

The Miracle of Susie

The Puppy That Changed the Law



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~Donna Lawrence

This book is dedicated to all of the animals out there that had no voice but that now—thanks to Susie—have been given a voice.

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the
glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

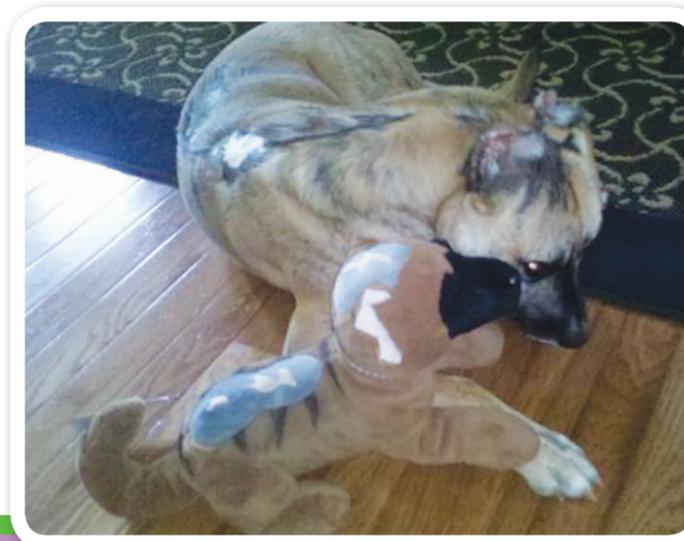
Isaiah 60:1



Donna and Susie

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My name is Susie.

I was ten weeks old.

I was alone in a park.

I had no food and no water.

I ate trash and sticks.

It hurt when I chewed.

My owner had burned me and hurt my mouth.

My ears were just nubs.

I was really scared.

My burns itched.

I wanted to scratch.

When I did, they hurt.

For days, I walked in the park.

Flies buzzed around me.

Each morning the flies woke me up.

I was ready to give up.

I was getting close to dying.

At night I got really scared.

It was so dark.

I heard strange noises.

I hid under bushes.

I tried to make myself small.

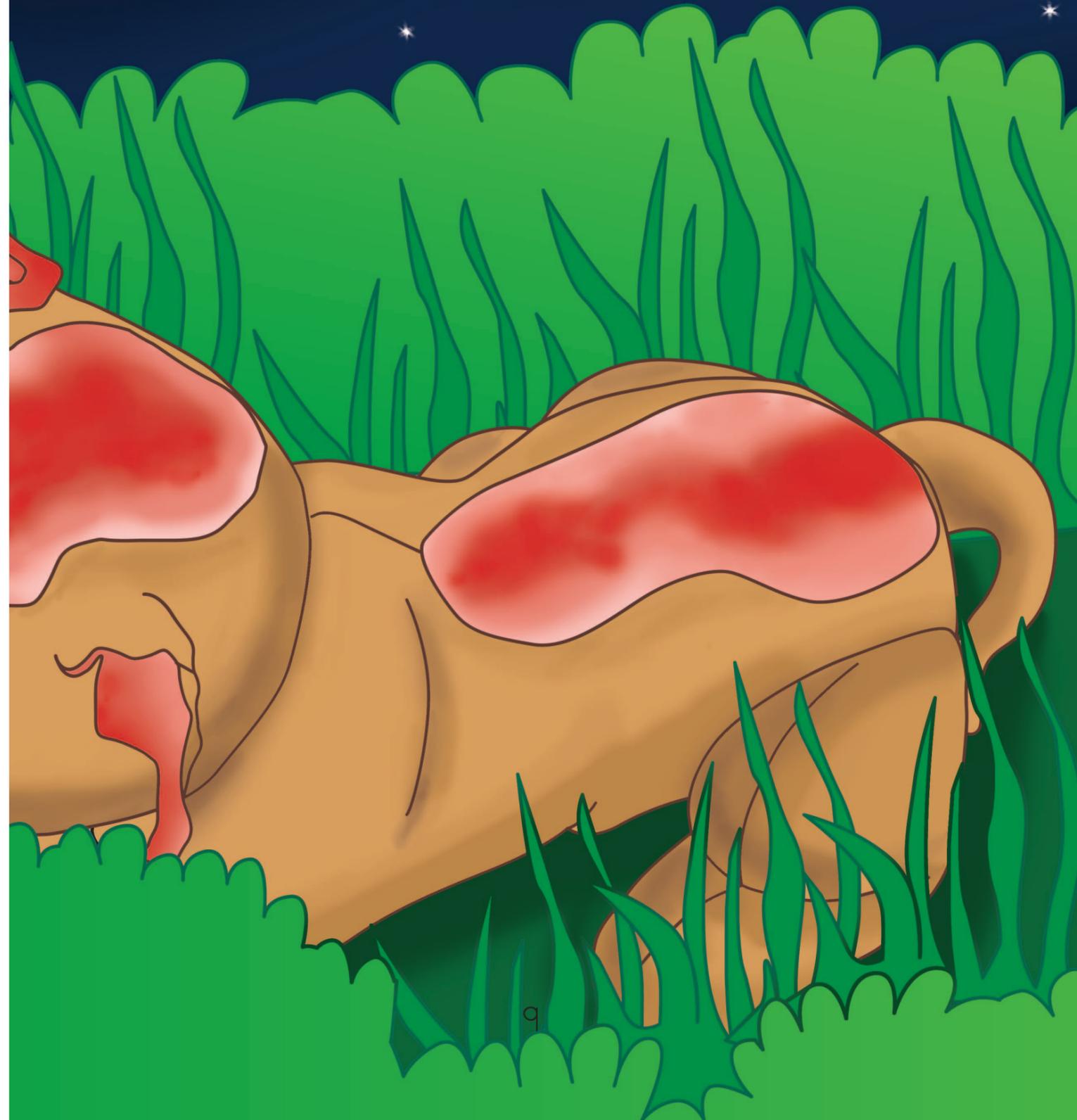
I had bad dreams every night.

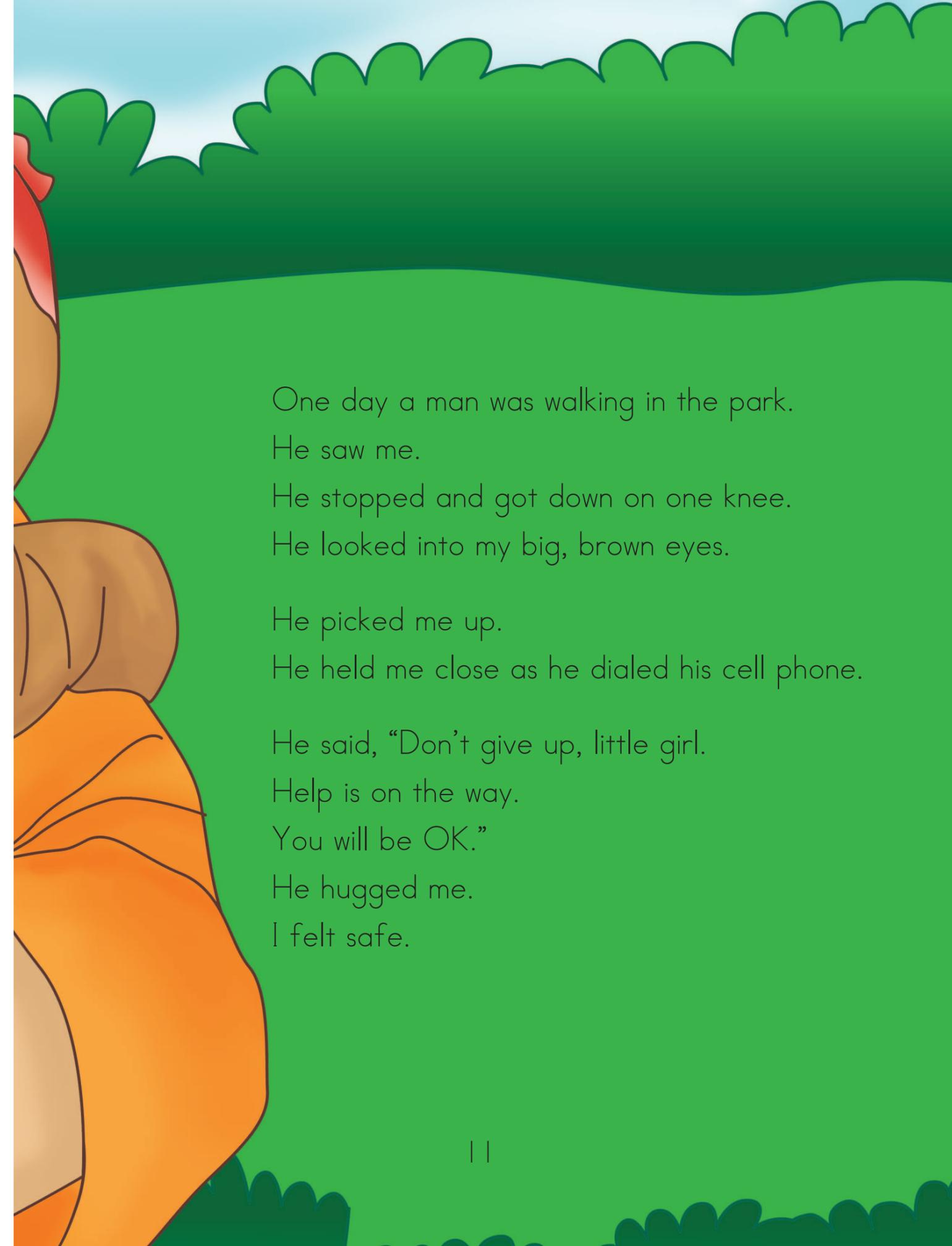
My owner was beating me.

He was burning me.

I woke up whimpering and sweating.

I was scared to go to sleep.





One day a man was walking in the park.
He saw me.
He stopped and got down on one knee.
He looked into my big, brown eyes.

He picked me up.
He held me close as he dialed his cell phone.

He said, "Don't give up, little girl.
Help is on the way.
You will be OK."
He hugged me.
I felt safe.