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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.

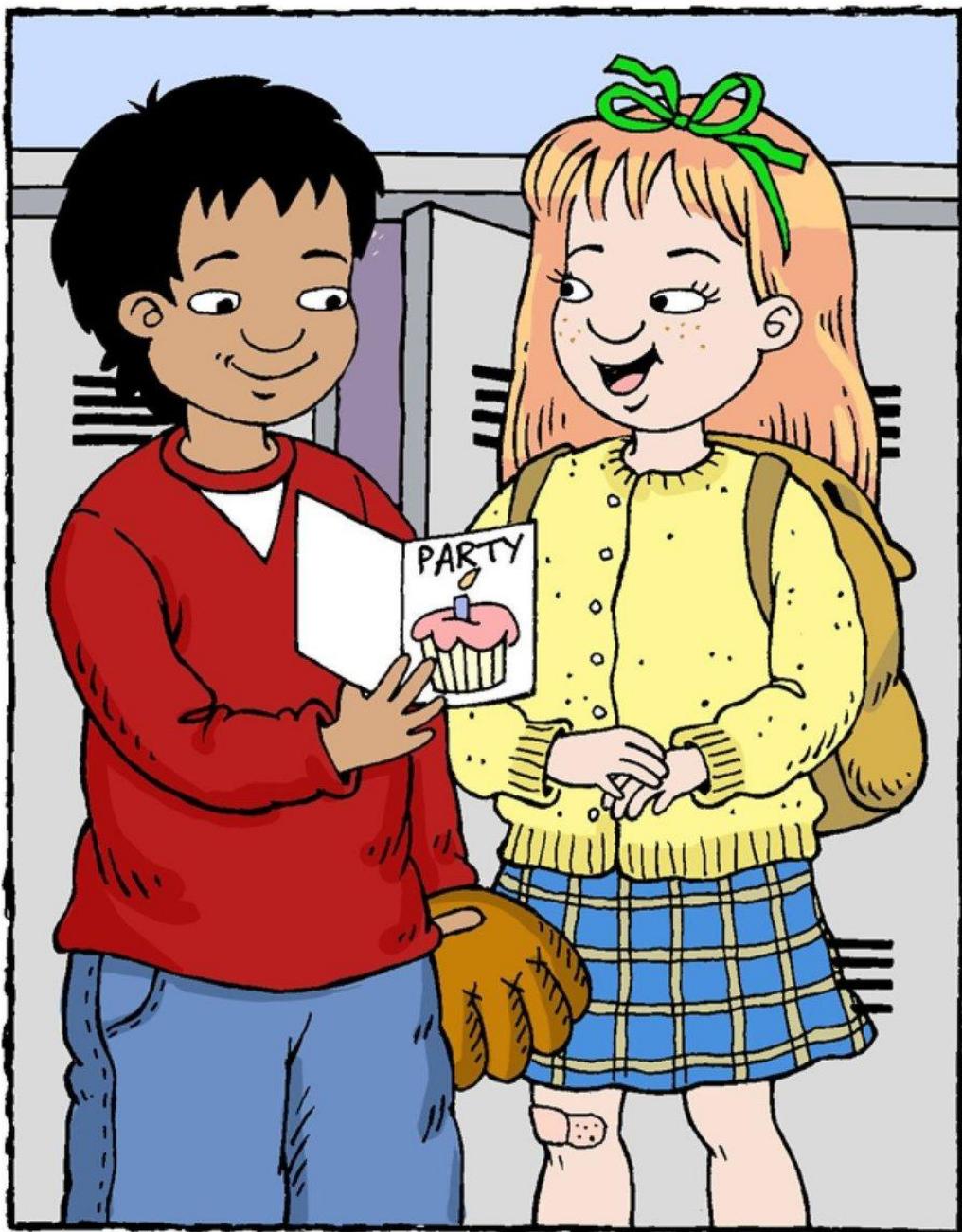


"Playing sports can help
you make new friends,"
says the coach.

"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.



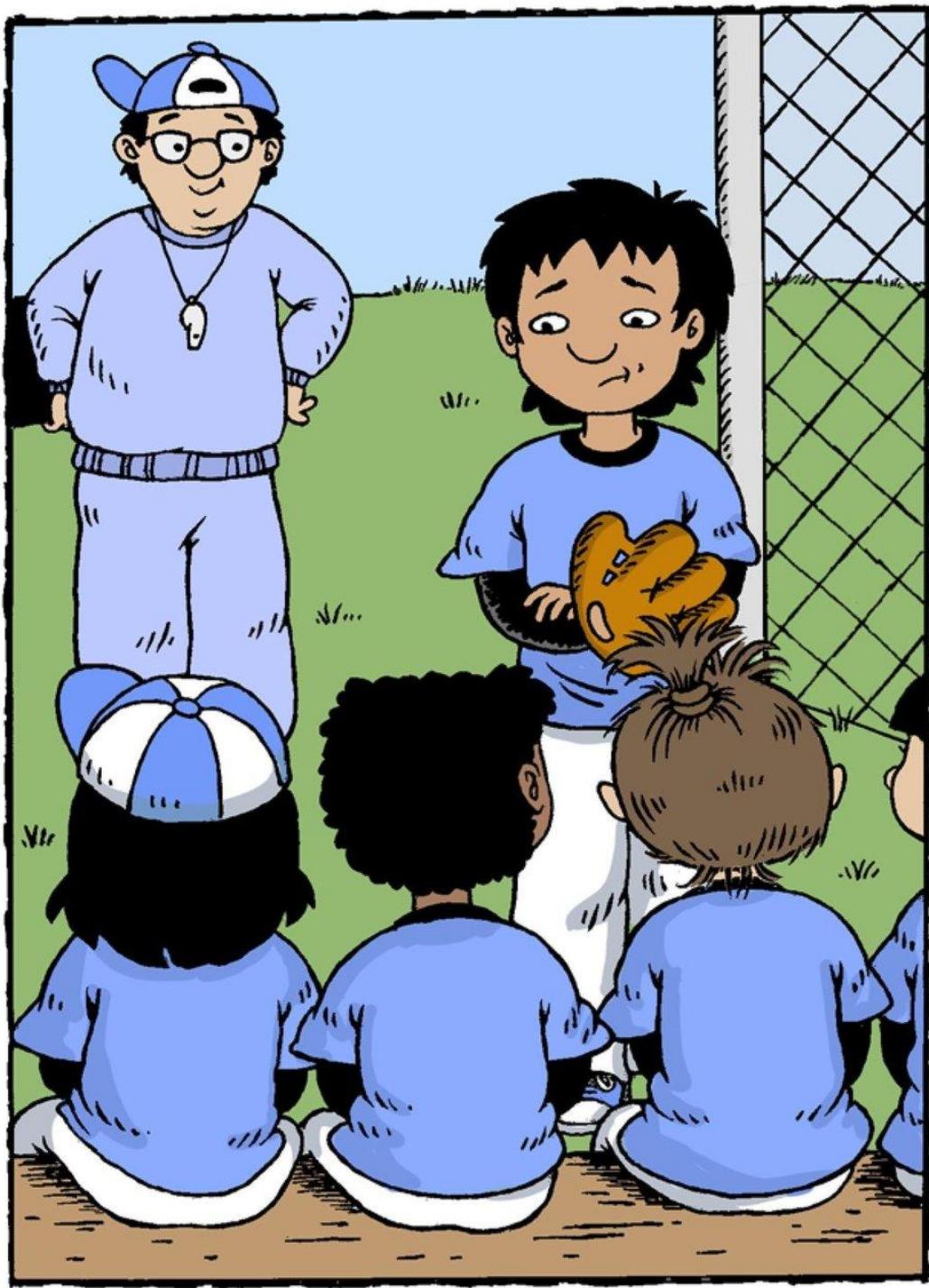
At school, a girl named Becky gives Carlos a card. The card asks him to come to her birthday party.



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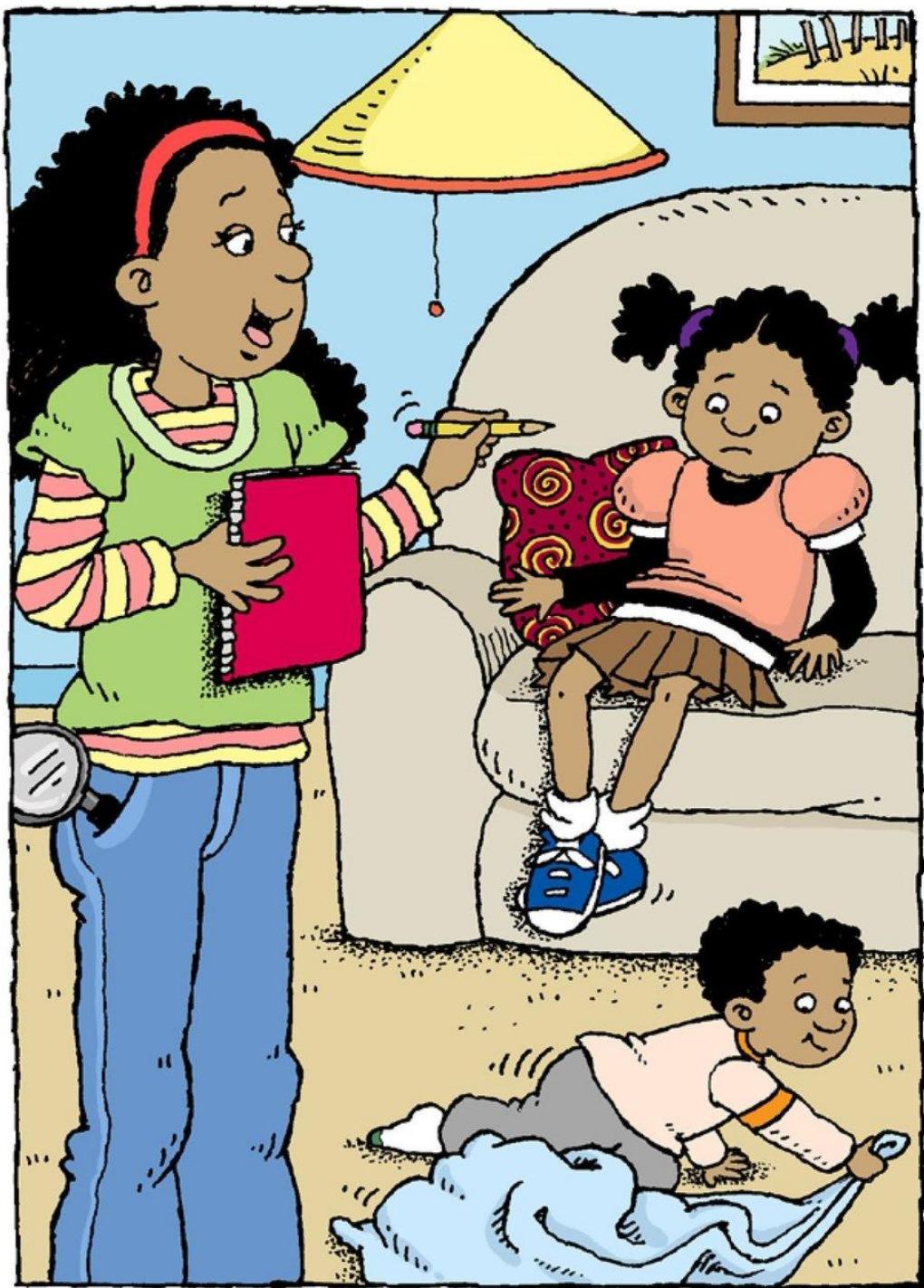
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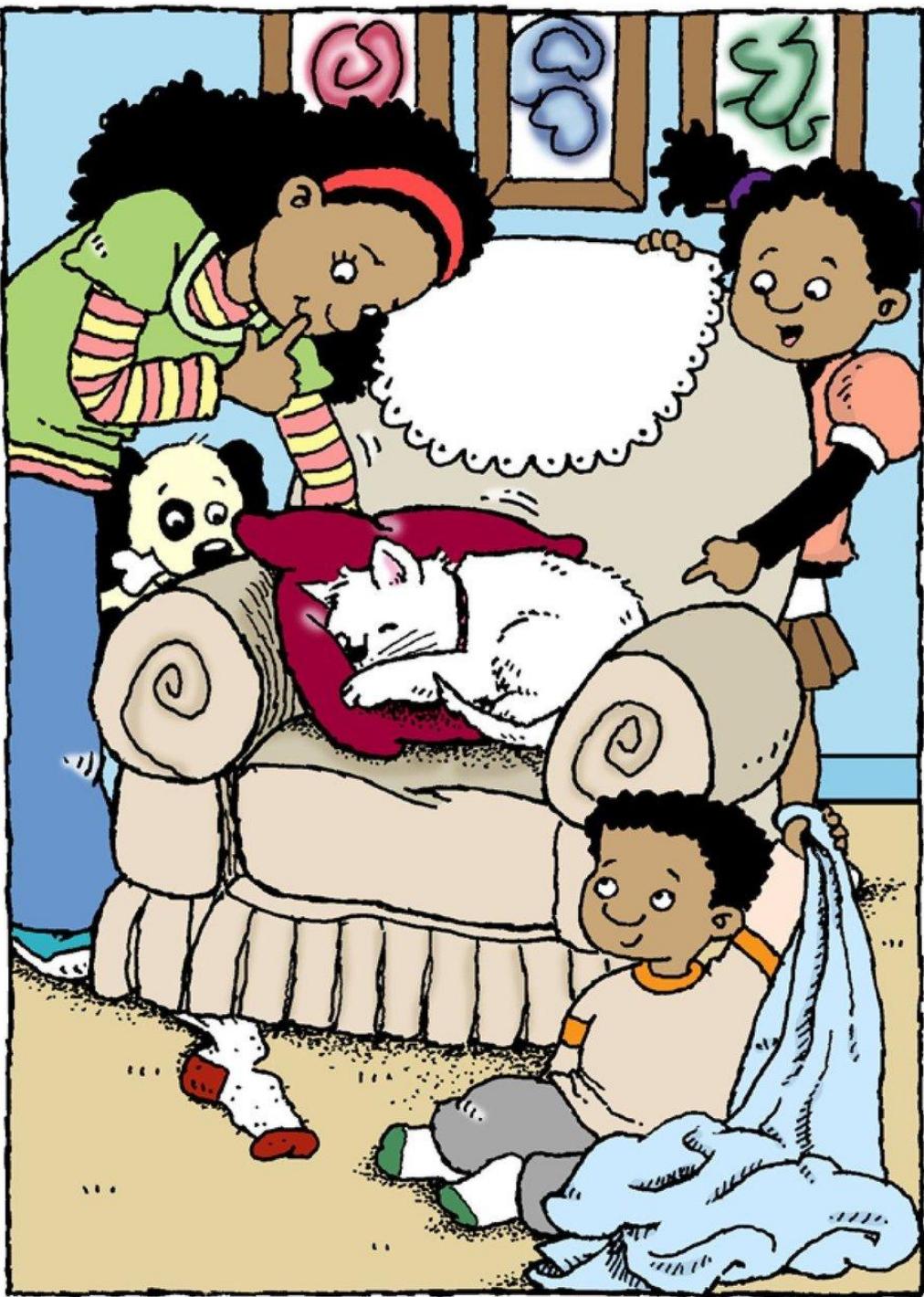
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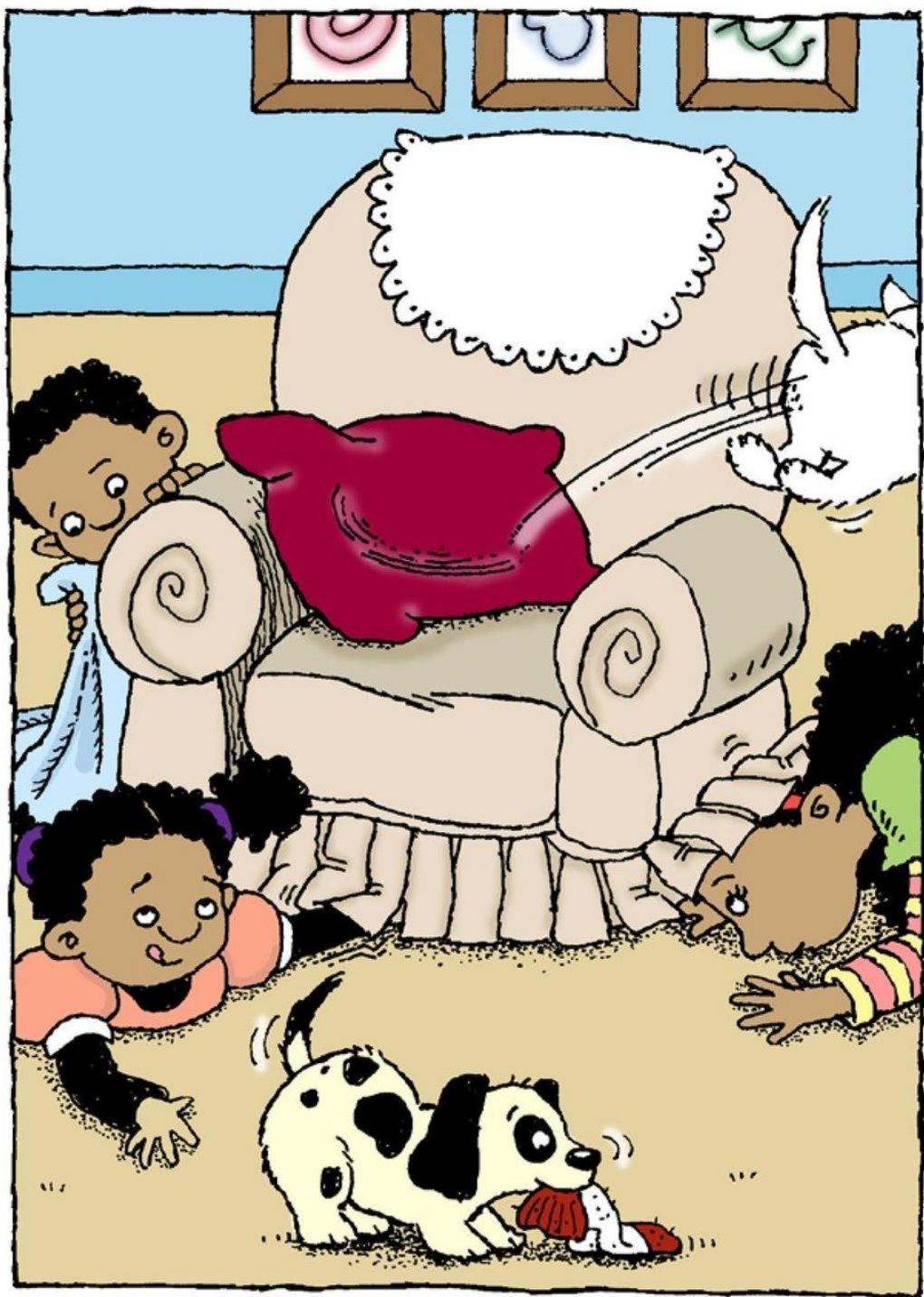
My name is Beanie.
I am a detective.
That means I solve mysteries.



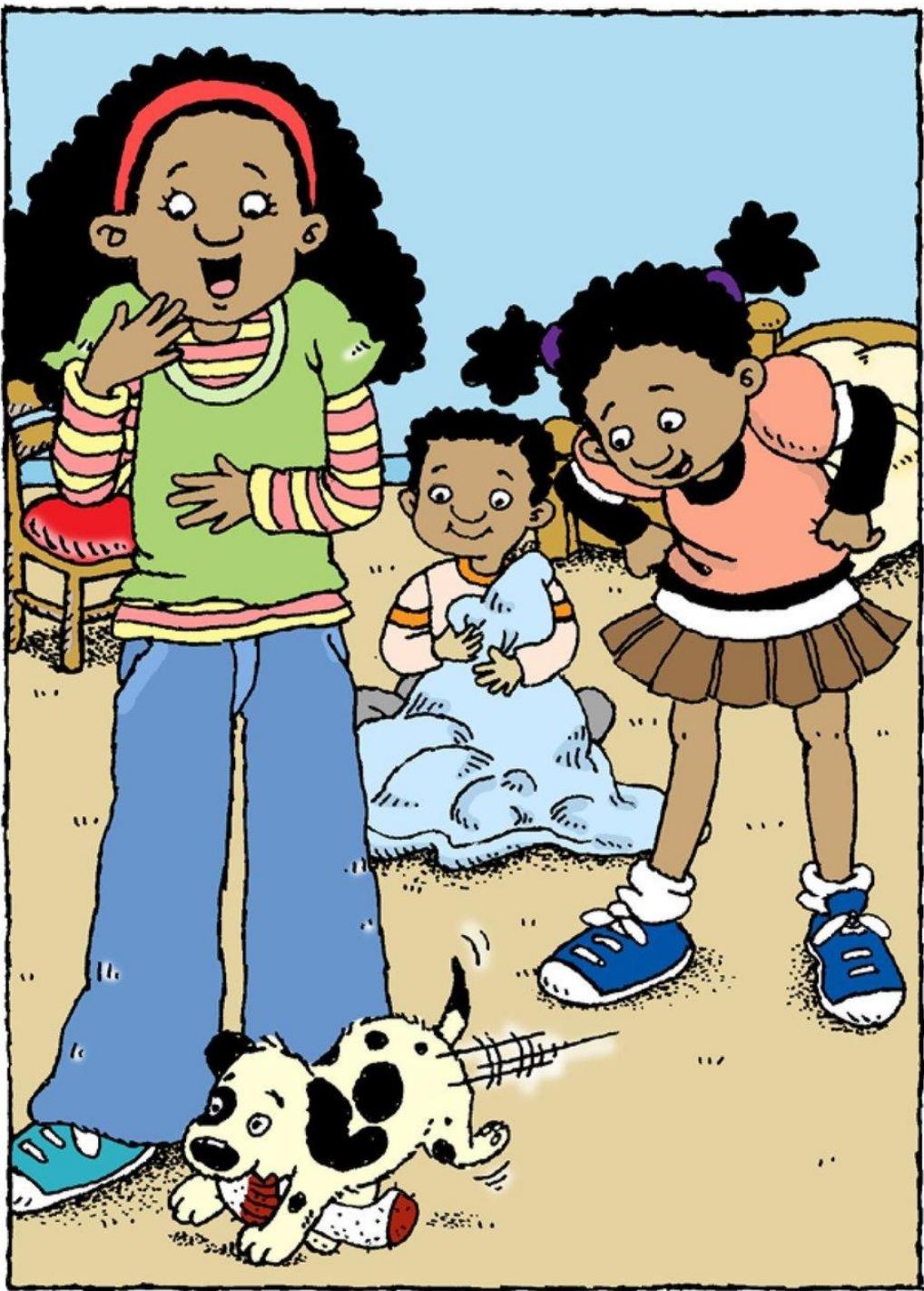
I have my first mystery to solve.
My sister Clare can't find her
bear.



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.



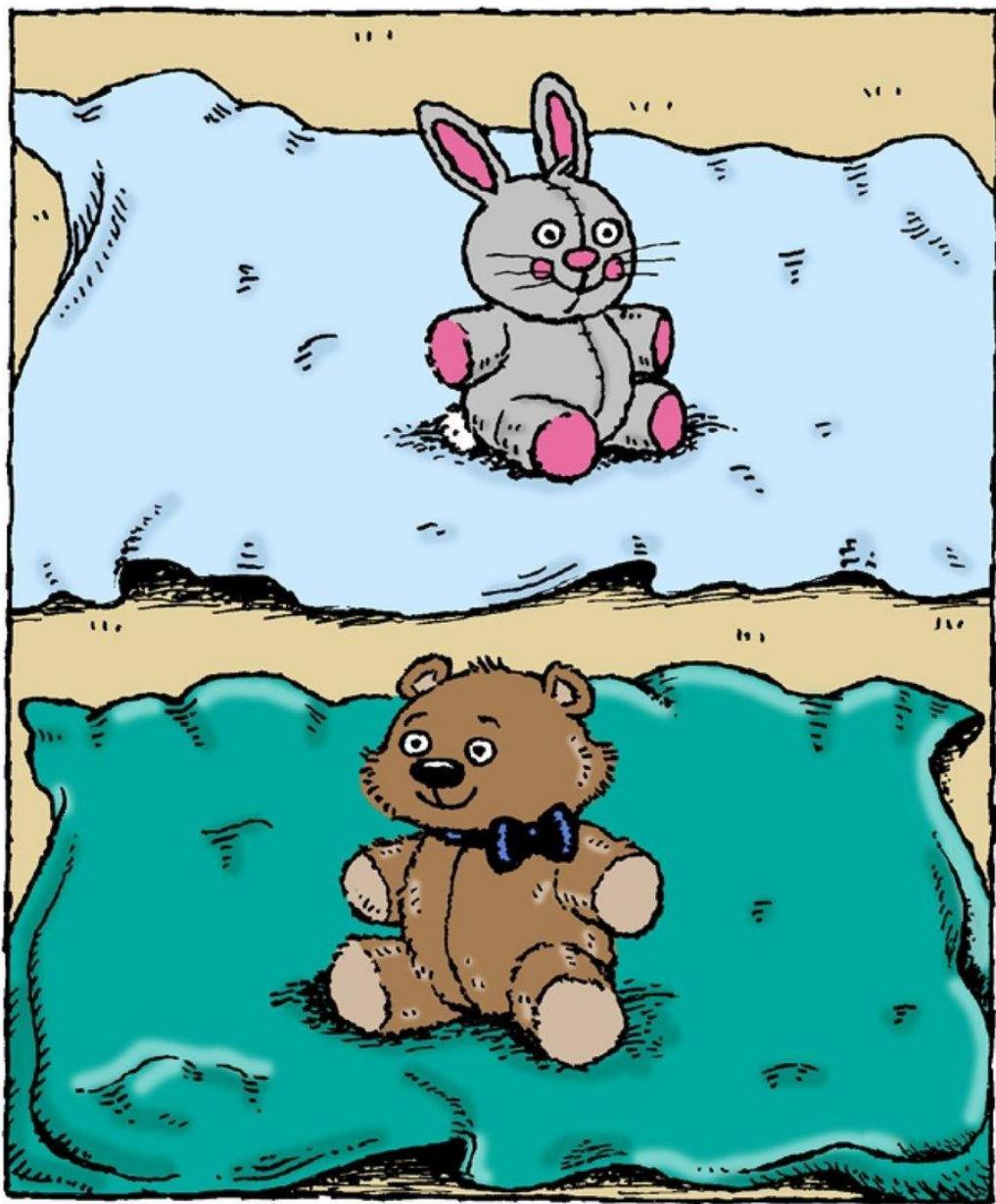
I give Danny his rabbit.
He puts it in a new blanket.
What about Danny's old
blanket?



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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Grow Tomatoes in Six Steps



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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.

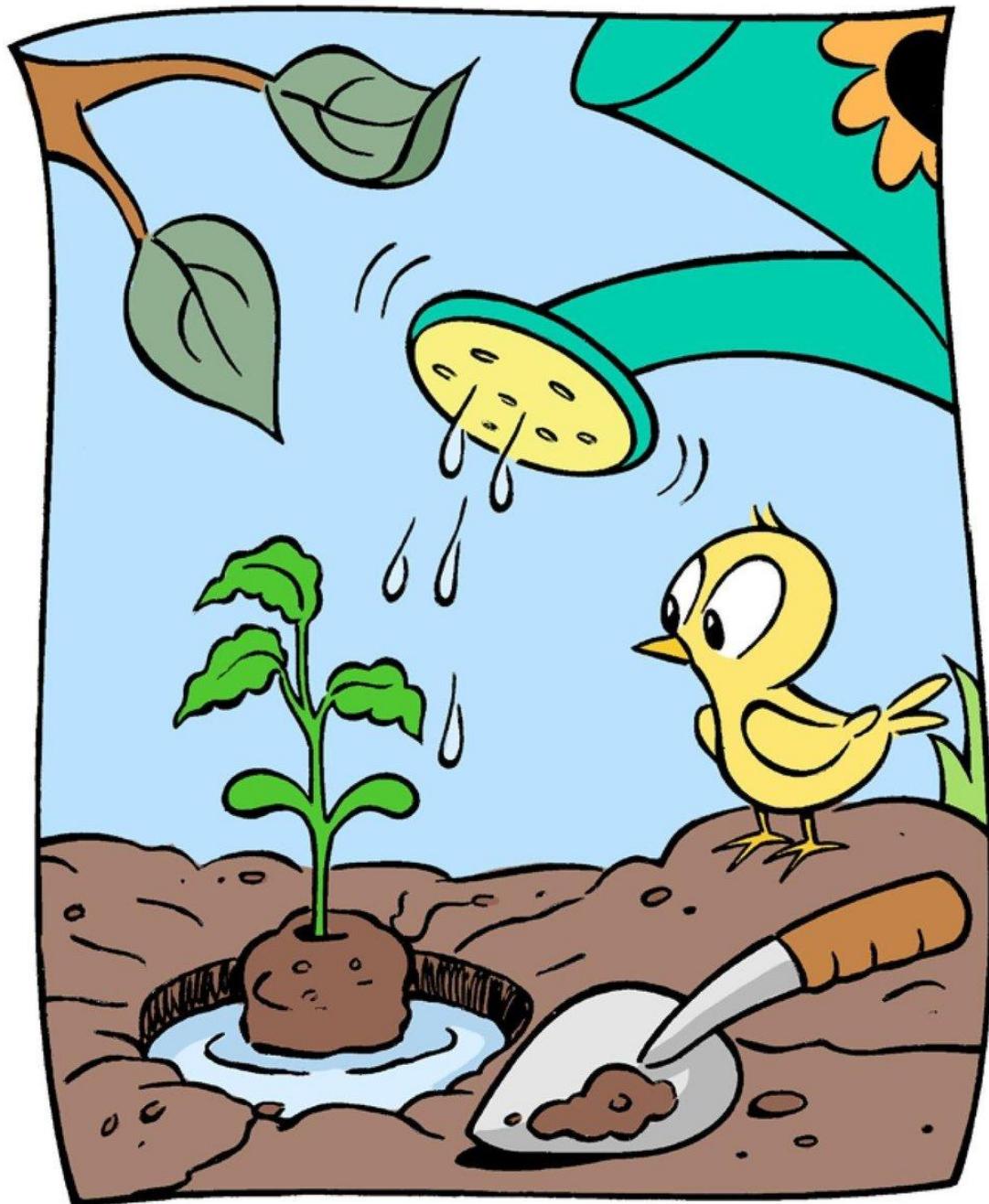


Step 4: Time to Transplant

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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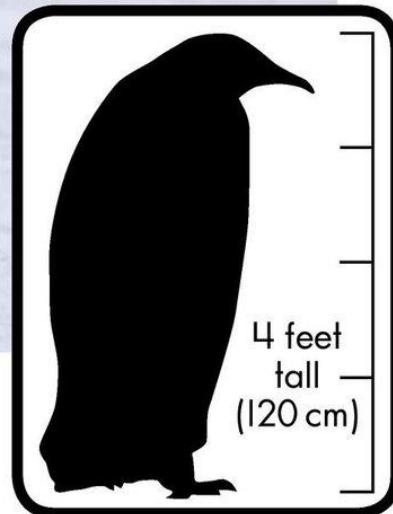
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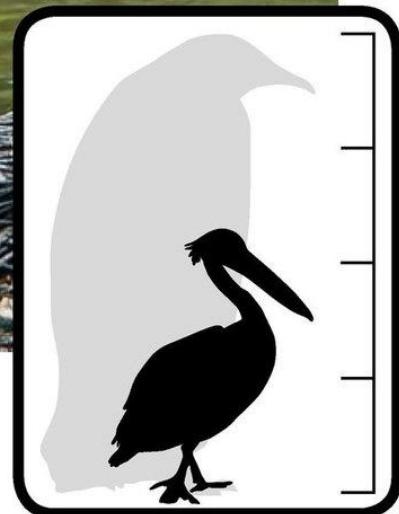
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All birds have feathers,
and all birds have beaks.
But all birds are different, too.



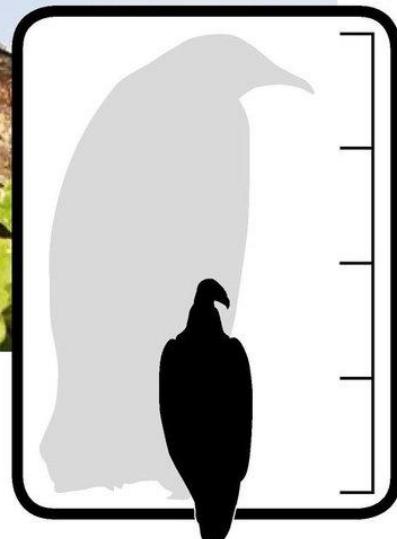
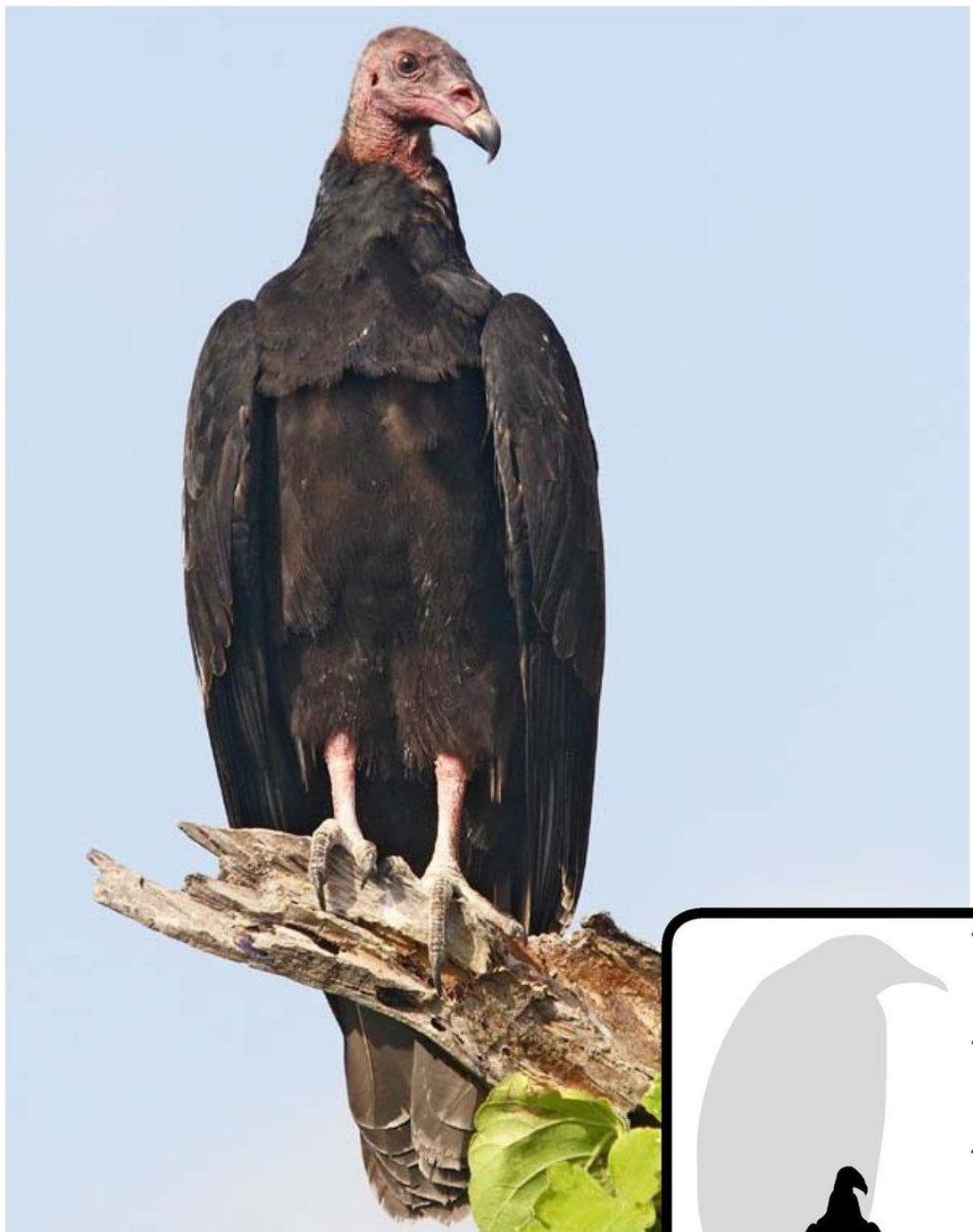
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Its beak is long and sharp,
and its feathers are black
and white.

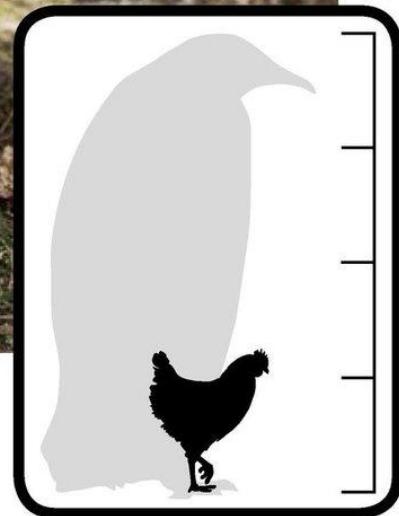
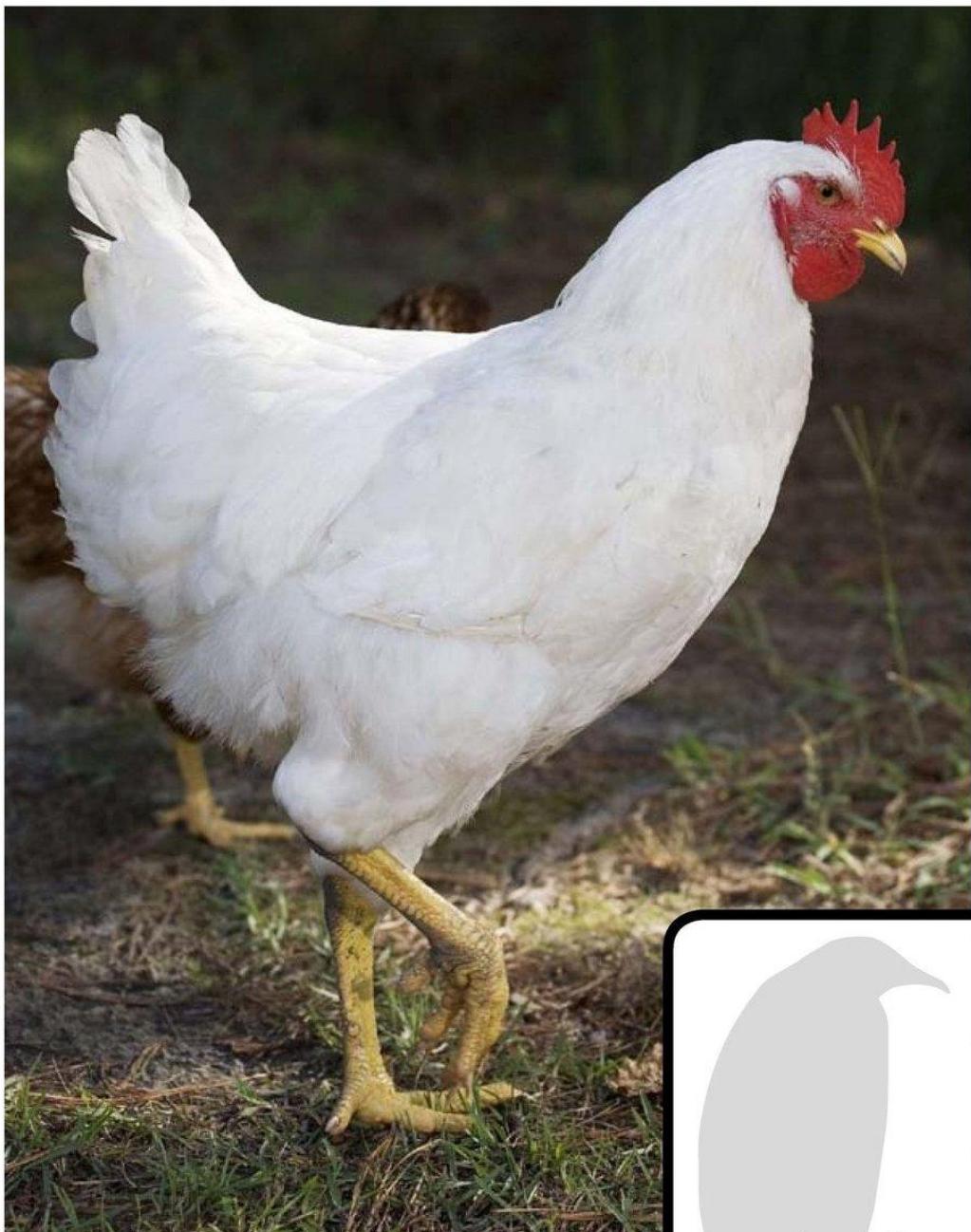
It is an emperor penguin.



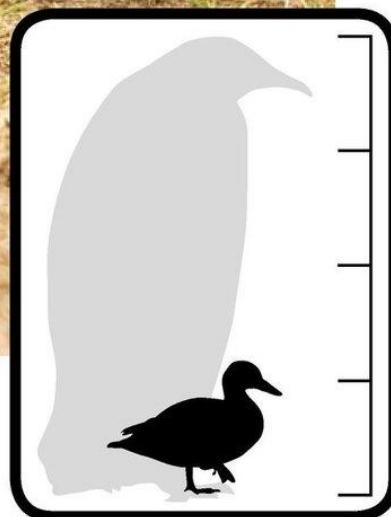
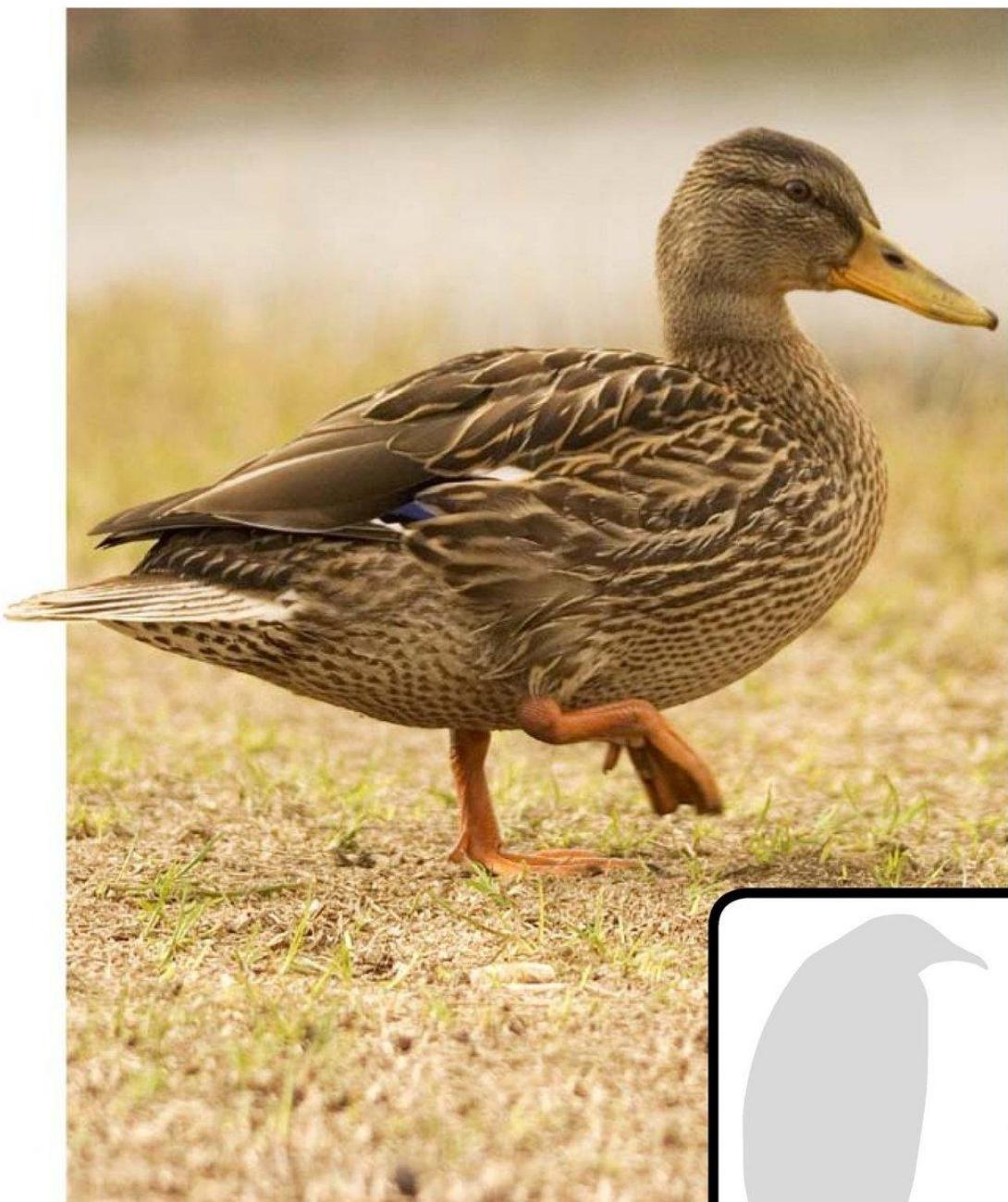
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Its beak is long and hooked,
and its feathers are white.
It is a pelican.



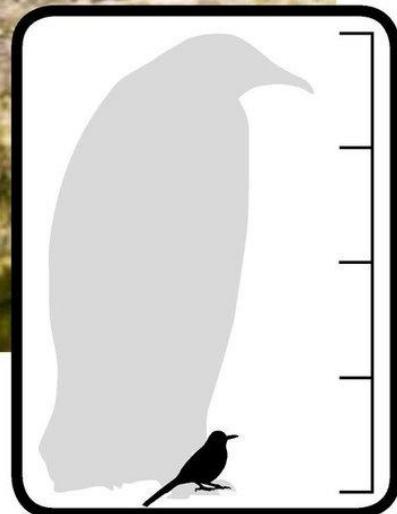
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Its beak is sharp and hooked,
and its feathers are black.
It is a turkey vulture.



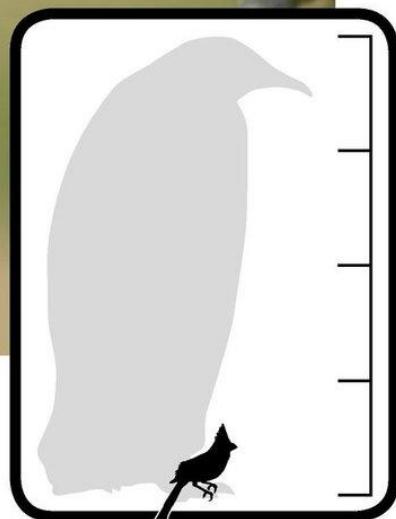
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Its beak is short and sharp,
and its feathers are white.
It is a chicken.



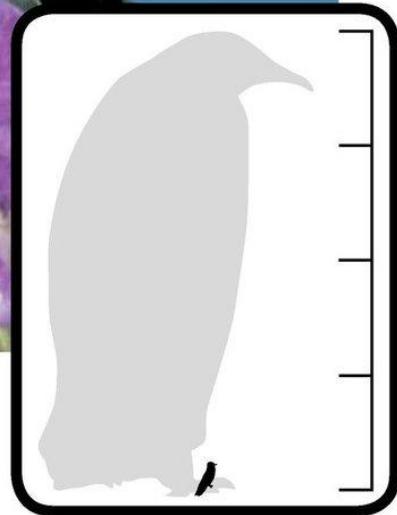
This is a bird.
Its beak is long and flat,
and its feathers are brown.
It is a mallard duck.



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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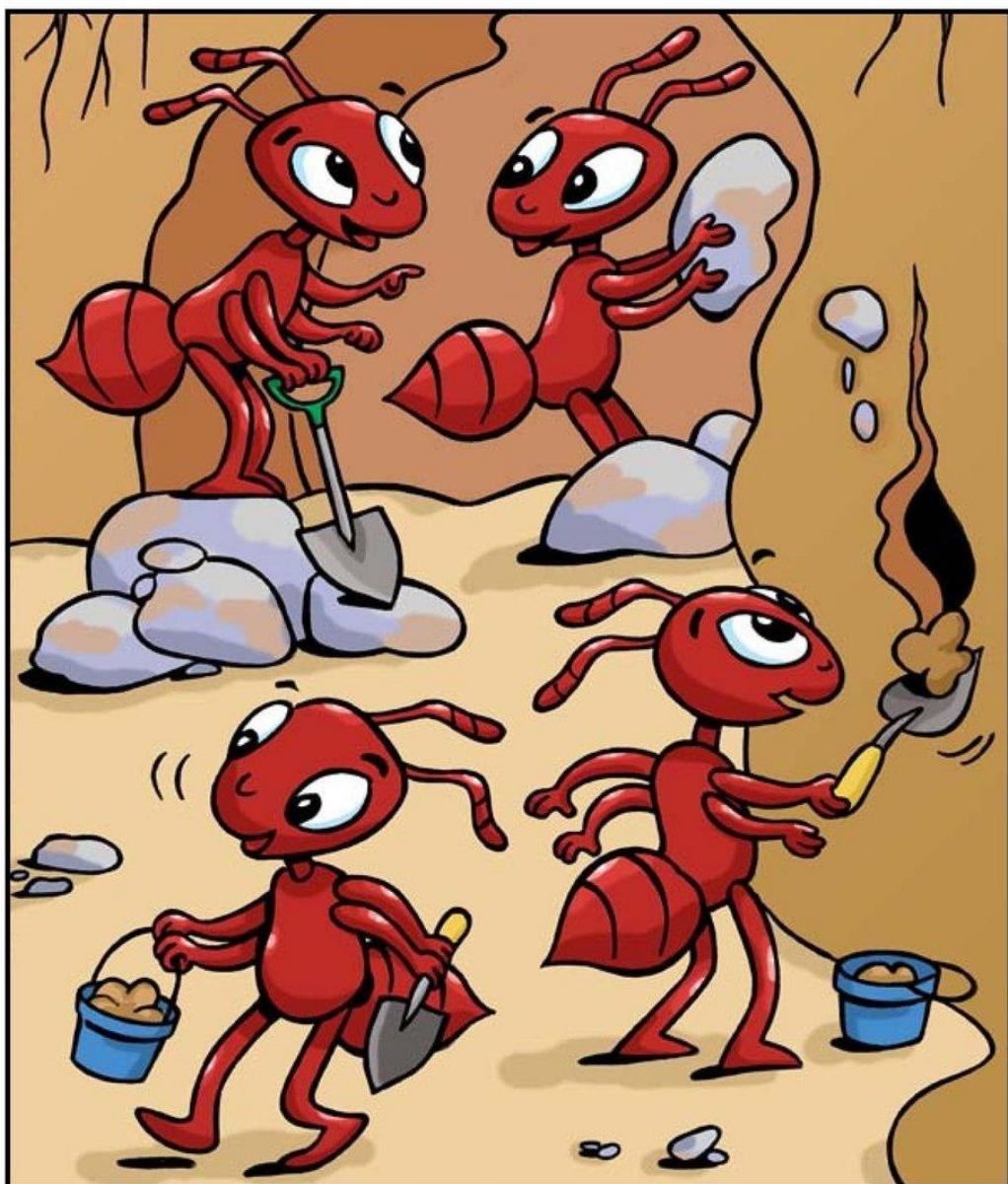
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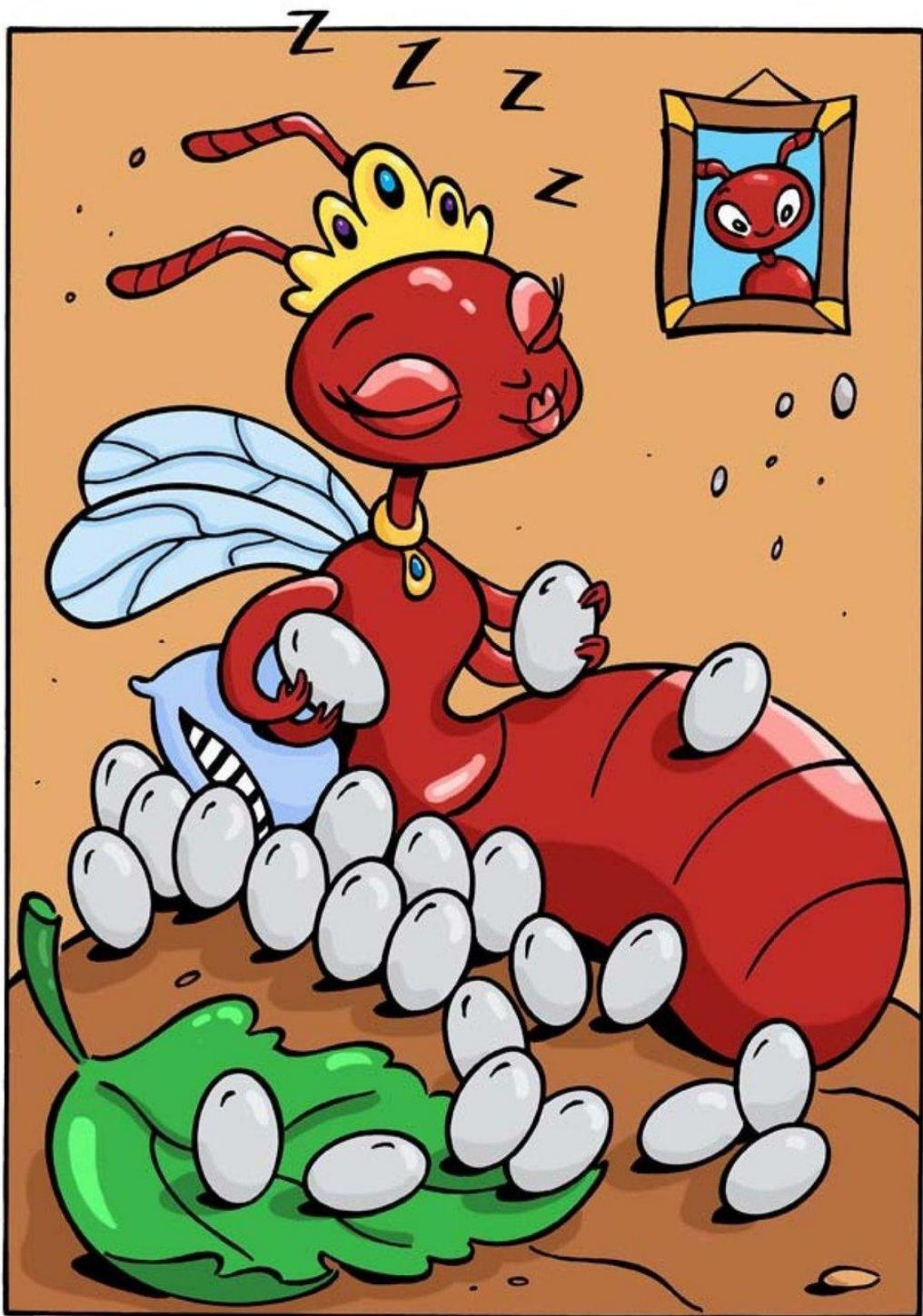
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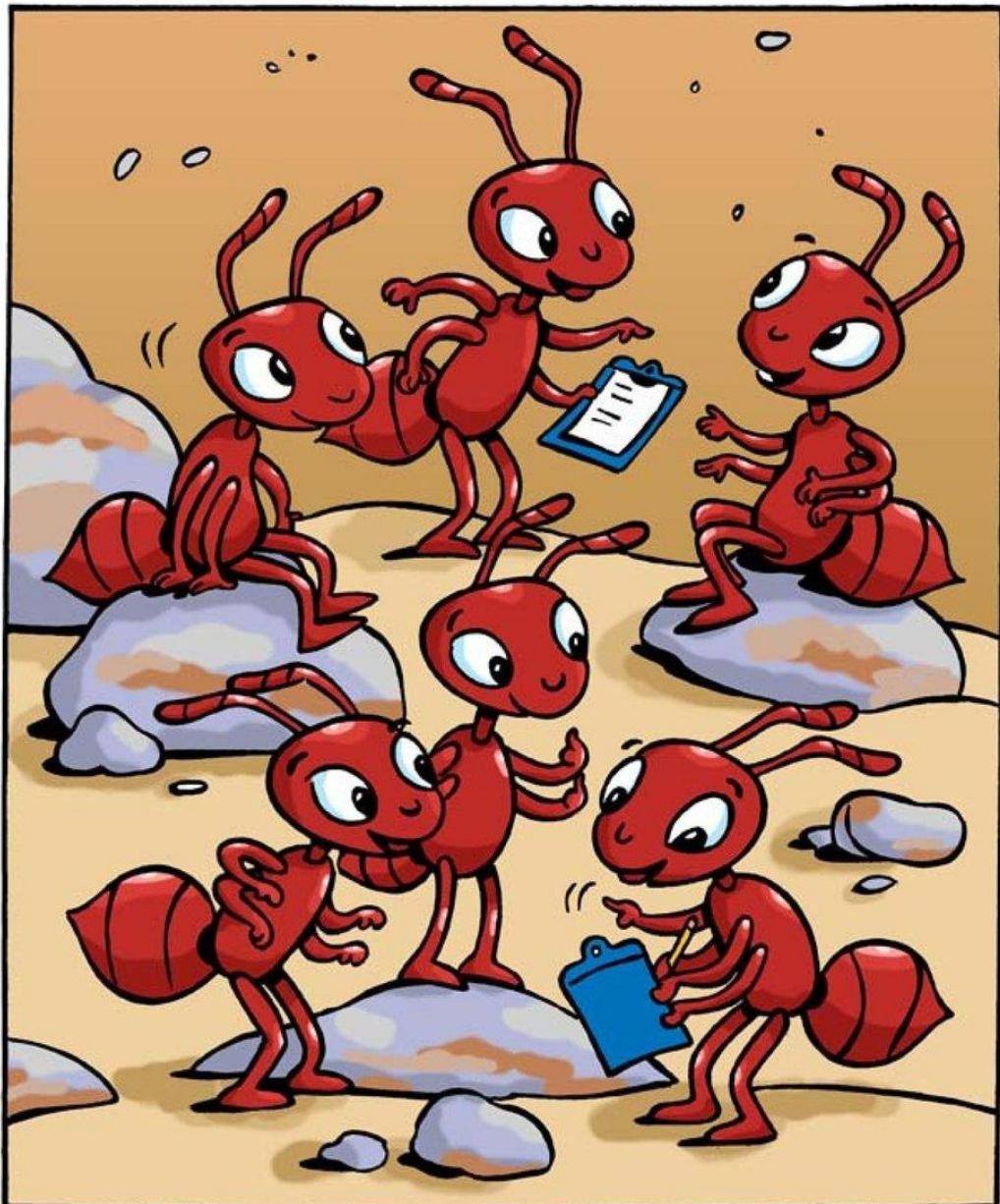


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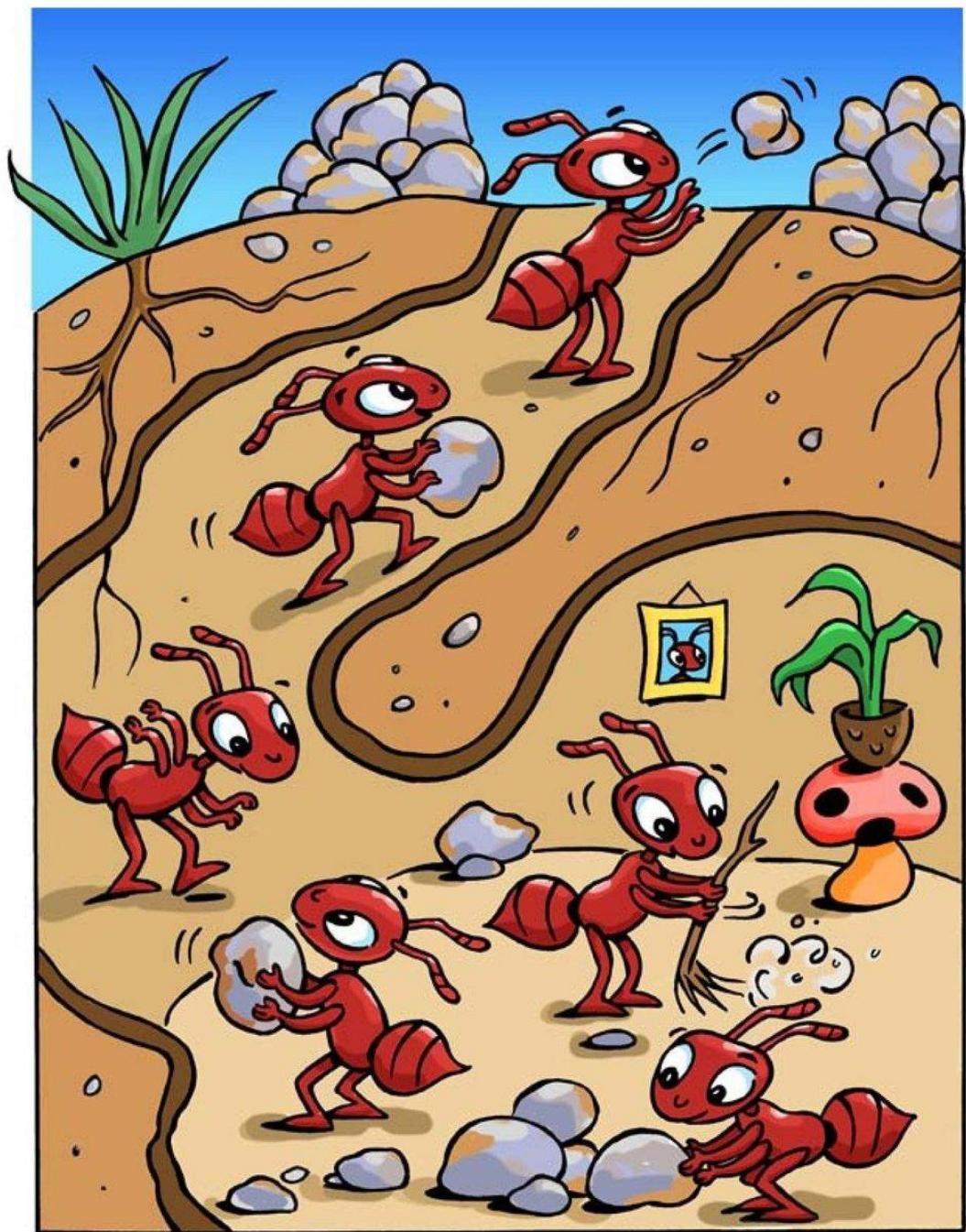


Today is a big day at the
ant nest.
It's the queen ant's birthday!

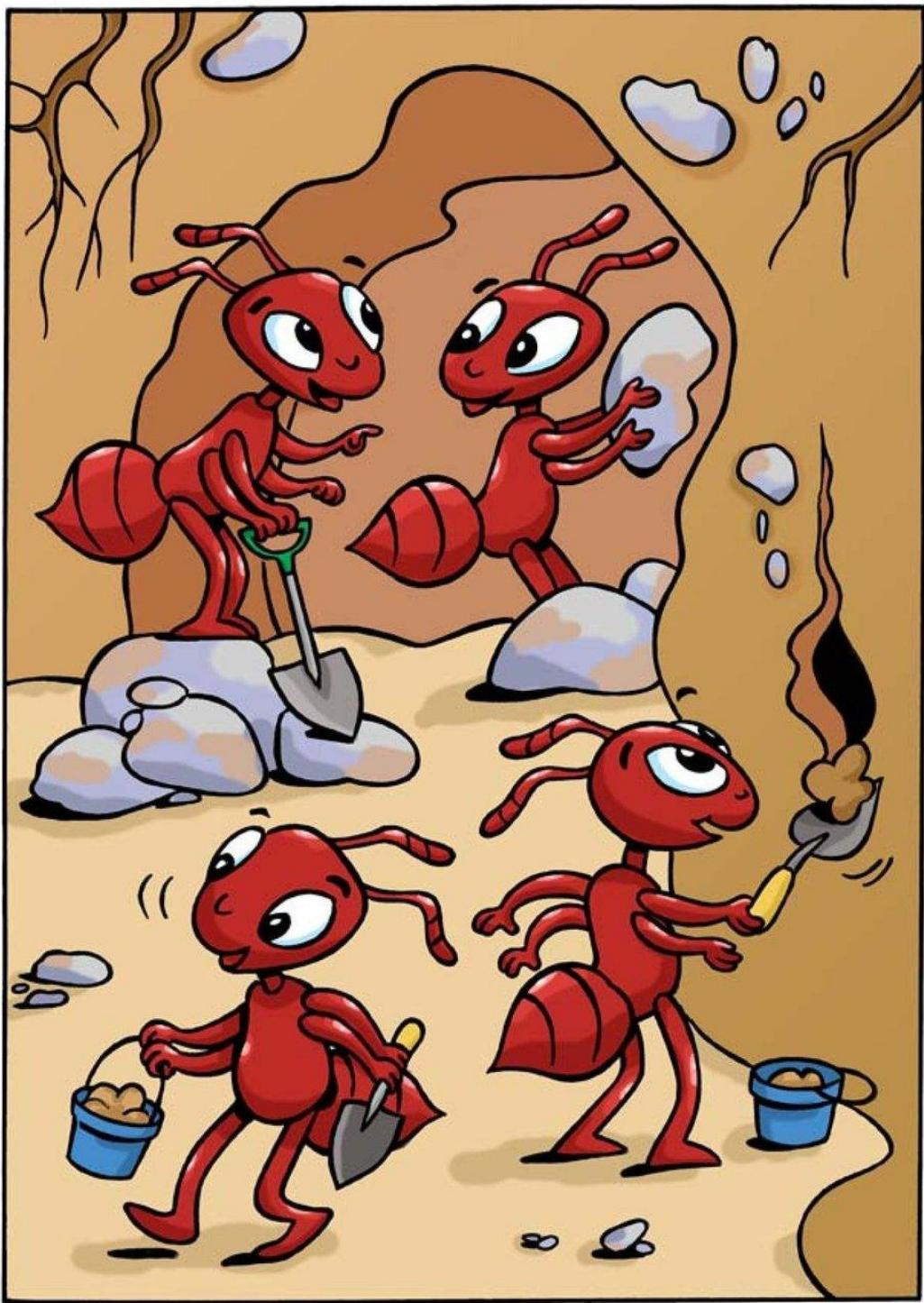


The ants have many jobs
to do before the queen
wakes up.

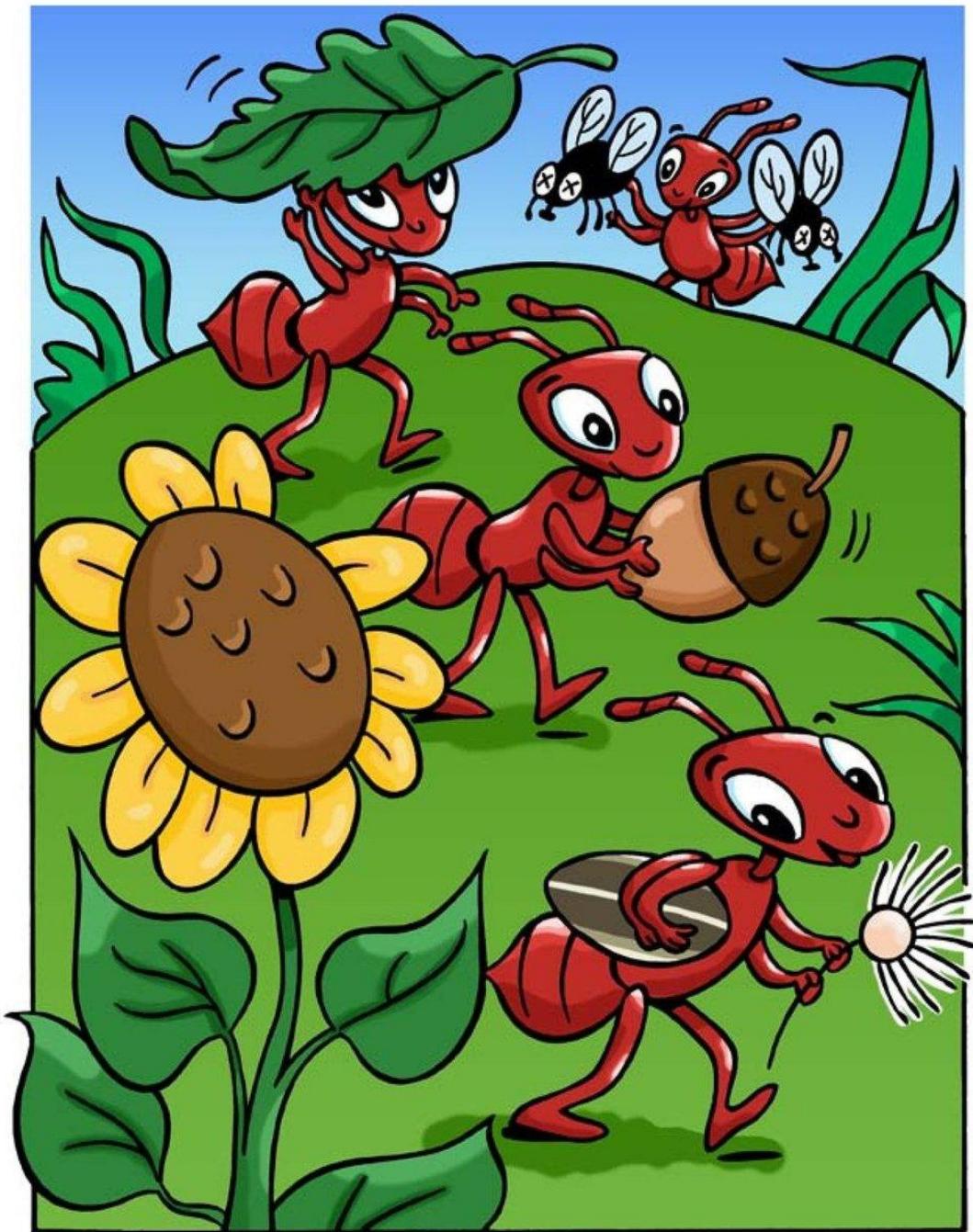
They will work together to
surprise her with a party.



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.

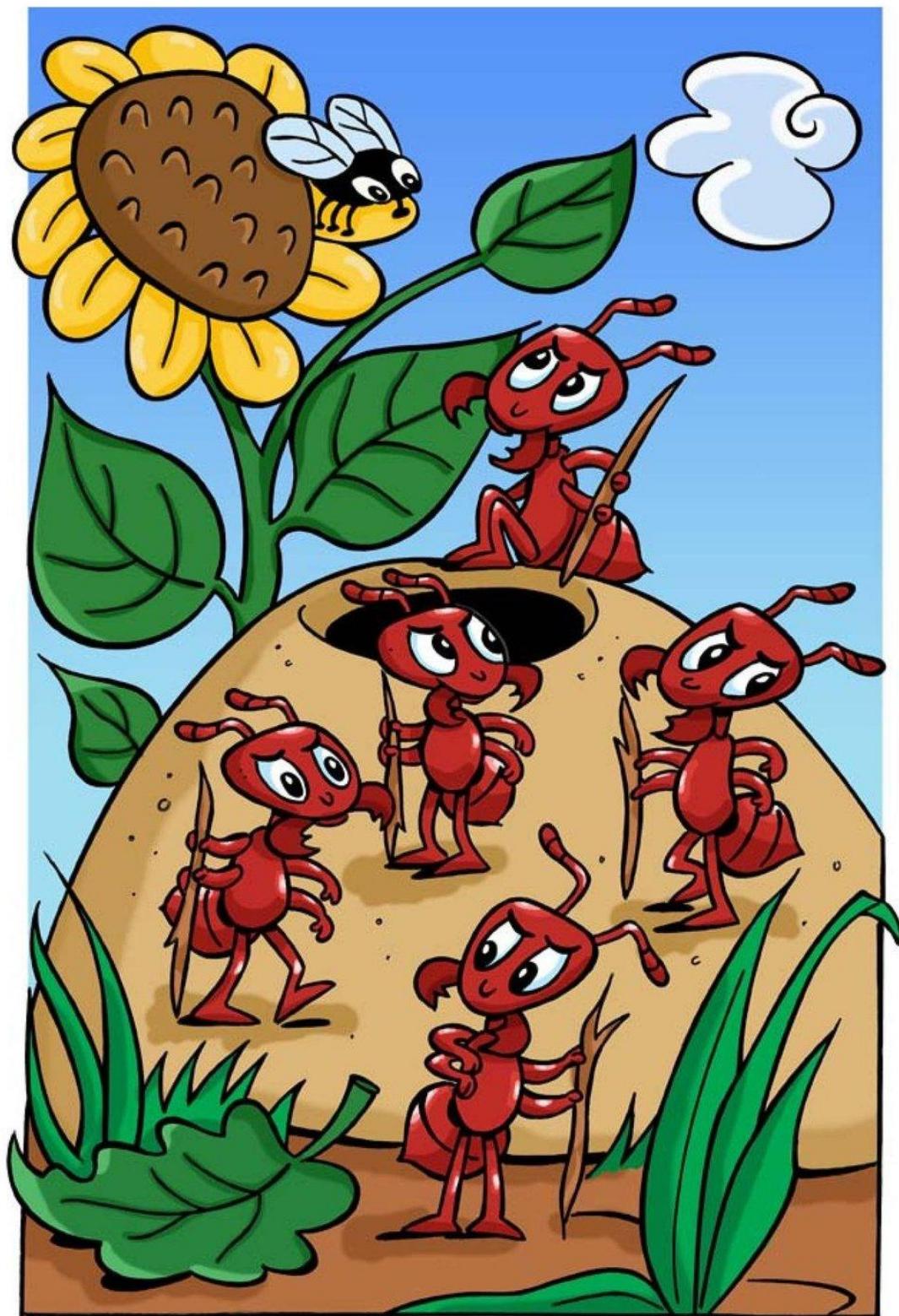
They find tasty seeds, leaves,
and a few dead flies.



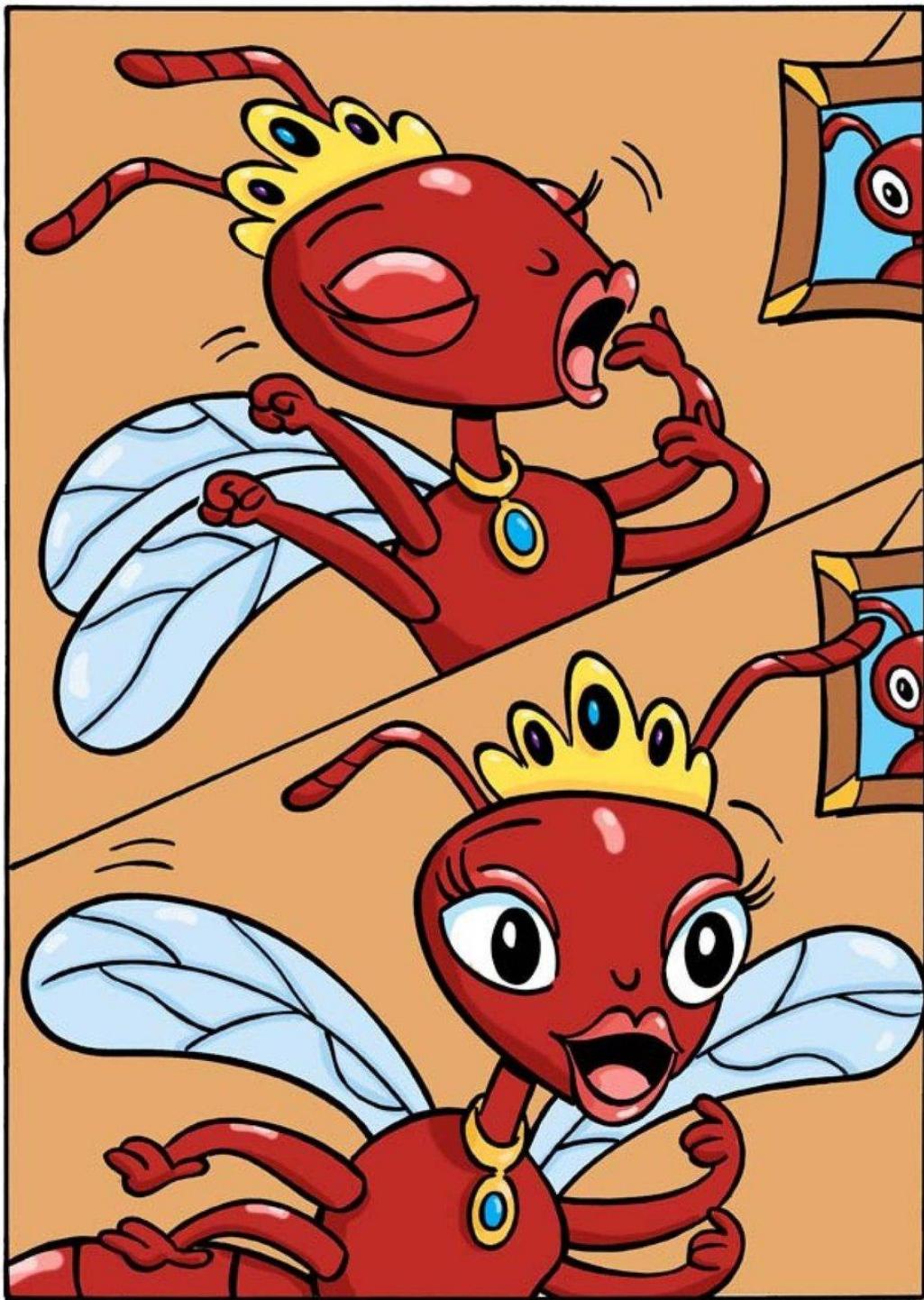
They also find a picnic that has the queen's favorite foods! The ants carry cookies, grapes, and cheese back to the nest.



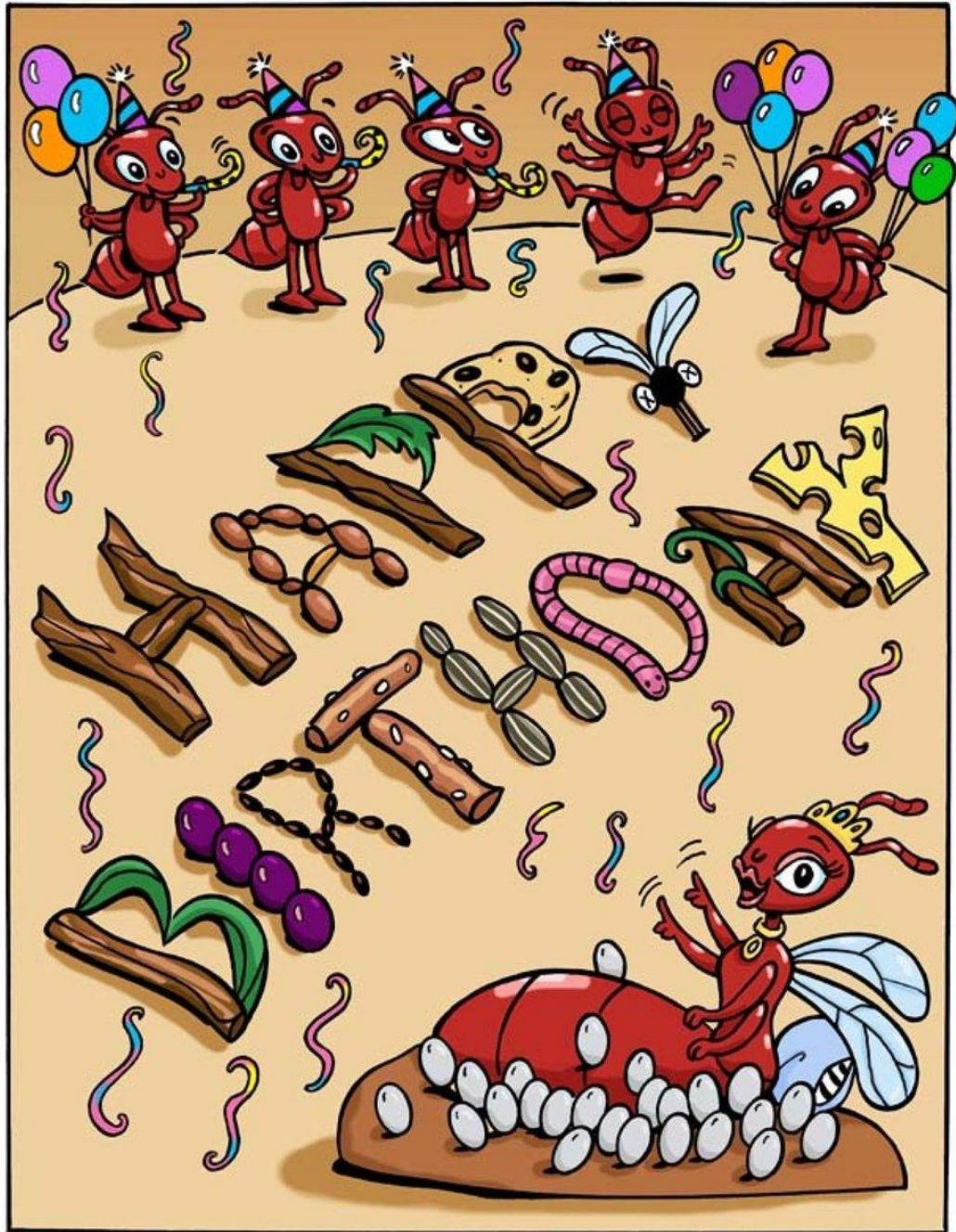
Back home, the strongest ants
guard the nest.
They can use their large jaws
to fight.



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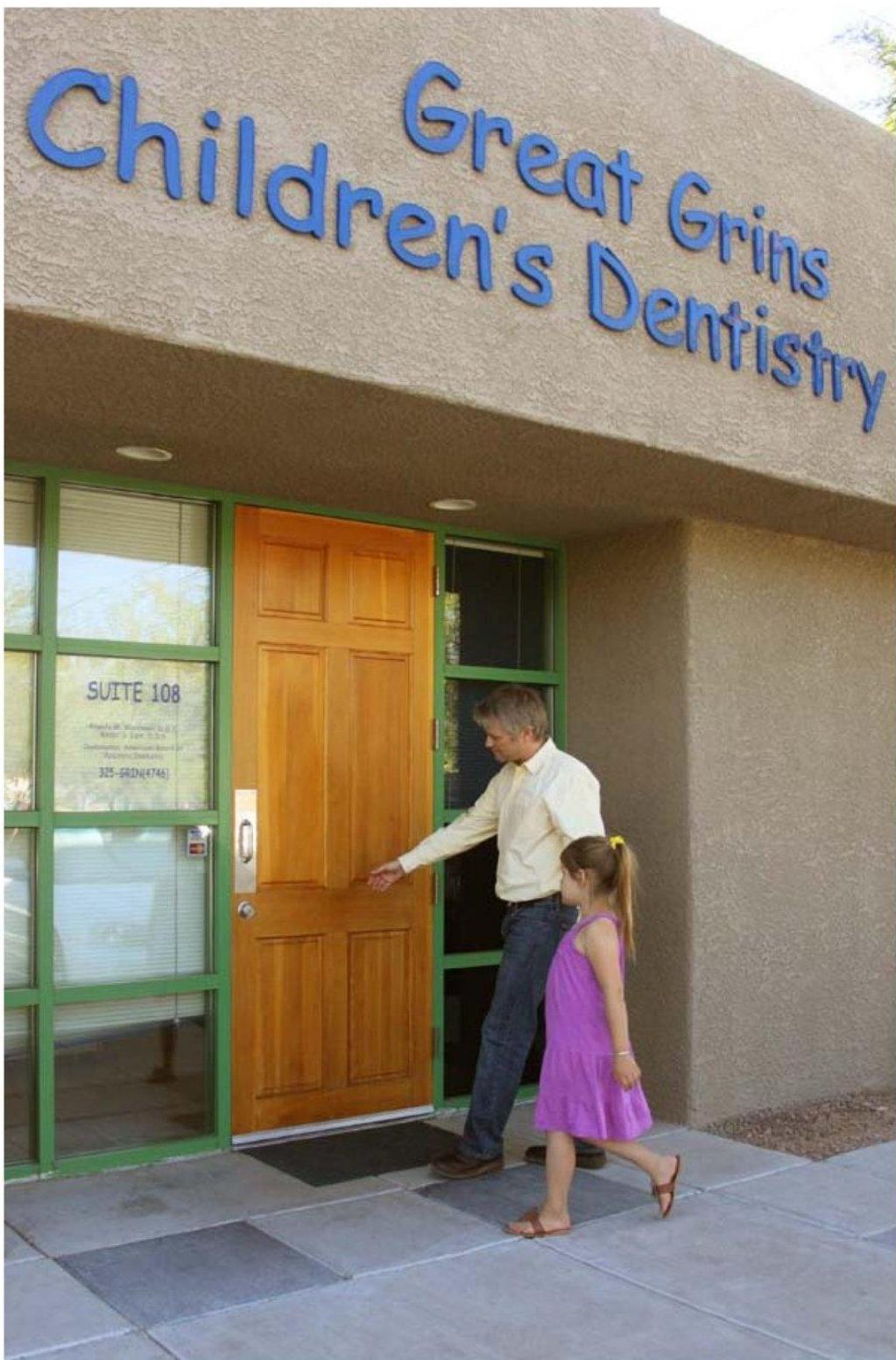
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I'm going to the dentist.
I'm a little scared.



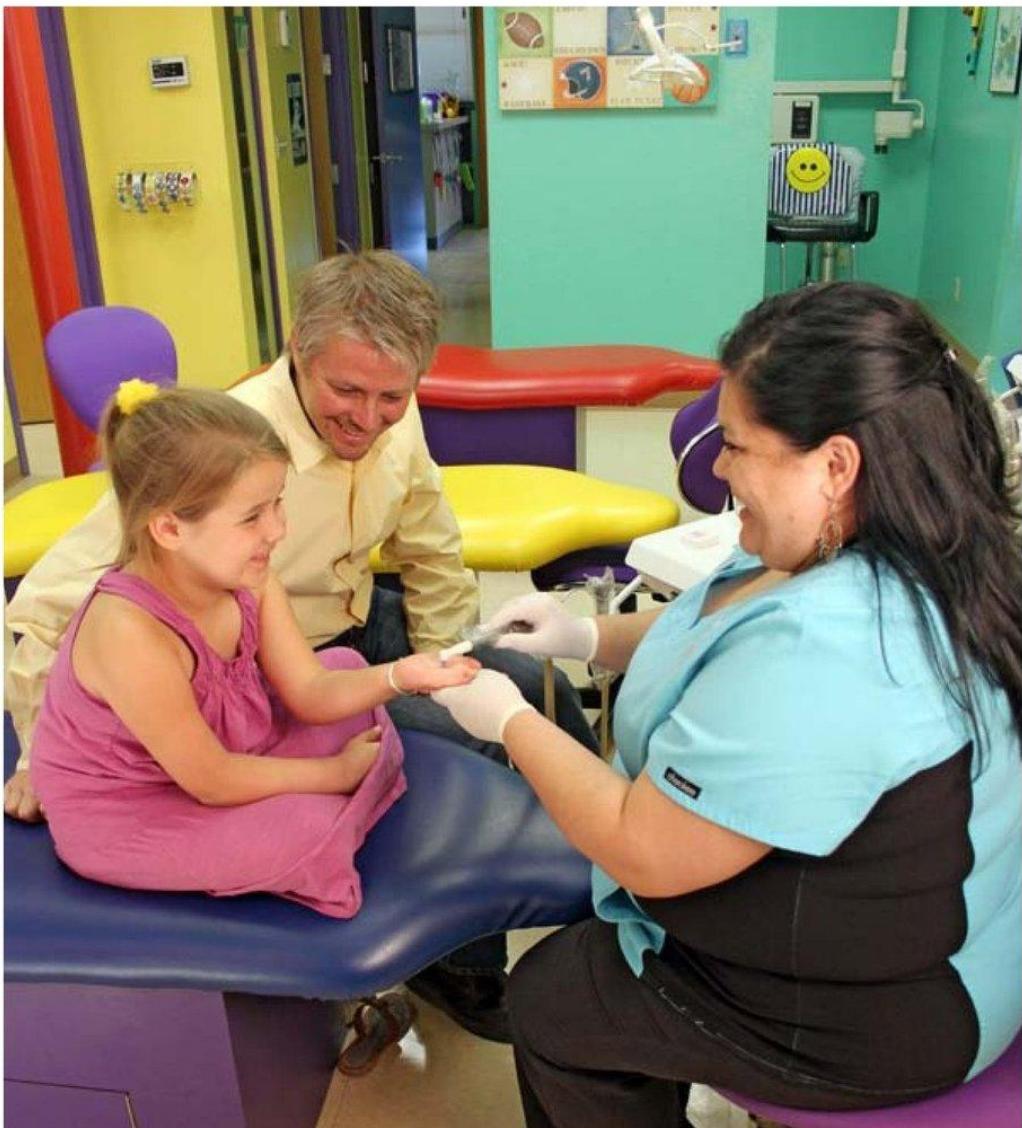
A friendly woman named
Jamie asks me to wait.
She says I can read, play
with toys, or watch a movie.



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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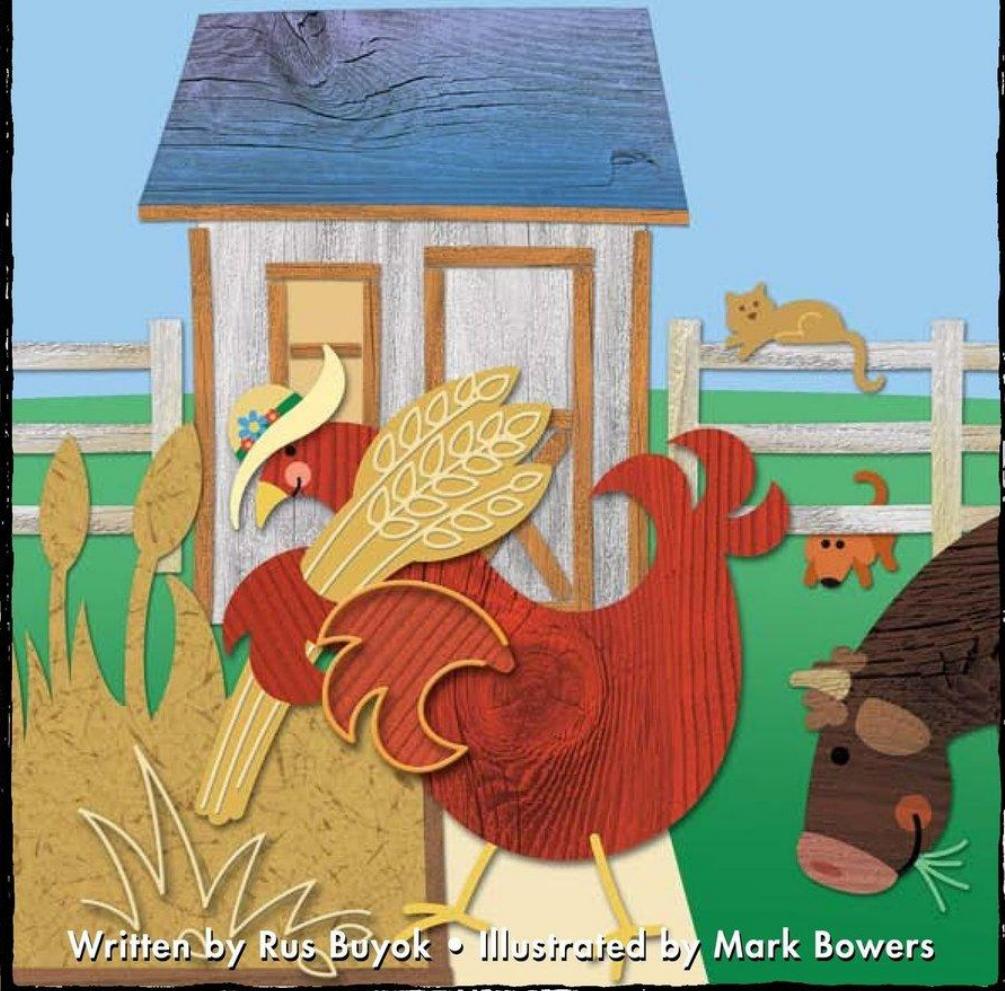
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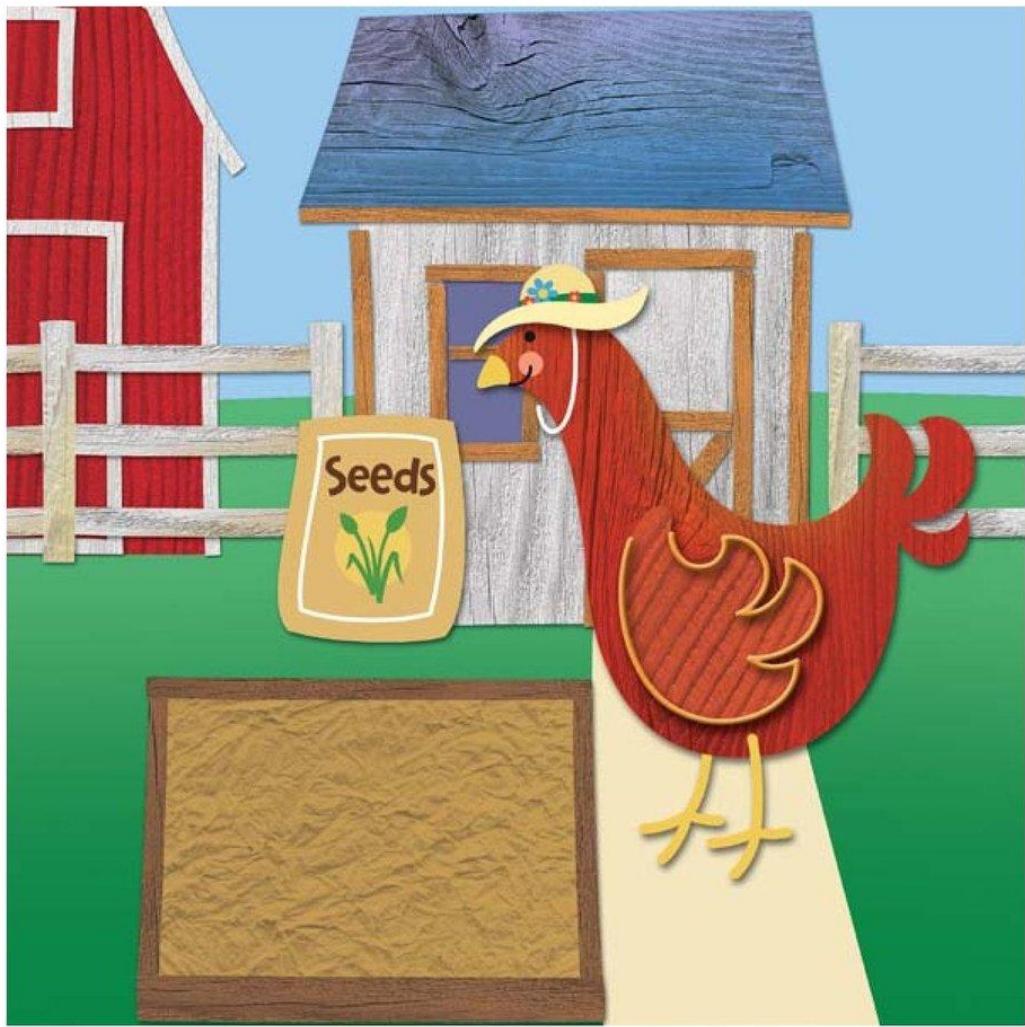


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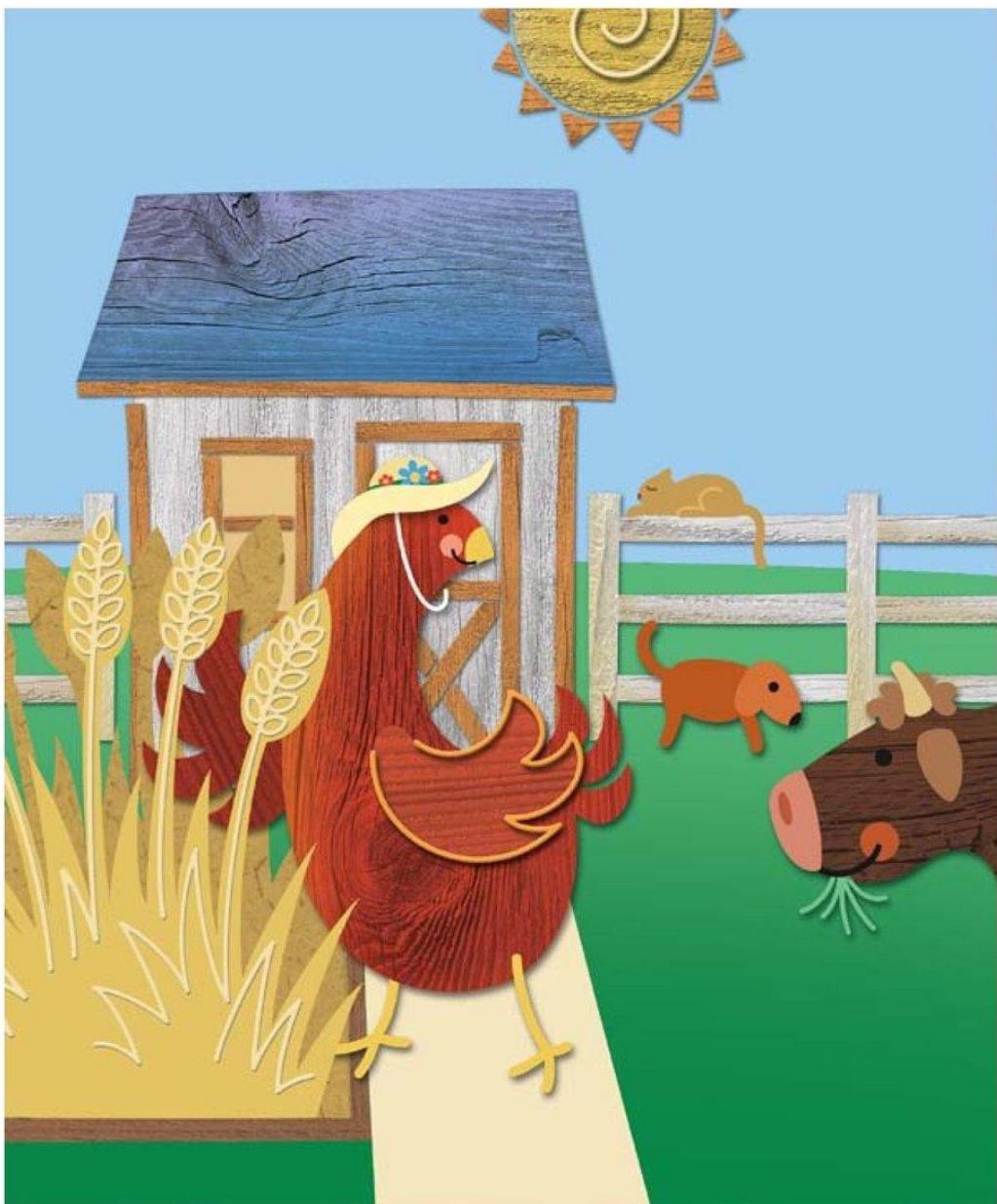
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One day, a little red hen
wanted some yummy bread.
First, she had to plant lots of
tiny wheat seeds.
“Will you help me plant wheat
seeds?” she asked her animal
friends.

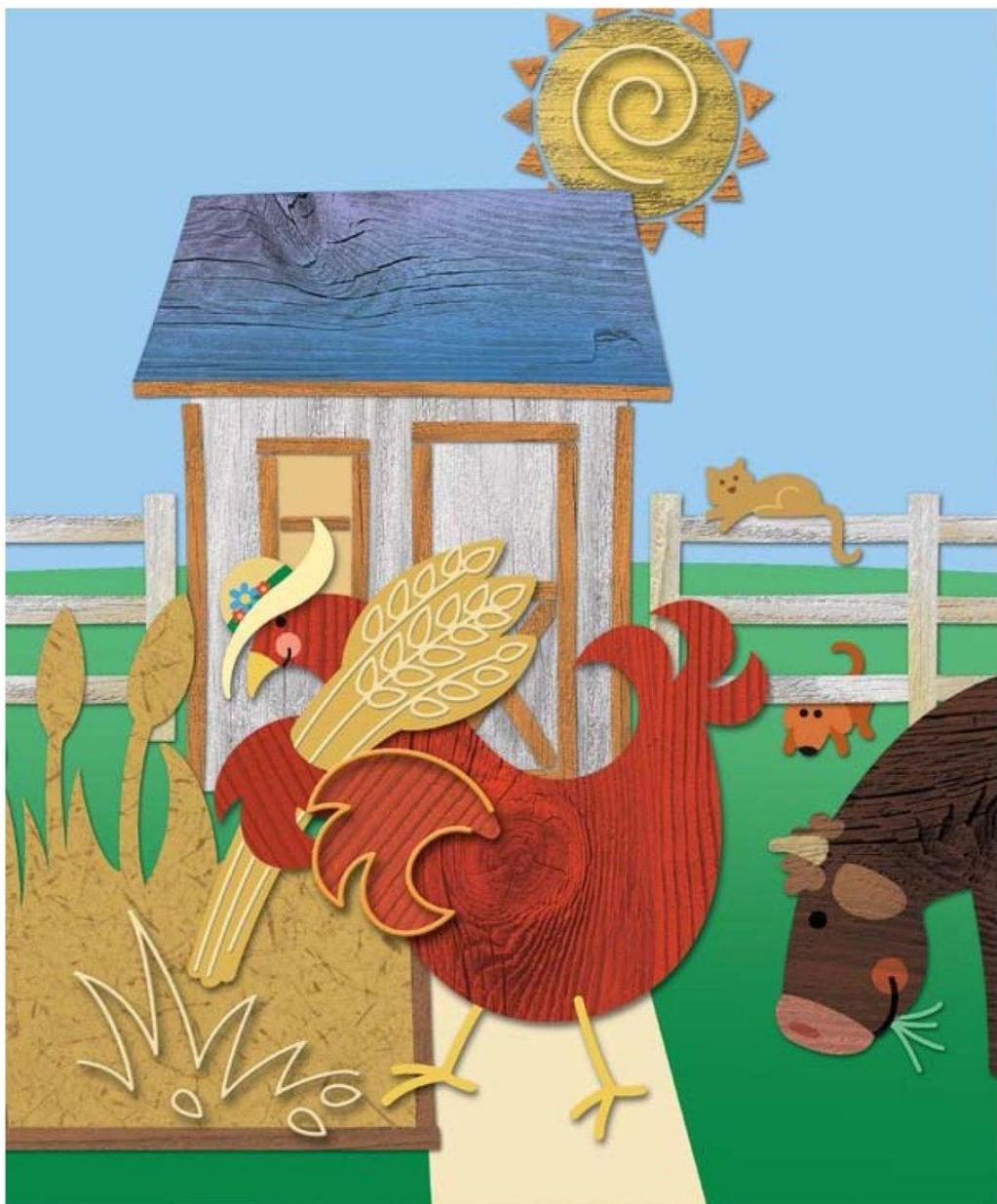


"No way," said the sleepy cat,
busy dog, and chewing cow.
"Then I'll do it myself," said the
little red hen.
And she did.

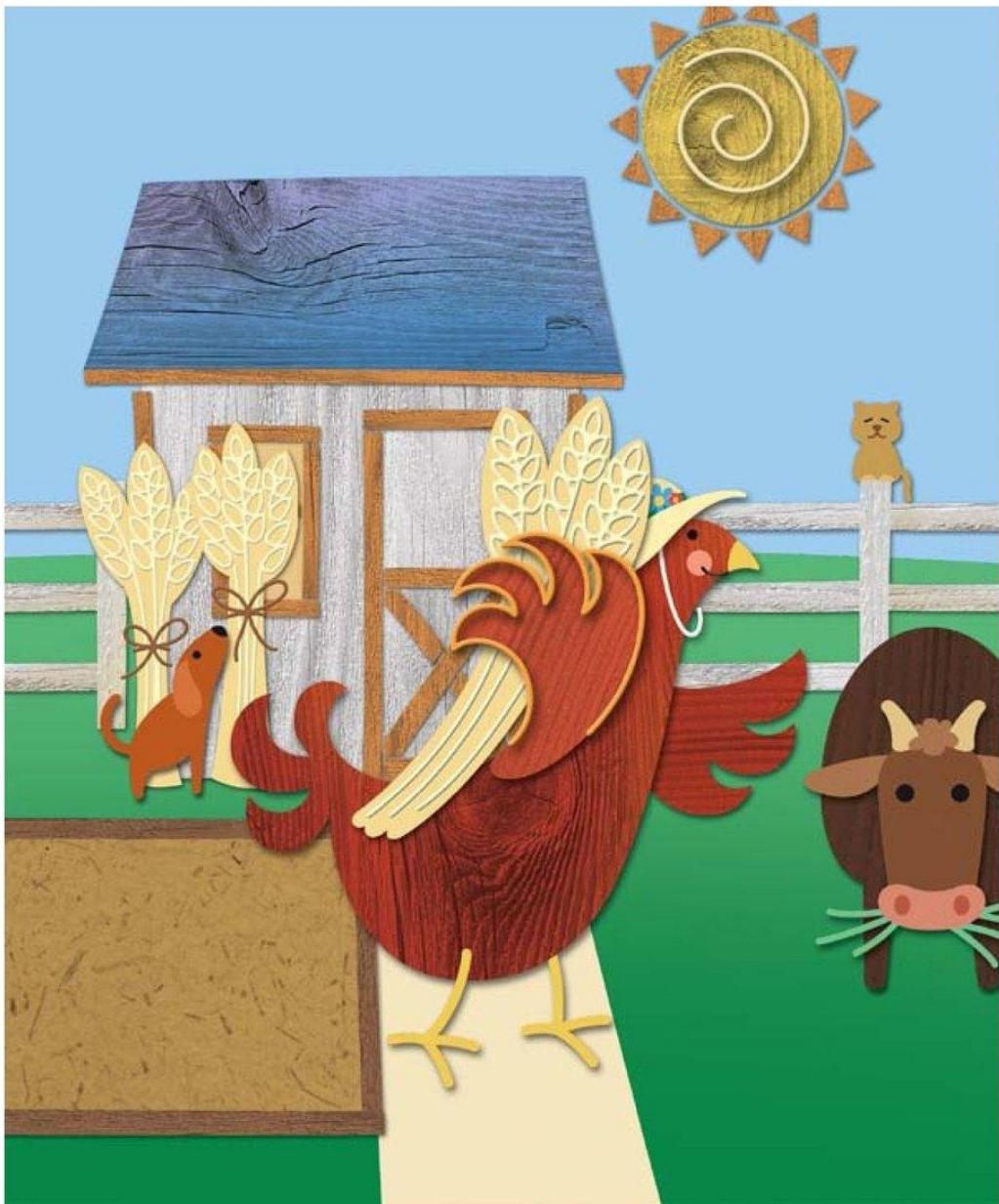


Next, she had to harvest all the tall wheat.

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

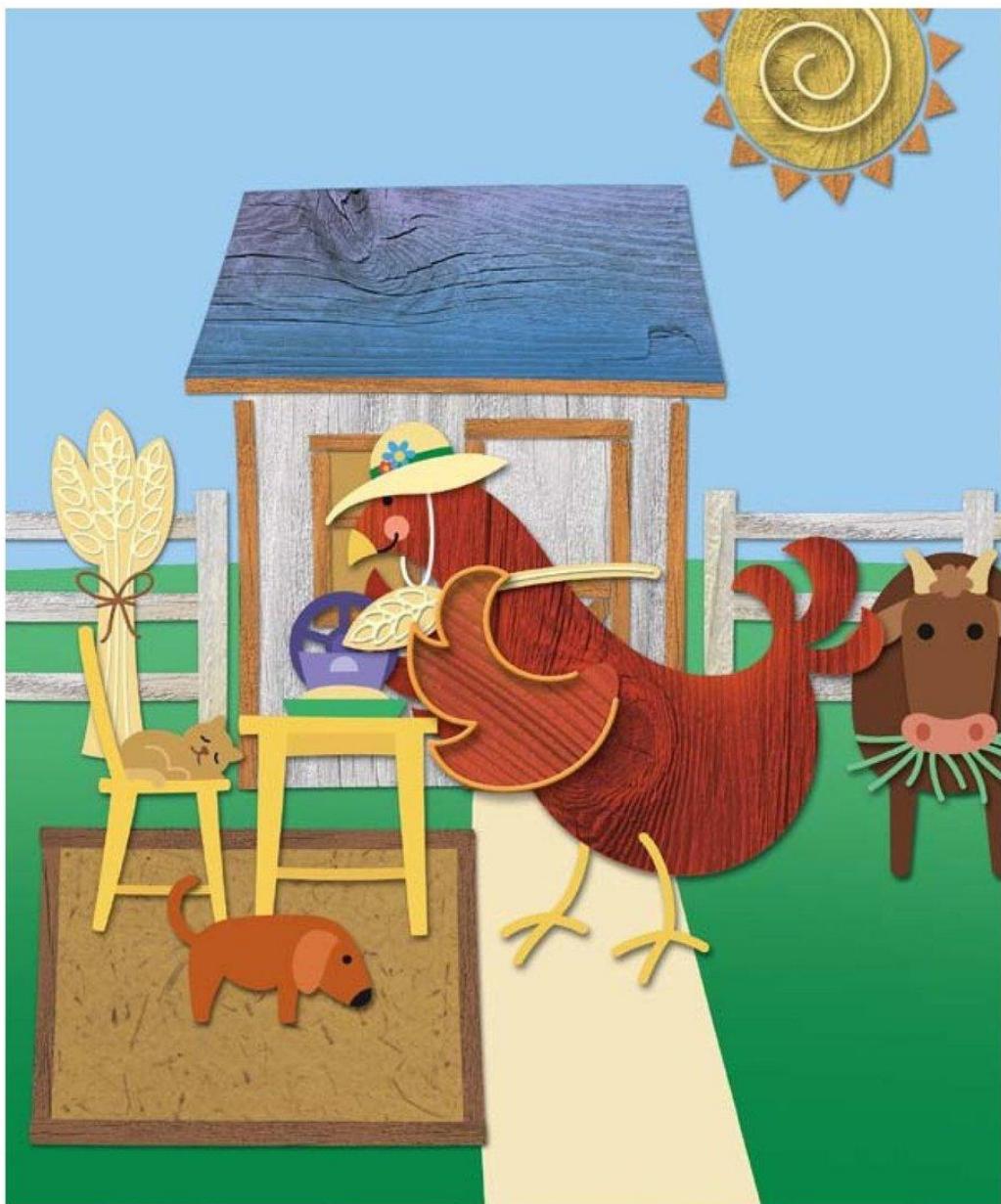


“No way,” said the sleepy cat,
busy dog, and chewing cow.
“Then I’ll do it myself,” said the
little red hen.
And she did.



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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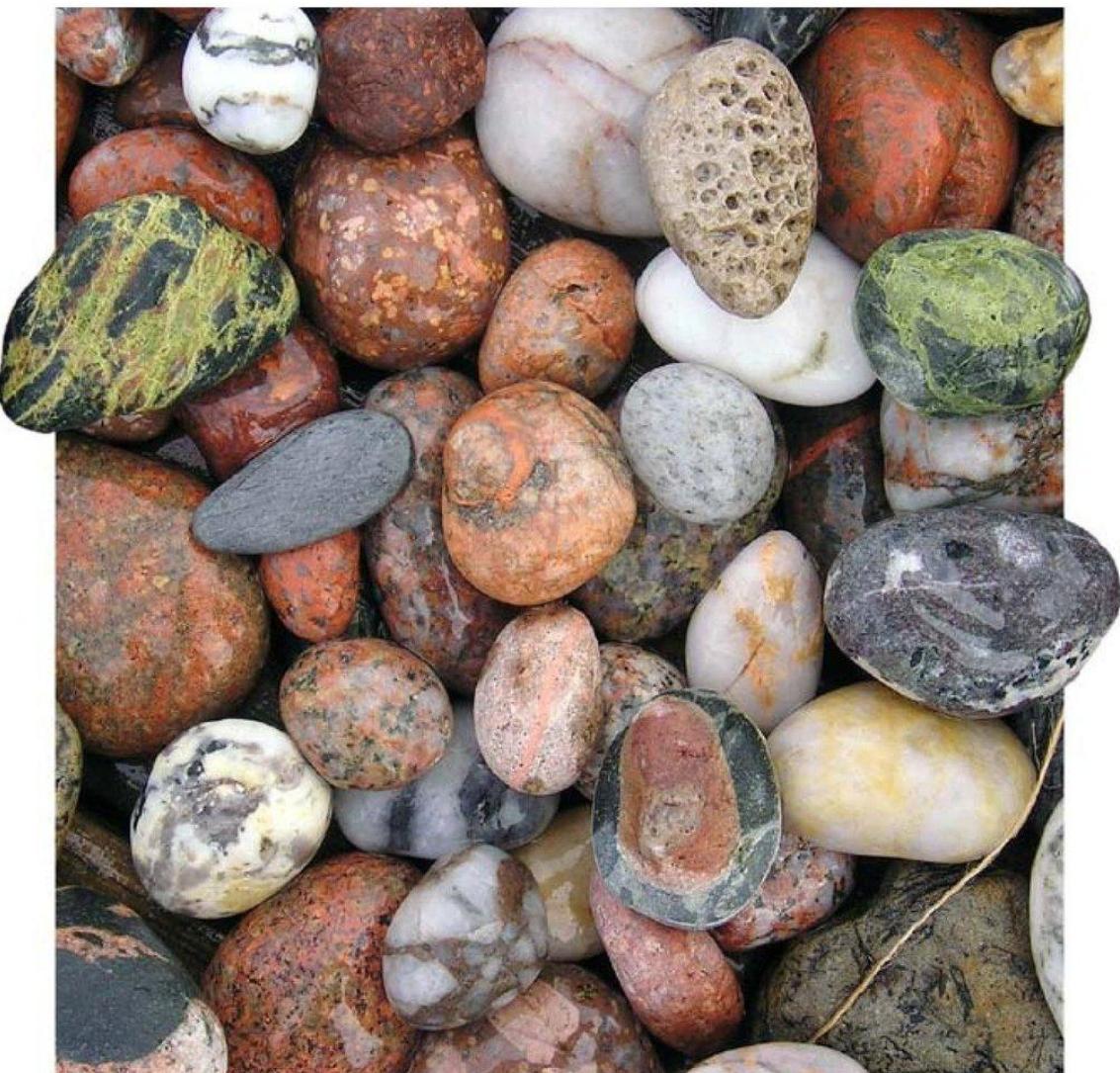
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Rock Hunting



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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.



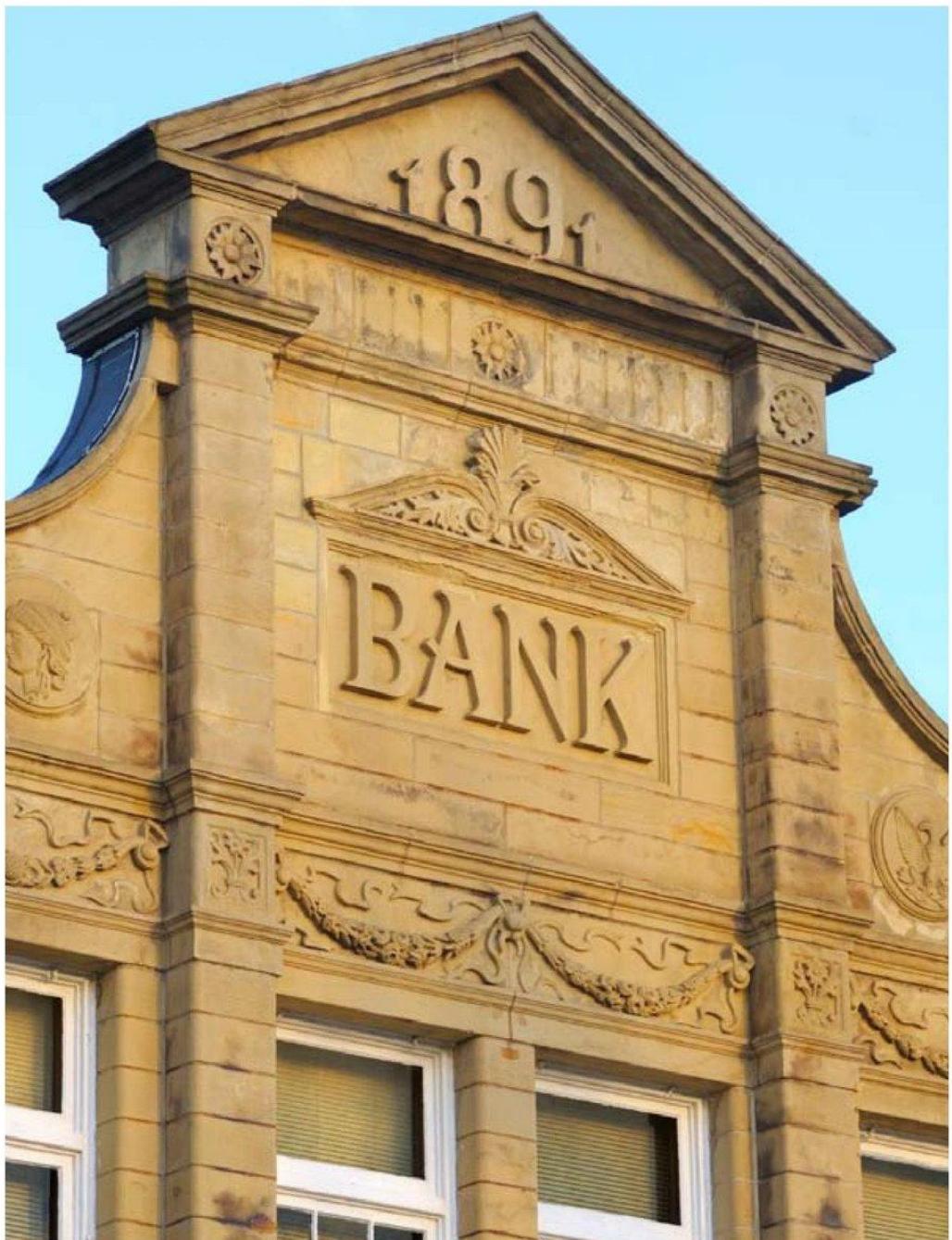
I went hunting for rocks.
I found a glassy black rock.



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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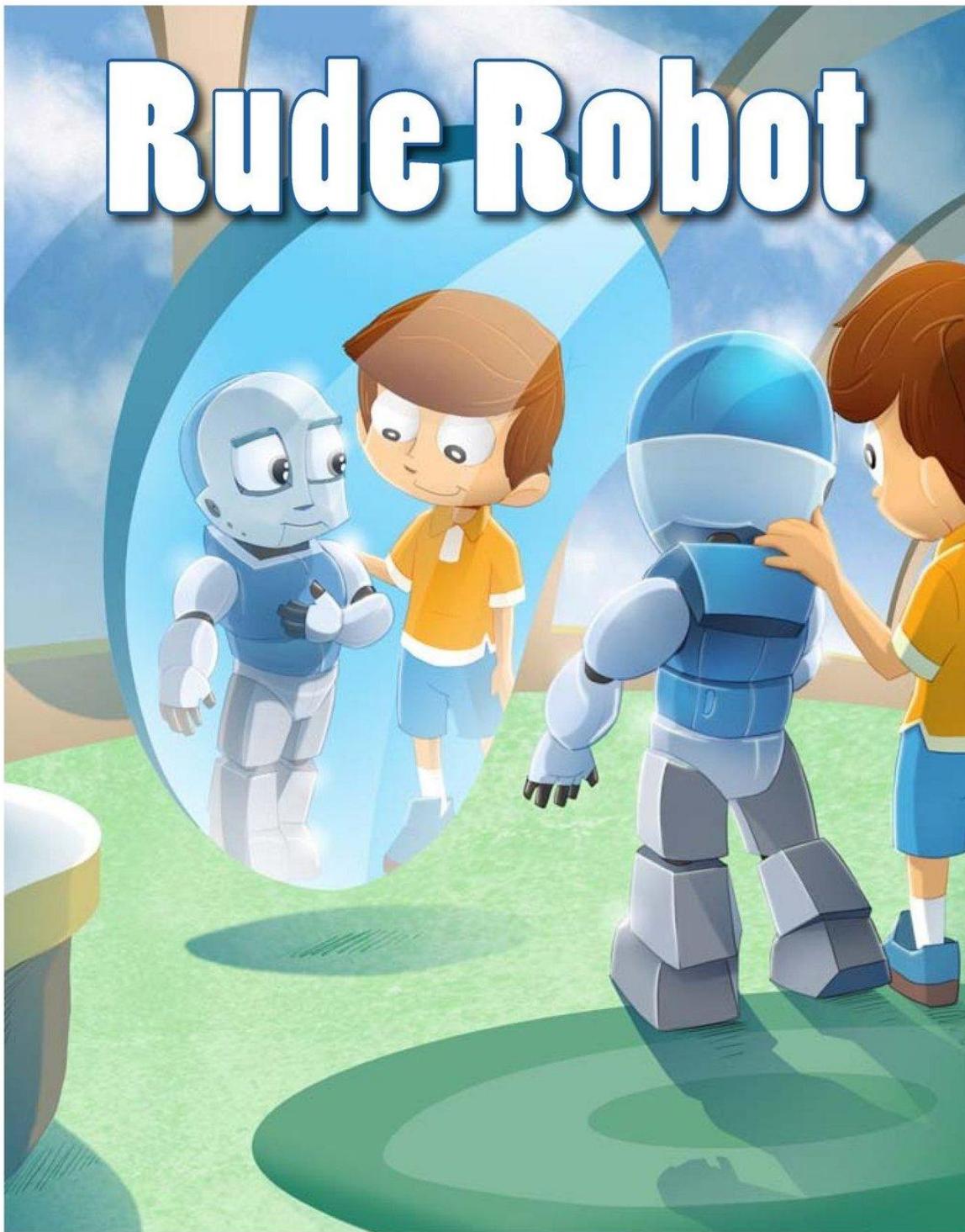
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Rude Robot



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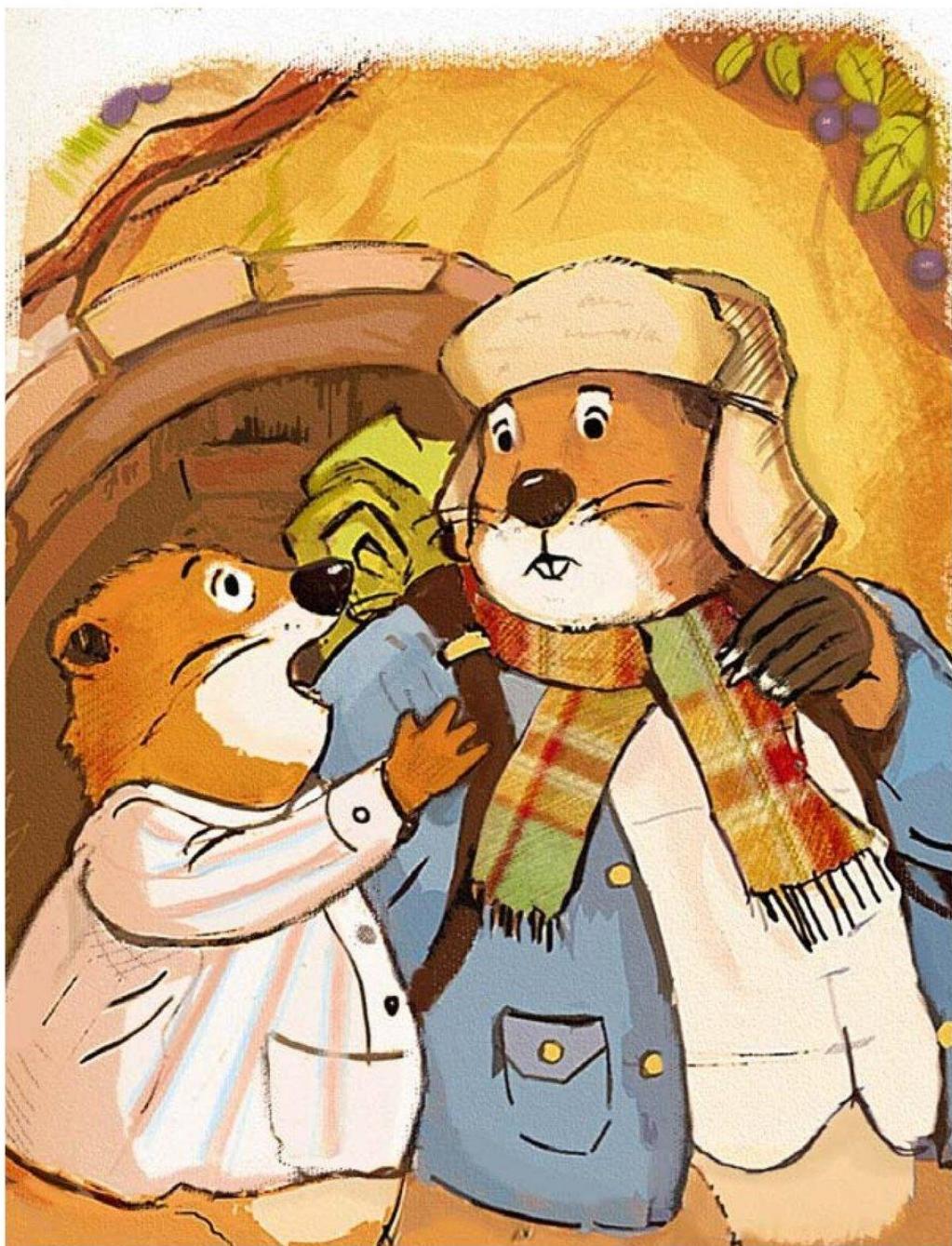
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It was the deep of winter.
Gus was worried.
He couldn't find his shadow
anywhere.



“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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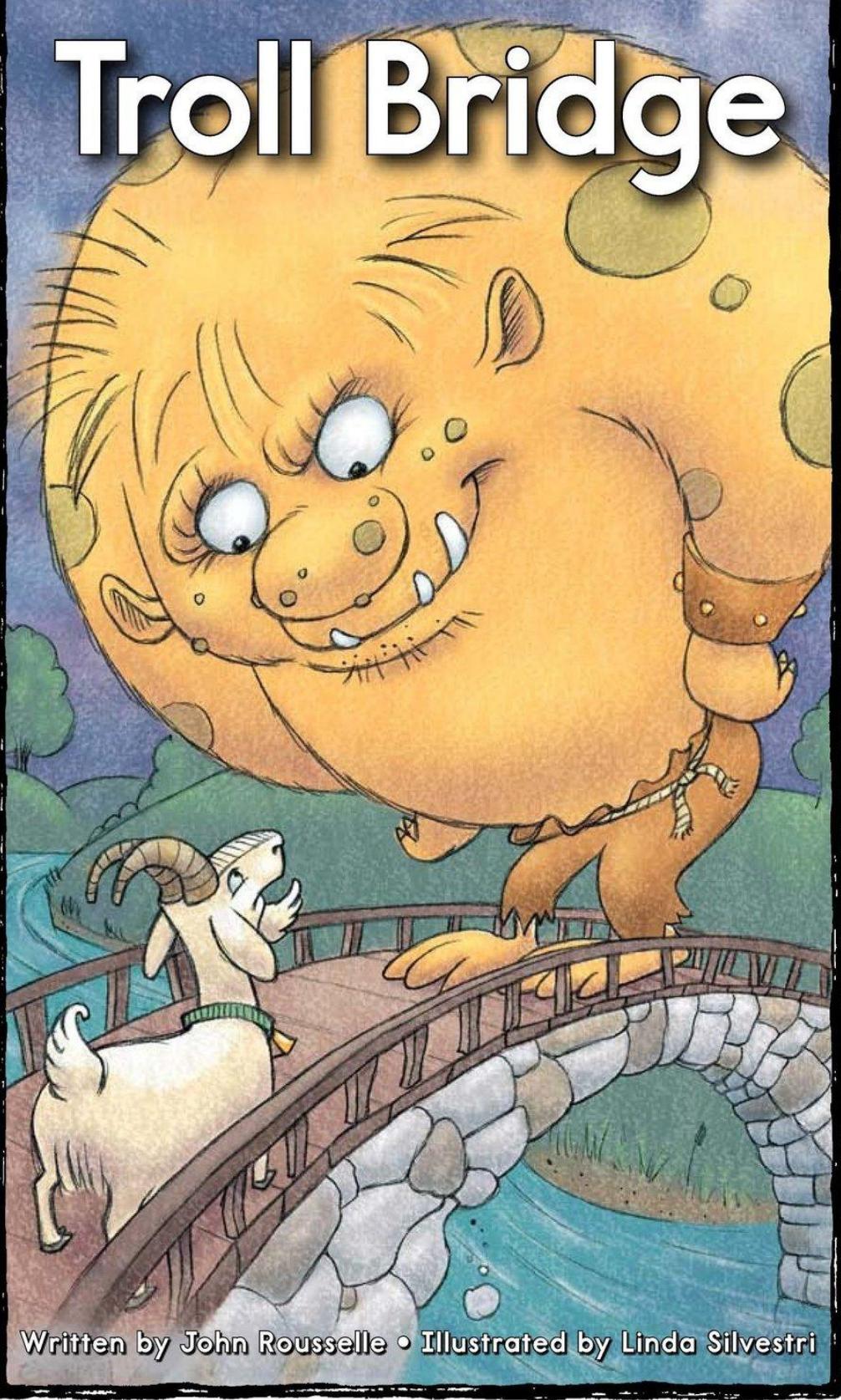
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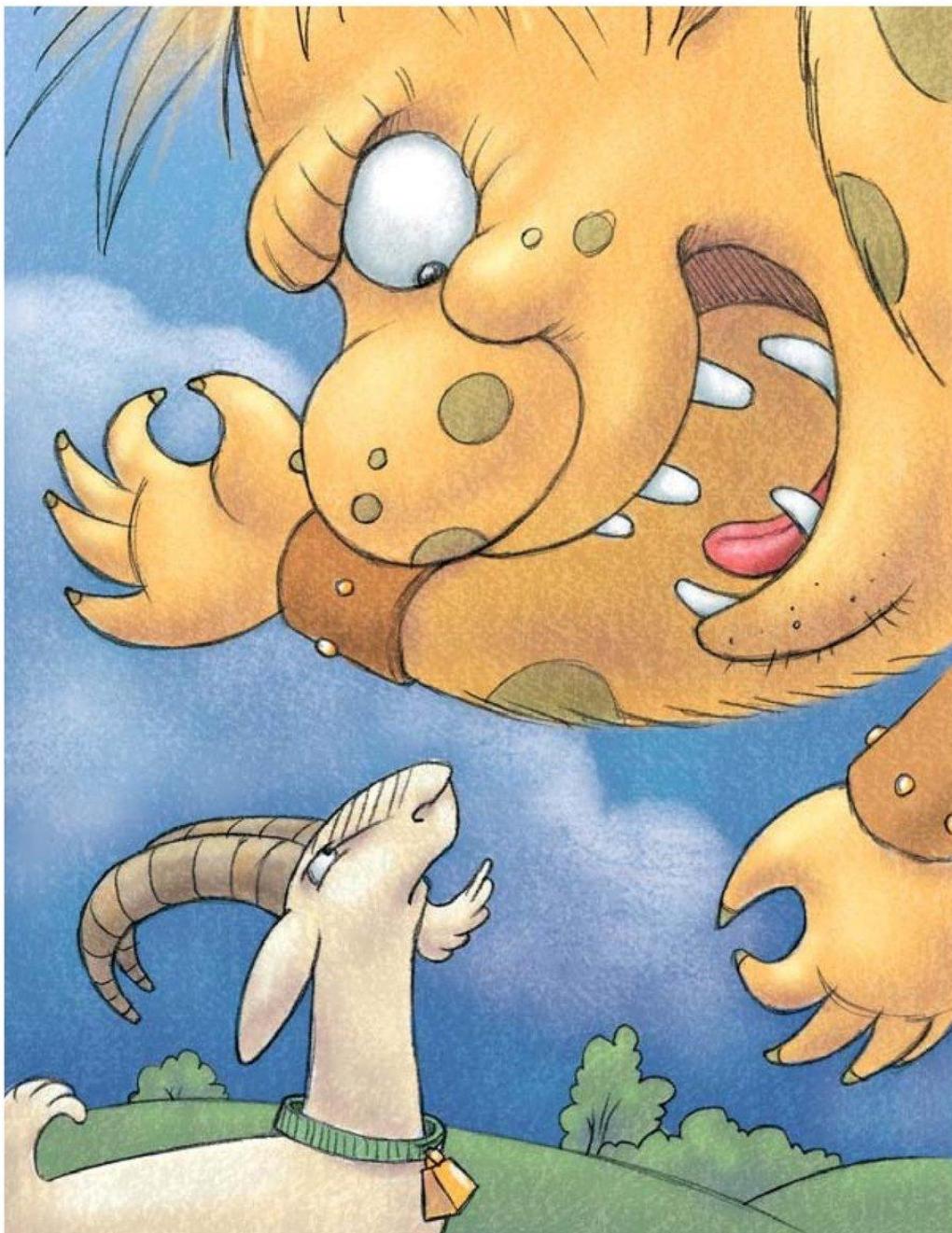
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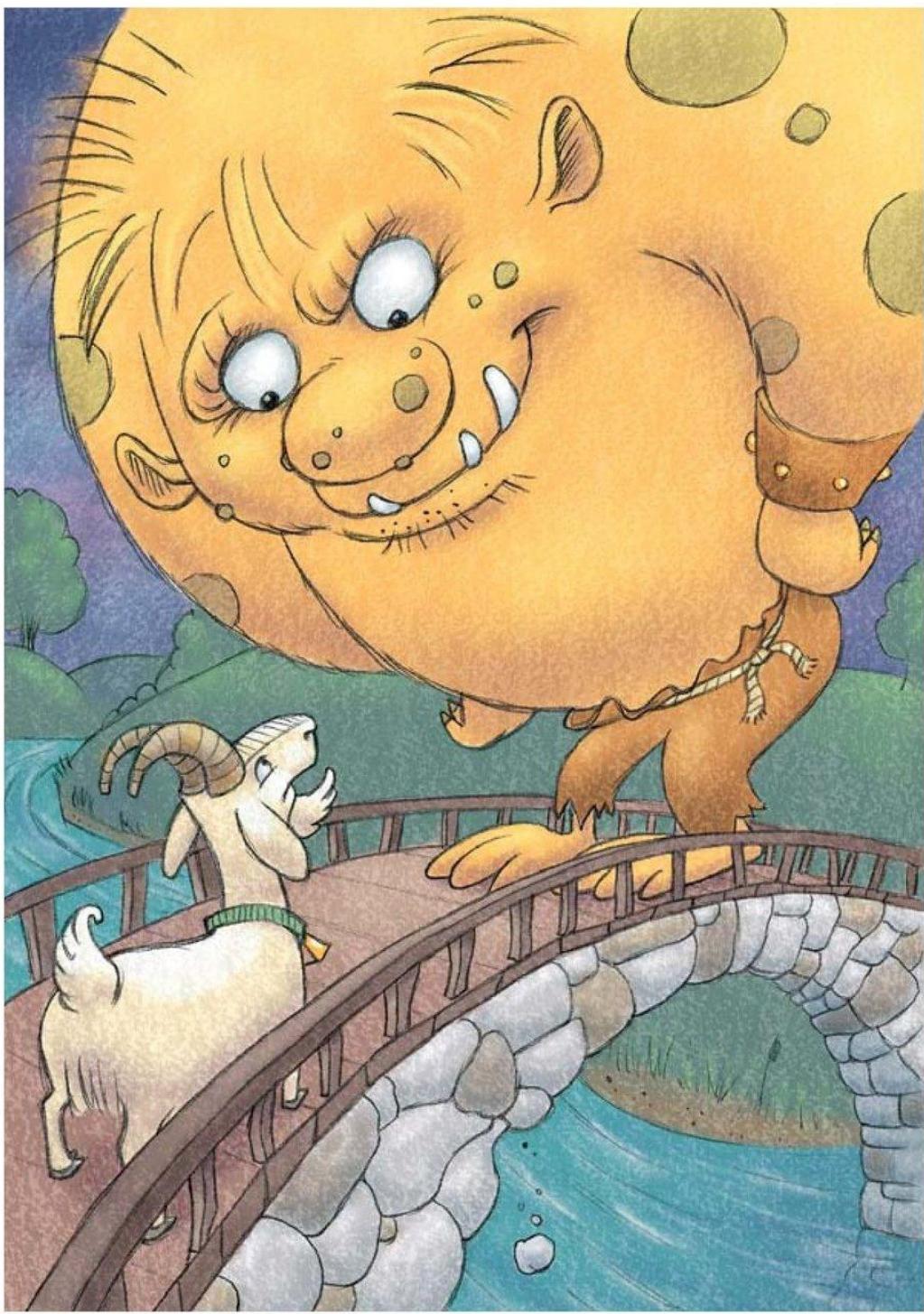
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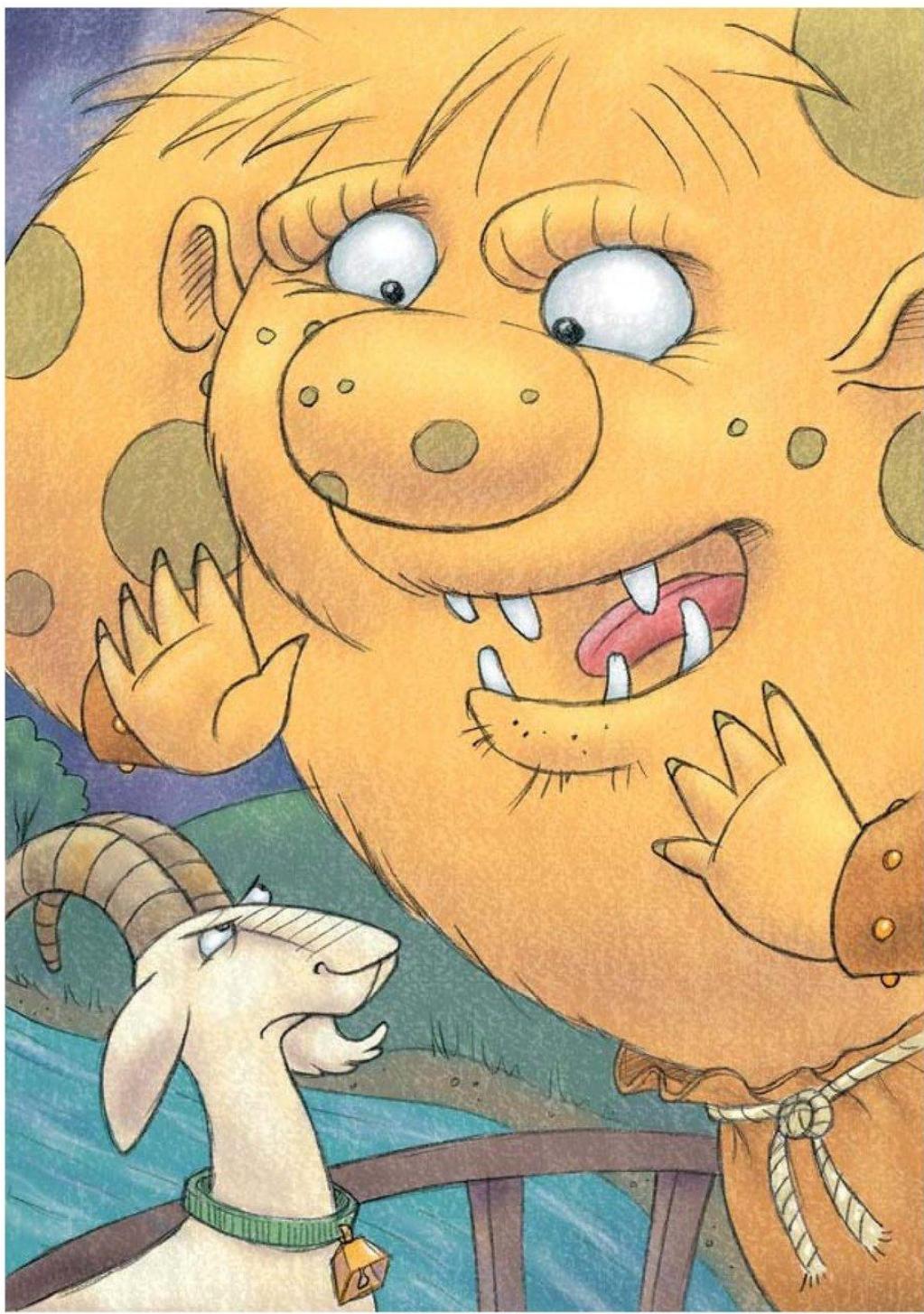


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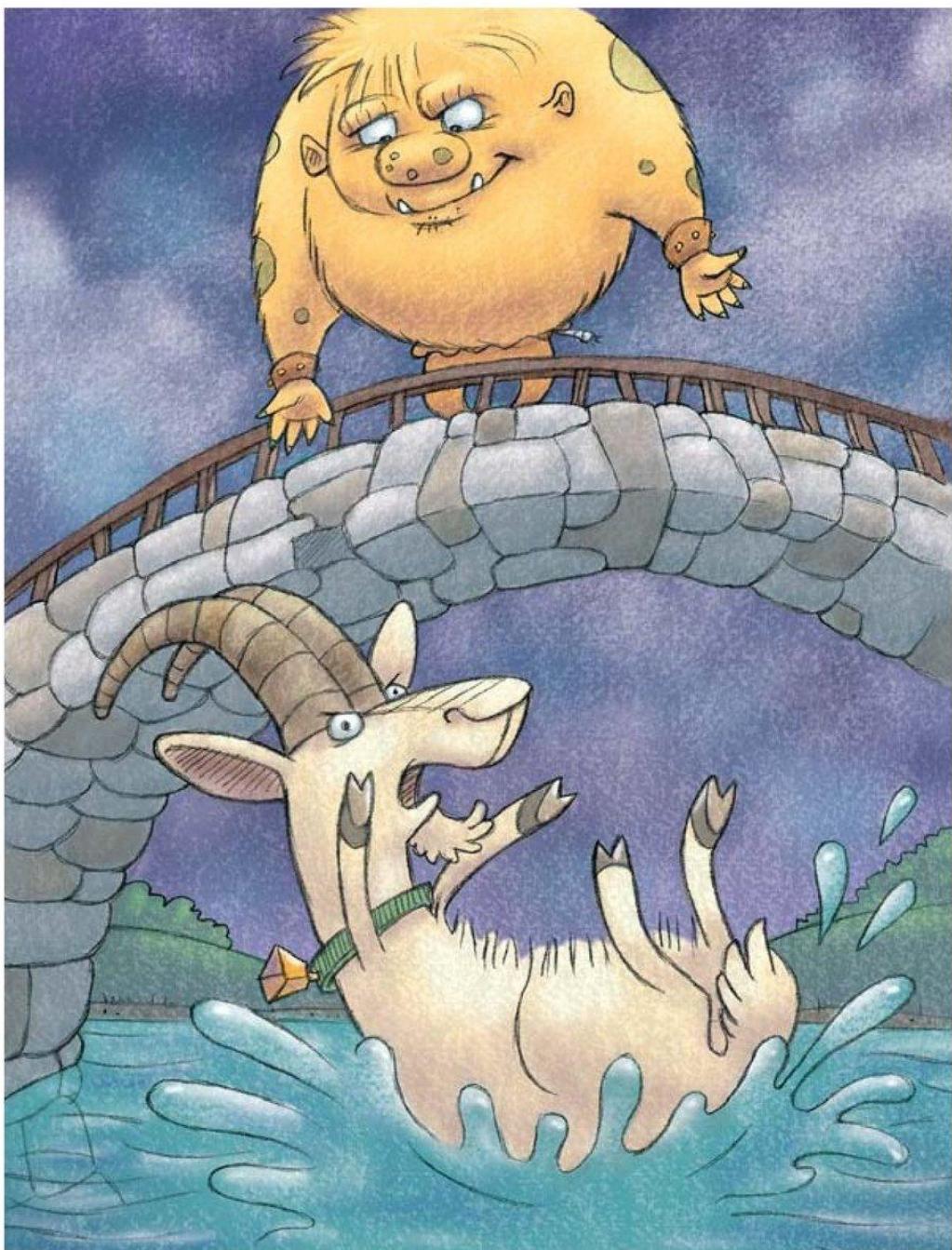
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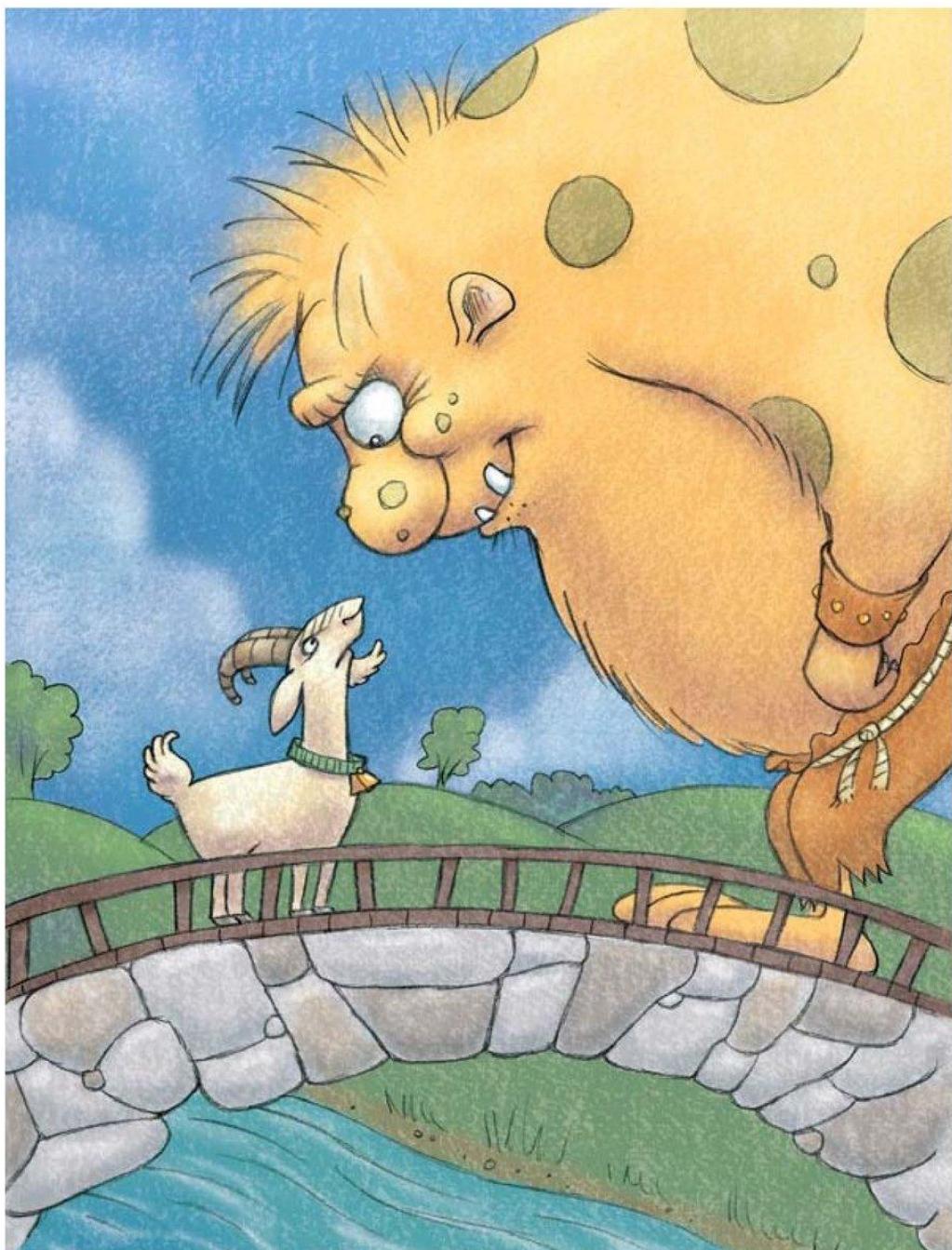
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to cross a bridge.
A grumpy troll was waiting.



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

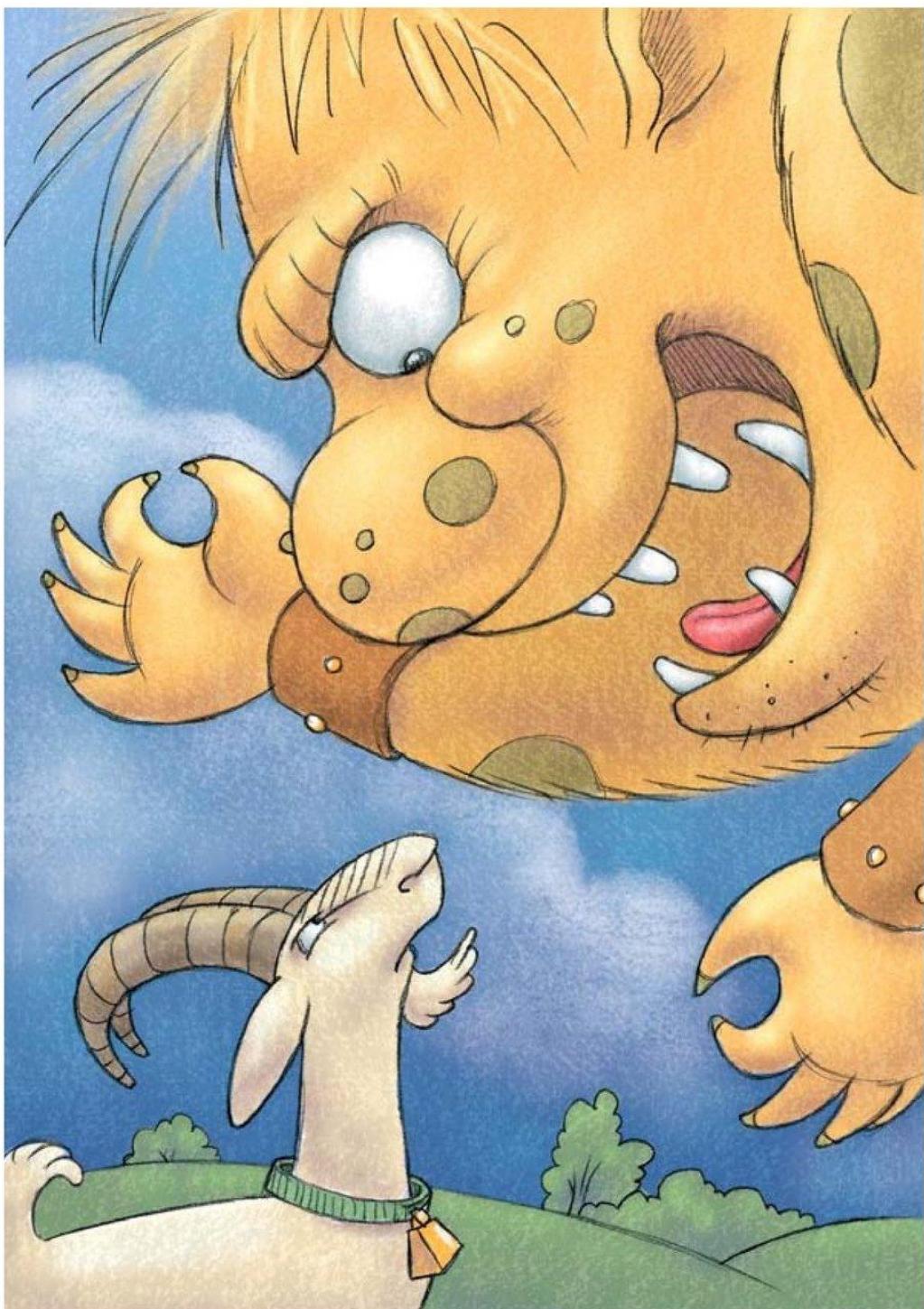


“Get it yourself!” snorted
the billy goat.
Then the troll threw him
into the river.

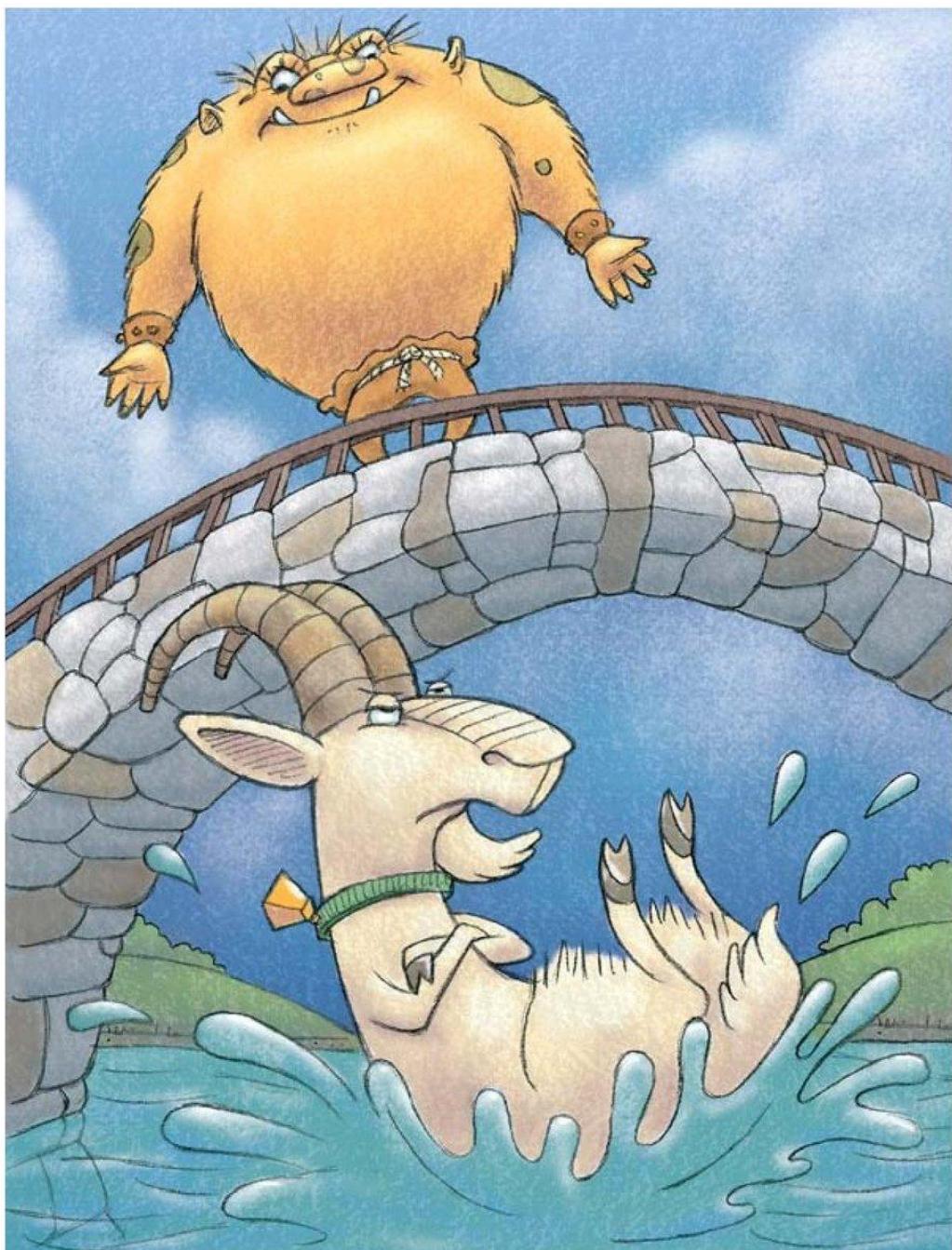


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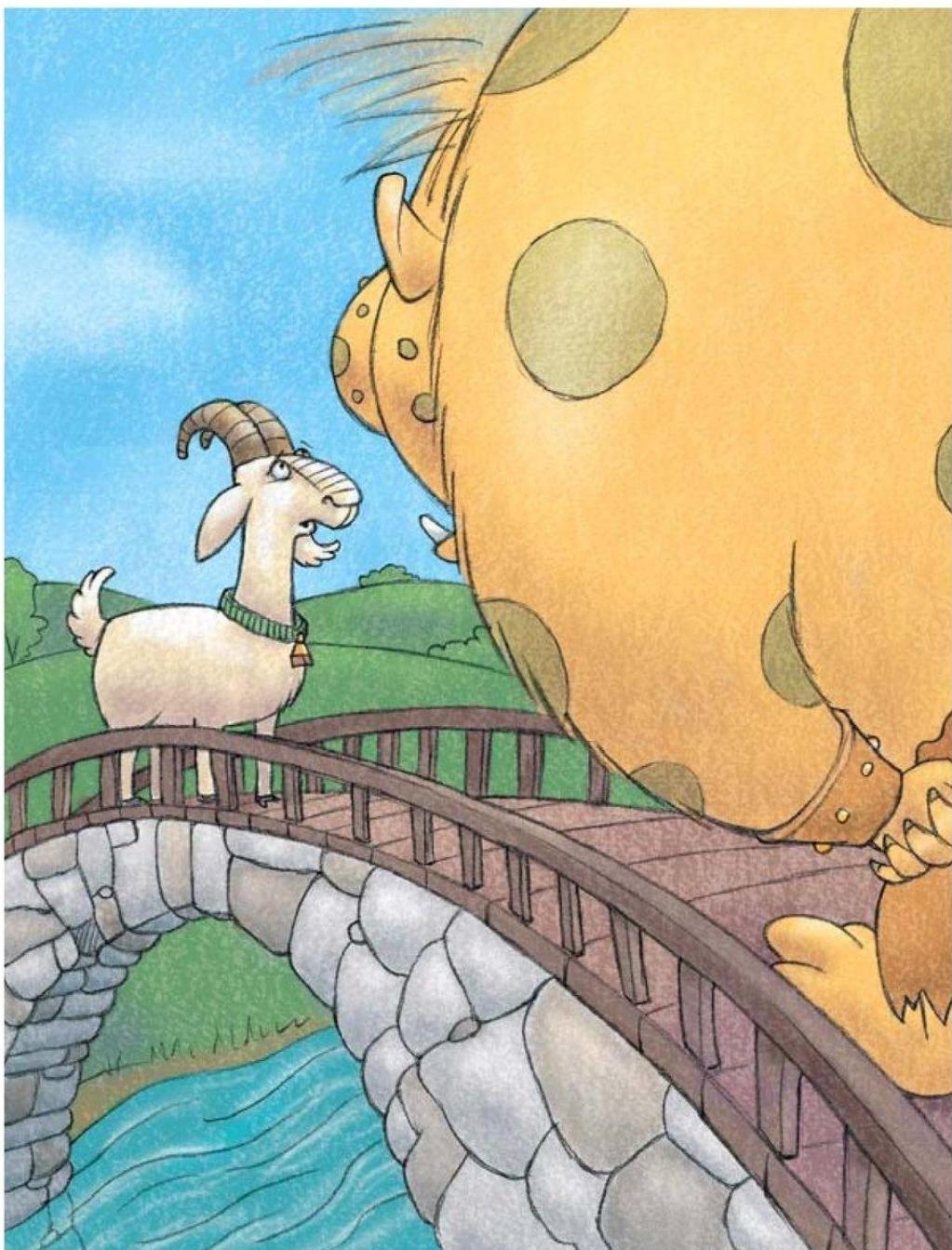
The grumpy troll was waiting.



“You must bring me a piece
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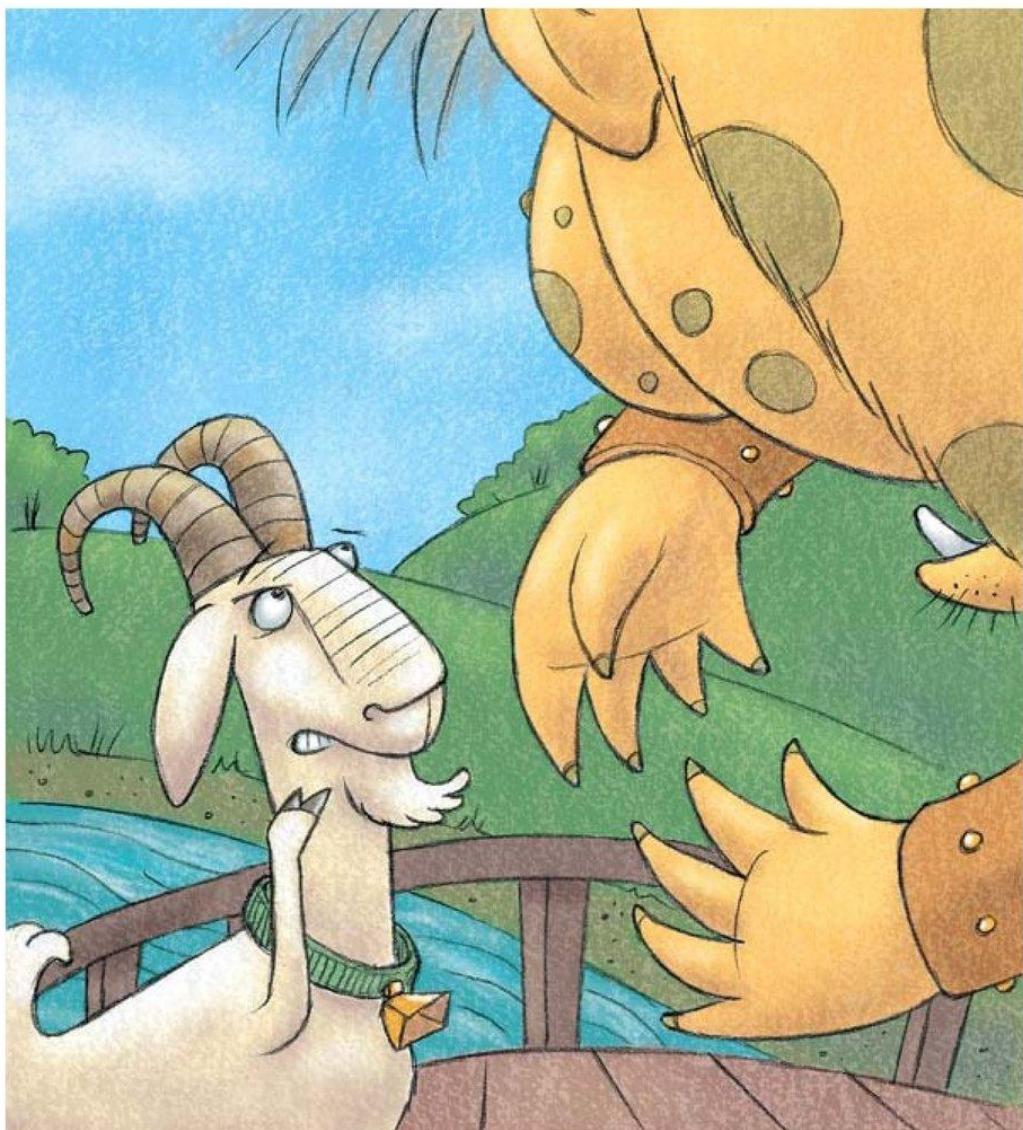


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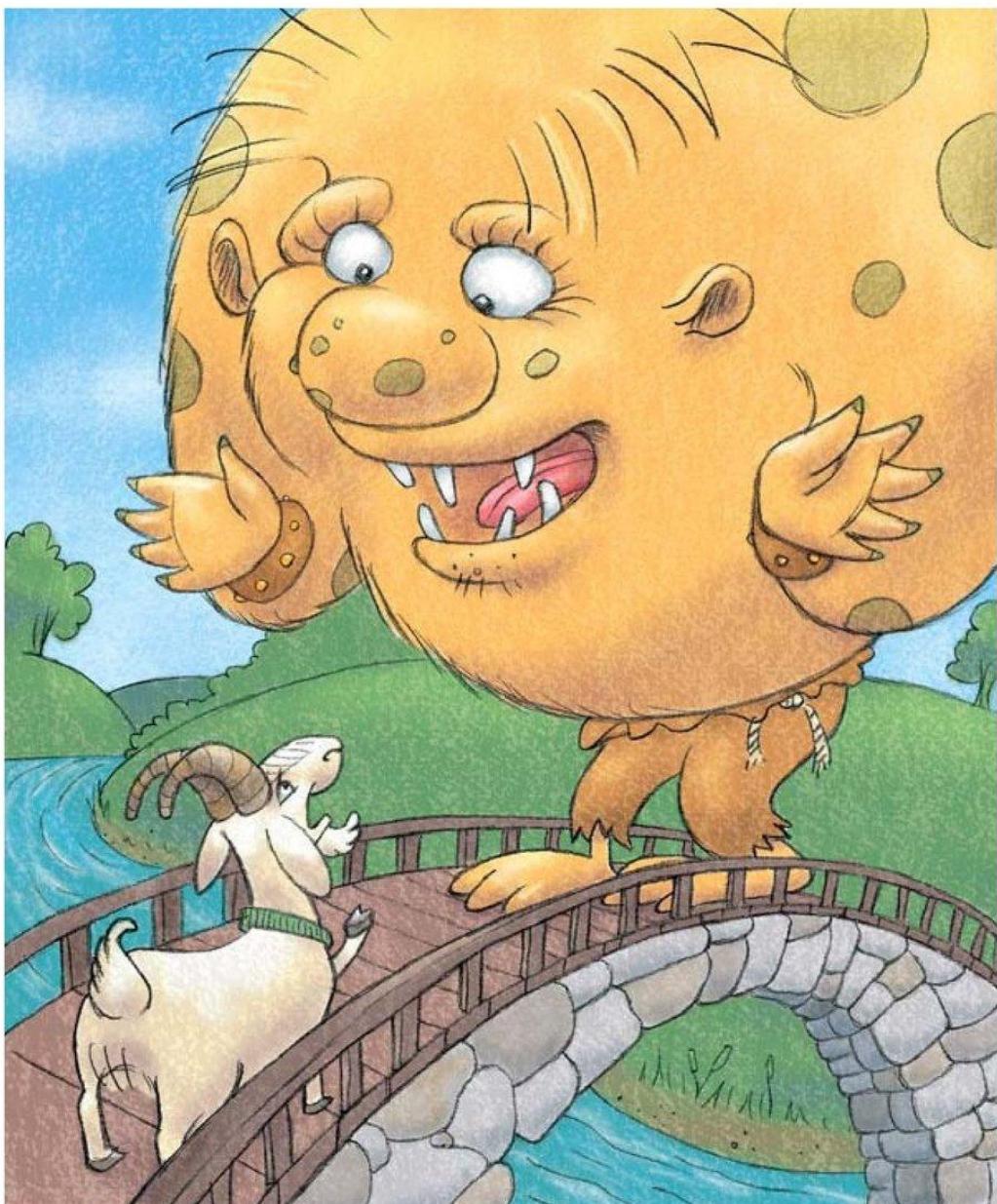
The following day, the billy goat again went to cross the bridge.

The grumpy troll was waiting.

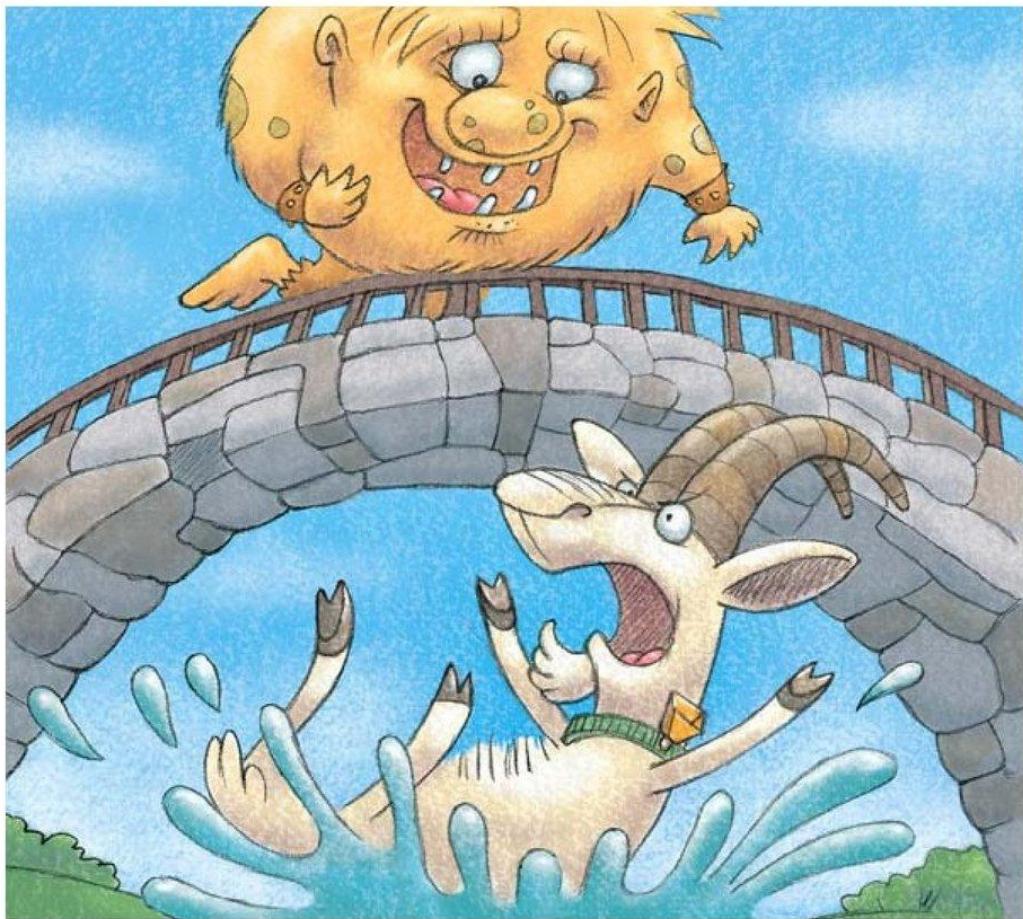


“You must bring me a large stone or you cannot pass,” growled the troll.

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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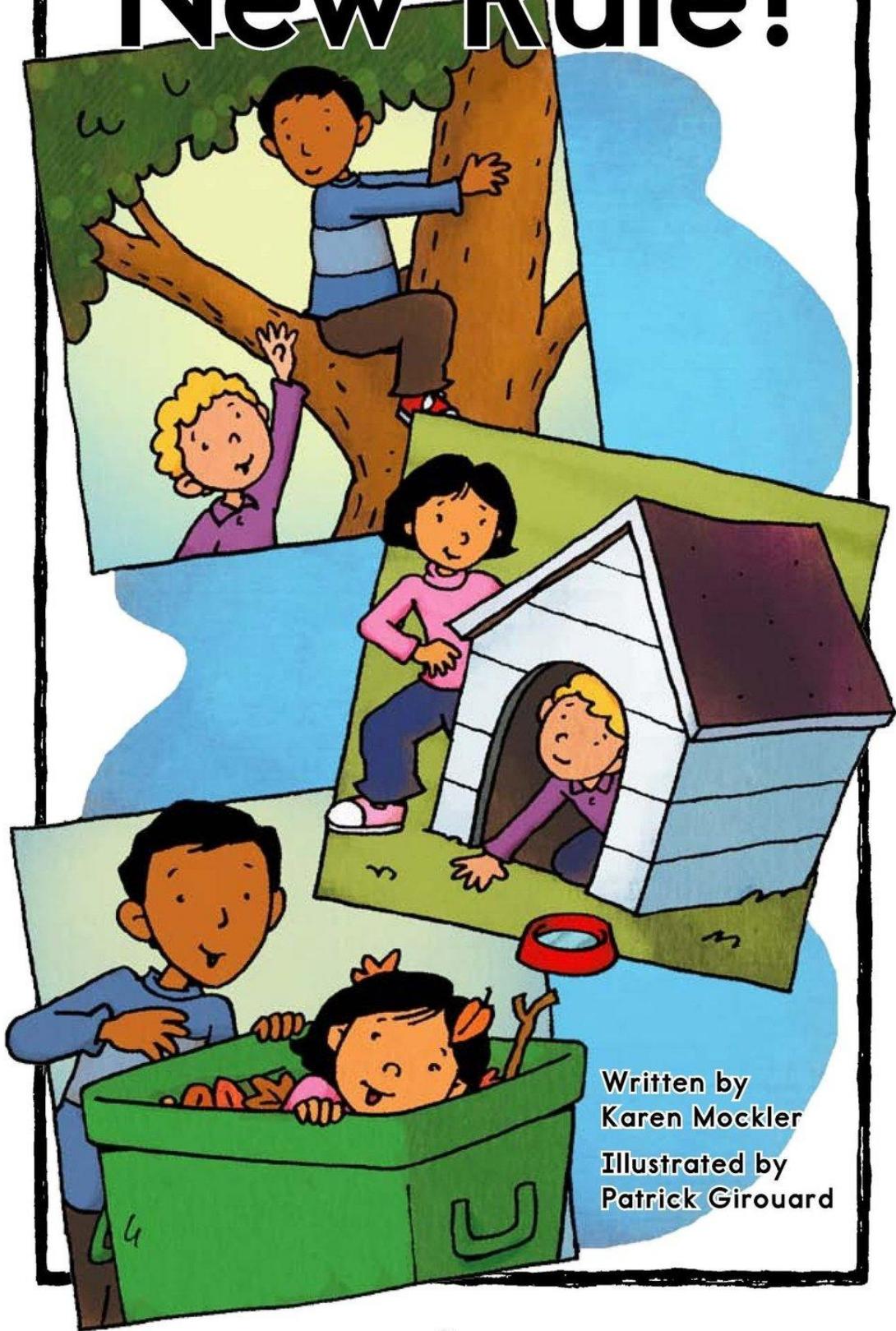
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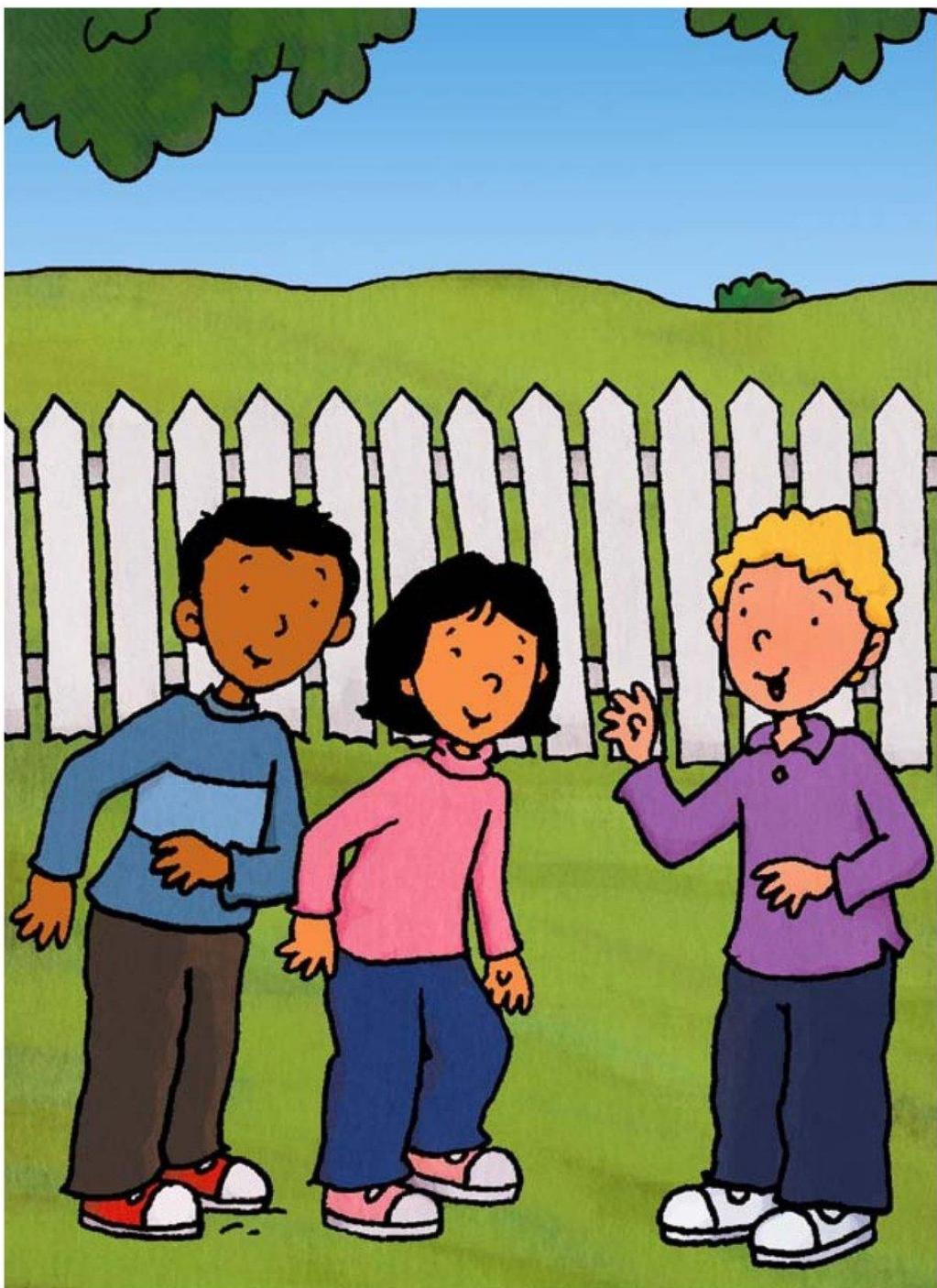


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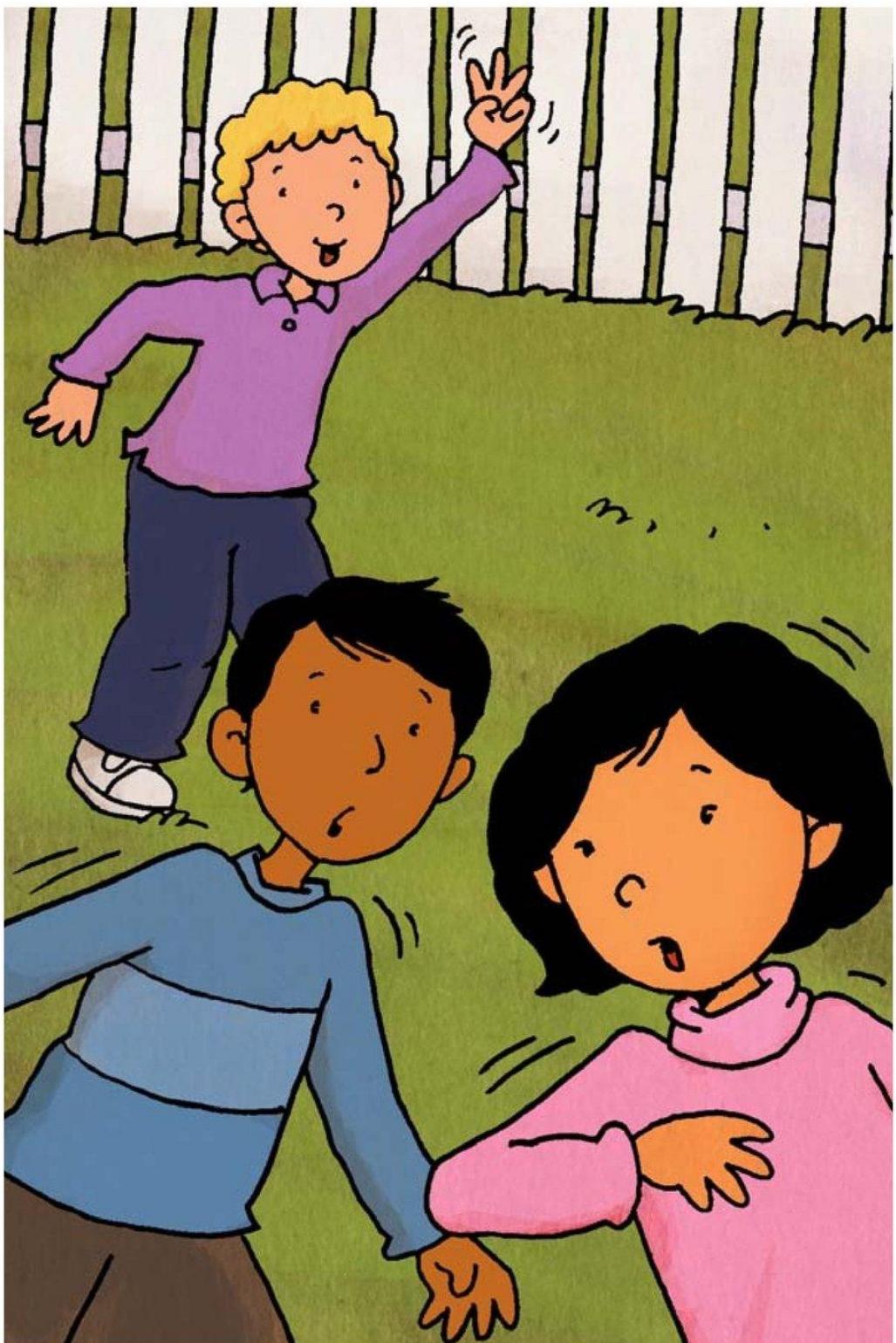


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“Let’s play hide-and-seek,”
said Ike. “I’ll seek first, and
you two can hide.”

“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.



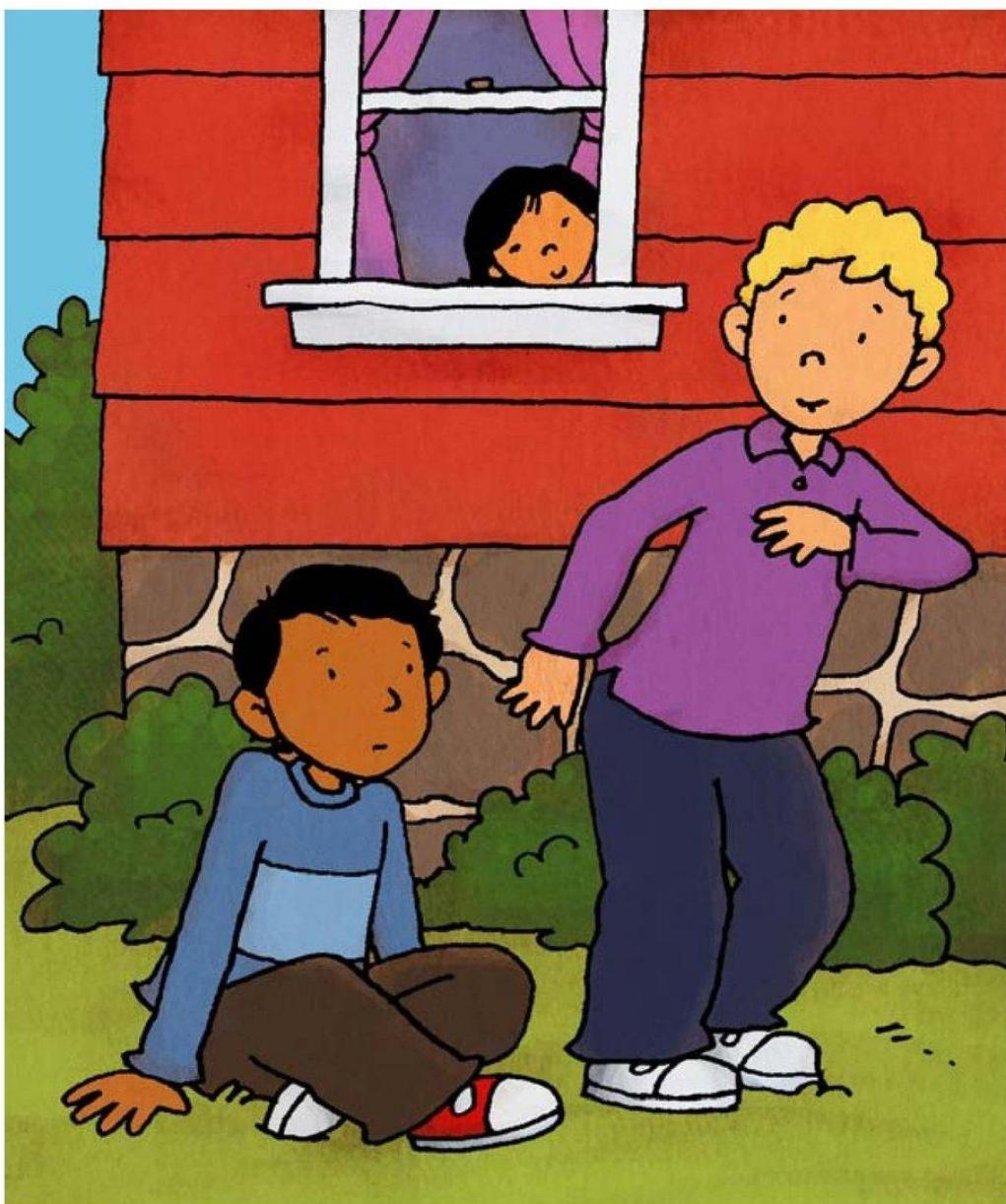


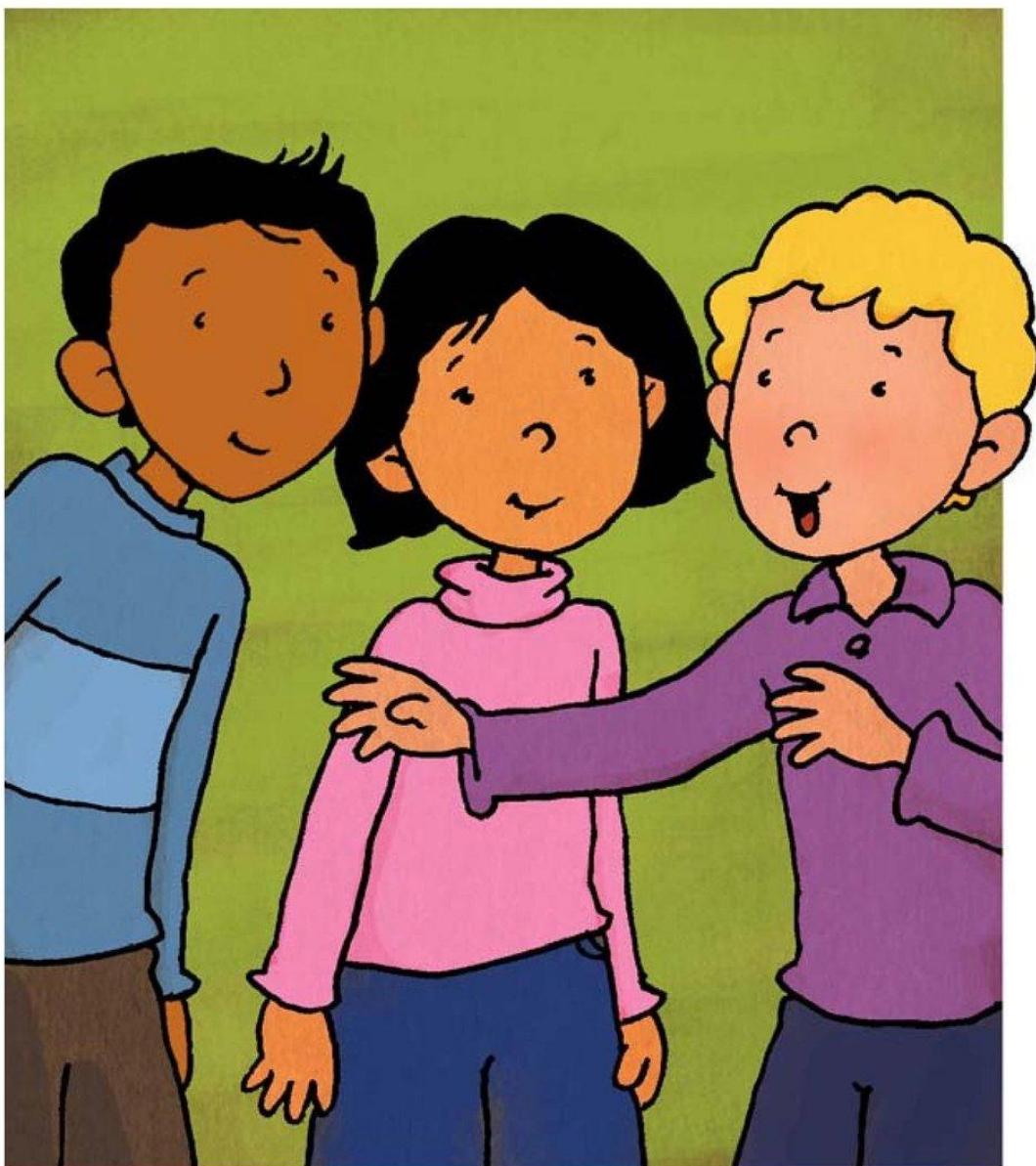
“New rule!” said Eliza. “You can’t tell where anyone else is hiding. Okay?”

“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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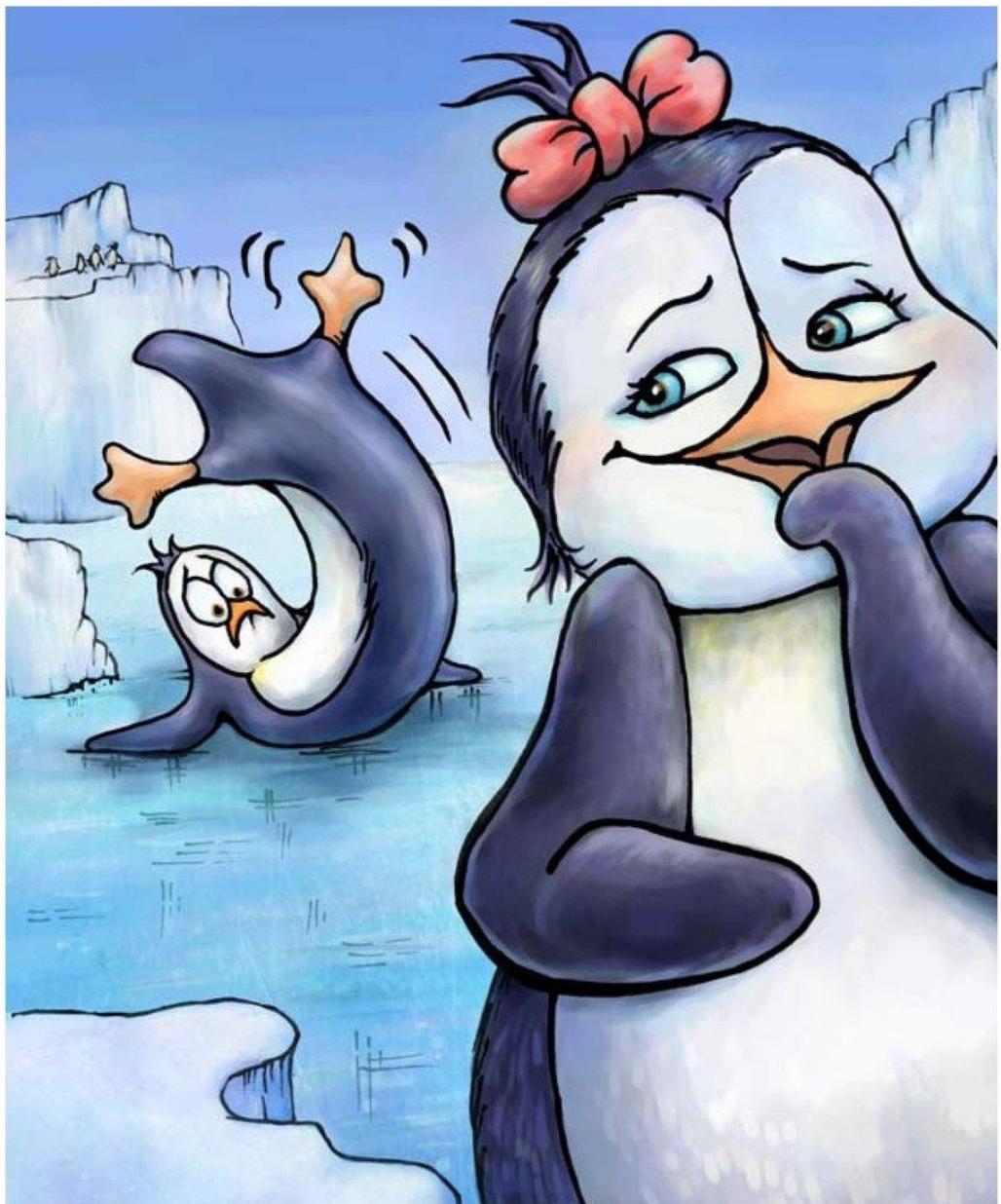


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Penny the penguin thought
watching others fall was funny.
Penny passed her friend Peter
and whacked him with her wing.
Smack! Peter spun around and
fell on the ice.

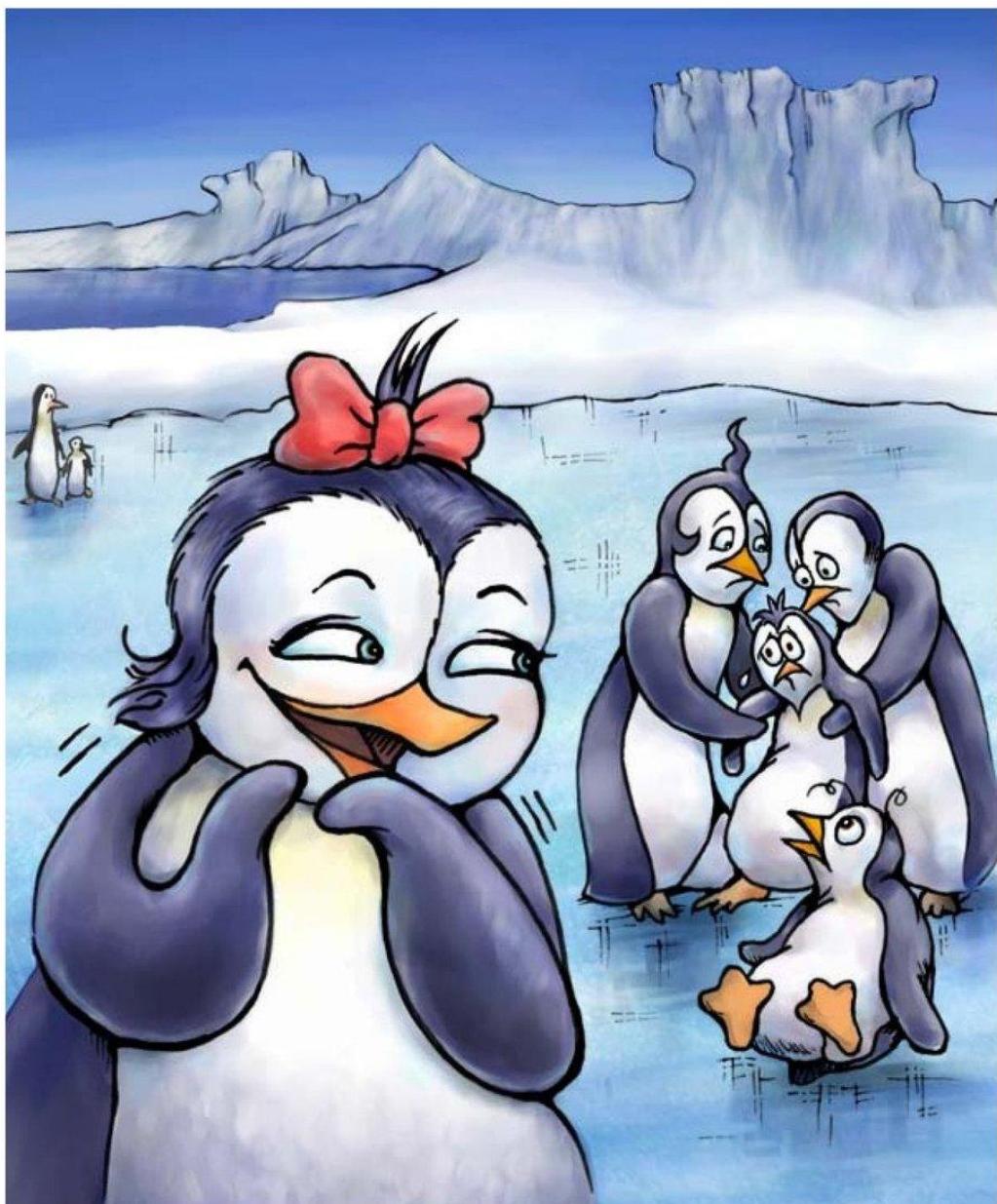


Penny thought he looked
so funny!

“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!

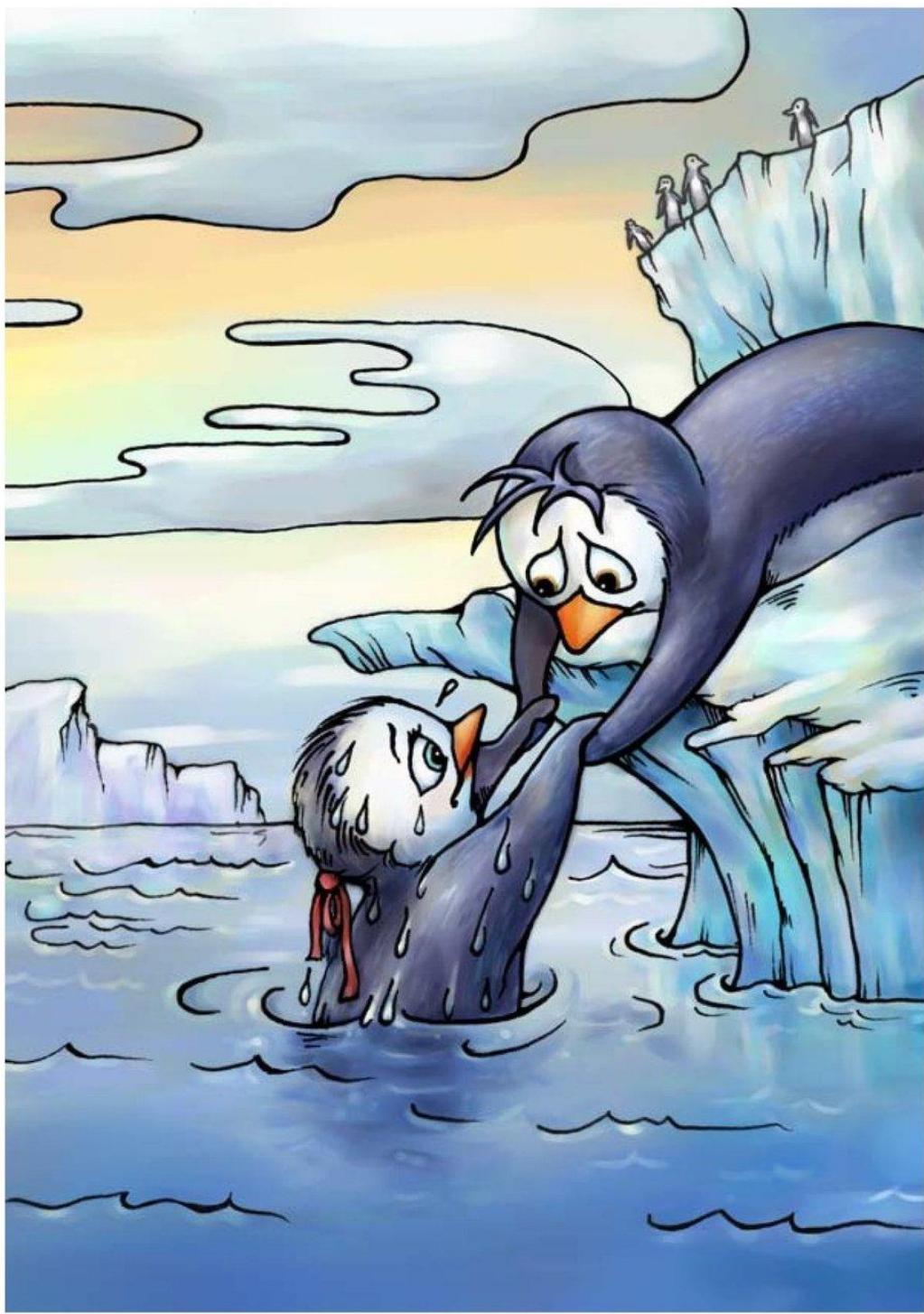
“Oops,” Penny said. “I’m sorry.”
Penny didn’t really mean it,
though.



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

Peter bumped into her.

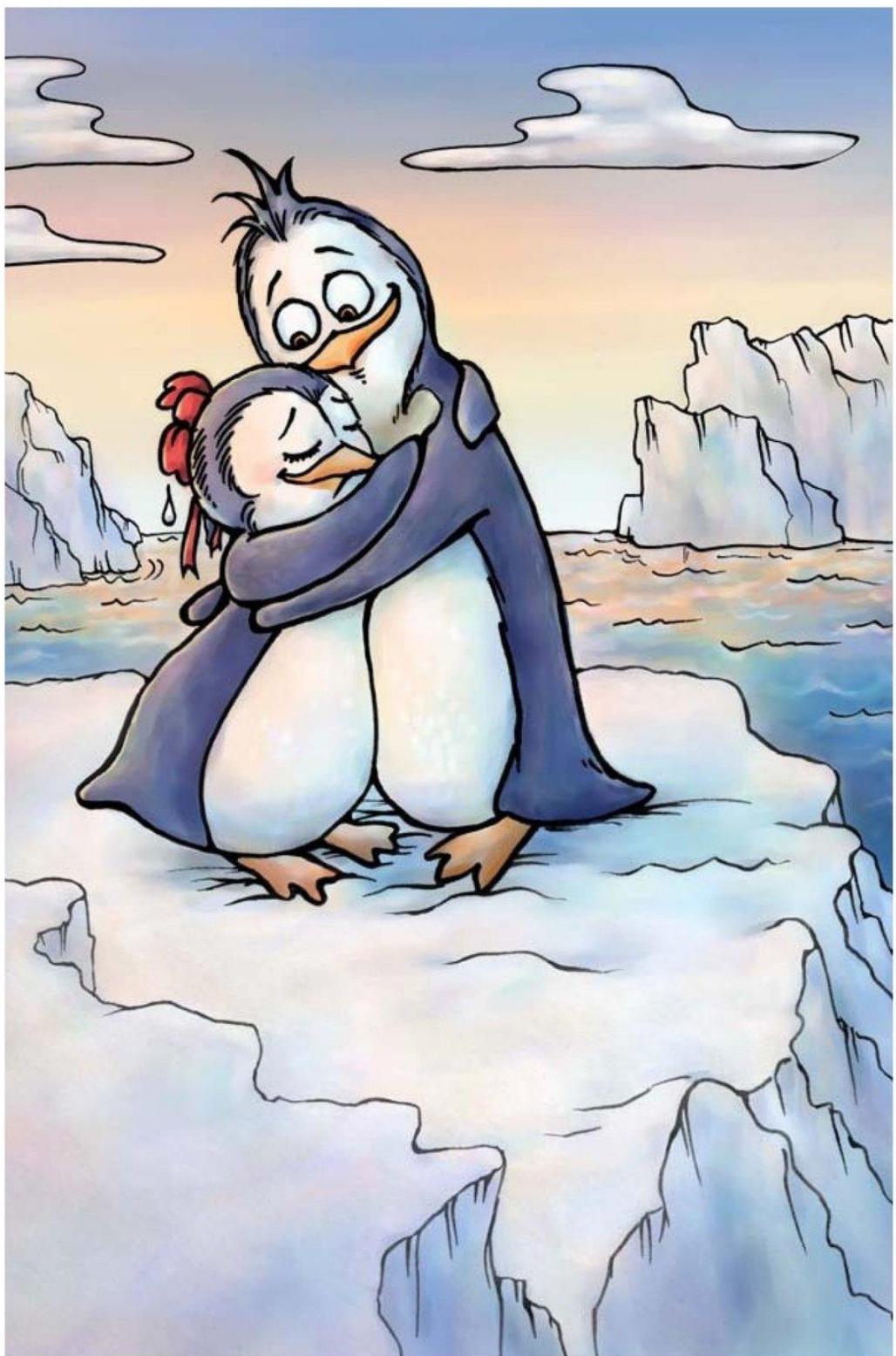
Swoosh! Penny went down the slide and into the ocean.



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



Penguin

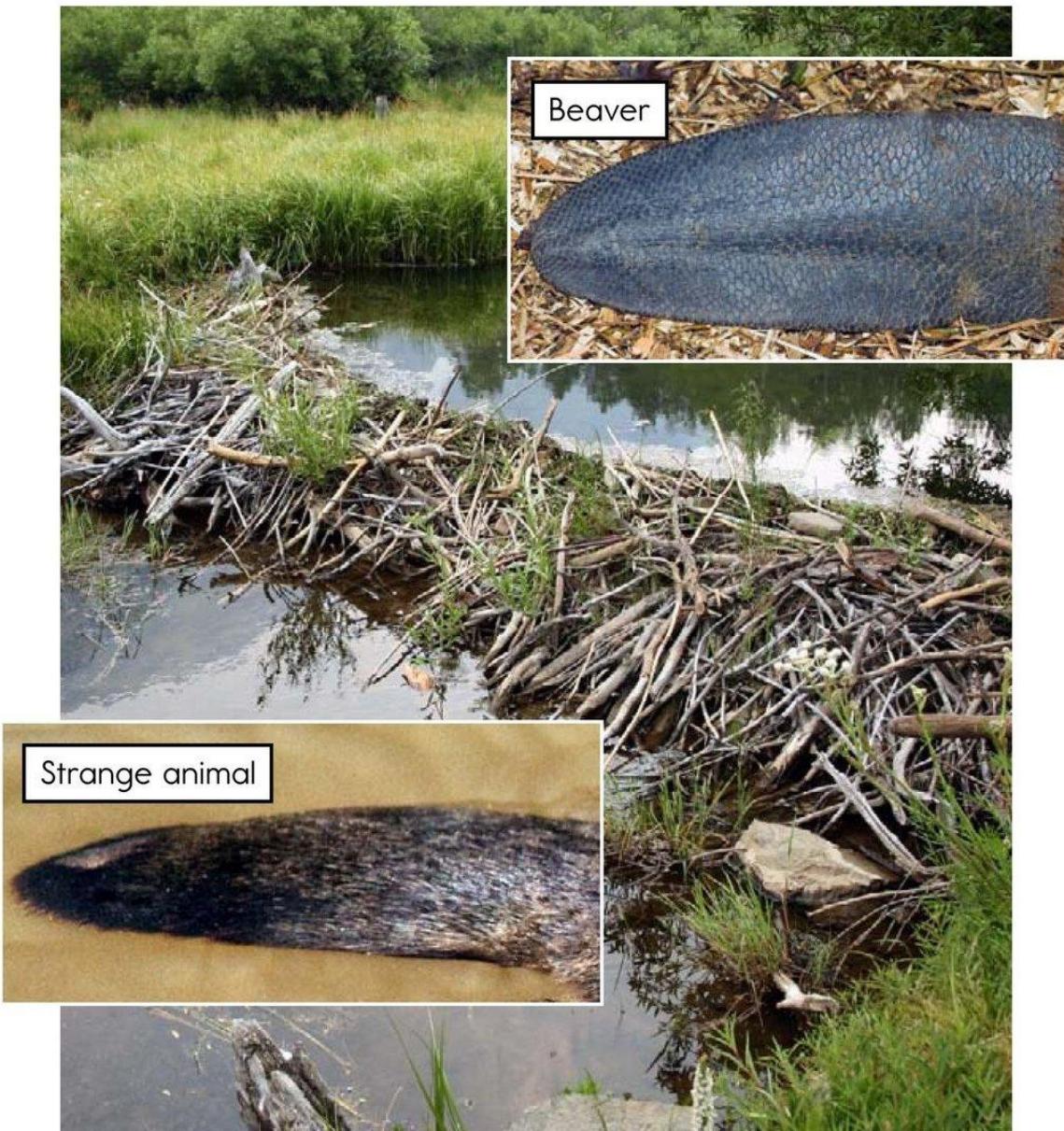


Strange animal

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



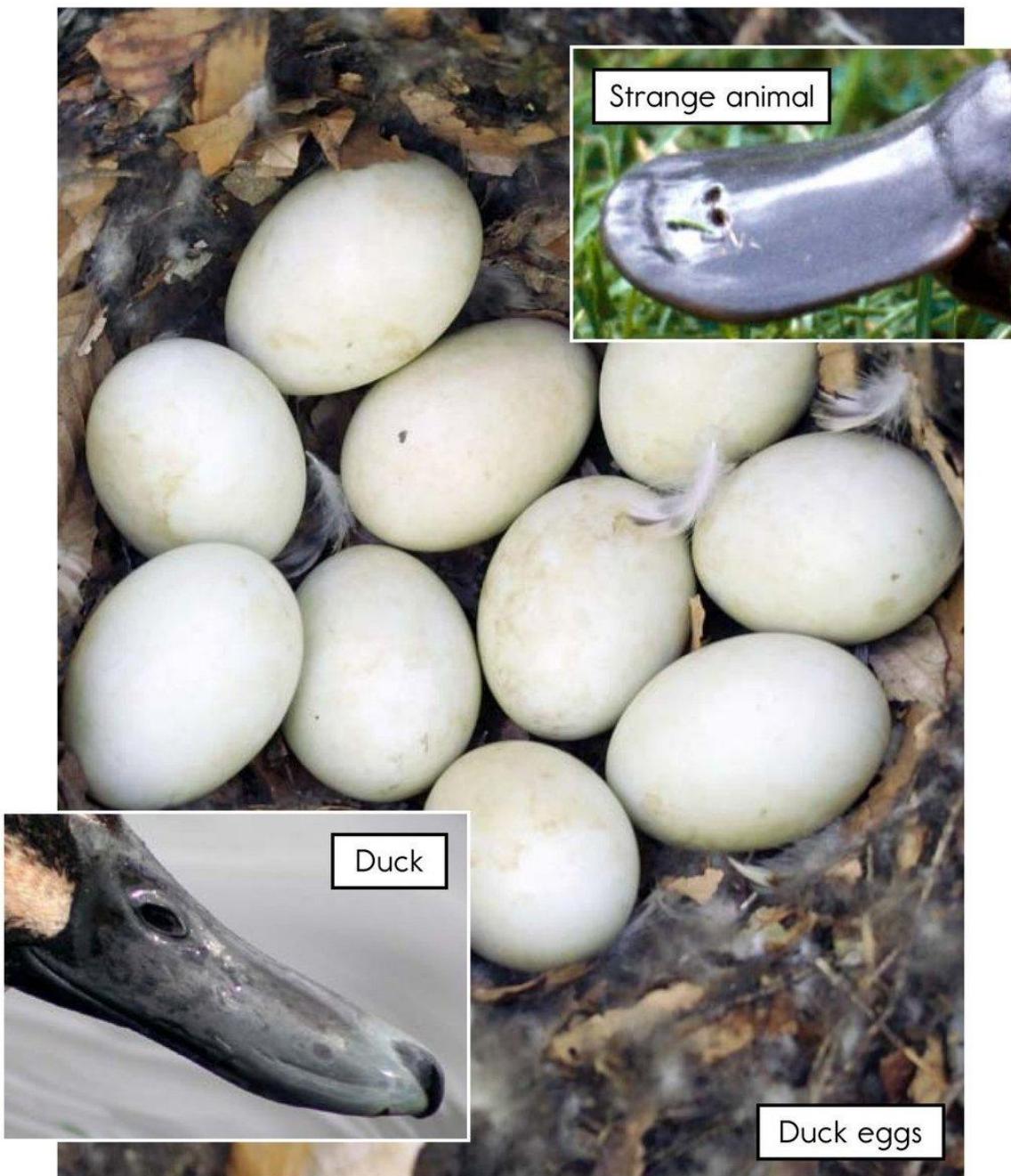
No. It doesn't have
a white belly.
If it's not a penguin,
what is it?



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.

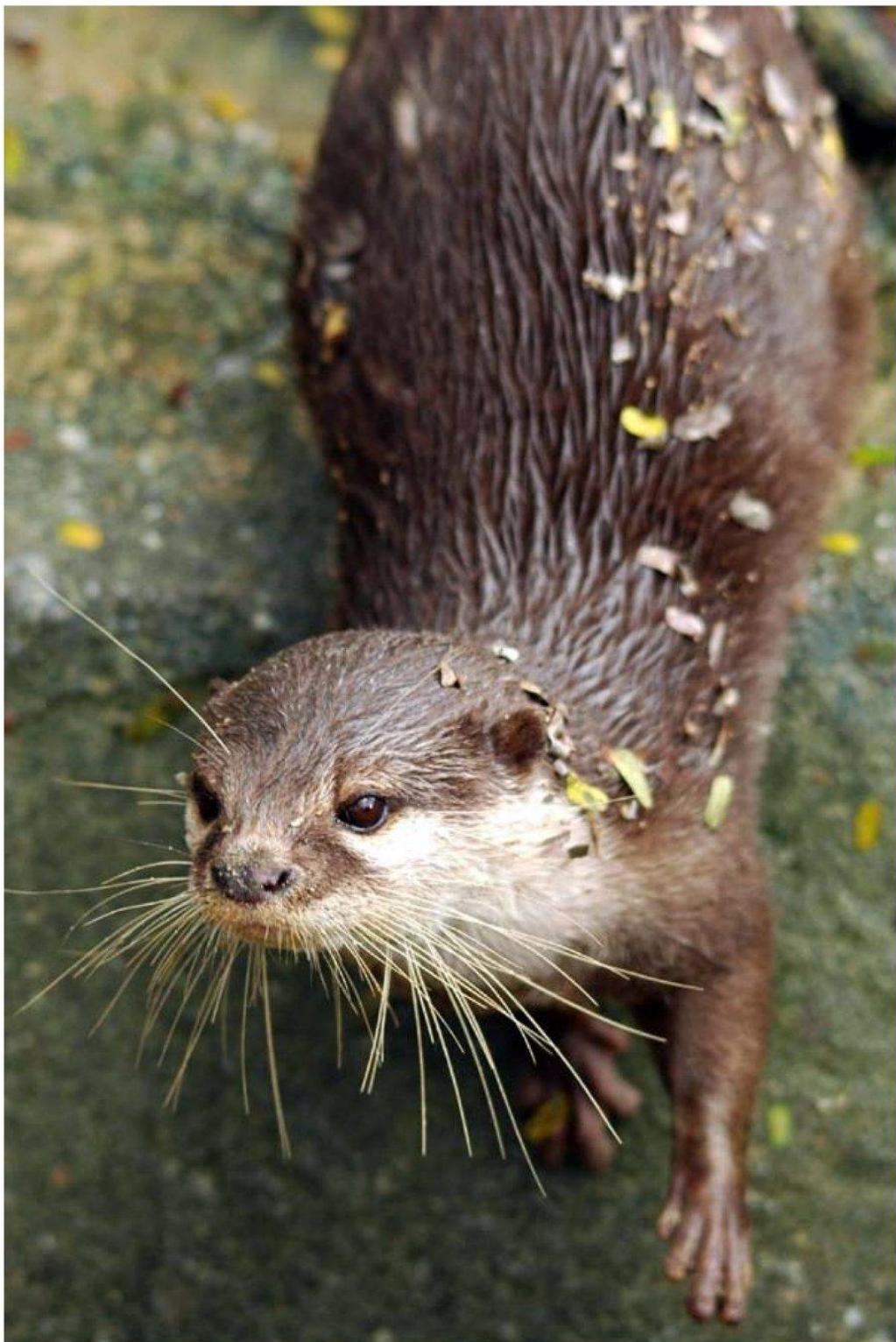
Is it a duck?



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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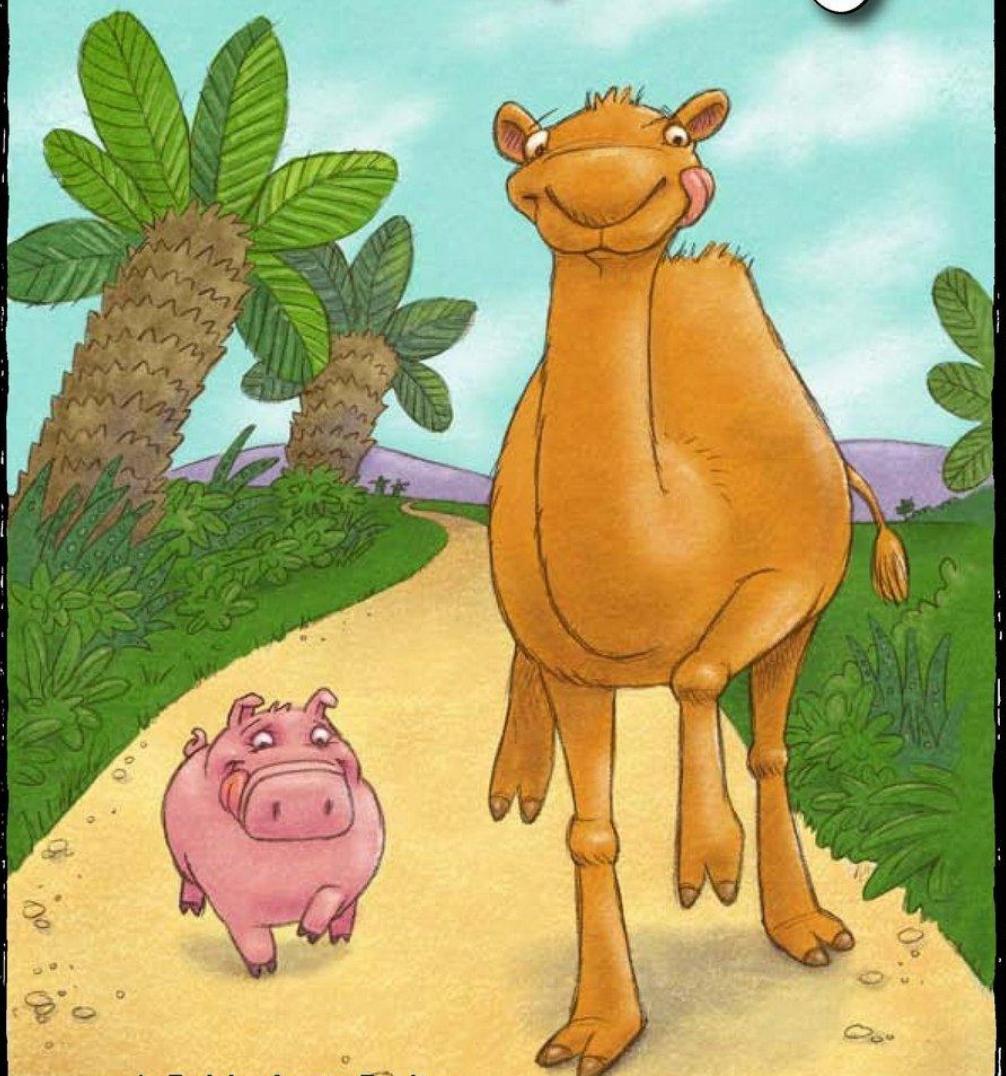
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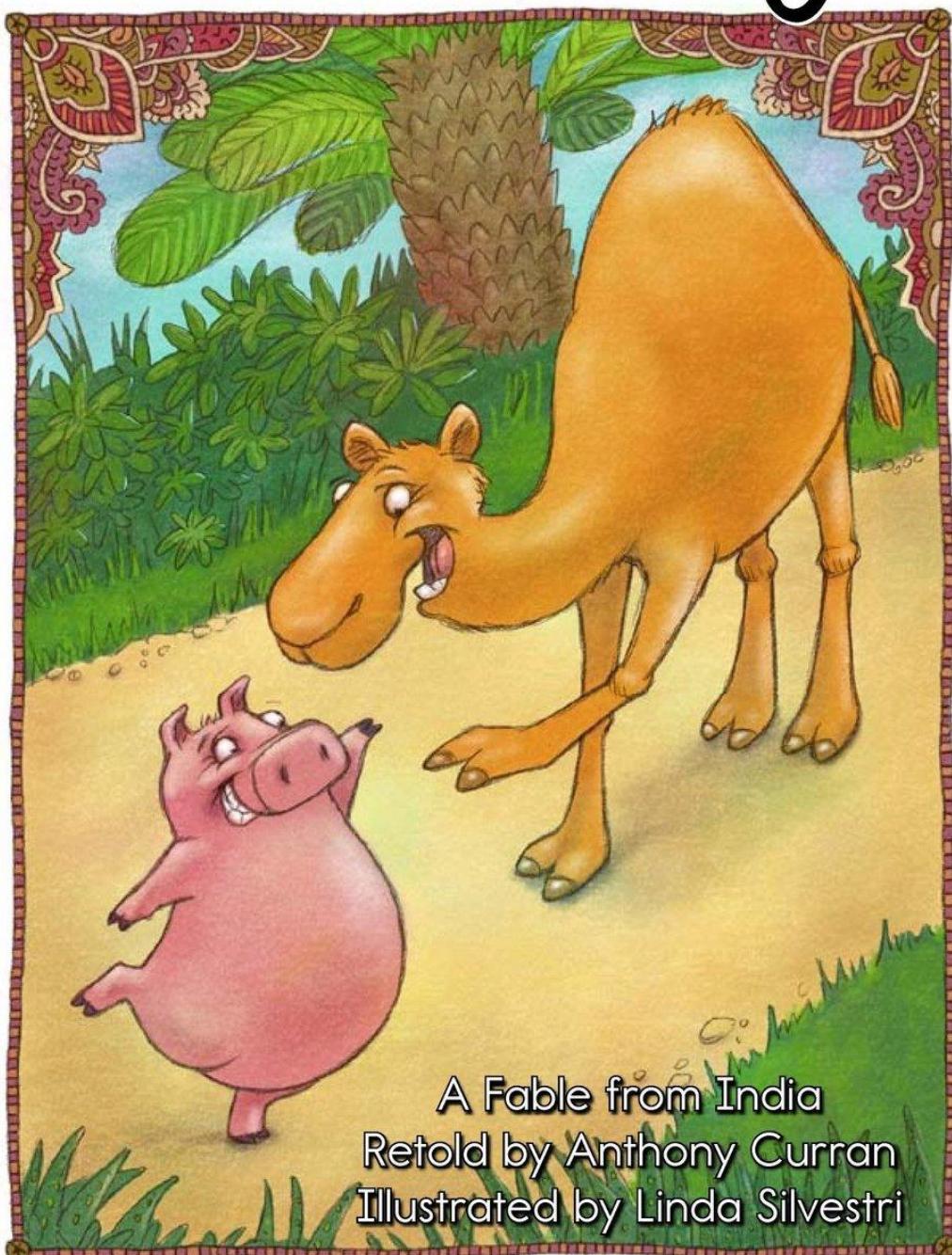
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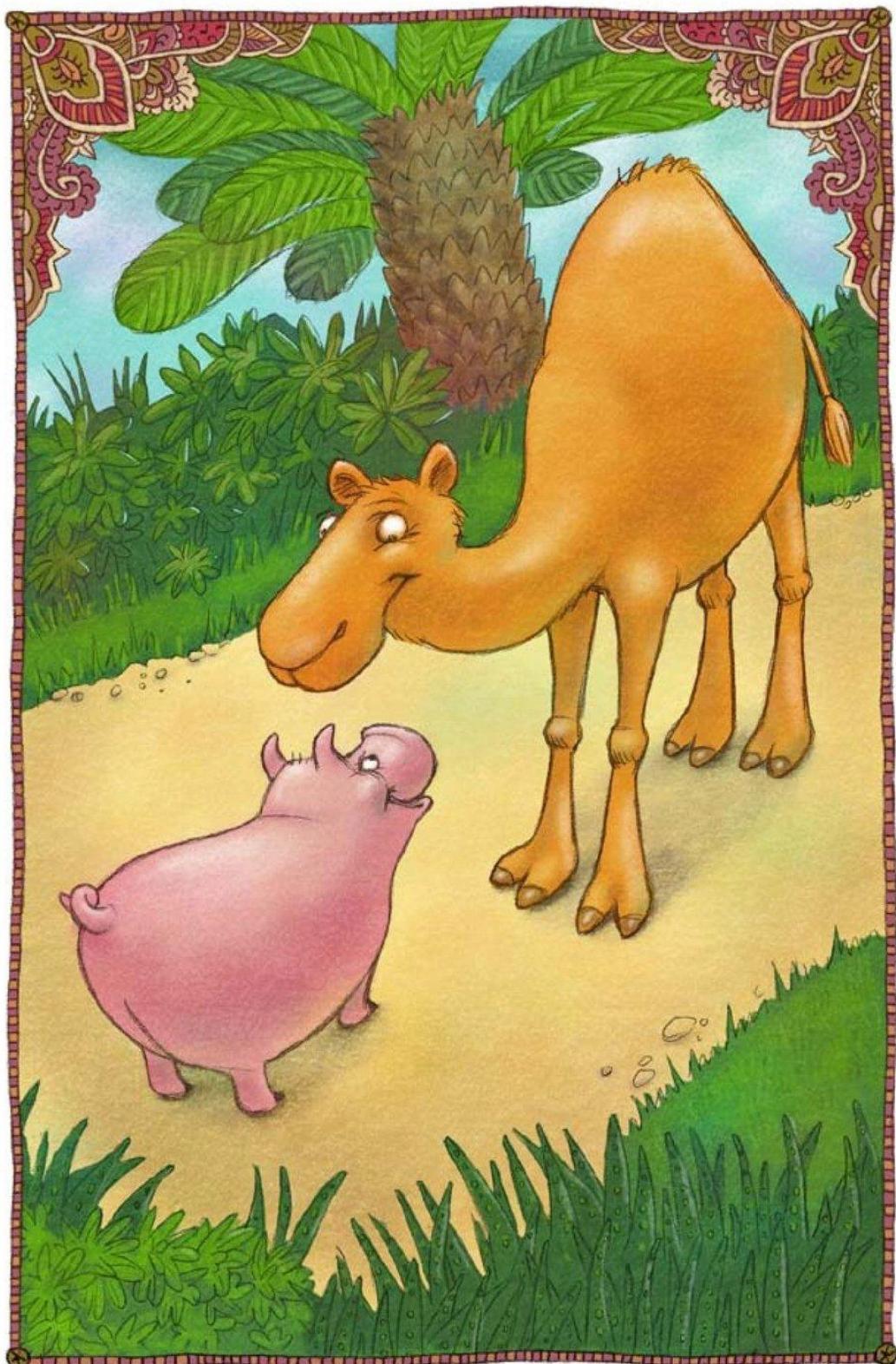
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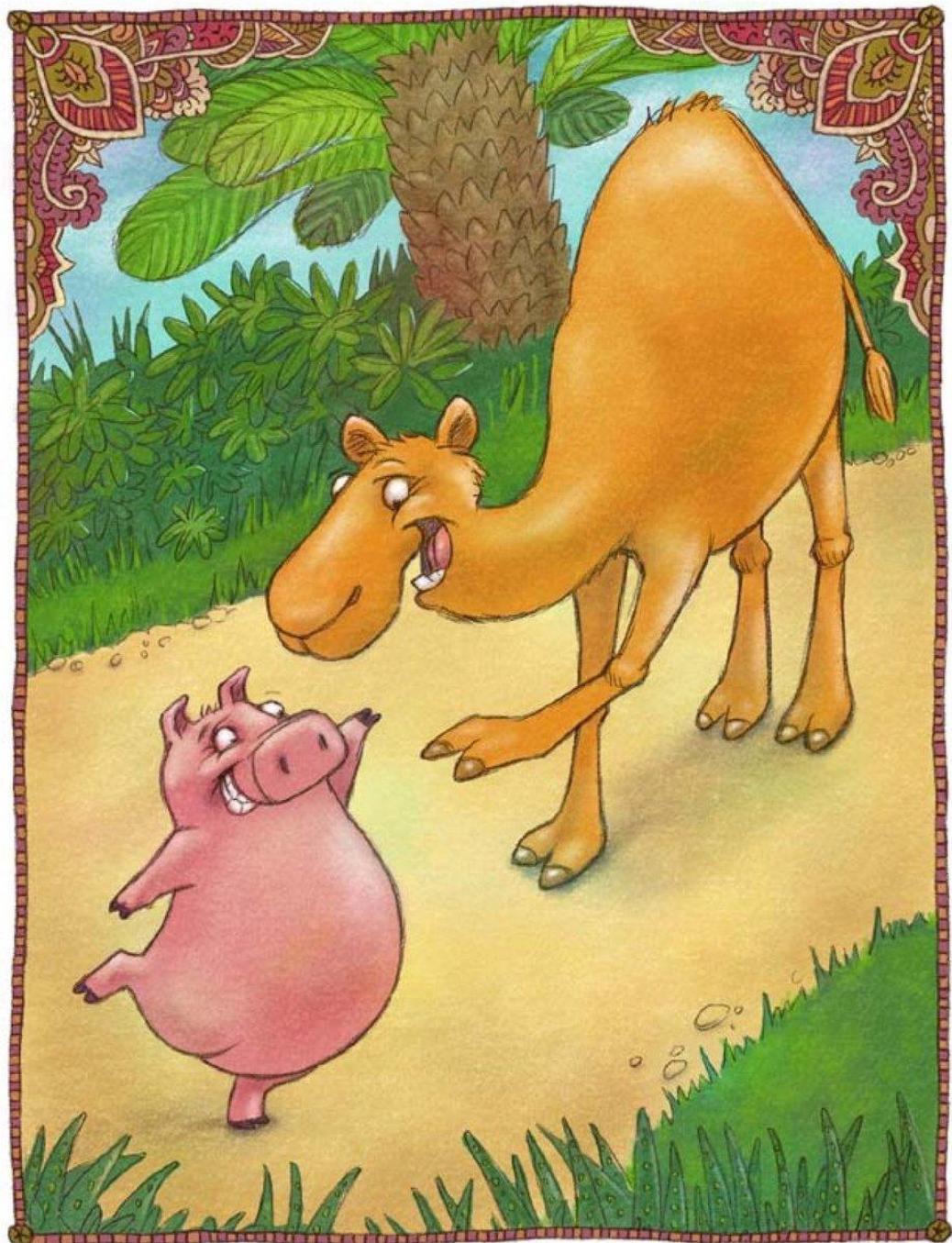
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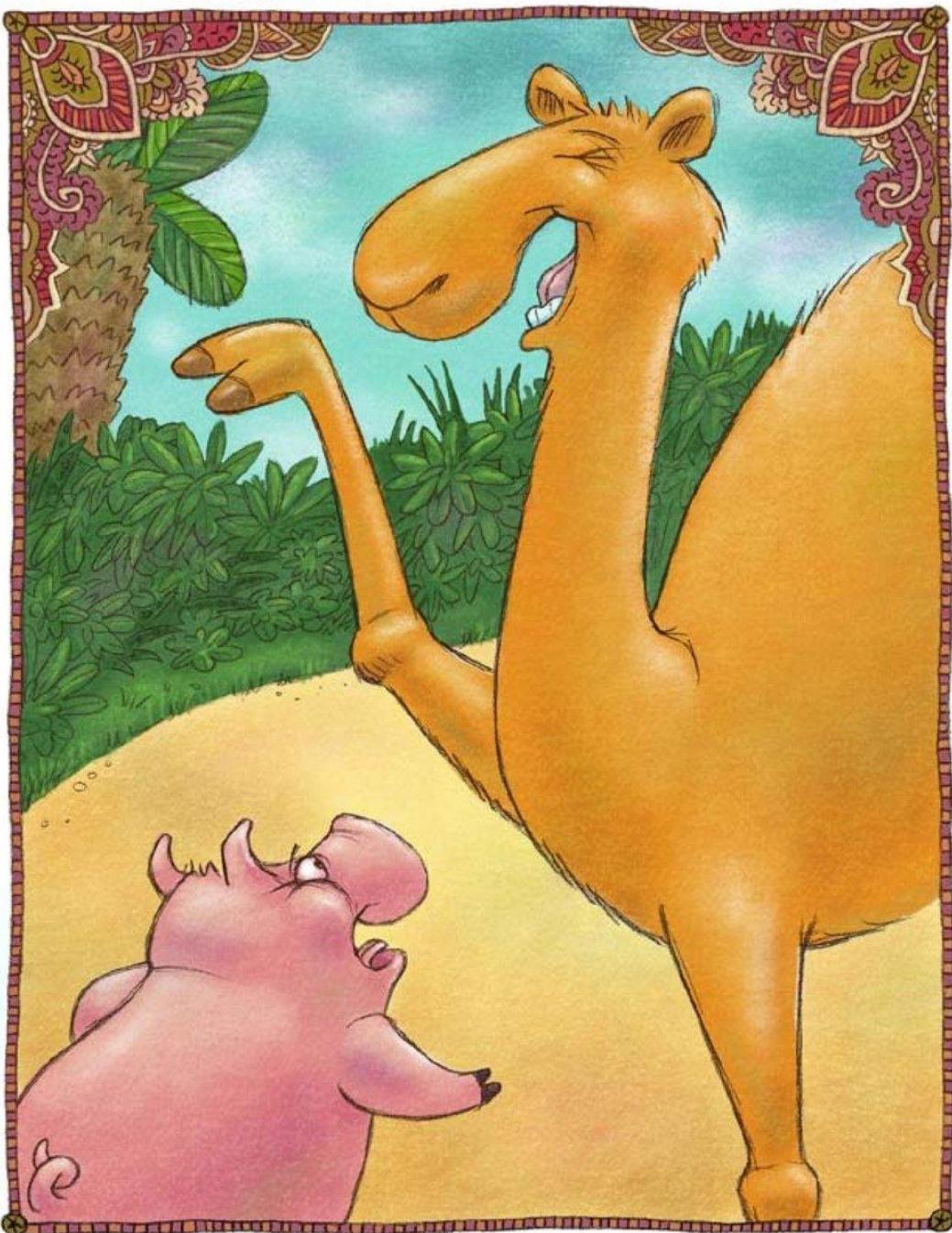


A camel and a pig met on
a road.



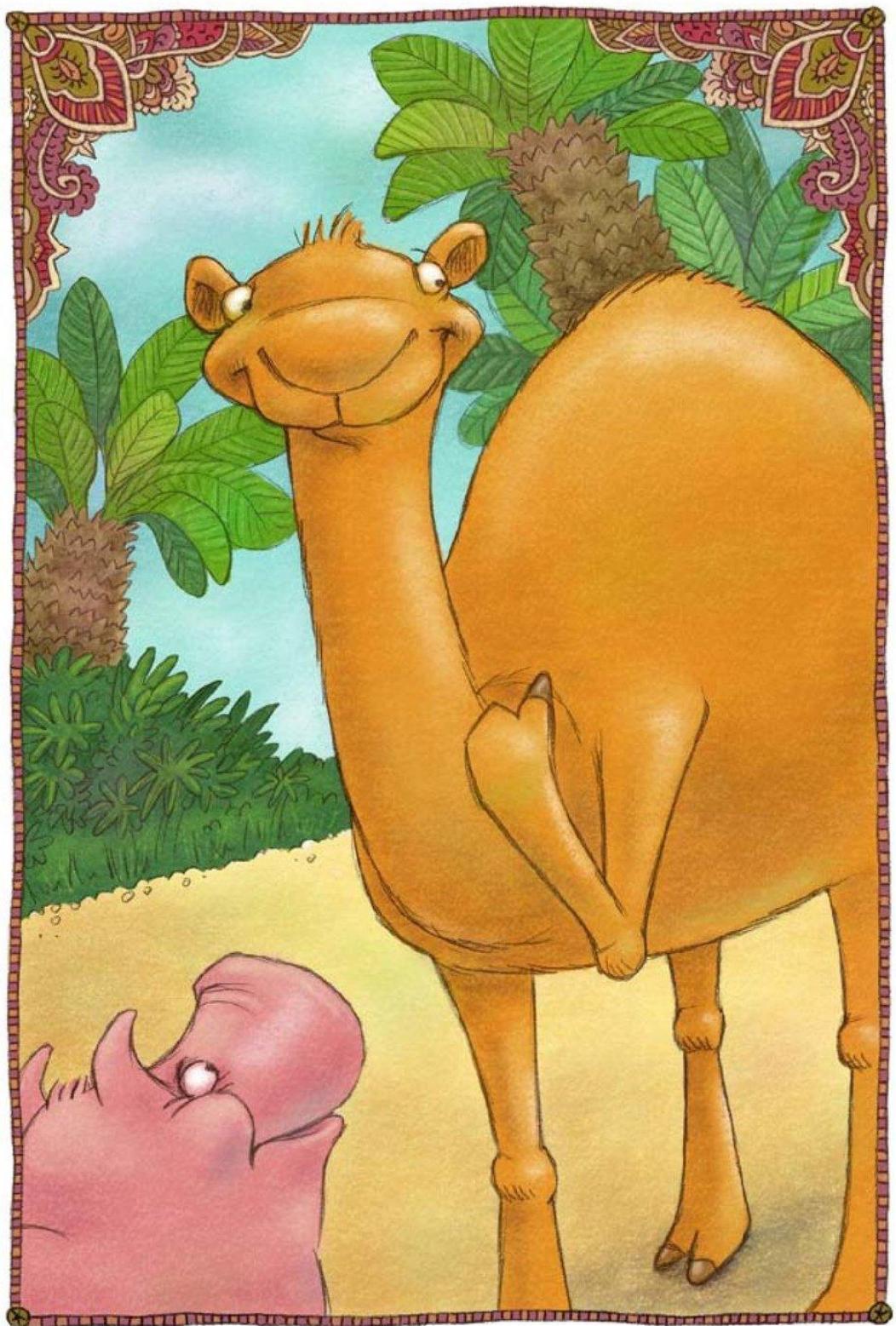
“You are very tall!” said the pig
to the camel.

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

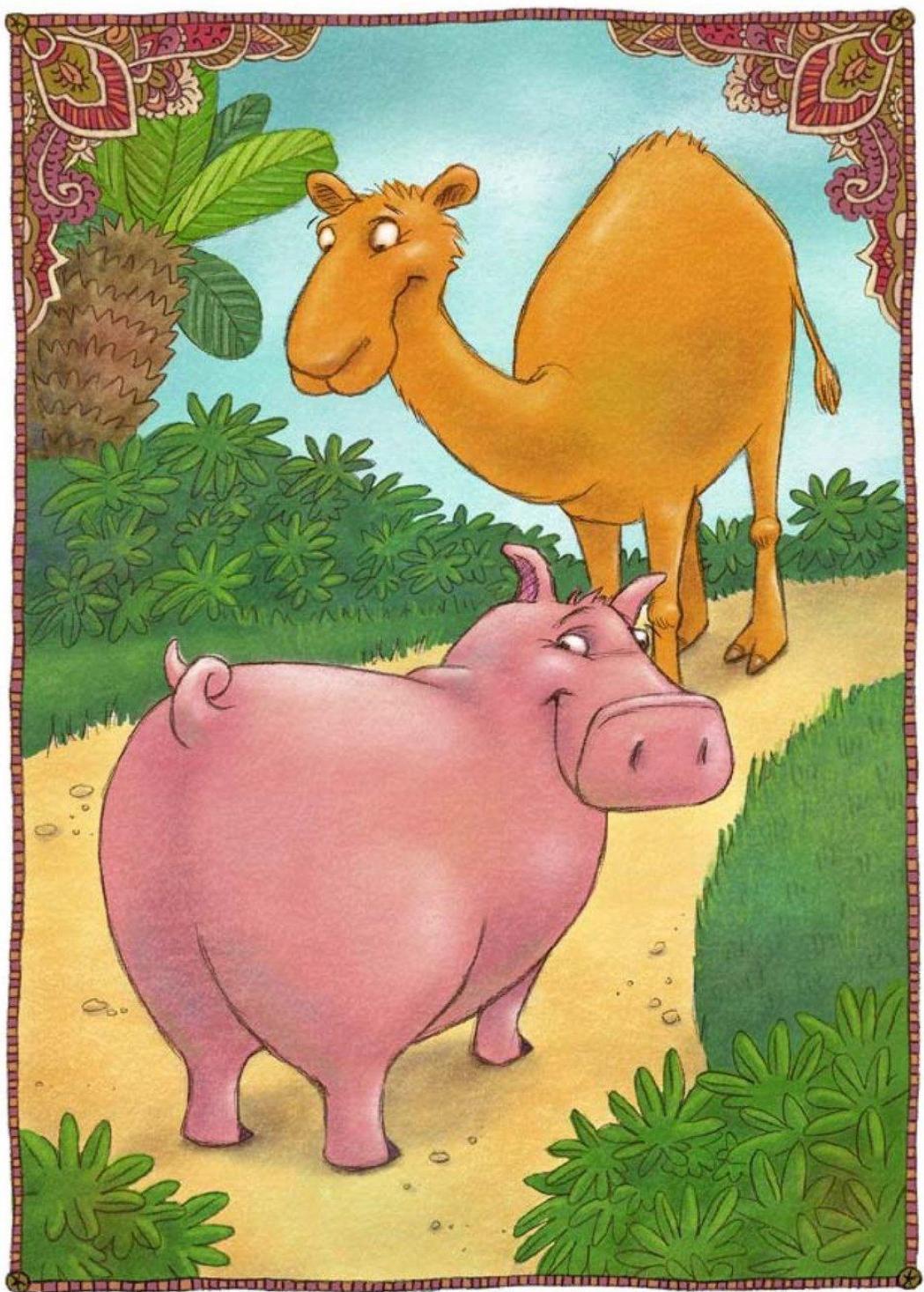


“Being tall is the best,” laughed
the camel.

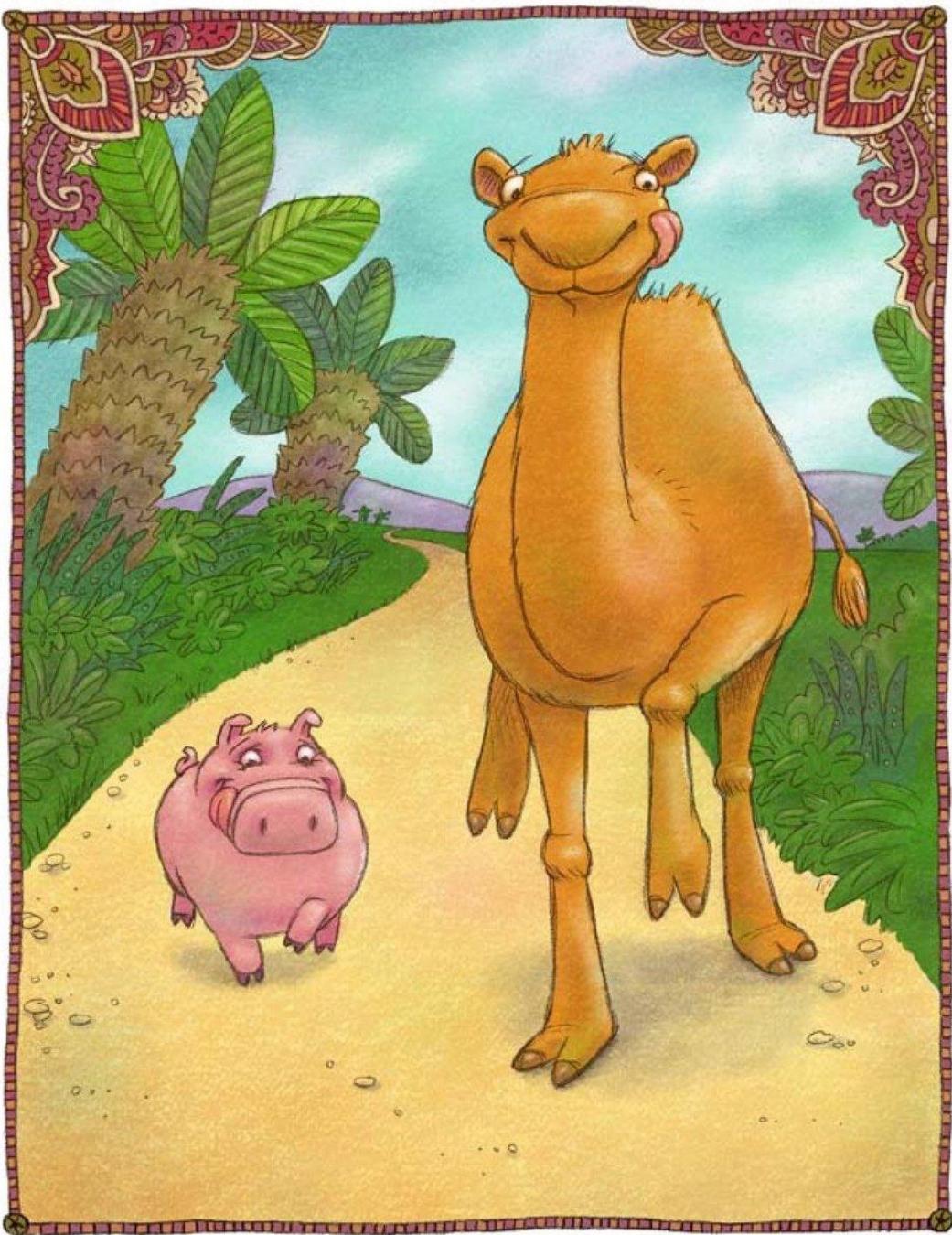
“Being short is the best,”
laughed the pig.



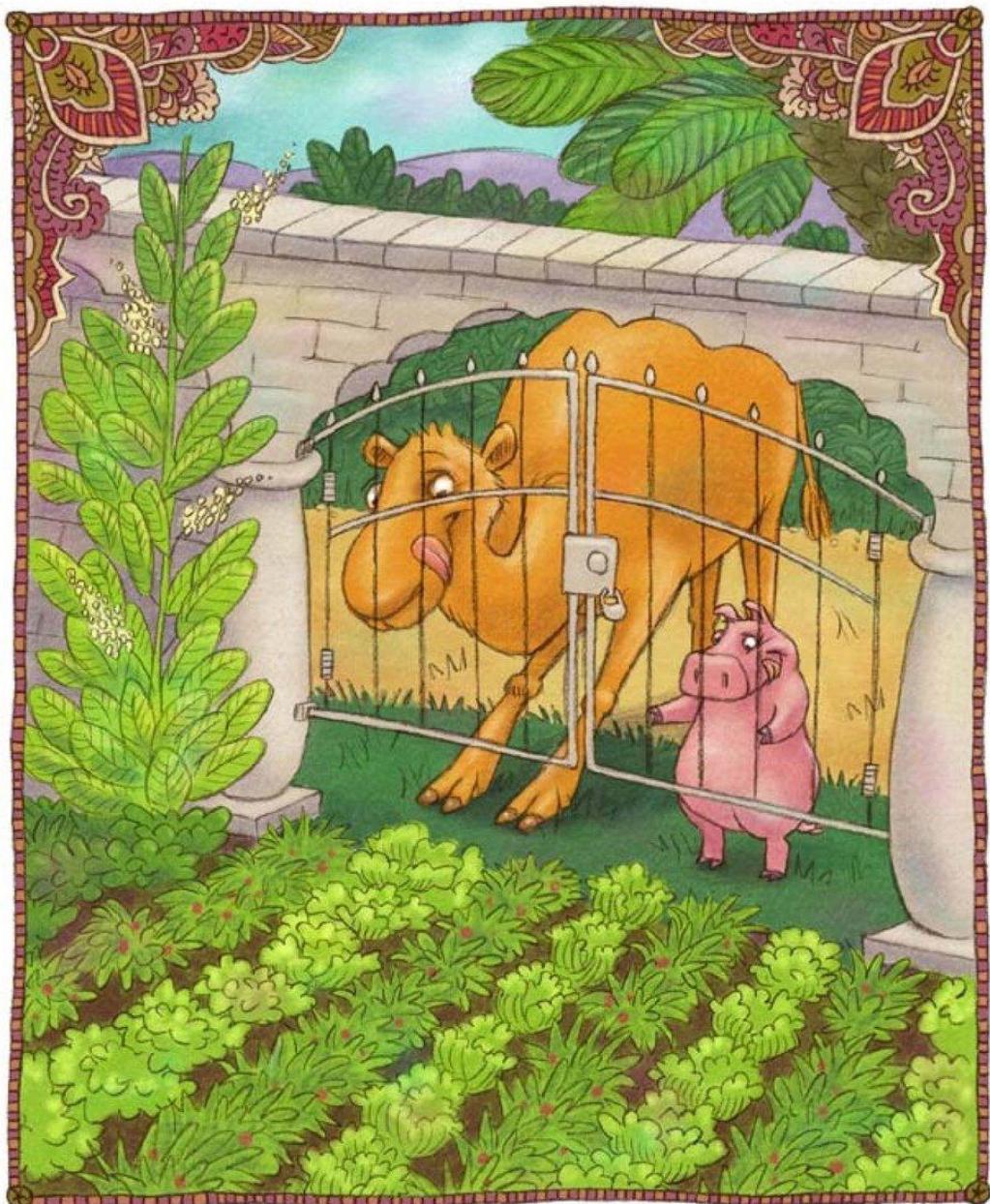
“I’ll bet you my hump it’s better
to be tall,” said the camel.



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



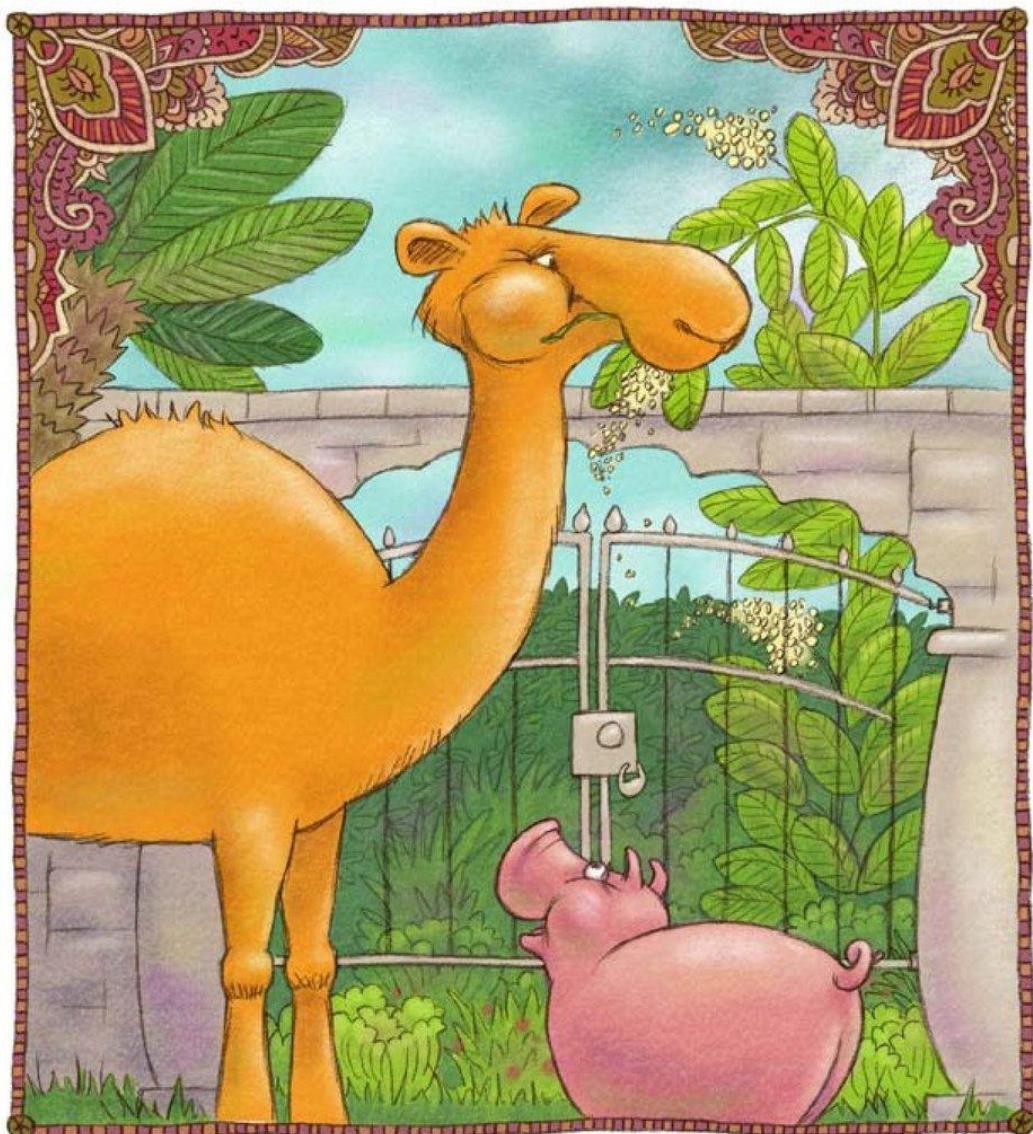
The camel and the pig walked along the road together. Soon, they became very hungry.



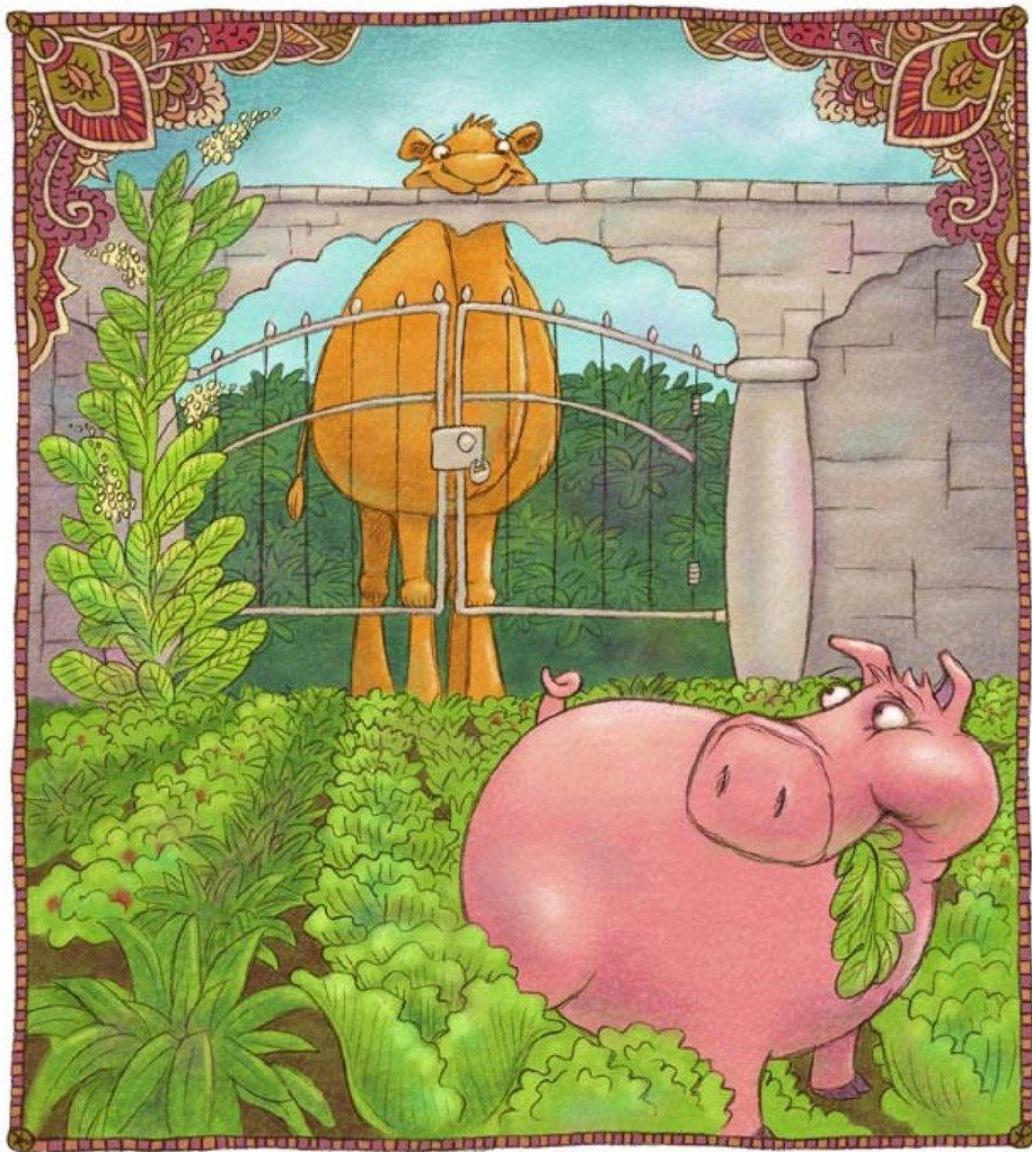
The road passed a garden full
of vegetables.

A wall around the garden kept
everyone outside.

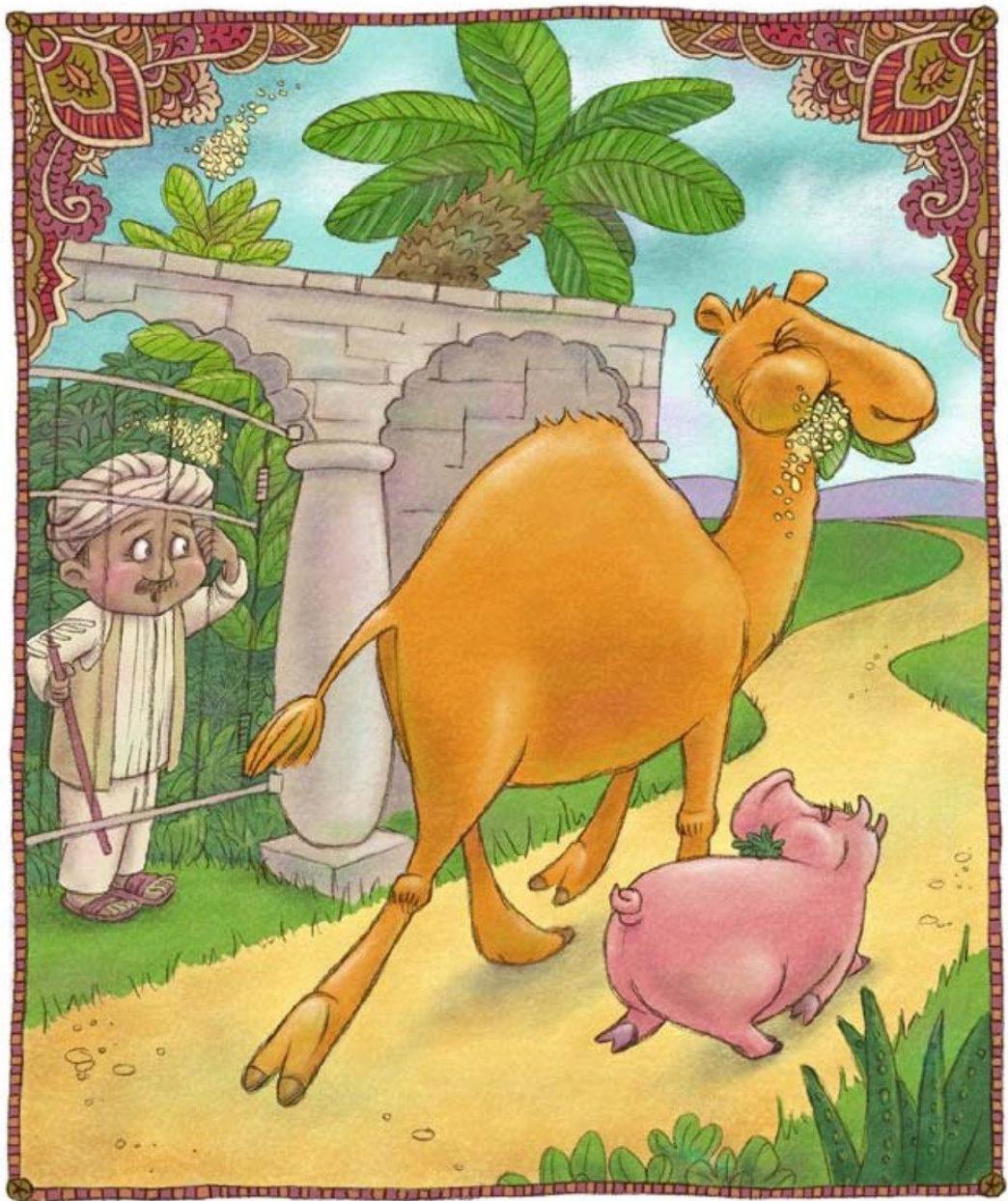
The gate in the wall was locked.



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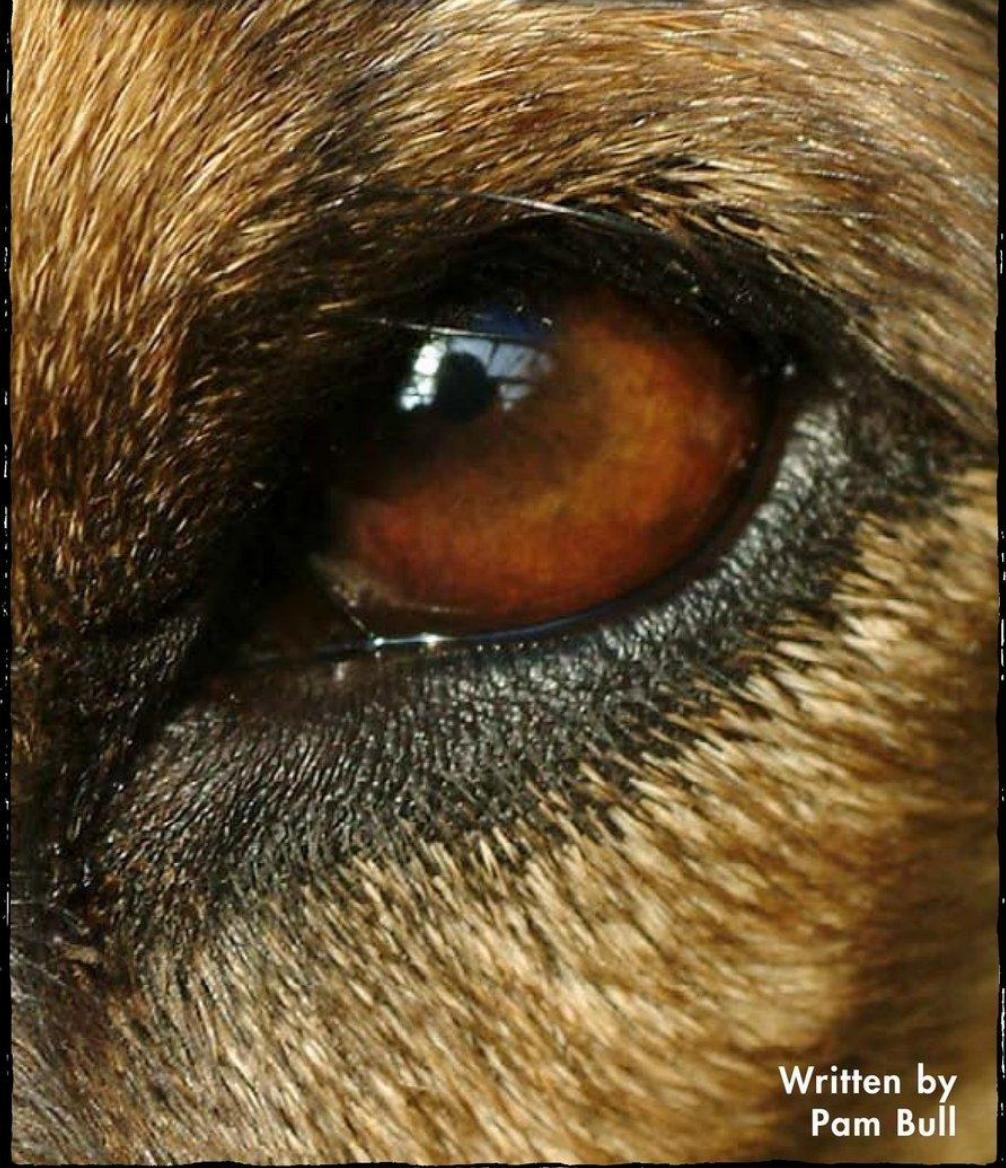
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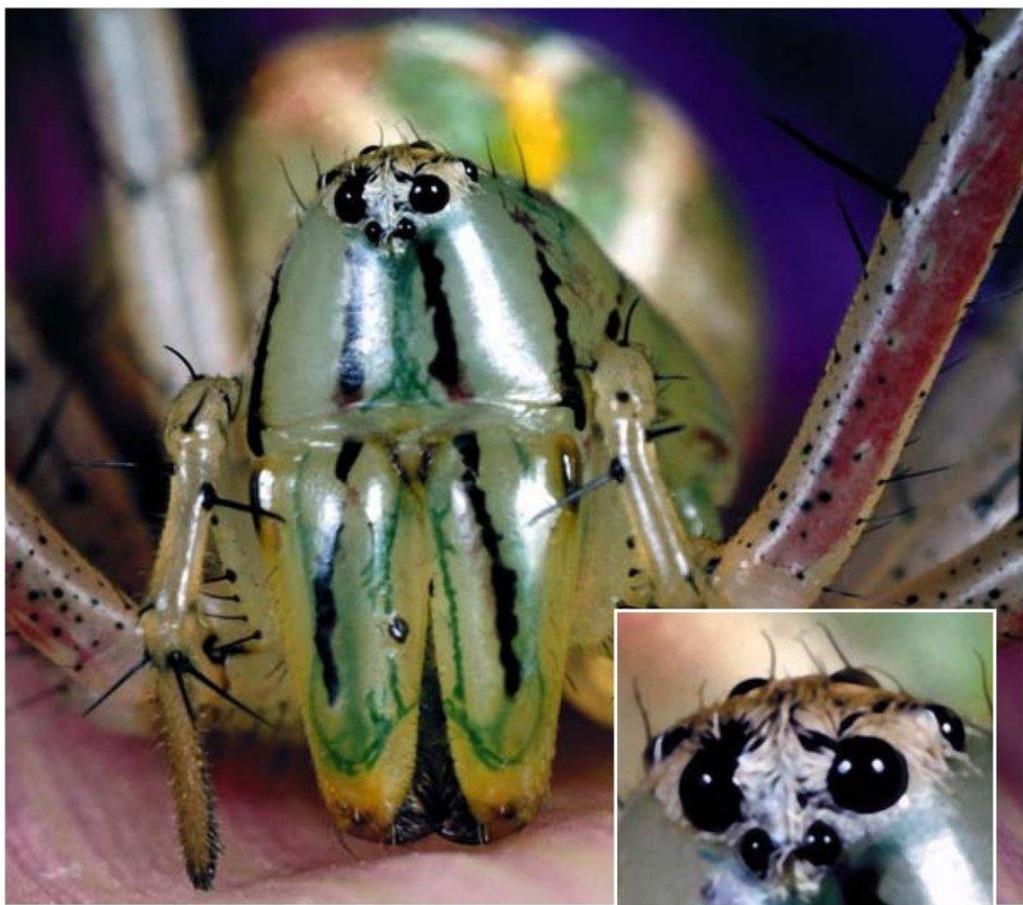
You use your eyes to see.
Animals use their eyes
to see, too.



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



What animal has eyes
that look like this?



Lynx spider

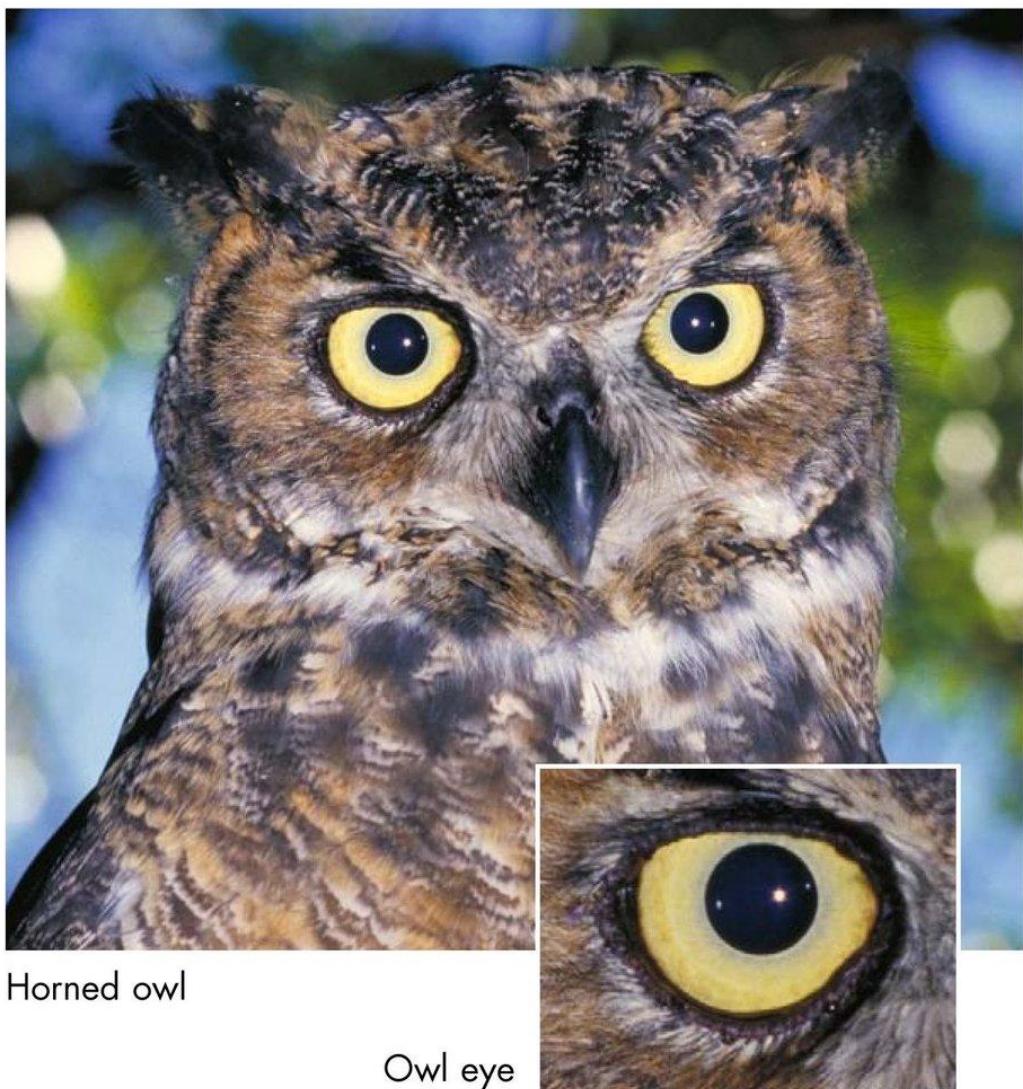
Spider eyes



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.



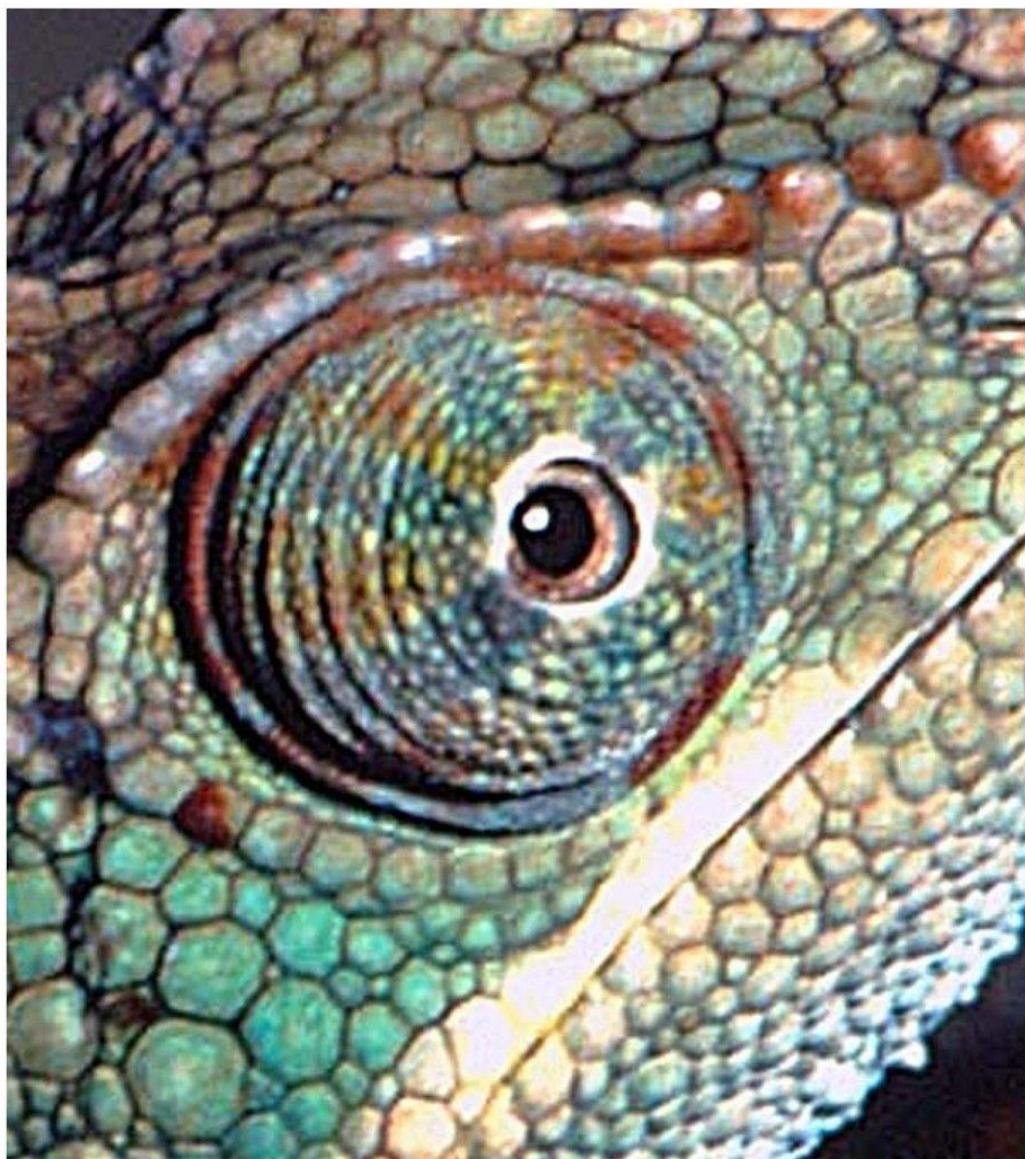
What animal has eyes
that look like this?



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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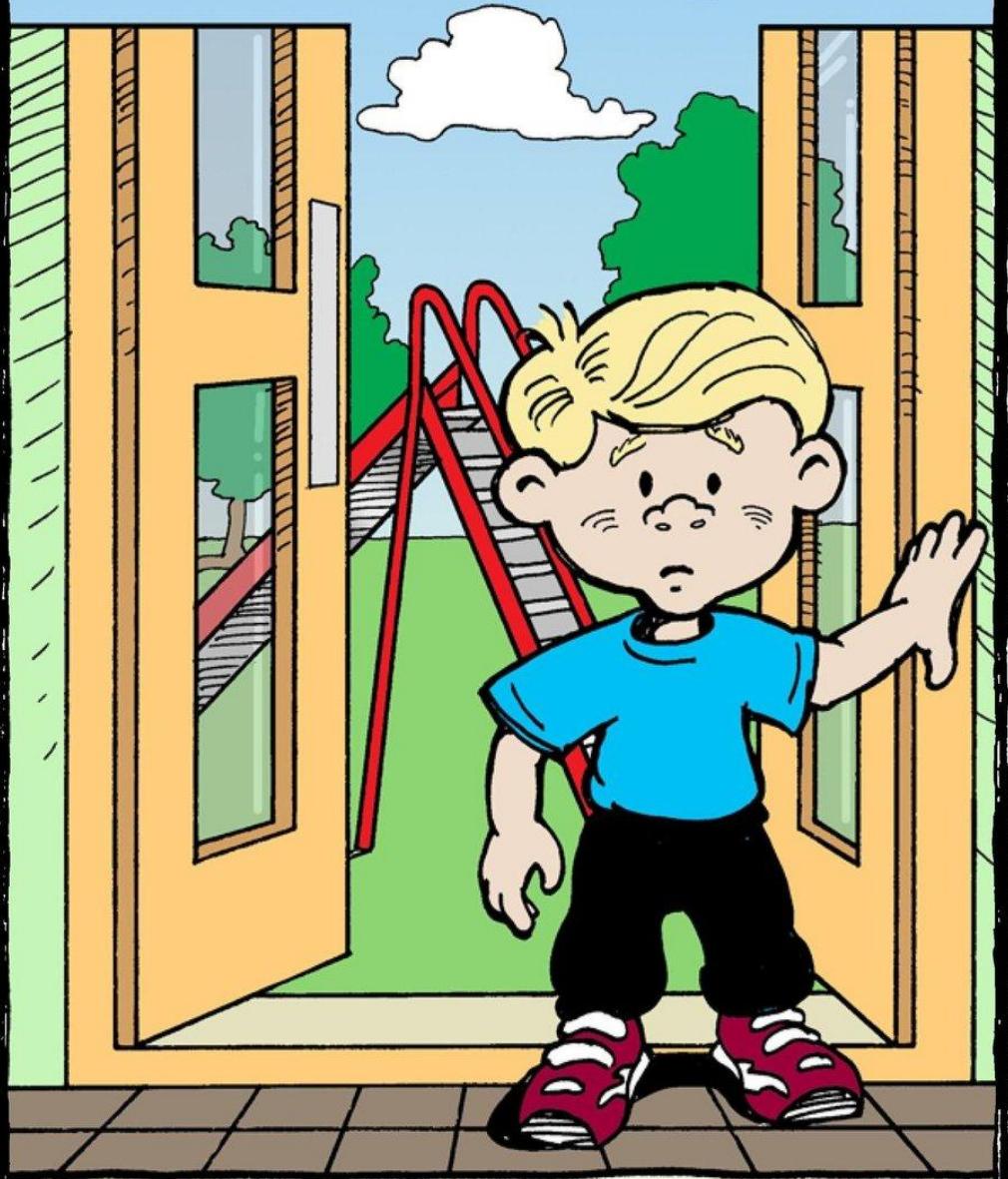
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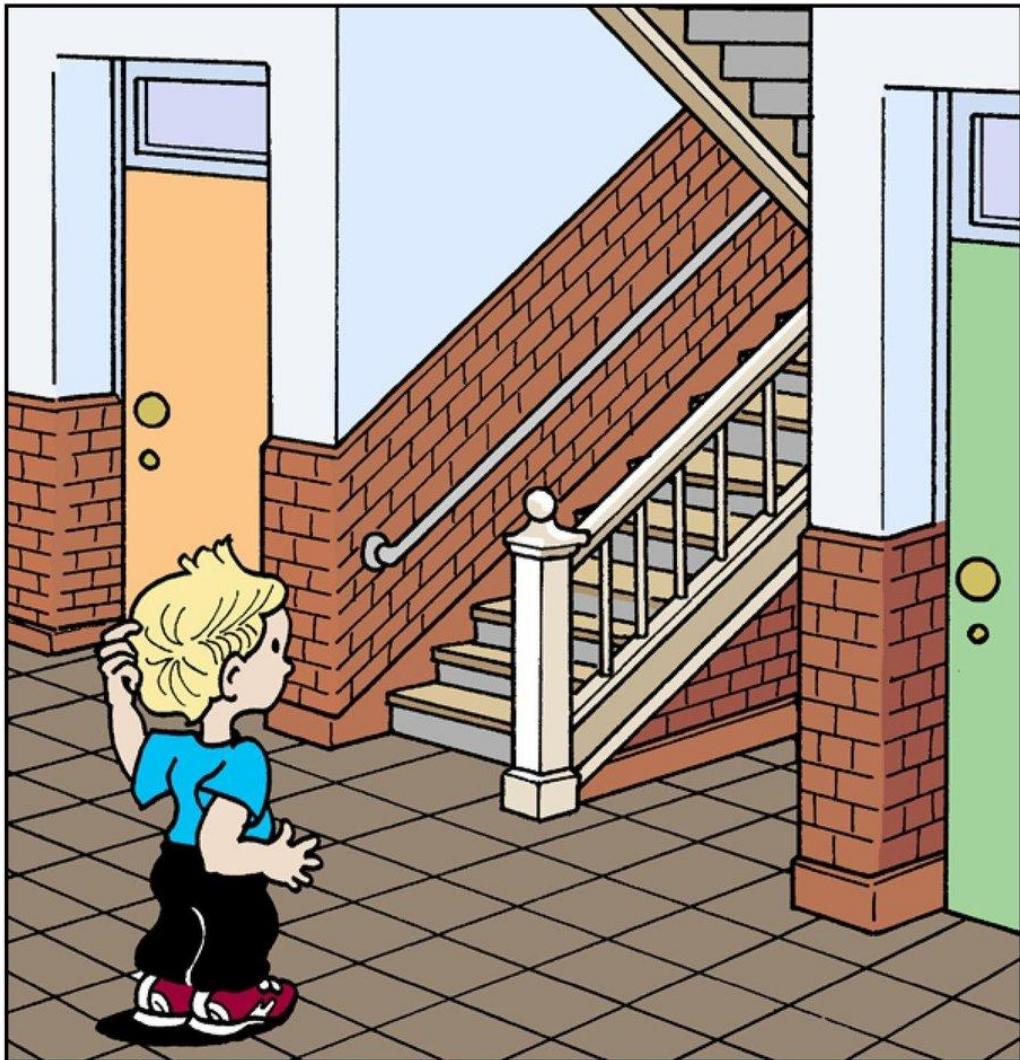
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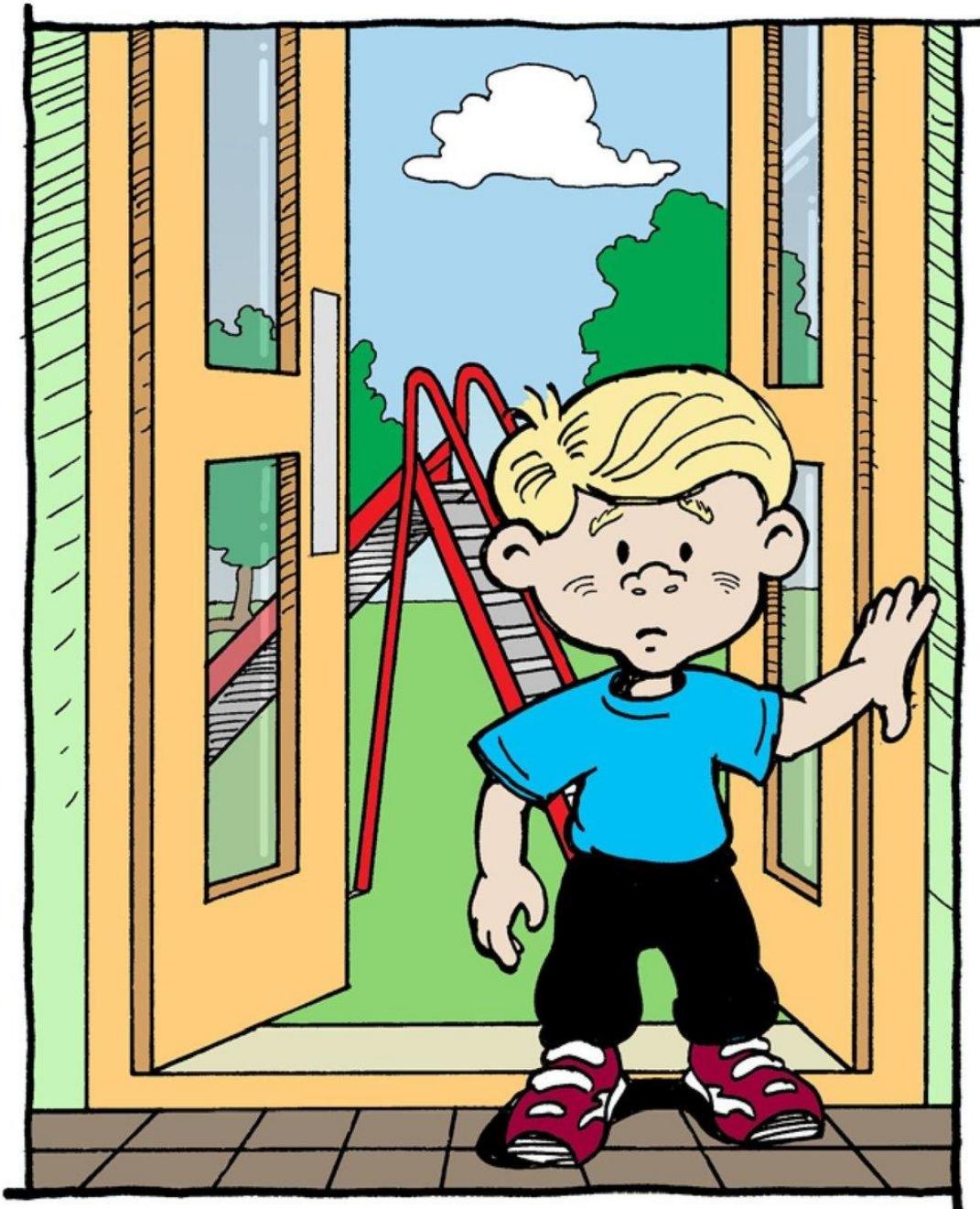


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Gordon Finds His Way



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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.

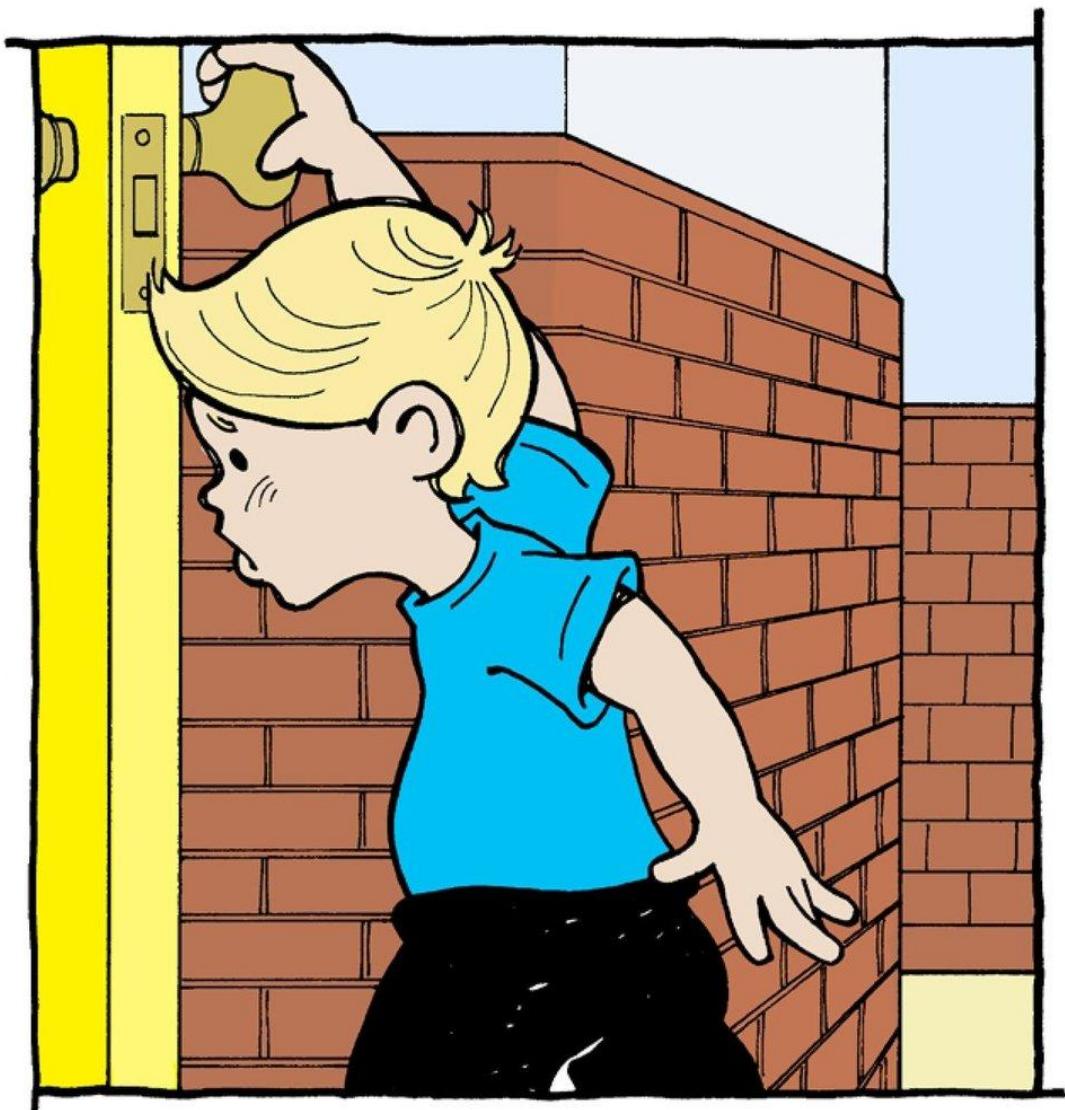
Gordon was a new kid
at school.



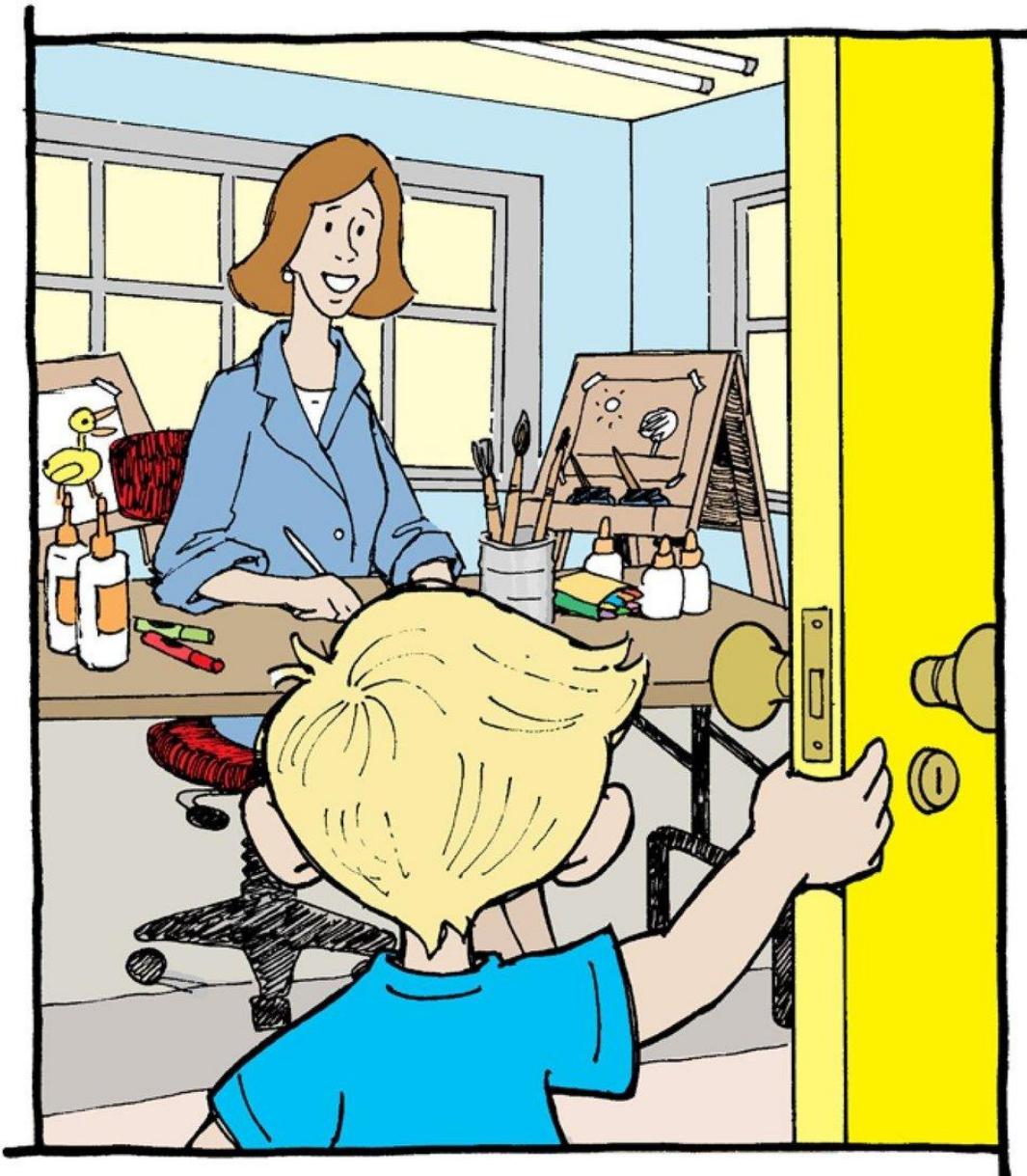
He knew the music room
wasn't on the first floor.
His classroom was on the
first floor.



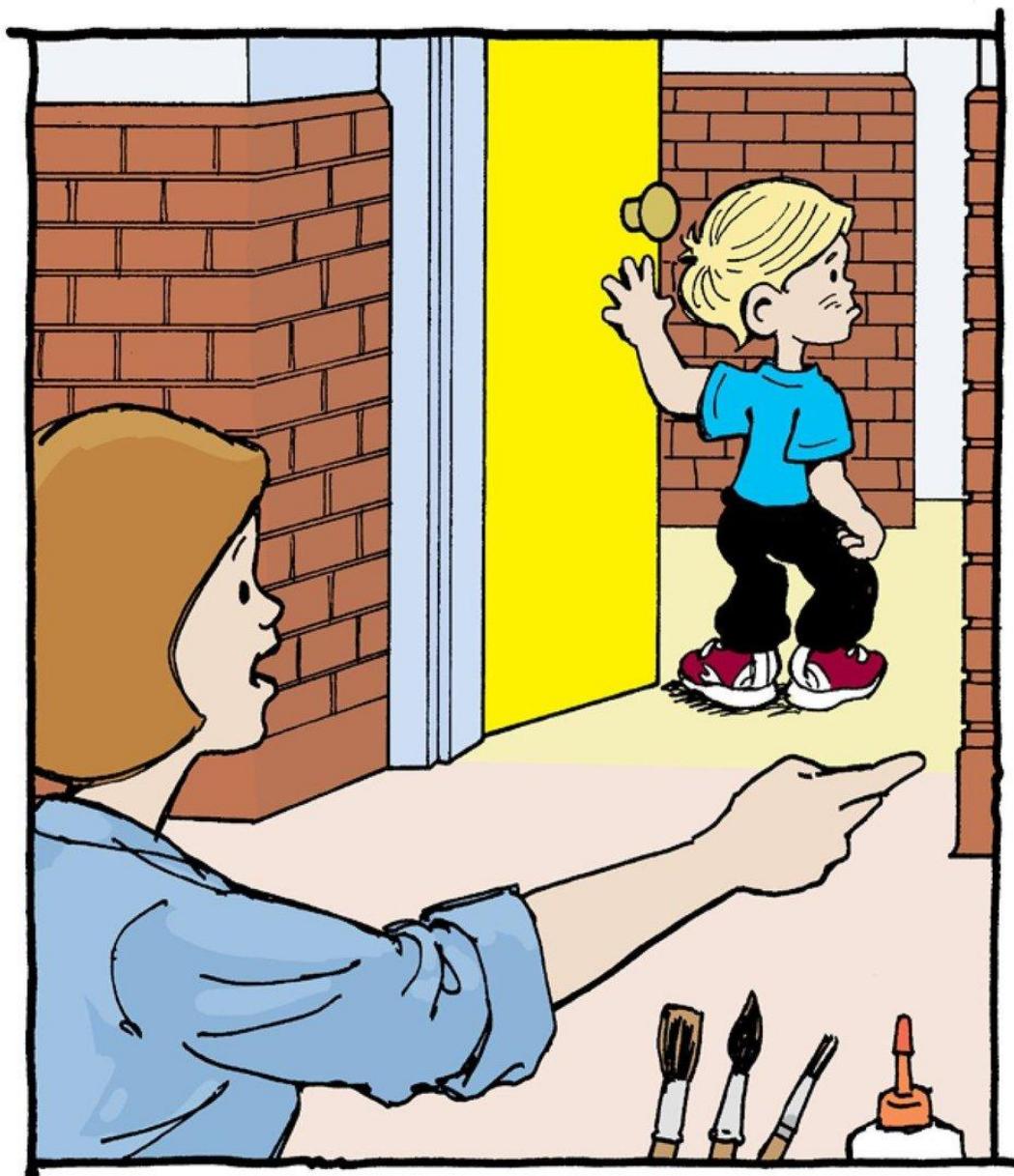
So, Gordon went up
the stairs.
He knew he had to hurry.
His teacher would be
worried.



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.



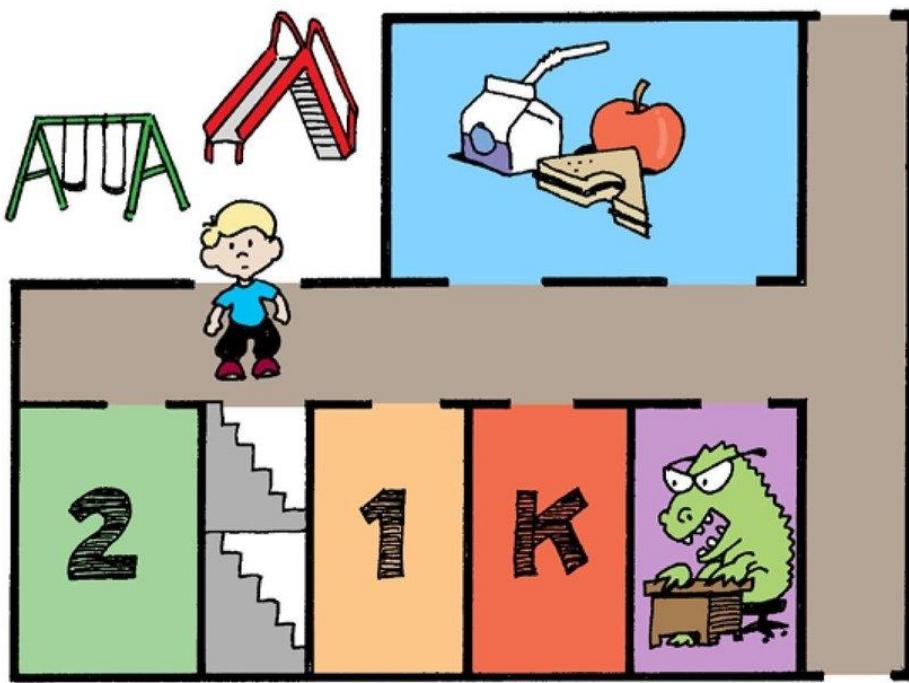
"There you are!" Mr. Lewis said.

"Mr. Green asked me to find you."

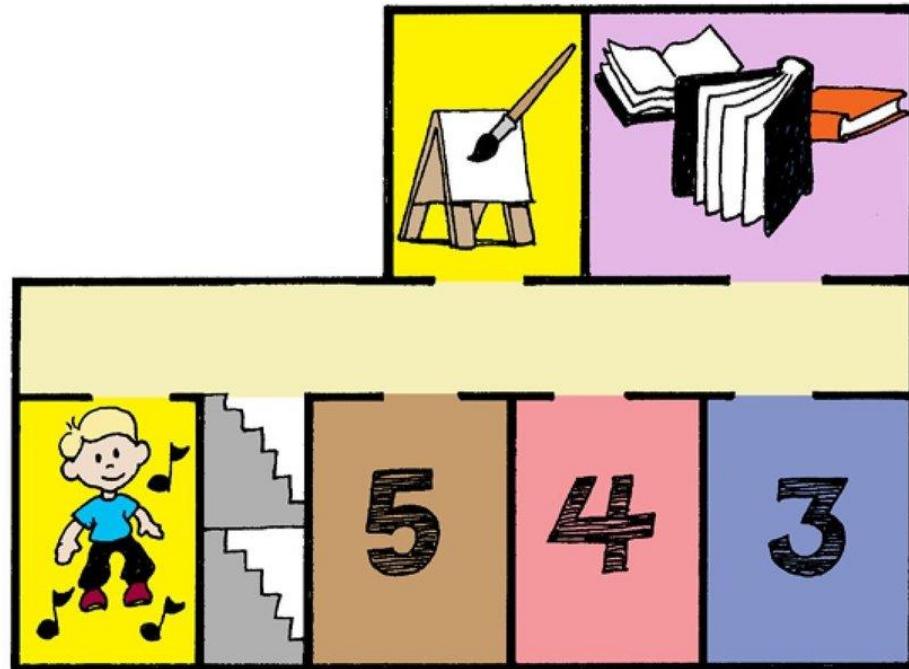
Gordon smiled.

"I found you first!"

Map of Gordon's School



First Floor



Second Floor

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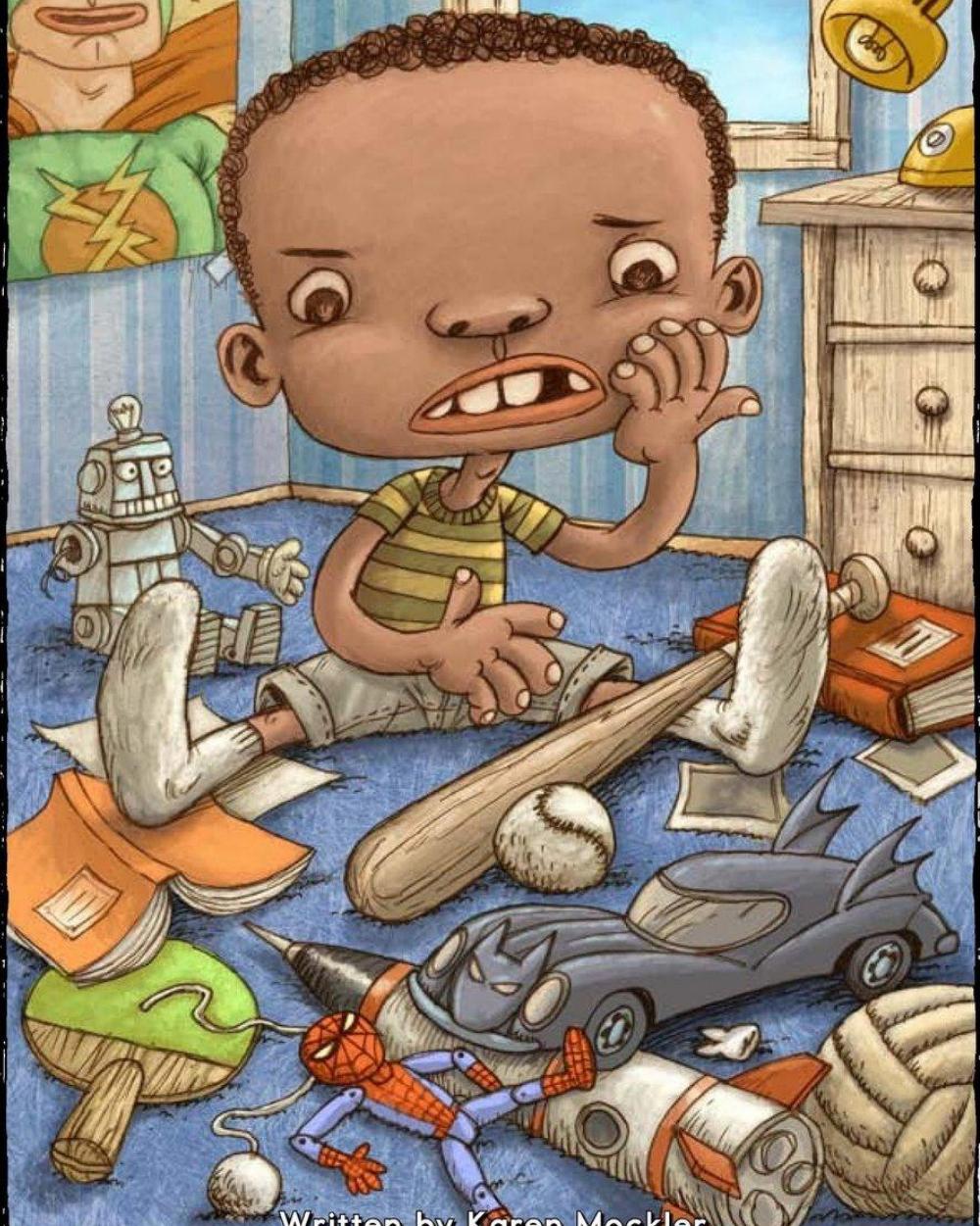
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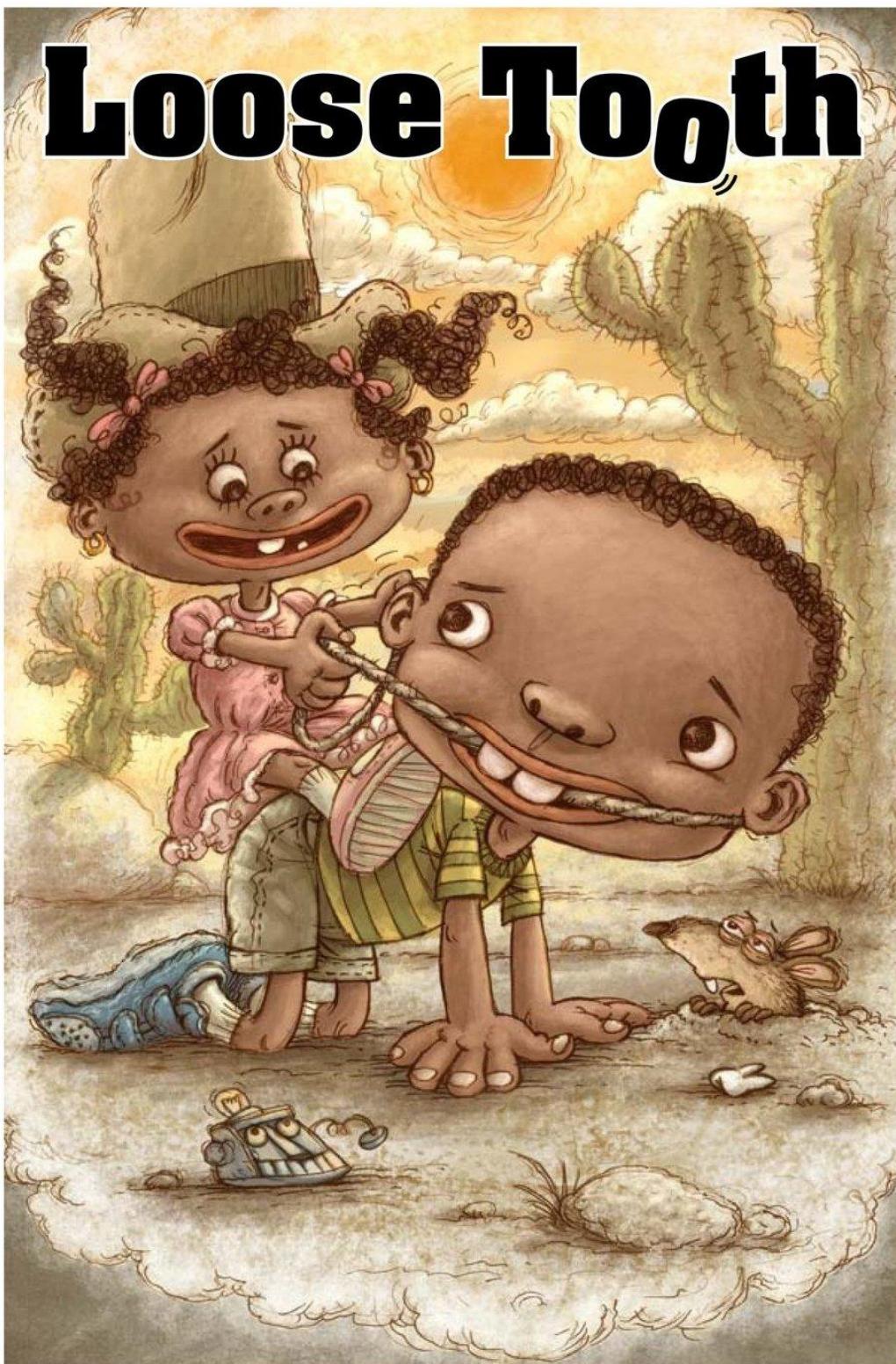
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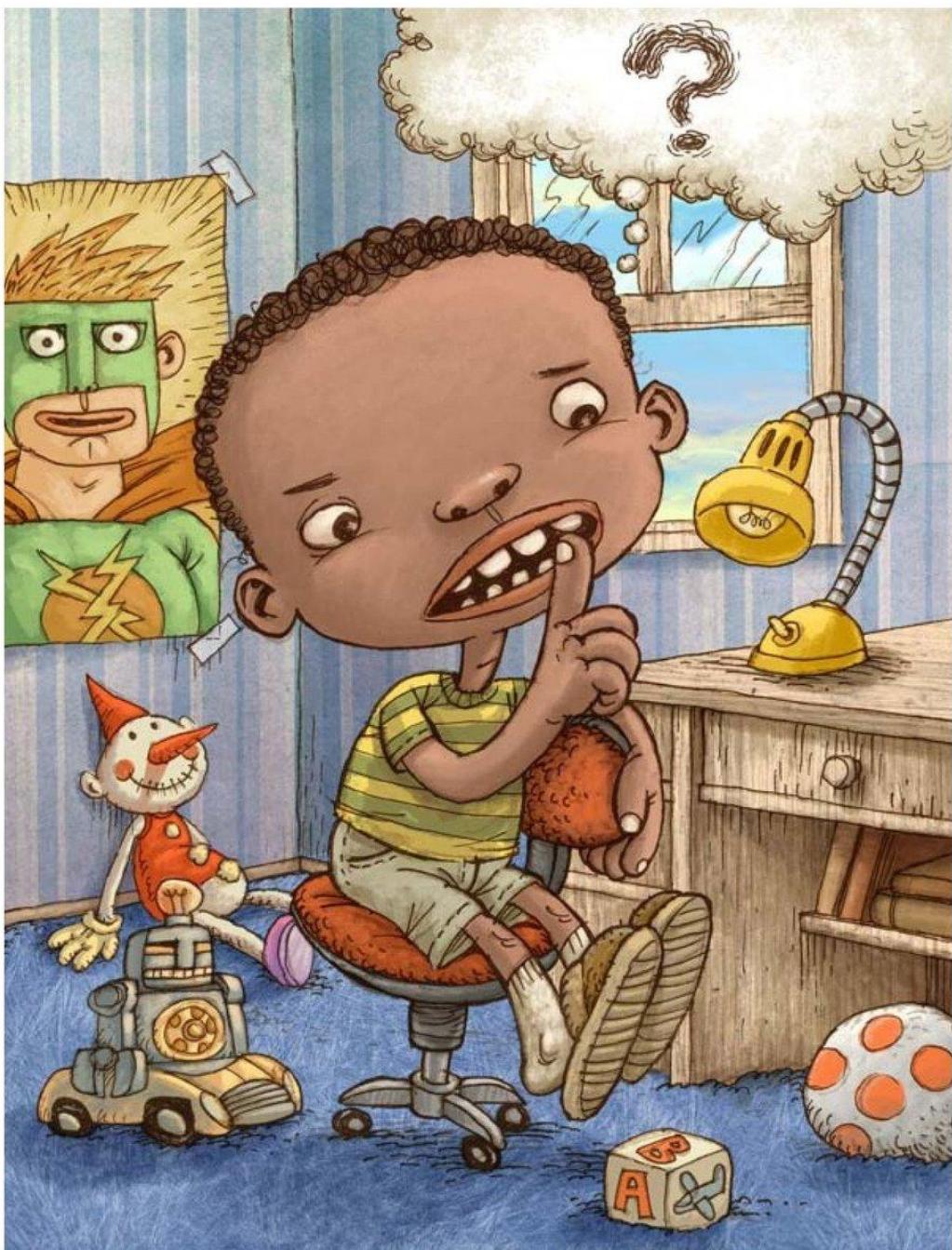
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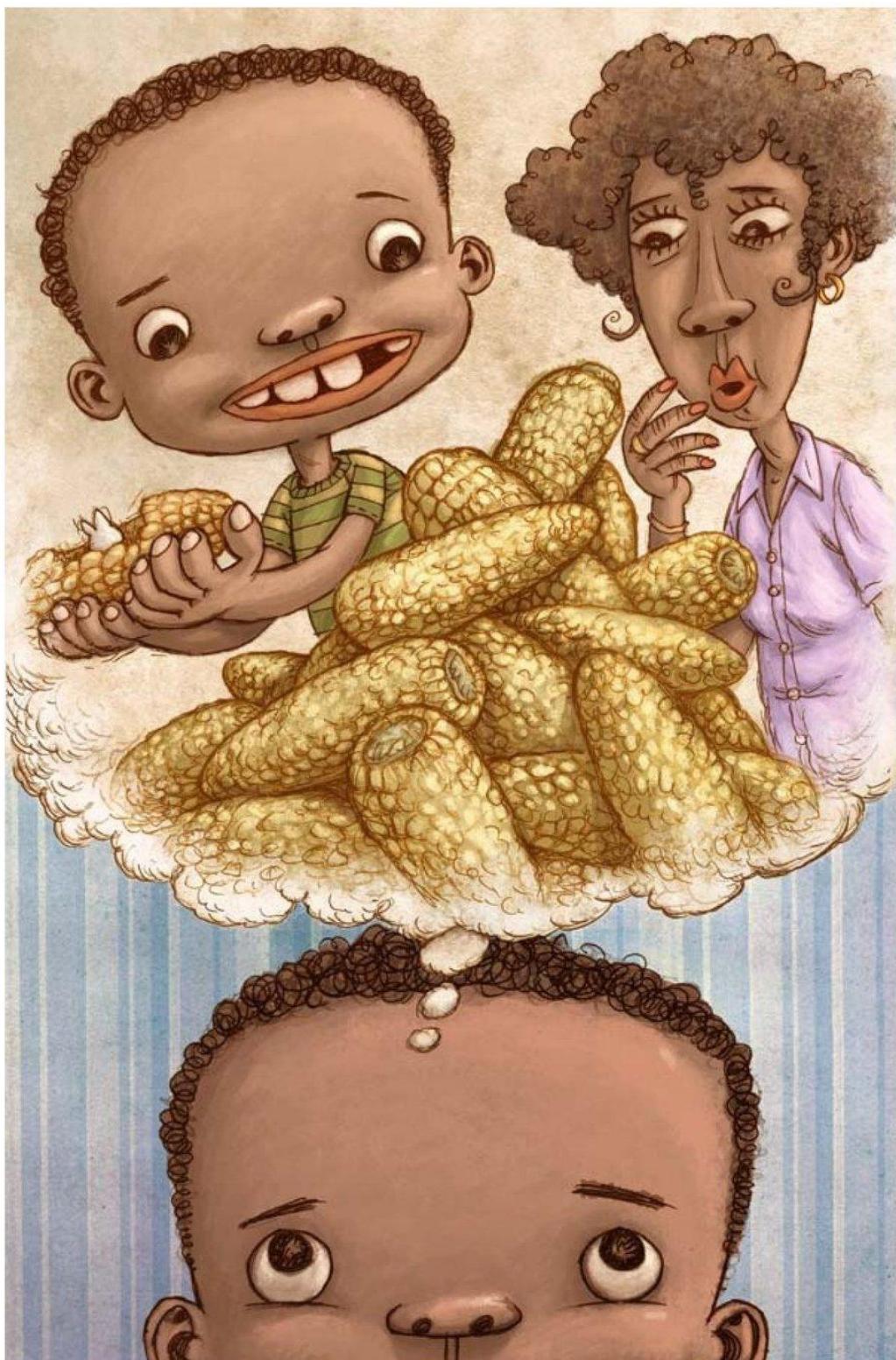


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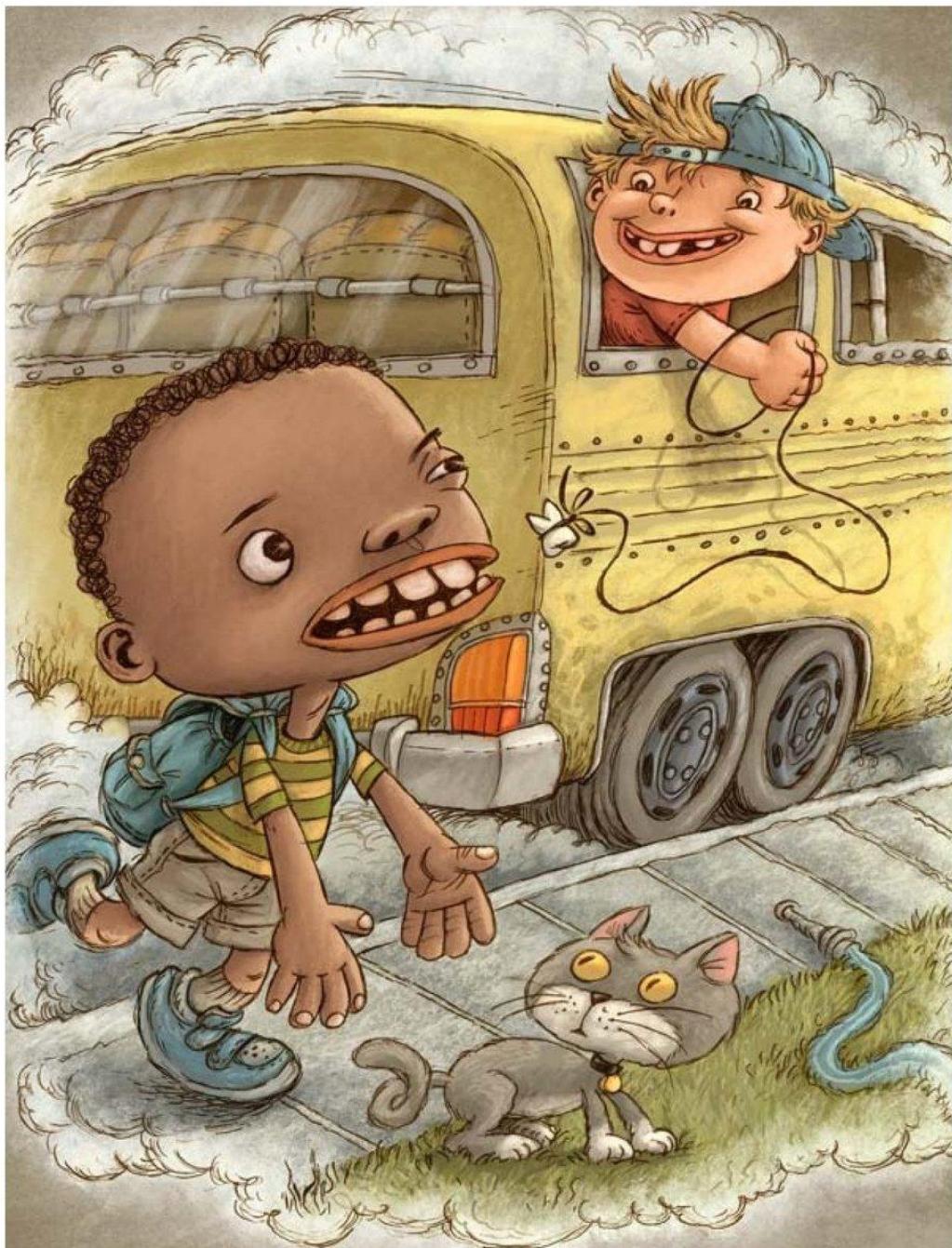
My tooth is really getting
wiggly!
I think I'm going to lose it soon.
I wonder how?



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

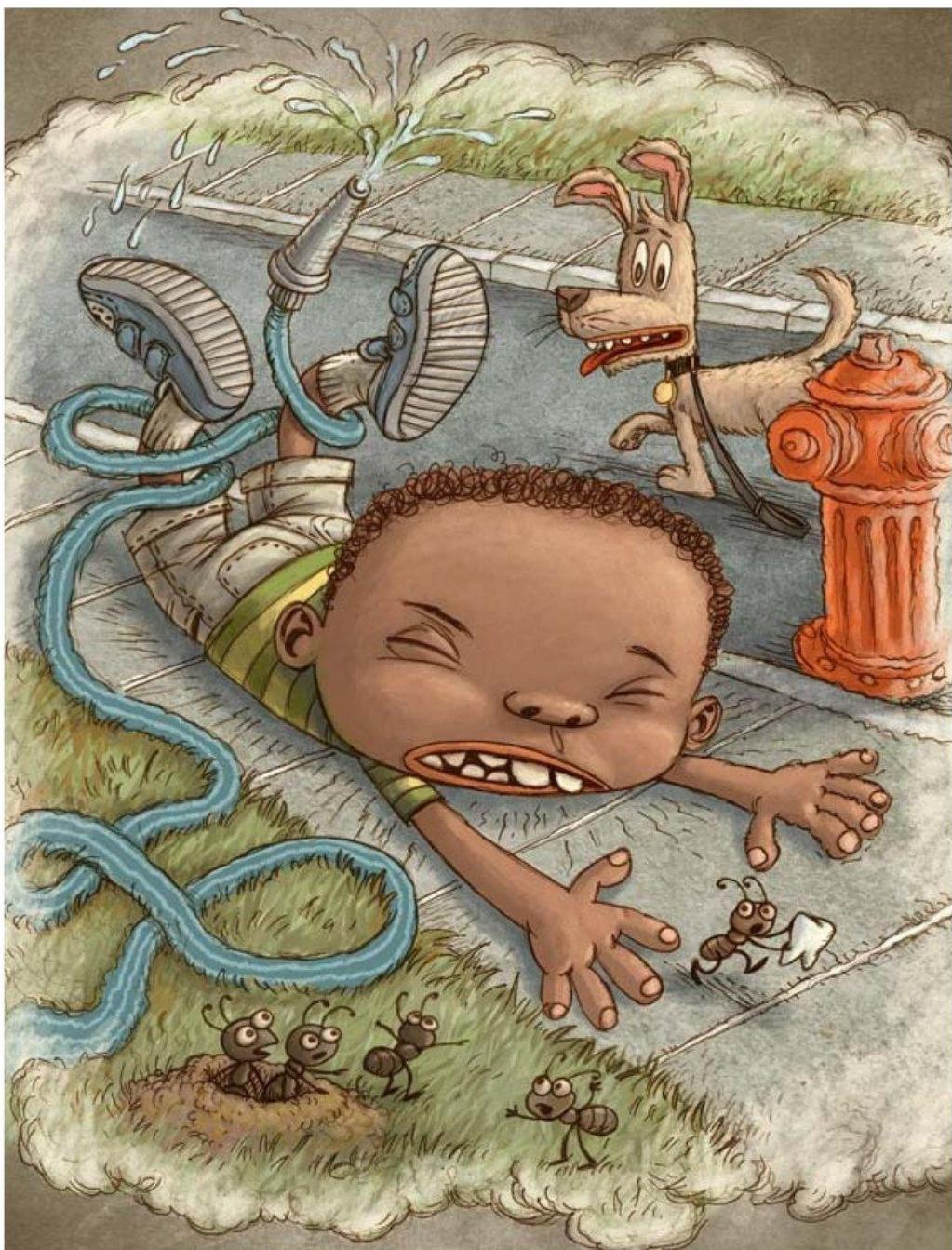


Maybe I'll lose my tooth
at school.
Sometimes the lunchroom gets
a little crazy.

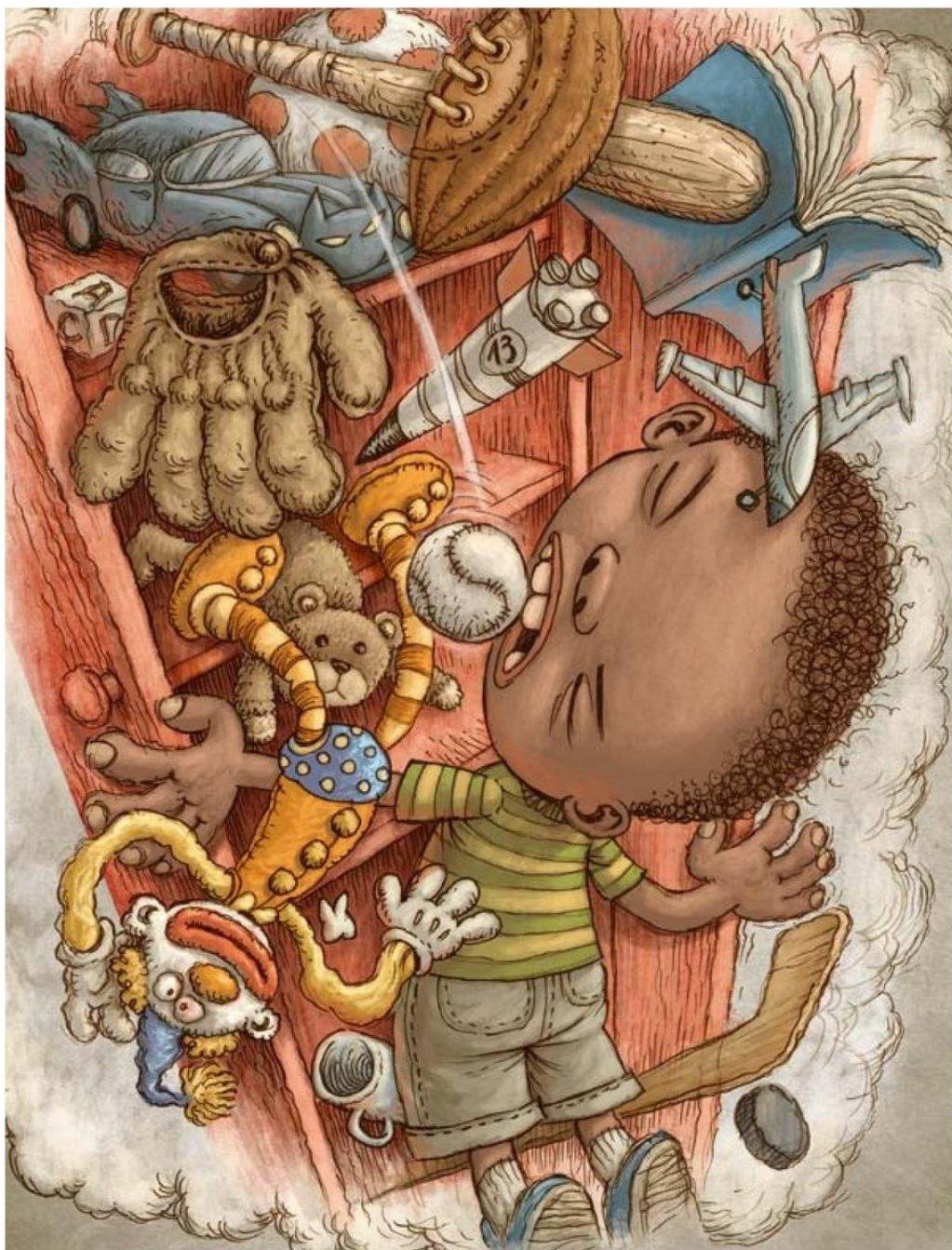


Maybe I'll lose my tooth on the
school bus.

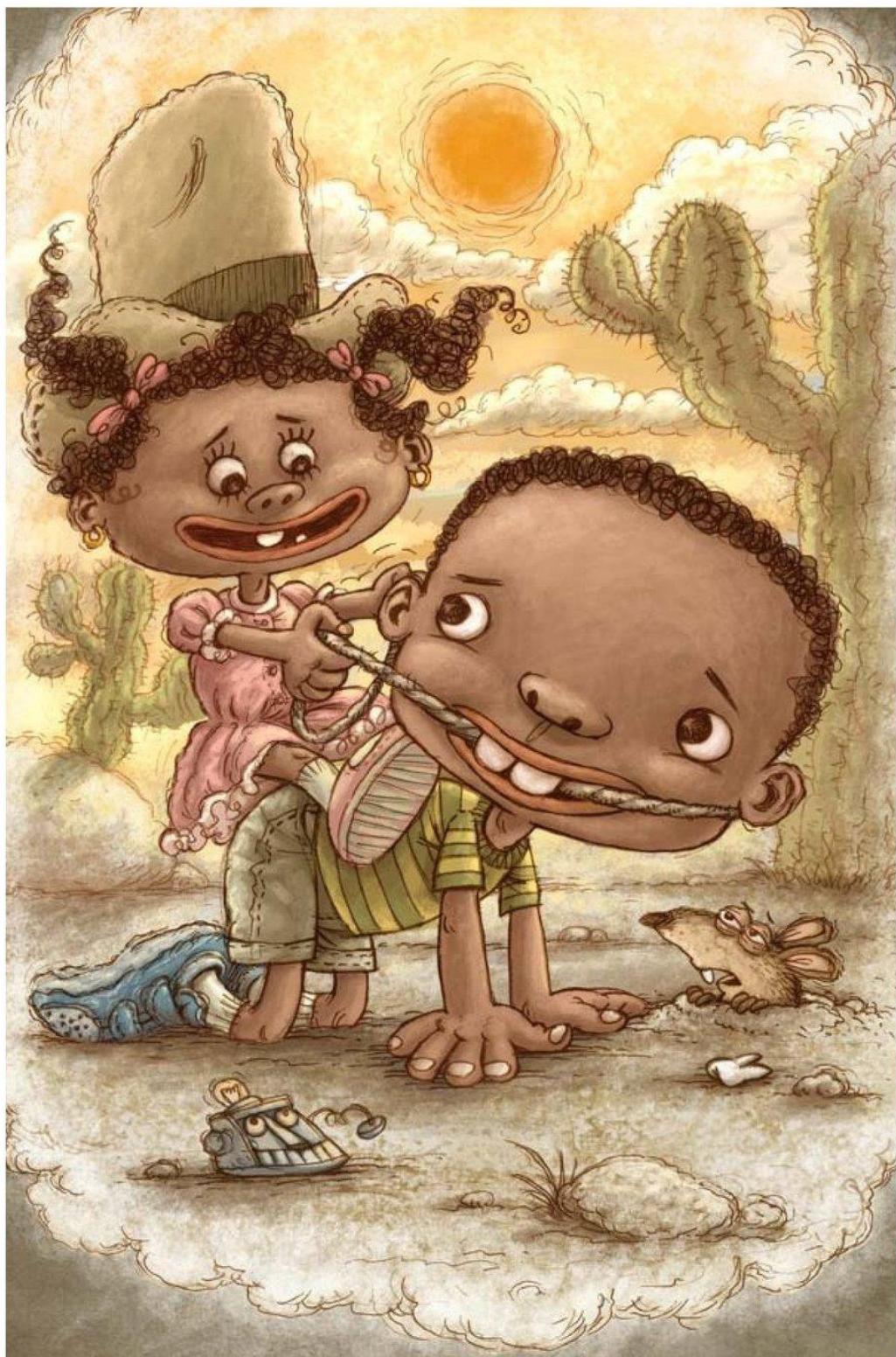
I helped Sam pull his last tooth.
He said he'd help pull mine.



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



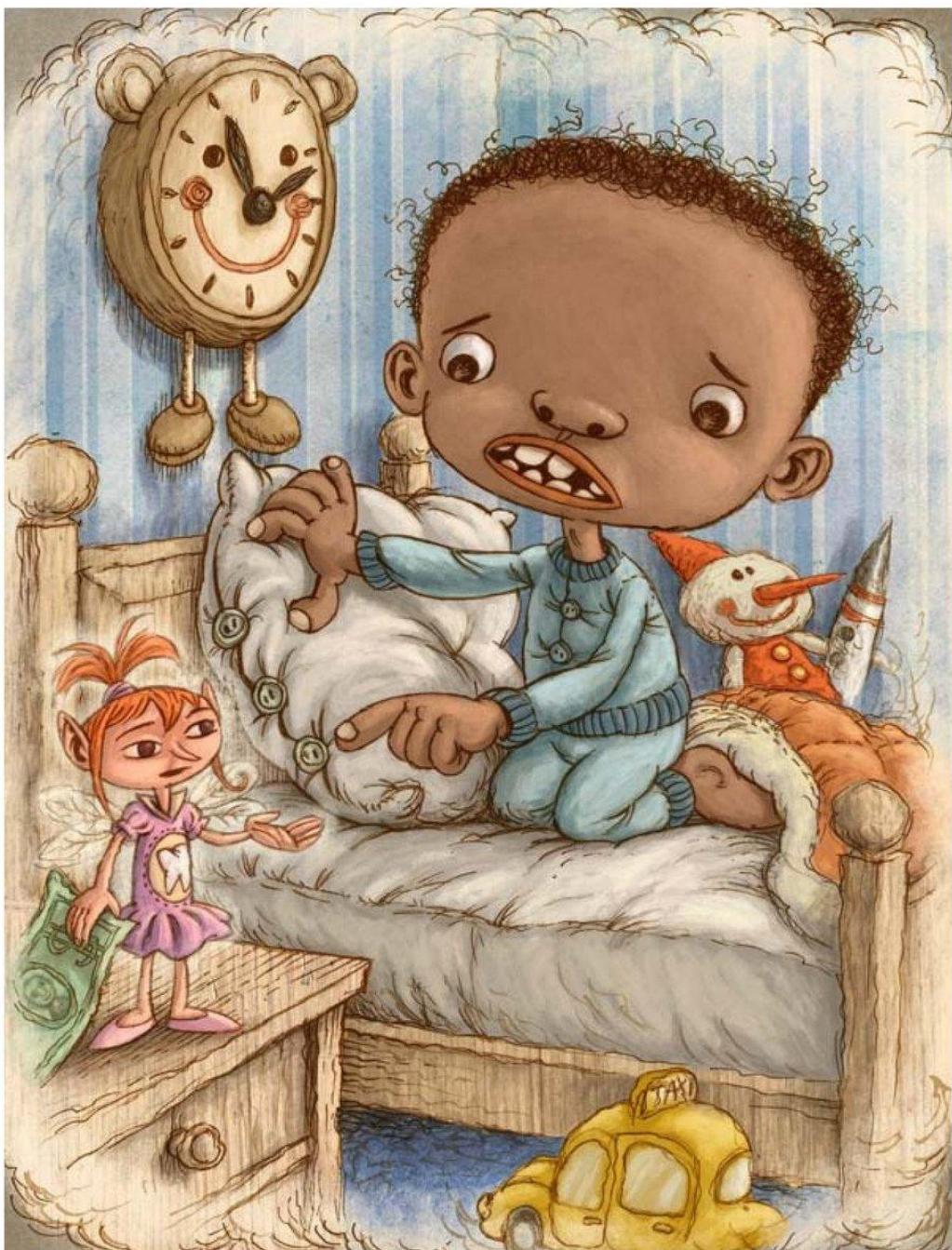
Maybe I'll lose my tooth when
I open my closet door.
I never go in there unless
I really have to.



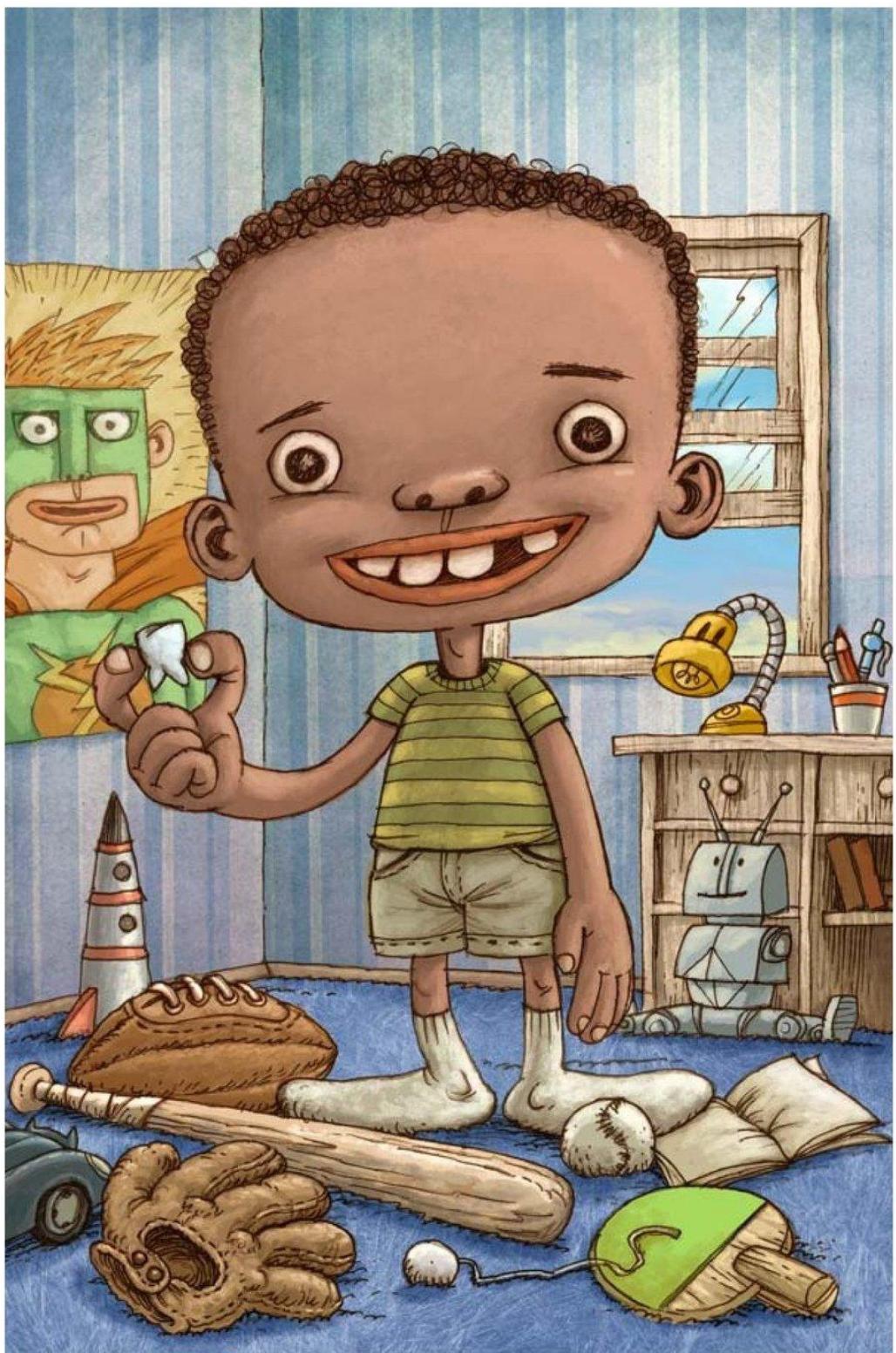
Maybe I'll lose my tooth while
I'm playing with my little sister.



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



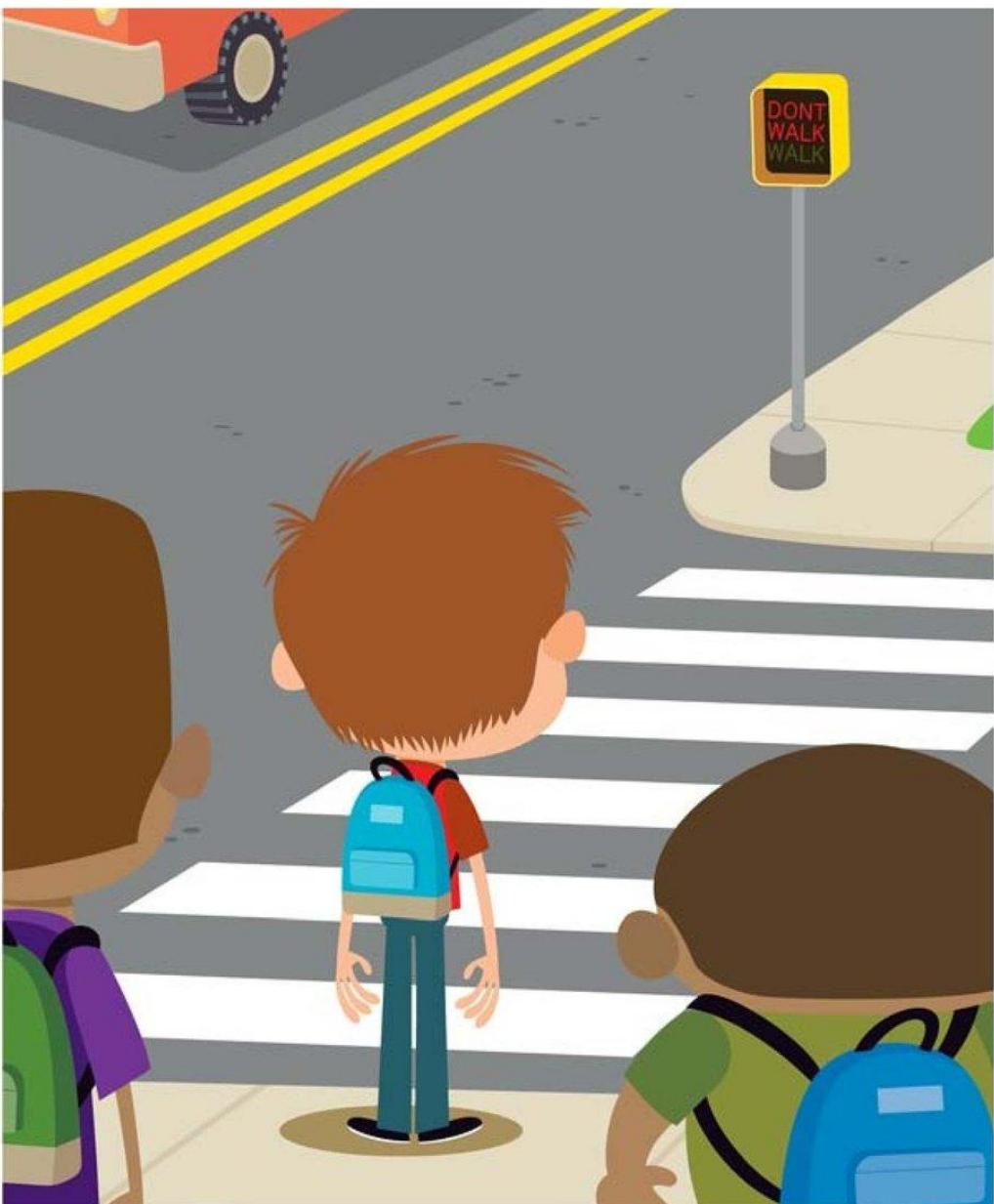
A law says Bud must be
on a leash when we walk.
The law helps keep
Bud and others safe.



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.

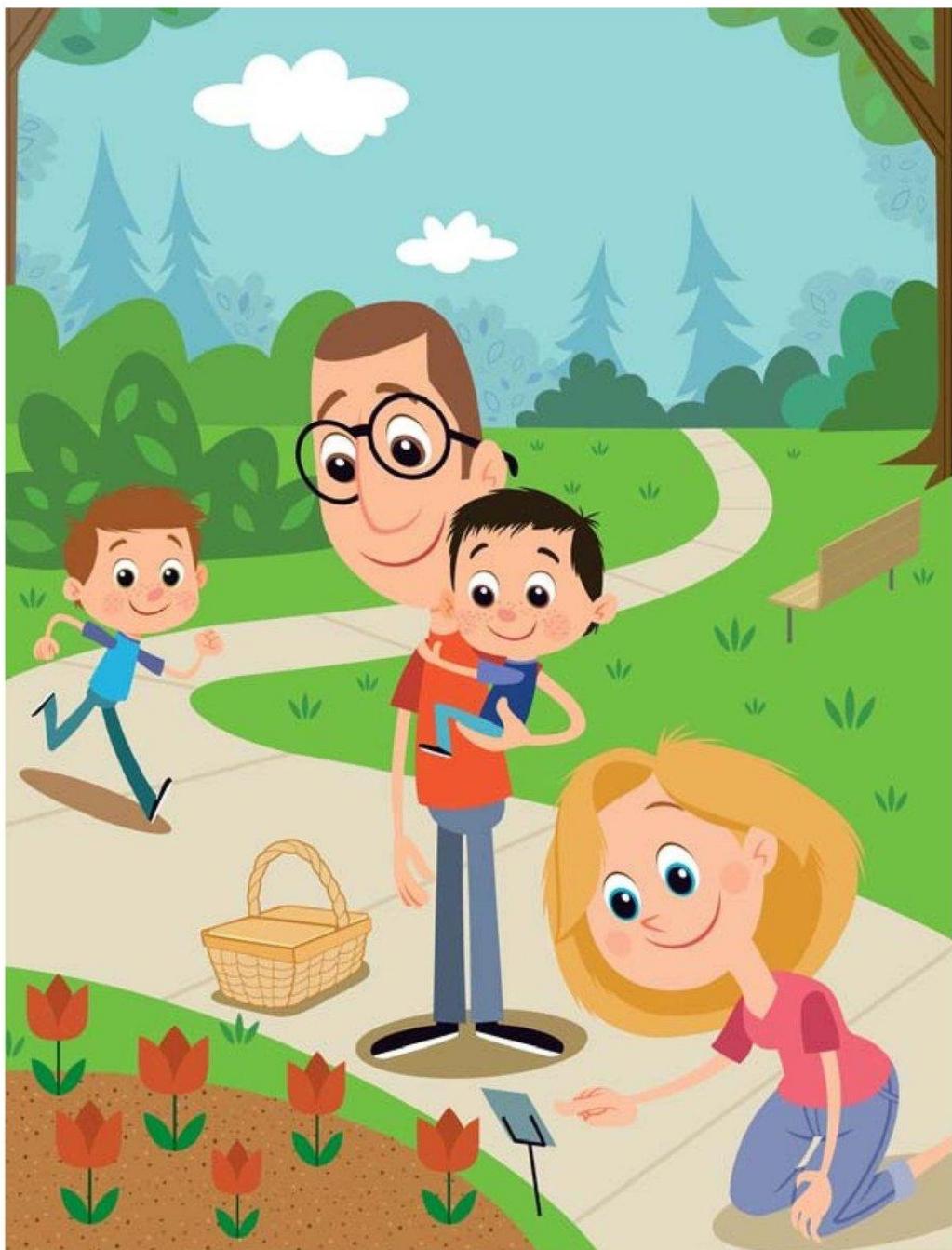
The law helps keep us safe from passing cars.



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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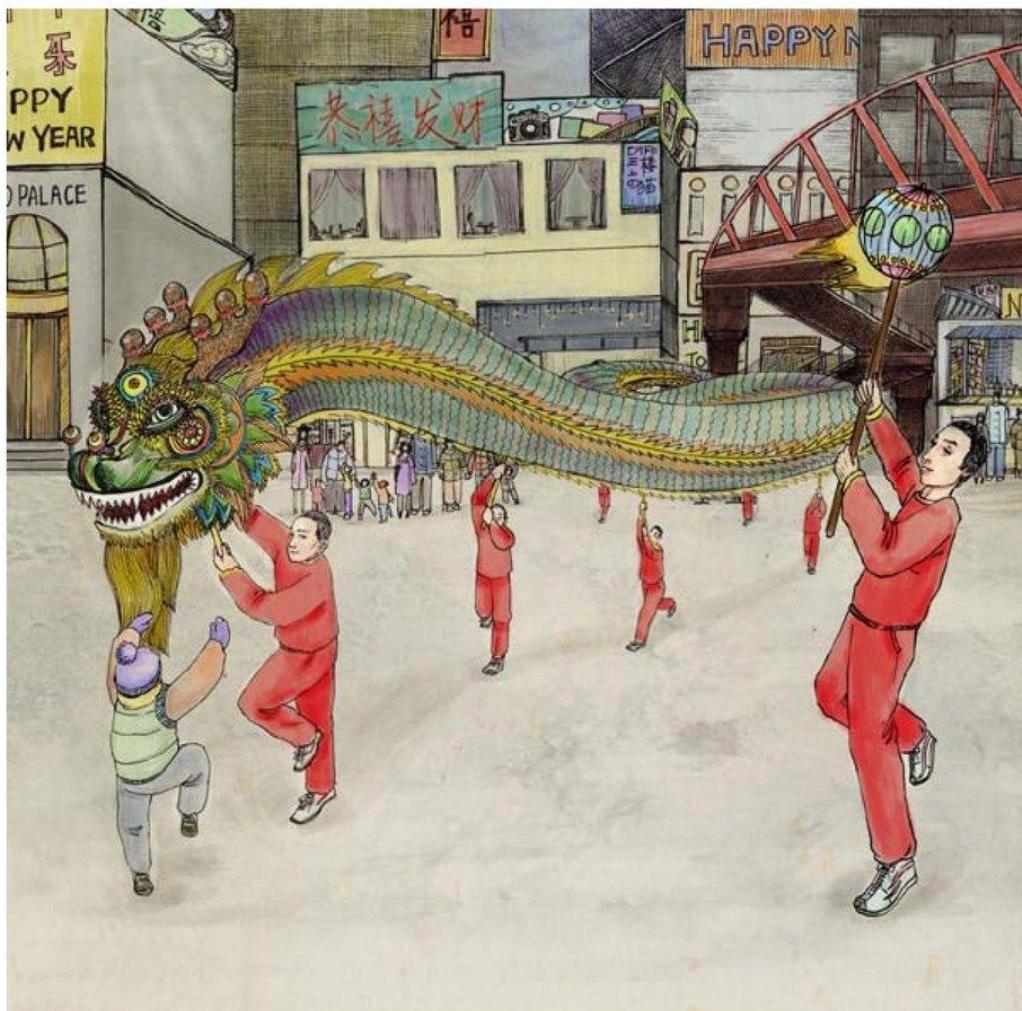
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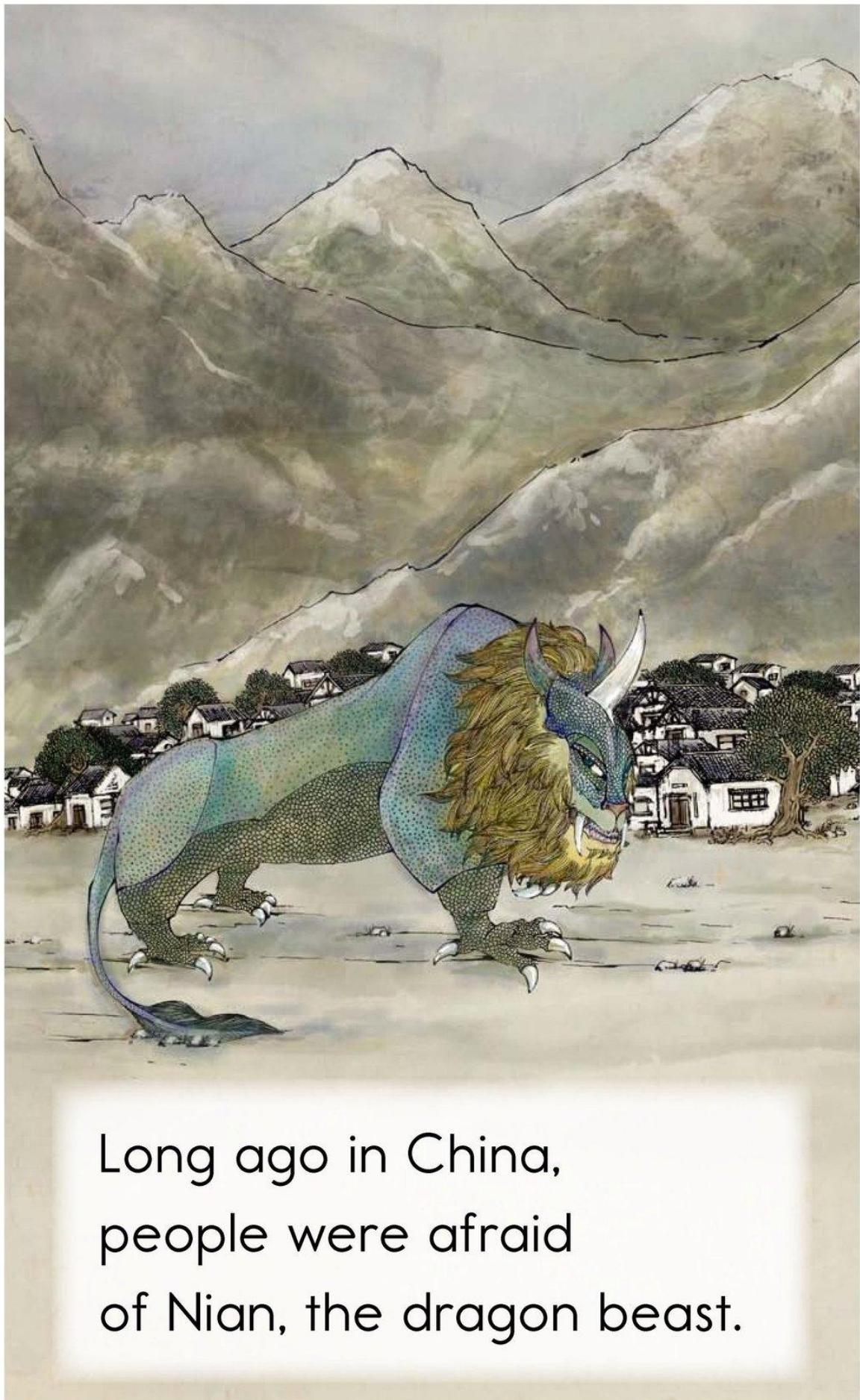


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The Legend of Nian



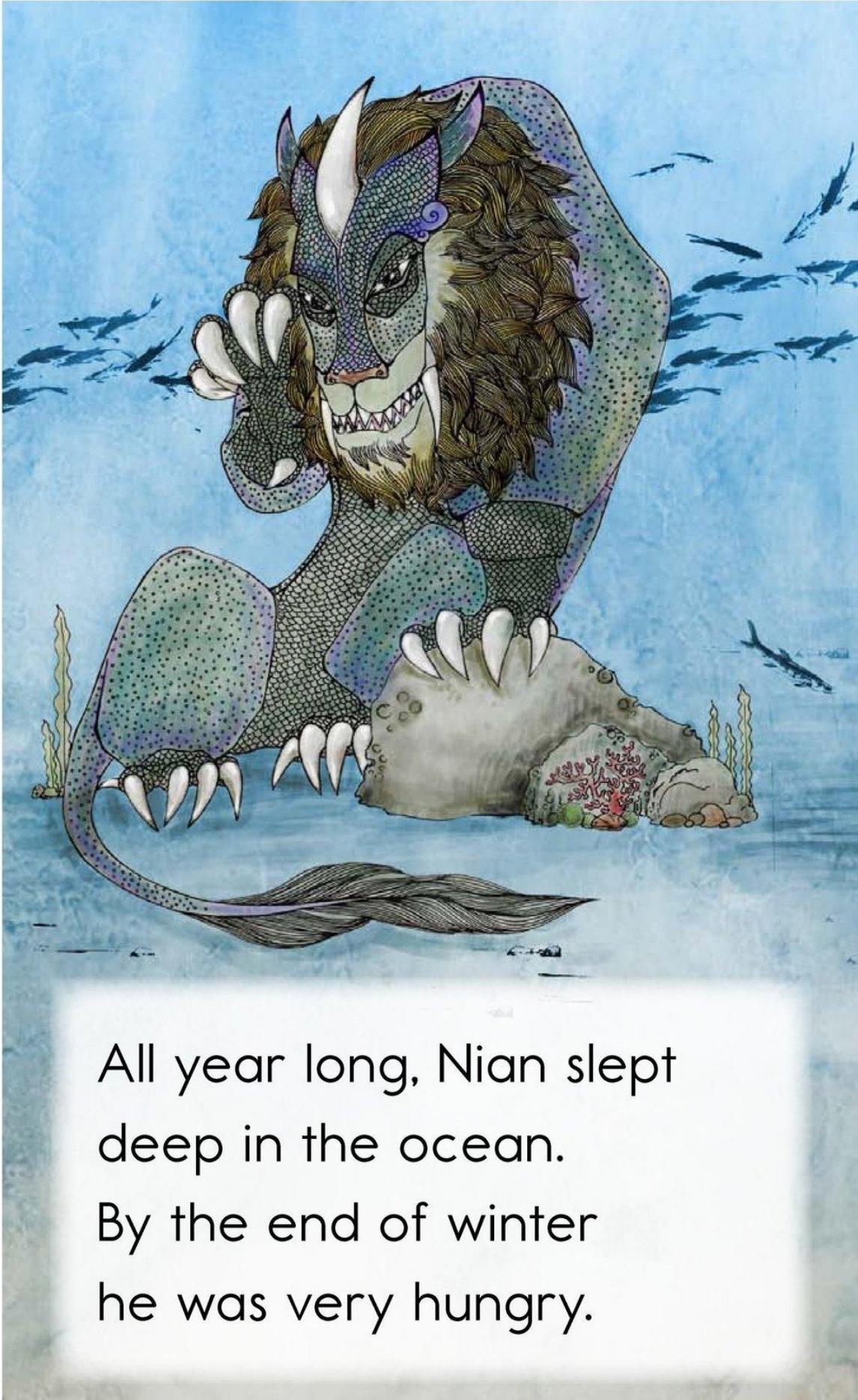
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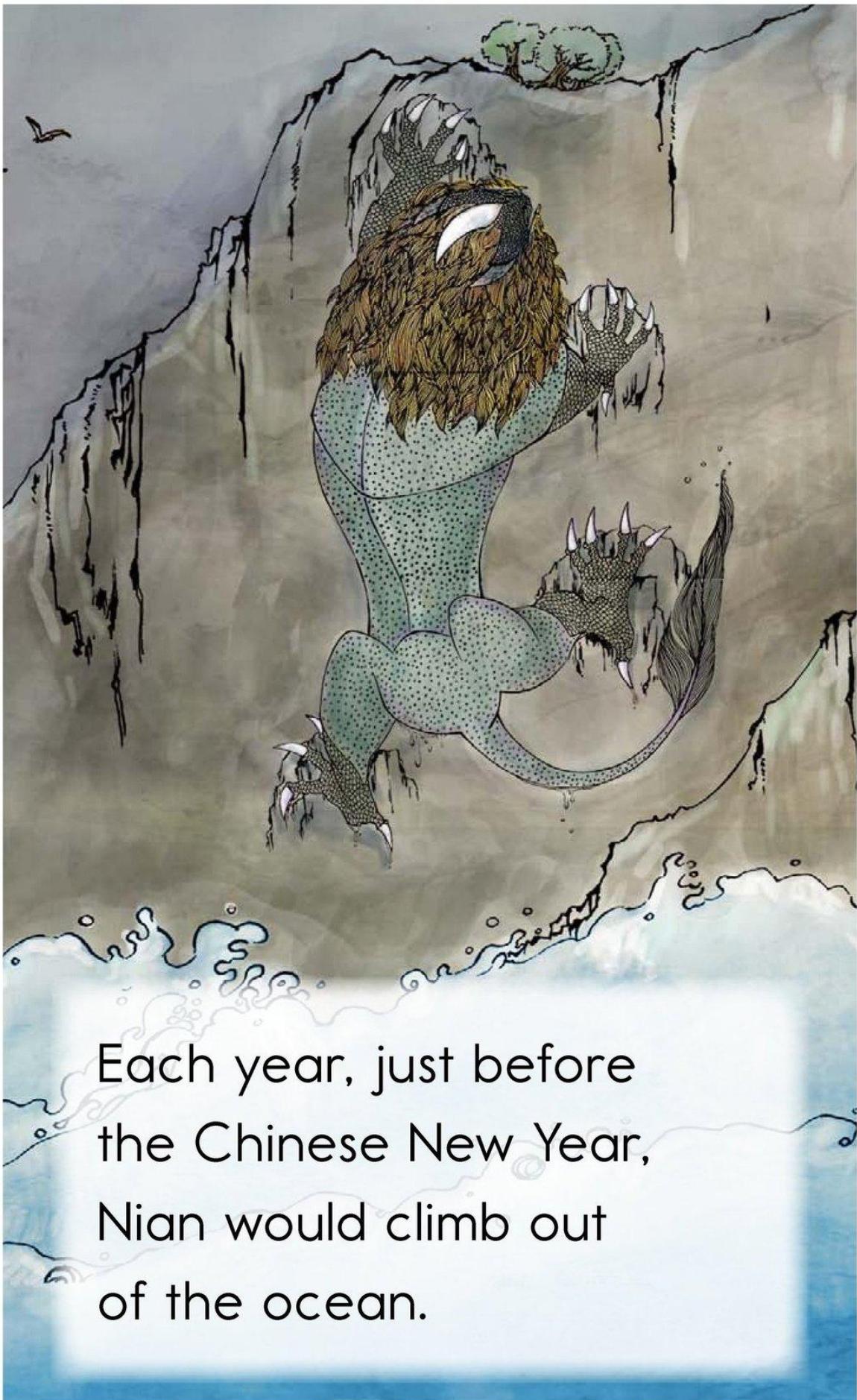
Long ago in China,
people were afraid
of Nian, the dragon beast.



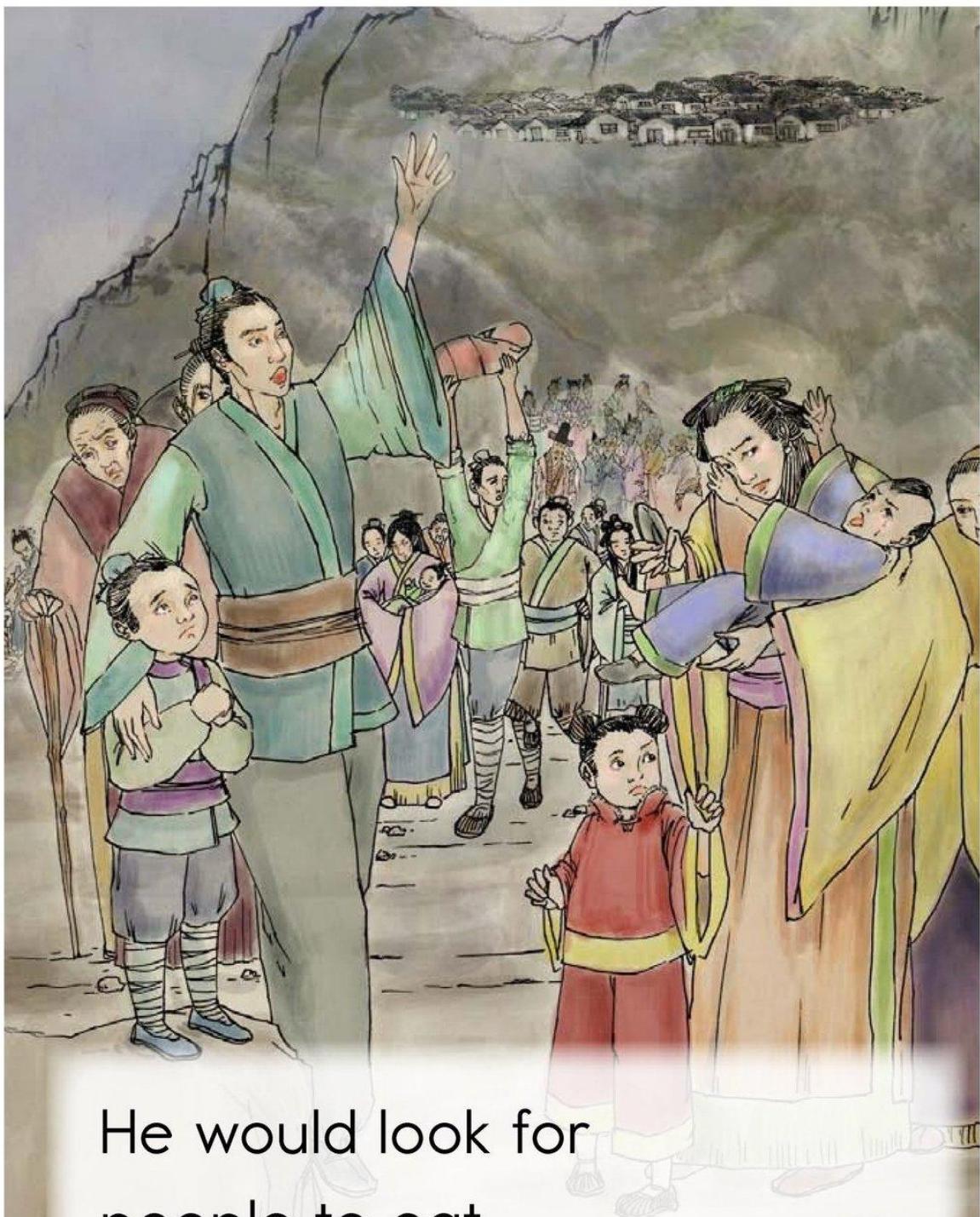
Nian had a sharp horn
and a huge mouth.
He could eat five people
in one big bite!
Glump!



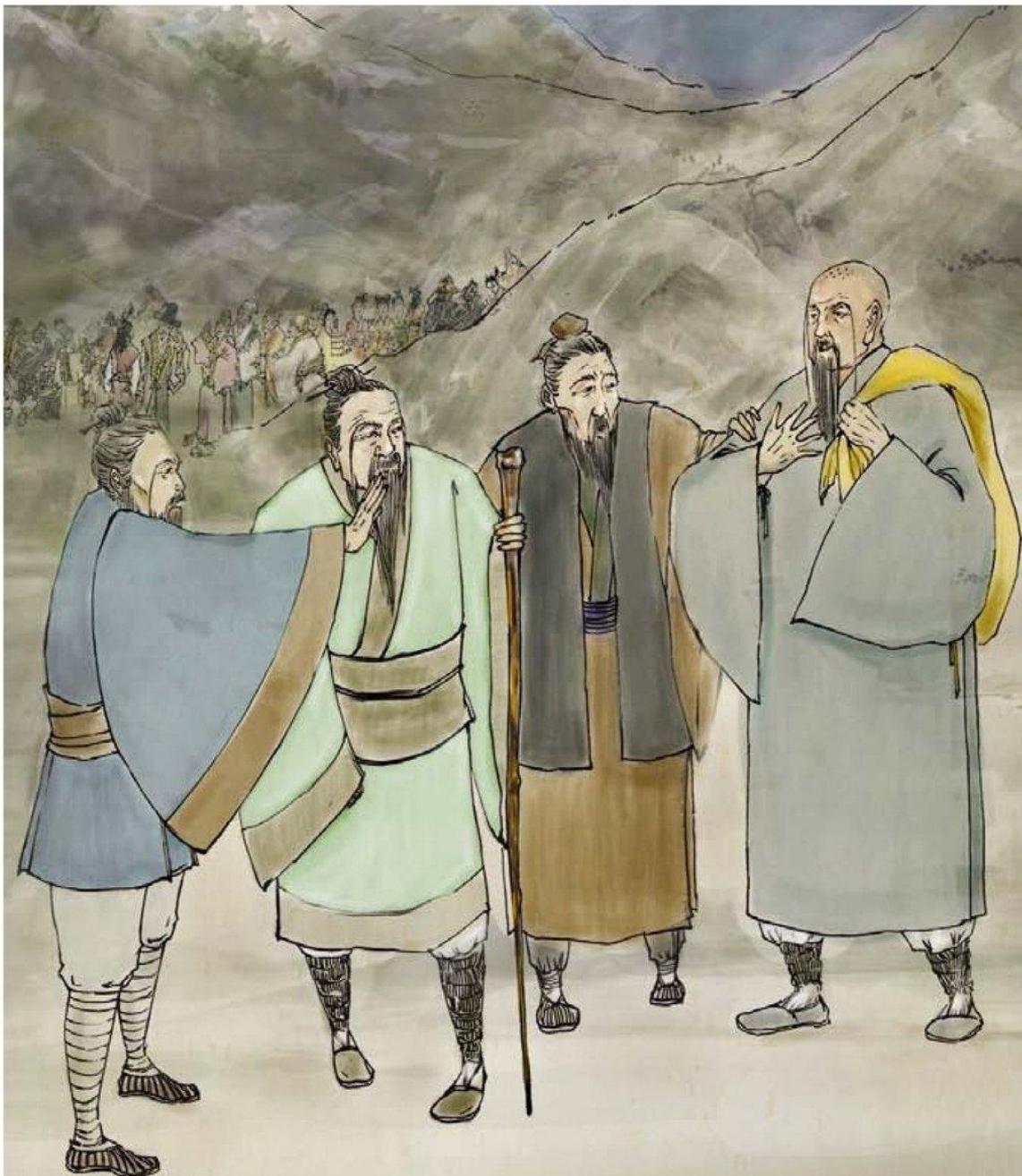
All year long, Nian slept
deep in the ocean.
By the end of winter
he was very hungry.



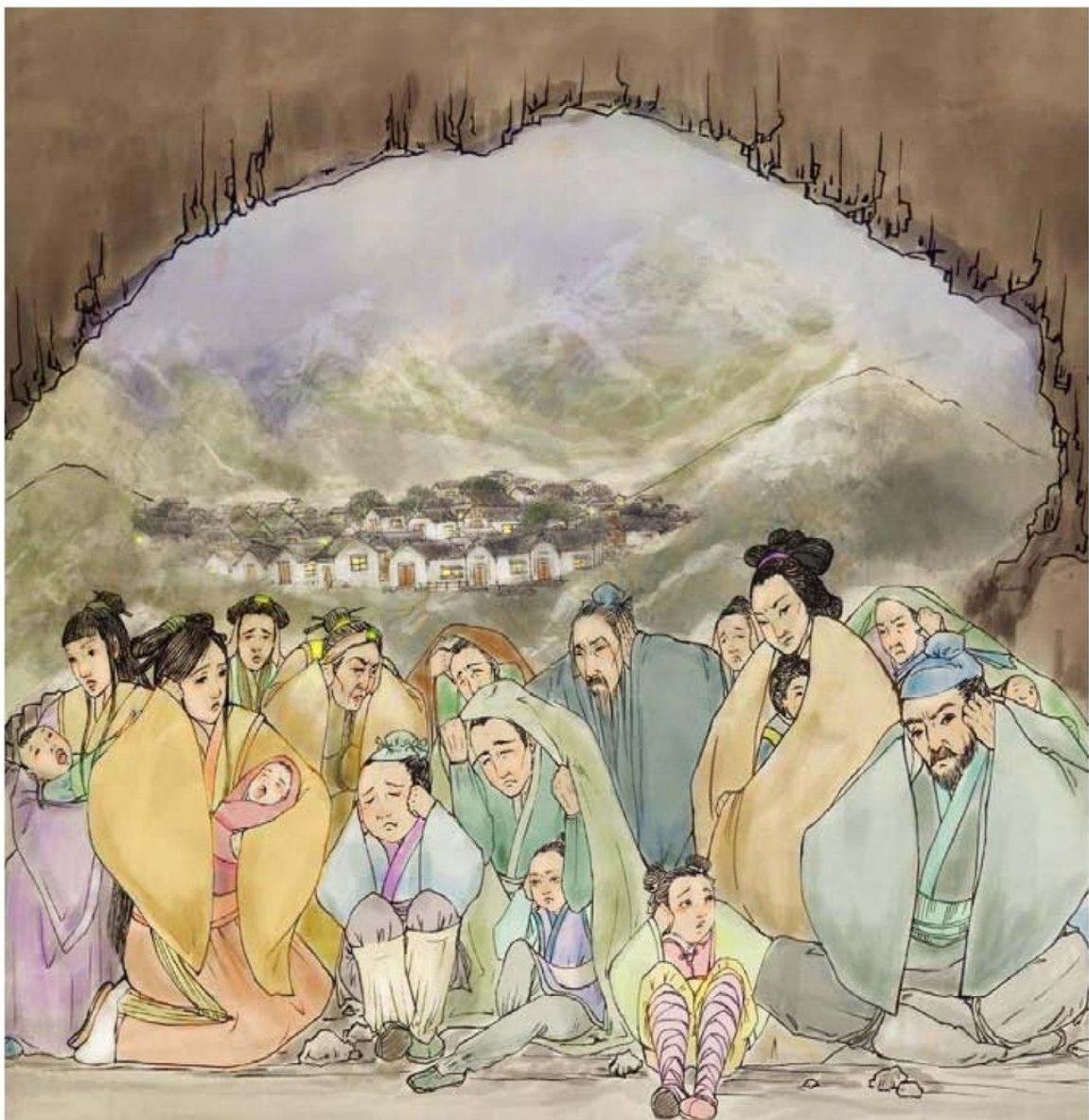
Each year, just before
the Chinese New Year,
Nian would climb out
of the ocean.



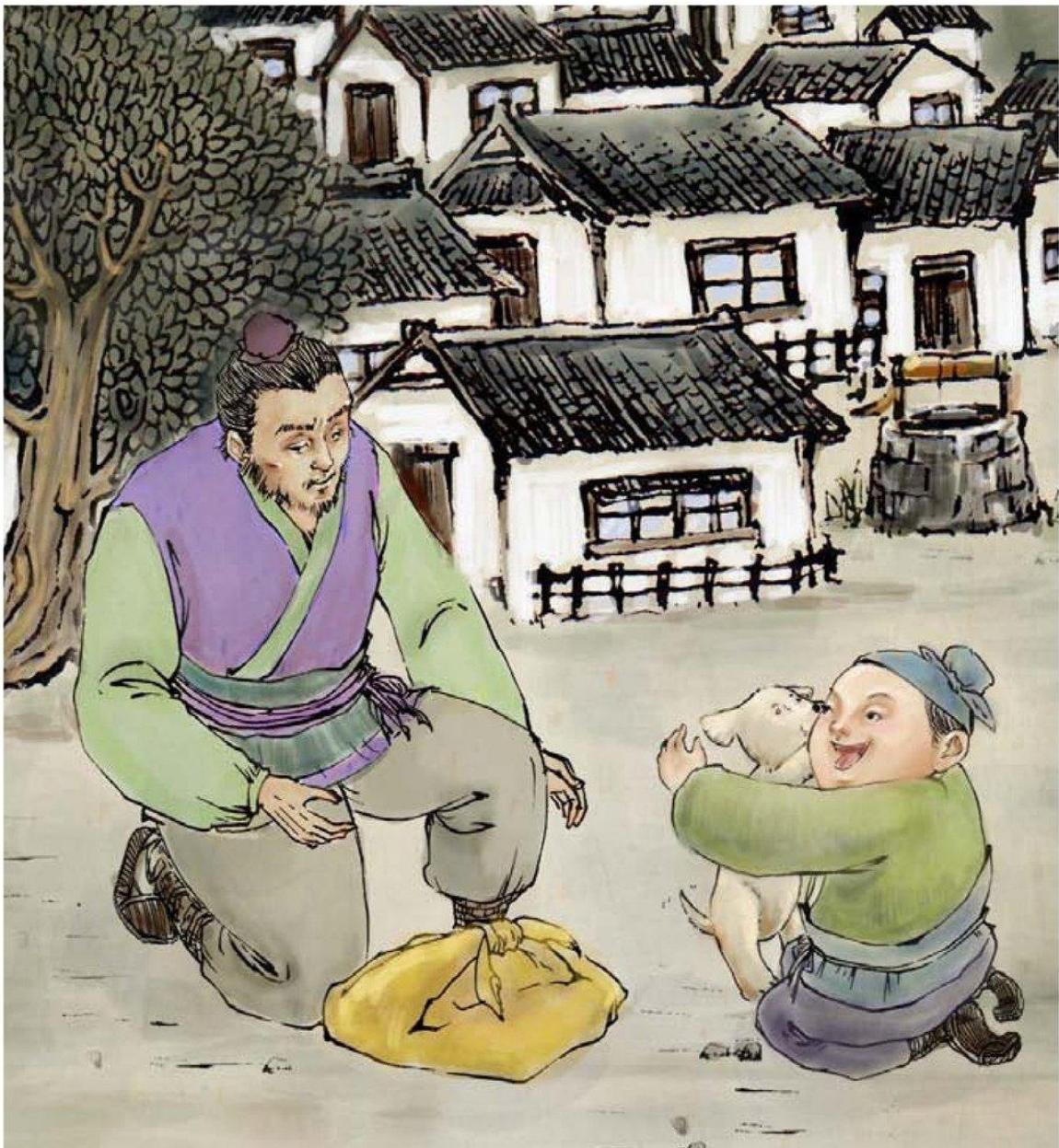
He would look for
people to eat.
Nian liked to eat children best.
People would run away
and hide in a cave.



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!

A Note on Pronunciation:

In the Mandarin Chinese language, the closest pronunciation of *Nian* is: nee-YEN. The word *nian* also means year.

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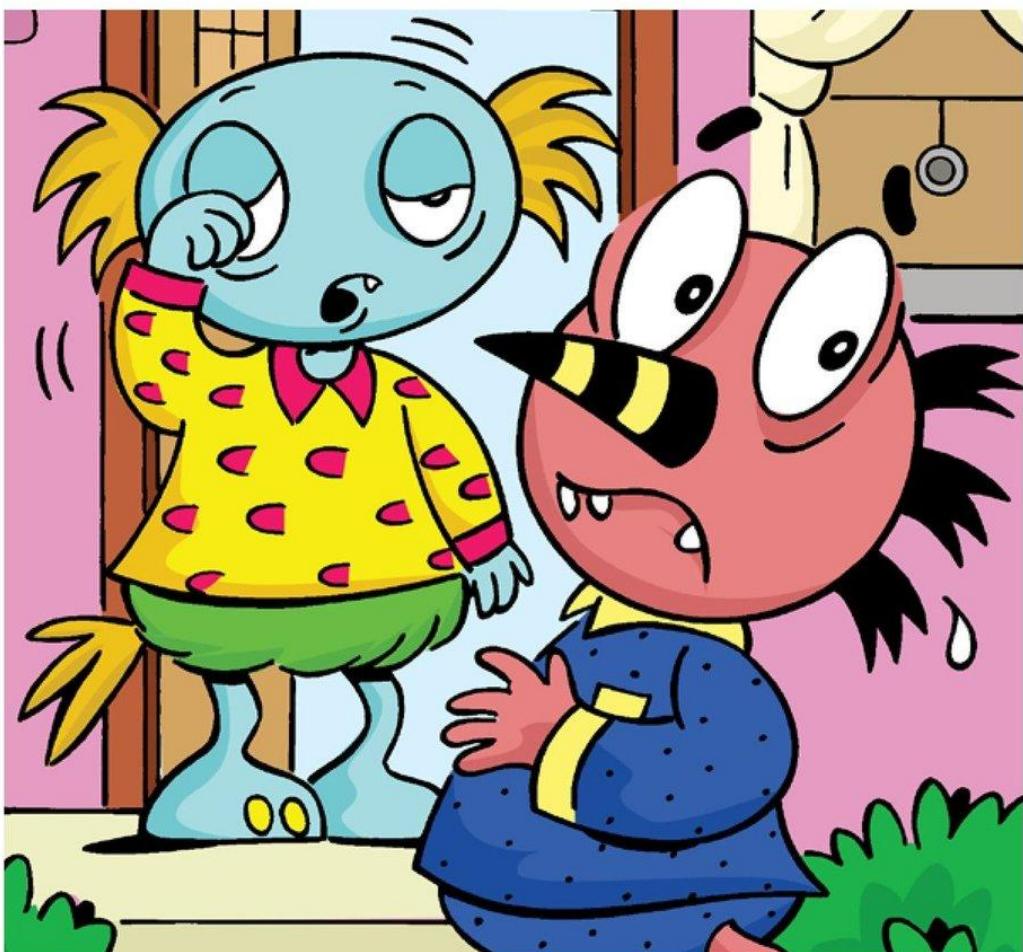
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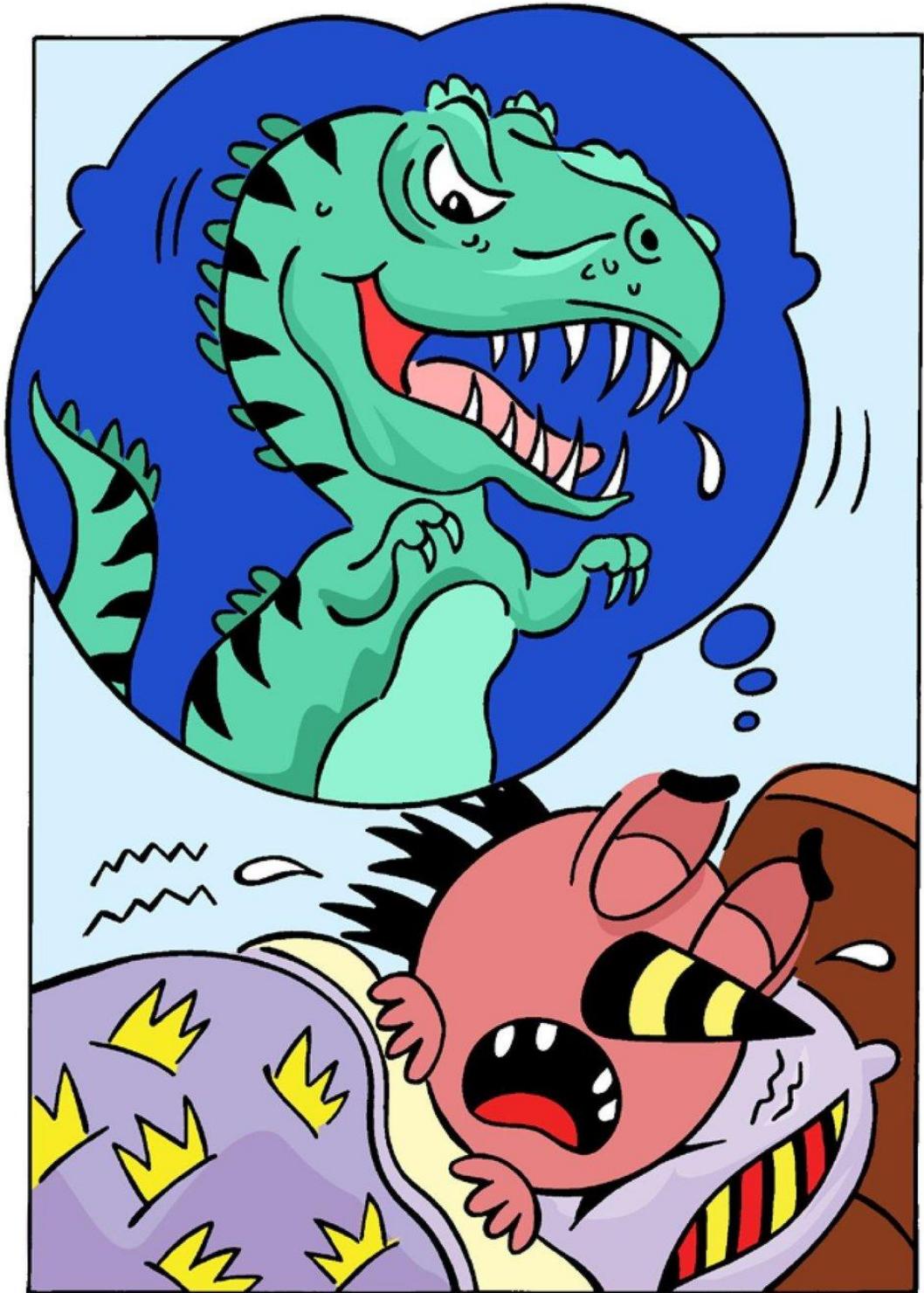
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Bonk gets ready for bed.
“I hope I have a good
dream,” he says.



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.



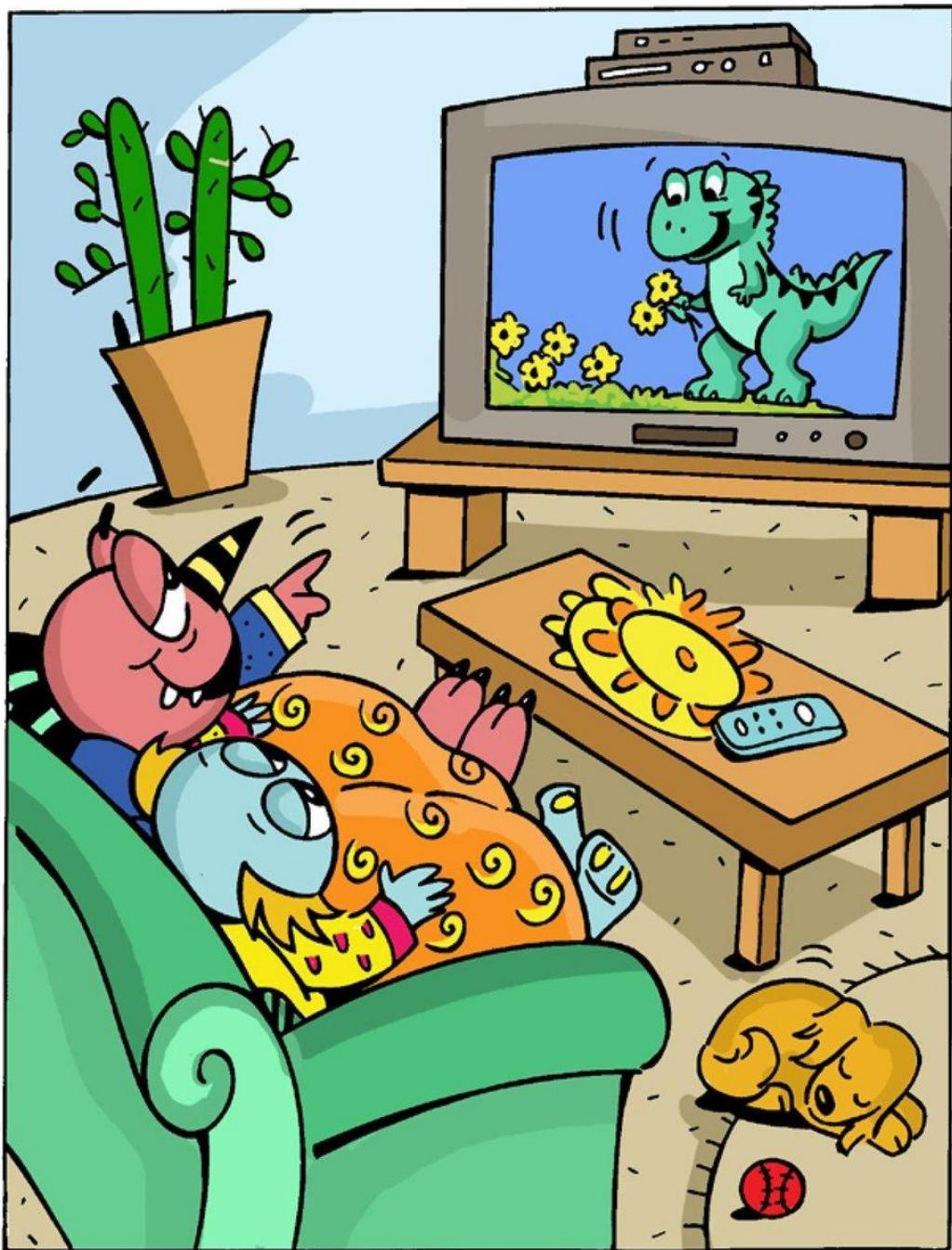
Bonk dreams about T-Rex again.
This time, T-Rex is under
Snag's bed.
The T-Rex reaches for Bonk.
Bonk wakes up Snag.
“I had another bad dream,”
Bonk says.



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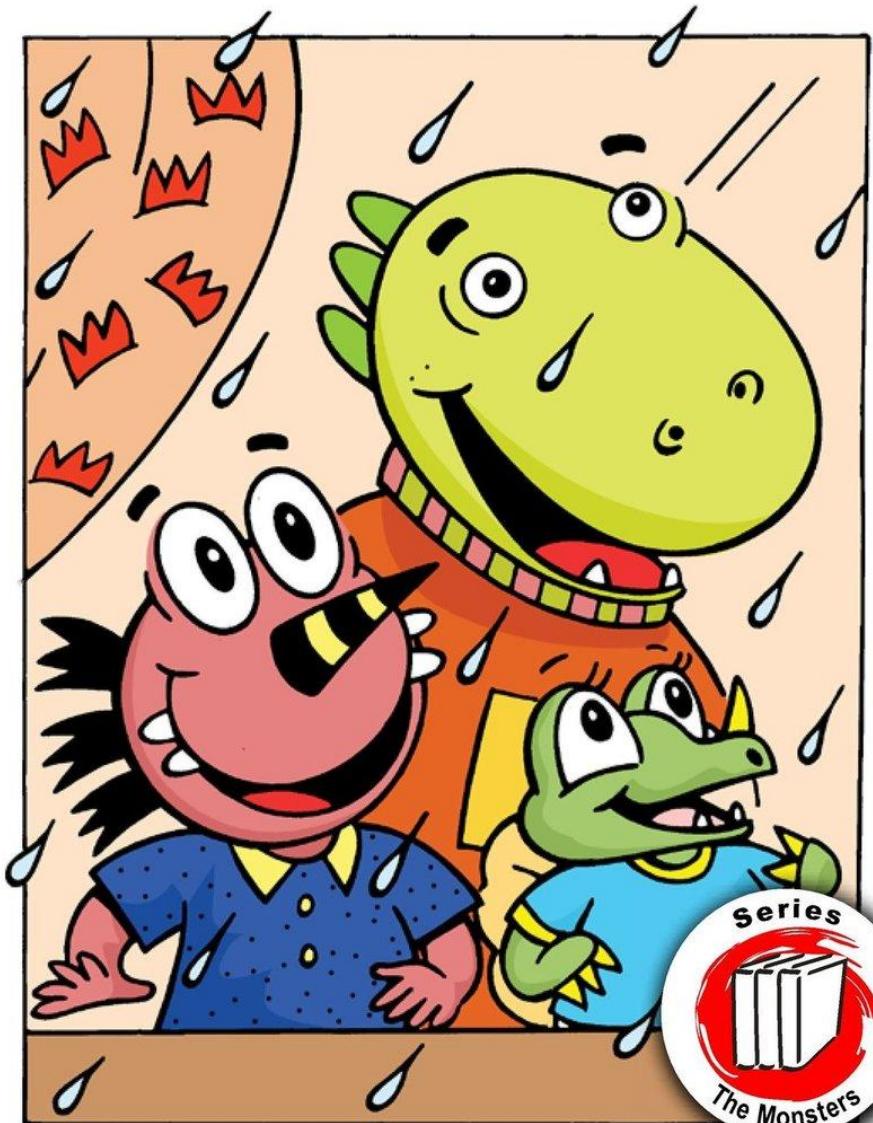
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It is a stormy day, and the
monsters are playing inside.
First, Bonk, Lurk, and Uzzle
pretend they are cowboys.



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.

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