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Carlos likes to play baseball.  
He plays catch with his little  
sister, Selena.



The baseball coach asks  
Carlos to join his team.  
“I’m so new in this school.  
I don’t know the kids here,”  
says Carlos.

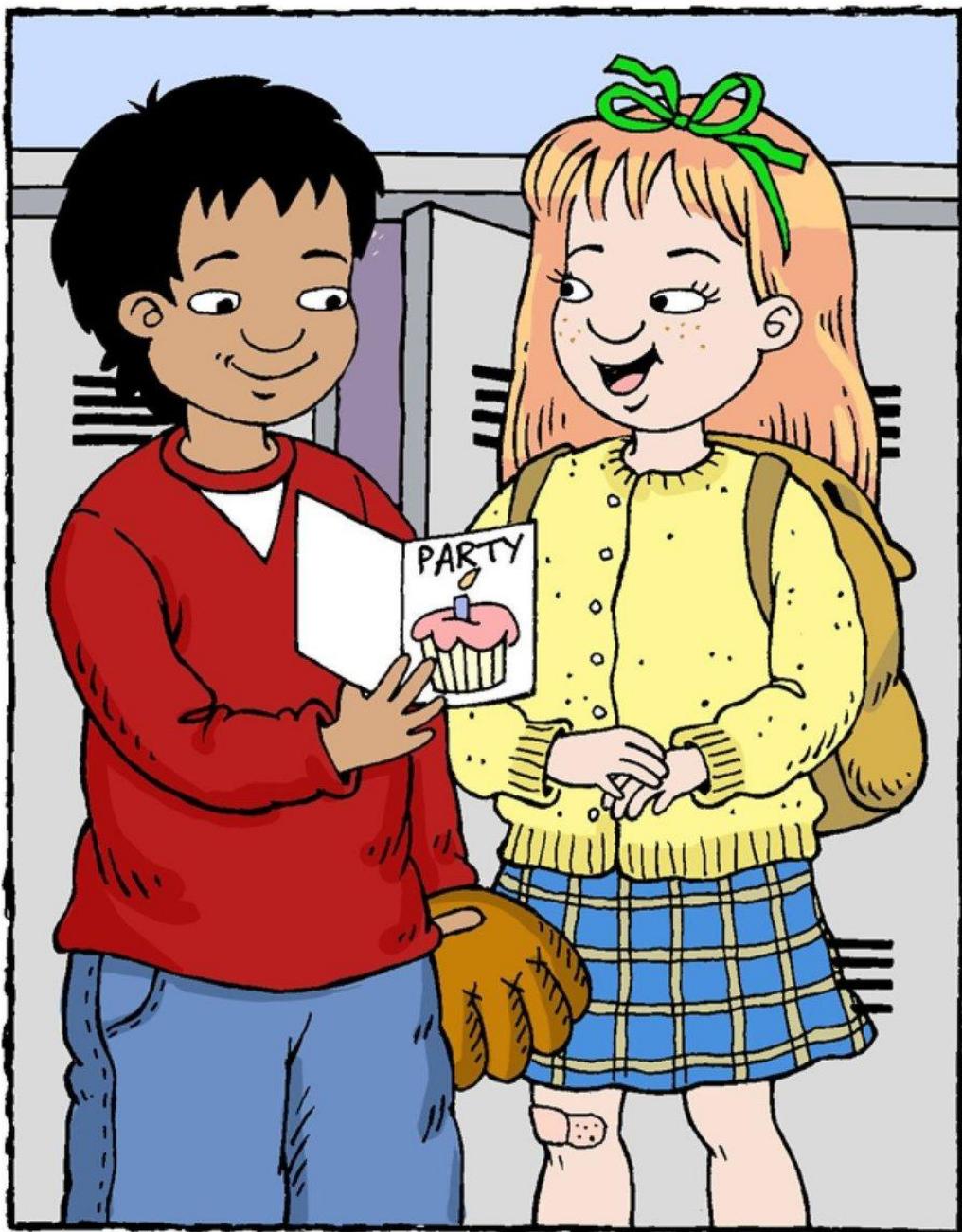


"Playing sports can help  
you make new friends,"  
says the coach.

"Then I will join the team!"  
says Carlos.



Carlos wears his baseball  
glove to bed the night before  
his first game.  
The glove is still on his hand  
when he wakes up.



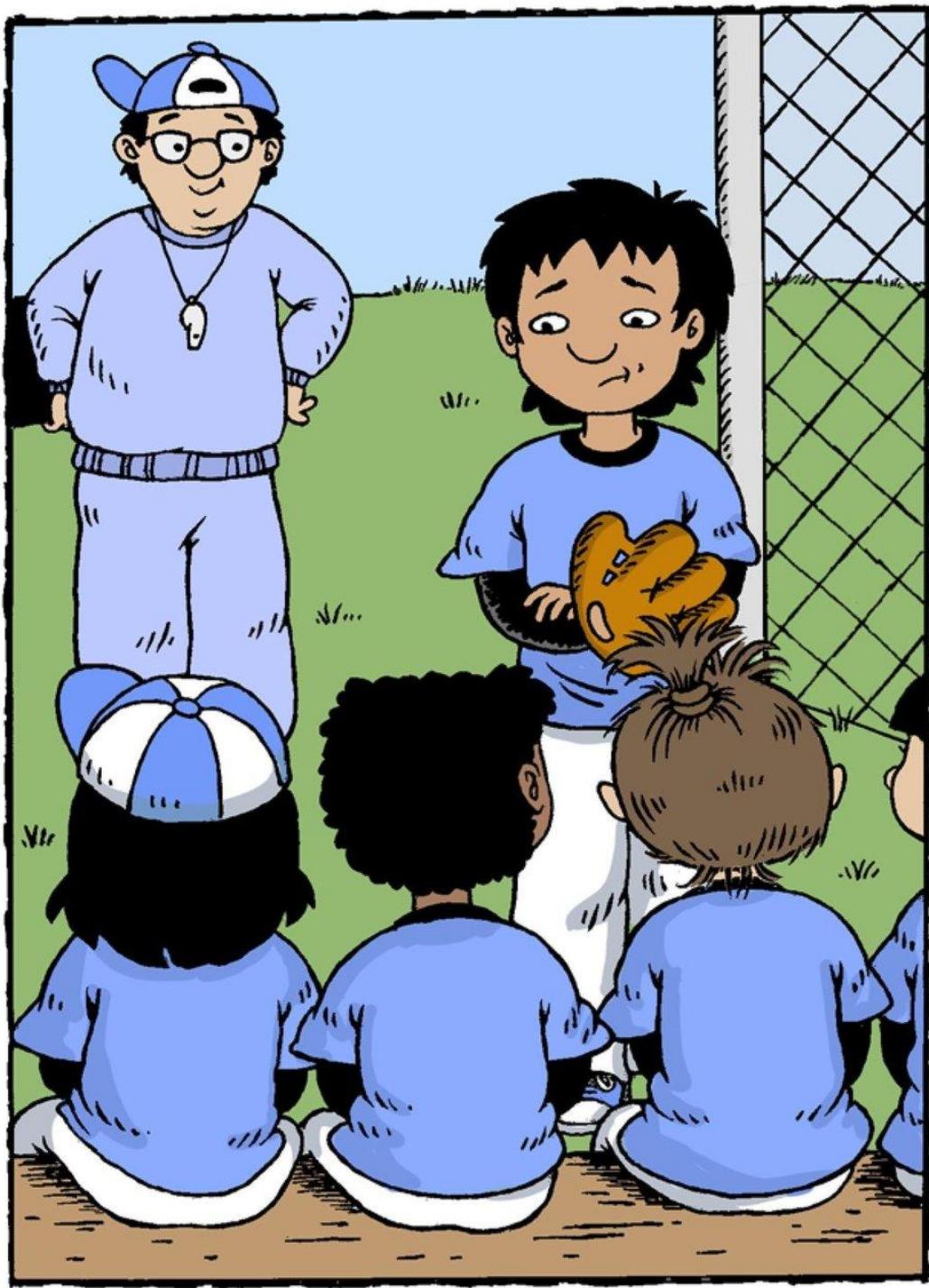
At school, a girl named Becky gives Carlos a card. The card asks him to come to her birthday party.



"Oh, no!" Carlos says.  
"We have a big game that day.  
Maybe I can come to your  
party instead."



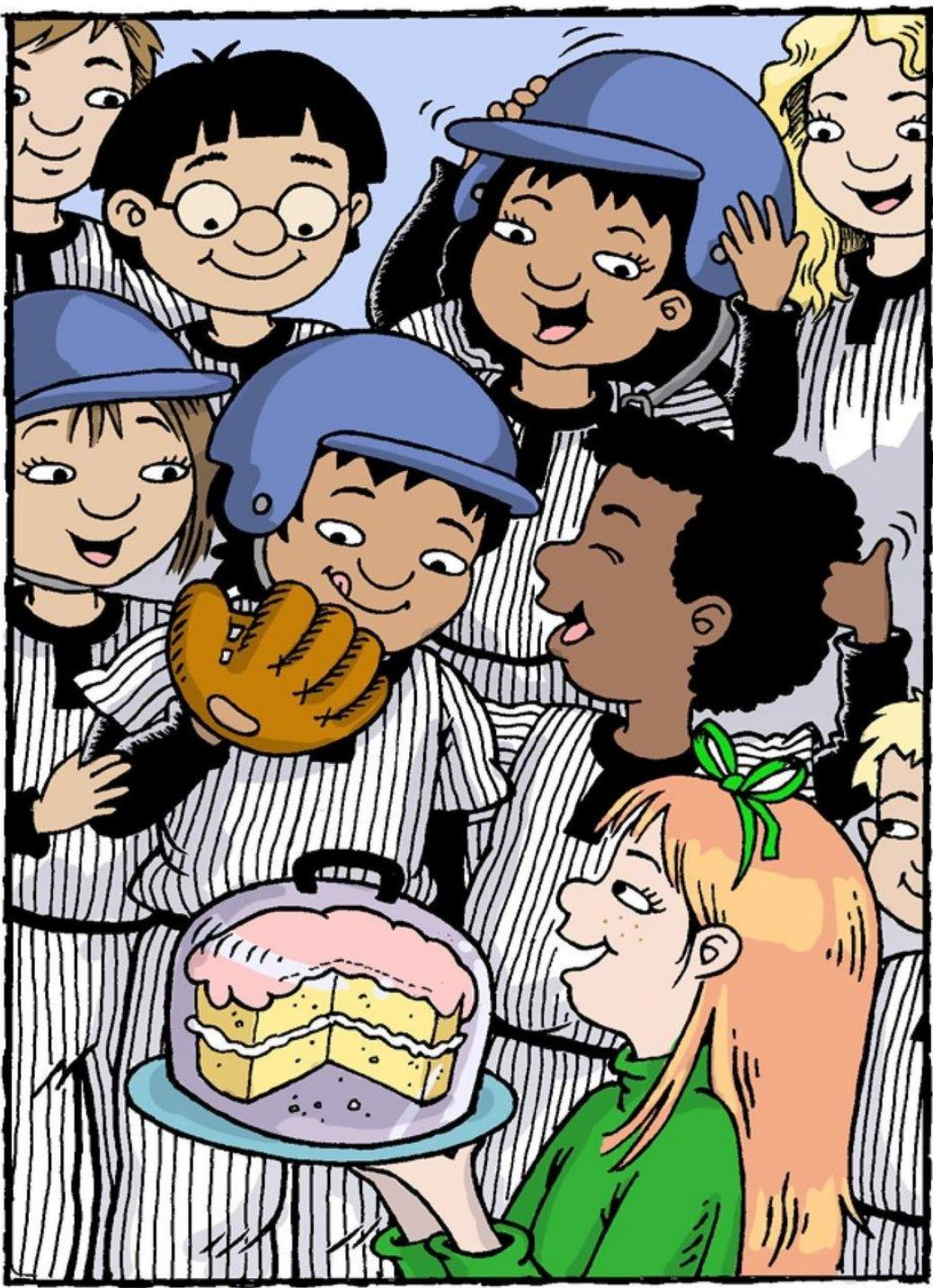
Carlos asks the coach  
if he can miss the big game.  
“If you don’t come,” the coach  
says, “your team will be  
missing a player.”



**“I should not miss the game,”**  
**Carlos says.**  
**“The team will need me.”**



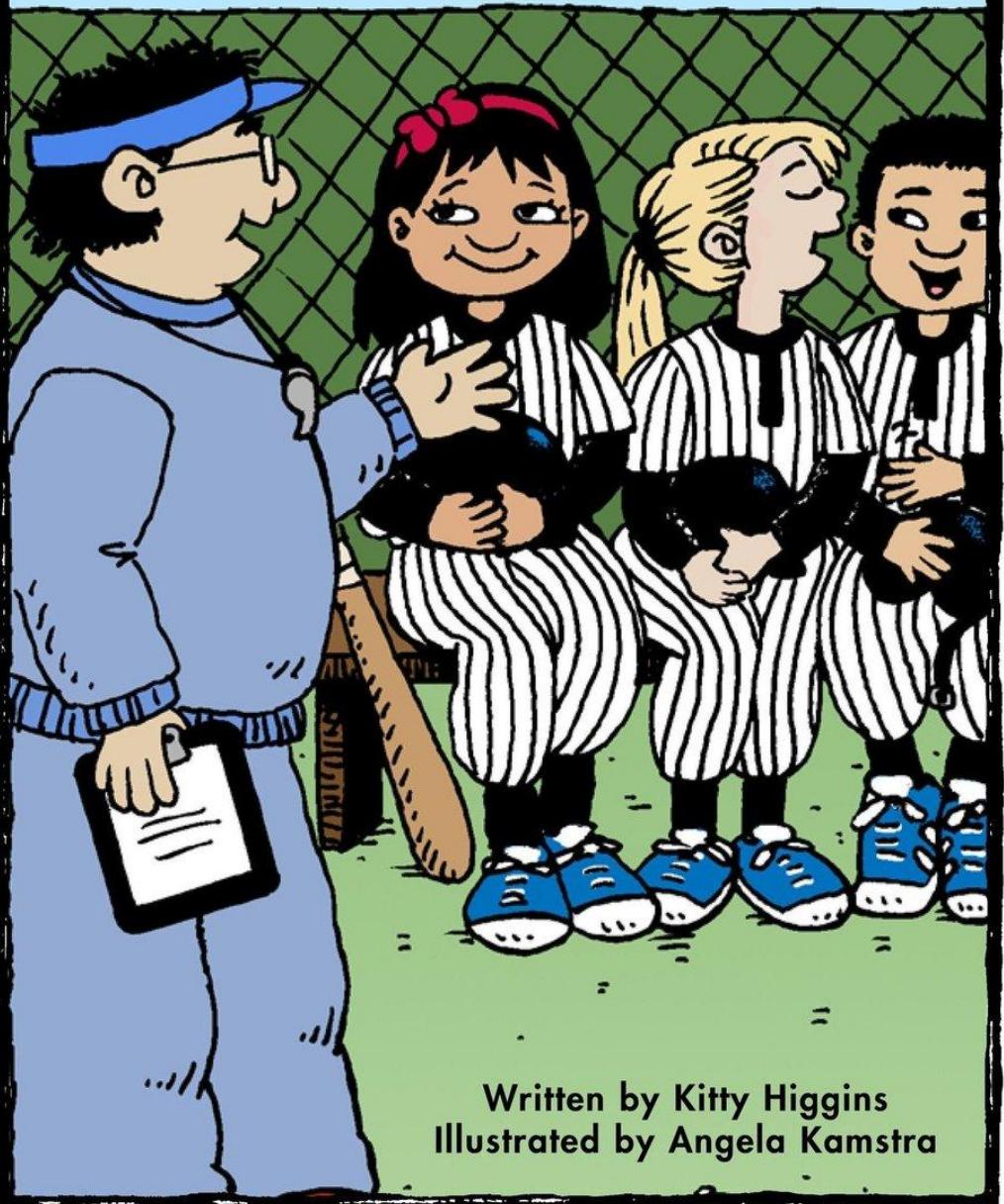
On the day of the big game  
all of the families come  
to watch.



Carlos helps the team win.  
Becky brings cake for the team!  
Everybody wins!

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# Maria Joins the Team



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Maria likes to play baseball.  
She plays catch with her  
brother, Luis.



The baseball coach asks Maria  
to join the baseball team.  
“We play at four o’clock  
on Tuesdays,” he says.



"Mom, I really want to play,"  
Maria says. "Can I?"  
Maria's mom says yes, and  
they race home to tell her dad.



Maria wears her baseball mitt  
to bed the night before her  
first game.

She gets up to go to school,  
and her mitt is still on.



At school, Amos gives Maria  
a note.

The note asks her to come  
to his birthday party.



"Oh, no! I can't come,"

Maria says.

"I have a big game that day."

"Maybe I could come to your  
party instead."



Maria asks the coach that night.  
“You can miss the game,” he says.  
“But the team will not have  
a shortstop.”



"I should not miss the game,"  
Maria says.  
"The team needs me."



It is the day of the big game.  
All of Maria's family comes  
to watch.



After the game, Amos comes  
to give Maria a balloon.  
He brings her cake, too!

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# Beanie and the Missing Bear



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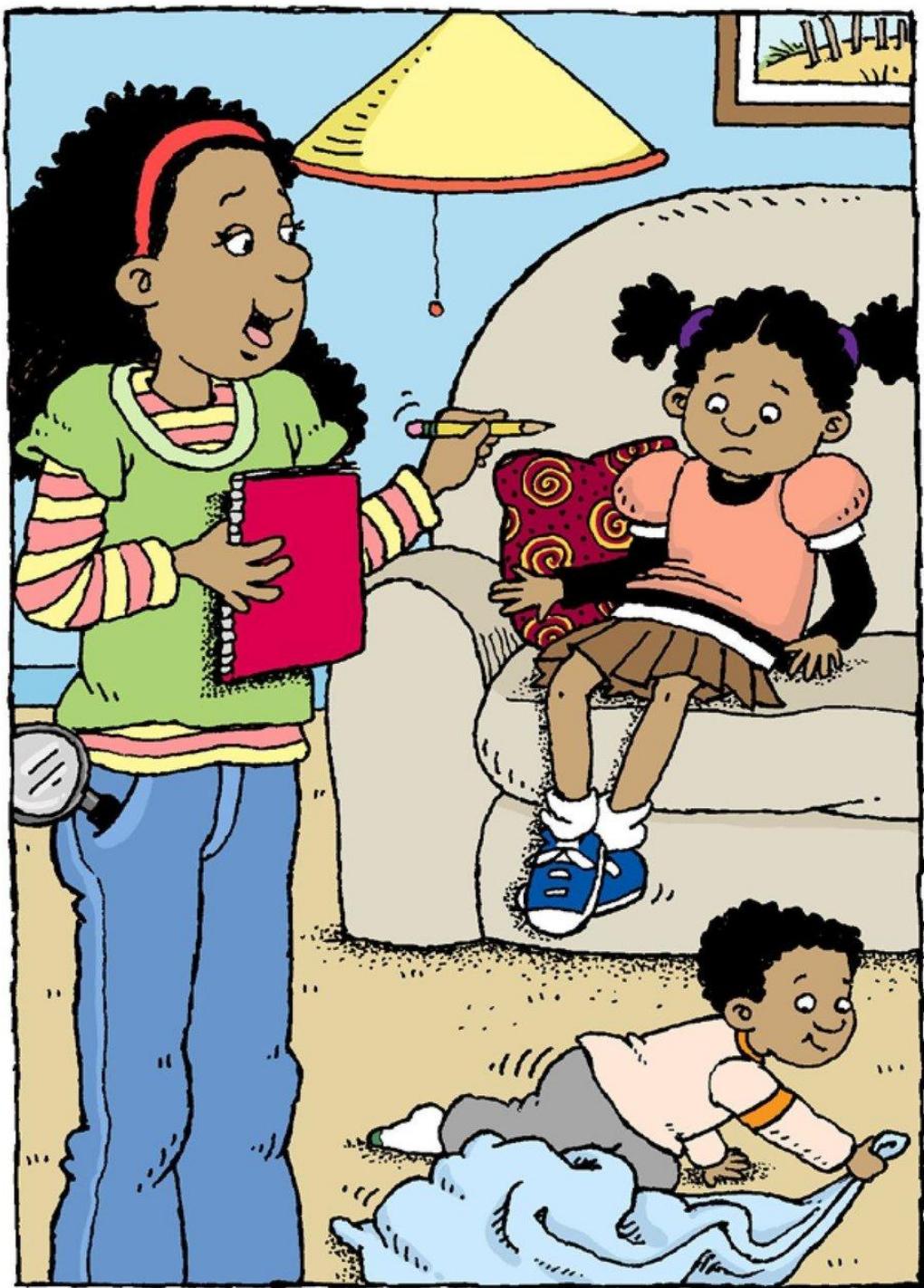
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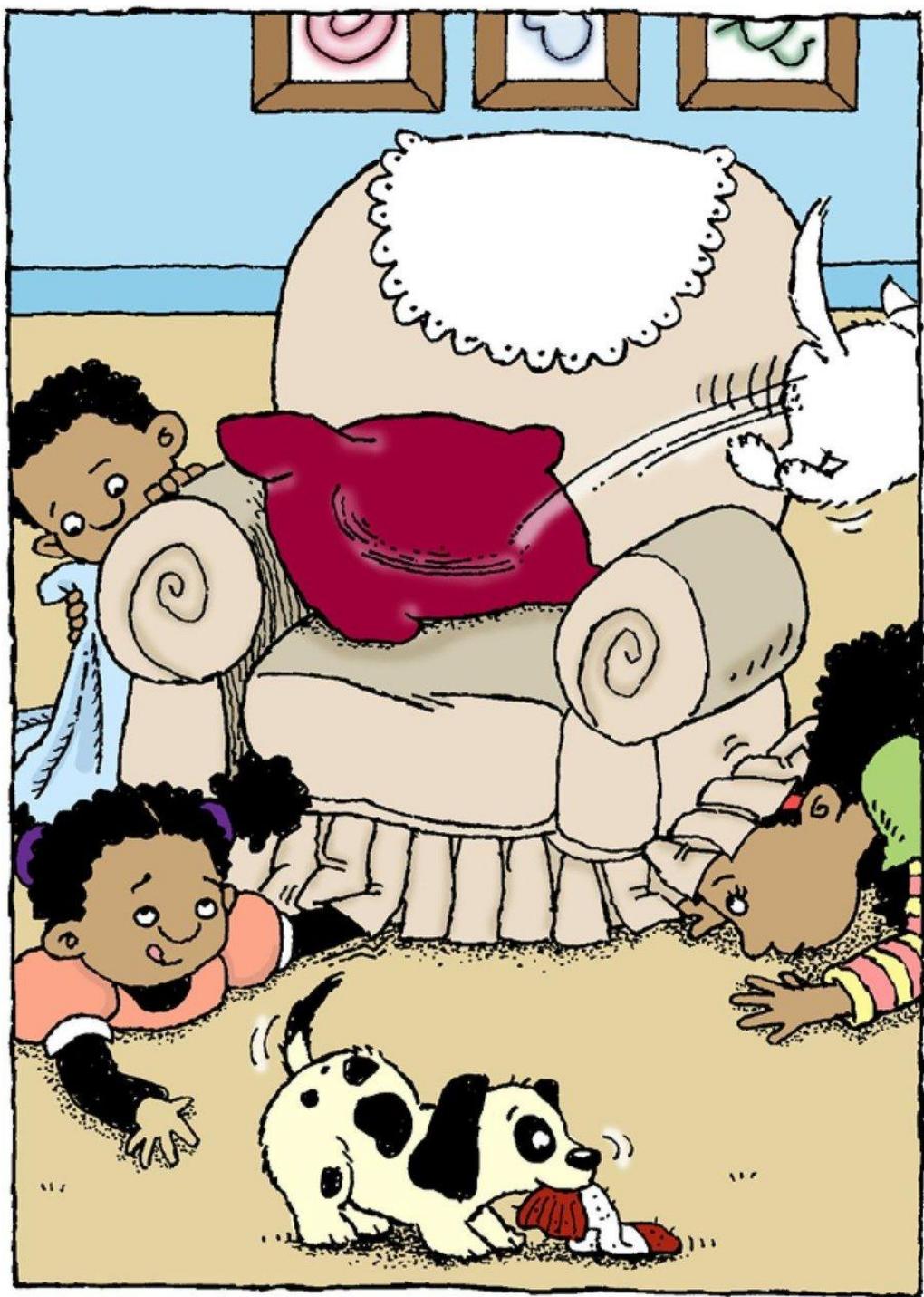
My name is Beanie.  
I am a detective.  
That means I solve mysteries.



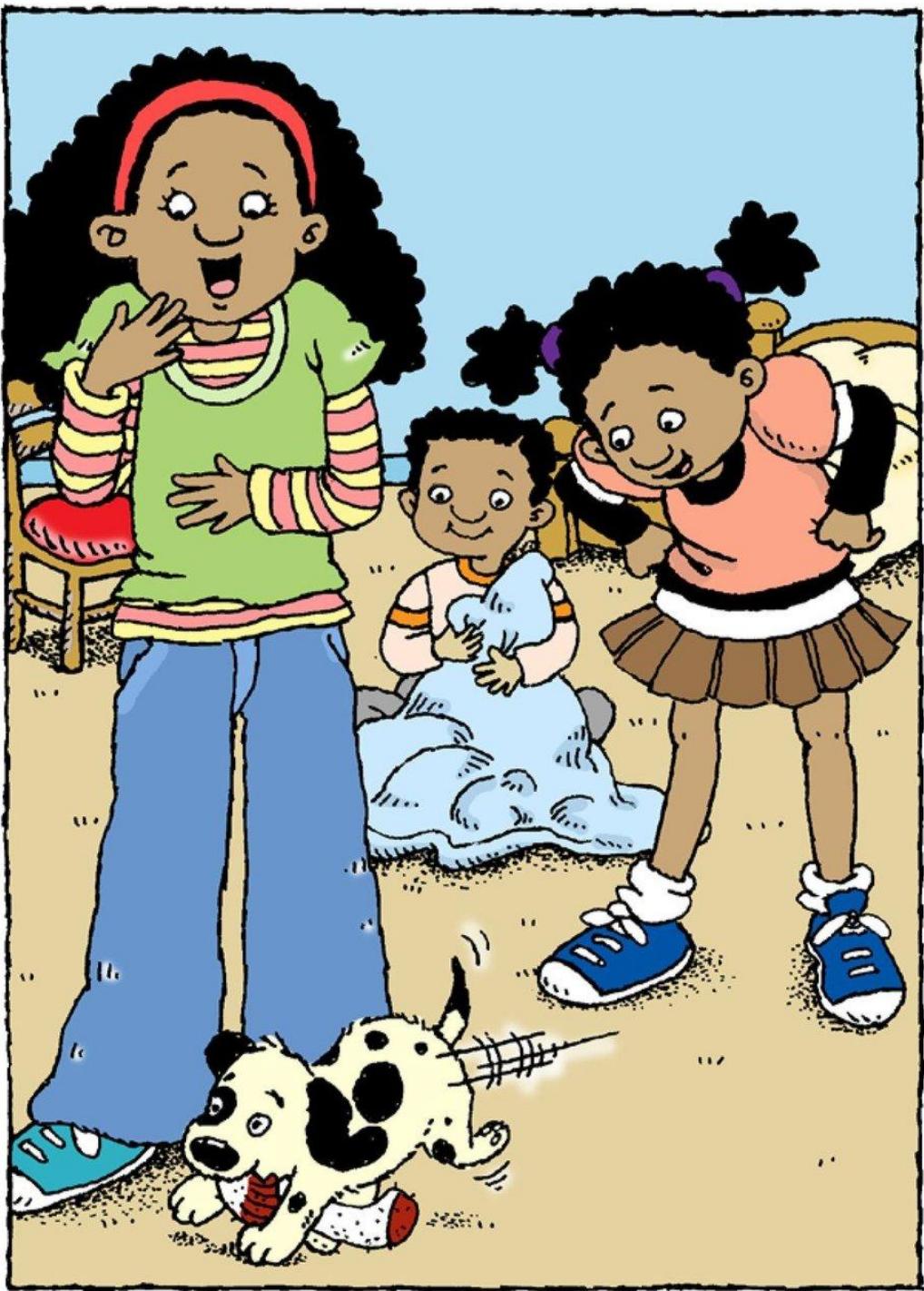
I have my first mystery to solve.  
My sister Clare can't find her  
bear.



Clare points at Dad's chair.  
"I left my bear in that chair,"  
says Clare.



I look on the chair, under the  
chair, and behind the chair.  
No bear.



Did you see that?  
Our dog Chomps took that sock.  
Maybe he took Clare's bear, too.



I follow Chomps.  
I look in Chomps's bed.  
I see a sock, a ball, and  
Danny's rabbit.  
But no bear.



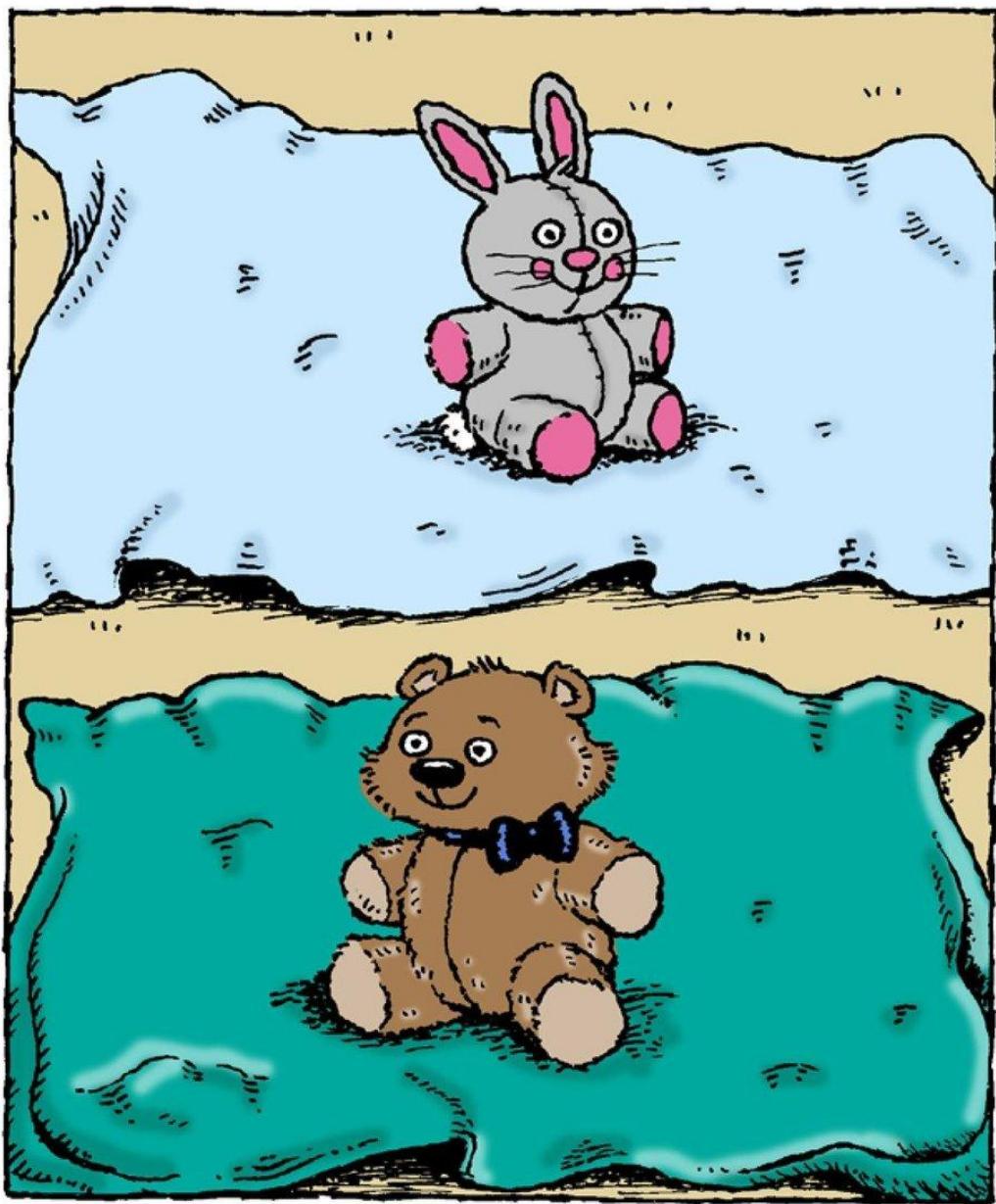
I give Danny his rabbit.  
He puts it in a new blanket.  
What about Danny's old  
blanket?



There is something strange  
about Danny's old blanket.

Do you see it, too?

"Please, Danny," I say. "May I  
look at your old blanket?"



I open the old blanket.  
“Hello, Bear!” I say.  
Chomps did not take the bear.  
It was Danny.  
I solved the mystery.



Now Clare thinks I'm the best  
detective in the world.  
She could be right.

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## Tasty Tomatoes

Do you like tomatoes?  
I think they're tasty!  
They are fun and easy  
to grow, too!



## Step 1: Plant the Seeds

Fill a small pot with soil.

Use a pencil to poke a hole  
halfway down the soil.

Drop two seeds in the hole.

Fill the hole with soil.



## Step 2: Water the Seeds

Water the seeds, but not too much.



## **Step 3: See the Seedling**

Each day, make sure that the soil is a little wet.

In about a week, you'll see a seedling poke out of the soil!

Move the pot to a warm, sunny place.

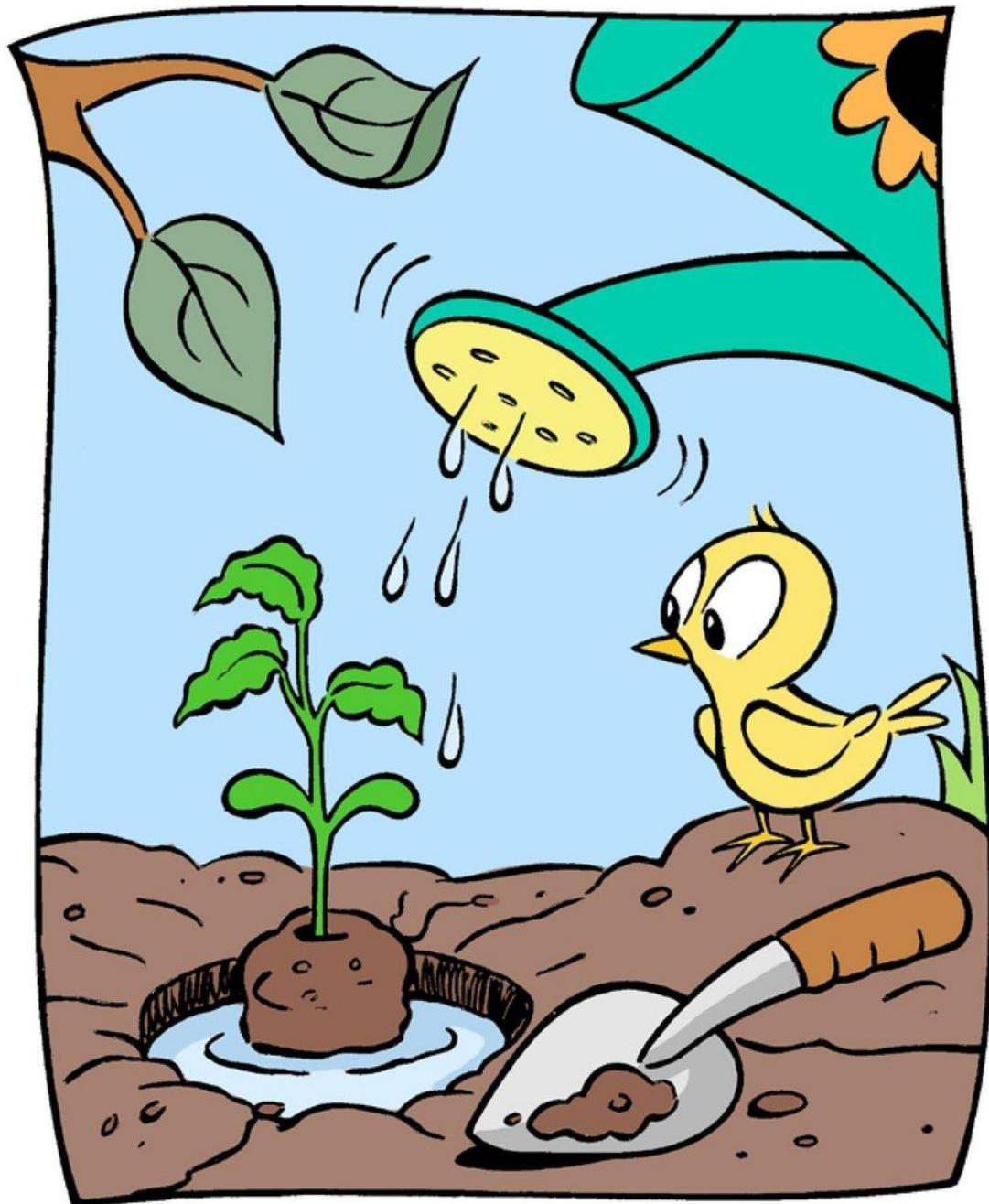


## **Step 4: Time to Transplant**

Soon the seedling will be  
a few inches high.

It's time to plant the seedling  
outside.

Dig a deep hole, and put  
the seedling inside.



## Step 5: Water the Seedling

Put water in the hole.

Fill the hole with soil.

Pat the soil.



## Step 6: Stake the Plant

As your tomato plant grows,  
tie the plant to a stake.

Flowers will bloom on the plant  
before the tomatoes will grow.



## Pick the Tomatoes!

When is it time to taste your  
tomatoes?

When they turn red!



I like to make fresh tomato  
salad.

How do you like to eat  
tomatoes?

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# This Is a Bird



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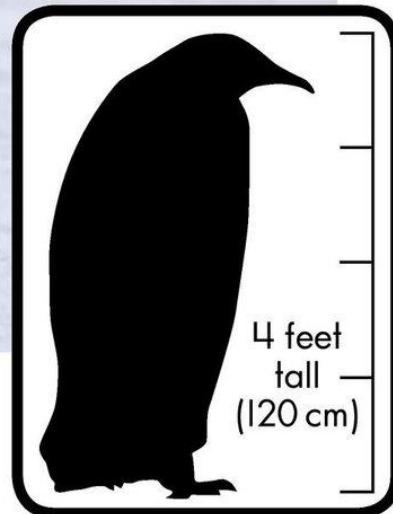
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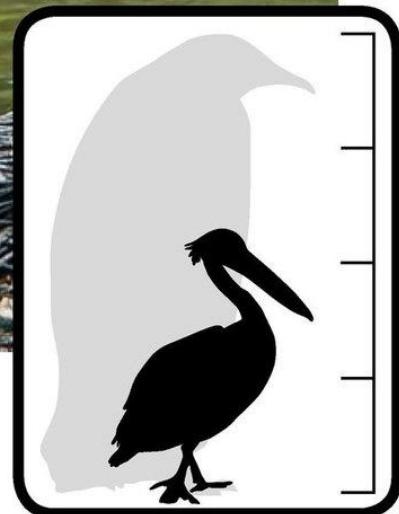
This is a bird.  
All birds have feathers,  
and all birds have beaks.  
But all birds are different, too.



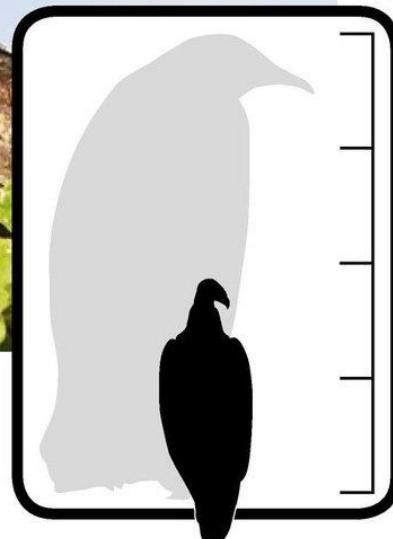
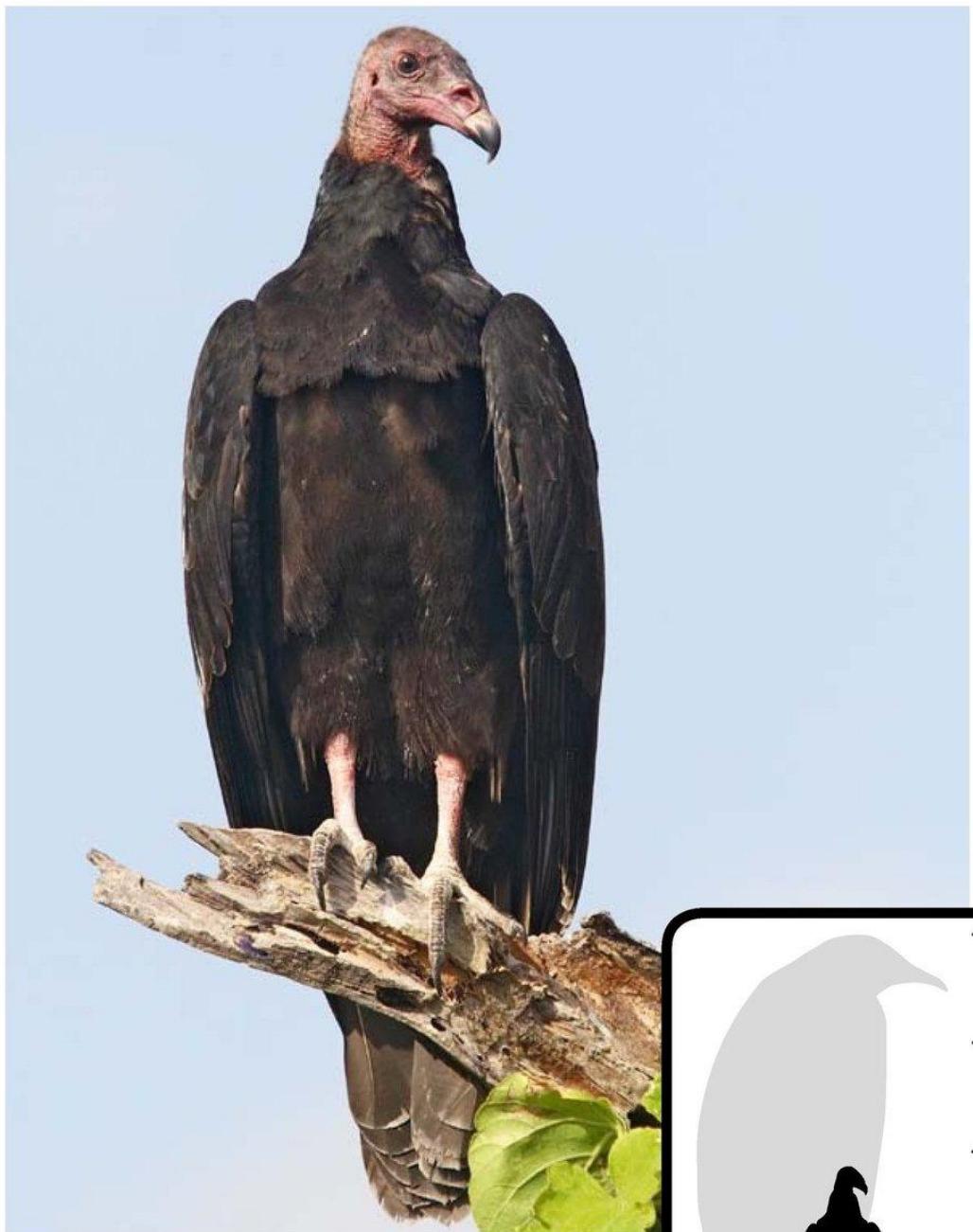
This is a bird.

Its beak is long and sharp,  
and its feathers are black  
and white.

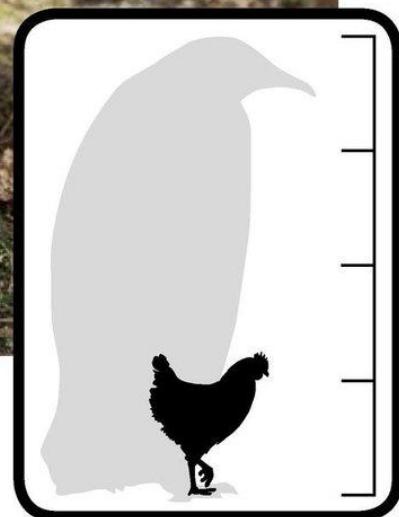
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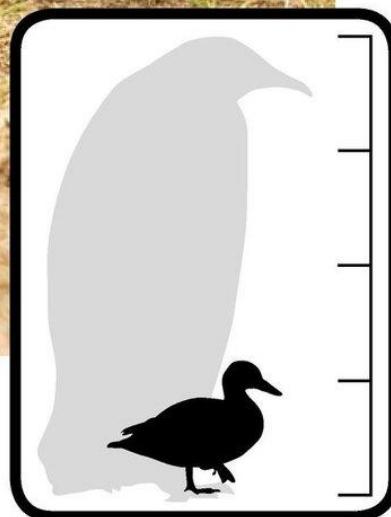
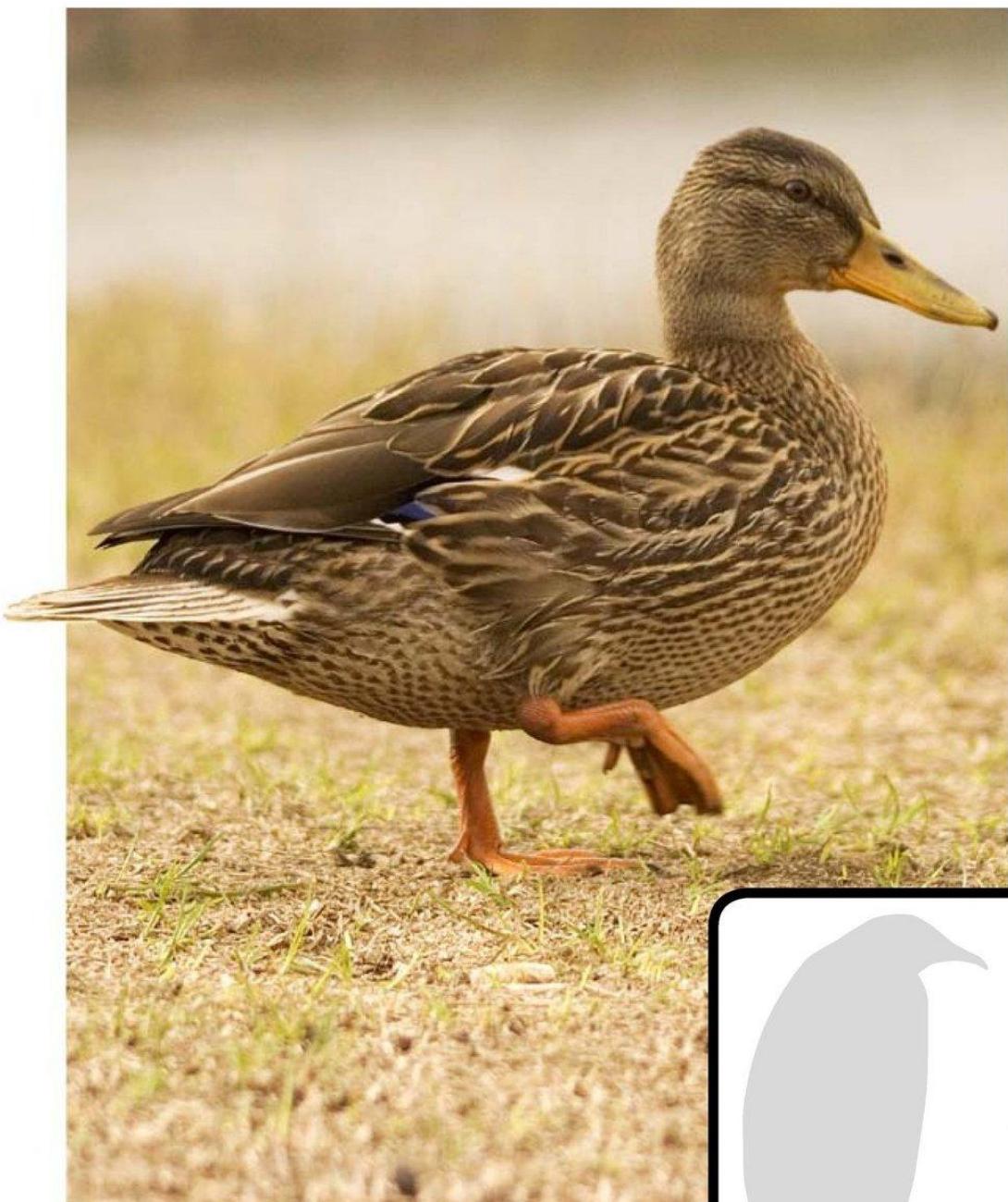
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Its beak is long and hooked,  
and its feathers are white.  
It is a pelican.



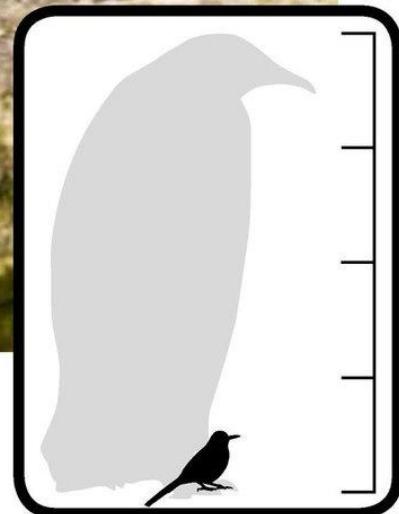
This is a bird.  
Its beak is sharp and hooked,  
and its feathers are black.  
It is a turkey vulture.



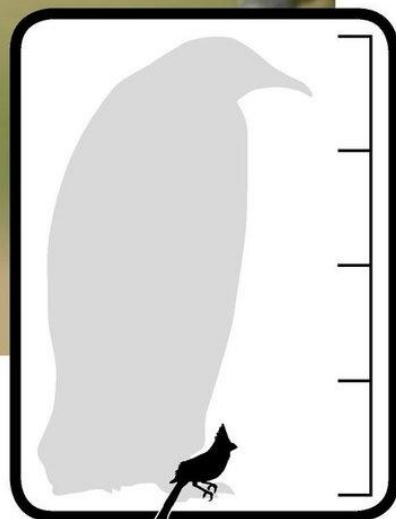
This is a bird.  
Its beak is short and sharp,  
and its feathers are white.  
It is a chicken.



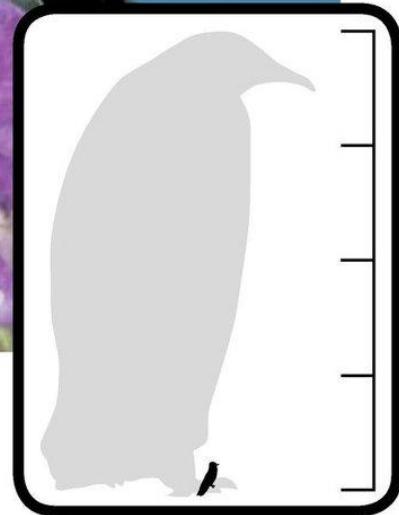
This is a bird.  
Its beak is long and flat,  
and its feathers are brown.  
It is a mallard duck.



This is a bird.  
Its beak is long and curved,  
and its feathers are brown.  
It is a thrasher.



This is a bird.  
Its beak is short and sharp,  
and its feathers are red.  
It is a cardinal.



This is a bird.  
Its beak is long and thin,  
and its feathers are purple,  
green, and gray.  
It is a Costa's hummingbird.



In some ways, all birds  
are the same.  
All birds have beaks,  
and all birds have feathers.  
But all birds are different, too.

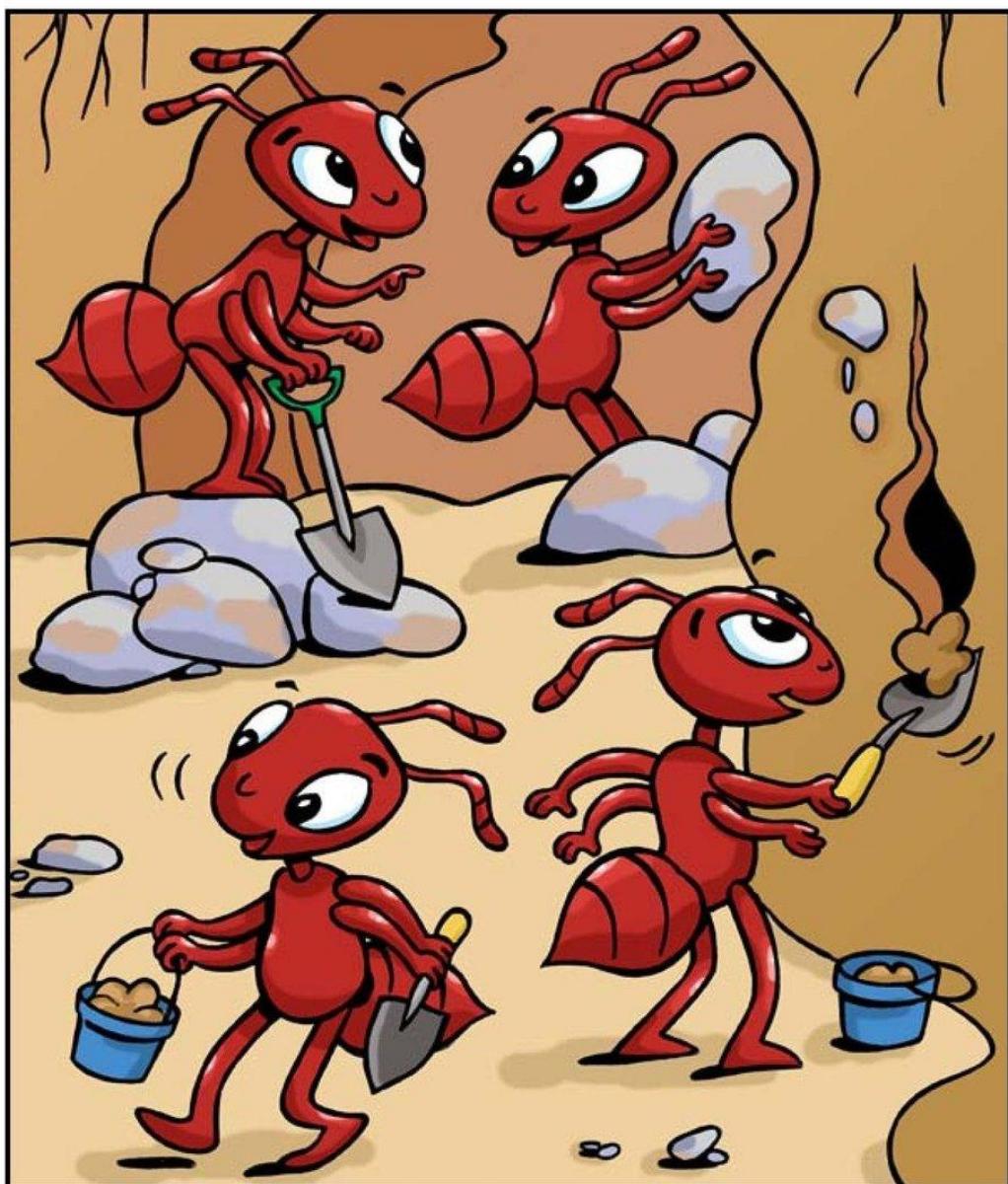
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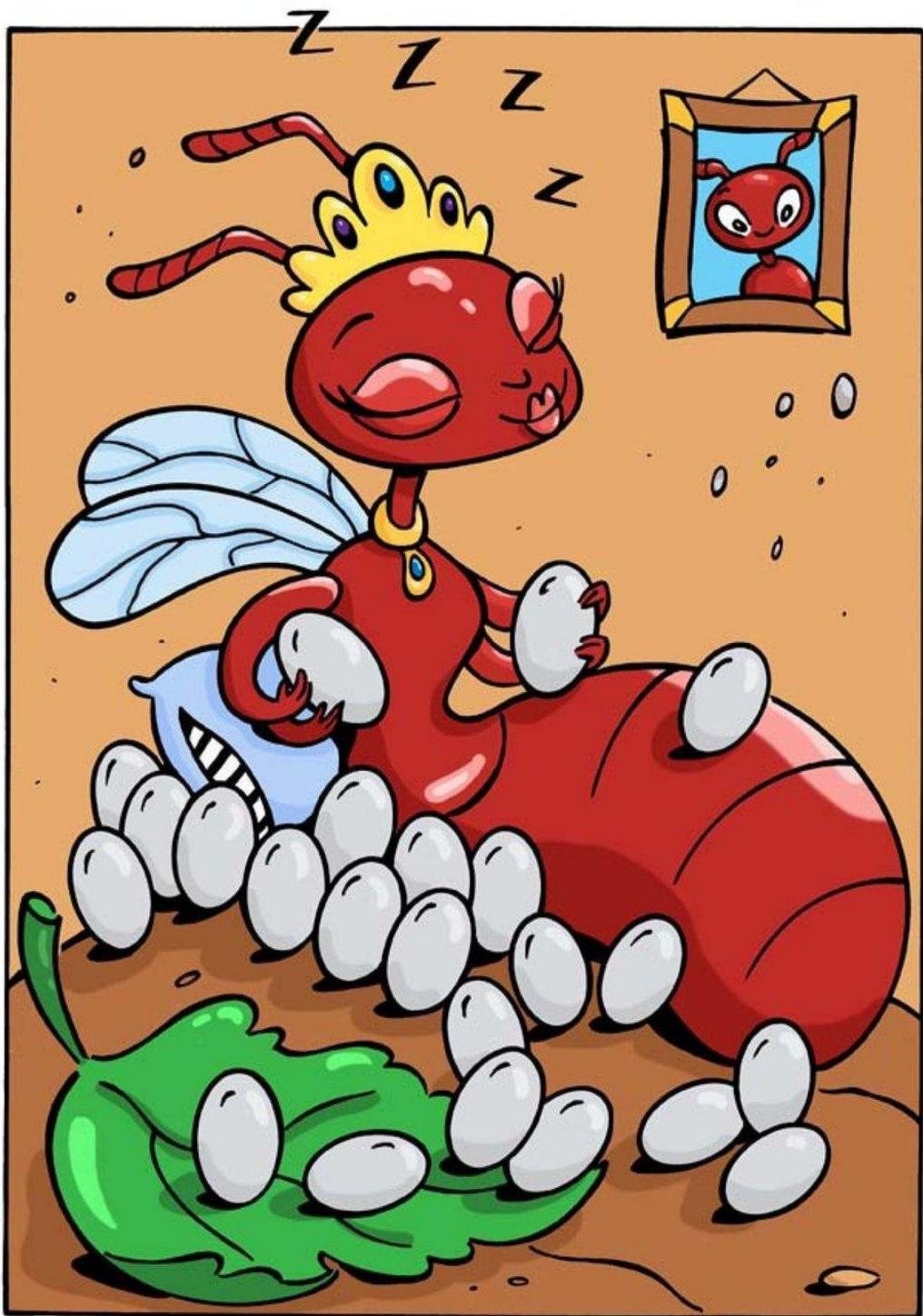
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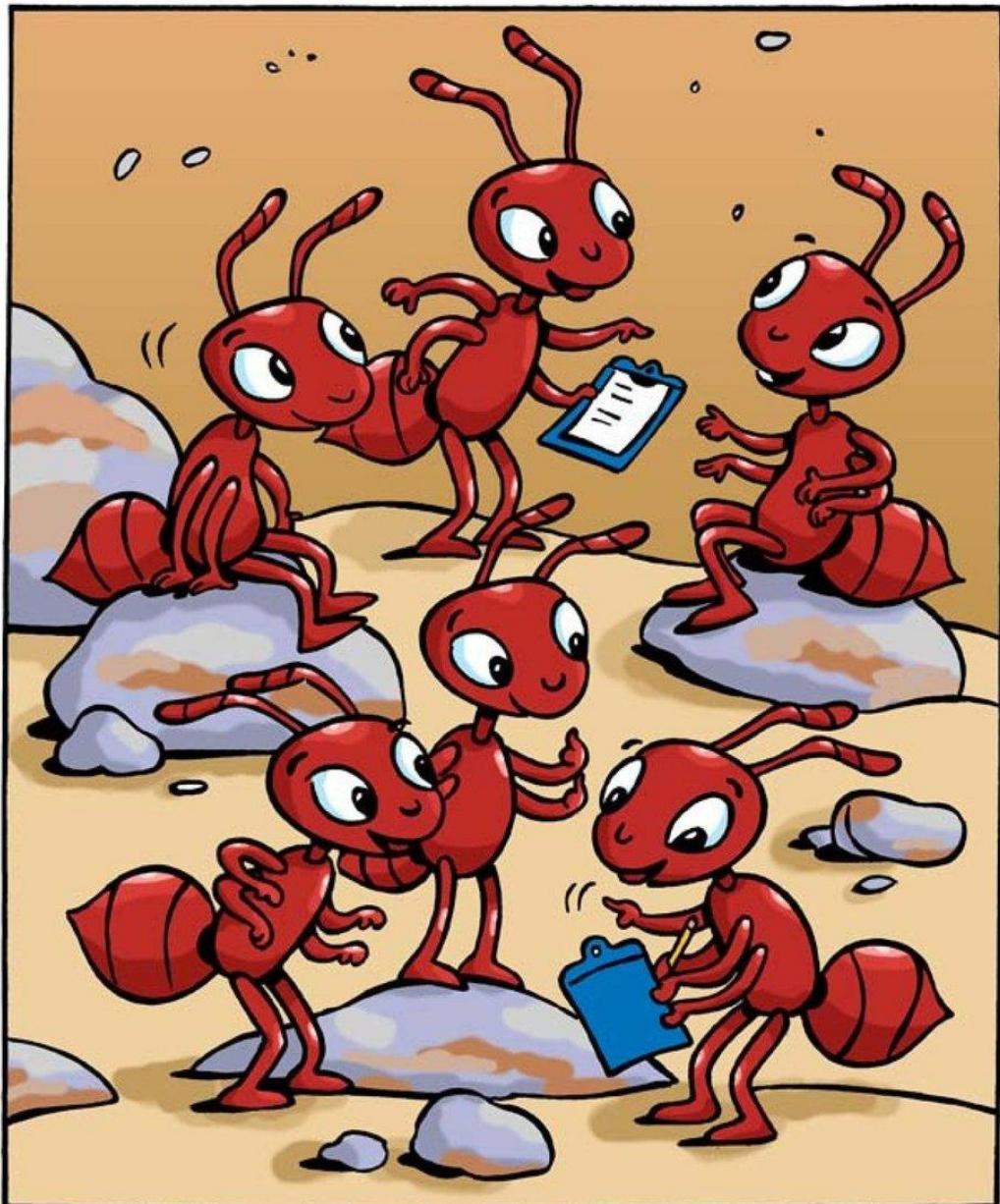


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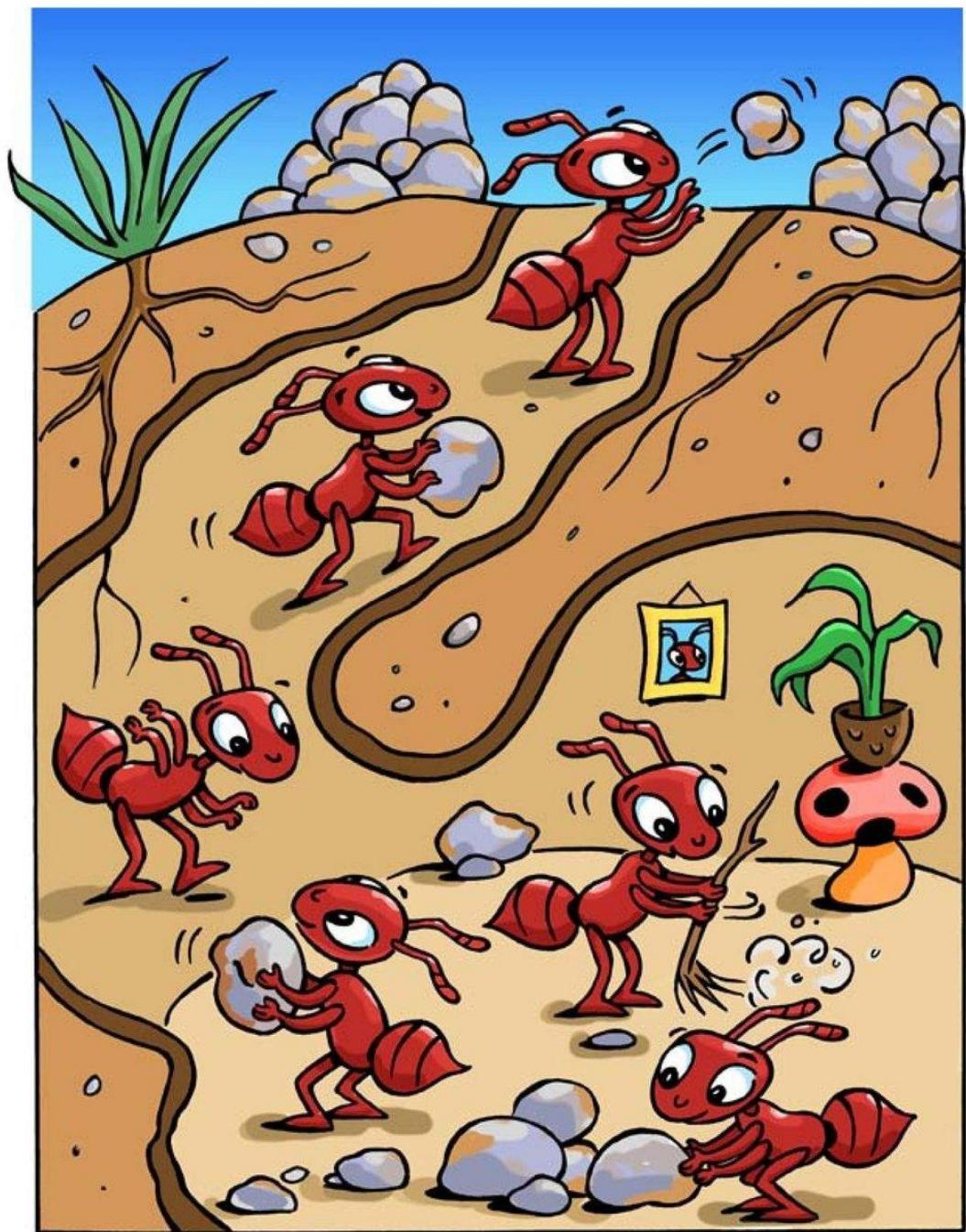


Today is a big day at the  
ant nest.  
It's the queen ant's birthday!

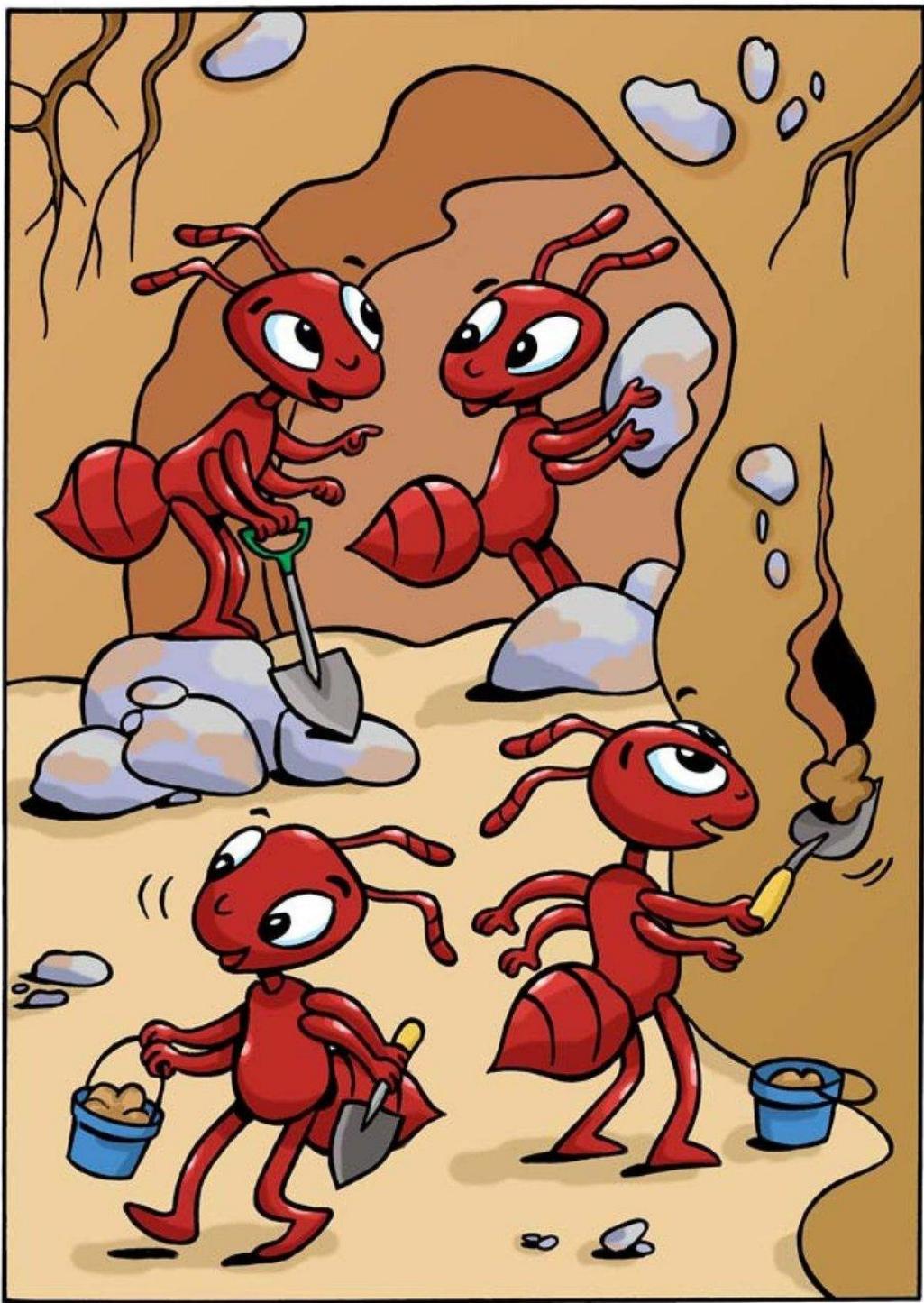


The ants have many jobs  
to do before the queen  
wakes up.

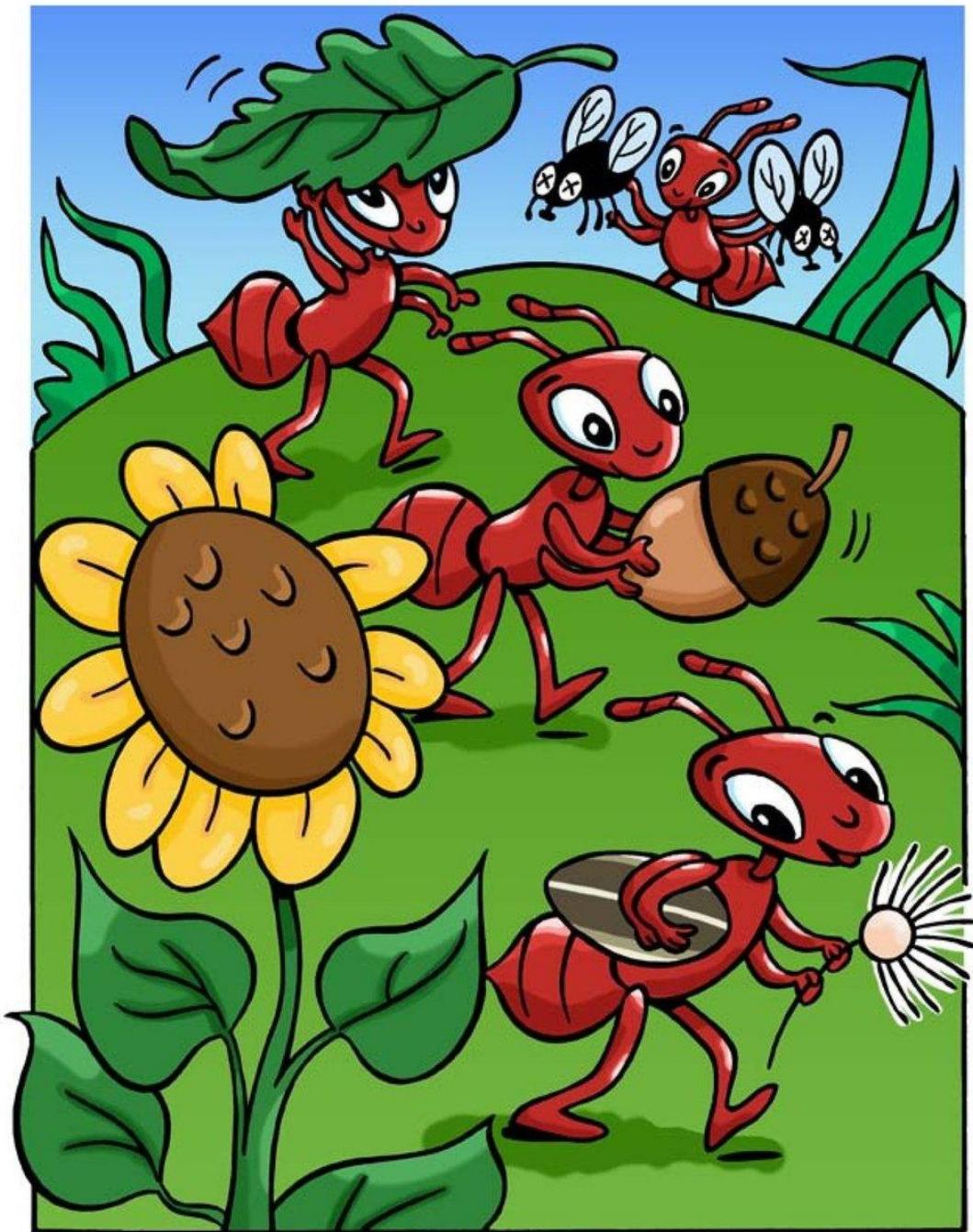
They will work together to  
surprise her with a party.



Some worker ants clean  
the nest.  
They use their six legs to make  
the rooms neat.



They fix cracks in the walls.  
They dig to make the rooms  
bigger.



Other workers go out to look  
for food.

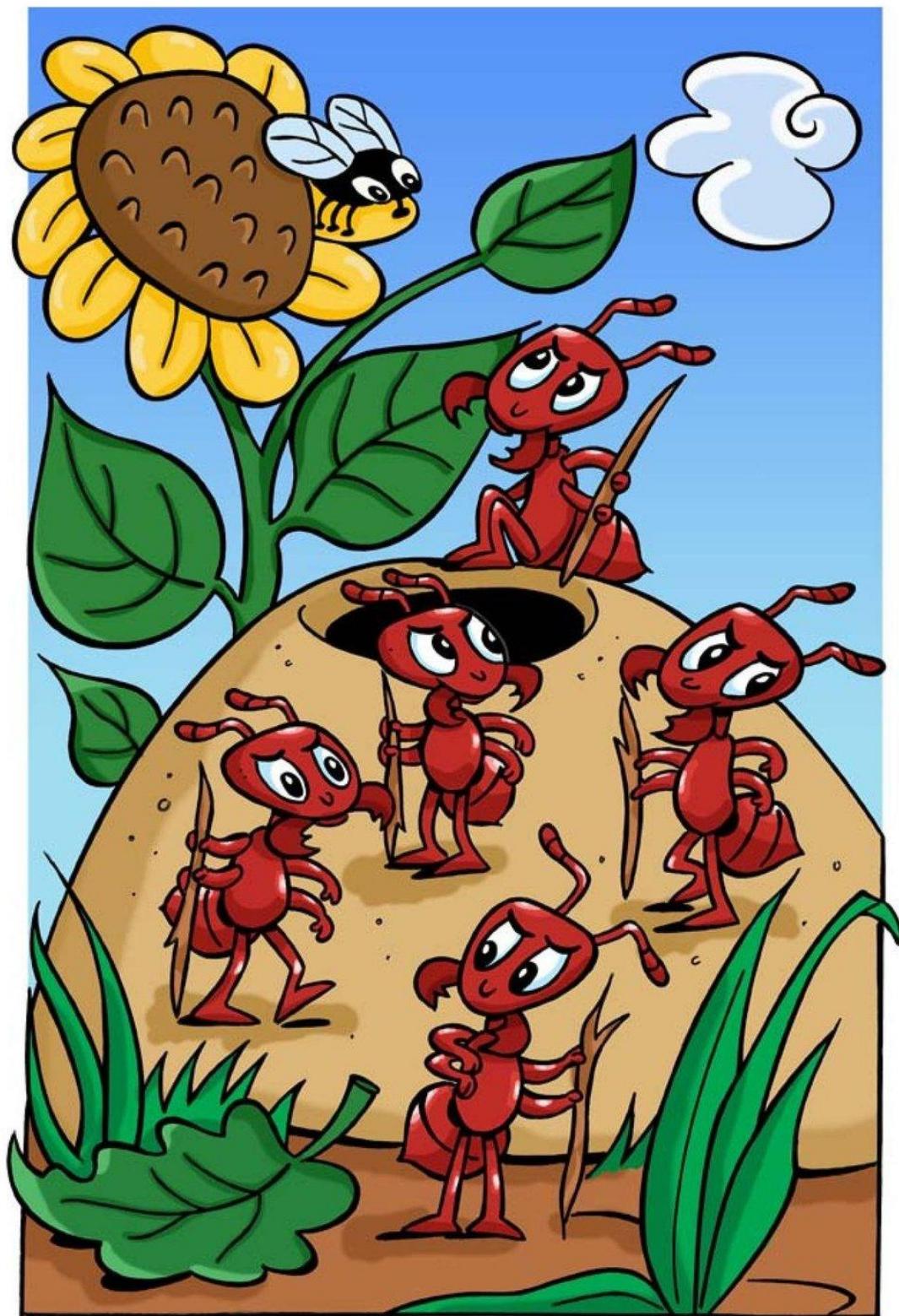
They find tasty seeds, leaves,  
and a few dead flies.



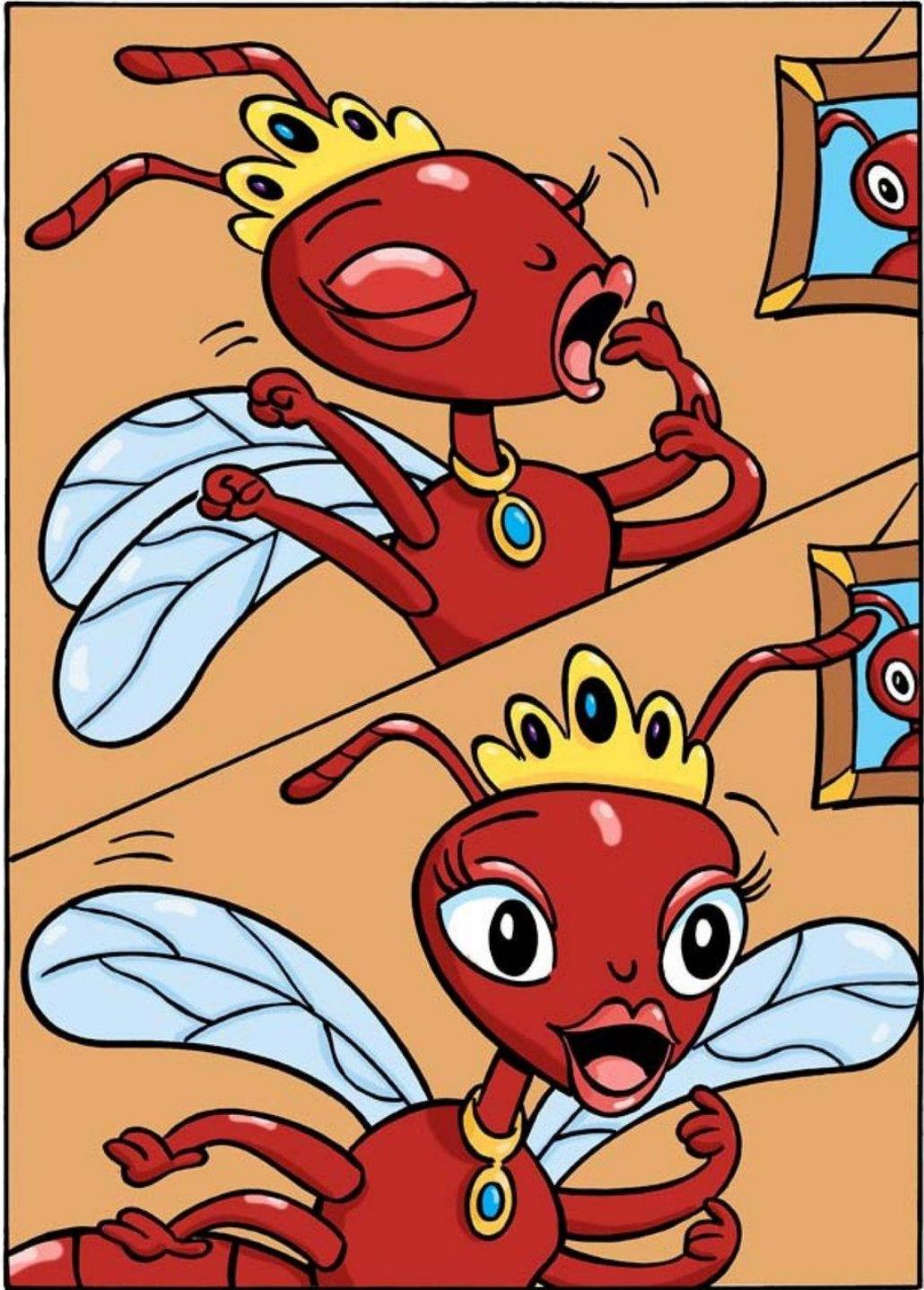
They also find a picnic that has the queen's favorite foods! The ants carry cookies, grapes, and cheese back to the nest.



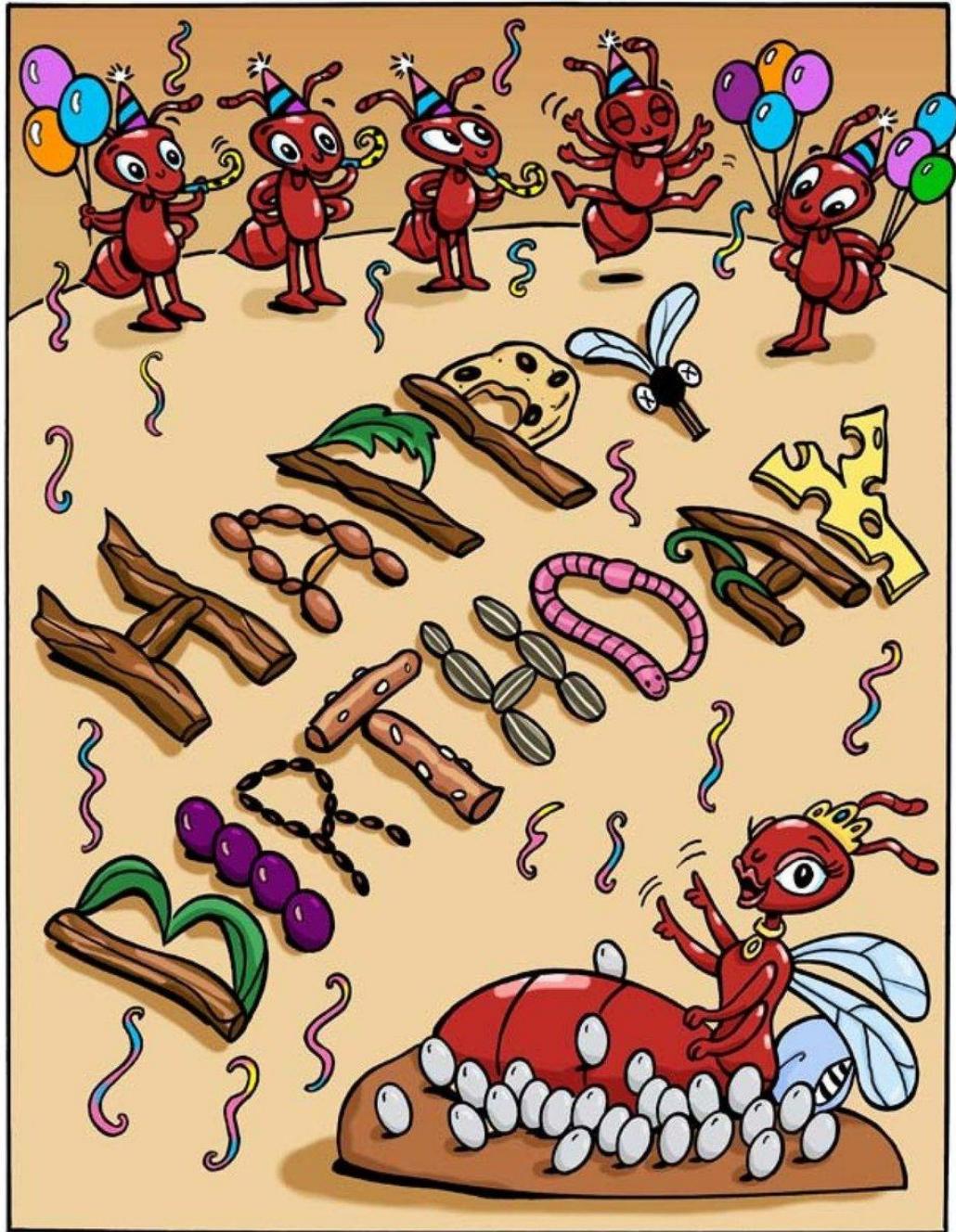
Back home, the strongest ants  
guard the nest.  
They can use their large jaws  
to fight.



Nothing will get by the ants  
on this special day.



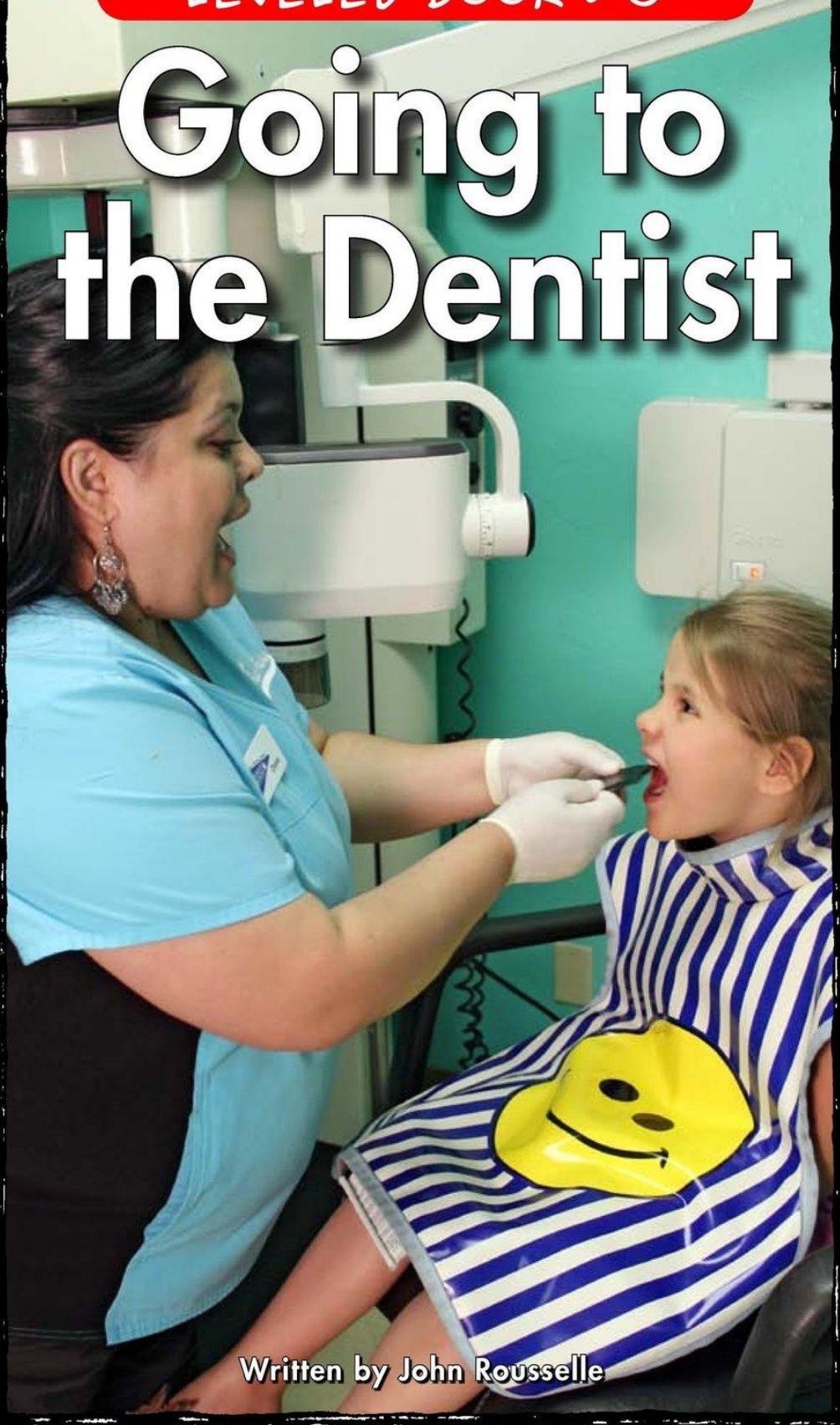
The queen wakes from  
her nap.  
What a surprise!



Do you know what surprised  
her the most?  
She never knew her children  
could spell!

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# Going to the Dentist



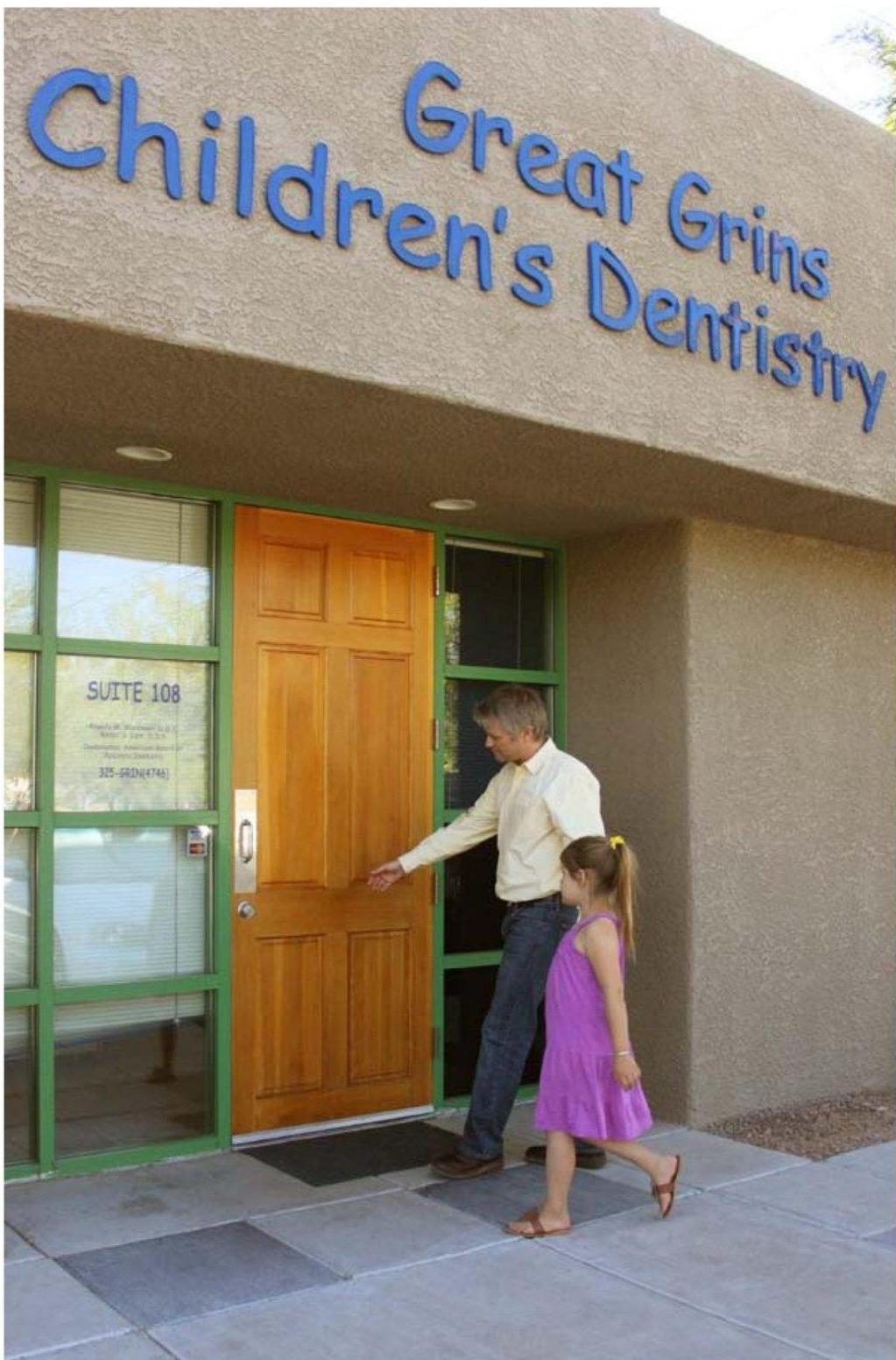
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I'm going to the dentist.  
I'm a little scared.



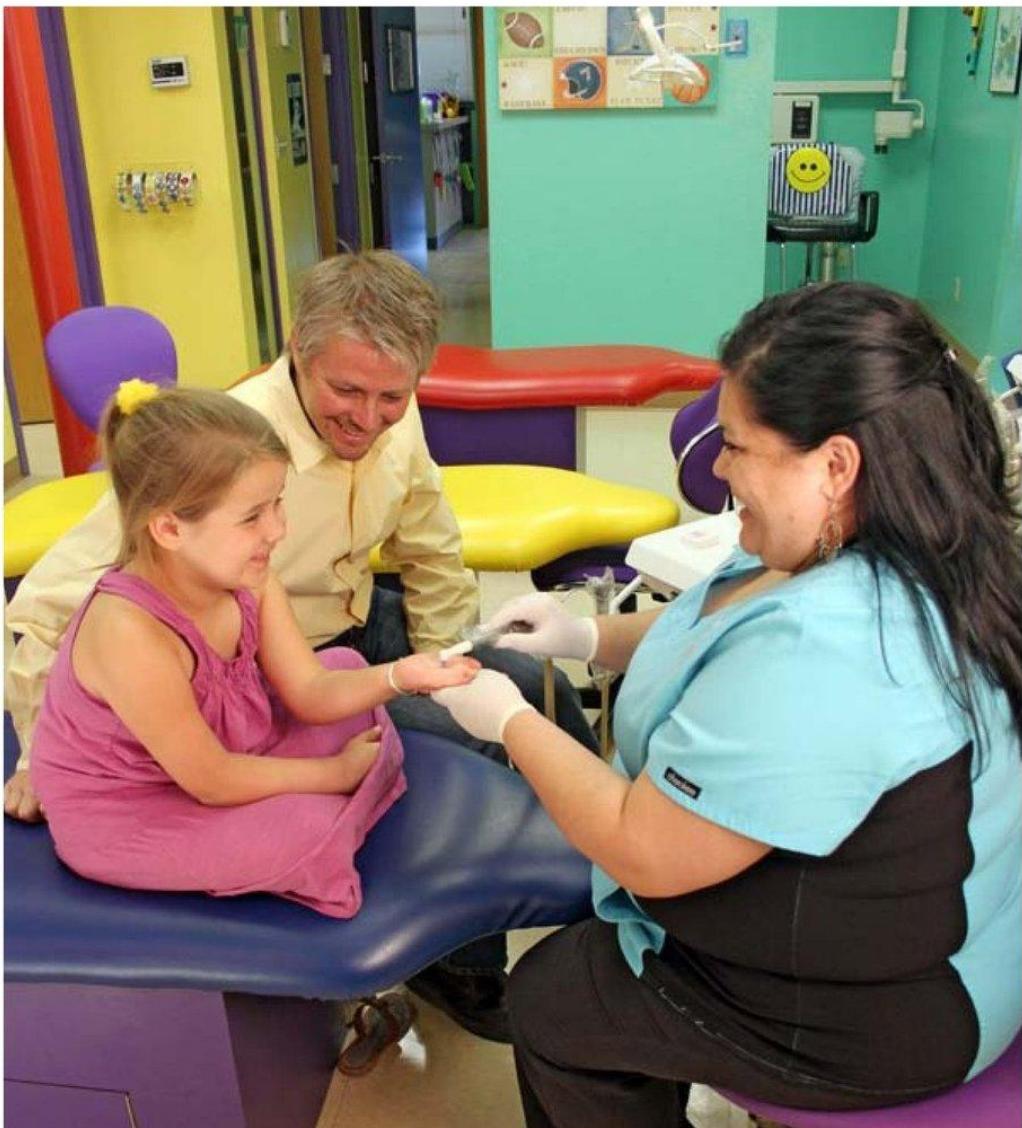
A friendly woman named  
Jamie asks me to wait.  
She says I can read, play  
with toys, or watch a movie.



After a few minutes,  
Dana calls my name.  
Dana is the dentist's helper.



Dana shows me around  
the office.  
She teaches me how to clean  
my teeth at home.



Dana says she will make  
my teeth super clean.  
She shows me the tools  
she will use.  
Some of the tools look scary,  
but the cleaning doesn't hurt.



Next, Dana takes special pictures of my teeth.



The dentist comes to check  
my teeth.  
She looks at the pictures  
of my teeth.



The dentist says I need  
a filling.  
I will have to come back  
another day.



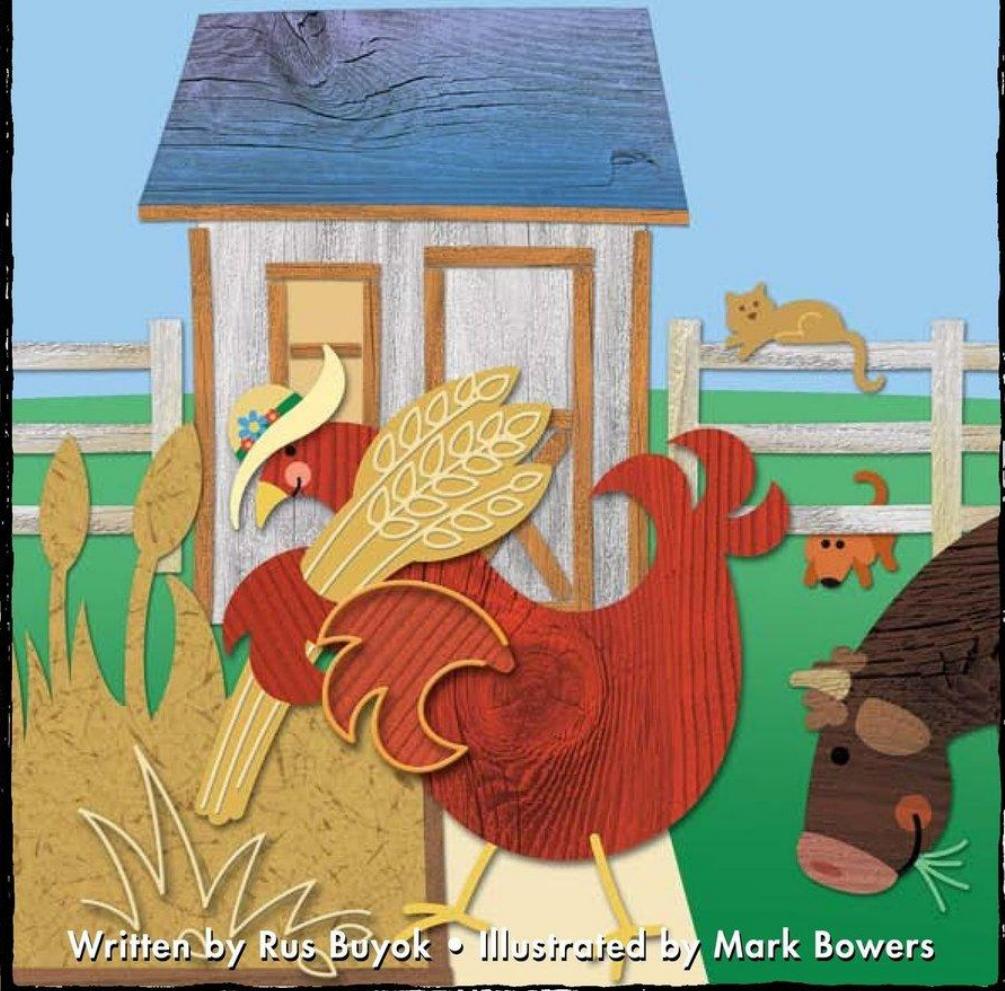
I ask if getting the filling  
will hurt.  
The dentist says it won't hurt  
much because it will be small.



The dentist says it's good  
we found the problem early.  
I'm not happy I need  
a filling, but I'm glad I went  
to the dentist!

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# The Little Red Hen

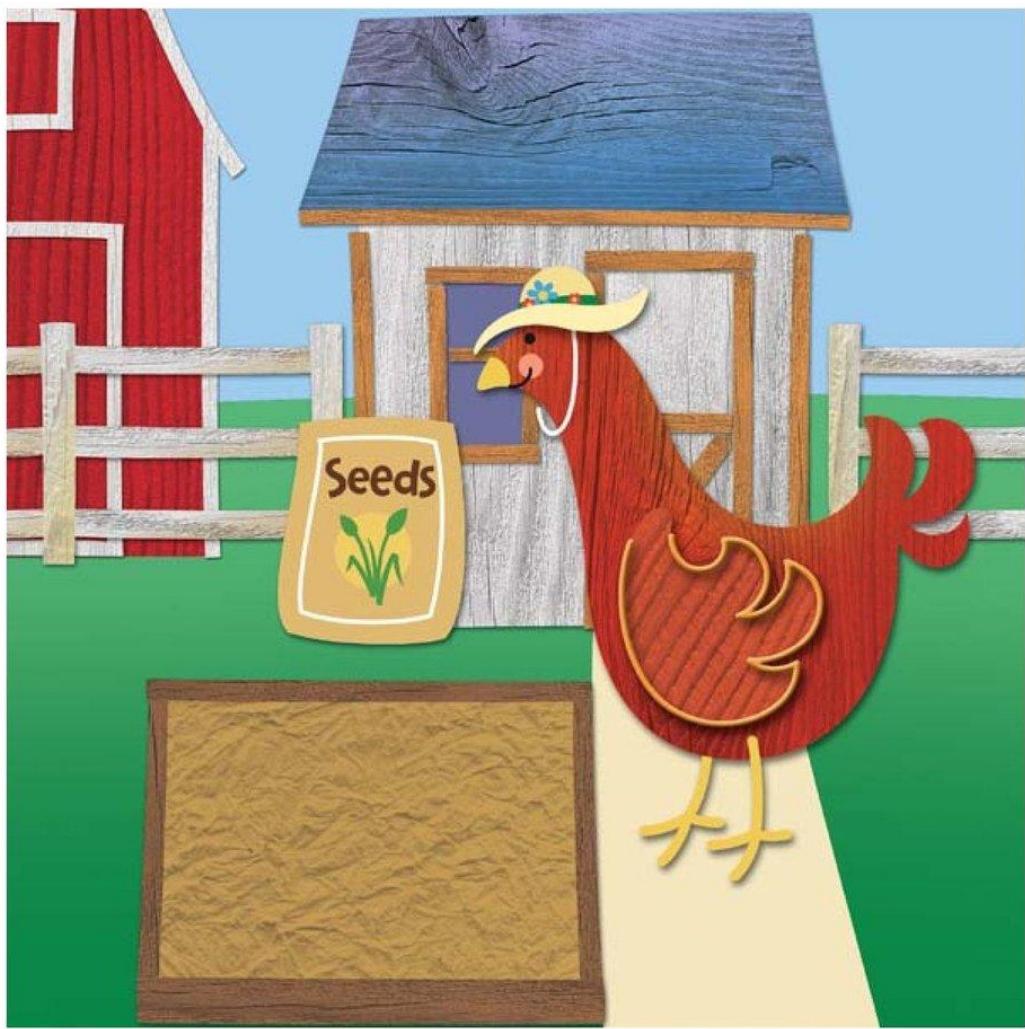


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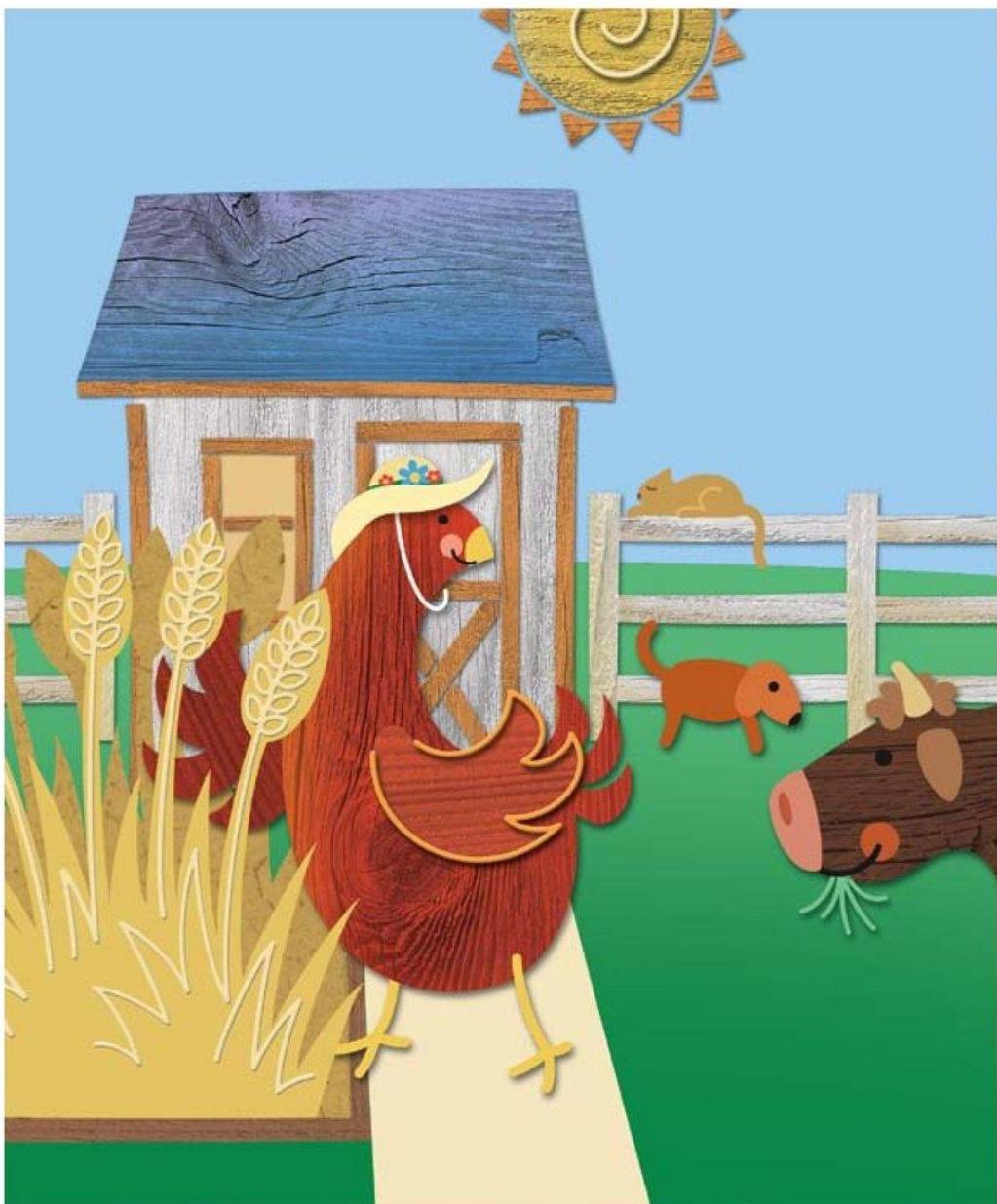
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One day, a little red hen  
wanted some yummy bread.  
First, she had to plant lots of  
tiny wheat seeds.  
“Will you help me plant wheat  
seeds?” she asked her animal  
friends.

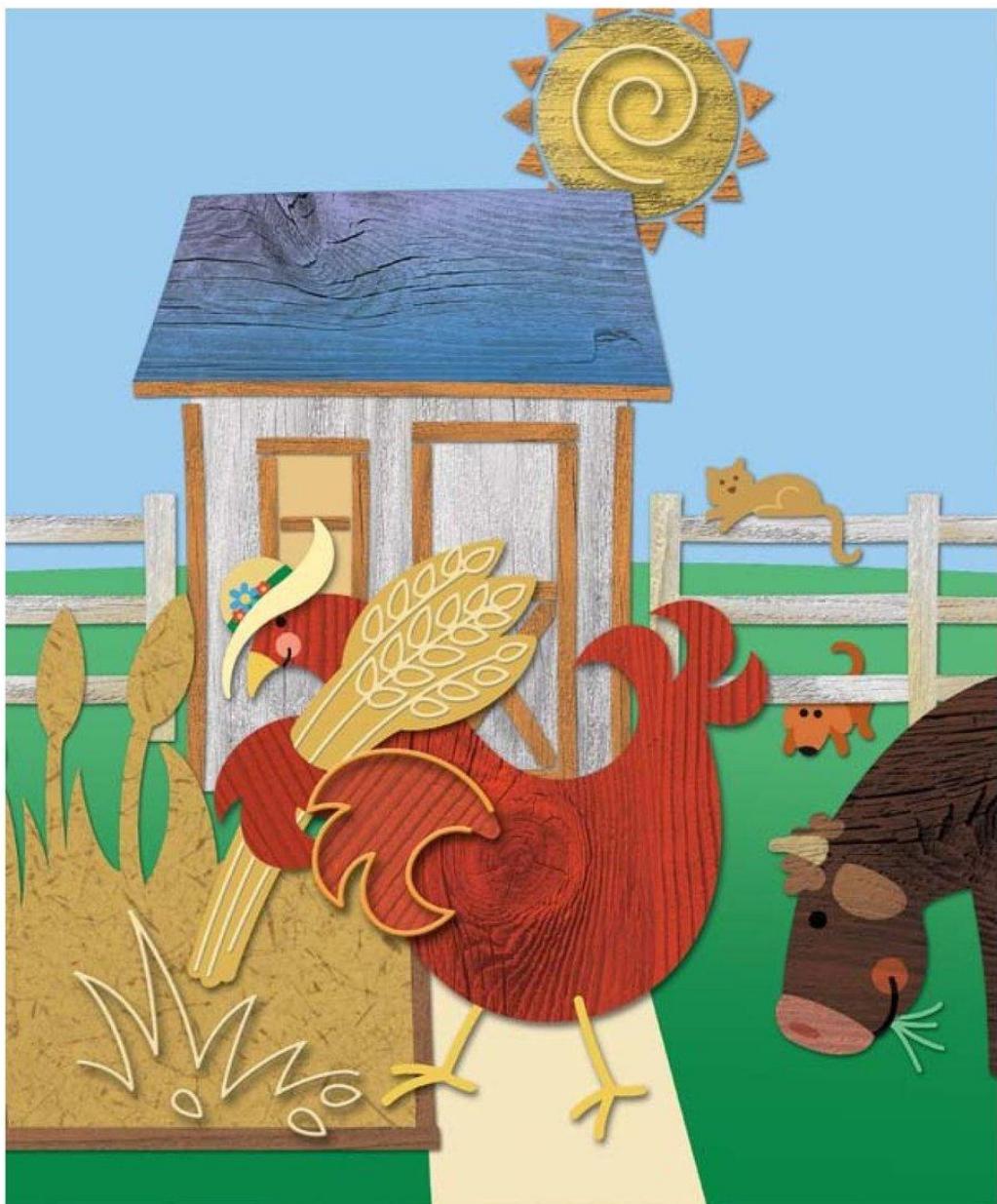


"No way," said the sleepy cat,  
busy dog, and chewing cow.  
"Then I'll do it myself," said the  
little red hen.  
And she did.



Next, she had to harvest all the tall wheat.

“Will you help me harvest the wheat?” she asked her animal friends.



“No way,” said the sleepy cat,  
busy dog, and chewing cow.  
“Then I’ll do it myself,” said the  
little red hen.  
And she did.



Then, she had to grind the wheat into flour.

"Will you help me grind the wheat into flour?" she asked her animal friends.



“No way,” said the sleepy cat,  
busy dog, and chewing cow.  
“Then I’ll do it myself,” said the  
little red hen.  
And she did.



Finally, she baked the yummy  
bread.

The yummy smell went all  
over the farm.



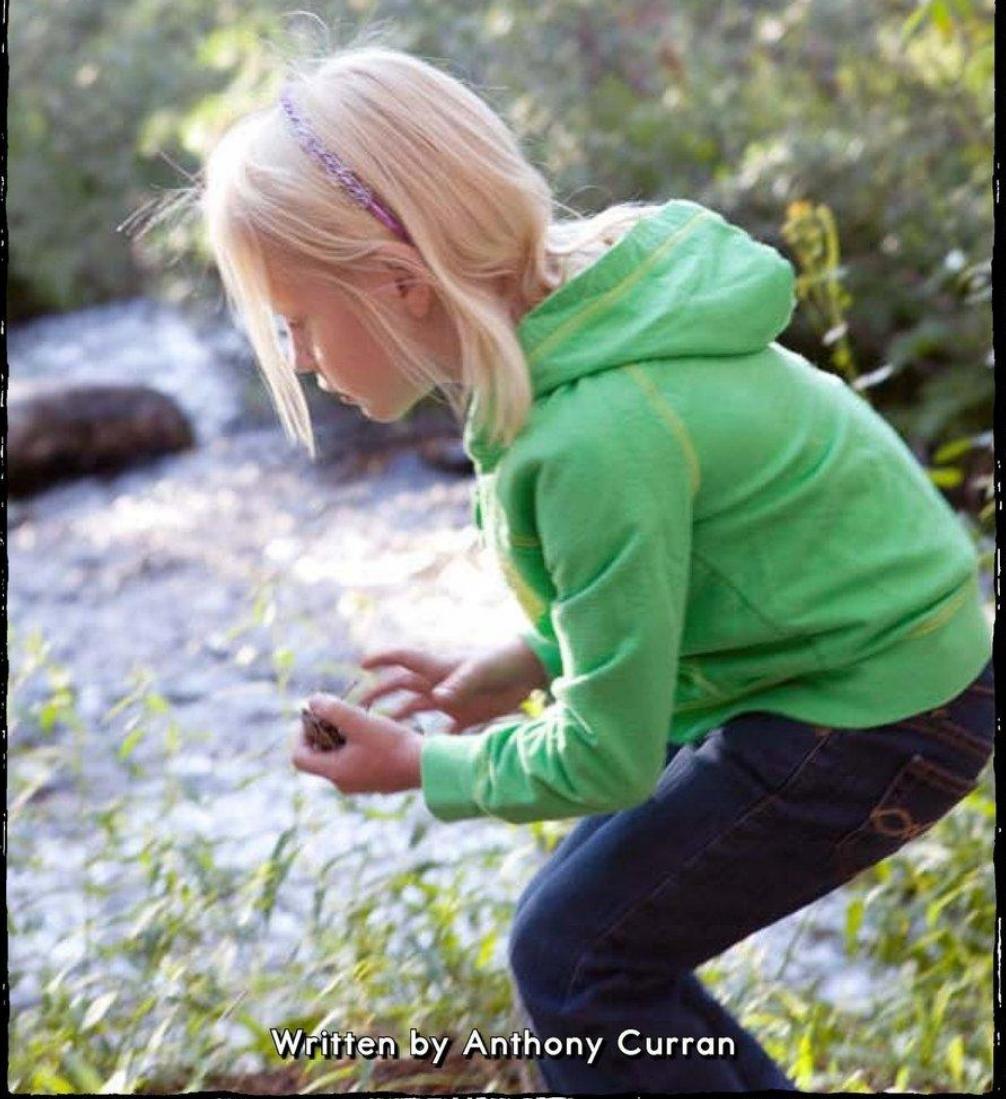
"I'd like a piece!" said the  
sleepy cat, busy dog, and  
chewing cow.

"No way. You didn't help. I'll  
eat it myself," said the little  
red hen.

And she did.

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# Rock Hunting



Written by Anthony Curran

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I went hunting for rocks.  
I found a flat gray rock.



I showed the rock to my dad.  
He said it was slate.  
Some houses have floors  
made of slate.



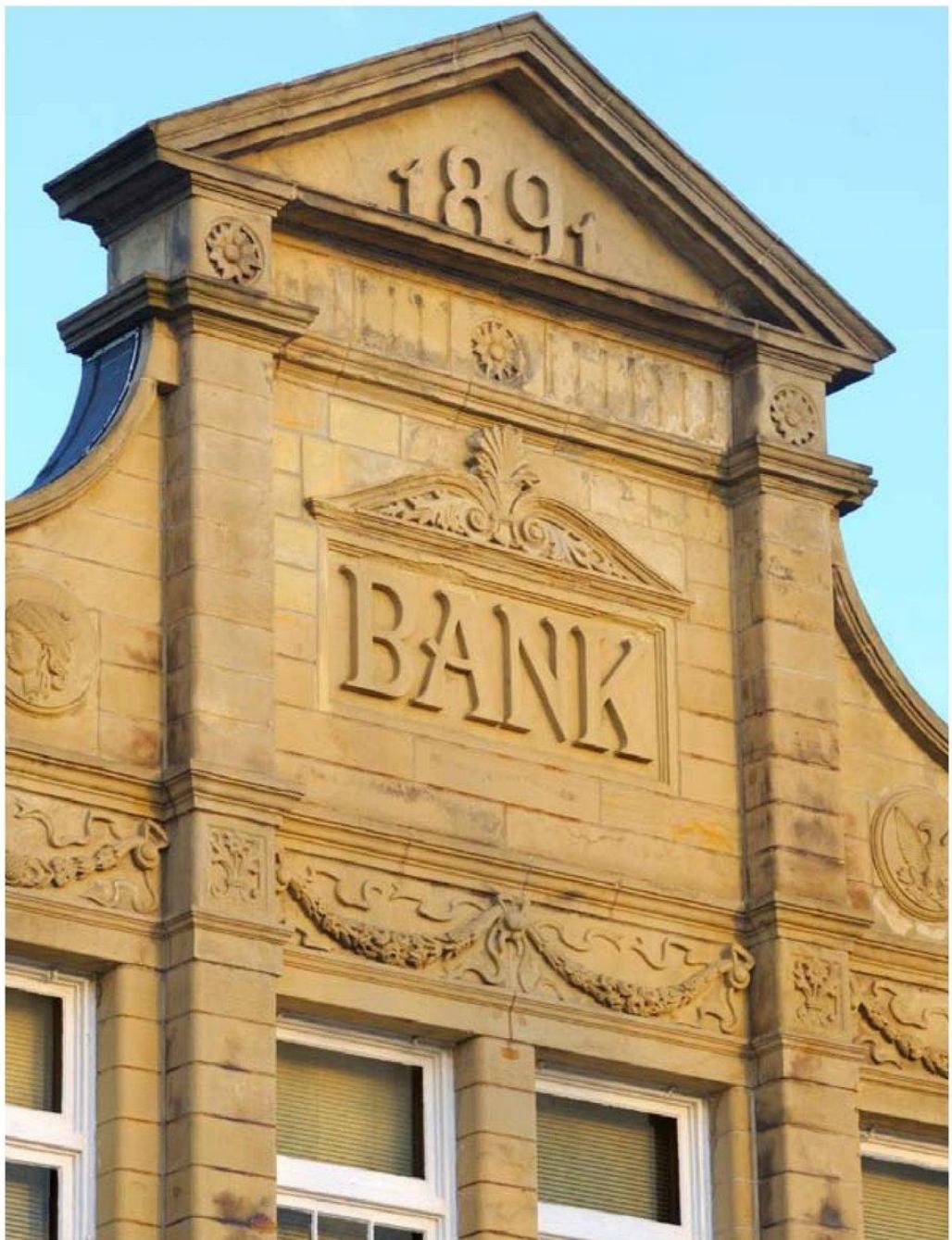
I went hunting for rocks.  
I found a glassy black rock.



I showed the rock to my dad.  
He said it was obsidian  
(ob-SID-ee-en).  
Obsidian can be used to  
make arrowheads.



I went hunting for rocks.  
I found a light brown rock.



I showed the rock to my dad.  
He said it was limestone.  
Some old buildings are made  
from limestone.



I went hunting for rocks.  
I found a rock with gray  
and black spots.



I showed the rock to my dad.  
He said it was granite (GRAN-it).  
Some kitchen counters are  
made from granite.



slate

obsidian



limestone

granite

I put my rocks on a piece  
of paper.  
I wrote their names under  
each one.



My dad knows a lot about  
rocks.

Now I know about them too!

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# Rude Robot



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Rob opened his huge  
birthday present.  
“A talking robot!” said Rob.  
“I’ll name you Bott!”



Rob took Bott to meet all  
of his friends.  
But one by one, his friends  
stopped playing with Bott.



Rob soon found out why.  
Bott was rude to people.  
He never said *Hello* or *Please*  
or *Thank you*.



Bott sat like a big tin can  
when Grandma came to visit.  
“You should say *Nice to  
meet you*,” Rob said.



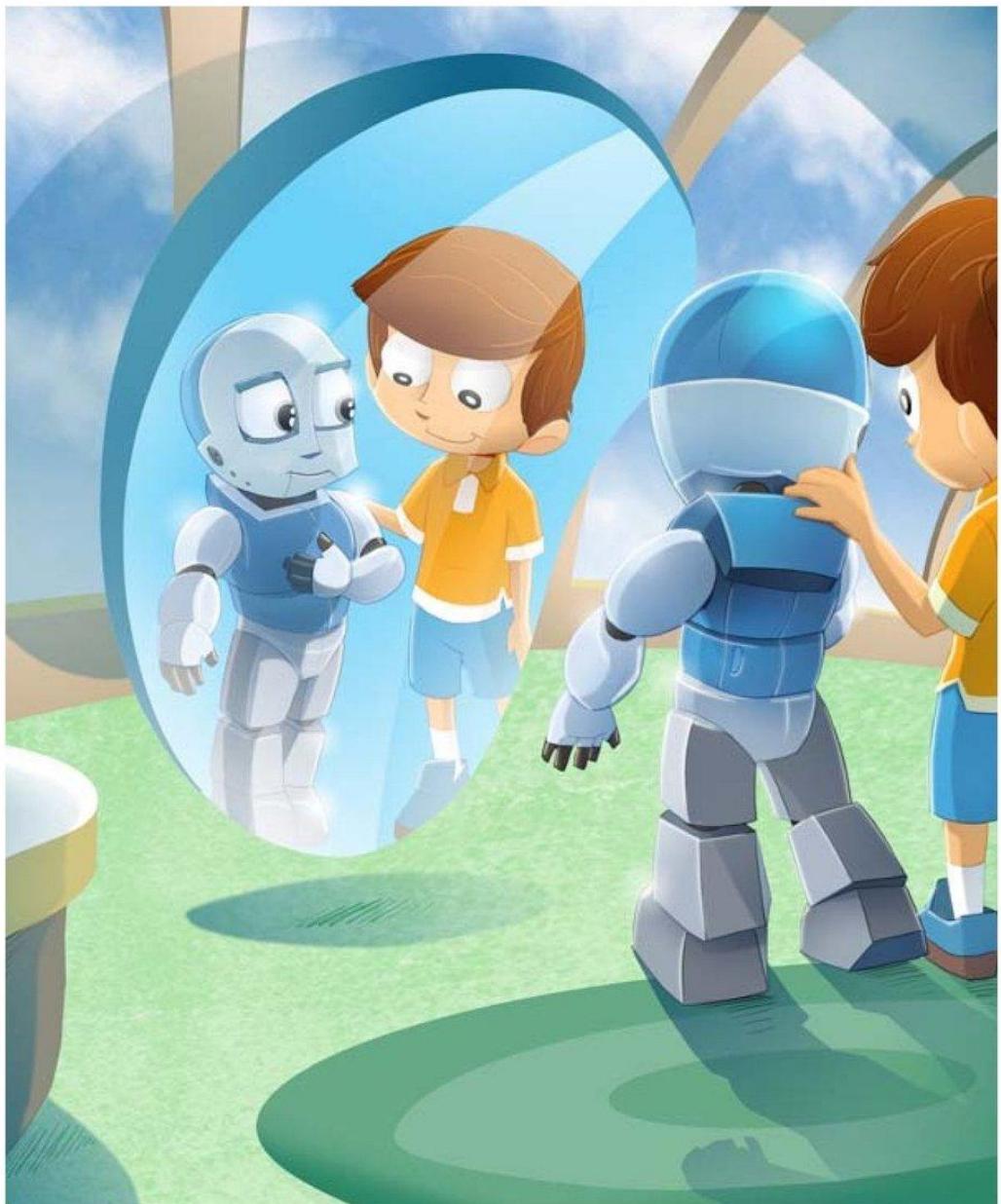
“Being rude isn’t cool,”  
Rob said.  
“A robot can learn anything.  
So you can learn good  
manners,” he said.



Bott nodded, and burped.  
“Say excuse me when you  
burp,” said Rob.  
“Excuse me,” said the robot.  
“Good job!” said Rob.



Rob gave Bott a new battery.  
“Do I say excuse me?”  
Bott asked.  
“No, you say *thank you* when  
a person helps you.”



Bott burped again and nodded.

He learned when to say *Hello* and *please* and *thank you*.

“This is easy!” Bott said.



Soon, Bott opened doors  
for people.  
He used his napkin.  
He waited for his turn to talk.  
“Bott is so cool!” said  
Rob’s friends.



“You’re the best robot in the world,” said Grandma.

“Thank you,” said Bott,  
as he burped.

“And excuse me,” he said.

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# Groundhog Goes Outside



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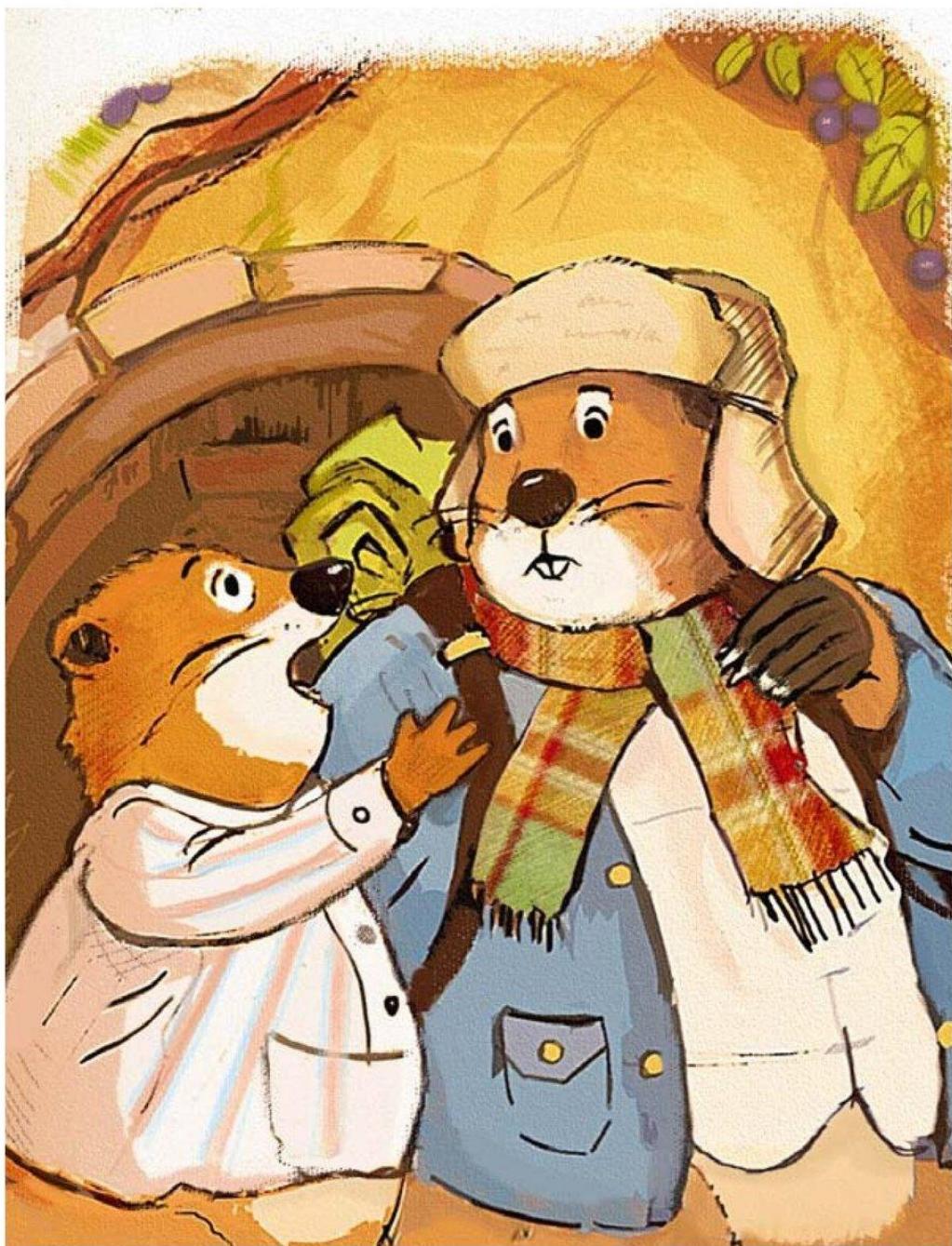
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It was the deep of winter.  
Gus was worried.  
He couldn't find his shadow  
anywhere.

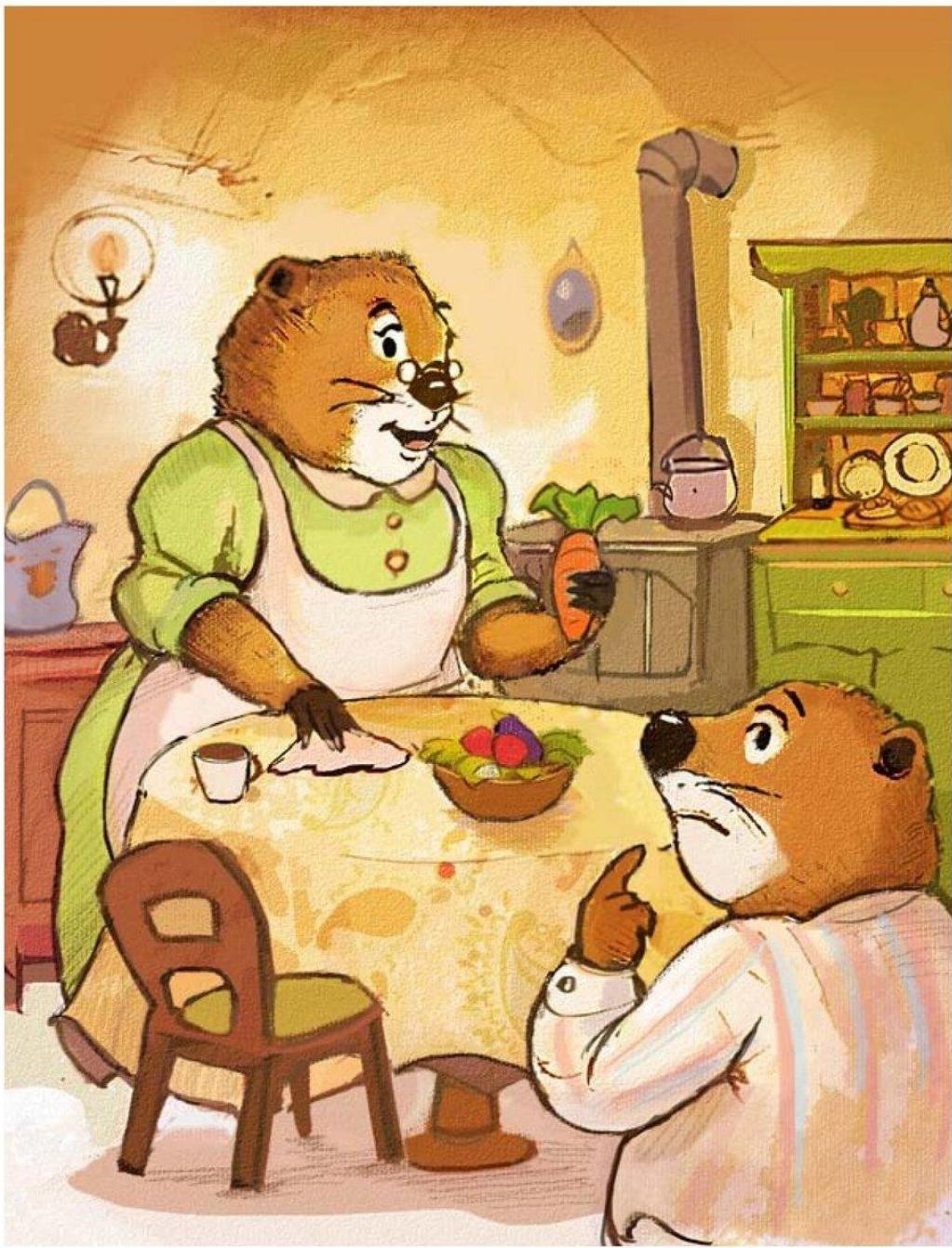


“Have you seen my shadow?”

Gus asked Dad.

“When did you see it last?”

Dad asked.



“Have you seen my shadow?”  
Gus asked Mom.  
“Go back, step by step,  
until you find it,” Mom said.



“Have you seen my shadow?”

Gus asked Grace.

“Try looking where you left it,” Grace said.



Gus stopped looking.  
He began to shout:  
“HAS ANYBODY SEEN  
MY SHADOW?”



“Have you tried looking outside?”  
asked Dad.

Gus hadn’t been outside  
in months.

He hadn’t seen his shadow  
in months.

Maybe his shadow was outside!



Gus left the burrow and went outside.

As soon as he did, someone began to cheer.

Children waved and jumped up and down.

People shot photos of him.

They all looked really happy.



Gus forgot about his shadow.  
Gus was a star!



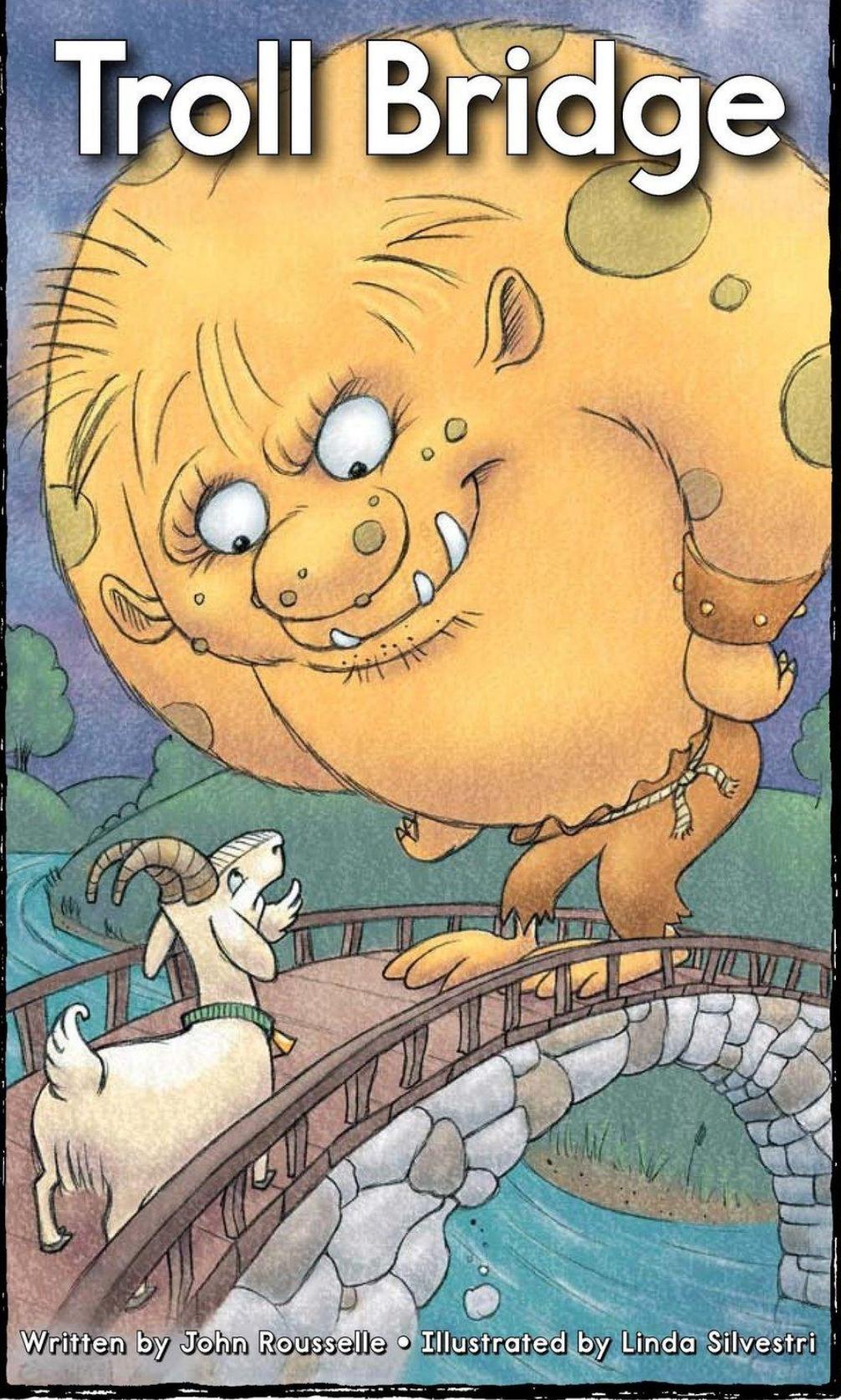
Back in the burrow, his family  
gathered around him.  
Gus grinned from ear to ear.  
“Did you find it?” asked Mom.



“Find what?” asked Gus.

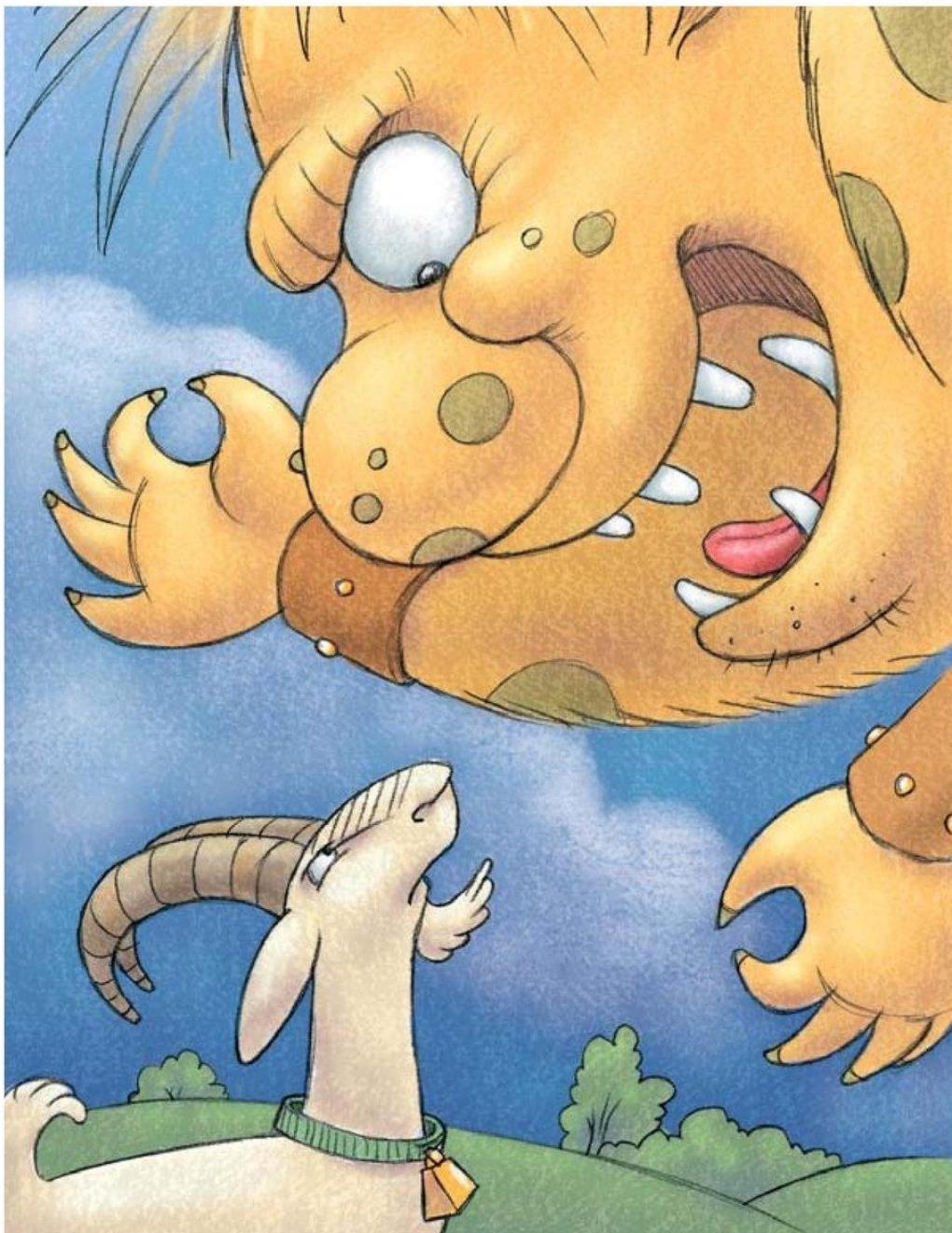
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# Troll Bridge



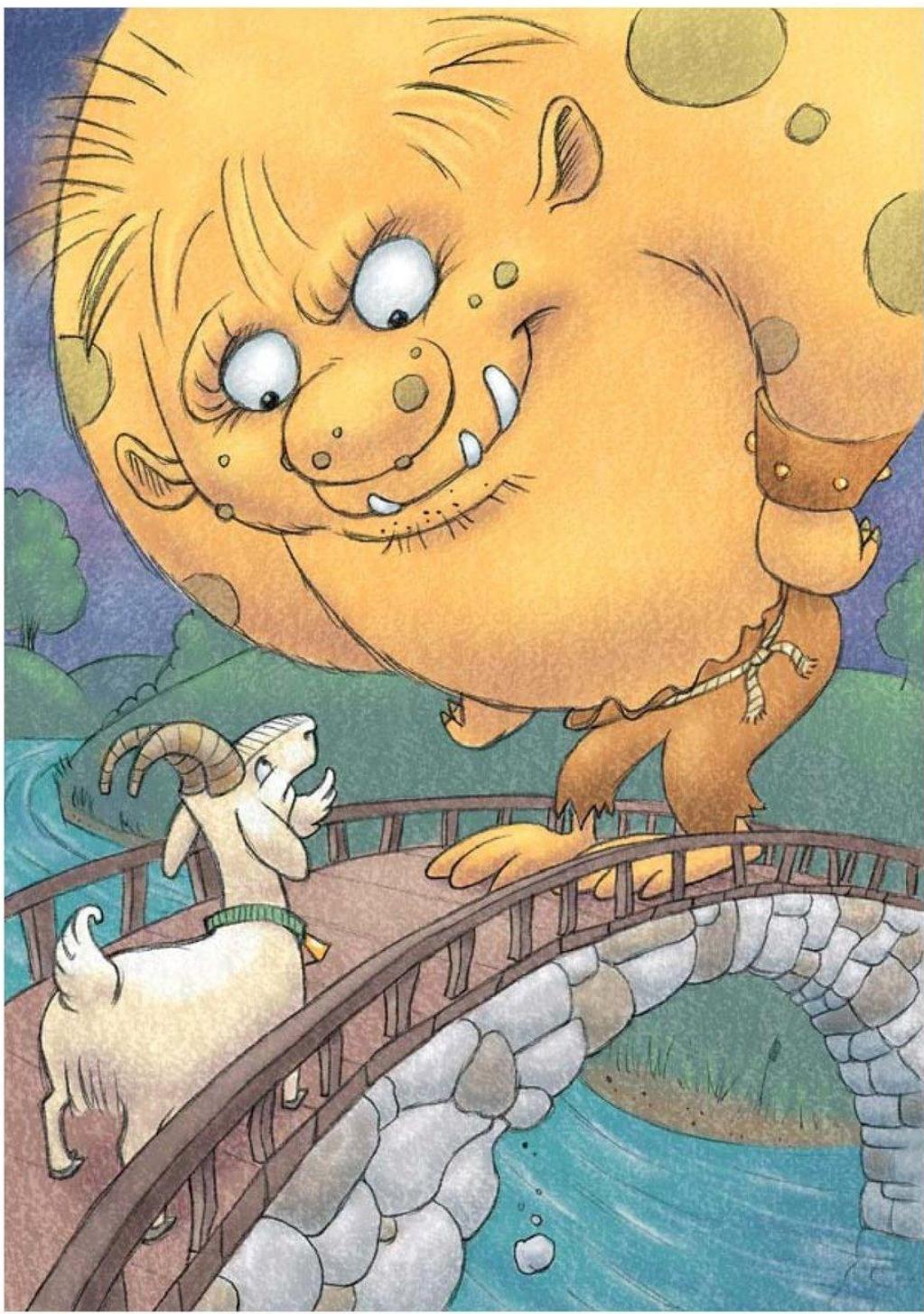
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# Troll Bridge

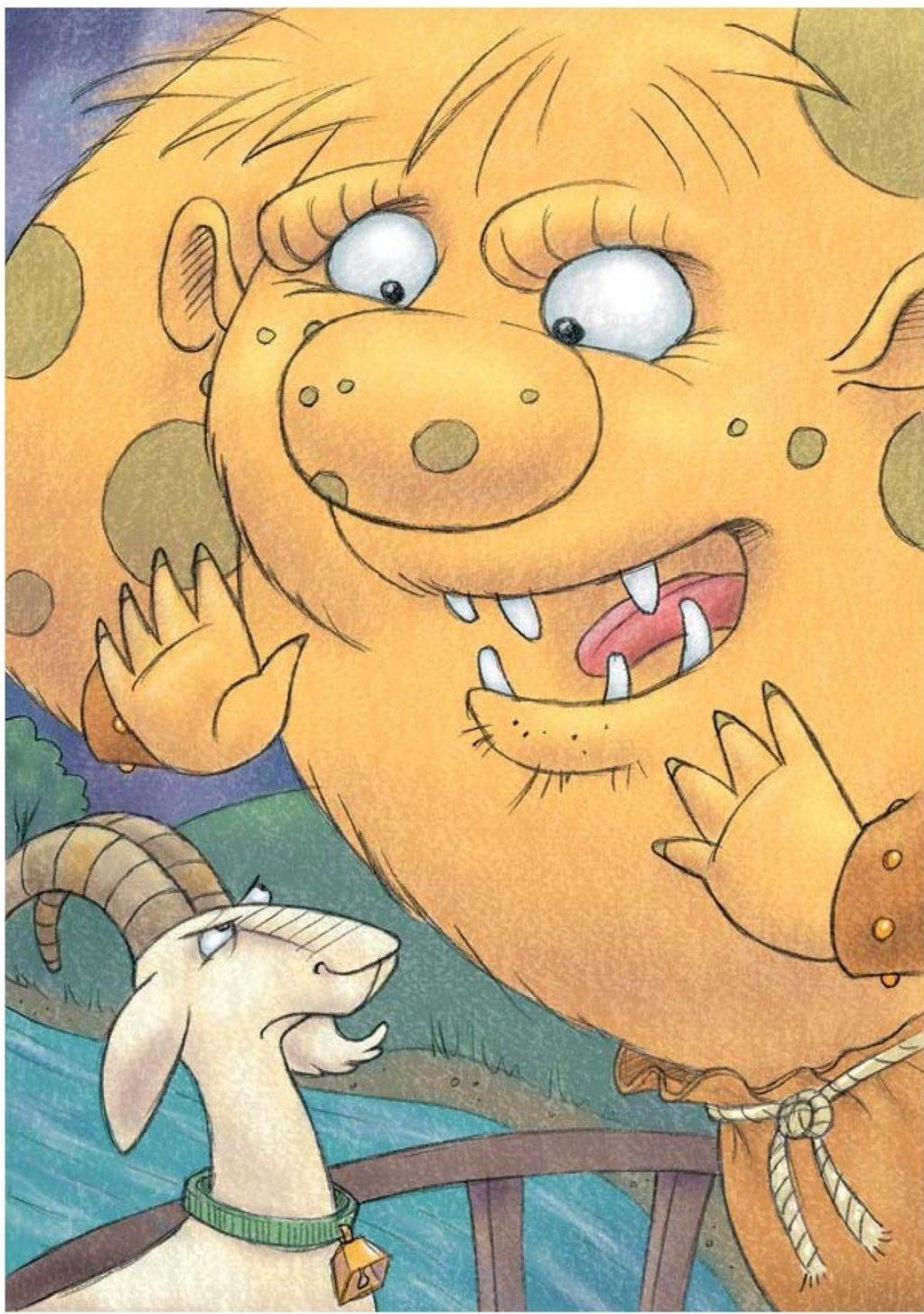


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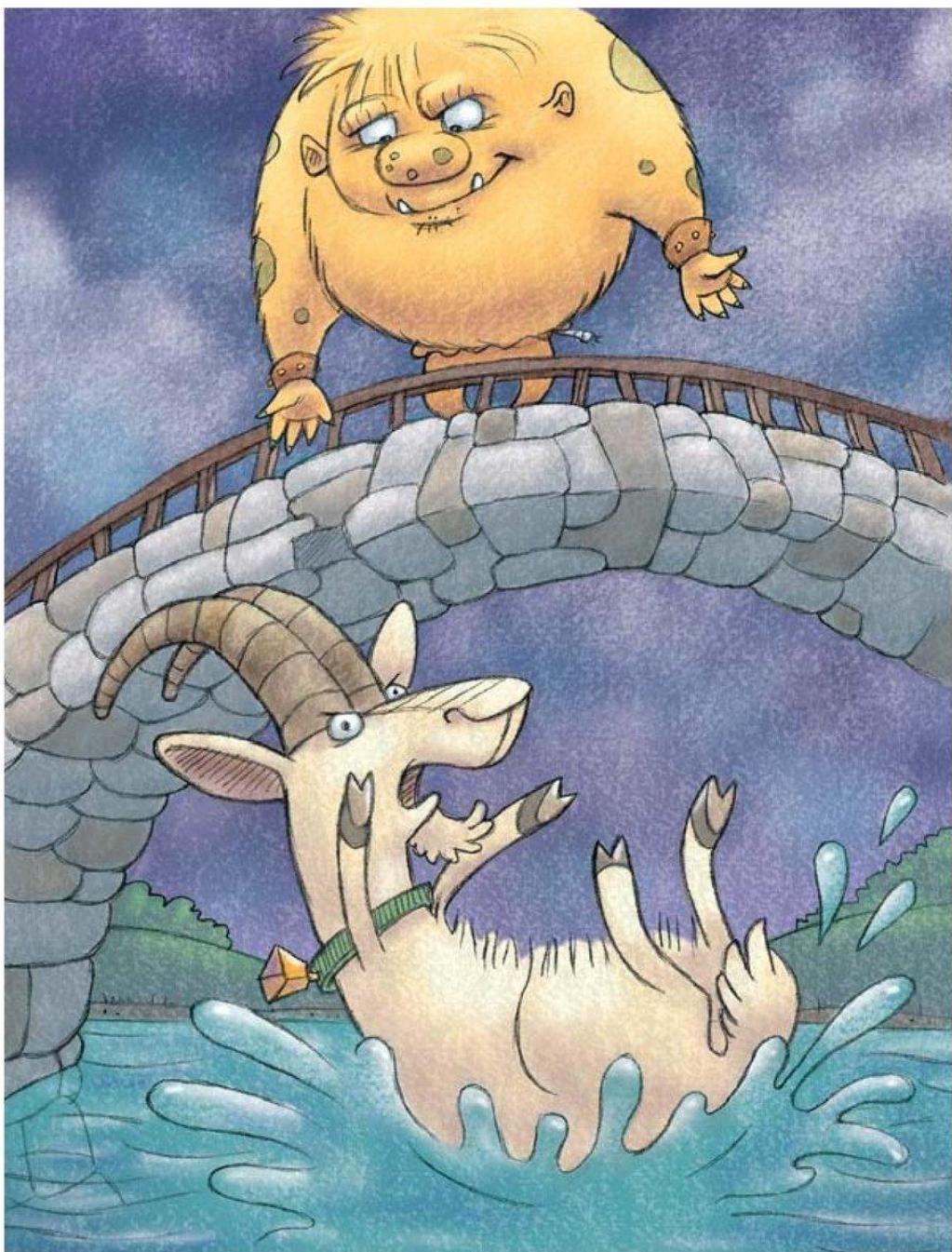
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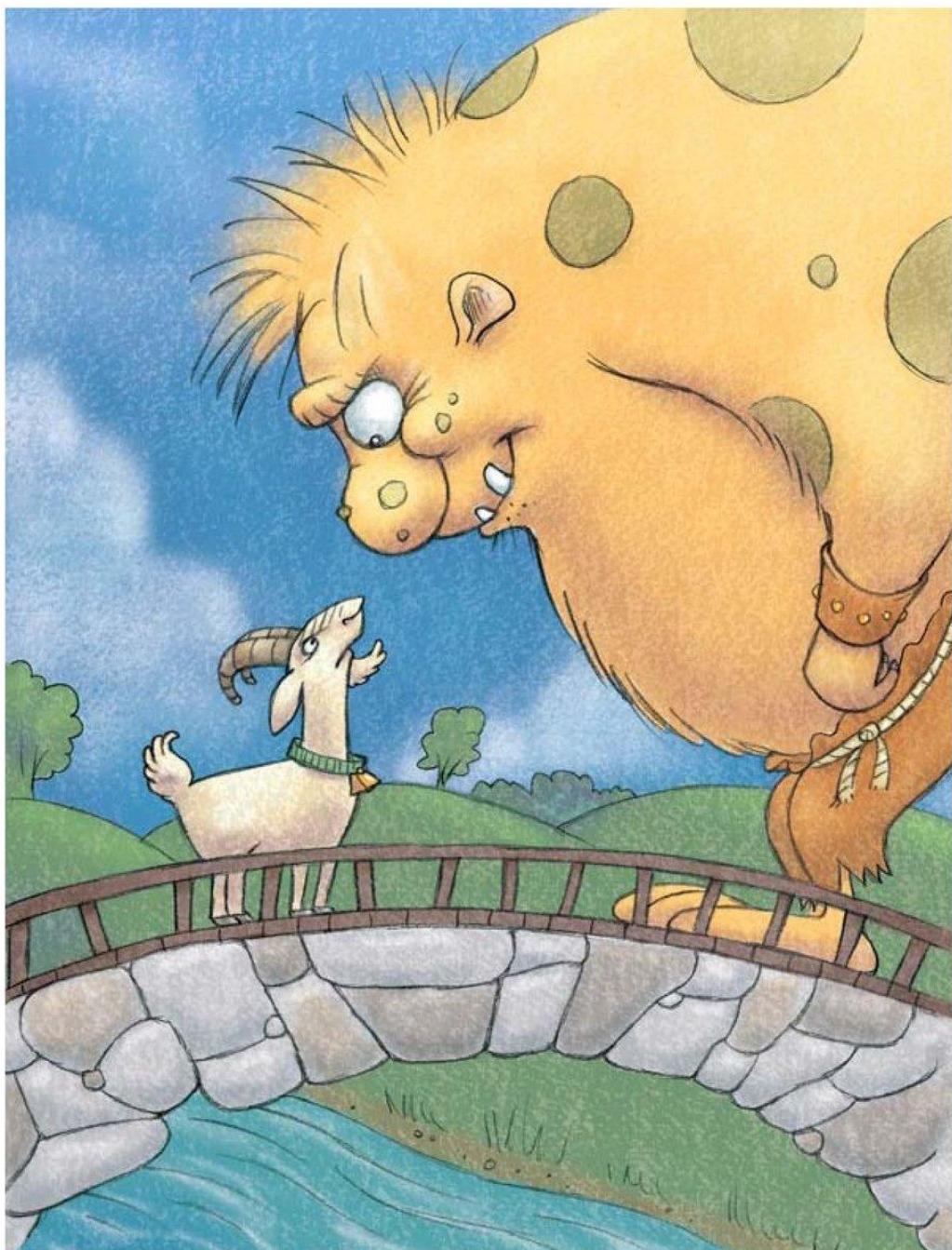
One day, a billy goat went  
to cross a bridge.  
A grumpy troll was waiting.



“You must bring me a log or you cannot pass,” growled the troll.

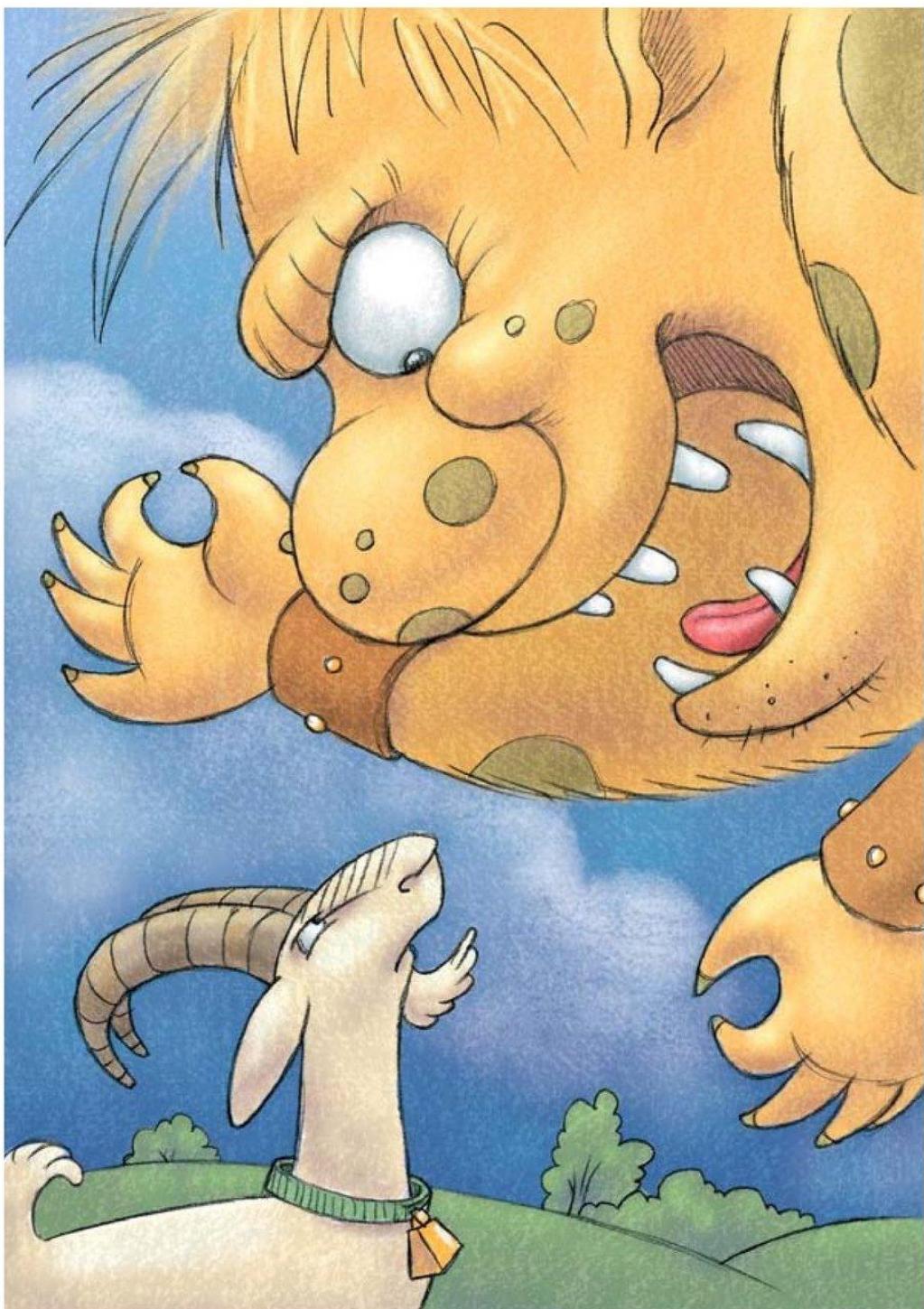


“Get it yourself!” snorted  
the billy goat.  
Then the troll threw him  
into the river.

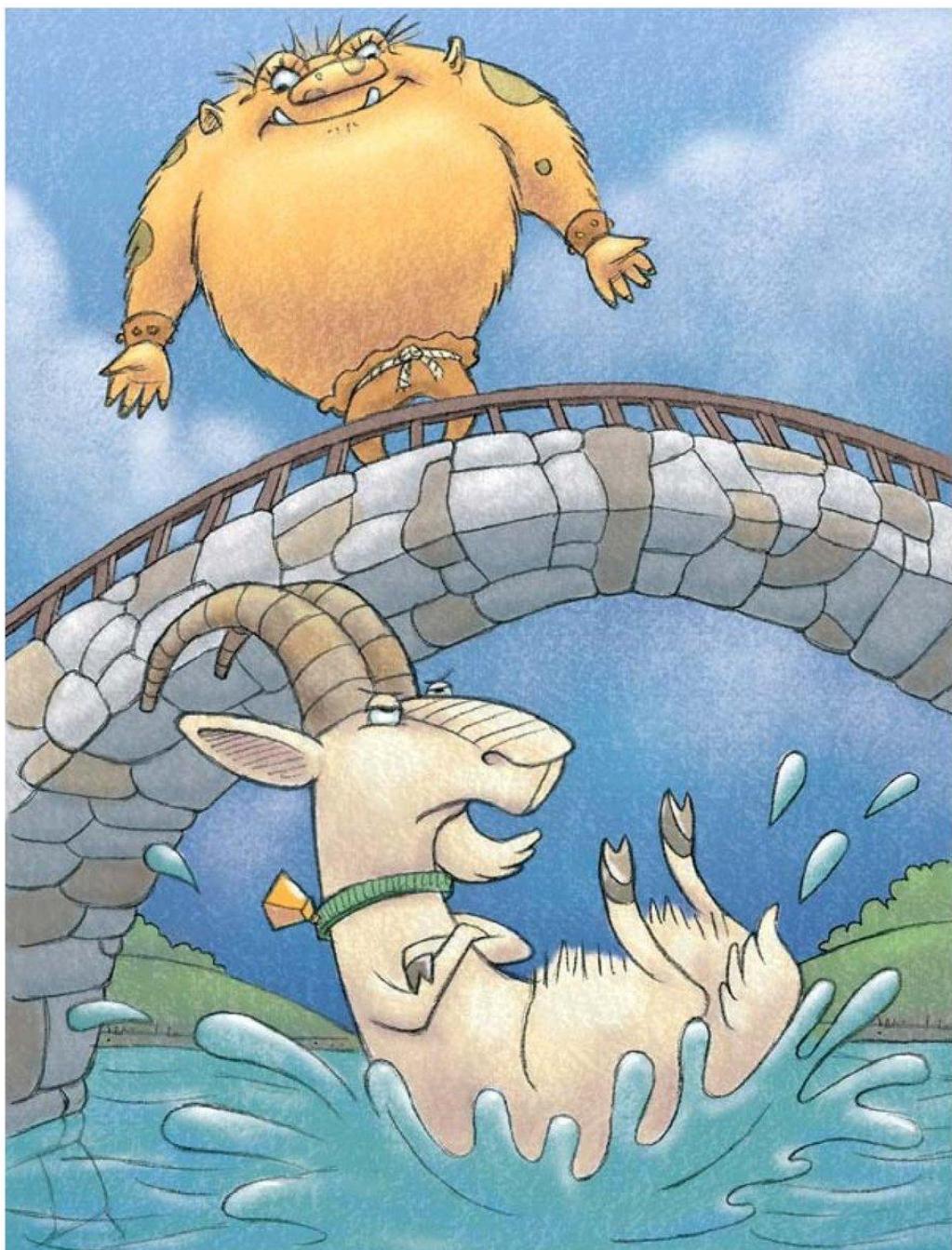


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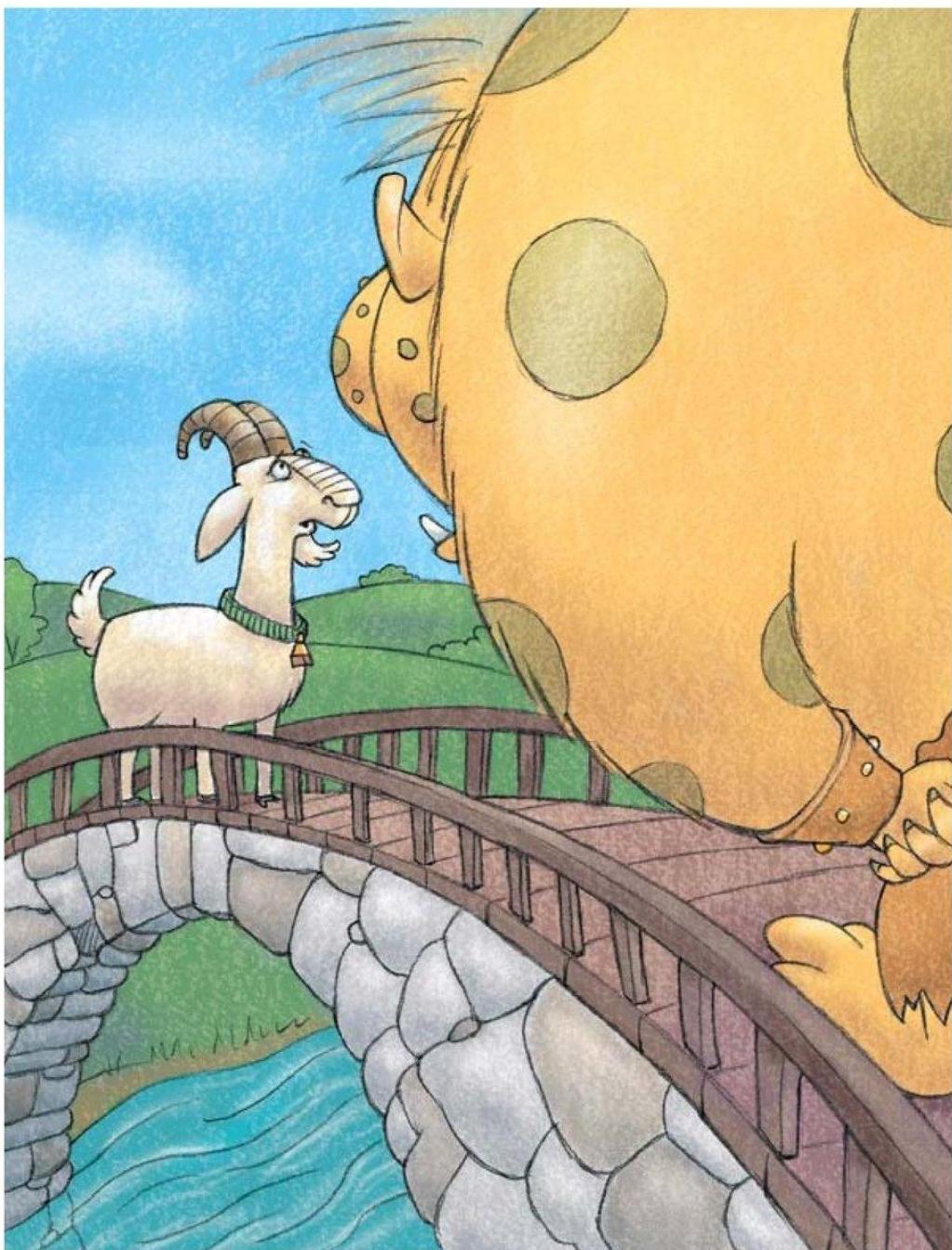
The grumpy troll was waiting.



“You must bring me a piece  
of rope or you cannot pass,”  
growled the troll.

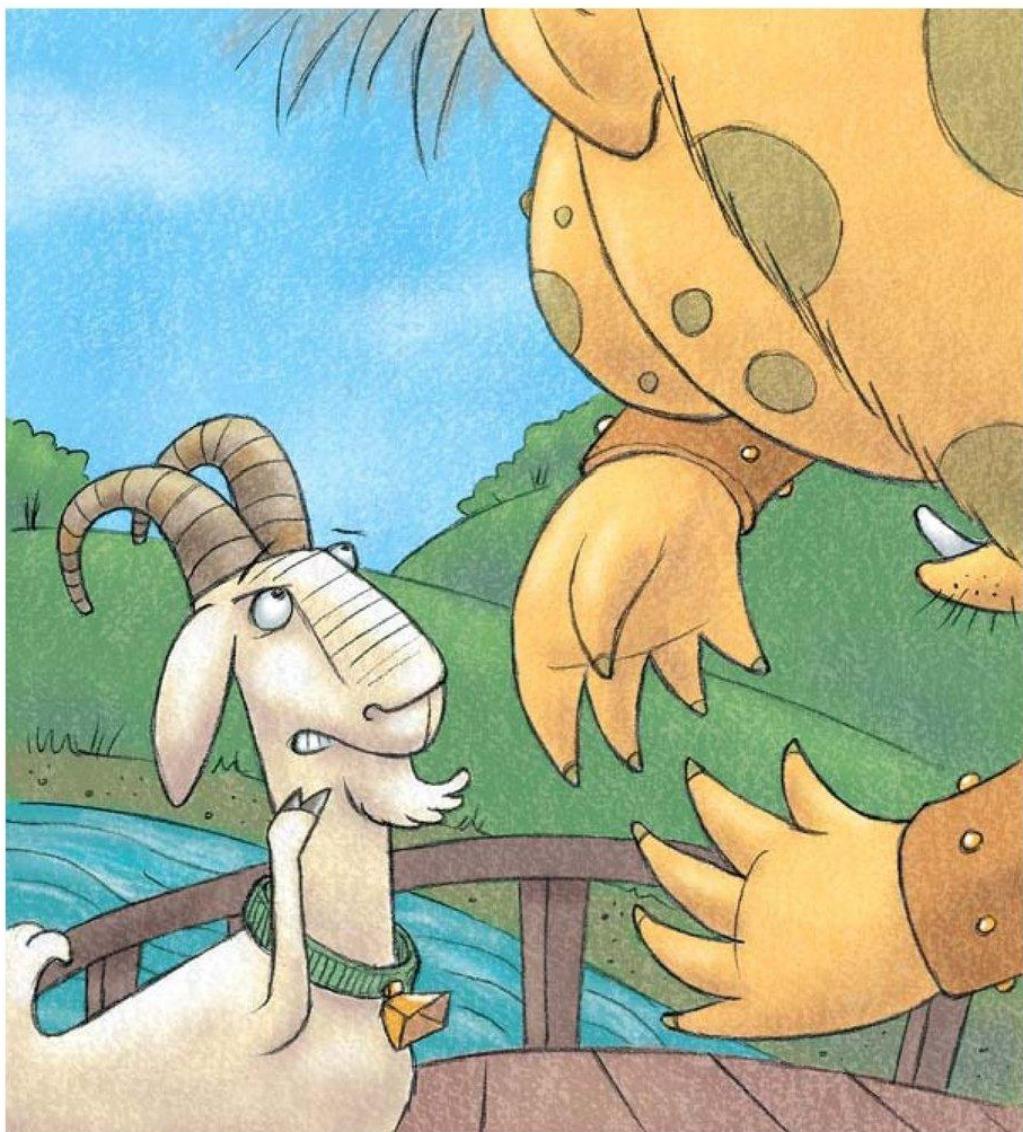


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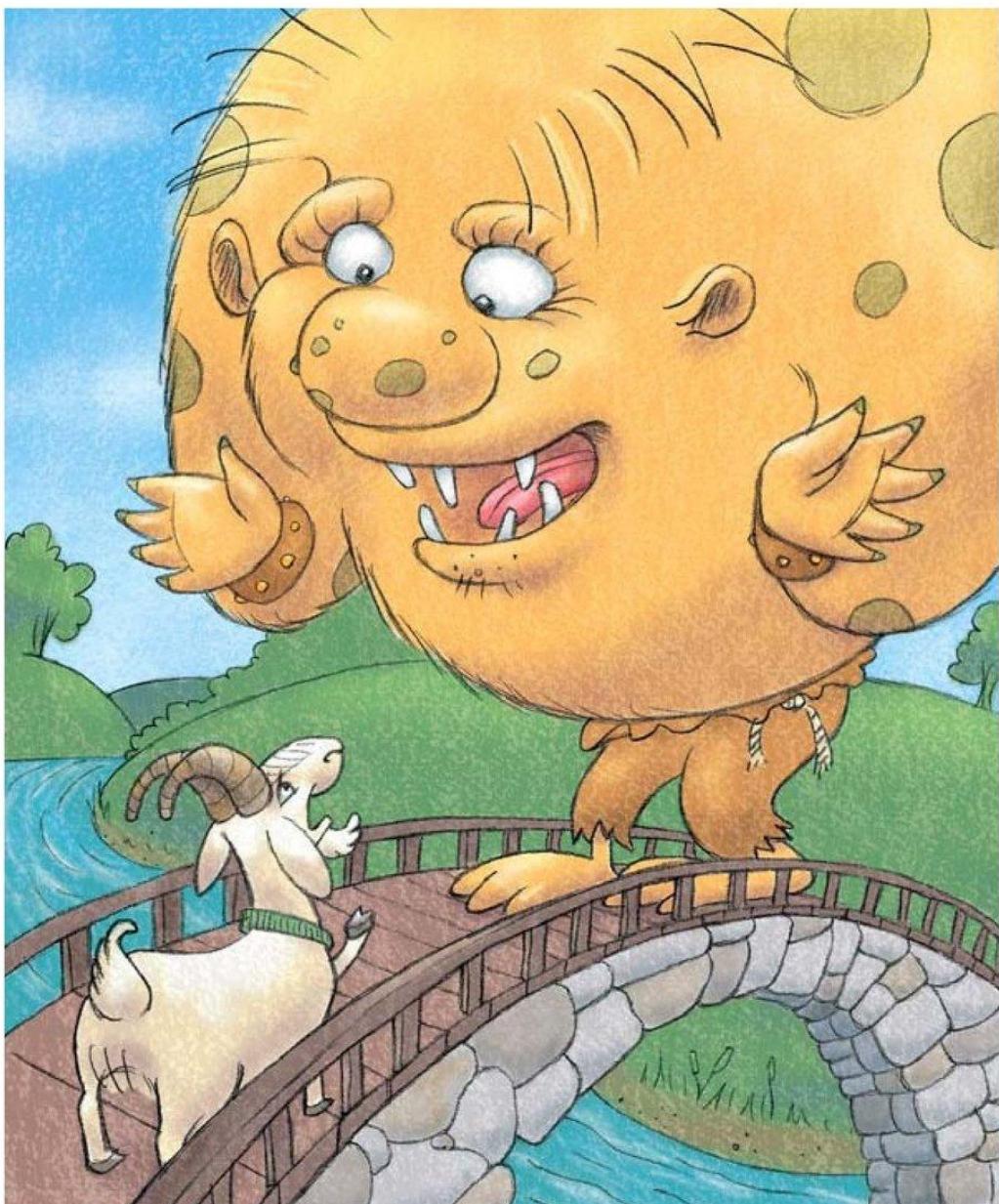
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The grumpy troll was waiting.

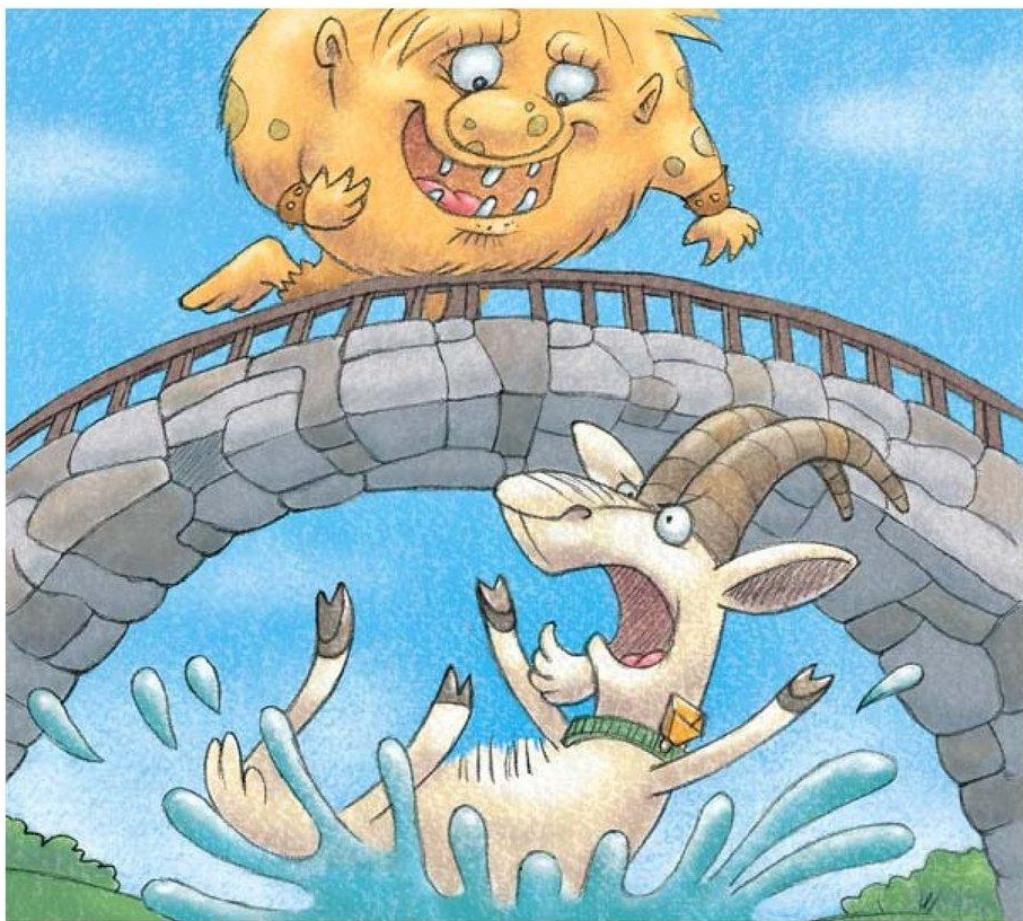


“You must bring me a large stone or you cannot pass,” growled the troll.

The billy goat didn’t want to get tossed off the bridge again.



He asked the troll, “Why do you want all those things?”  
“I’m fixing the bridge so it won’t fall down,” said the troll.  
“But no one wants to help me.”



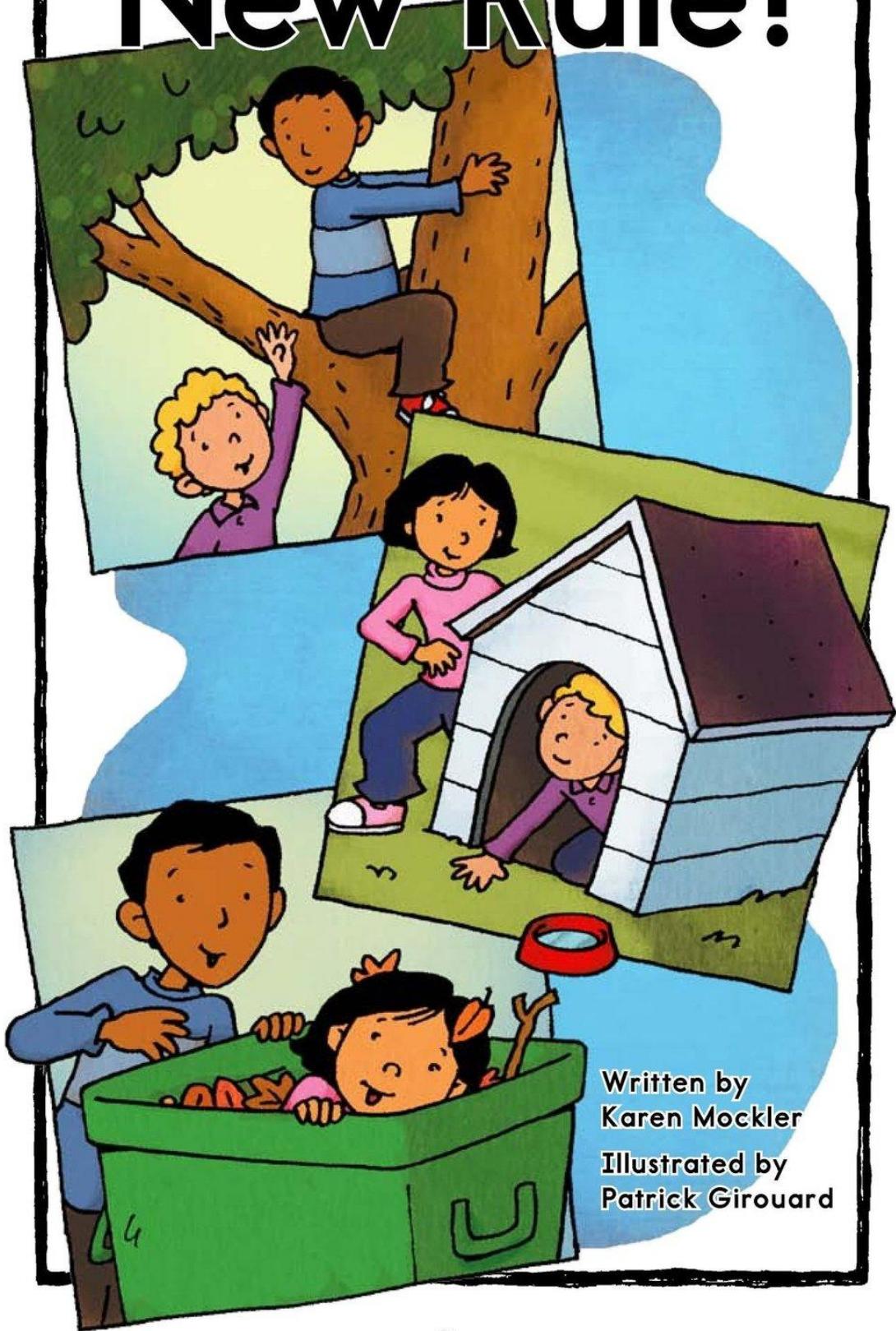
“Oh! Why didn’t you say so?”  
laughed the billy goat. “I can  
help you.”

“Great!” said the troll. “There  
are some nice, big stones  
right down there.”

Then he tossed the goat  
down into the river.

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# New Rule!

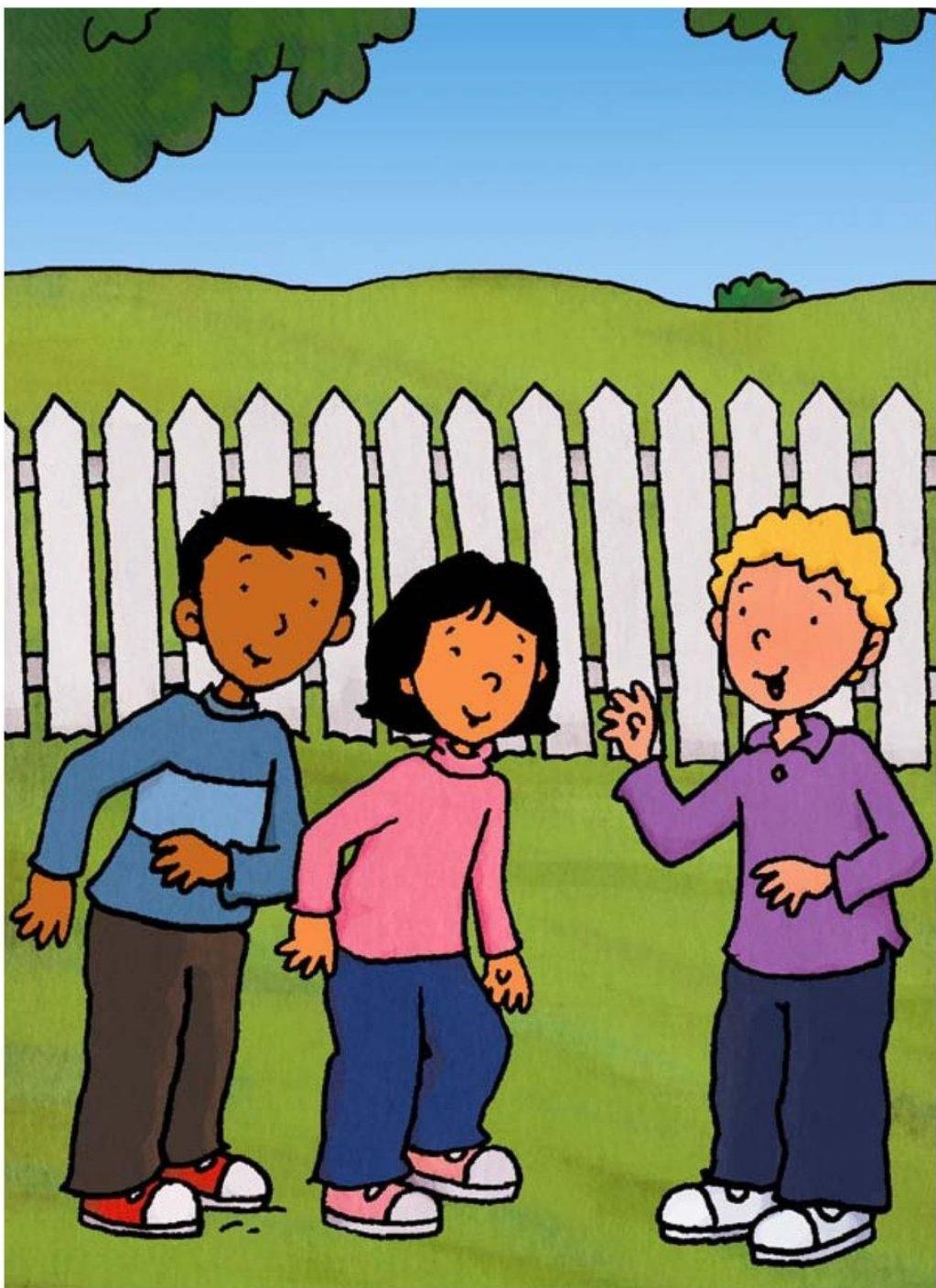


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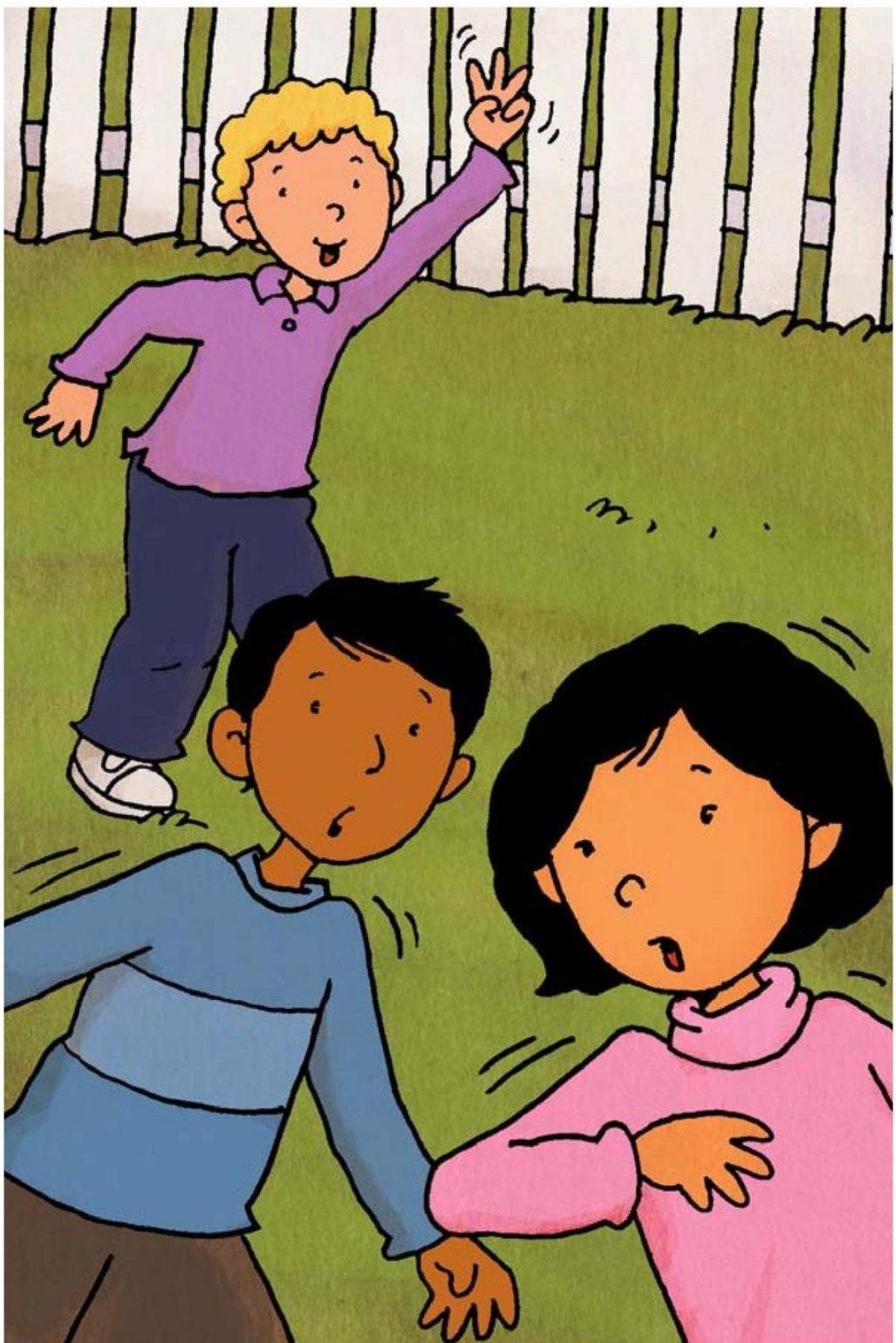


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“Let’s play hide-and-seek,”  
said Ike. “I’ll seek first, and  
you two can hide.”

“One, two, three,” shouted Ike.  
“Ready or not, here I come!”





“New rule!” said Abdul. “You have to count to thirty so we have time to hide. Okay?”

“Okay,” said the others. “Let’s start again.”

“...Twenty-eight, twenty-nine,  
thirty. Ready or not, here I  
come!” Ike shouted.



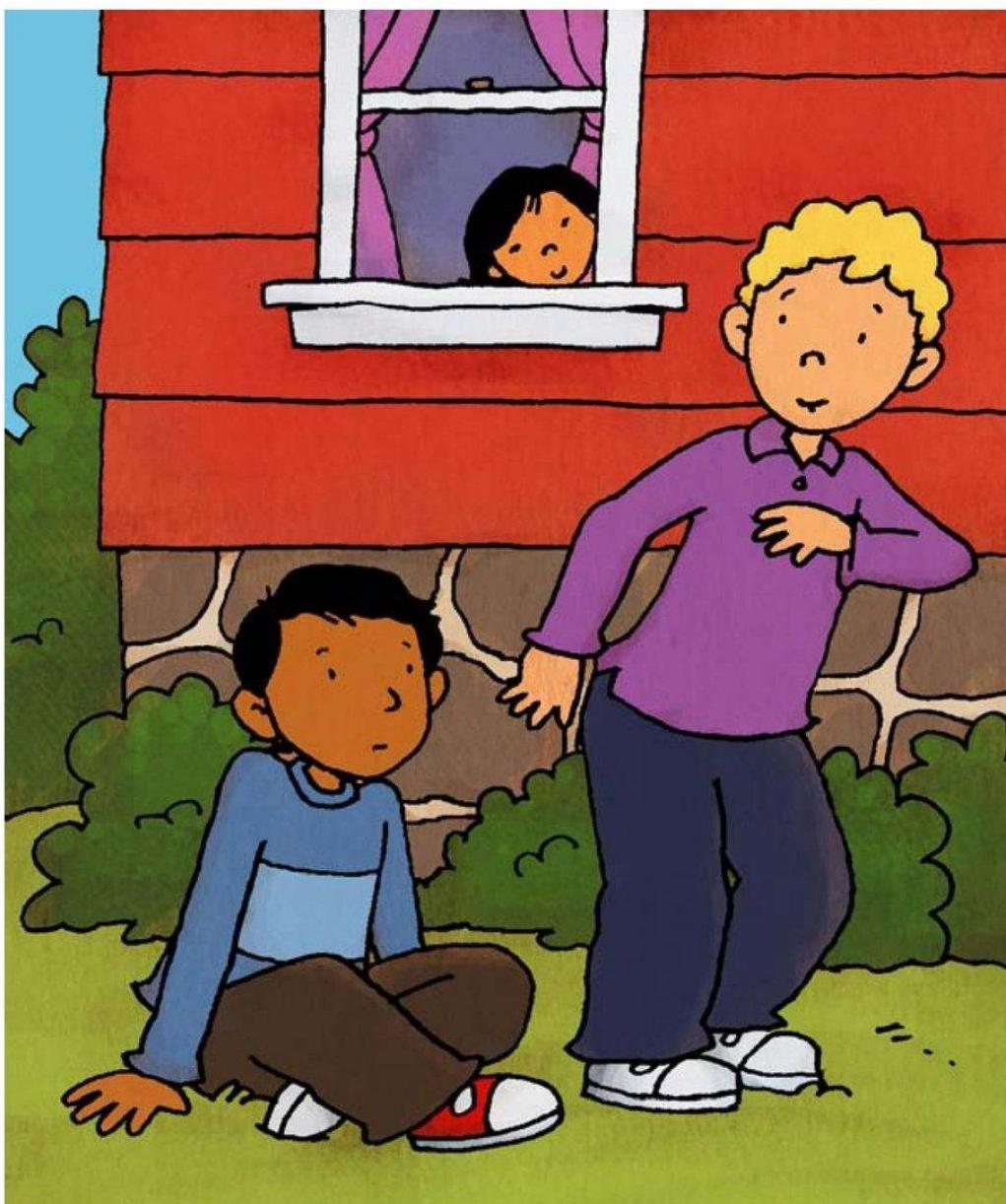


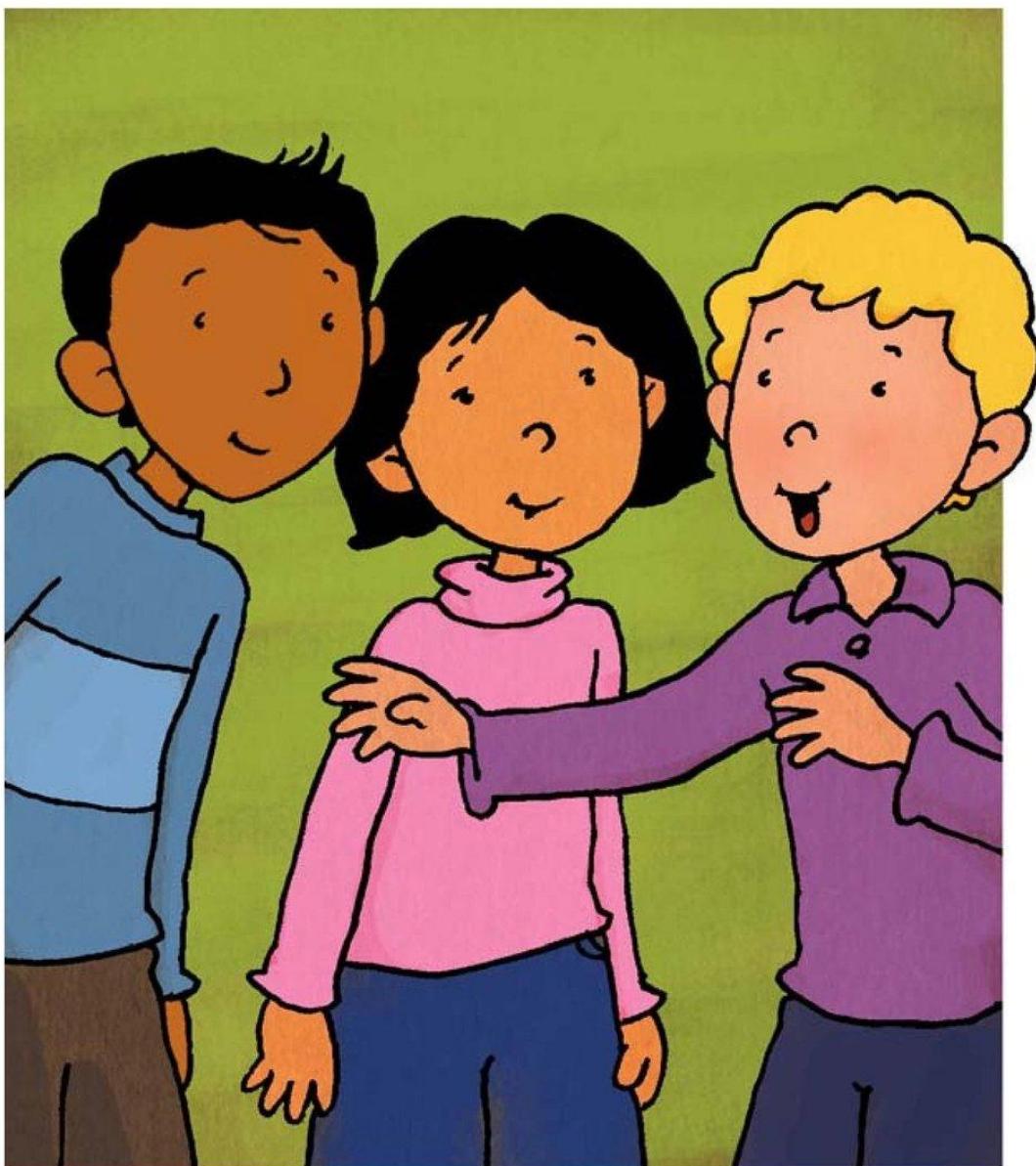
“New rule!” said Eliza. “You can’t tell where anyone else is hiding. Okay?”

“Okay,” said the others. “Let’s start again.”

“Did you see where Eliza went?” Ike asked Abdul.

“I did, but I can’t tell you,” said Abdul. “Let’s just say you won’t find her out here.”





“New rule!” said Ike. “No one can hide in the house. Okay?”

“Okay,” said the others. “Let’s start again.”



"Now, this is fun!" said Abdul.



“I’m starving,” said Ike.  
“Me, too!” said Abdul. “Can we  
make a new rule?”



“New rule!” said Eliza. “When starving, you have to stop and eat.”

“We like that rule,” said the others.

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# Penny the Rude Penguin



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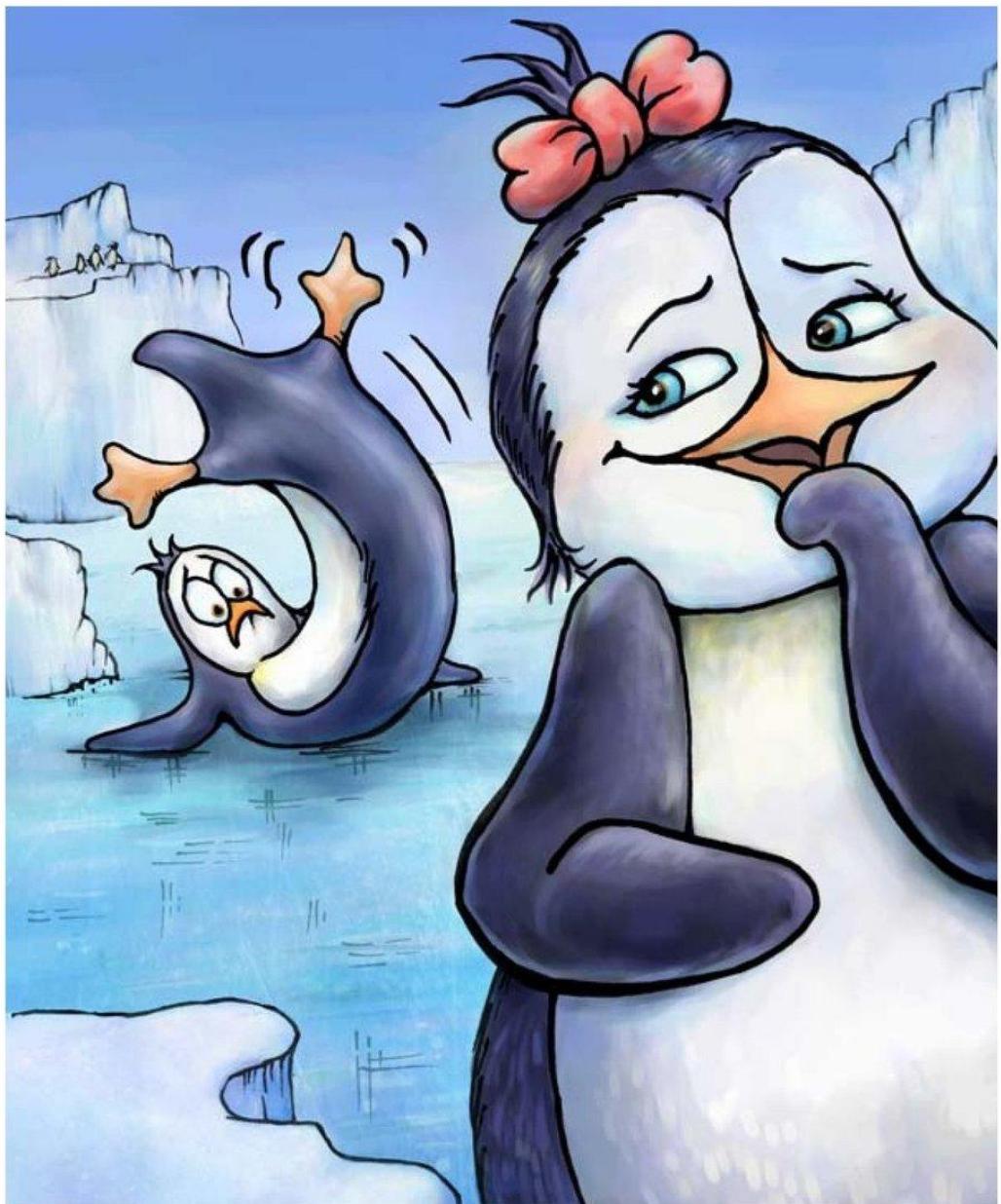


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Penny the penguin thought  
watching others fall was funny.  
Penny passed her friend Peter  
and whacked him with her wing.  
Smack! Peter spun around and  
fell on the ice.

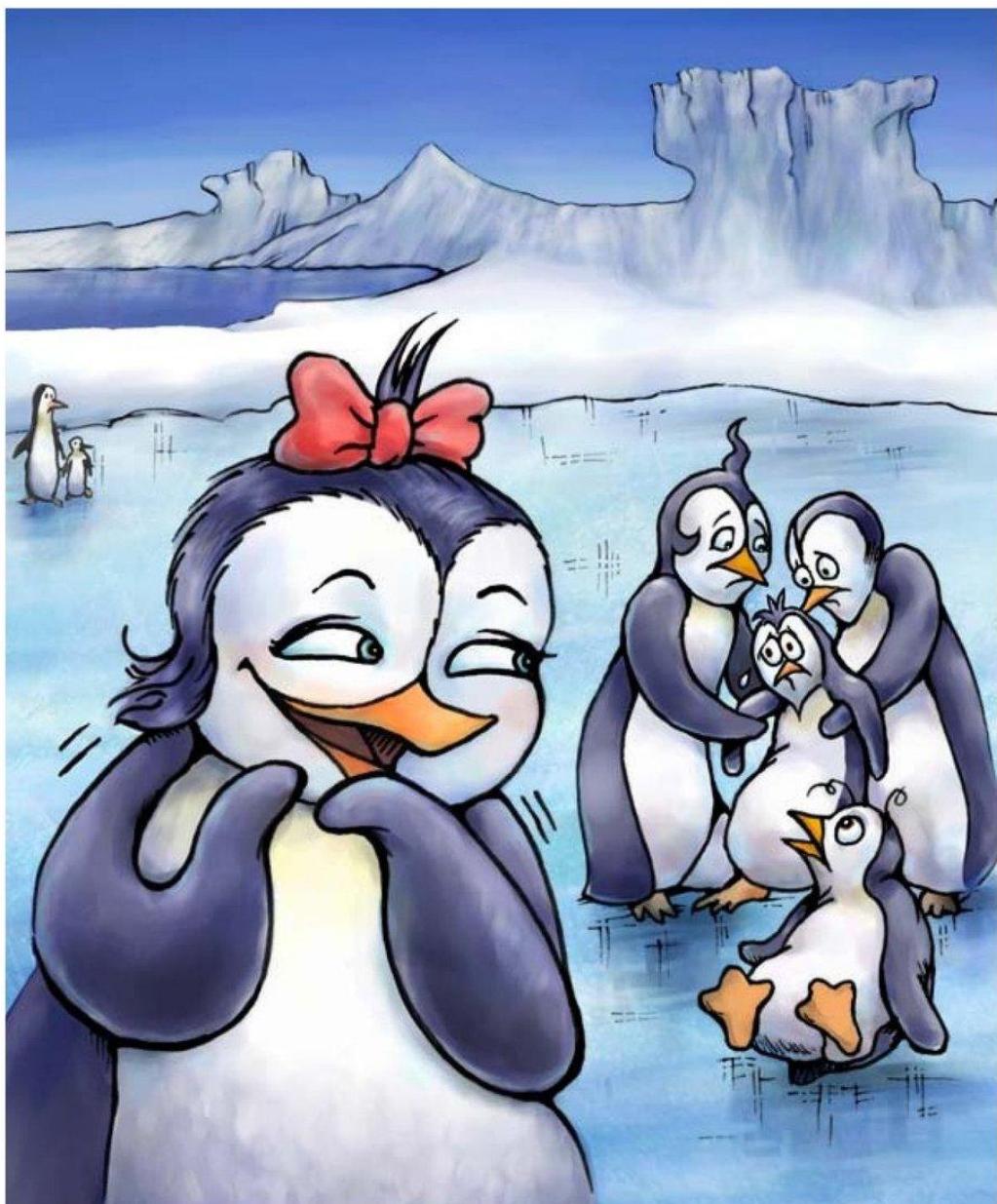


Penny thought he looked  
so funny!

“Oops,” said Penny. “I’m sorry.”  
Penny didn’t really mean it,  
though.



Penny passed Peter and his family and bumped them.  
*Crash!* Everyone fell down on the ice.



Penny thought they looked  
so funny!

“Oops,” Penny said. “I’m sorry.”  
Penny didn’t really mean it,  
though.



Penny and Peter were sliding  
on their bellies, and Penny slid  
into Peter.

Poof! Peter went into the snow.



Penny thought he looked  
so funny!

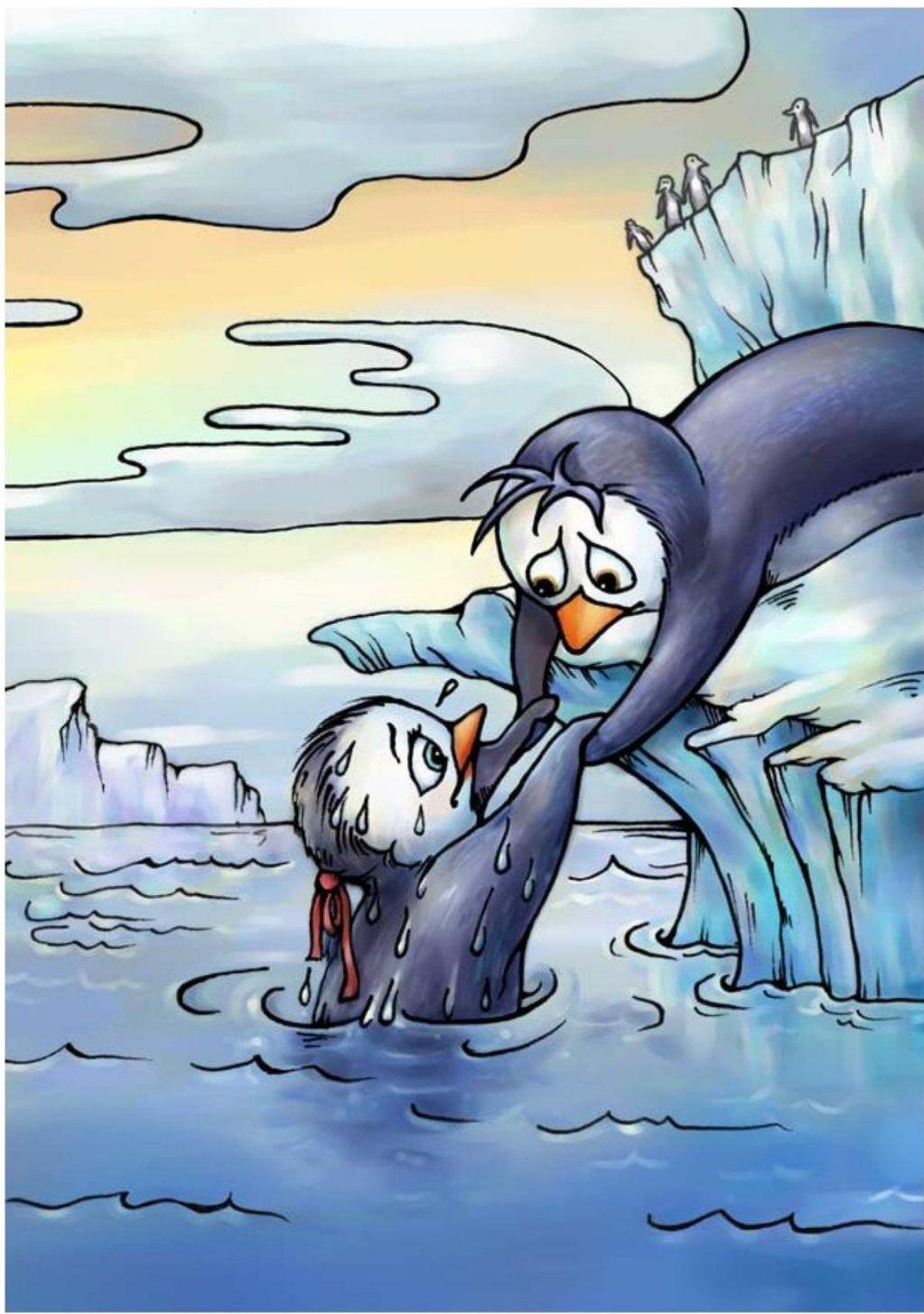
“Oops,” Penny said. “I’m sorry.”  
Penny didn’t really mean it,  
though.



One day, Penny stood at the top of the ice slide.

Peter bumped into her.

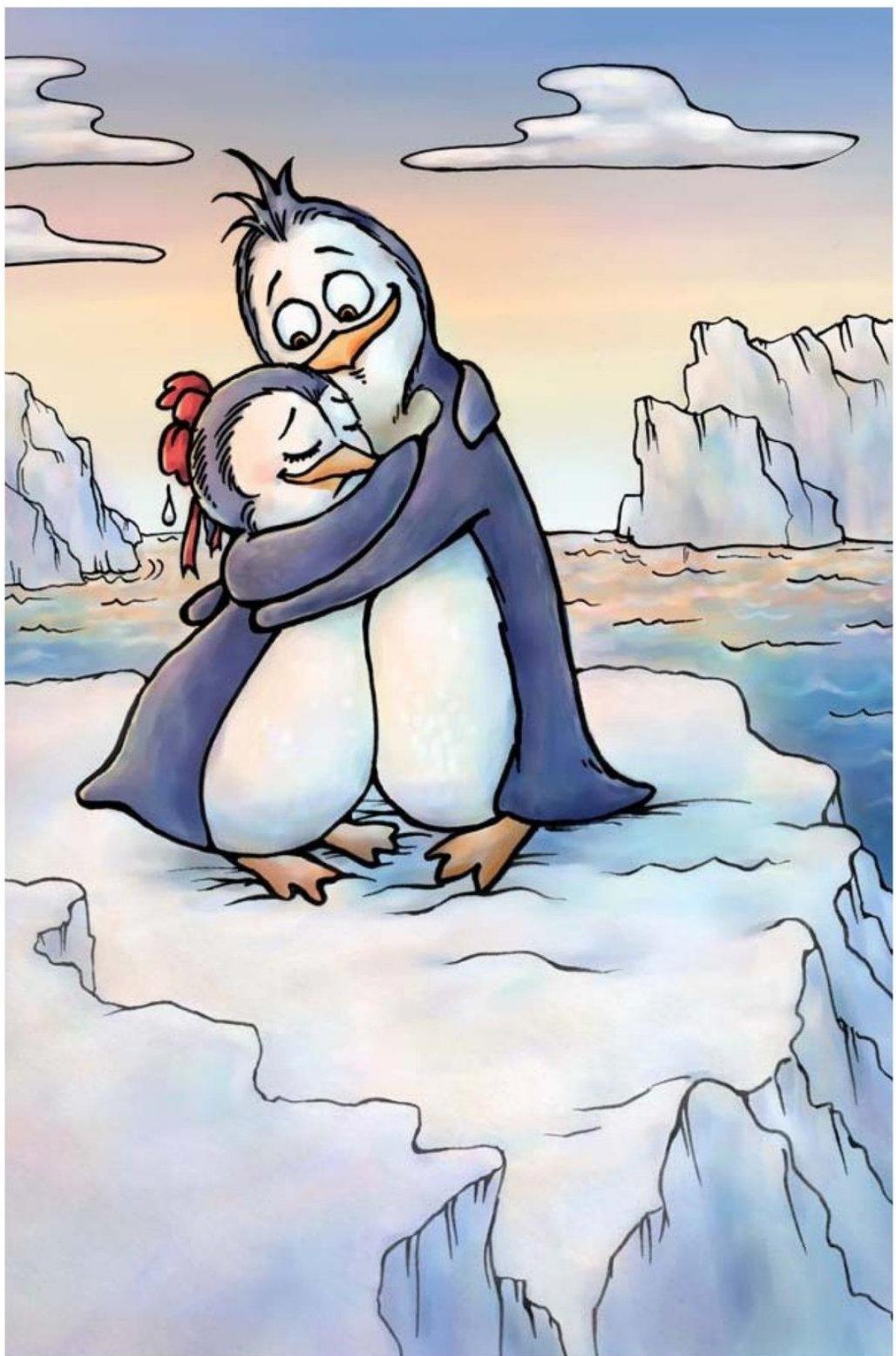
Swoosh! Penny went down the slide and into the ocean.



She didn't think it was funny.  
“Oops!” said Peter. “I'm sorry!”  
He really did mean it.



Penny thought about when  
she had whacked, bumped,  
and slid into Peter.  
It wasn't funny anymore.



“No, I’m sorry,” Penny said.  
This time, she really did mean it.

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# What in the World Is That?



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At the end of this book  
is a very strange animal.  
Can you guess what it is?



Penguin

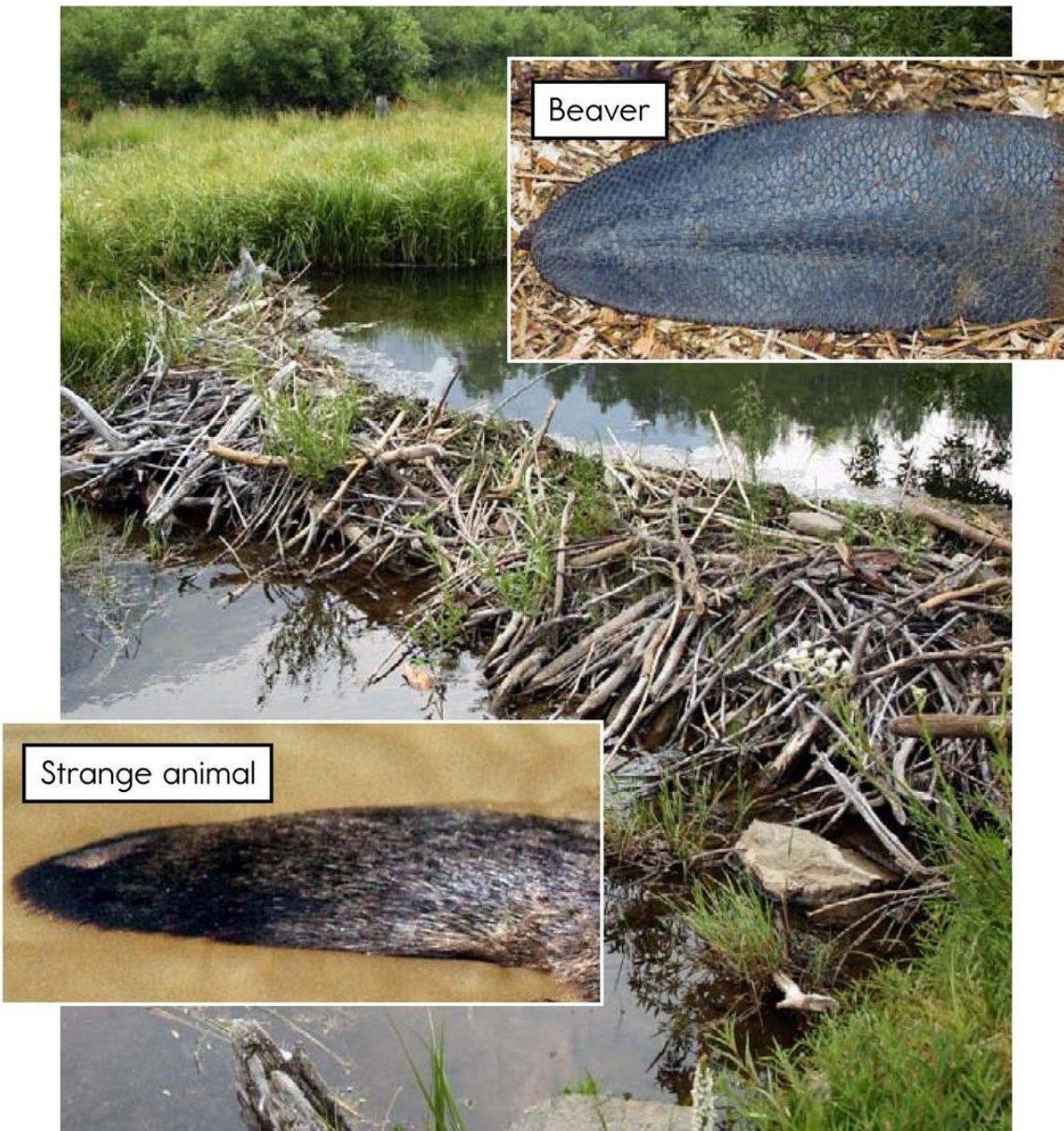


Strange animal

It has webbed feet  
to help it swim.  
It has a short claw  
on each toe.  
Is it a penguin?



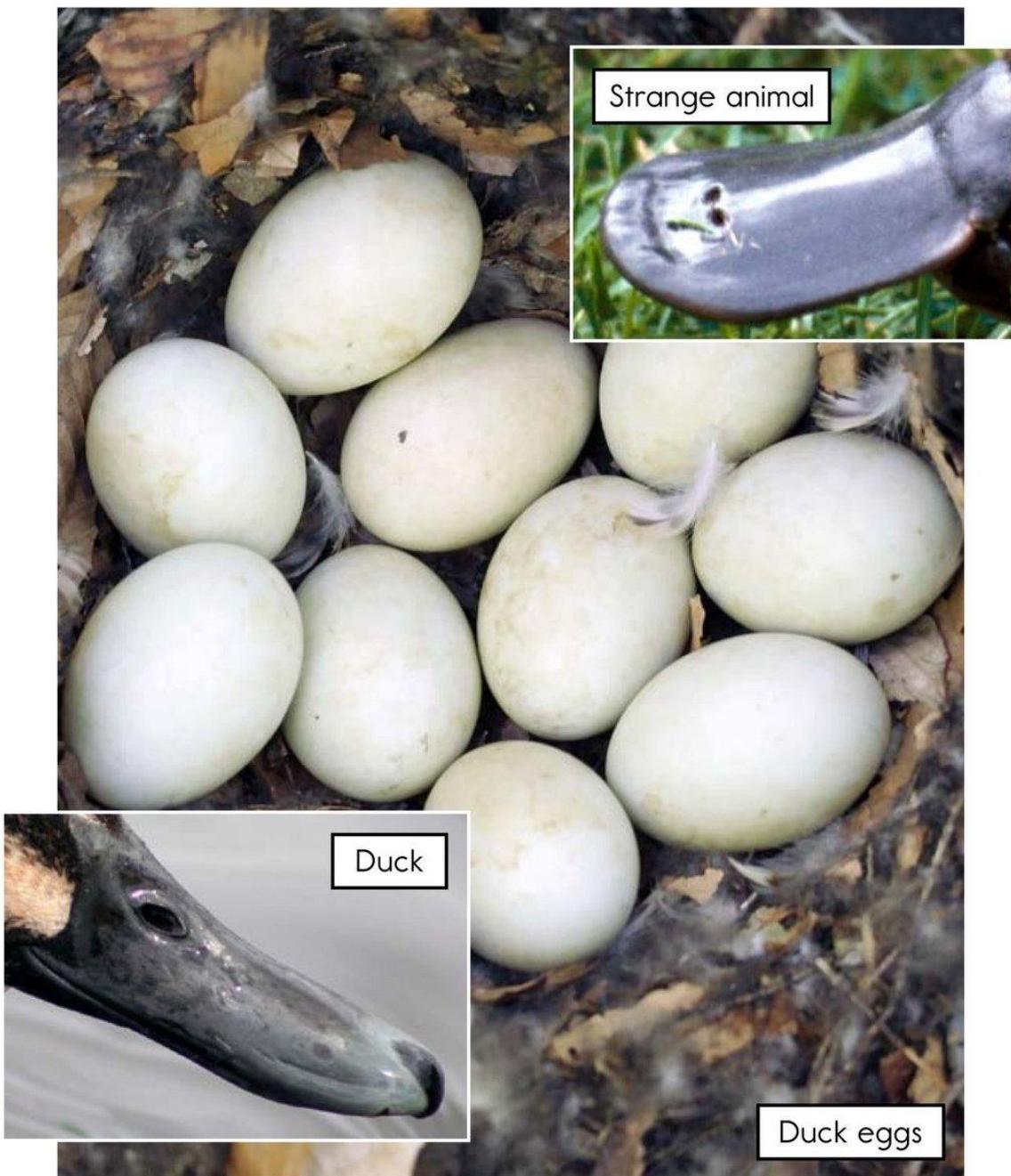
No. It doesn't have  
a white belly.  
If it's not a penguin,  
what is it?



Its long, flat tail helps  
it move through water.  
It lives in rivers, lakes,  
and ponds.  
Is it a beaver?



No. It doesn't gnaw on trees.  
If it's not a beaver, what is it?



It lays small, round eggs.

It has a wide bill for  
getting food.

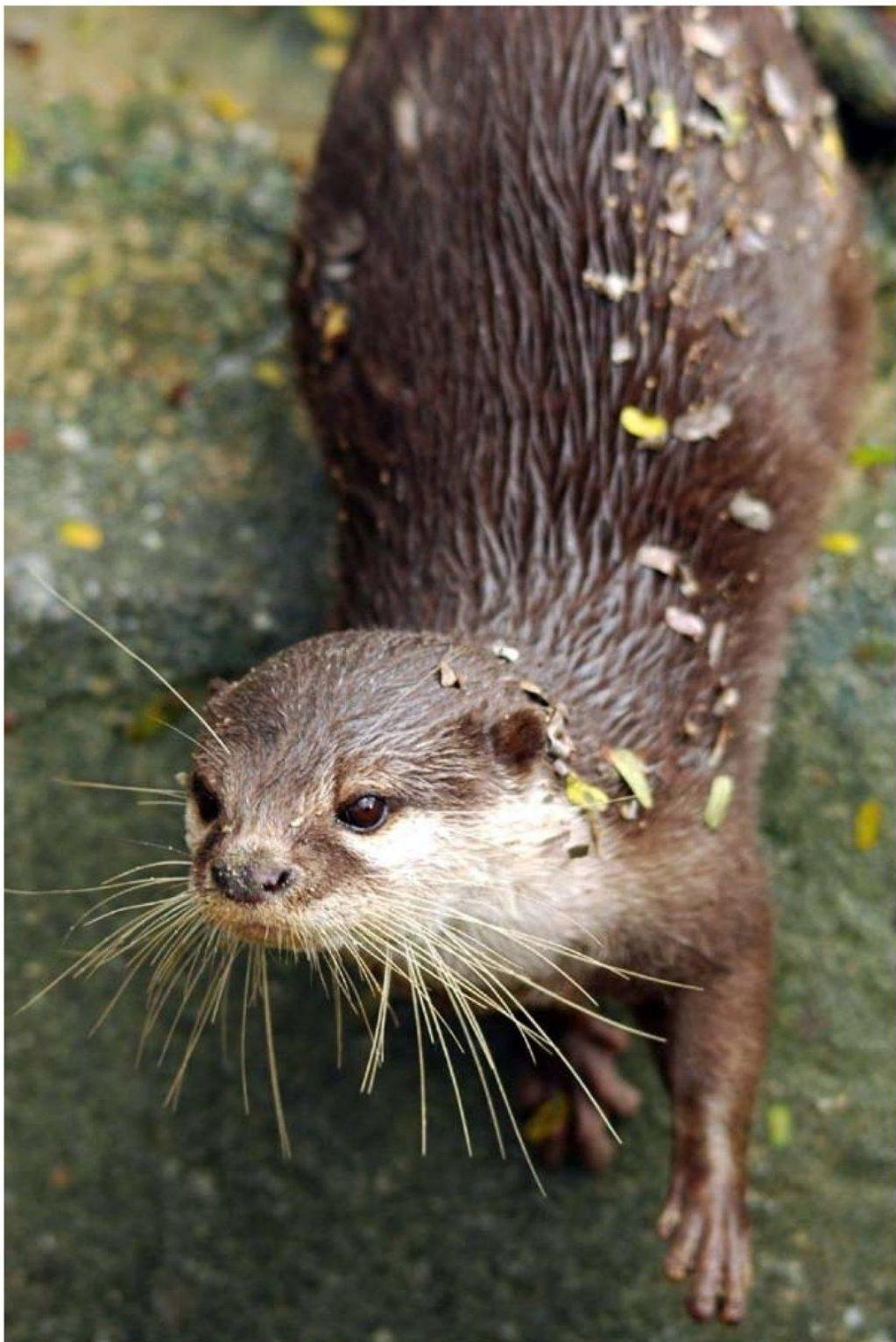
Is it a duck?



No. It doesn't quack  
or have feathers.  
If it's not a duck,  
what is it?



It has thick, shiny fur.  
Its long, sleek body helps  
it swim fast.  
Is it an otter?



No. It doesn't have whiskers.  
If it's not an otter, what is it?



**Name:** Platypus

**Home:** Australia

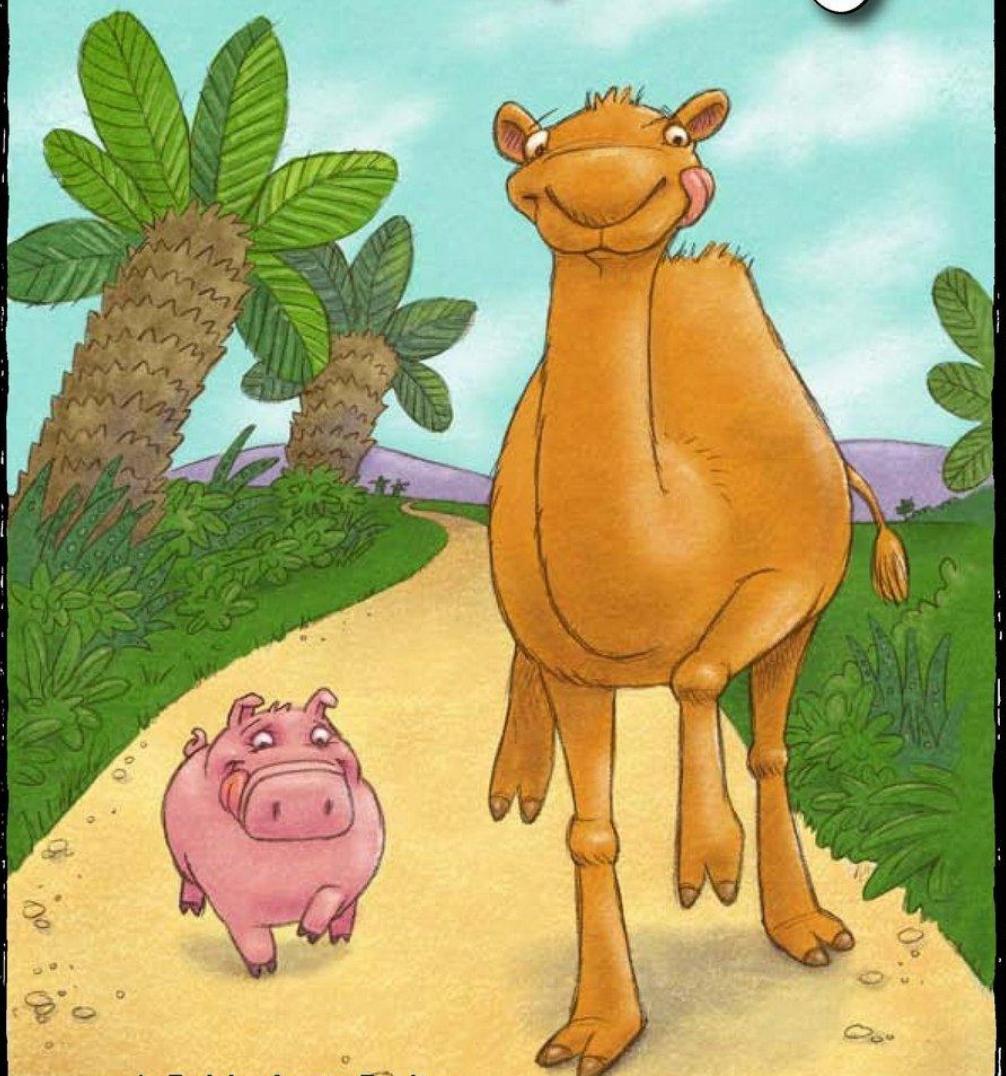
**Food:** Worms, insects, shrimp, and crayfish



It's a platypus!  
What in the world is that?

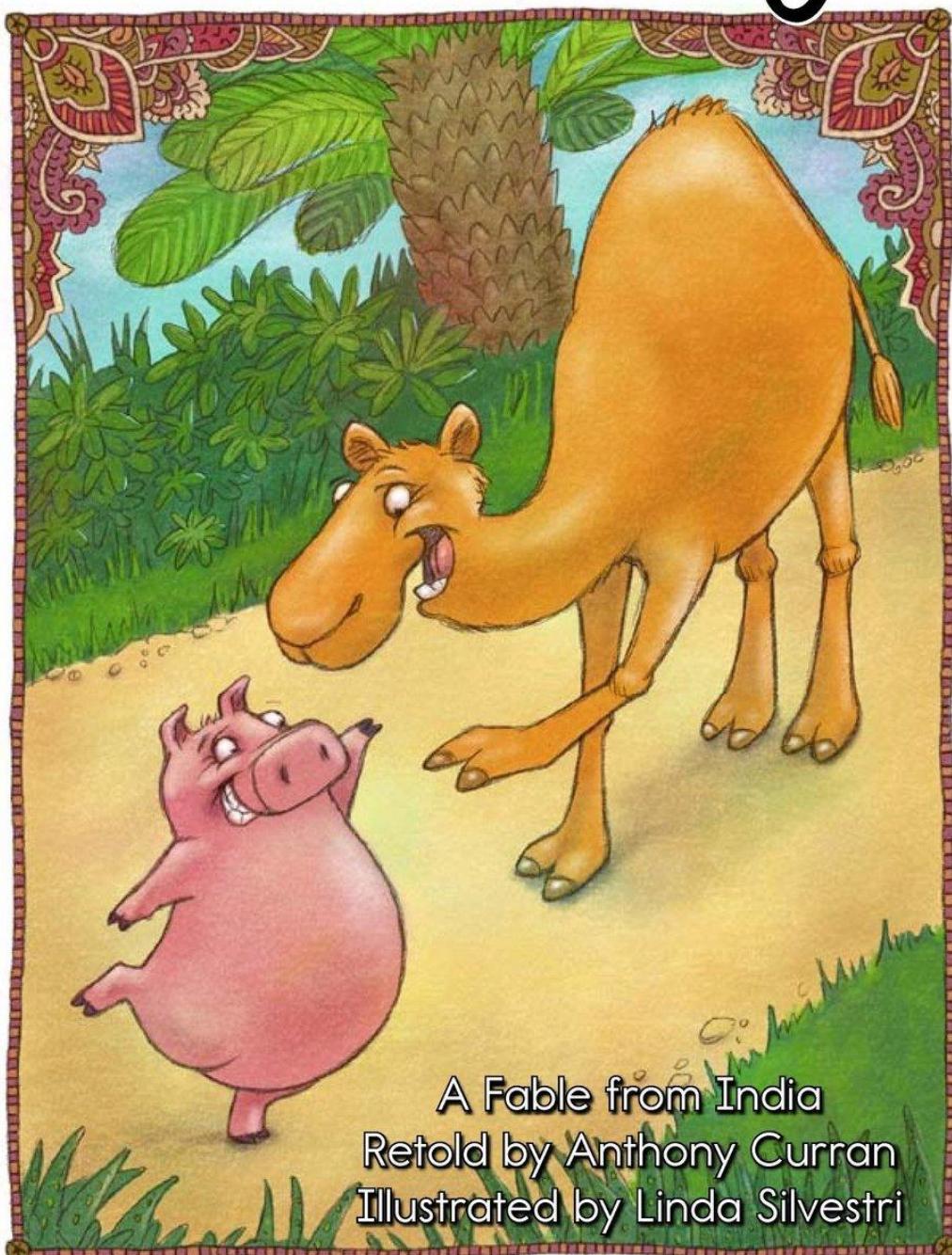
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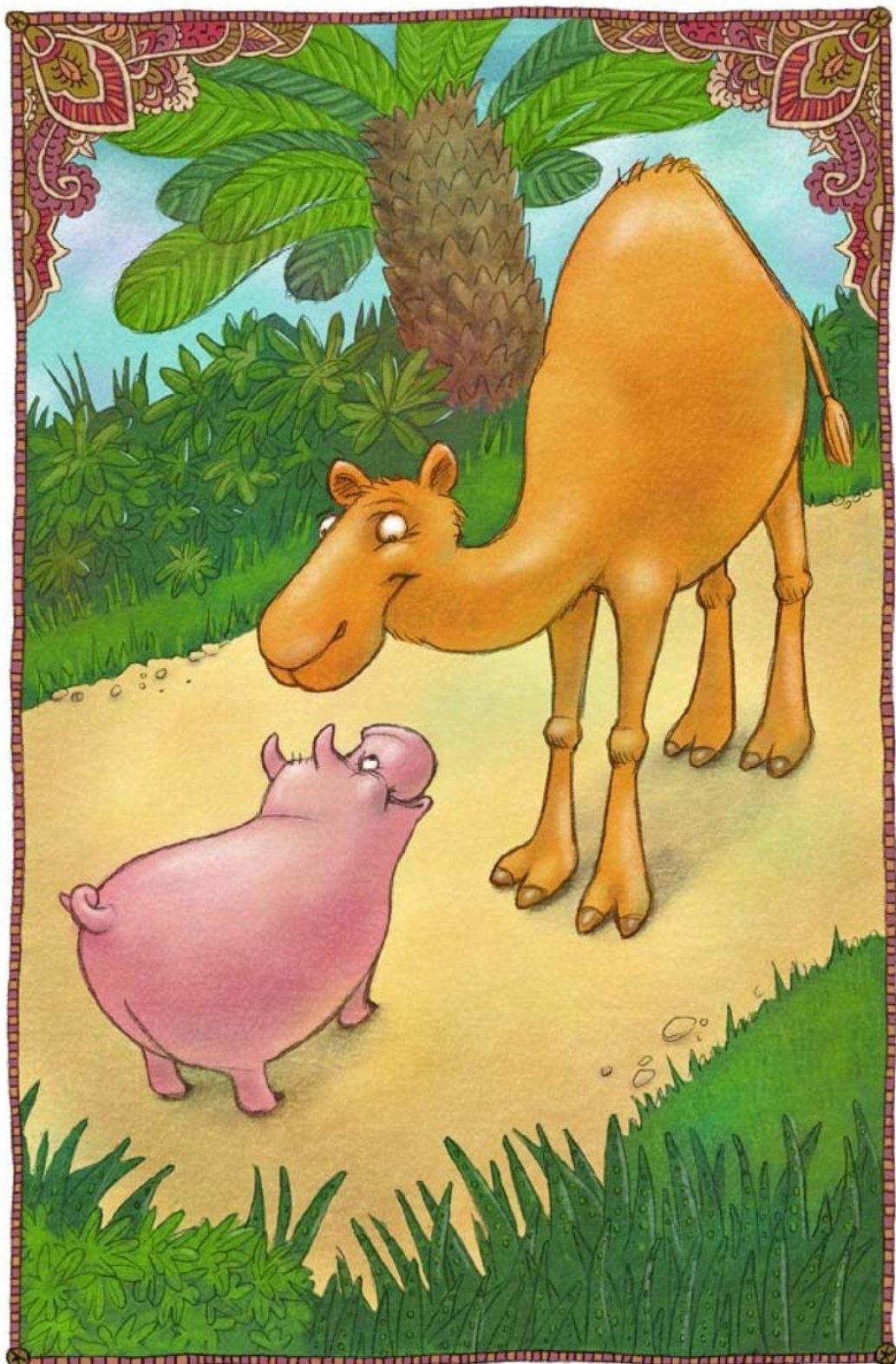
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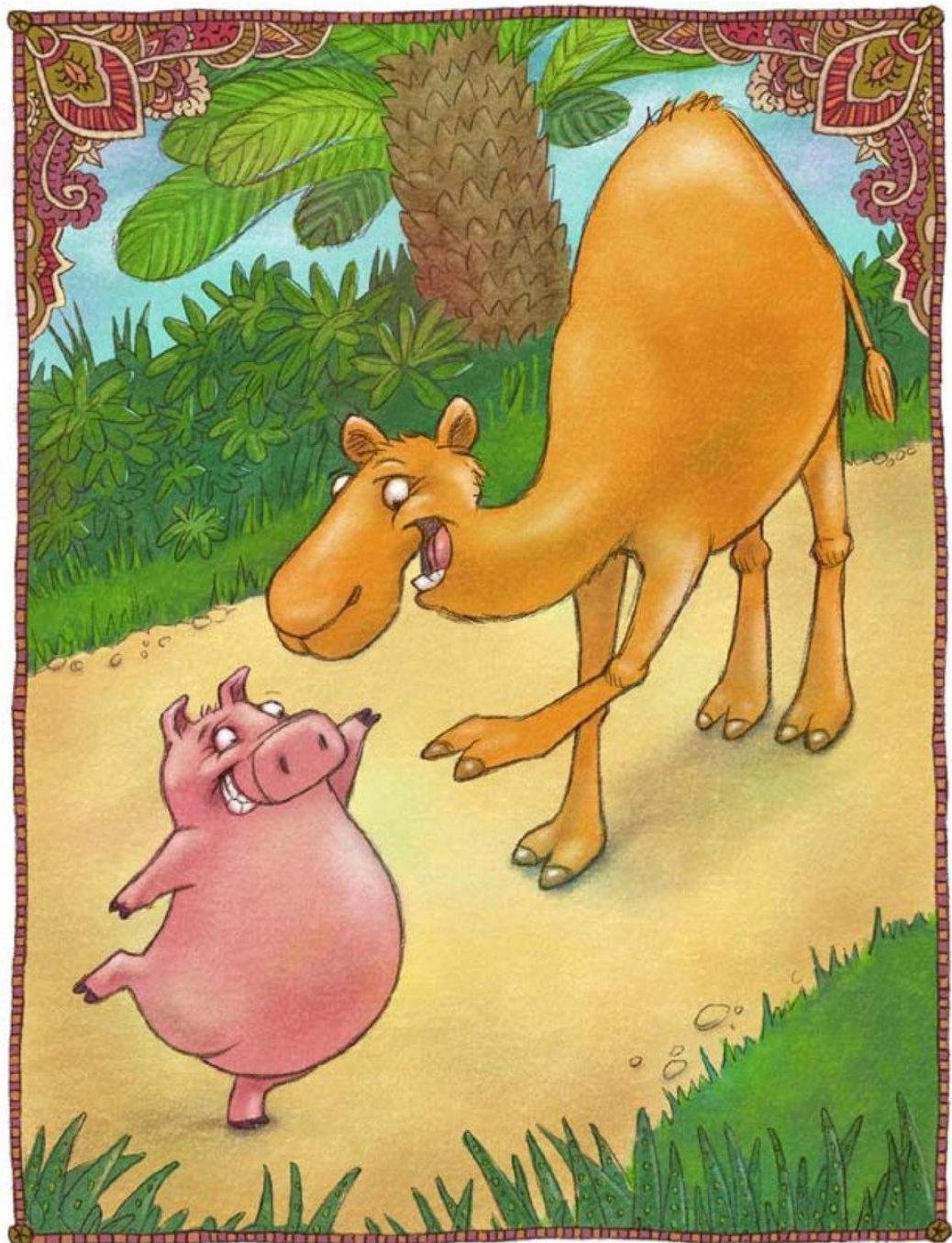
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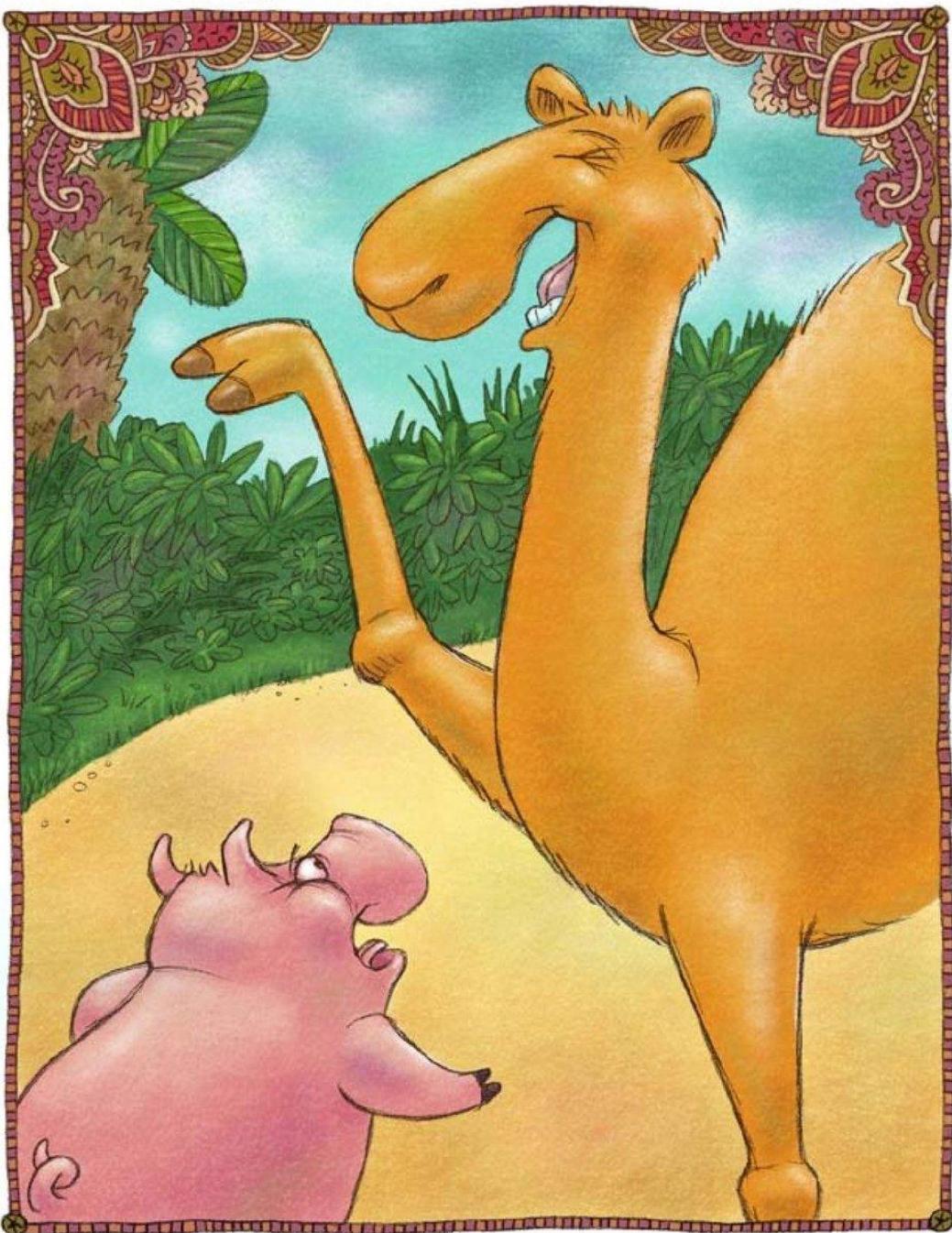


A camel and a pig met on  
a road.



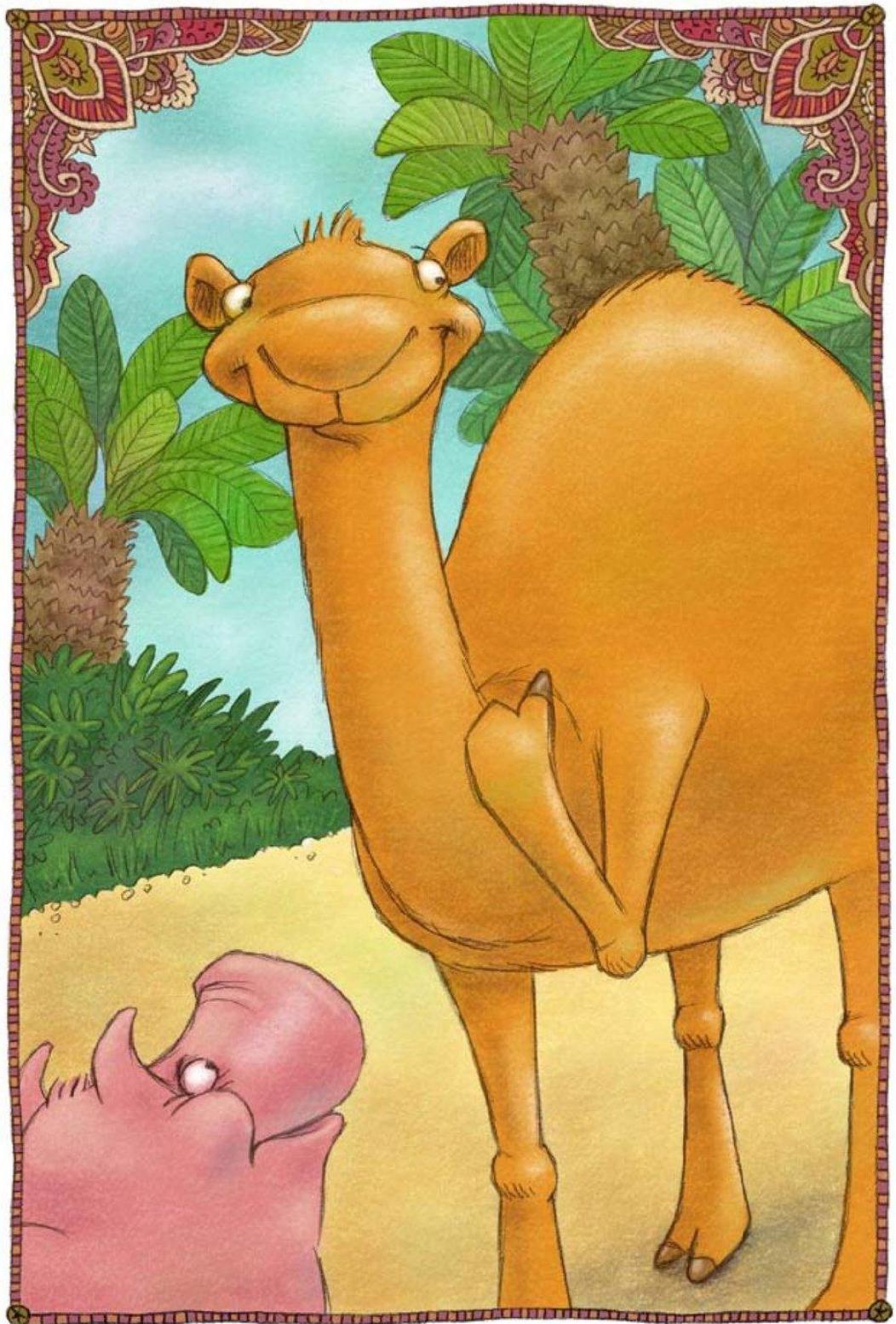
“You are very tall!” said the pig  
to the camel.

“You are very short!” said the  
camel to the pig.

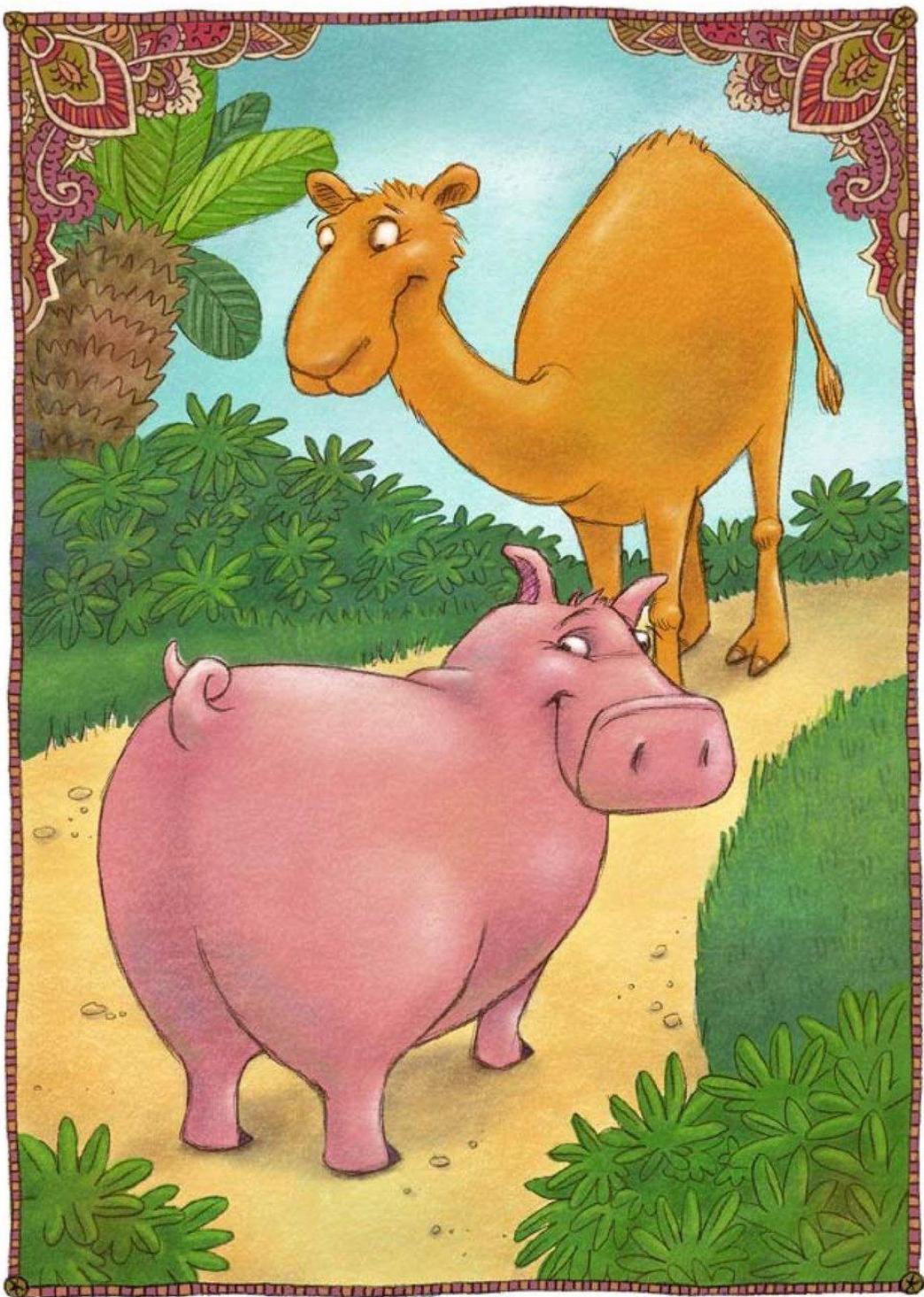


“Being tall is the best,” laughed  
the camel.

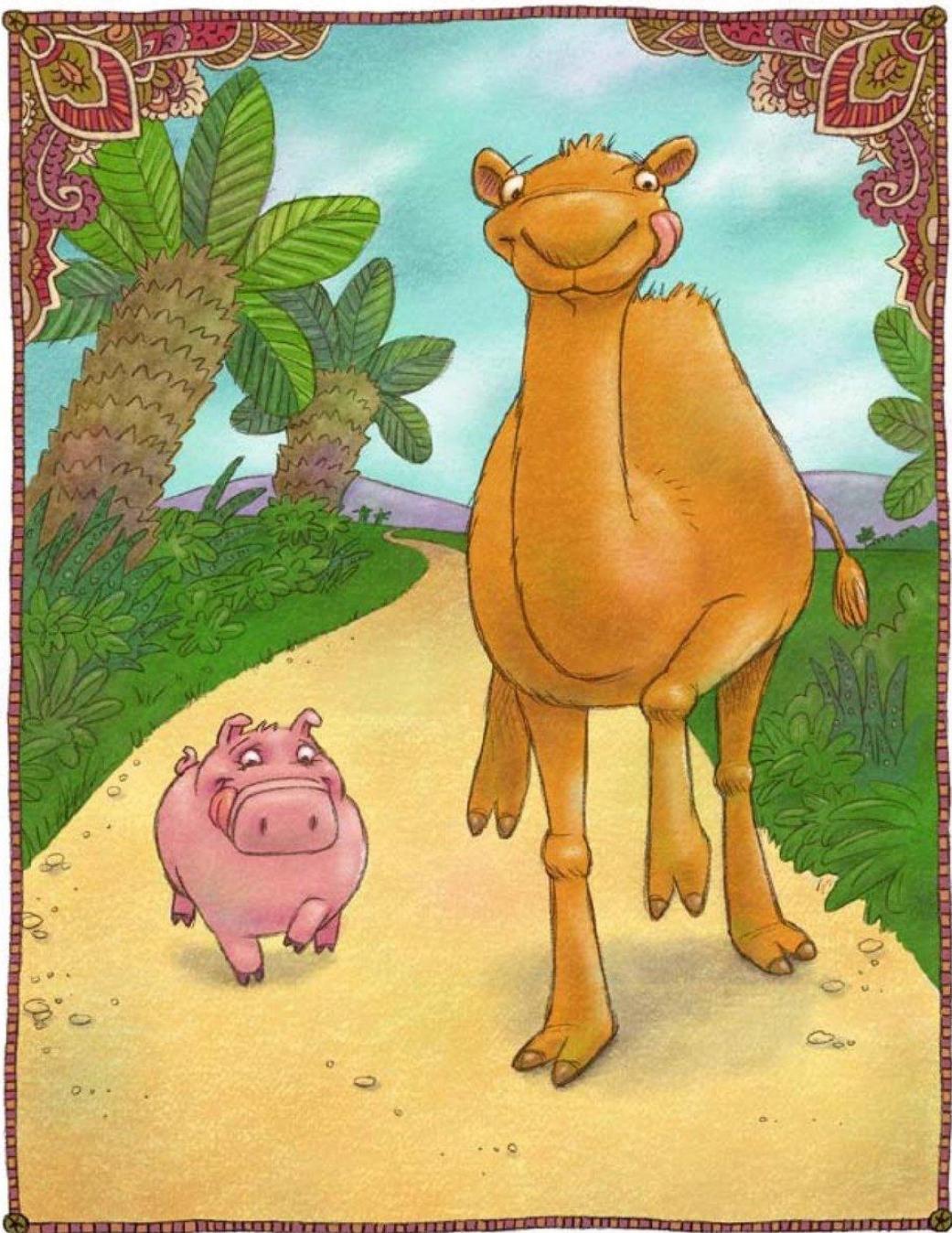
“Being short is the best,”  
laughed the pig.



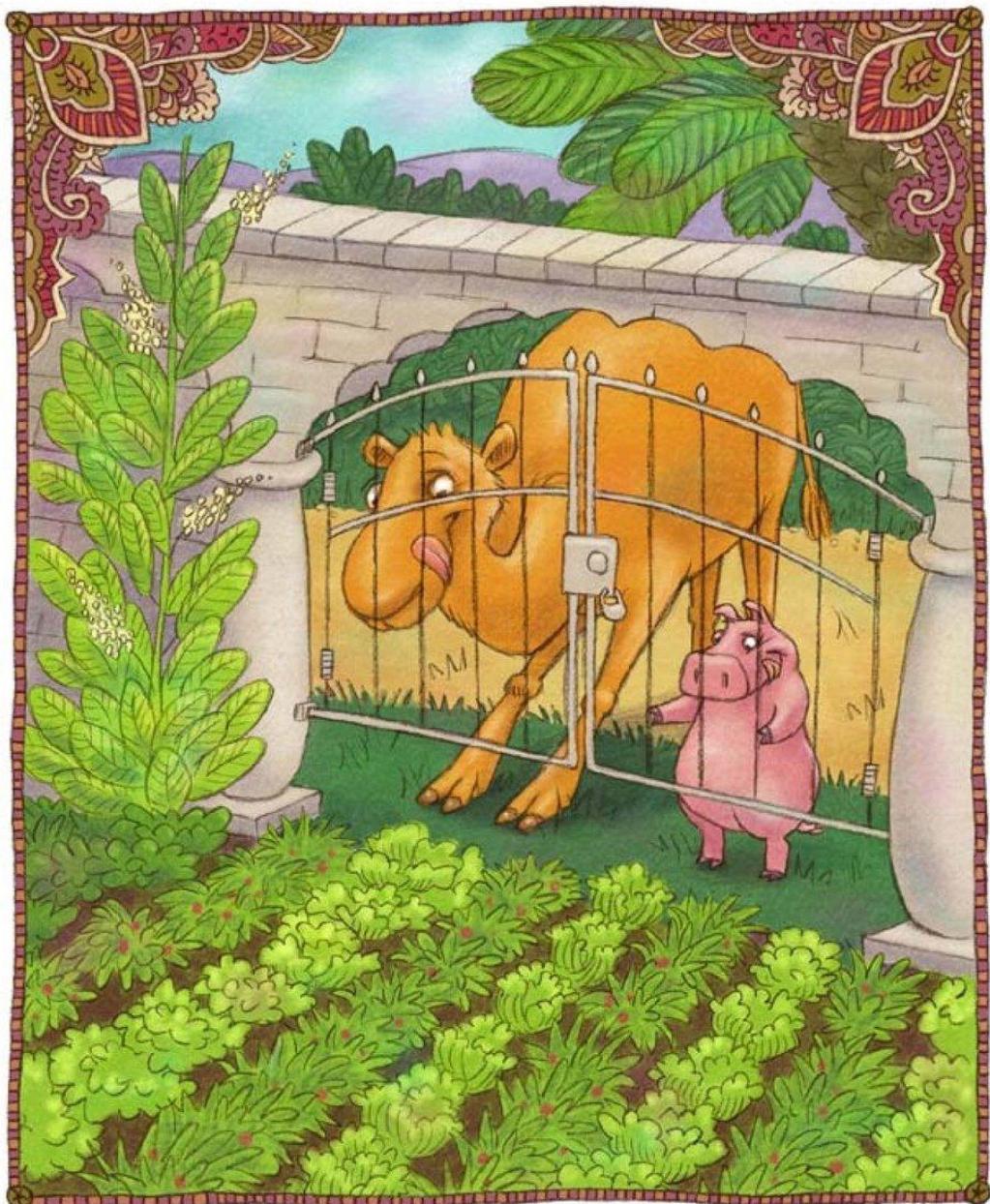
“I’ll bet you my hump it’s better  
to be tall,” said the camel.



“I’ll bet you my curly tail it’s  
better to be short,” said  
the pig.



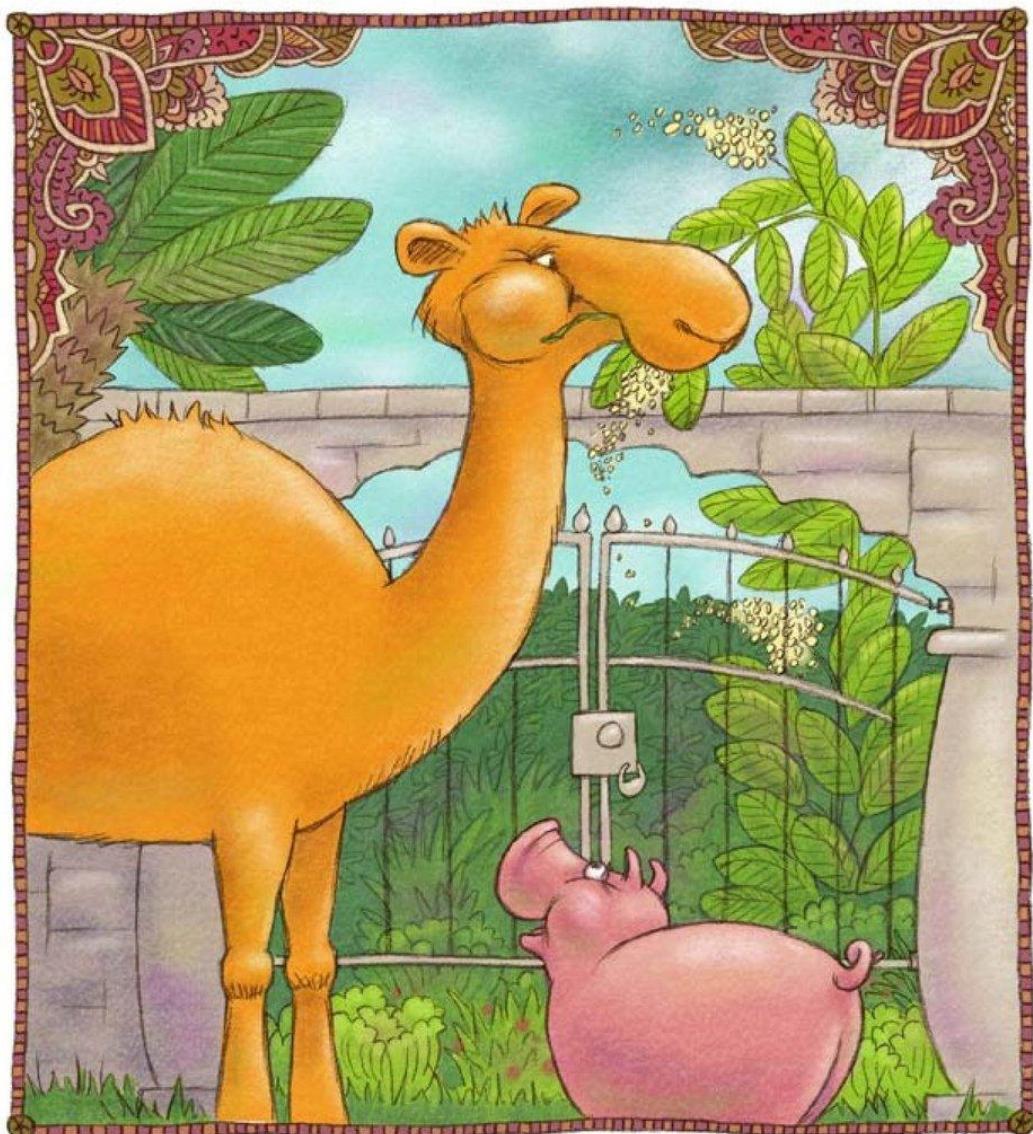
The camel and the pig walked along the road together. Soon, they became very hungry.



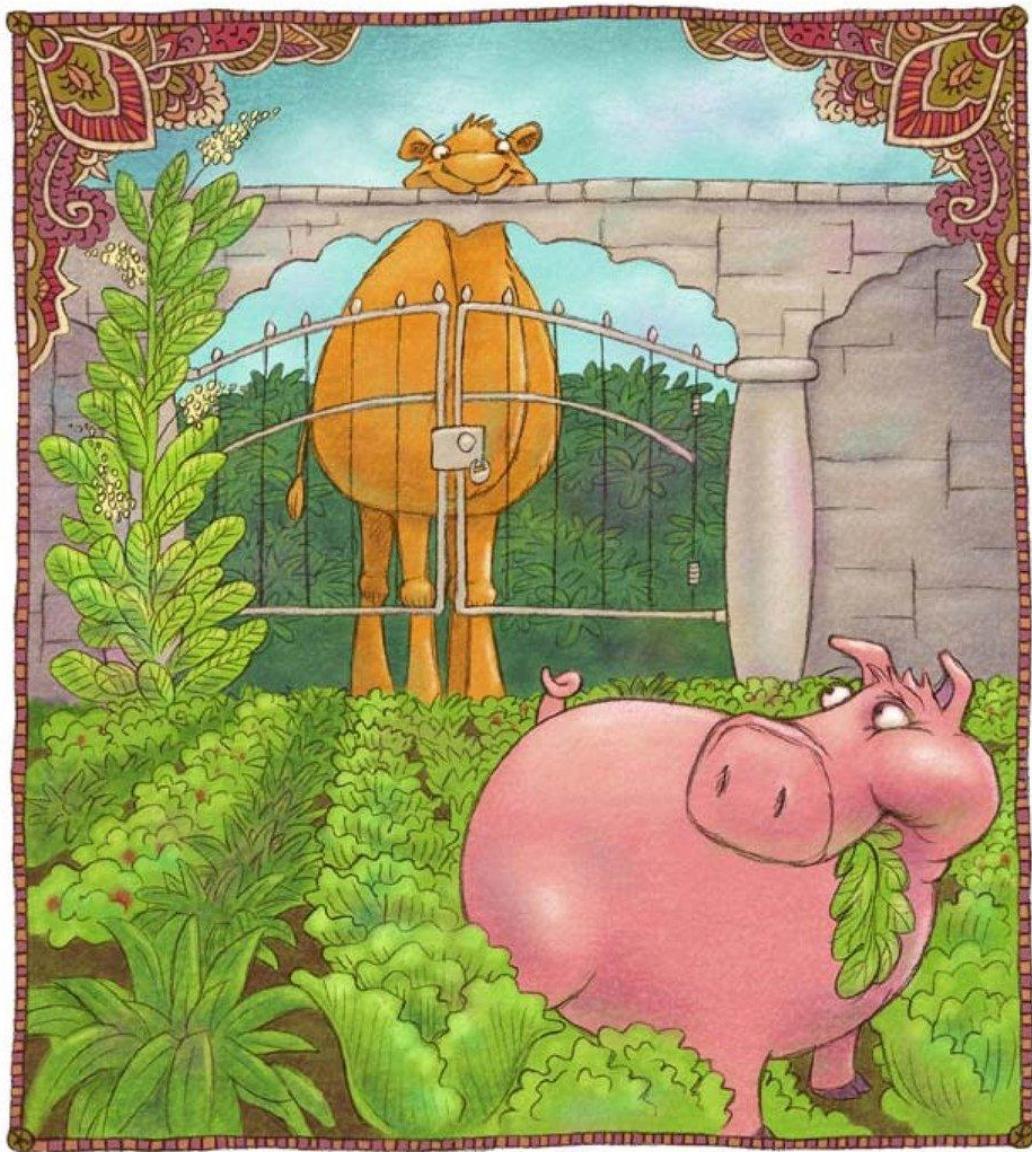
The road passed a garden full  
of vegetables.

A wall around the garden kept  
everyone outside.

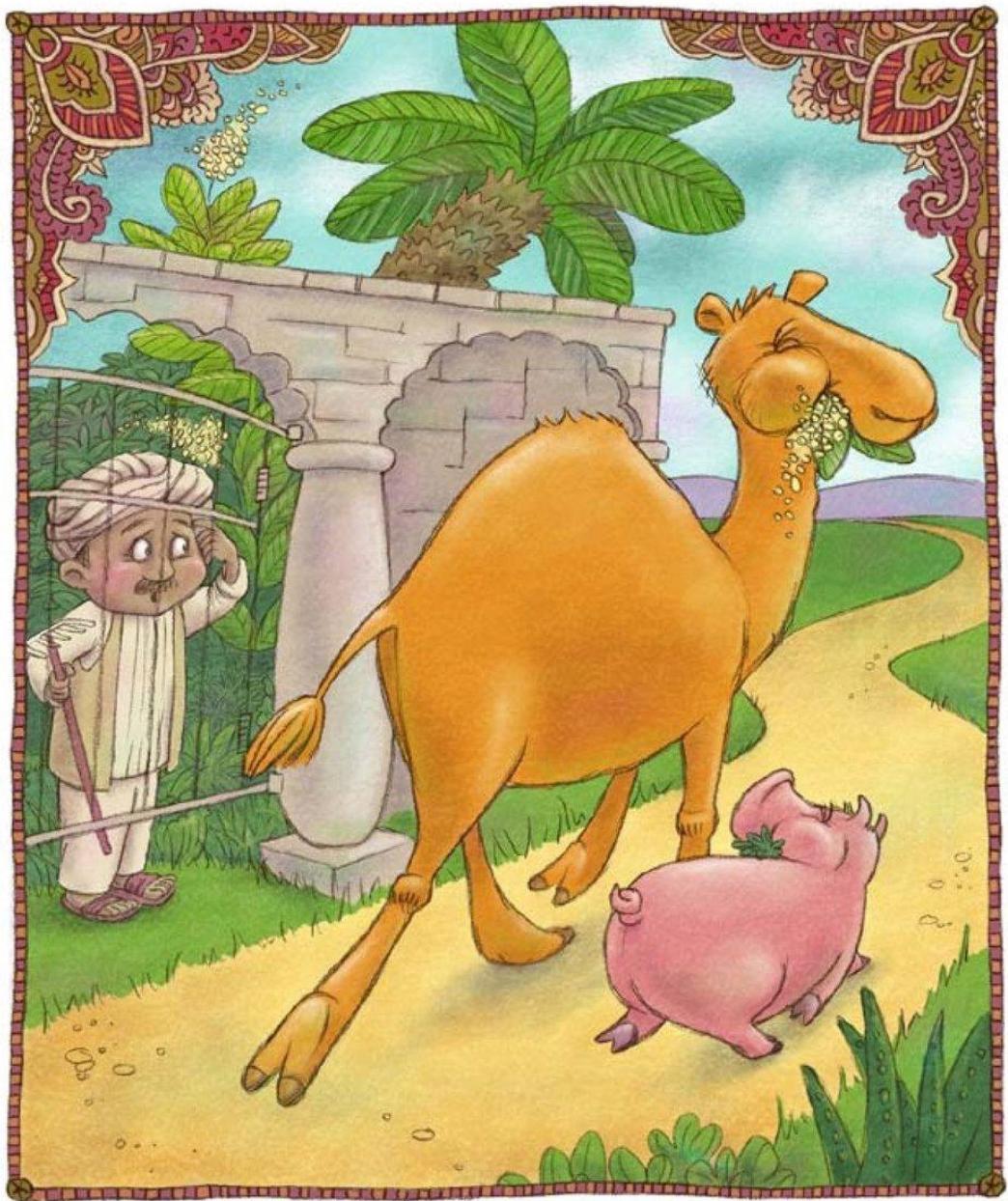
The gate in the wall was locked.



“Watch this!” said the camel.  
She reached her long neck  
right over the wall and began  
to eat.  
“I told you it was better to  
be tall!” she laughed.



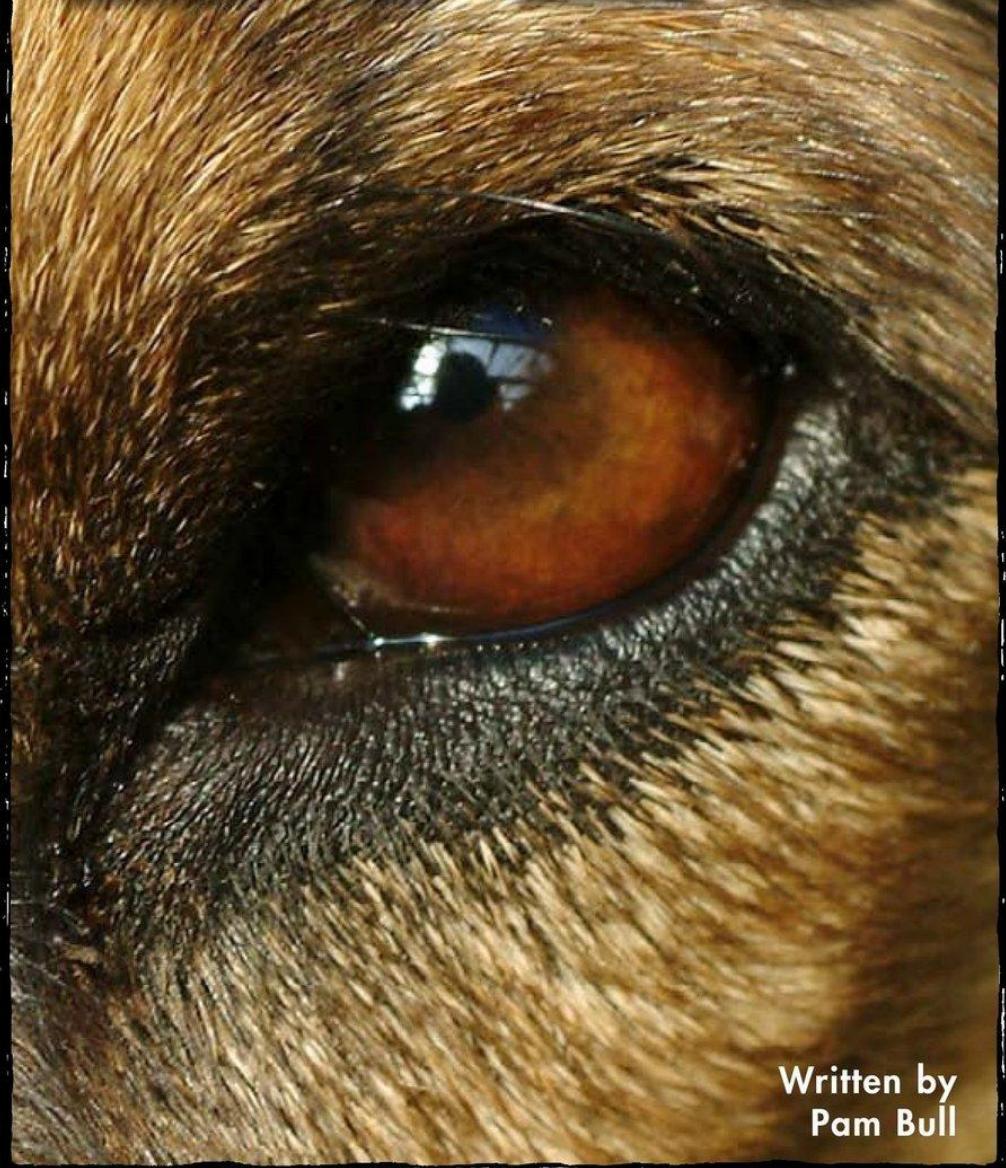
“Watch this!” said the pig.  
He squeezed his short body  
right under the gate and  
began to eat.  
“I told you it was better to be  
short!” he laughed.



The camel kept her hump  
and the pig kept his curly tail.  
Sometimes it's good to be tall  
and sometimes it's good to  
be short.

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# ANIMAL EYES



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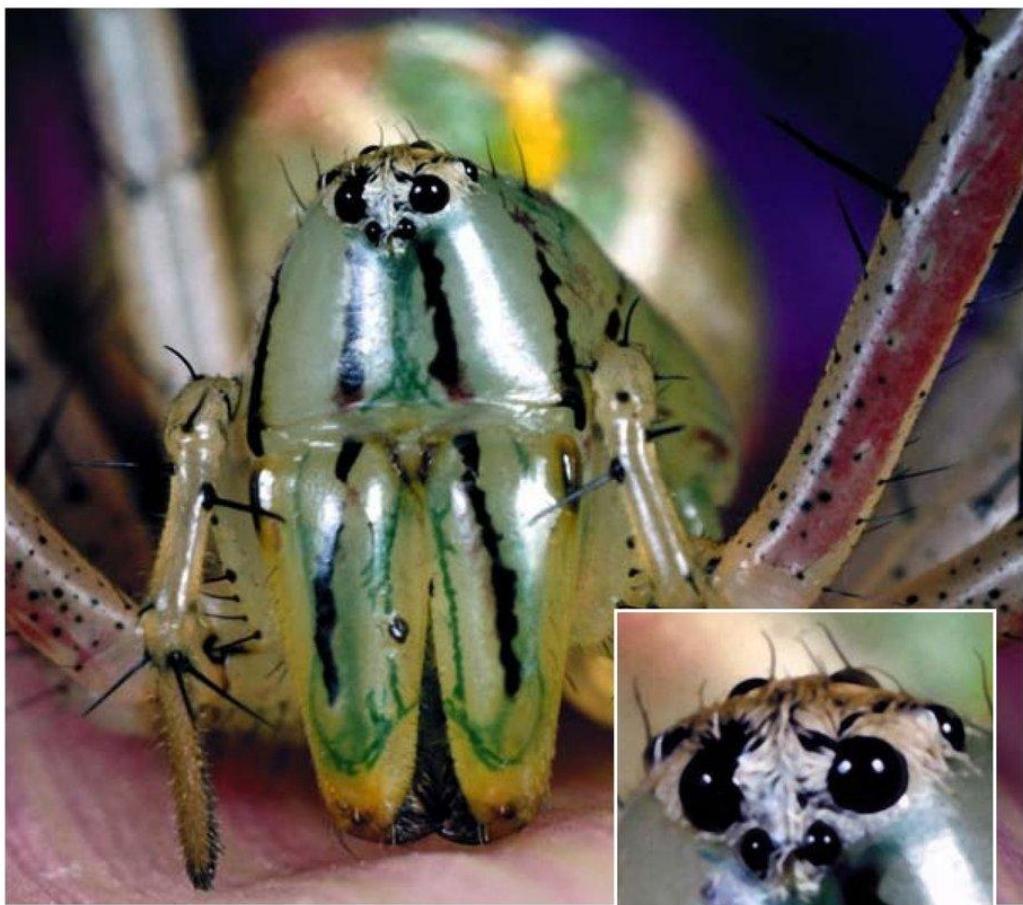
You use your eyes to see.  
Animals use their eyes  
to see, too.



Animal eyes can be  
small or large.  
Some animal eyes  
can look very strange!



What animal has eyes  
that look like this?



Lynx spider

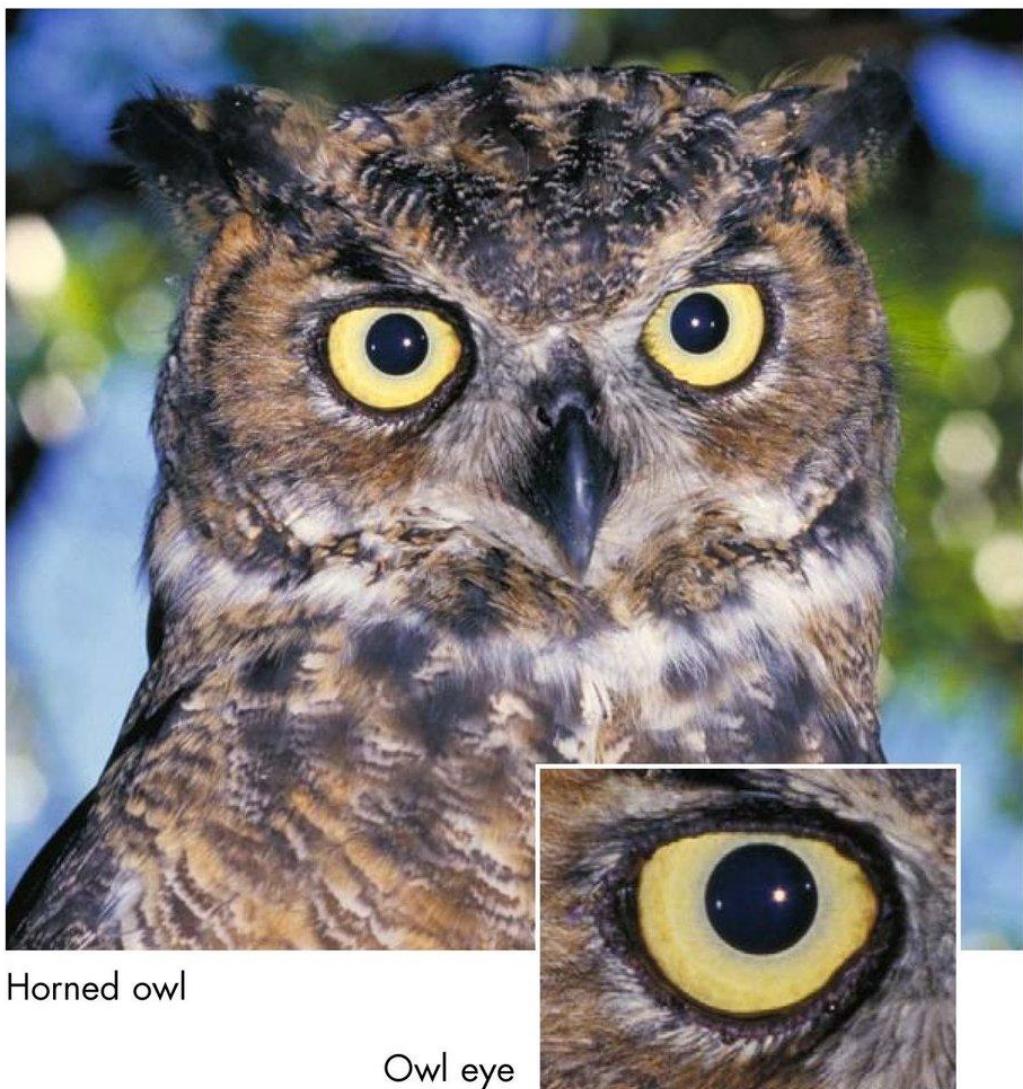
Spider eyes



This spider does.  
It has eight eyes  
that look like little dots.  
Most spiders can't see  
very clearly.  
But many spiders are very  
good at seeing things move.



What animal has eyes  
that look like this?



Horned owl

Owl eye

This owl does.  
Its eyes help it  
see well at night.  
An owl cannot move its eyes.  
It must turn its head  
to look around.



What animal has eyes  
that look like this?



Chameleon



Chameleon eye

This kind of lizard does.  
Each eye can look  
in a different place.  
The left eye sees one thing.  
The right eye sees something  
different at the same time.



What animal has eyes  
that look like this?



Dragonfly

Dragonfly eyes

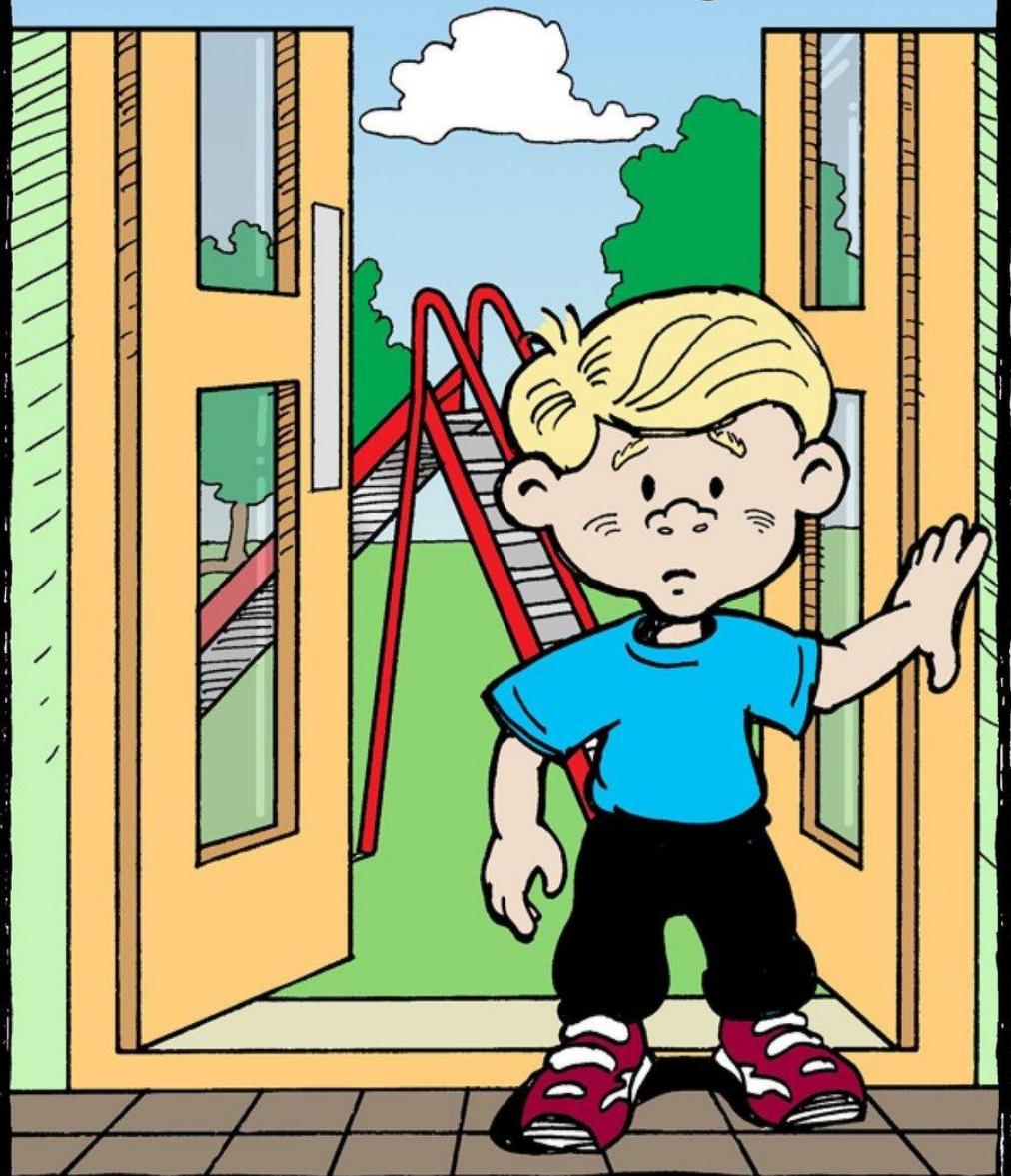


This dragonfly has eyes  
that are made up  
of many tiny eyes.  
Dragonflies are very good  
at seeing things move.

Use your eyes to see  
all the animal eyes  
around you.

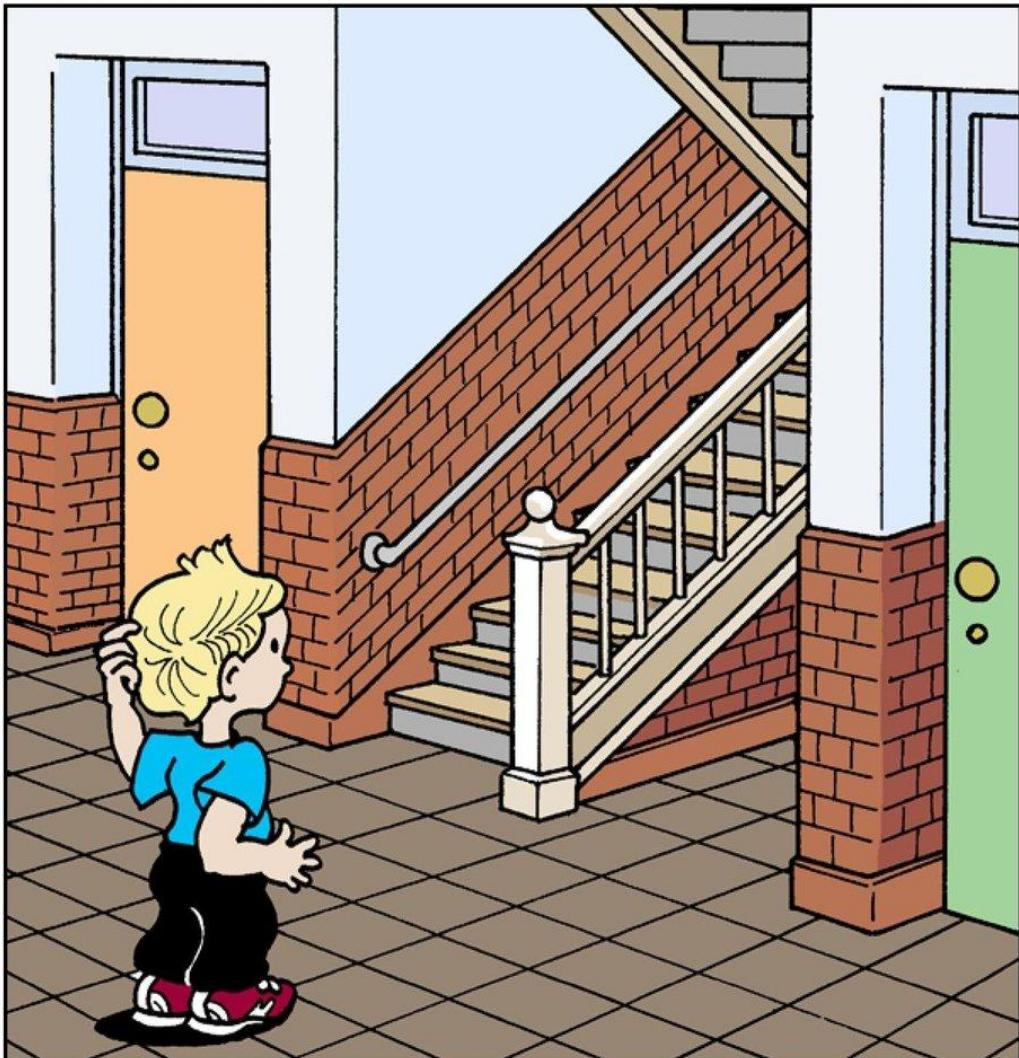
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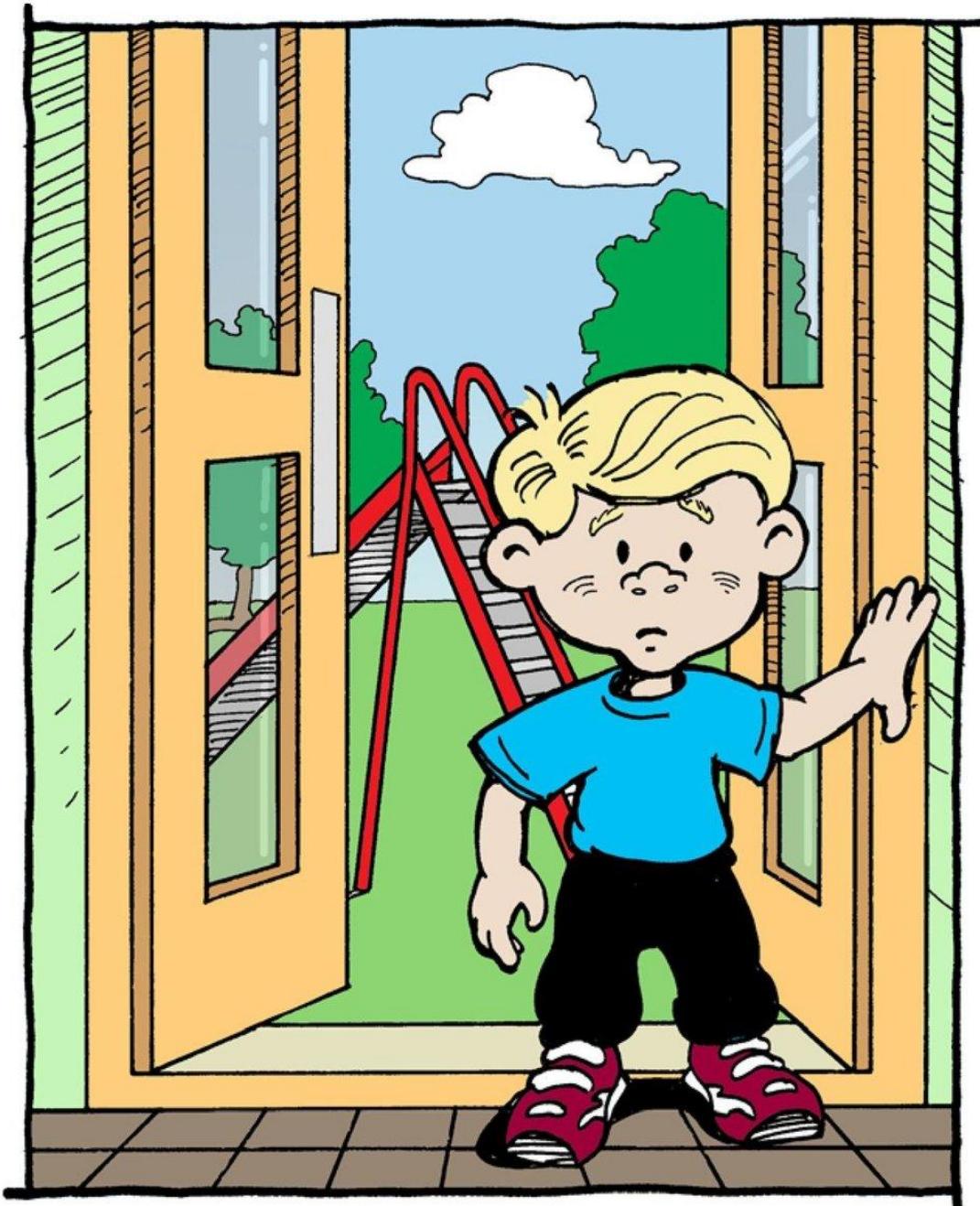


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Gordon stood alone  
in the hall.  
He hadn't heard the bell  
to go inside.



He had to go to music class,  
but he didn't know where  
to go.

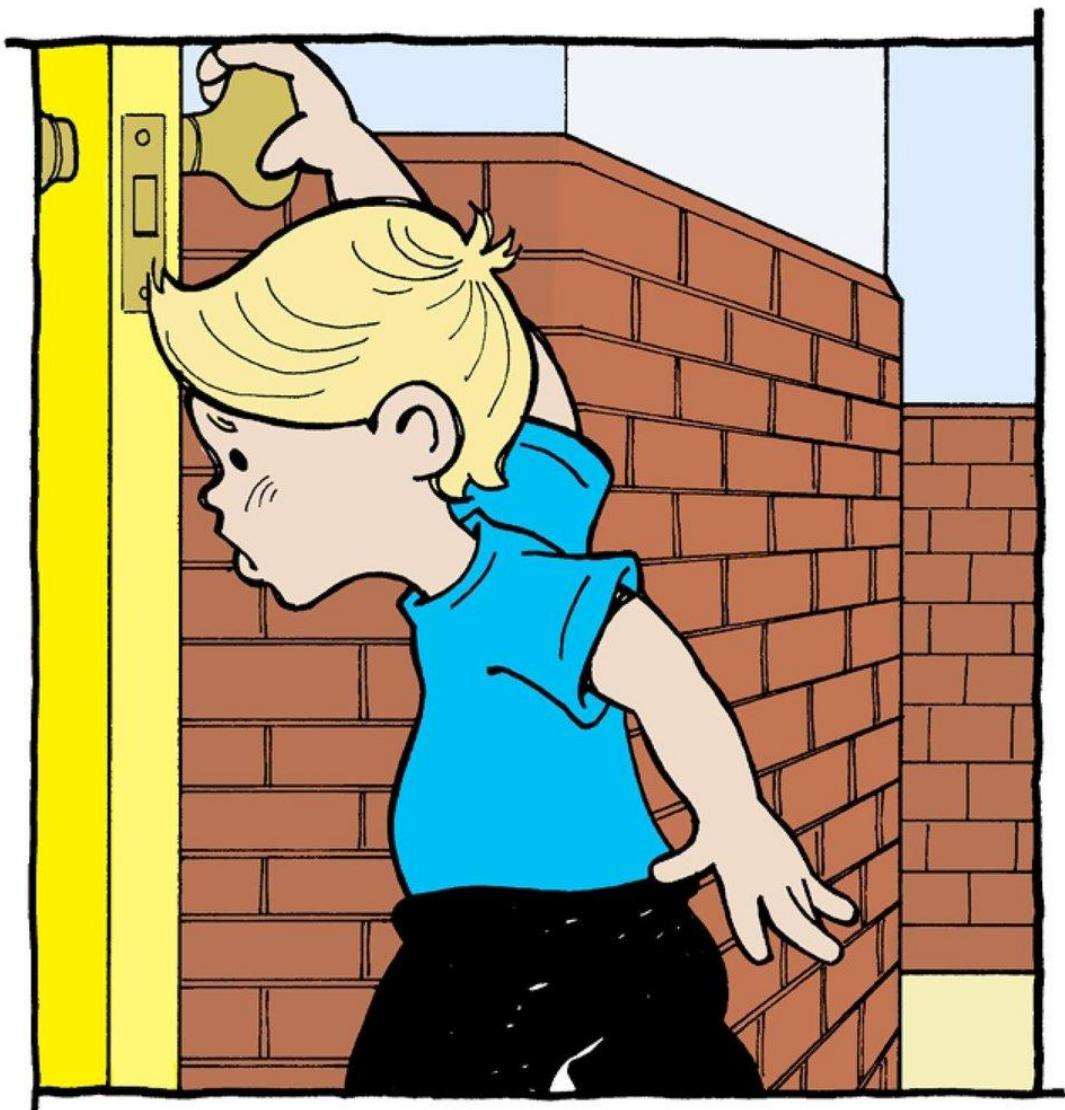
Gordon was a new kid  
at school.



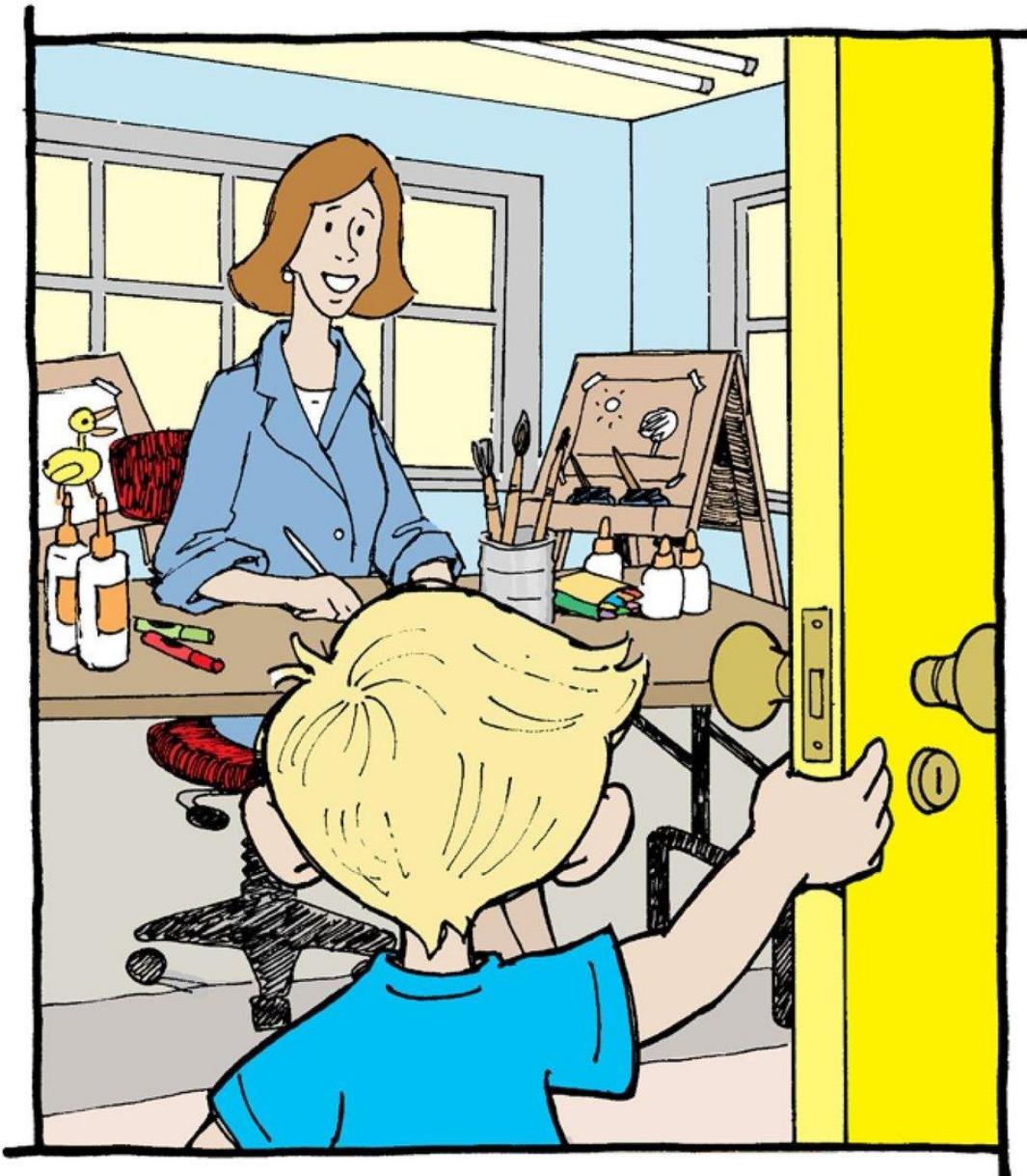
He knew the music room  
wasn't on the first floor.  
His classroom was on the  
first floor.



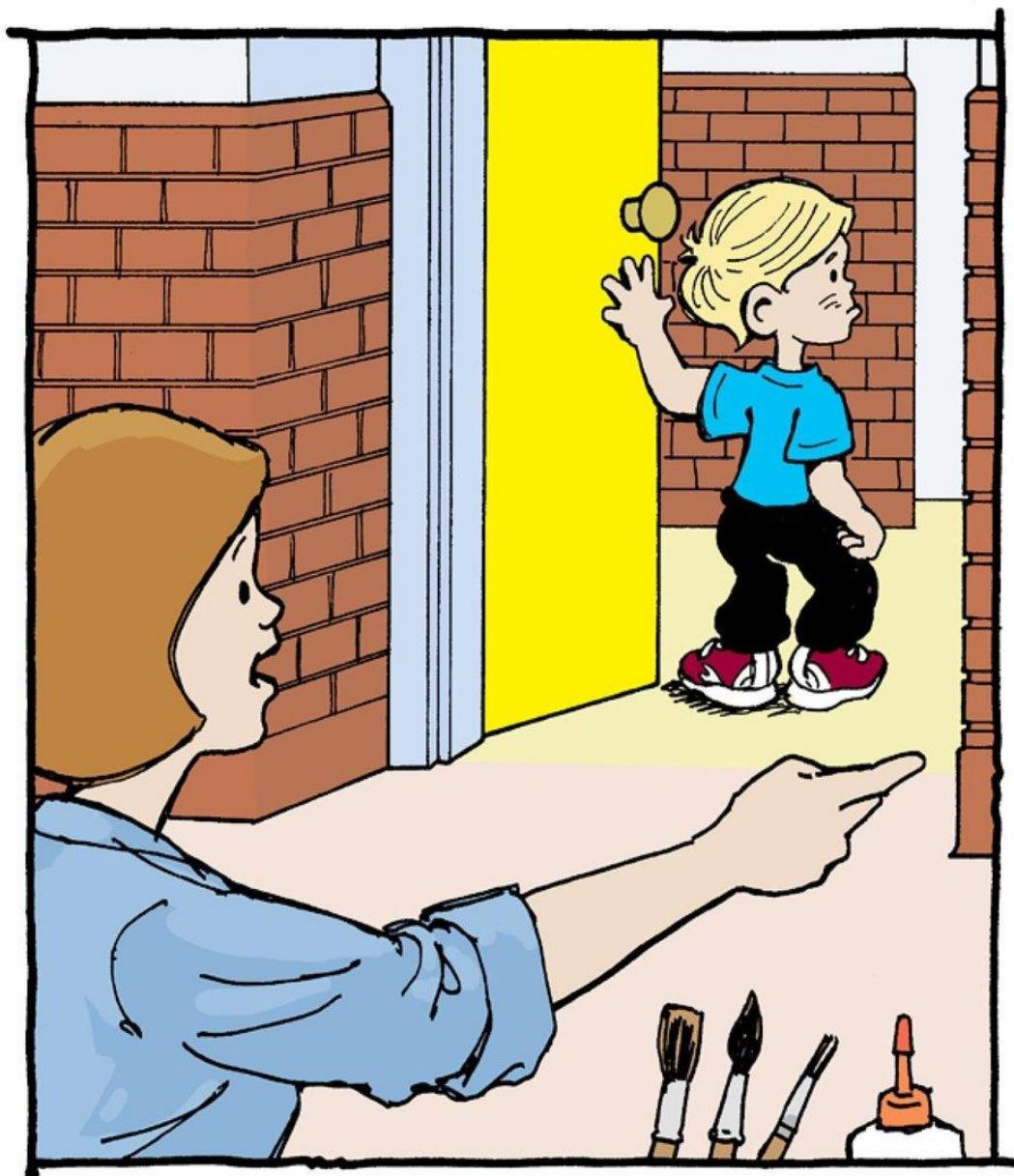
So, Gordon went up  
the stairs.  
He knew he had to hurry.  
His teacher would be  
worried.



At the top of the stairs,  
Gordon turned to the right.  
He went down the hall.  
On the left, he saw a door.  
It might be the music room,  
he thought.



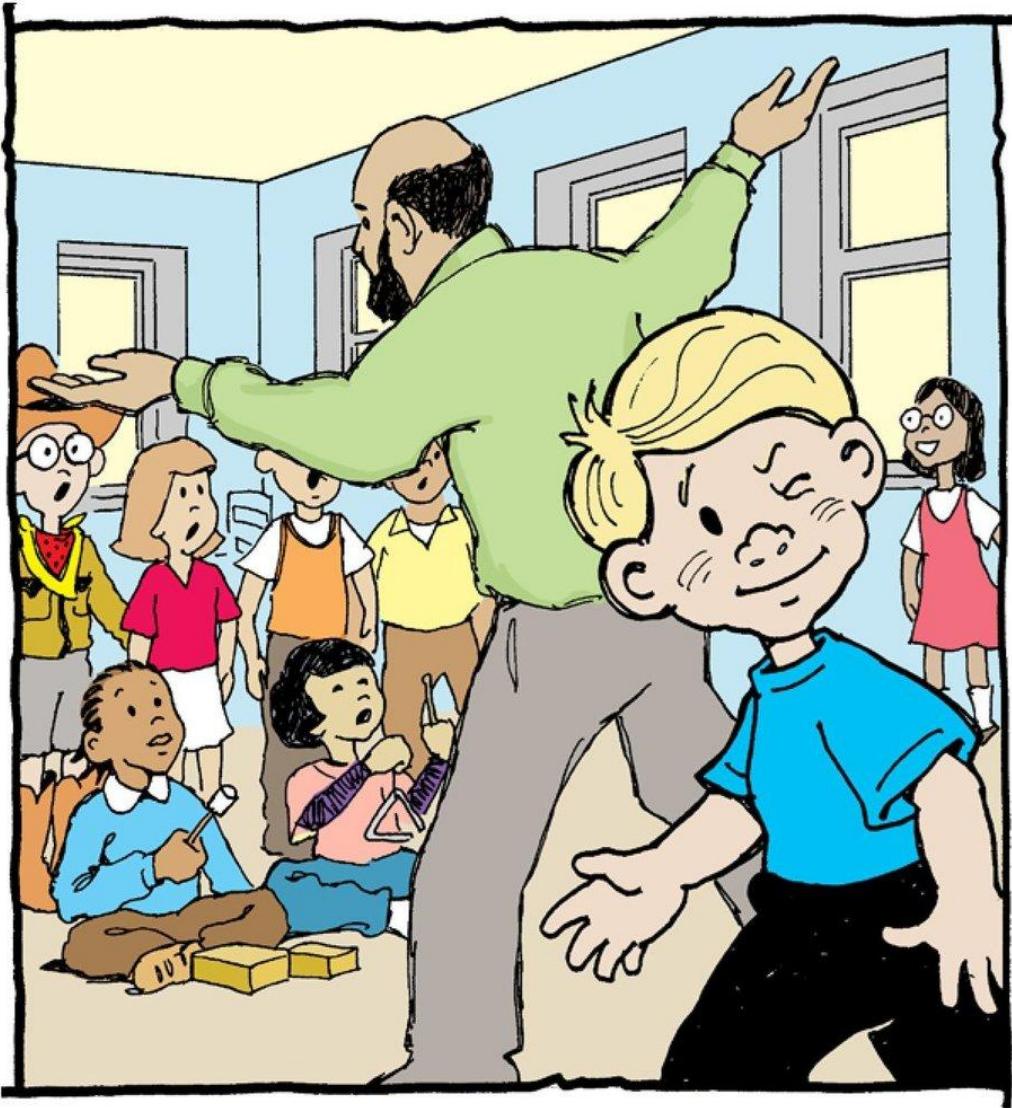
No, it was the art room.  
Gordon asked the teacher,  
“Do you know where the  
music room is?”  
“Sure,” the teacher said.



“Turn to the right and go  
past the stairs.  
On your left, you’ll see  
a door like this one.  
That is the music room.”



Gordon thanked her  
and hurried down the hall.  
Gordon's teacher,  
Mr. Lewis, was outside  
the music room.



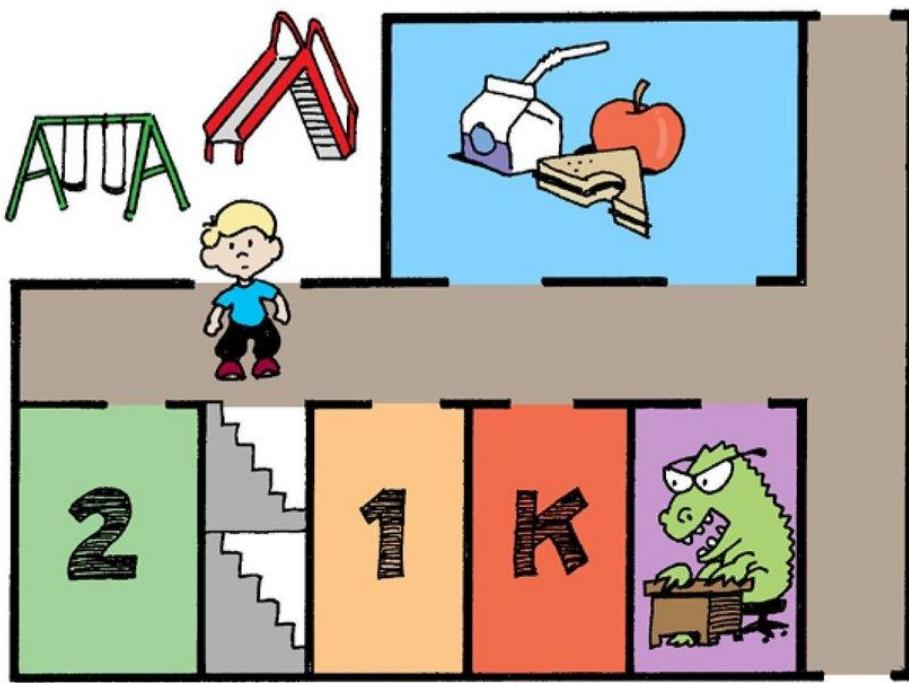
"There you are!" Mr. Lewis said.

"Mr. Green asked me to find you."

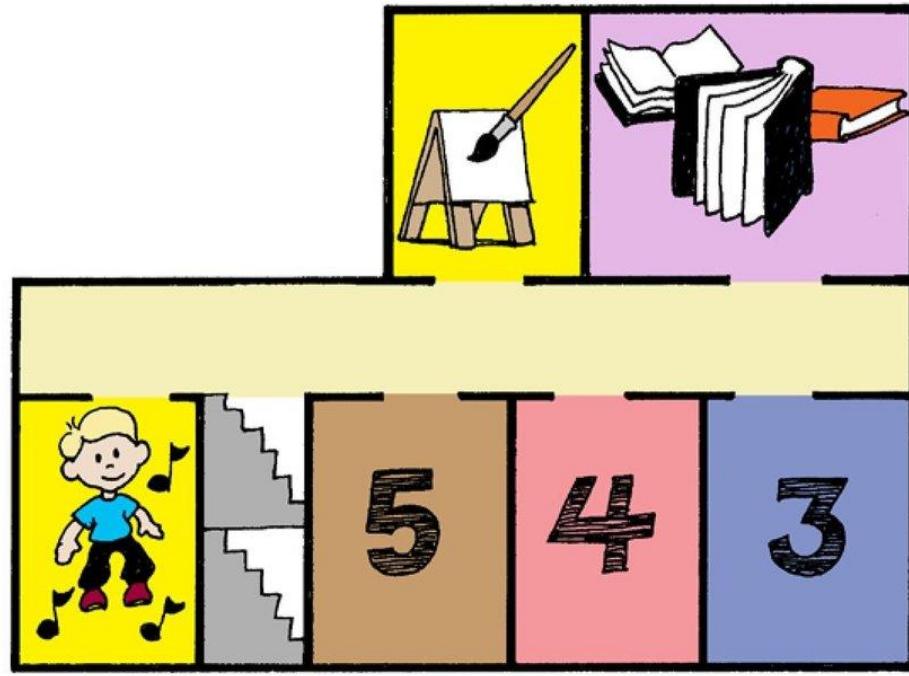
Gordon smiled.

"I found you first!"

# Map of Gordon's School



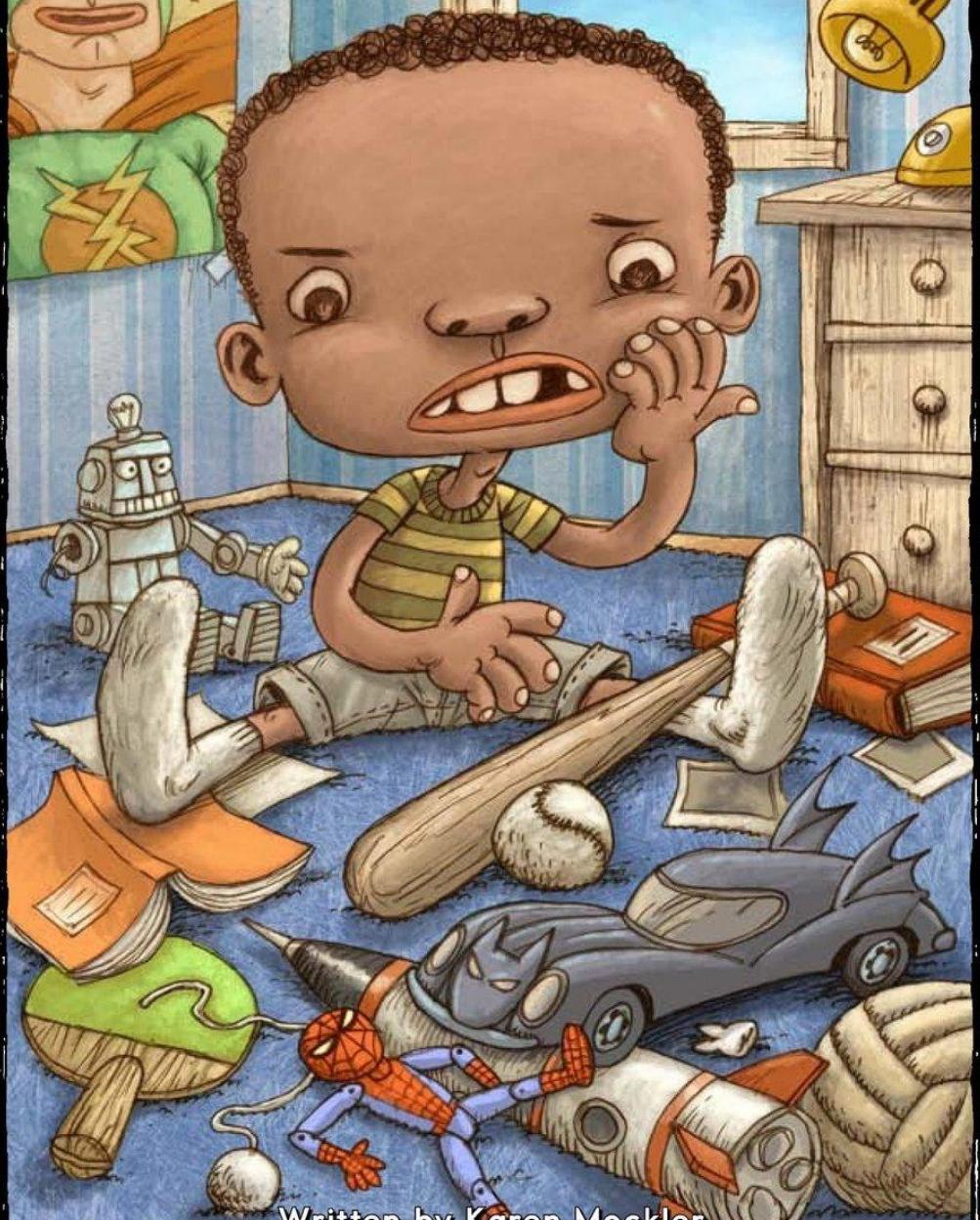
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Second Floor

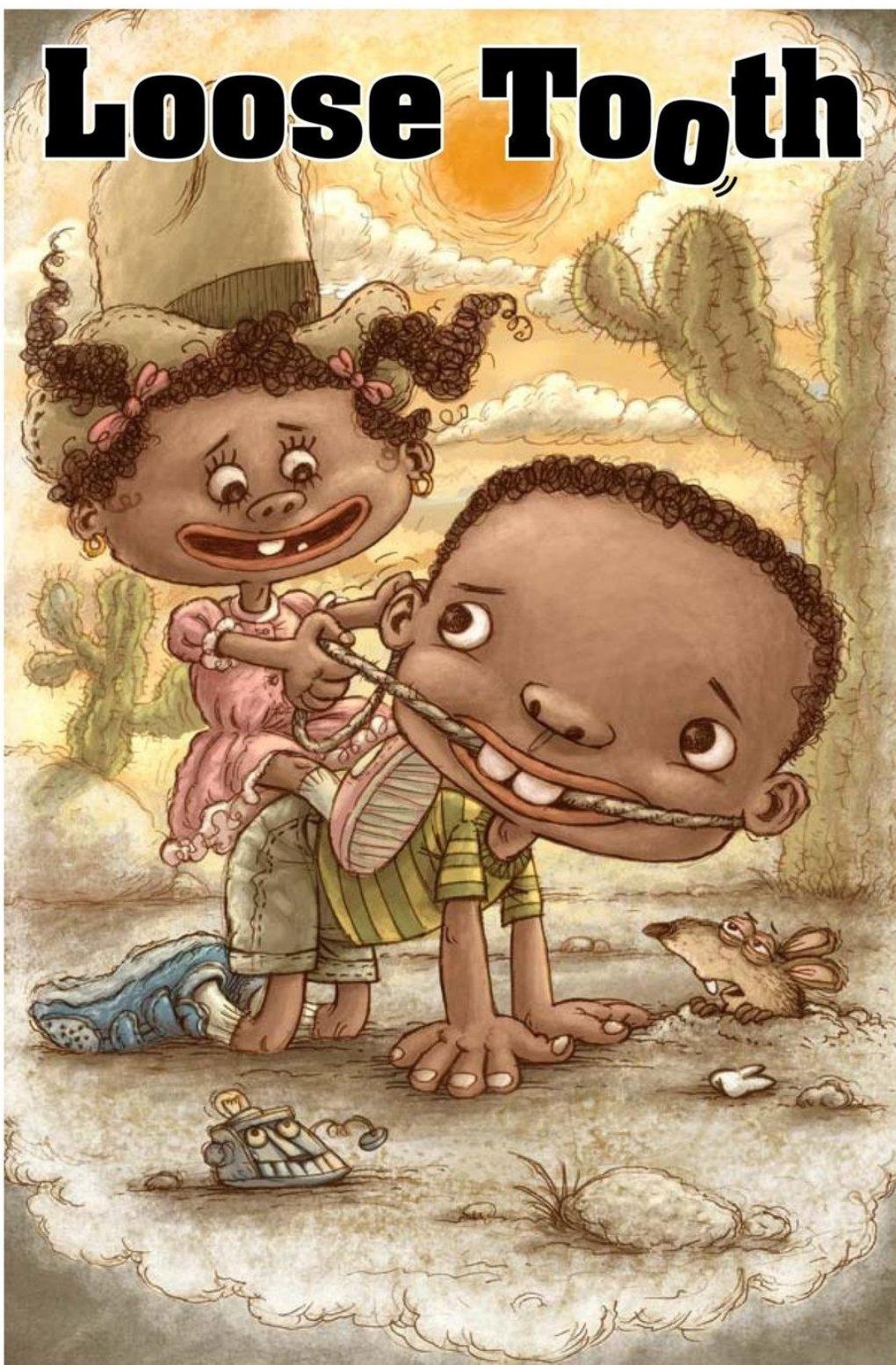
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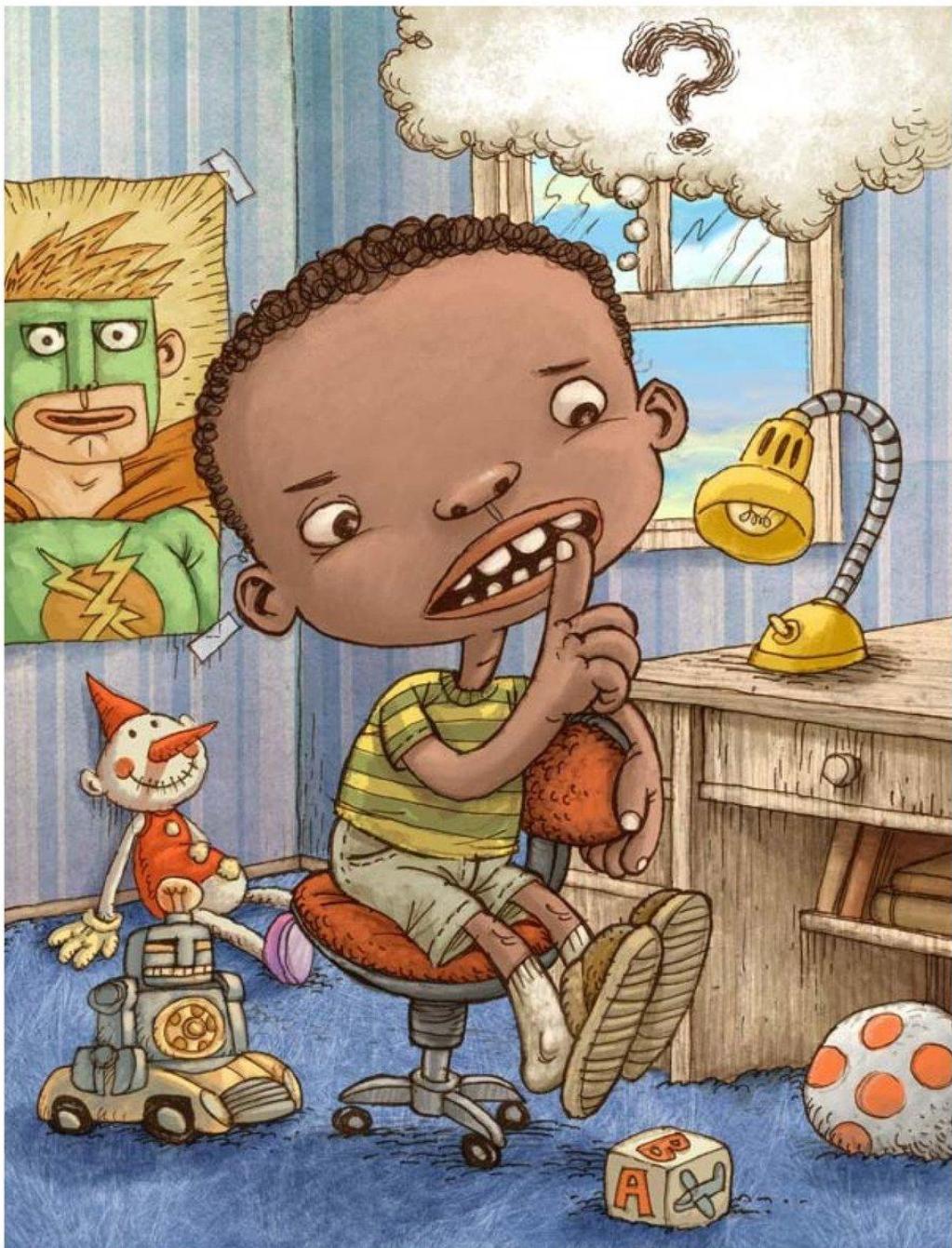
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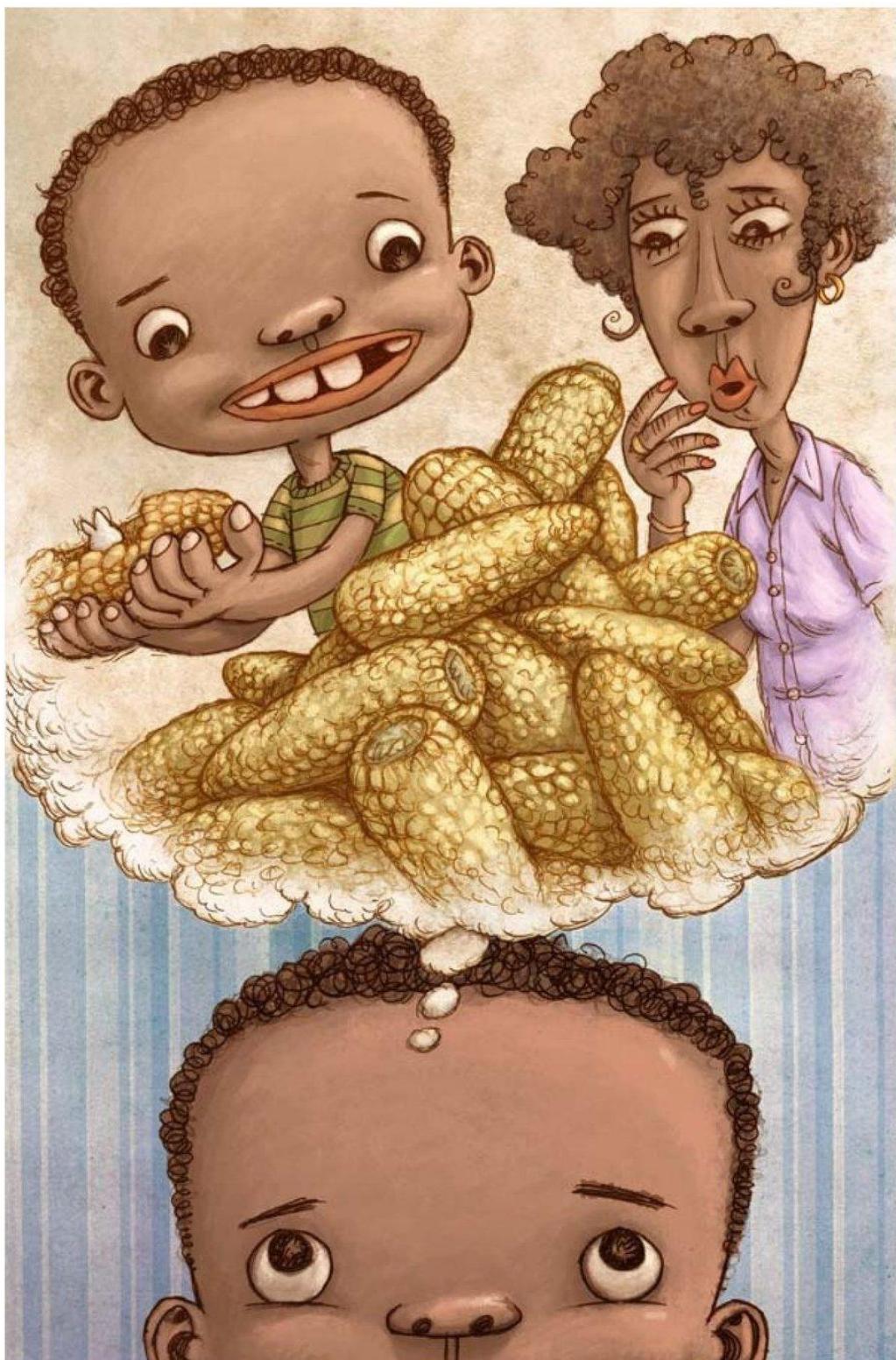


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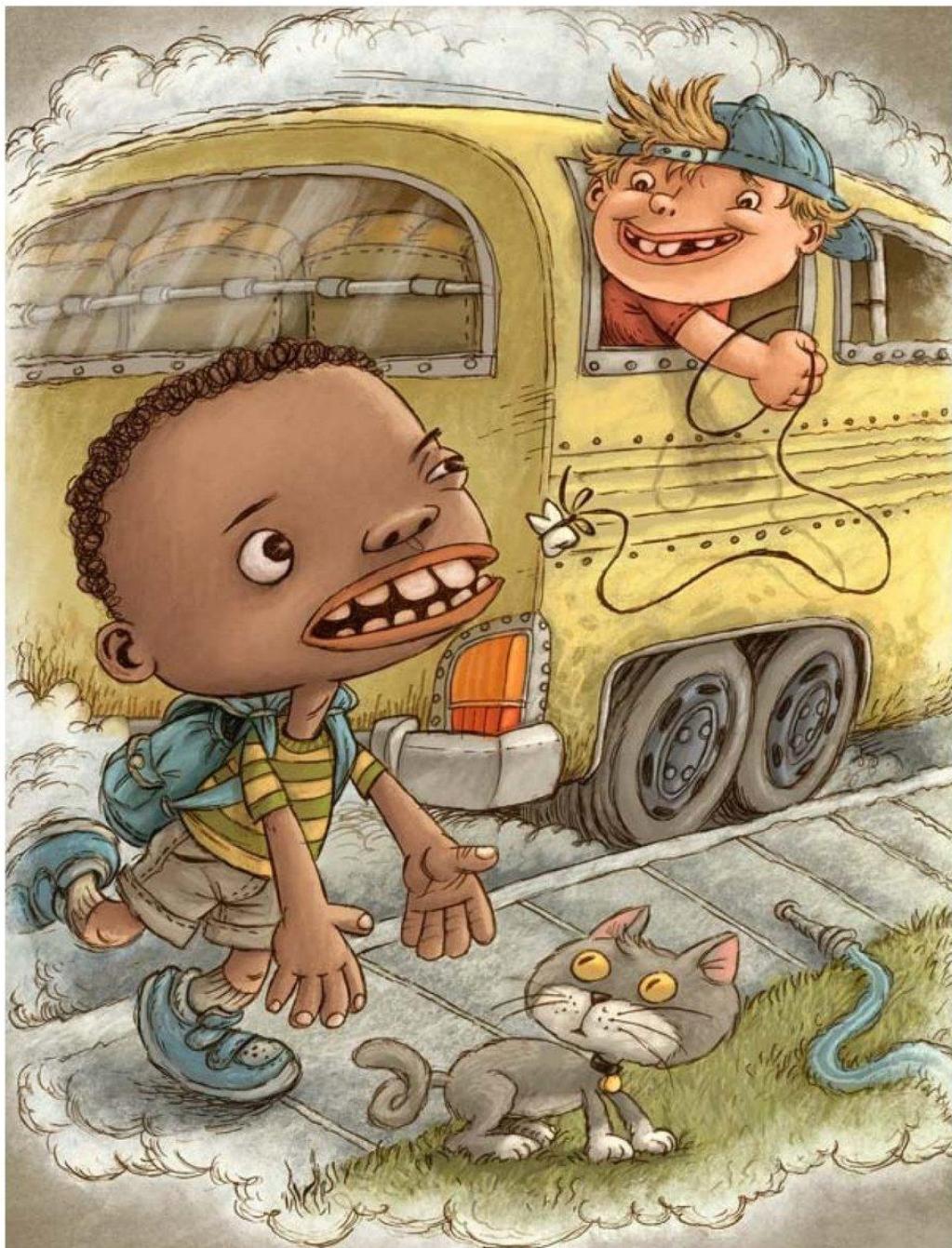
My tooth is really getting  
wiggly!  
I think I'm going to lose it soon.  
I wonder how?



Maybe I'll lose my tooth eating  
corn on the cob.

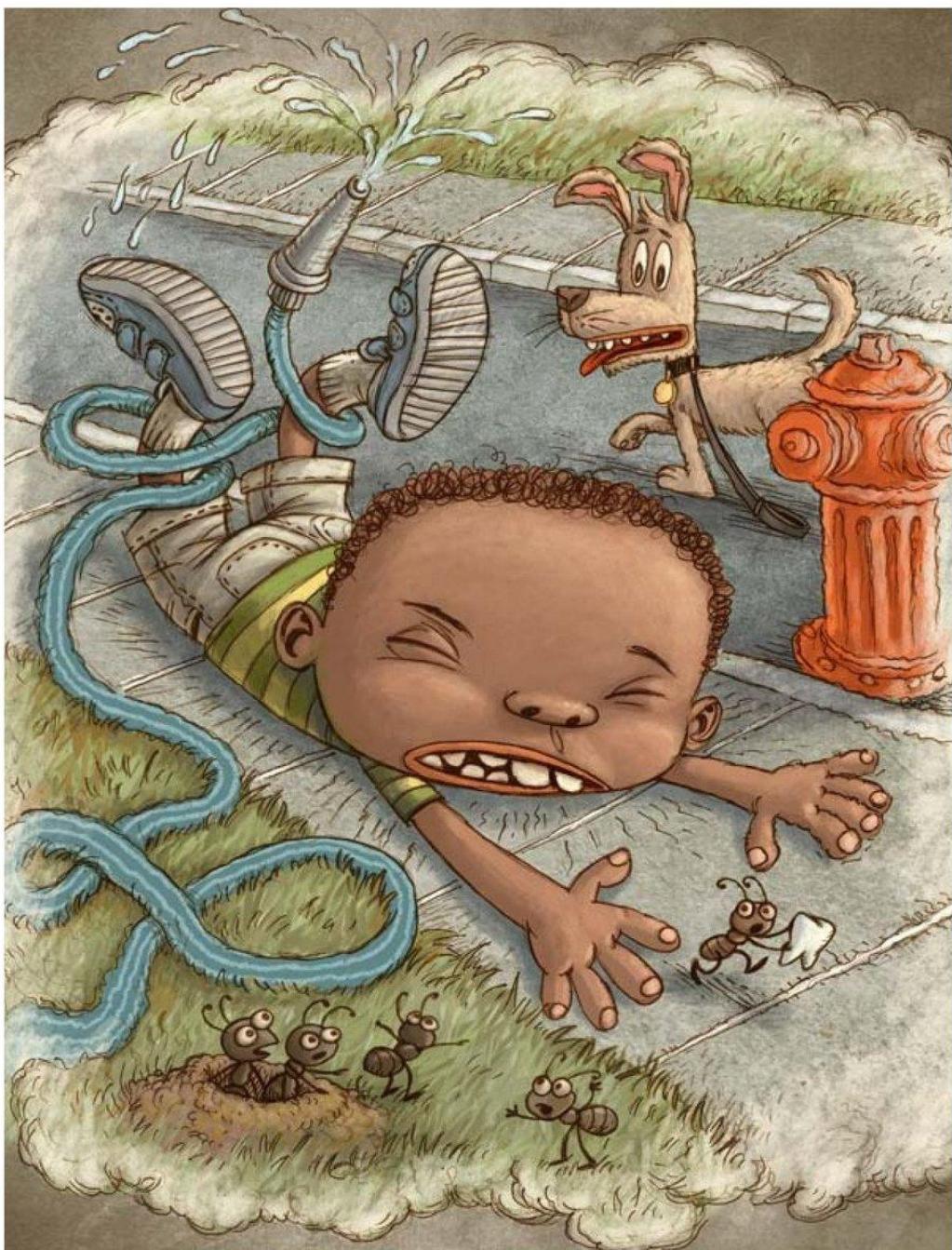


Maybe I'll lose my tooth  
at school.  
Sometimes the lunchroom gets  
a little crazy.



Maybe I'll lose my tooth on the  
school bus.

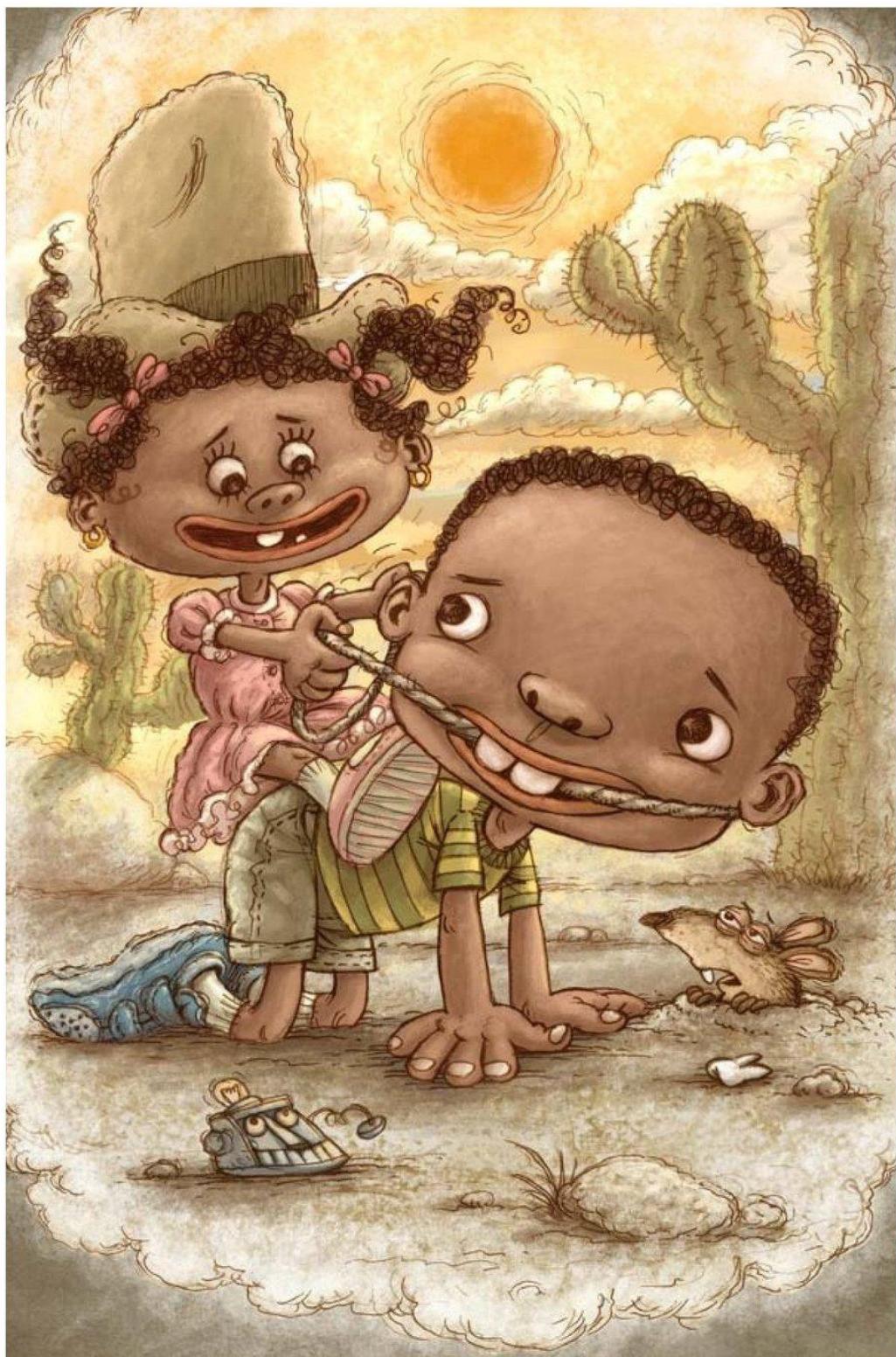
I helped Sam pull his last tooth.  
He said he'd help pull mine.



Maybe I'll lose my tooth when  
I least expect it.  
I could trip on the sidewalk  
and lose it that way.



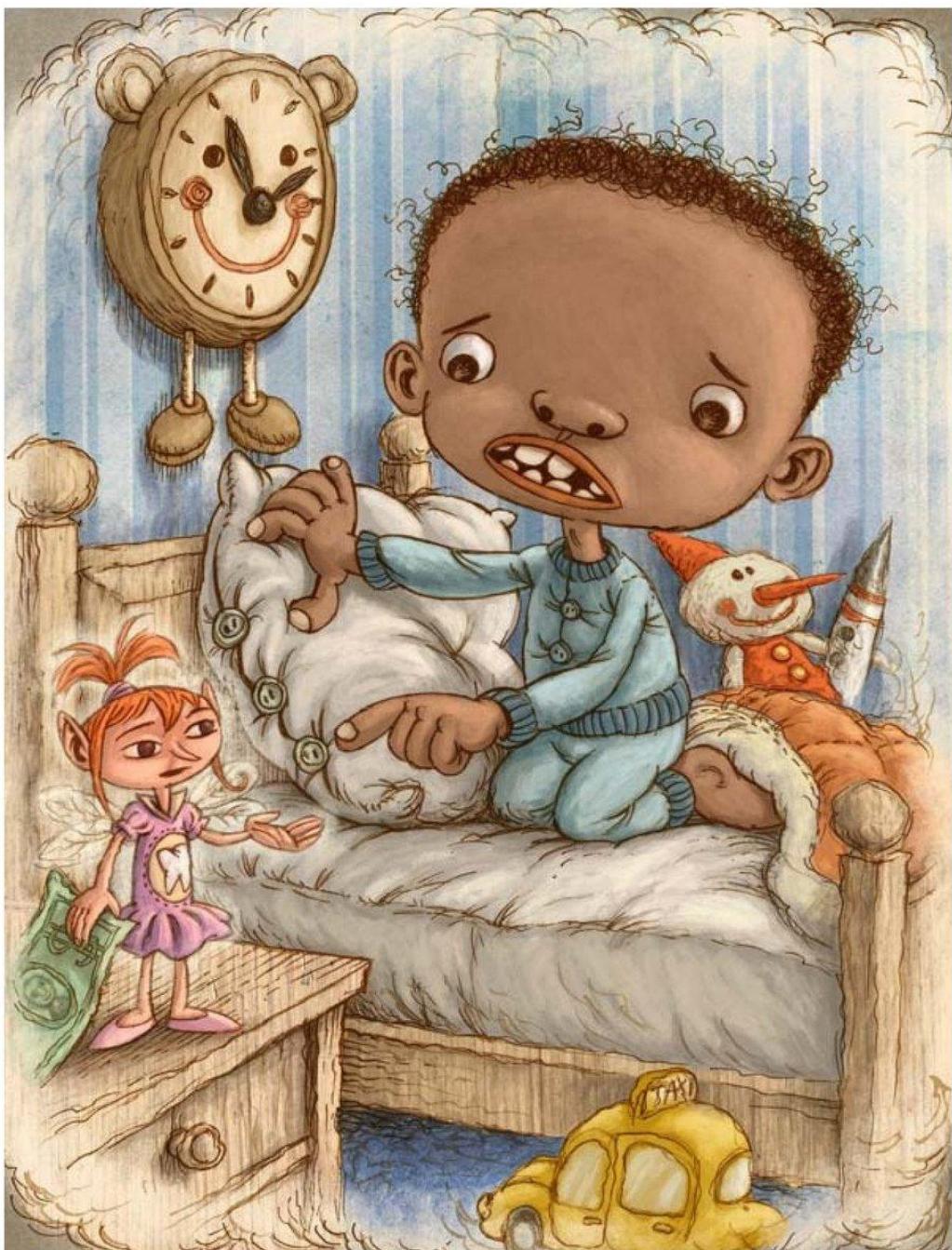
Maybe I'll lose my tooth when  
I open my closet door.  
I never go in there unless  
I really have to.



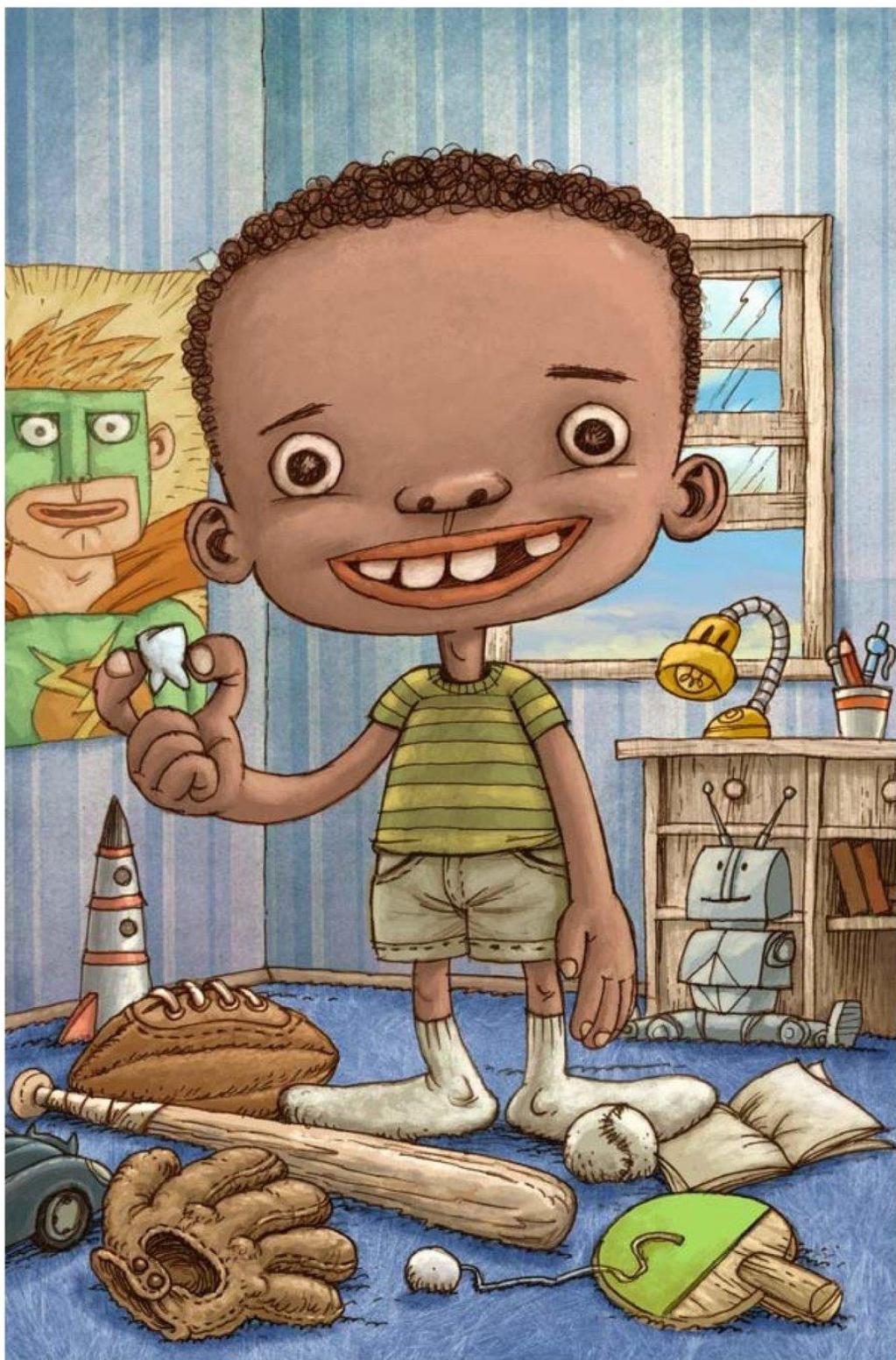
Maybe I'll lose my tooth while  
I'm playing with my little sister.



Maybe I'll lose my tooth while  
walking in my sleep.  
I'll probably wake up when  
I run into the mailbox.



What if I really lose my tooth  
and can't find it?  
I guess I'll have to have a talk  
with the tooth fairy.



Or maybe I just worry  
too much.

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# Laws for Kids



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Laws are rules that  
everyone must follow.  
Laws protect people and  
the things they own.



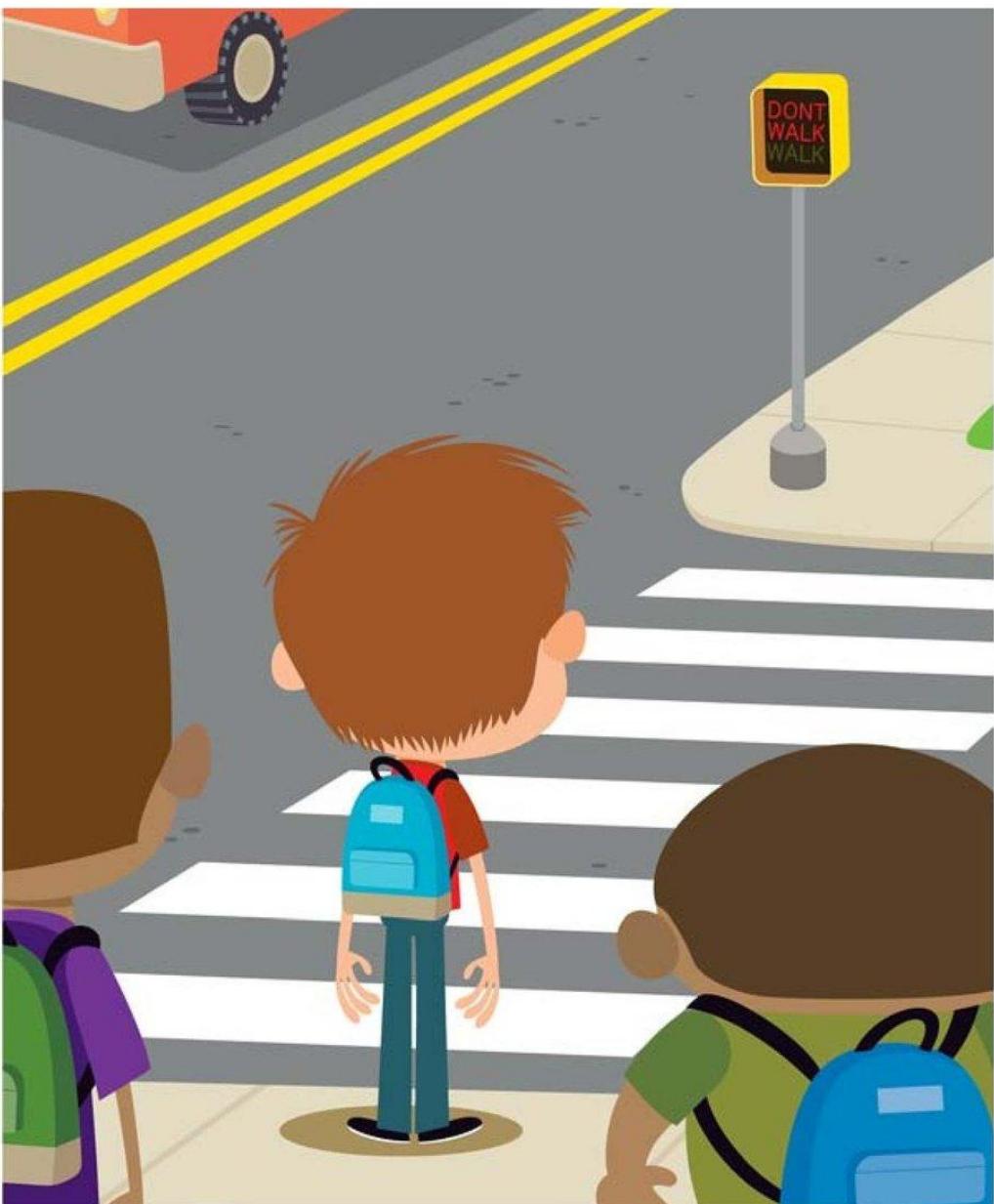
A law says Bud must be  
on a leash when we walk.  
The law helps keep  
Bud and others safe.



A law says Bud must wear  
a tag with our address on it.  
The law helps people know  
where Bud lives if he's lost.



A law says kids have to ride  
in special seats in cars.  
The law helps keep kids safe.



A law says we have to wait for a “walk” signal before we cross the street.

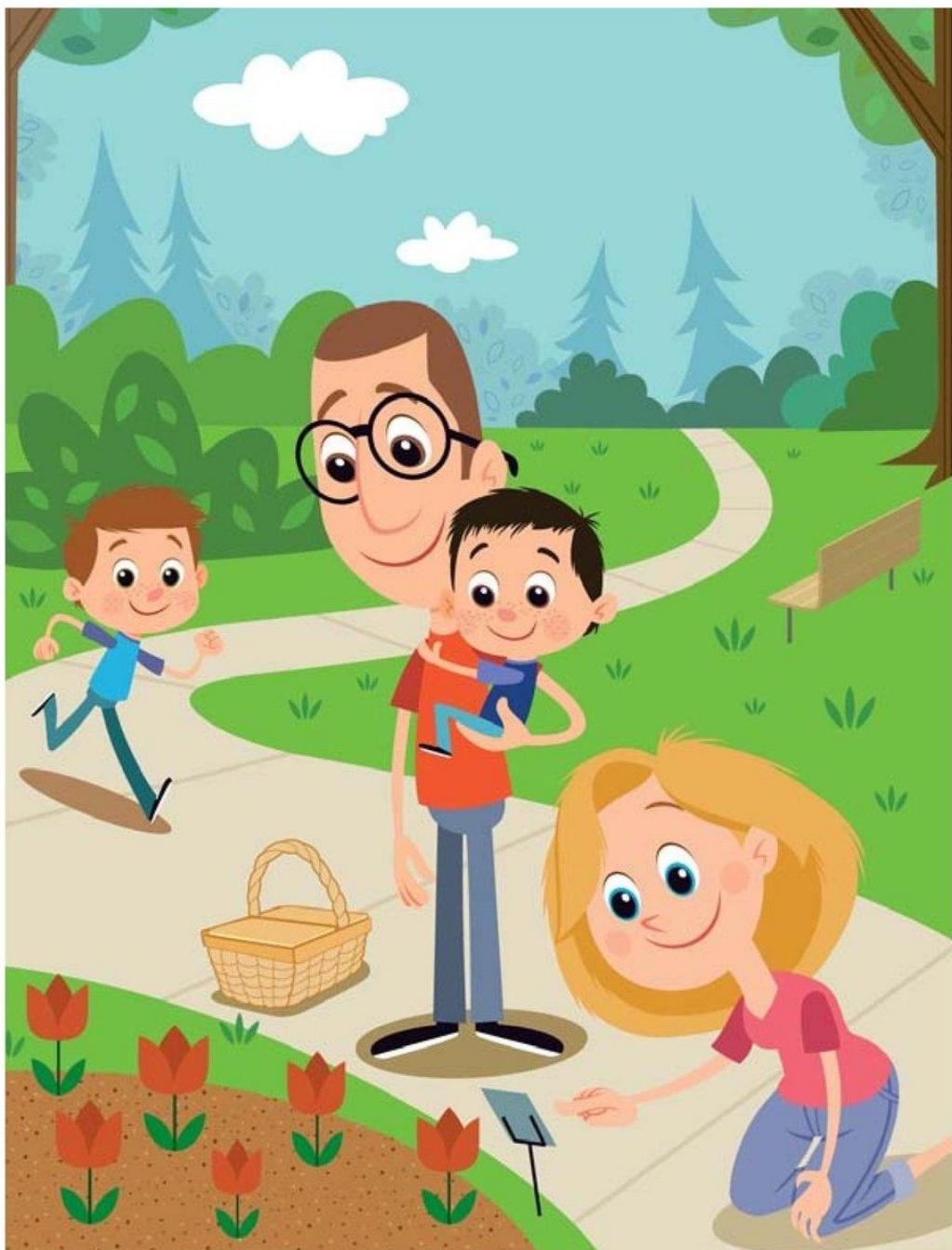
The law helps keep us safe from passing cars.



A law says bike riders must follow the traffic laws.  
The law helps keep bike riders safe.



A law says bike riders must  
wear helmets when they ride.  
The law helps protect us  
if we have an accident.



A law says people shouldn't  
pick flowers in the park.  
The law helps more people  
enjoy the flowers.



A law says people should  
put their trash in trash cans.  
The law helps keep the  
park clean for everyone.



Breaking laws can get  
you into trouble.  
Following the laws  
helps everyone stay safe.

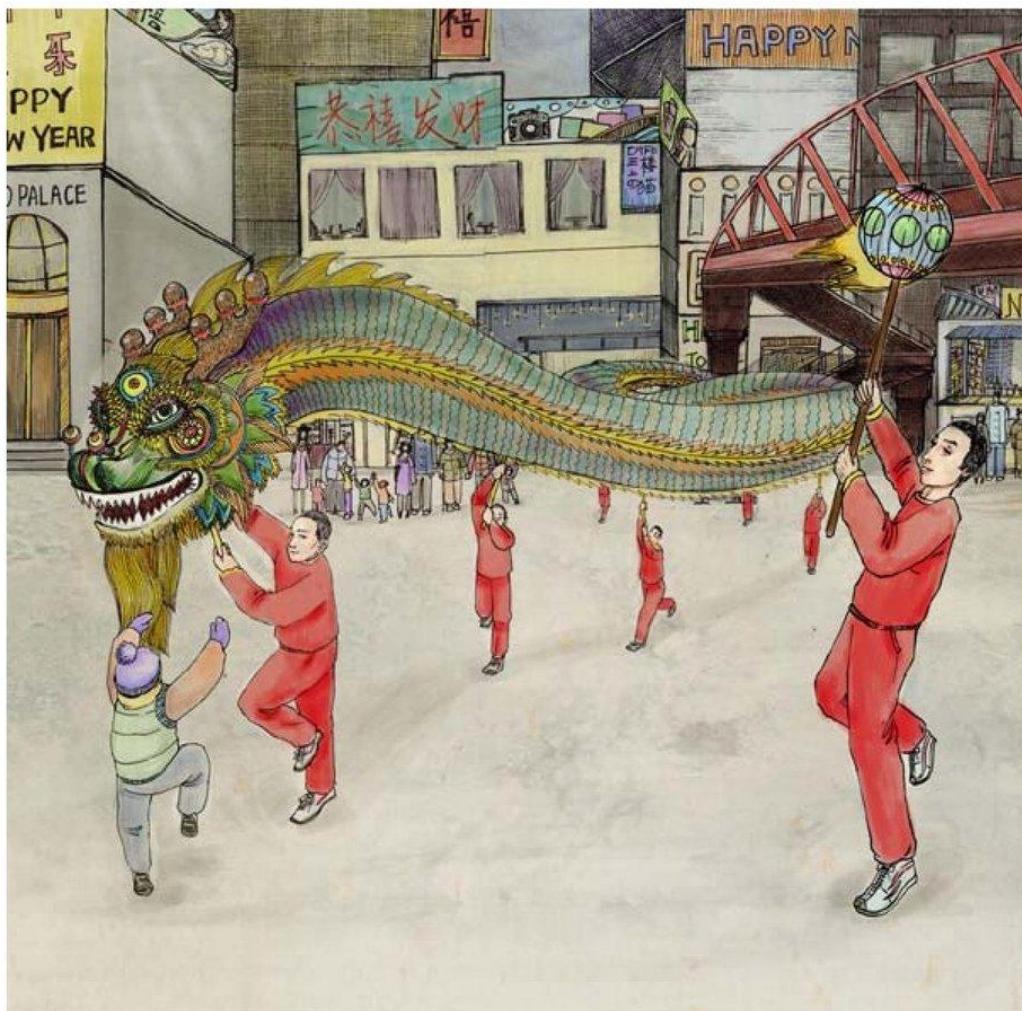
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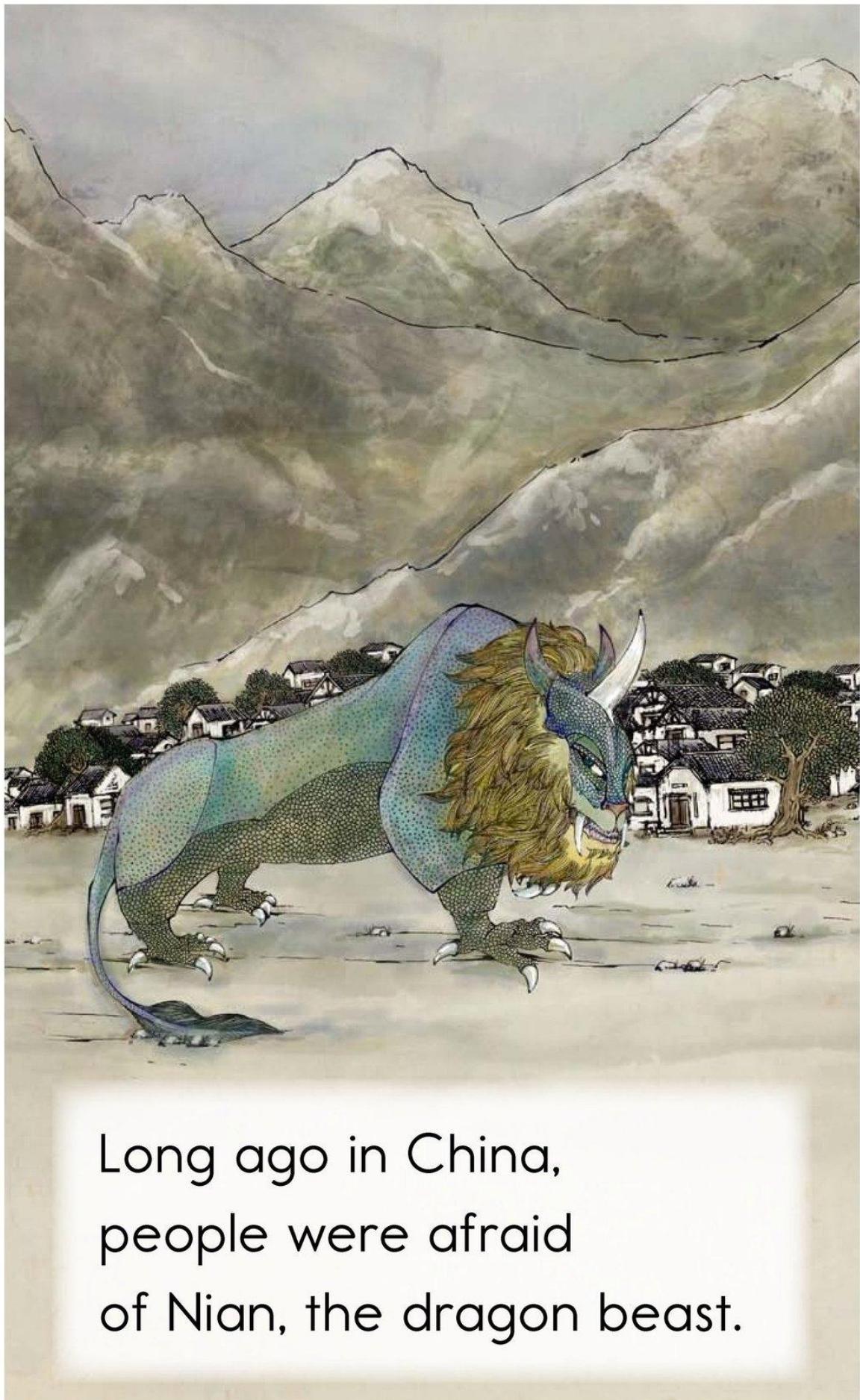


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# The Legend of Nian



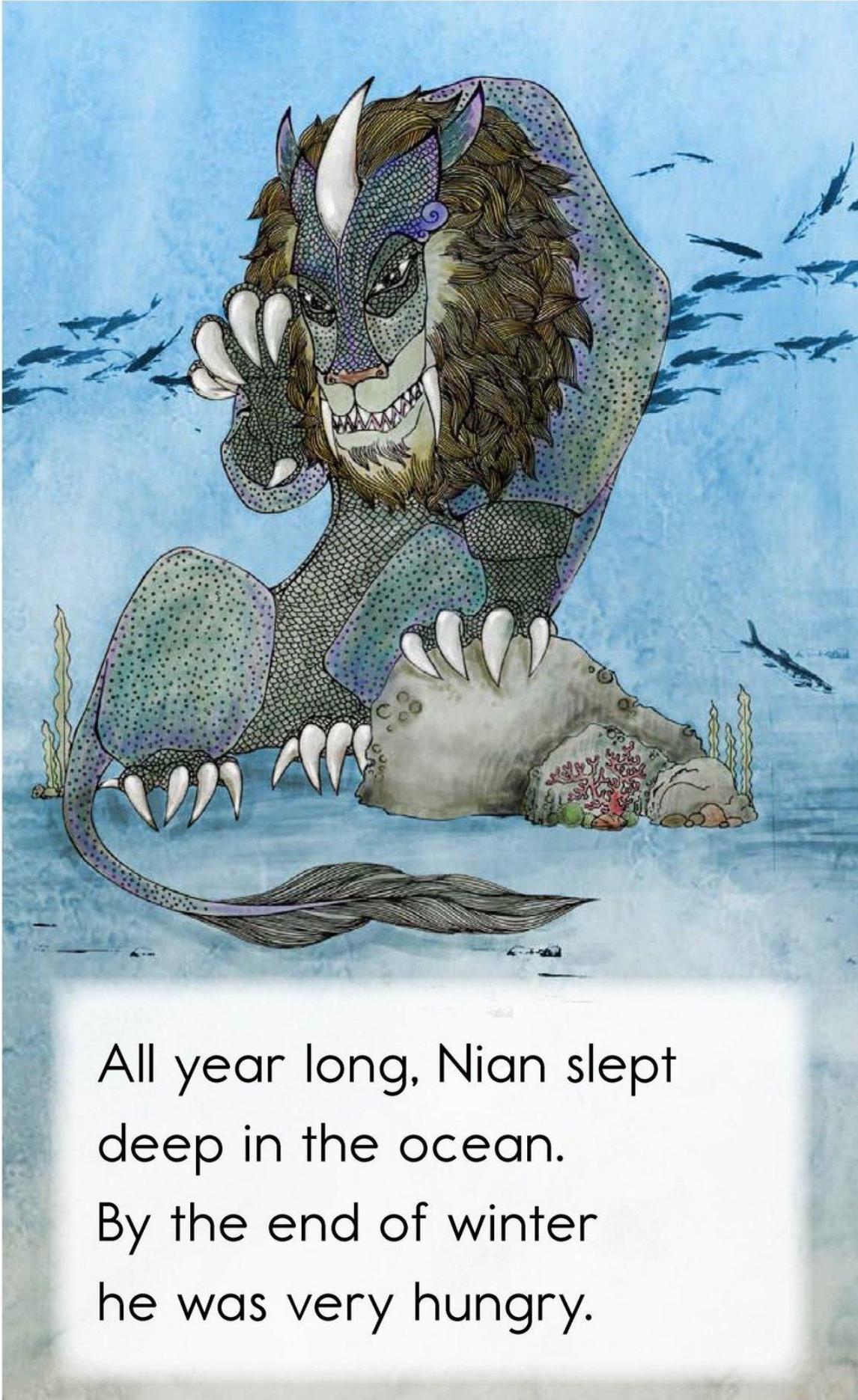
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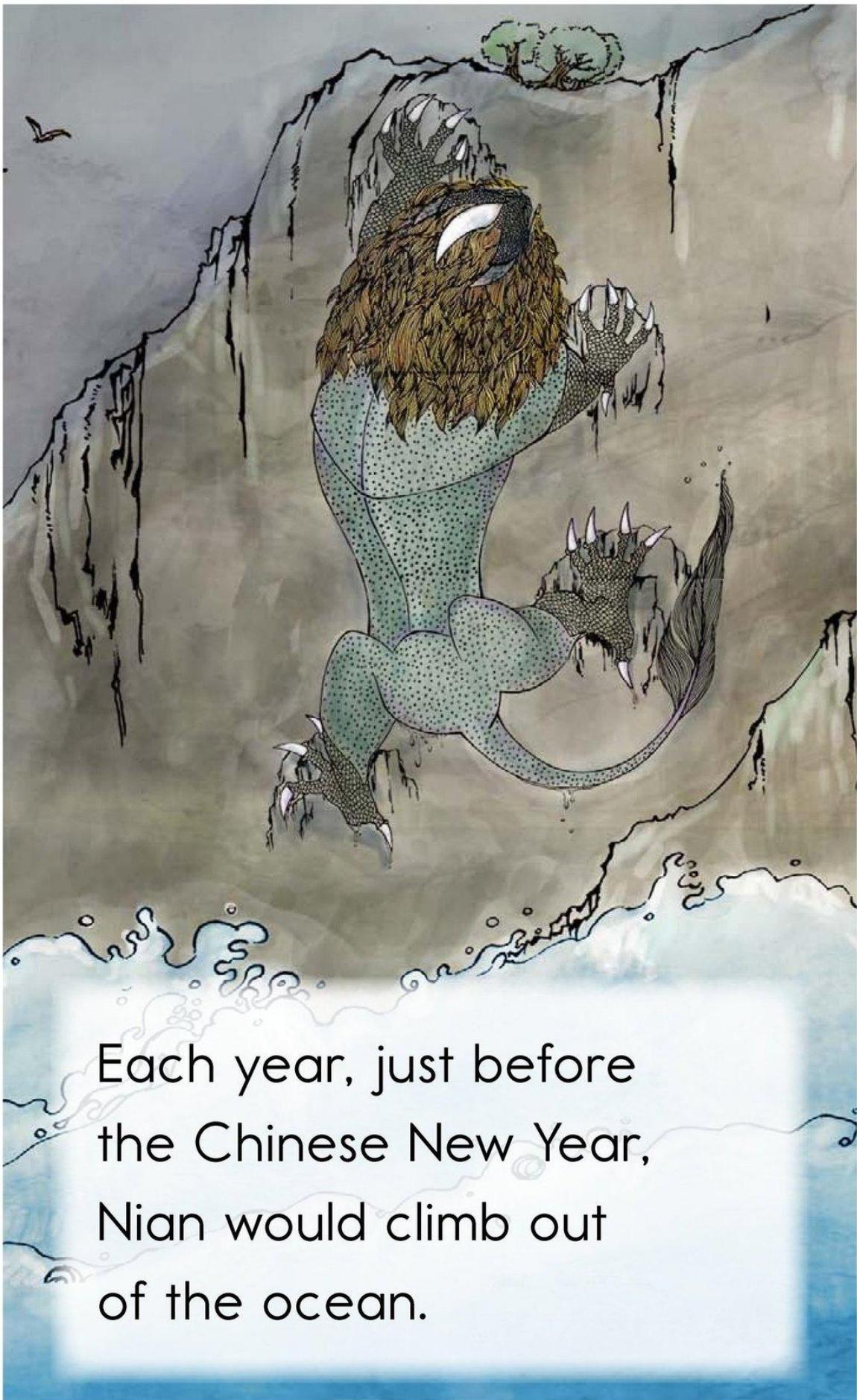
Long ago in China,  
people were afraid  
of Nian, the dragon beast.



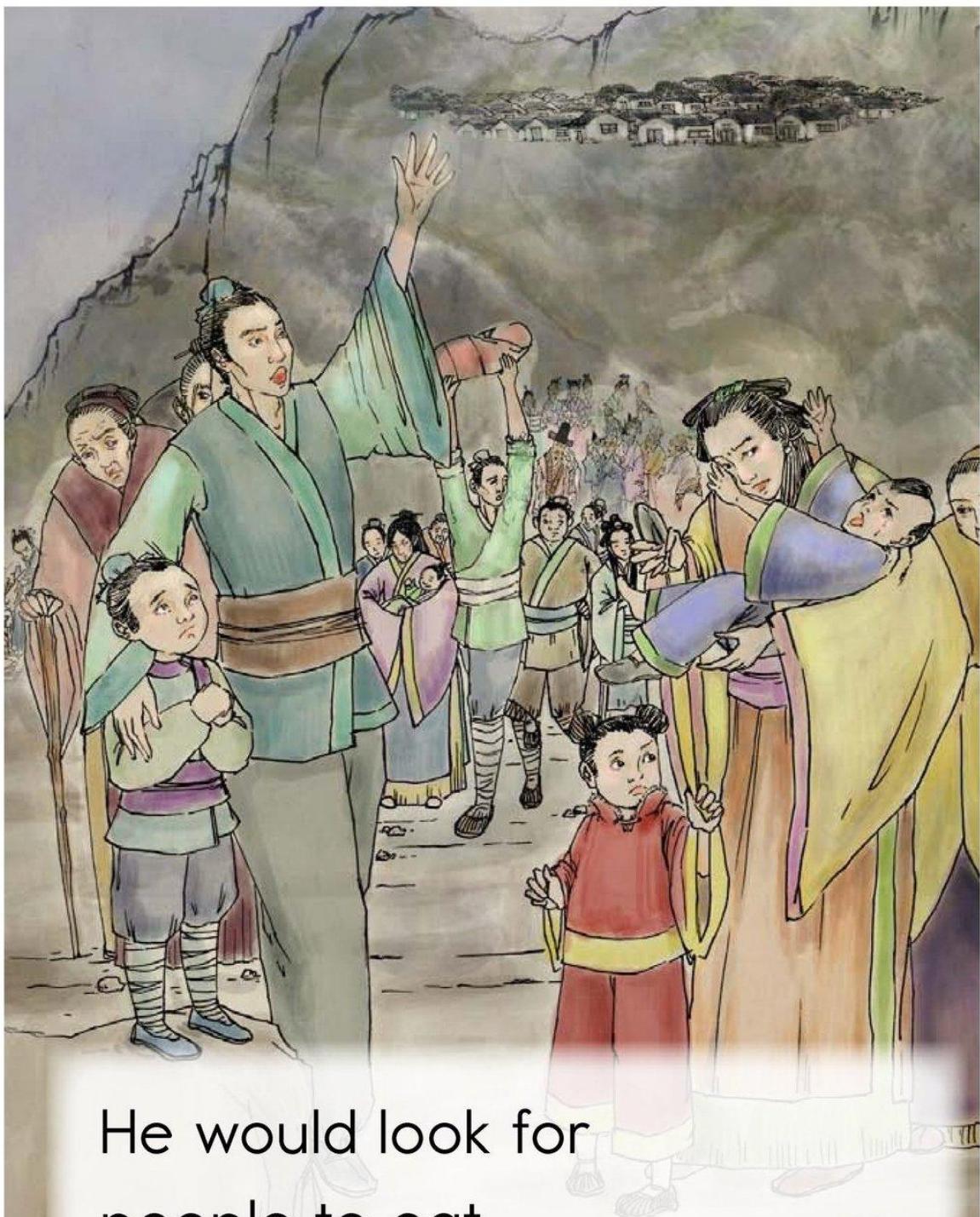
Nian had a sharp horn  
and a huge mouth.  
He could eat five people  
in one big bite!  
*Glump!*



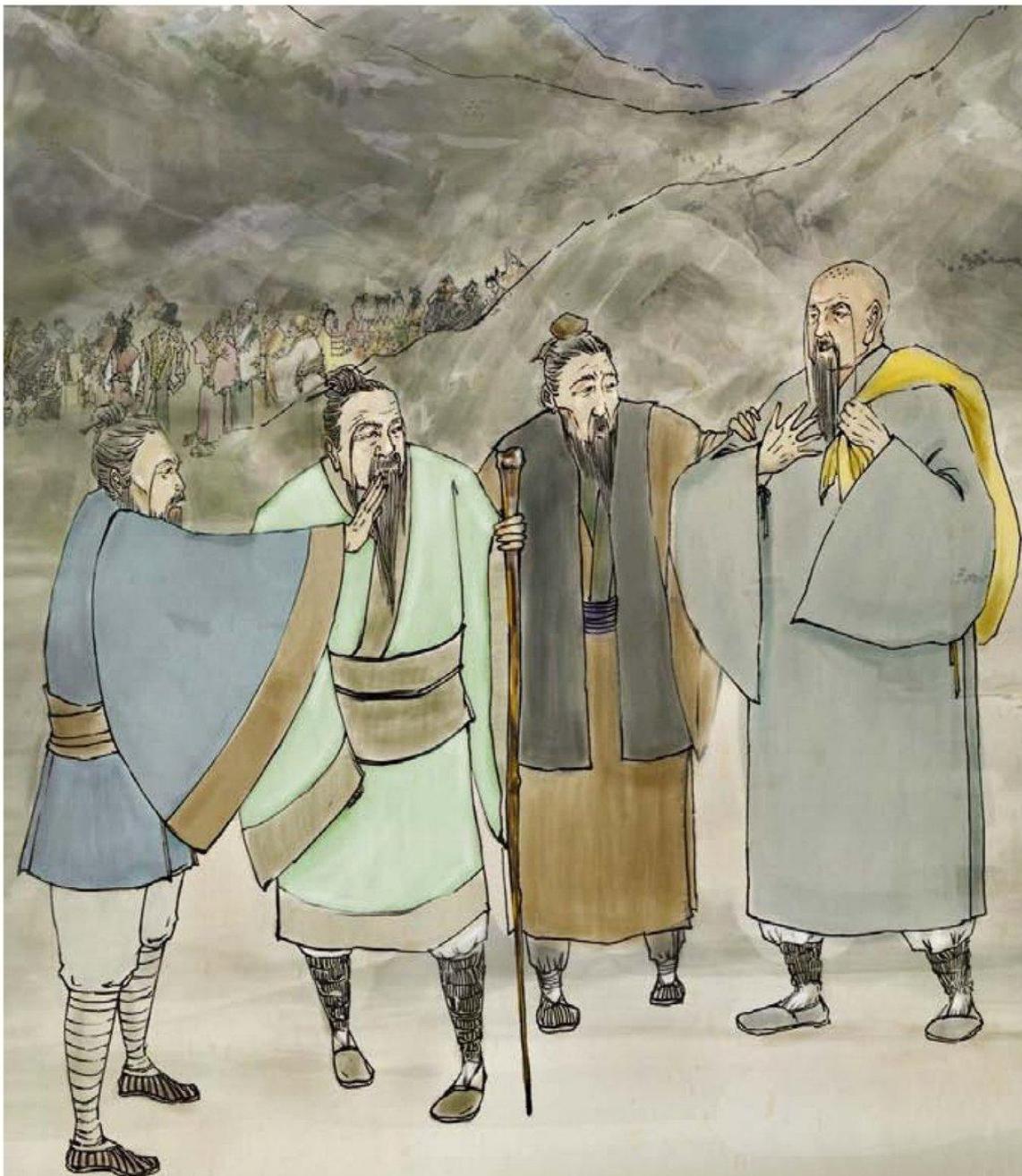
All year long, Nian slept  
deep in the ocean.  
By the end of winter  
he was very hungry.



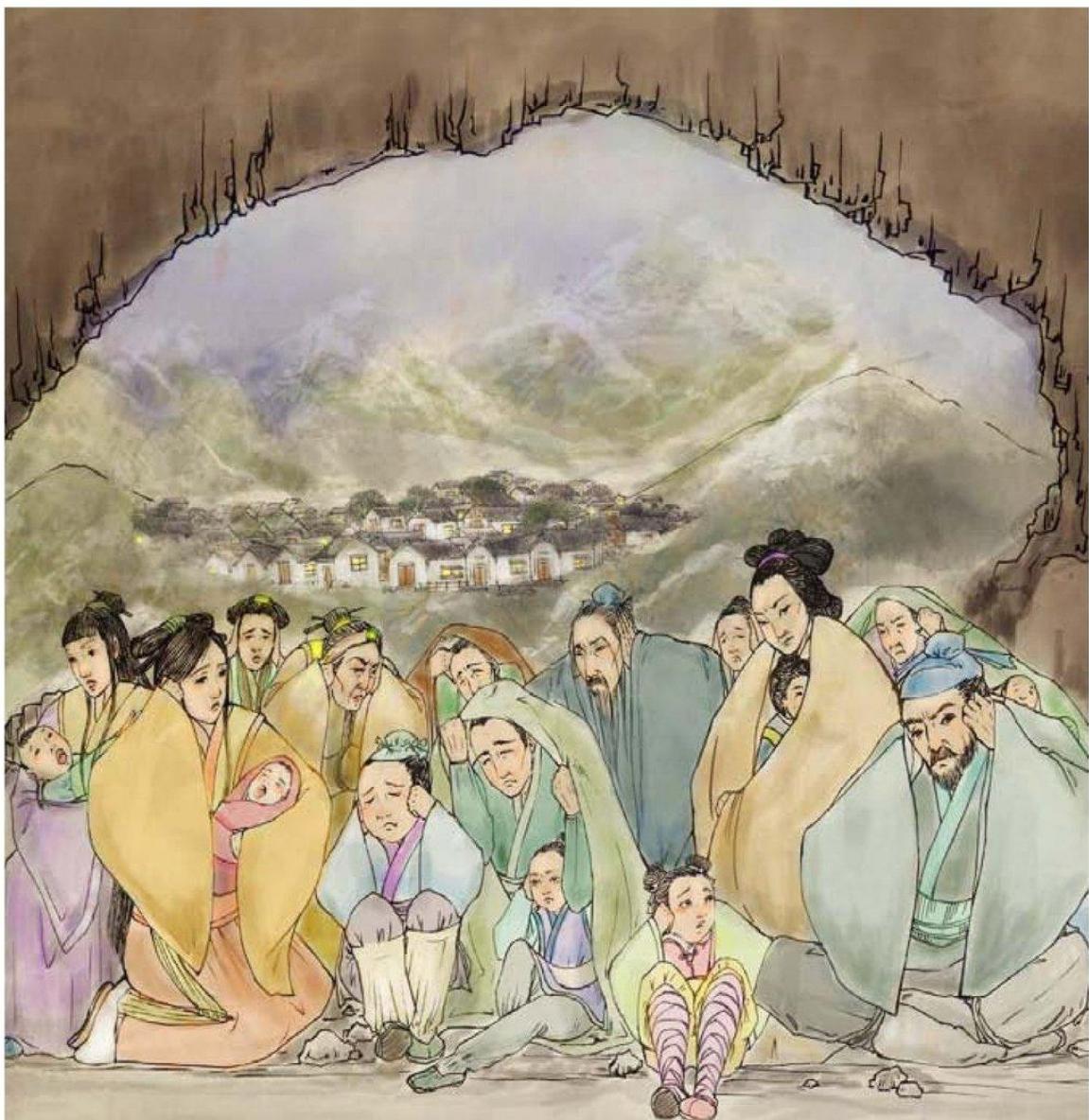
Each year, just before  
the Chinese New Year,  
Nian would climb out  
of the ocean.



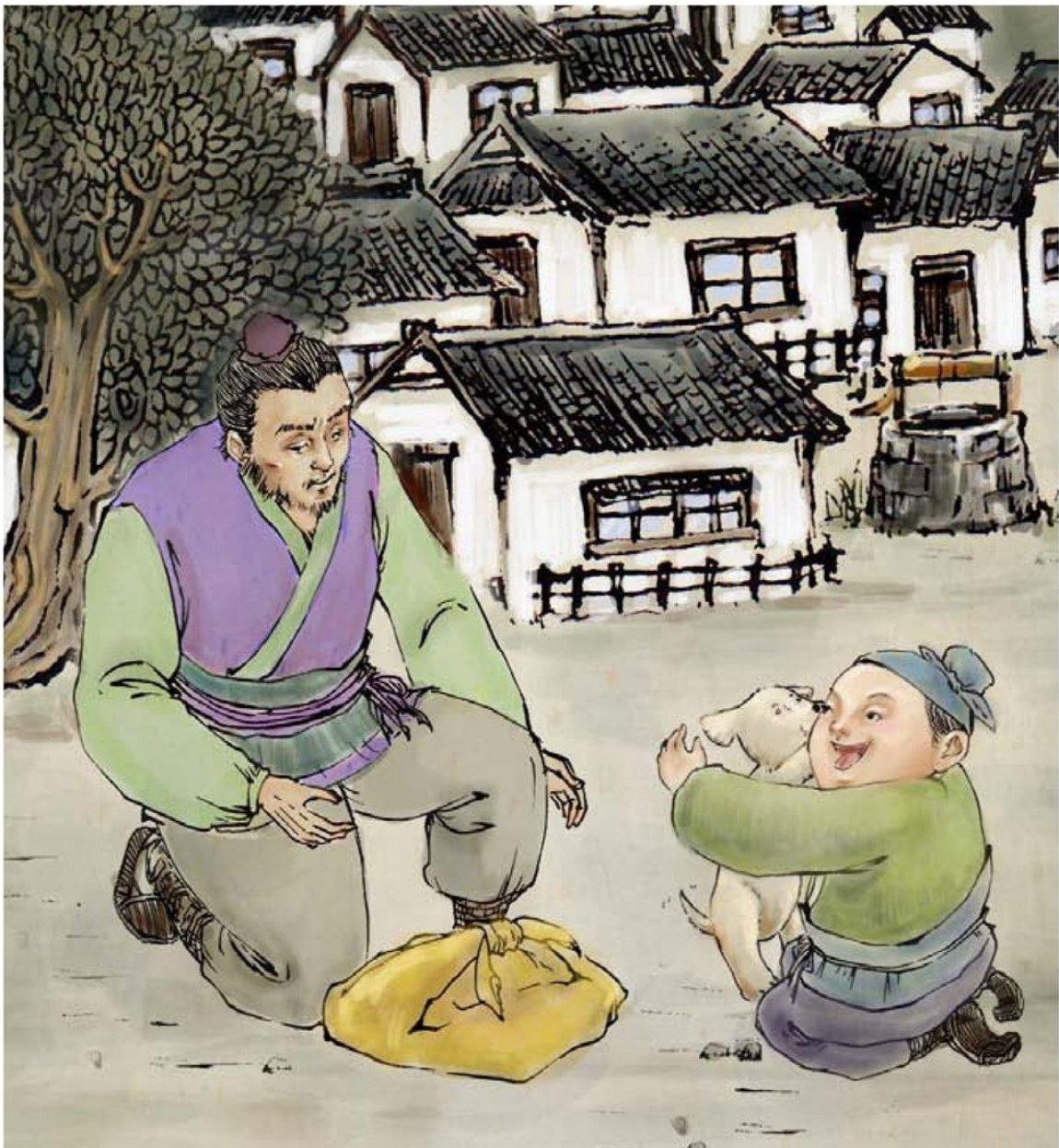
He would look for  
people to eat.  
Nian liked to eat children best.  
People would run away  
and hide in a cave.



One New Year's Eve,  
a very old man came.  
He said he could  
scare away the beast.



No one believed him  
so they hid in the cave.  
That night, people heard  
*boom, bang, and clang.*  
They heard Nian roar.



On New Year's morning,  
the old man was gone.  
Nian was gone, too—and  
he never came back again.



The old man had left  
a bag for them.  
Inside, they found  
red shirts, firecrackers,  
tin pans, and sticks.  
Nian was afraid of noise  
and the color red!



Now, on New Year's Eve,  
people know how to  
keep Nian away.  
They wear bright red,  
light firecrackers, and  
make noise all night long!

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# Bonk's Bad Dream



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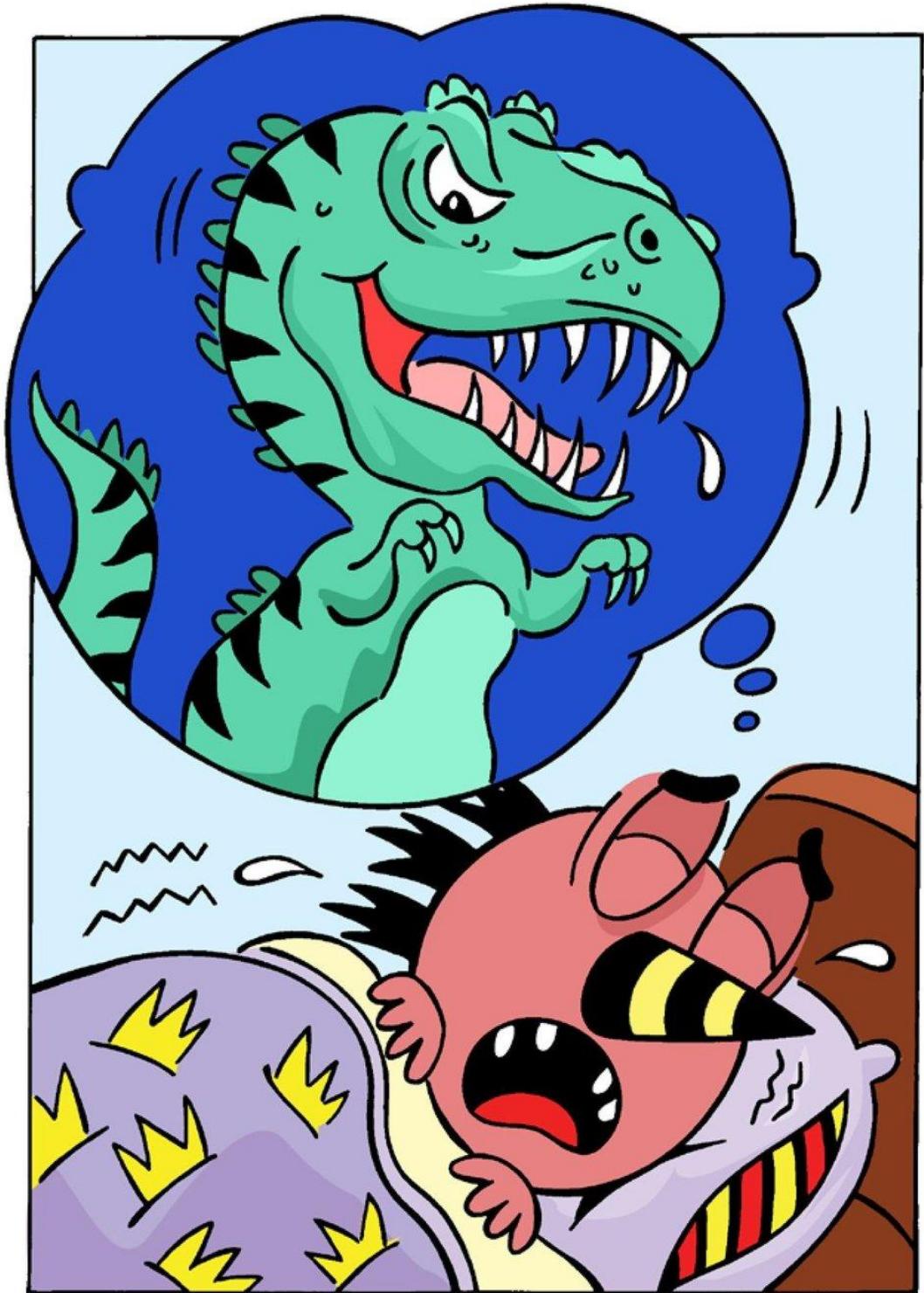
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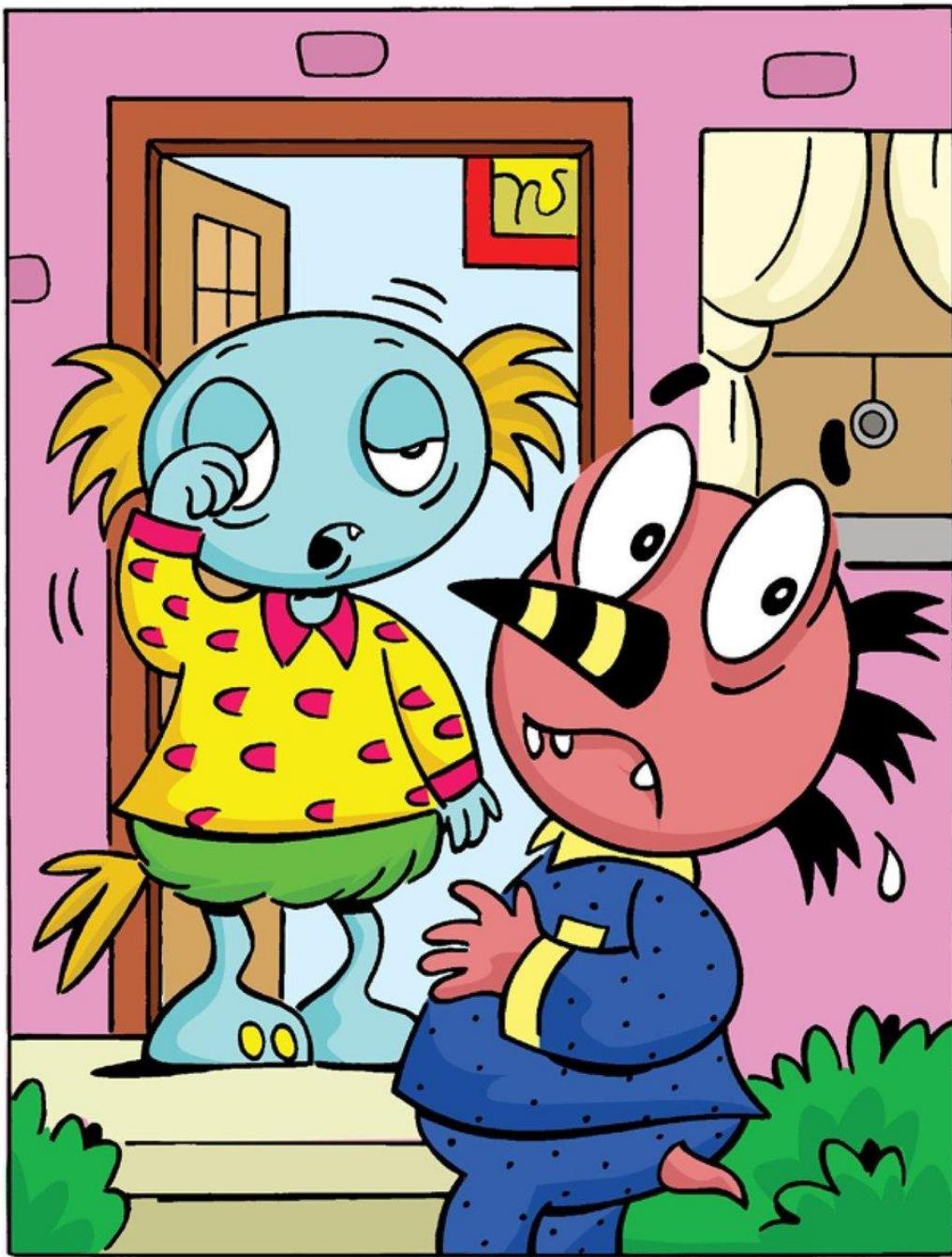
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Bonk gets ready for bed.  
“I hope I have a good  
dream,” he says.



Bonk dreams about a T-Rex  
with long, sharp teeth.  
Bonk wakes up shaking.



Bonk goes over to Snag's house.

"It is the middle of the night," says Snag.



“I had a bad dream about  
a T-Rex,” says Bonk.

“That’s too bad,” says Snag.  
Bonk and Snag play checkers.



Soon, Bonk is yawning.  
Snag makes a bed for Bonk.



Bonk dreams about T-Rex again.  
This time, T-Rex is under  
Snag's bed.  
The T-Rex reaches for Bonk.  
Bonk wakes up Snag.  
“I had another bad dream,”  
Bonk says.



“Did you watch a scary T-Rex movie?” asks Snag.

Bonk nods yes.

“I have an idea,” says Snag.



Bonk and Snag watch  
a happy T-Rex movie.  
“This is silly,” says Bonk.  
“T-Rex does not pick daisies.”



The next day, Bonk and Snag go to the toy store.

Snag buys Bonk a stuffed T-Rex.

“This T-Rex isn’t scary,” says Snag.

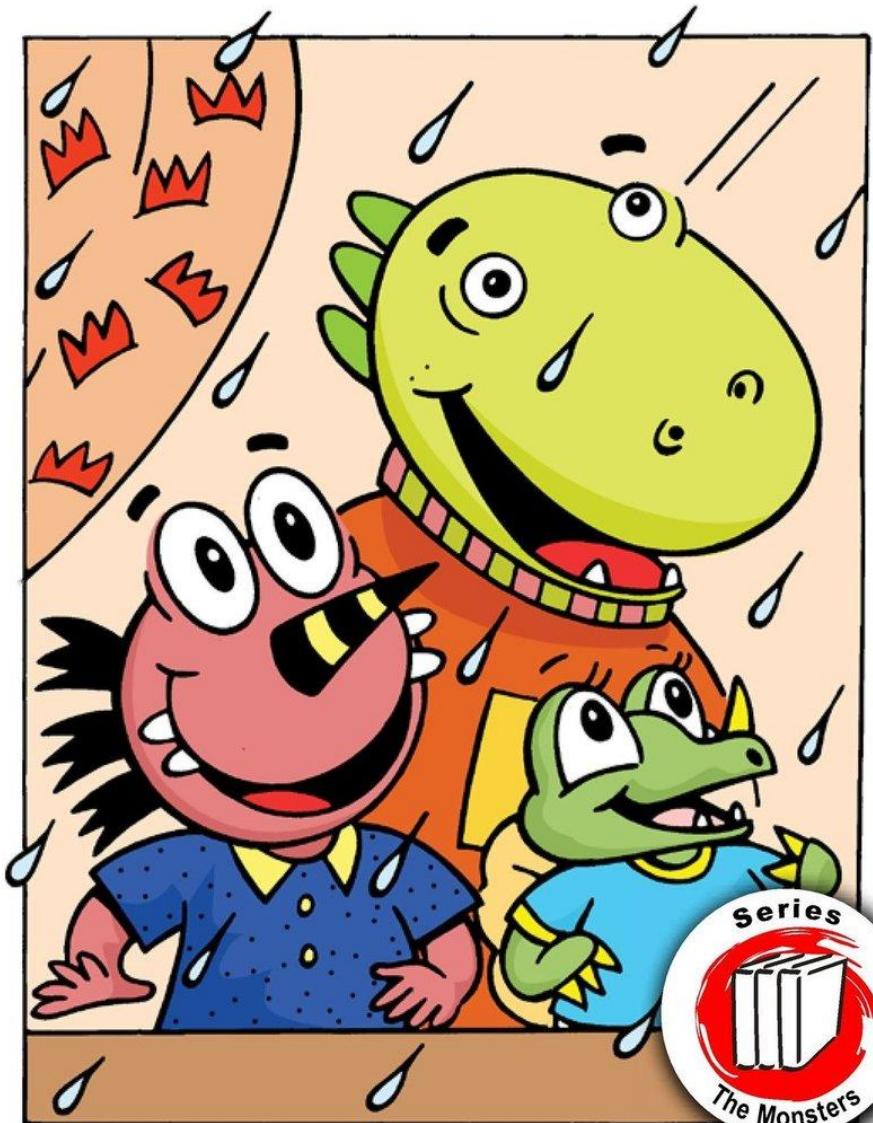


That night, Bonk hugs his new  
T-Rex tight.

He falls asleep thinking about  
a happy T-Rex picking daisies.  
Bonk has sweet dreams  
all night long!

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It is a stormy day, and the  
monsters are playing inside.  
First, Bonk, Lurk, and Uzzle  
pretend they are cowboys.



Next, they pretend to work  
in a circus.



Then, they pretend to race cars around an oval track.



“My room is a mess,” says Bonk.  
“Let’s play quietly for a while.”



“Watching the rain is quiet,”  
says Uzzle.

The monsters watch the  
storm out the window.



“Some monsters sing  
while it rains,” says Lurk.  
“I will sing for you.”



Lurk sings a song  
in his loudest voice.  
Bonk and Uzzle  
cover their ears.



Then, Bonk has an idea.  
“I know what we can do!”  
says Bonk.  
“Let’s make shadow puppets!”



Uzzle finds a bright flashlight.  
Lurk covers two chairs  
with a white sheet.  
“We need one more thing,”  
says Bonk.



“Do you need me to sing?”  
asks Lurk.

“No, not that,” says Bonk.  
Just then, lightning flashes  
outside.



Thunder rattles the house.  
The lights go off,  
and the room is dark.  
“Perfect!” says Bonk.



Uzzle turns on the flashlight.  
It lights up the dark room.



Then, Bonk holds his hands  
in front of the light  
to make shapes.



“Shadow puppets!” says Uzzle.  
“Just right for a stormy day,”  
says Bonk.