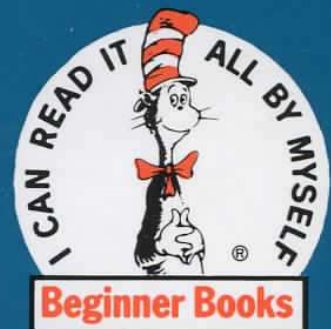


THE CAT IN THE HAT COMES BACK



By Dr. Seuss



This was no time for play.
This was no time for fun.
This was no time for games.
There was work to be done.



All that deep,
Deep, deep snow,
All that snow had to go.



When our mother went
Down to the town for the day,
She said, "Somebody has to
Clean all this away.
Somebody, **SOMEBODY**
Has to, you see."
Then she picked out two Somebodies.
Sally and me.



Well . . .

There we were.

We were working like that

And then who should come up

But the CAT IN THE HAT!





“Oh-oh!” Sally said.

“Don’t you talk to that cat.

That cat is a bad one,

That Cat in the Hat.

He plays lots of bad tricks.

Don’t you let him come near.

You know what he did

The last time he was here.”

“Play tricks?” laughed the cat.

“Oh, my my! No, no, no!

I just want to go in

To get out of the snow.

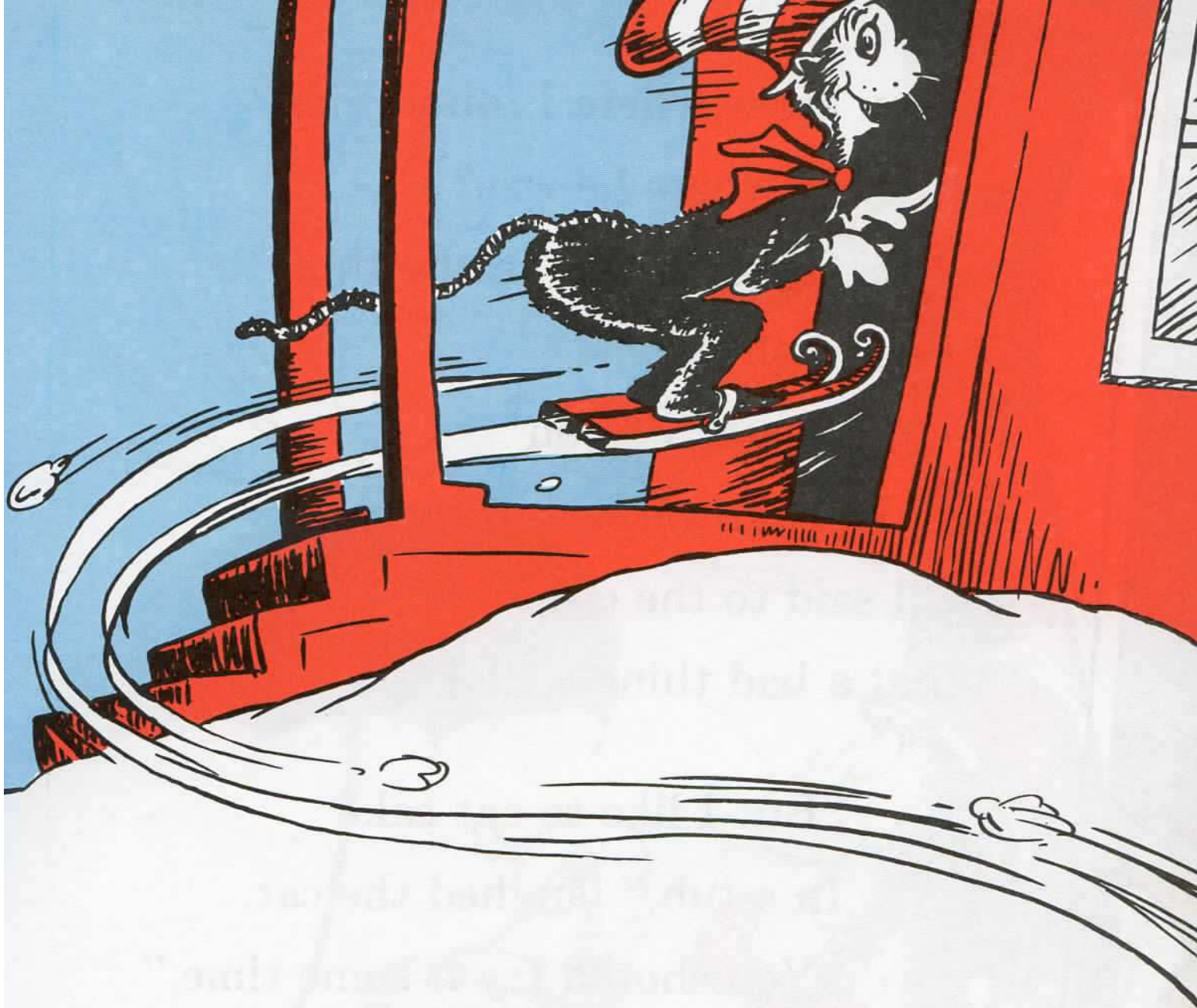
Keep your mind on your work.

You just stay there, you two.

I will go in the house

And find something to do.”

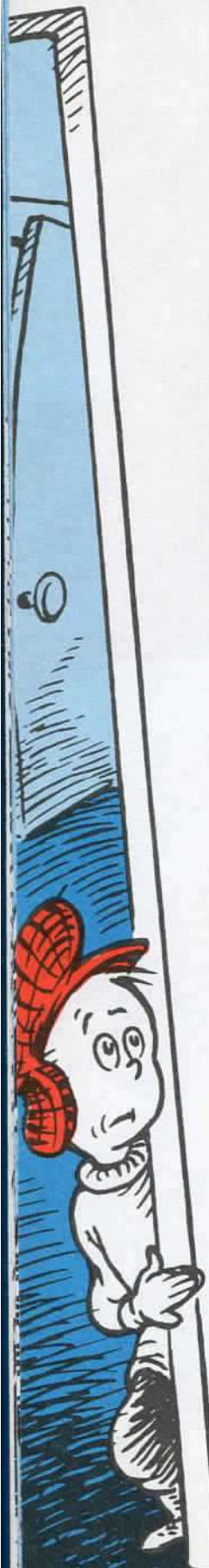


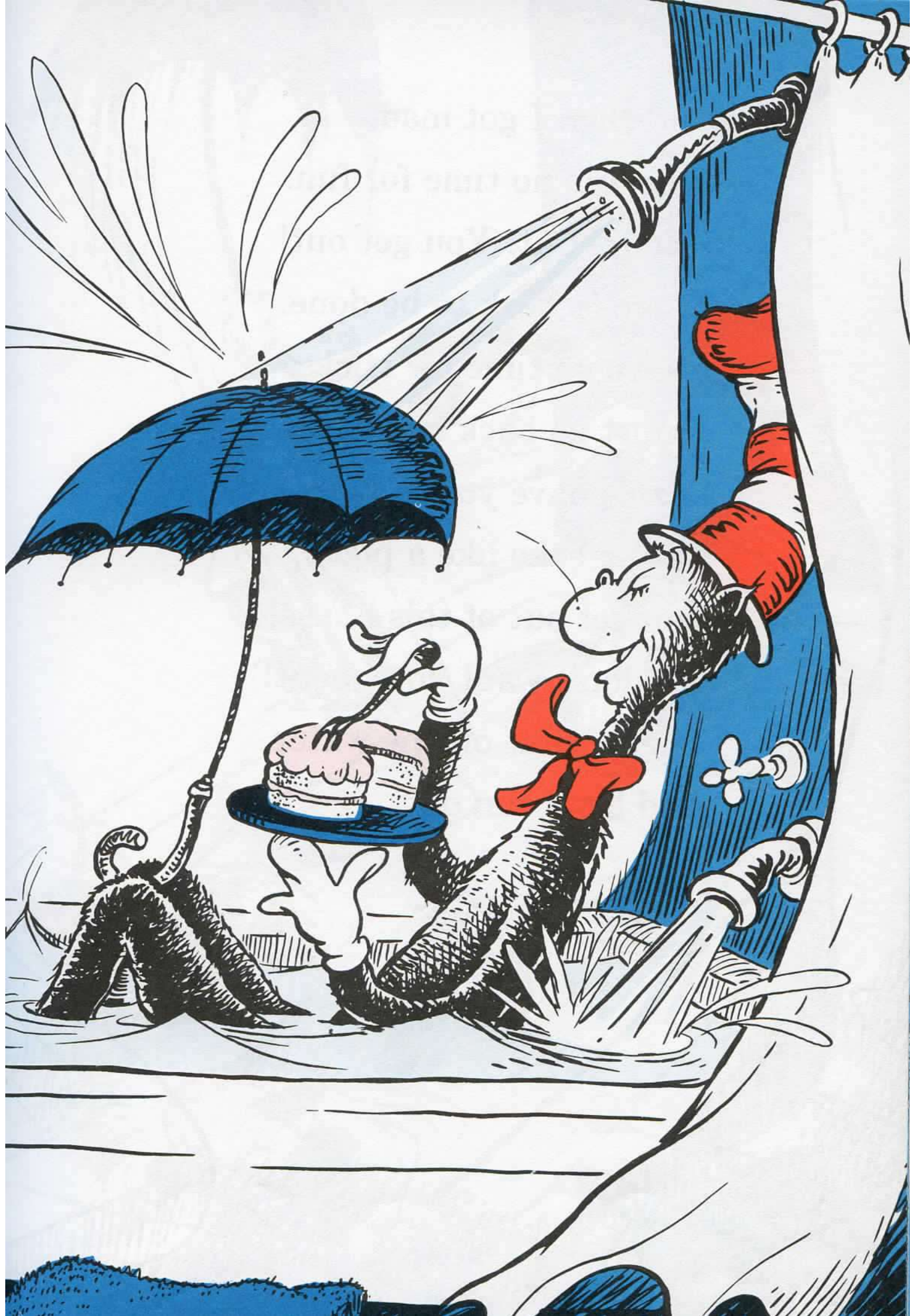


Then that cat went right in!
He was up to no good!
So I ran in after
As fast as I could!

Do you know where I found him?
You know where he was?
He was eating a cake in the tub!
Yes he was!
The hot water was on
And the cold water, too.
And I said to the cat,
“What a bad thing to do!”

“But I like to eat cake
In a tub,” laughed the cat.
“You should try it some time,”
Laughed the cat as he sat.





And then I got mad.
This was no time for fun.
I said, "Cat! You get out!
There is work to be done.
I have no time for tricks.
I must go back and dig.
I can't have you in here
Eating cake like a pig!
You get out of this house!
We don't want you about!"
Then I shut off the water
And let it run out.





The water ran out.

And then I SAW THE RING!

A ring in the tub!

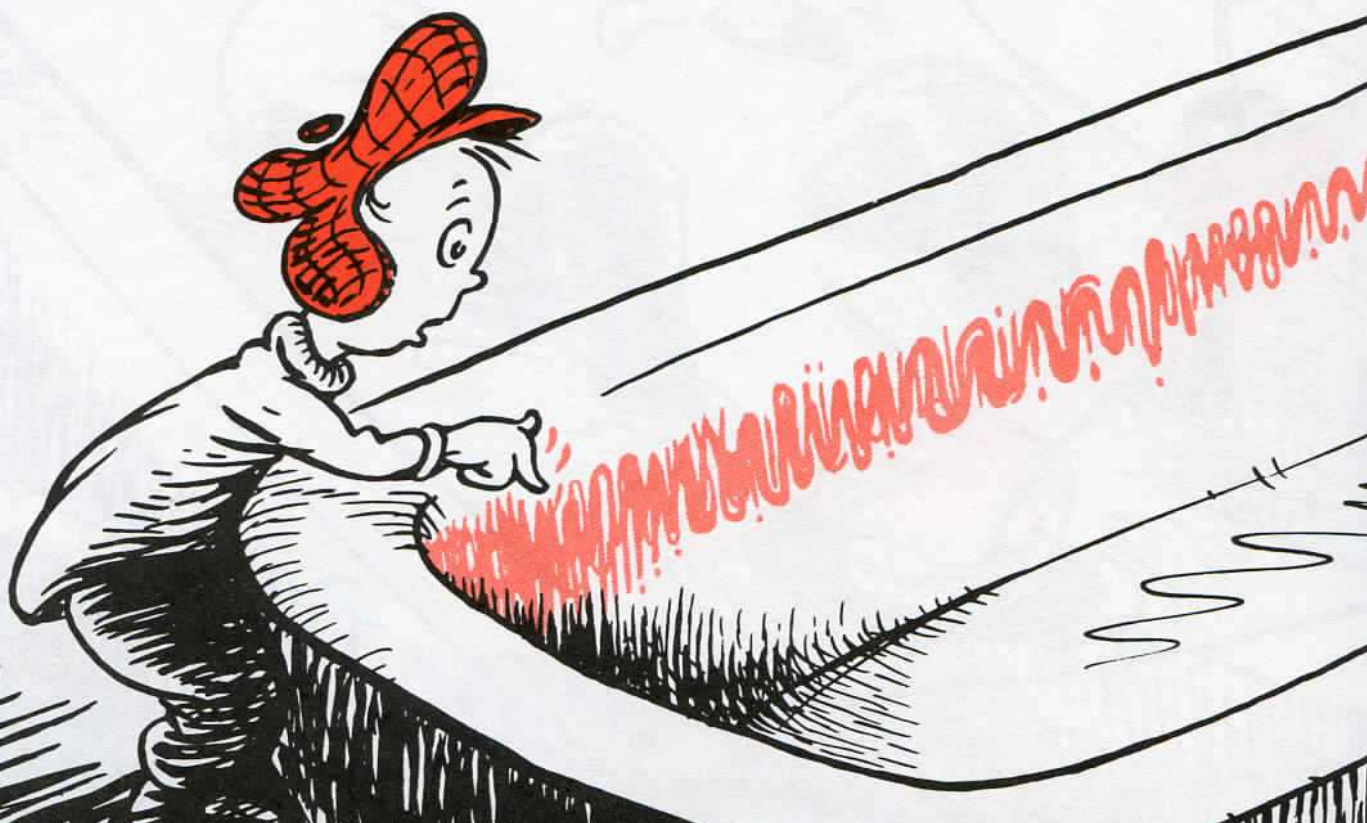
And, oh boy! What a thing!

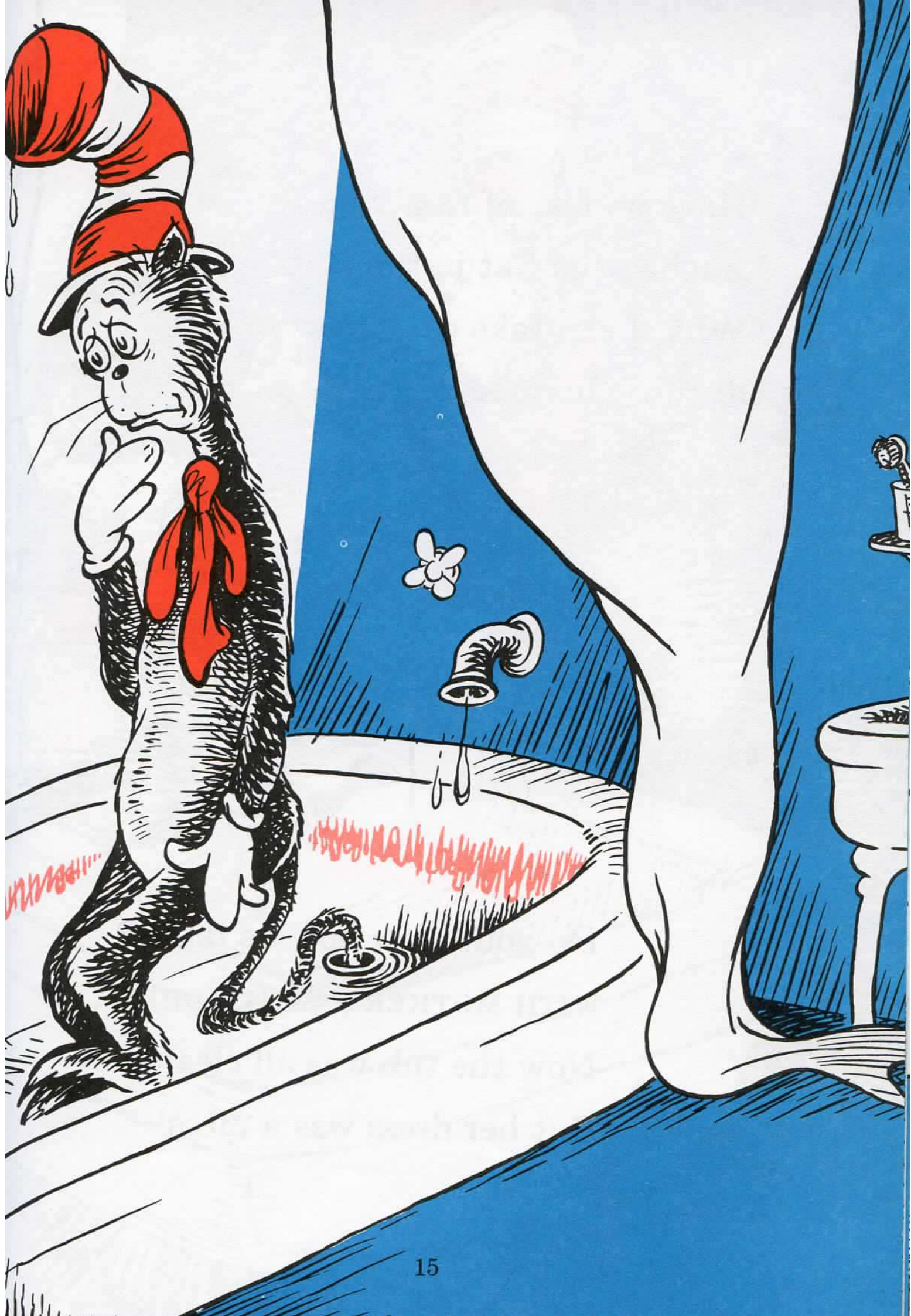
A big long pink cat ring!

It looked like pink ink!

And I said, "Will this ever

Come off? I don't think!"

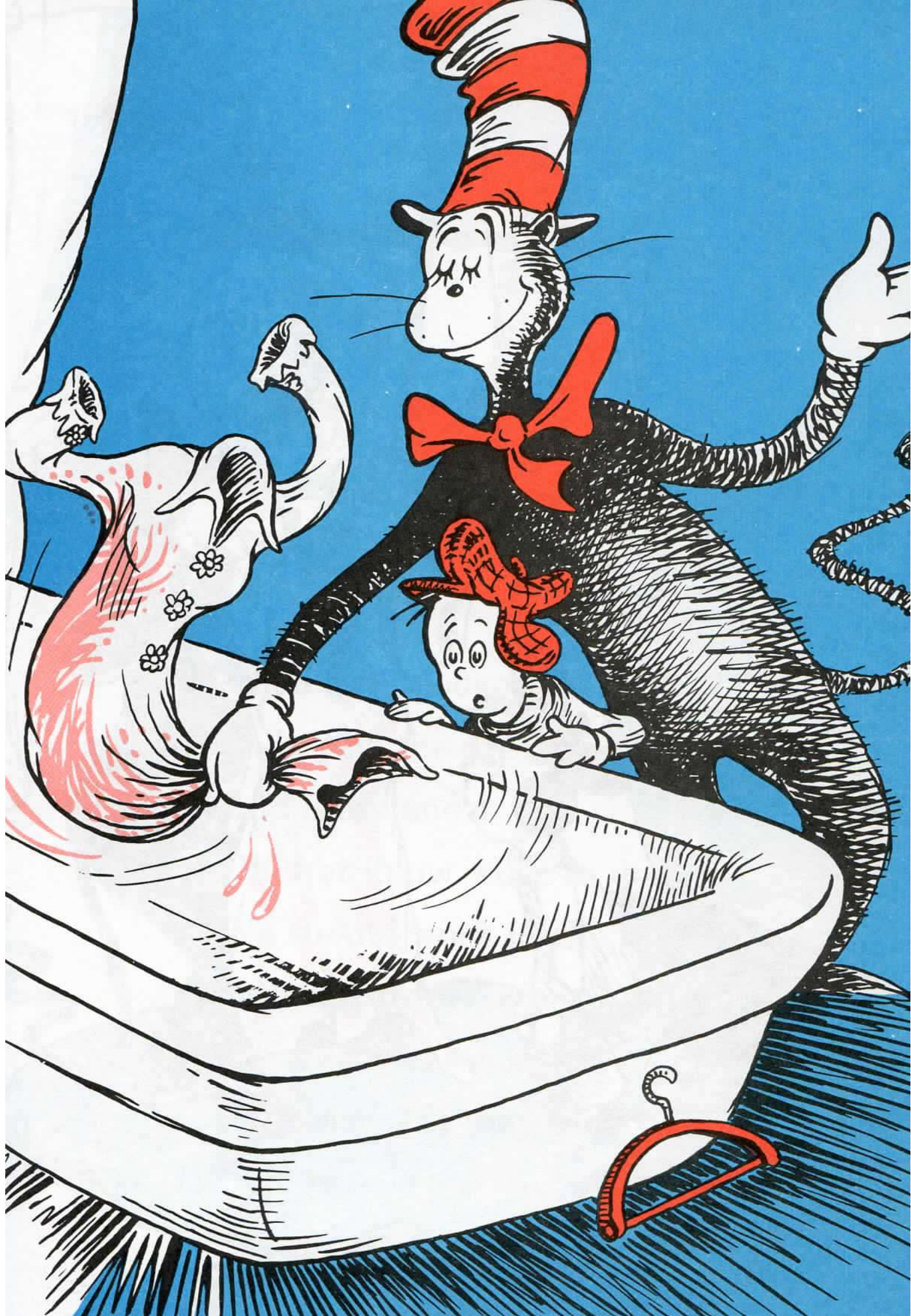




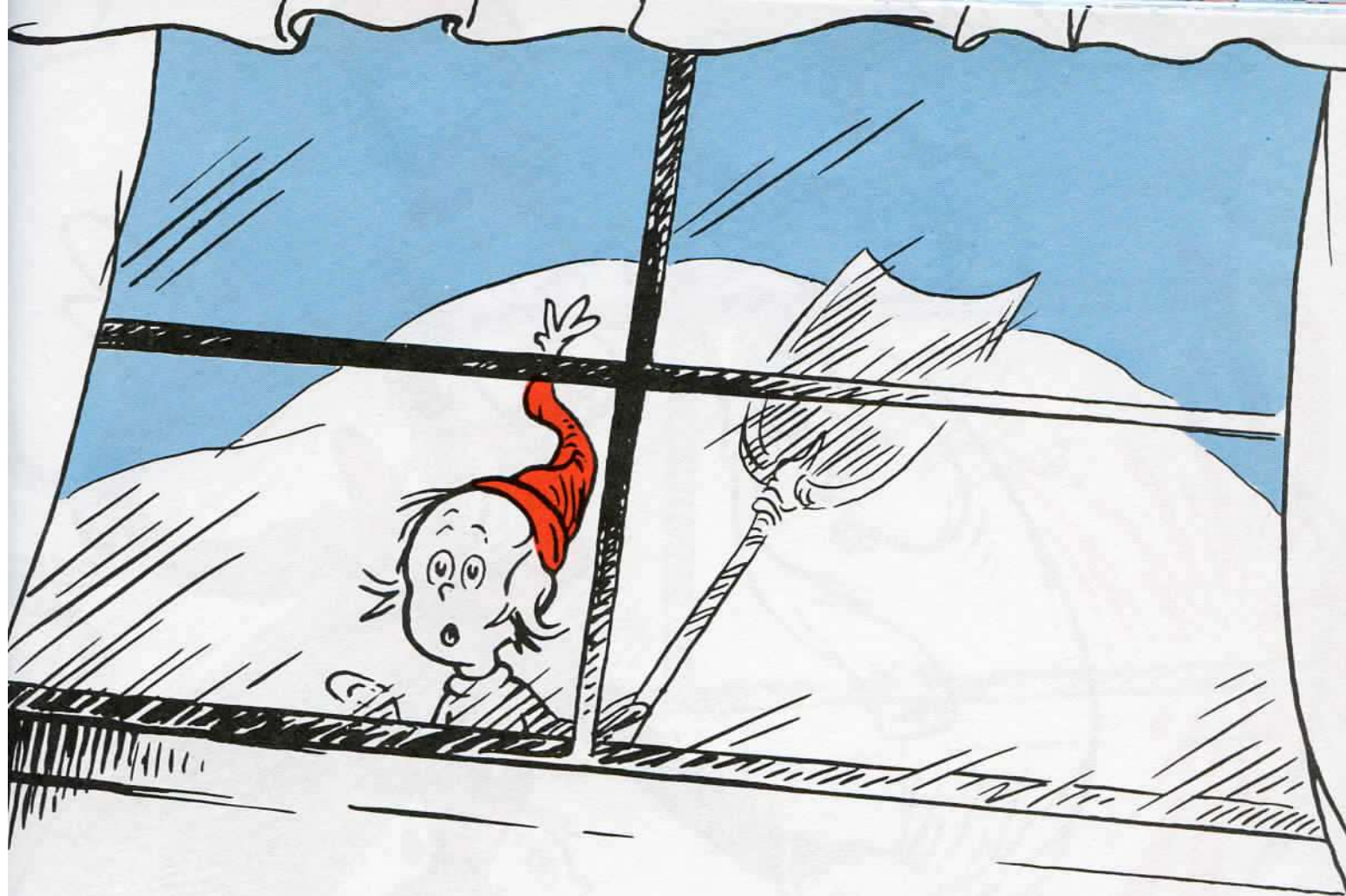
“Have no fear of that ring,”
Laughed the Cat in the Hat.
“Why, I can take cat rings
Off tubs. Just like that!”



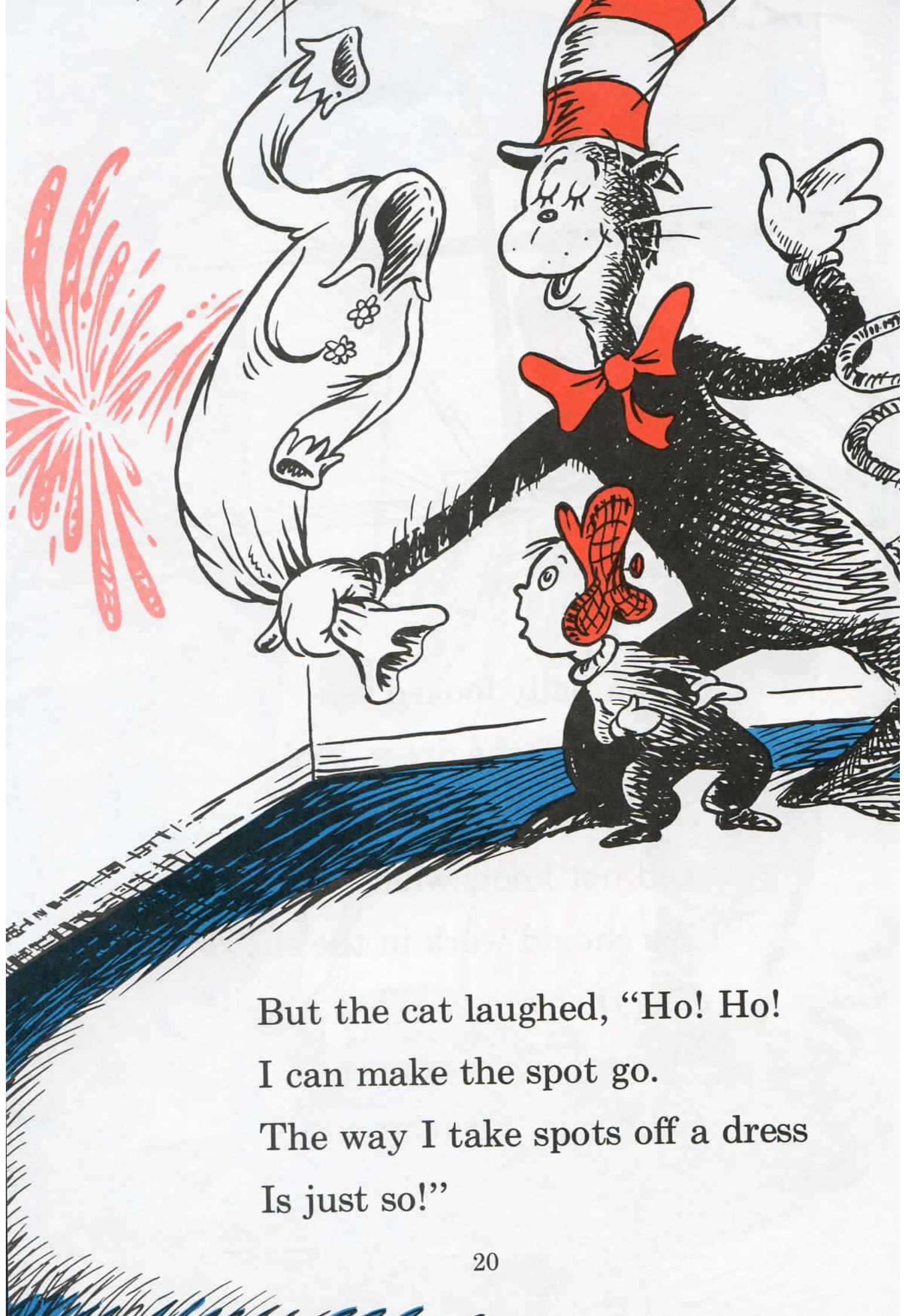
Do you know how he did it?
WITH MOTHER'S WHITE DRESS!
Now the tub was all clean,
But her dress was a mess!



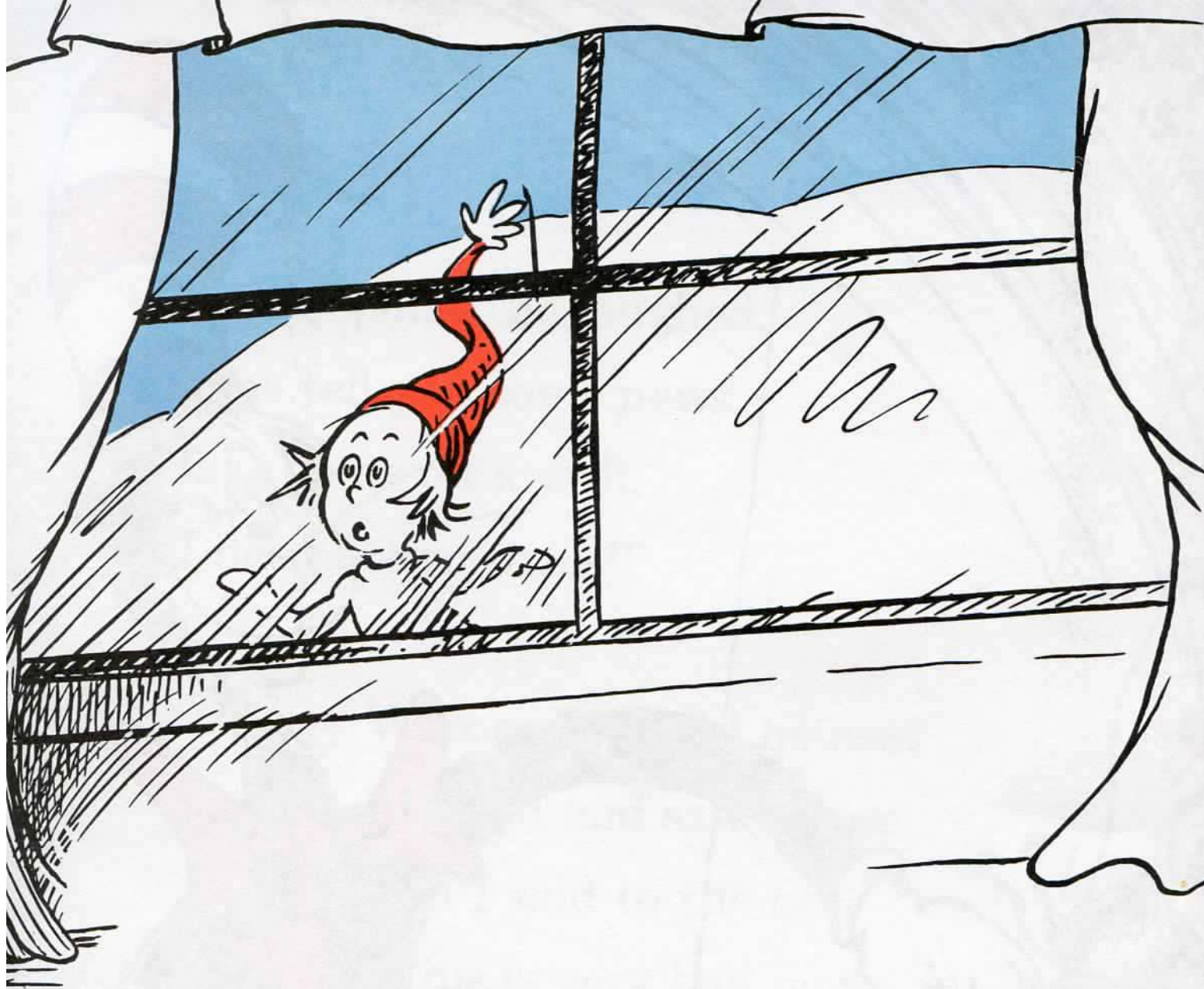




Then Sally looked in.
Sally saw the dress, too!
And Sally and I
Did not know what to do.
We should work in the snow.
But that dress! What a spot!
“It may never come off!”
Sally said. “It may not!”



But the cat laughed, “Ho! Ho!
I can make the spot go.
The way I take spots off a dress
Is just so!”



“See here!” laughed the cat.

“It is not hard at all.

The thing that takes spots
Off a dress is a wall!”

Then we saw the cat wipe
The spot off the dress.

Now the dress was all clean.

But the wall! What a mess!