



“With love and care,
this rose we bring,
“A gift of joy for
Queen Ming.”



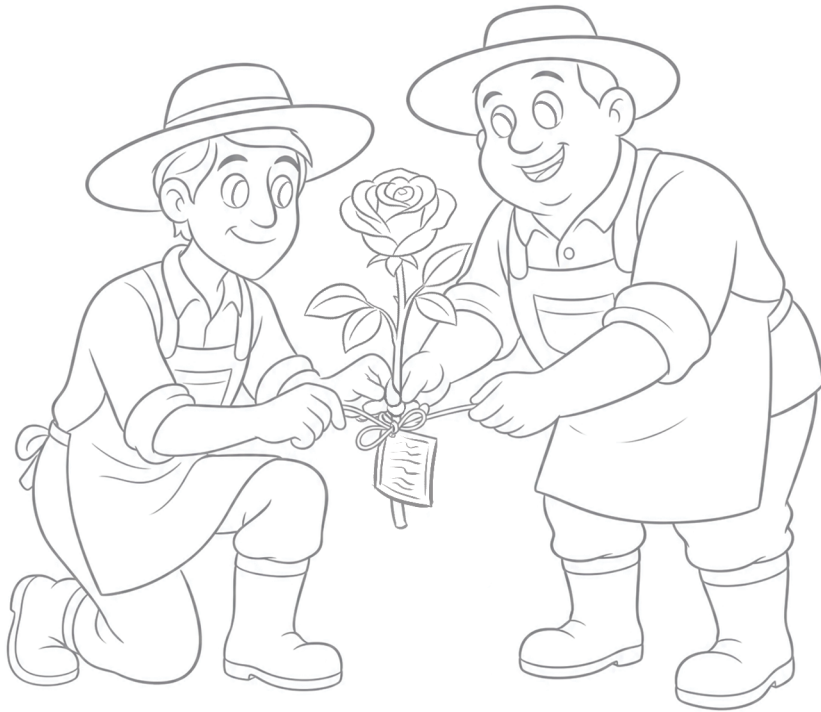
Cole and Joe step
past the stone path.
They walk up the
wide steps to Queen
Ming’s home.



At the gate, a tall
man stops them.
“Who is here?”



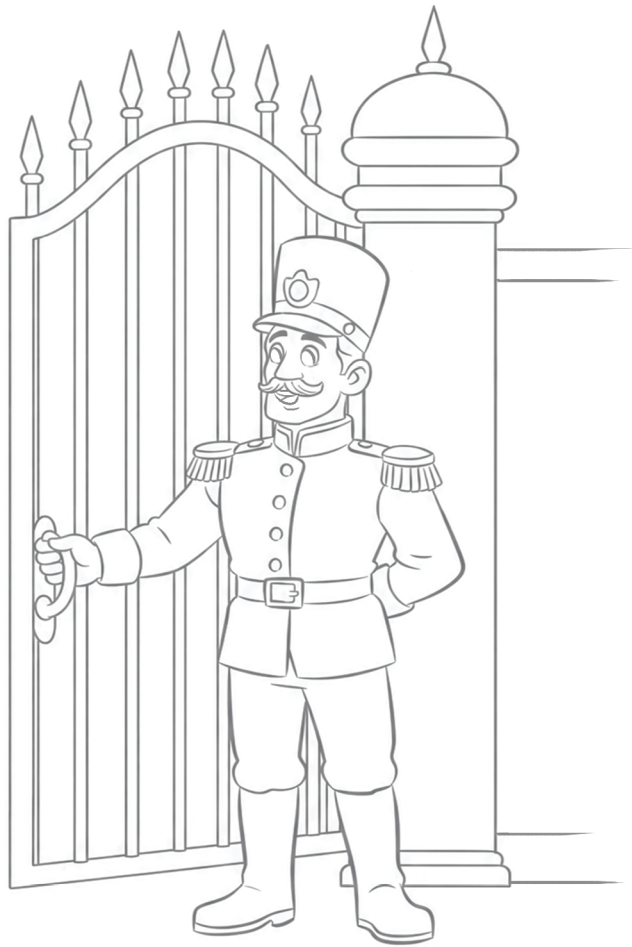
The note says:
“A rose so red,
a gift so true,
“Strong and tall,
it grows for you.”



They tie the note to
the rose.



“We are Cole and
Joe. We work for the
Royal Family. We
have a gift for
Queen Ming.”



The man nods.
“The Queen will love
a rose!” He opens
the gate.



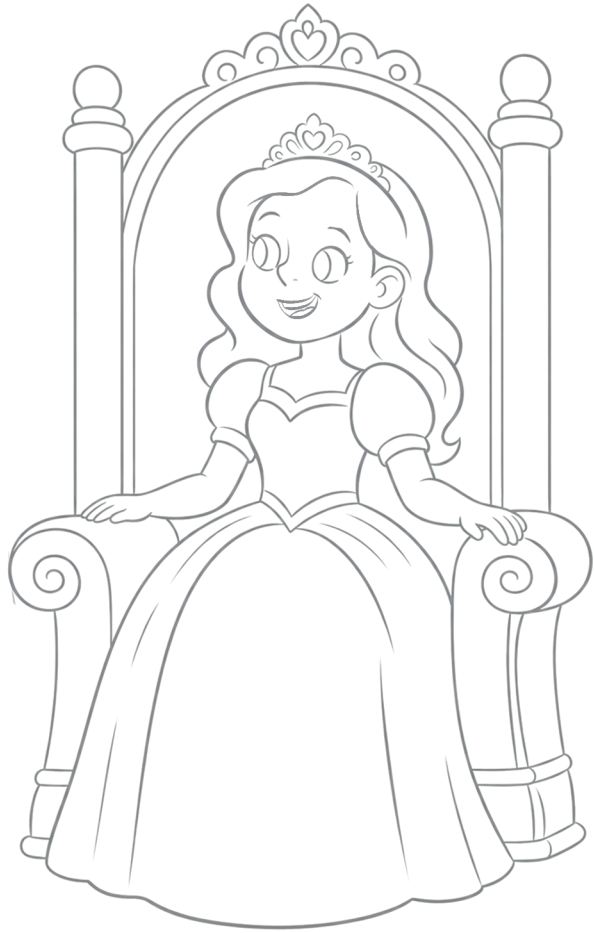
Joe finds a small
white note and a
long rope.



Cole picks the rose.
He holds it in his
hands.



Cole and Joe step
inside.



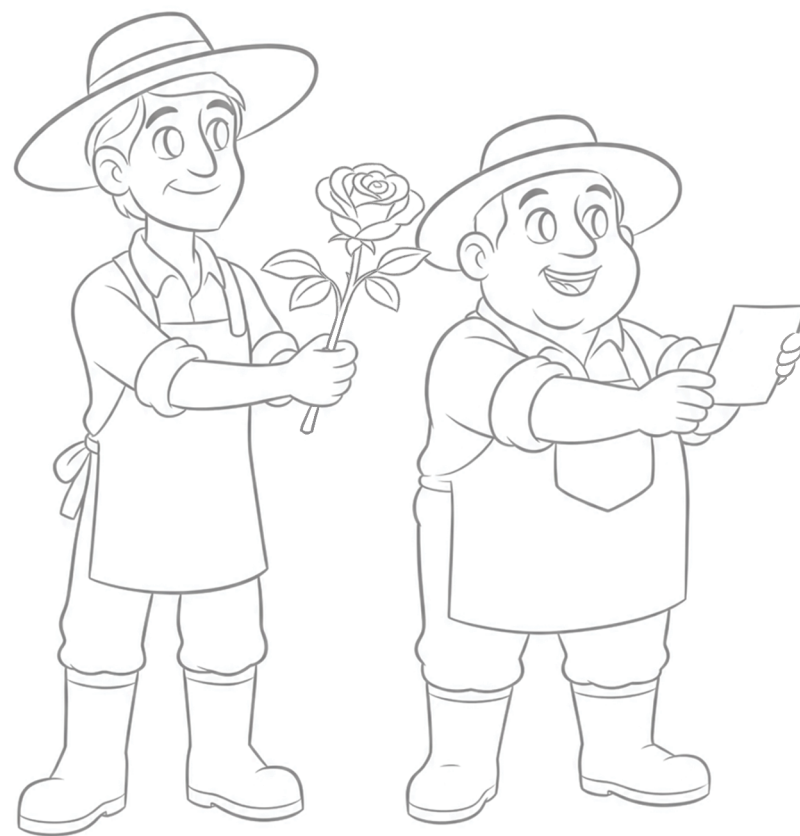
Inside, Queen Ming
sits in a golden
chair.



Joe grins. “She will
love it! But we need
a note!”



“I will give it to
Queen Ming!”



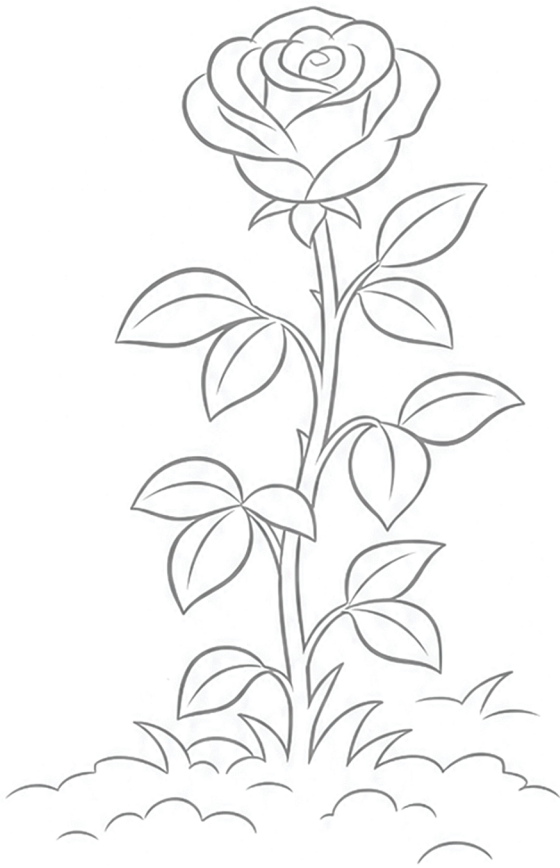
Cole hands her the
rose. Joe hands her
the note.



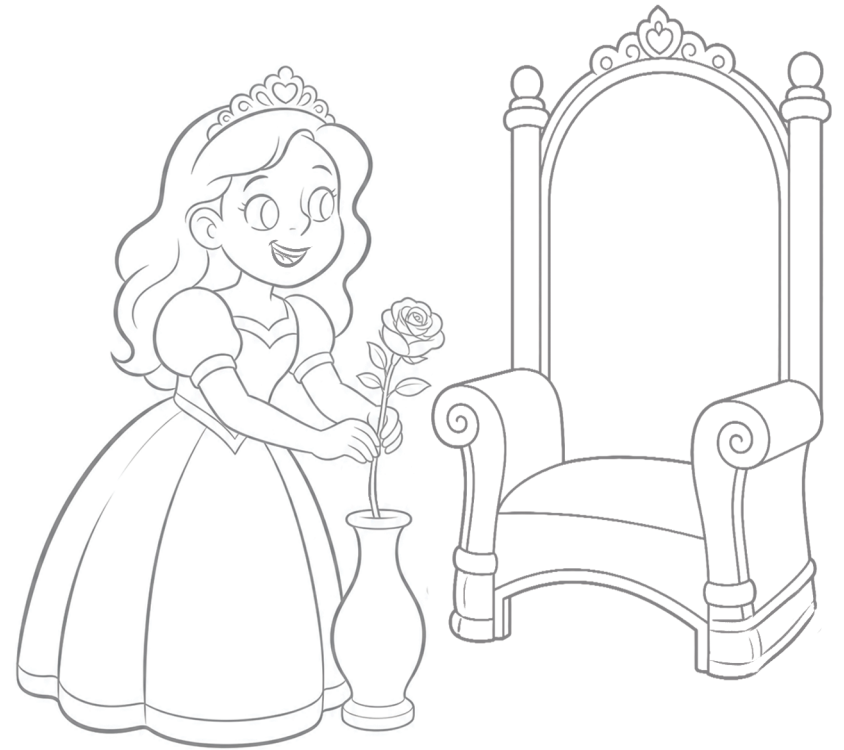
Queen Ming lifts the
rose and looks at
the note.



“This rose is rare!”
says Cole.



It is red and fine.



Then, she smiles.
“Cole and Joe, this
rose is fine!” she
says. “It will sit by
my throne!”



Cole and Joe grin.
“We hope it makes
you smile,
Queen Ming.”



One day, as Cole
rakes and hoes, he
spots a rose.



Joe keeps the
paths safe.



Queen Ming nods.
“It does! Thank
you, my Royal
Gardeners!”



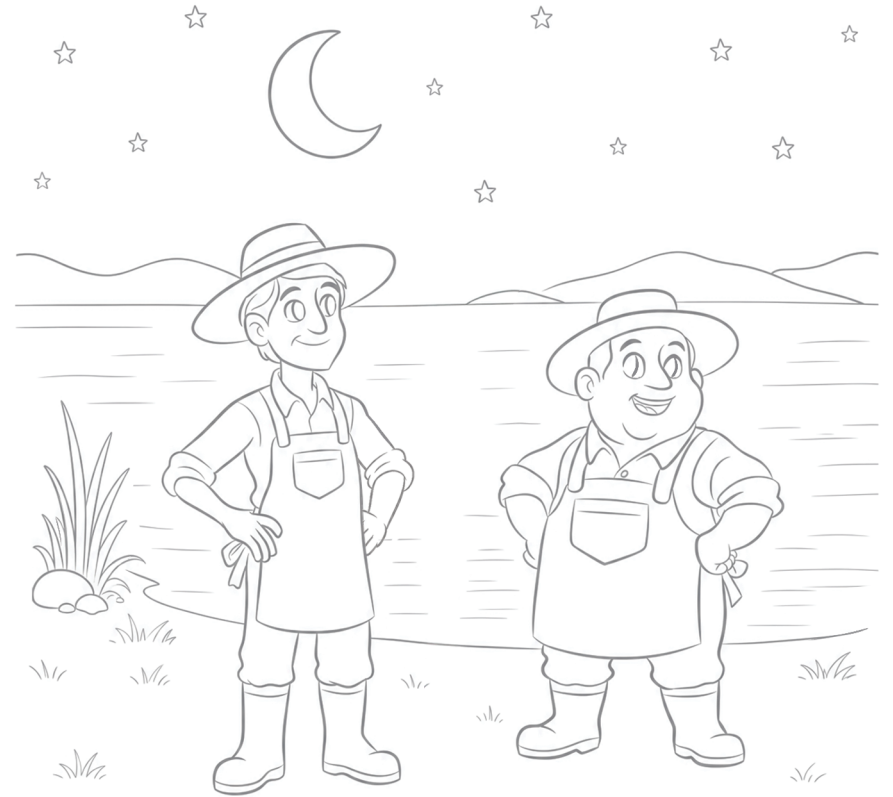
“You are welcome,
Queen Ming.”



Cole takes care of
the garden.



They live in a home
by the big blue lake.



That evening, they
look at the stars
and smile.



Tomorrow, they will
find more roses.
More roses for
Queen Ming.



Cole and Joe work for
the Royal Family.

In This Reader:

Phonics Skill

The o_e Spelling Pattern

In the o_e spelling pattern, the final e is silent, and the o spells the long o sound, /ō/, as in home, hope, and rose.

Decodable Words

o_e	Digraph + o_e	Beginning Blend + o_e	o_e + Ending
Cole home hope Joe note rope rose	throne	stone throne	roses

Other Decodable Words: big, bring, fine, gate, gift, grin, grins, hands, inside, lake, lifts, long, makes, man, Ming, nods, past, path, paths, picks, rakes, red, safe, sit, sits, small, smile, smiles, spots, step, steps, stops, strong, takes, tall, thank, white, wide

Heart Words

Previously Taught: a, and, are, as, at, big, but, by, day, find, for, have, he, her, here, his, I, in, is, it, keeps, look, looks, love, my, of, one, says, she, so, that, the, them, then, they, this, to, up, we, who, will, with, you

New: *There are no new heart words in this reader.*

Challenge Words

blue, care, chair, does, evening, family, finds, garden, gardeners, give, golden, grows, holds, joy, live, Ming's, more, need, opens, queen, rare, royal, stars, tie, tomorrow, true, walk, welcome, work

Talking about the Book!

You can use these comprehension questions to test your students' understanding of each story. Their responses can be verbal, or they can point to the answers in the book.

Q: What did Cole decide to do with the rose he found?

A:

Q: What did Cole and Joe do to make the rose a special gift for Queen Ming?

A:

Q: How do you know Cole and Joe wanted to make Queen Ming happy? Use something they did in the story.

A:

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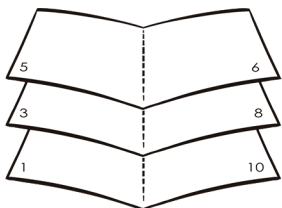
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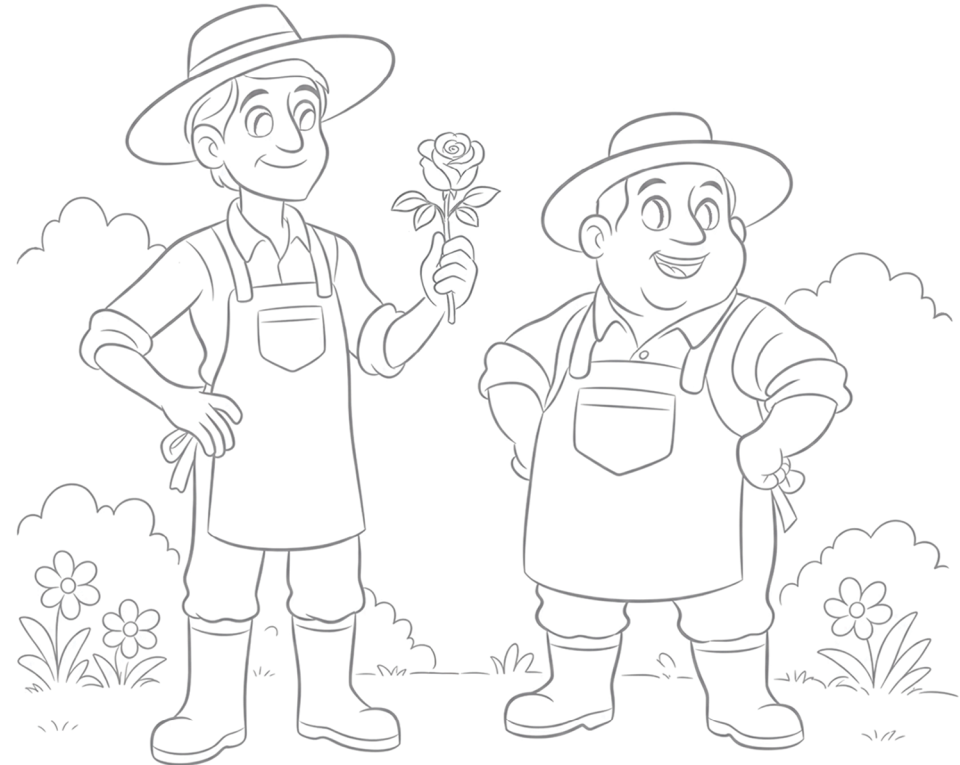


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