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Opening extract from
**The Day I Swapped
My Dad for Two
Goldfish**

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Lost:

One book. If found, please return to Hayley Campbell
(although she may be too big for it)
or Maddy Gaiman (although it may be too big for her).
No fish, please.

Wanted:

One halibut, must be in good working order, own fins,
no skate please.
Will swap two infants, one called Yolanda, one called Liam.
Offers to Mr. David Tench McKeen, Esq. c/o The Publisher.

One day my mum went out and left me at
home with just my little sister and my dad.

My dad sat in front of the
television, reading his newspaper.
My dad doesn't pay much attention
to anything, when he's reading his
newspaper.



My little sister and I played in the garden.
My sister played with her Barbie dolls
and I played at putting mud down my sister's neck.

My friend Nathan came
over to my house.



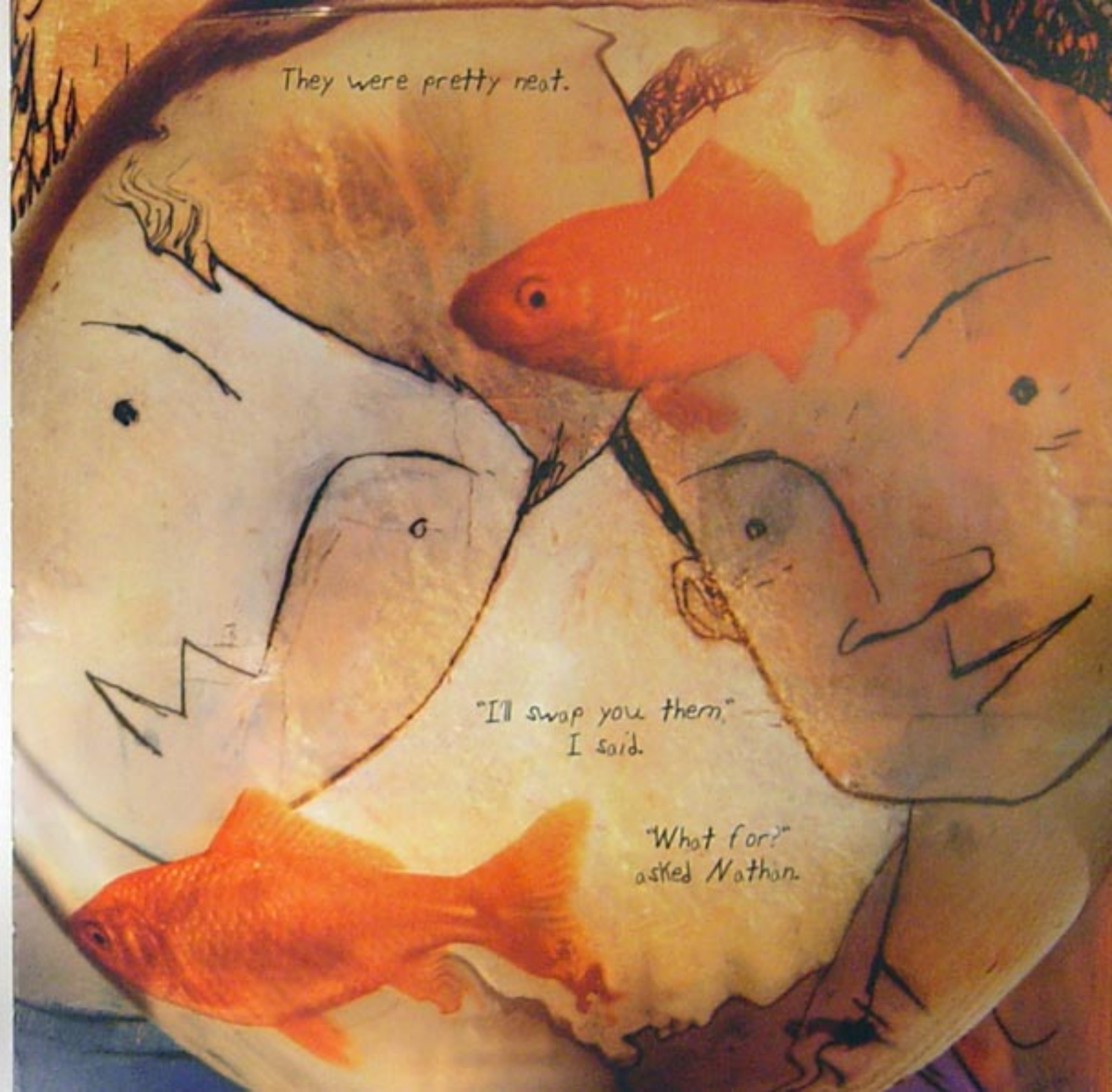
He had a glass bowl with him.
There was something in the glass bowl.



What's that?
(I said).

Two goldfish
(he said). They are
called Sawney and Beaney.
Aren't they neat?

They were pretty neat.



"I'll swap you them,"
I said.

"What for?"
asked Nathan.