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Enormouse

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For Joel
(who gave me the idea)

and Hannah
(because it was her rat)



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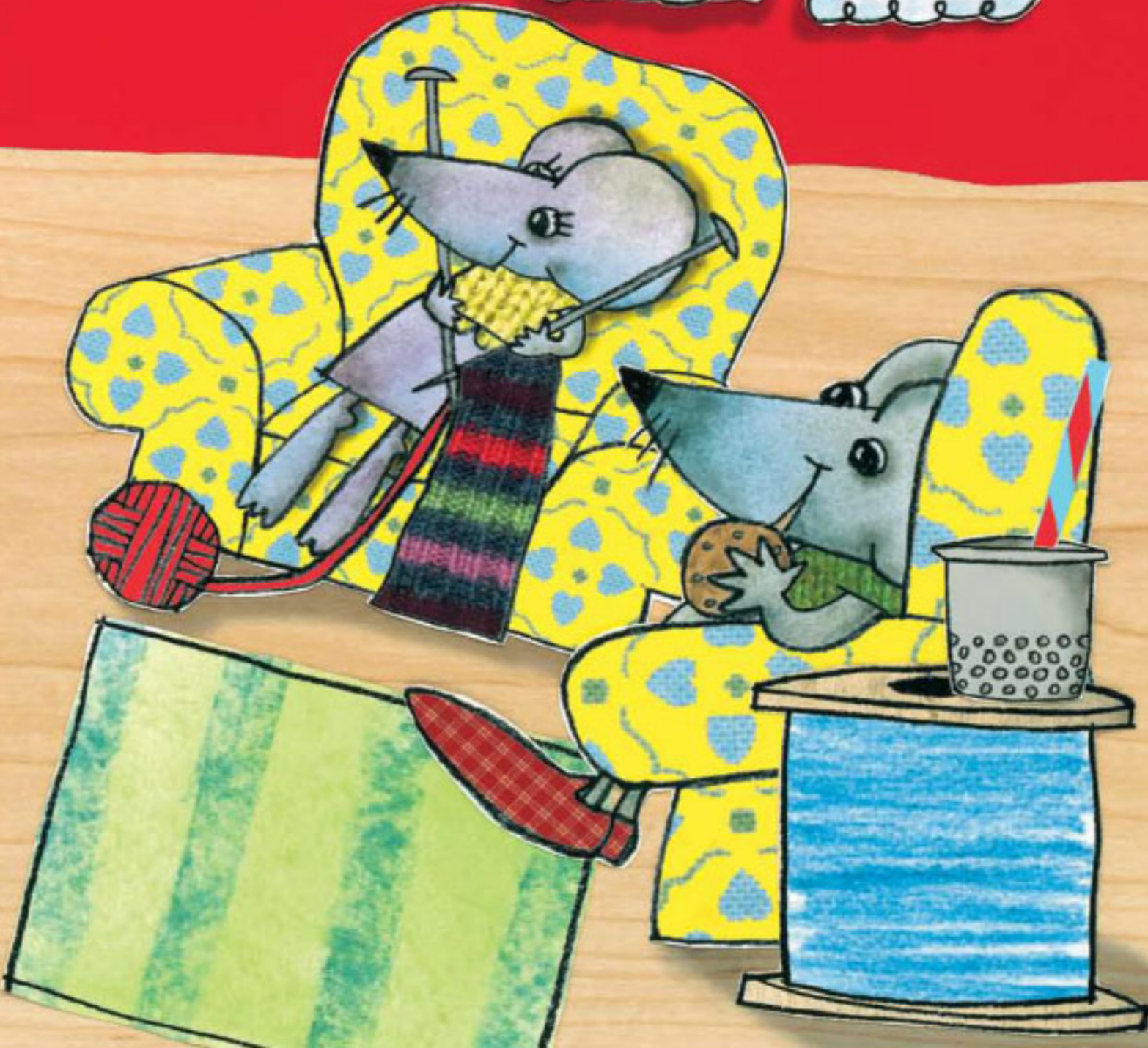



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Enormouse was
BIG.
He didn't know why.
He just was.



A whimsical illustration of a castle at night. The sky is a deep blue, filled with white stars and a large, bright full moon. In the foreground, two mice are standing on a stone ledge. On the left, a smaller green mouse with a blue collar and a yellow bell is talking to a larger, grey mouse on the right. The larger mouse has a yellow collar and a yellow bell. The castle behind them has a green roof with a rooster on top, a stone wall with a small window, and a purple-roofed tower on the right.

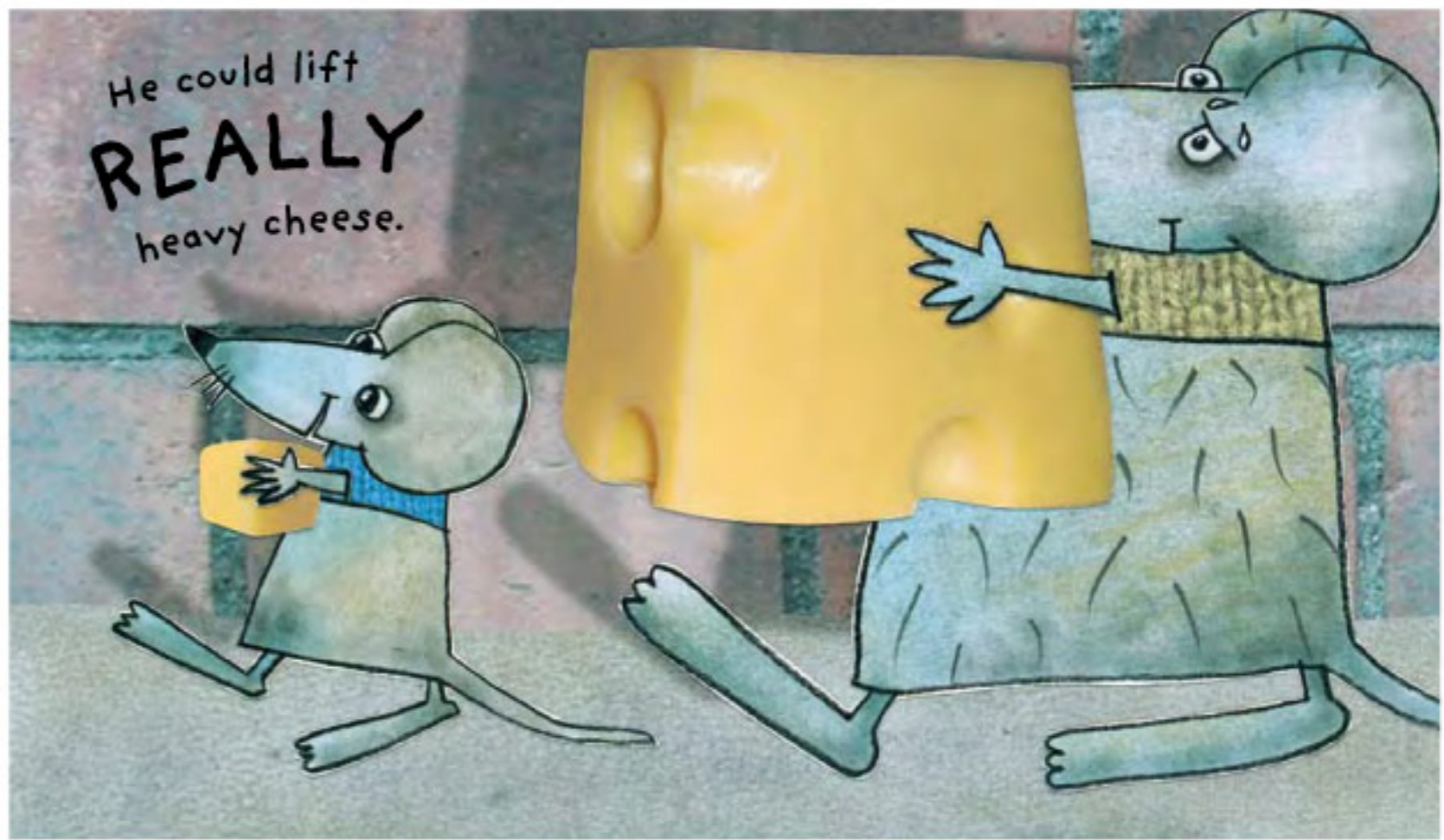
His best friend Tynmouse
tried to help.

"Don't worry, Enormouse.
Being big isn't SO bad."

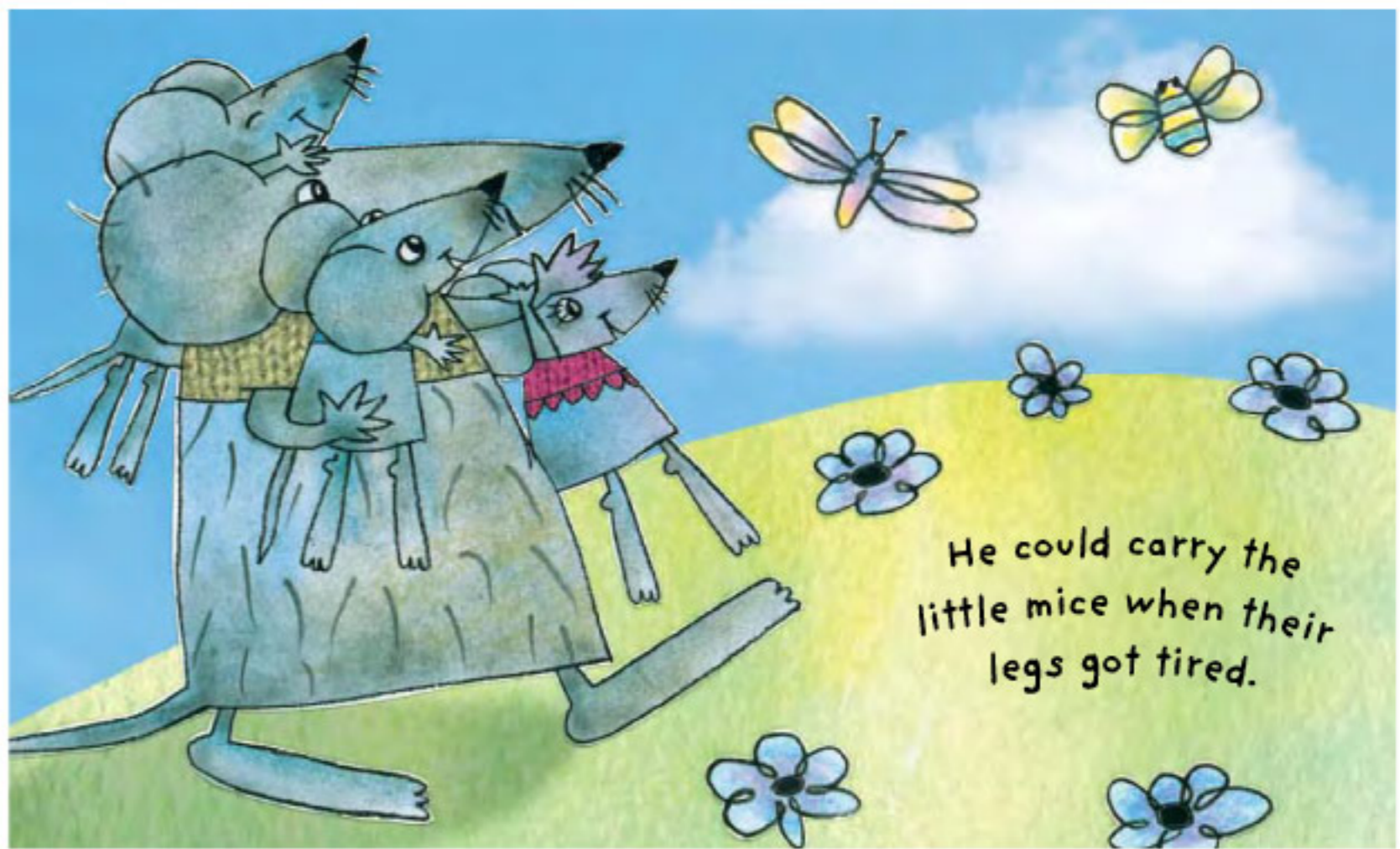


And it wasn't.
Being big was
really quite useful.

When he went exploring
with the other mice
he could reach things
they couldn't reach.



He could lift
REALLY
heavy cheese.



He could carry the
little mice when their
legs got tired.

One day, when Enormouse was exploring with Tinymouse, they came across a large book.

The two friends looked at the pictures. They looked at each other.



RATS

The Common Rat

(*Rattus Norvegicus*)



Rats are **bigger** than mice. They have **long snouts**, **coarse fur** and **scaly tails**. They like to live near **dustbins** or **rubbish dumps** which is where they **find their food**. They will eat **anything** and they **specially like** food that is **mouldy** and **smelly** like covered with **flies**. Rats are generally **friendly** but have **meaners** and **never say please**

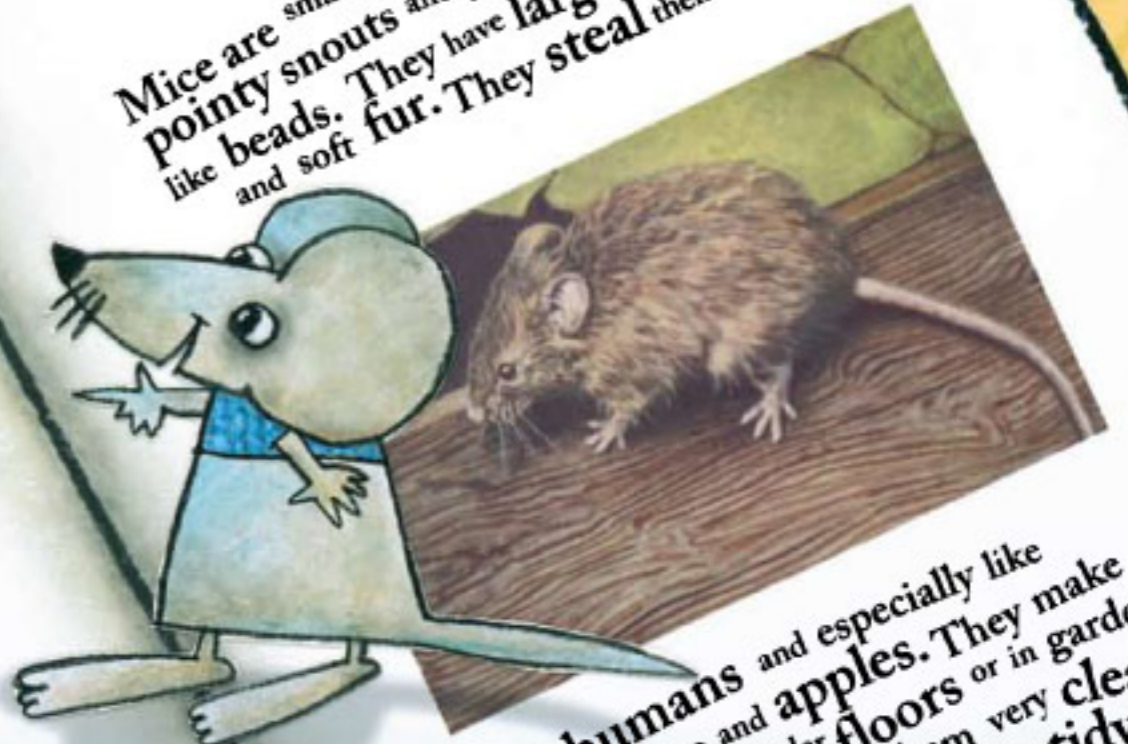
"I think I know why you're so big, Enormouse. You're not a mouse at all... You're a **RAT!**"

MICE

The House Mouse

(*Mus musculus*)

Mice are **smaller than rats**. They have **pointy snouts** and **shiny black eyes** like **beads**. They have **large ears** and **soft fur**. They **steal** their food



from **humans** and especially like **chocolate** and **apples**. They make their **homes** under **floors** or in **garden sheds** and they keep them very **clean** and **tidy**.

When the other mice
found out they laughed.

Poor Enormouse.

All his life he had
thought he was a mouse.

Being a rat was rather a shock.



"I don't think I belong in the
Mouse House any more,"

he said to himself, sadly.

"I think I should go and find
some rats to live with."

