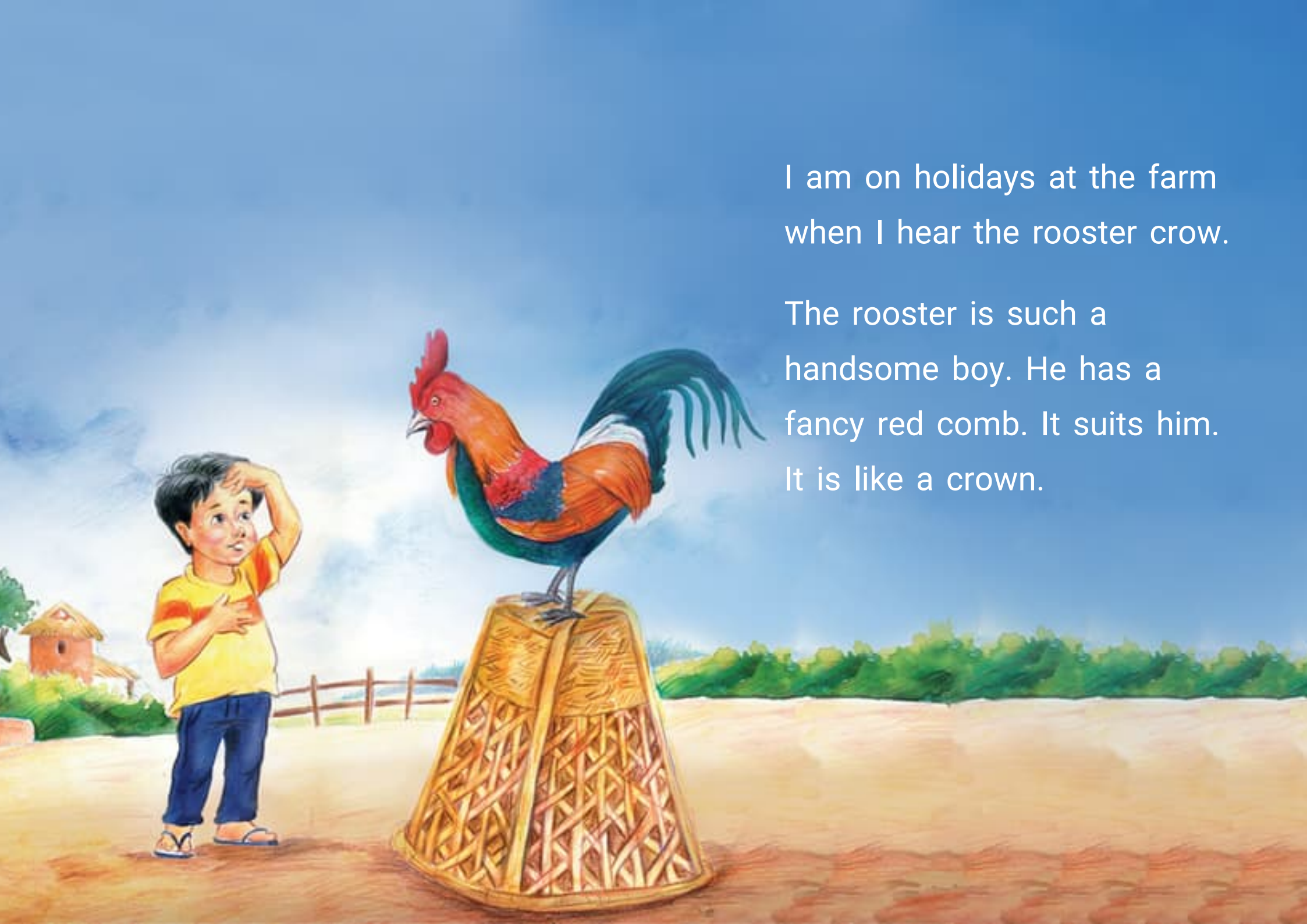


# My Comb

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I am on holidays at the farm when I hear the rooster crow.

The rooster is such a handsome boy. He has a fancy red comb. It suits him. It is like a crown.

He seems so proud of his fancy comb crown.

I ask him if I can have a crown too.

He preens his colourful feathers.

'I can't give you my crown,' the rooster says.

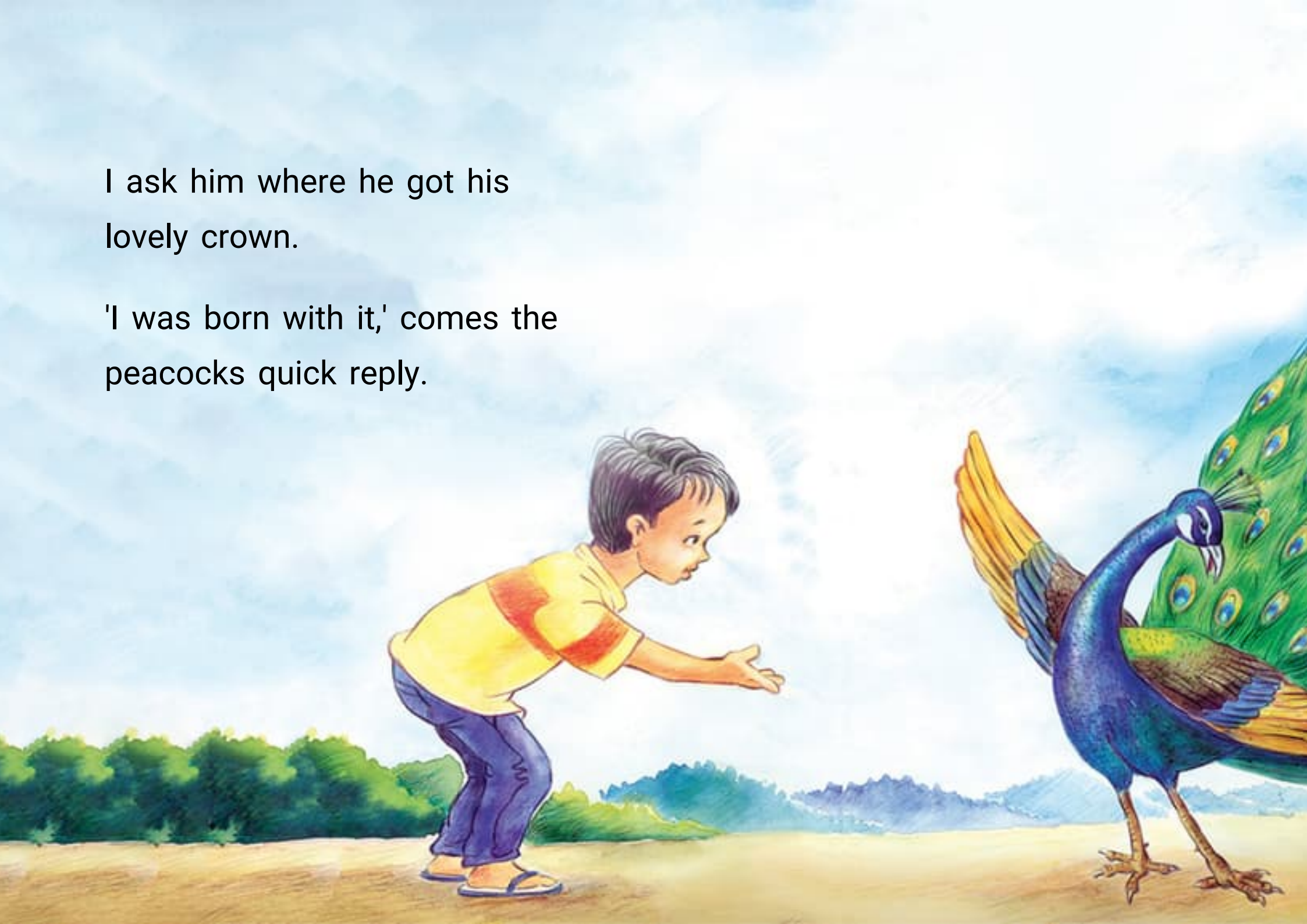


Next, I see the posing peacock. He fans out his glorious tail feathers in one fluid movement. And I see that he has a wonderful feather crown too.



I ask him where he got his  
lovely crown.

'I was born with it,' comes the  
peacocks quick reply.



This farm is a sanctuary for many types of birds. There are roosters, peacocks, and now I meet a water bird, a heron. She also has a fancy comb.



She will not part with her crown of feathers either.

It seems I am not to have a comb crown today.



'Enough! You can all  
keep your combs of  
feathers. I don't need  
yours.'







I was not born with feathers.  
But I can make a comb crown  
that is just right for me. Give  
me some scissors, and watch  
me go.



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