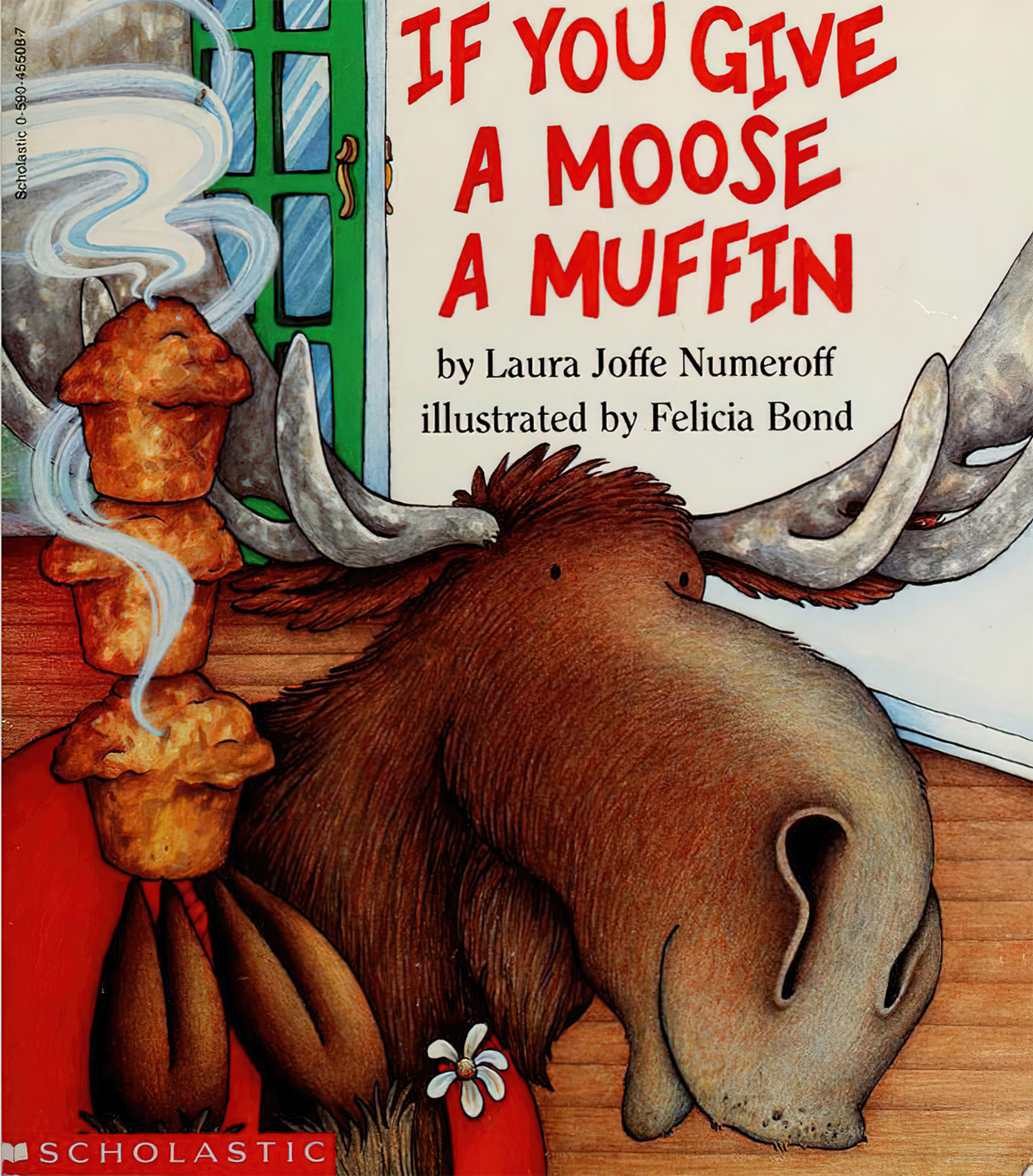


IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN

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For Alice and Emily, the two best sisters
anyone could ever possibly want!

L.J.N.

For Antoine, Nahem, Jennifer, Santos, Brian and Crystal

F.B.



If you give a moose a muffin,



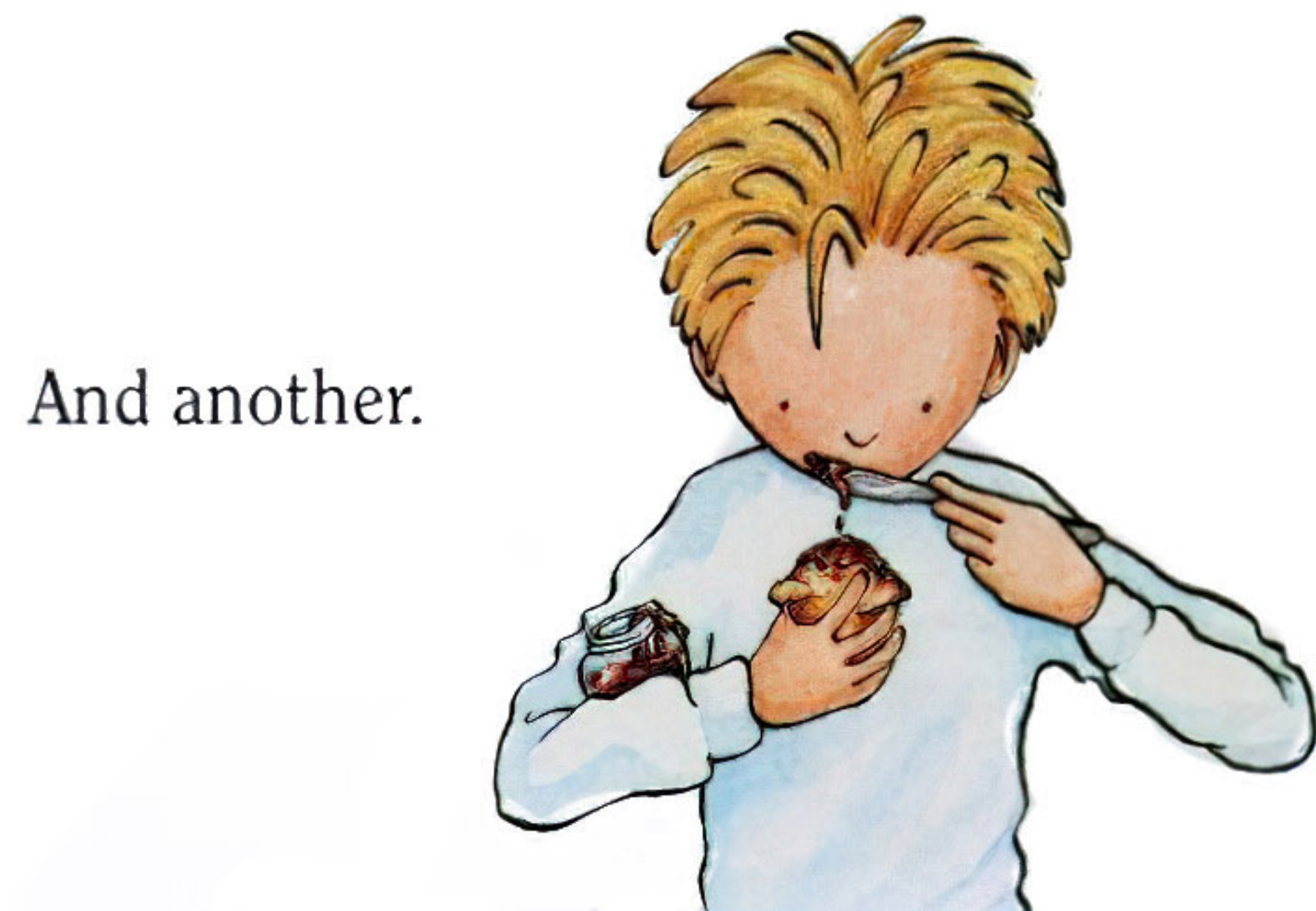
he'll want some jam to go with it.

So you'll bring out some of your mother's homemade blackberry jam.





When he's finished eating
the muffin, he'll want another.



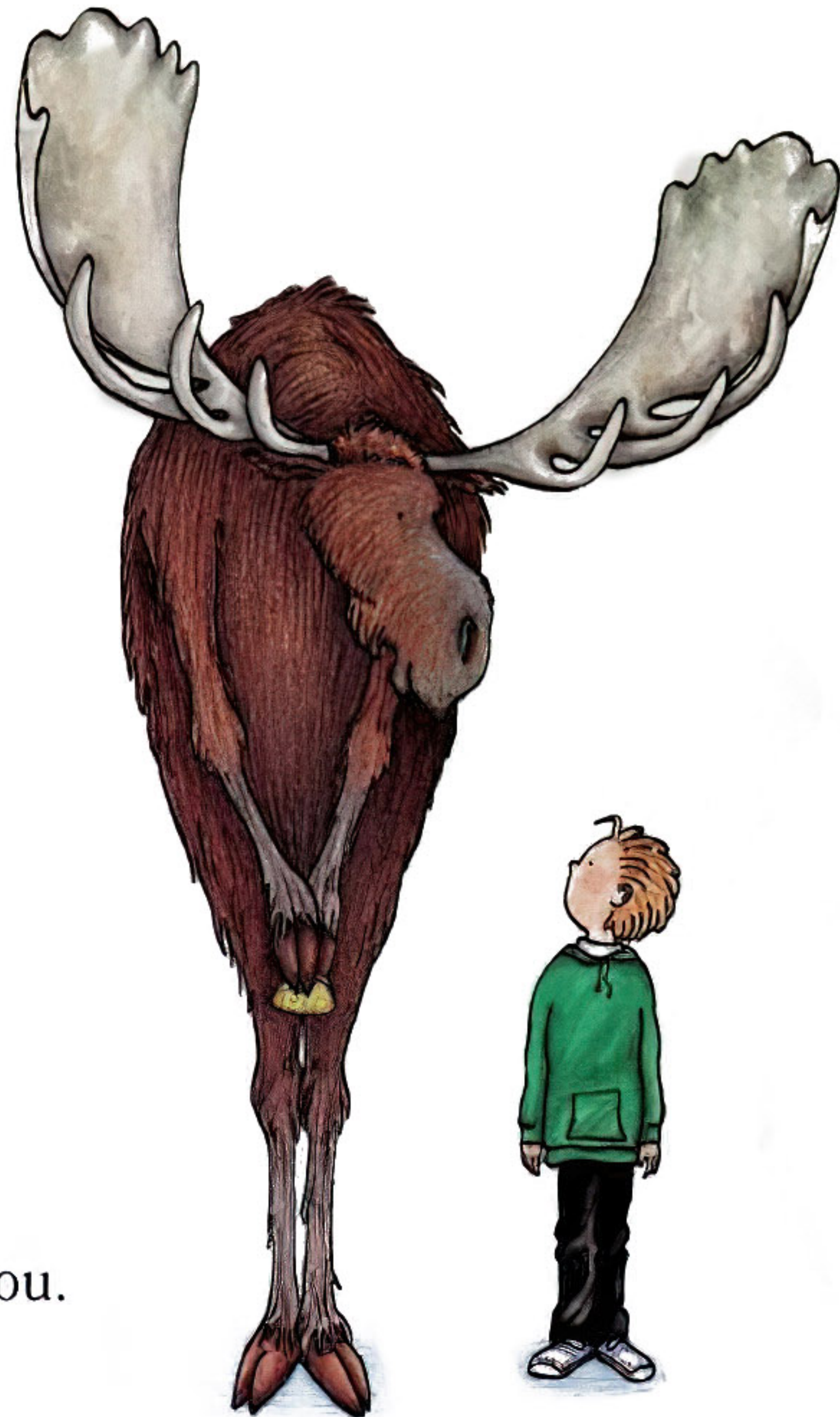
And another.



And another.
When they're all gone,
he'll ask you to make more.

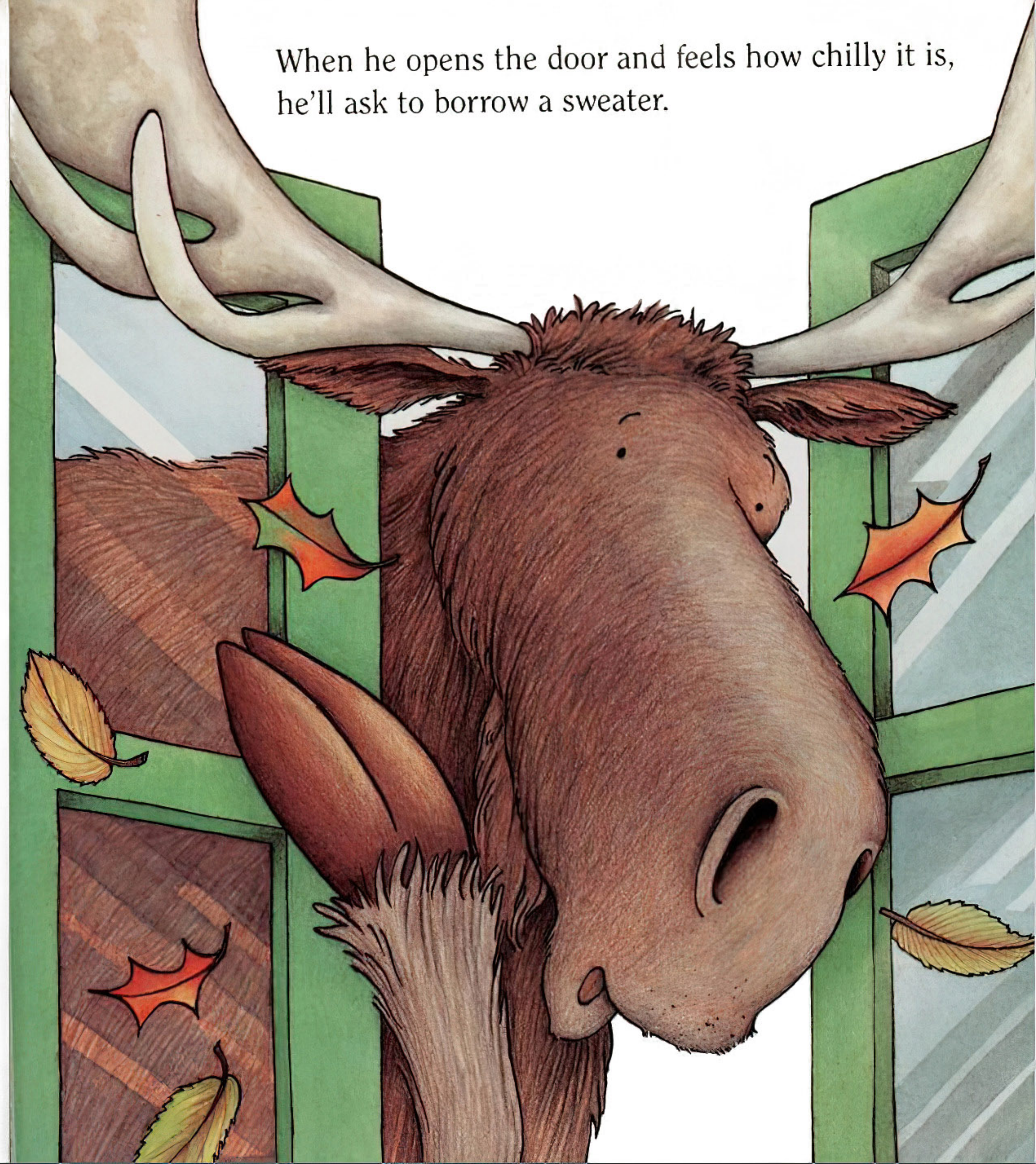


You'll have to go to the store
to get some muffin mix.



He'll want to go with you.

When he opens the door and feels how chilly it is,
he'll ask to borrow a sweater.



When he puts the sweater on,
he'll notice one of the buttons
is loose.



He'll ask for a needle and thread.

He'll start sewing.
The button will remind him of the
puppets his grandmother
used to make.



So he'll ask for some old socks.



He'll make sock puppets.

When they're done, he'll want to
put on a puppet show.



He'll need some cardboard
and paints.

Then he'll ask you to help make the scenery.

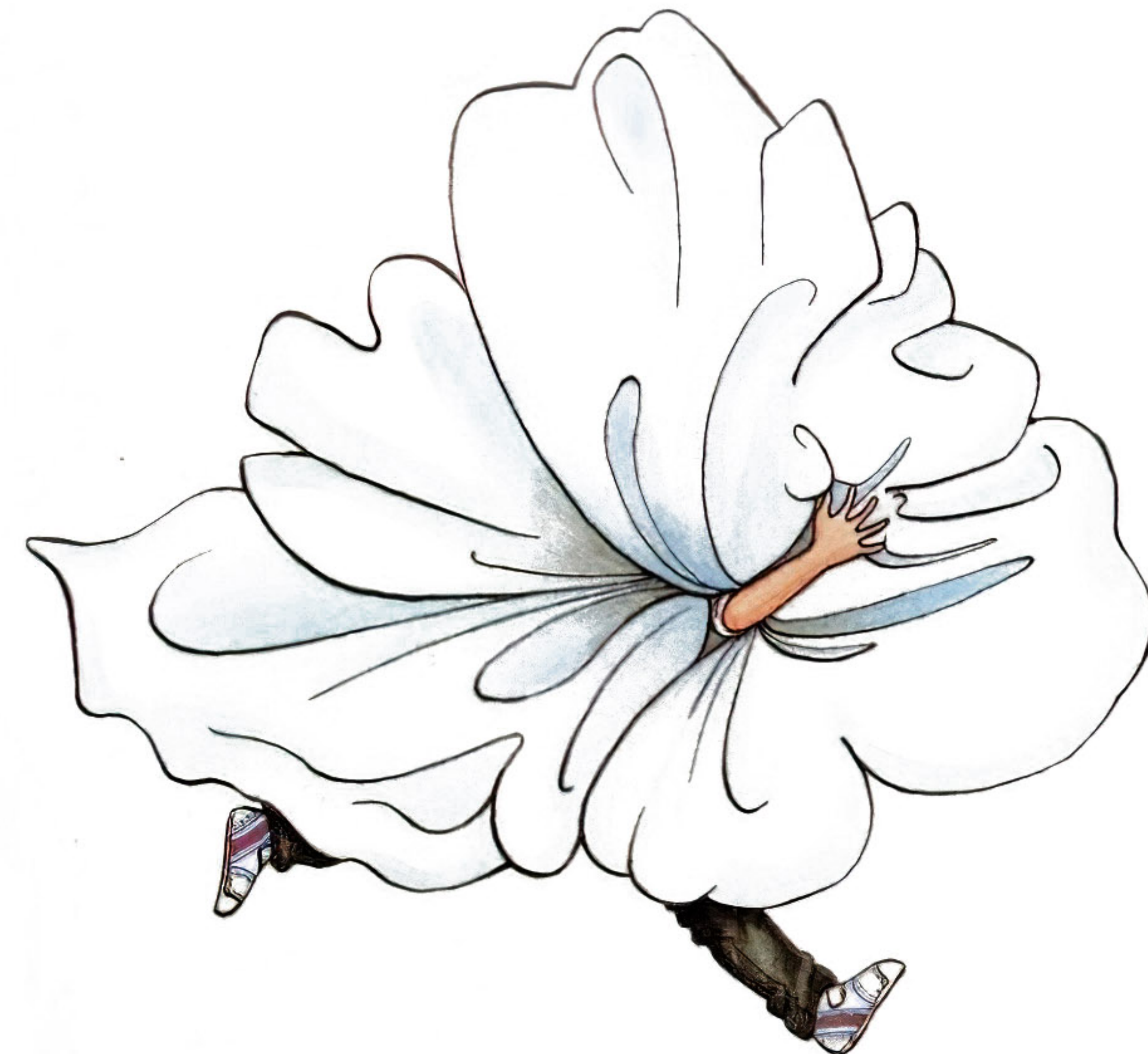


When the scenery is finished, he'll get behind the couch.
But his antlers will stick out.



So he'll ask for something to cover them up.

You'll bring him a sheet from your bed.



When he sees the sheet, he'll remember
he wants to be a ghost for Halloween.



He'll try it on and shout,



"BOO!"

It'll scare him
so much, he'll knock
over the paints.





So he'll use the sheet
to clean up the mess.



Then he'll ask for some soap to wash it out.



He'll probably want to hang the sheet up to dry.

He'll go outside to put it
on the clothesline.



When he's out in the yard, he'll see
your mother's blackberry bushes.





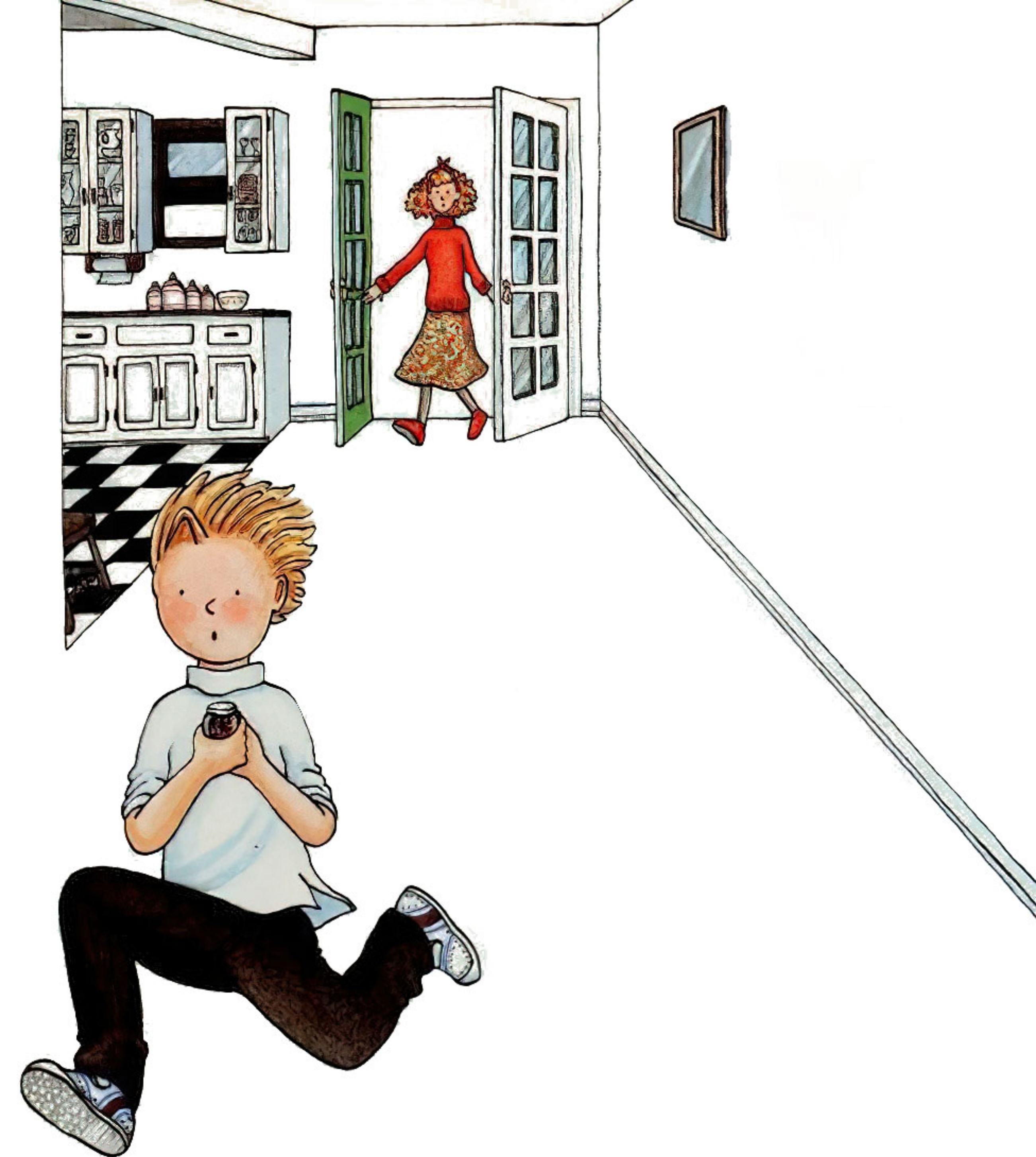
Seeing the blackberries
will remind him of
her jam



He'll probably ask you for some



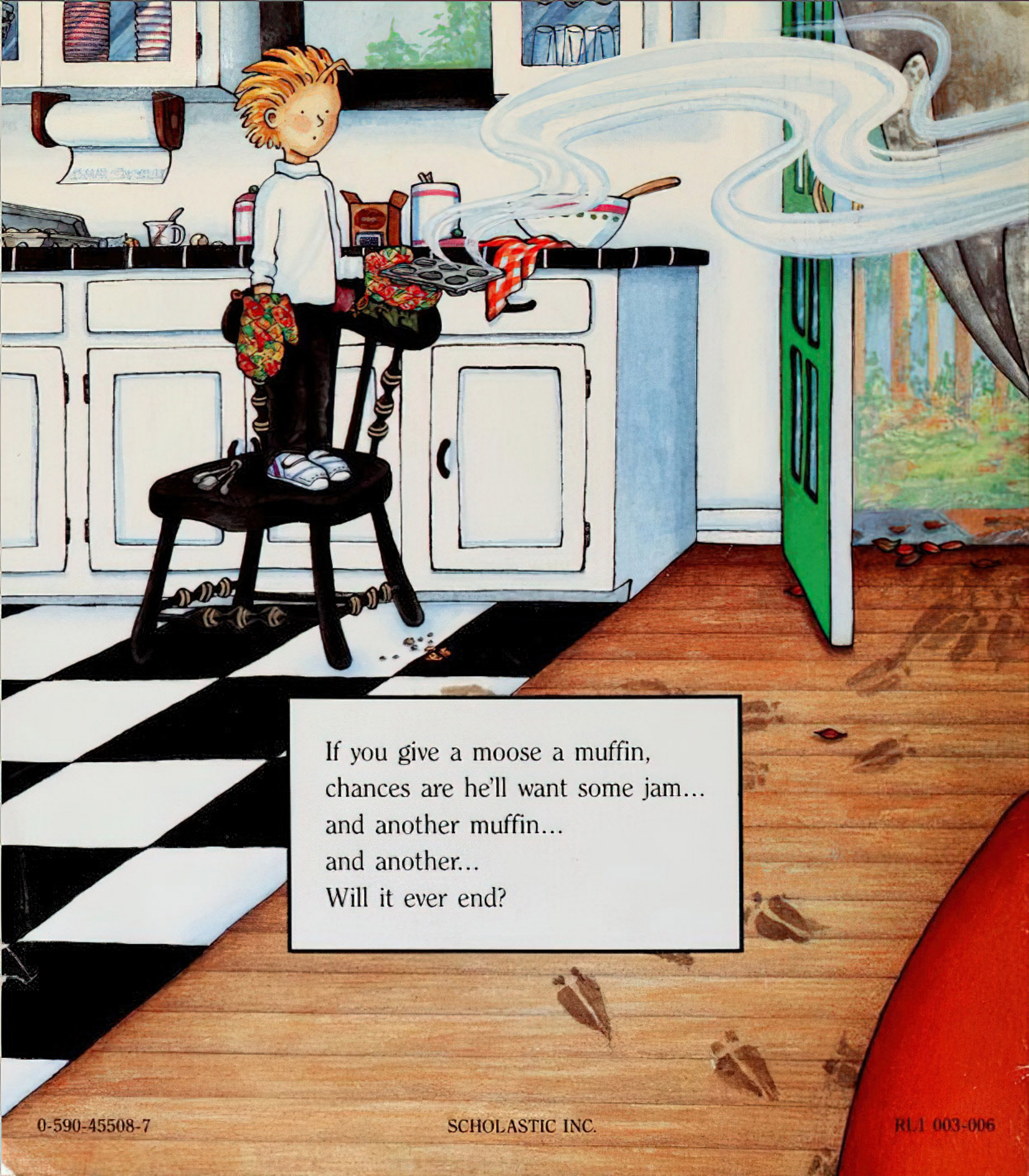
And chances are...



if you give him the jam.



he'll want a muffin to go with it



If you give a moose a muffin,
chances are he'll want some jam...
and another muffin...
and another...
Will it ever end?