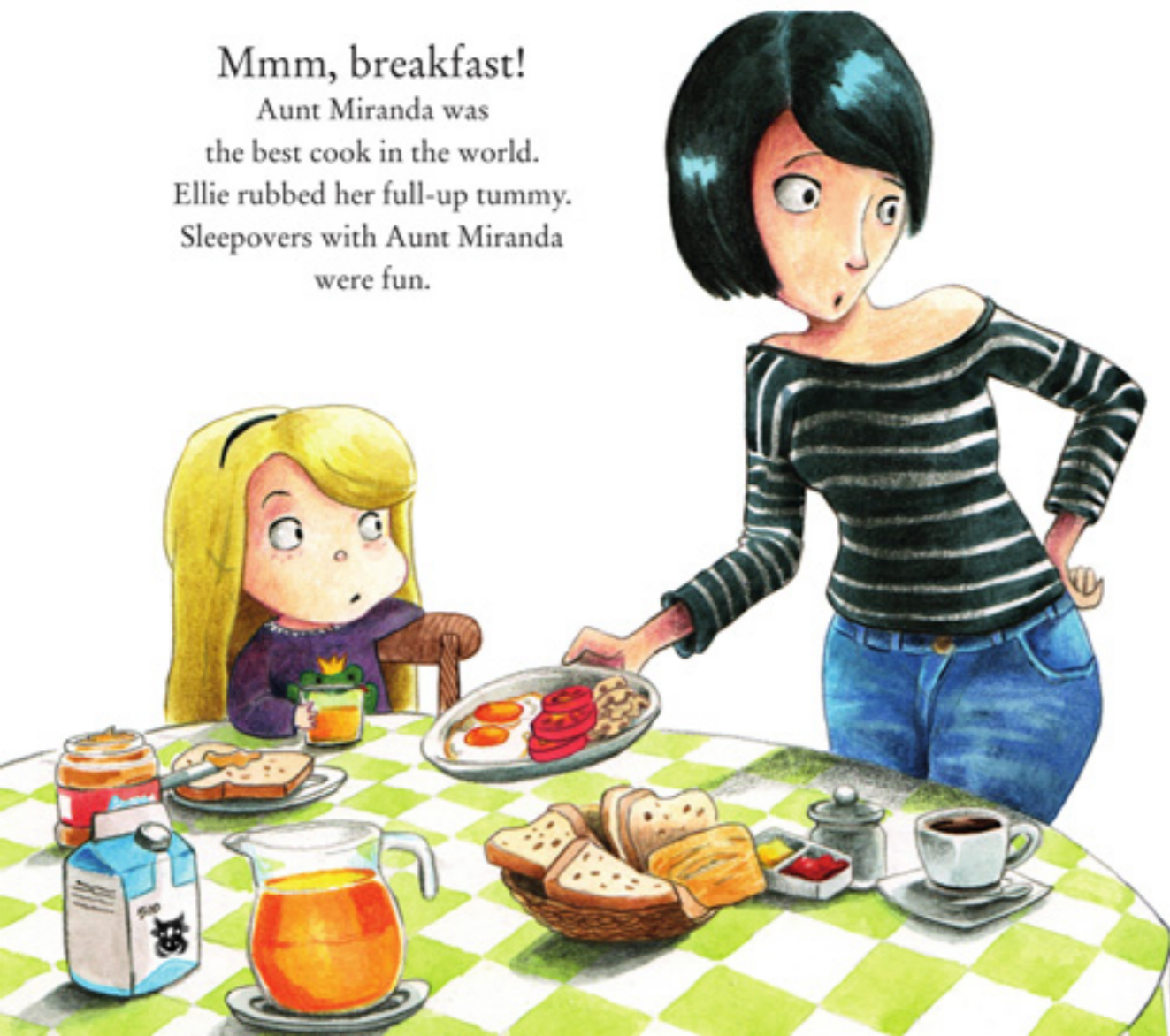


Mmm, breakfast!

Aunt Miranda was
the best cook in the world.
Ellie rubbed her full-up tummy.
Sleepovers with Aunt Miranda
were fun.



After breakfast, they always
fed the birds, but today...



Squirrels had come
into the garden.
One had jumped on to
the bird table.
They frightened
the birds away.

'Hey, that food's not for you,' called Ellie. 'It's for the birds.'

The squirrels sat up and
twitched their long bushy tails.
They looked at Ellie
with sad, soft eyes.

‘We’re
hungry too,’
they said.



‘I hadn’t thought of that,’ said Ellie.



Aunt Miranda fetched nuts and raisins
and sprinkled them on the lawn.

‘Squirrels love these,’ she told Ellie.

The squirrels scampered down.
They each picked up a nut in their
paws and sat nibbling it.
The birds flew back to
the bird table.

‘Thank you,’
said the squirrels.





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