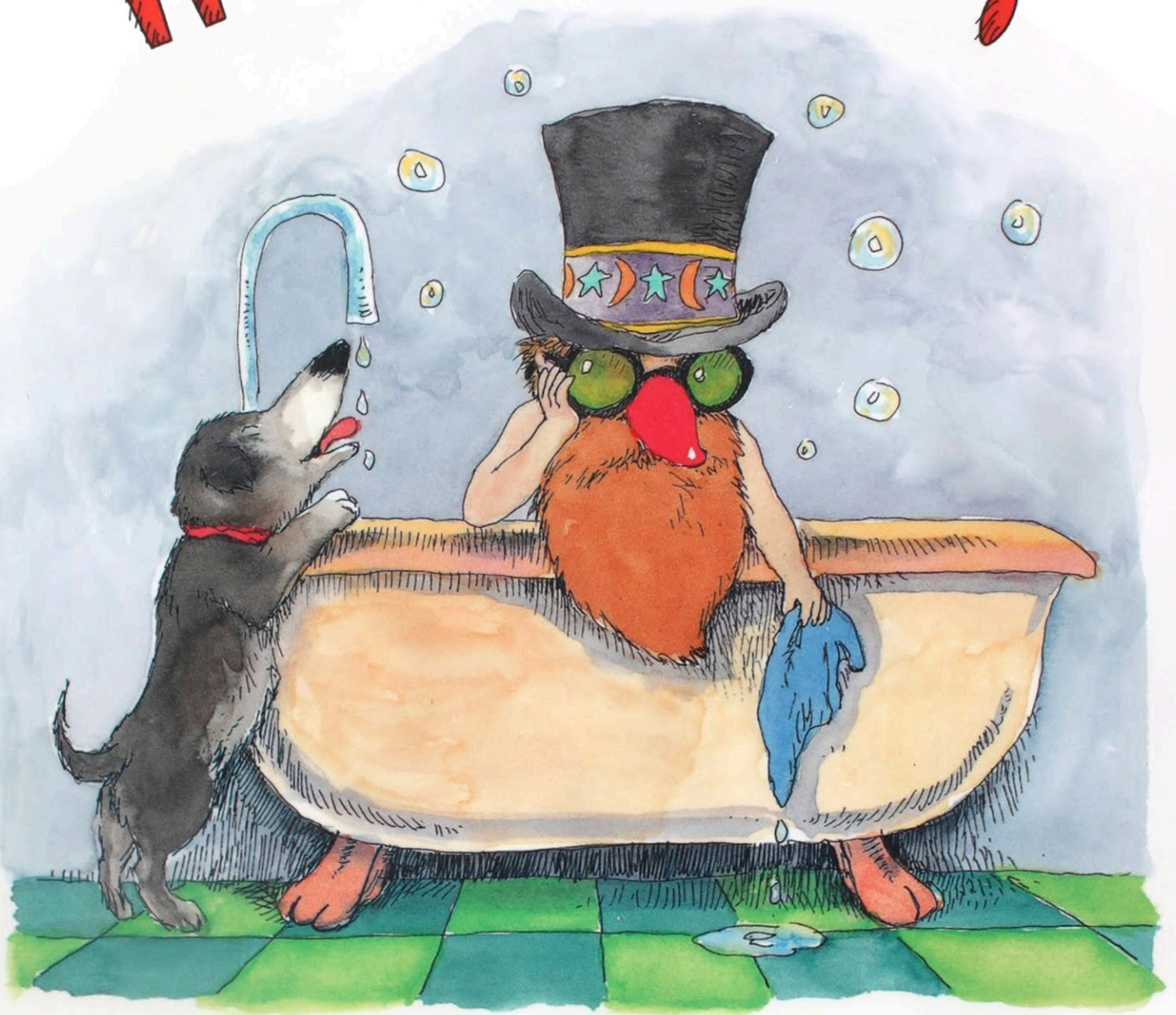
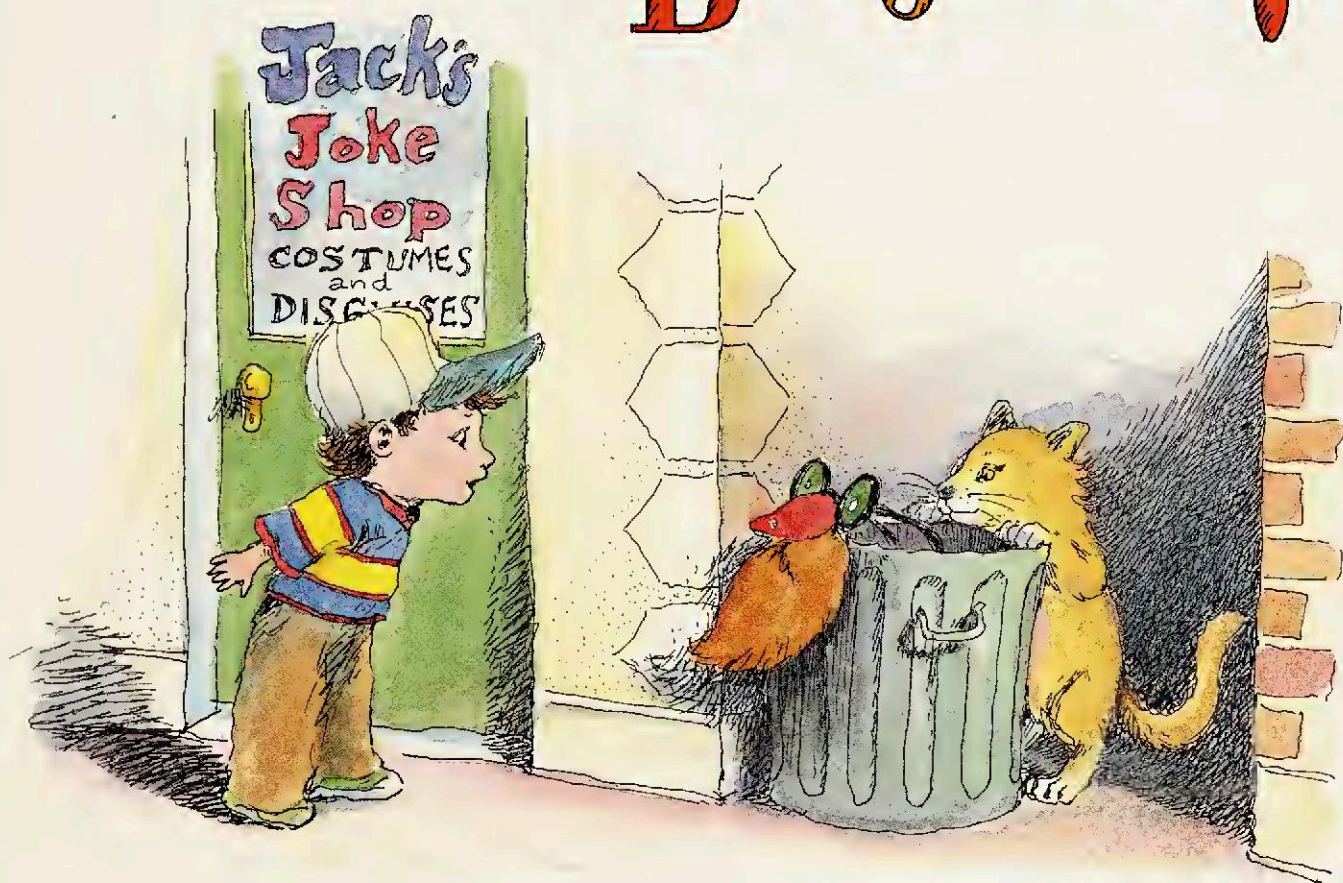


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For Stephanie Owens Lurie and
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A disguise is a very handy
thing to have around.



Wear it to the dentist's office.
Then the nurse won't say,
"It's your turn."



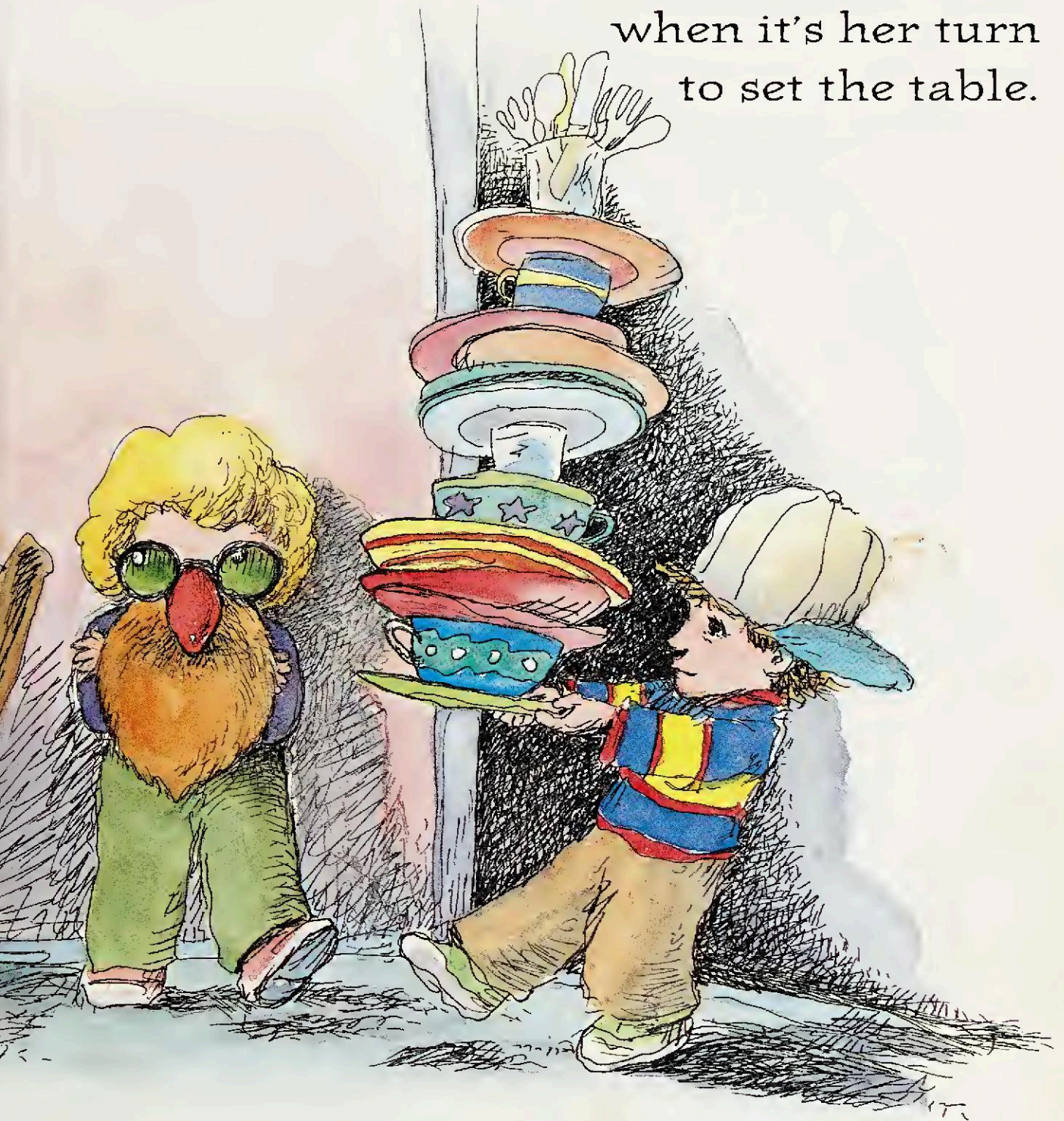


How can he if he doesn't think
you're in the waiting room?

Don't lend it to your sister.



She might put it on
when it's her turn
to set the table.



Then you will have to do it.

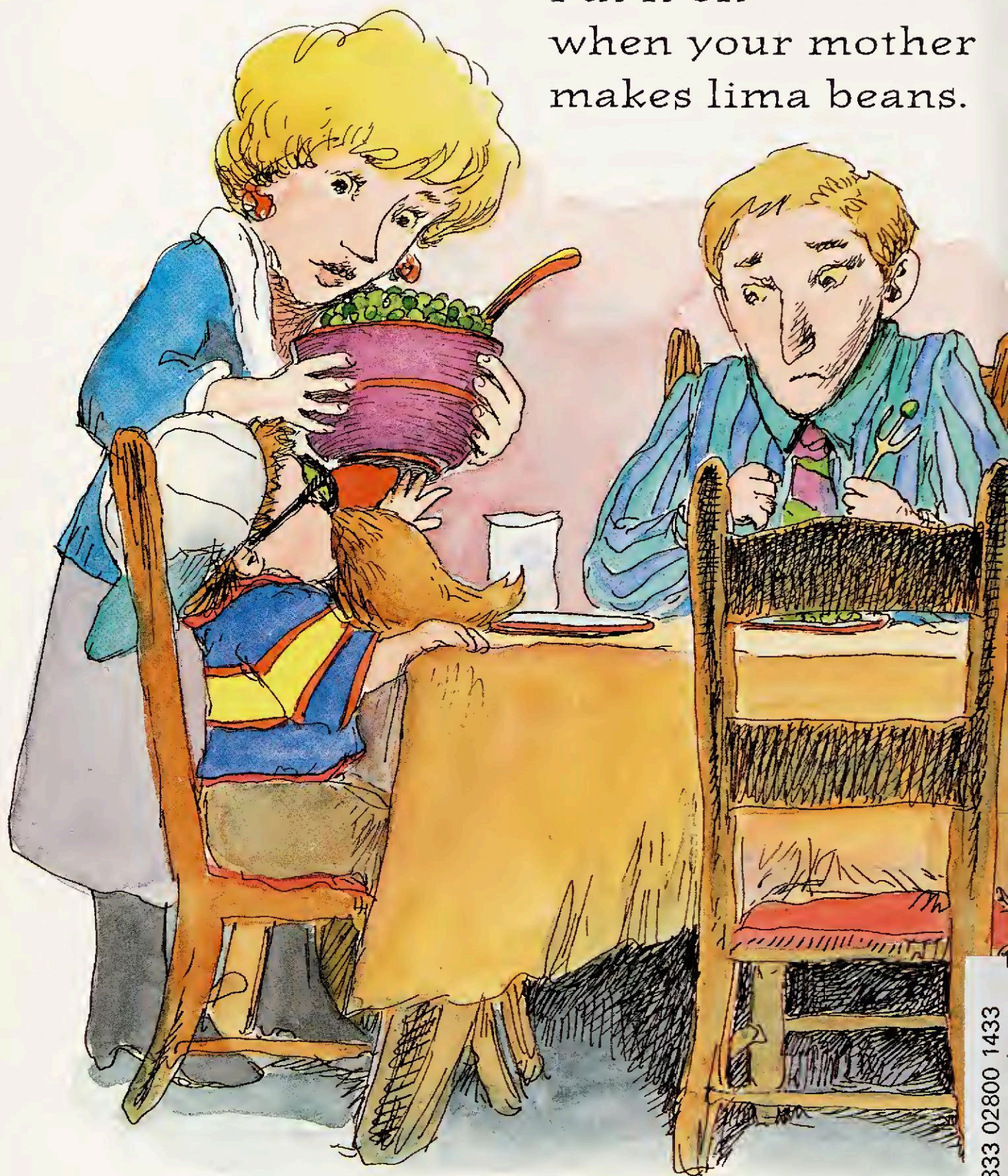


Do wear it when the school bully
says he's going to wait for you
after school!

Just make sure it doesn't fall off.



Put it on
when your mother
makes lima beans.



She won't know it's you, so she
won't make you eat them.



A great time to put on your disguise
is when you have
to take a bath.



You might want to
add a different hat.



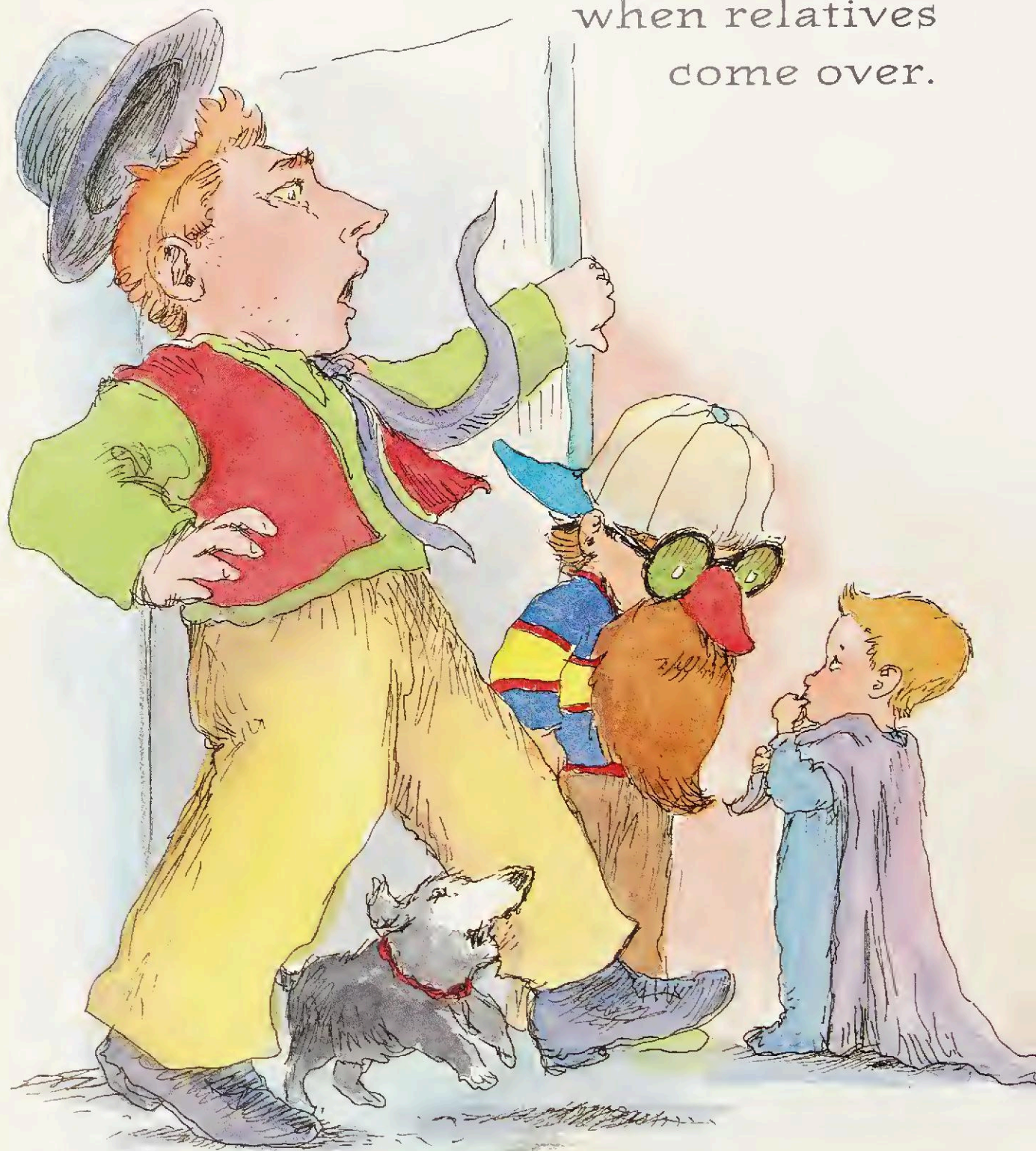
Put it on before your father comes
into your room to tell you it's time
to get ready for school.



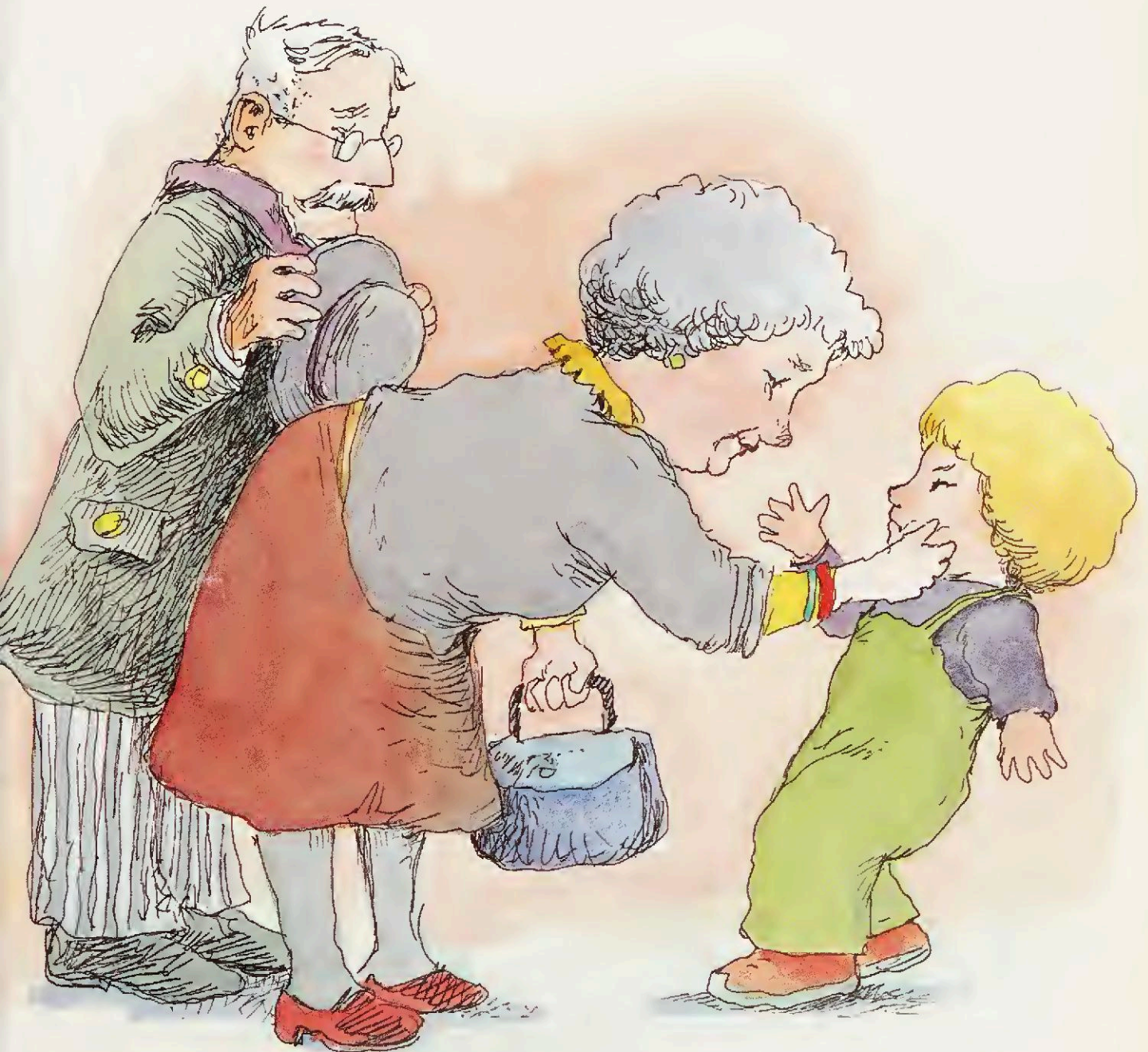
Tell him the person he's
looking for has already left.



Remember to wear it
when relatives
come over.



Then they won't pinch your cheek
and say, "My, how you've grown."



Put it on when you play
hide-and-seek.



Then you won't have to bother
looking for a place to hide.



You should probably take it off
before you kiss your grandma.



The mustache tickles.



A disguise can be handy and lots of fun...

But at the end of the day it's nice to know that you're still you.



