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I Wish I'd Been Born A Unicorn

Mucky is a very smelly horse and
wishes he was a unicorn
so that everyone would like him.

Owl decides to help Mucky
and make his wish come true.

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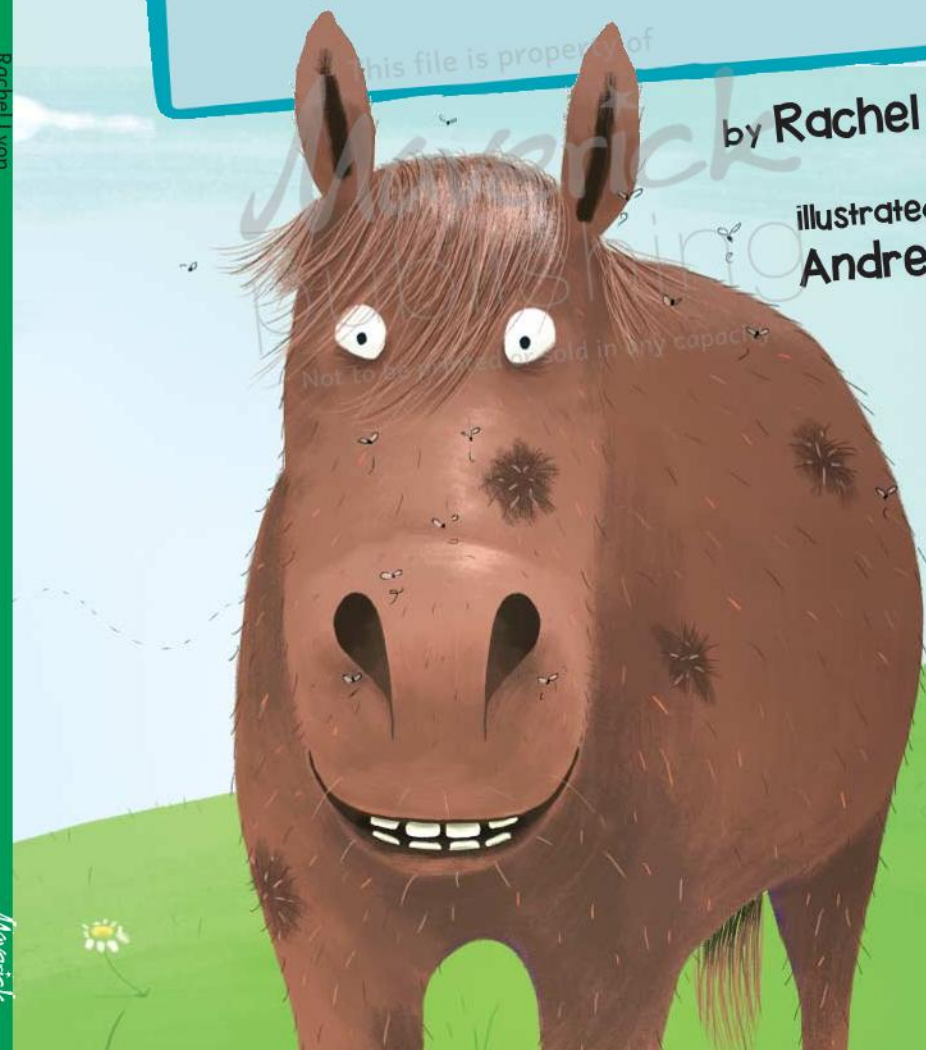
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Mucky was a smelly horse.

He liked to roll in mud.

The other horses would not
play with him.

They said he was too dirty
and had fleas.



“I wish I’d been born
a unicorn,” said Mucky.

“Then I would have friends.”



“I can make your wish come true,”
said a clever Owl.

“You’ll see.”



Owl went to the cows and asked for
some cream.

“I want to help Mucky,” he said.
The cows gave him some cream.

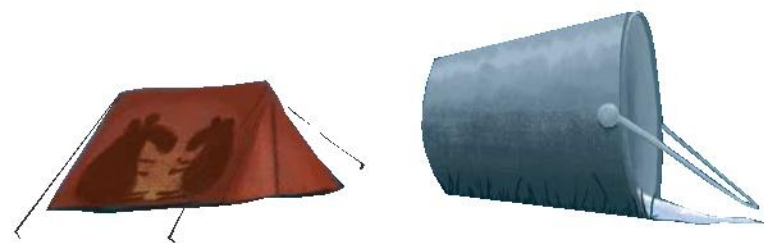




Then Owl went to the beach
to find a pointy shell.

Owl painted Mucky with the cream
and tied the pointy shell on his head.

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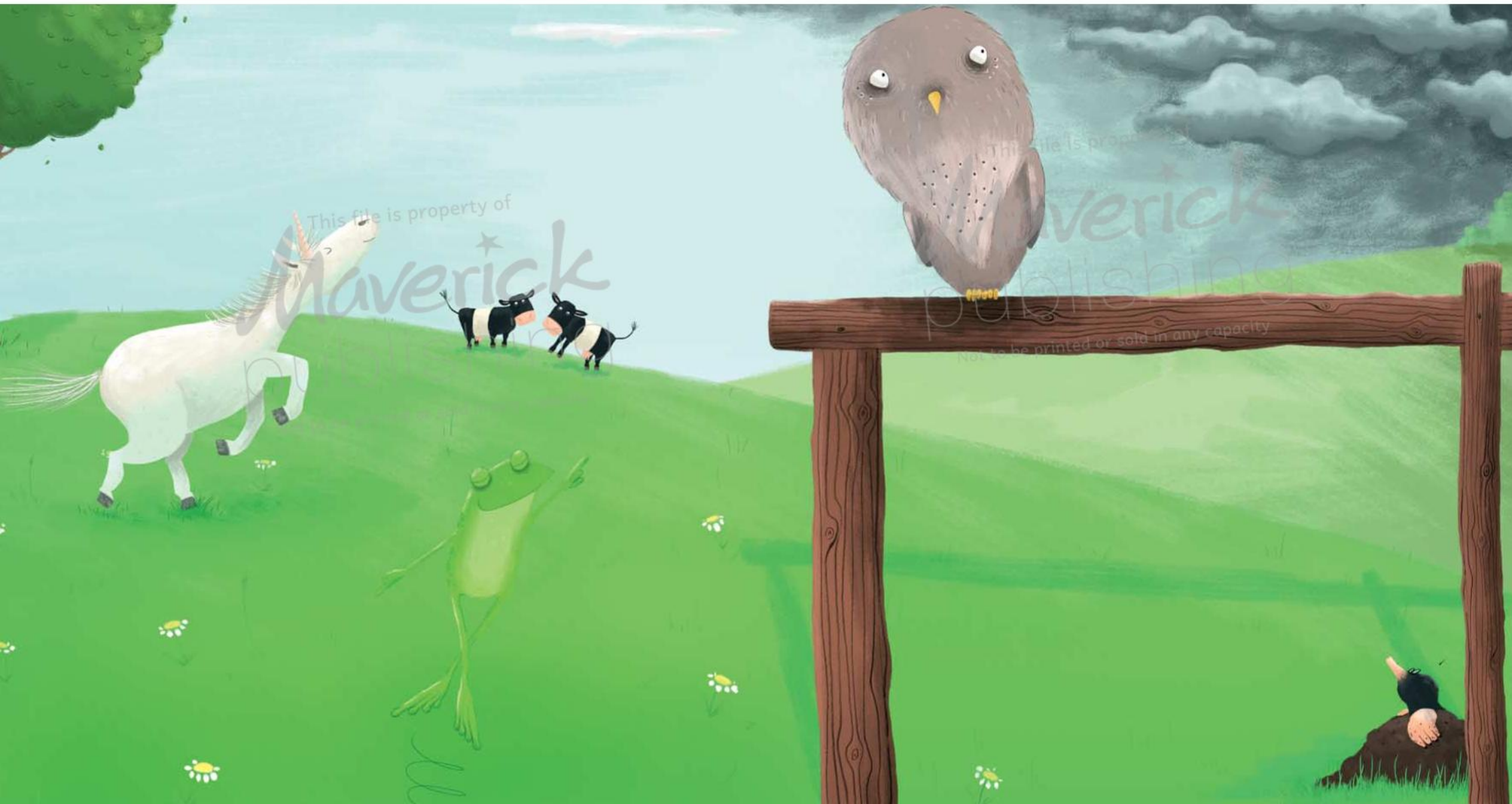


In the morning, the cows
got a surprise.

“That’s not Mucky!” they said.
“It’s a unicorn!”

Mucky was very happy. "It's true!"
he said. "I am a unicorn!"

Suddenly Owl saw a dark cloud
and began to worry.

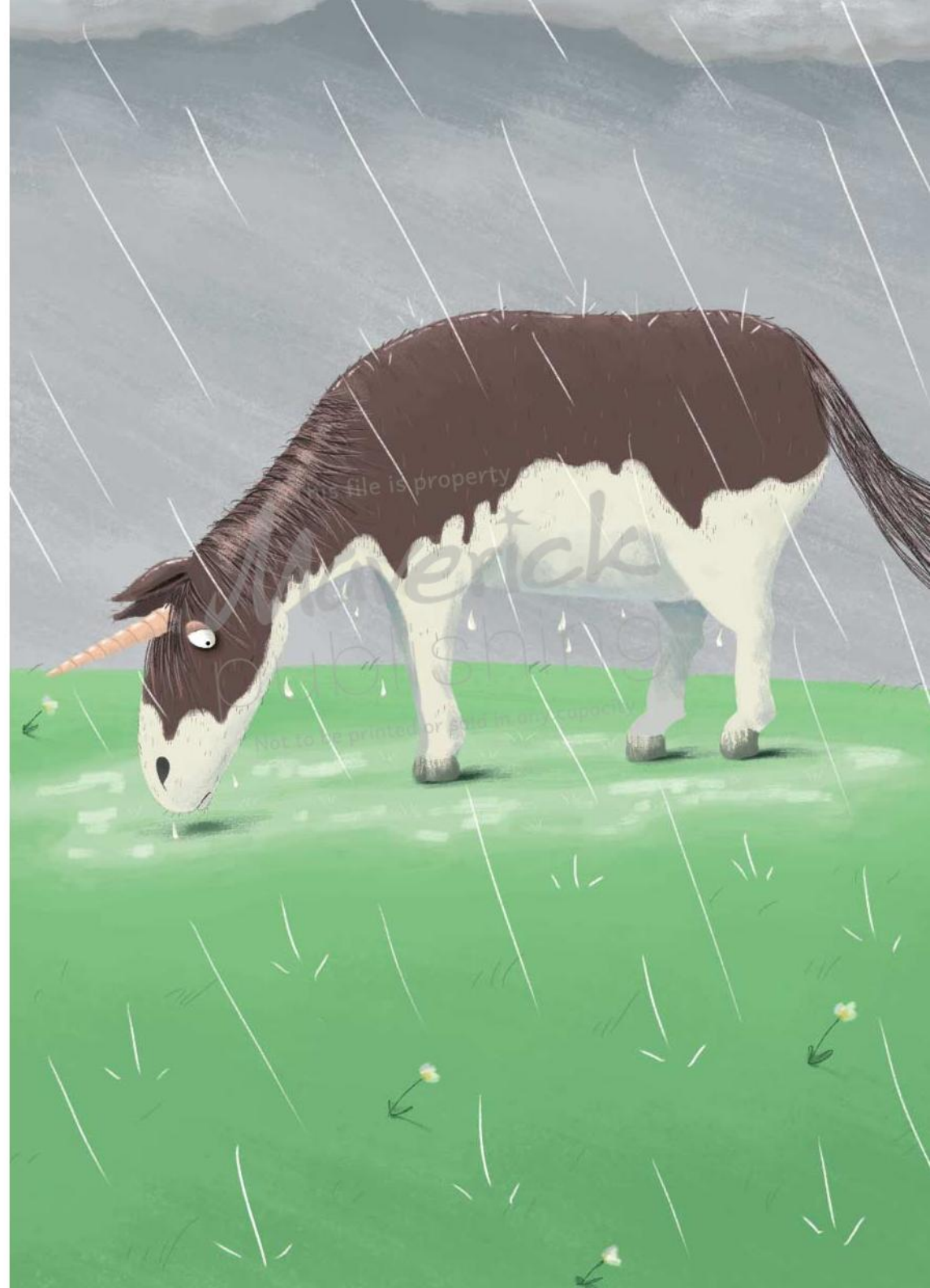


It started to rain hard.

The rain washed the cream away.



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Everyone felt sad for Mucky.

“We will make more cream,”
the cows said. “Please don’t cry.”



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Mucky smiled. "Do you really
care about me?" he asked.
"Yes," they said.

“Then I do have friends!” Mucky said.

“I’m glad I’m not a unicorn after all.
You like me just the way I am.”



Quiz

1. What does Mucky like to do?

- a) Roll in mud
- b) Go on a picnic
- c) Go to the seaside

2. What does the owl use to turn Mucky white?

- a) Mud
- b) Paint
- c) Cream

3. Where does the owl go to find a shell for Mucky's horn?

- a) The beach
- b) The mountain
- c) The shop

4. What happens to turn Mucky from a unicorn back into a horse?

- a) He licks off the cream
- b) He has a bath
- c) It rains

5. Why is Mucky glad that he is not a unicorn?

- a) Because he doesn't like to be clean
- b) Because his friends like him just as he is.
- c) Because it is hard work



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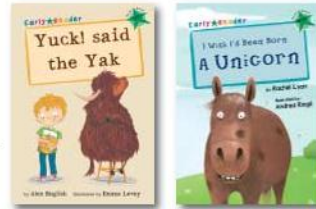
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