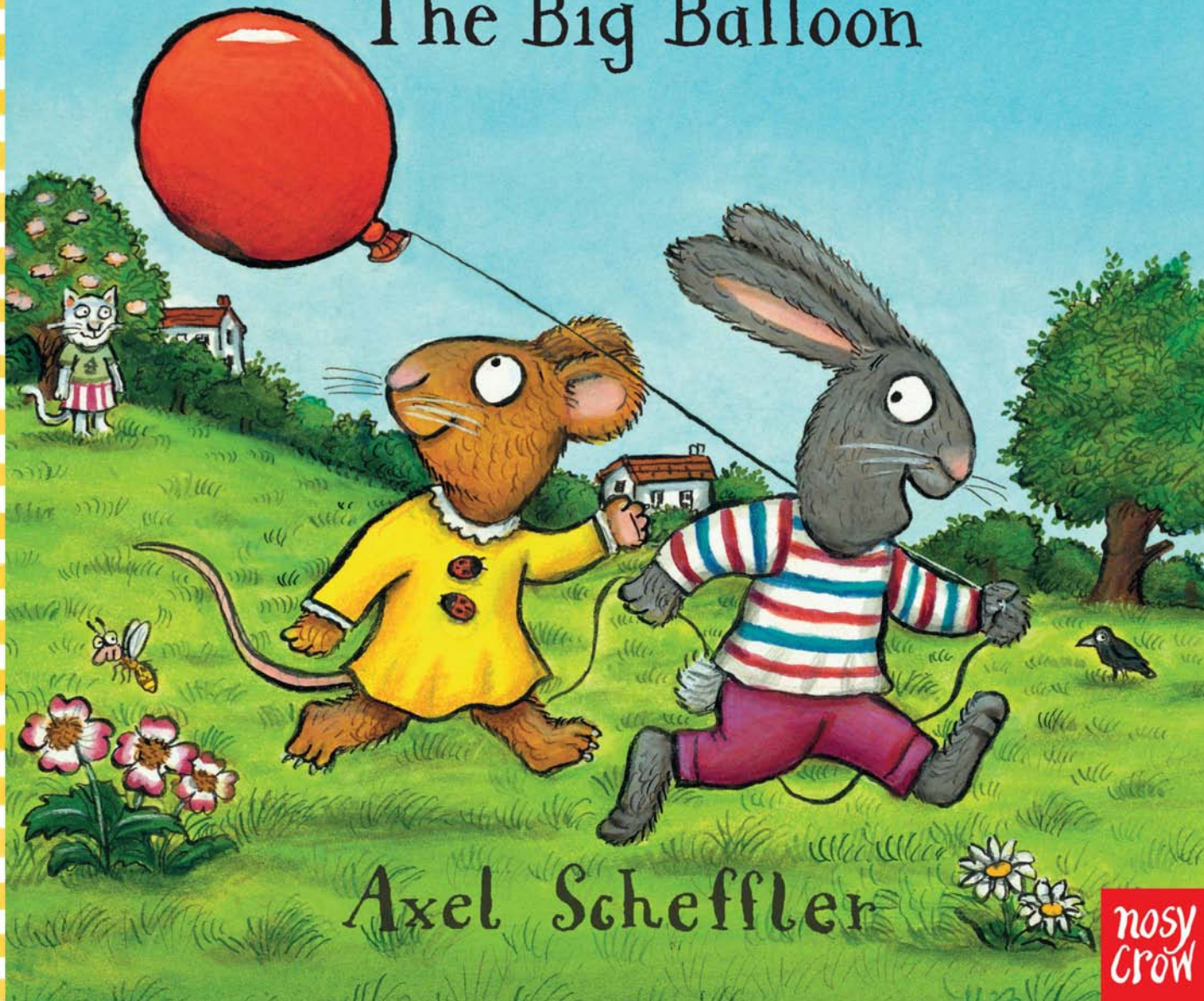


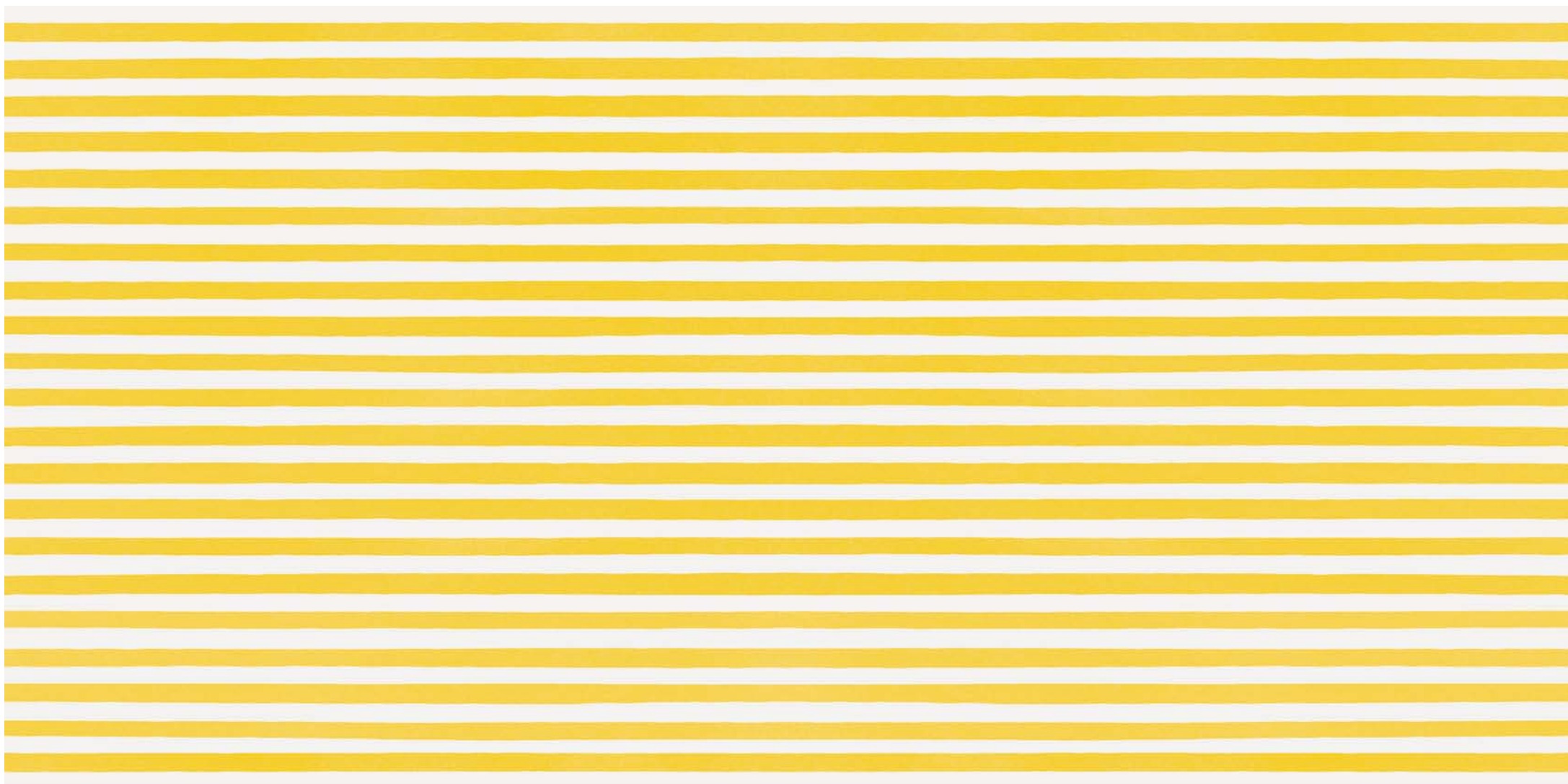
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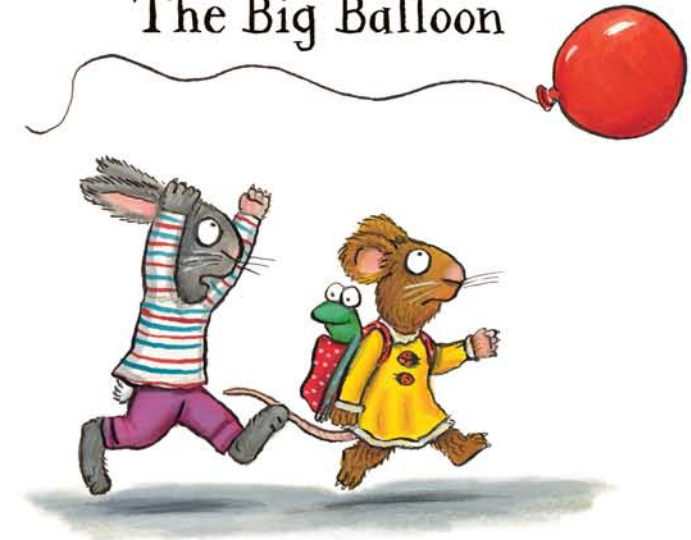
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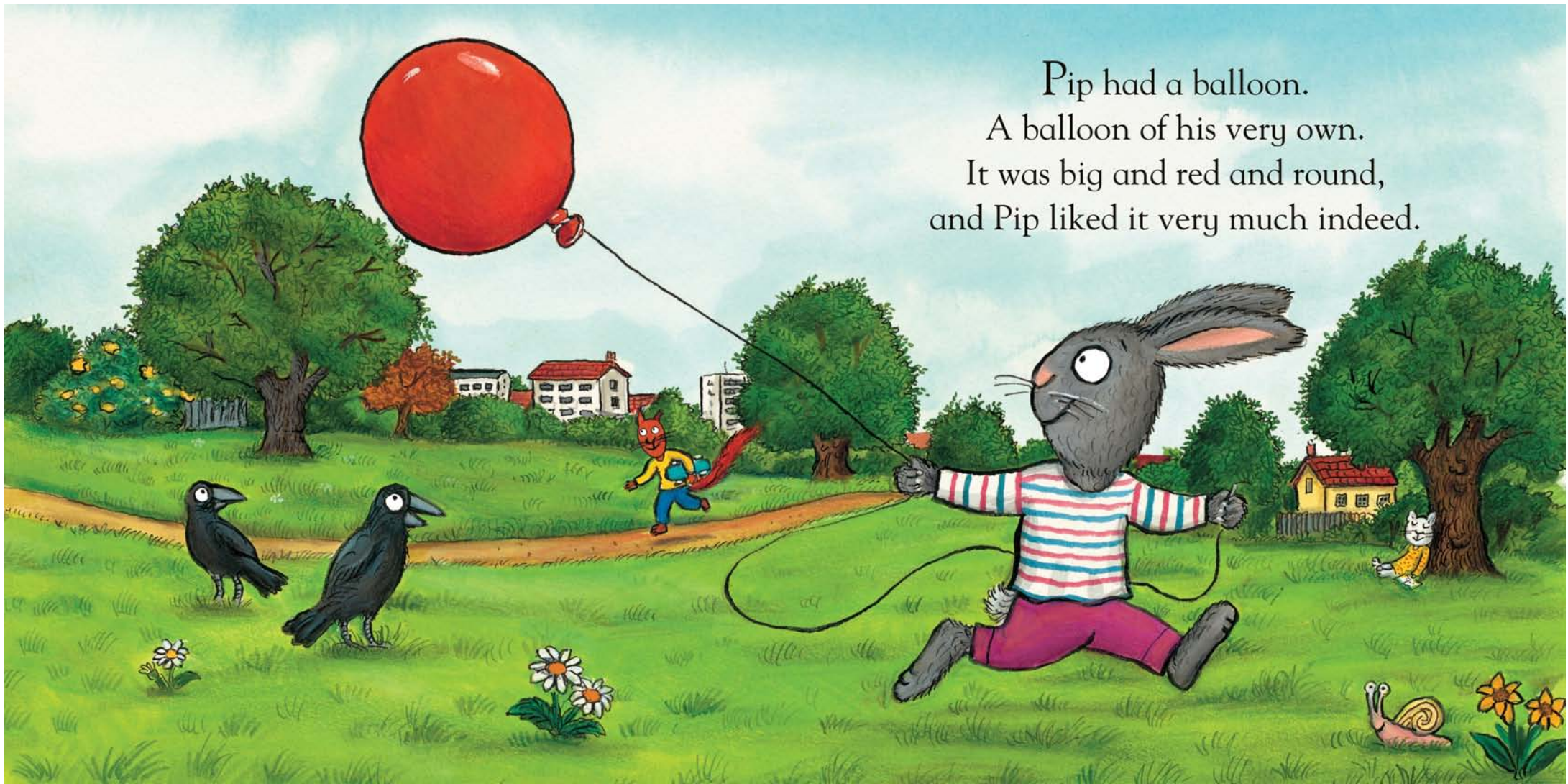
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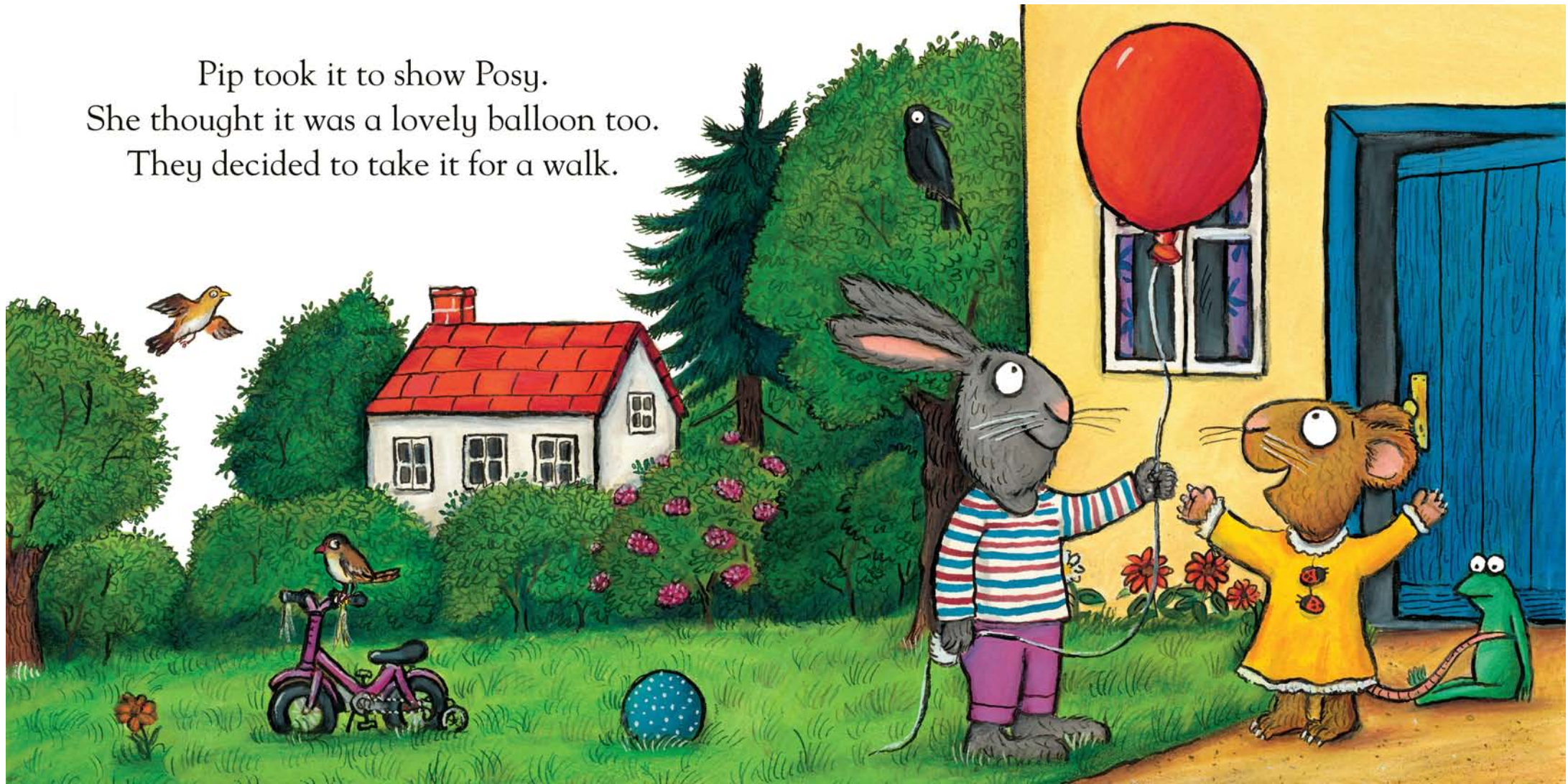
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Pip had a balloon.
A balloon of his very own.
It was big and red and round,
and Pip liked it very much indeed.

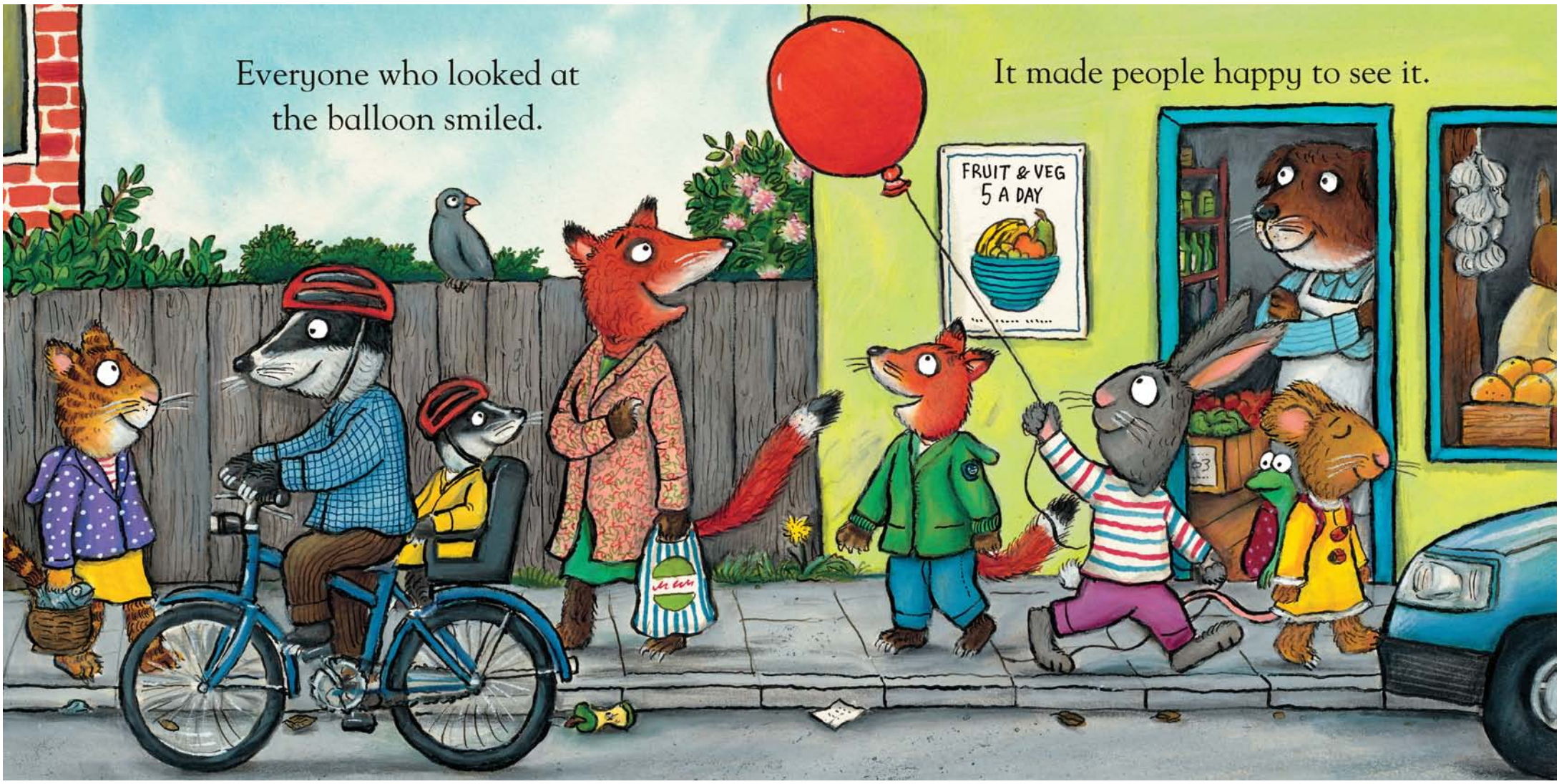


Pip took it to show Posy.
She thought it was a lovely balloon too.
They decided to take it for a walk.

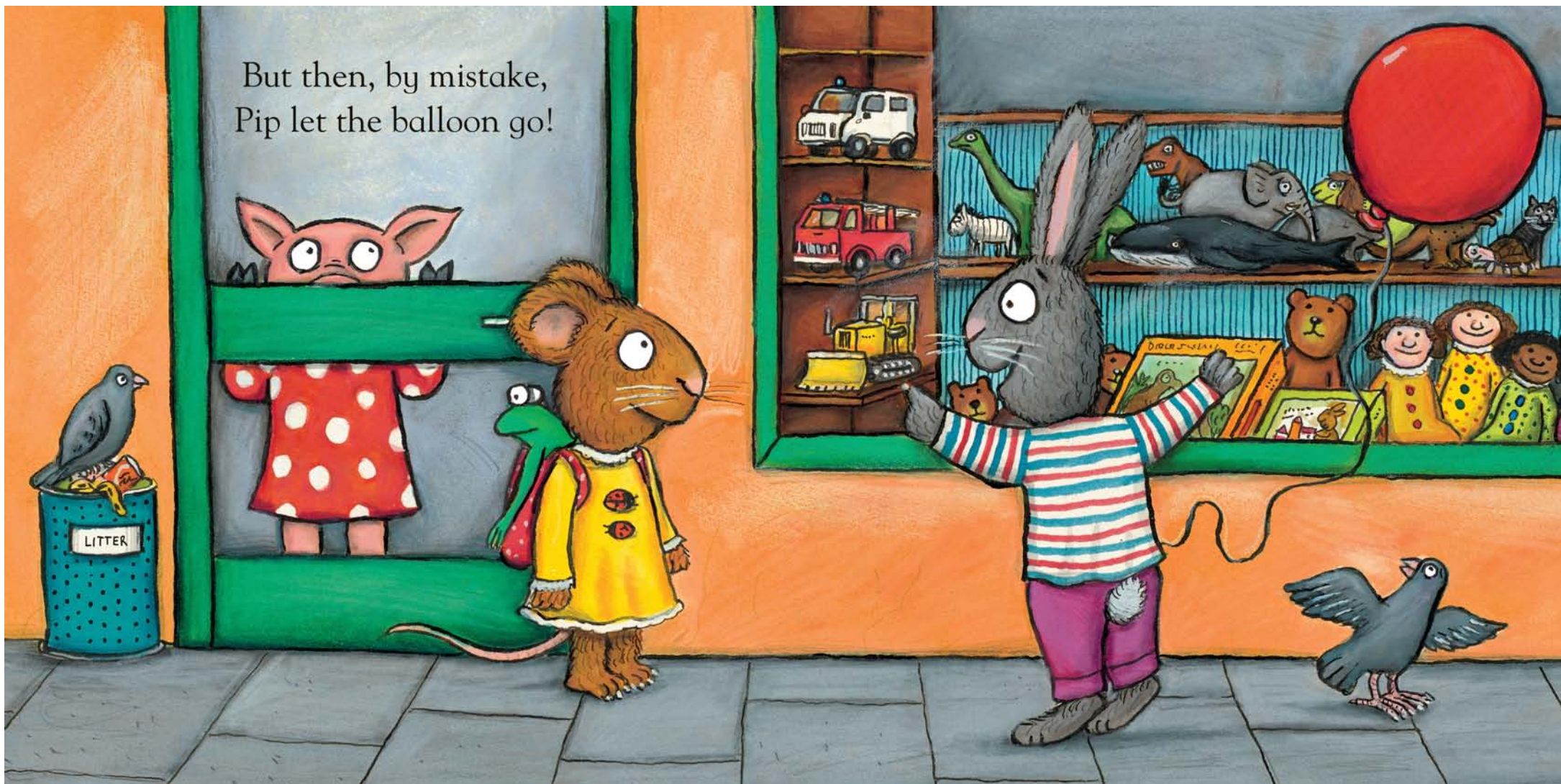


Everyone who looked at
the balloon smiled.

It made people happy to see it.



But then, by mistake,
Pip let the balloon go!



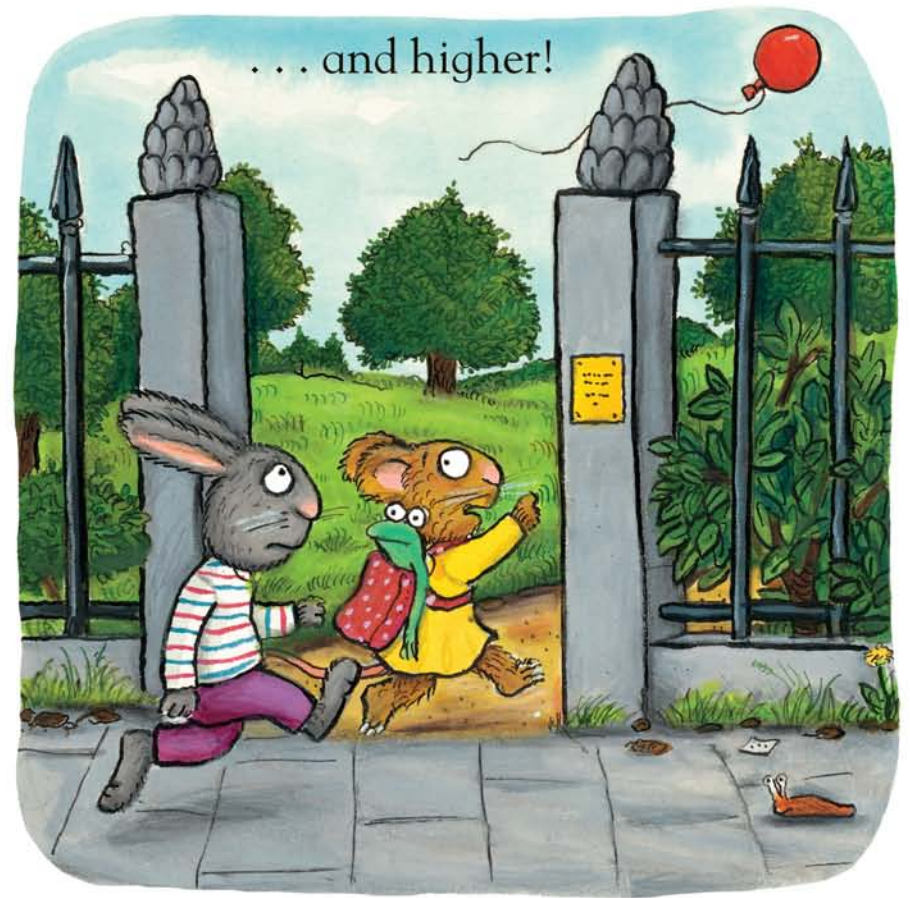
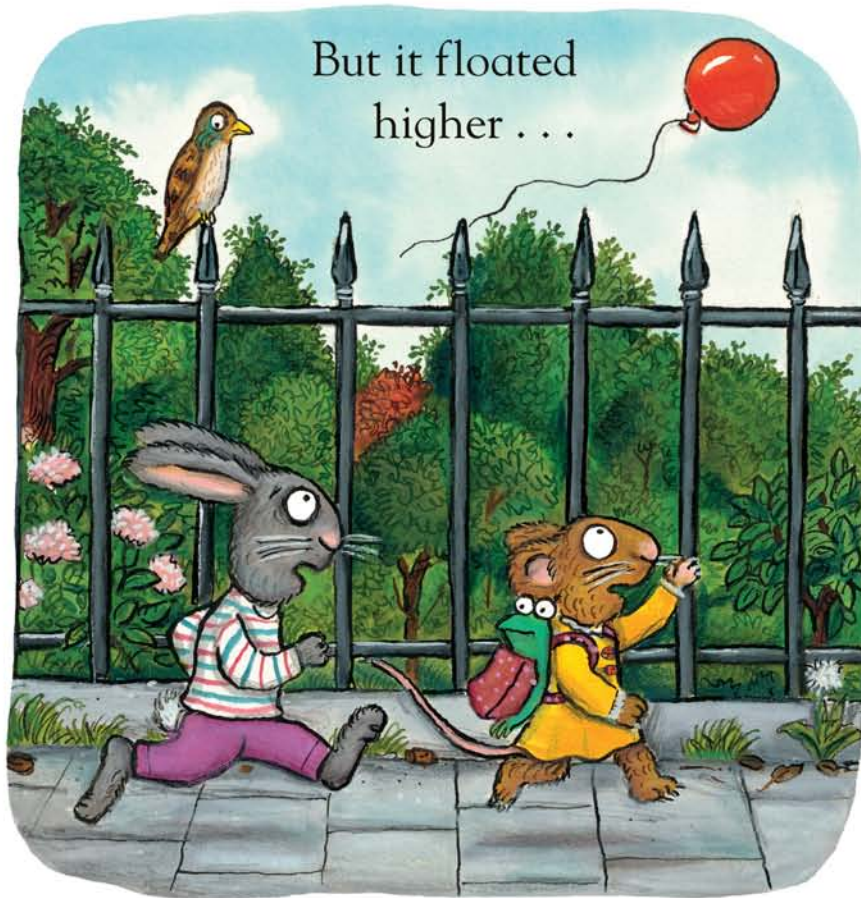
The balloon floated
into the air.





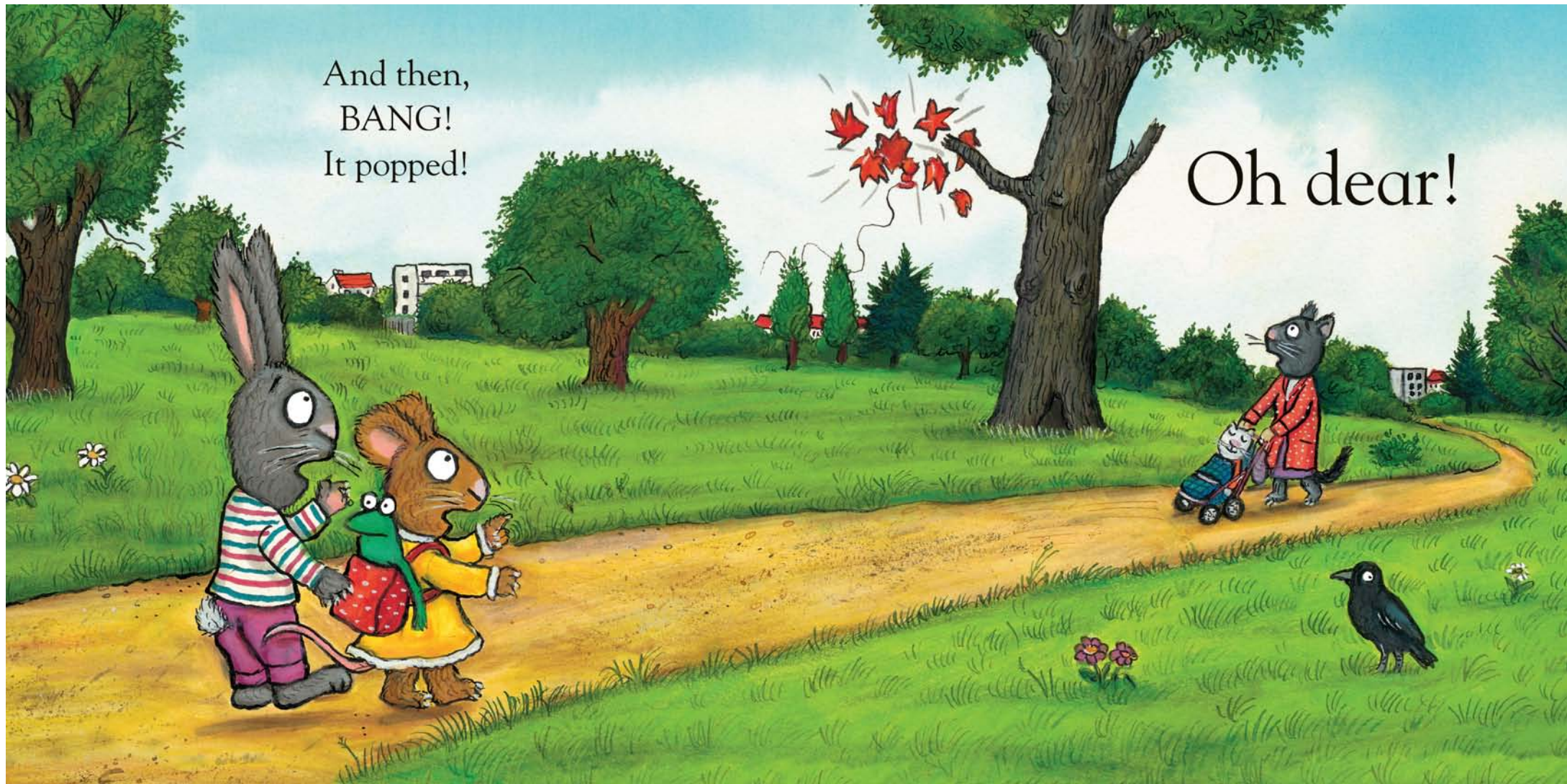
Pip and Posy chased the balloon.





And then,
BANG!
It popped!

Oh dear!



Pip was very, very sad that
the balloon had burst.



He cried . . .



and cried . . .

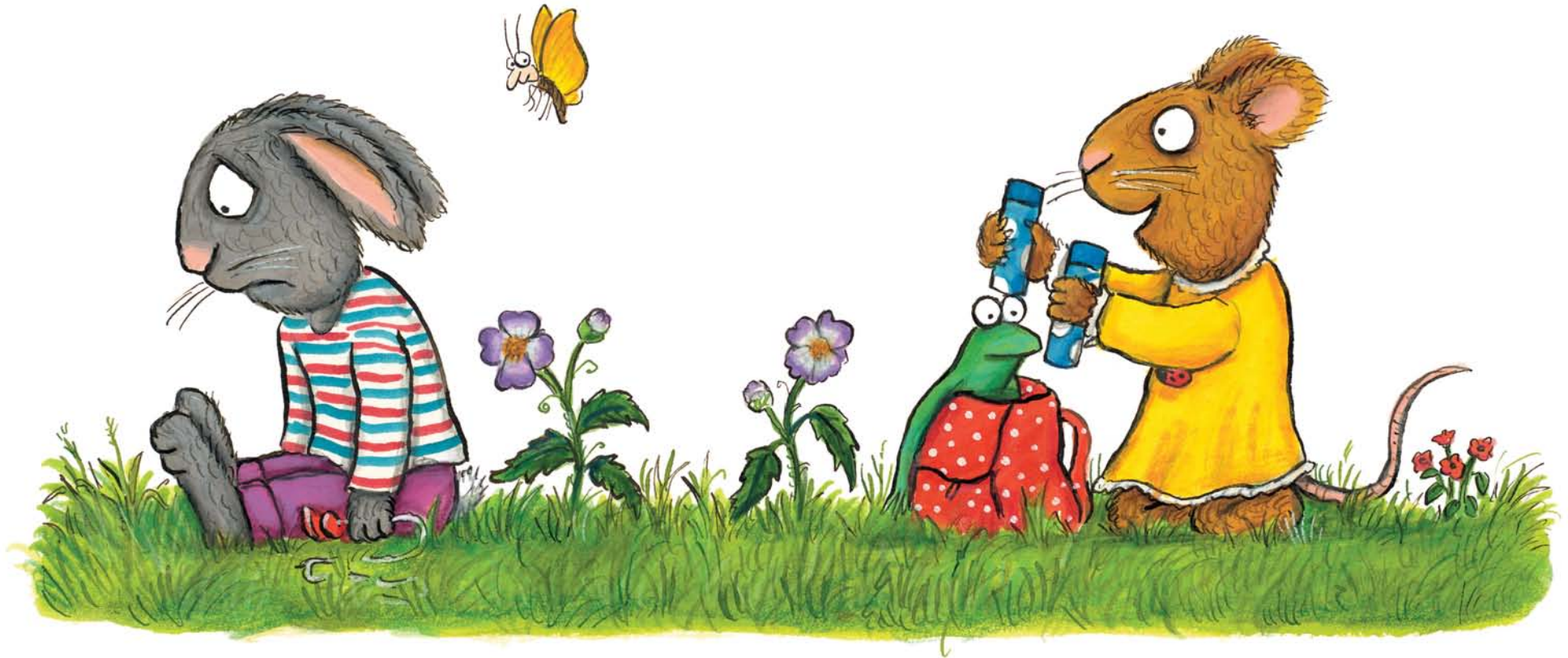


and cried.

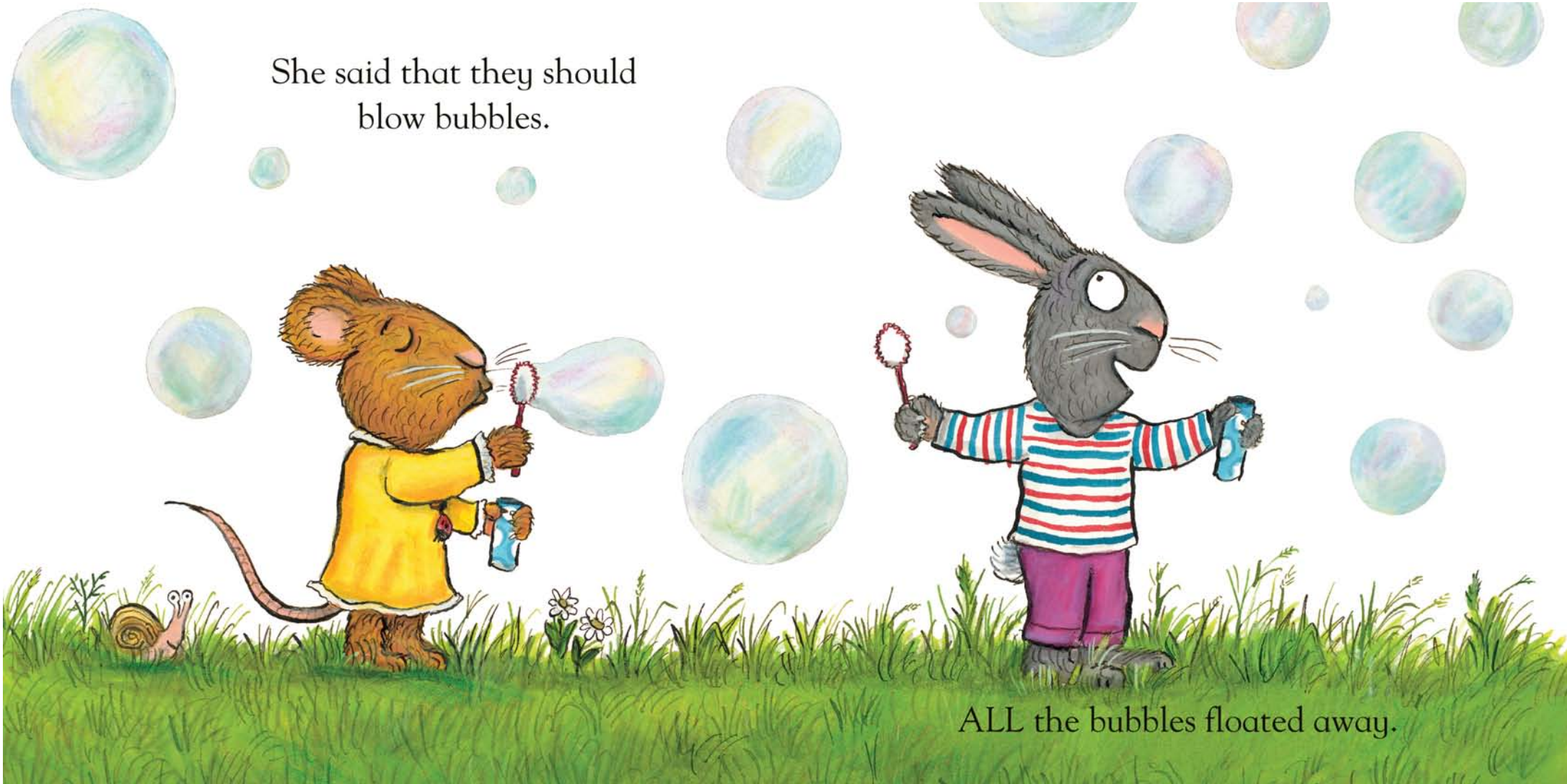


Poor Pip!

Then Posy had a really
good idea.



She said that they should
blow bubbles.



ALL the bubbles floated away.

And ALL the
bubbles popped.

Hooray!

But Pip and Posy didn't mind, because
that's what bubbles are supposed to do!

