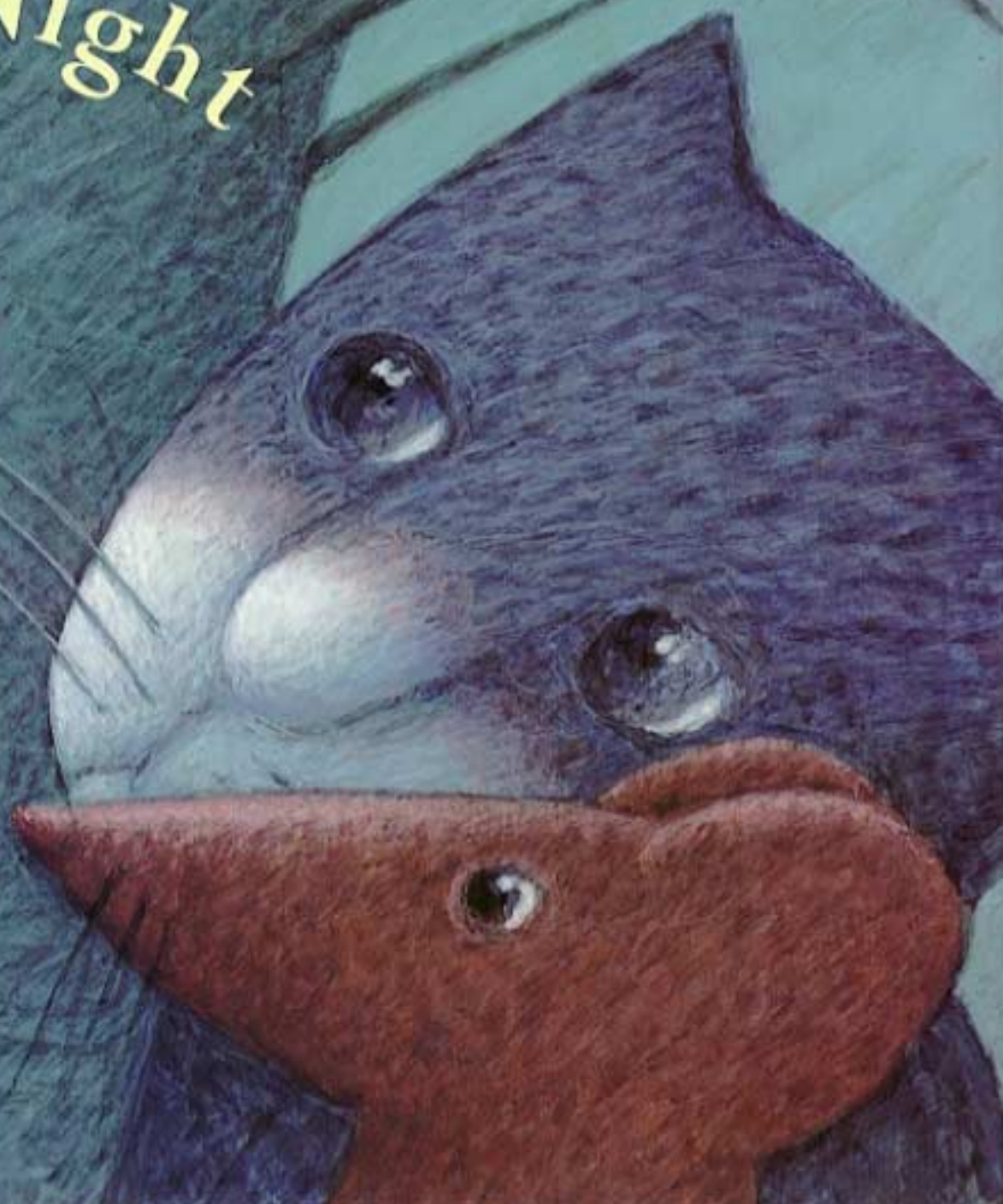


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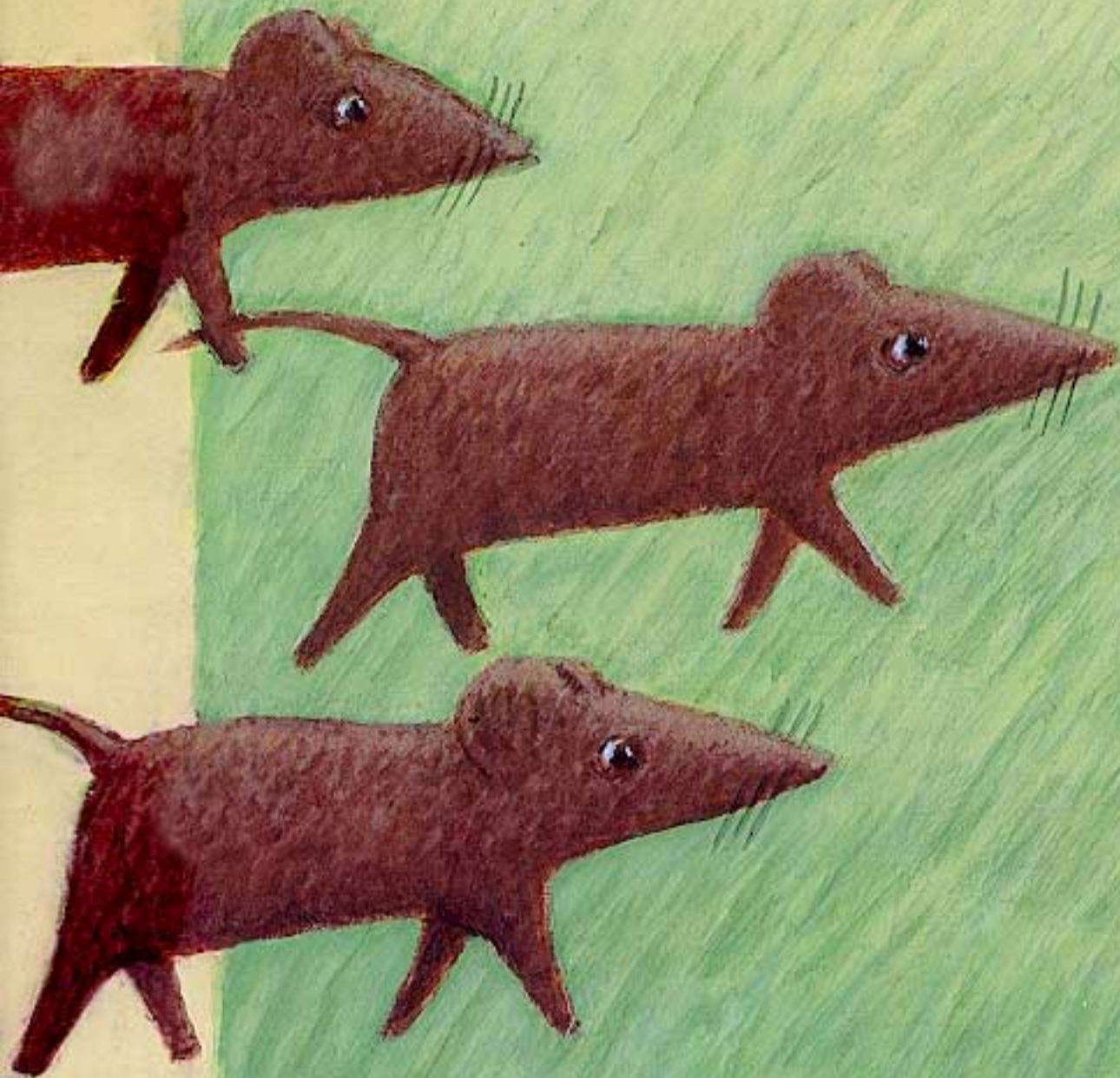
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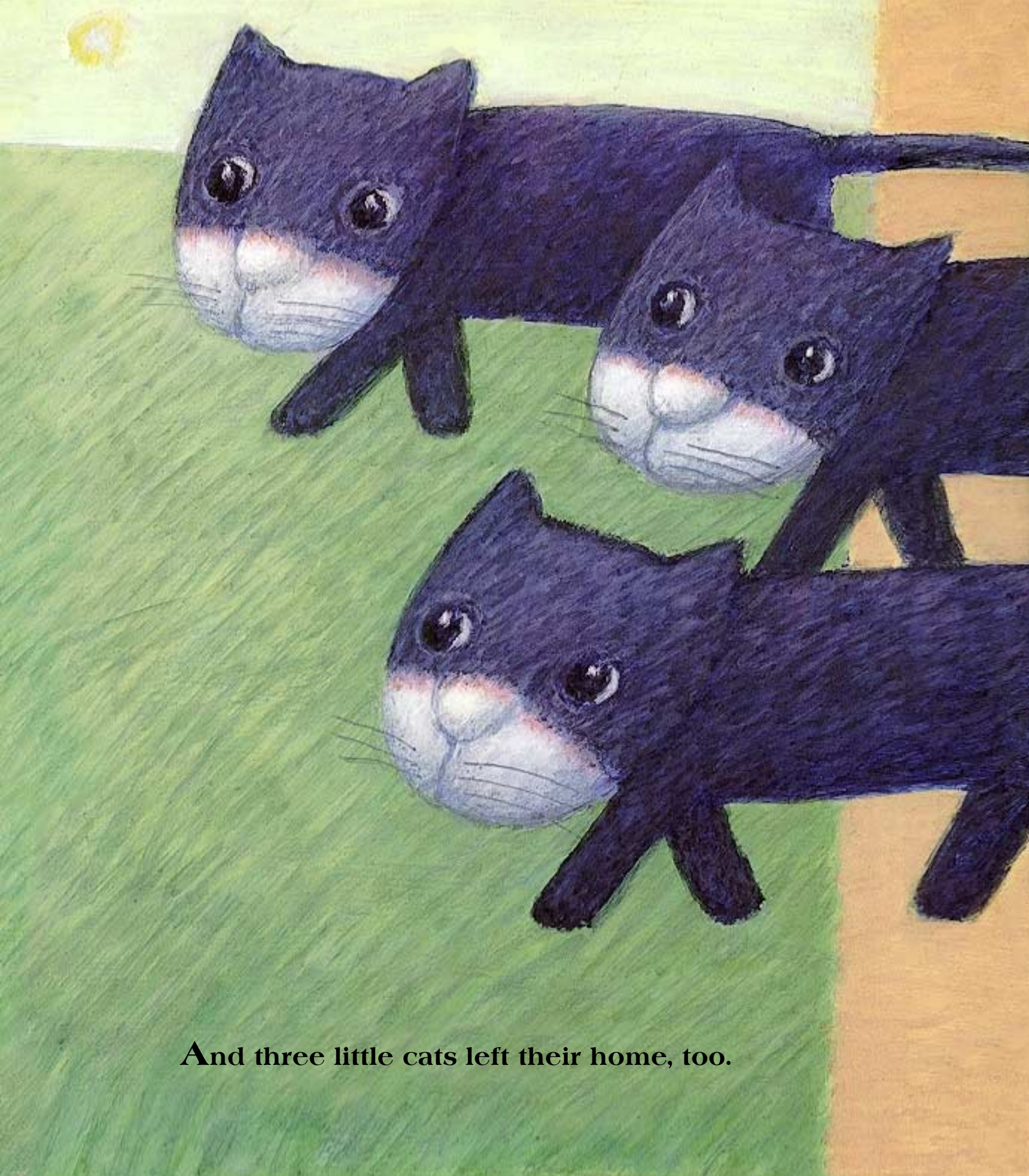
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Early one morning, three little mice left their home, as they did every day.

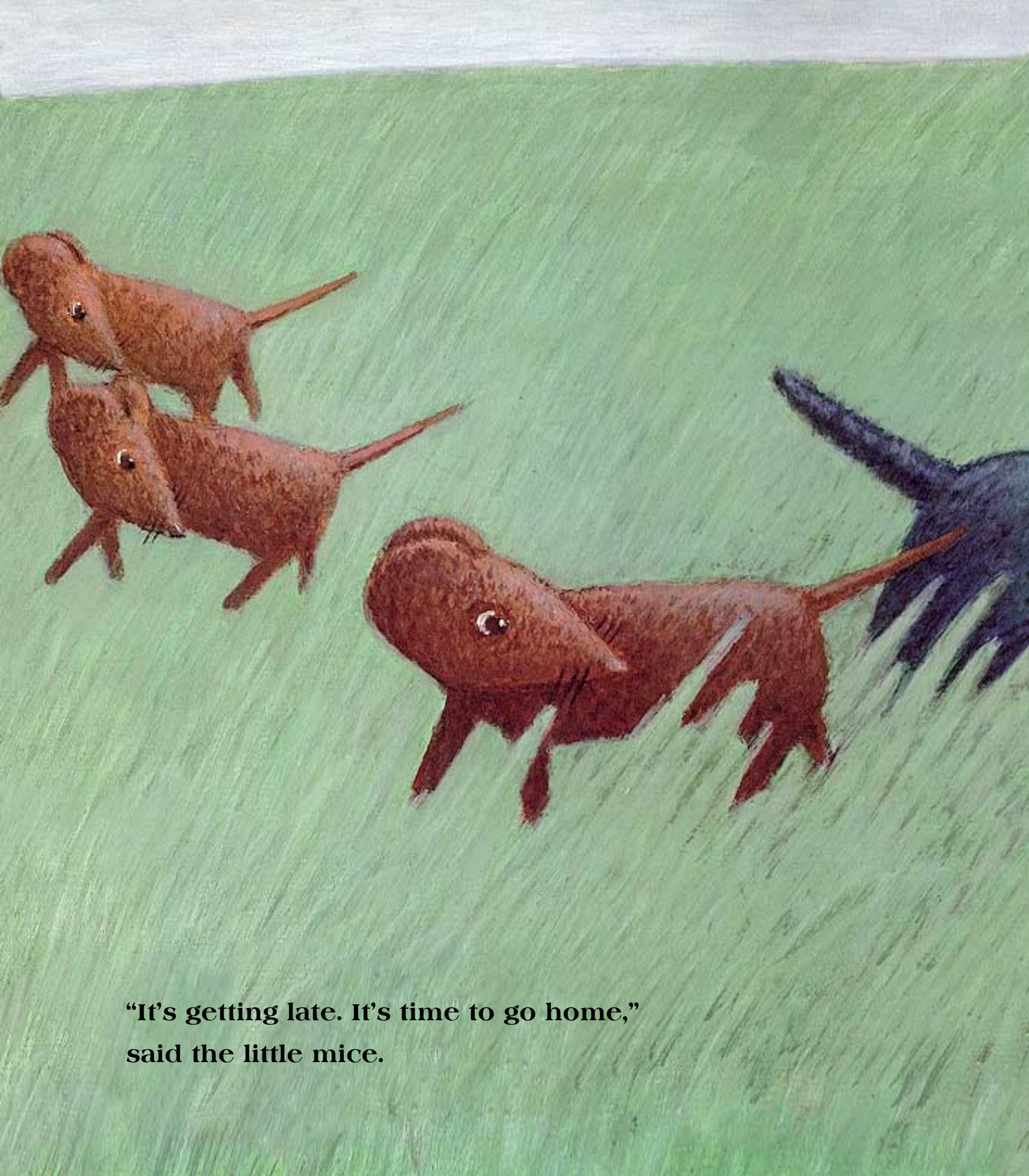


And three little cats left their home, too.

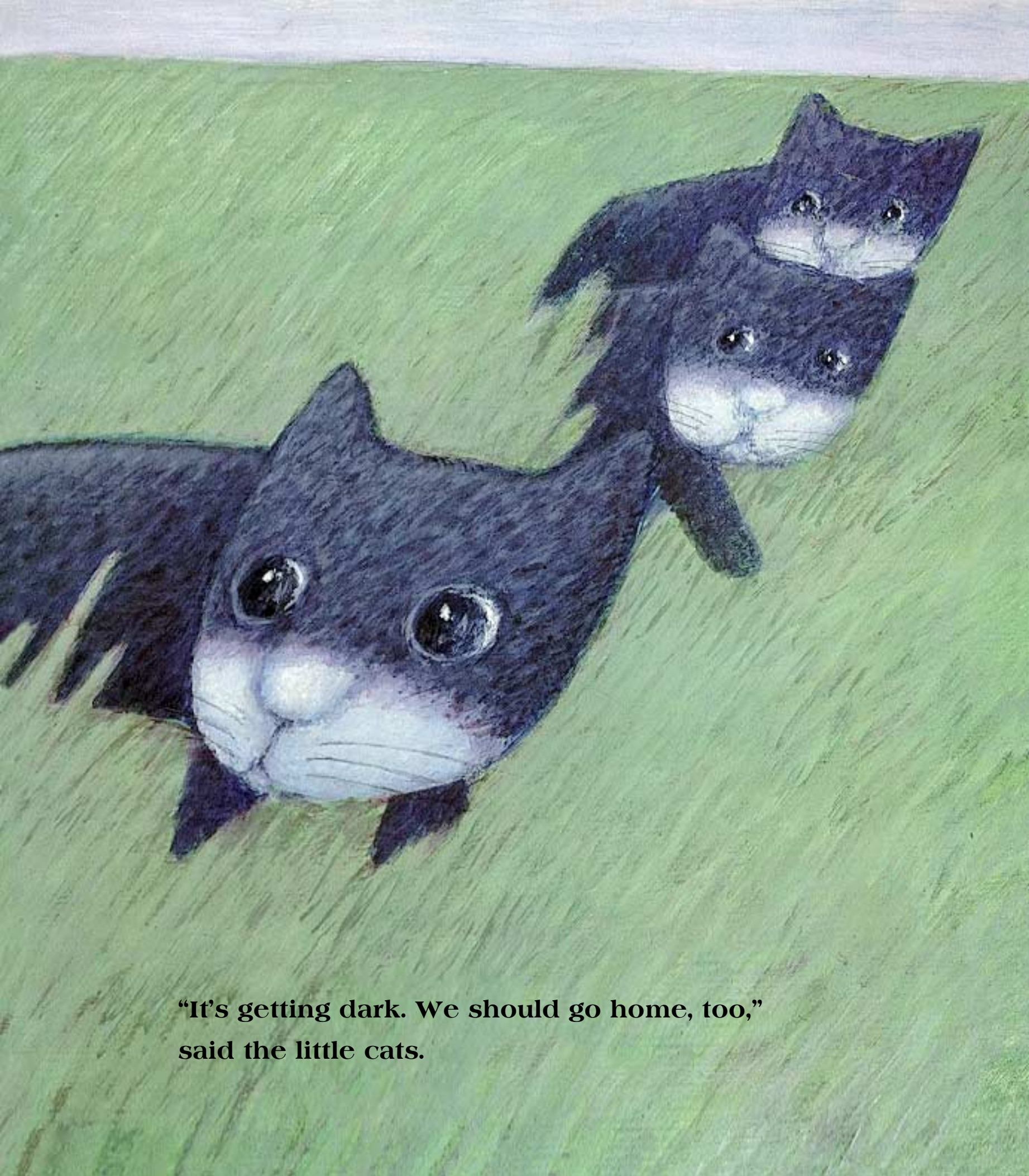




**They met in the meadow and played together
all day long, until the sun went down.**



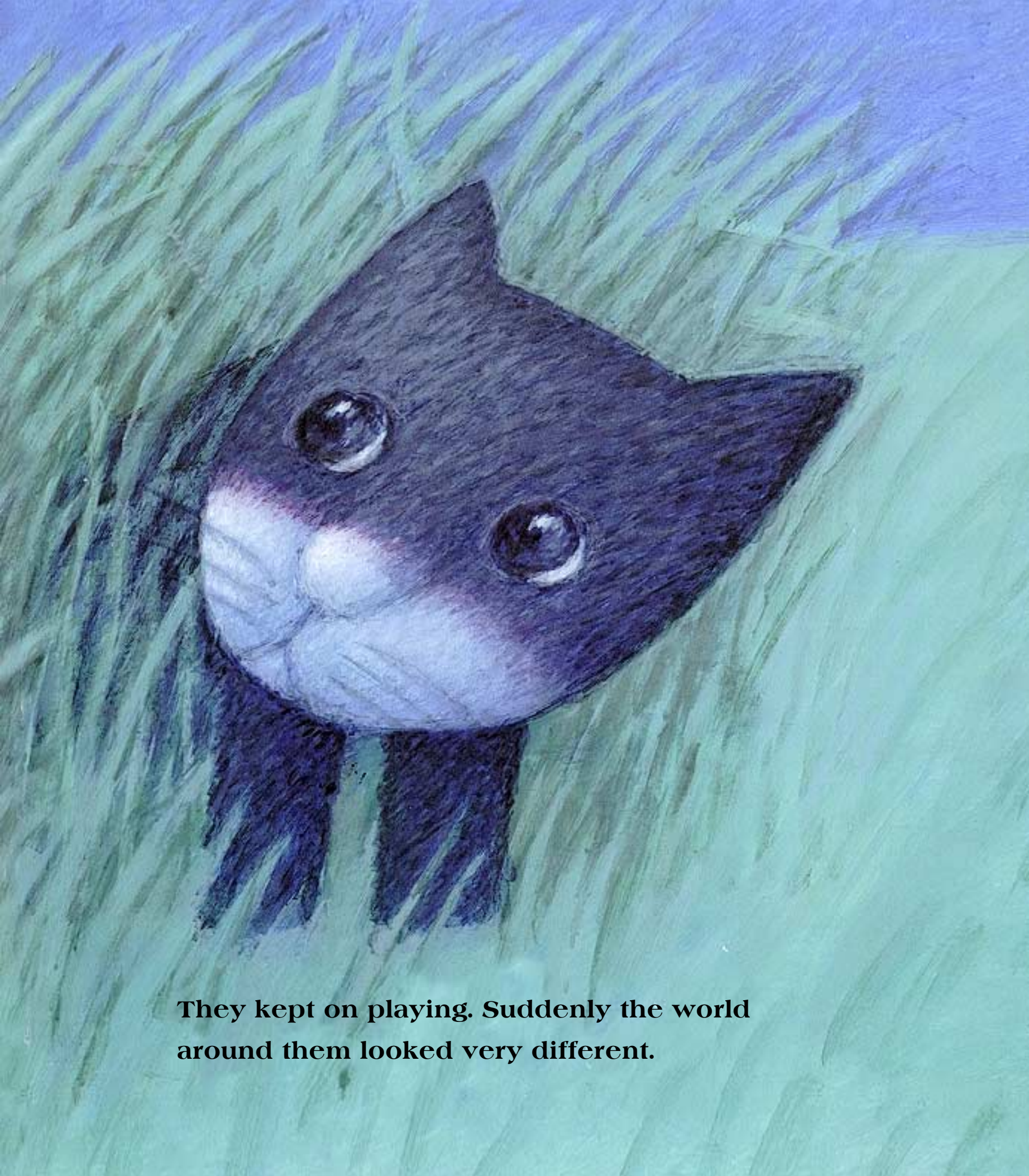
**“It’s getting late. It’s time to go home,”
said the little mice.**



**“It’s getting dark. We should go home, too,”
said the little cats.**



**But one little mouse and one little cat did
not pay attention to the others.**



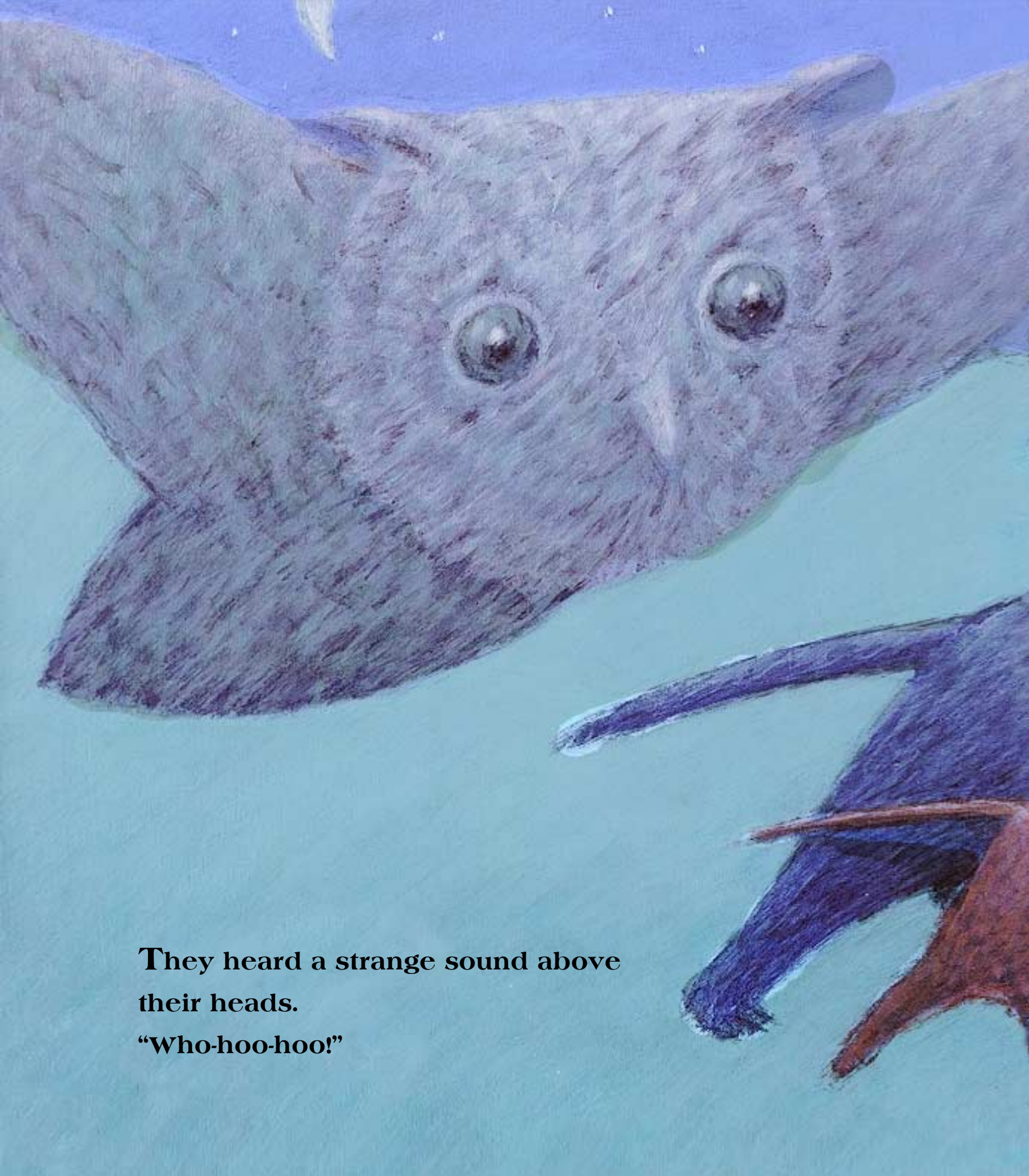
**They kept on playing. Suddenly the world
around them looked very different.**



“It’s so dark here,” said the frightened little cat.

“We shouldn’t have stayed out so late,” said the little mouse in a trembling voice.





**They heard a strange sound above
their heads.**

“Who-hoo-hoo!”





“Don’t be afraid,” said the owl. “It’s a beautiful night.”

“A beautiful night?” wondered the little mouse and the little cat. “It’s so dark and scary.”

“Oh, you must see it from the top of the tree,” said the owl.







Then the little cat and the little mouse became curious, so they followed the owl up, up, up to the top of the tree.

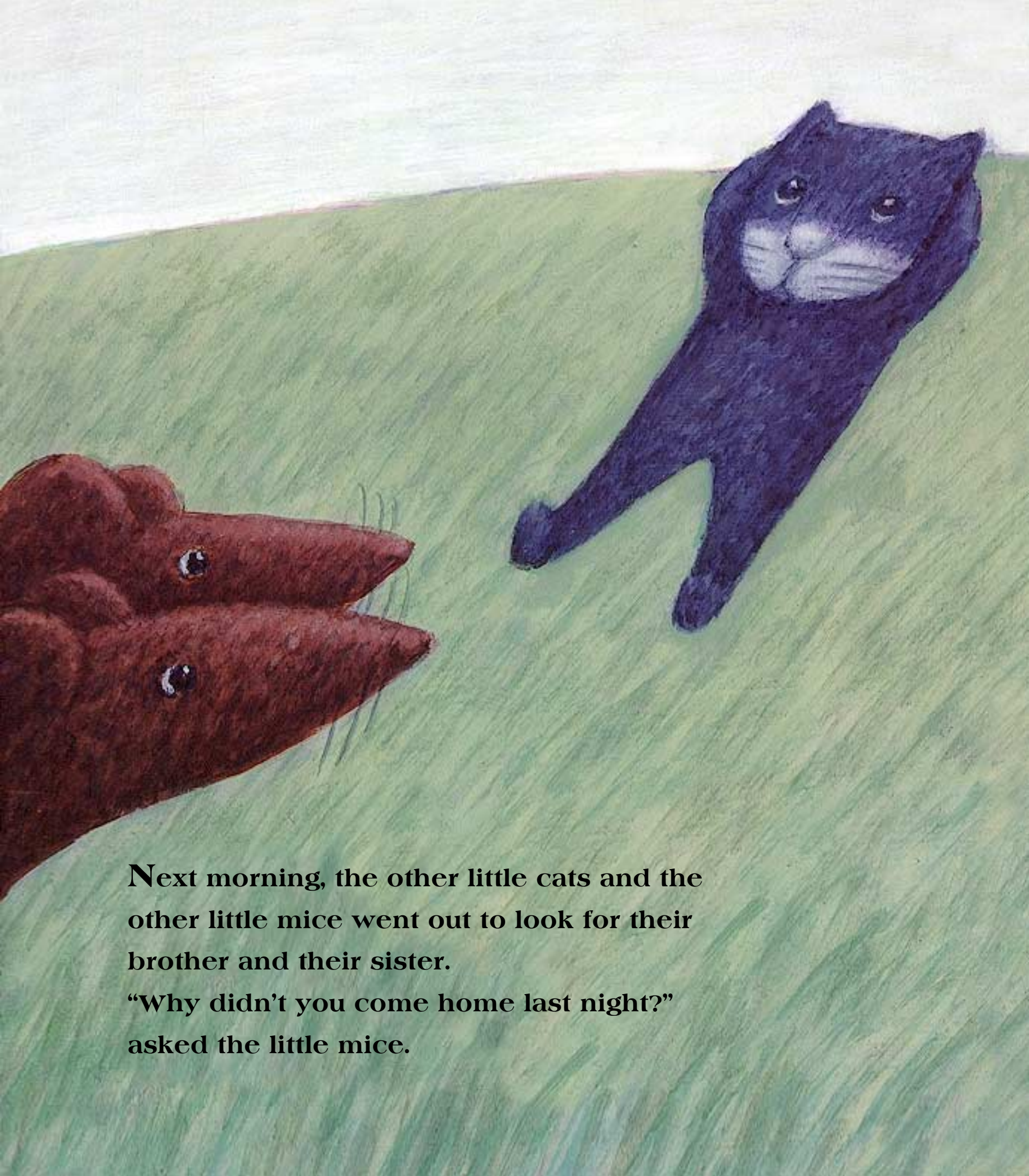




“Look!” said the owl.

The moon shone and the stars sparkled.

**“Oh!” said the cat and the mouse. “It is
beautiful!”**



Next morning, the other little cats and the other little mice went out to look for their brother and their sister.

“Why didn’t you come home last night?” asked the little mice.



**“Where were you?” asked the little cats.
“Wait and we will show you,” answered their
brother and sister, mysteriously.**



**At the end of the day, when it began to get dark,
the little cat and the little mouse showed their
brothers and sisters how to climb the big tree.**



**“Look!” they said when they reached the top.
“Oh!” said the others in amazement.
And they all spent the night at the top of the
tree, close to the moon and the stars, just
watching.**



