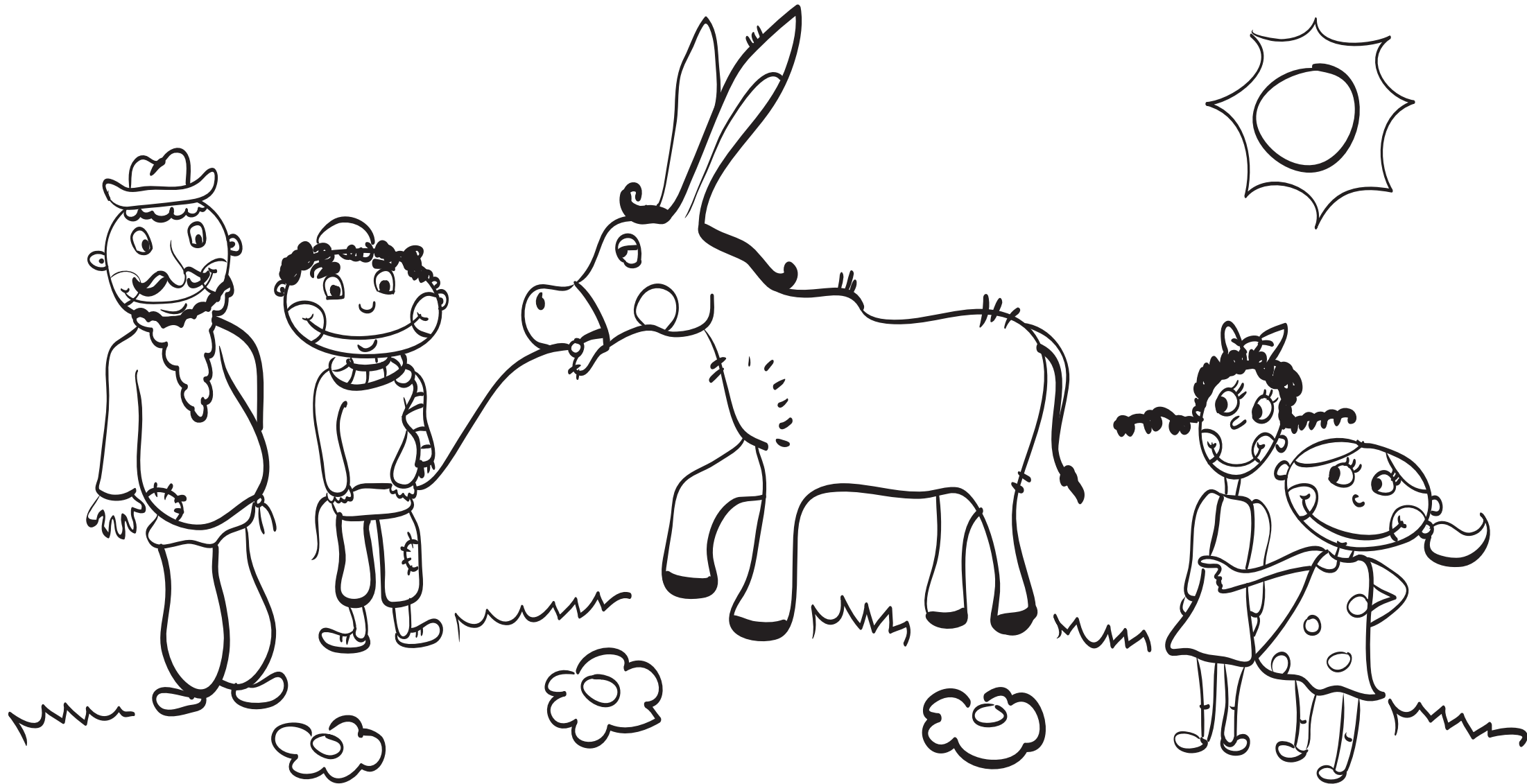
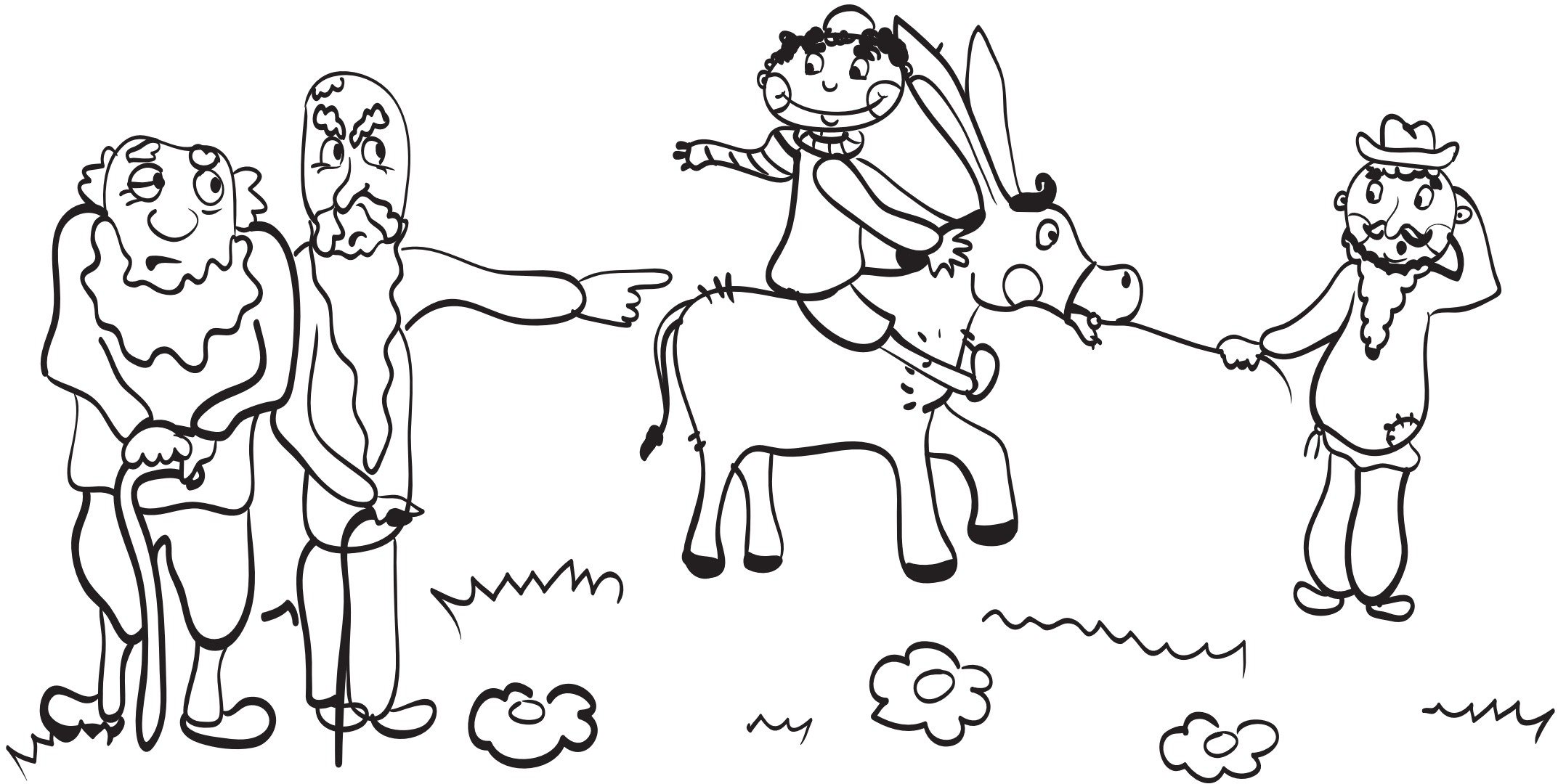


One day, an old farmer and his son were walking their donkey to the market to be sold. A group of girls passed and gossiped, "Why doesn't one of them ride the donkey?" So the son got on the donkey's back and they kept going.

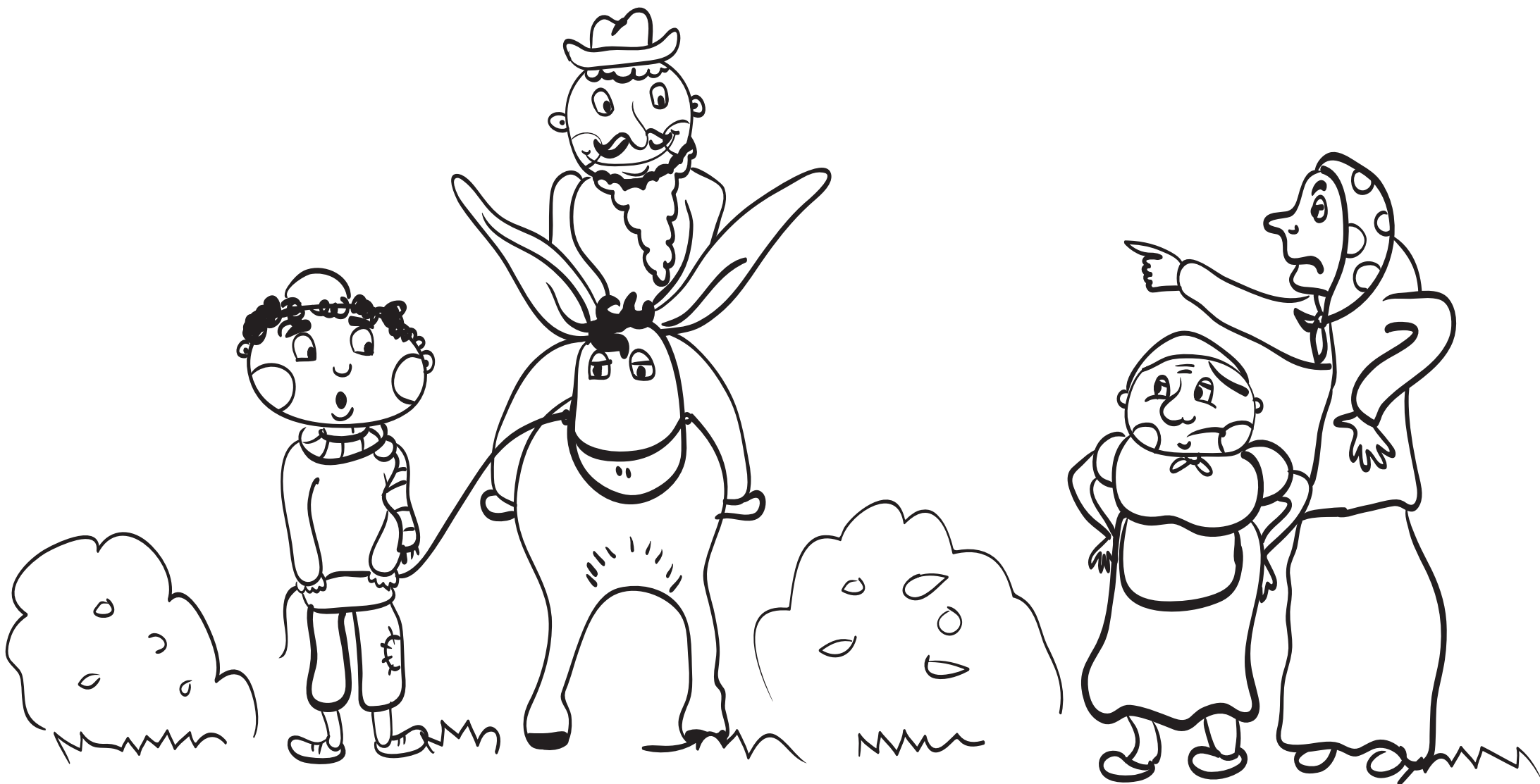


Soon they encountered a group of old men who grumbled, "Look there! Young boys have no respect for their elders. That boy is riding while his old father must walk." So the son got off and the old farmer got on, and they kept going.

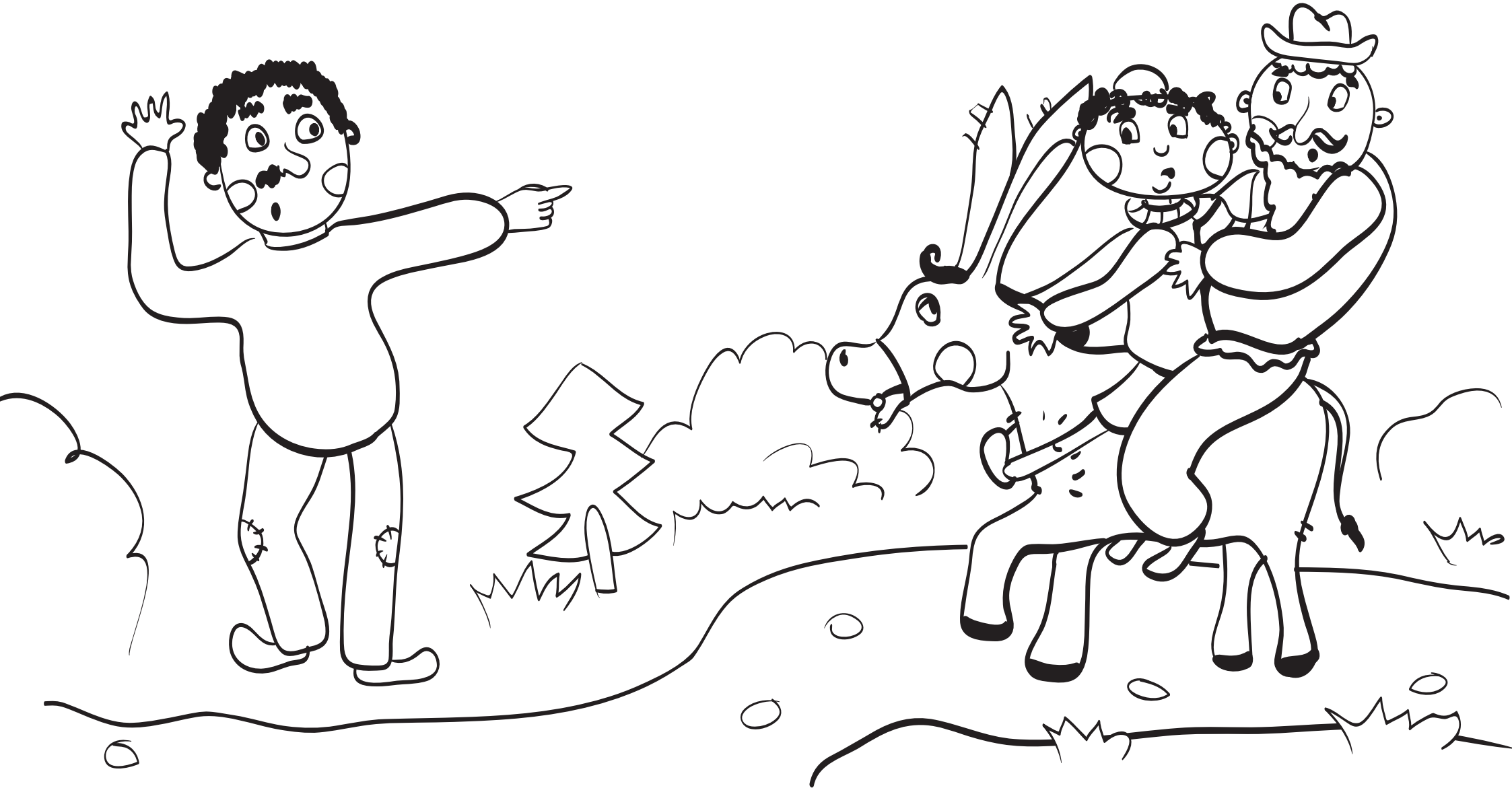


Next they encountered some old women who cried, "My goodness, that poor boy looks exhausted! How could you ride and make him walk?"

So the son jumped on the donkey's back along with the old farmer, and they kept going.



Then they encountered a man coming down the street who shouted, "Why do you make that donkey carry such a heavy load?" So the son and the old farmer got off, and tied the donkey's legs together and began to carry the donkey into the market.



When they arrived at the market, a crowd of people gathered to laugh at and tease the two men carrying a donkey. Alas, the silly and useless donkey could not be sold. The farmer cried, "I have tried to please everyone, but only made a fool of myself! From now on I will do as I see best, and let people say what they will."

