

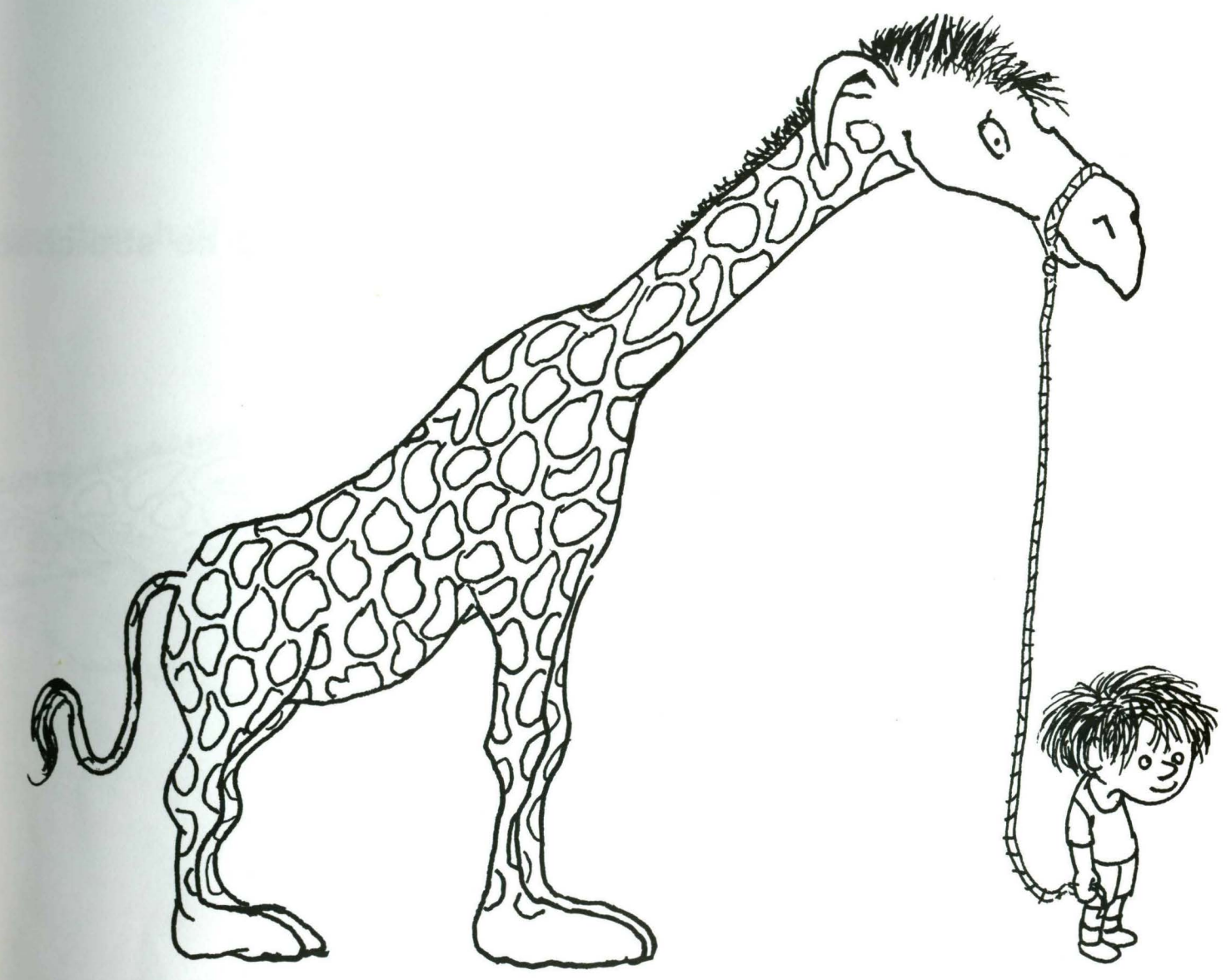
**A
GIRAFFE
AND A HALF**

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If you had a giraffe ...



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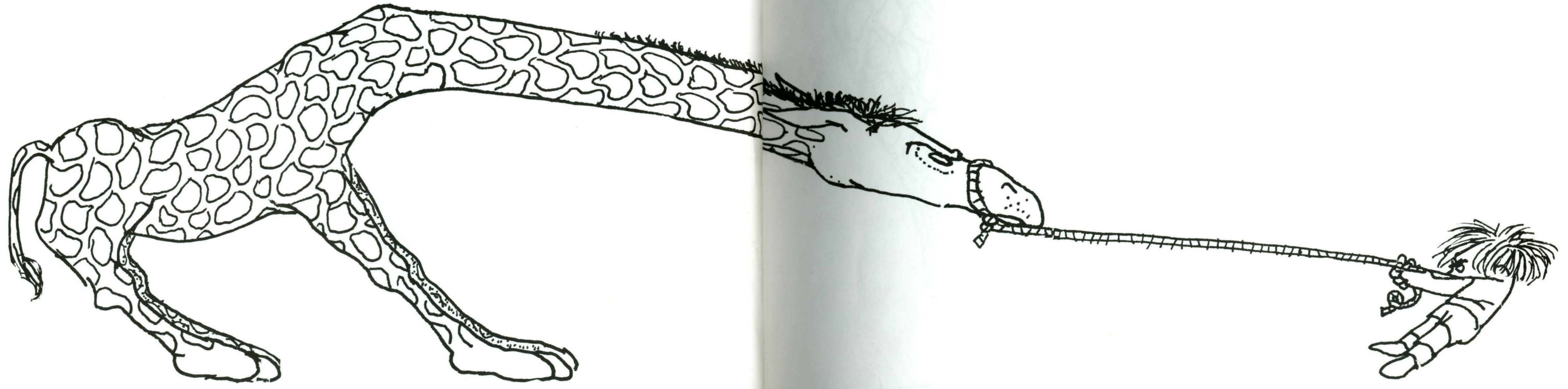
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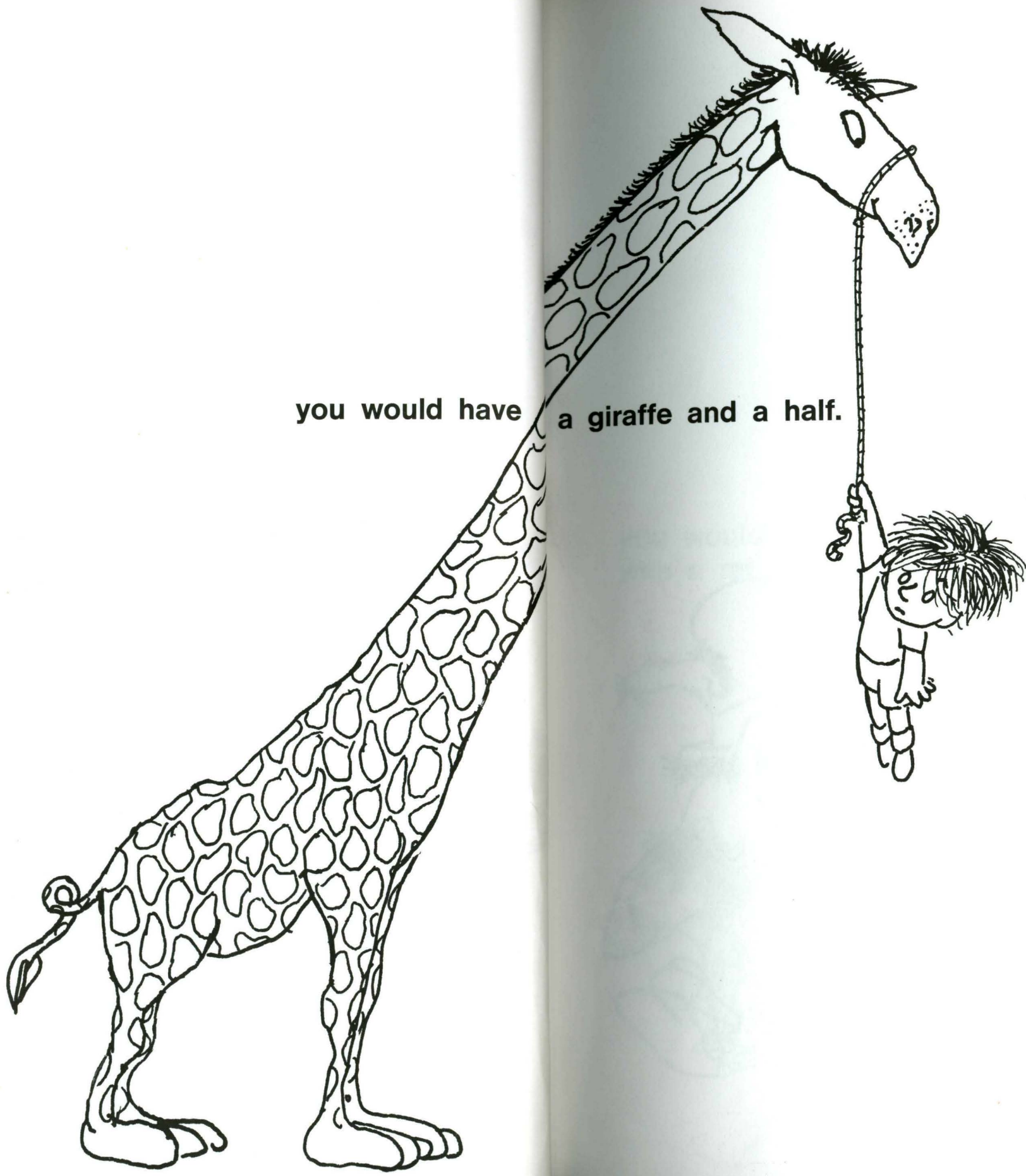
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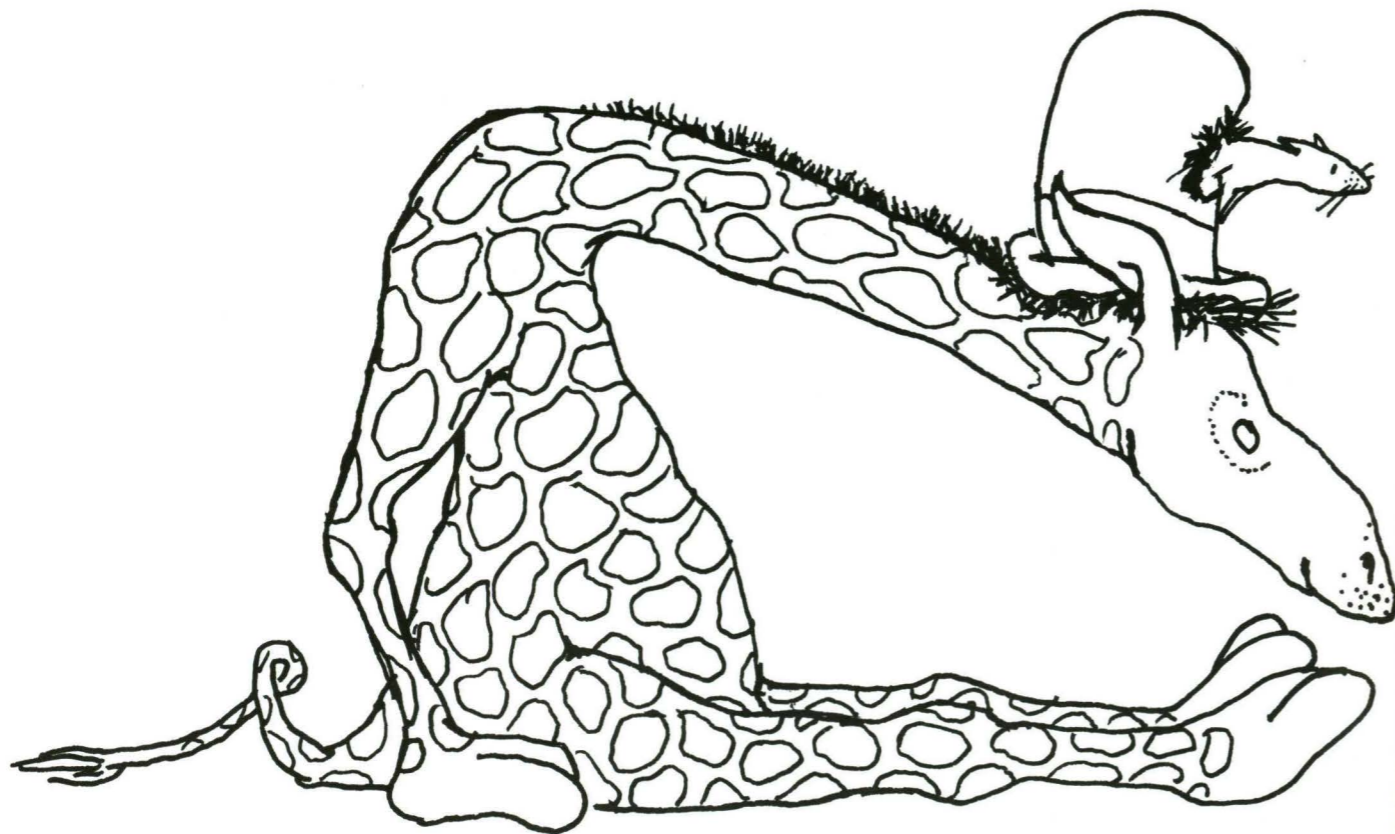


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you would have a giraffe and a half.

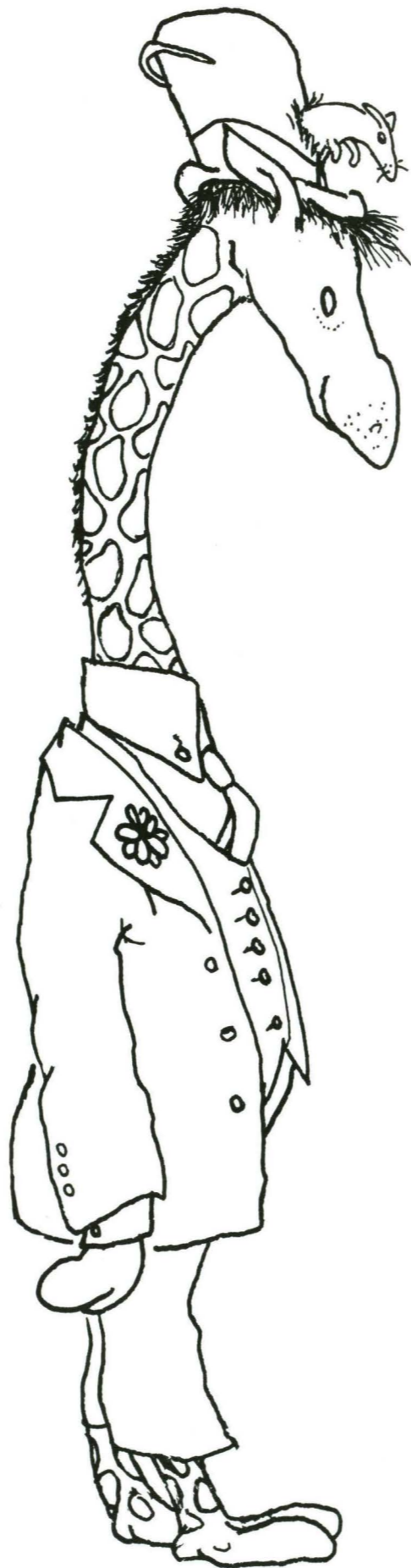
**If he put on a hat
and inside lived a rat...**



**you would have a giraffe and a half
with a rat in his hat.**



**If you dressed him in a suit
and he looked very cute...**

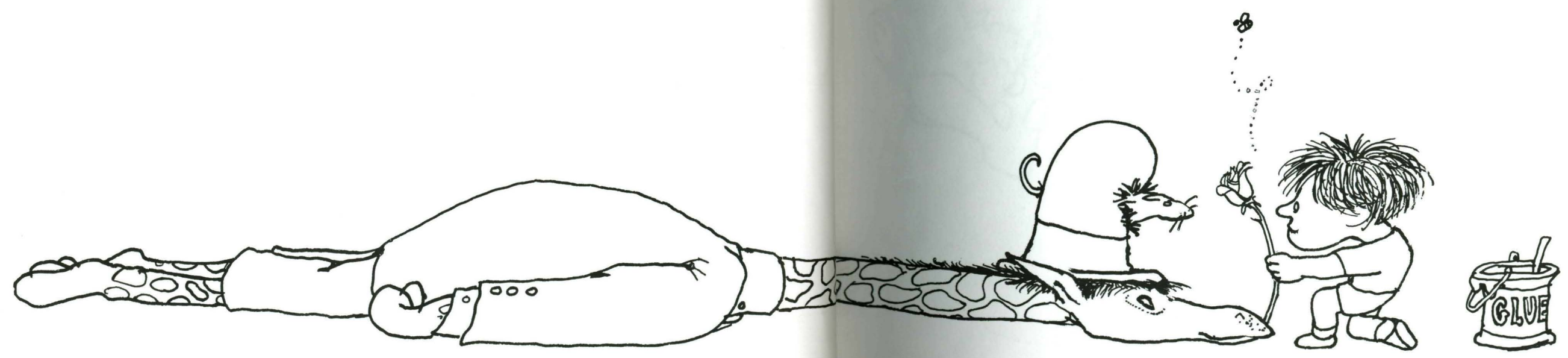


**you would have a giraffe and a half
with a rat in his hat
looking cute in a suit.**

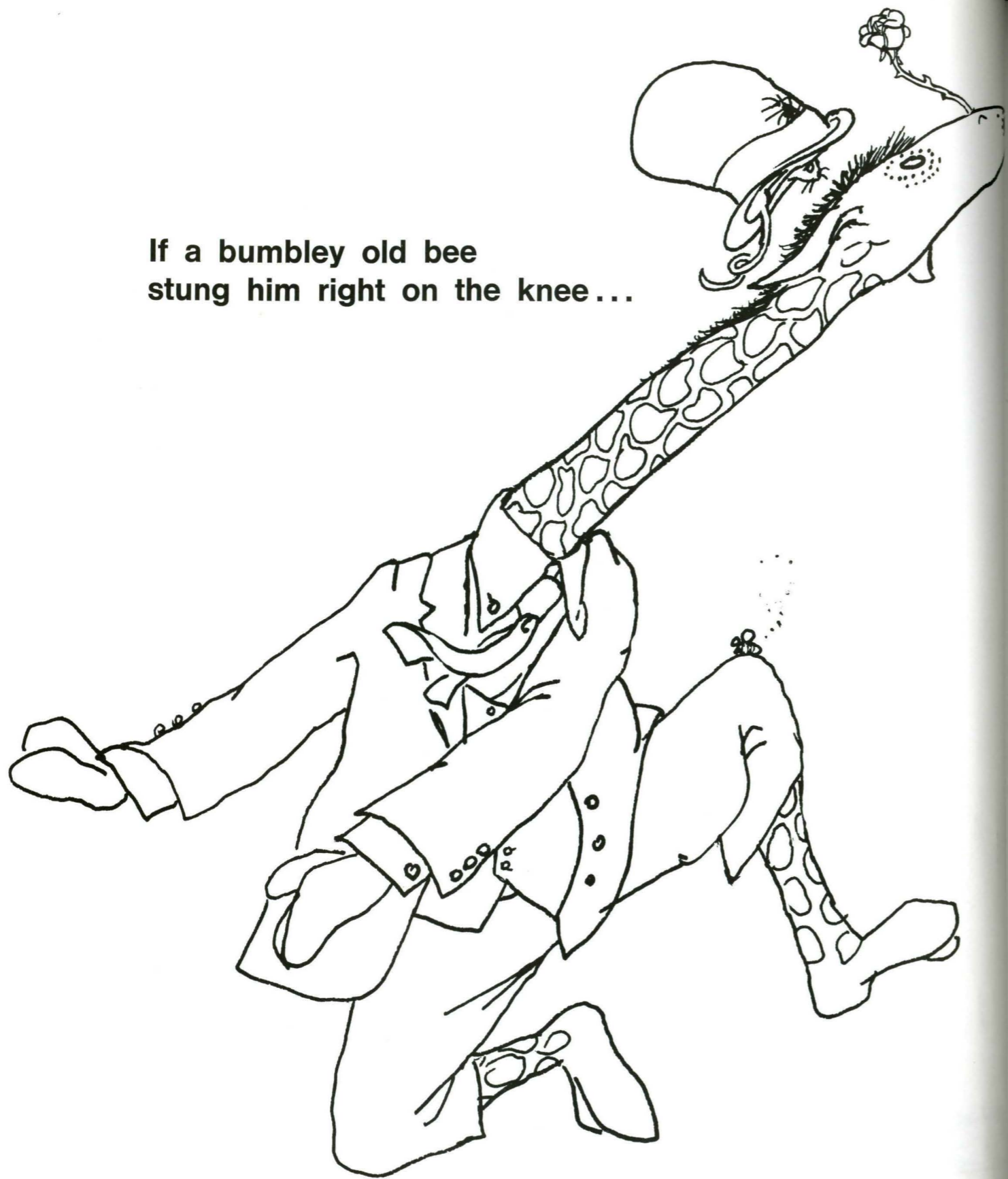


**If you glued a rose
to the tip of his nose...**

**you would have a giraffe and a half
with a rat in his hat
looking cute in a suit
with a rose on his nose.**



If a bumbley old bee
stung him right on the knee...



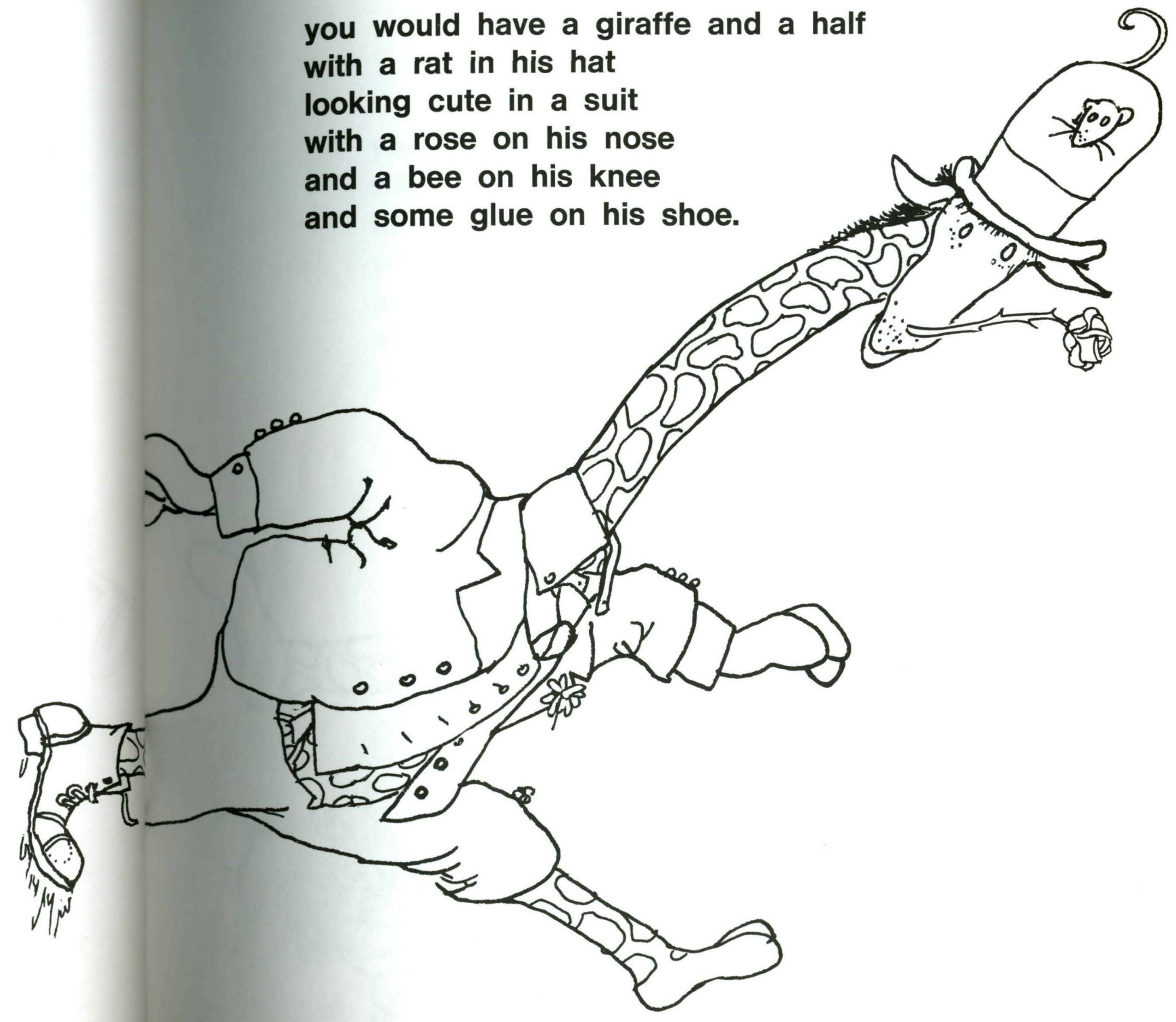
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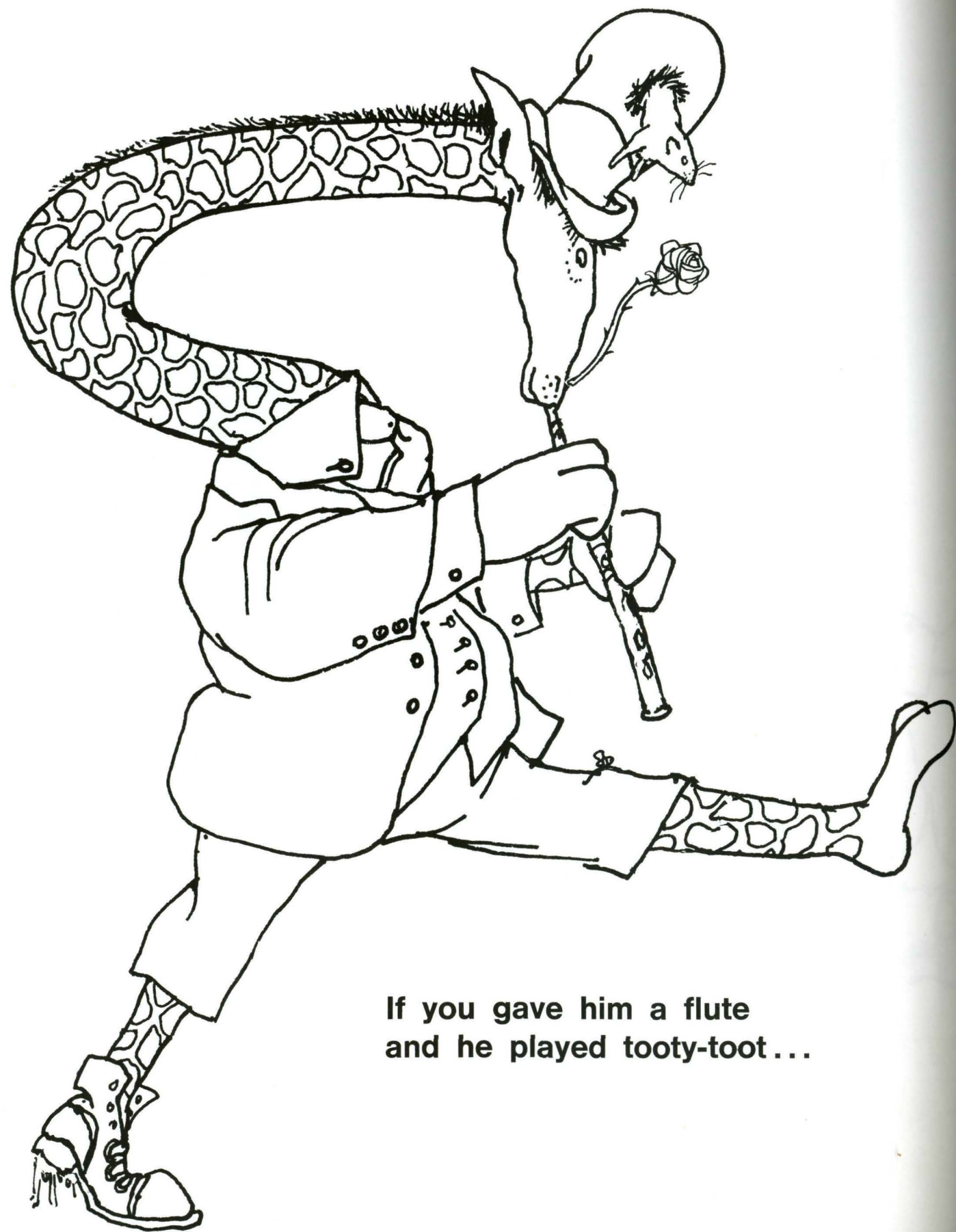


If he put on a shoe
and then stepped in some glue...



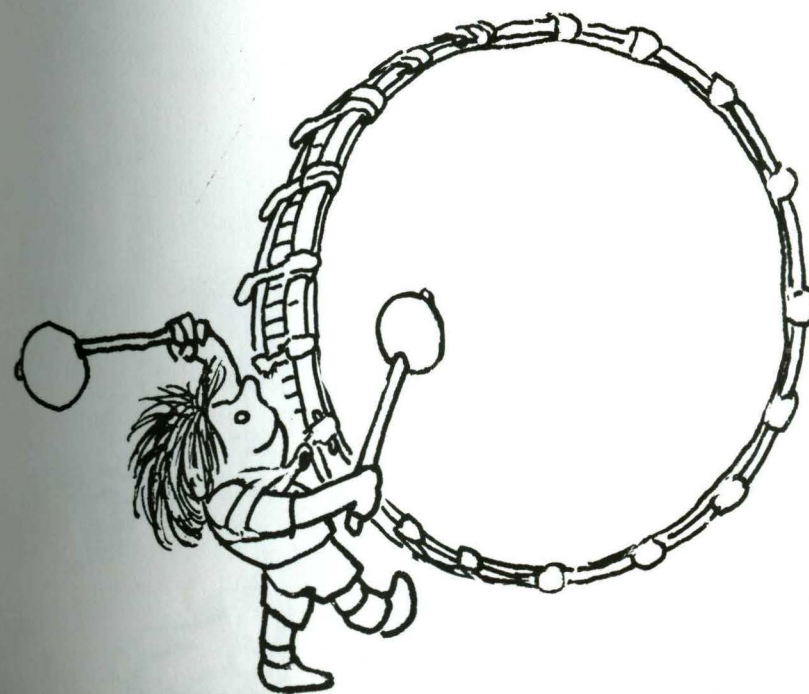
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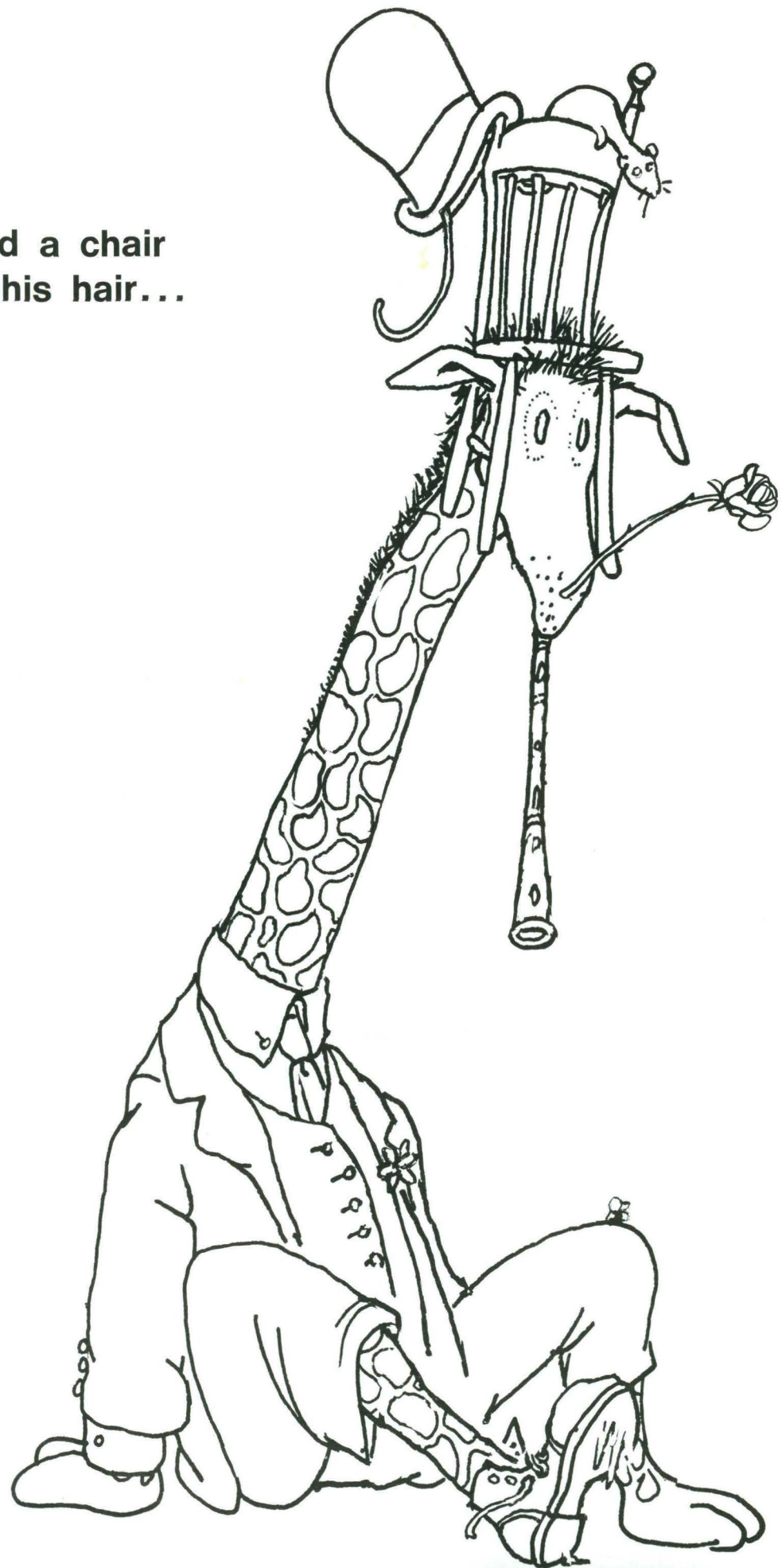


If you gave him a flute
and he played tooty-toot...

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with a rat in his hat
looking cute in a suit
with a rose on his nose
and a bee on his knee
and some glue on his shoe
playing toot on a flute.



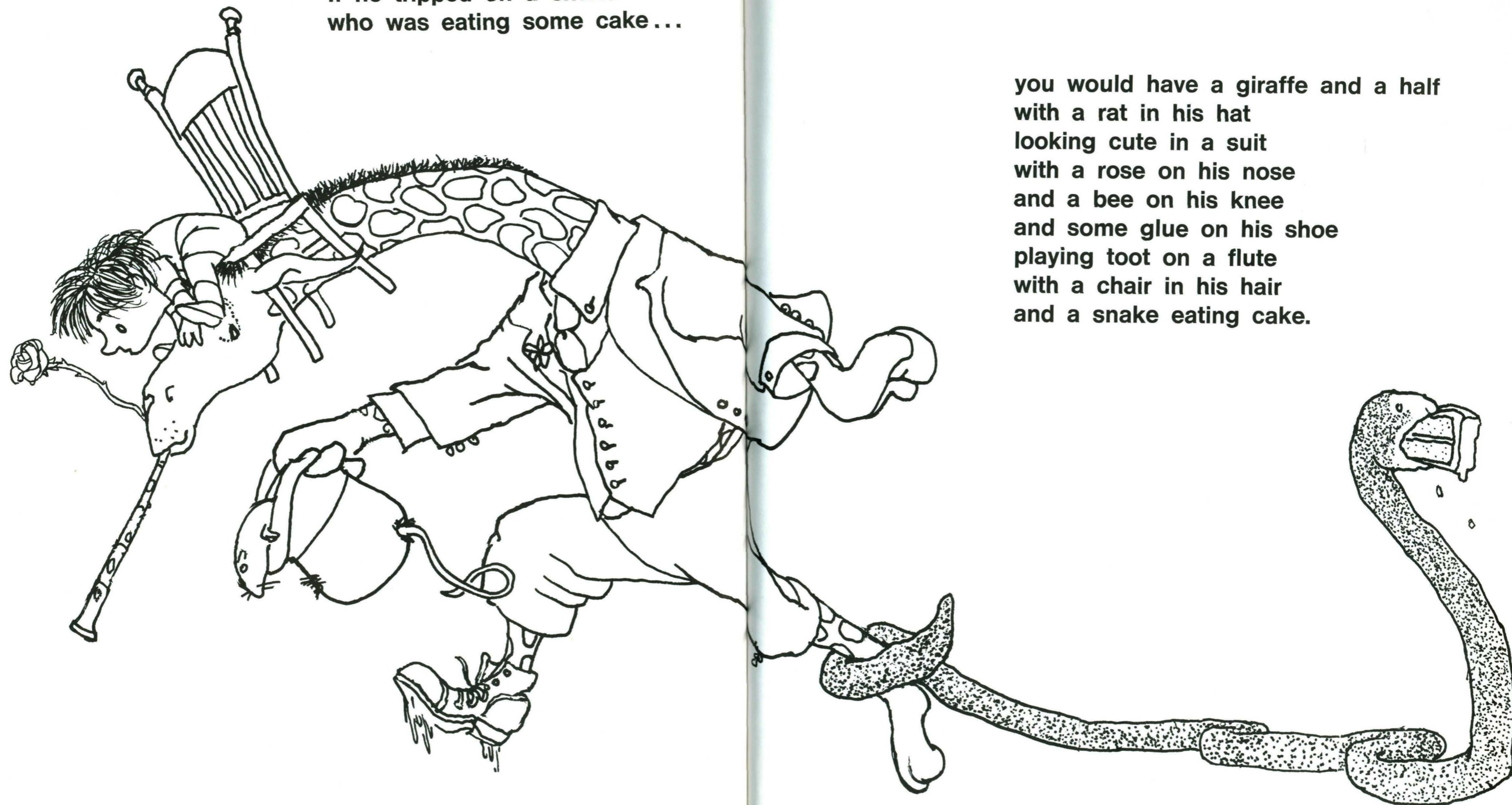
If he used a chair
to comb his hair...



you would have a giraffe and a half
with a rat in his hat
looking cute in a suit
with a rose on his nose
and a bee on his knee
and some glue on his shoe
playing toot on a flute
with a chair in his hair.

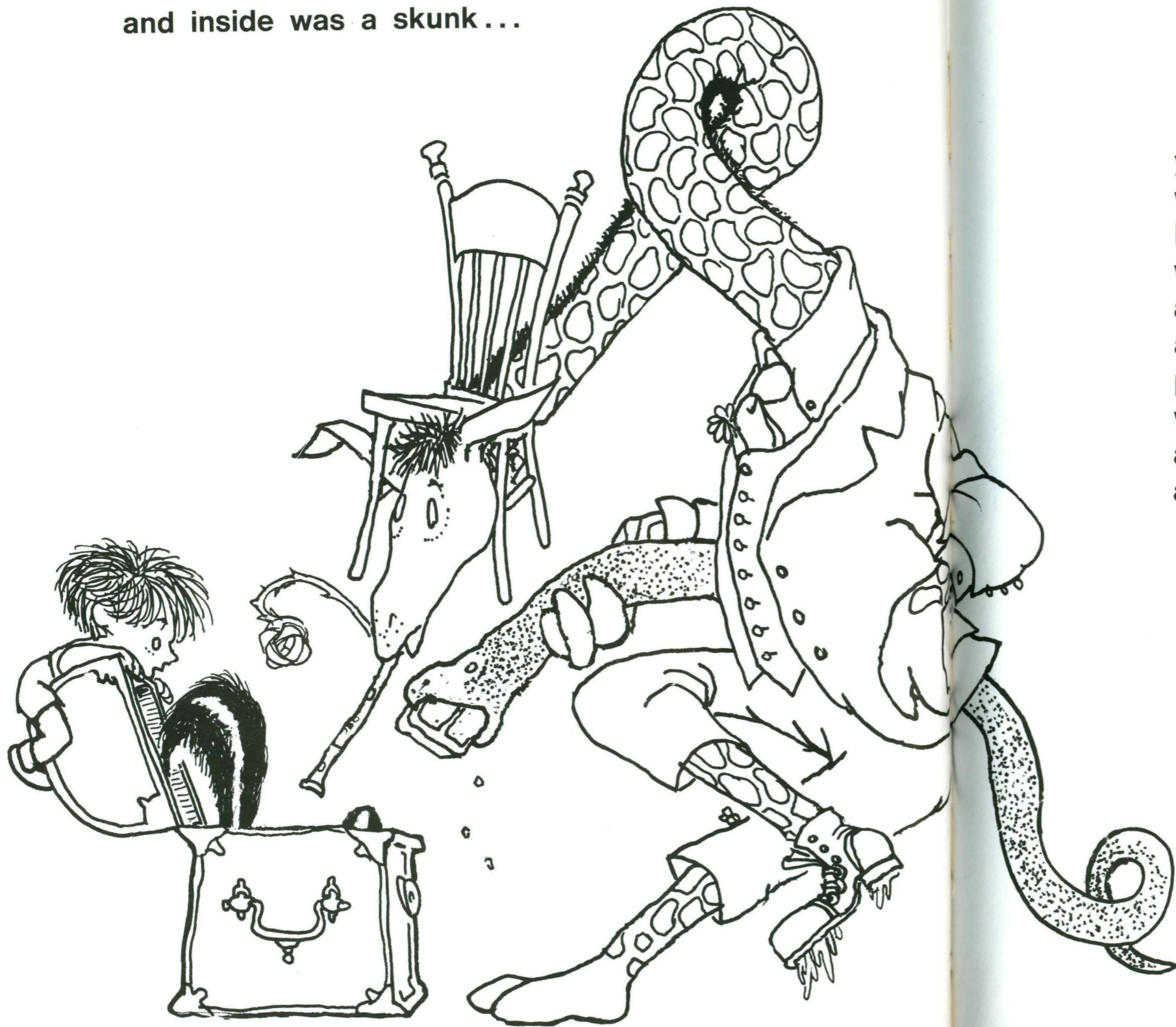


If he tripped on a snake
who was eating some cake...

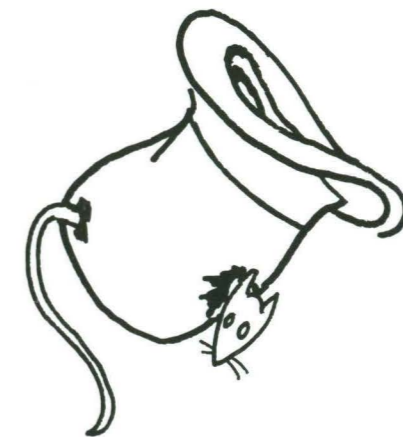


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and a snake eating cake.

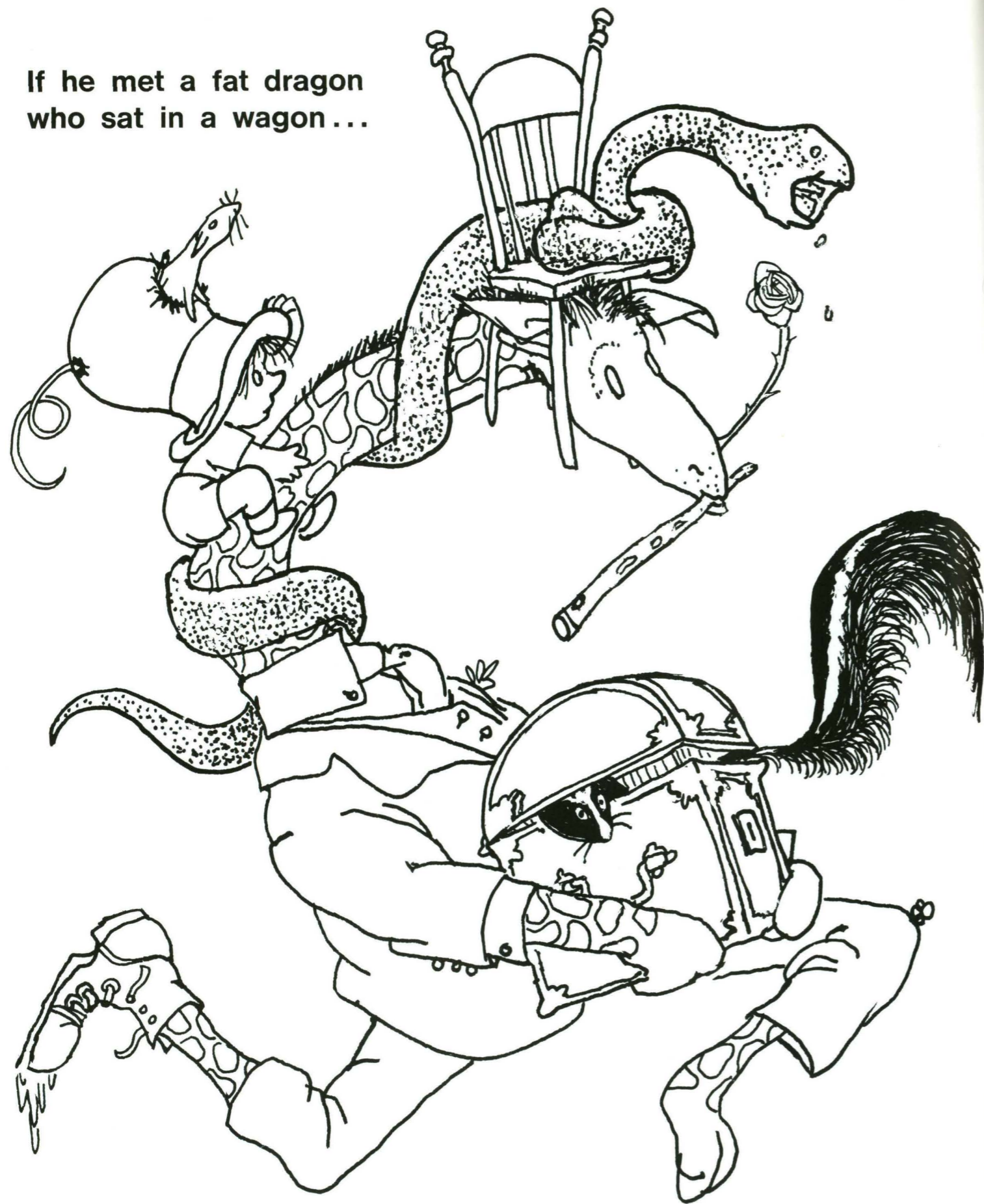
If he found an old trunk
and inside was a skunk...



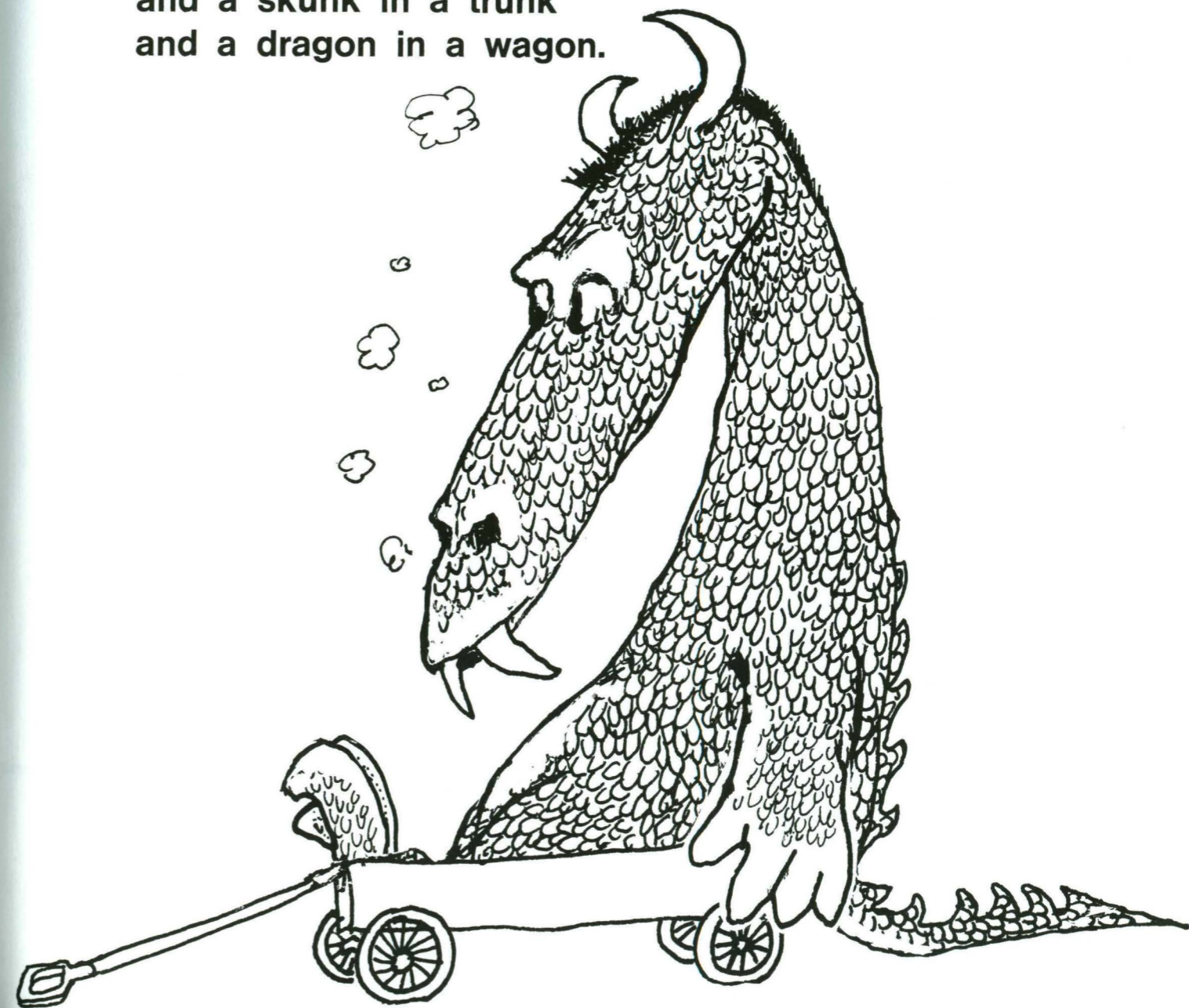
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with a chair in his hair
and a snake eating cake
and a skunk in a trunk.



If he met a fat dragon
who sat in a wagon...

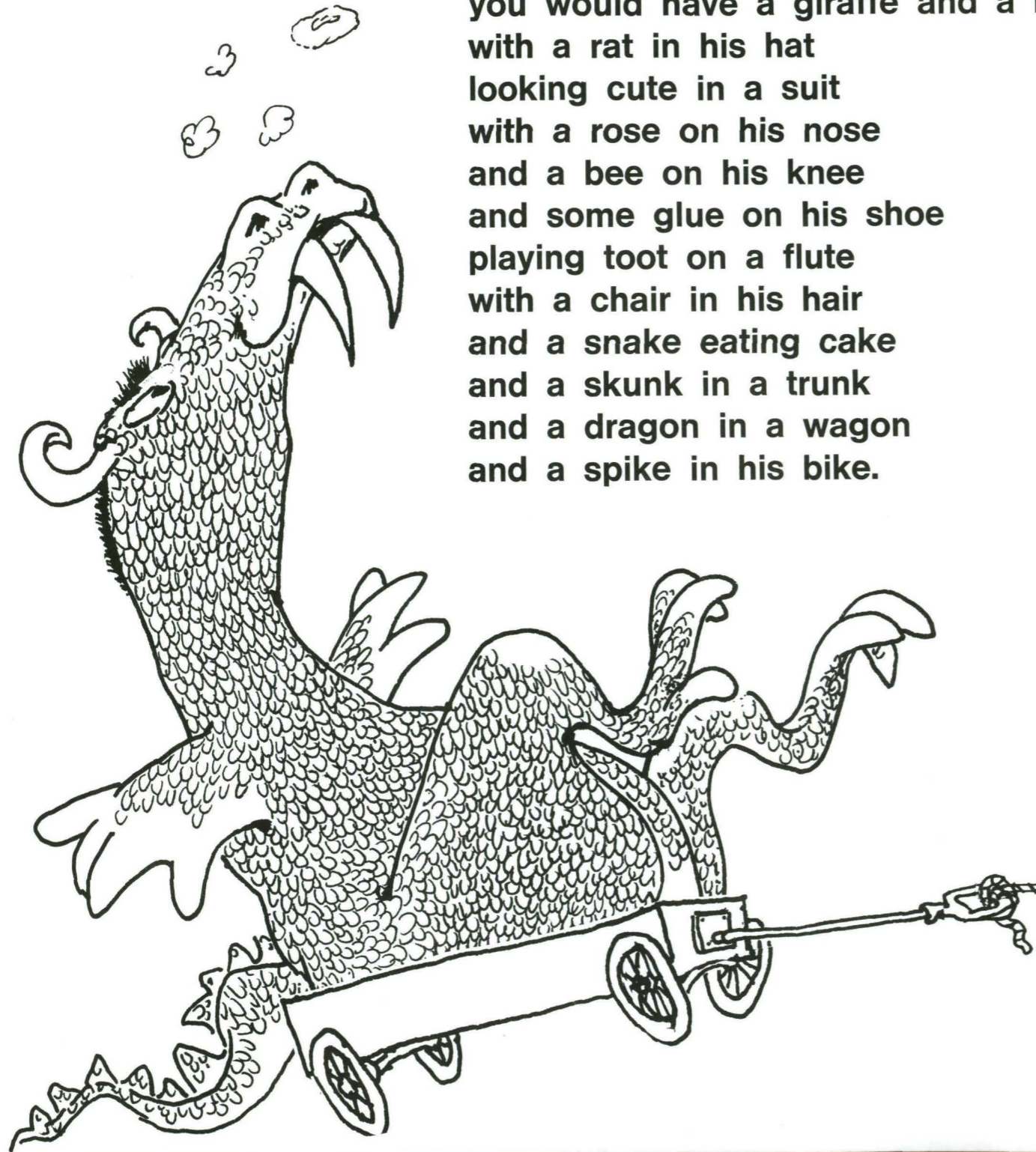


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and a dragon in a wagon.



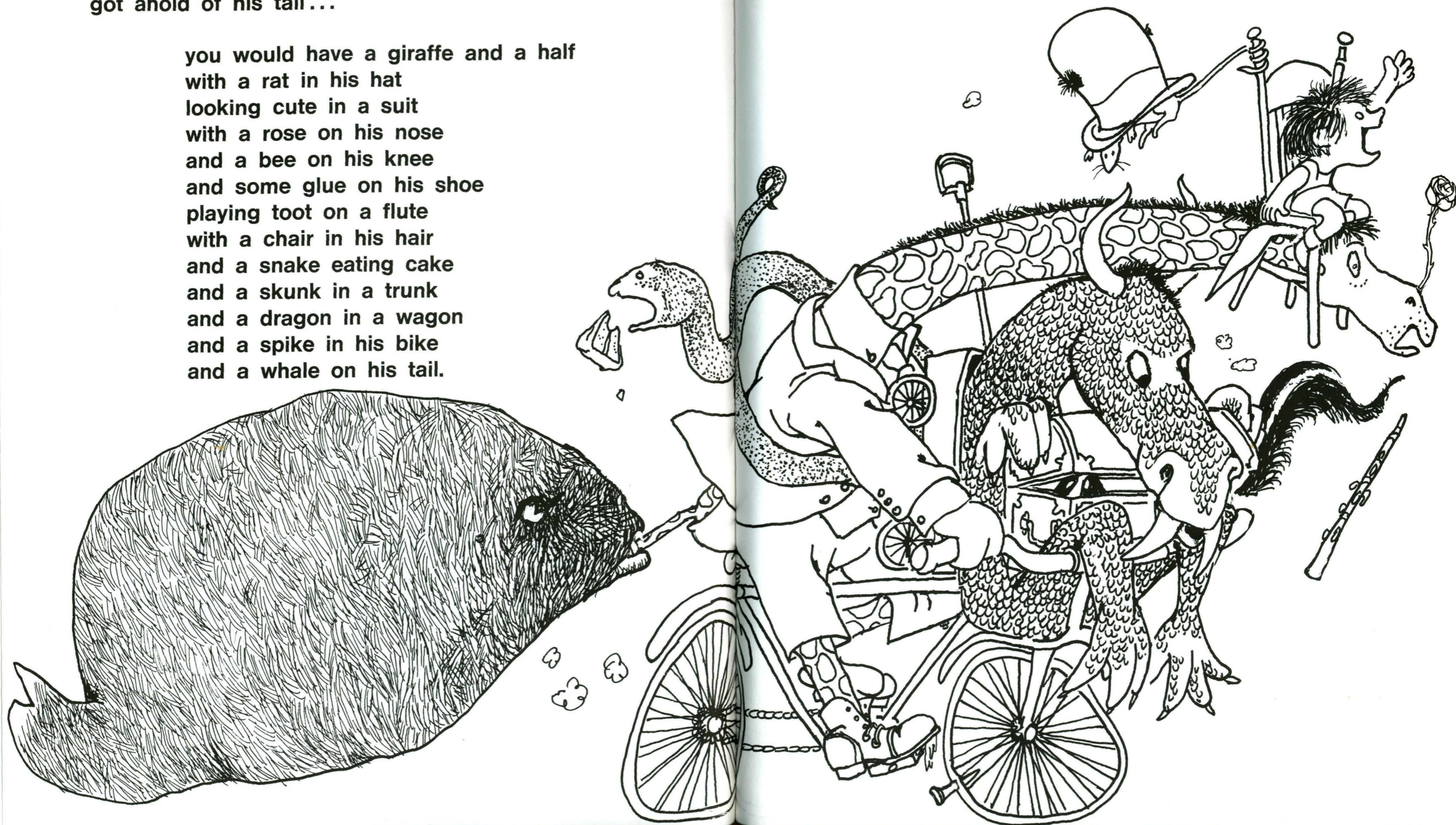
If he jumped on a bike
and rode over a spike...

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and some glue on his shoe
playing toot on a flute
with a chair in his hair
and a snake eating cake
and a skunk in a trunk
and a dragon in a wagon
and a spike in his bike.



If a blubbery whale
got ahold of his tail...

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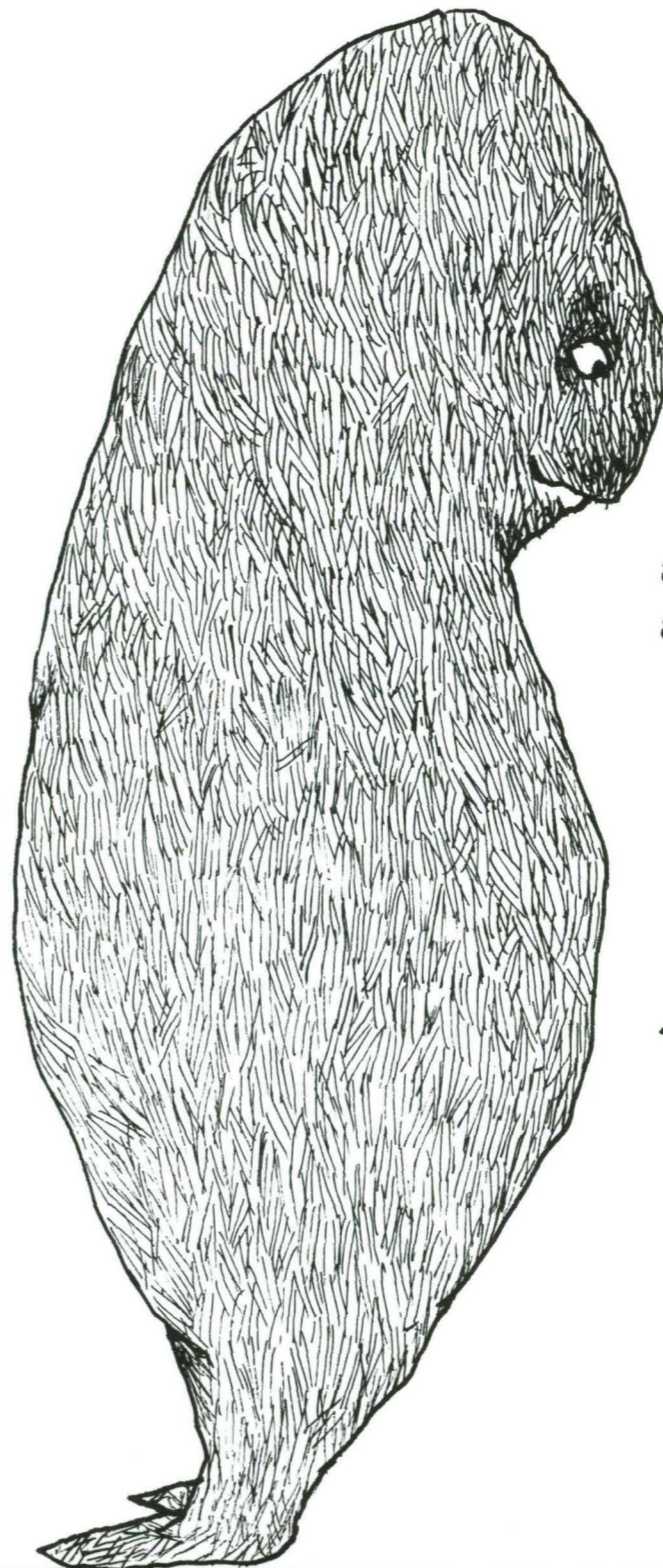


**If he fell in a hole
that was dug by a mole...**



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with a rose on his nose
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and some glue on his shoe
playing toot on a flute
with a chair in his hair
and a snake eating cake
and a skunk in a trunk
and a dragon in a wagon
and a spike in his bike
and a whale on his tail
in a hole with a mole.**

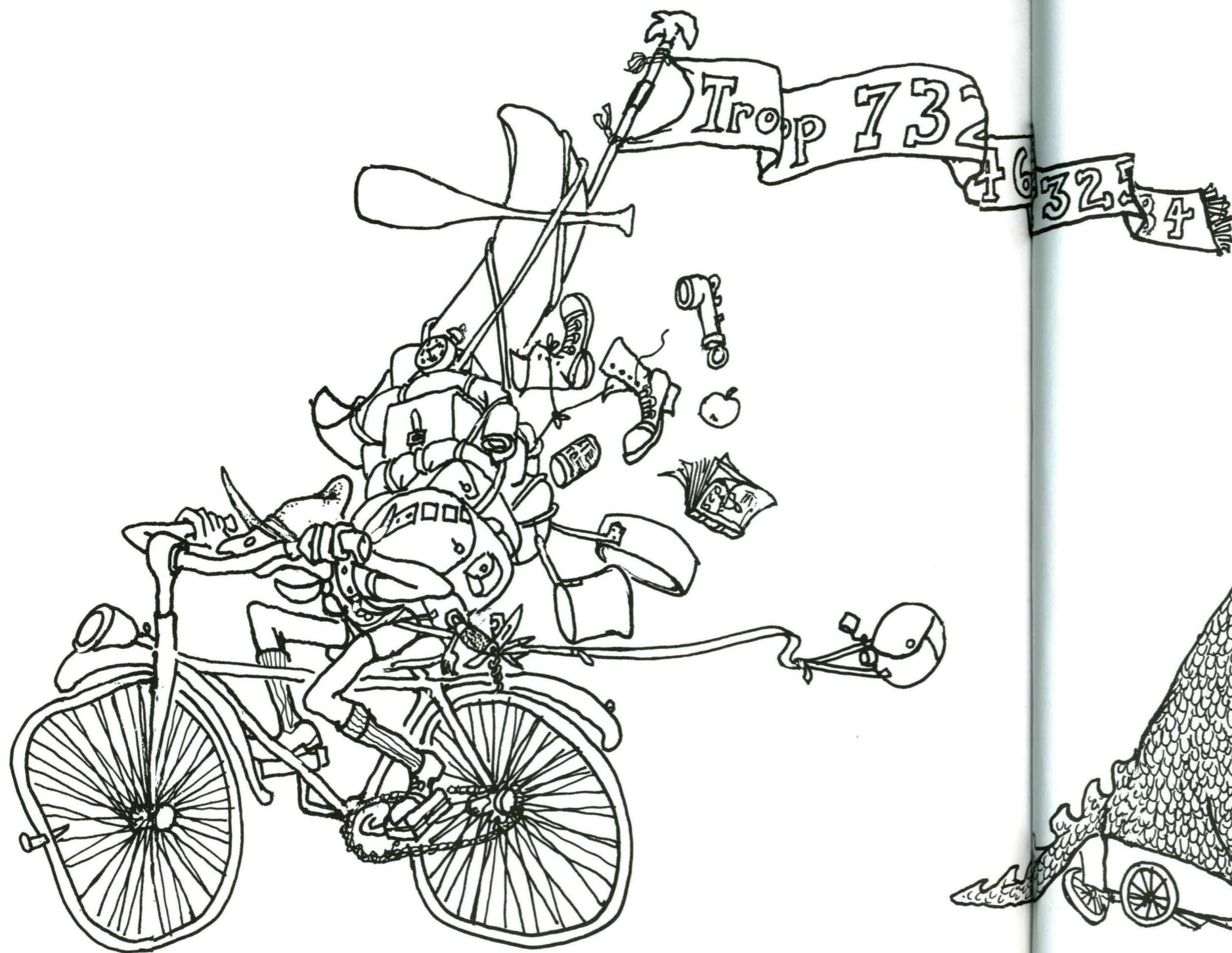
**But... if you brought him a pole
to climb out of the hole...**



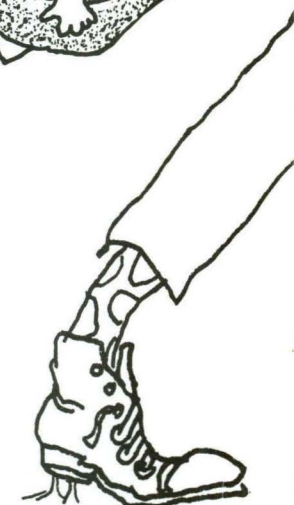
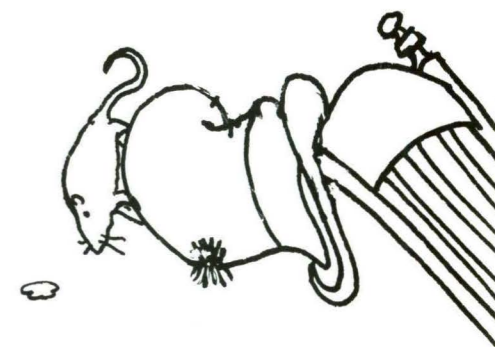
**and the whale left his tail
and went off for the mail...**



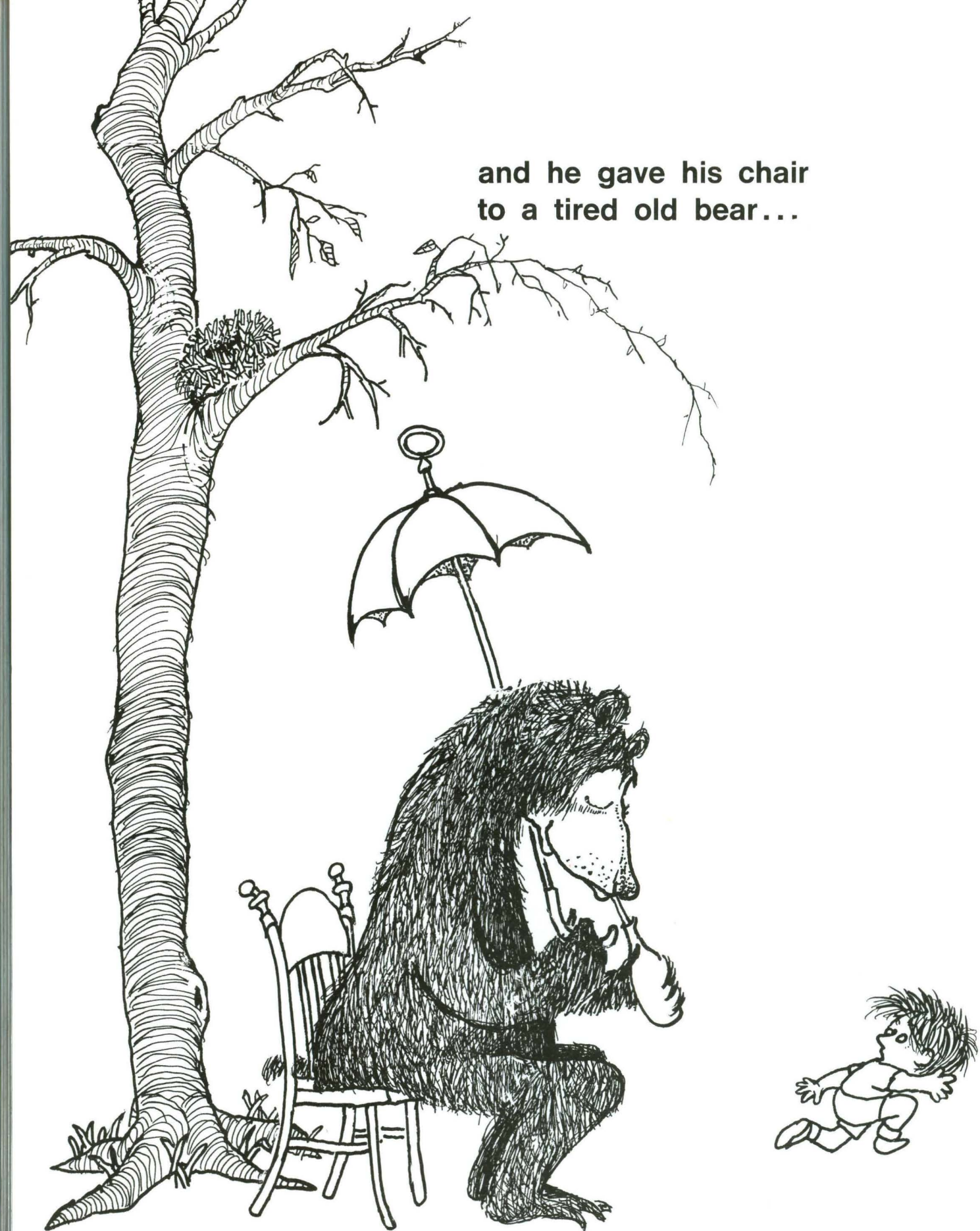
and he gave the spiked bike
to a scout on a hike...



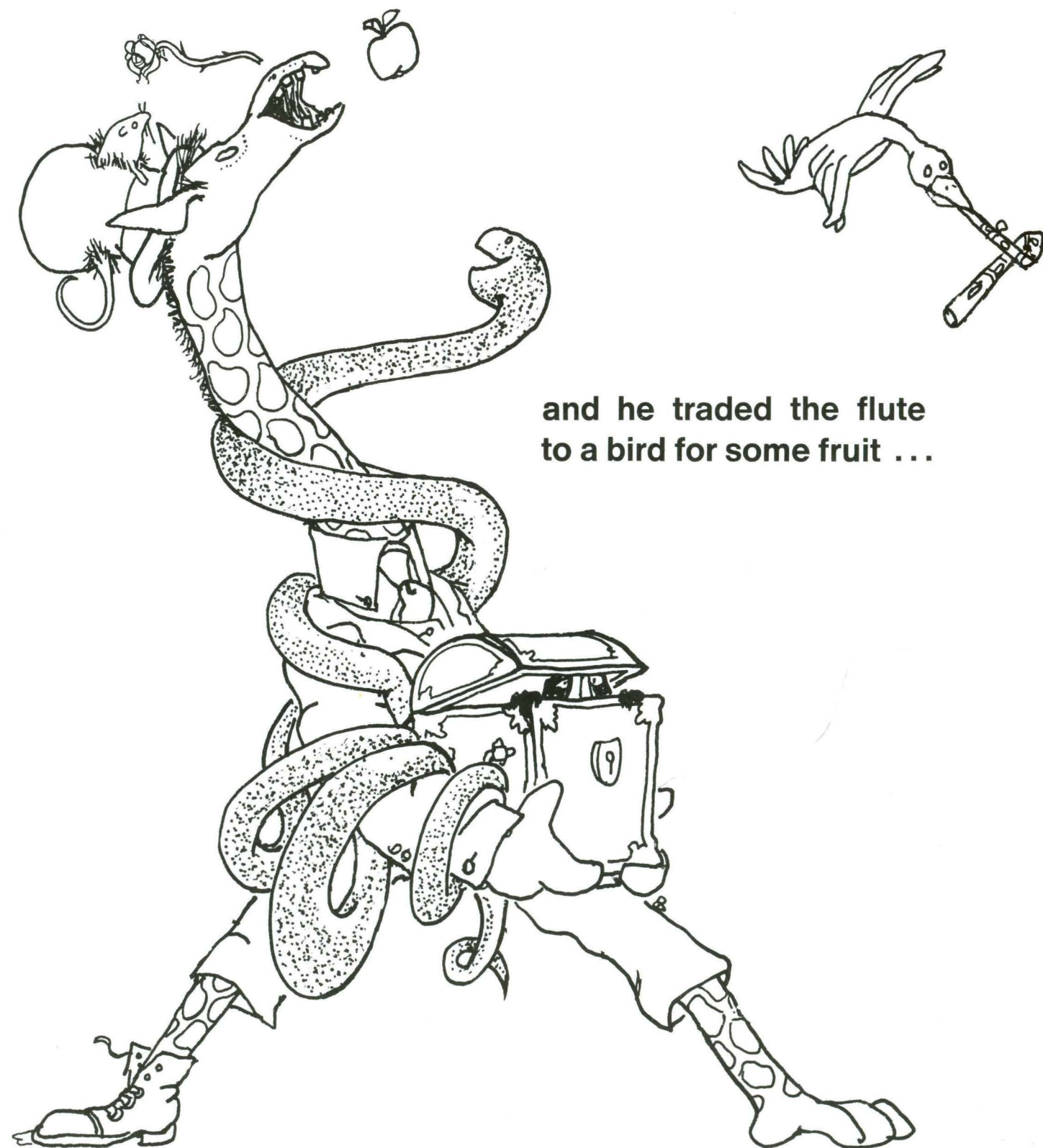
and he left the fat dragon
'cause his wagon was saggin'...



and he gave his chair
to a tired old bear...



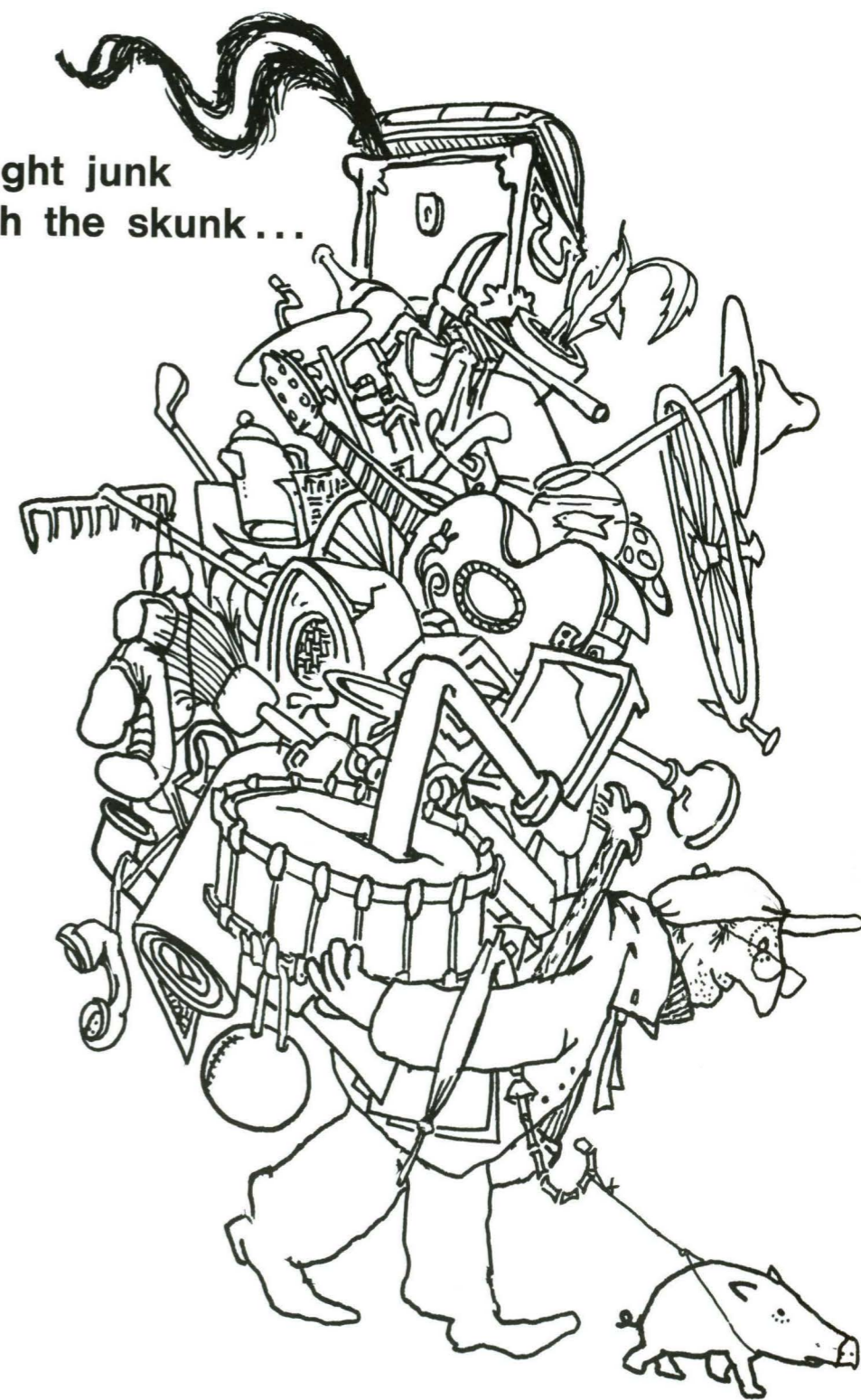
and he traded the flute
to a bird for some fruit ...



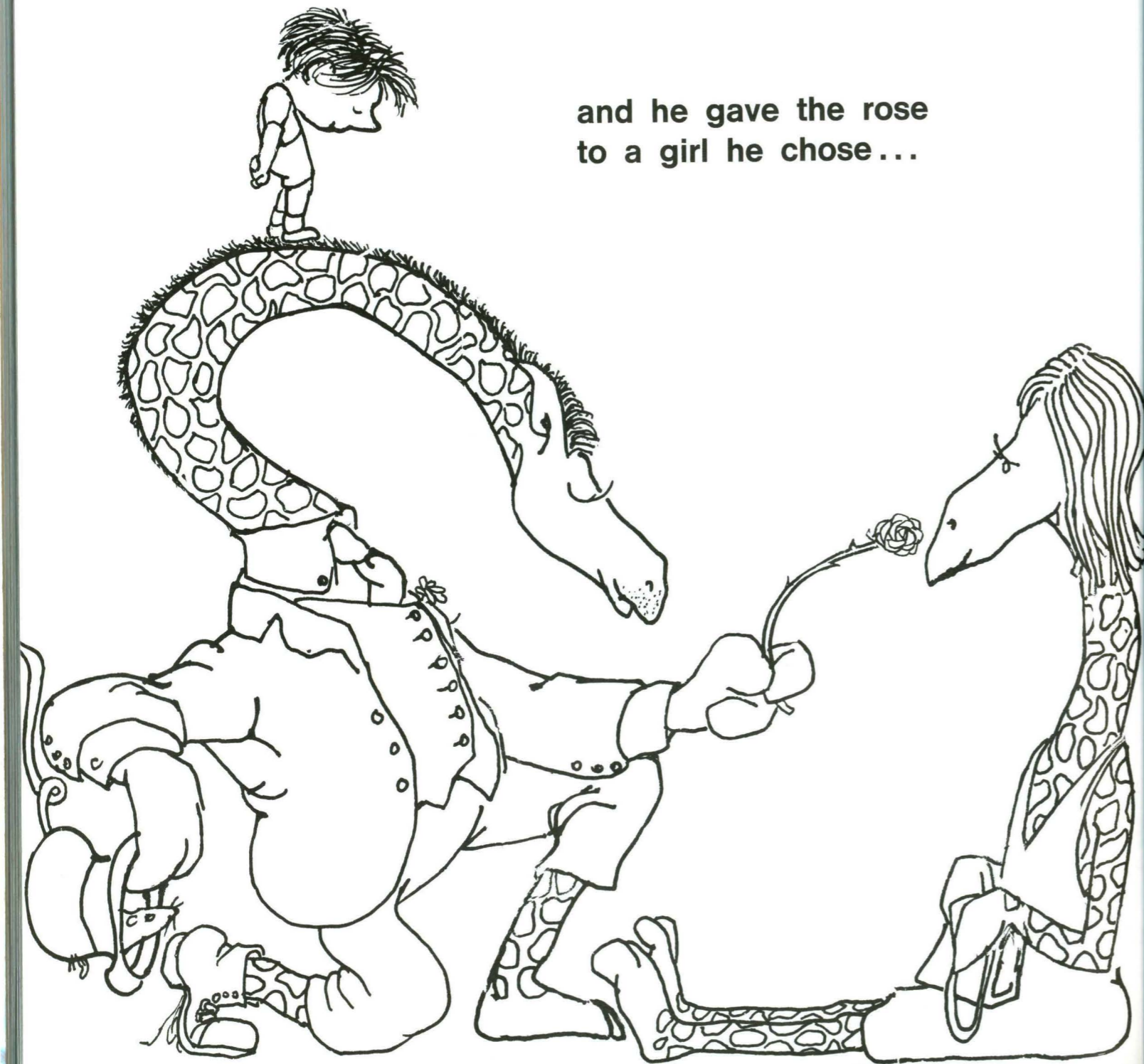
and he told that old snake
to go jump in the lake...



and a man who bought junk
bought the trunk with the skunk...



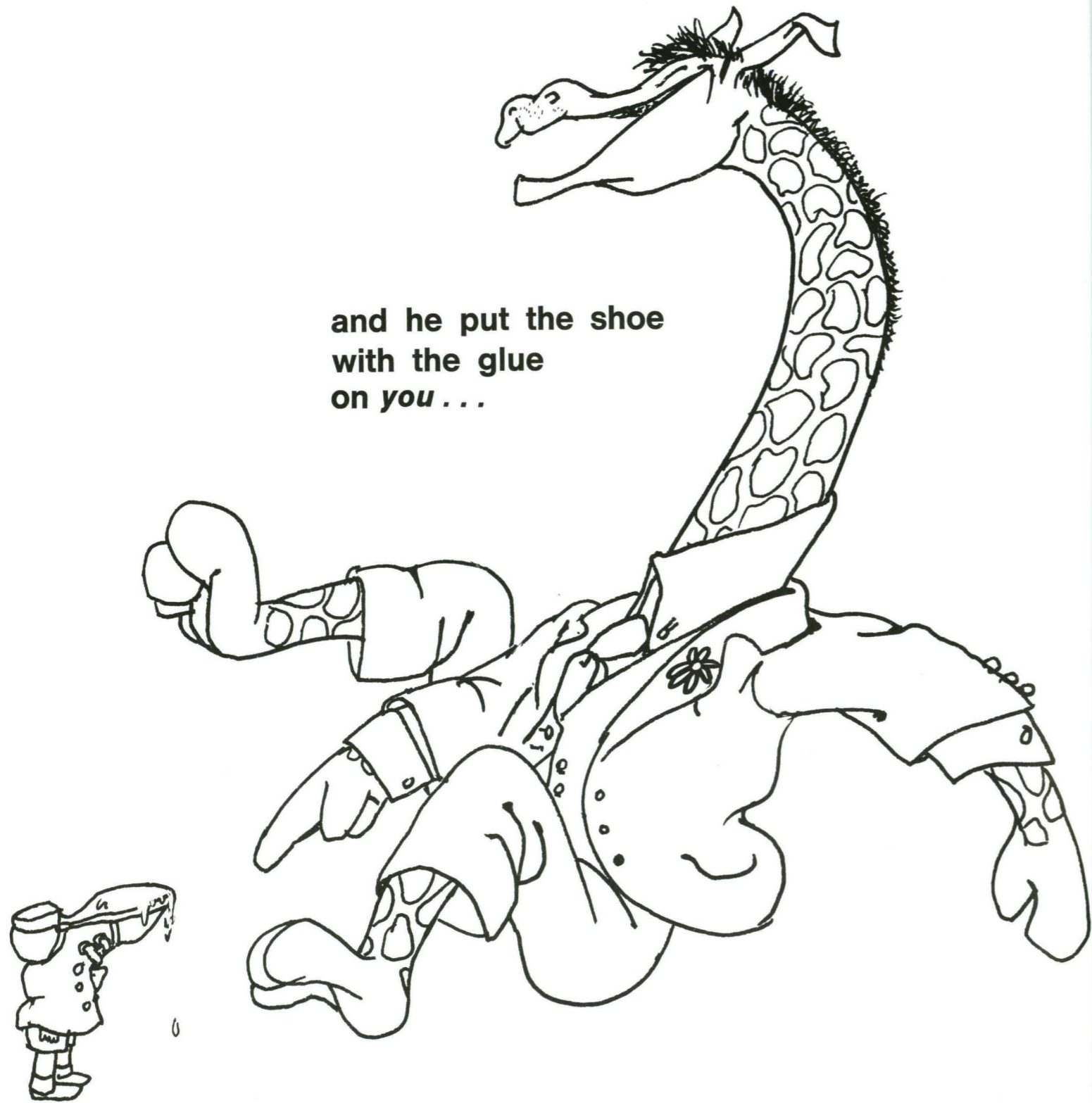
and he gave the rose
to a girl he chose...



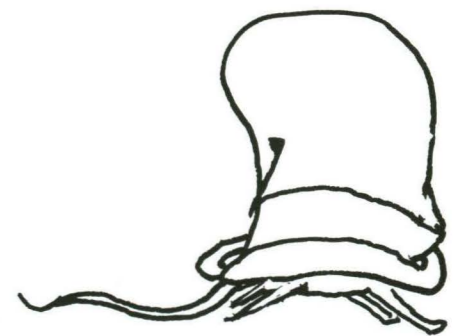
while the bee on his knee
flew away with a flea...



and he put the shoe
with the glue
on *you* . . .



and that silly old rat
ran away with his hat . . .



and he put his suit
in the laundry chute...



and he shrank another half...

you would have a giraffe!

