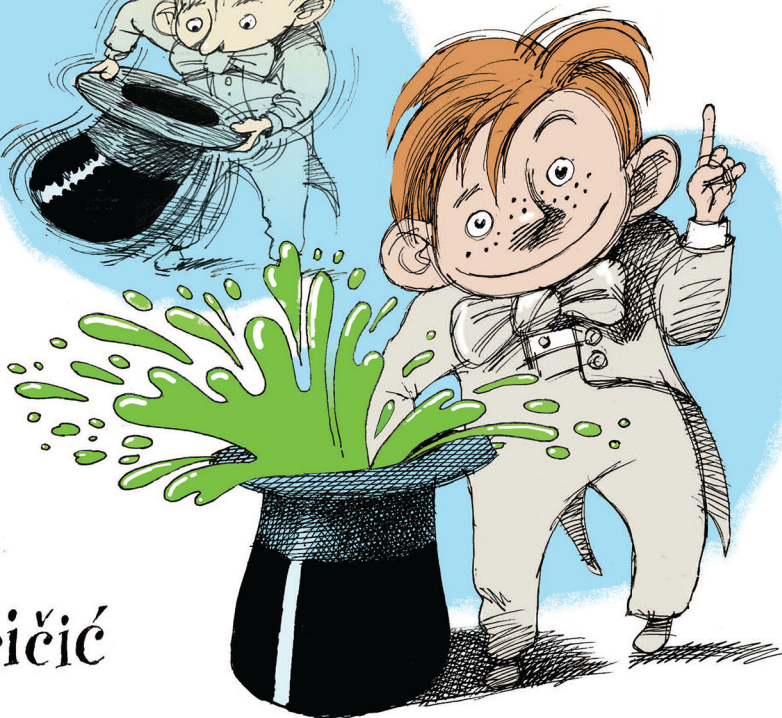
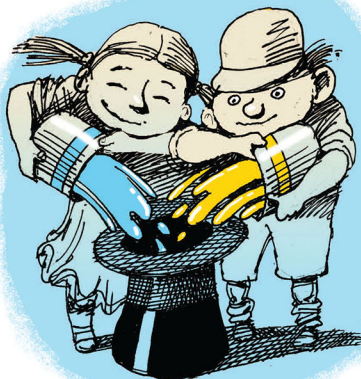


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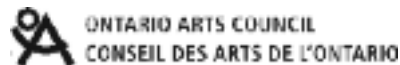
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For Stephen and Anne, happy together.
—S.S. and S.S.

For Tia, the smart girl from Novi Sad.
—D.P.





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MIXTURES

You take two things, or three or four,
or even five or six.

You stir and squoosh them, squish and moosh them,
mingle, blend, and mix.

And as you jumble, magically,
they disappear from sight.
And in their place, instead, appears
a brand new thing. Delight!

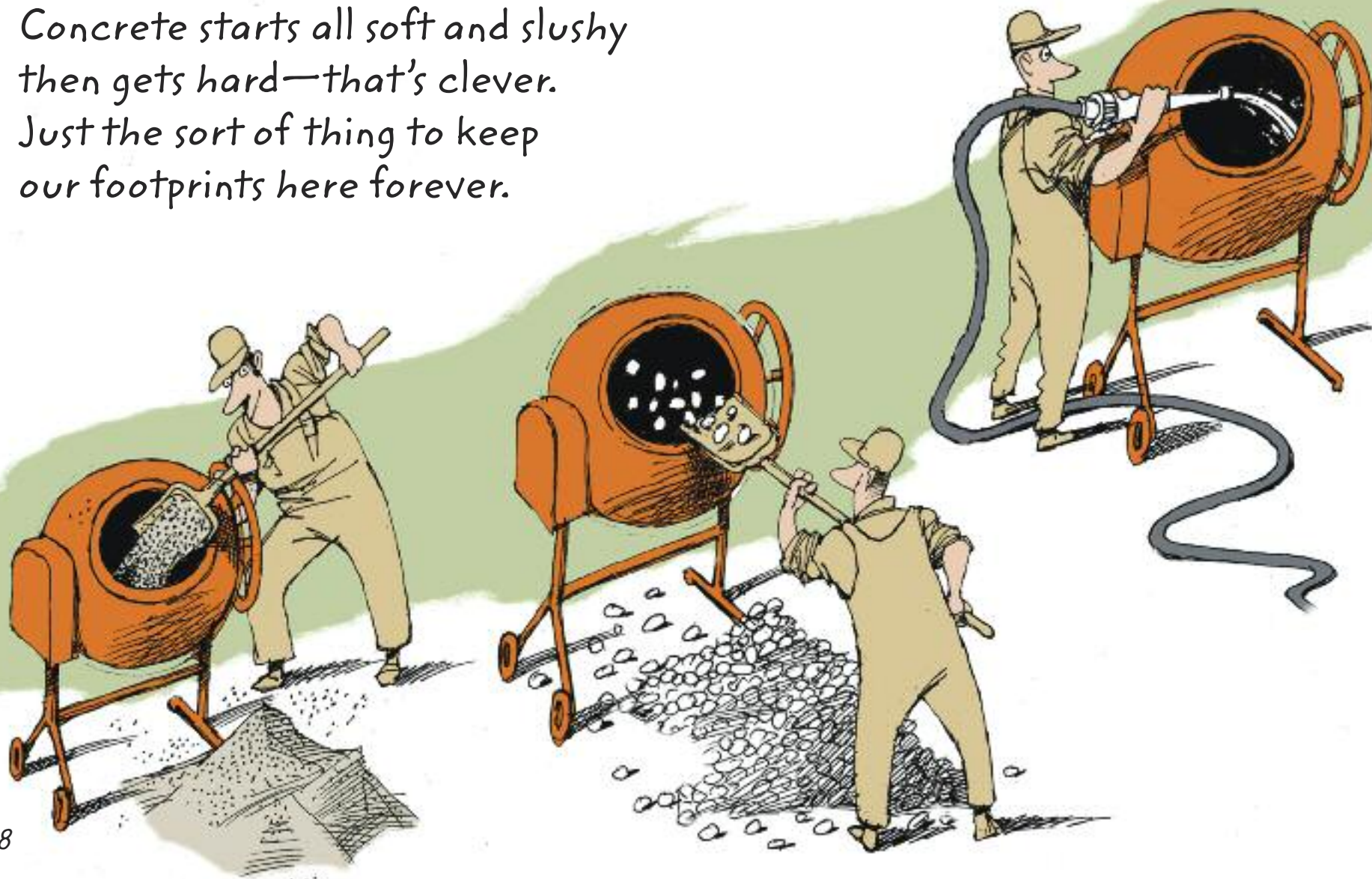




CONCRETE

We stopped to watch the mixer
sloshing 'round the sand,
gravel, water, and cement,
and now I understand.

Concrete starts all soft and slushy
then gets hard—that's clever.
Just the sort of thing to keep
our footprints here forever.



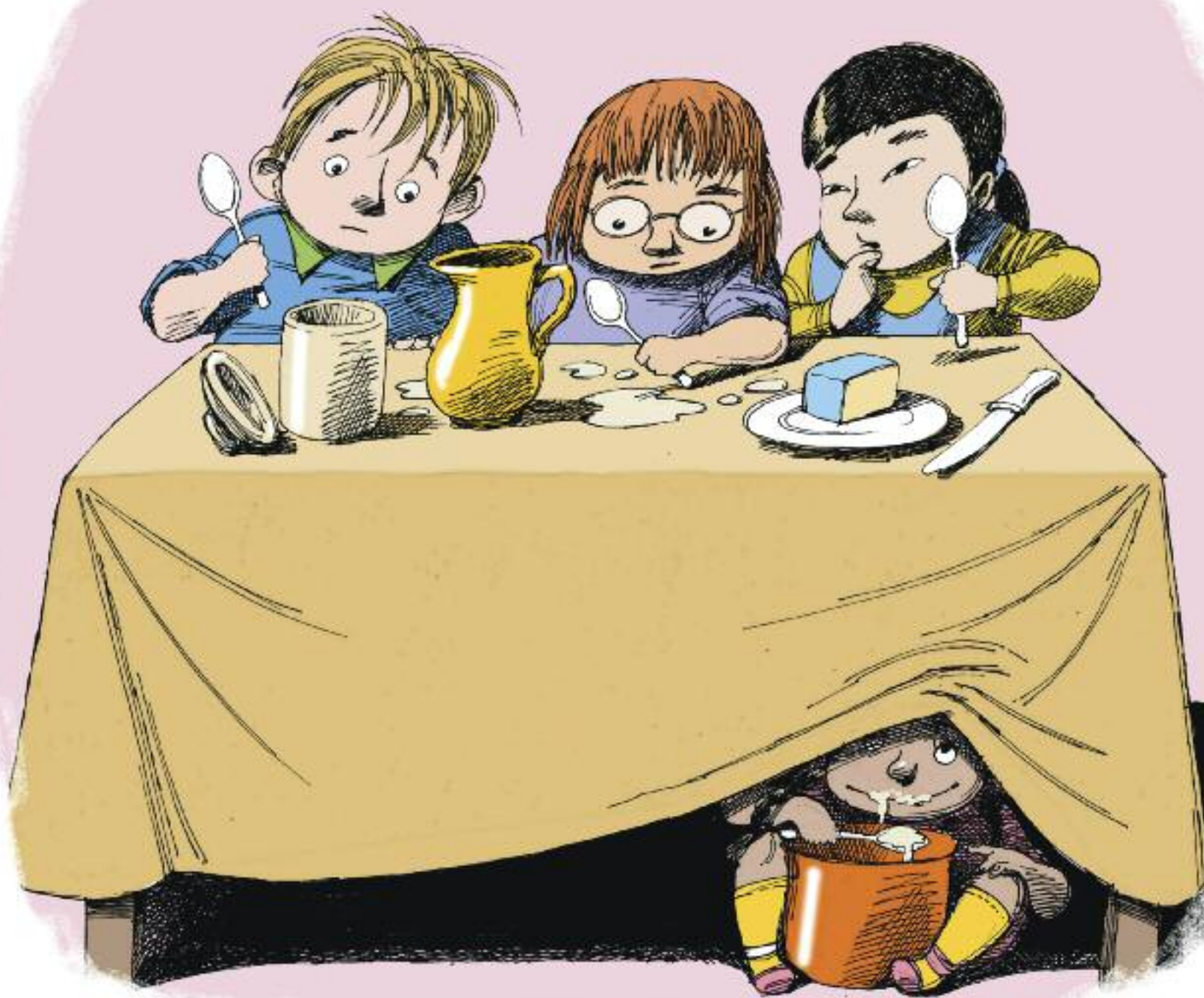


FUDGE

The sugar melts like magic
when stirred with heated milk.
Add butter to the puddle—
get fudge as smooth as silk.

The cooling fudge needs testing.
I'll taste a lick or two.
Another ...
and another ...
Oh no! There's none for you!





GLUE

To stick two things together
if you don't have any glue,
you can take some soft white flour
and a splash of water, too.

Then mix them, squish them, squoosh them
'til you get a sticky goo.
But be careful how you use it,
or some stuff could stick to you!





CINNAMON TOAST

Peanut butter's boring.
Jam's the same old thing.
Honey's much too sticky.
Banana's got no zing.

Cinnamon tastes funny.
Sugar's much too sweet.
But mix those two and add to toast—
delicious! What a treat!



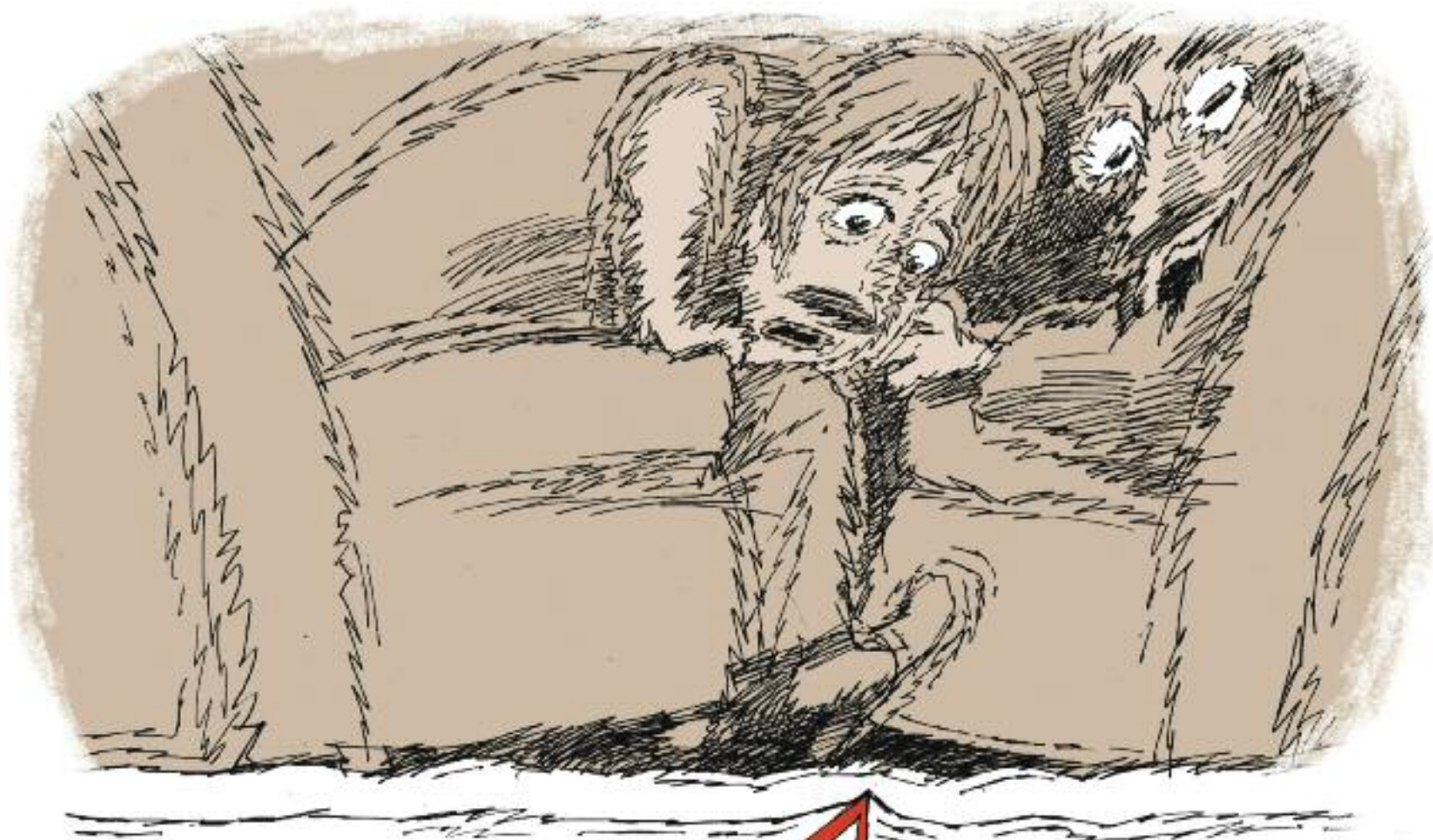


MUSIC

We've got Caitlin on the kettle drum,
Gary strums guitar.
Pia pounds the piano,
and Shelly shakes the jar.

We rock and roll together,
banging four beats to the bar,
and I'm the leader of the band,
so I will be the star!





BUBBLES

Puppy's very dirty.
How to get her clean?
Swish and swash her in the washer?
No! That would be mean!

Rub and scrub with soap and water,
watch the bubbles fly.
Splash! The towel got soaking wet.
Can we spin her dry?

NO!





TEAM

Maya runs like lightning,
but she cannot kick the ball.
Kumar kicks like dynamite,
but he won't pass at all.

Though JJ's great at passing,
he soon runs out of steam.
So it surprises all of us
we make an awesome team.

