

MY MAGIC BALL OF FUR

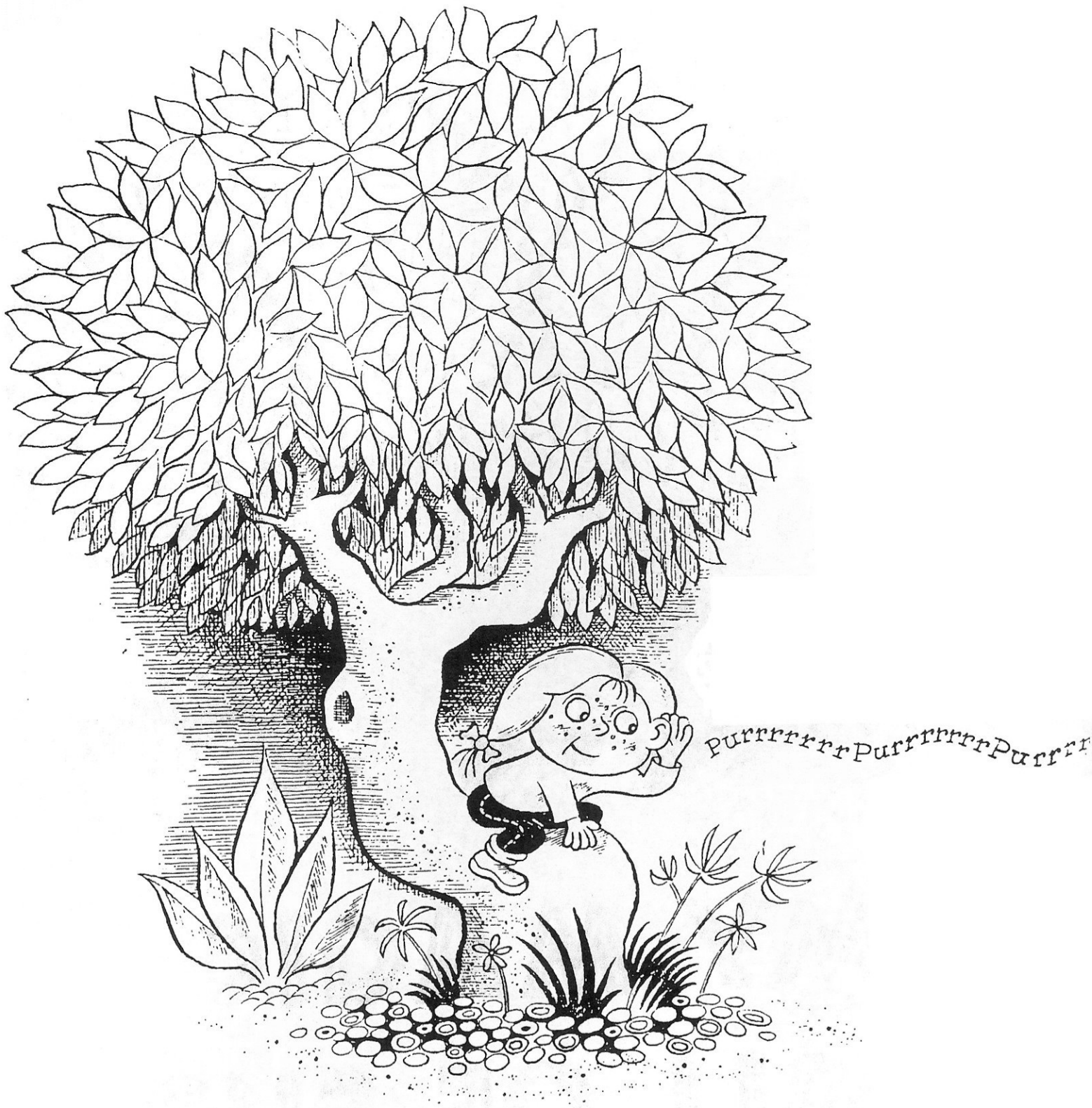
A Coloring Story Book



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**To All My Great-Grand Nieces,
and Great-Grand Nephews:**

**Audrey, Ava, Caroline, Claire, Elliott,
Elyas, Griffin, Hank, Huck, Jackson, Natalie,
Nathan, Noah, Olivia Rose, Oren, Random,
Riley, Sebastian, Sophia, and Wyatt.**



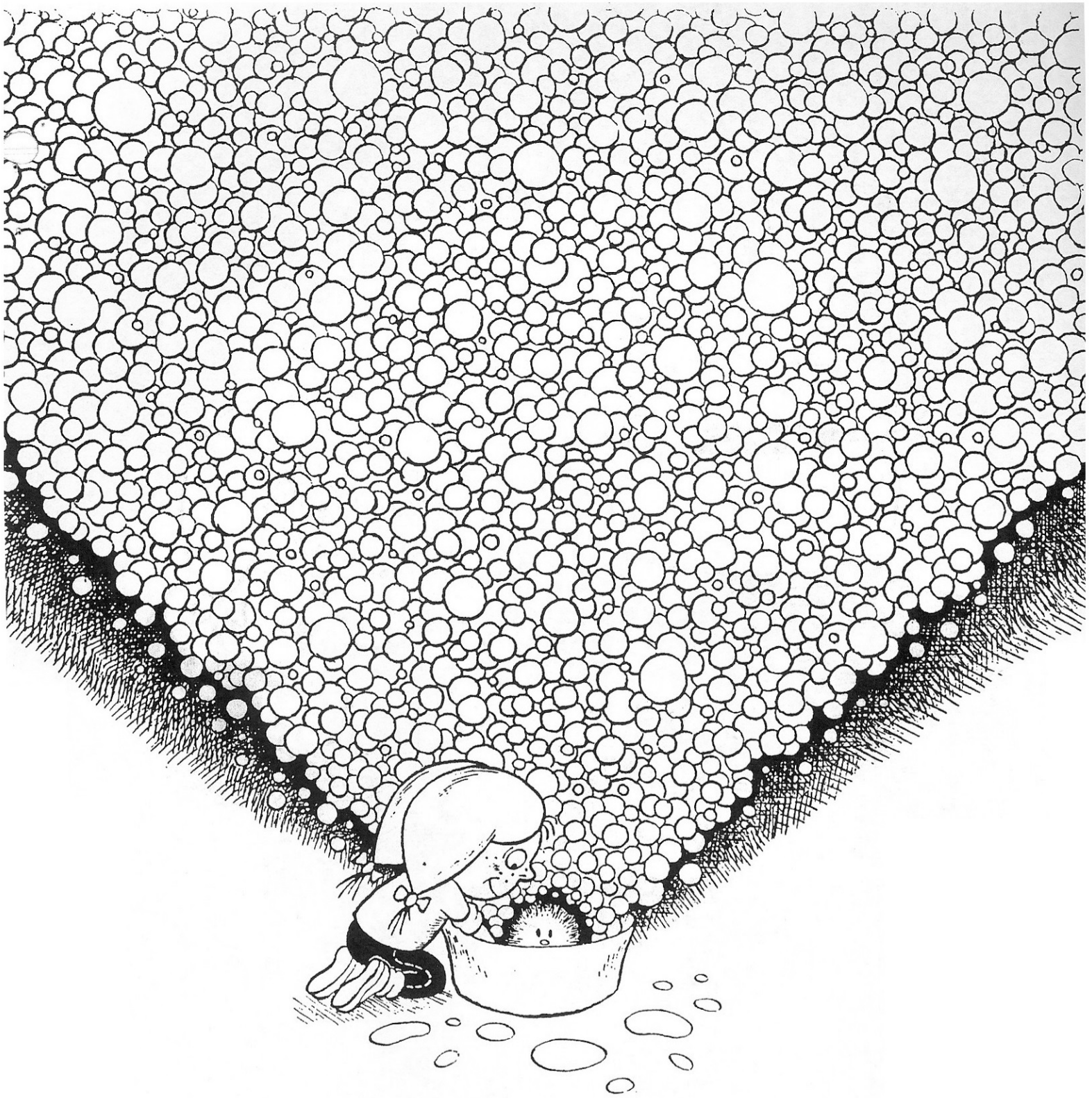
Once I heard a tiny purr



Coming from a ball of fur.



I picked it up and took it home

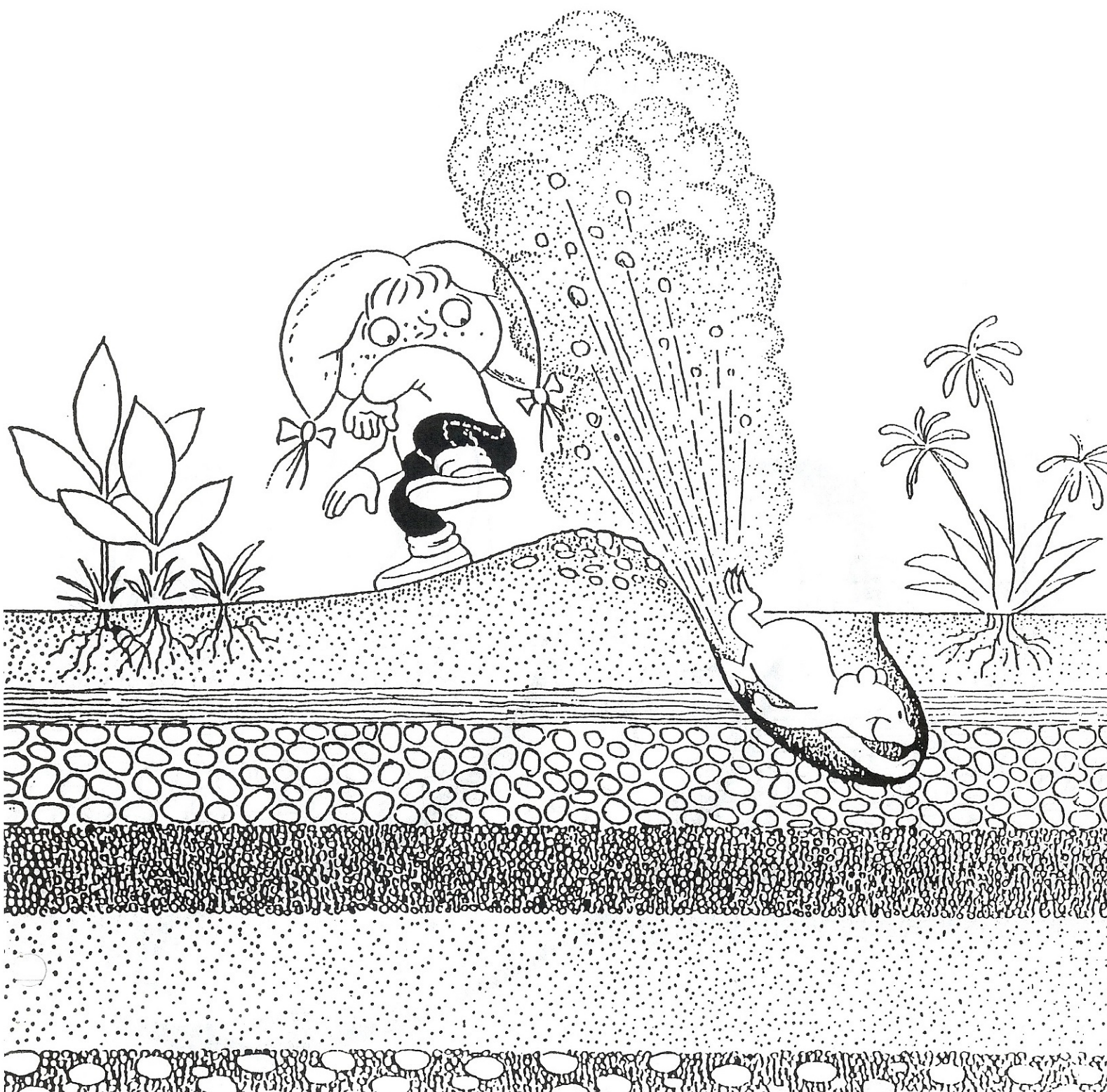


And washed it off in soapy foam.

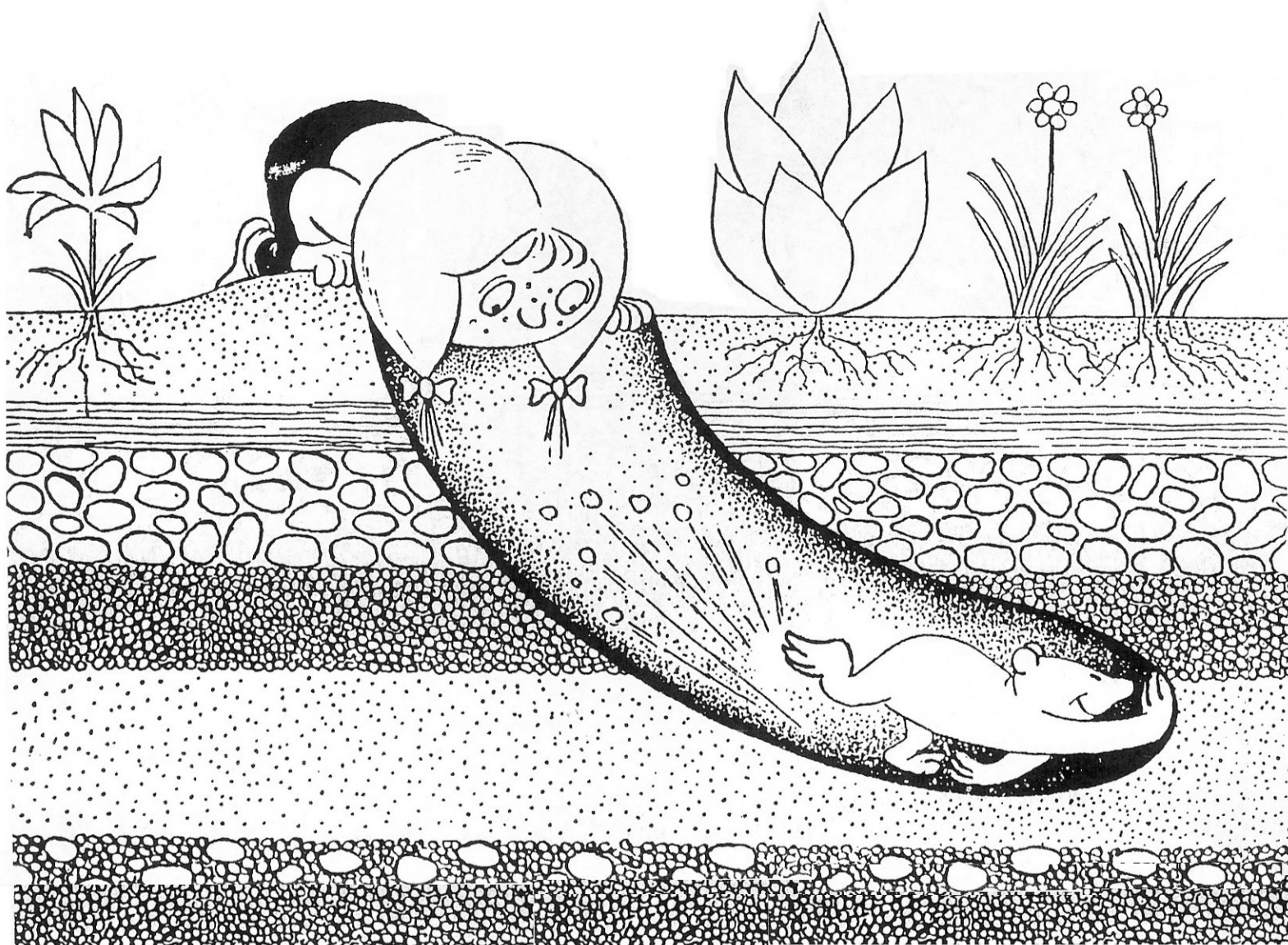


And when its fur was wet and flat,
I knew at once it was a cat.

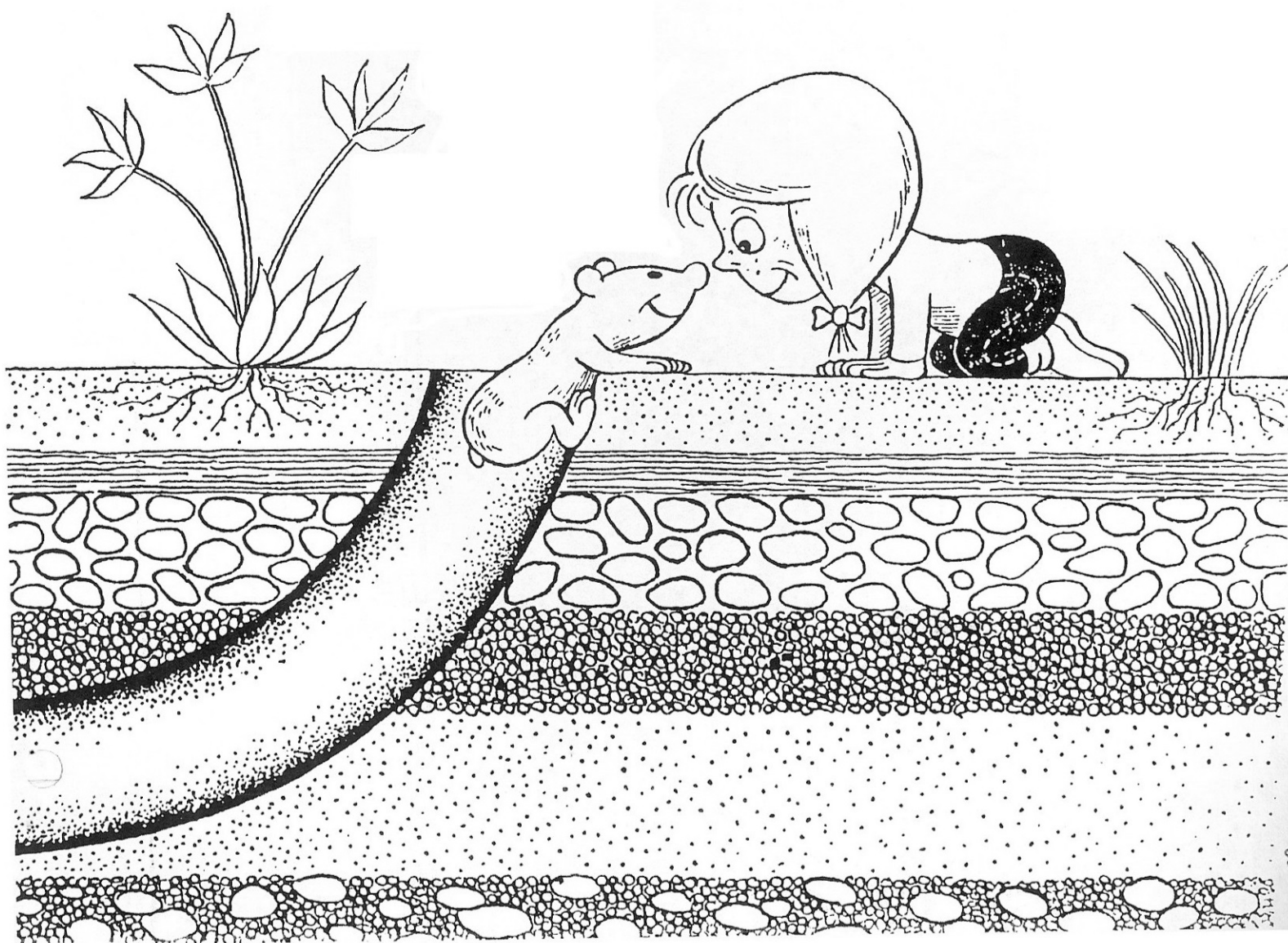
But then he changed. His claws grew big.
And all at once, he began to dig!



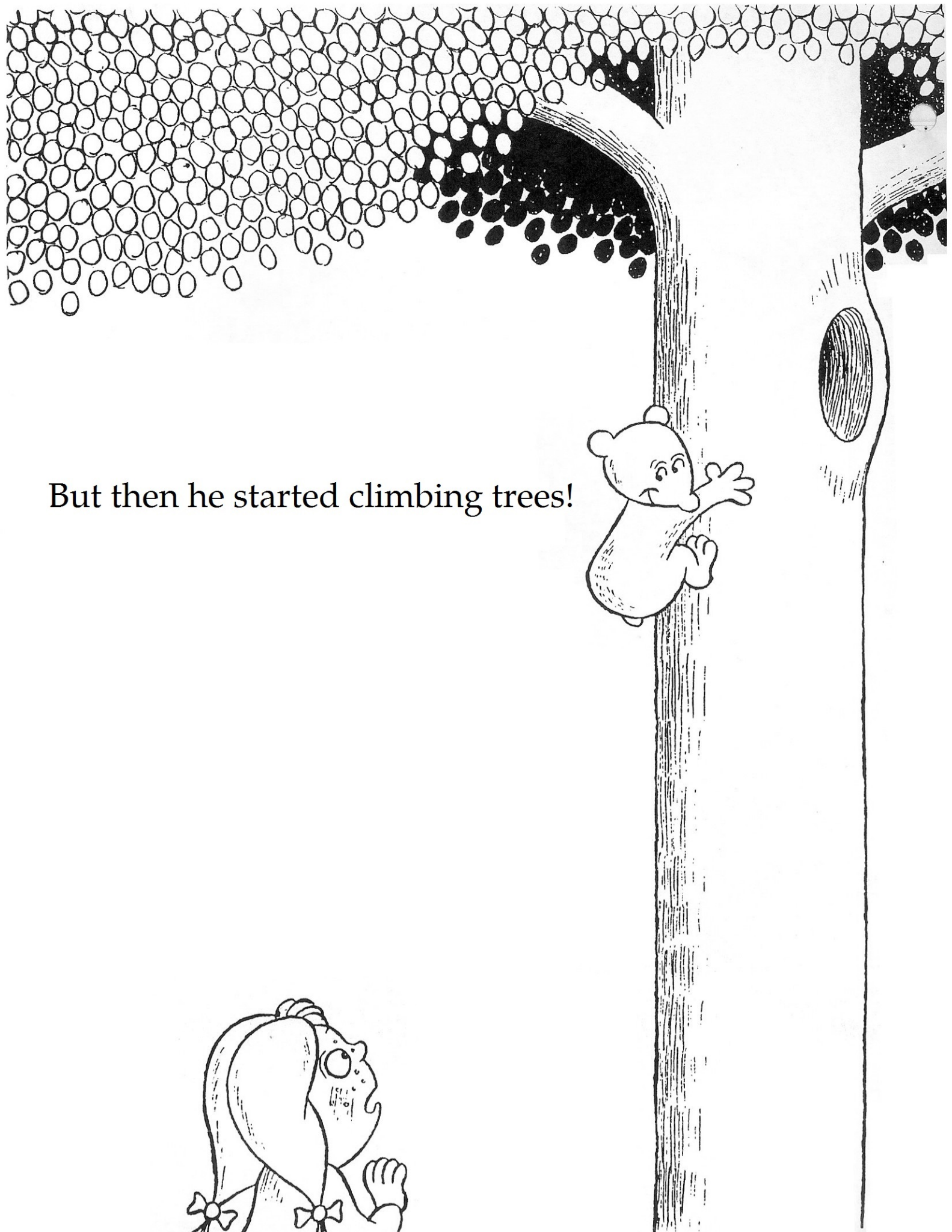
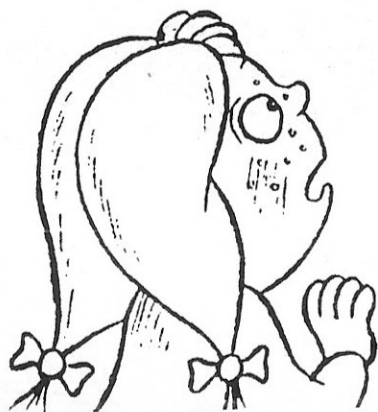
And as he dug a deeper hole

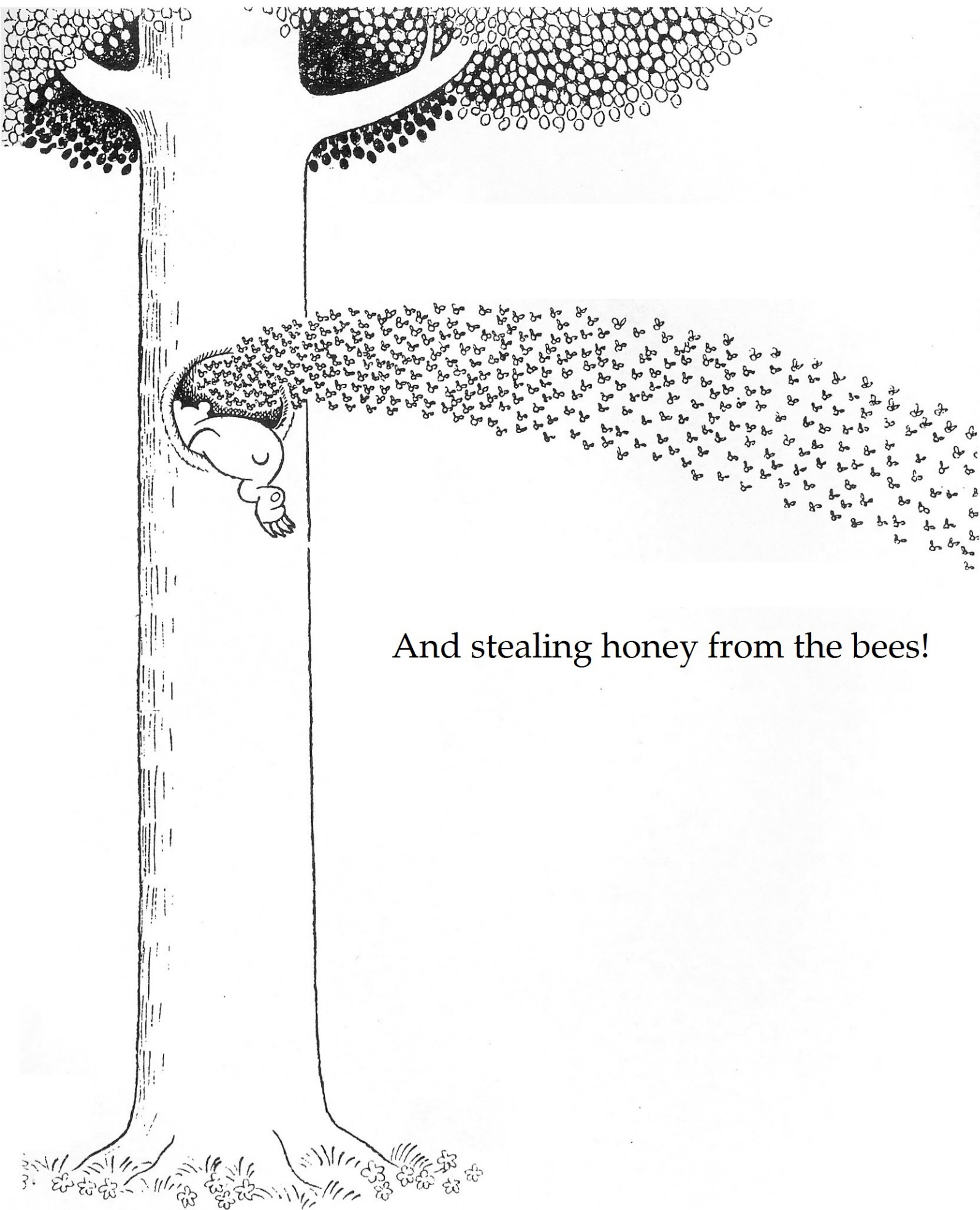


I thought perhaps he was a mole.



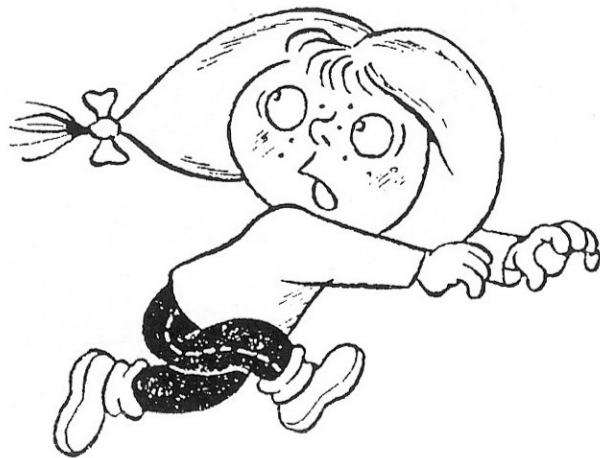
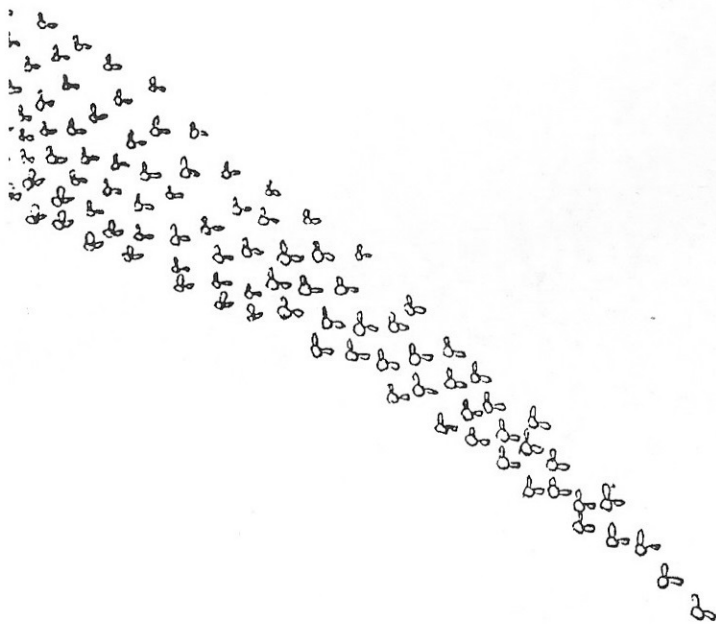
But then he started climbing trees!



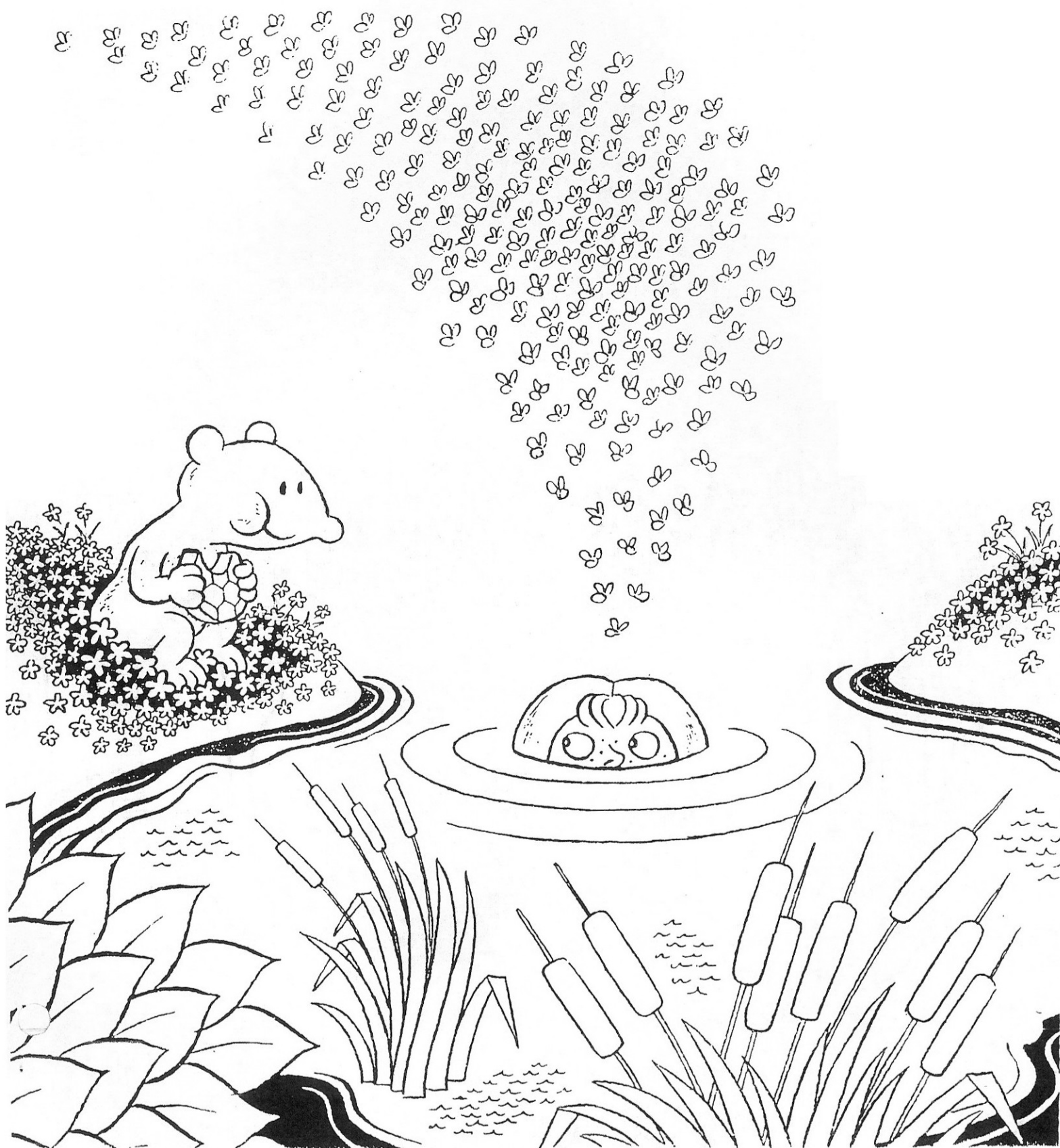


And stealing honey from the bees!

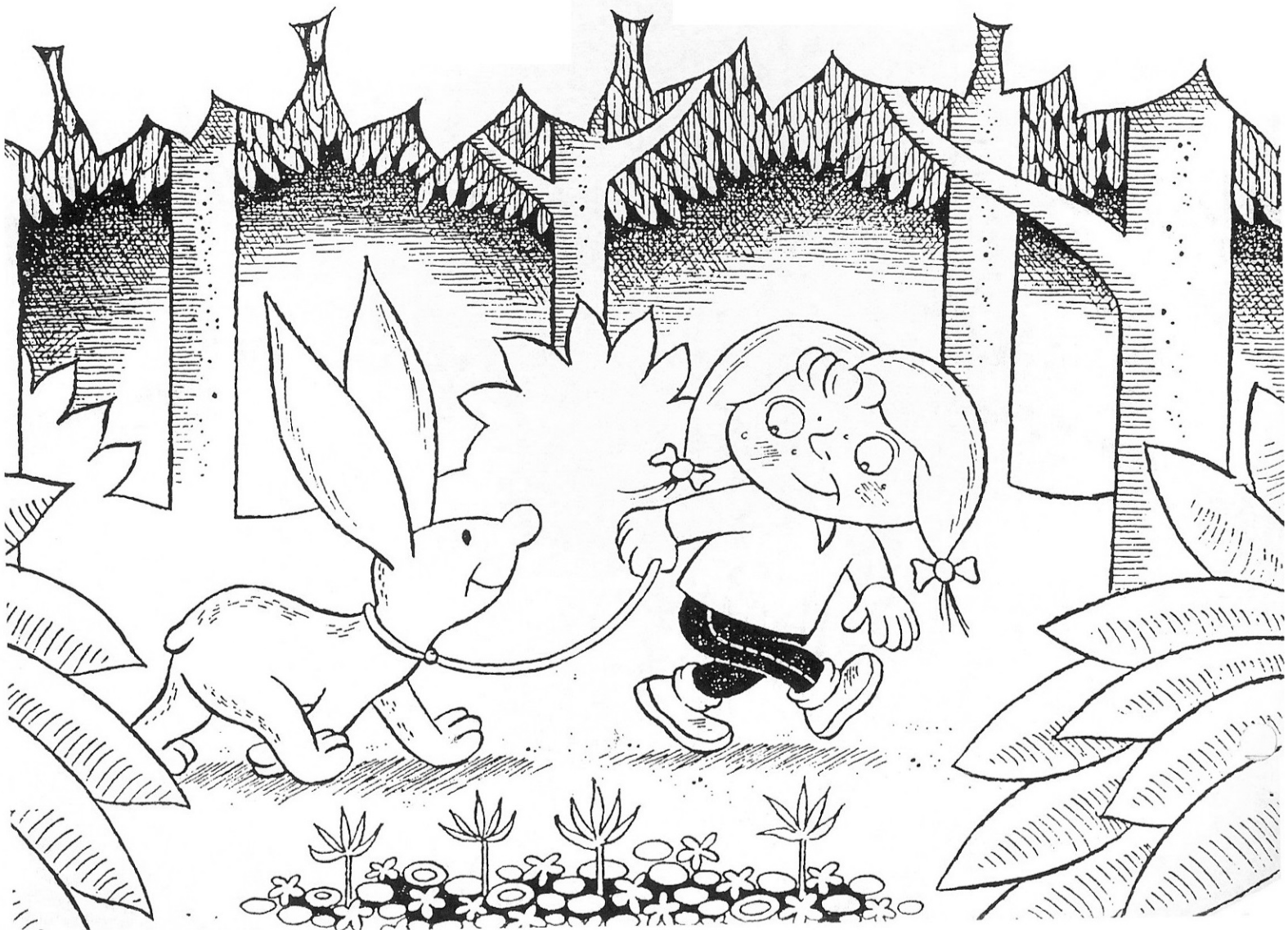
Who ever heard of moles up there?



My little pet must be a bear!

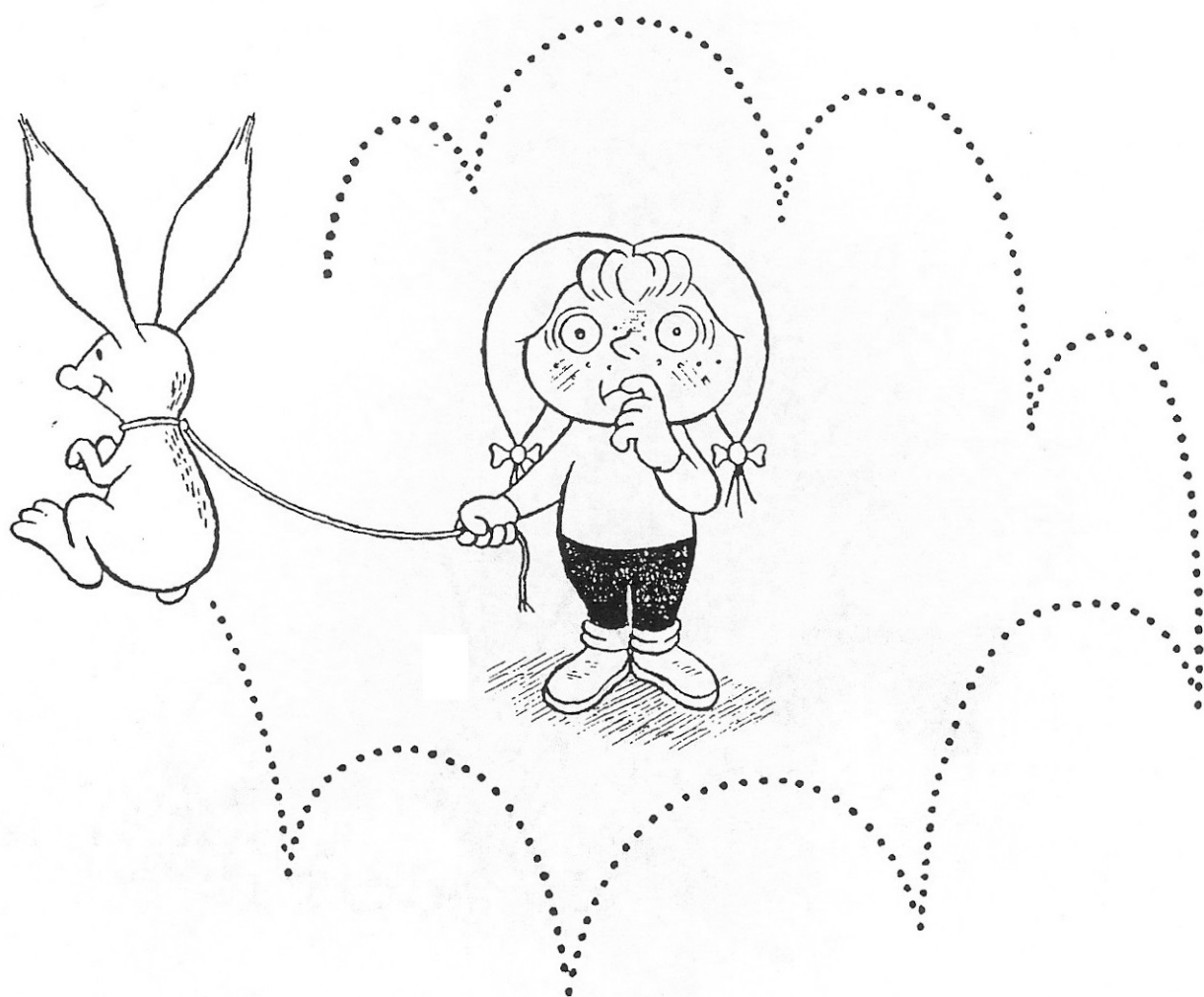


A bear! Of course!
At last I know.
But
Then his ears began to grow!
They grew
And grew
And then they stopped.





And then my bear sat up and hopped!



What a funny hopping habit!
Do you suppose my pet's a rabbit?



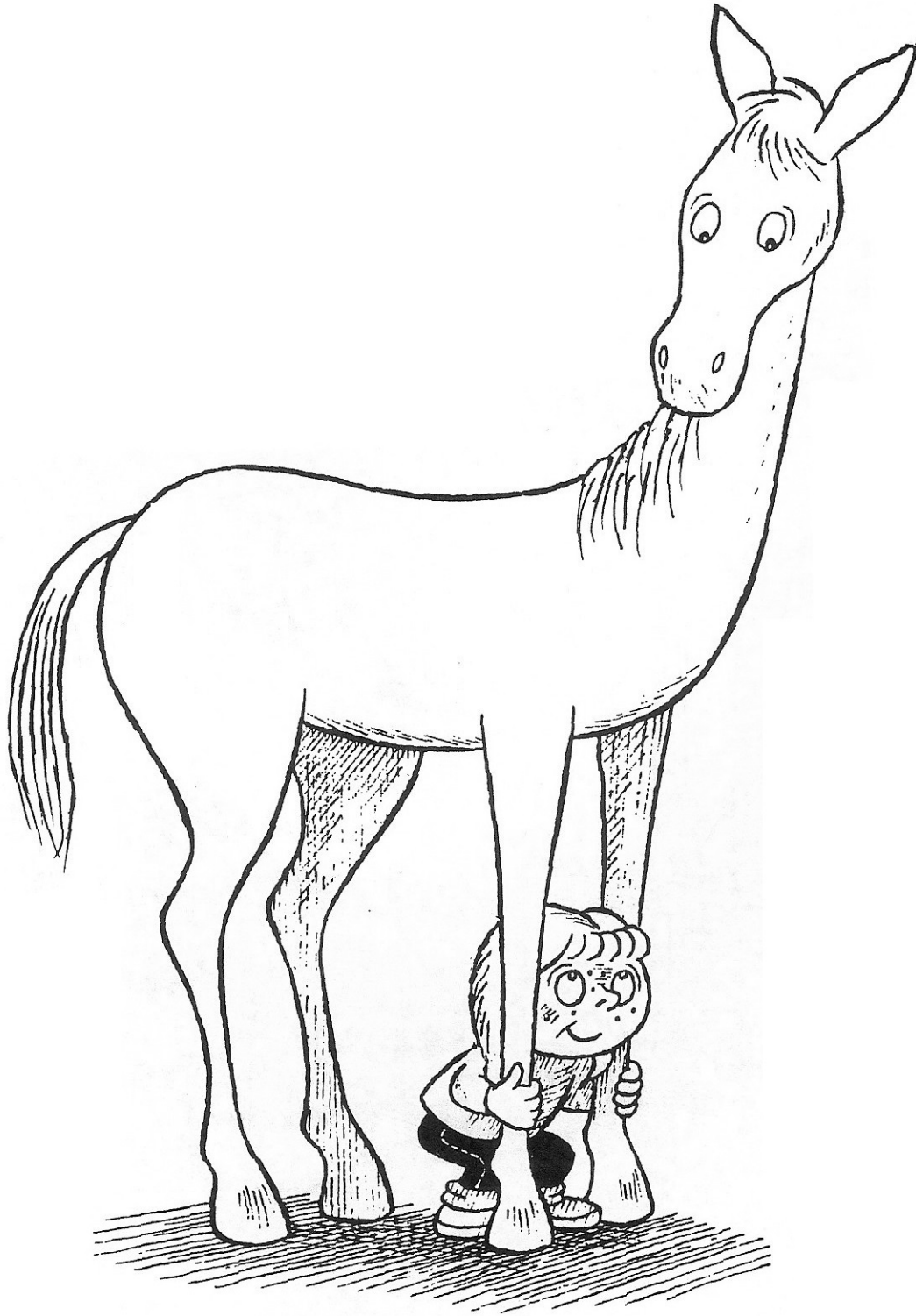
Wait a minute! Something's wrong!
How could a rabbit be so strong?



He jumped so high we almost flew;
Could he be a kangaroo?



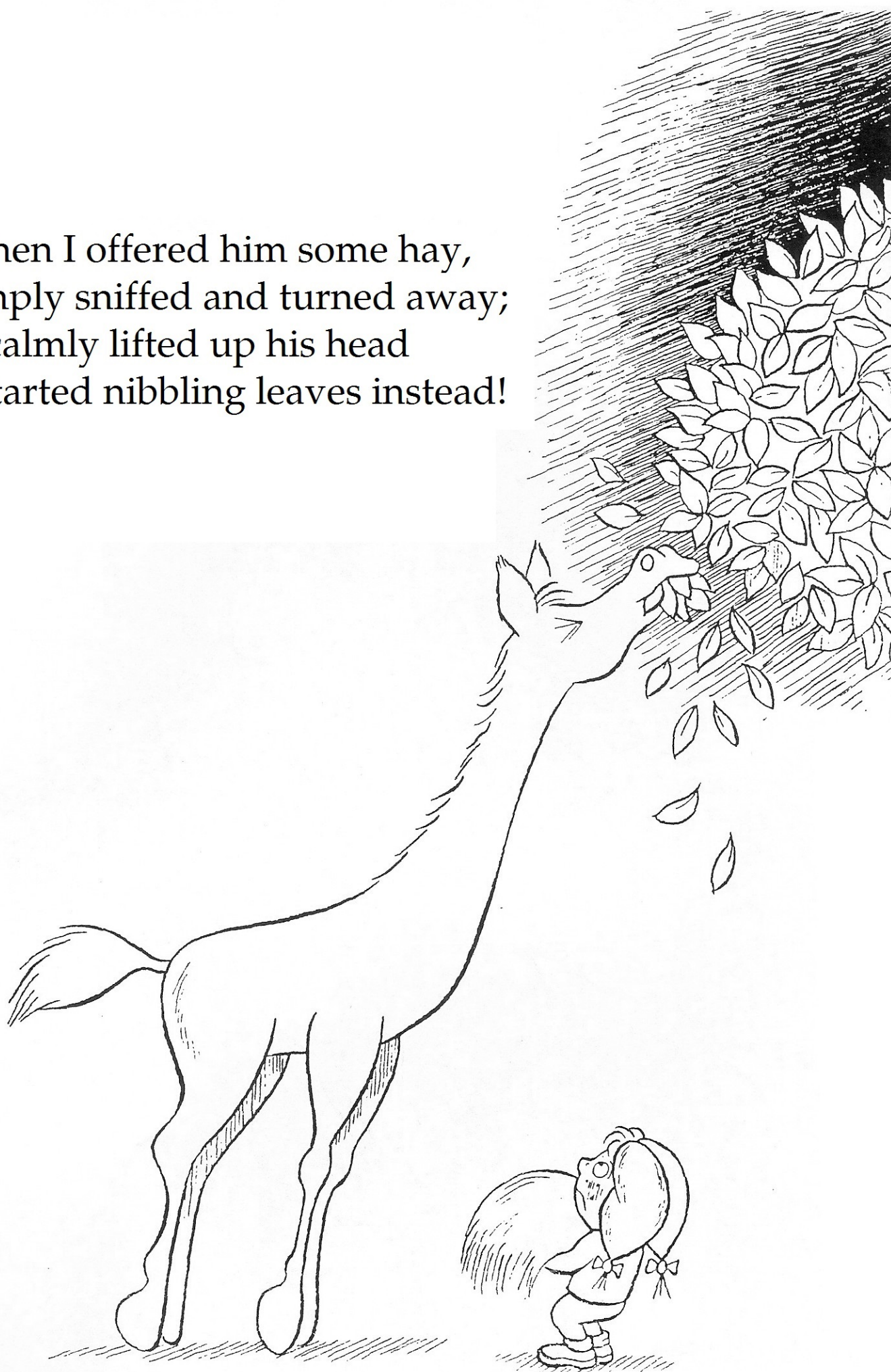
But then he kept on growing more
And feeding him became a chore!
He had to eat from bigger bowls



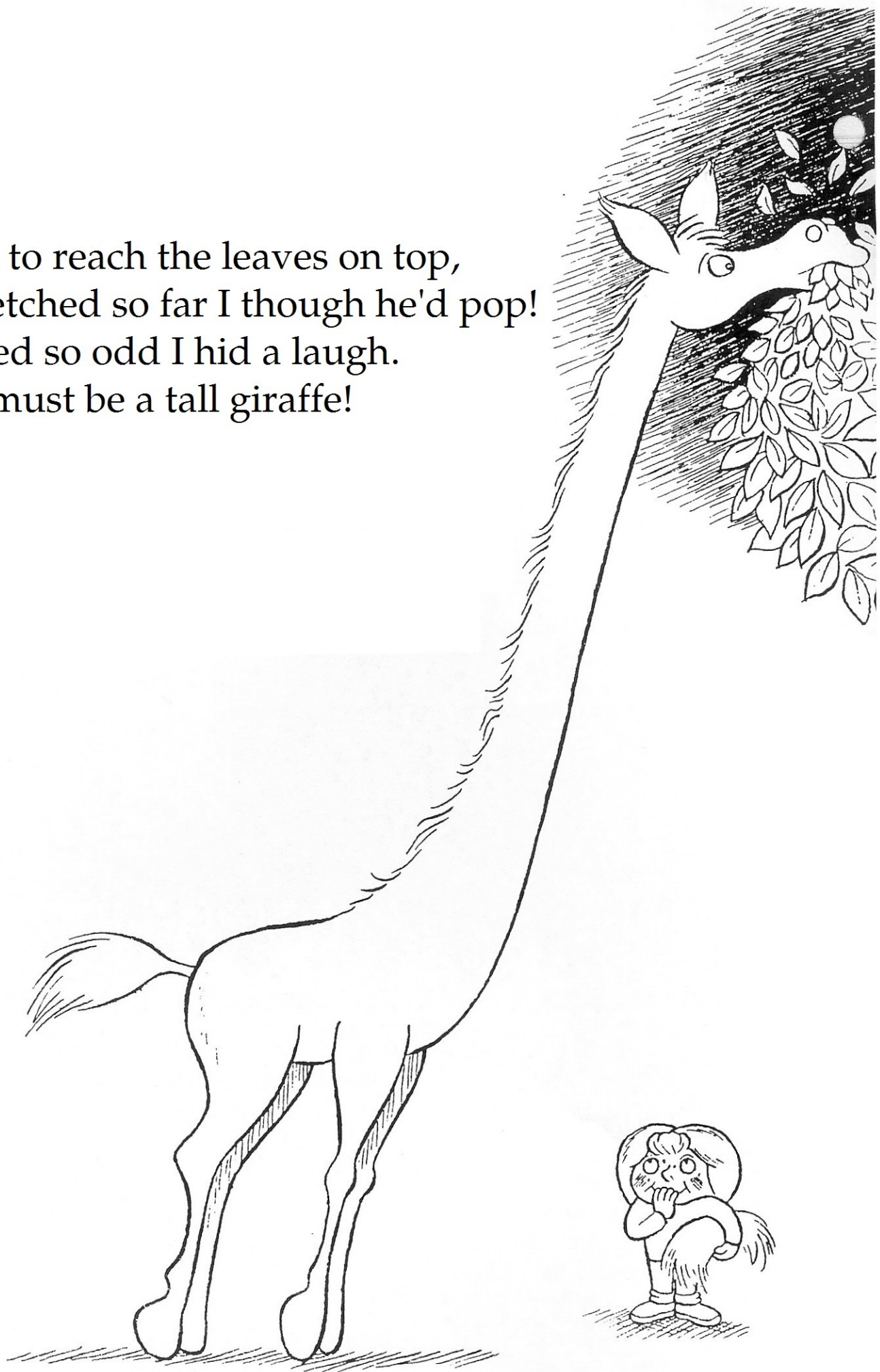
And all his legs grew tall as poles.

I thought and thought, and said, "Of course!
No doubt about it! He's a horse!"

But when I offered him some hay,
He simply sniffed and turned away;
Then calmly lifted up his head
And started nibbling leaves instead!



He tried to reach the leaves on top,
And stretched so far I thought he'd pop!
He looked so odd I hid a laugh.
My pet must be a tall giraffe!





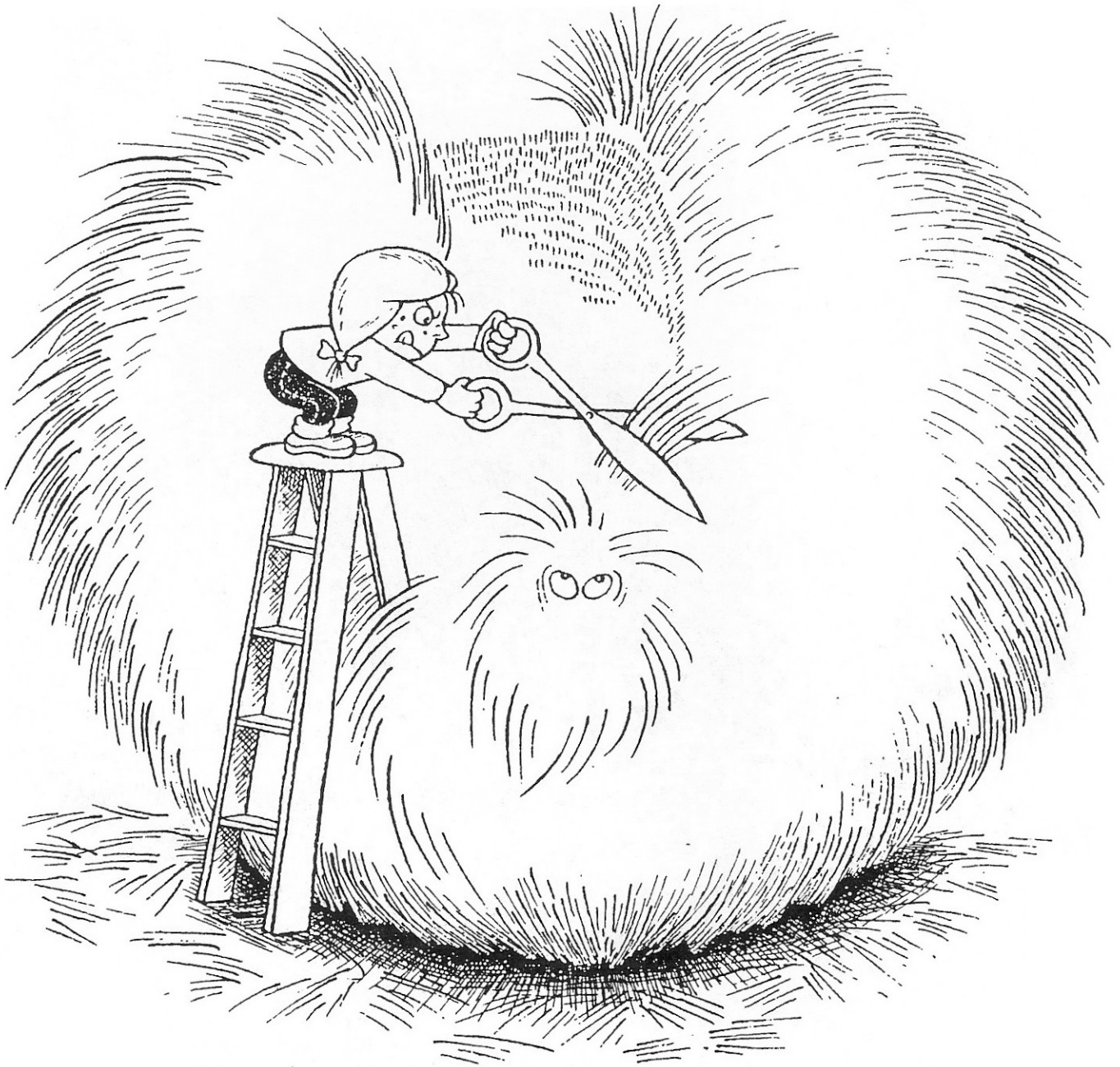
So now at last it's all quite clear!

But

What's that funny sound I hear?



Crackling, popping, everywhere,
My pet is sprouting bushy hair!



I won't give up! I must find out
Just what this hair is all about.
Clip, clip, clip, and chop, chop, chop
I'll keep on cutting 'til I drop.

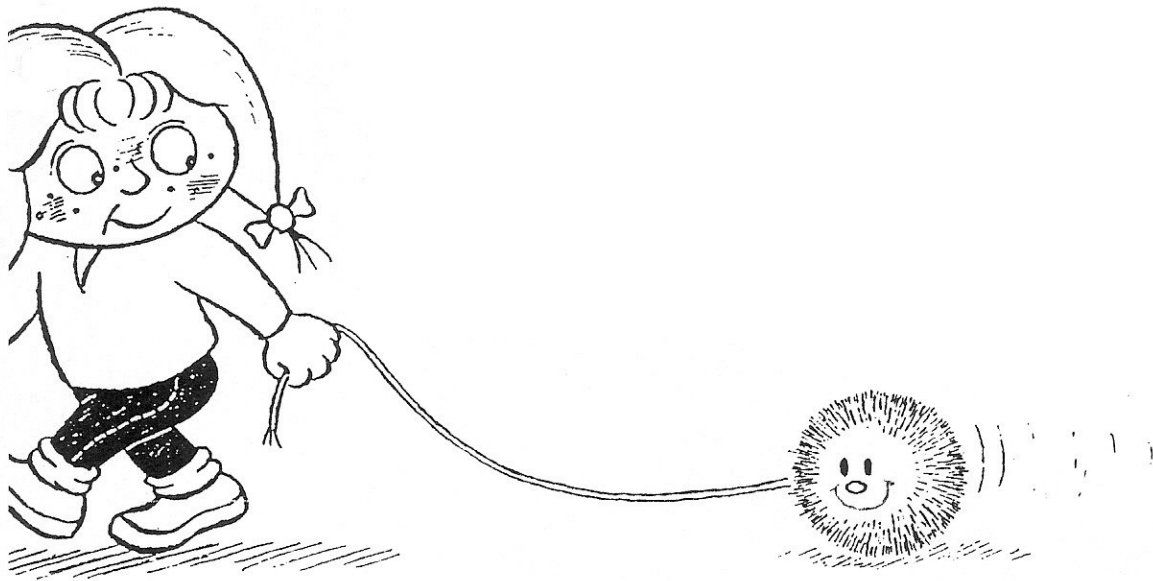


Well, for goodness sakes!
I think we've come
Right back where we started from!

So

Now I'm ABSOLUTELY sure

My pet's a MAGIC BALL OF FUR!!



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Name Patty's Pets
Help Jumbo Escape
Help Dress Priscilla
Count the Possums

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Let's Haunt a House
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DOUBLE-RHYME COLORING STORY BOOK

Our Duck Jack Quack

COLORING STORY BOOKS

Freddy The Feet
My Magic Ball of Fur
Tim Buck-Too

About the Author:

Author/illustrator Dick Punnett grew up in Penfield, New York, and graduated from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. For over 35 years he has delighted children of preschool to 7 years of age with books that have made learning fun. His series, TALK-ALONG, was published in 1982 and was the first interactive books introduced into the schools. They were best sellers because they taught basic concepts in a very original and clever way, and all in rhyme. He wrote another series called DOUBLE-RHYME, and over the years he has added to both series and also written single story books. Of the 15 books he has authored, seven of them are also illustrated by him. Because he spent a number of years as a writer-cartoonist for a Hollywood animation studio, his illustrations have a special appeal for children. They are perky, funny and expressive.