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## Chapter 1 Toocool Ranch



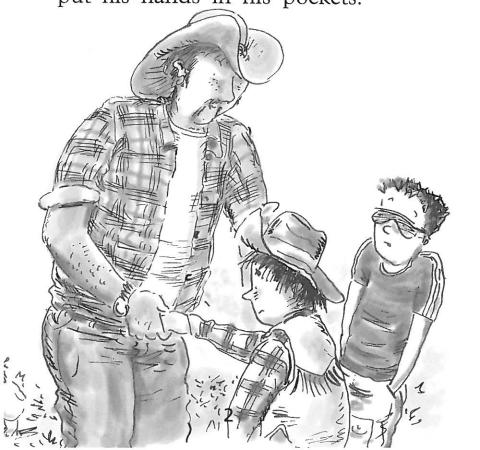
Uncle Buck was coming to the Toocool Ranch for the weekend.

Roberto was also spending the night. He'd heard about Uncle Buck. Uncle Buck was the greatest. He lived on a cattle ranch out west.



When Uncle Buck arrived, he shook my hand.

"Howdy, pardner," he said. He squashed my hand like it was made of jelly. It's a good thing I'm so strong. Roberto put his hands in his pockets.



Uncle Buck stood as tall as a tree. His shoulders hardly fit through the doorway. His hands were as rough as sandpaper. Uncle Buck was a real cowboy. You could tell by the way he talked.

"Toocool, have you been standing in a bucket of manure?" said Uncle Buck. "You've grown."

Do people smell bad as they get older?

