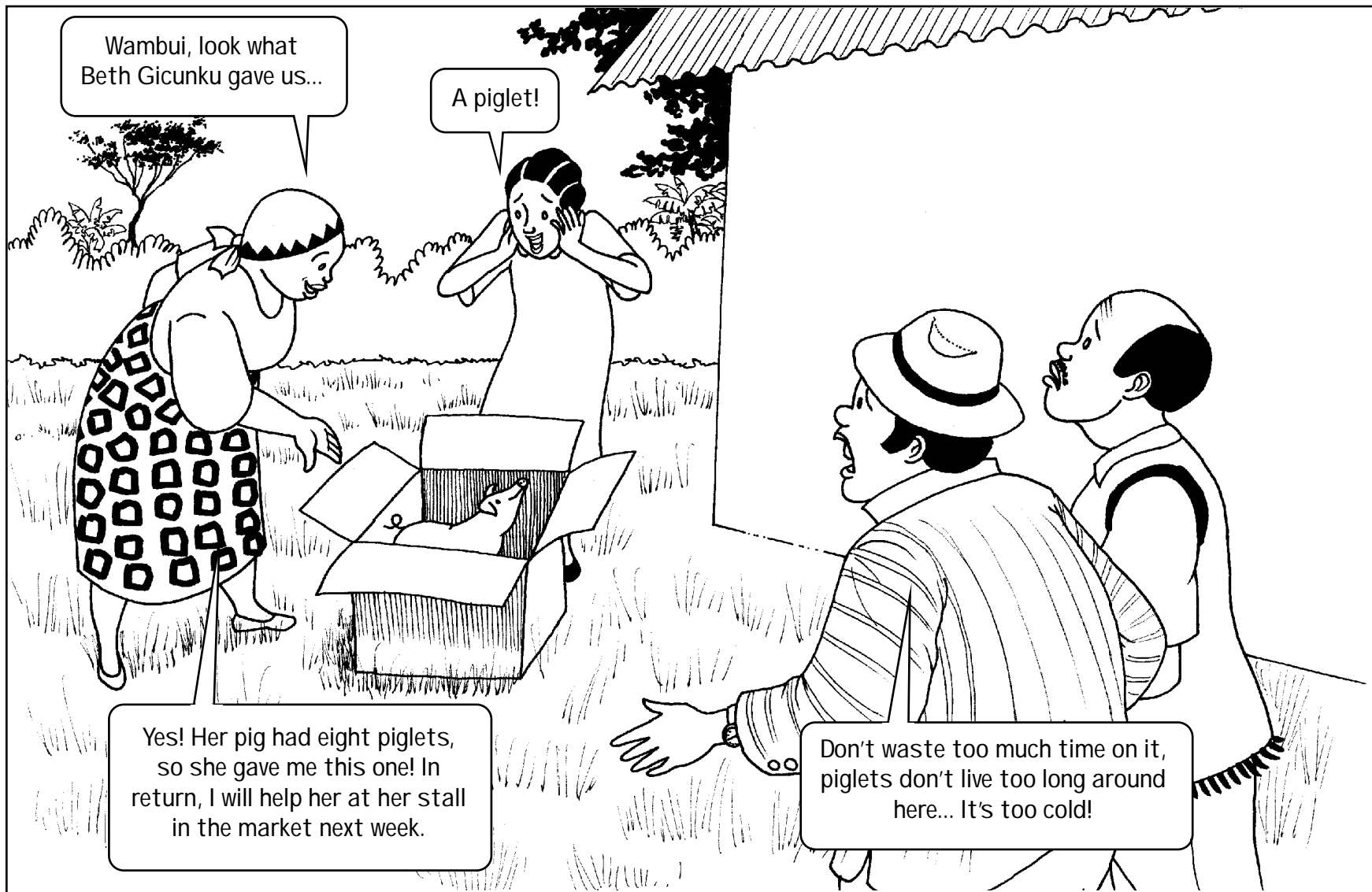


HEALTHY PIG, HEALTHY PROFIT



Wambui finds out...
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Let's talk to Mwariama, the animal health assistant, before we make any decisions. She will know whether we should try to keep it.



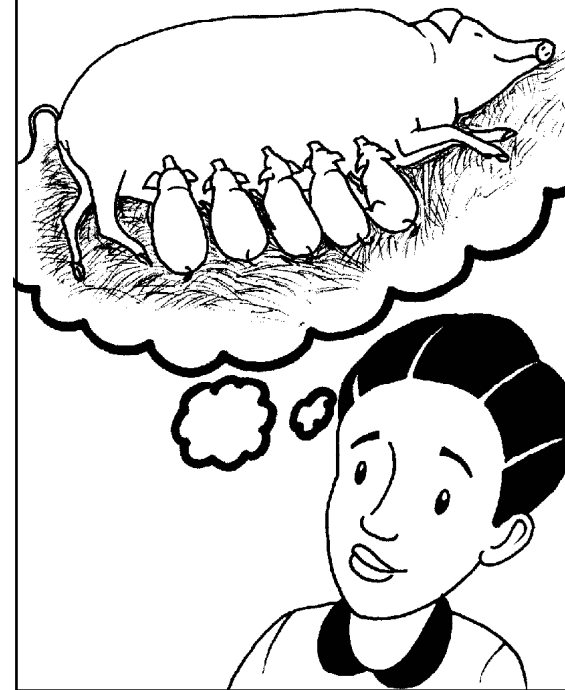
THE NEXT DAY

Look at our piglet! Nthiga says it won't live for very long, we need you to tell us what to do!

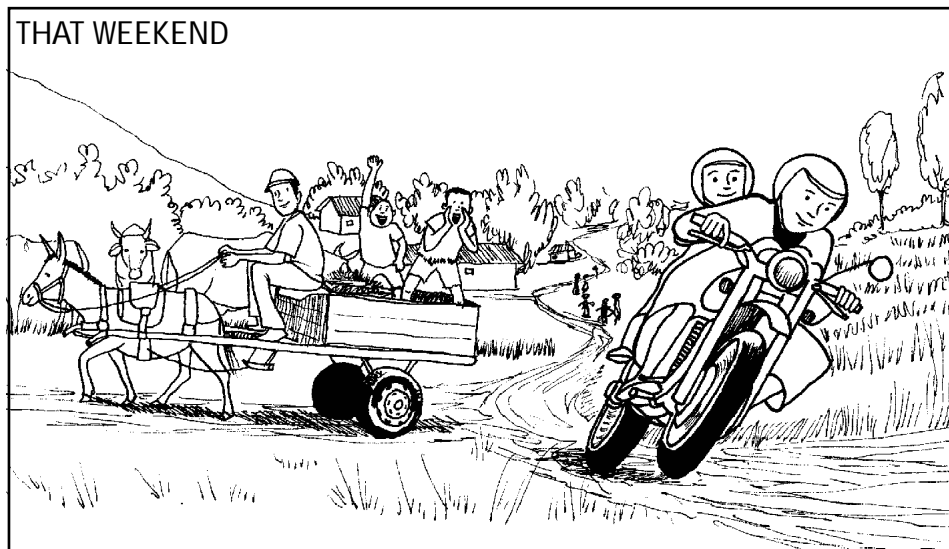
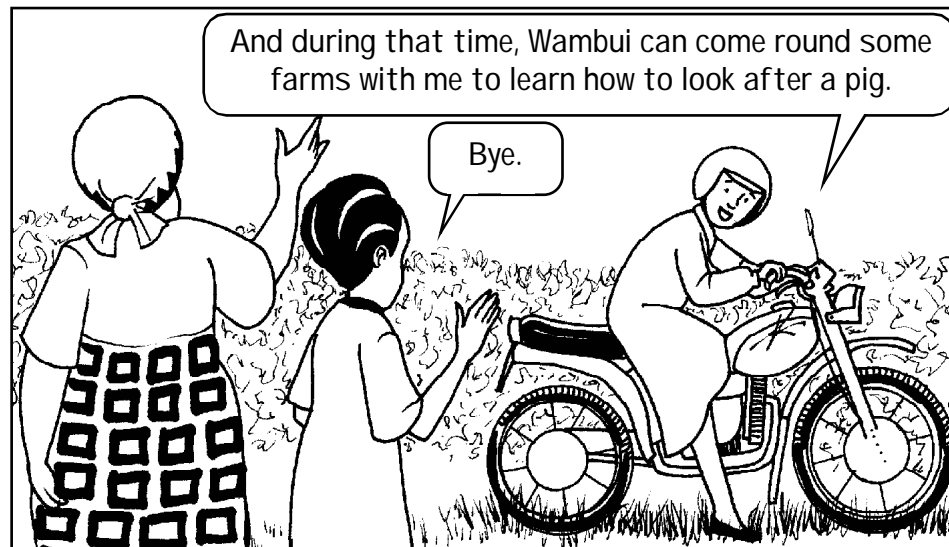
Well, it's a nice looking little piglet, but in a way, Nthiga might be right.

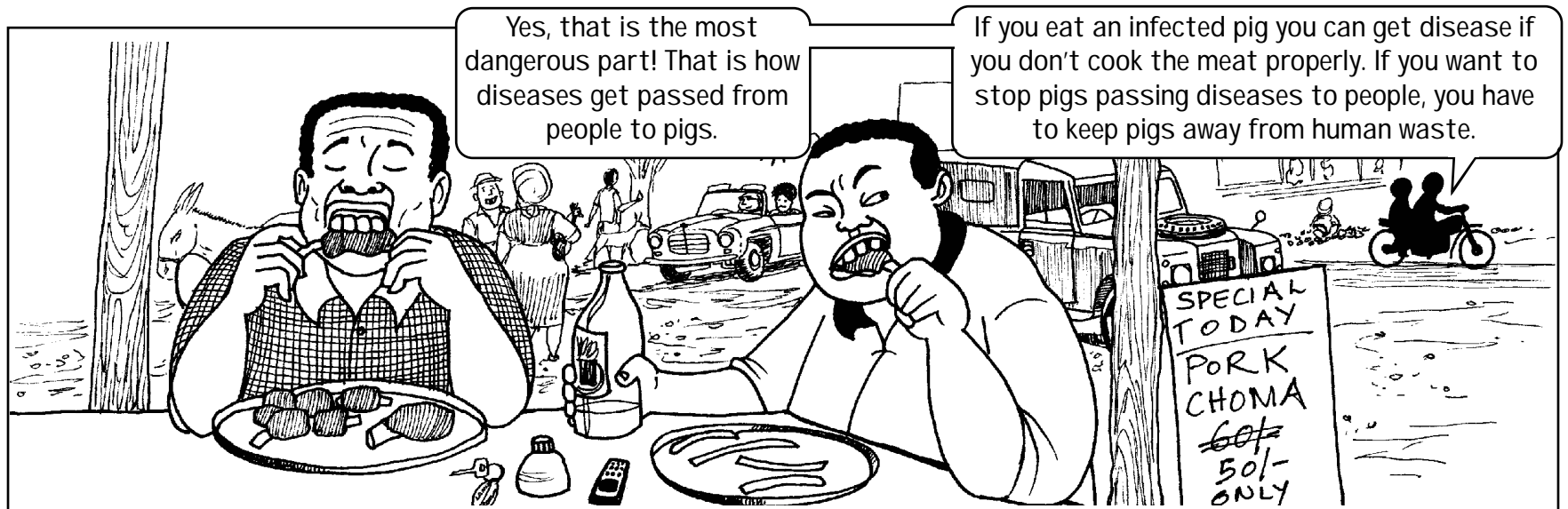
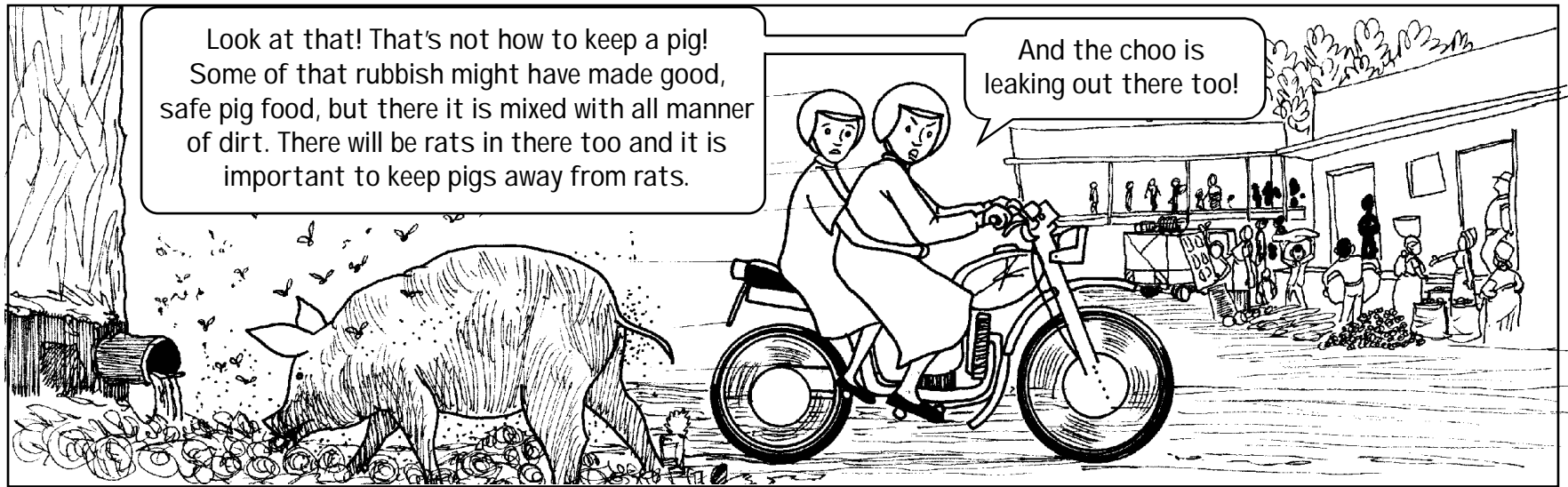


It is too young, at this age it should still be with its mother. The most important thing for a baby pig is to get a good start in life and the best start is to get plenty of its mother's milk.







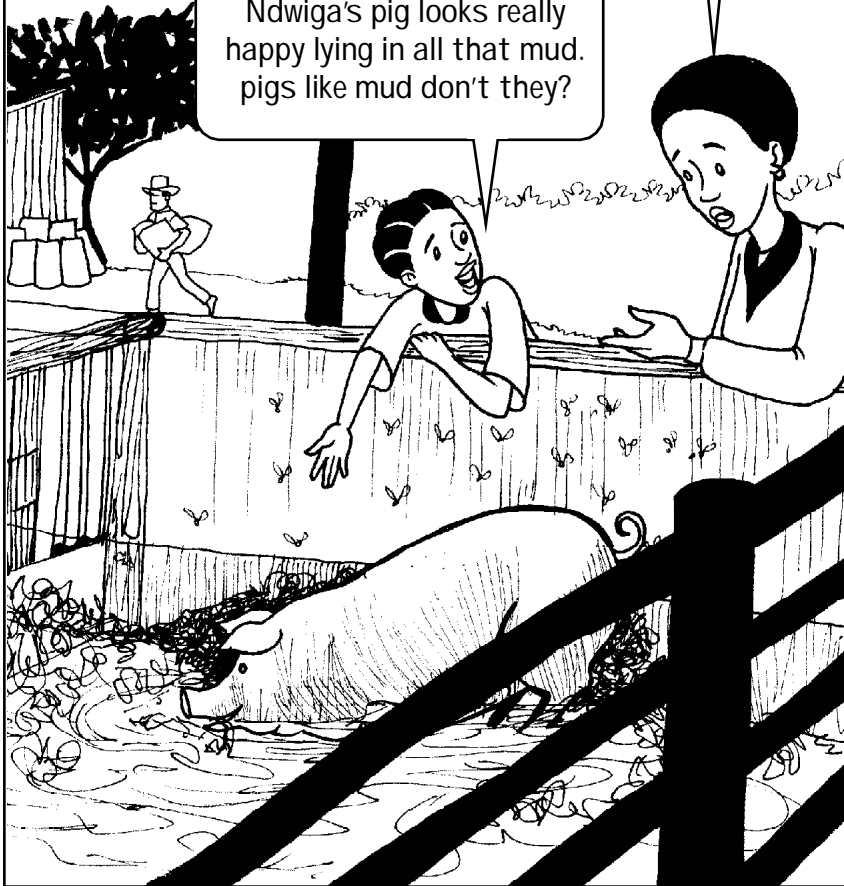


AT NDWIGA'S FARM

So all pigs should be kept in a pen?

Yes! A good strong pen. They must not be left to wander around the shamba.

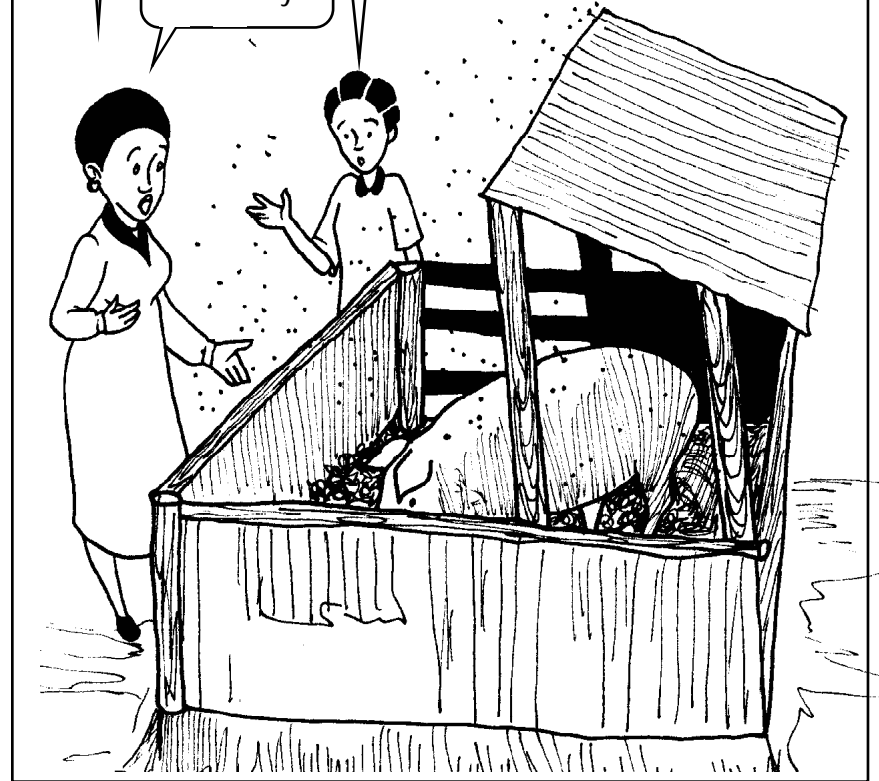
Ndwiga's pig looks really happy lying in all that mud. pigs like mud don't they?



Well, pigs do like to wallow in mud occasionally, especially in hot weather, but is very important that they are able to get away from the mud to have a good dry area to sleep.

So Ndwiga's pen is too small and wet?

And dirty!



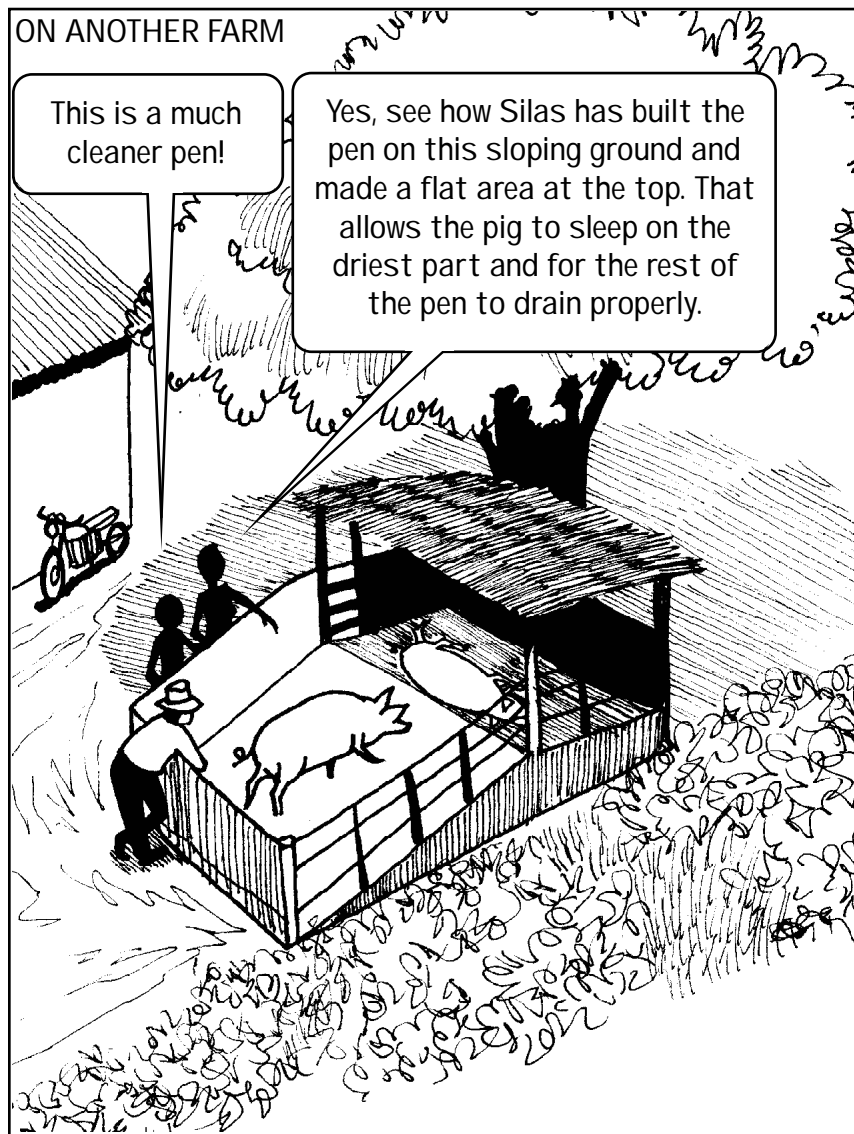
Given a chance pigs are quite clean animals. They like to have a dry sleeping area and a separate toilet area. And they need space to move around.



ON ANOTHER FARM

This is a much cleaner pen!

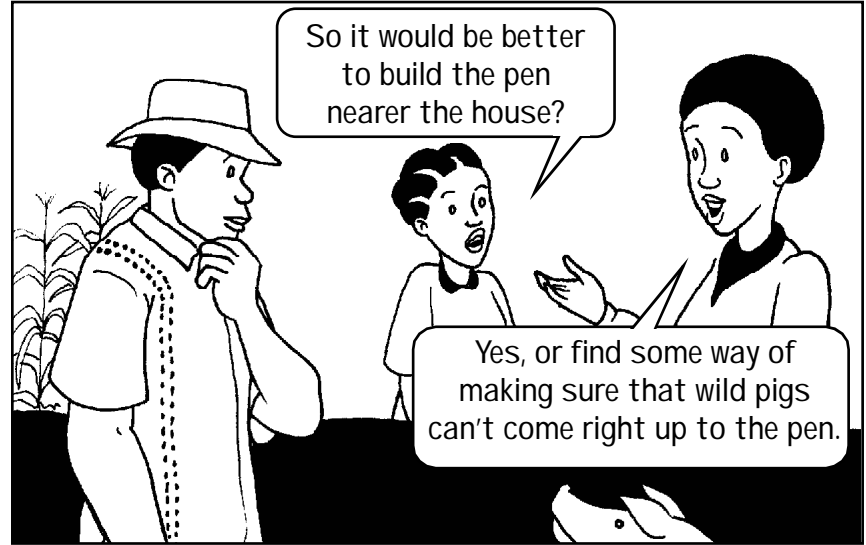
Yes, see how Silas has built the pen on this sloping ground and made a flat area at the top. That allows the pig to sleep on the driest part and for the rest of the pen to drain properly.



But Silas might have problems if that very bad disease of pigs called swine fever comes back to this area - his pen borders the bush and if there are wild bush pigs around, they could come snuffling around at night and pass the fever to the pig. That is what killed Gikiri's pig.



So it would be better to build the pen nearer the house?



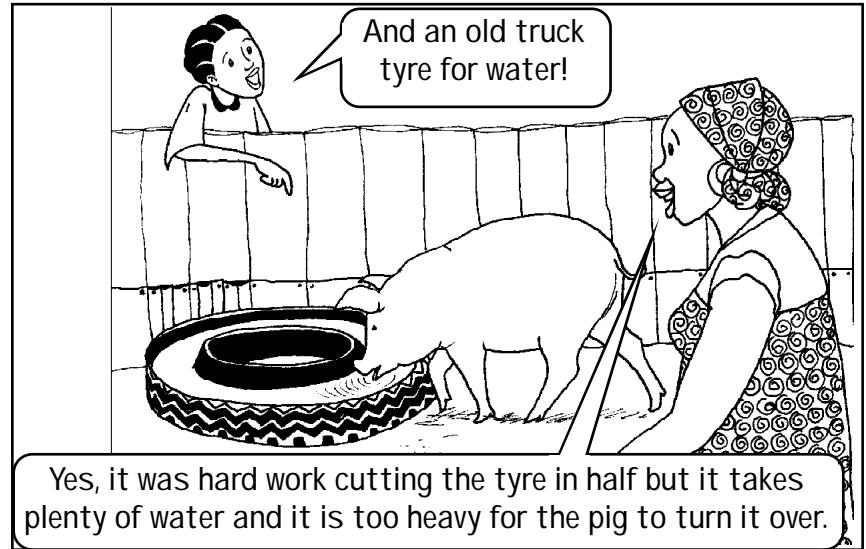
Yes, or find some way of making sure that wild pigs can't come right up to the pen.

ON ANOTHER FARM

See how clever Joyce has been with local materials, she has used wooden off-cuts for a shelter.

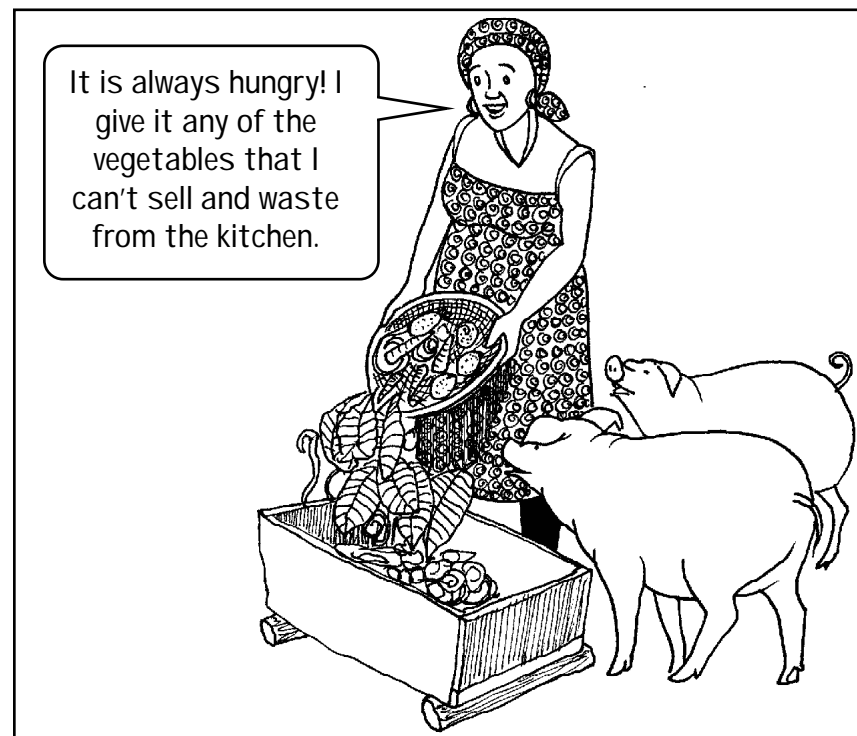
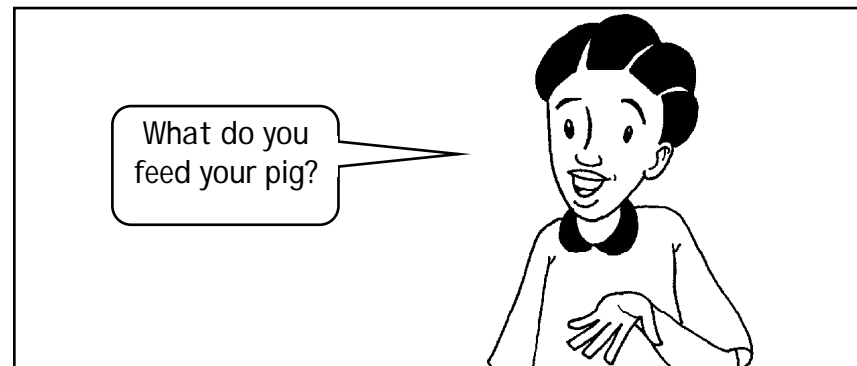


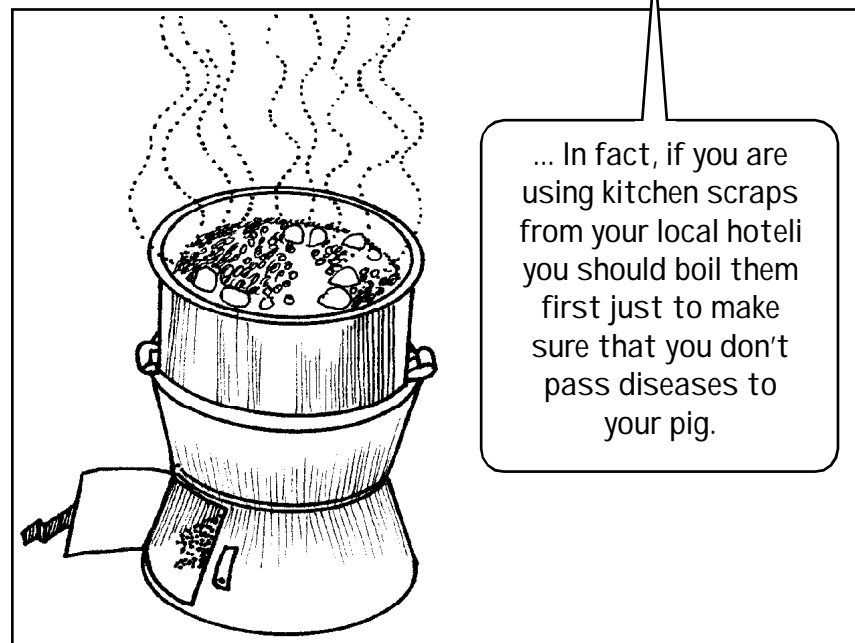
And an old truck tyre for water!

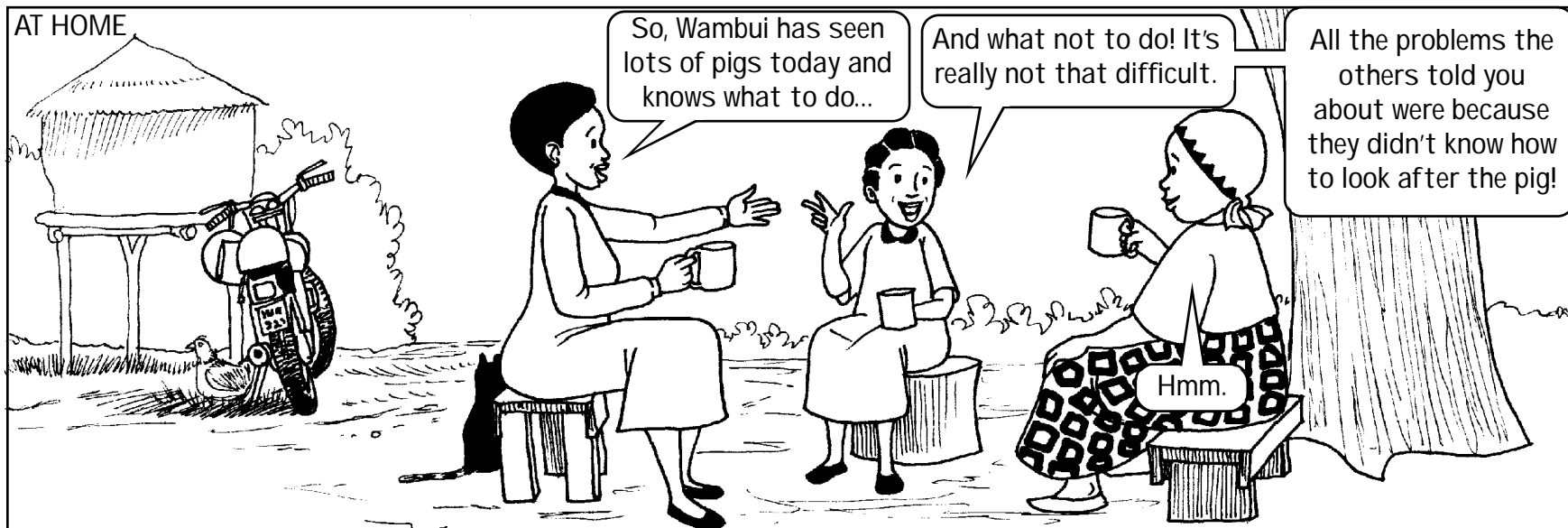
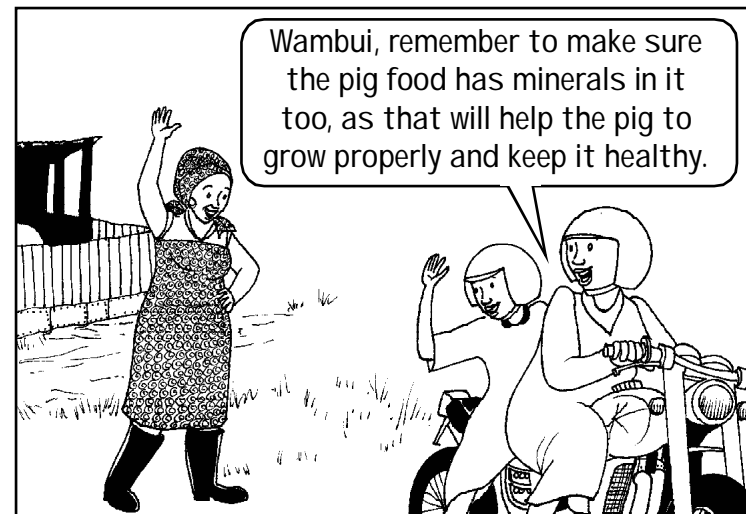
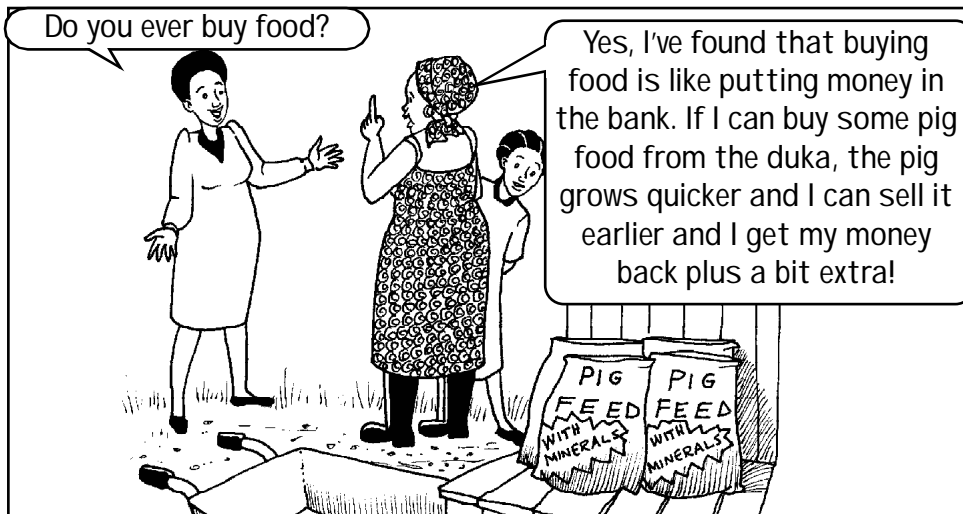


Yes, it was hard work cutting the tyre in half but it takes plenty of water and it is too heavy for the pig to turn it over.

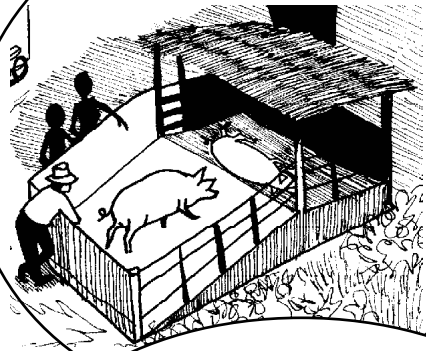




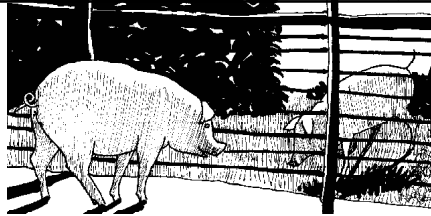




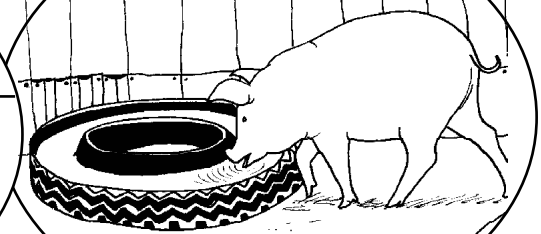
We need to:
Provide a good pen...



...Keep out rats
and bush pigs...



...Provide plenty
of clean water...



...Keep the pig away
from human waste.

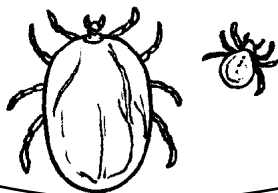


...And a final thing to remember is
always cook pig meat properly
before eating it! I like it fried with
githeri and mchuzi. Look what good
it has done for me!

...And feed it
properly -
NO PIG MEAT!



...Pick off ticks
and lice...



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