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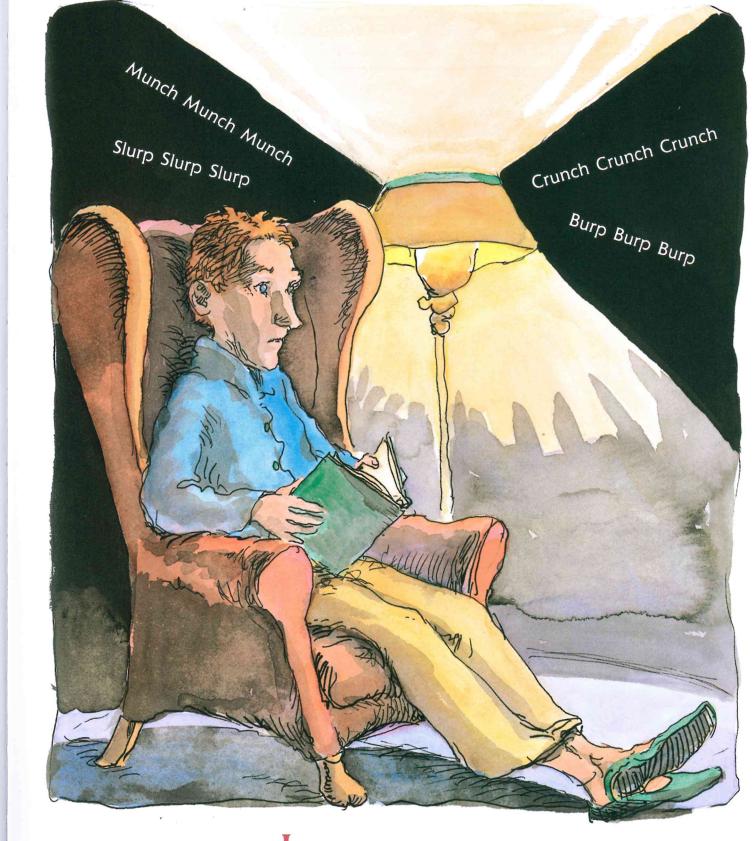
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For Jack, good friend, true poet





Late one night
As I sat reading,
I thought I heard
The sound of feeding.



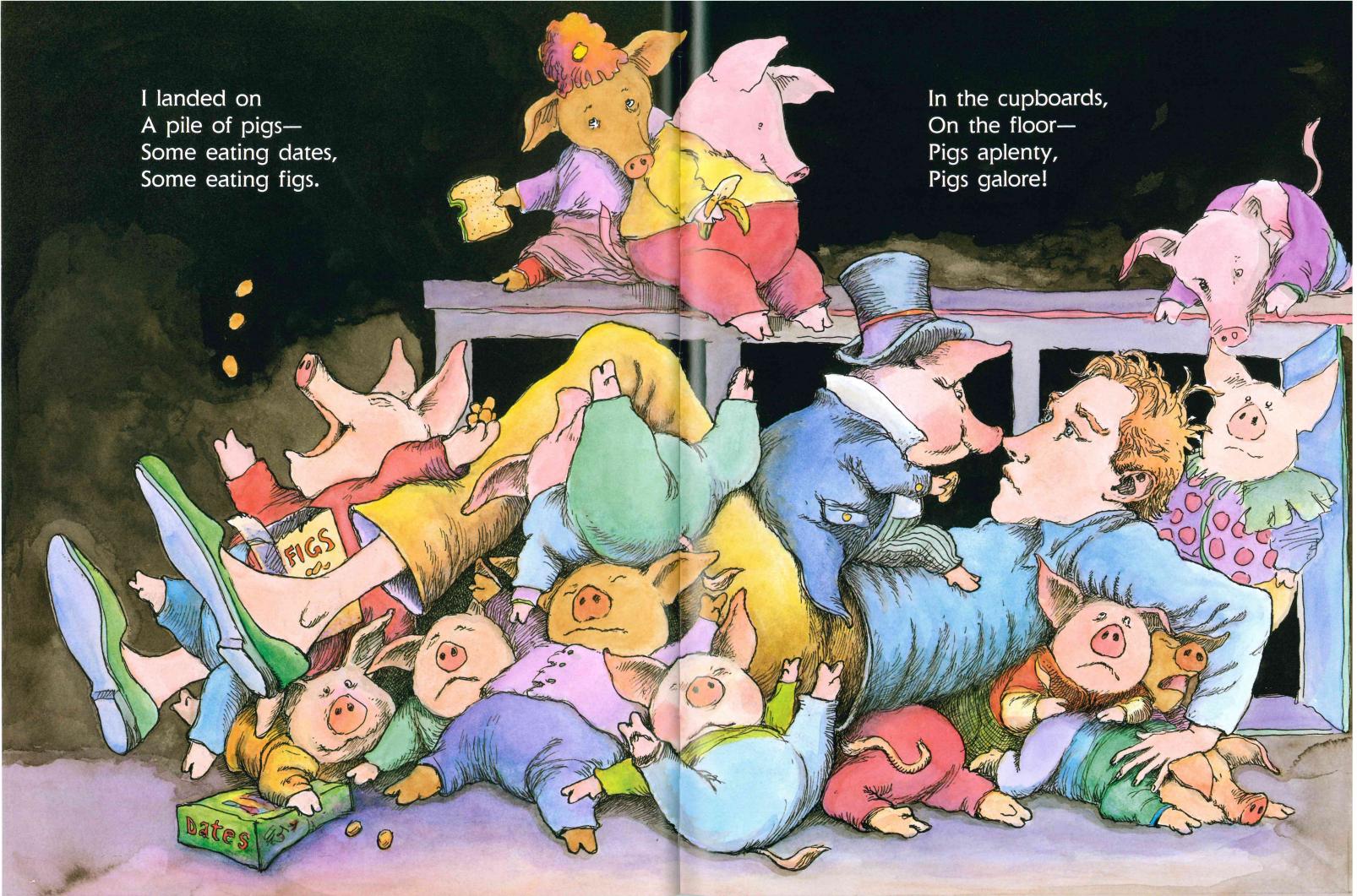


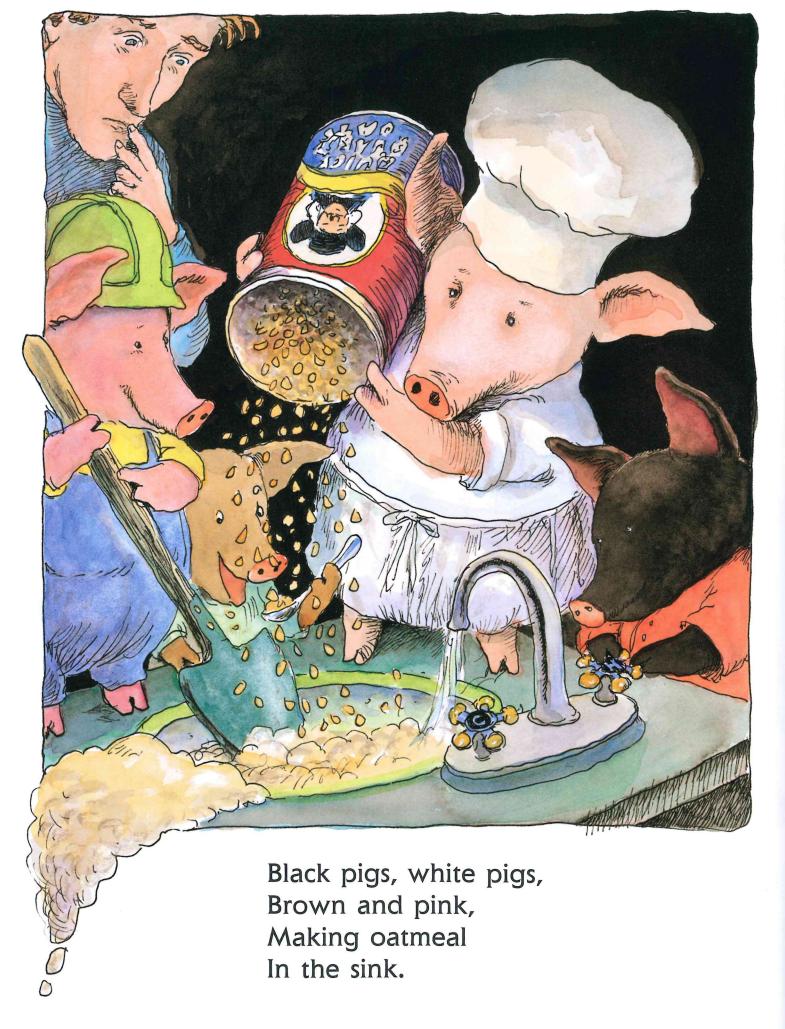
Through the kitchen door I crept,
Barely watching
Where I stepped.

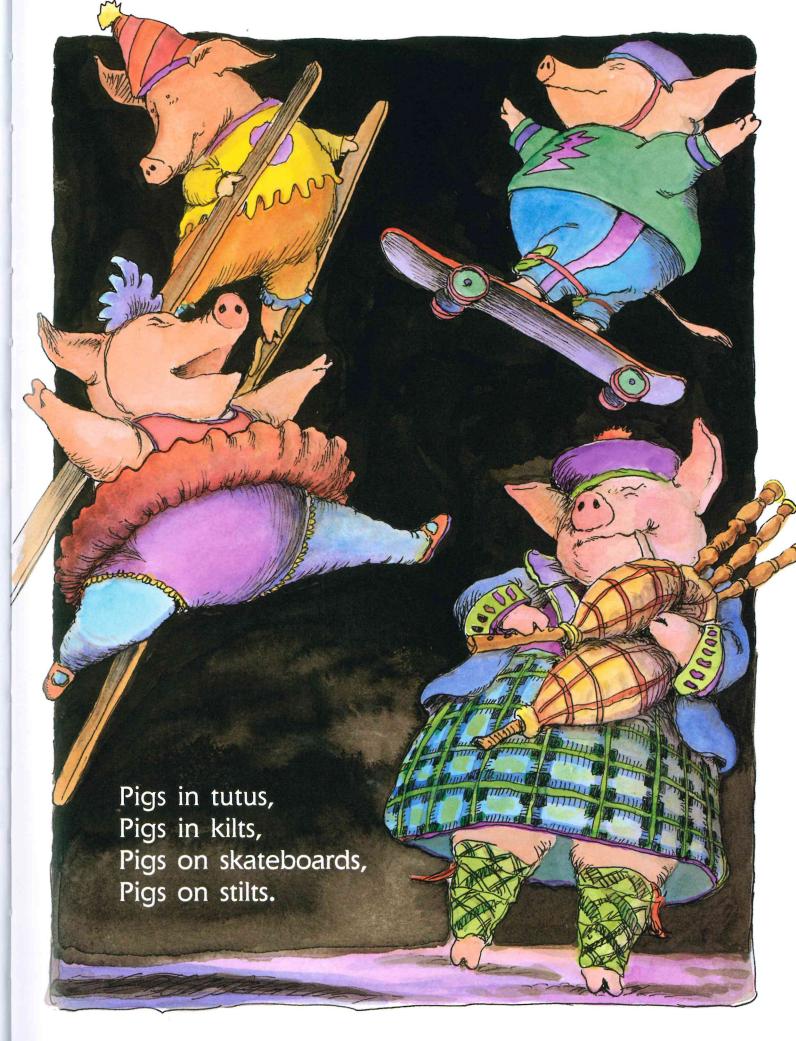


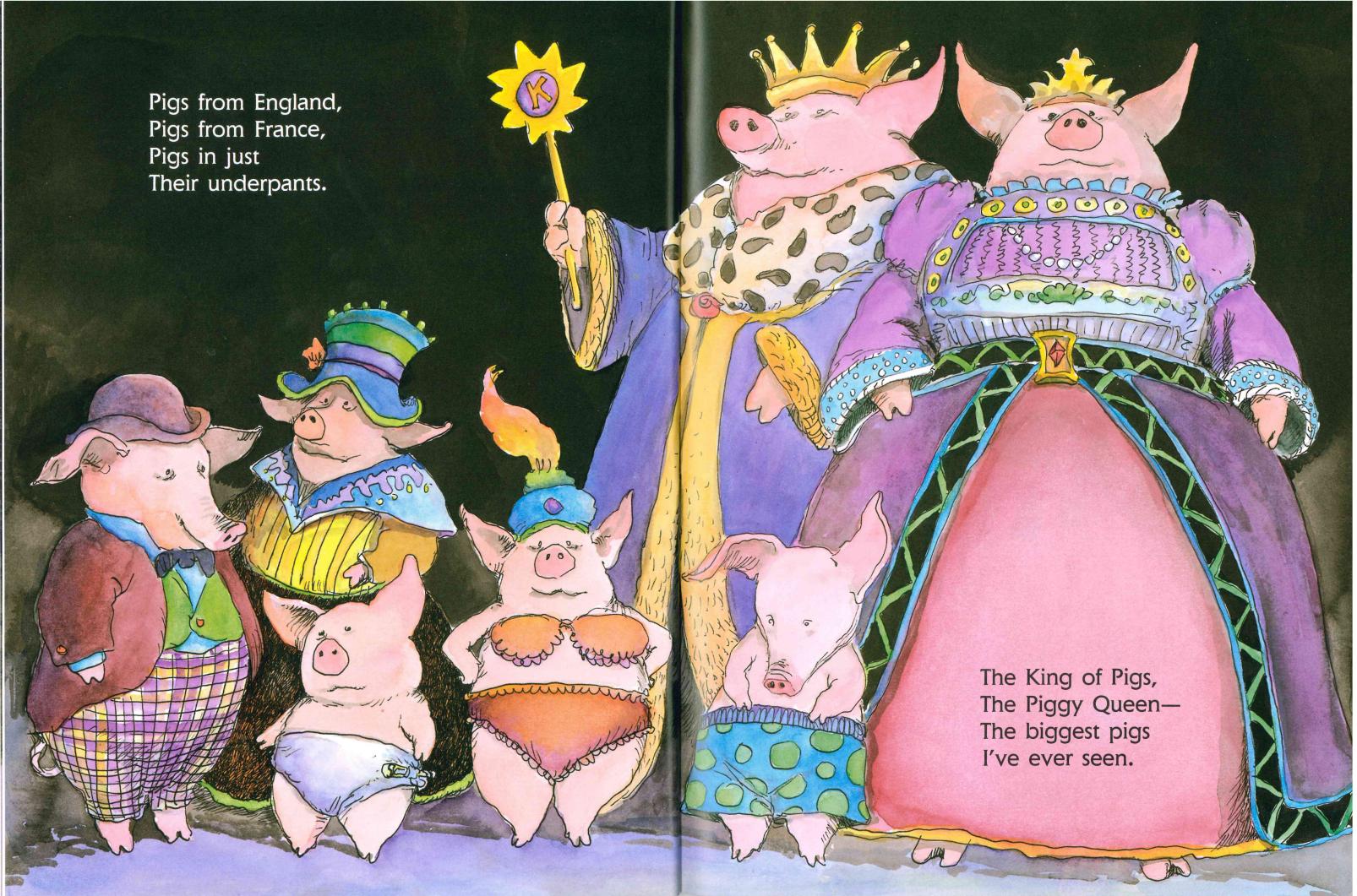
A crash, a bang, A shout, a yell— I slipped on something, Then I fell.

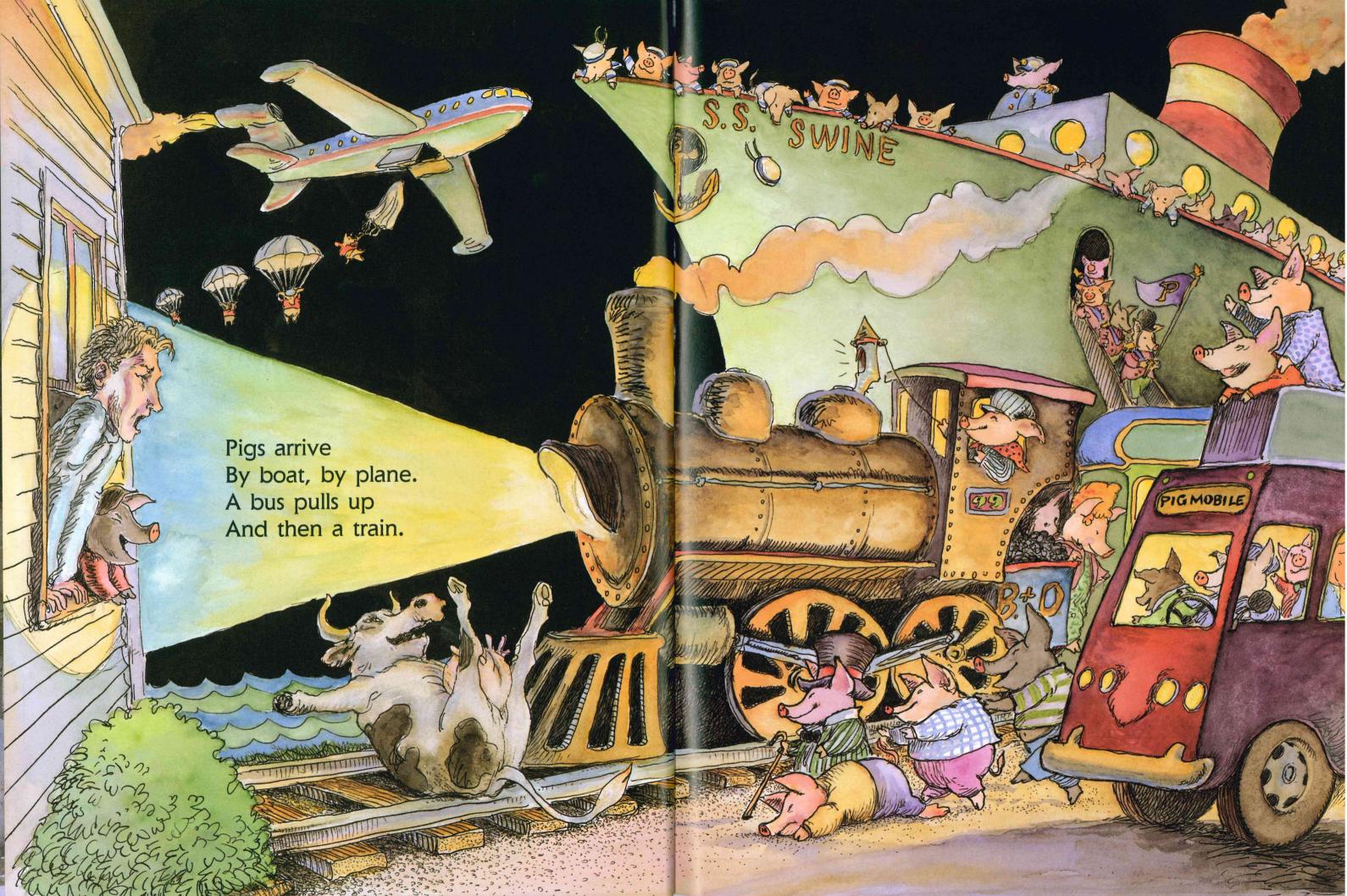






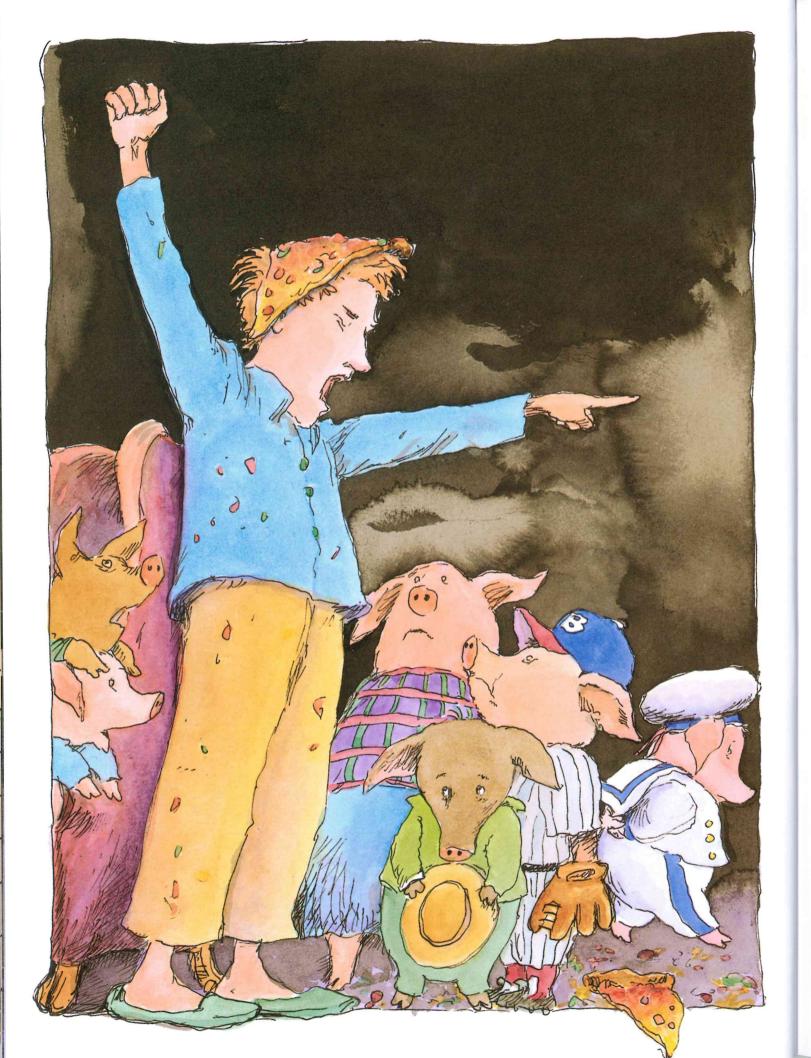












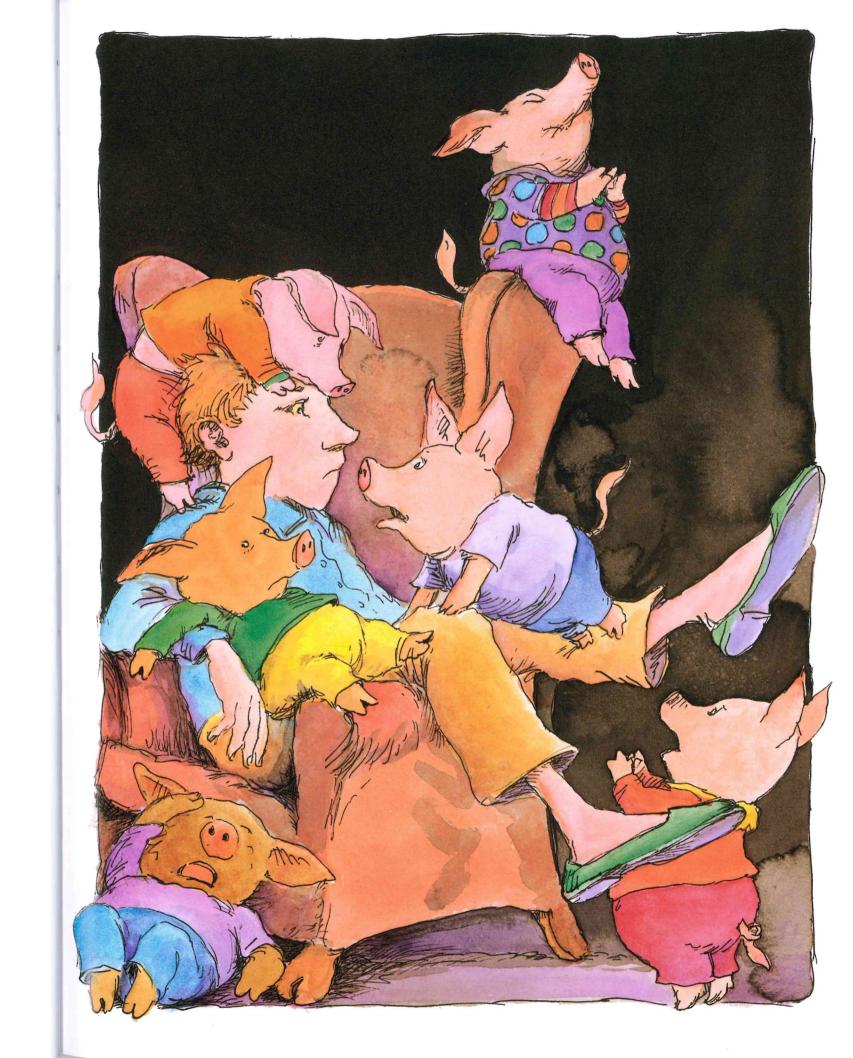


"I've had enough!"
I scream and shout.
"Get out, you pigs!
You pigs, get out!"



"Please let us stay,"
The piggies cry.
"Don't make us go,
Don't say good-bye."

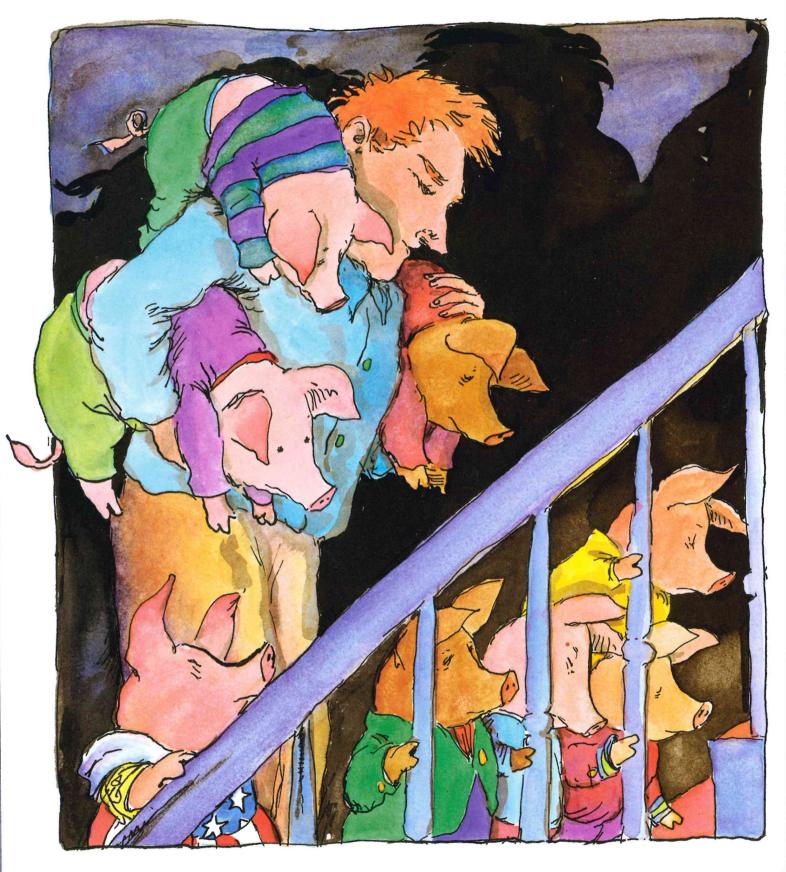
"You can stay,"
I tell them all.
"But sweep the floor
And scrub the wall."



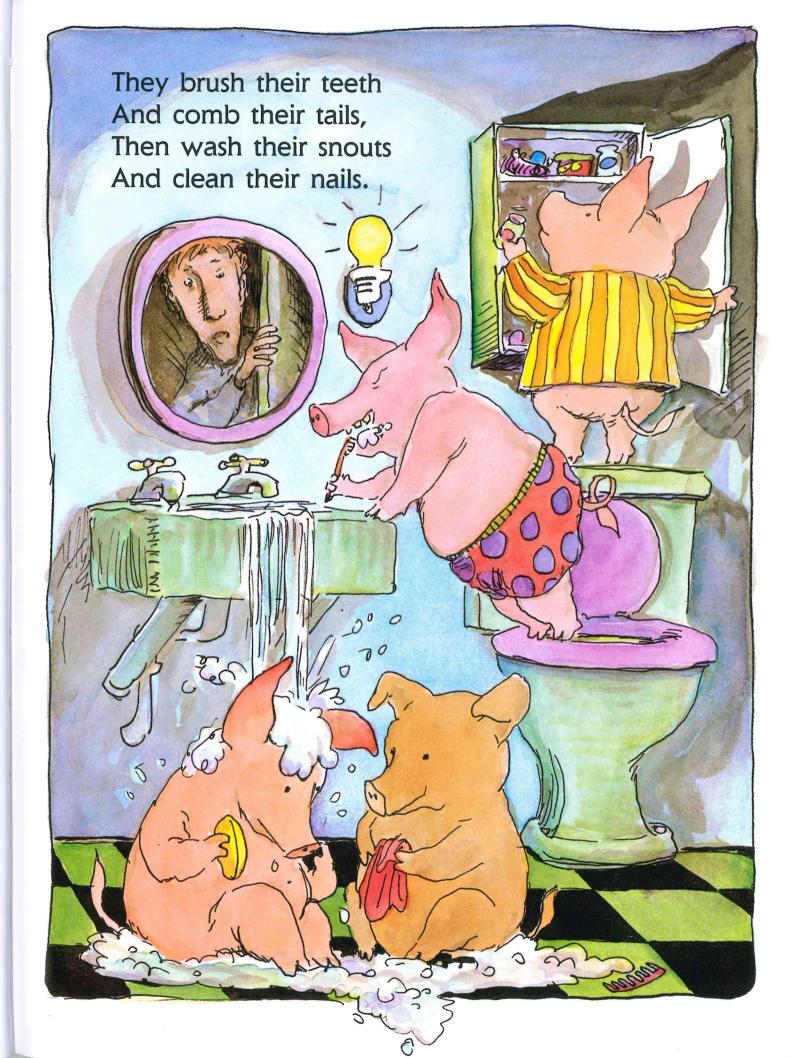


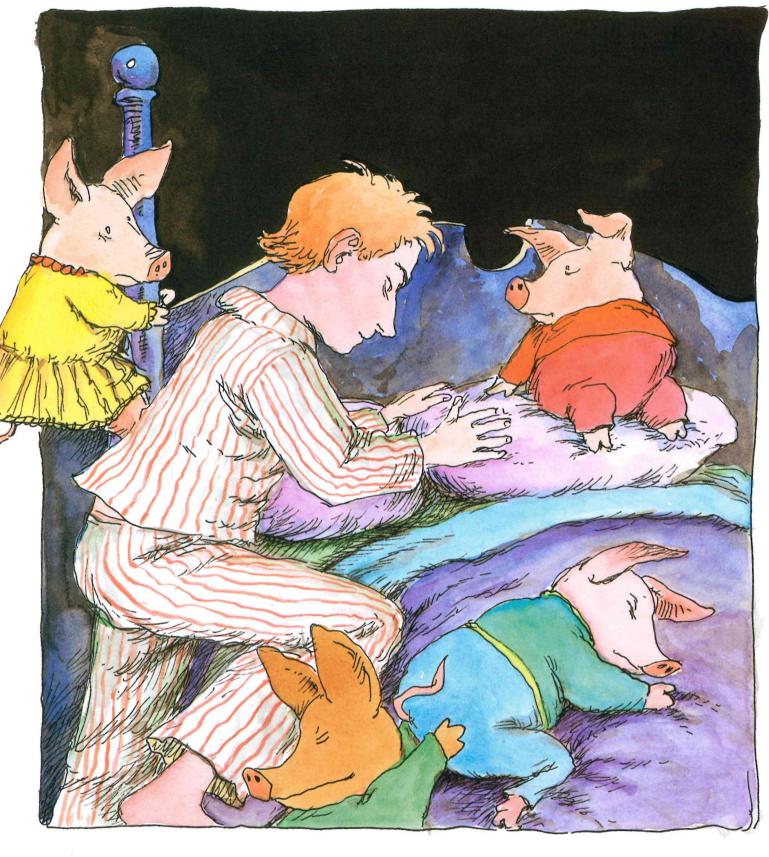
I give them brooms,
A pail, a mop.
"Now sweep and scrub
Till I say stop."



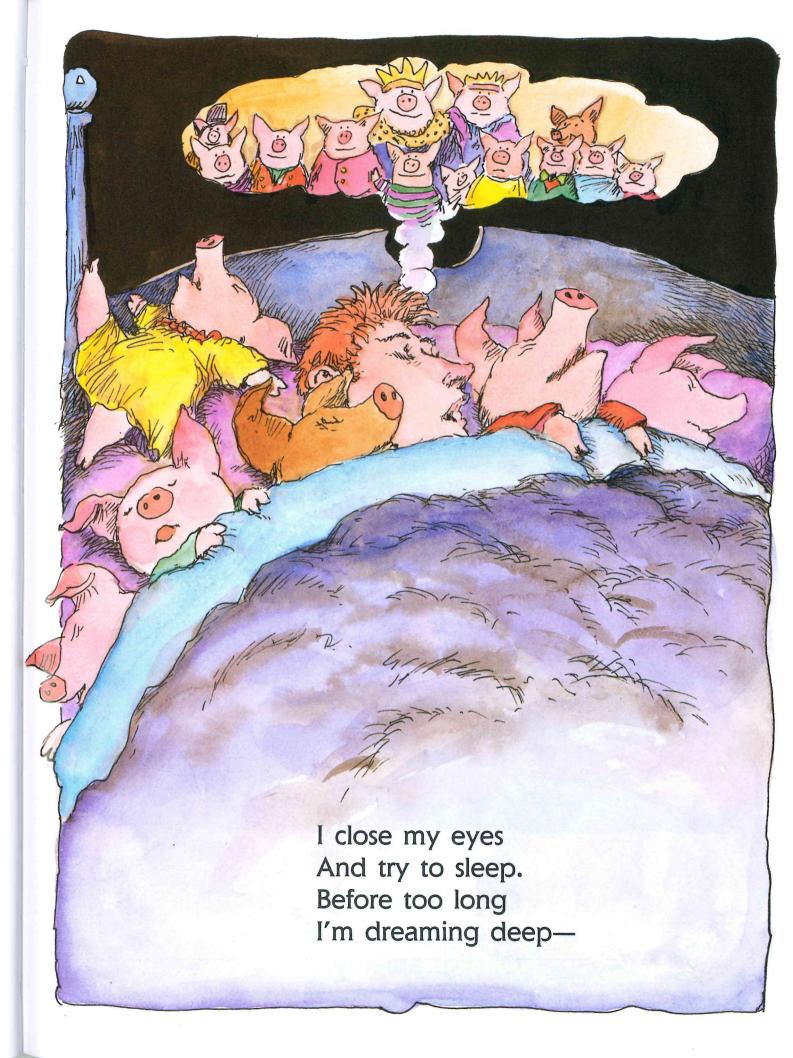


The piggies work
And when they're done,
Upstairs they stagger
One by one.





The pigs and I
Climb into bed.
I plump the pillows,
Plop my head.





Of pigs and pigs And pigs some more— Of pigs aplenty, Pigs galore!