



THE TRUE STORY OF THE 3 LITTLE PIGS!

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and plunging smoothly down altitude, the American naval seaplane NC-4 completed her transatlantic journey at 2:24 a'clock this afternoon. She gracefully and easily, amid the cheers of hundreds (that had a green slope of the Hoe and the Citadel glaciers, and taxied the British seaplane base at the Catwater.

There she came to rest, and Lieut. Commander Head and his crew went off British flagship Rochester to receive the congratulations and a distinguished company of British military officers. Afterward they were officially welcomed to Hull Mayor and Plymouth at the Barbican, the very spot where Father, 200 years ago, was beheaded. Then they were escorted to the British air force.

The last leg of the NC-4 route was her first stretch. Her descent at the Moundgeoged by merely a small leak in the water jacket of an engine which righted, and she sold the trip from Farol to Plymouth that she was able to make a delivery in order to return home. She was down to within fifty feet when she struck a log which came down to within fifty feet of the surface. She was killed.

My entry into Plymouth, and nothing could sur-
pass her high, steady ^{smooth} comings, for I had no waves of the
in did some very comings all the way, north-east, and
Winds were favorable all the way, north-east, and
in Newfoundland we would do the
An hour

...the south. We said in New York we thought we were
...hours, but we never thought we thought we were
...before we saw land we had no certain idea where we were
...saw every
... .. It was not her ...

...
gathering ...
station, Adm ...
Lamb, Mayor W ...

Admiral Lockhart-Jones...
of chairs was placed very close
stationed midships sailing the
superintends the scene's first
water with easy grace.

President Wilson has all the
moral banner, Naval Chief
Commander Root:

Early in the day there would be no more

The broad waters of
slippery Mount Edgewood
completion of the longest

to catch the first glimpse of



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verybody knows the
story of the Three Little Pigs.
Or at least they think they do.
But I'll let you in on a little secret.
Nobody knows the real story,
because nobody has ever heard
my side of the story.





I'm the wolf. Alexander T. Wolf.
You can call me Al.
I don't know how this whole Big Bad Wolf thing got started,
but it's all wrong.



Maybe it's because of our diet.
Hey, it's not my fault wolves eat cute little animals like bunnies and
sheep and pigs. That's just the way we are. If cheeseburgers were
cute, folks would probably think you were Big and Bad, too.

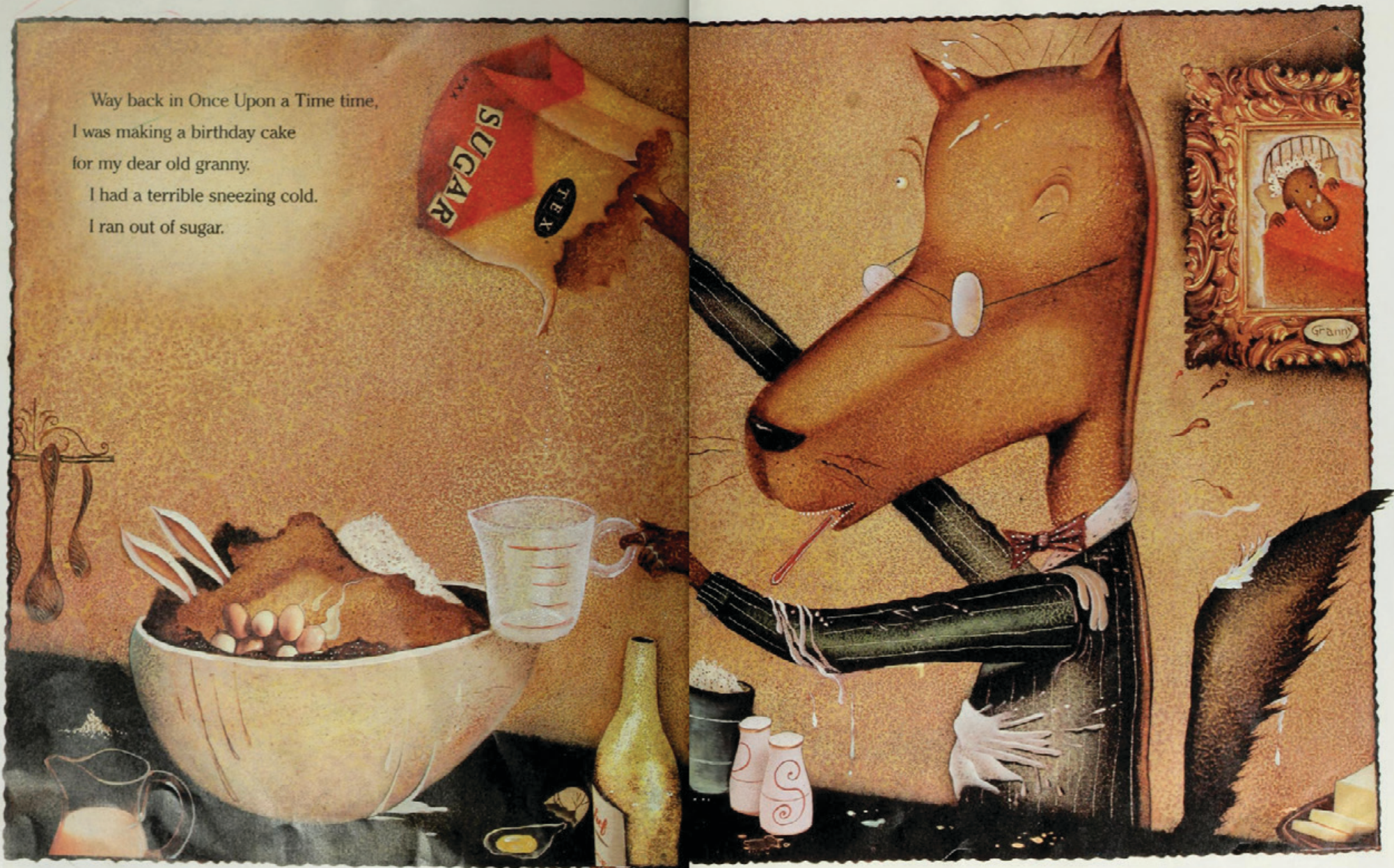


But like I was saying,
the whole Big Bad Wolf thing is all wrong.
The real story is about a sneeze and a cup of sugar.

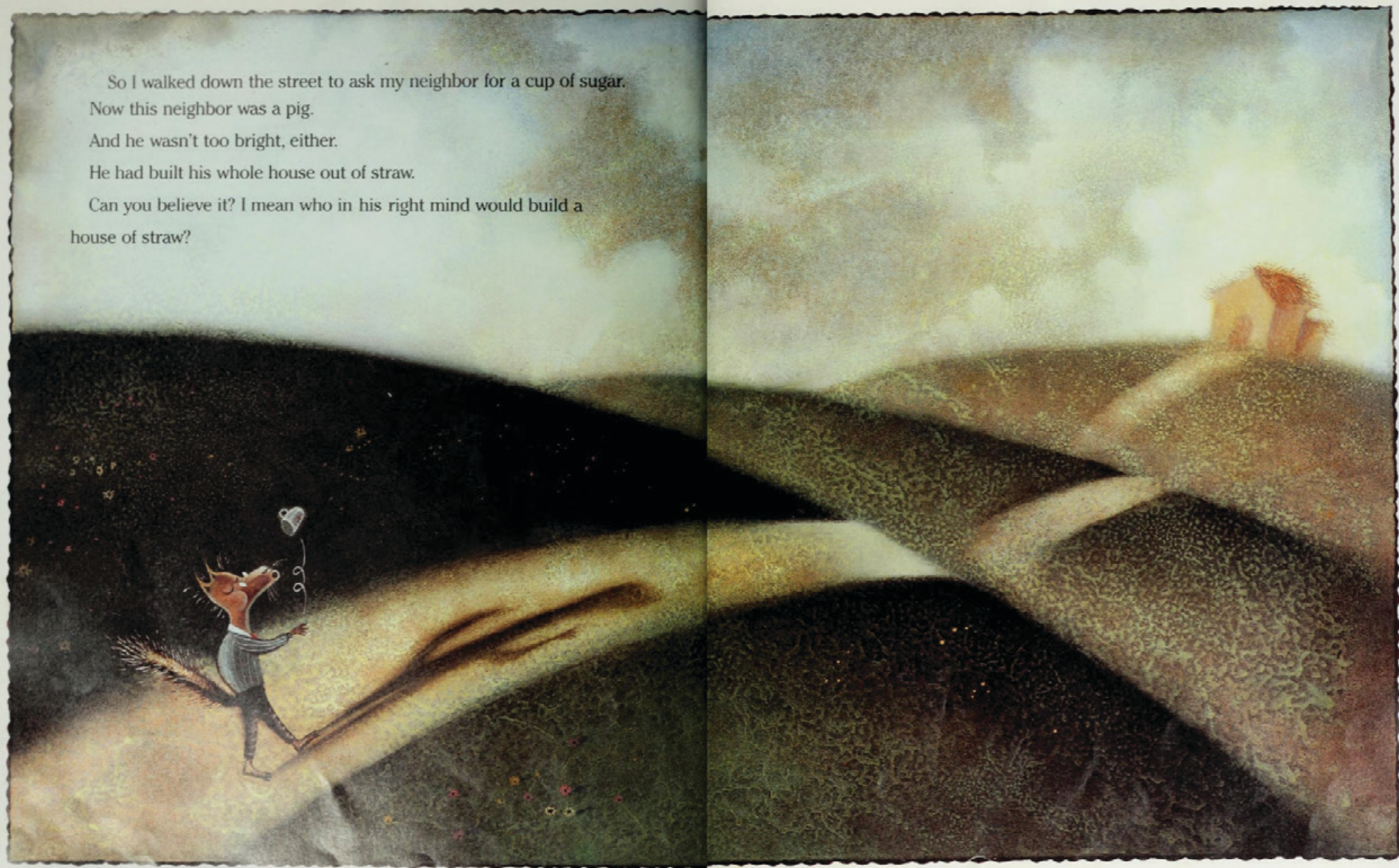
THIS
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THE
REAL
STORY



Way back in Once Upon a Time time,
I was making a birthday cake
for my dear old granny.
I had a terrible sneezing cold.
I ran out of sugar.



So I walked down the street to ask my neighbor for a cup of sugar.
Now this neighbor was a pig.
And he wasn't too bright, either.
He had built his whole house out of straw.
Can you believe it? I mean who in his right mind would build a
house of straw?



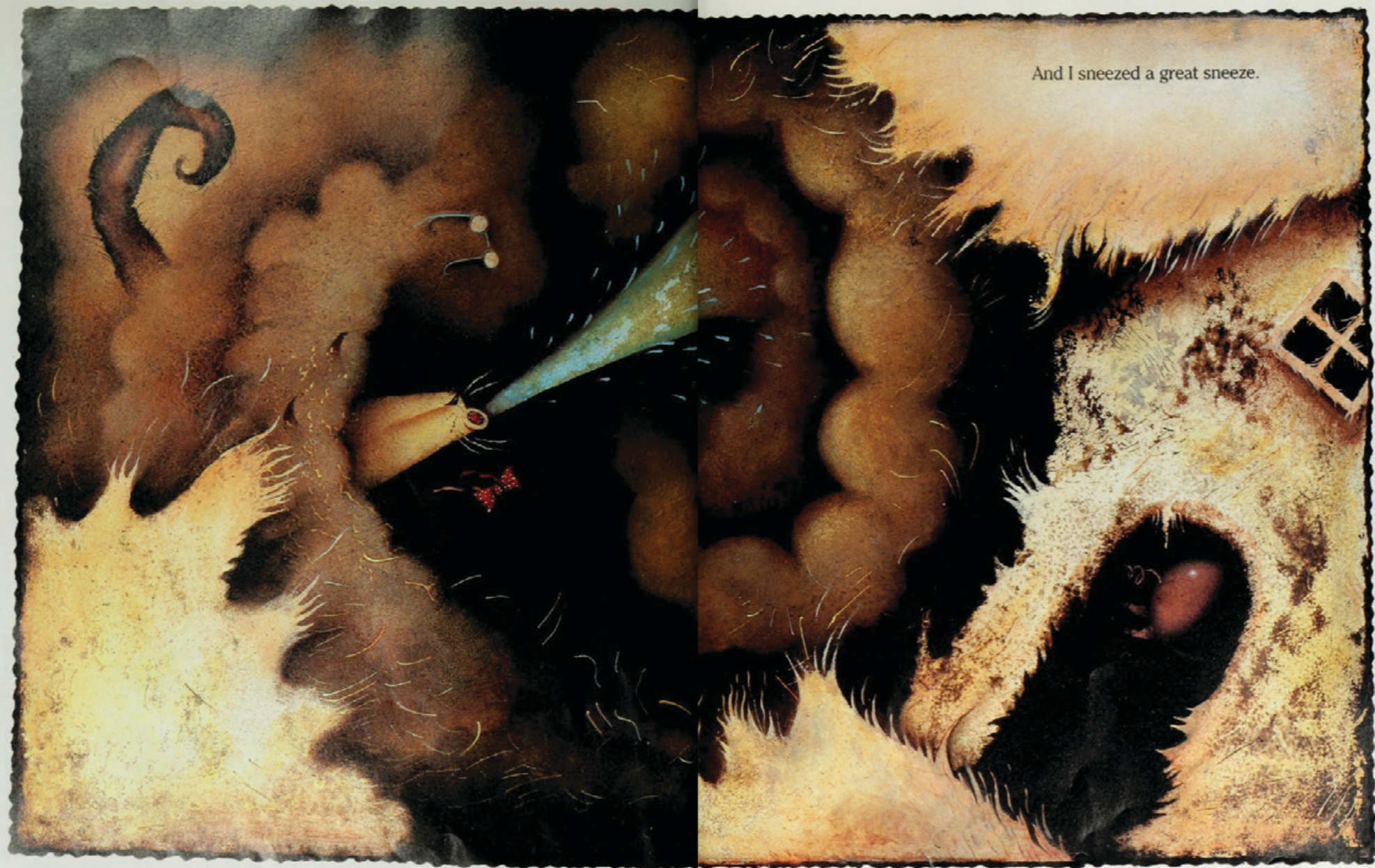


So of course the minute I knocked on the door, it fell right in. I didn't want to just walk into someone else's house. So I called, "Little Pig, Little Pig, are you in?" No answer.

I was just about to go home without the cup of sugar for my dear old granny's birthday cake.



That's when my nose started to itch.
I felt a sneeze coming on.
Well I huffed.
And I snuffed.

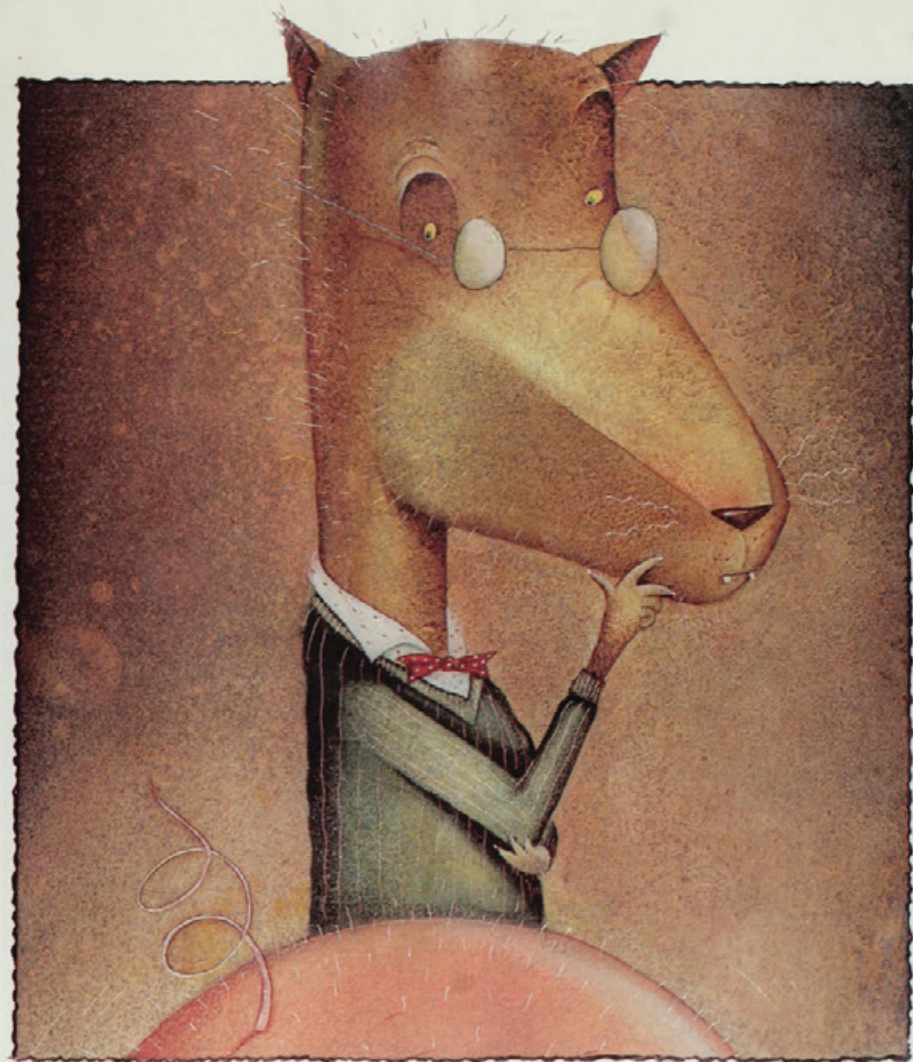


And I sneezed a great sneeze.



And you know what? That whole darn straw house fell down. And right in the middle of the pile of straw was the First Little Pig—dead as a doornail.

He had been home the whole time.



It seemed like a shame to leave a perfectly good ham dinner lying there in the straw. So I ate it up.

Think of it as a big cheeseburger just lying there.



I was feeling a little better. But I still didn't have my cup of sugar.
 So I went to the next neighbor's house.
 This neighbor was the First Little Pig's brother.
 He was a little smarter, but not much.
 He had built his house of sticks.

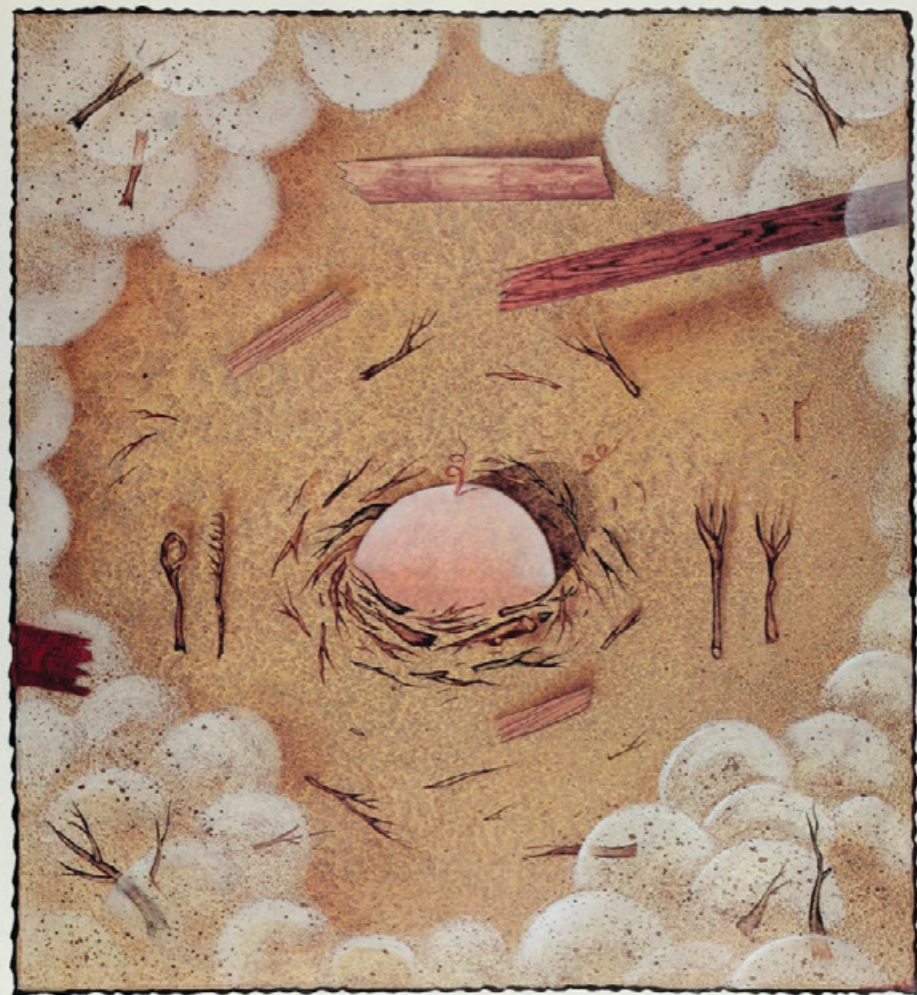


I rang the bell on the stick house.
 Nobody answered.
 I called, "Mr. Pig, Mr. Pig, are you in?"
 He yelled back, "Go away wolf. You can't come in. I'm shaving the
 hairs on my chinny chin chin."



I had just grabbed the doorknob when I felt another sneeze coming on.

I huffed. And I snuffed. And I tried to cover my mouth, but I sneezed a great sneeze.



And you're not going to believe it, but this guy's house fell down just like his brother's.

When the dust cleared, there was the Second Little Pig—dead as a doornail. Wolf's honor.



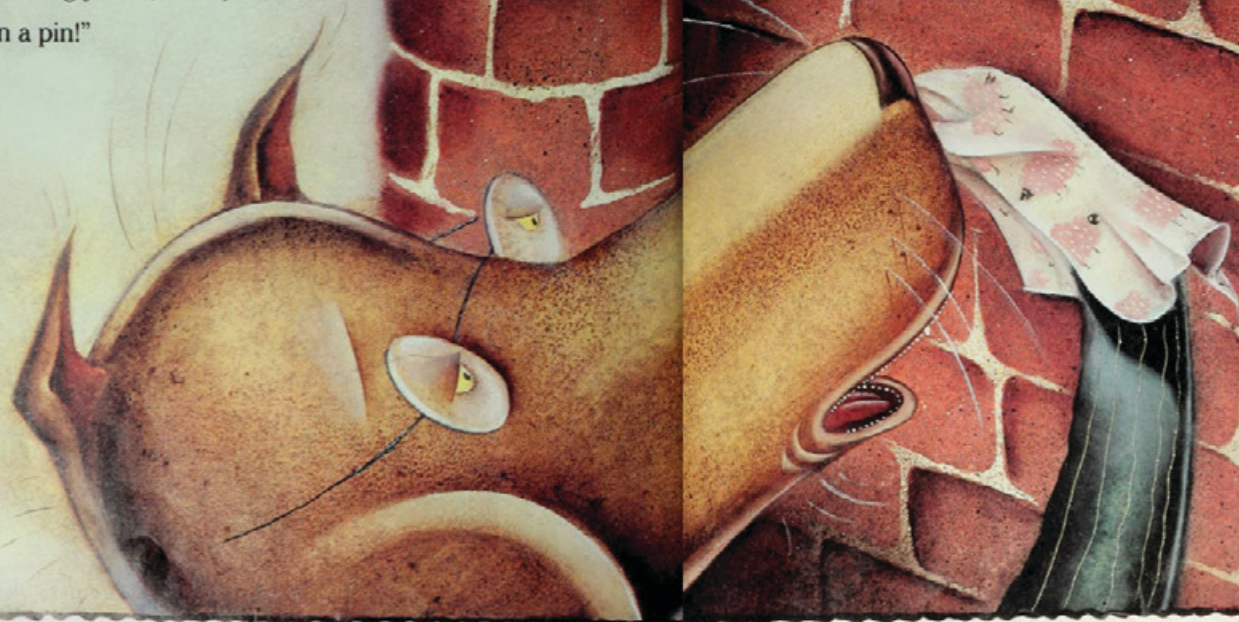


Now you know food will spoil
if you just leave it out in the open.
So I did the only thing there was to do.
I had dinner again.
Think of it as a second helping.
I was getting awfully full.
But my cold was feeling a little better.
And I still didn't have that
cup of sugar for my dear old
granny's birthday cake.
So I went to the next house.
This guy was the
First and Second Little
Pigs' brother.
He must have been
the brains of the family.
He had built his house of bricks.



I knocked on the brick house. No answer.
I called, "Mr. Pig, Mr. Pig, are you in?"
And do you know what that rude little porker answered?
"Get out of here, Wolf. Don't bother me again."

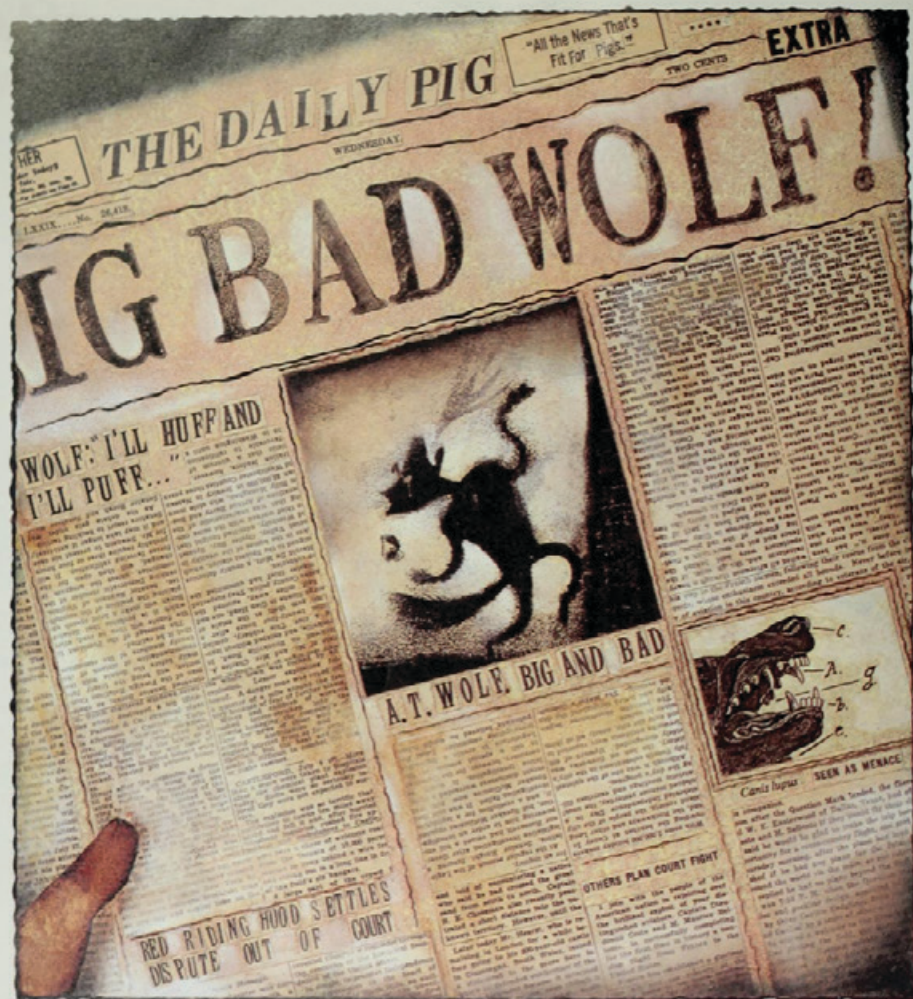
Talk about impolite!
He probably had a whole sackful of sugar.
And he wouldn't give me even one little cup
for my dear sweet old granny's birthday cake.
What a pig!
I was just about to go home and maybe
make a nice birthday card instead of a cake,
when I felt my cold coming on.
I huffed.
And I snuffed.
And I sneezed once again.
Then the Third Little Pig yelled, "And your
old granny can sit on a pin!"



Now I'm usually a pretty calm fellow. But when somebody talks about my granny like that, I go a little crazy.

When the cops drove up, of course I was trying to break down this Pig's door. And the whole time I was huffing and puffing and sneezing and making a real scene.





The rest, as they say, is history.



he news reporters found out about the two pigs I had for dinner. They figured a sick guy going to borrow a cup of sugar didn't sound very exciting. So they jazzed up the story with all of that "Huff and puff and blow your house down." And they made me the Big Bad Wolf.



That's it.
The real story. I was framed.



But maybe you could loan me a cup of sugar.

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