May I come in?"

"Yes, you may,"
answered the mother.
"Come and have some of our rice."