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Mrs. Dotty had a very, very old car she called Polly. Polly was the oldest car in Merry County. Maybe it was the oldest car anywhere.



Mrs. Dotty washed and waxed Polly every day.

“Polly, you look pretty,” said Mrs. Dotty. “And all these kids like you.”



"Off we go, Polly!" yelled Mrs. Dotty as she took a spin around the block. She had to yell because Polly was very noisy.

Polly went, "Clacky-clack-clack."

"Way to go!" yelled Mrs. Dotty.





Mrs. Dotty drove by Sally's house.
"Hello, Polly!" called Sally.
Polly went, "Clacky-clack-clack."
"Way to go!" called Mrs. Dotty.
And off she went.





Mrs. Dotty took the car by
Billy's house.

3 "Hello, Polly!" called Billy.
Polly went, "Clacky-clack-clack."

2 "Way to go!" yelled Mrs. Dotty.
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Mrs. Dotty was almost home.
Then Polly made a funny sound.
“What’s that?” asked Mrs.
Dotty. “Polly has never done
that before.”



Polly made another funny sound.

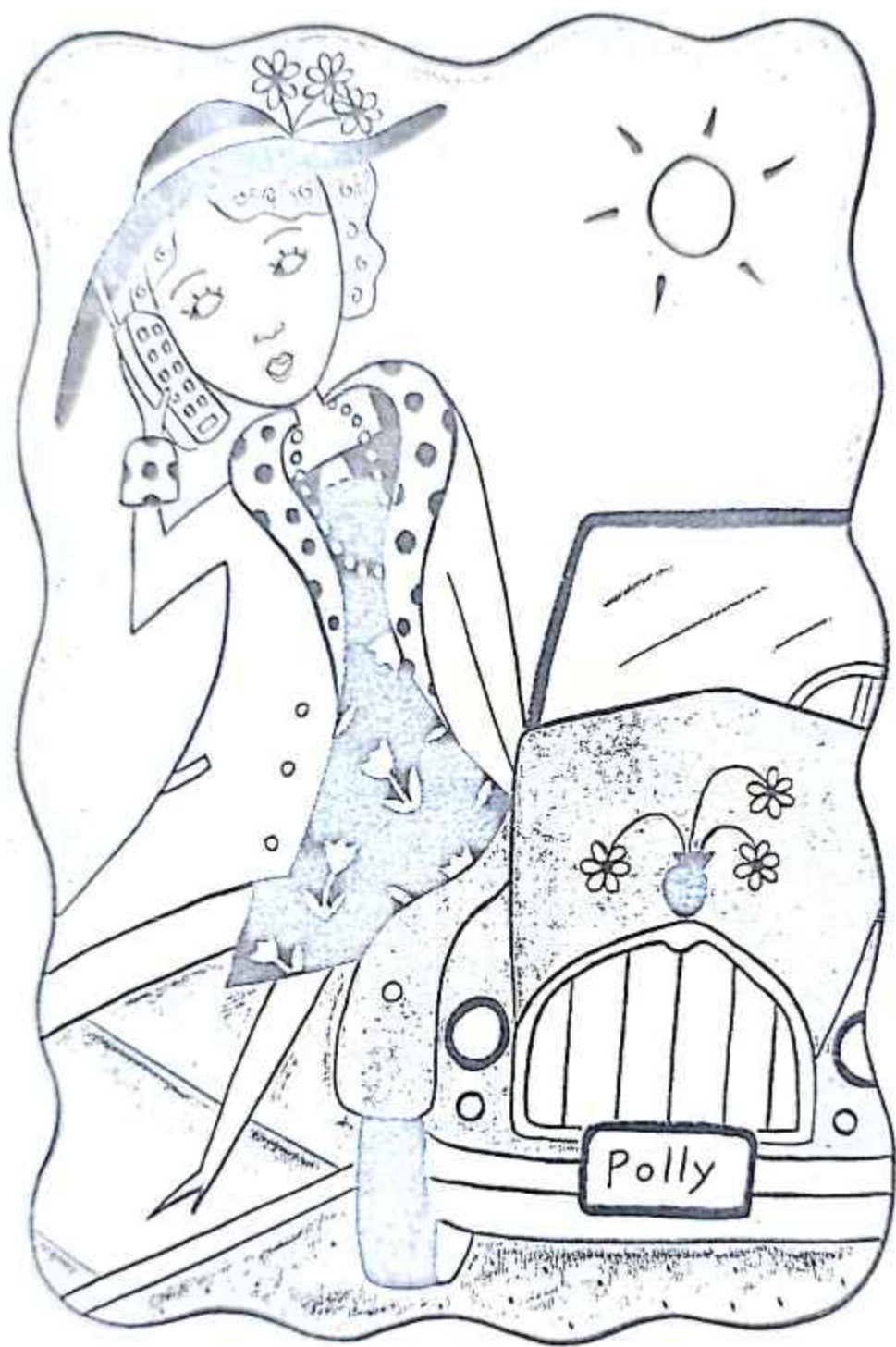
“What’s going on?” asked
Mrs. Dotty.

Polly slowed down. Then Polly
would not move at all.



Mrs. Dotty took a look under
the hood. She pushed and pulled.
She pounded and shouted. But
Polly would not move.





"I'll call Willy," said Mrs.
Dotty. "He will fix Polly."



“What happened?” asked Billy.
“Is Polly broken?” asked Sally.
“Maybe,” said Mrs. Dotty.
Just then Polly made a funny
sound again.

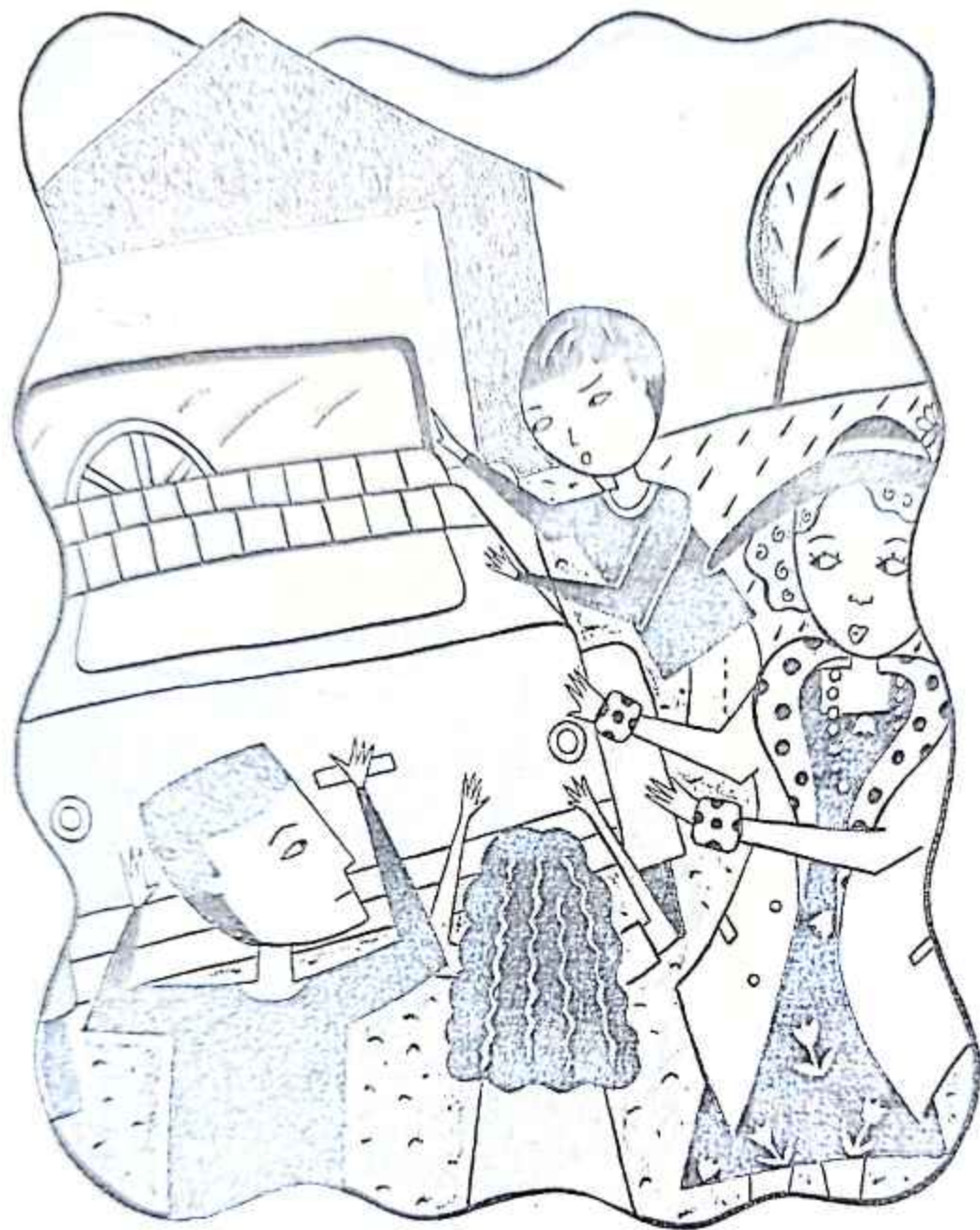


Willy looked under the hood.
He pushed and pulled. He
pounded and shouted.

“Polly is very old,” he said. “I
can’t fix Polly. Do you want me
to tow Polly away?”

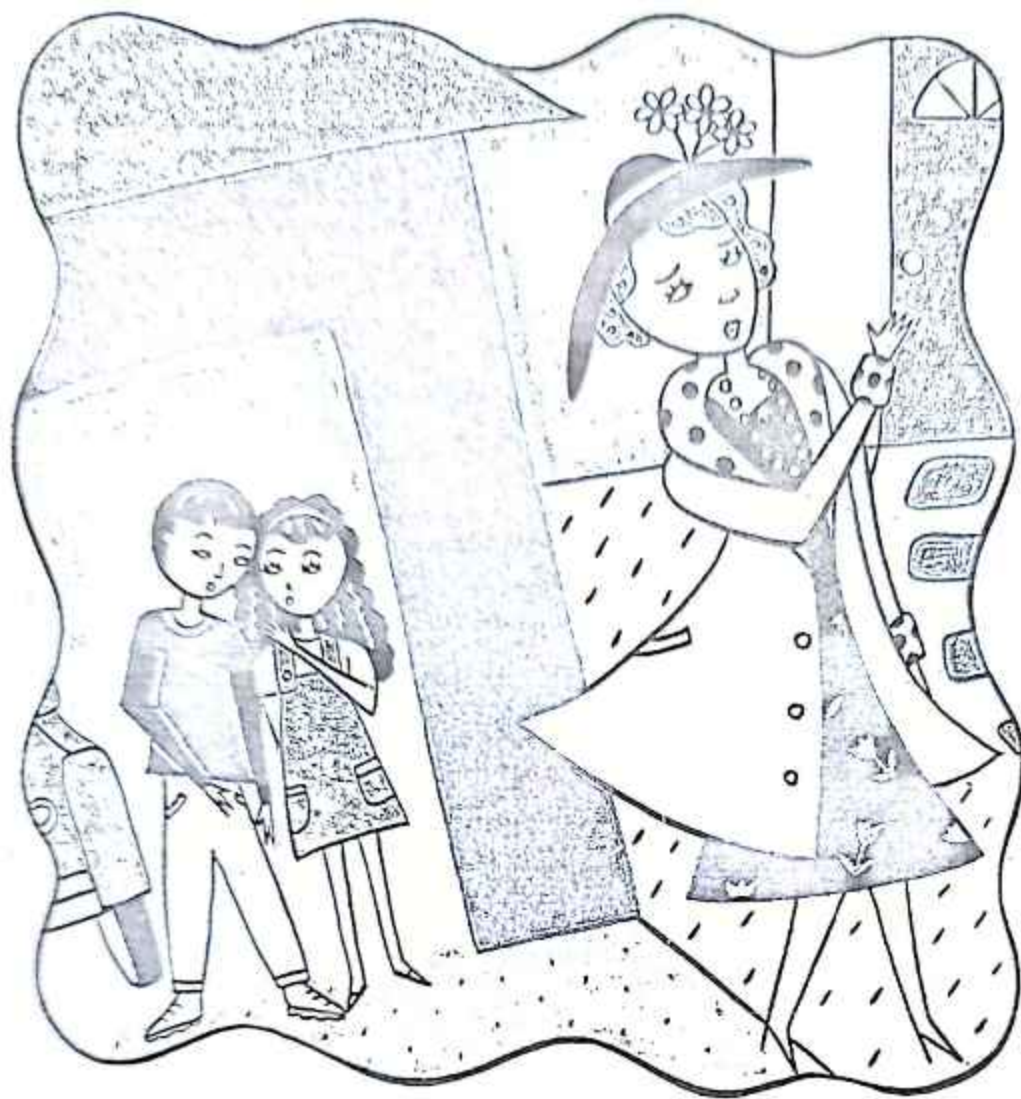


“Maybe,” said Mrs. Dotty. “But I will never be happy without Polly. And these kids will miss Polly too.”



“Get Polly into the garage,”
said Willy.

Everyone helped push Polly
into Mrs. Dotty’s garage.



“We are going to miss Polly!”
said Billy.

“What can we do?” asked Sally.

“Hmm,” said Billy.

They talked and talked. Then
they had an idea!



Now kids from all over Merry County come to see Polly.

She is the oldest and only car in the Old Car Museum!

Phonics for Families: This book provides practice in reading words with the long e sound spelled e and y and words with the ed ending. It also provides practice reading the high-frequency words *these, off, took, house,* and *never*. Read the book with your child. Then invite him or her to design an advertisement for the Old Car Museum.

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High-Frequency Words: *these, off, took, house, never*



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