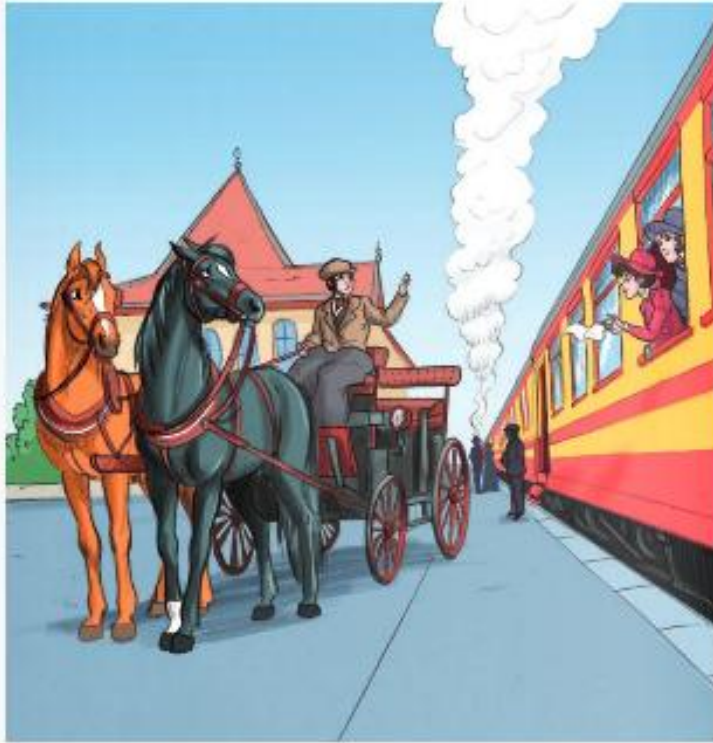


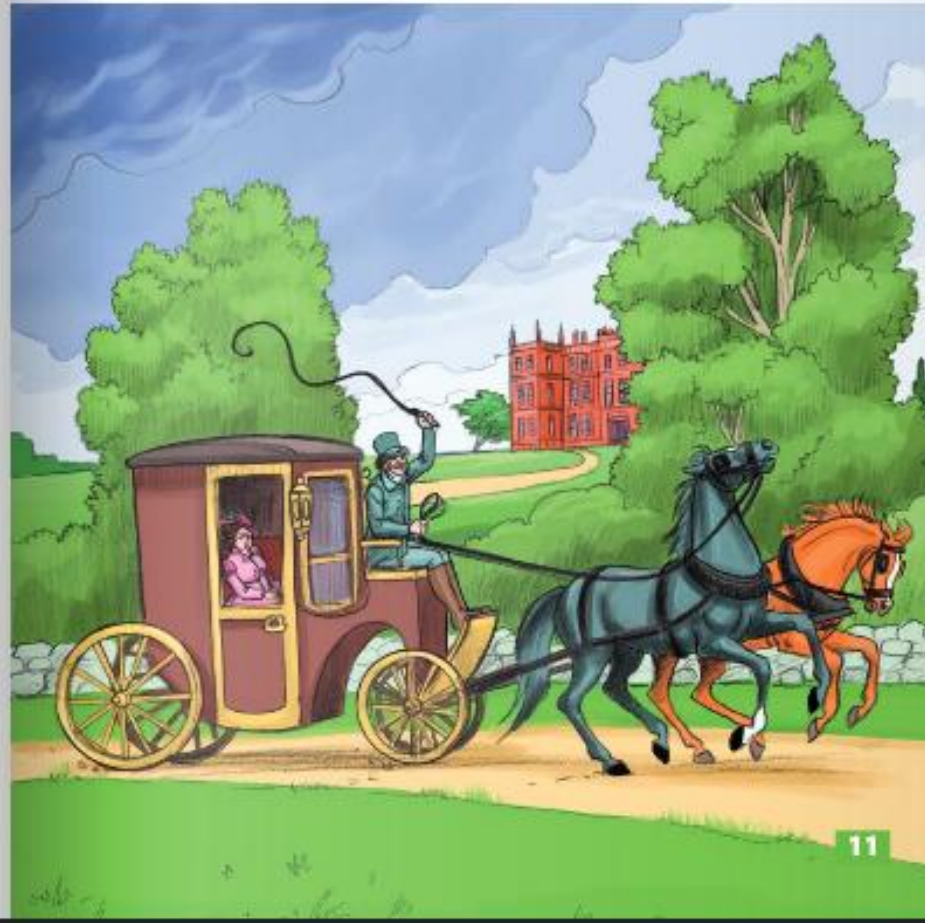
## HARD TIMES



Mrs Gordon is very ill\* now.  
“Sunshine\* is the only solution,” the doctor says.  
So the family goes away\*. And Mr Gordon sells  
Ginger and me.

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We have new masters: Lord and Lady W.  
Lord W is OK. But Lady W is cruel.  
“Quick! Quick!” she says. But I’m tired.  
“Use your whip\*!” she says to Reuben Smith,  
the groom. The whip hurts\*.



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Reuben is a good man. But one day, he drinks\*  
a lot of alcohol in a bar. And he becomes cruel.

I have a stone\* in my shoe\*. It hurts! But Reuben  
doesn't see it. I want to stop, but he refuses.  
And he uses his whip.

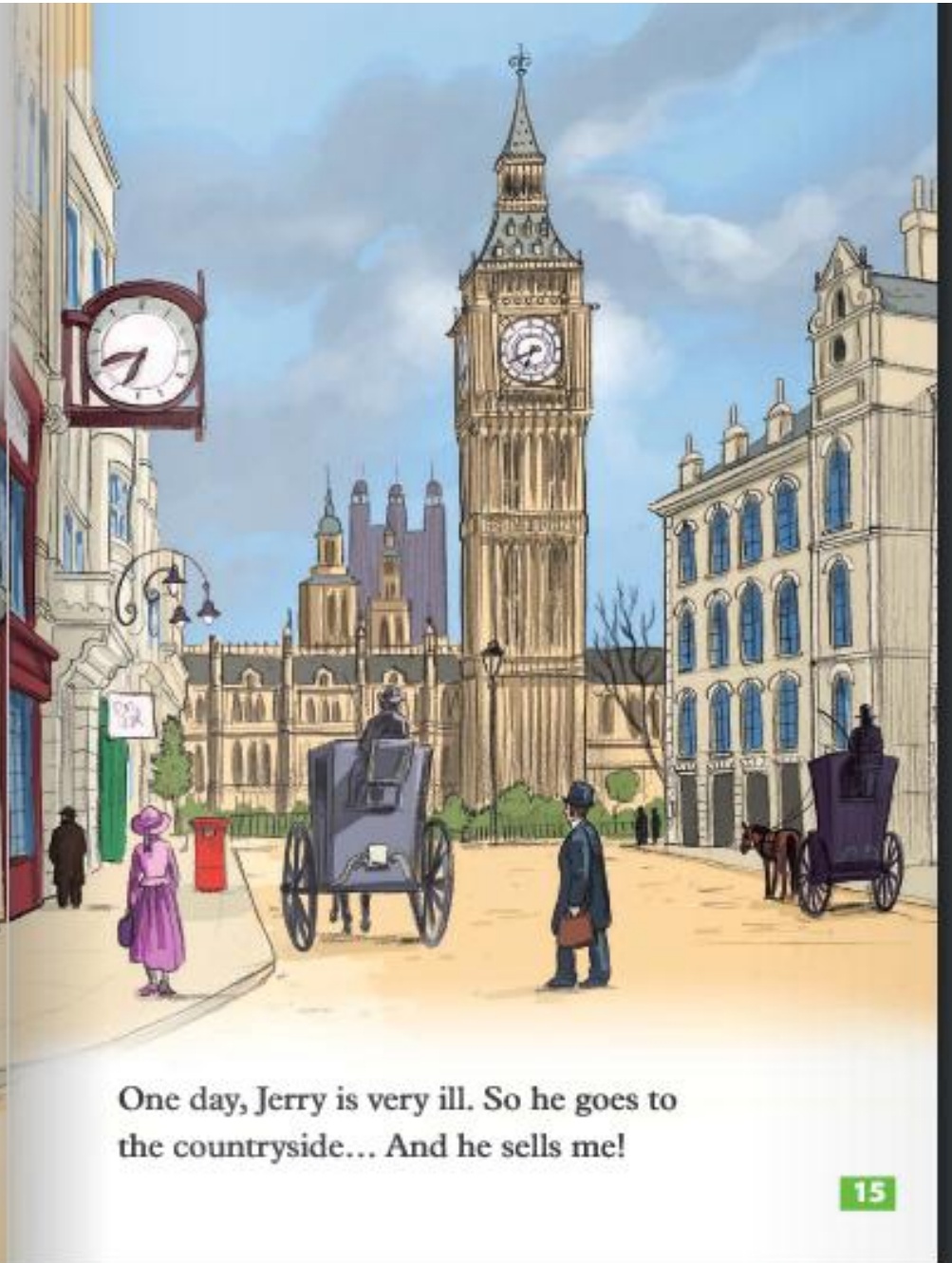


Reuben and I fall\*.  
Reuben dies. And I'm hurt.  
My legs are horrible now... So Lady W sells me.

a lot of : beaucoup de / become : devenir / He doesn't see it : Il ne le voit pas / want : vouloir

I have a lot of new masters: good masters, cruel masters, intelligent masters, stupid masters...

Jerry Barker is an excellent master.  
With Jerry, I go to London. I'm a cab\* horse now.  
It's dangerous, it's hard work. But it's exciting, too.



One day, Jerry is very ill. So he goes to the countryside... And he sells me!