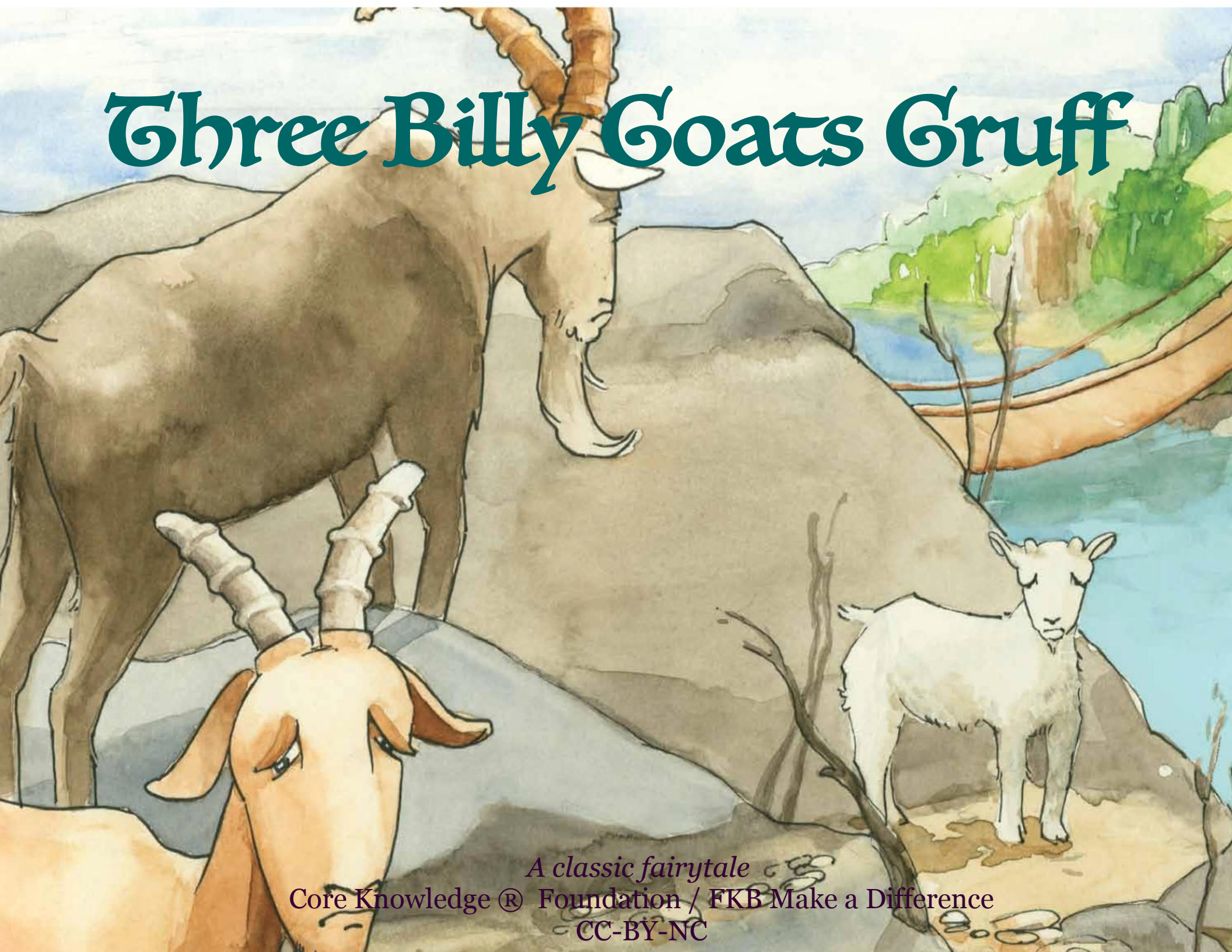


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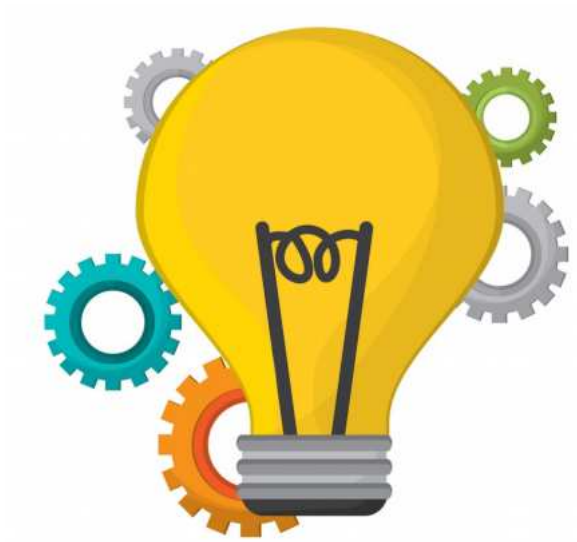
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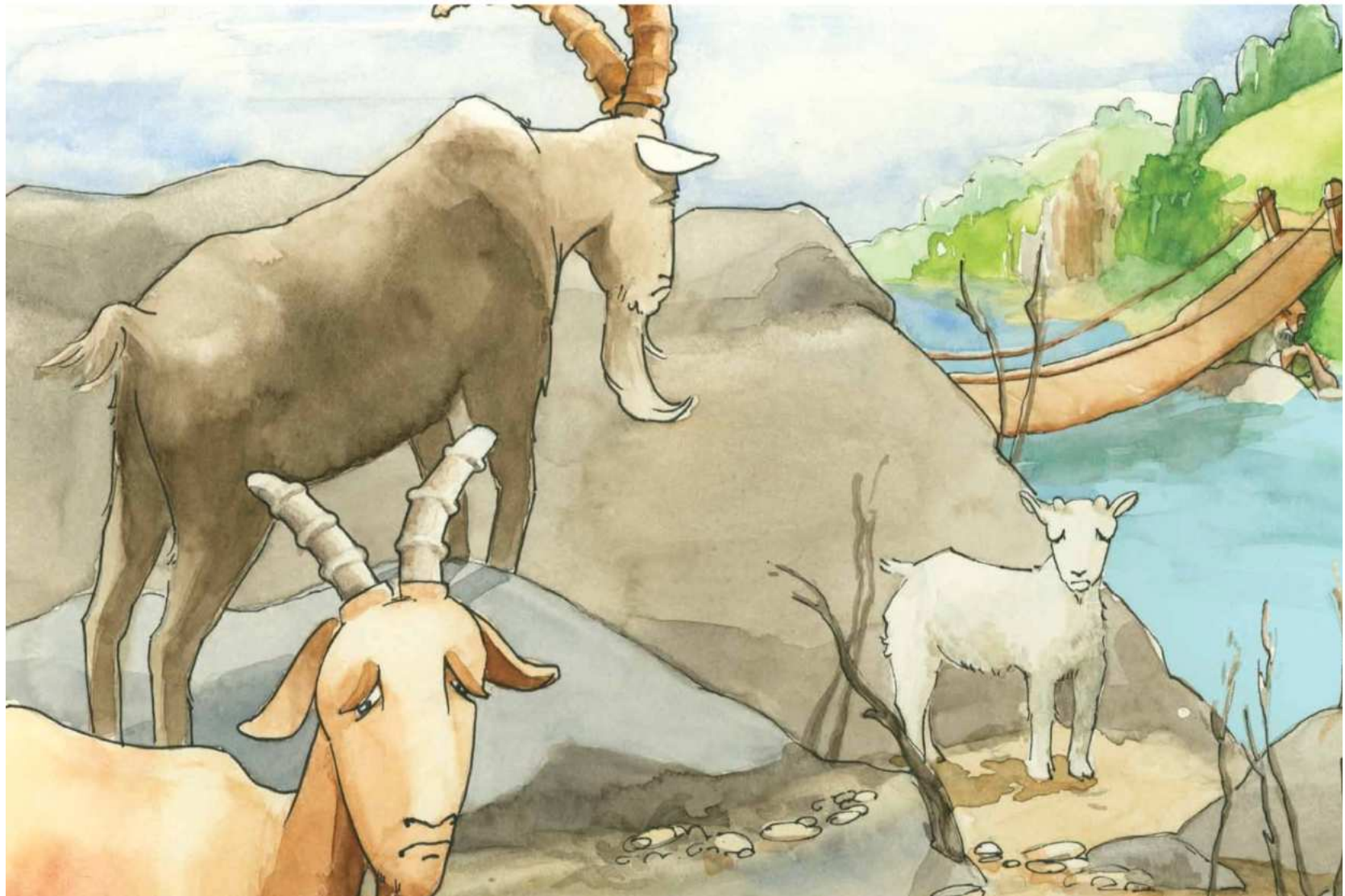


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The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Once upon a time there were three billy goats, brothers who were all named “Gruff.” The three Billy Goats Gruff longed to go up a hillside covered with thick, green grass.

They wanted to eat that grass because they knew it would be delicious.

To get to the hillside they had to cross a brook.

Over the brook was a bridge. And under the bridge lived a troll.

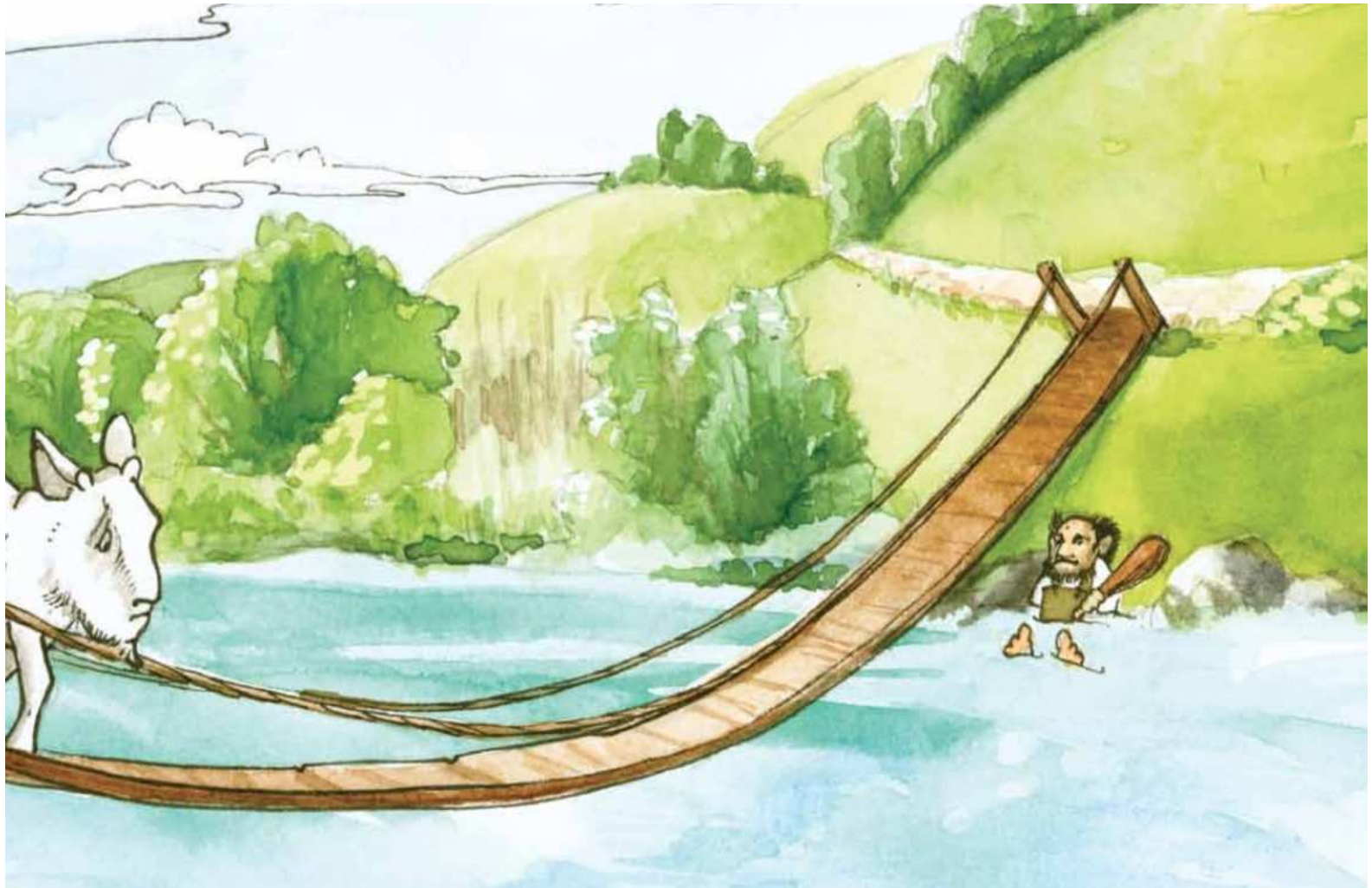
Now, the first to cross the bridge was the Little Billy Goat Gruff.



“Trip-trap! Trip-trap! Trip-trap!” went the bridge.

“WHO’S THAT *TRIP-TRAPPING* OVER MY BRIDGE?” roared the troll, who had been taking a nap and was feeling quite grumpy from being shook awake by the trip-trapping of the bridge.

And the tiny goat said in a wee, small voice, “It is only I, Little Billy Goat Gruff. And I’m going to the hillside to eat the delicious grass.”



“Oh-ho!” said the troll, who was feeling both grumpy and hungry. “Oh-no! I am coming to gobble you up.”

“Oh, please don’t eat me,” said the Little Billy Goat Gruff. “I’m too little, yes I am. Wait a bit until my brother comes. He’s much bigger.”

Thinking about the bigger feast to come, the Troll, thought, then said, “Well, be off with you!”. He was usually much more polite when his tummy was full and he had had a decent nap. So he settled back down under the bridge, determined to fall back asleep.



Soon the Middle Billy Goat Gruff came to cross the bridge.
“*Trip-trap! Trip-trap! Trip-trap!*” went the bridge.

“WHO’S THAT *TRIP-TRAPPING* OVER MY BRIDGE?” roared the troll,
jumping up onto the bridge. Now the troll was becoming very grumpy.
How was he to get any sleep with all of this noise moving over his
bridge?

And the goat said, in a not-so-small voice, “It is only I, Middle Billy Goat
Gruff, and I’m going to the hillside to eat the delicious grass.”



“Oh-ho!” said the troll, who was feeling even grumpier and hungrier.

“Oh-no! I am coming to gobble you up.”

“Oh no, don’t eat me. Wait till my brother comes along. He’s much bigger.”

“Very well; be off with you!” said the troll, thinking about his stomach again and looking forward to the bigger feast to come. He jumped back down to try once more to take a nap in his home under the bridge.



And just then up came the great Big Billy Goat Gruff.

“*TRIP-TRAP! TRIP-TRAP! TRIP-TRAP!*” went the bridge, for the Big Billy Goat Gruff was so heavy that the bridge creaked and groaned under him. 7

“WHO’S THAT *TRIP-TRAPPING* OVER MY BRIDGE?” roared the troll, for this was really getting quite ridiculous!

And a deep, loud voice boomed, “IT IS I, BIG BILLY GOAT GRUFF.”

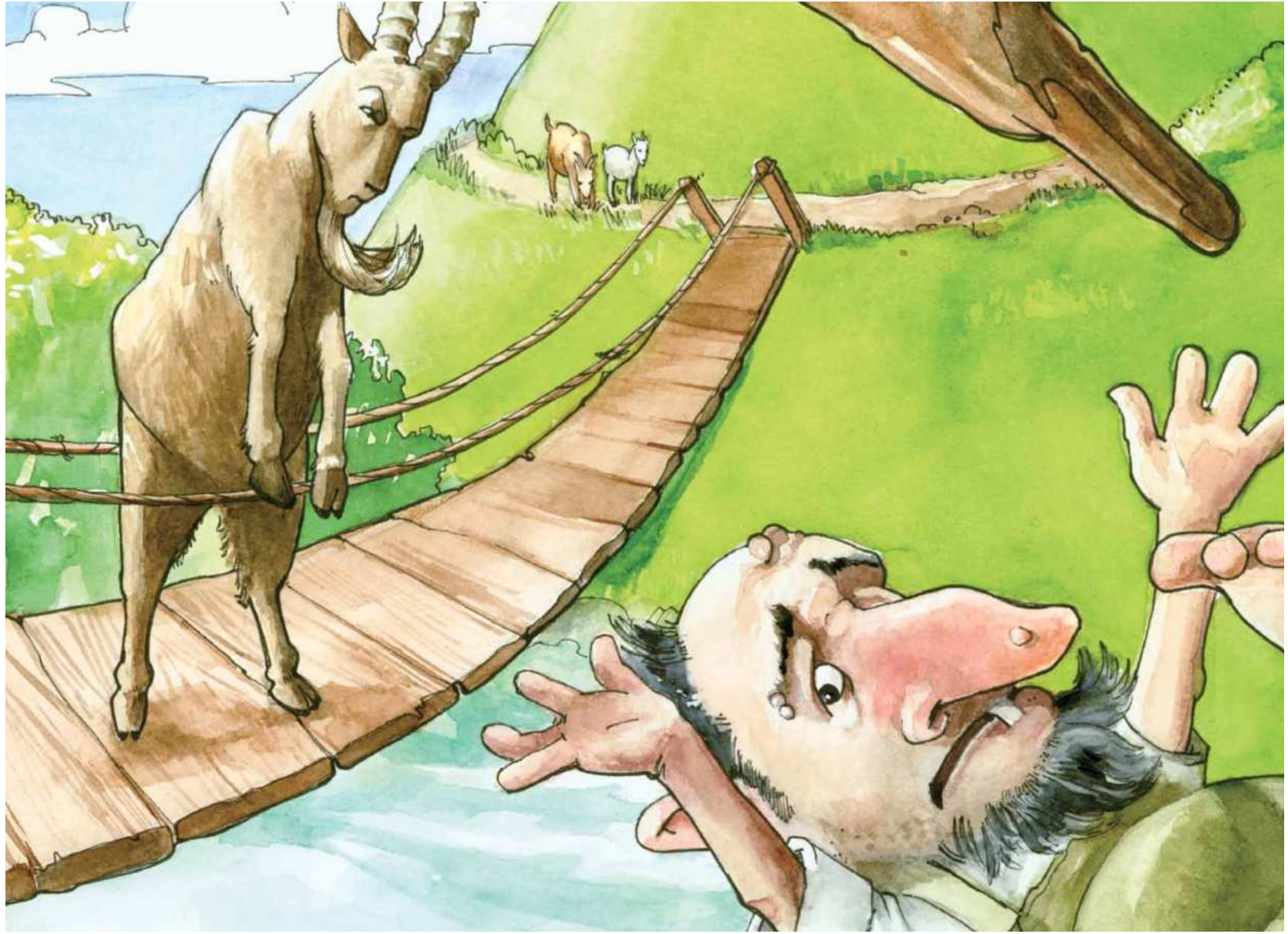


“Oh-ho!” said the troll, who was thinking now that he was feeling the grumpiest and hungriest he had ever felt.

“I am coming to gobble you up.”

“Well, then, come and try it!” said the Big Billy Goat Gruff.

The troll climbed up on the bridge, but he was not prepared for what happened next.



The Big Billy Goat Gruff rushed at the troll, without saying a word. He danced and pranced all over, until the bridge shook so much that the poor troll rolled off the bridge into the water.



Then the Big Billy Goat Gruff went to the hillside, where he joined his brothers. And they all three ate so much delicious grass that they were scarcely able to walk home again.

And the troll was left very hungry and very, very grumpy.

-THE END-

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. How many Billy Goats Gruff are there?
2. What is setting? What is the setting of this story?
3. Who lives under the bridge?
4. What is the troll trying to do when Little Billy Goat Gruff crosses the bridge?
5. What problem does Little Billy Goat Gruff encounter when he wakes up the troll?
6. Why doesn't the troll gobble him up?
7. Who crosses the bridge next?
8. Who crosses the bridge last?
9. What does Big Billy Goat Gruff do to the troll?
10. Does the story end the way you expected? Why or why not? How might the troll feel at the end?

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