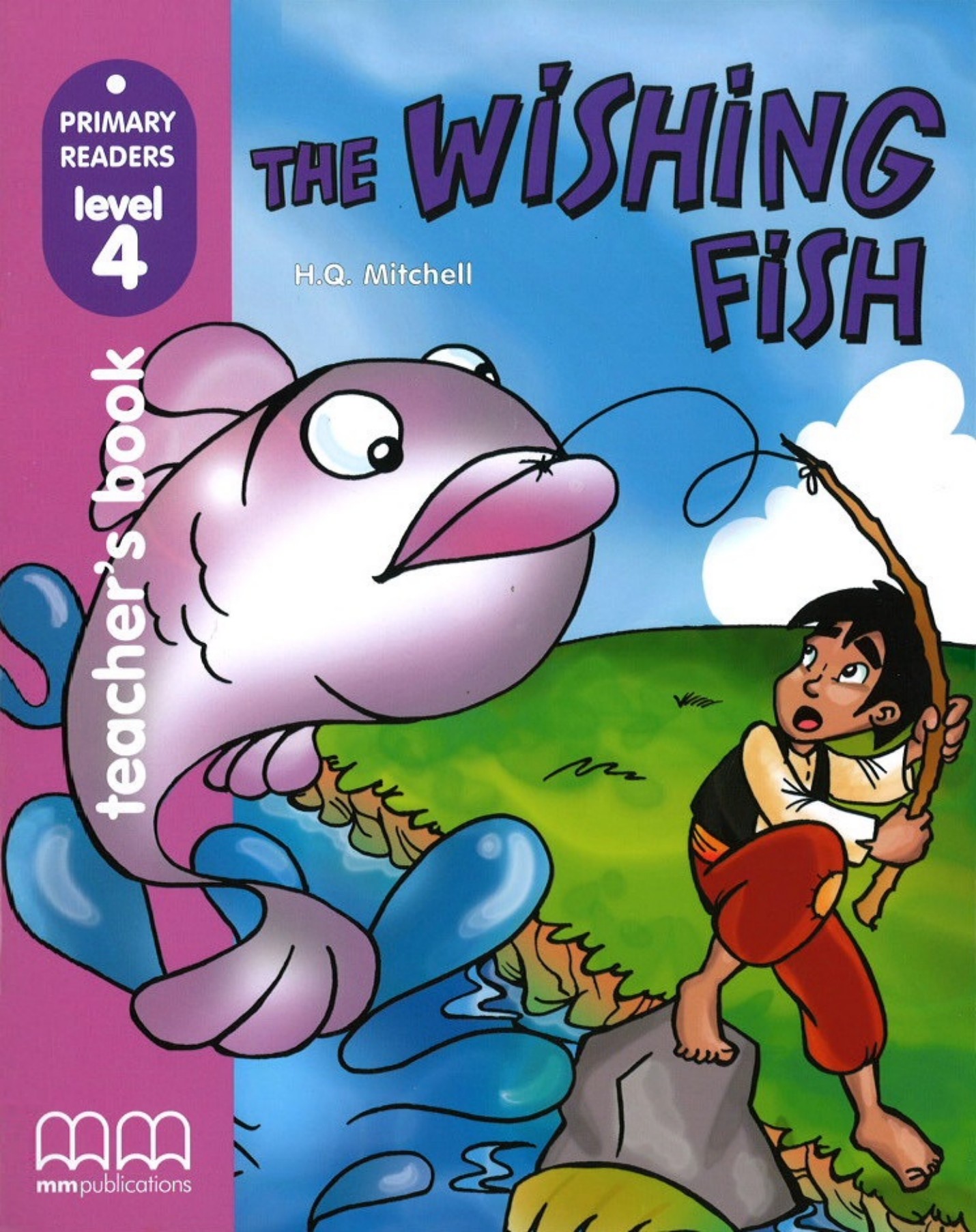
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Once, long ago, there lived a boy called Omar. He lived with his parents and brothers in a small house in a small village. Omar's parents worked very hard and so did his brothers, but Omar was very, very lazy. He hated working. He always forgot to feed the chickens, he hated planting vegetables and he never helped his parents.

Omar: Hmm, I think I'm going to take a little nap under that tree…



When Omar turned twelve years old, his father told him that it was time he helped his brothers look after the sheep. Omar's family had many sheep and his brothers were good shepherds.

Karim: You are old enough to help your brothers now. You must take good care of the sheep. Do not disappoint me.

Omar: I'll do my best, Father.

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But Omar wasn't a very good shepherd at all. Many of his sheep wandered off and his brothers did most of the work.

Omar: I'm tired. I think I'm going to sit here for a while. Those silly sheep can look after themselves...

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Omar's father was very angry…

Karim: Omar! You are a very lazy boy! Hassim, the sheepdog, is a better shepherd than you are!

Omar: I'm sorry, Father. I'll try to do better…

Karim: That's what you always say, Omar!

Activity Page

1 Look and say.



lazy feed plant take a nap sheep

2 Look at the picture and use the notes to write sentences.



1. Omar/be/very lazy

   Omar was very lazy.

2. He/hate/working

   He hated working.

3. He/not be/good shepherd/at all

   He wasn't a good shepherd at all.

4. Many of/sheep/wander off

   Many of his sheep wandered off.

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