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Once upon a time in a small village there lived a grandpa and grandma who were very cheerful. Grandpa was always very considerate and kind to Grandma. “How nice you look today, Grandma!” he would often say.

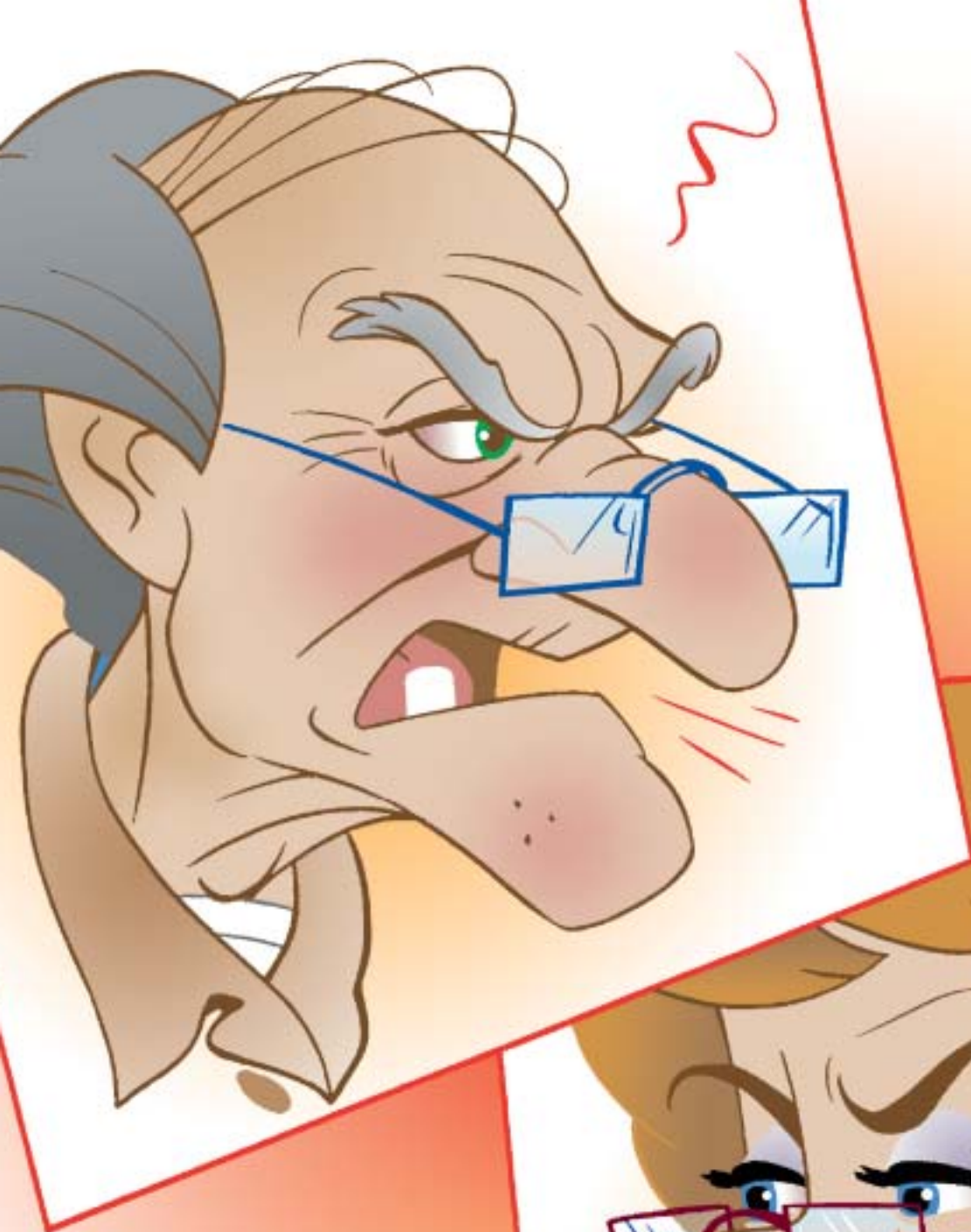


Grandma was also kind and respectful to Grandpa. She would always thank him for the kind things he did. “Thank you for taking out the garbage,” she would say, with a cheery smile.



Right next door to Grandpa and Grandma Cheerful lived another old couple who were known as Grandpa and Grandma Grumpy. They often argued with each other.





“You’re a bad cook, and there’s always lots of laundry that needs to be done!” Grandpa Grumpy would say.

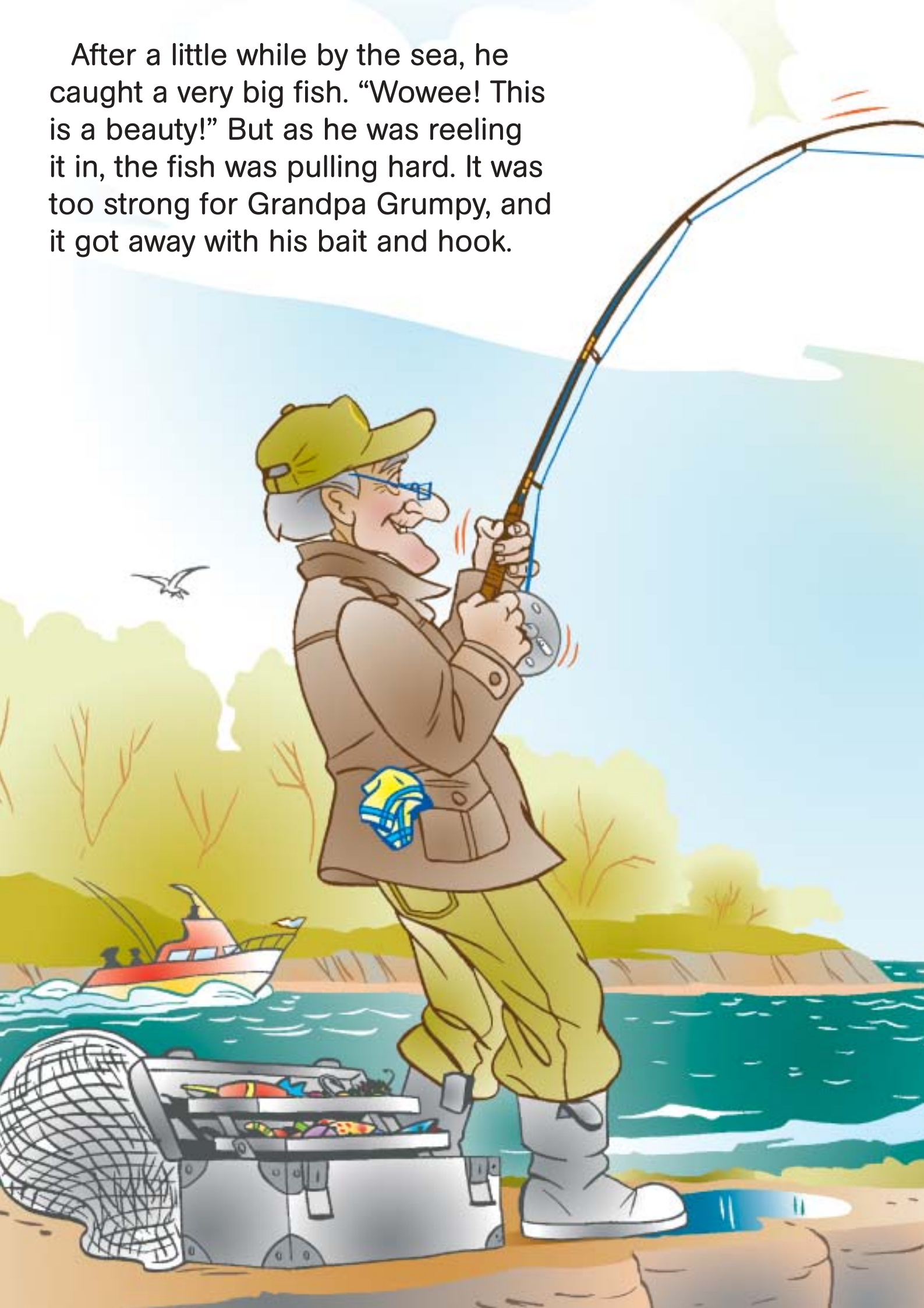
“Grandpa, why are you so slow in everything you do? You’ve never been able to do anything right!” Grandma Grumpy would retort.



One afternoon Grandpa Grumpy went out to fish. “Why do you even bother going? You never catch anything!” Grandma Grumpy said as he went out the door. “All you usually catch are old boots and cans—anything but fish!”



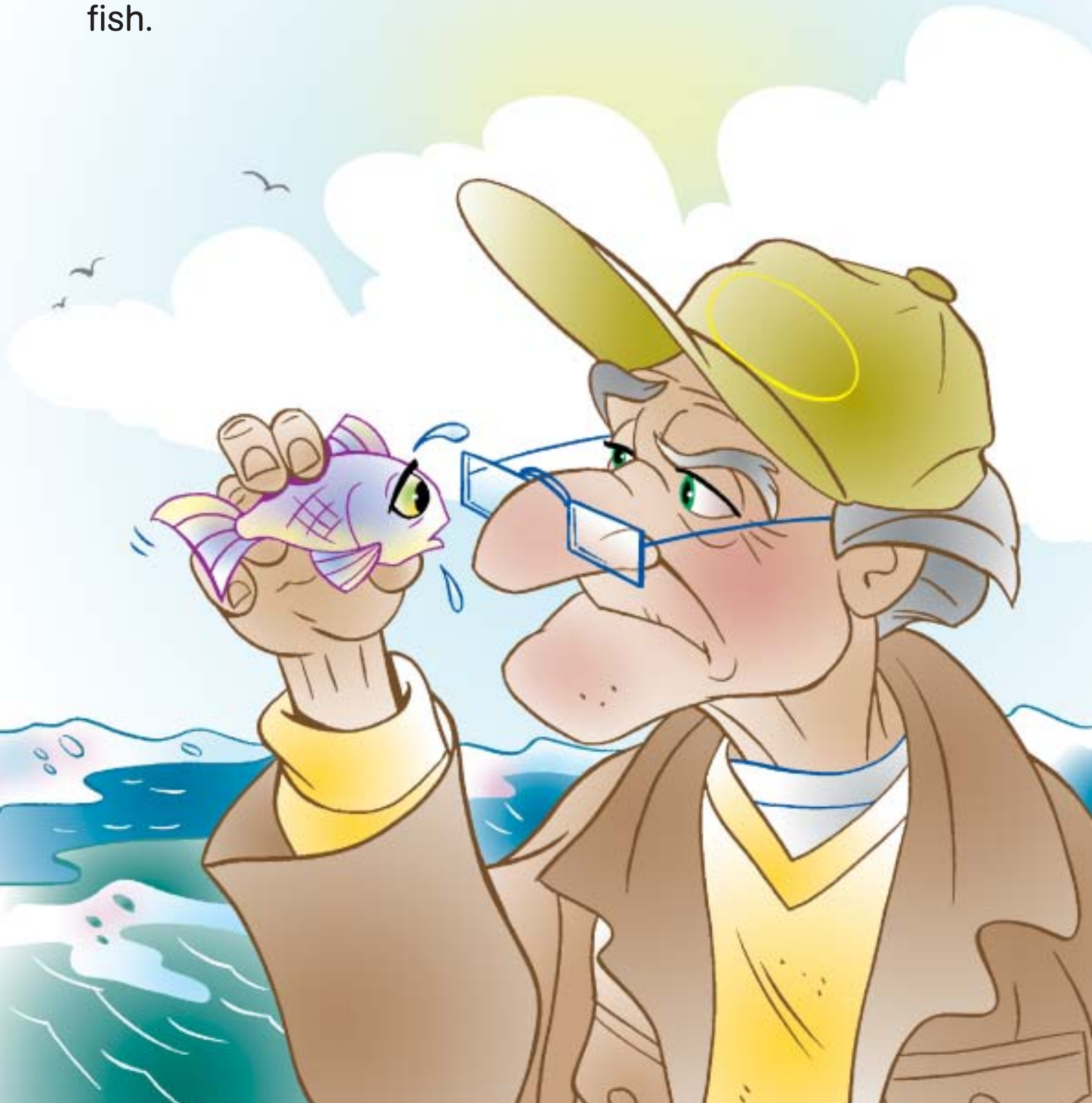
After a little while by the sea, he caught a very big fish. "Wowee! This is a beauty!" But as he was reeling it in, the fish was pulling hard. It was too strong for Grandpa Grumpy, and it got away with his bait and hook.





Grandpa Grumpy fished a long time after that without even a nibble. Finally a very small fish took the bait and as Grandpa Grumpy reeled it in, he said, “This fish is too little. I want to catch a bigger one.” He was so upset that he threw the small fish back into the sea.

He waited there for another catch, and finally caught another little fish. “This one is too small as well.” He threw the second little fish back into the water. He fished for a long time after that, but he didn’t catch any more fish.



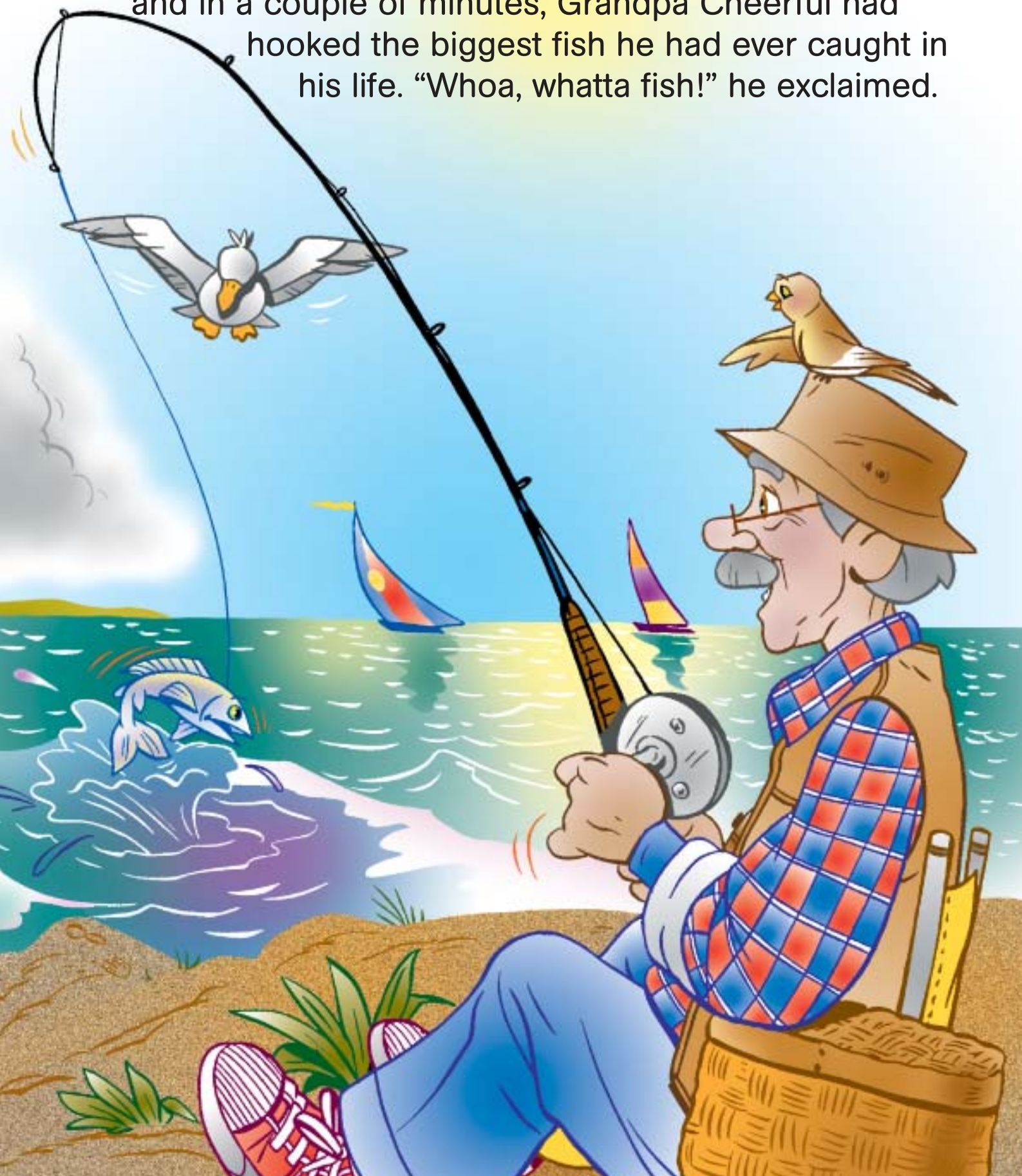
Grandpa Grumpy grumbled all the way back home. At home he told his wife, "I caught a very big fish today, but it got away with my bait and hook."

"What a bad fisherman you are!" said Grandma Grumpy. "You never do things right! Now we don't have any fish for dinner." They grumbled and argued as they ate their dinner without fish.



That same day, Grandpa Cheerful had also decided to go fishing. “Grandma, I’ll be off to catch some fish for dinner. See you later!” He walked to his favorite rock overlooking the sea, and started to fish.

After a little while, he saw a big fish coming his way, and in a couple of minutes, Grandpa Cheerful had hooked the biggest fish he had ever caught in his life. “Whoa, whatta fish!” he exclaimed.



But as he was reeling the big fish in, it jumped back into the sea, taking with it Grandpa's bait and his favorite fishing hook!



Grandpa Cheerful was a little disappointed, but he said, “Oh well! Perhaps I will catch another fish,” and he put a new hook and a new piece of bait on his fishing line.





The next fish that he caught was a small one, but Grandpa Cheerful was glad to have caught a fish, and after a little while, he was able to catch another small fish. "Praise God! I caught two!"

He went home and gave the fish to Grandma Cheerful to cook. "Actually," Grandpa said, "I caught a very big fish today, but it got away, and it took the bait and my favorite hook with it."

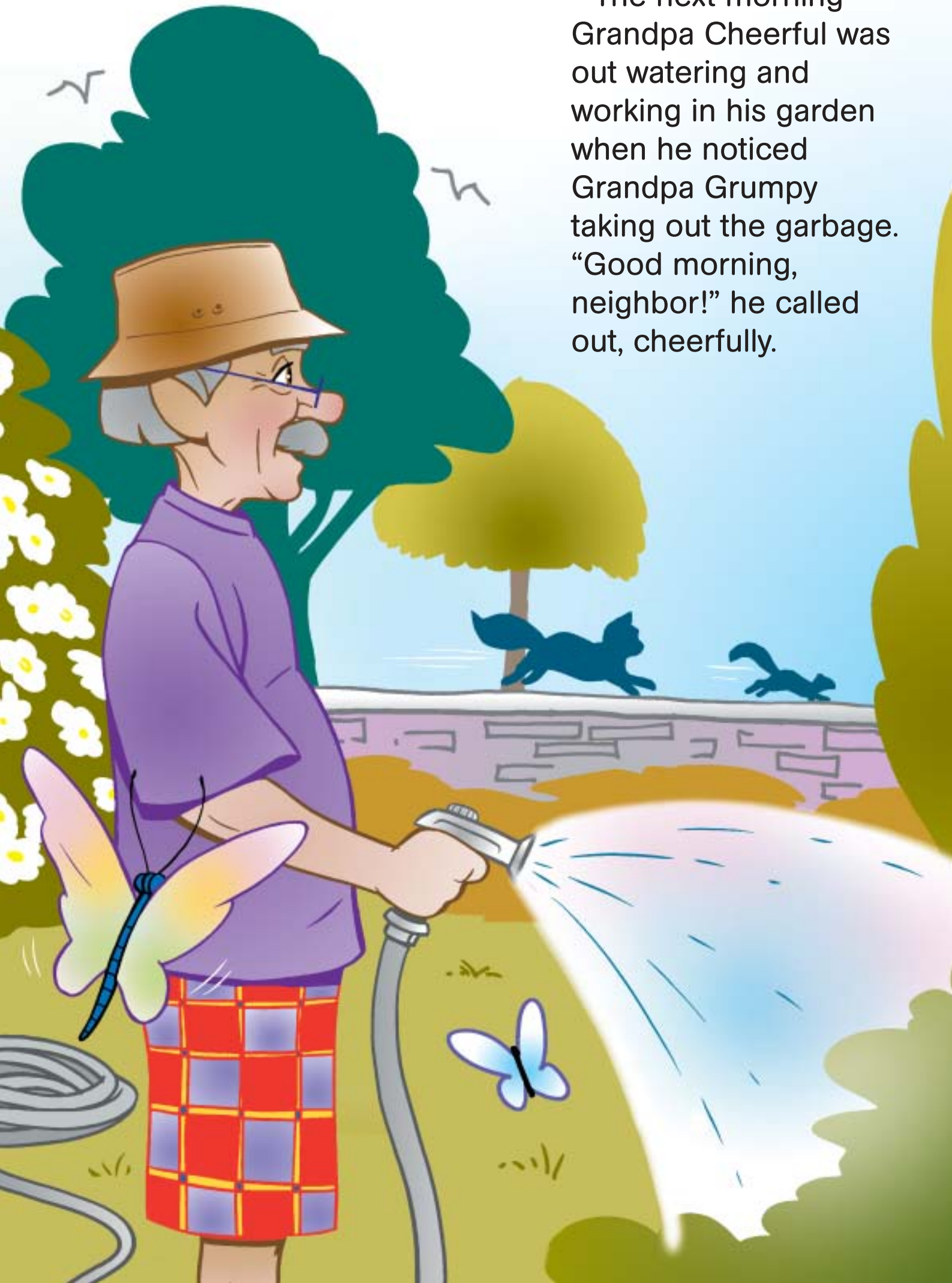
"Don't worry, Grandpa!" Grandma said, "At least you were able to catch two fish and bring them home! This is enough for our dinner!"

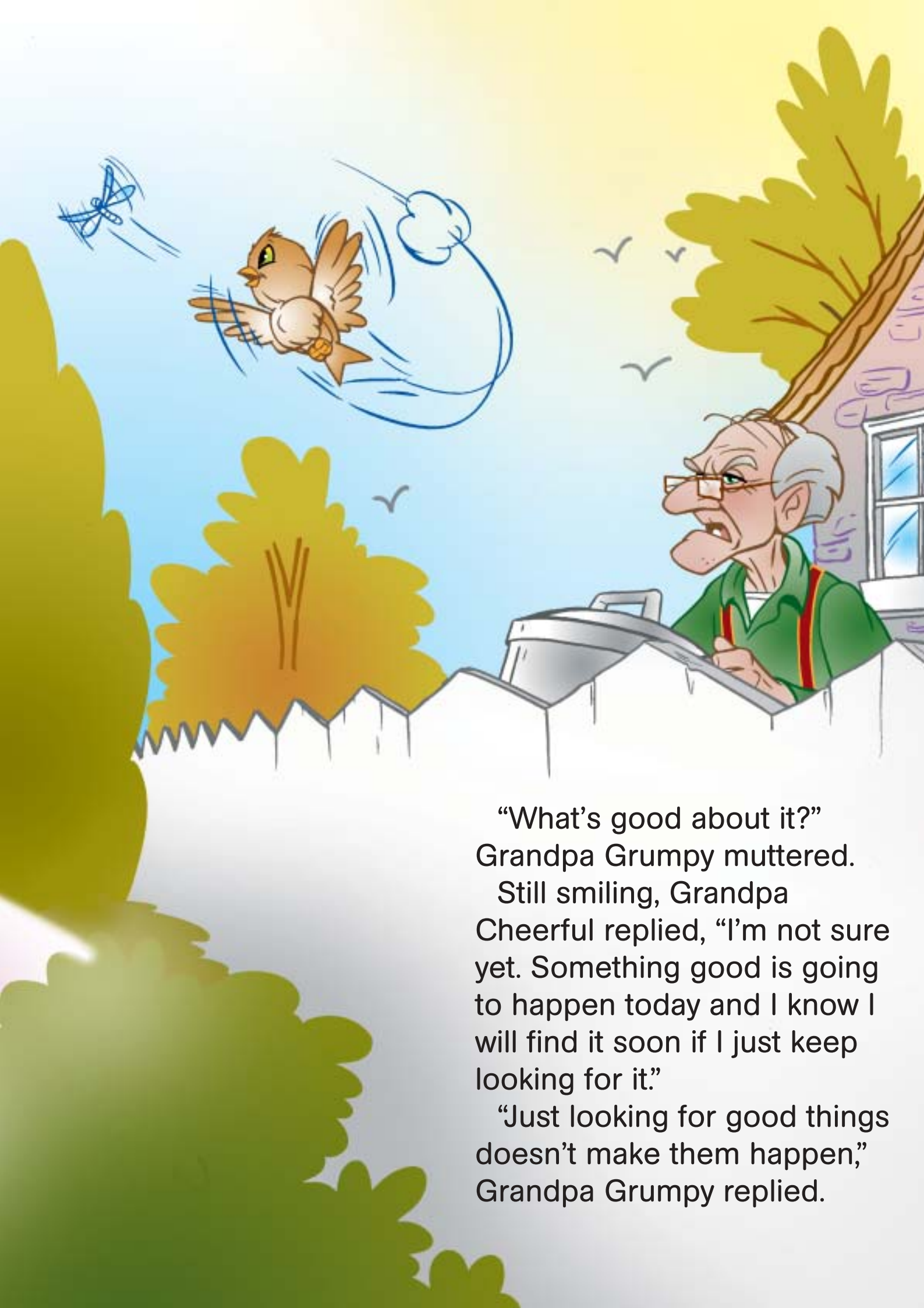
Grandpa and Grandma
Cheerful had these yummy
fish for dinner.





The next morning Grandpa Cheerful was out watering and working in his garden when he noticed Grandpa Grumpy taking out the garbage. “Good morning, neighbor!” he called out, cheerfully.





“What’s good about it?”
Grandpa Grumpy muttered.

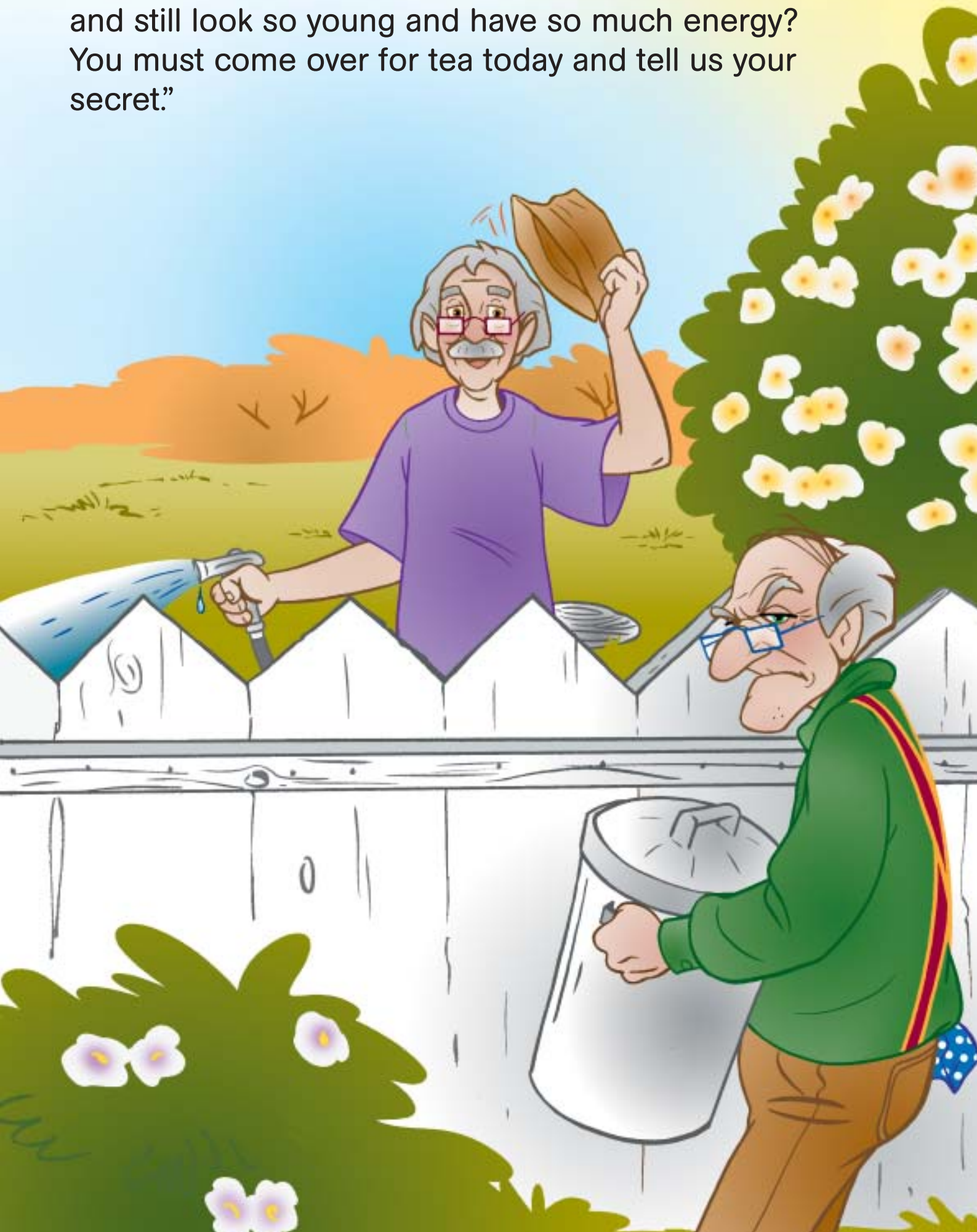
Still smiling, Grandpa
Cheerful replied, “I’m not sure
yet. Something good is going
to happen today and I know I
will find it soon if I just keep
looking for it.”

“Just looking for good things
doesn’t make them happen,”
Grandpa Grumpy replied.

Grandpa Cheerful was about to say something when suddenly Grandma Grumpy came out the back door and interrupted their conversation. "What is taking you so long, you lazy man?" she snapped.



“Oh, good morning Grandma,” Grandpa Cheerful called out across their fence. “My, don’t you look youthful today! How is it you are able to work so hard and still look so young and have so much energy? You must come over for tea today and tell us your secret.”



Grandma Grumpy stopped in surprise. Then her scowl suddenly melted away and for the first time in a very long time a little smile formed on her face. Grandpa Grumpy was most surprised.





Still smiling, Grandma Grumpy went back inside without further comment, and a little while later could be heard singing a happy little song as she worked.

“See my friend,” Grandpa Cheerful told his neighbor, “happiness is hiding all around us. Sometimes we see it right away; other times we have to coax it out into the open with a few kind words, or a smile, or a little tenderness and love.”

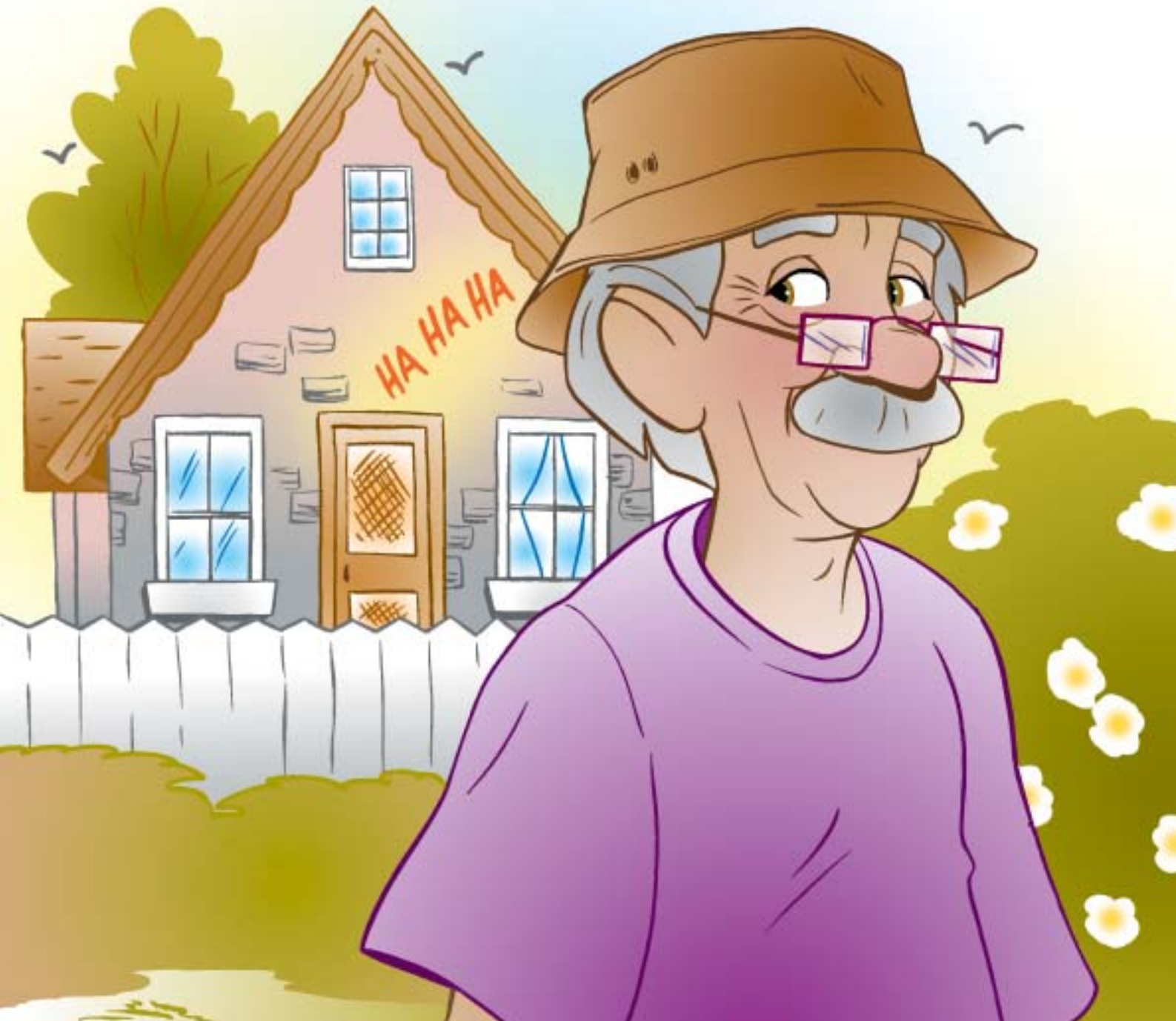




For the first time in a long time, Grandpa Grumpy seemed to not be so grumpy. “That might be a good idea,” he replied, as he turned and went into his house.



A little while later Grandpa Cheerful actually heard laughter coming from inside Grandpa and Grandma Grumpy's house. He smiled a warm, happy smile, then went inside to tell Grandma Cheerful that she might expect their neighbors over for tea later that day.

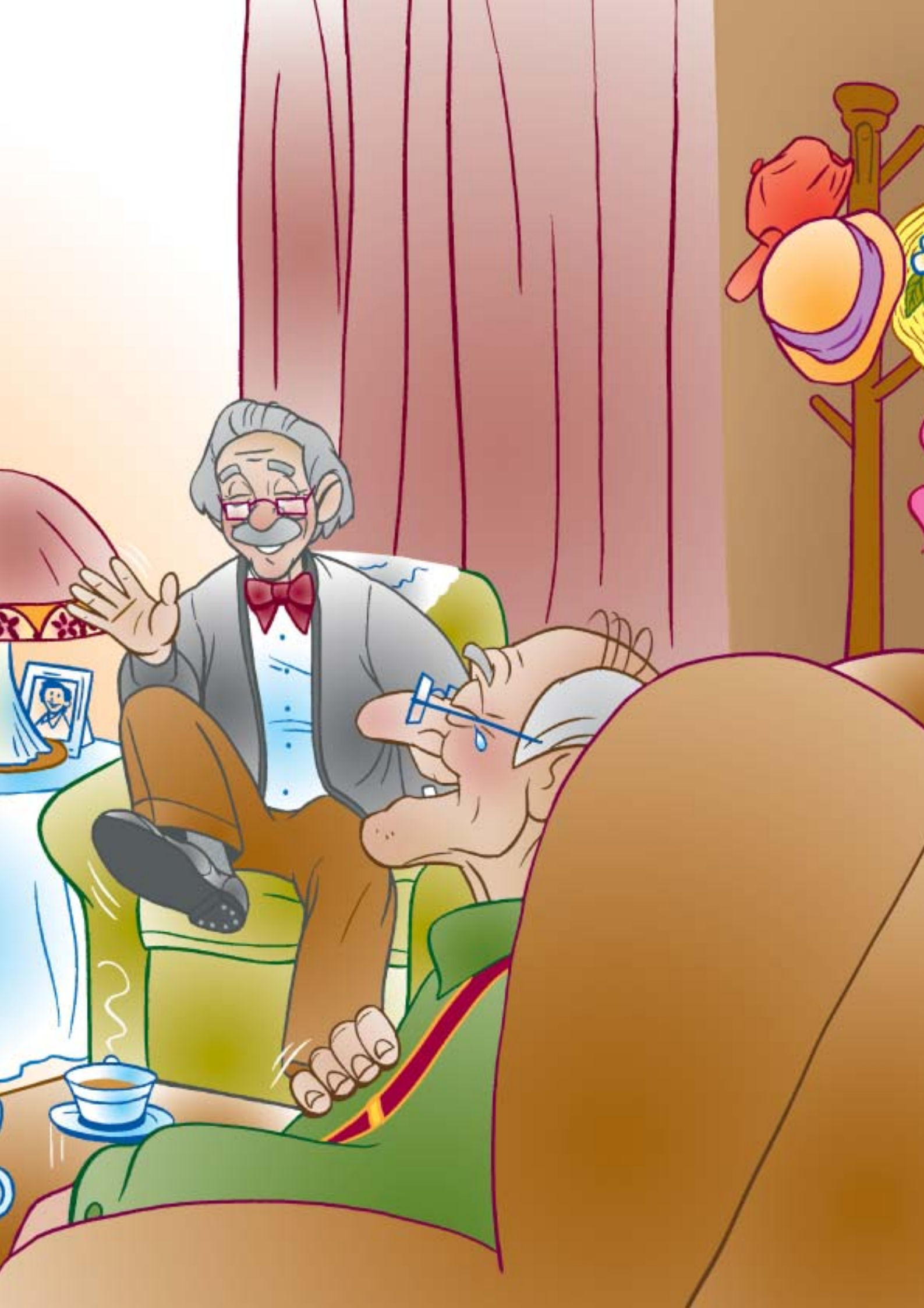


“You have been out cheering people up again, haven’t you?” his wife laughed.

With a twinkle in his eyes he answered, “Happiness is often hiding in unusual places just waiting to be discovered. All I do is help people start looking for it, and soon happiness and goodness start popping up all over the place and in all sorts of people.”

Grandpa and Grandma Grumpy visited Grandpa and Grandma Cheerful that afternoon for tea, and they continued to visit each other often after that. Soon Grandma and Grandpa Grumpy learned to find all sorts of things to be cheerful about, and their neighbors came to think of them as Grandpa and Grandma Sunshine.





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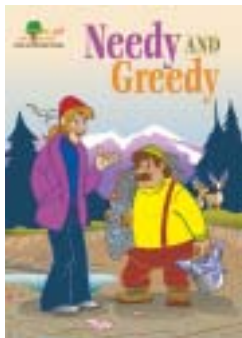
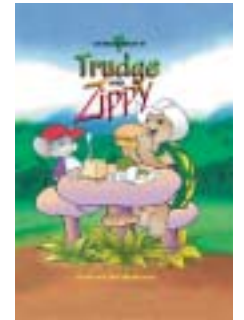


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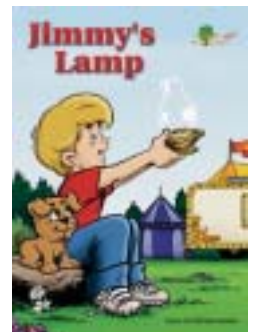


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The neighbors call them “Grandpa and Grandma Cheerful.” And for a good reason: They fill every day with joy and cheer. But next door live a couple whose arguing and misery have earned them the name “Grandpa and Grandma Grumpy.”

Will there ever be cheer and laughter in Grandpa and Grandma Grumpy’s house? “Good morning!” Grandpa Grumpy hears from the yard next door, as he grumpily takes out the trash. Little does he know, something special is about to happen!

