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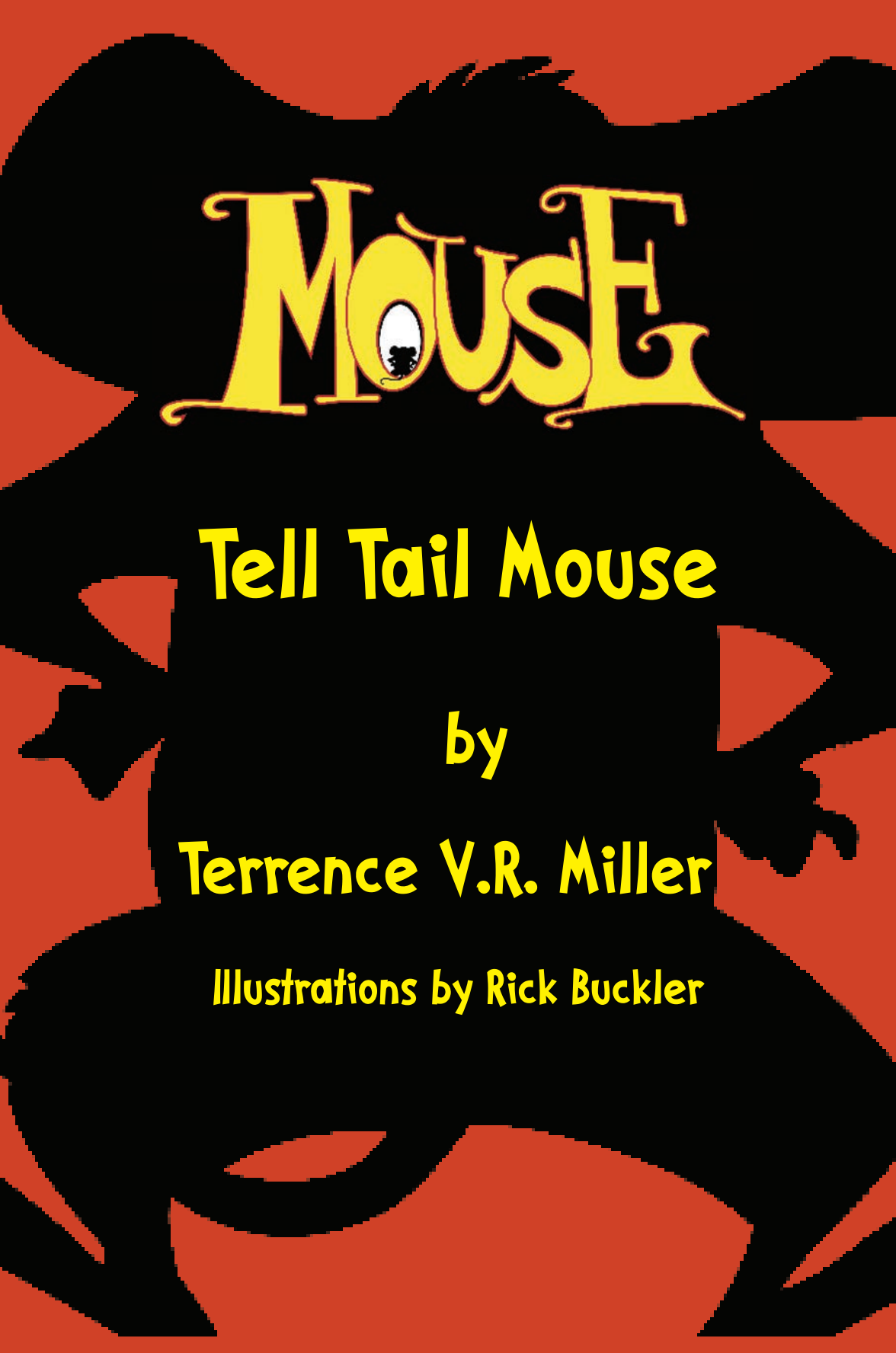
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**Dedicated to
The Old Man With the
Vulture's Eye**





HE'S AT THE DOOR!
SO BEWARE!



TURN THE PAGE.
IF YOU DARE!

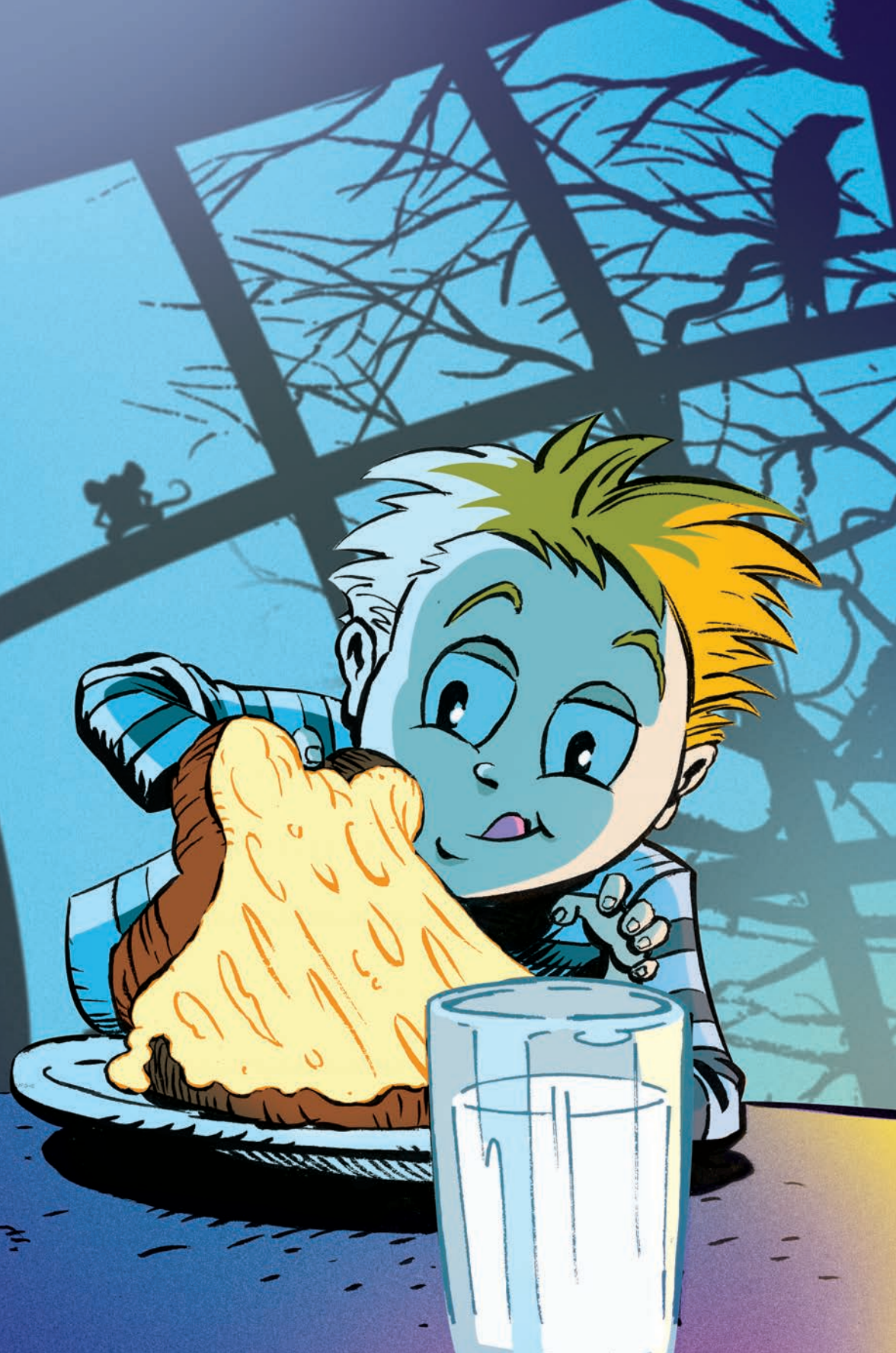


Edgar was reading one of his favorite books about a mouse named Mouse, who's in a house making pancakes, when Granny put a grilled cheese sandwich and a glass of milk in front of him.

Not just any grilled cheese. But muenster grilled cheese! He pulled each side of the sandwich apart and watched the melted cheese stretch into strings, then devoured the treat, washing it down with the milk.

"Thank you, Granny!" Edgar said wiping a milk mustache off his lip.

"You're welcome, dear," she said with a twinkle in her eye. "There's more muenster cheese back in the refrigerator but don't touch it. I'm saving it to make my special muenster cheese pie for the Fall Supper after the Hayride tomorrow. Be sure not to eat it or there'll be no pie. You're not the only one who loves muenster cheese!"





Edgar dove back into his book and was just at the place where Mouse was singing about piles and piles of pancakes, when slices of muenster cheese floated around his head and began to dance in front of his eyes, tickling his tongue!





“Boy I’d like to have more muenster cheese!” he thought to himself.

He tried to read some more of his book, but the thought of the muenster cheese made him dizzy and drool with delight.

Before he knew it, Edgar was standing in front of the open refrigerator.

“I know, I know, it’s Granny’s!” a little voice inside of him said.



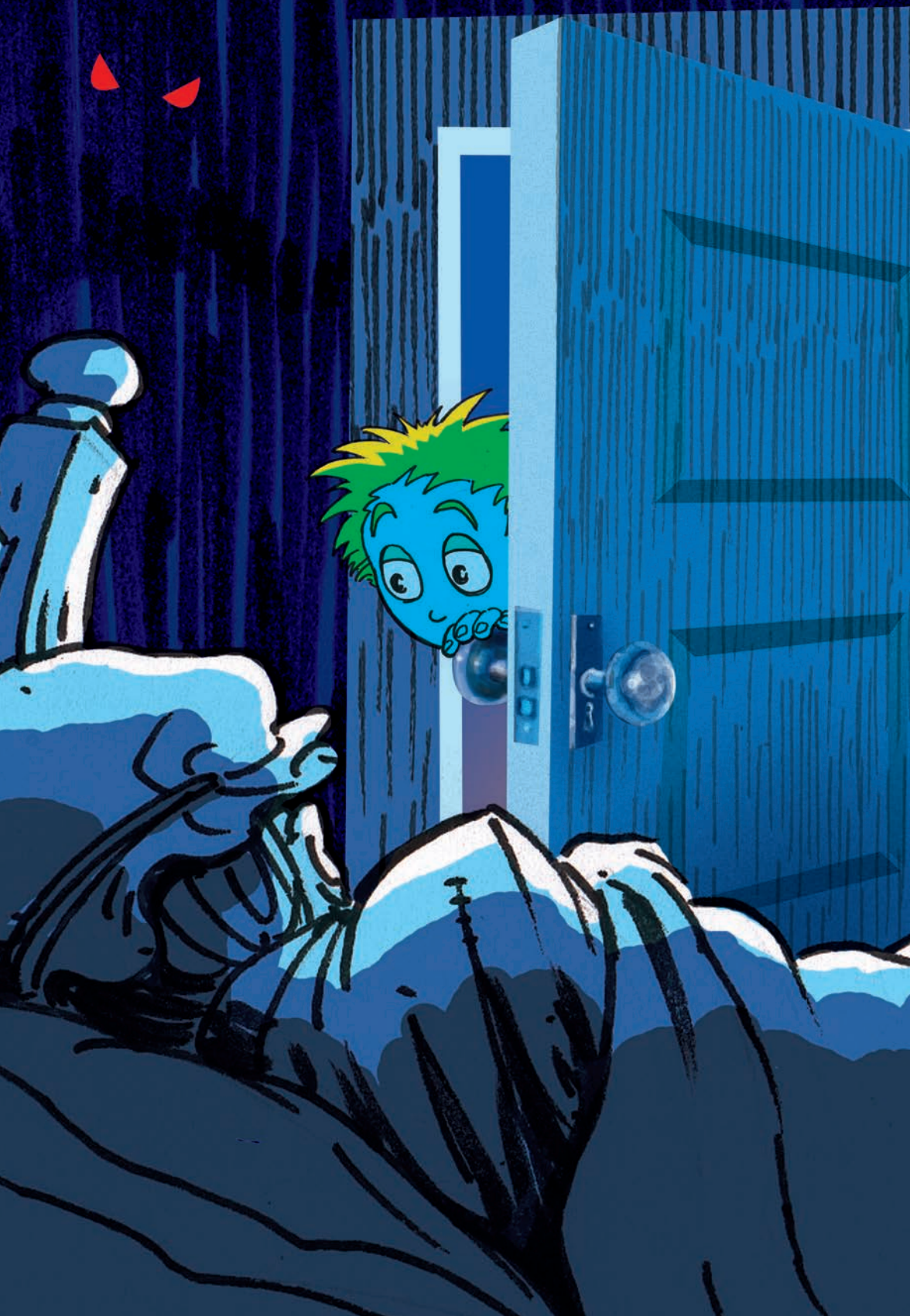
But the thought of muenster cheese was too great for him, and he reached into grab the plate. He stopped suddenly.

"What if Granny's awake? I better find out first," he whispered.

After tiptoeing up the steps, he peeked into her room then walked softly to her bedside. Moonlight streamed through the window, lighting her face.

"Huh?" he gasped, then covered his mouth with his hand.





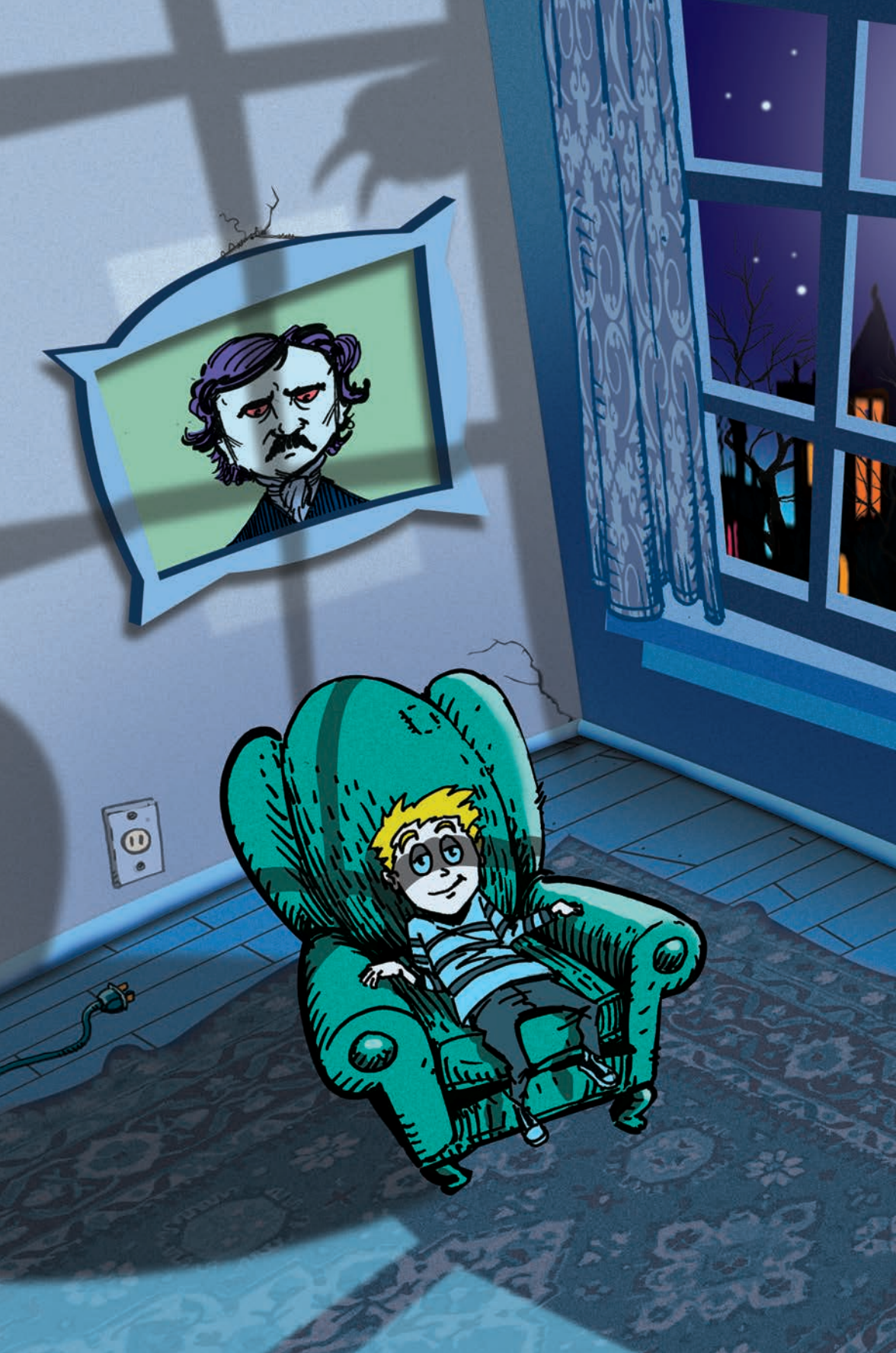
Both her eyes were wide open and staring at the ceiling.

"Yeesh!" Edgar uttered, then bit his tongue.

He waved his hand in front of them, but she didn't even blink!

"Good! Grandma's sound asleep," he thought to himself.

Meanwhile, two small eyes peered from a shadow, watching him as he returned to the kitchen.



Edgar opened the refrigerator door and pulled out the plate of muenster cheese. Stuffing slice after slice into his mouth, he feasted away until they were all gone, then put the empty plate back.

“Burp!” he exclaimed with a big grin on his face. He went into the living room rubbing his satisfied tummy.

"Granny? Granny who?" he sneered
sinking back into an easy chair. "She'll
probably forget all about—"

"Muenster-munch," he thought he heard.

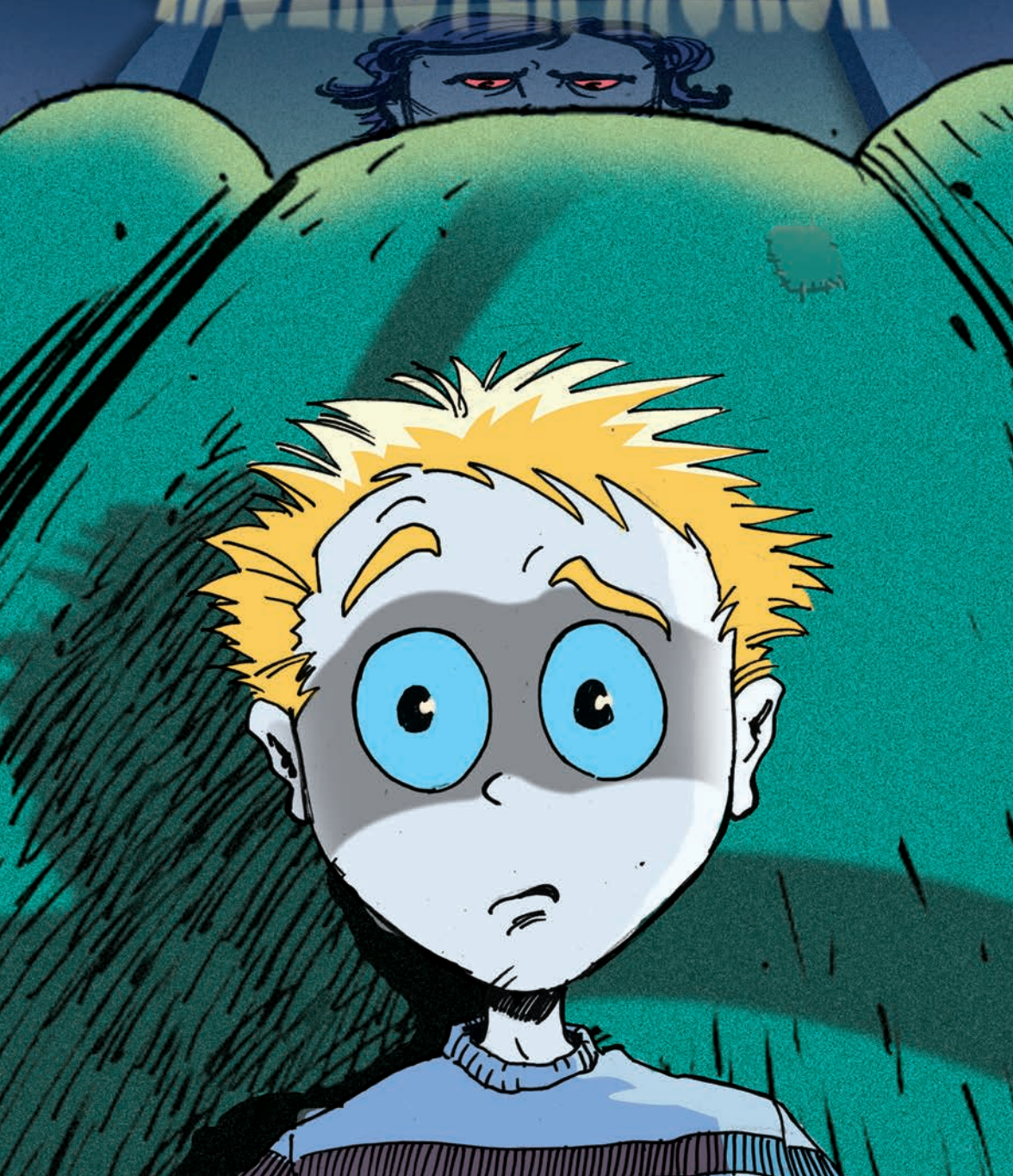
It seemed no louder than a heartbeat.

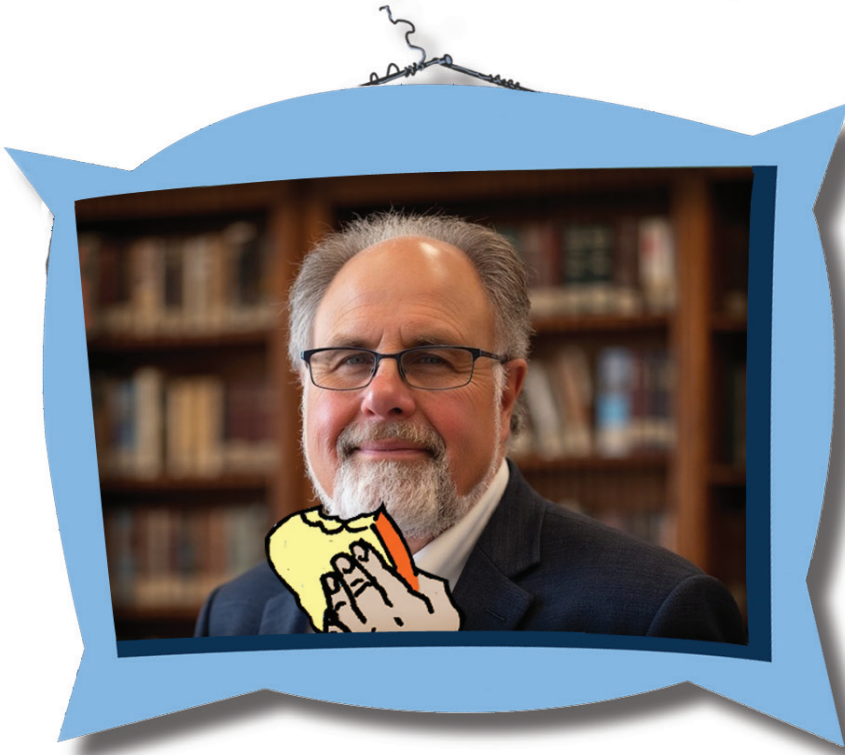
Edgar looked around the room and
under his chair.

"Hmmm, he muttered. He was about to
pick up his book when he heard, "Muenster –
munch ... munch." A little louder this time.

Edgar stood up straight. "Who's there?"
he gulped.

WENSTER MUNCH





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He and his wife live in Northern Maine where they enjoy making syrup with neighbors, splitting wood and sharing a cup of tea with Taloose, their pet moose.

Taloose

My Pet Moose

I have a pet moose
named Taloose,
crowned with antlers
and a large caboose.

Taloose is good natured,
polite and kind, a
hidden gem, a true friend,
so very hard to find.

Oh, how he savors a
brewed cup of tea,
while sitting in the
dooryard with me.

For he knows where the
real treasure is found -
not in cave, chest or
deep in the ground.

We talk about this,
and we talk about that,
we even ponder the
peculiarities of cats.

It's in the joy of a smile,
a tickle or a laugh,
Taloose always says,
"It's as simple as that."

He loves marshes and
bogs and water lilies,
and sings made-up
songs that are rather
silly.

I tip my hat.



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**IN THE HOUSE
MAKING PANCAKES!**



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Mouse In the House Making Pancakes!

When Tori can't sleep because of those funny noises coming from downstairs, she meets a little wise guy with a big heart who loves making pancakes and a BIG mess! Filled with tickle-your-toes illustrations, songs and rhymes and plenty of Mouse mayhem, this tale will make children giggle, while learning lessons about consequences and kindness along the way.

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the
Dragonslayer



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Rufina the Dragonslayer

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dragon?**

Filled with imagination and armor made from a few things she found in the cupboard and shed, a brave little girl and her loyal dog set out on an adventure to prove herself worthy of knighthood. Along the way, Rufina learns about the value of friendship and the true meaning of courage. But first she must learn the real secret to slaying a dragon. Will she?

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