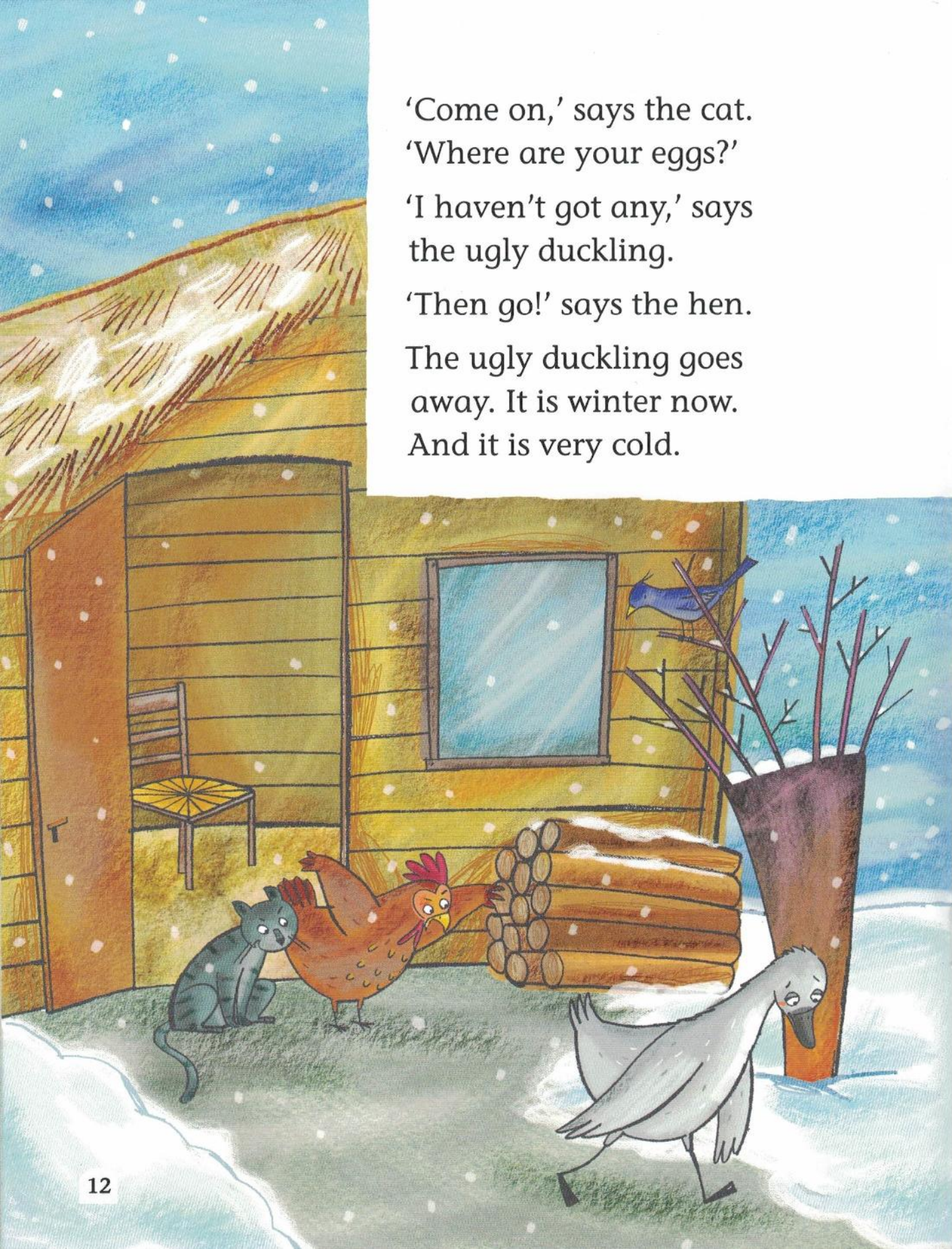


'Come on,' says the cat.
'Where are your eggs?'
'I haven't got any,' says
the ugly duckling.
'Then go!' says the hen.
The ugly duckling goes
away. It is winter now.
And it is very cold.



One evening the ugly duckling sees
something wonderful and strange. Three
swans! Three big, beautiful swans.
'Oh,' he cries. 'What beautiful birds! Big,
beautiful, and free.'
He calls to them. 'Who are you? Take me
with you.'
But they do not hear him.

