



"I wish I was just like those dogs,"  
Hot Dog softly sighed.  
"I'd sniff the air with my wet nose  
and have HUGE puppy eyes . . ."



Hot Dog LONGS to be a real dog, so he can  
fetch a stick and catch a ball and run around  
like all the other dogs on the beach.  
But how can his wish possibly come true?

**Cue the Mustard Fairy!  
PING!**

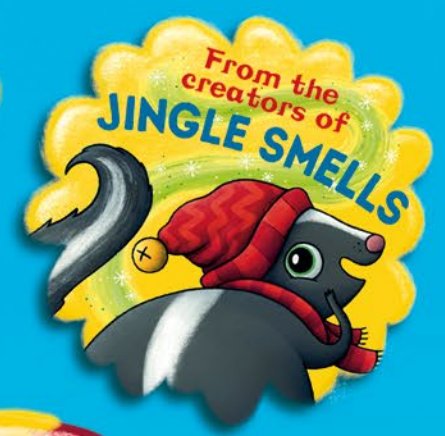
A super-sunny romp of a story,  
featuring the most adorable  
**Hot Dog** ever!



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For Jill, Coco, Honey, Bonnie, Belle and Polly Grey – M.S.

For Millie, Candy  
and everyone's canine pals – S.C.

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Once there was a **hot dog**  
made of sausage and bread bun  
sitting on a hot dog stand  
feeling very glum.

For everywhere around it,  
on the lovely sandy beach  
Were real-life little puppy dogs,

with **heads**

and **tails**

and **feet.**





“I wish **I** was just like those dogs,”  
that hot dog softly sighed,  
“I’d sniff the air with my wet nose  
and have huge puppy eyes.”



I’d **fetch** a stick



I’d **catch** a ball

I’d even **chase my tail**.



But hot dogs can’t do things like that –  
my dream is doomed to fail.”

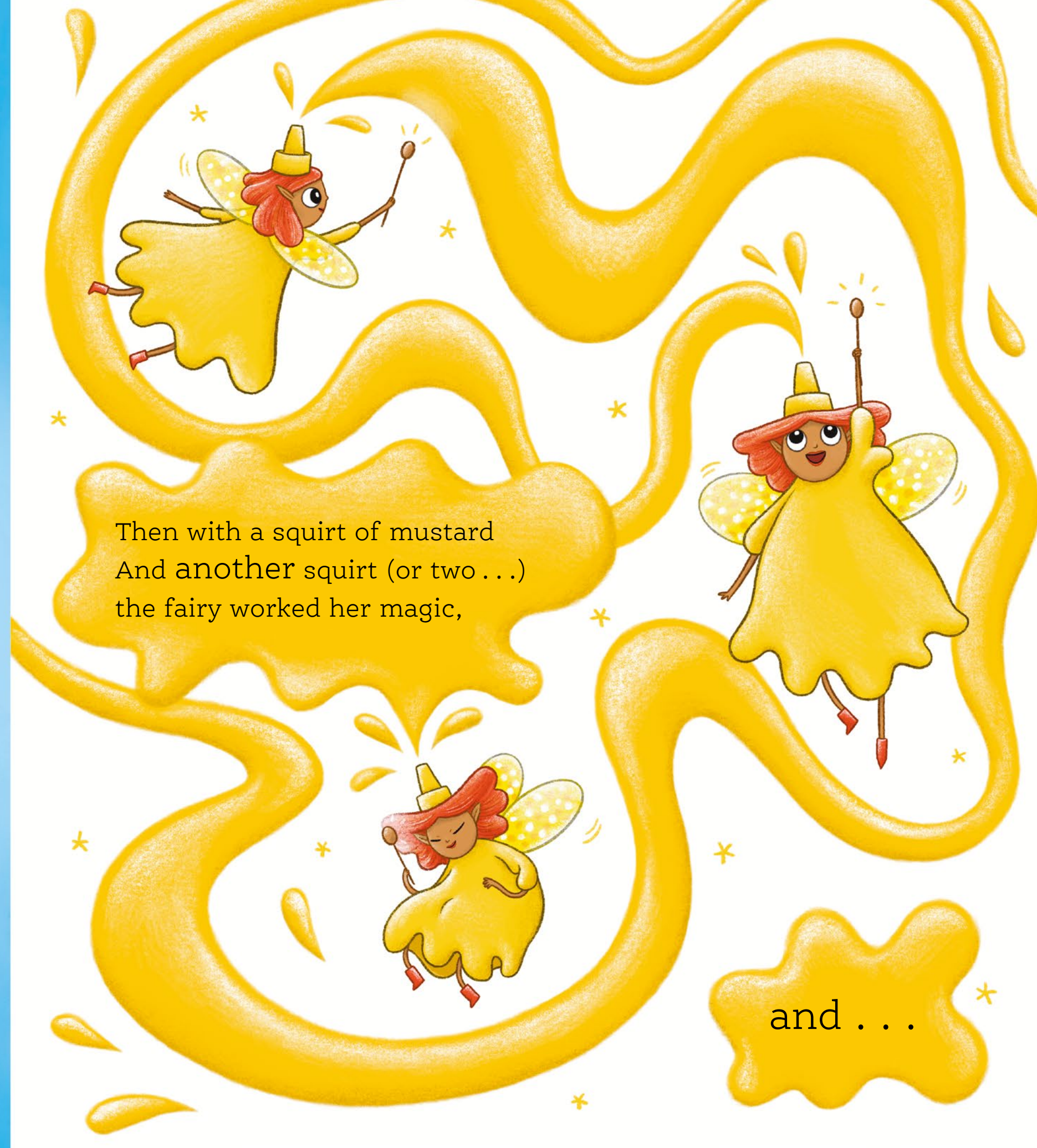


But standing not too far away,  
was someone who could help  
And when she heard the hot dog's wish  
she flew down from the shelf.

"Fear not, my little hot dog,"  
she told him with great cheer,  
"for I'm the **Mustard Fairy** –  
I bet you're glad I'm here!"



Then with a squirt of mustard  
And another squirt (or two . . . )  
the fairy worked her magic,



and . . .

A hot dog's wish  
**came true!**



**“Oh,  
thank you!”**  
said the hot dog,  
with a bark of gratitude.  
“Now I’m like those other dogs,  
except I’m made of food!”

Then up he jumped and off he raced  
to do things without fail . . .



Like **fetch** a stick



and **catch** a ball



and **chase his wagging tail!**