

THE TRUE STORY OF THE 3 LITTLE PIGS!

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and plunging smoothly down latitude, the American naval machine NC-4 completed her transatlantic journey at 2:54 o'clock this afternoon. She gracefully and easily, amid the cheers of hundreds that had a green slope of the flow and the Citadel glaciers, and taxied to the British seaplane base at the Cattlewater.

There she came to rest, over, and Lieut. Commander Bond and his crew went off States flagship Rochester to receive the congratulations of a distinguished company of British military airmen. Afterward they were officially welcomed to Briti Mayor of Plymouth at the Barbican, the very spot who Pabers, 200 years ago, embarked. Then they were members of the British air force.

The last lap of the NC-4 shorter than her first stretch, the descent at the Montedogal by merely a small leak in the water jacket of an engine which requires that she make the trip from Ferrol to Plymouth that she was able to make a detour in order to have a fog whip come down to within fifty feet of the water, but the windfall.

Her entry into Plymouth, and nothing could surpass her high, steady flight, for I had no sense of the hour, it did some very creditable things, and I was glad to do the job.

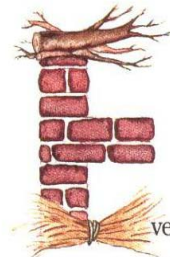
Winds were favorable all the way, nor was it the best of luck, but we never thought we should. An hour and ten hours, but we had no certain idea where we were before we saw land we had no certain idea where we were.

As we approached a large town, the sea was very choppy, and we were a great deal of time in getting ashore, but we were not disappointed, for we had a very good landing.

At the station, Admiral Fisher, Admiral Jellicoe, and other naval officers were waiting to receive us. We were met by a band of music and a large number of officers. The Mayor of Plymouth was also present, and we were all very much pleased to see him.

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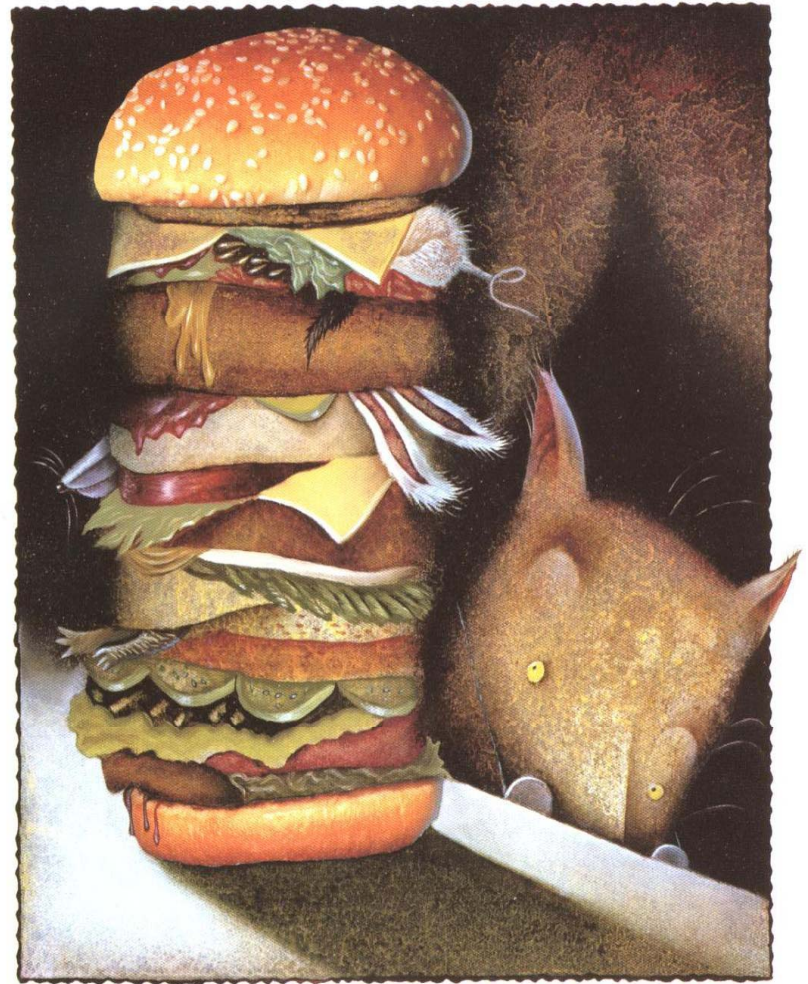


everybody knows the story of the Three Little Pigs. Or at least they think they do. But I'll let you in on a little secret. Nobody knows the real story, because nobody has ever heard my side of the story.

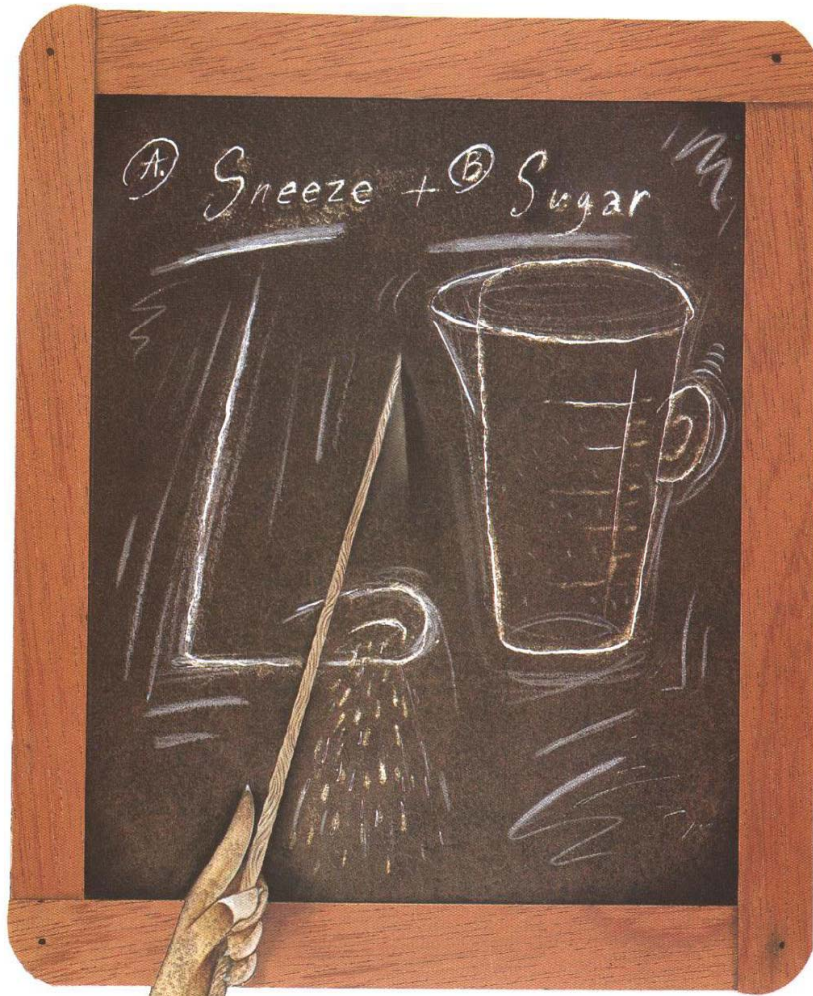




I'm the wolf. Alexander T. Wolf.
You can call me Al.
I don't know how this whole Big Bad Wolf thing got started,
but it's all wrong.



Maybe it's because of our diet.
Hey, it's not my fault wolves eat cute little animals like bunnies and
sheep and pigs. That's just the way we are. If cheeseburgers were
cute, folks would probably think you were Big and Bad, too.

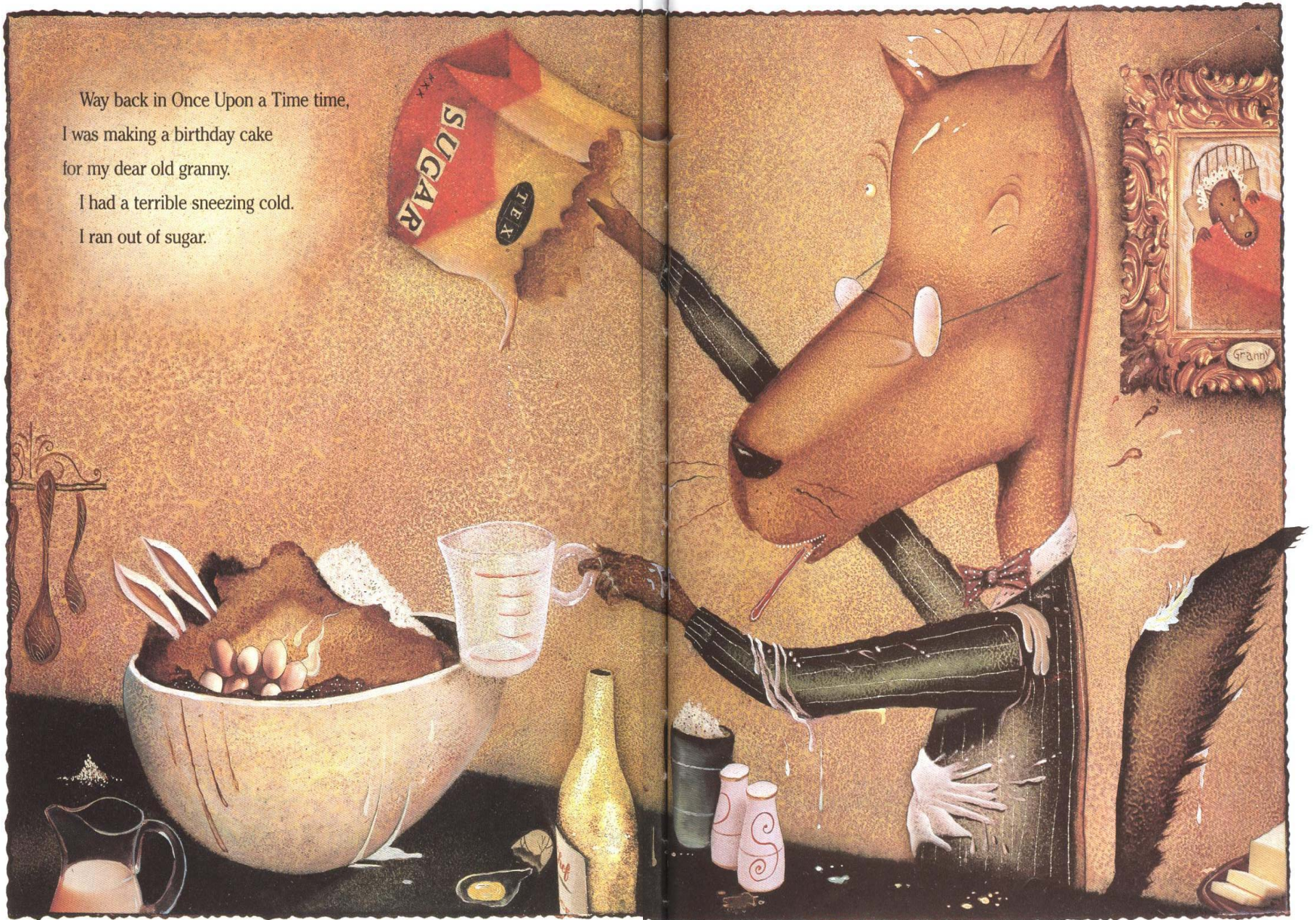


But like I was saying,
the whole Big Bad Wolf thing is all wrong.
The real story is about a sneeze and a cup of sugar.

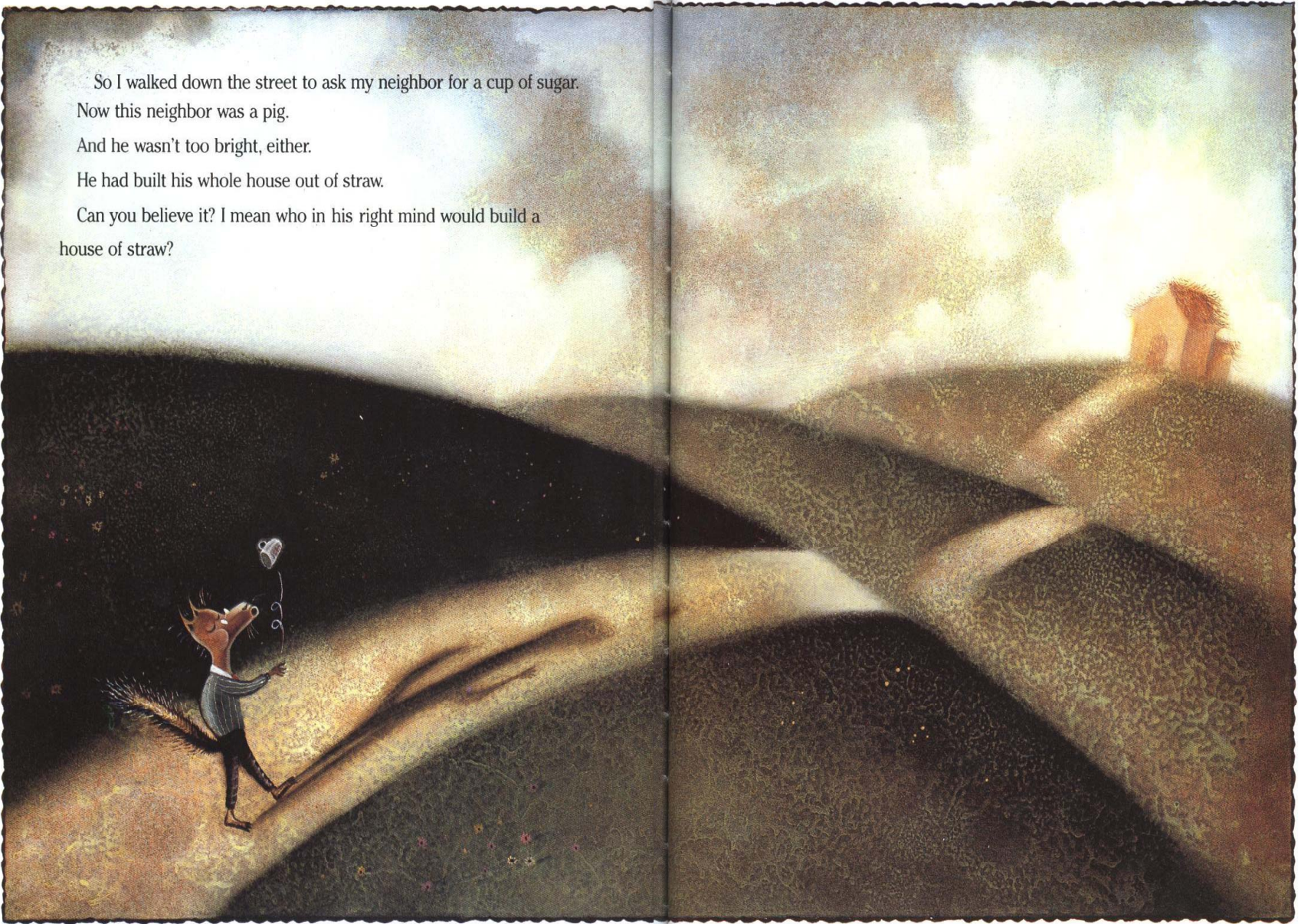
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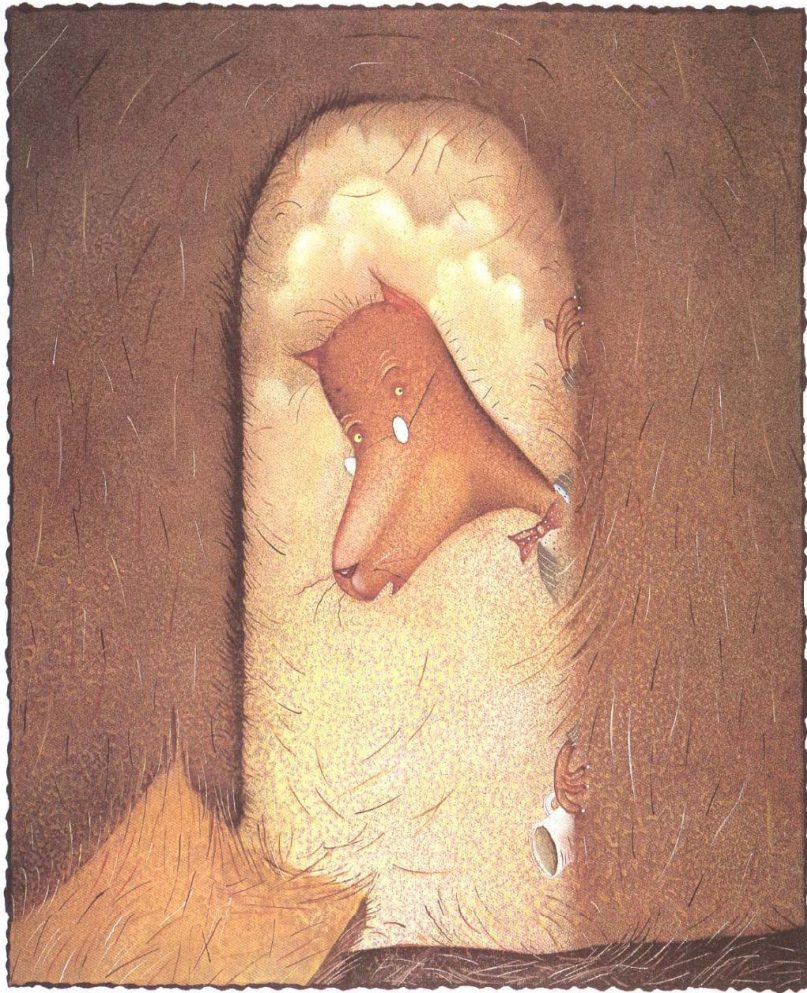


Way back in Once Upon a Time time,
I was making a birthday cake
for my dear old granny.
I had a terrible sneezing cold.
I ran out of sugar.



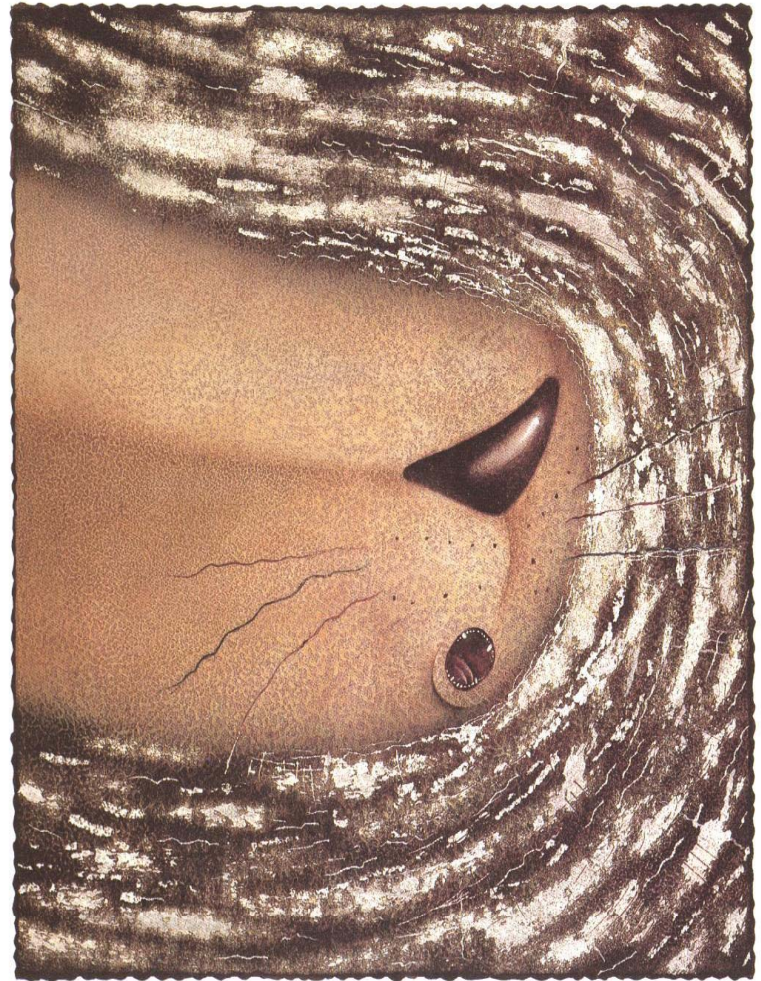
So I walked down the street to ask my neighbor for a cup of sugar.
Now this neighbor was a pig.
And he wasn't too bright, either.
He had built his whole house out of straw.
Can you believe it? I mean who in his right mind would build a
house of straw?





So of course the minute I knocked on the door, it fell right in. I didn't want to just walk into someone else's house. So I called, "Little Pig, Little Pig, are you in?" No answer.

I was just about to go home without the cup of sugar for my dear old granny's birthday cake.

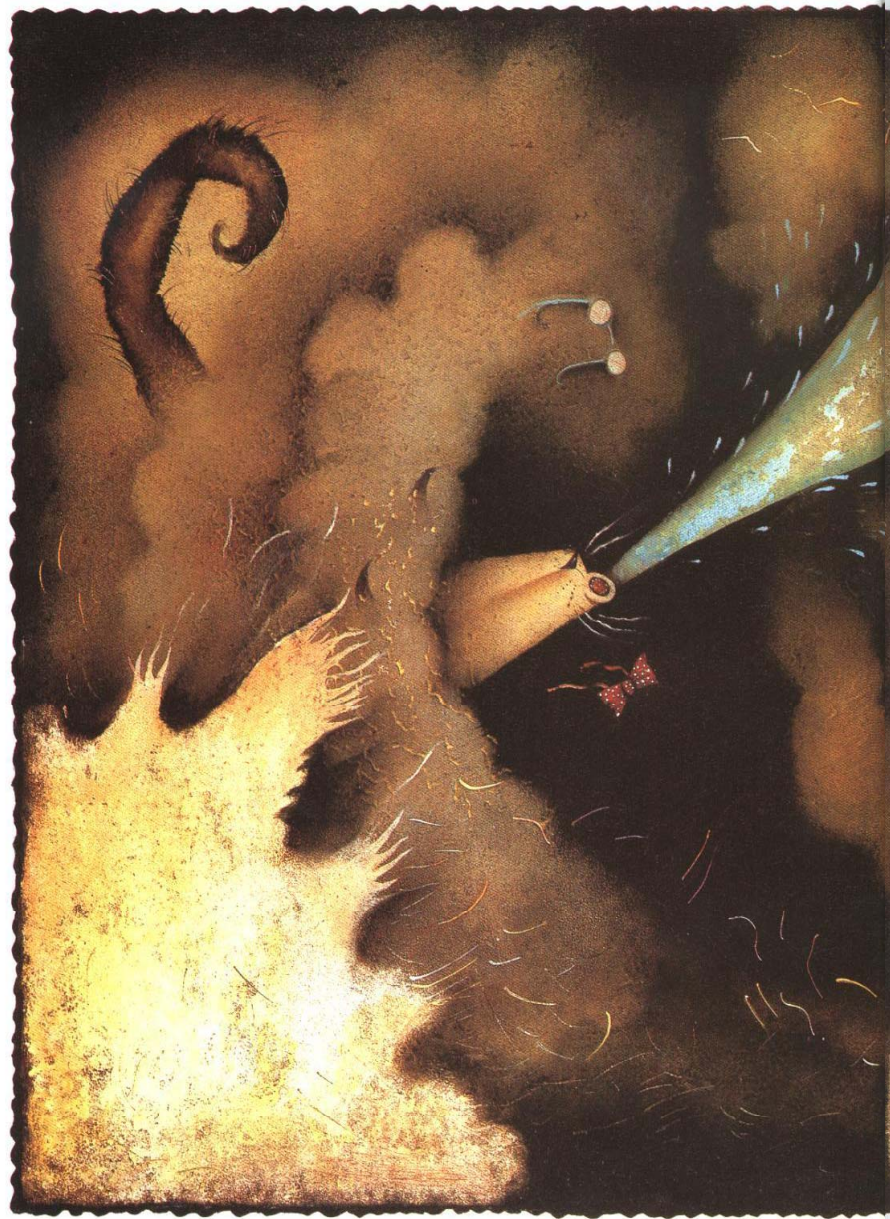


That's when my nose started to itch.

I felt a sneeze coming on.

Well I huffed.

And I snuffed.

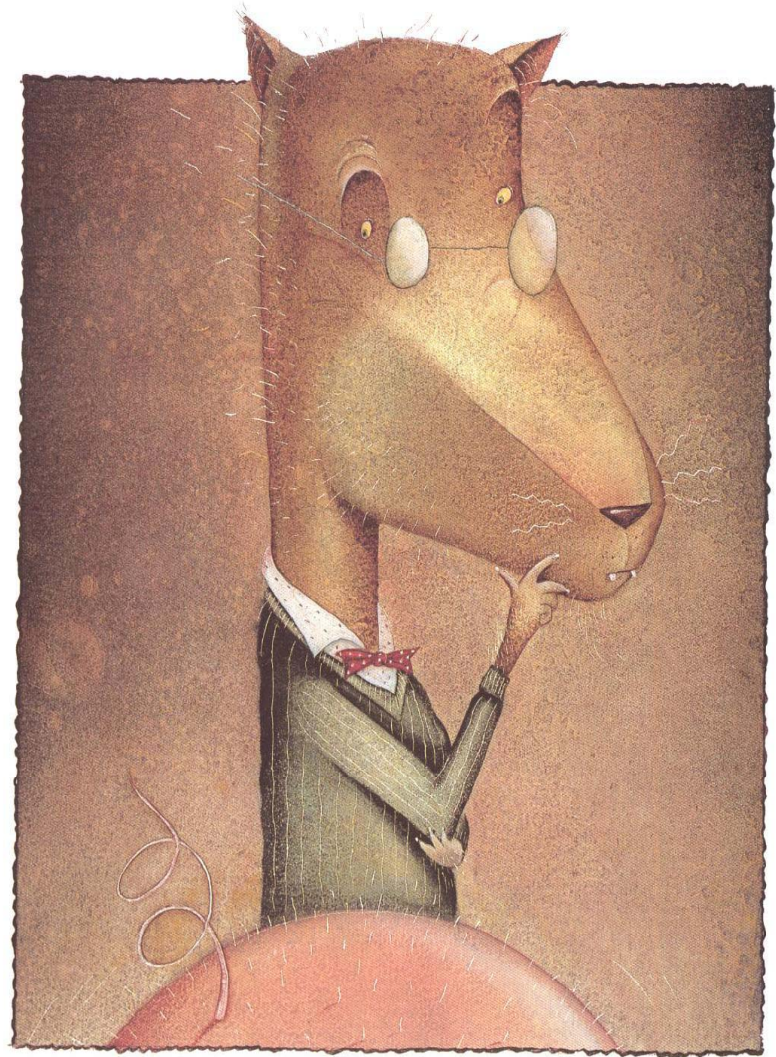


And I sneezed a great sneeze.



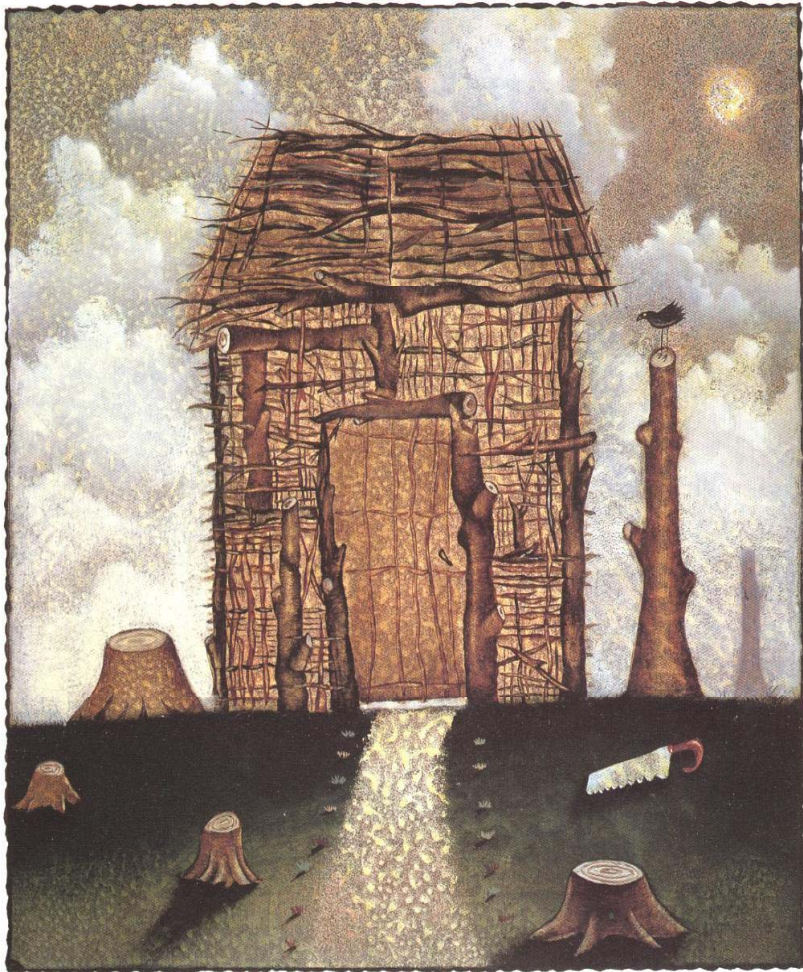
And you know what? That whole darn straw house fell down. And right in the middle of the pile of straw was the First Little Pig—dead as a doornail.

He had been home the whole time.

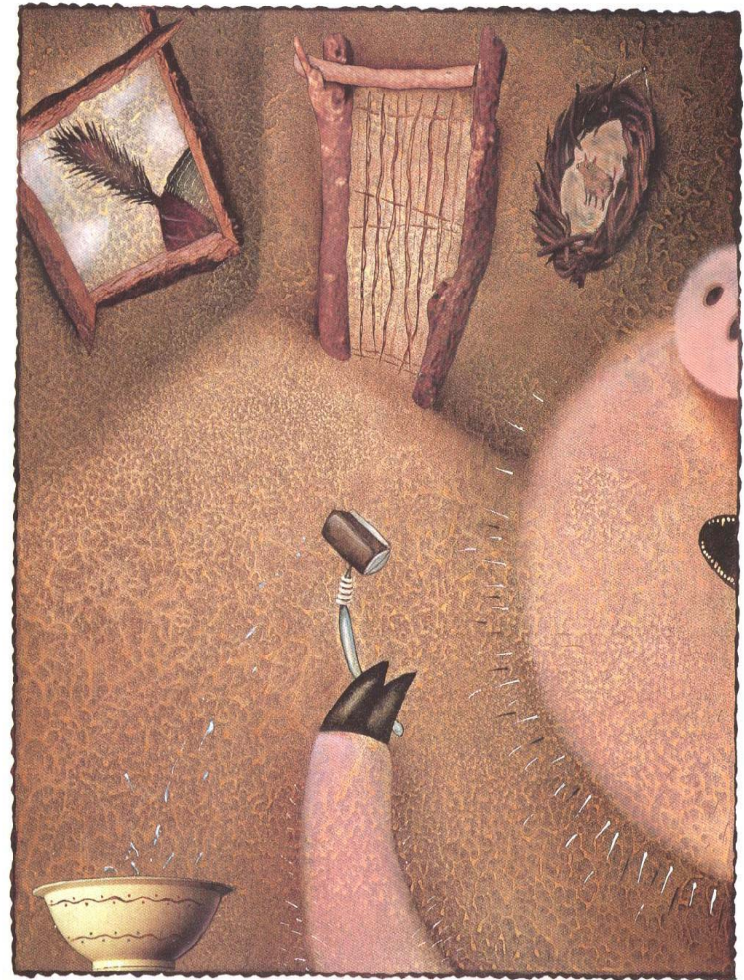


It seemed like a shame to leave a perfectly good ham dinner lying there in the straw. So I ate it up.

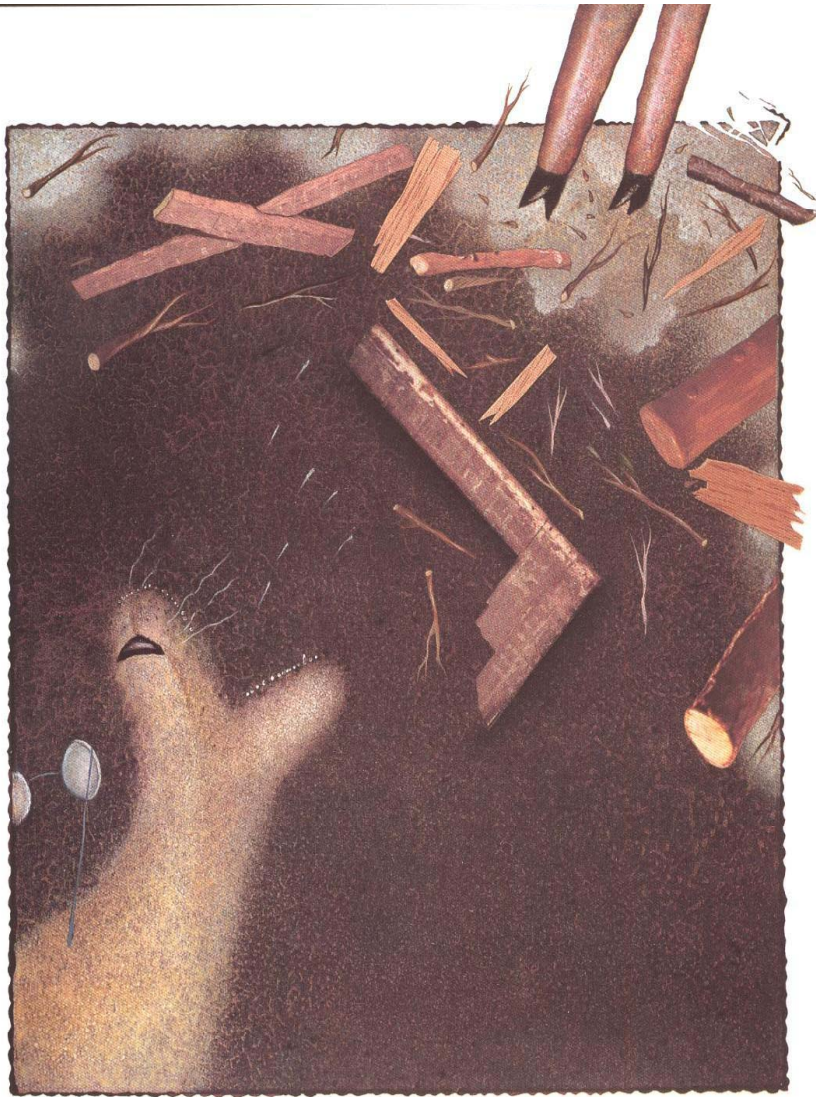
Think of it as a big cheeseburger just lying there.



I was feeling a little better. But I still didn't have my cup of sugar.
So I went to the next neighbor's house.
This neighbor was the First Little Pig's brother.
He was a little smarter, but not much.
He had built his house of sticks.

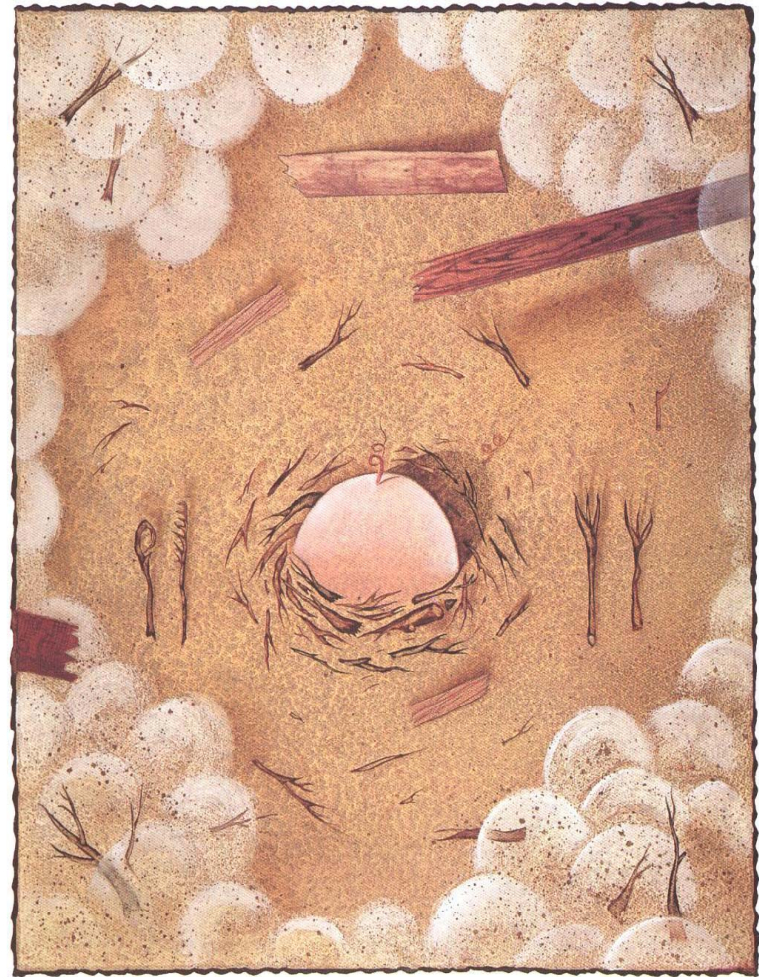


I rang the bell on the stick house.
Nobody answered.
I called, "Mr. Pig, Mr. Pig, are you in?"
He yelled back, "Go away wolf. You can't come in. I'm shaving the
hairs on my chinny chin chin."



I had just grabbed the doorknob when I felt another sneeze coming on.

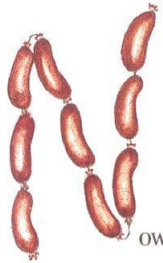
I huffed. And I snuffed. And I tried to cover my mouth, but I sneezed a great sneeze.



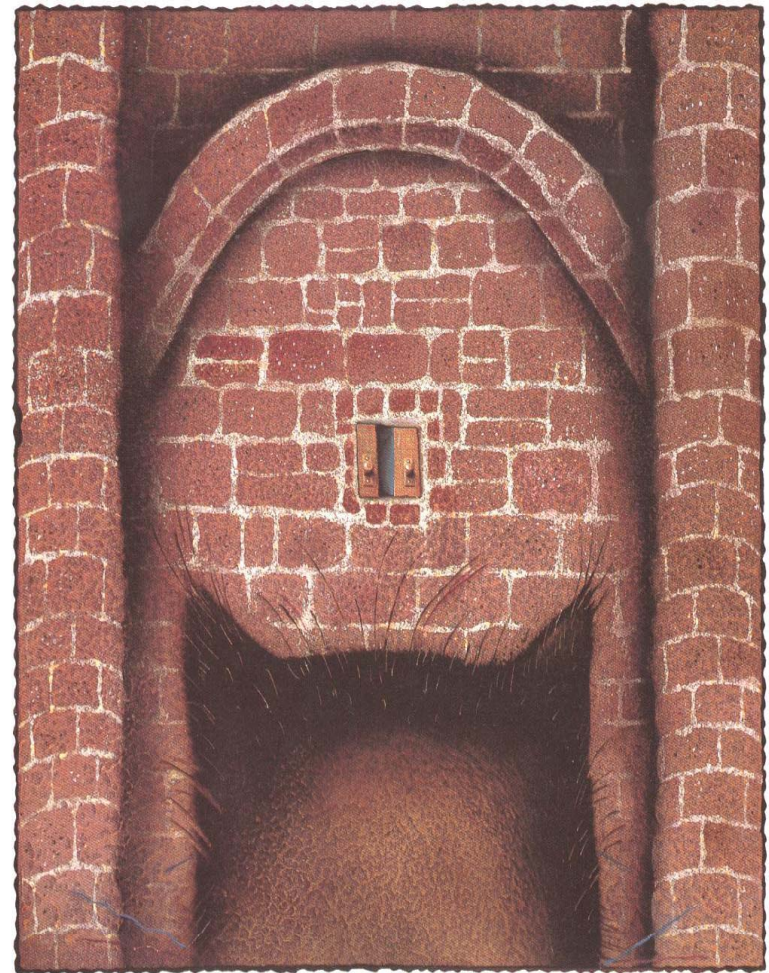
And you're not going to believe it, but this guy's house fell down just like his brother's.

When the dust cleared, there was the Second Little Pig—dead as a doornail. Wolf's honor.



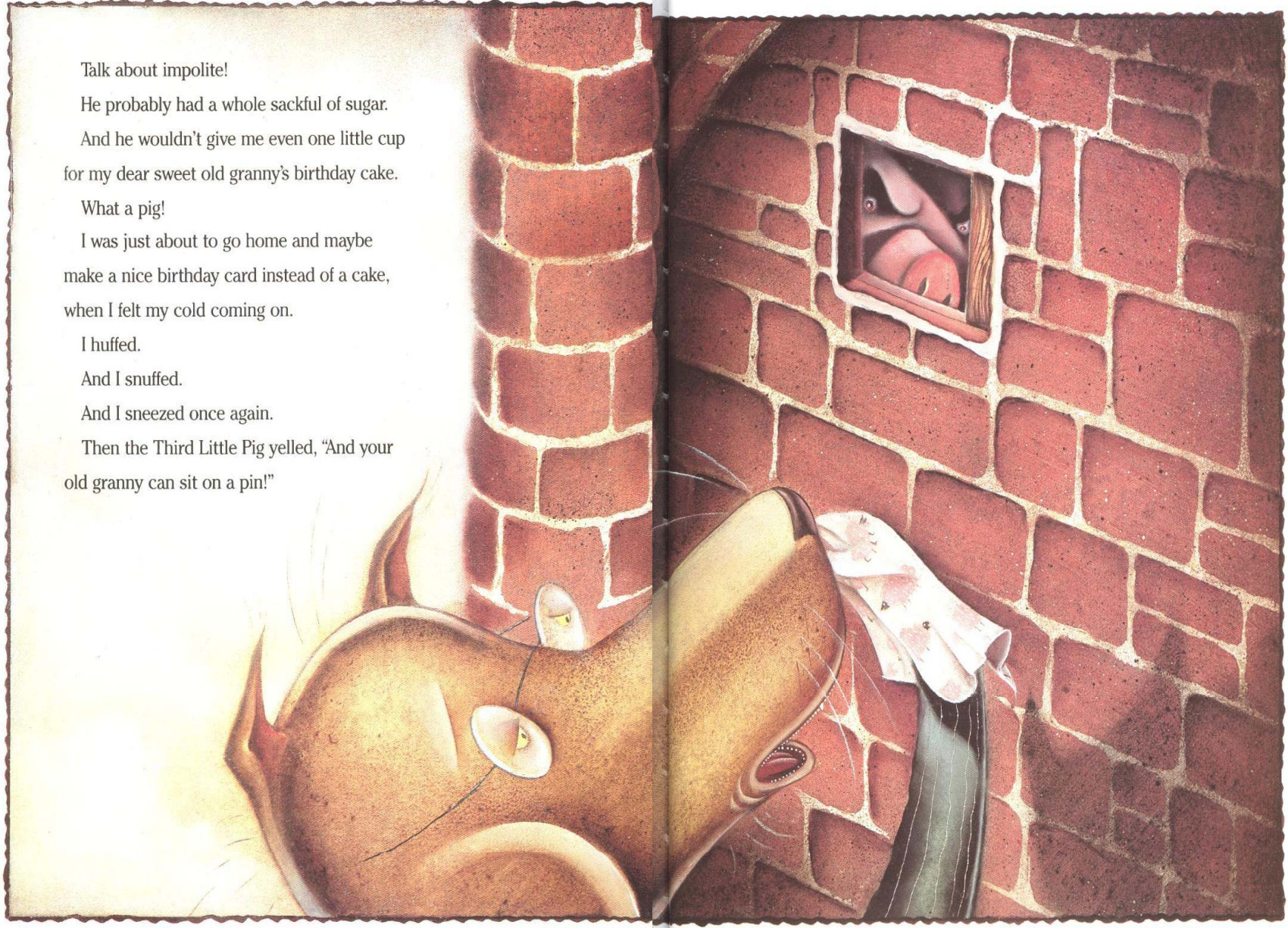


Now you know food will spoil
if you just leave it out in the open.
So I did the only thing there was to do.
I had dinner again.
Think of it as a second helping.
I was getting awfully full.
But my cold was feeling a little better.
And I still didn't have that
cup of sugar for my dear old
granny's birthday cake.
So I went to the next house.
This guy was the
First and Second Little
Pigs' brother.
He must have been
the brains of the family.
He had built his house of bricks.



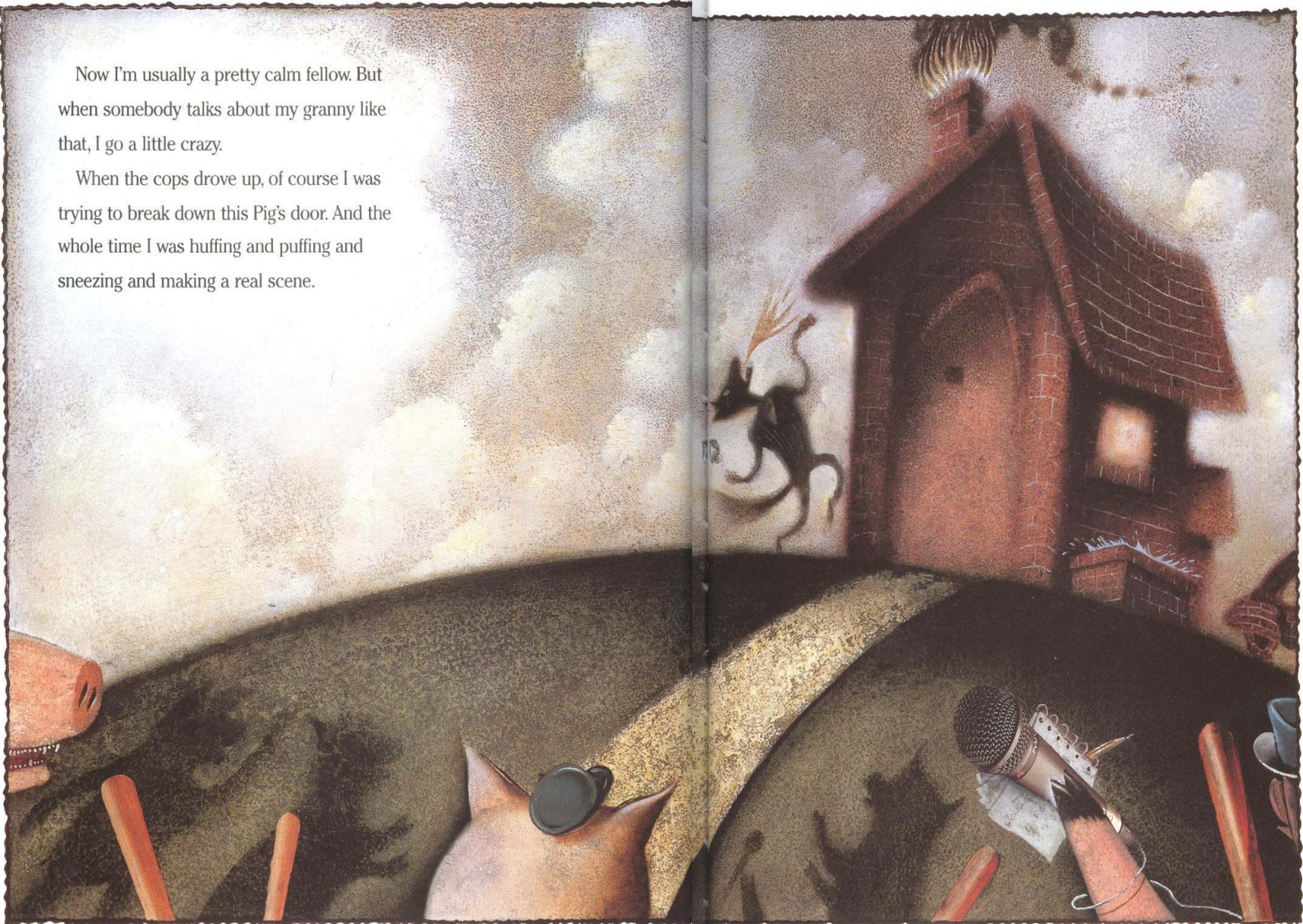
I knocked on the brick house. No answer.
I called, "Mr. Pig, Mr. Pig, are you in?"
And do you know what that rude little porker answered?
"Get out of here, Wolf. Don't bother me again."

Talk about impolite!
He probably had a whole sackful of sugar.
And he wouldn't give me even one little cup
for my dear sweet old granny's birthday cake.
What a pig!
I was just about to go home and maybe
make a nice birthday card instead of a cake,
when I felt my cold coming on.
I huffed.
And I snuffed.
And I sneezed once again.
Then the Third Little Pig yelled, "And your
old granny can sit on a pin!"



Now I'm usually a pretty calm fellow. But when somebody talks about my granny like that, I go a little crazy.

When the cops drove up, of course I was trying to break down this Pig's door. And the whole time I was huffing and puffing and sneezing and making a real scene.





The rest, as they say, is history.



he news reporters found out about the two pigs I had for dinner. They figured a sick guy going to borrow a cup of sugar didn't sound very exciting. So they jazzed up the story with all of that "Huff and puff and blow your house down." And they made me the Big Bad Wolf.



That's it. The real story. I was framed.

