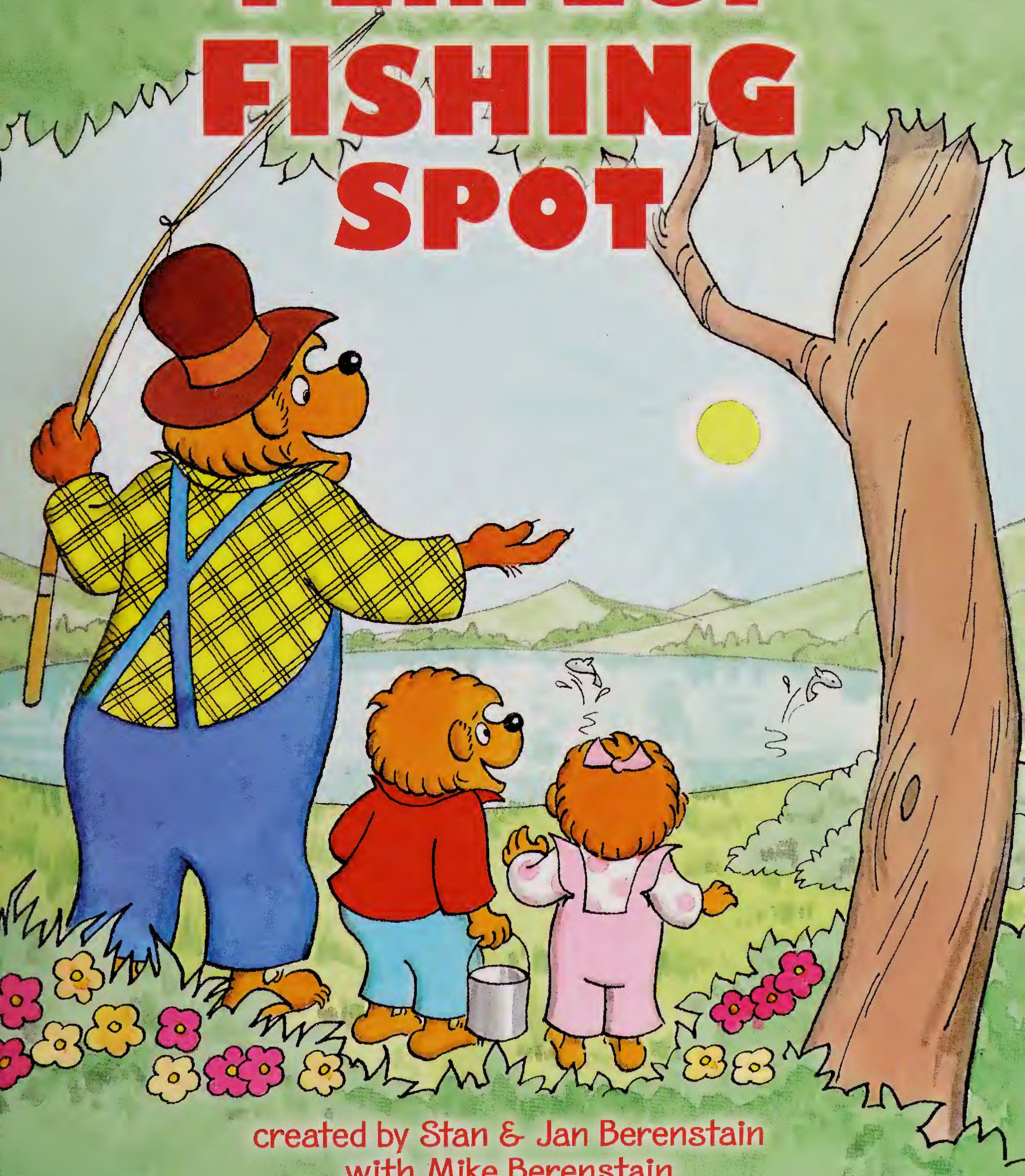


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Beginning Reader

PERFECT FISHING SPOT



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with Mike Berenstain



*She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household ...*
—Proverbs 31:26–27

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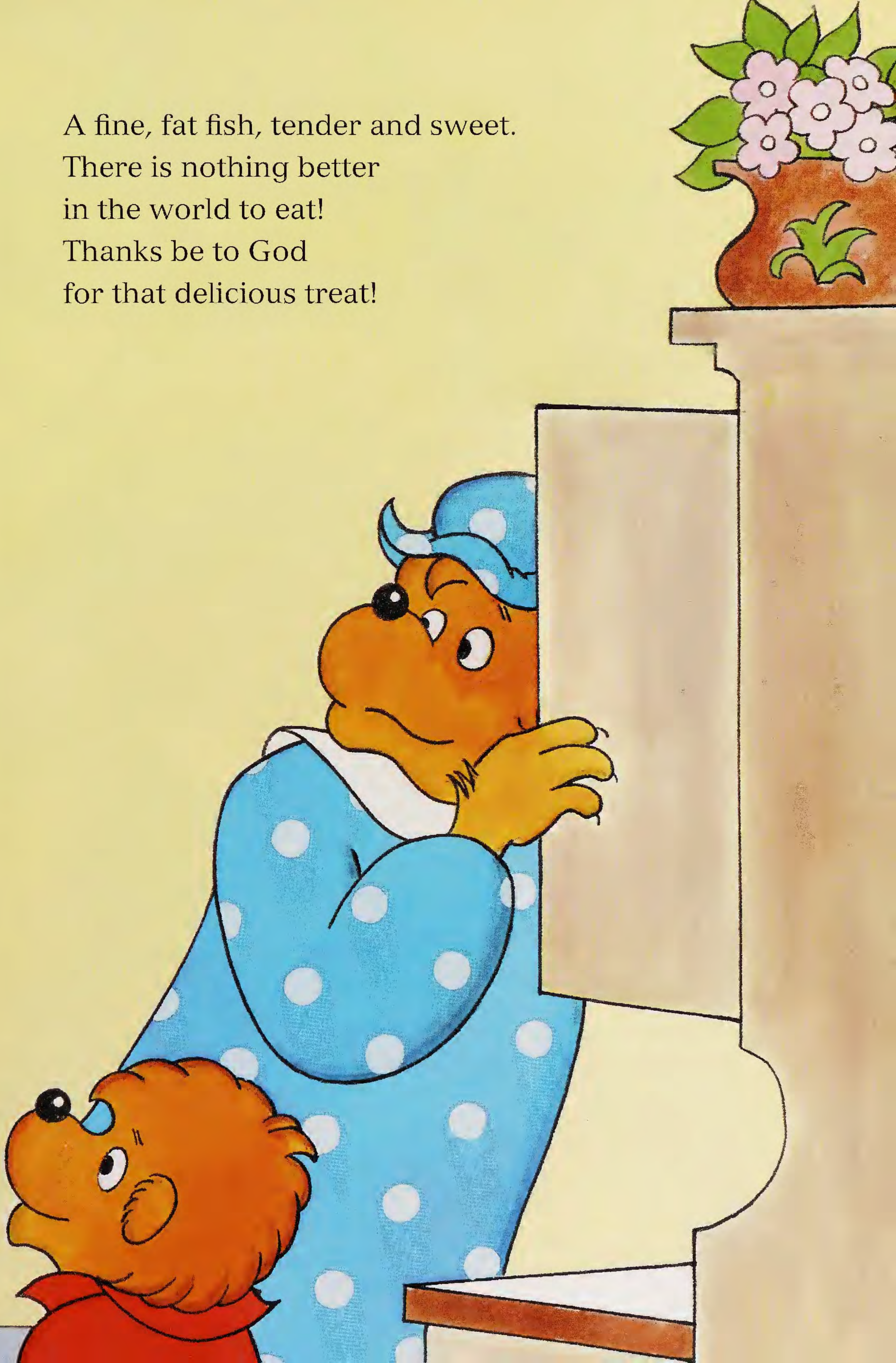


Beginning Reader

Do you know what I wish?
I wish that for dinner
we could have fish.



A fine, fat fish, tender and sweet.
There is nothing better
in the world to eat!
Thanks be to God
for that delicious treat!



A fish would be fine.
But there's no need to fuss.
Just go and buy one
from Grizzly Gus.



May Sister and I come with you, Dad?



Yes, indeed.

Of course, my lad.

Spending time with you two
makes my heart glad!

But, Papa!

Ma said go to Grizzly Gus!

That's true, my son.

But just between us,

if you want a fish

that's tender and sweet,

a fish that's a wonderful treat

for a bear to eat—



then dig up some worms,
get out your pole,



and head for your favorite
fishing hole.





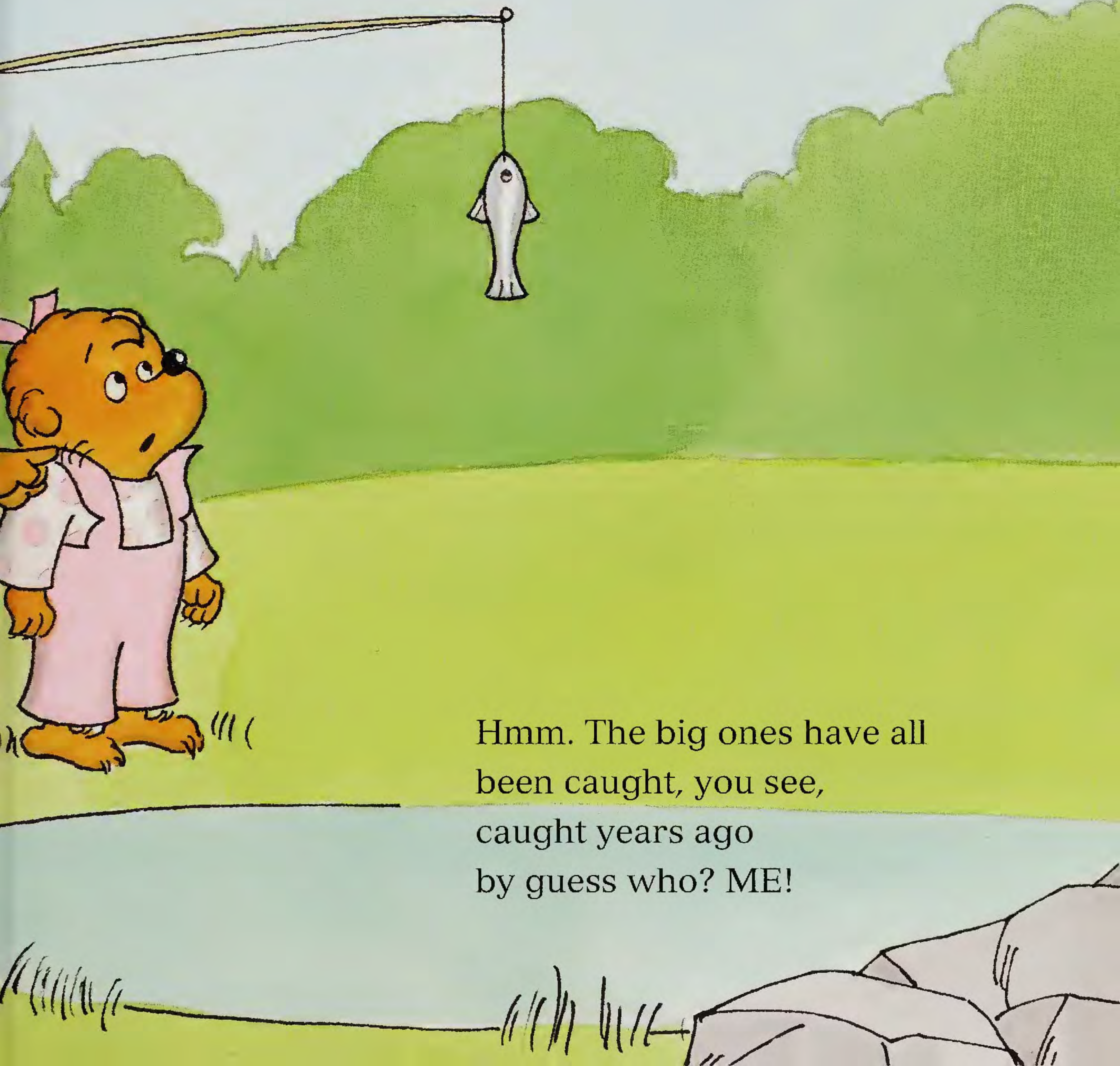
Your fishing hole
looks small, Papa Bear.
Can there really be
a big fish in there?

Of course there can.
I've got one now!
Just watch your dad.
He'll show you how
to catch a fish
that's tender and sweet,
a fish that's a treat
for a bear to eat!





Papa, that fish
may be tender and sweet,
but it's much too small
for us to eat.

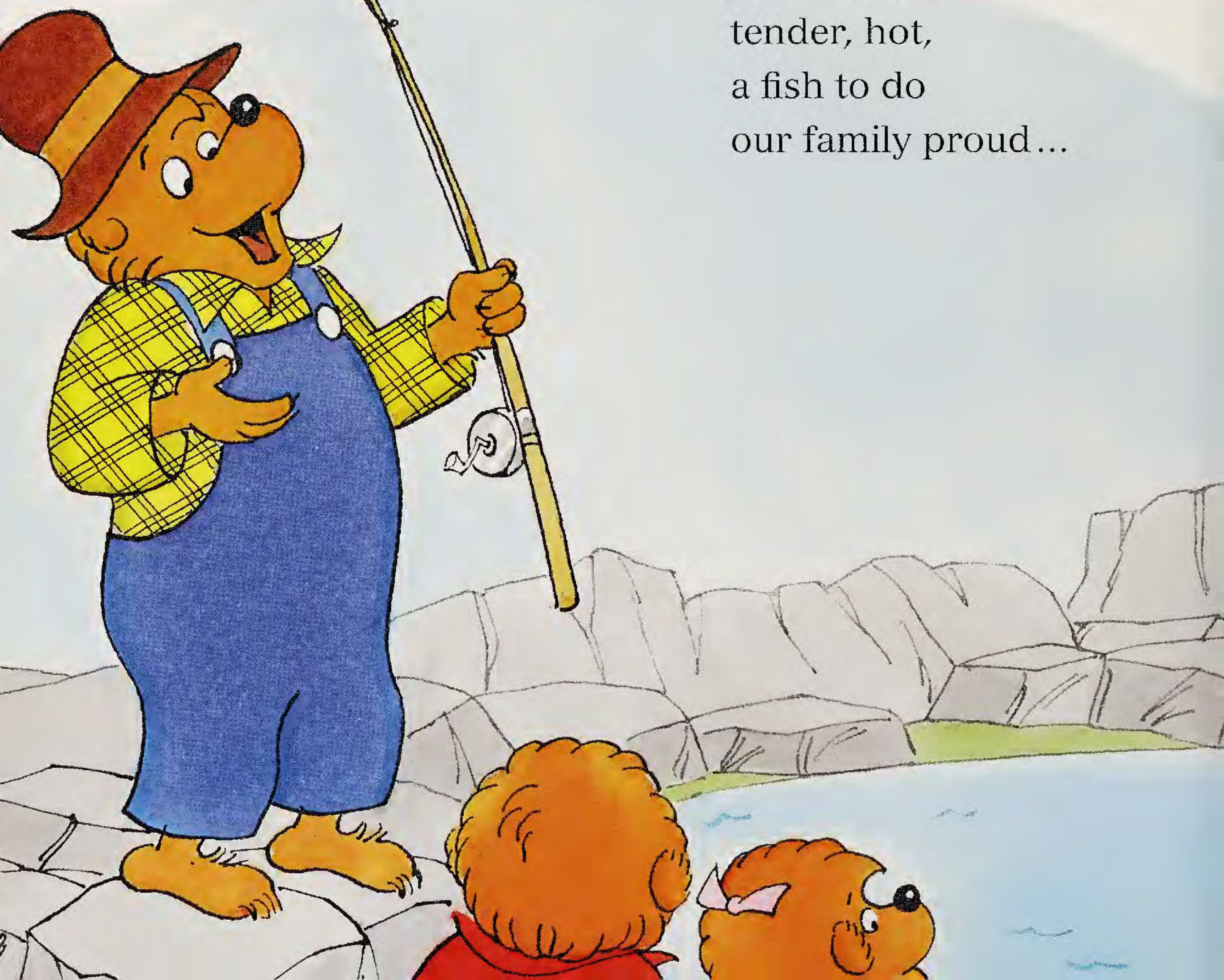


Hmm. The big ones have all
been caught, you see,
caught years ago
by guess who? ME!



I know a better
fishing spot!

I can taste that fish,
tender, hot,
a fish to do
our family proud...



But Pa, it says
NO FISHING ALLOWED!



But who will know
if I drop my hook?

He will, Pa!
The fish warden! Look!



I see, I see.
Good day to you!
Er... my cubs and I
were enjoying the view!
So sorry! God bless!
Such a good job you do!



This fish, Dad,
will you catch it soon?
I think it must be
after noon!



Don't bother me
with questions, please.
I know a spot
just past those trees!

“Hook and worm,
now do your duty
in this place of God’s
most peaceful beauty.”



Look, cubs! Look!
I've got a bite!
Whatever I've hooked,
just look at it fight!



Look how it thrashes!
Look how it sloshes!



Dad, that isn't a fish!
It's a pair of galoshes!

This way, cubs!

Follow me!

We will get our fish
from the deep blue sea!

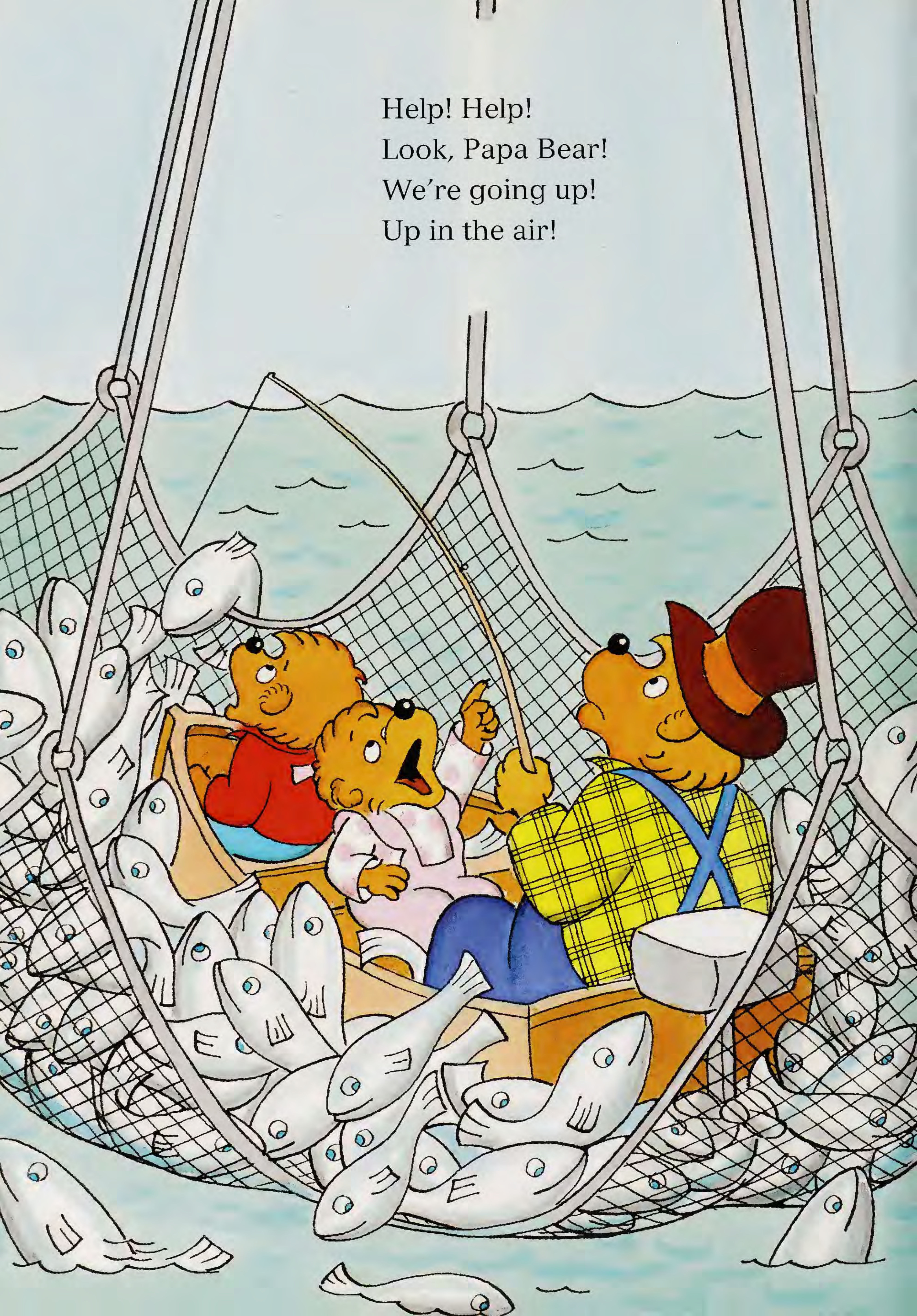
God provides, he'll make sure
we have what we need!



Look at them all!
They'll sink our boat!
Throw'em back!
We must stay afloat!



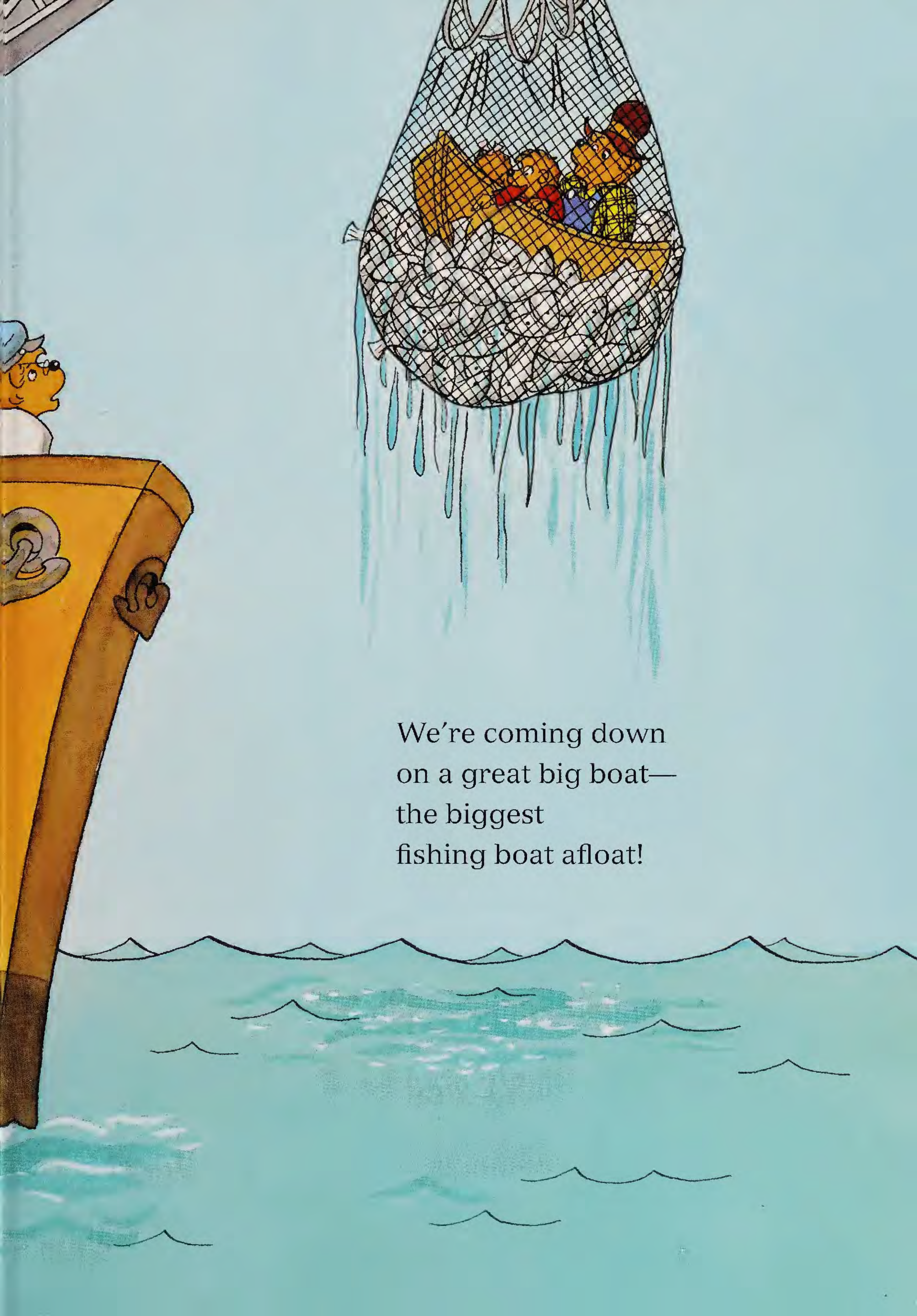
Help! Help!
Look, Papa Bear!
We're going up!
Up in the air!





Boat and all!
In a great big net!
We're in the air
and very wet!





We're coming down
on a great big boat—
the biggest
fishing boat afloat!

You got caught with our fish.
Sorry about that!
Excuse me, sir—
but that's one of ours
under your hat!





Pa, we still have
a fish to get!
We have not caught
our dinner yet!



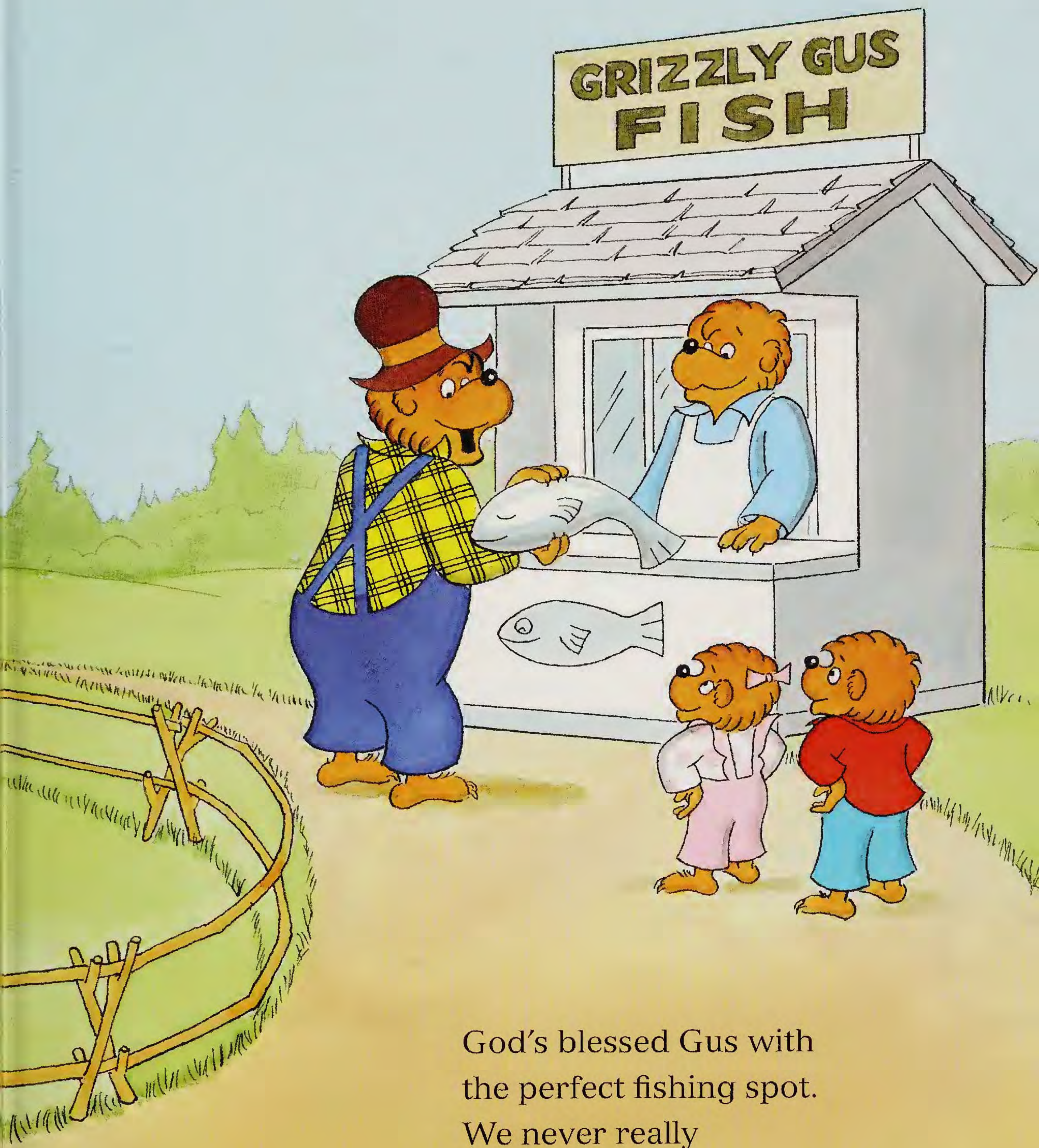
No problem, son.
No need to fuss!
We'll buy our fish
from Grizzly Gus!

BUY OUR FISH
FROM GRIZZLY GUS?





My best advice
to both of you
is to do what Mama
says to do!



God's blessed Gus with
the perfect fishing spot.
We never really
had a shot.

Ah! A fish that's tender.
A fish that's sweet.
A fish that's good
for a bear family to eat!
God bless this food.
God bless this treat!



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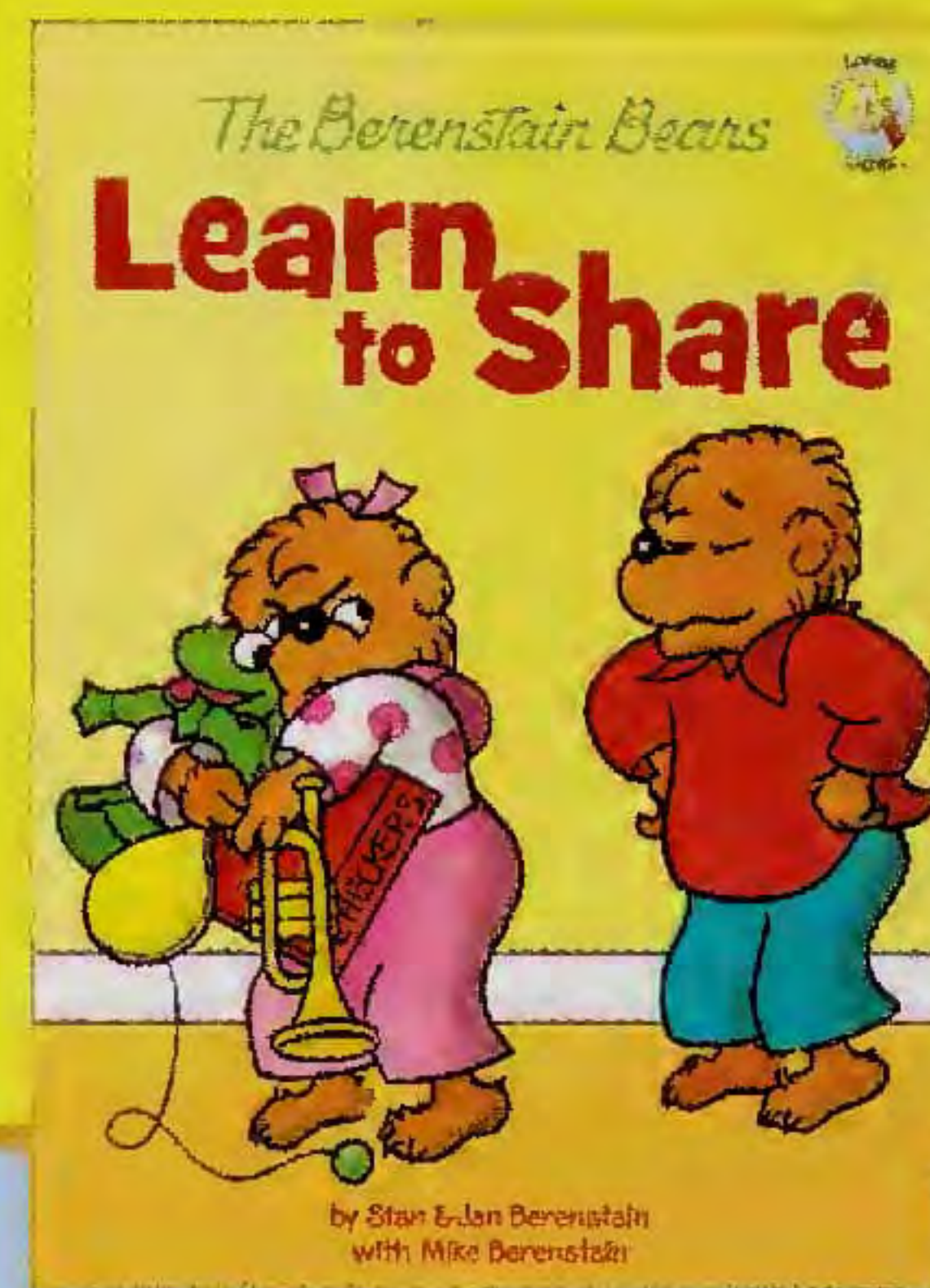
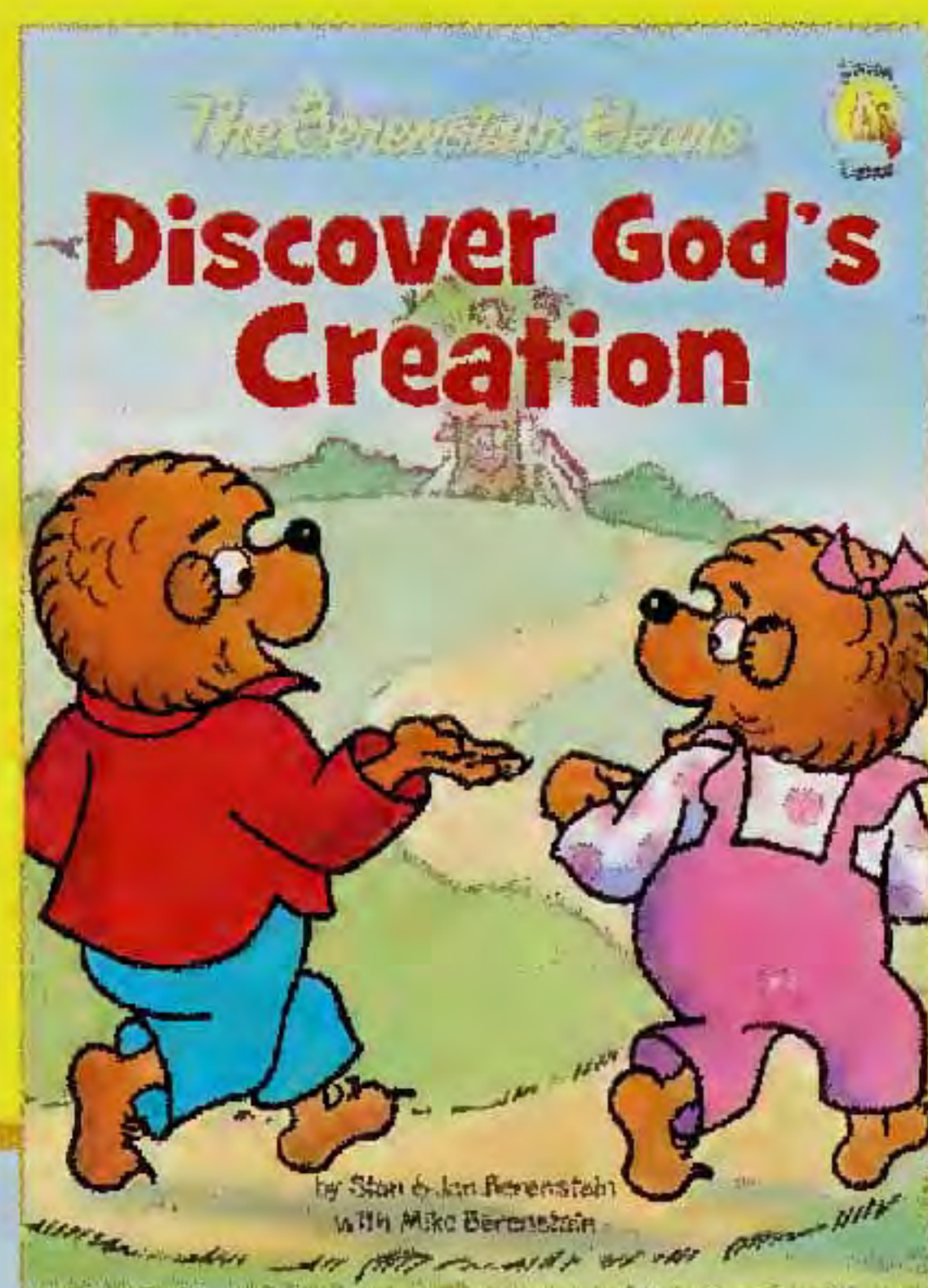
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Papa, Brother, and Sister Bear search for the perfect fish
dinner. But when Papa’s ideas don’t go as planned,
will they rely on Mama’s advice?



Stan and Jan Berenstain introduced the first Berenstain Bear books in 1962. Mike Berenstain grew up watching his parents work together to write about and draw these lovable bears. Eventually he started drawing and writing about them too. Though Stan died in 2005, Jan and Mike continue to create the delightful Bear adventures from their family home in Pennsylvania, in an area that looks much like the sunny dirt road deep in Bear Country.

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