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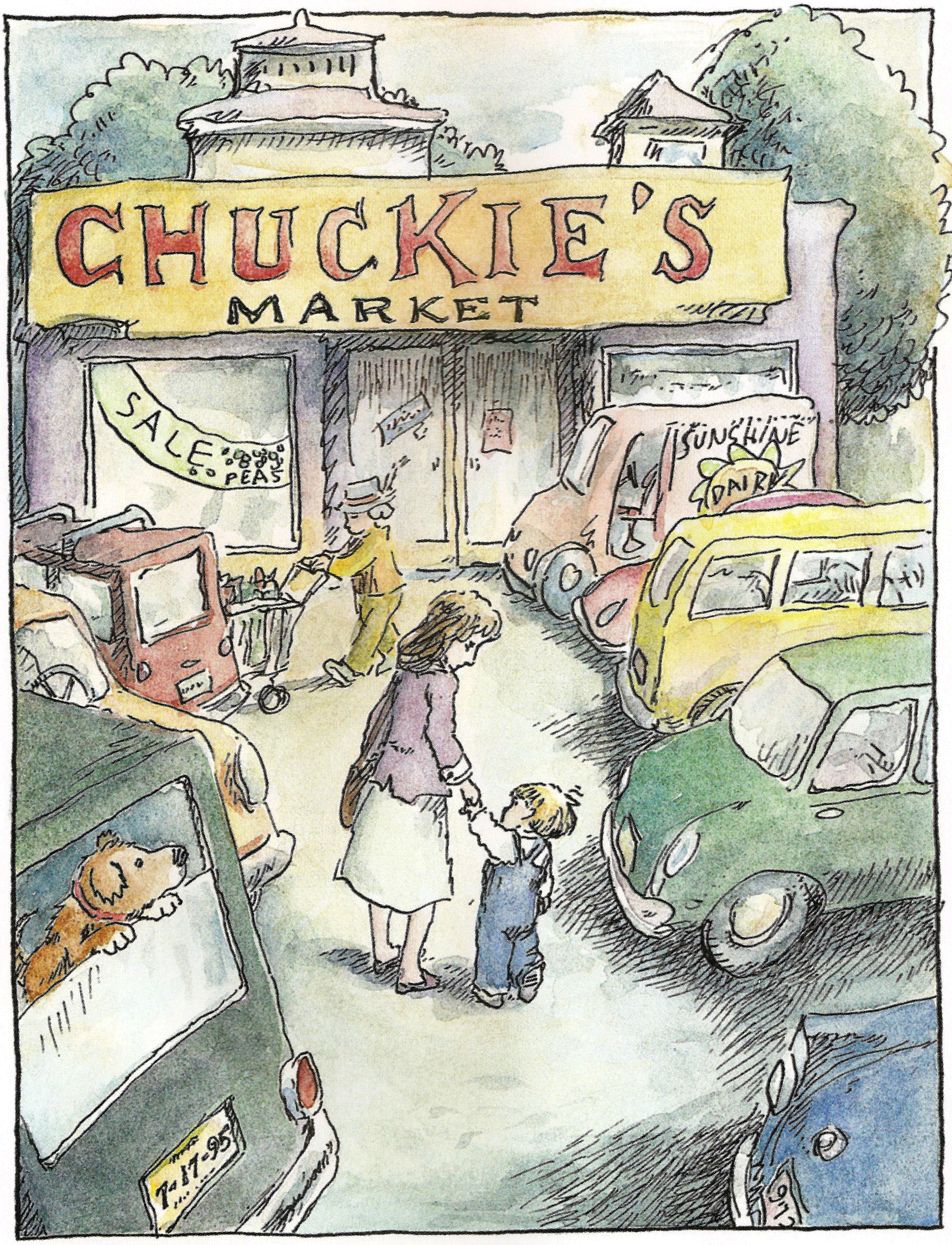
*For two "Two Brudders"*

*Tristian and Joshua*

*Bernard and Peter*

When my mom says to me,
"Let's go shopping!"
I say, "OK. Can Fred come, too?"
(He's my dog.)

"He can come," says my mom,
"but he stays in the car."




At the market I say, "Look out,
Mom! Better take my hand."

Inside the store I get the cart
while Mom looks for things.

Mom says, "Maybe you need to ride in the cart . . .

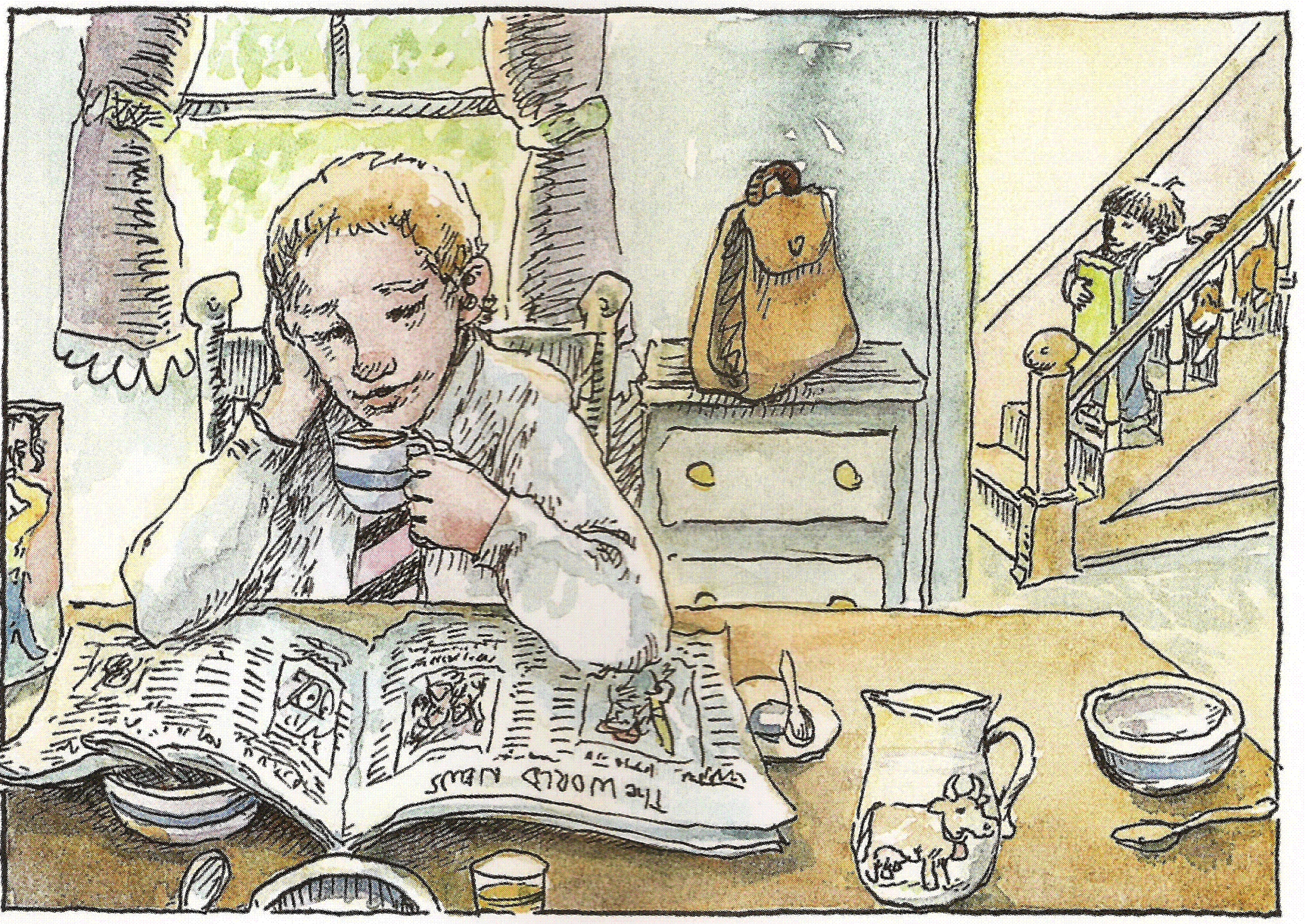
so we can look for things better . . .

and you can help me pick what to get."

I make sure Mom
gets the right kind
of cereal.

When we get home from shopping,
I show my dad what we got.
He likes to know.

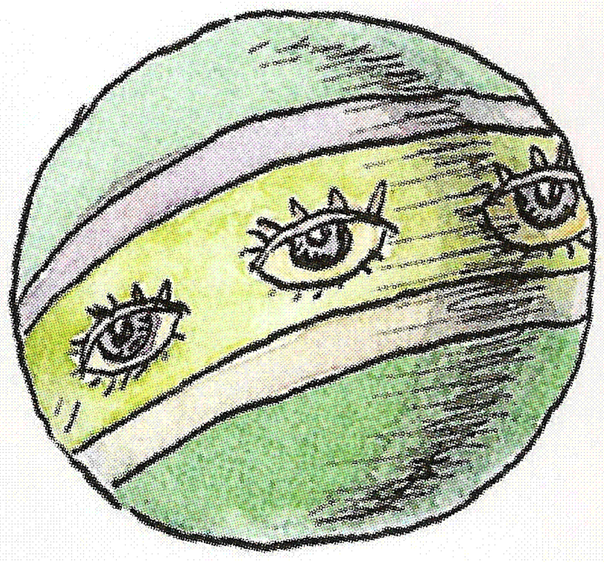
In the morning we all get up
with Dad before he goes to work.
We have cereal.



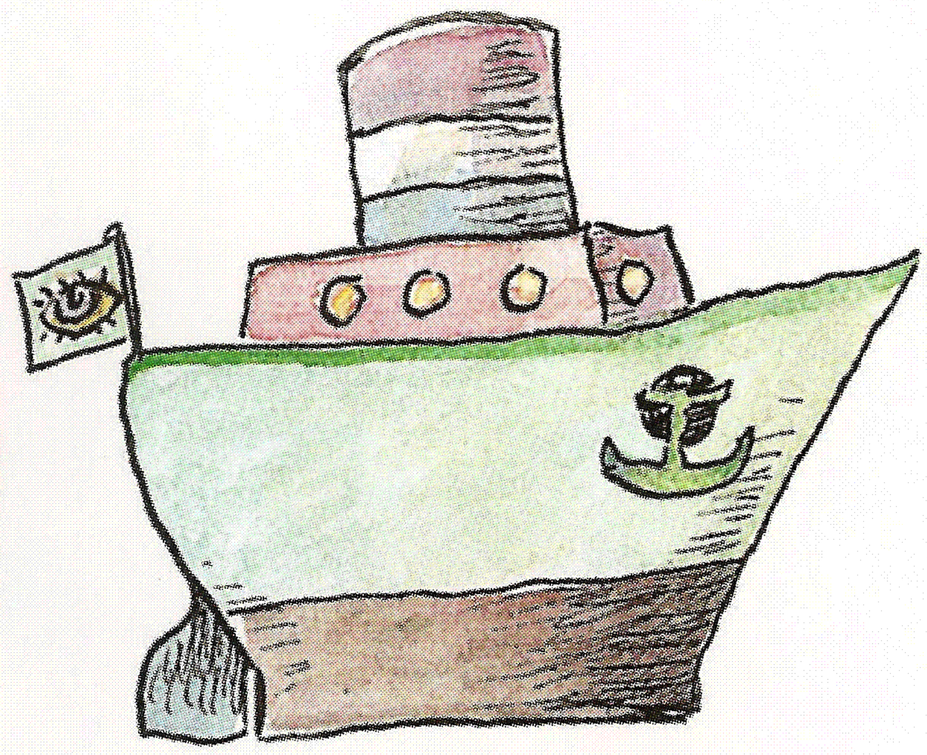
My dad has the kind that's good for you.
My mom has the kind that does not make
you fat. I have the fun kind. It's green.

And there are things
in the box besides cereal.
I found

a badge,



a ball,



a ship,

a toy mouse,

and a toy cat!

There was even a talking bird
for my mom, a hat for my dad,
and a pair of glasses for Fred.
(He's my dog.)

While we have cereal,
my dad reads,
and my mom writes a letter.

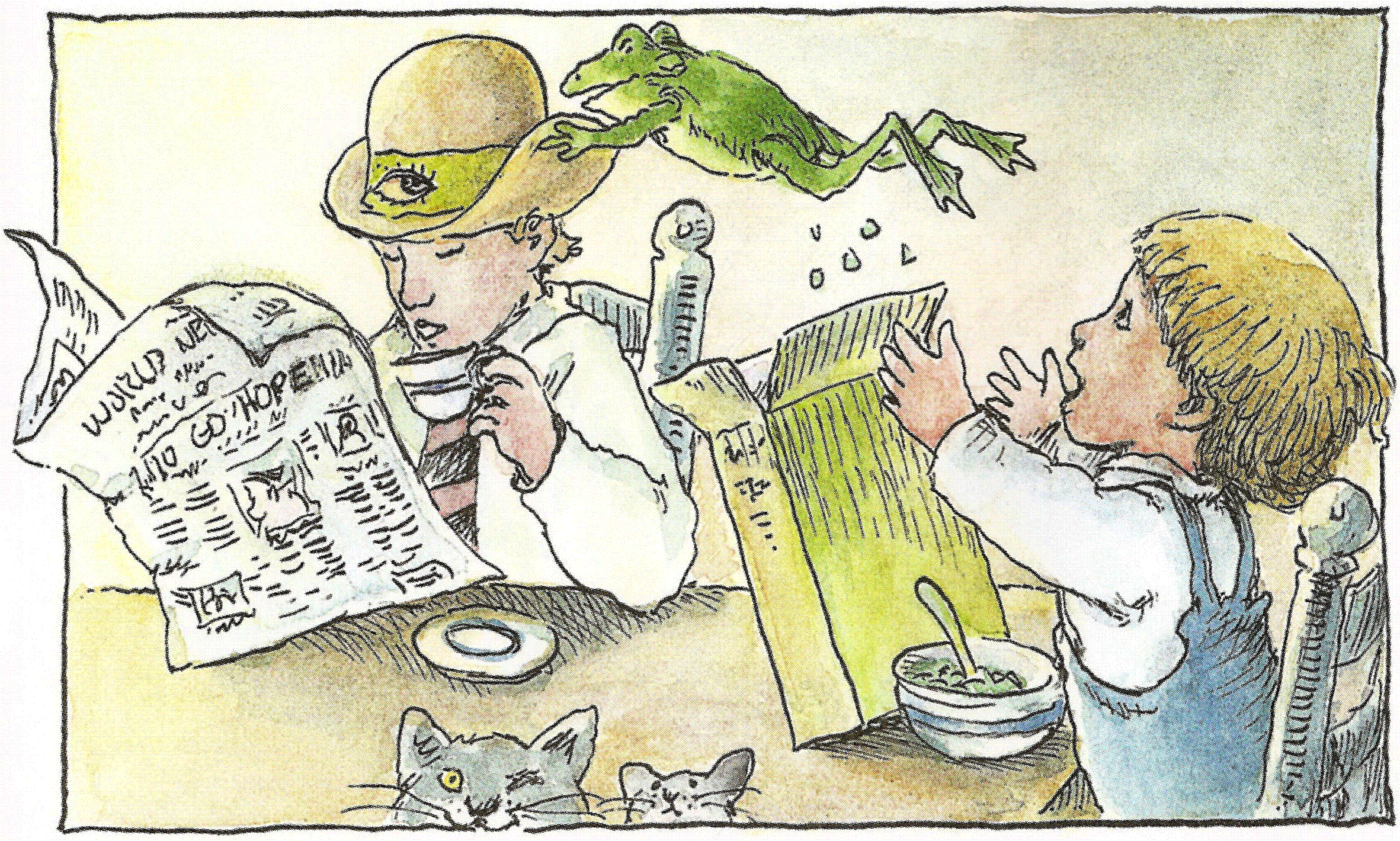
They can't see all the fun things
in the box that I can see.

I got more cereal.

I found a frog.

He was the hopping kind.

He hopped on my dad's hat.



Then I found a turtle.

It jumped into Fred's water dish.

A snake came out of the box.

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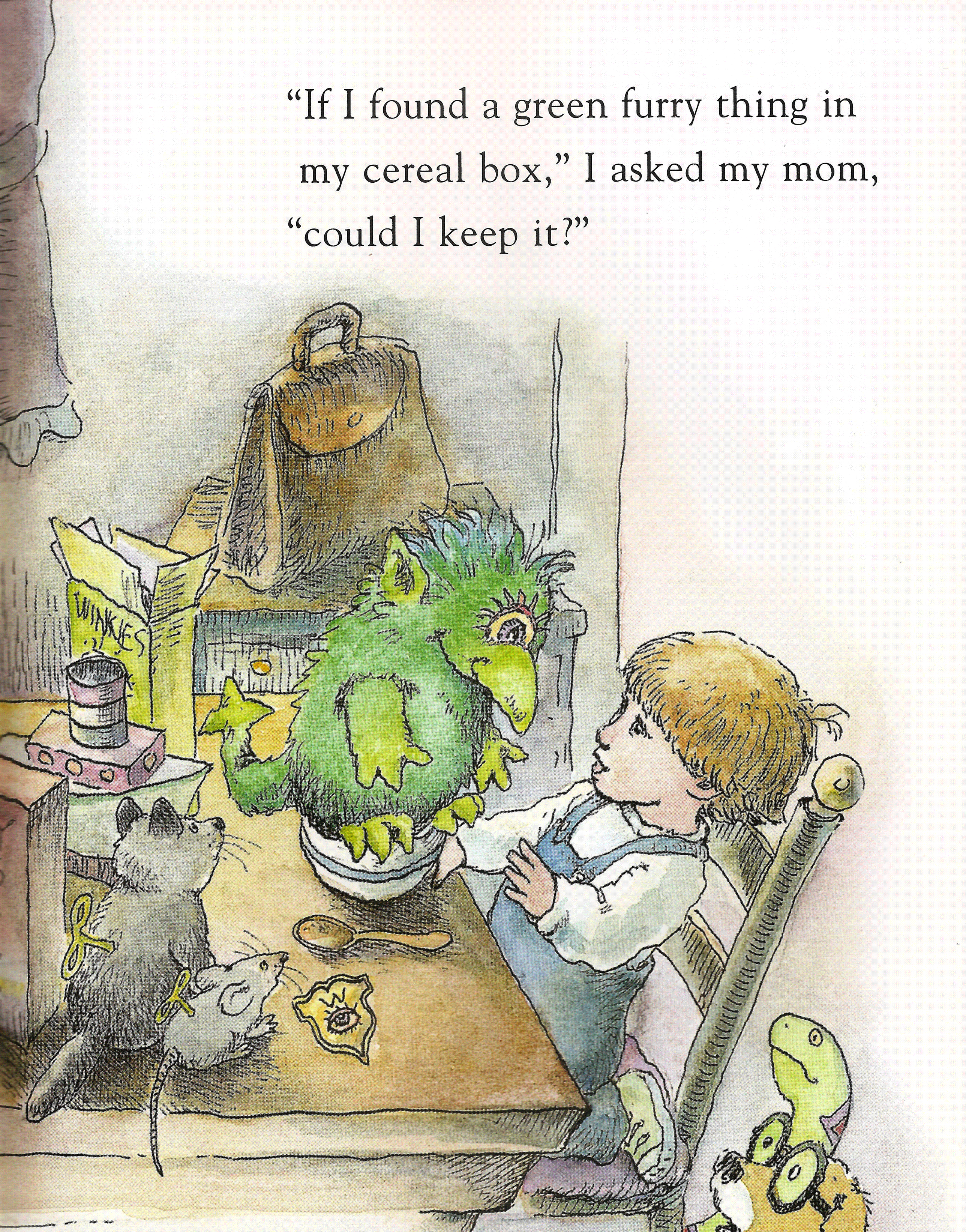
"If I found a green furry thing in
my cereal box," I asked my mom,
"could I keep it?"




Mom said, "Keep what?"
I forgot that she could not see it.

When my dad went to work,
I got my wagon and put all the things
that came out of my cereal box into it.
Then I took them all for a ride.

Too bad grownups can't see
all the fun things kids can see.

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