



Who is Chicken?

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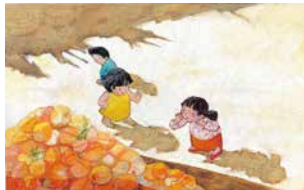
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Faye, Pipi and Kai went to the market together.

At the fruit stall, Pipi said to Faye: “I dare you to take one of those peaches.”

“But that’s *stealing!*”
Faye replied, shocked.





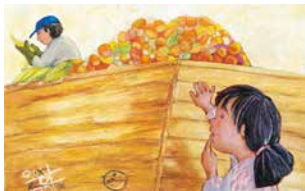
Pipi said, “You won’t do it?
Chicken!”

Pipi and Kai walked over
to another stall and bought
some apple juice.

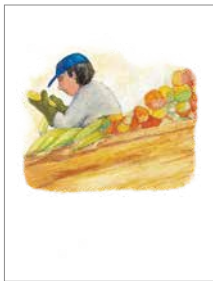


Faye stayed behind, still
upset by Pipi's words.

**“I'm not chicken...
I'm not chicken!”**



The owner of the fruit stall was stripping the kernels from a cob of corn. He took no notice of Faye. She looked up at a peach and stretched out her hand, thinking: “I’m not chicken!”



But instead of taking the peach, Faye asked: “Excuse me, could you give me a peach?”

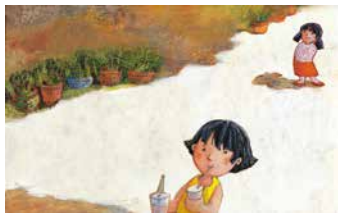
The owner looked at Faye curiously, saying nothing. Finally, he replied: “Sure, why not. Go ahead and take one.”





Faye hurried to catch up with Pipi and Kai. “Hey, you finally made it!” said Pipi. “We thought maybe you got lost. Here, I got some apple juice for you.”

Faye asked Pipi:
“Do you think I’m chicken?”
“So what if I do?”





Faye felt around in her pocket.
“Well... What do you think
about this?”

In her hand sat a great big
peach. Pipi and Kai couldn't
believe their eyes!



When Pipi and Kai heard Faye's story about the peach, they laughed and laughed until their bellies ached.

After that, they never again called Faye chicken!



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