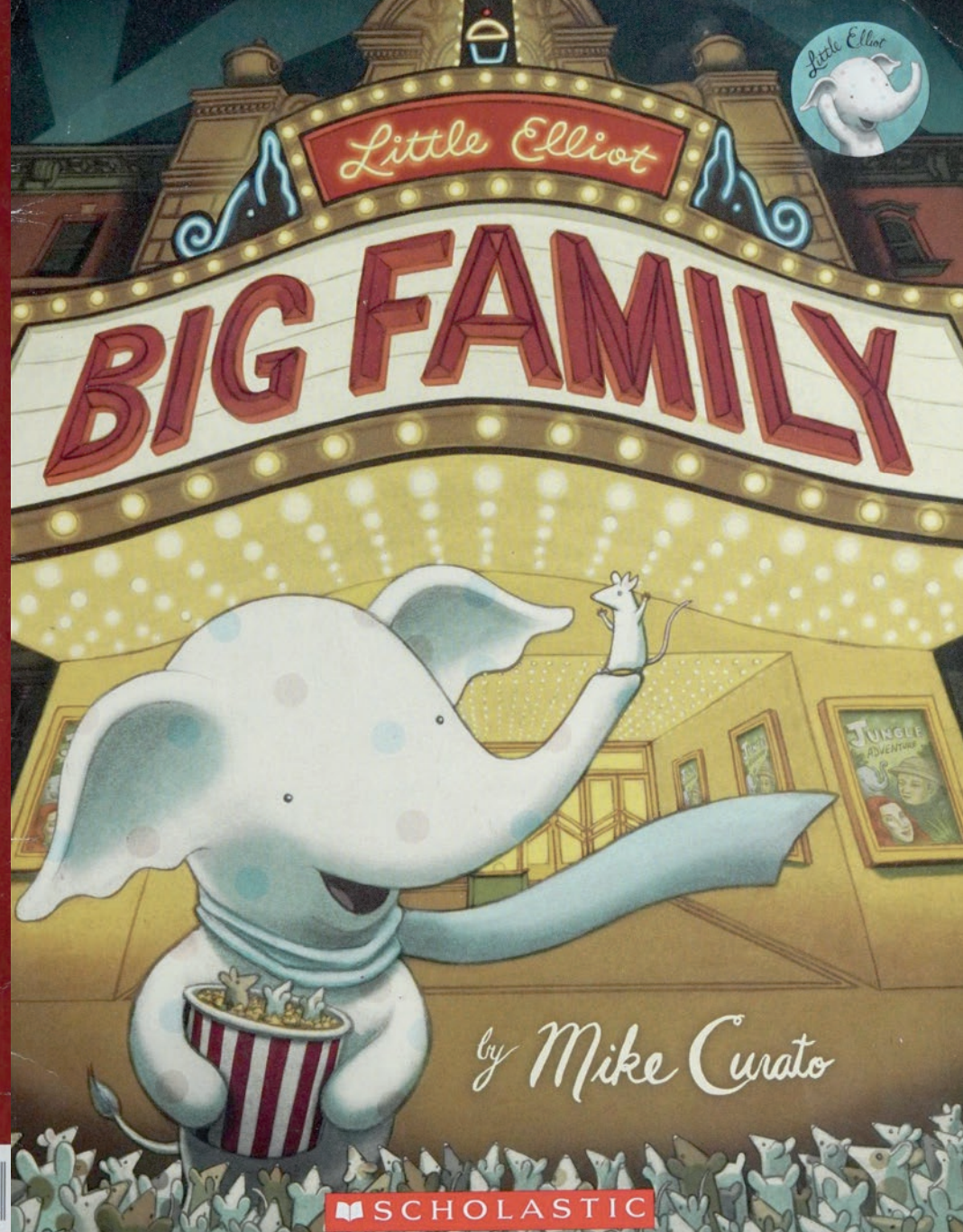


When Mouse heads off to a family reunion, Little Elliot decides to go for a walk. As he explores each busy street, he sees families in all shapes and sizes. In a city of millions, Little Elliot feels very much alone—until he finds he has a family of his own!



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and to my family of friends!*

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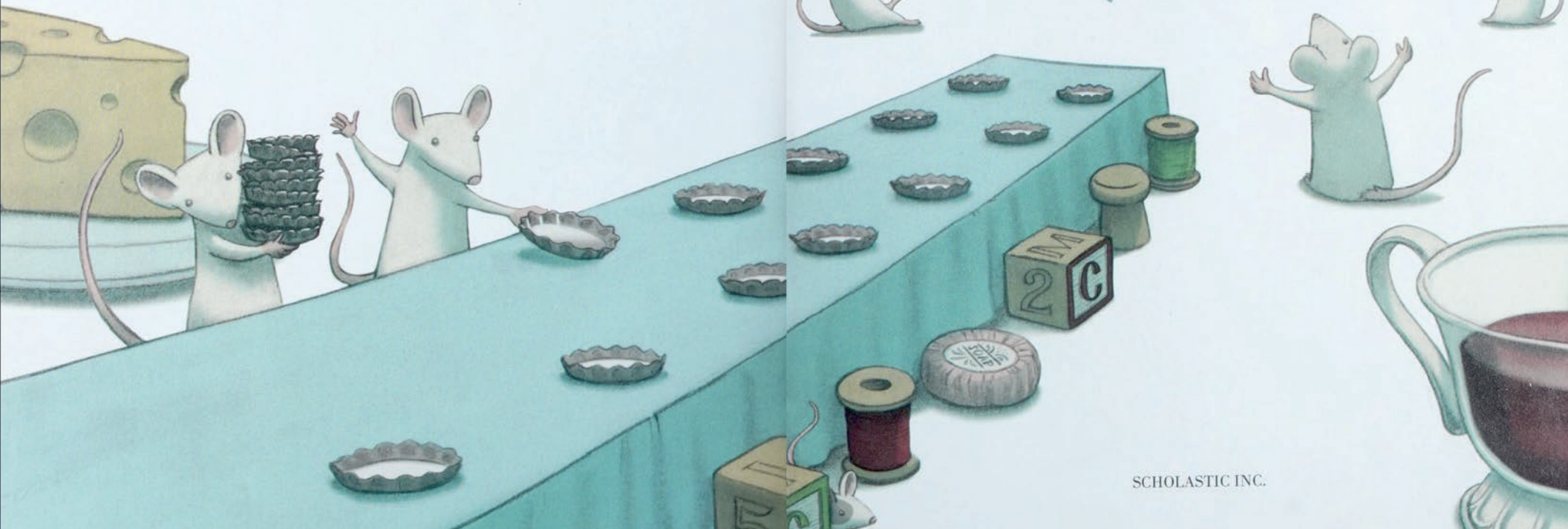
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Little Elliot woke up
to a bright winter day.

“Good morning, Mouse!” said Elliot.

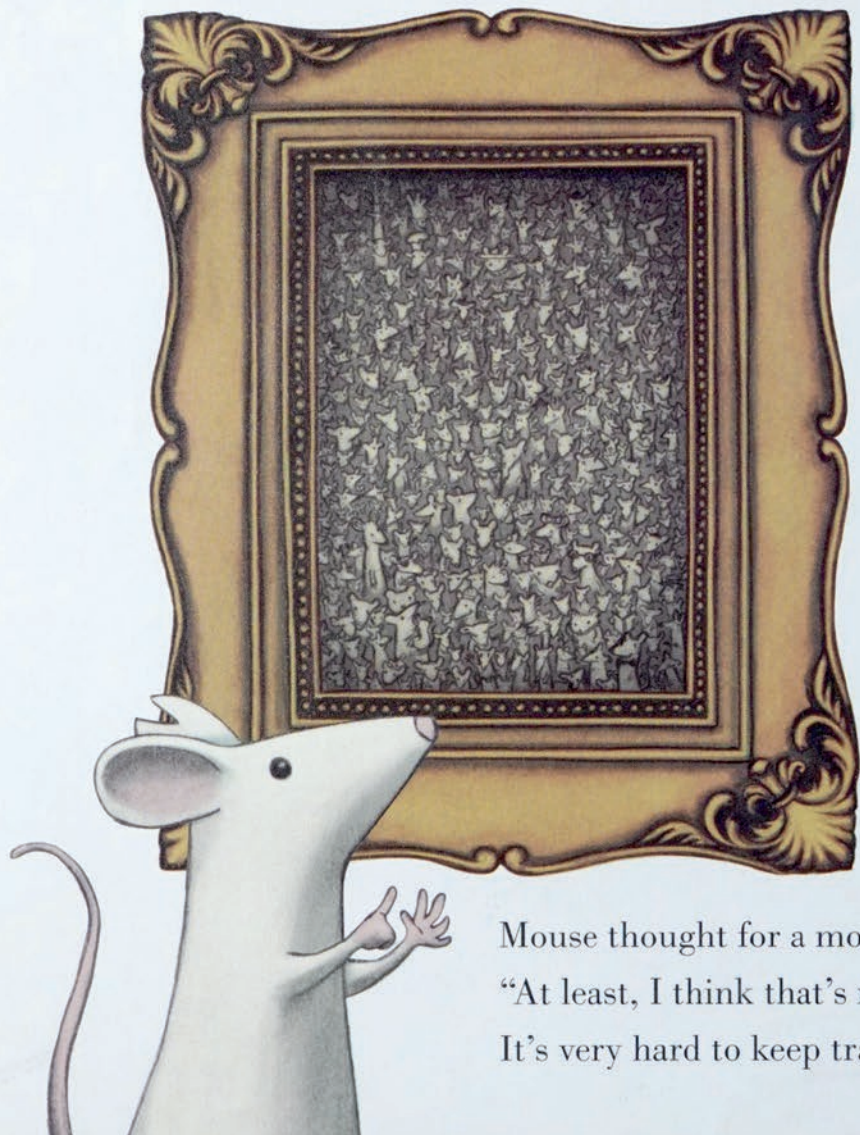


“Morning, Elliot,” said Mouse.

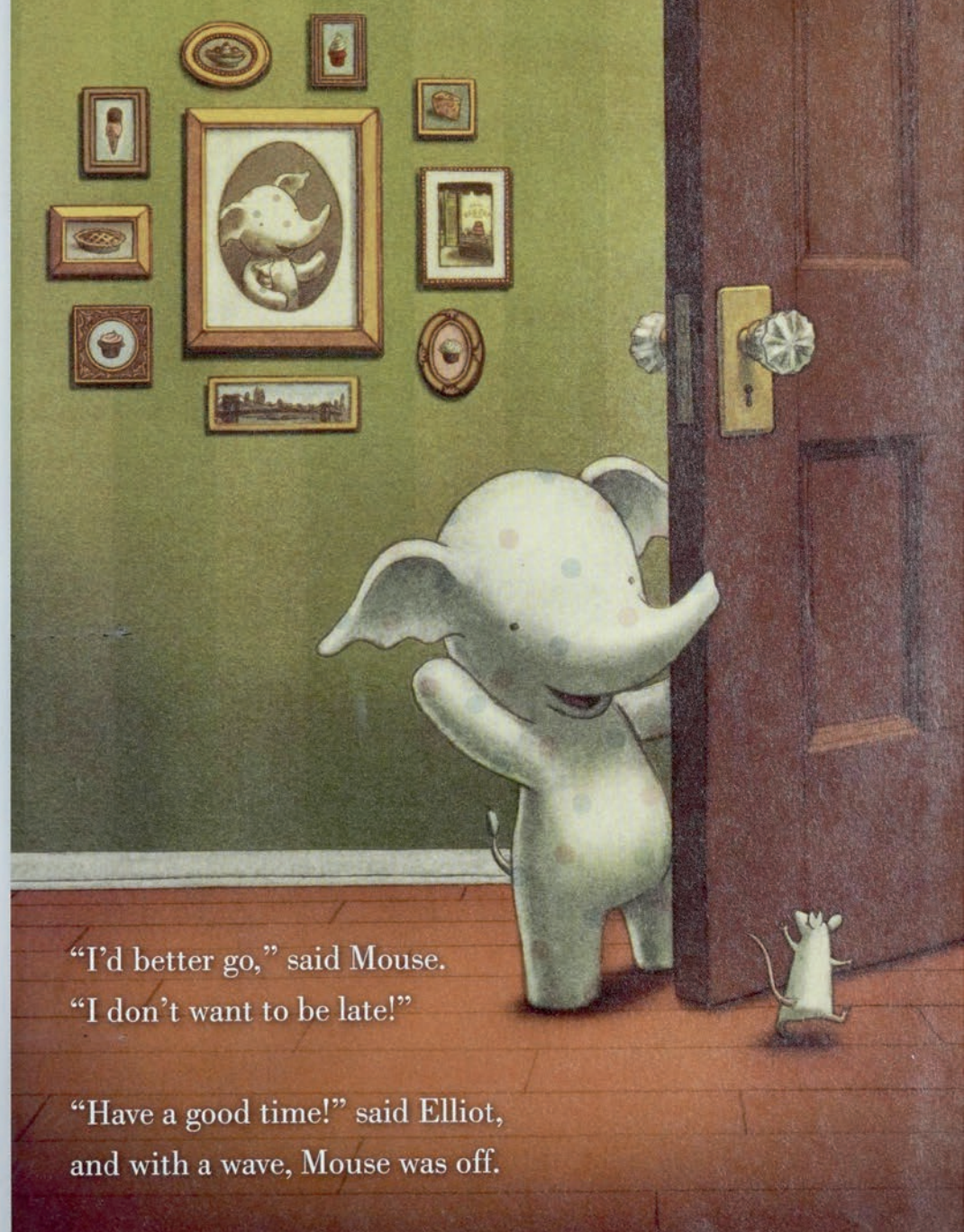


“Today is my family reunion. I can’t wait
for my grandmother’s cheese chowder!”

"I hope Grandmother made an extra-large batch. I have to share it with my parents, grandparents, 15 brothers, 19 sisters, 25 aunts, 27 uncles, and 147 cousins."



Mouse thought for a moment.
"At least, I think that's right.
It's very hard to keep track."



"I'd better go," said Mouse.
"I don't want to be late!"

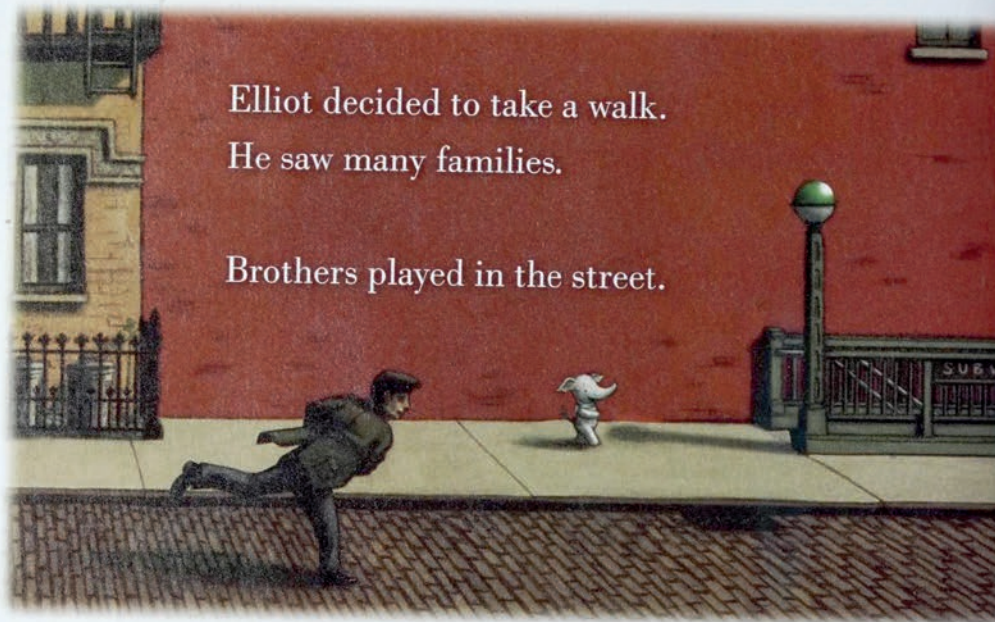
"Have a good time!" said Elliot,
and with a wave, Mouse was off.



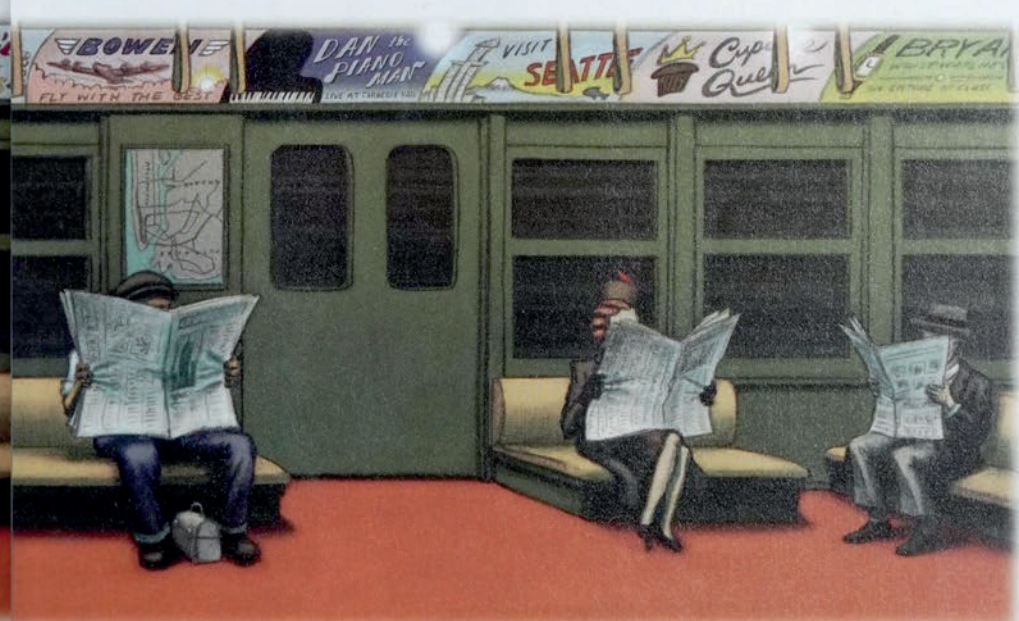
The house was quiet. And empty.

Elliot decided to take a walk.
He saw many families.

Brothers played in the street.



Mothers read to their sons.





Fathers took their daughters to the park.



Sisters shared treats (and secrets).



Grandmothers sang to babies
while uncles gave advice.



Cousins skated together.
Some even did tricks!





Elliot wondered what it would be like
to have 147 cousins. Or even just one.



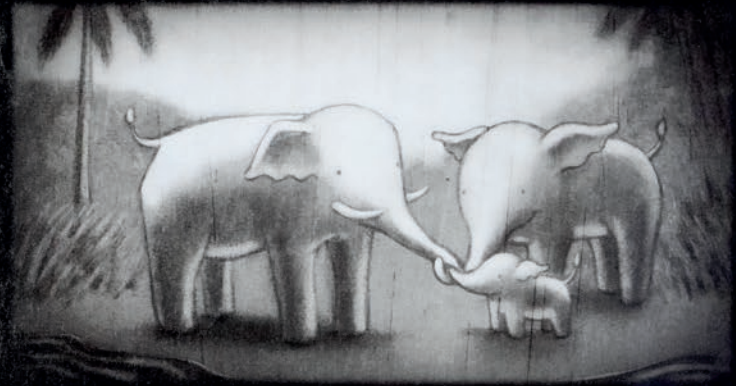
It was getting cold, so Elliot
decided to see a movie.



The theater was big and dark.
And empty.



Elliot missed Mouse.



When Elliot left the theater, he discovered
that everything was blanketed in white.

The snow fell and the wind blew.

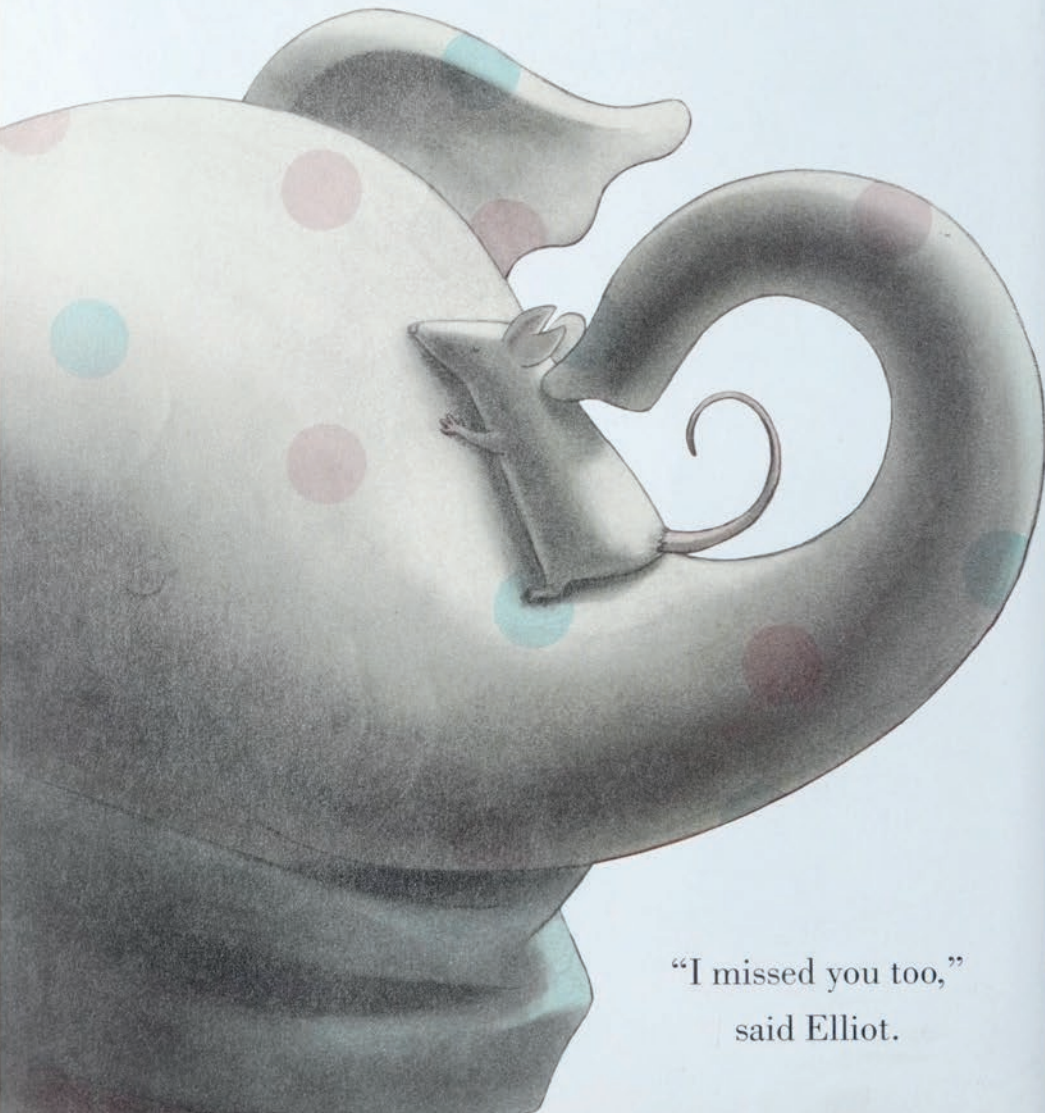


Elliot could hear his name. Was it the wind?



No, it was Mouse.

"I missed you!" said Mouse.



"I missed you too,"
said Elliot.

"Let's get out of the cold," said Mouse.
"I know somewhere we can go."





Mouse's family gave Elliot a warm welcome.
"Come, have some cheese chowder!"
said Mouse's grandmother.



The party went on for hours.

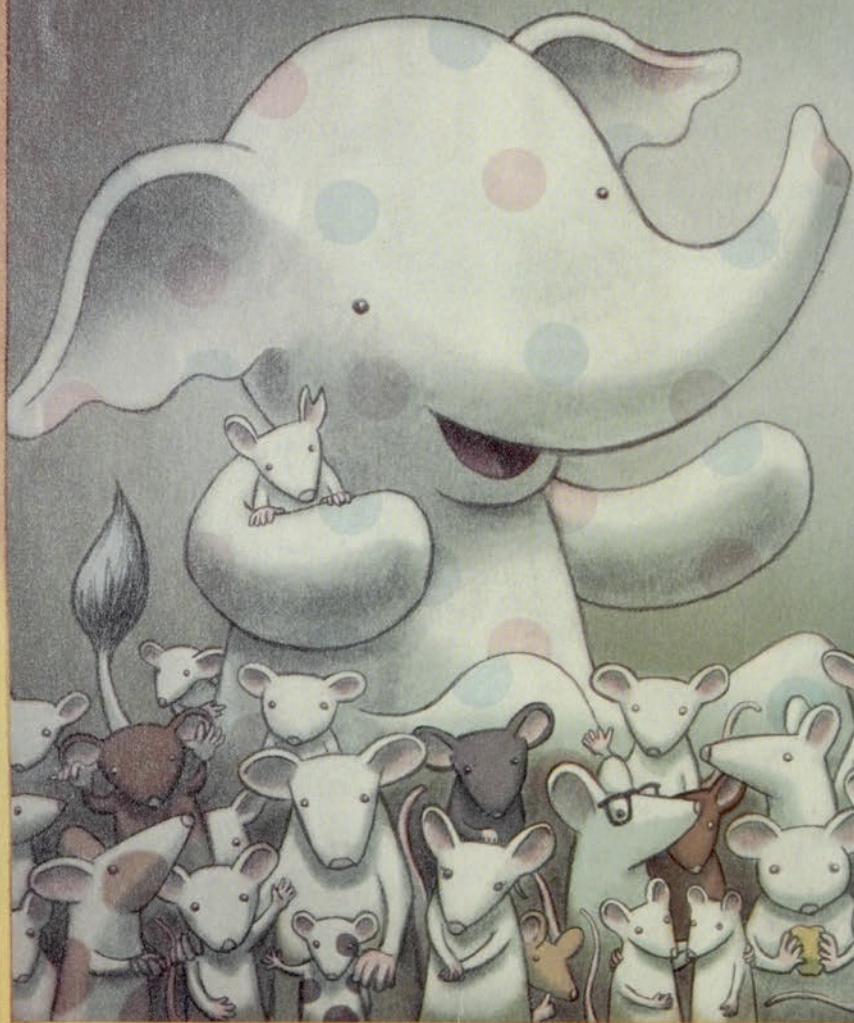


Elliot had a wonderful time!



At the end of
the day, Mouse
counted the whole
family again . . .





... and added one more.

