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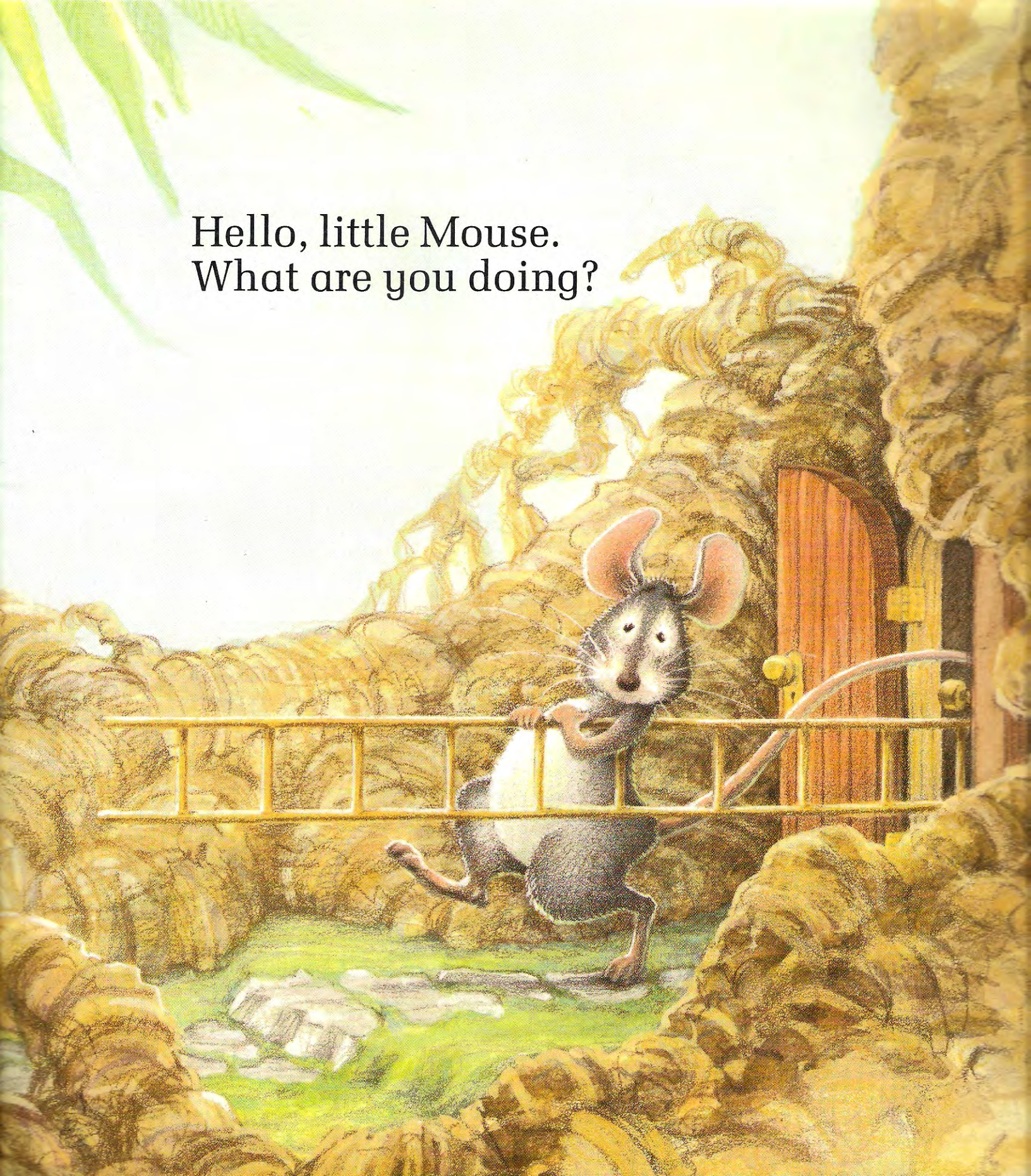
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Hello, little Mouse.
What are you doing?






A vibrant, painterly illustration of a jungle scene. In the center, a hammock with a yellow and brown pattern is strung between two trees. The foreground features a path of flat stones leading through green grass and large, textured tree trunks. The background is filled with dense, bright green foliage and a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun, creating a warm, hazy atmosphere.

Oh, I see.

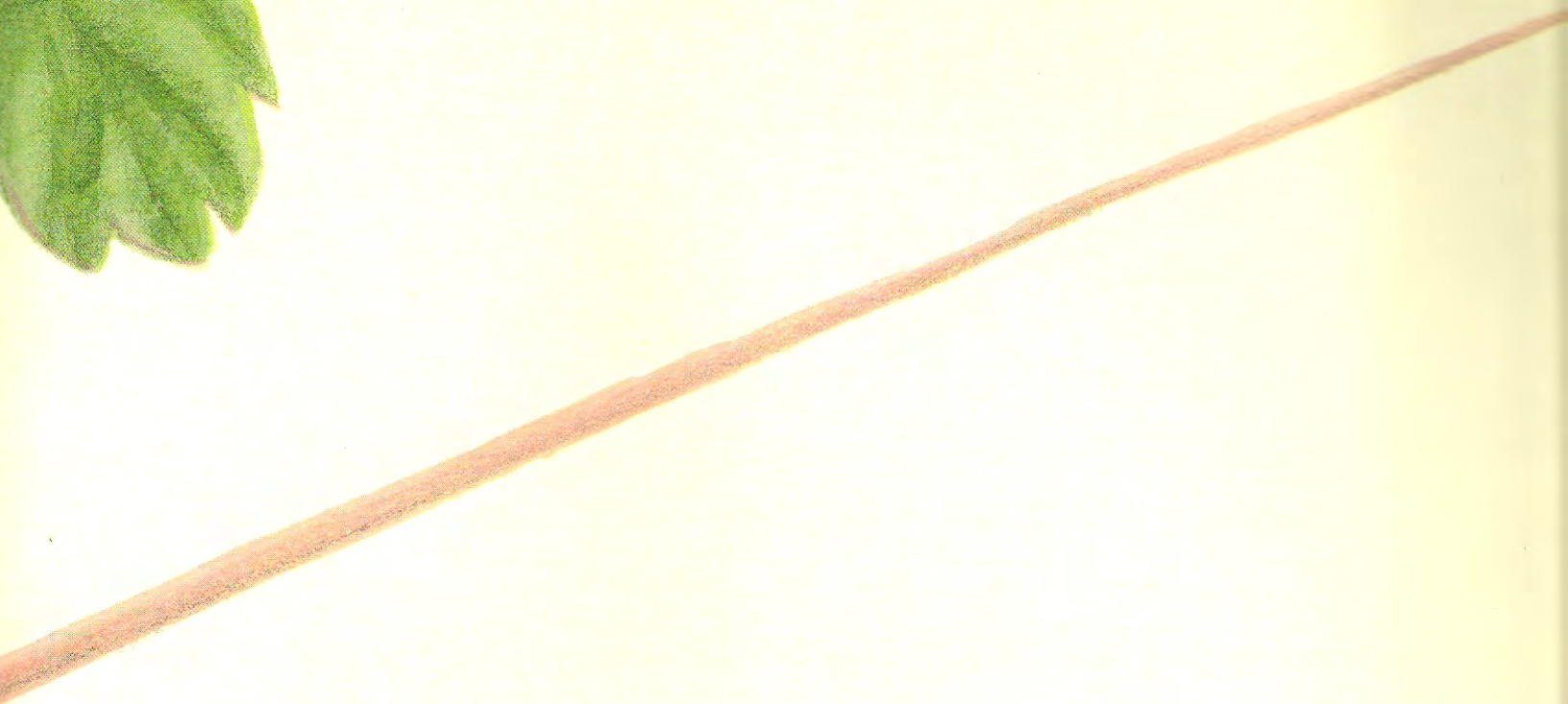
Are you going to pick
that red, ripe strawberry?



But, little Mouse,
haven't you heard
about the big,
hungry Bear?






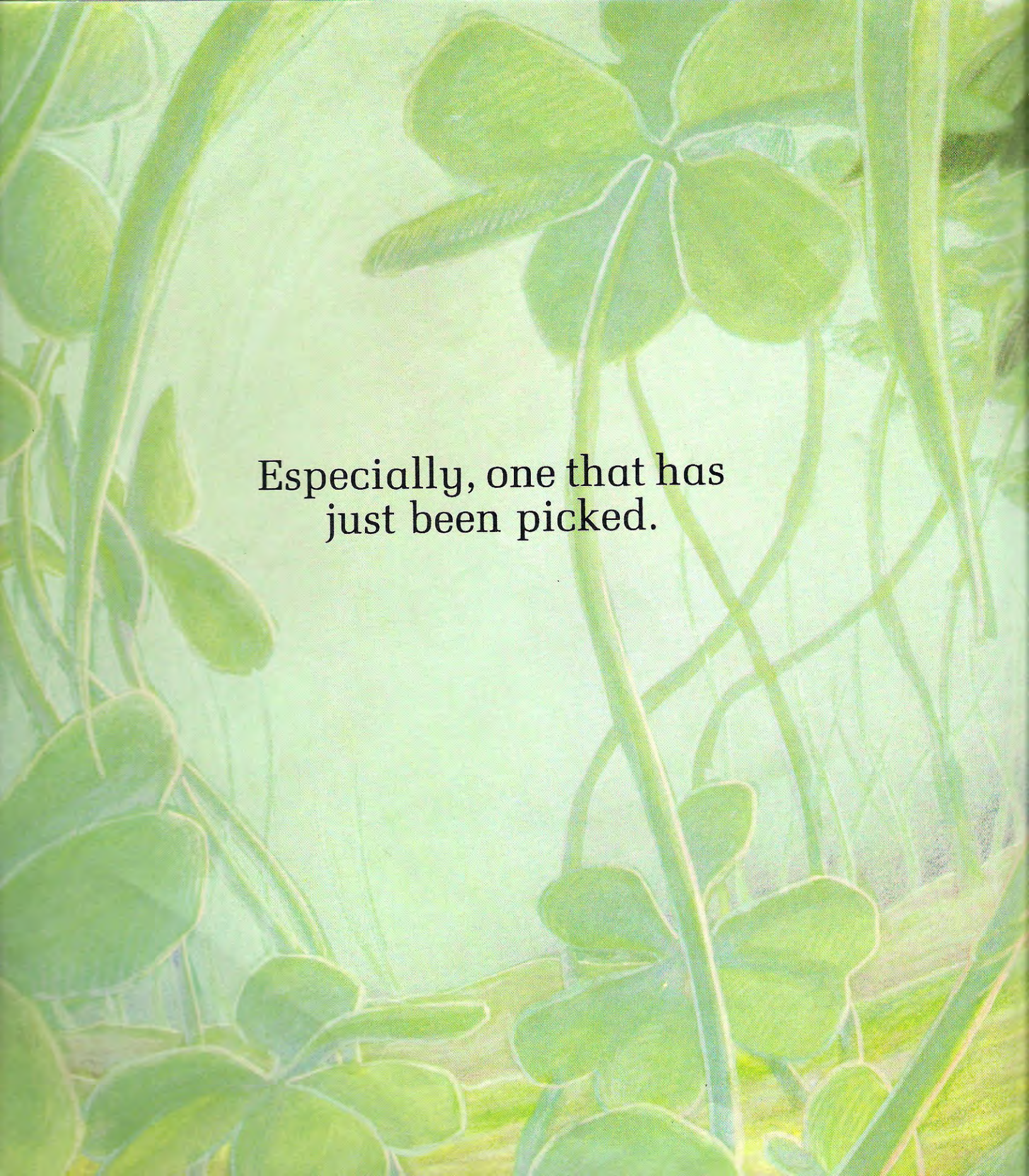


Ohhh, how that Bear
loves red, ripe strawberries!



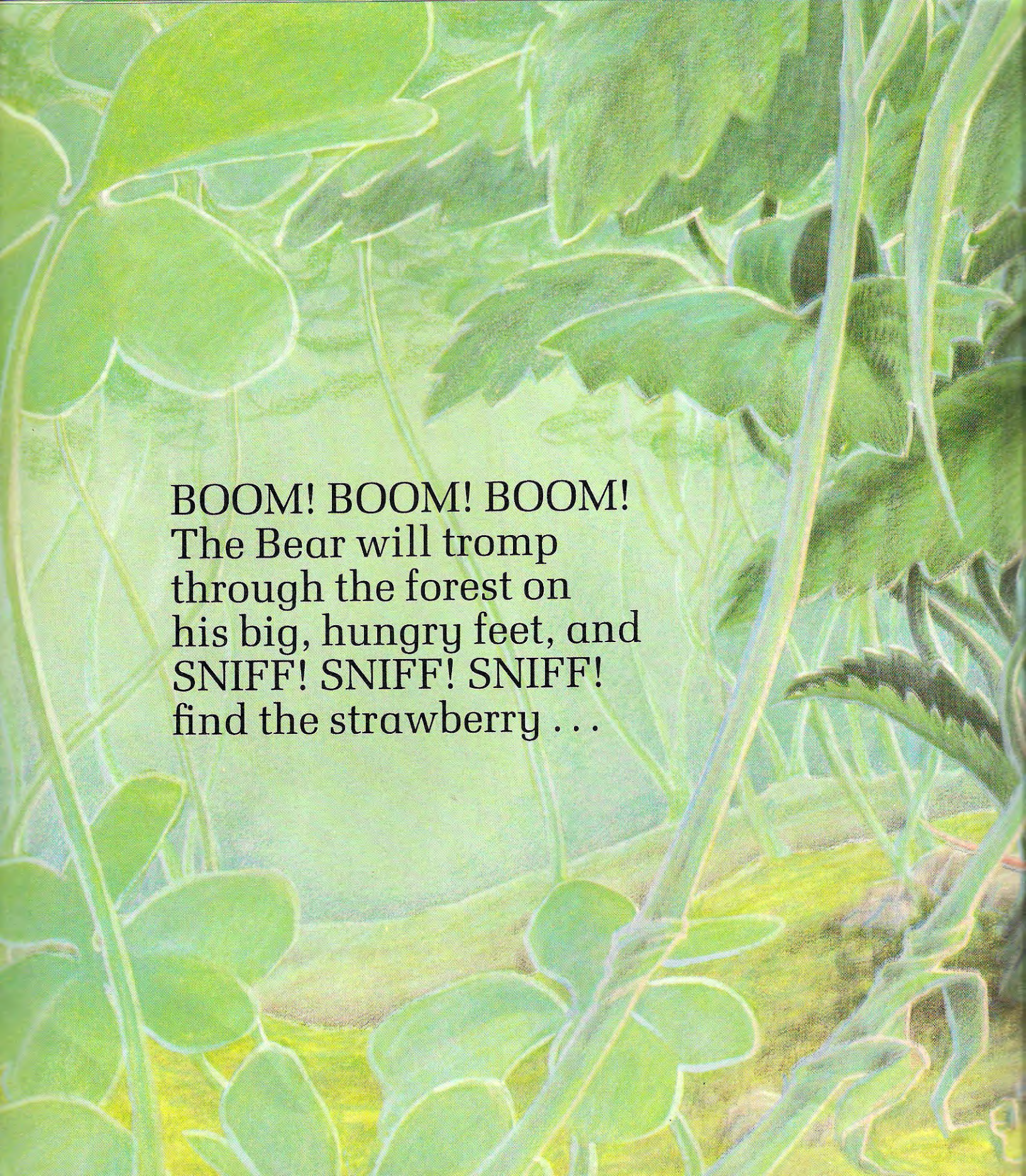


The big, hungry Bear
can smell a red, ripe
strawberry a mile away . . .

A watercolor illustration of a field of green plants, possibly clover, with a central text overlay. The plants are rendered in various shades of green, from light to dark, with visible stems and leaves. The background is a soft, light green wash. The text is centered and reads:

Especially, one that has
just been picked.



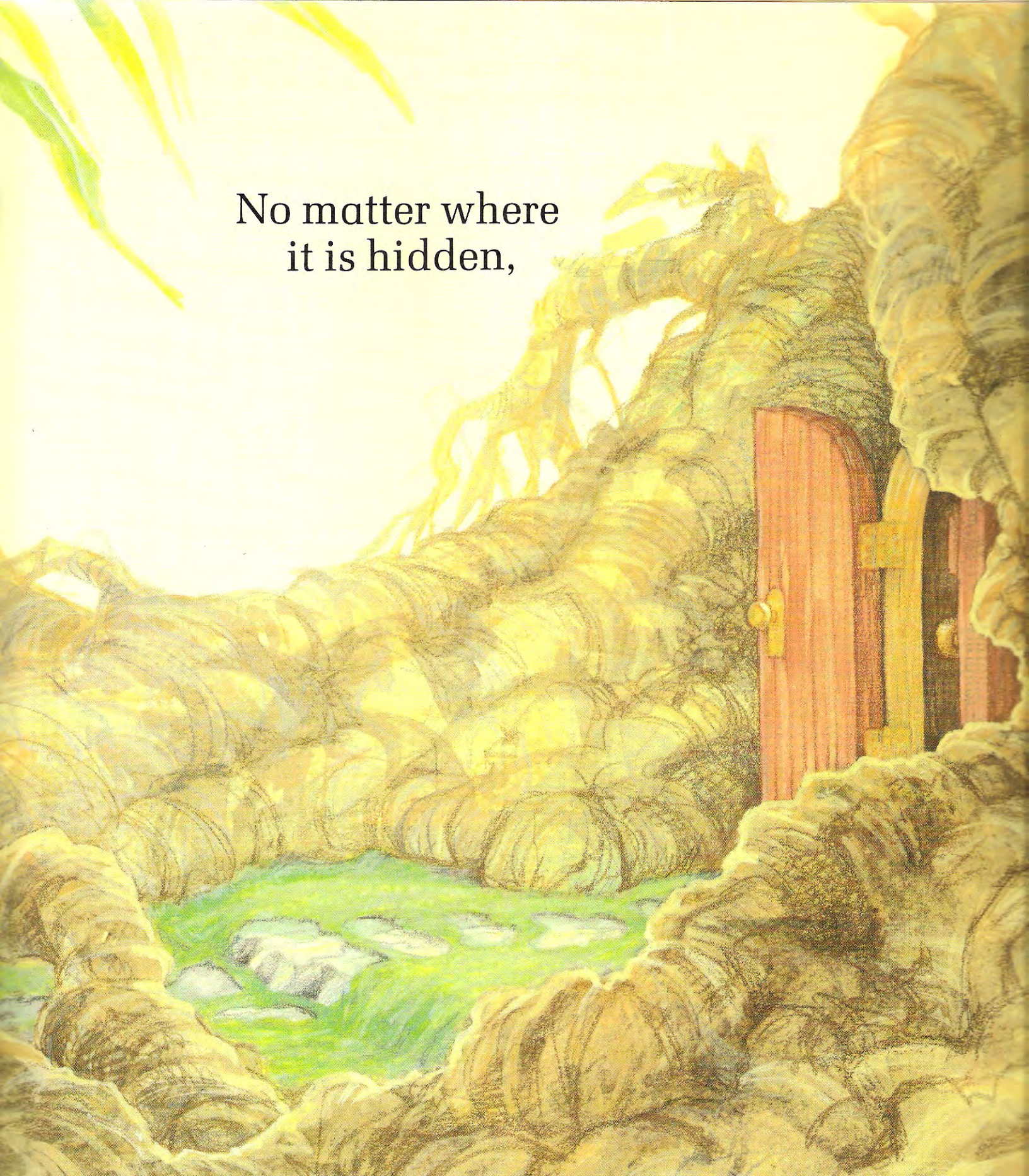
A lush green forest scene with large, vibrant green leaves and stems in the foreground. A path leads into the distance, where a bear is visible, though slightly out of focus. The overall atmosphere is bright and verdant.

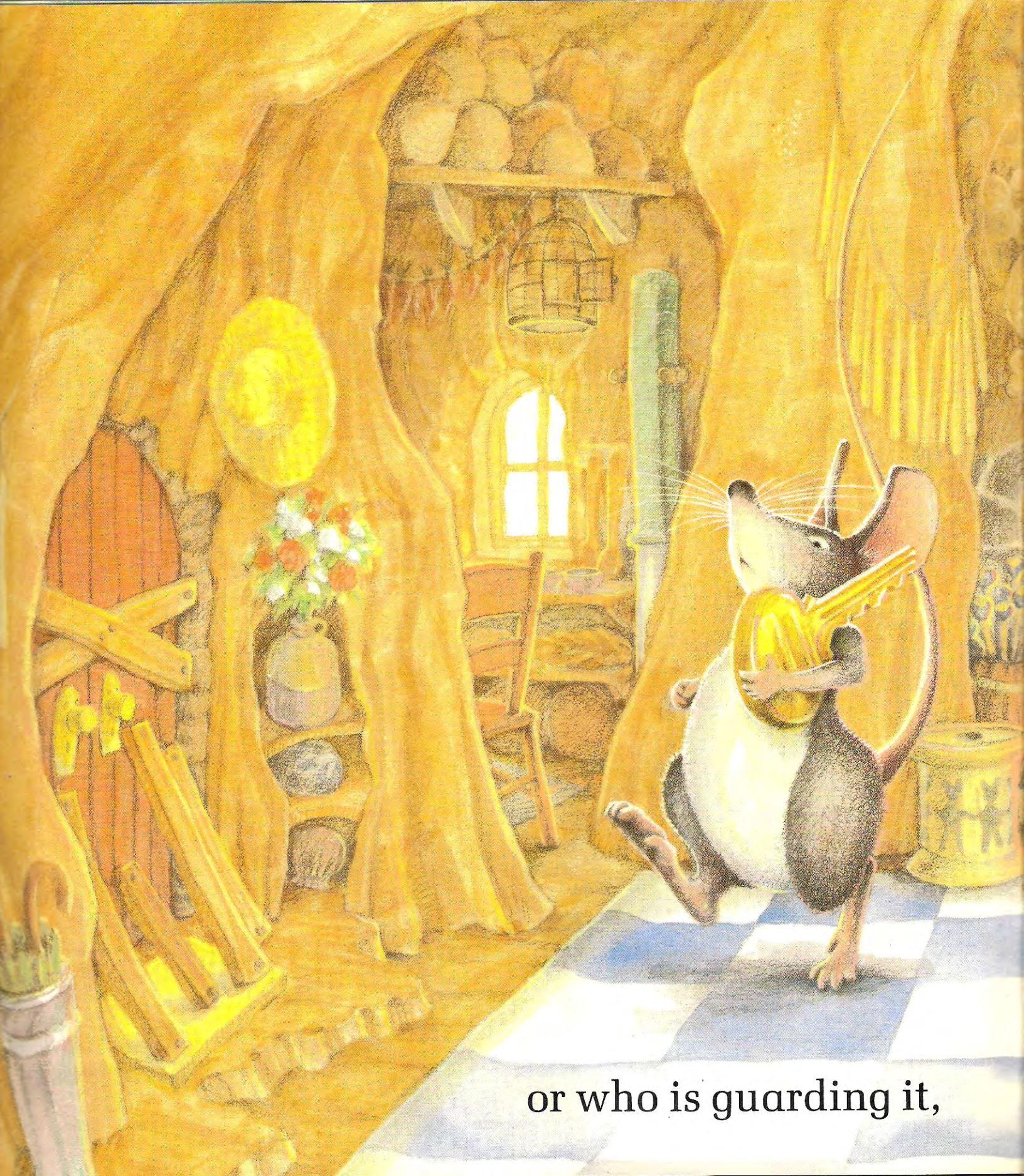
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
The Bear will tromp
through the forest on
his big, hungry feet, and
SNIFF! SNIFF! SNIFF!
find the strawberry . . .





No matter where
it is hidden,

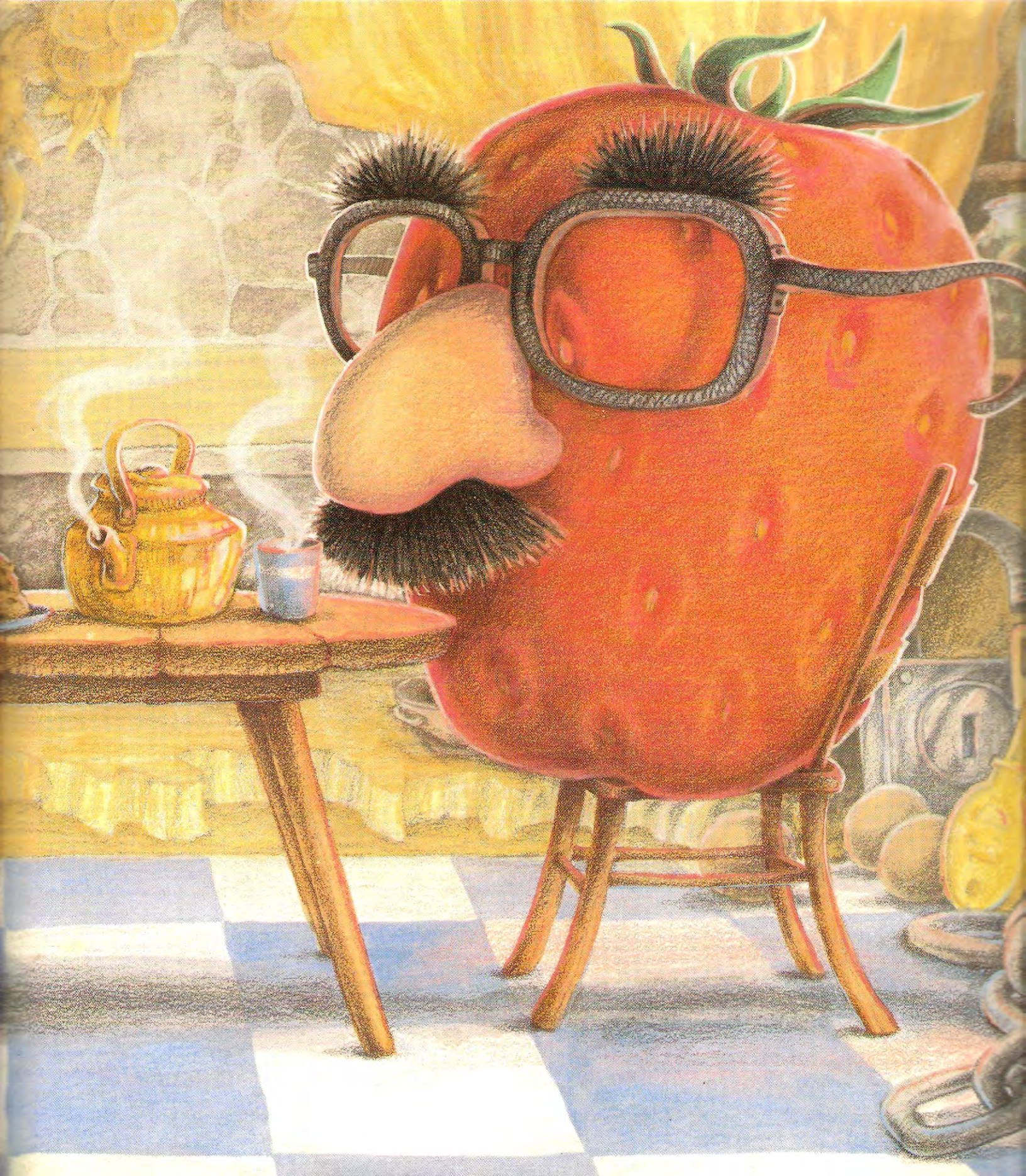




or who is guarding it,



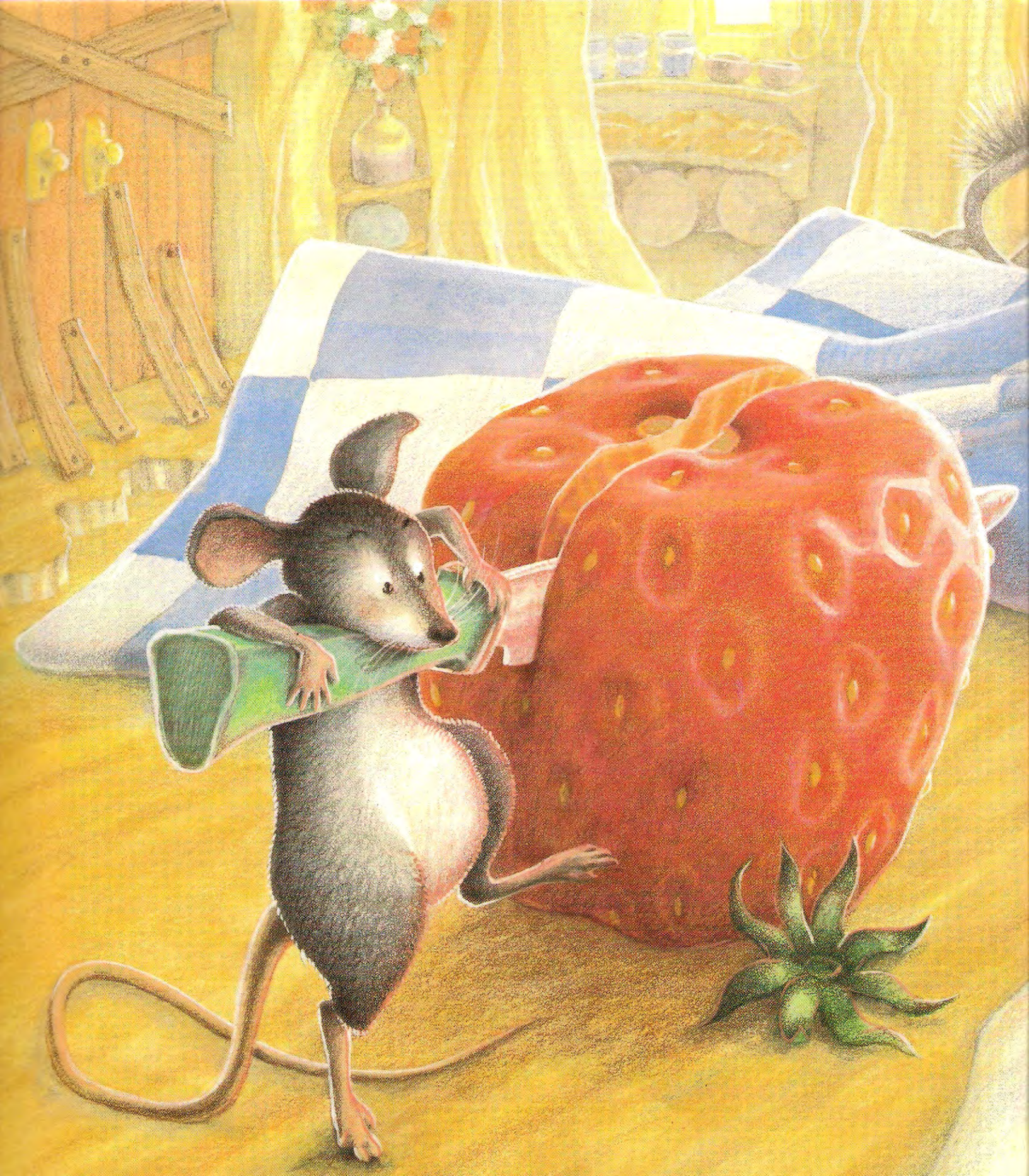


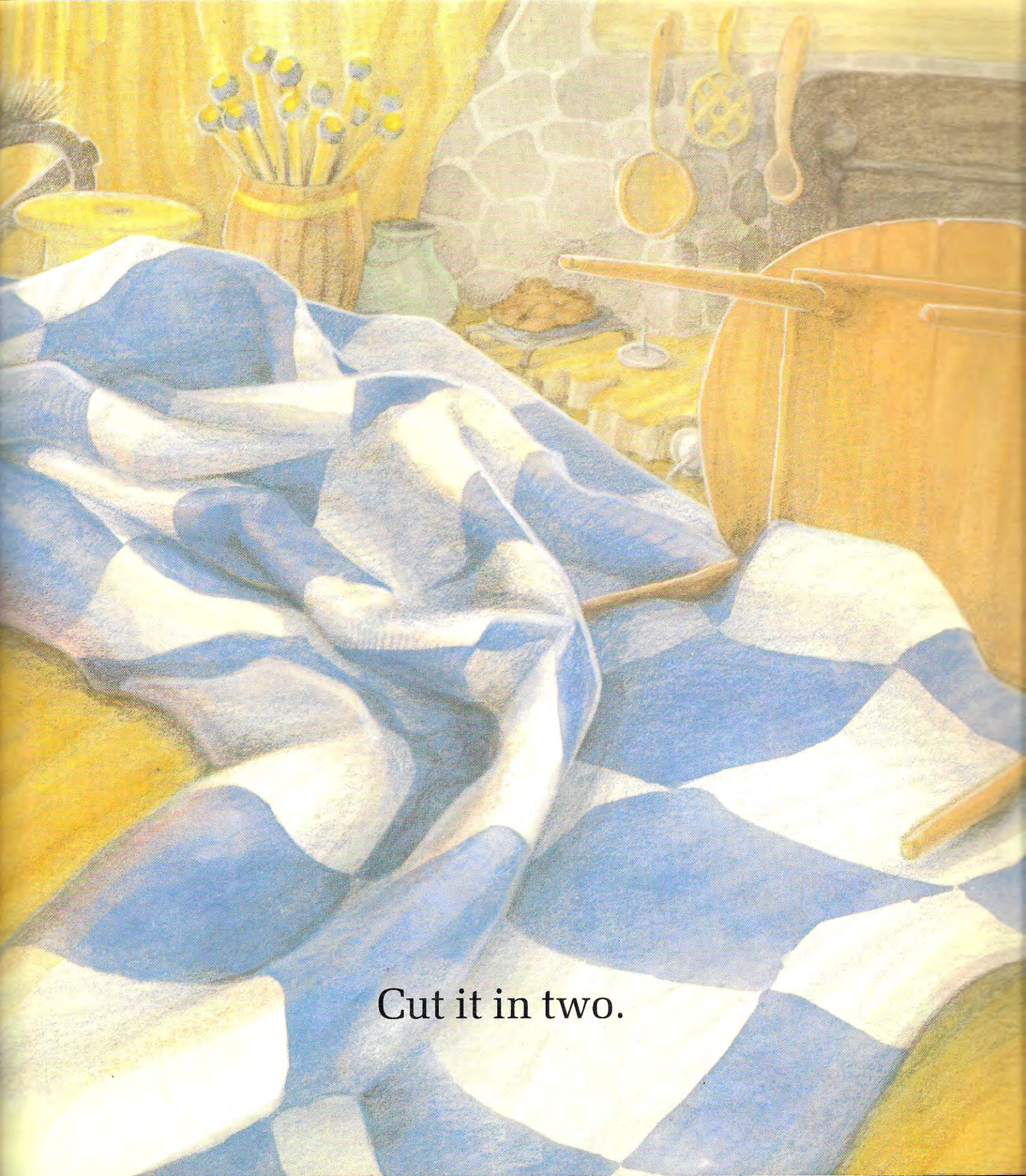




Quick! There's only one way
in the whole wide world to save
a red, ripe strawberry from
the big, hungry Bear!

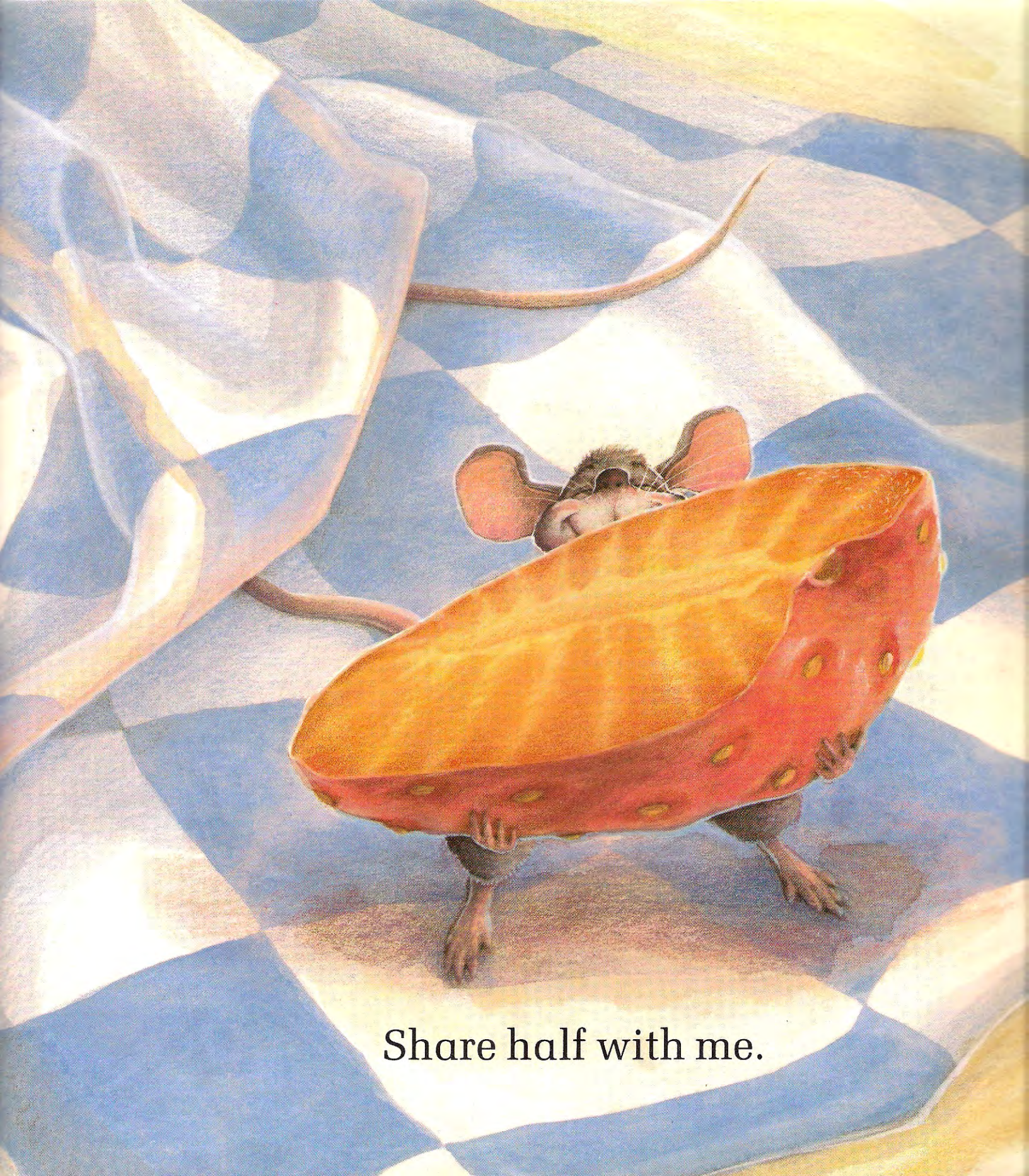






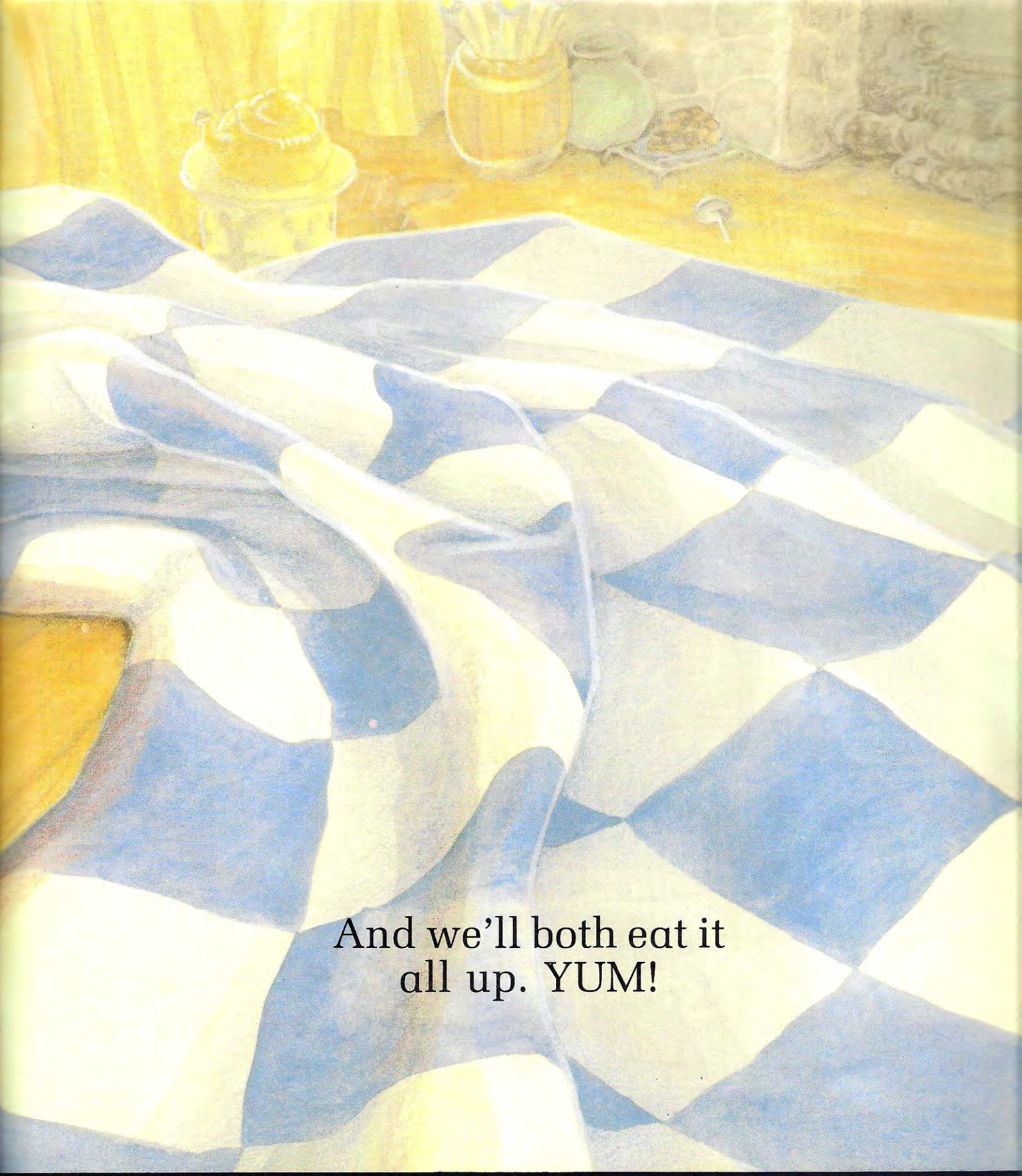
Cut it in two.





Share half with me.





And we'll both eat it
all up. YUM!





Now, that's one red, ripe
strawberry the big, hungry
Bear will never get!



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The End

The little mouse will do anything to save
his strawberry from the big, hungry bear.



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