

Teach a Mouse to Save Water



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What will you do?

- 1. Take the Water Conservation Pledge.
- 2. Ask my parents to sign up for a [Water-Wise House Call](#) at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554.
- 3. Turn off the faucet when I brush my teeth.
- 4. Use a timer to take a 5-minute shower.
- 5. Tell other people to save water.

Signature: _____

Who will save water? Will it be you?



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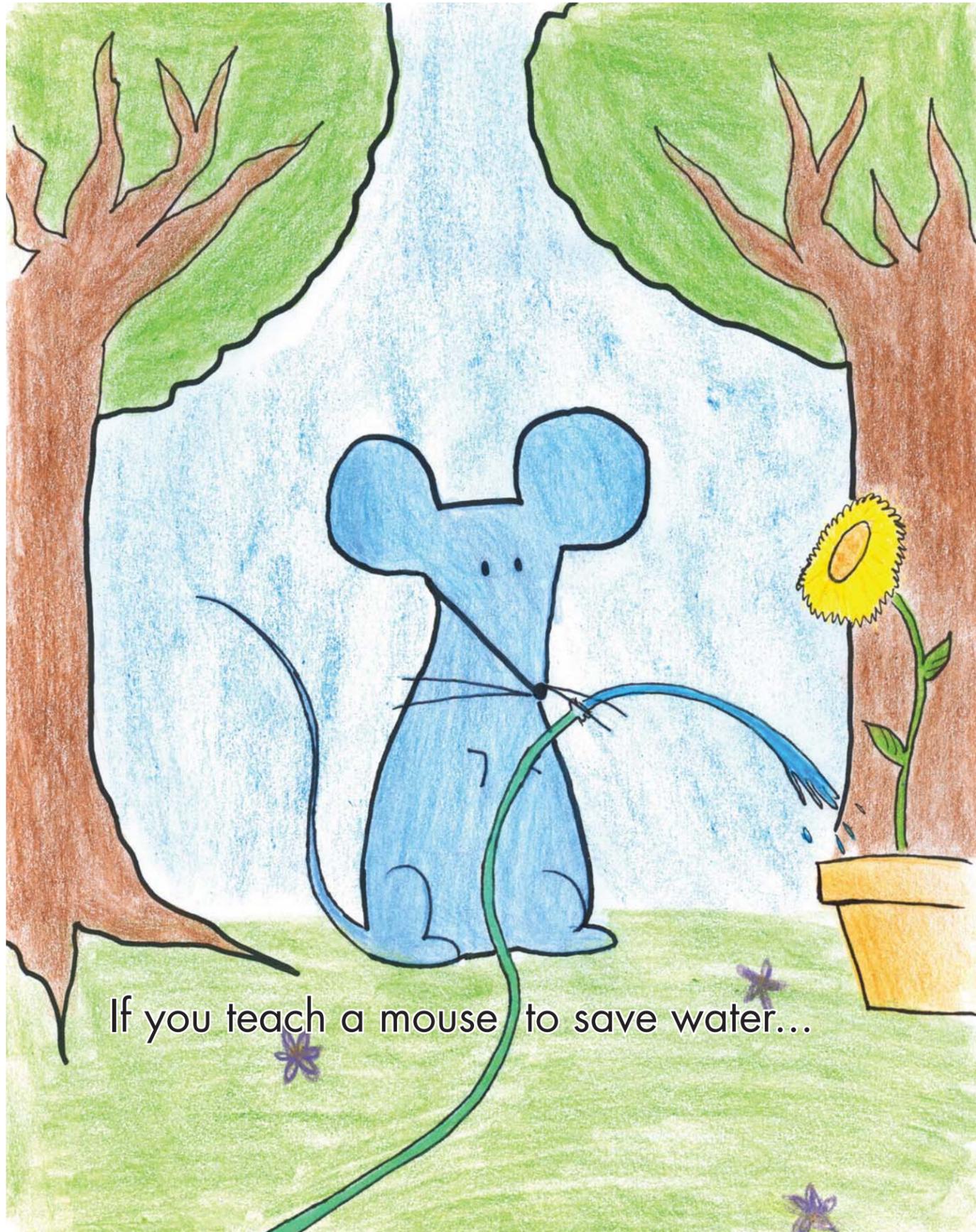
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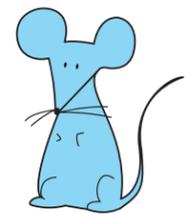
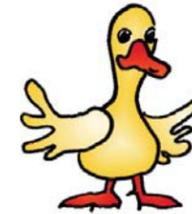
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If you teach a mouse to save water...

Remembering **Teach a Mouse to Save Water**

1. Who put the timer in the shower? (Circle one)



2. How long should you set the timer for your shower?



1 minute

5 minutes

10 minutes

3. Circle what will be fixed by the water district for **FREE** during a **Water-Wise House Call**?

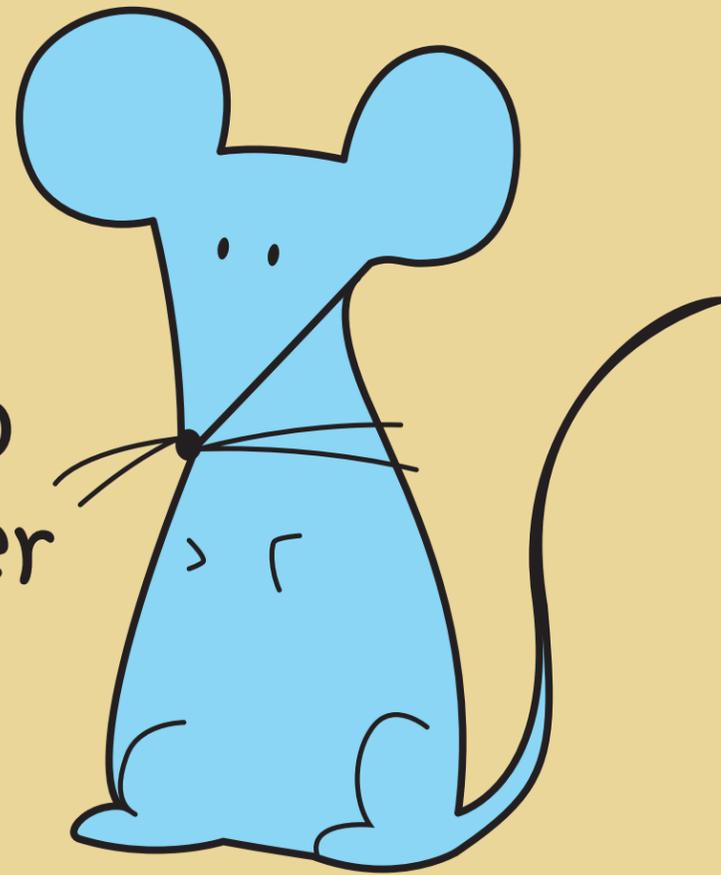


4. **True** or **False** (Circle one) It is important for everyone to save water.

5. **True** or **False** (Circle one) We should save water every day!

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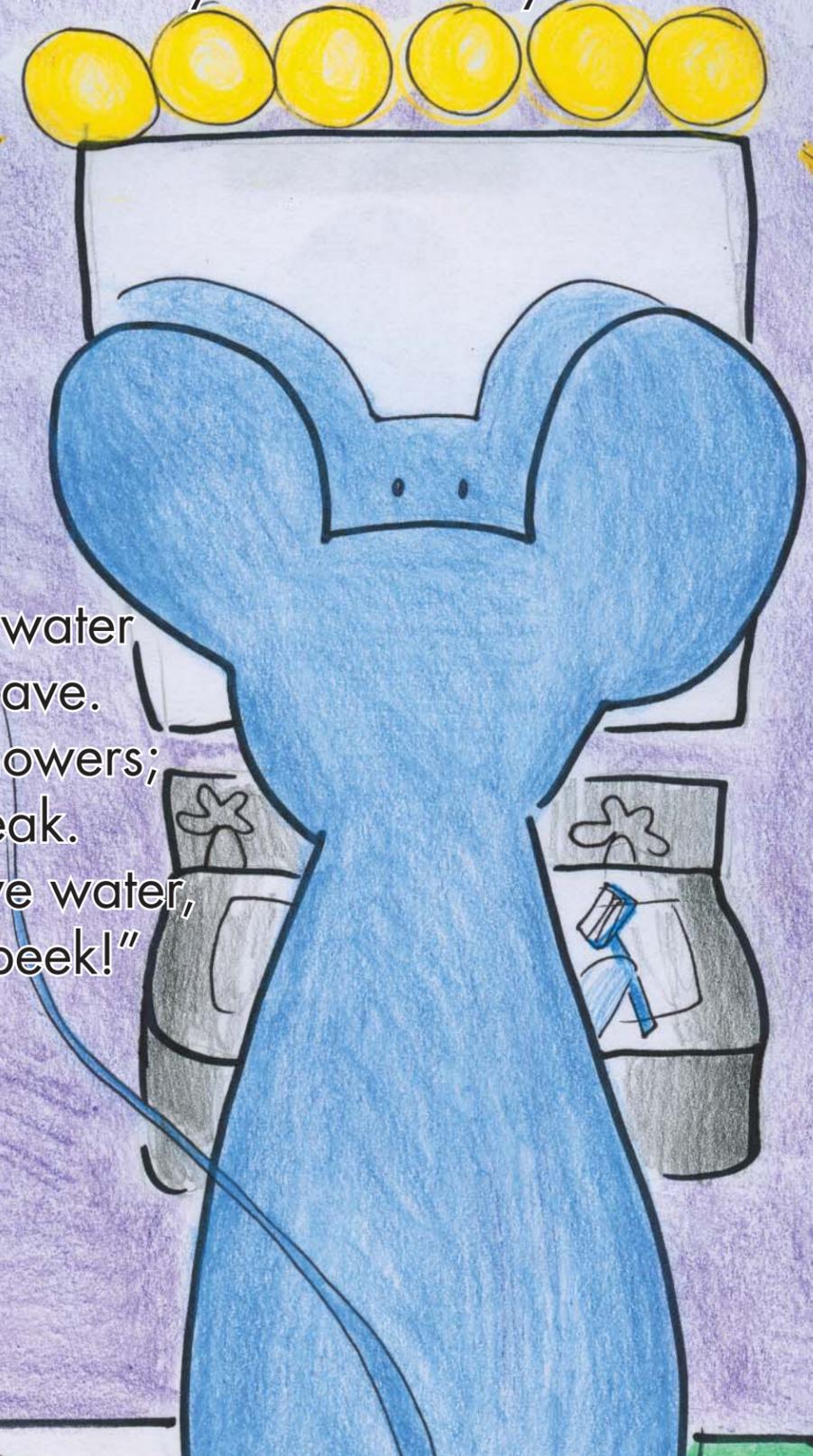
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(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)



Save water, a mouse will do,
If you sweetly ask him to.
Low-flow shower head he'll install;
Fix his faucet; that's not all.
He'll make a plan just to show
How every day he slows the flow!

First he will tell you he already saves.

"I turn off the water
whenever I shave.
I take short showers;
I stop every leak.
To see me save water,
come take a peek!"



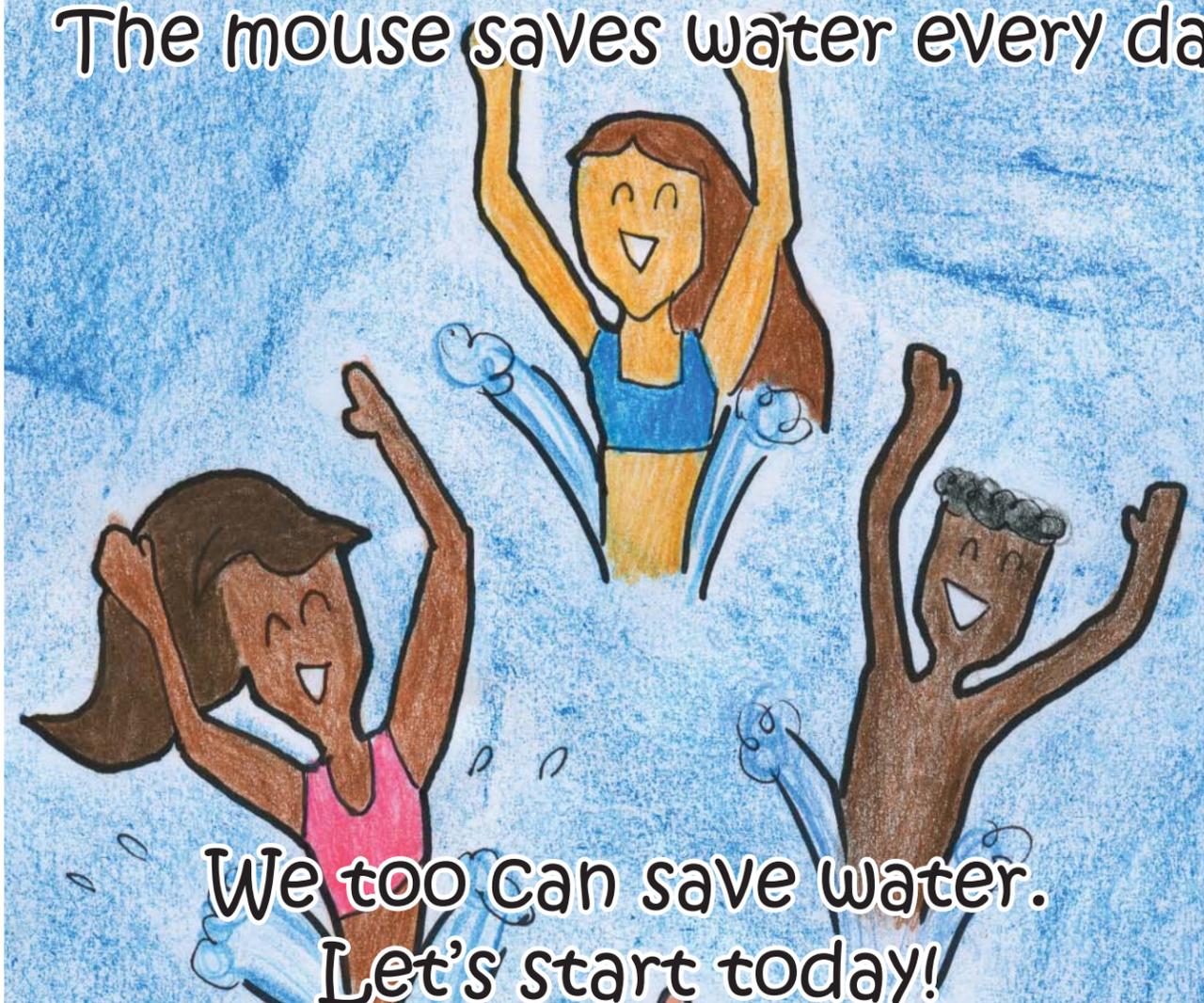
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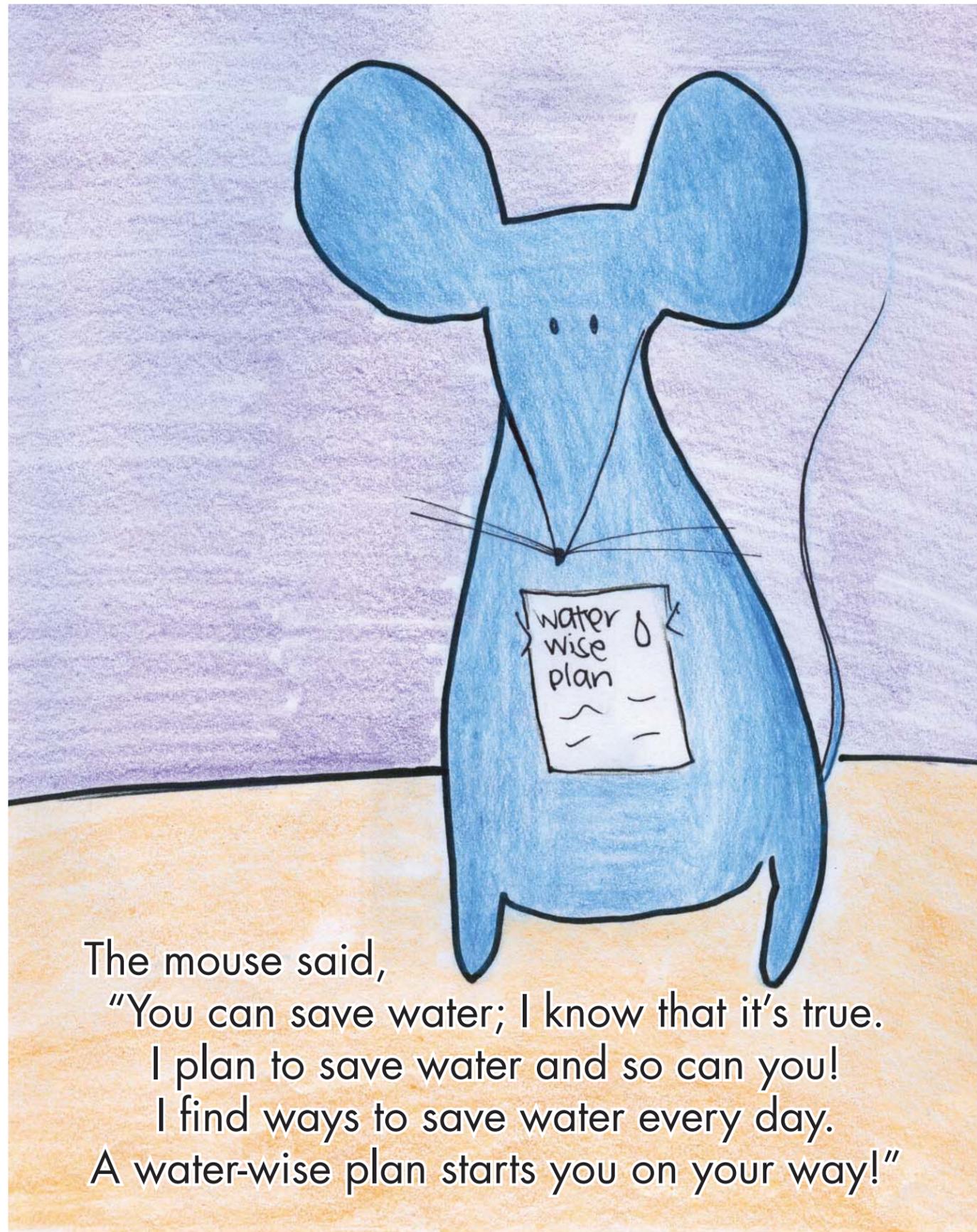
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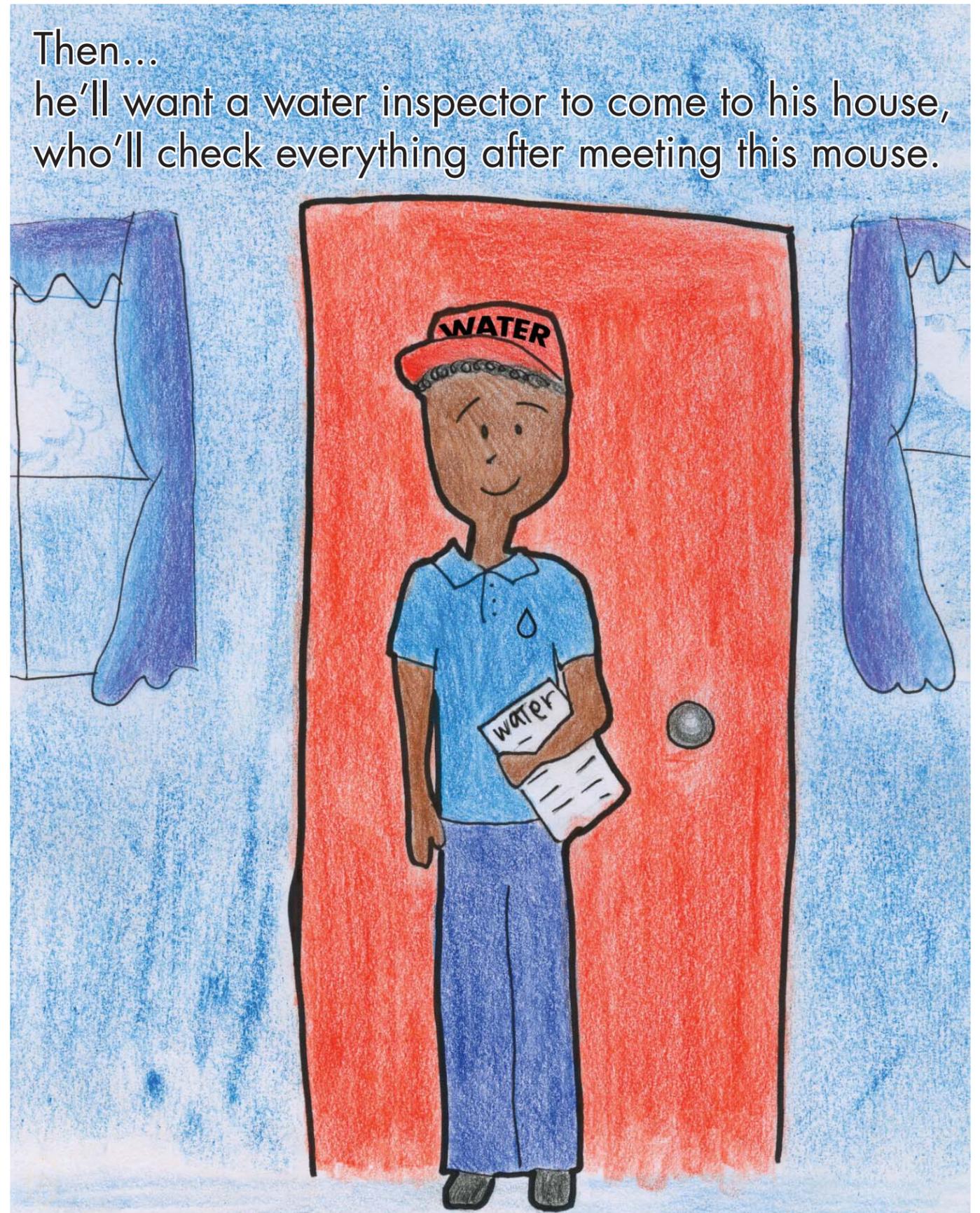


We too can save water.
Let's start today!

HOORAY! HOORAY!
Let's start today!



The mouse said,
"You can save water; I know that it's true.
I plan to save water and so can you!
I find ways to save water every day.
A water-wise plan starts you on your way!"

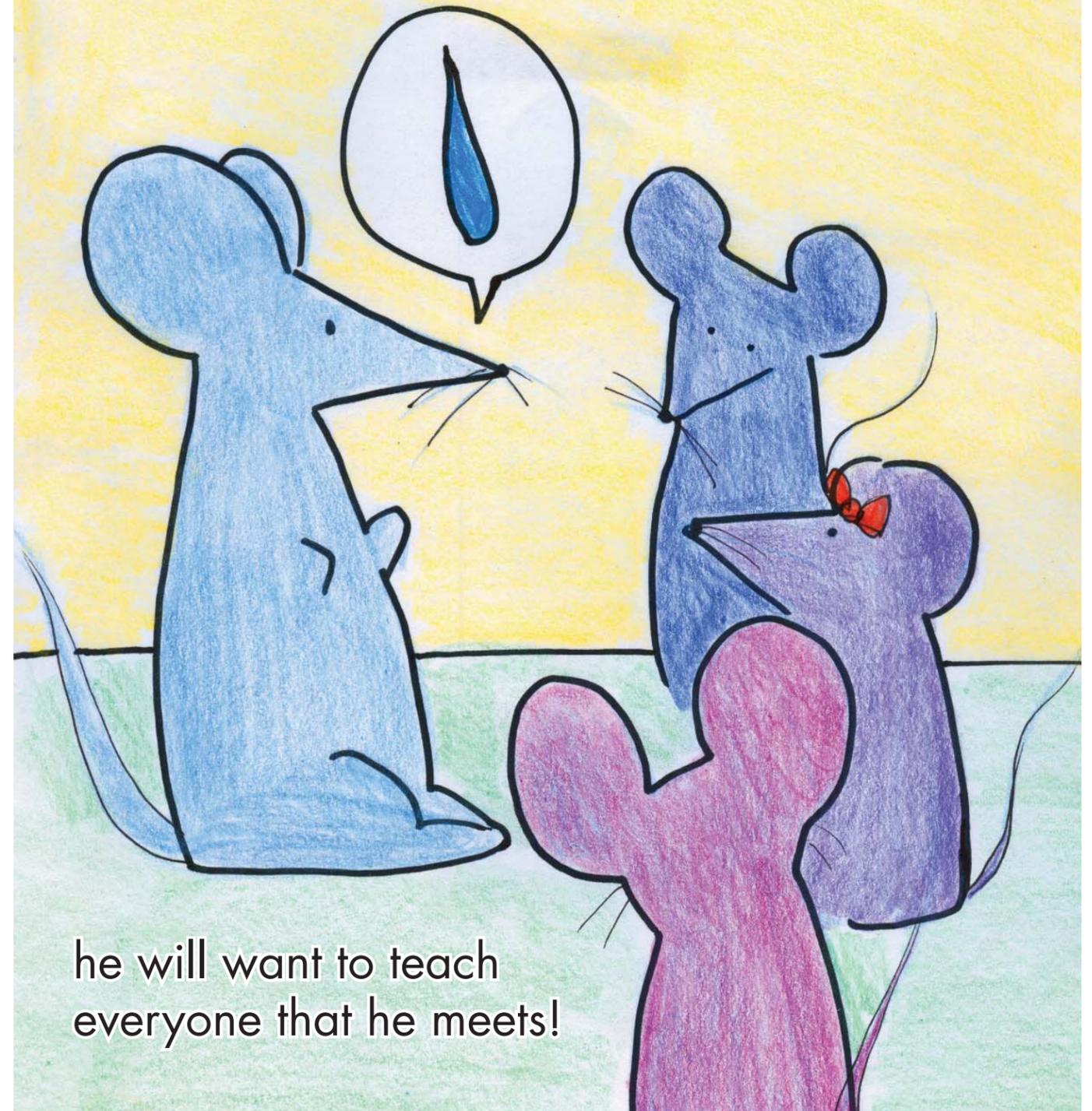


Then...
he'll want a water inspector to come to his house,
who'll check everything after meeting this mouse.

A low-flow showerhead they'll both install.



Chances are...
If you teach a mouse to save water...

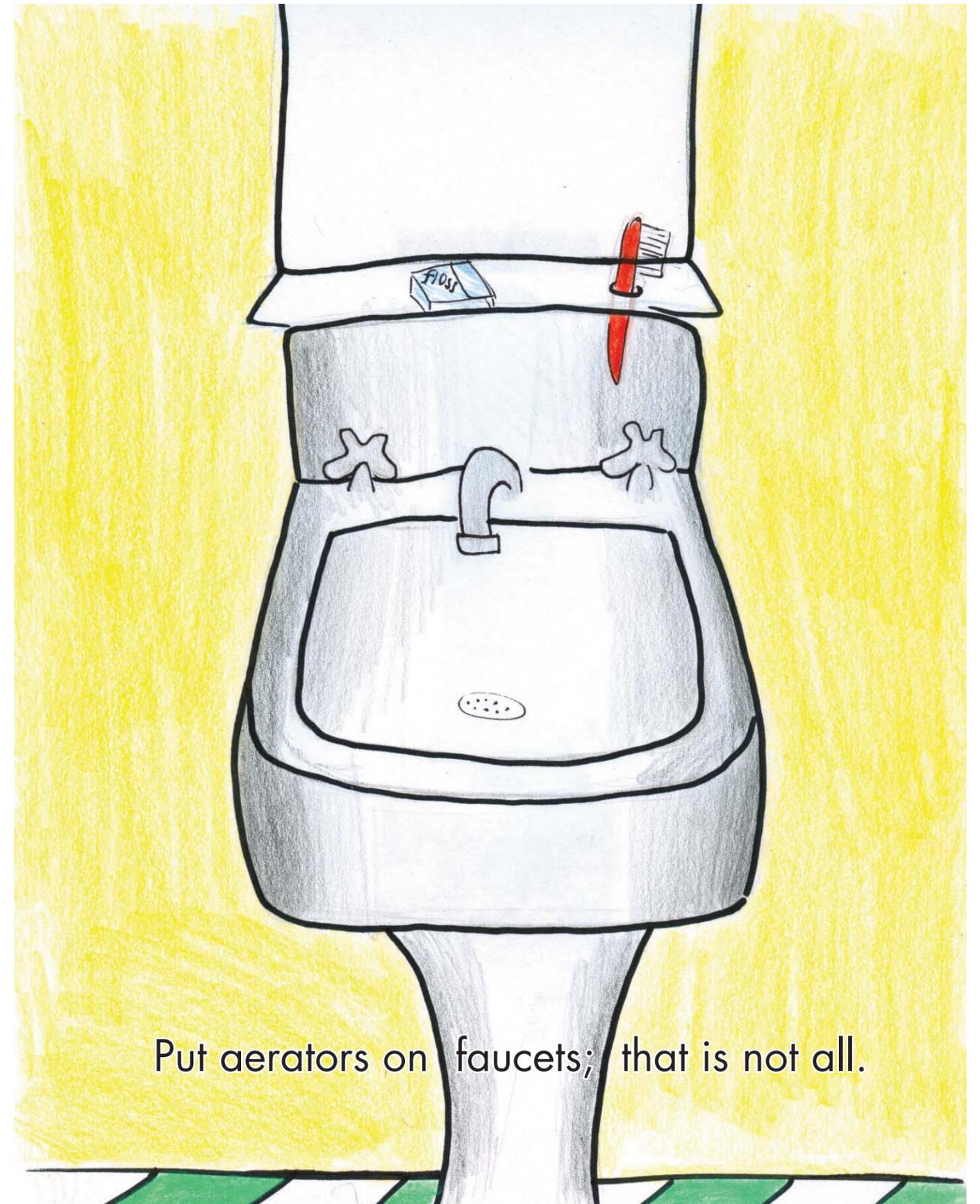


he will want to teach
everyone that he meets!

HOORAY!



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Put aerators on faucets; that is not all.

Open the tank
on the toilet
and replace
the flapper.

The mouse will even help
take off the wrapper.

Of course the inspector has more to suggest.
If you want to save water it is a long quest.

The inspector said...

"Water in the morning
before it's too late.

Install a drip system;
I think it's first rate.

Driveways and walkways
I hope you will sweep.

And cover your pool;
I know it's not cheap."

HOORAY!



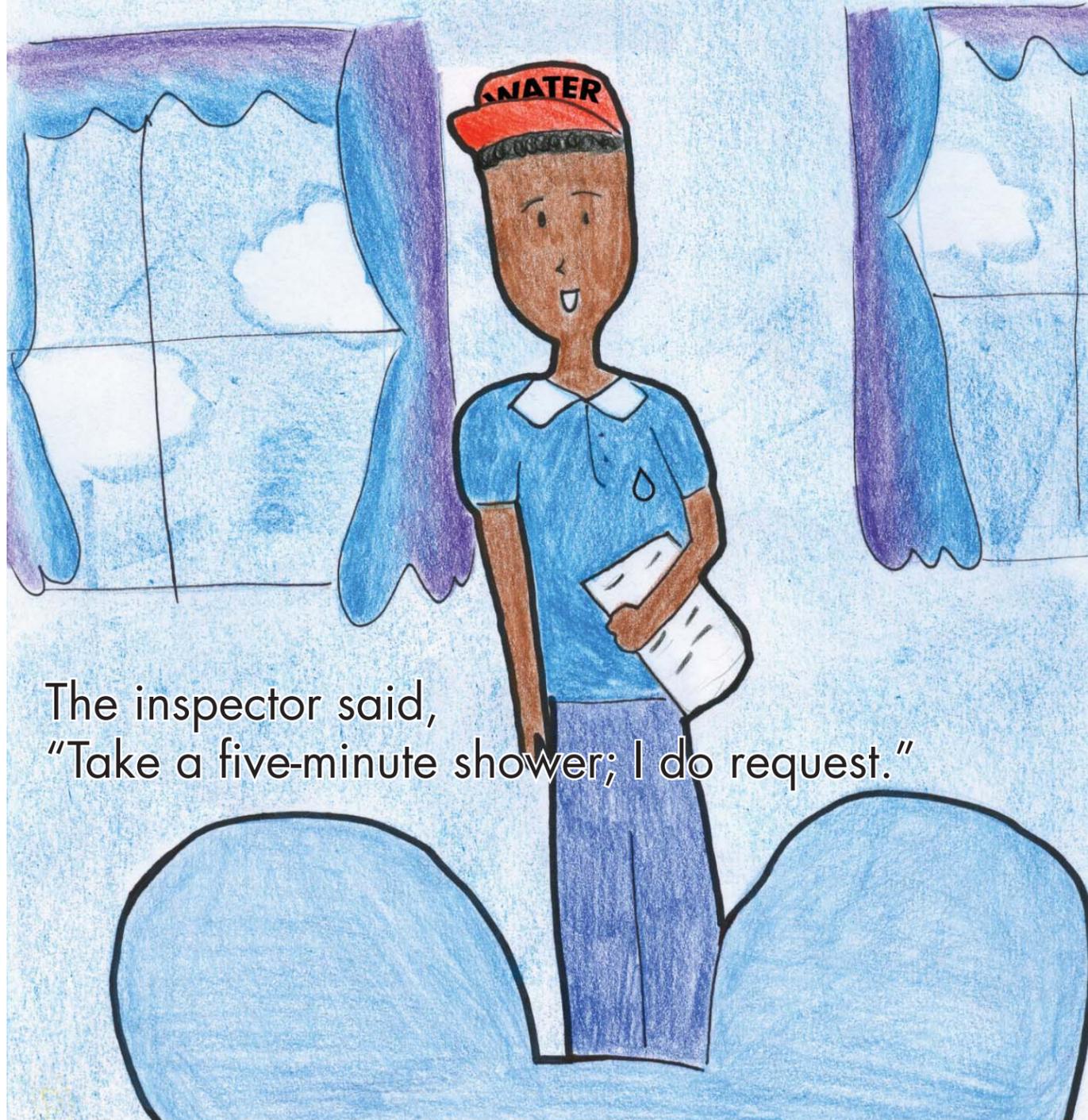
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The inspector has more suggestions for him.
The mouse likes to listen; each one is a gem!



The inspector said,
"Take a five-minute shower; I do request."

The mouse soon learns that his lawn must go.
It needs so much water to make it grow.
He'll replace it with flowers and plenty of rocks,
a vegetable garden in a large box.

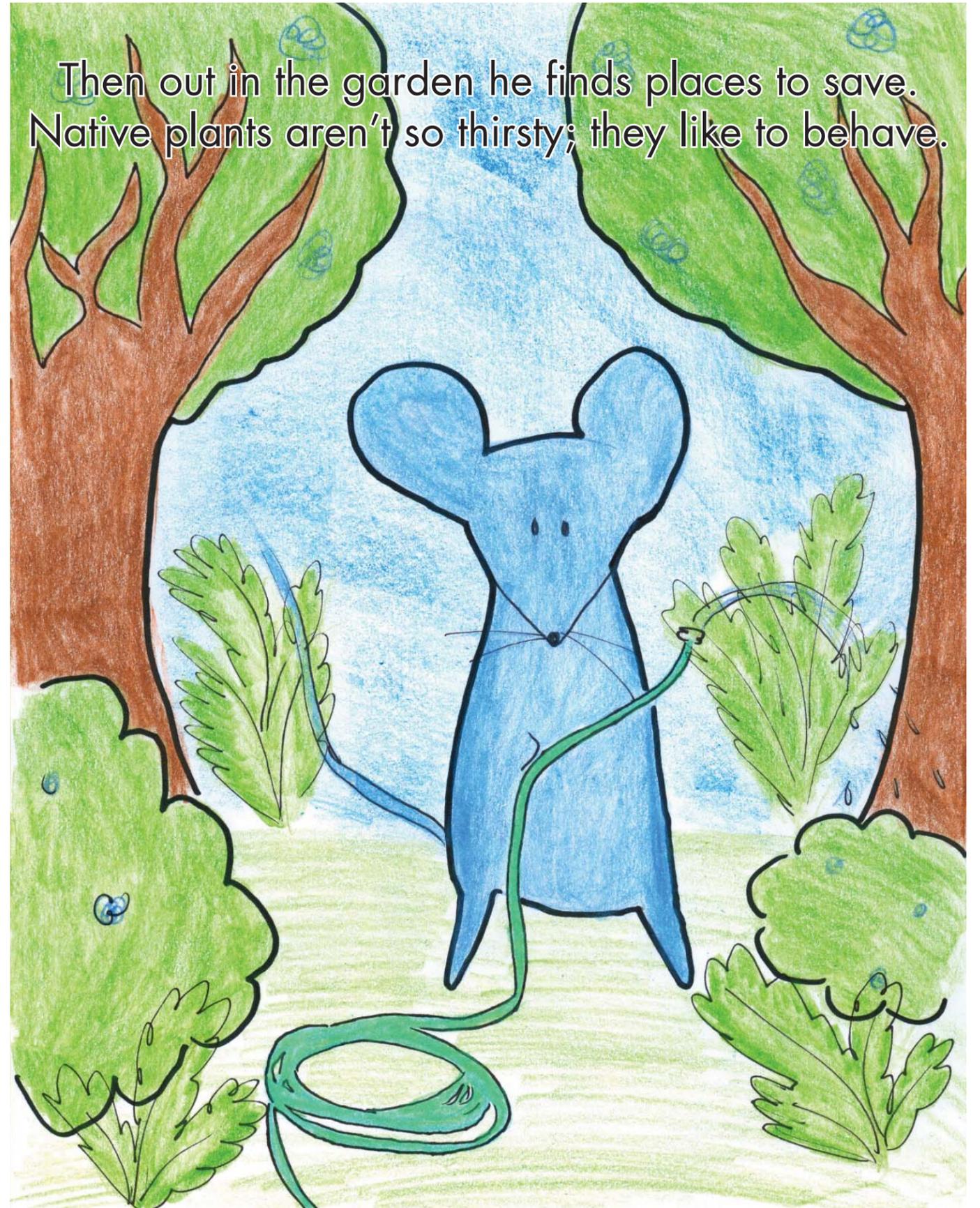




The inspector will check the washer and dryer.
Energy star is what he'll require.



Then out in the garden he finds places to save.
Native plants aren't so thirsty; they like to behave.

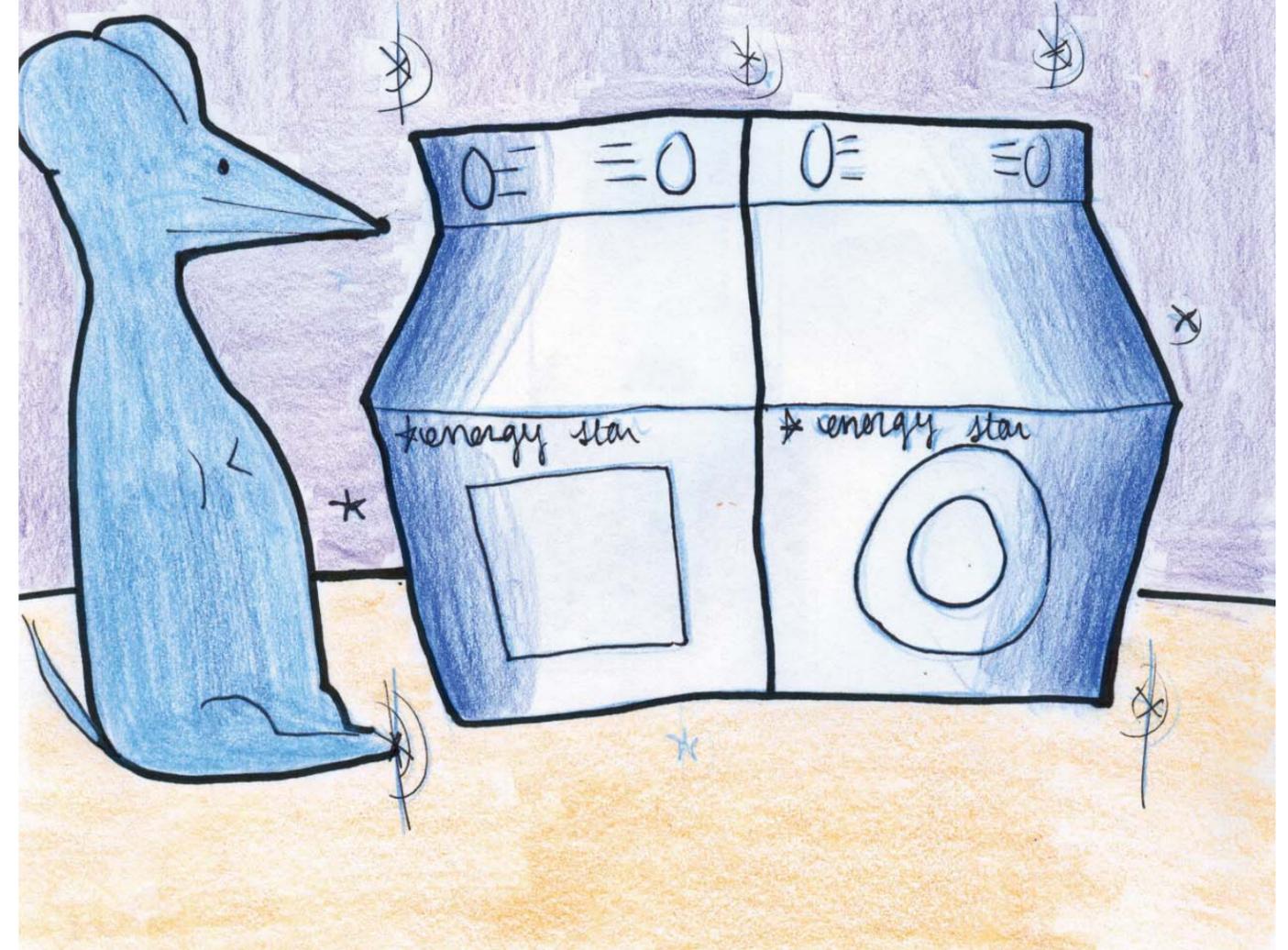
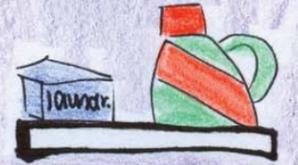
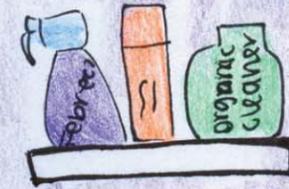


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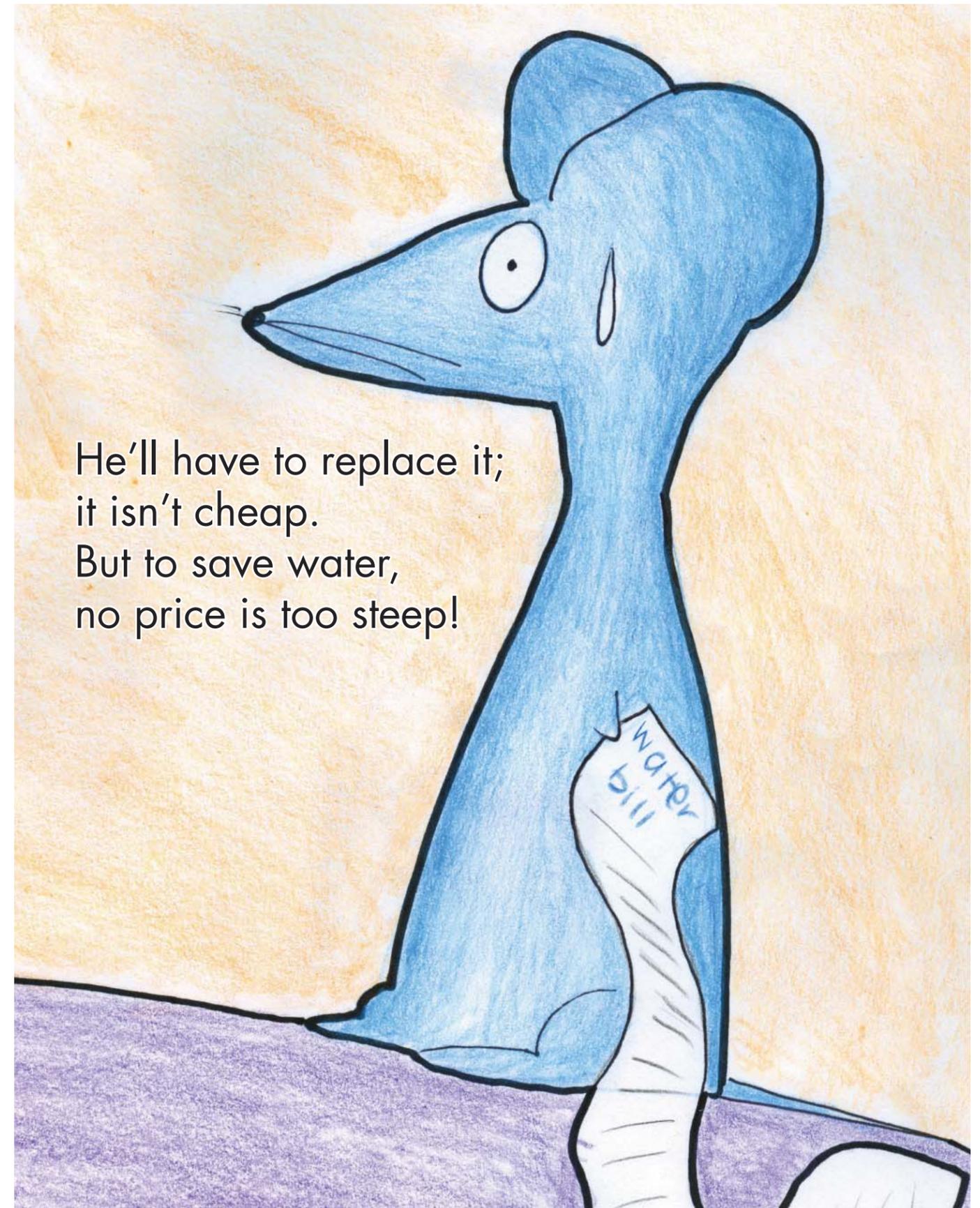


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The mouse might have to go to a store
to buy new appliances; these he'll adore.



Then the water heater the mouse will help check.
If it is leaking, he will say...



He'll have to replace it;
it isn't cheap.
But to save water,
no price is too steep!