

STEP INTO READING

ready to read

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# THE SNOWBALL

By  
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Illustrated by  
Jean  
Pidgeon



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

your name here!

3 of my favorite books

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Here is a picture of me  
after I finish a great book!



## Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!

**STEP INTO READING®** will help your child get there. The program offers books at five levels that accompany children from their first attempts at reading to reading success. Each step includes fun stories, fiction and nonfiction, and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics Readers—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

## Learning to Read, Step by Step!



### Ready to Read

Preschool–Kindergarten  
• big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues  
For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



### Reading with Help

Preschool–Grade 1  
• basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories  
For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



### Reading on Your Own

Grades 1–3  
• engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics  
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### Reading Paragraphs

Grades 2–3  
• challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories  
For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



### Ready for Chapters

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**STEP INTO READING®** is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!




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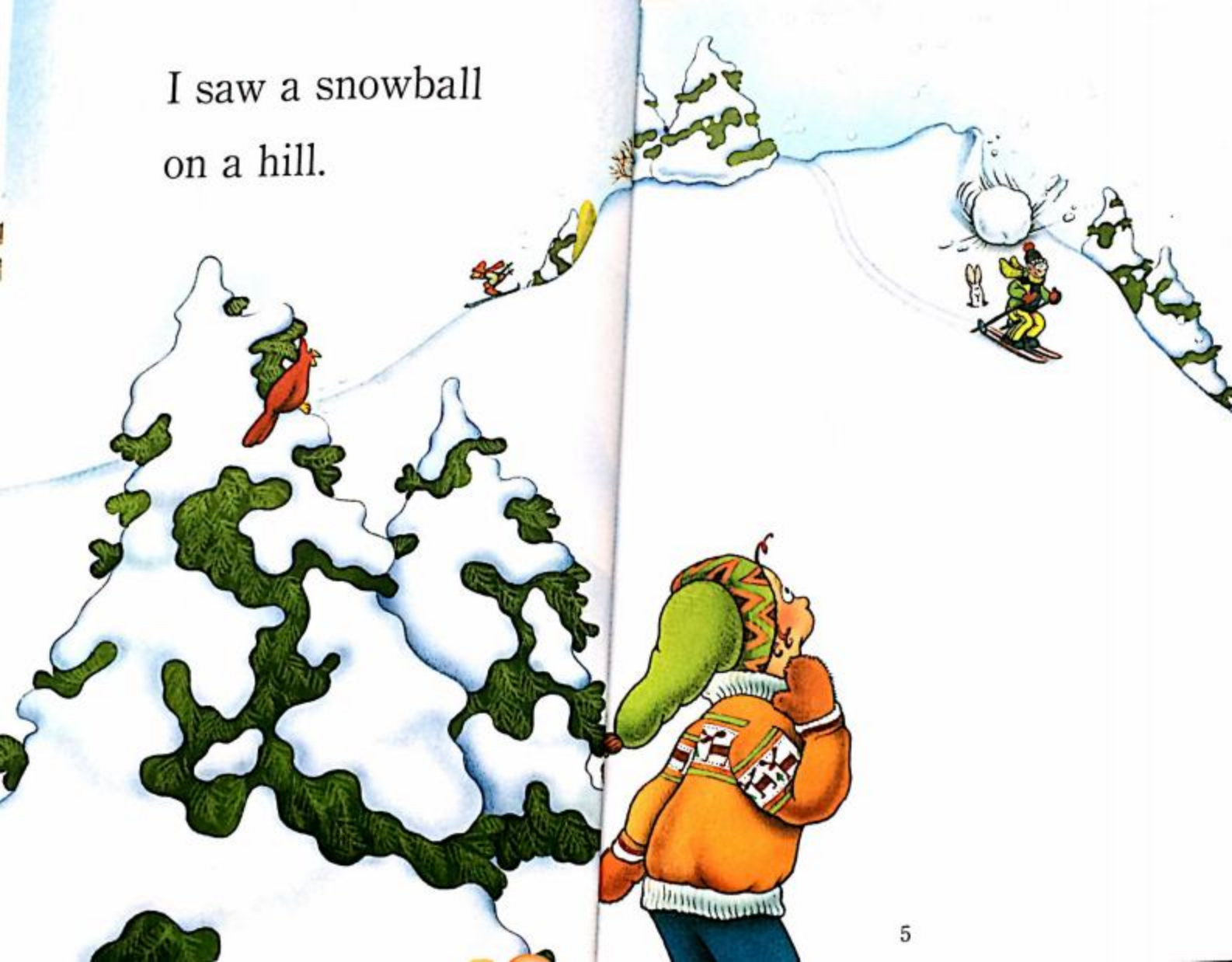
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I saw a snowball  
on a hill.



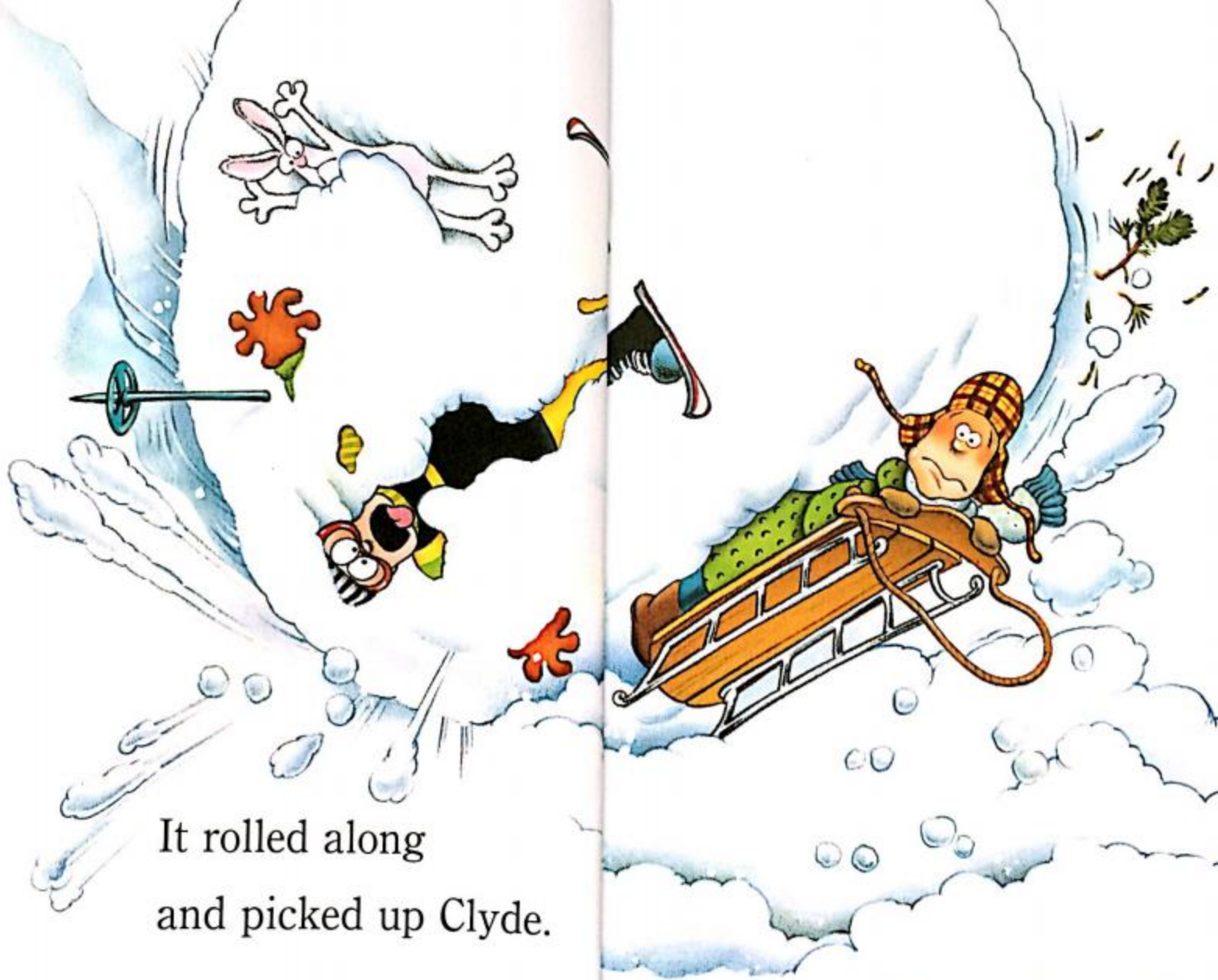
It rolled along  
and picked up Bill!





It rolled along  
with Bill inside.





It rolled along  
and picked up Clyde.

What a ride!

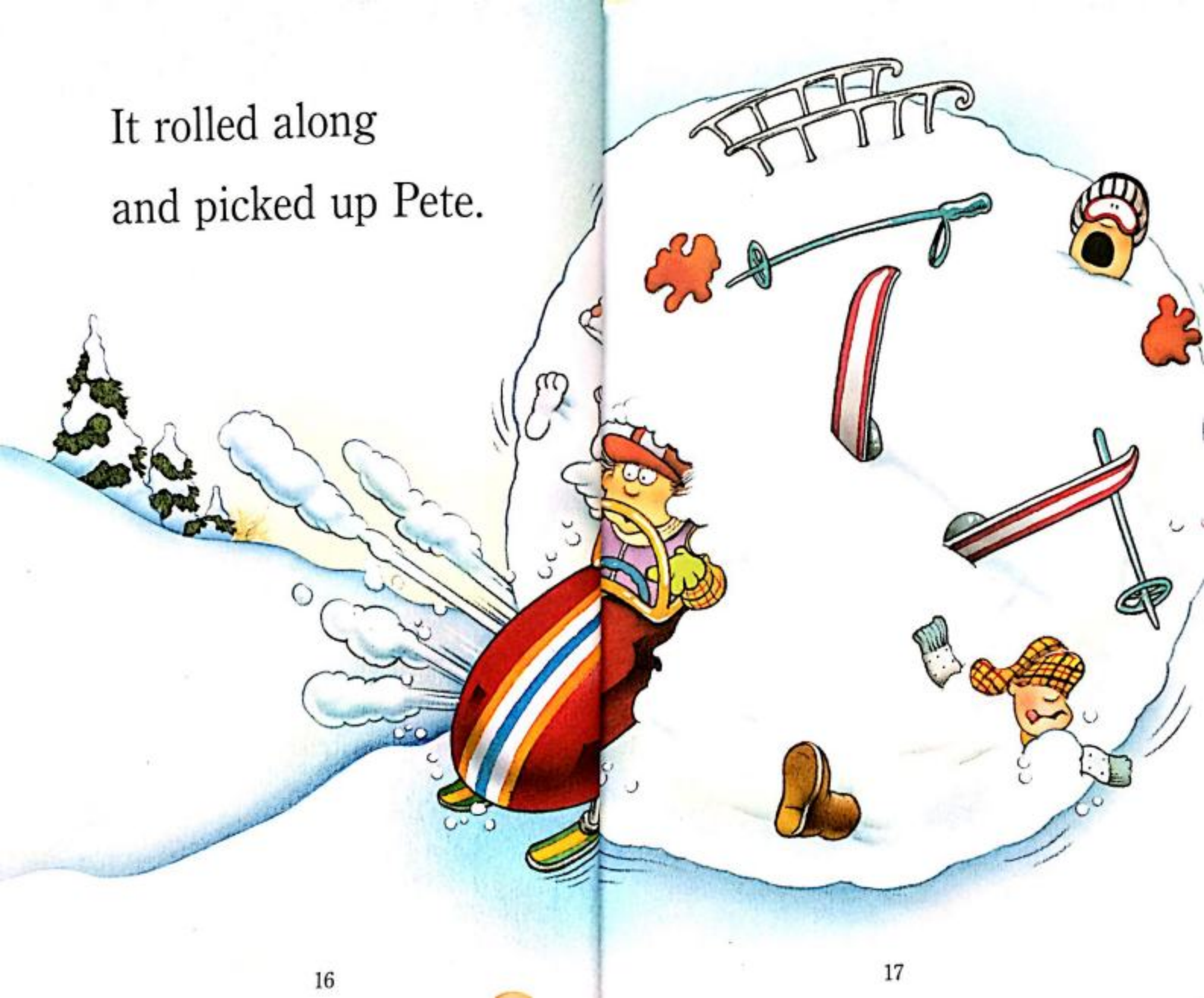




I saw a snowball  
with four feet.



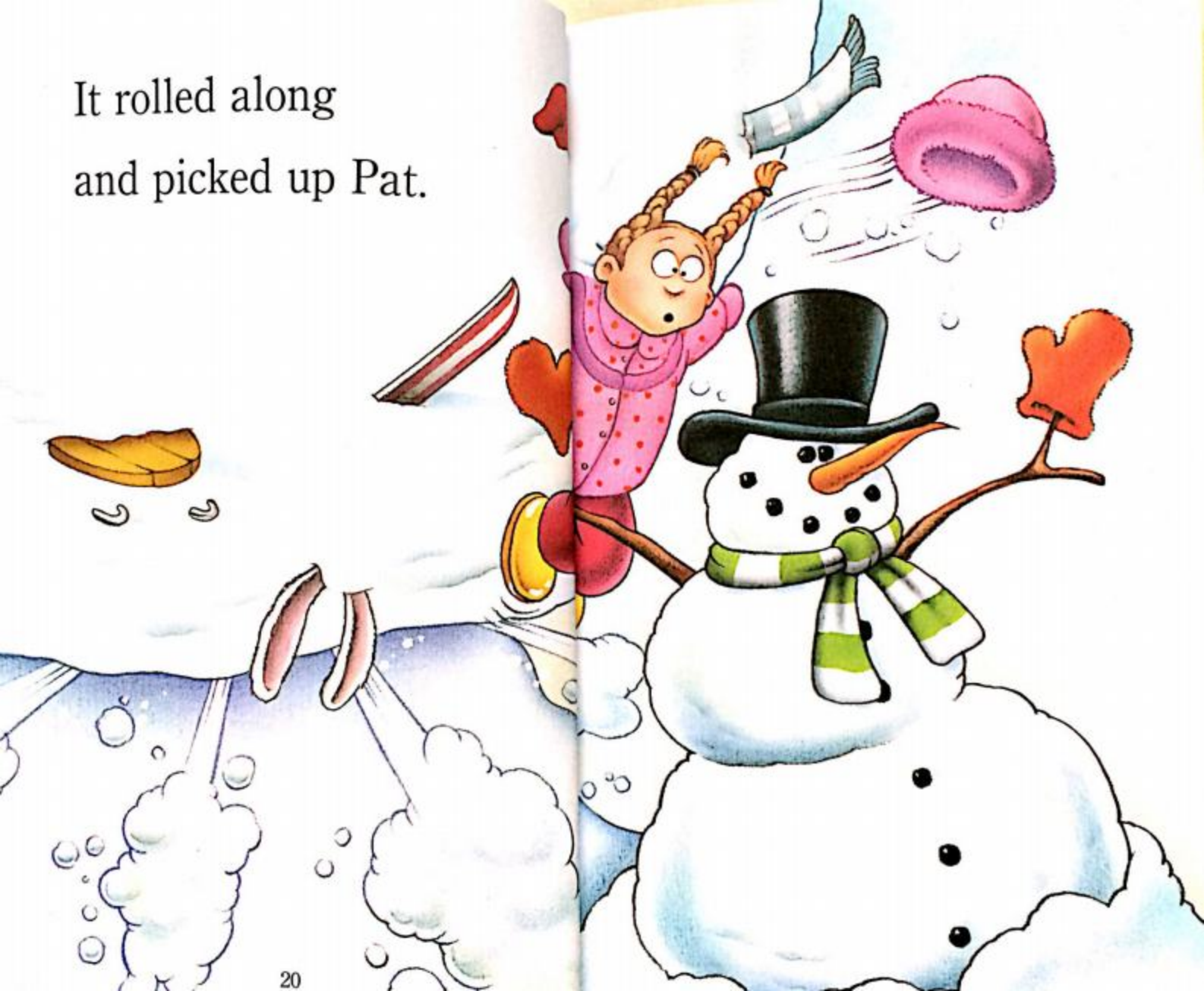
It rolled along  
and picked up Pete.

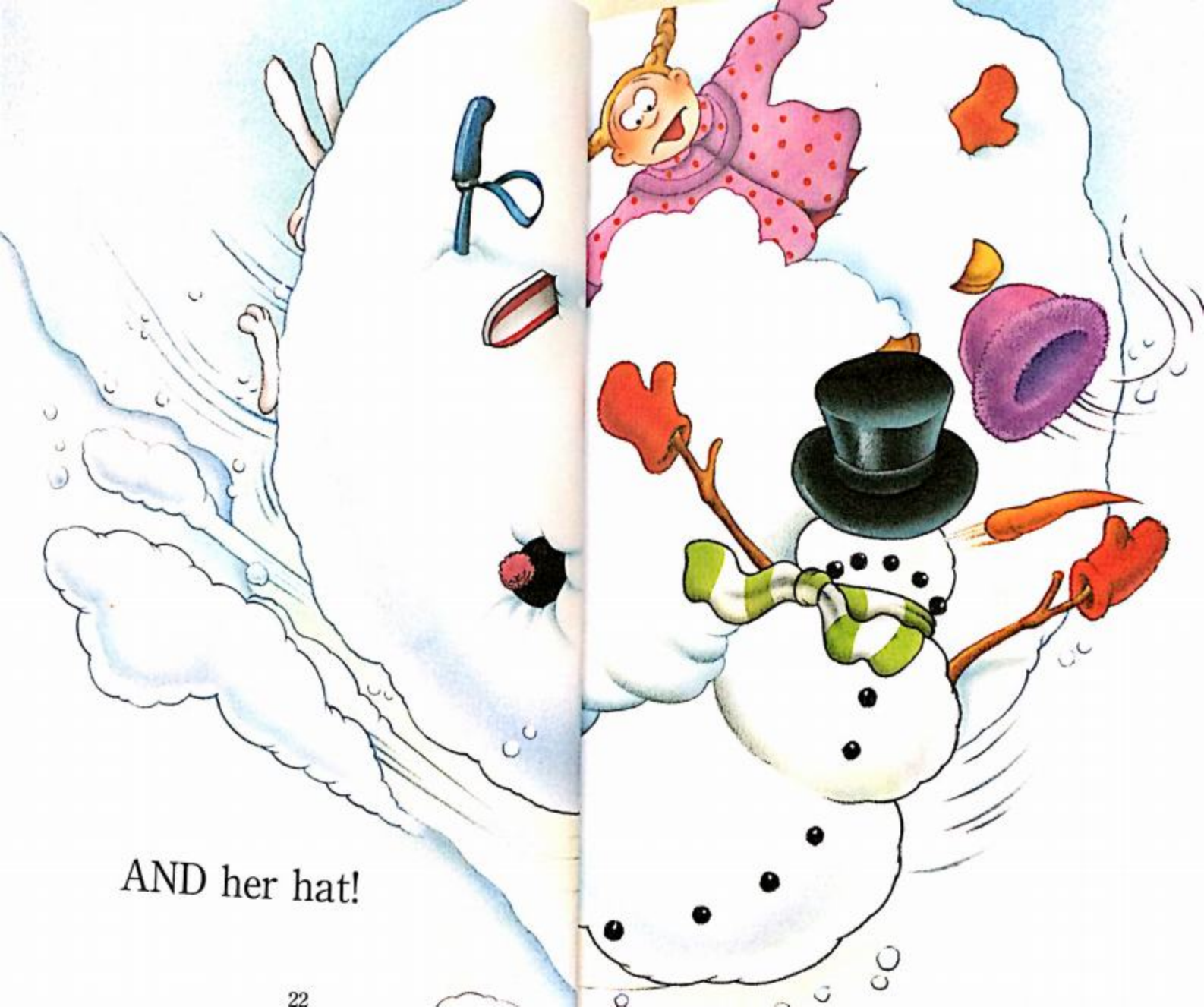


It rolled him up  
as quick as that!



It rolled along  
and picked up Pat.

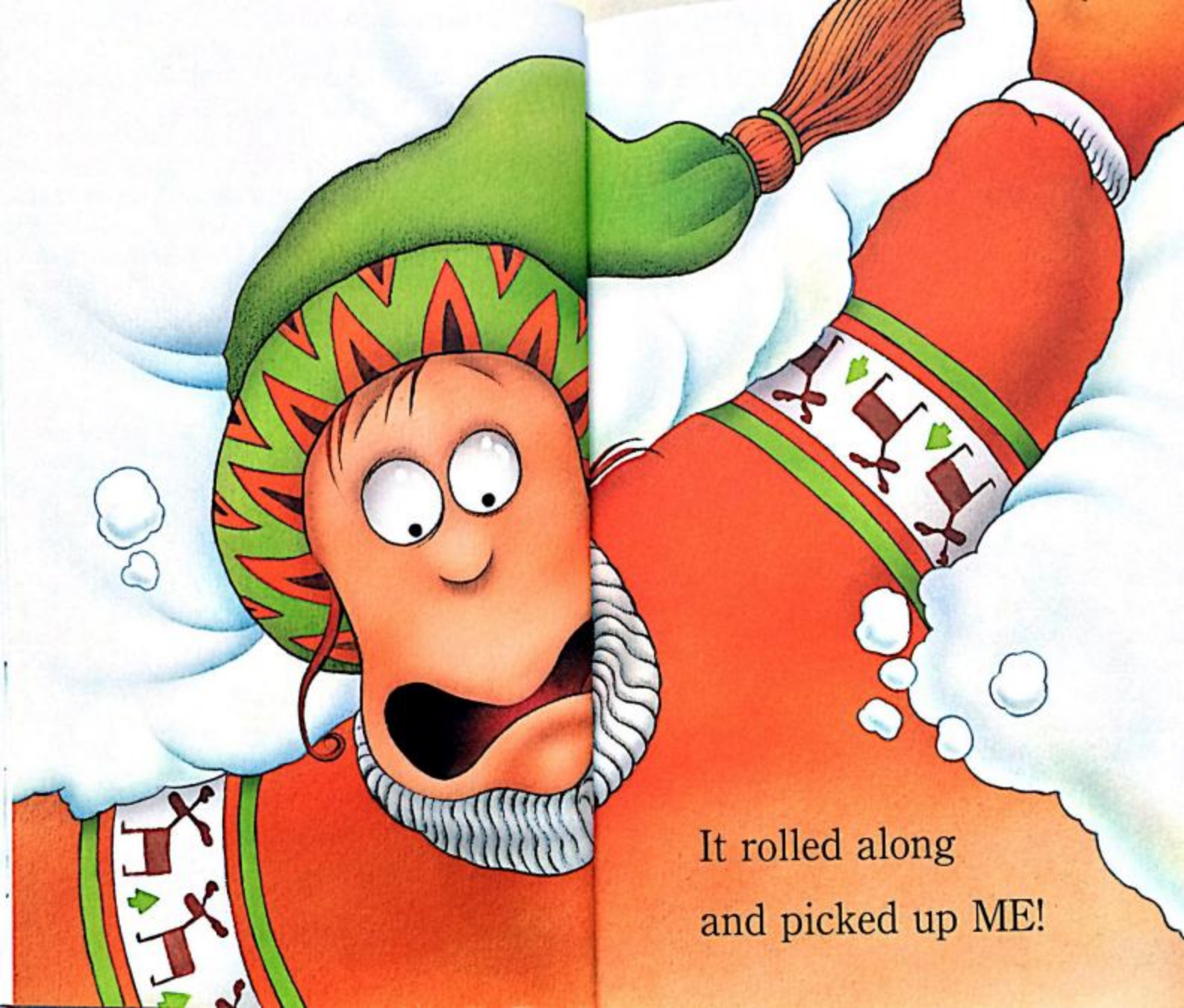




AND her hat!

I saw a snowball  
roll past Lee.

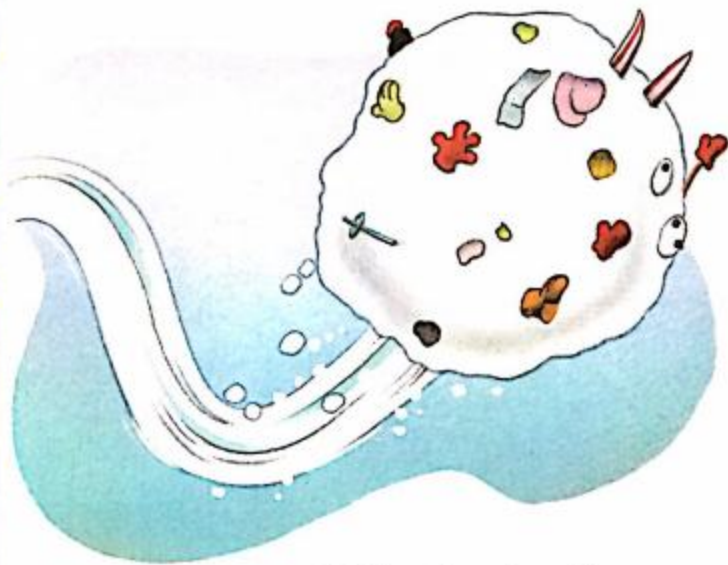




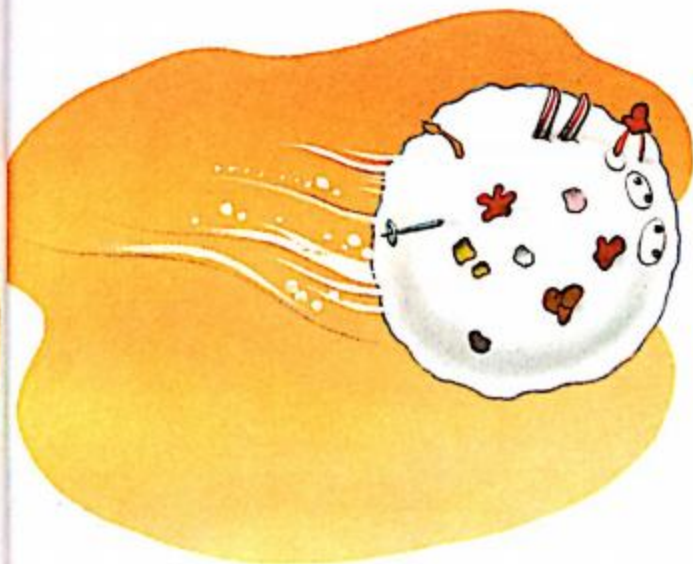
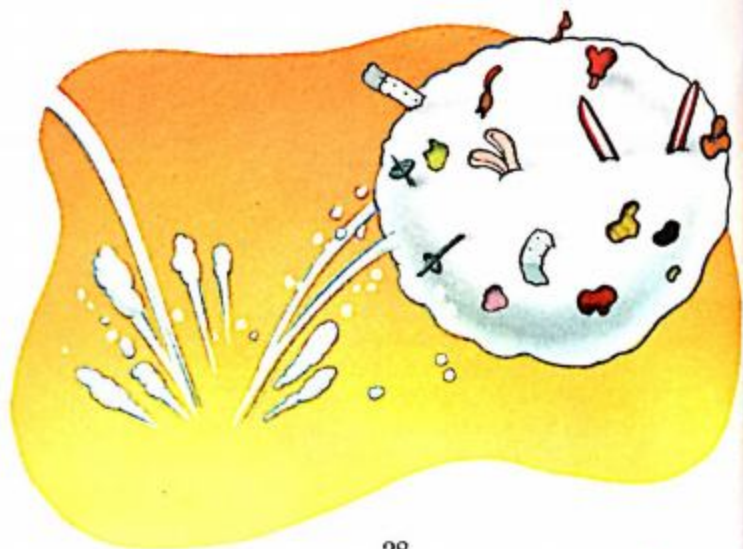
It rolled along  
and picked up ME!



It rolled! It bounced!

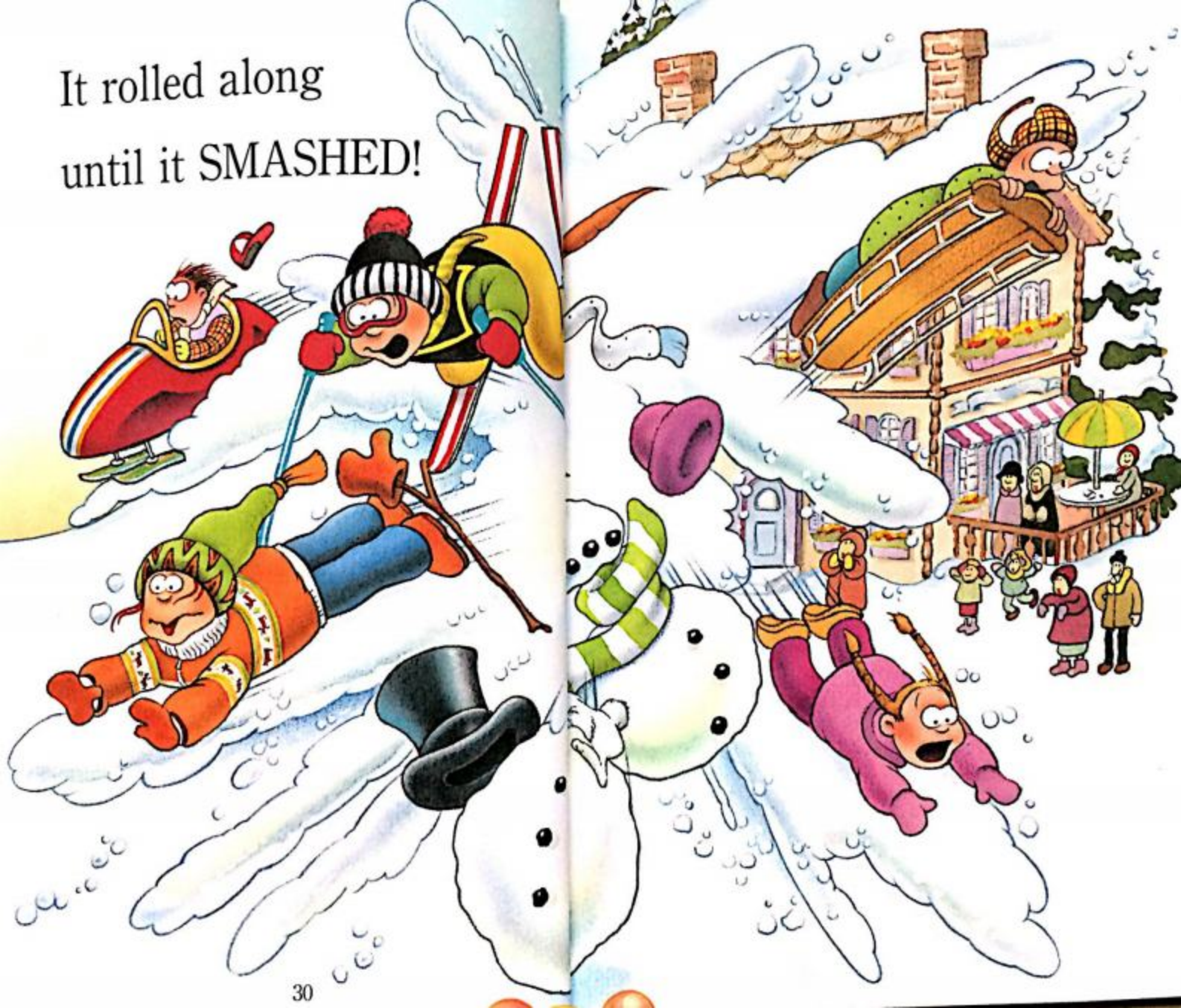


It dipped! It dashed!





It rolled along  
until it SMASHED!





THE END

If you know the alphabet and are ready to read,  
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 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
 GO IN AND OUT  
 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
 GO UP AND DOWN  
 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
 IN THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS  
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It's time for YOU!  
Pick your favorite  
spot to read.  
This is going to be  
a great book!

What this book is about . . .

**The Snowball**

Watch out! A giant snowball  
is rolling down the hill. And it is  
picking up everyone in its path!



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