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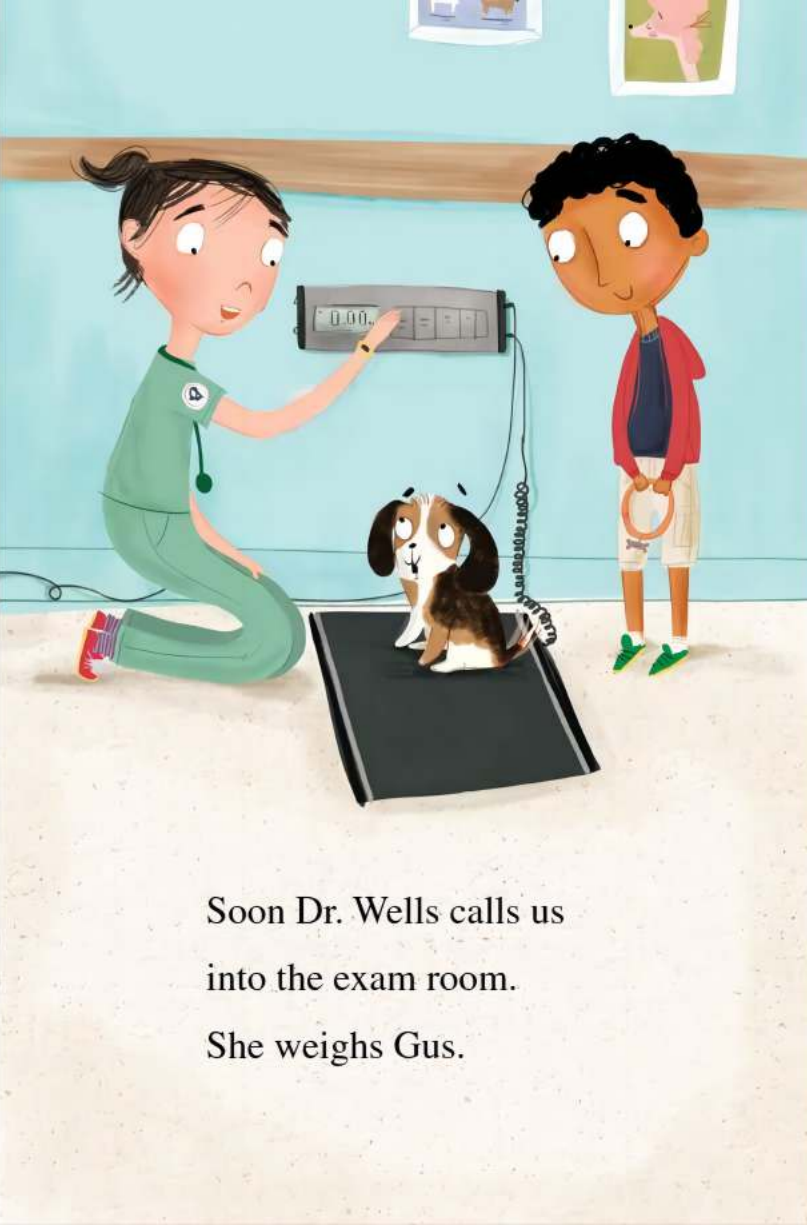
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Dad and I are waiting to see
the veterinarian—or animal doctor.



We brought our dog, Gus.
It is time for his checkup.



Soon Dr. Wells calls us
into the exam room.
She weighs Gus.

Dr. Wells looks into his eyes,
nose, and mouth.
She listens to his heart.



“Gus is one healthy dog!”

Dr. Wells says.

She is a great vet.

She is so friendly and gentle.

“I wish I could be a vet,” I tell her.

“I love animals.

But I am allergic to cats.”



Dr. Wells smiles.

“You don’t have to be a pet vet,”
she says.

“There are many other kinds.”



“Could it be?” I ask Gus
on the way home.

“Could *I* be a vet?”





The next day,
I am at my riding lesson.

I see a man
wrapping a horse's ankle.
“Are you a vet?” I ask him.

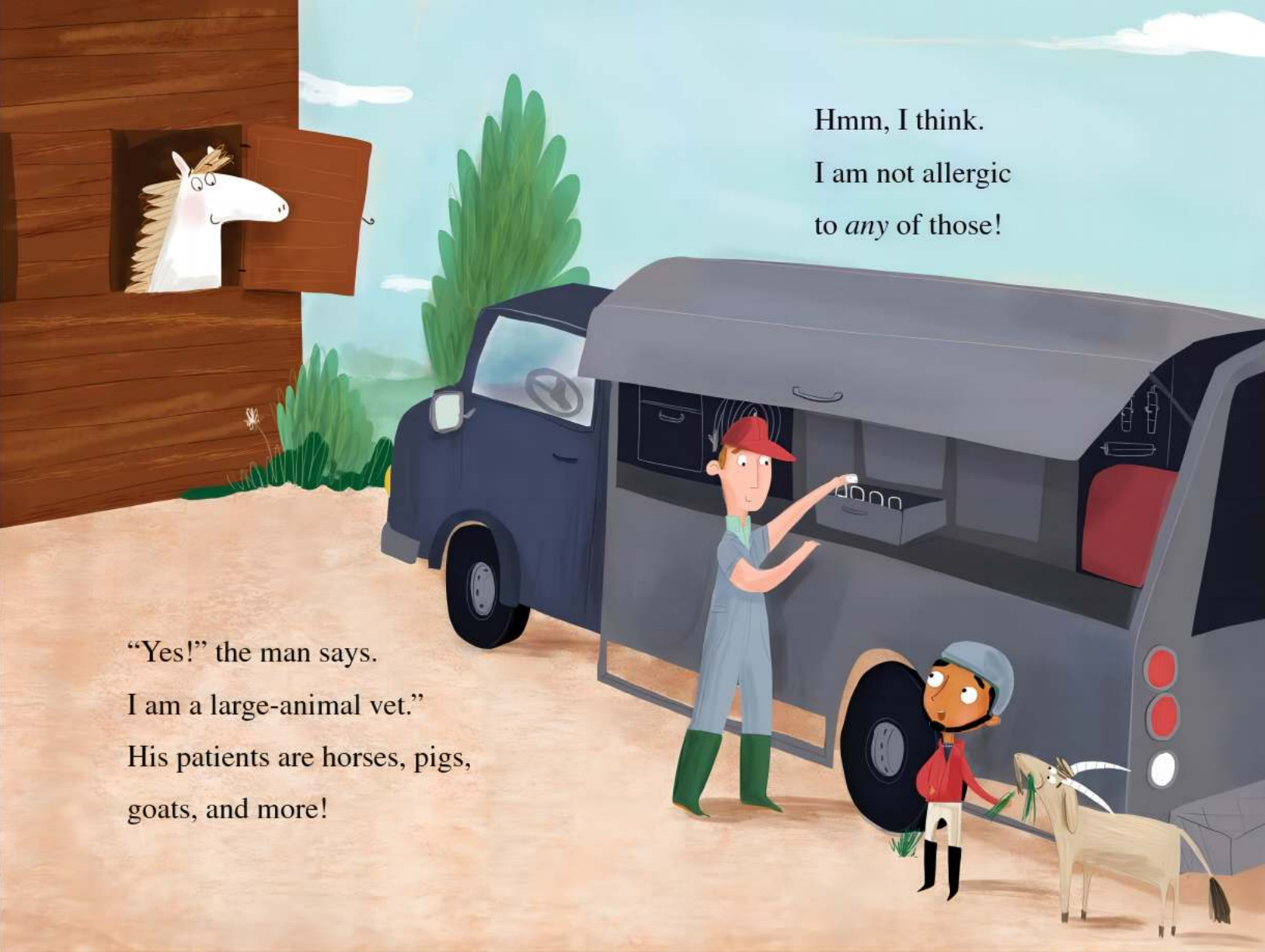
Hmm, I think.


I am not allergic
to *any* of those!

“Yes!” the man says.

I am a large-animal vet.”

His patients are horses, pigs,
goats, and more!



A vibrant illustration of an aquarium scene. In the foreground, a group of six diverse children are looking at a large aquarium tank. A teacher, a woman with glasses and a pink shirt, stands on the left, pointing towards the tank. The children include a boy in a red jacket, a boy in a yellow and black jacket, a boy in a blue shirt, a girl in a pink shirt, and a girl with curly hair in a wheelchair. The tank itself is filled with various marine life: a large green sea turtle, a yellow and black striped fish, a large yellow fish, a pink and yellow fish, and many smaller yellow and white striped fish. A diver in a black and yellow suit is visible in the tank, feeding the fish. The background is a deep blue with colorful coral and seaweed.

On a class trip,
I see another type of vet.
We are at the aquarium.
There is a diver
in one of the tanks.

“She is an aquatic vet,”
my teacher tells us.
“She is feeding the fish.”

Later, the vet
is at the touch tank.
She answers all our questions
about ocean life.



Over the summer,
my family visits a national park.
In the park is a wildlife rescue center.
It's like a hospital for wild animals
who are hurt or sick.

The vets here are called
wildlife veterinarians.

They treat and care for the birds
until they are well again.

Then they release the birds
back into the wild.

“This is the best part
of my job,” the vet says.





In the fall, my scout troop
visits a dairy farm.
It is a large farm with many cows.
We meet a dairy- cow vet.

“I test them for disease,” she says,
“and make sure they get good food.
Healthy cows make lots of good milk.”

We get to taste some milk.

Mmmmm.

These cows must be
very healthy.

I learn so much about vets.

I learn there are vets
who work outside.

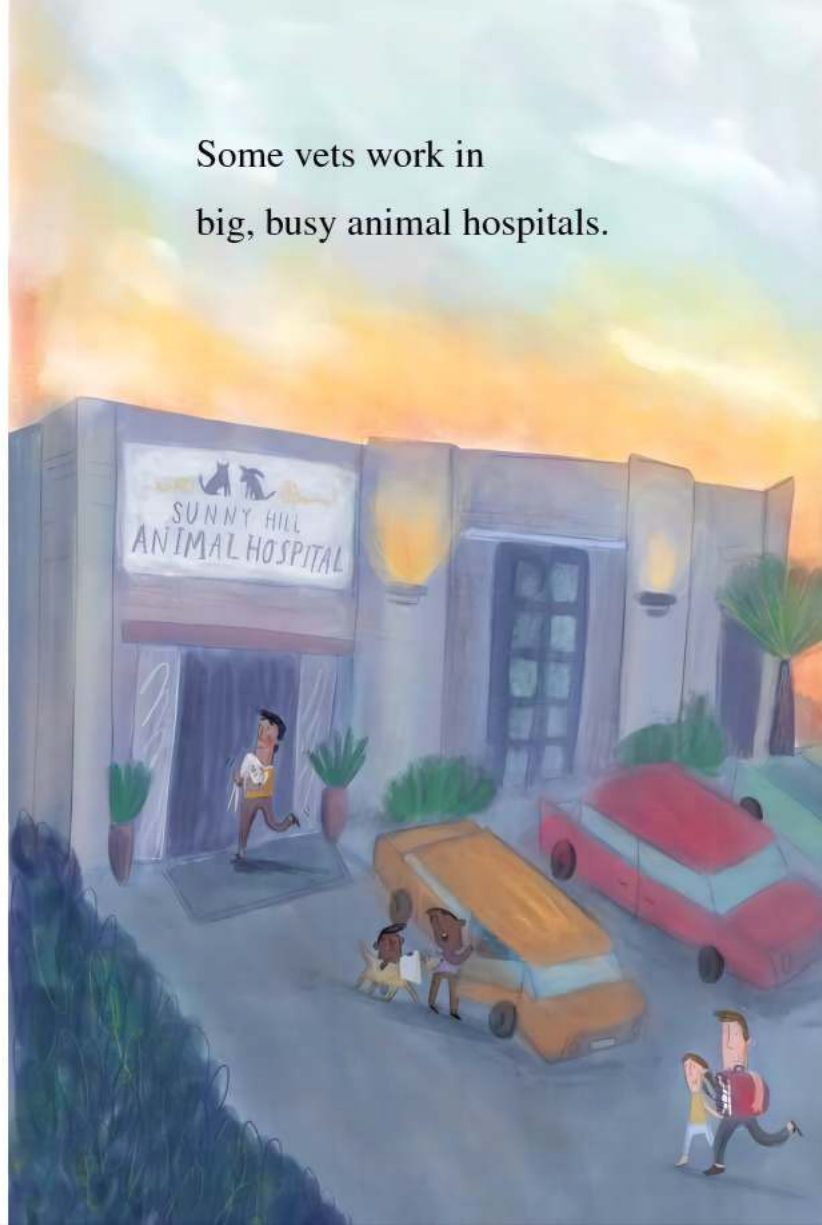
Other vets work inside in a lab.
They study animal health.





Some vets work in schools.
They teach others
who will become vets.

Some vets work in
big, busy animal hospitals.



And some vets have
their own small offices—
like Dr. Wells.

I see her again
at Gus's next checkup.
I tell her all I have learned.



“So what kind of vet
do you want to be?”

Dr. Wells asks me.

I think it over.

Then—*achoo!*



The cat next to me
makes me sneeze.

“I don’t know,” I say.

“I’m glad I have a lot of choices!”

Meet the Veterinarians



Small-animal veterinarian
a veterinarian who takes care of pets like dogs or cats



Large-animal veterinarian
a veterinarian who takes care of large animals such as horses, cows, goats, and pigs



Aquatic veterinarian
a veterinarian who takes care of fish and other animals that live in water



Wildlife veterinarian
a veterinarian who takes care of wild animals who are hurt or sick



Laboratory veterinarian
a veterinarian who studies animal health



Professor of veterinary medicine
a veterinarian who teaches people how to be veterinarians



For Tully
—L.D.

*To my dad, the most dedicated and
loving veterinarian I know.*
—C.E.

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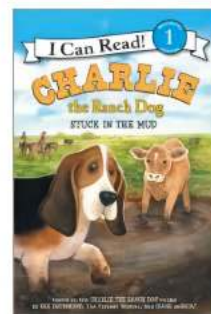
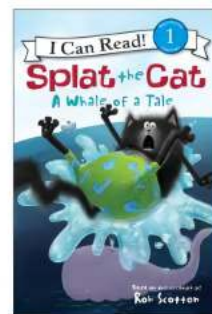
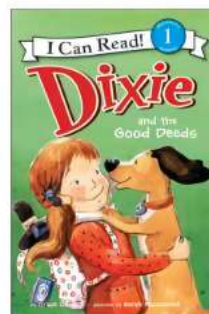
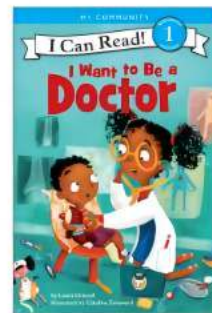
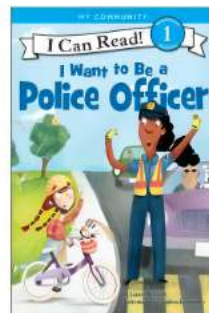
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