

Teaching resources for

Songster – Loughborough's Own War Horse

'Spot the animal' activity

Wordsearch

Blank story grid for retelling Songster's story

Songster story-sequencing game

Colouring sheets

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Copies of 'Songster, Loughborough's Own War Horse' are available for £6.99 from:

Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3DU
Waterstones, Market Place, Loughborough
Amazon.co.uk (including in Kindle format)

You can buy an IWB-friendly digital version of the story for use in schools [here](#).

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What creatures can you find on each page?

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Page 3:
Page 5:
Page 6:
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Page 13:
Page 18:
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Page 33:
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ANSWERS

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Page 3: cat, snail
Page 5: pigeons, horses
Page 6: butterfly
Page 9: dog
Page 11: seagulls
Page 13: rat
Page 18: robin
Page 19: magpie
Page 21: crow
Page 23: osprey (bird of prey)
Page 25: mule
Page 29: mouse
Page 31: bluetit, squirrel
Page 32: beagles (dogs), fox
Page 33: rabbits
Page 34: dog
Page 37: chickens
Page 38: butterfly

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Songster wordsearch

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i	b	s	o	i	k	r	a	b	b	i	t	s
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The Story of Songster, Loughborough's Own War Horse by _____

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A sequencing game for two players

You will need: a base board and one set of text cards for each player.

How to play:

Mix up both sets of text cards and spread them face down on the table.

The youngest player goes first. (The second player goes first when you play the game again).

Take it in turns to turn over a card, read it and put it on your story grid.

If it's a card you don't need, put it back on the table, face up. It's then the other player's turn.

The next player can take that card if they want to, or they can turn over a new one.

Story cards must be in the right order on your board. You can move them as you play if you need to.

The winner is the first person to fill the story board.

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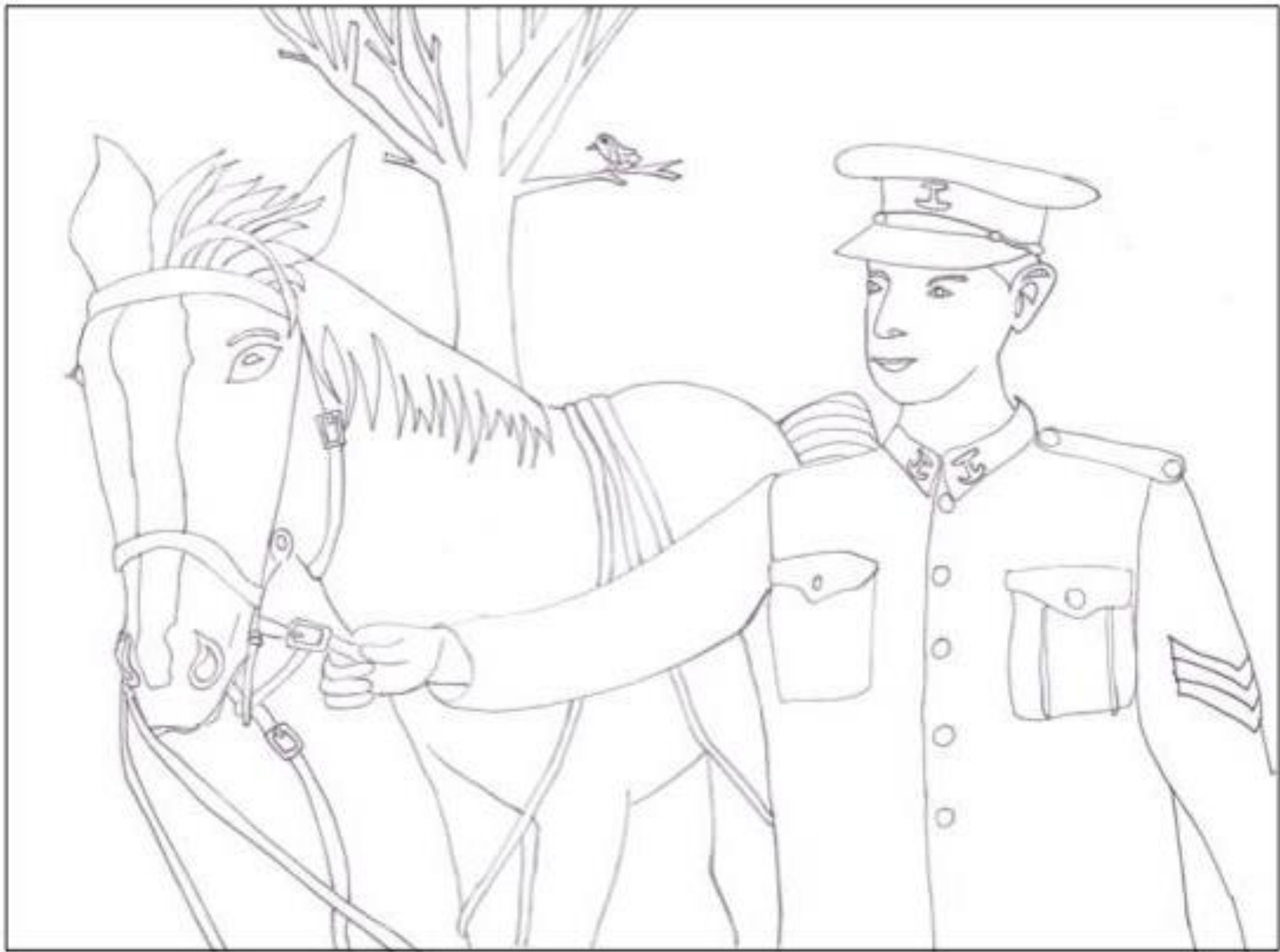
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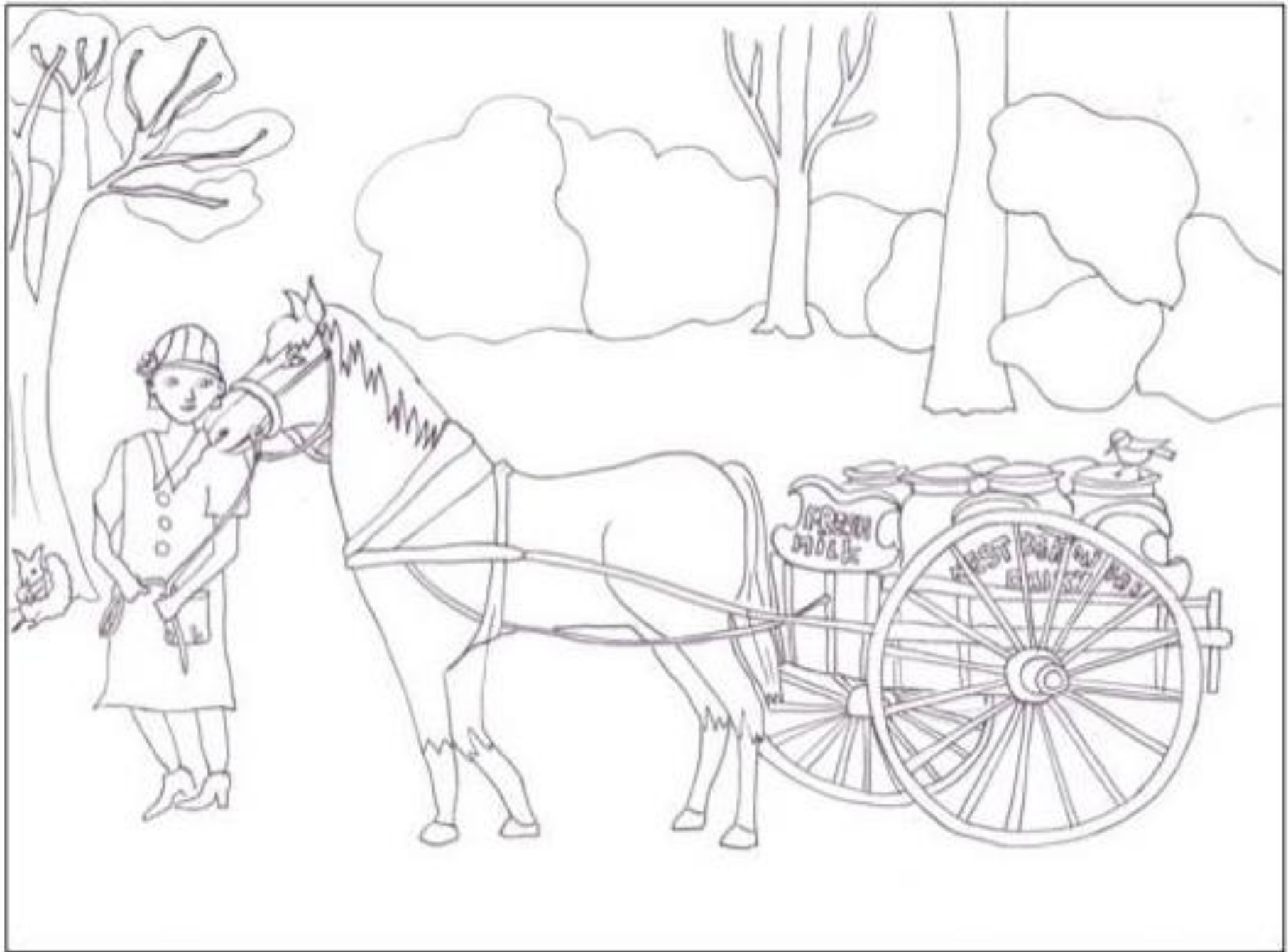
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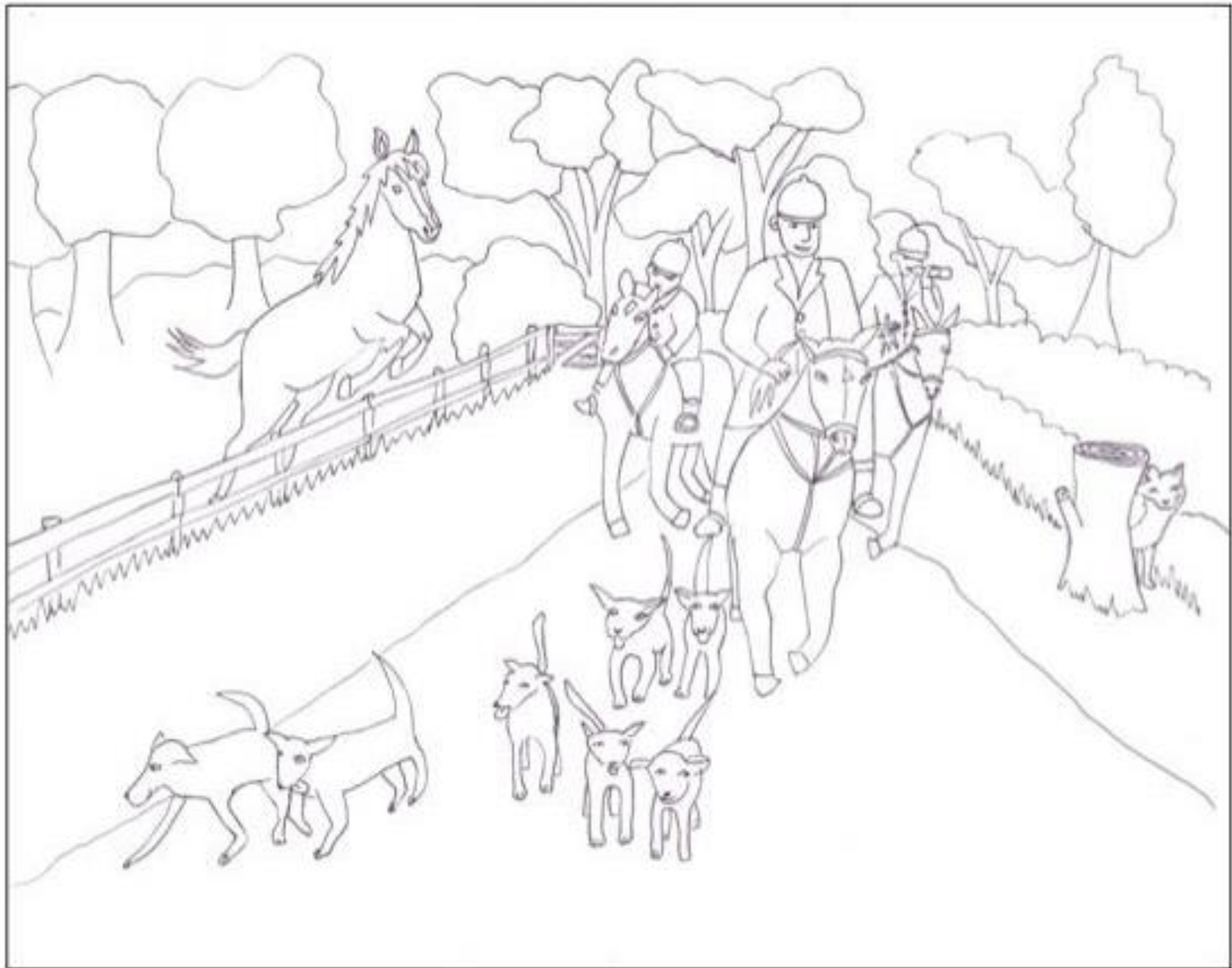
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Songster and Bert



Once a week, Songster pulled the milk cart to Loughborough Market.



Songster leapt over the fence and galloped after the other horses.