



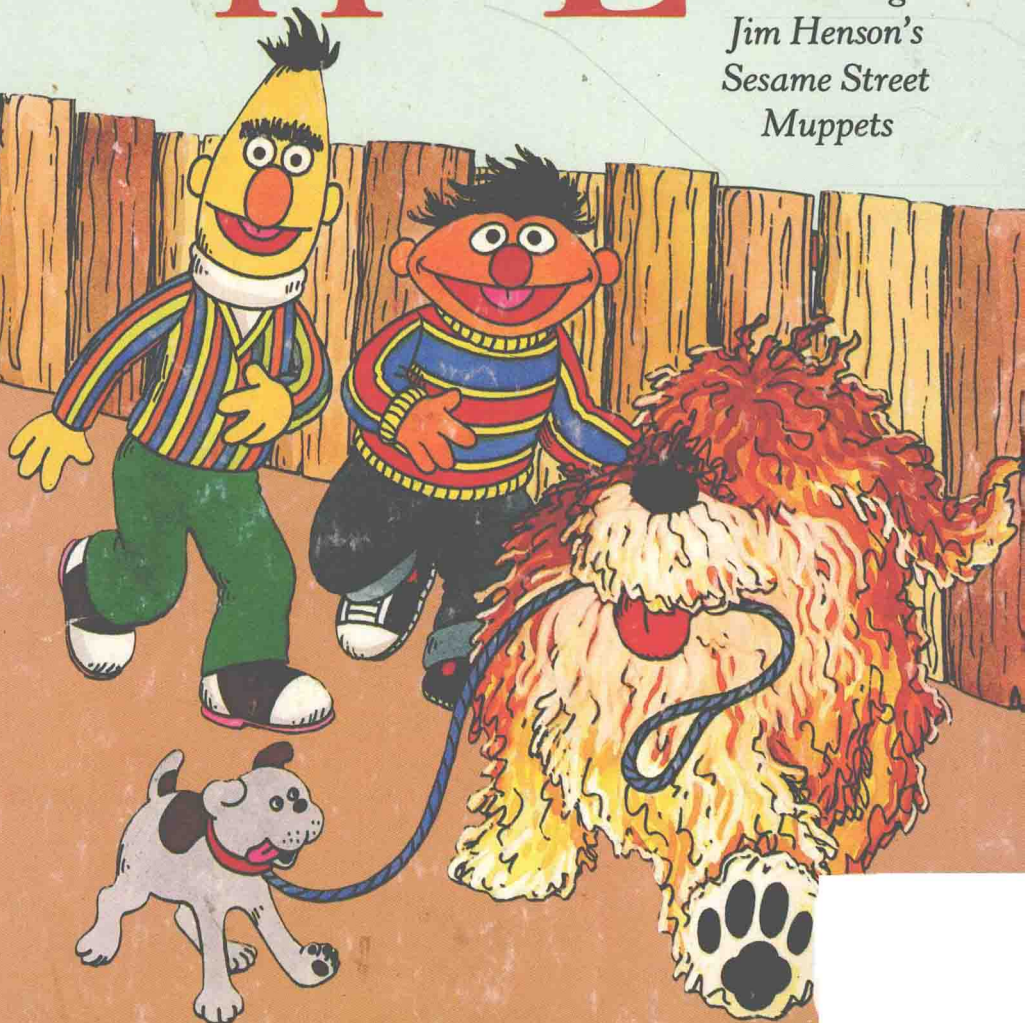
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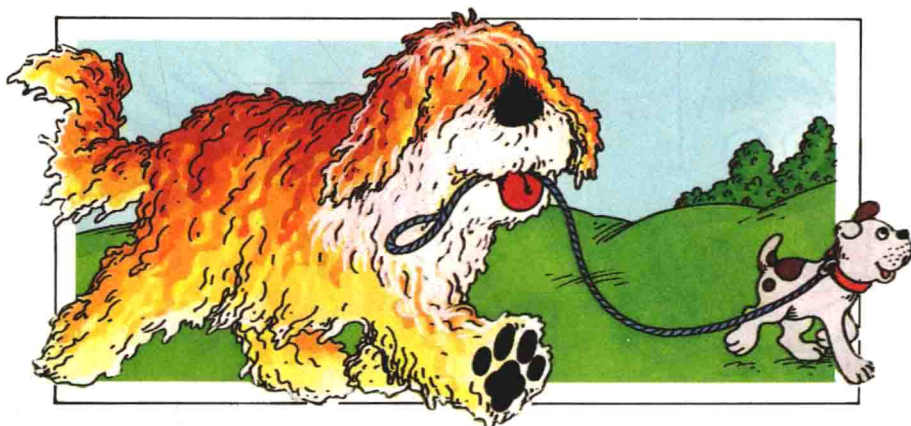
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It was a quiet morning on Sesame Street. Ernie and Bert were just finishing breakfast when the telephone rang.

"Hello?" said Ernie. "Um-hm. Sure. Don't worry, you can count on us. Good-by!"





“Ernie, who was that on the phone?” asked Bert.  
“Who can count on us?”

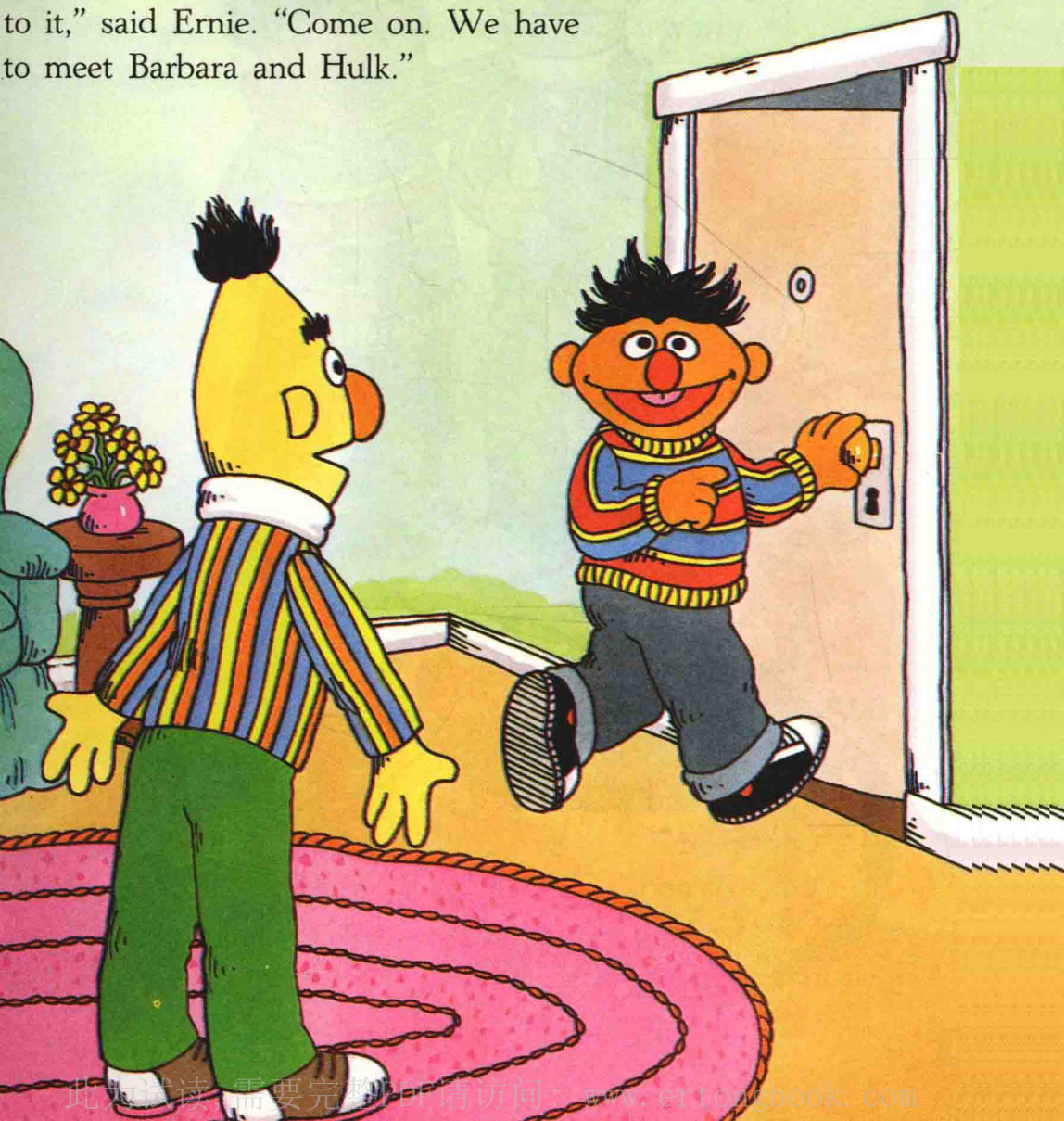
“That was Barbara,” said Ernie. “She called to ask us a favor, and I said we’d do it.”

“Oh, good,” said Bert. “What kind of favor?”

“Oh, it’s nothing much, Bert,” said Ernie. “I just said we’d take care of Barbara’s dog, Hulk, while she visits her grandmother today.”

"Ernie, we don't know the first thing about taking care of dogs!" shouted Bert.

"Don't worry, Bert. There's nothing to it," said Ernie. "Come on. We have to meet Barbara and Hulk."







"Hi, Bert. Hi, Ernie," said Barbara when they all met in front of Mr. Hooper's store. "I'm glad you can take care of Hulk. I know you'll do a really terrific job. I have to go now or I'll miss my bus. Bye!"

"What are we going to do with this dog, huh, Ernie?" asked Bert.



"I've got an idea, Bert," said Ernie as he saw Barkley the dog trotting toward them. "Hi, Barkley. Bert and I have to take care of this cute little puppy. Maybe you can give us a hand. I mean paw."



Barkley grabbed Hulk's leash and began leading the puppy down the street.

"Come on, Bert!" shouted Ernie. "Barkley's taking Hulk for a walk. I guess he's trying to tell us that puppies need exercise."





At last Ernie and Bert caught up with the dogs and they all walked to the park.

"Fetch, Hulk! Fetch, Barkley!" shouted Bert, tossing a stick across the lawn.

"Let's play hide and seek!" called Ernie, and he jumped behind a tree. "Bet you can't find me!"









After a while, Ernie and Bert and Barkley and Hulk plopped down under a shady tree.

"Boy, am I tired and hungry," said Bert.

"Yeah, so am I," said Ernie.

"Come on, Bert," said Ernie. "Let's take Barkley and Hulk home and feed them some lunch. I bet they're hungry, too."





"You were right, Ernie," said Bert, as Barkley and Hulk ate their dog food. "The dogs really were hungry and thirsty!"





"What should we do now, Bert?" asked Ernie, when they had all finished eating.

Before Bert could figure out an answer, Barkley dashed out the door and ran down Sesame Street.

"Barkley, wait! Where are you going?" called Bert.





By the time Ernie and Bert and Hulk ran outside, Barkley was back and he was dragging a long, green garden hose.

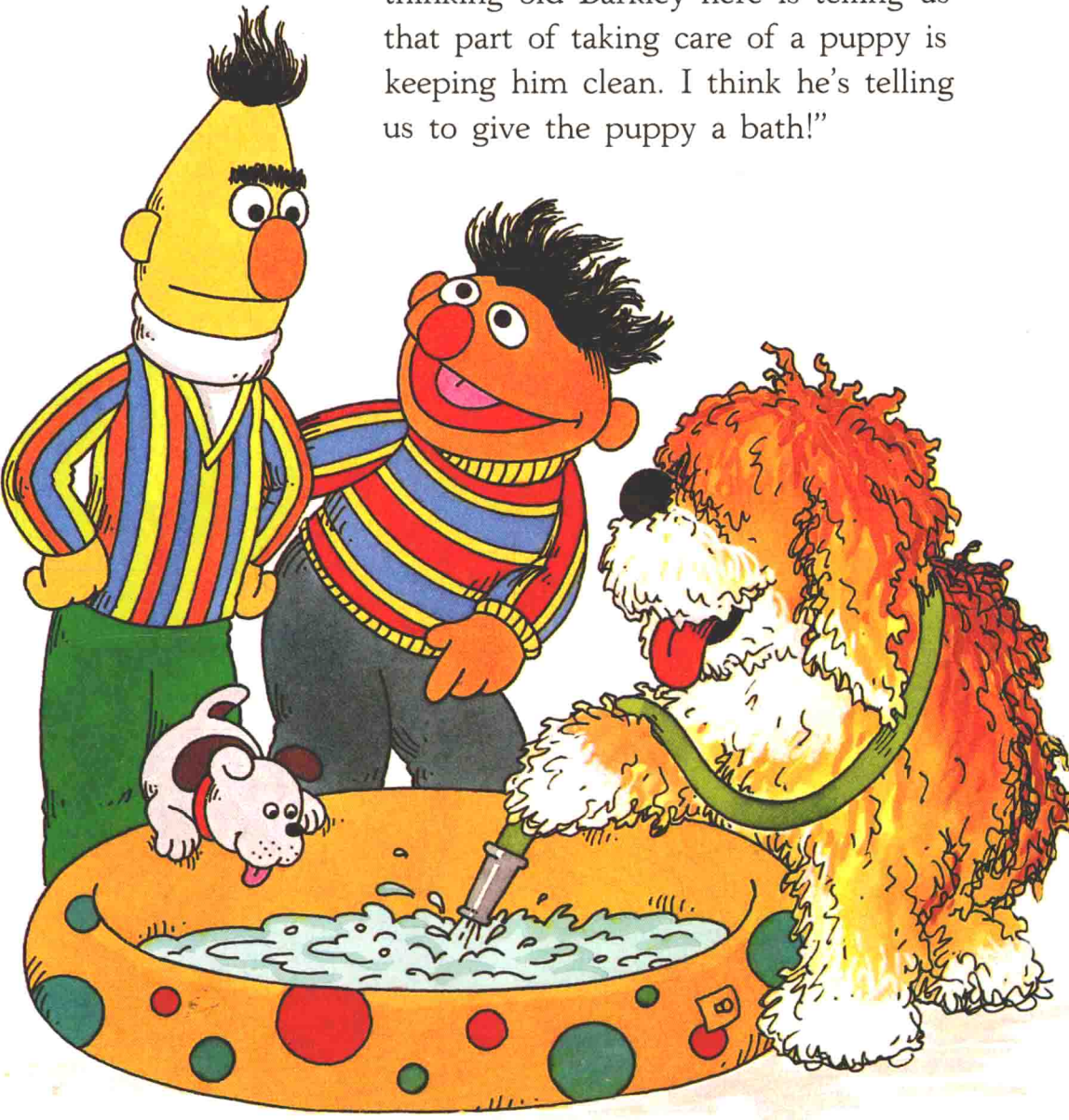
"Hey, Bert," said Ernie. "Are you 'thinking what I'm thinking?"

"I don't know, Ernie," said Bert. "What are you thinking?"

"I'm thinking that water washes things," said Ernie.

"You mean things like puppies?"  
said Bert.

"That's it, Bert," said Ernie. "I'm thinking old Barkley here is telling us that part of taking care of a puppy is keeping him clean. I think he's telling us to give the puppy a bath!"





Bert got the dog shampoo. Ernie got his Rubber Duckie. They lathered Hulk with soap suds. Then, while Bert held the puppy gently, Ernie rinsed the suds off with cool water from the garden hose.

