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## Supercow Vol. 3 The Reader

For Zsolt, Izolda, Maja and Boroka

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Once upon a time, a little lost girl sat by the stump of a tree crying. Why was she crying? We Don't know. ....But what we do know is that she was clutching a large book in her arms.



# Supercow was sitting, chilling, in a field of daisies.



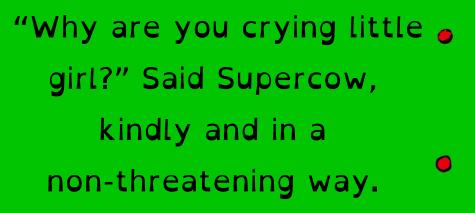
"It's very important to stop and smell the flowers" Supercow says. - "But don't pick too many! - Leave them for other people to enjoy too." Wait, what is that???



## Supercow hears a call for help.









The little girl's name was Mia. (mya). People called her 'meea' sometimes; it made her mad but she didn't say anything – that would be rude.

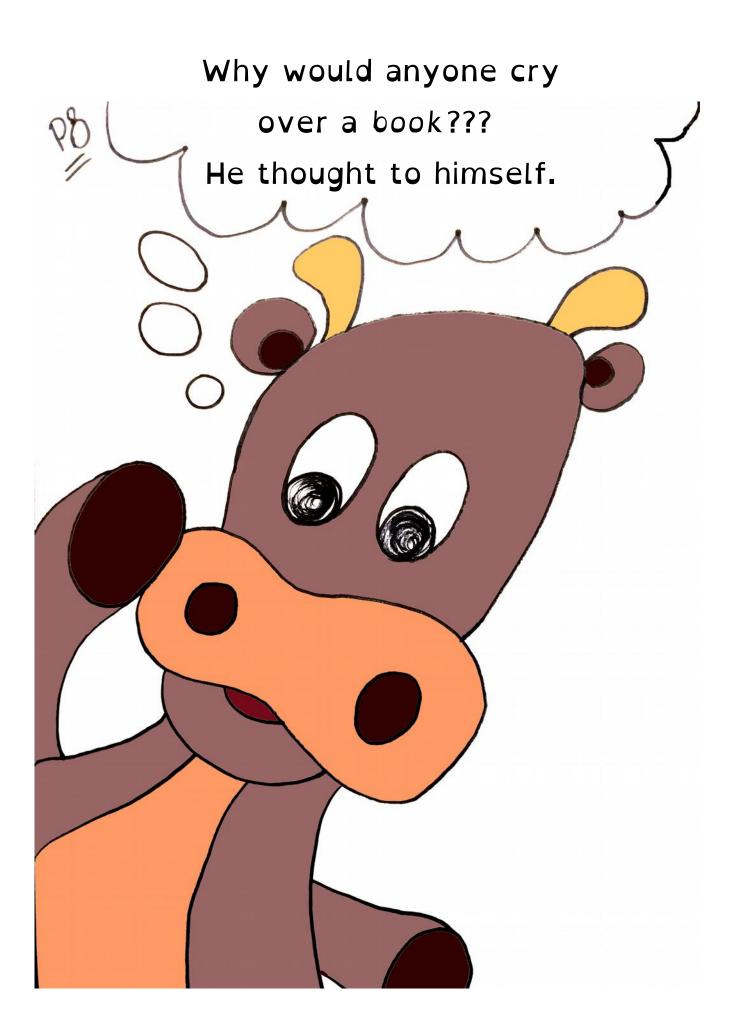


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Supercow looked at the little girl clutching the book so tight lt must be something to do with reading, he thought to himself.







Supercow asked the little girl, "Do you want someone to read that book to you?"

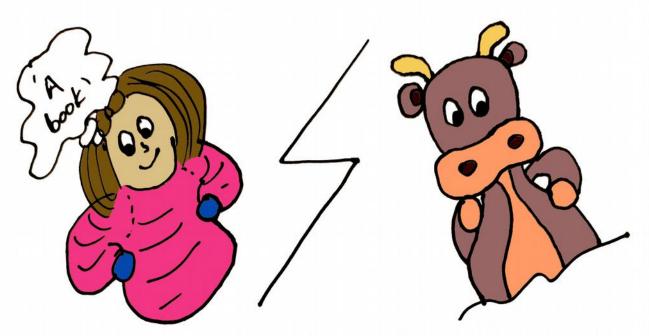




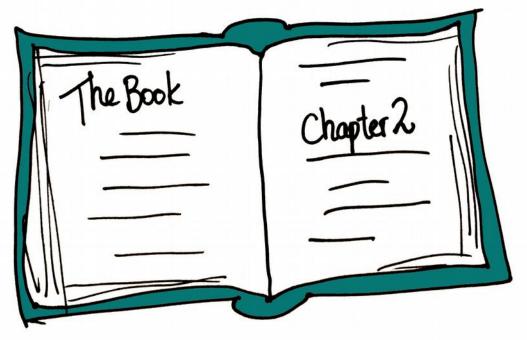
## ow was VERY worried.



How could it be that nobody had ever wanted to read a book to her??



It was a crime or NOT???



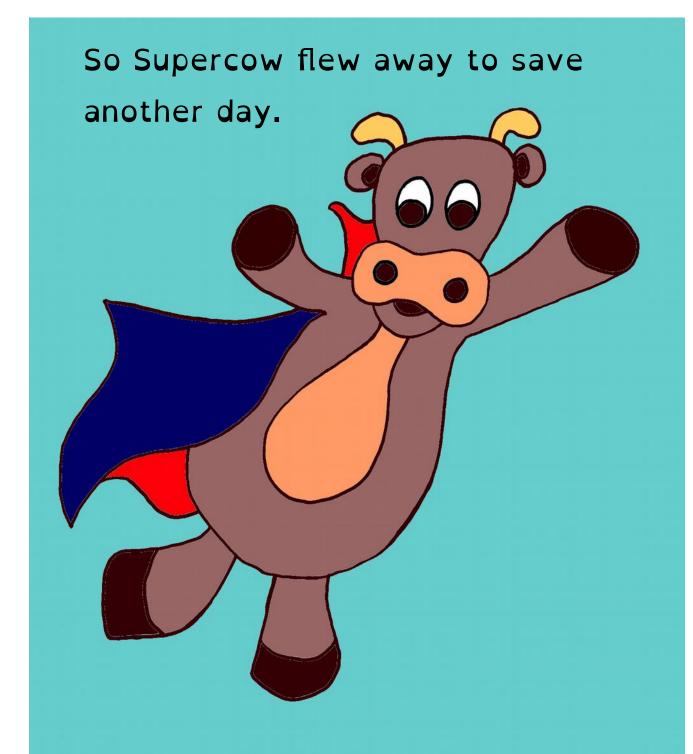
"Little girl," said Supercow, "would you like me to read you that book?"





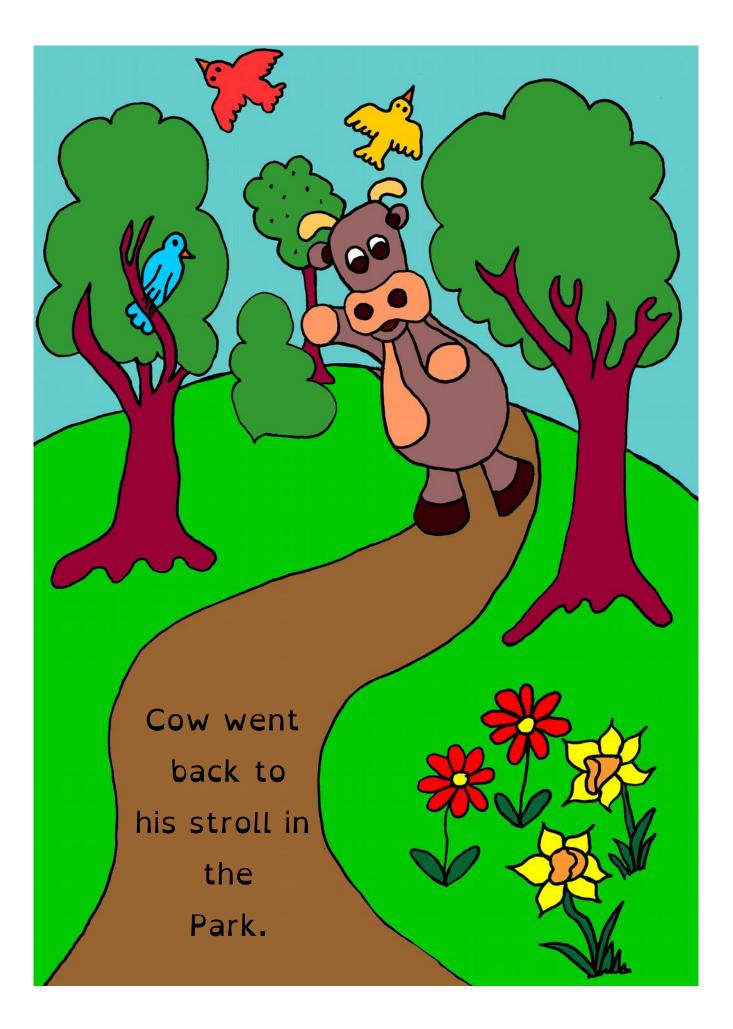
## Mia clasped her hands in delight.





All was well with the world, and,







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