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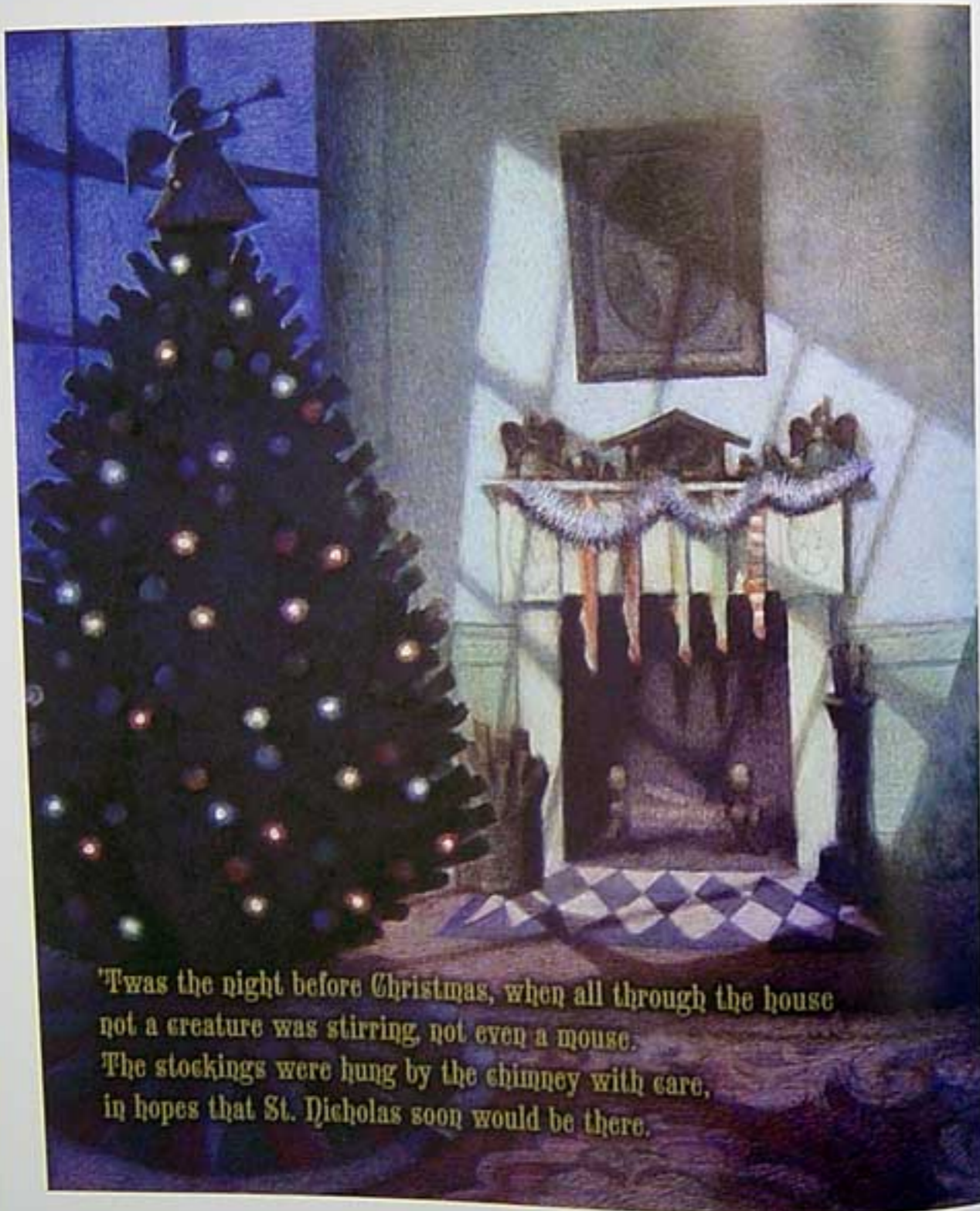
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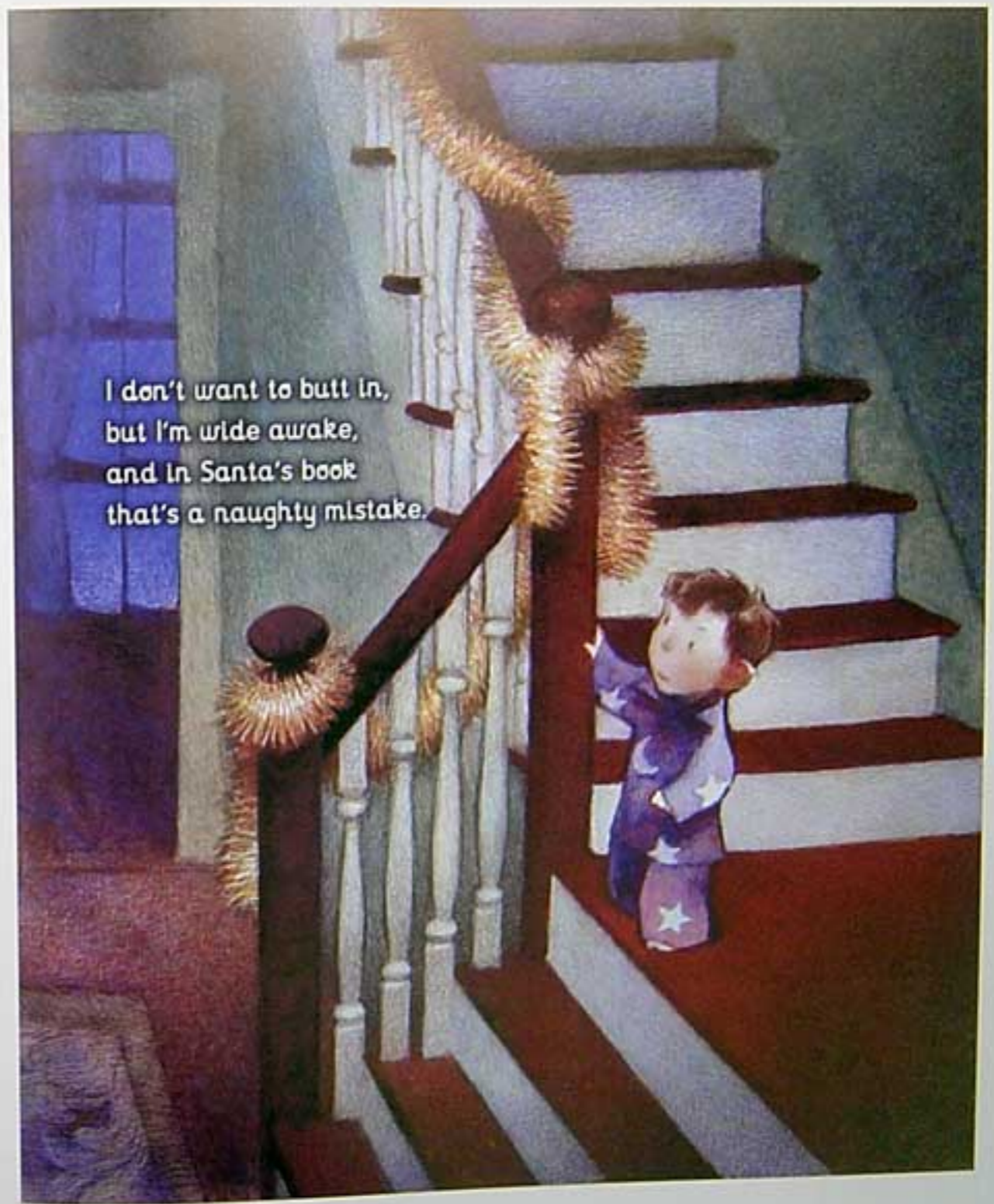
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You all know this tale,  
but read this, you'll see:  
One creature was stirring,  
that creature was me!





'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.



I don't want to butt in,  
but I'm wide awake,  
and in Santa's book  
that's a naughty mistake.