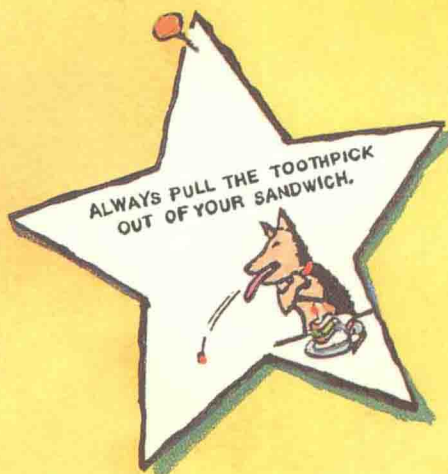
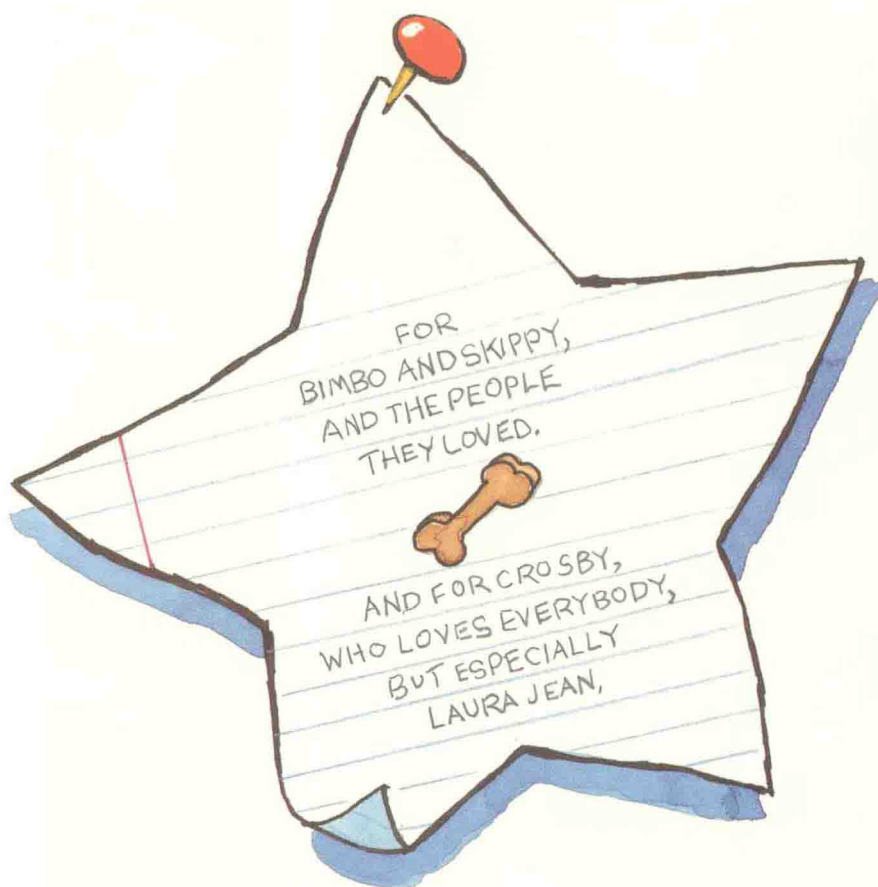


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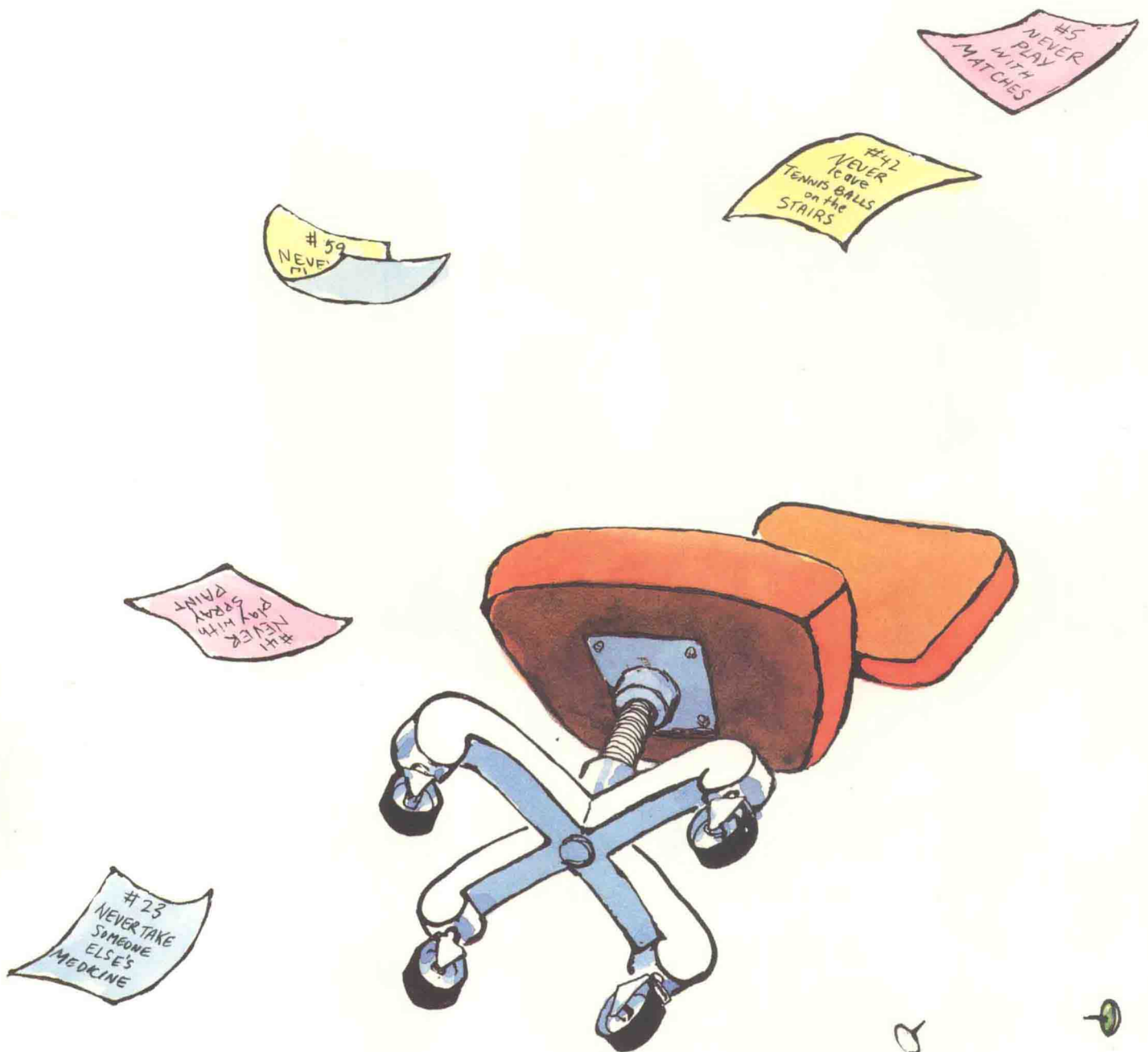
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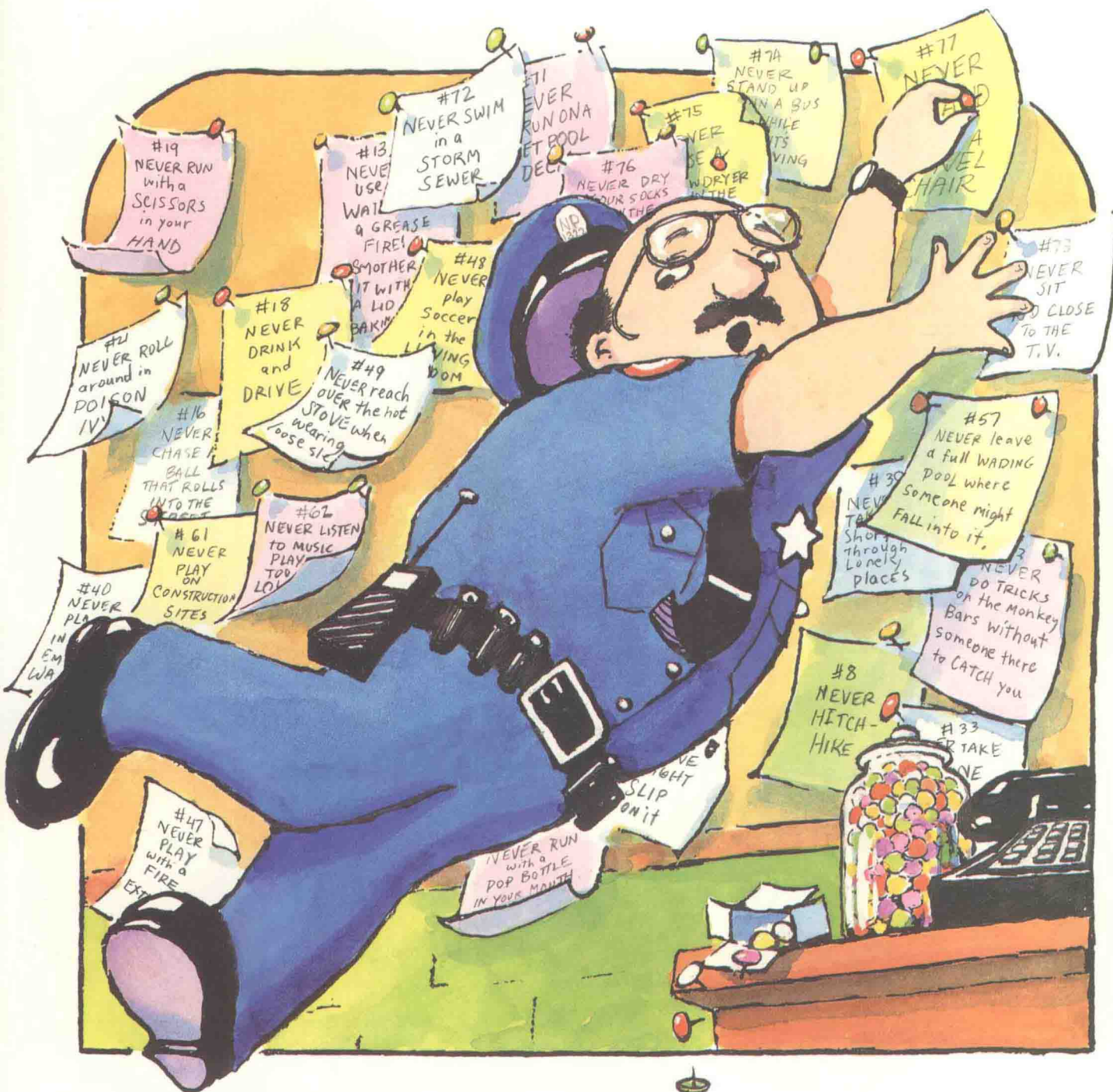
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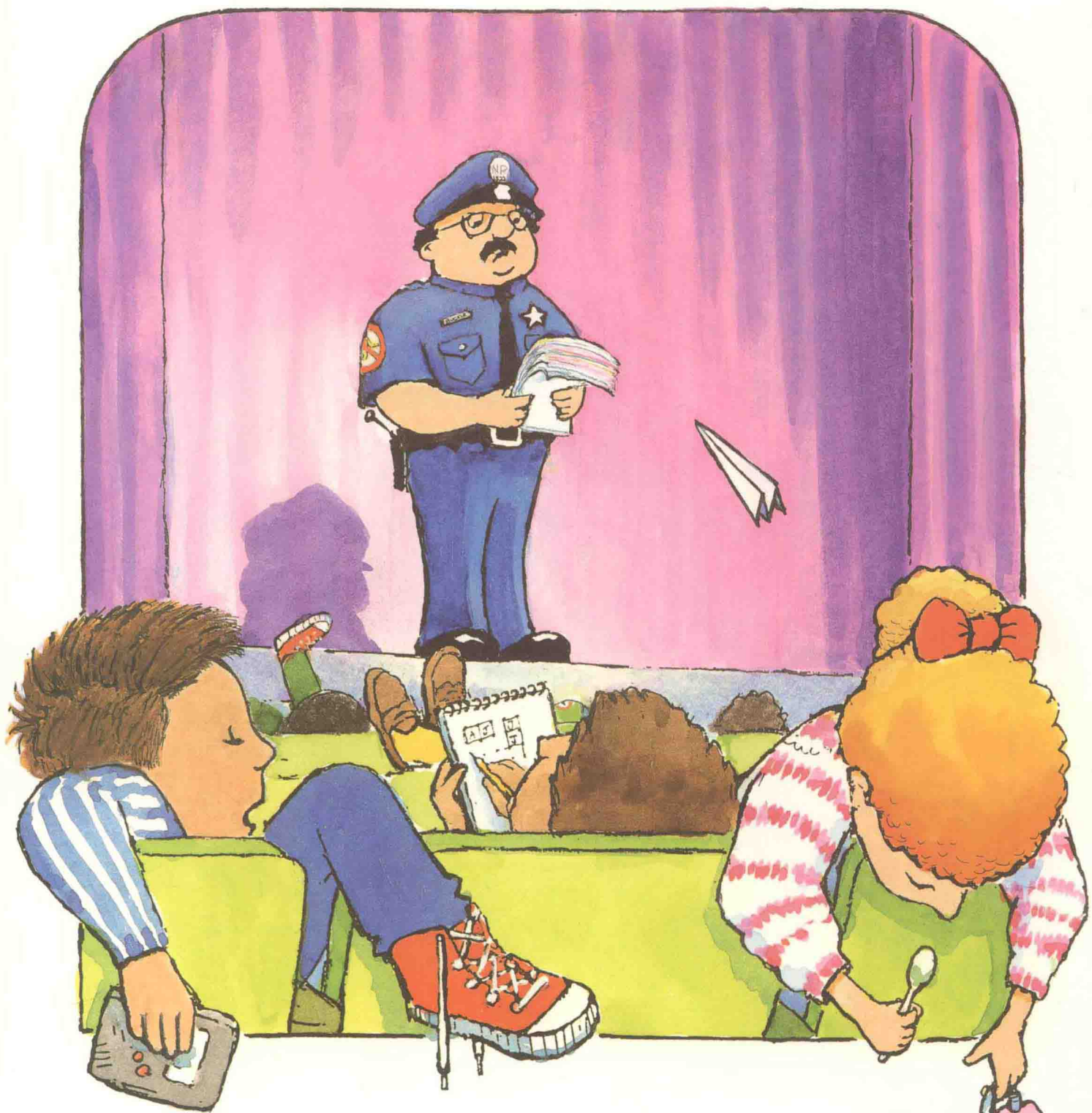


Officer Buckle knew more safety tips than anyone else in Napville.

Every time he thought of a new one, he thumbtacked it to his bulletin board.

Safety Tip #77

NEVER stand on a SWIVEL CHAIR.



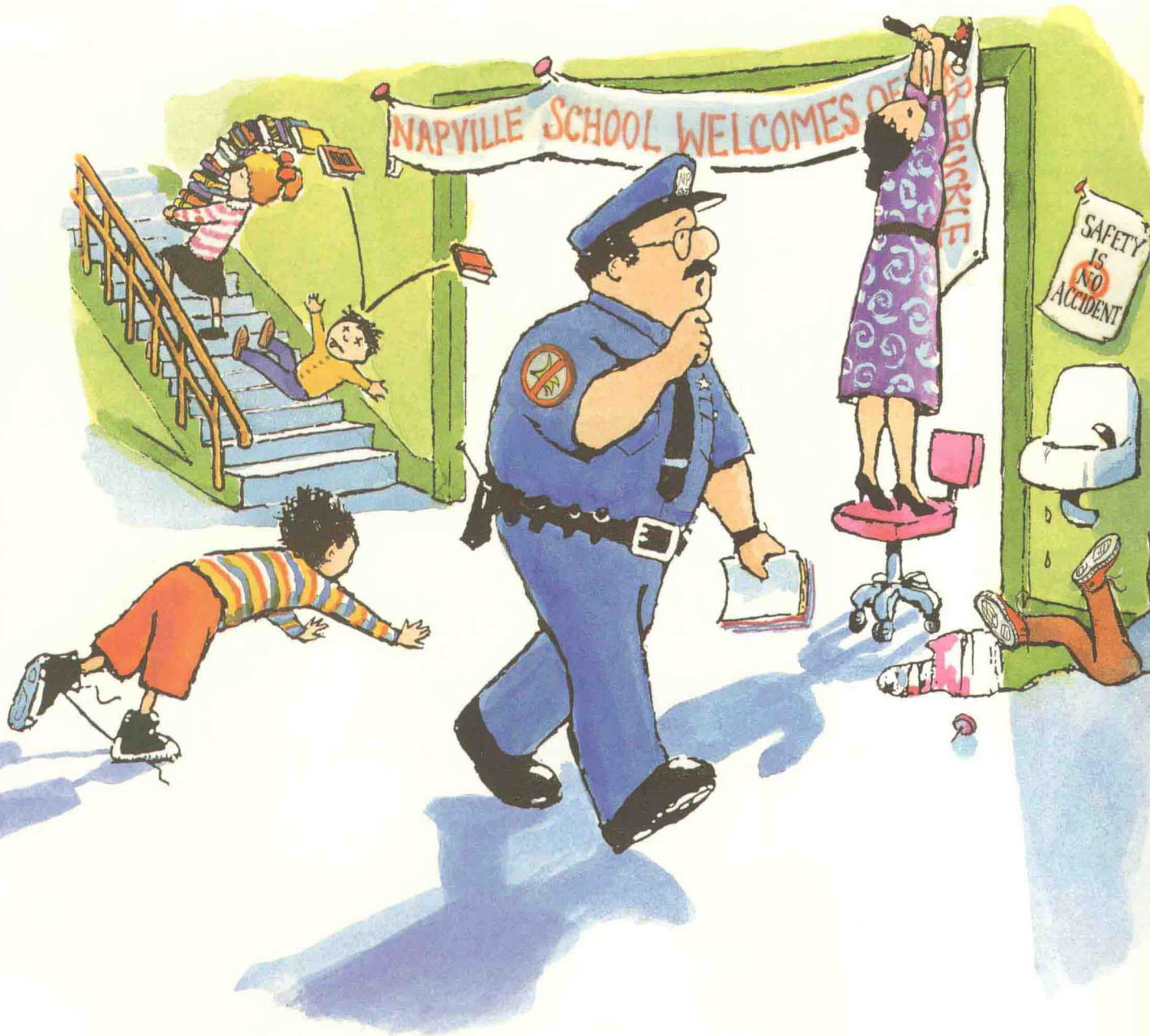
Officer Buckle shared his safety tips
with the students at Napville School.
Nobody ever listened.
Sometimes, there was snoring.

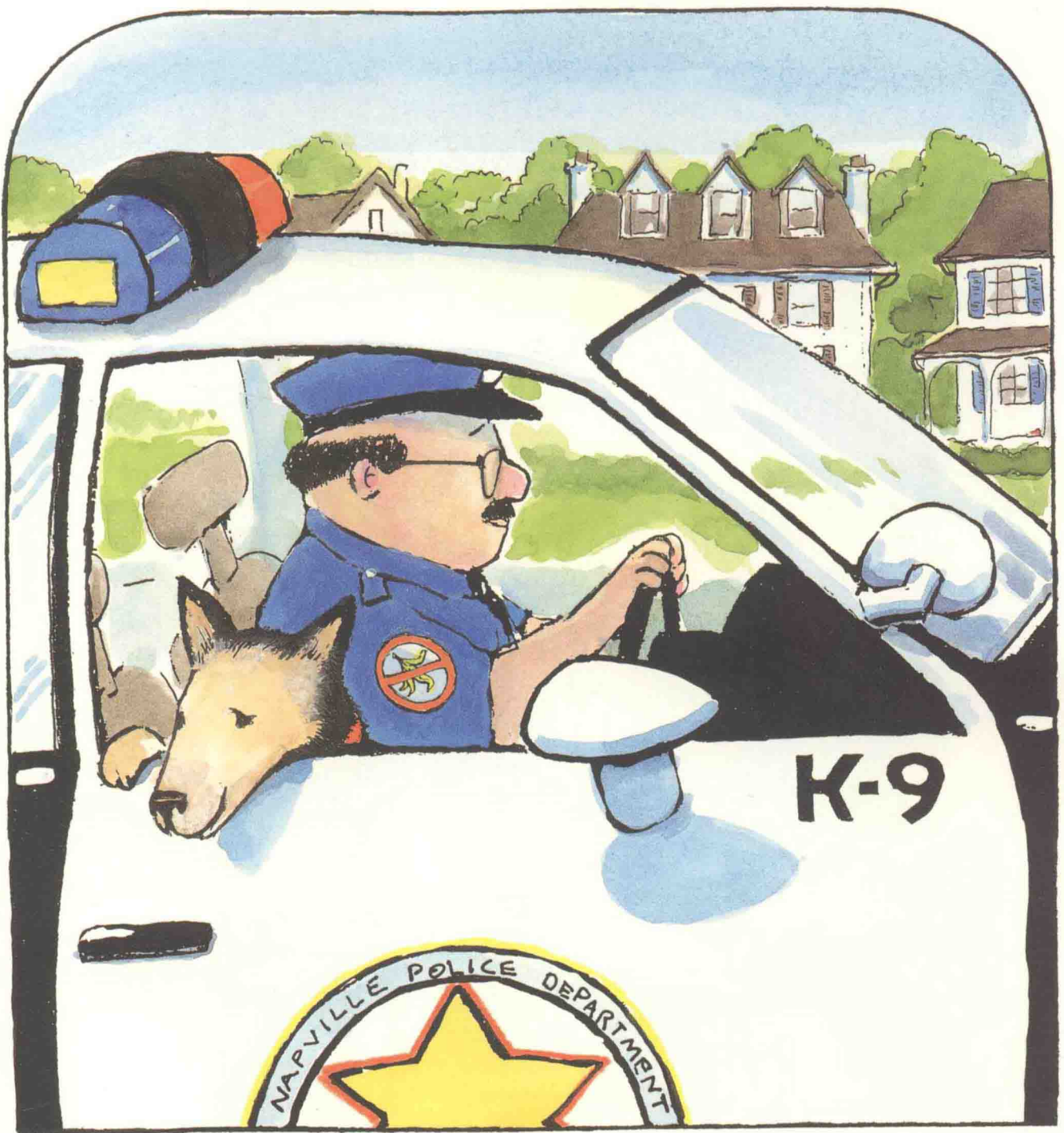


Afterward, it was business as usual.

Mrs. Toppel, the principal, took down the welcome banner.

“NEVER stand on a SWIVEL CHAIR,” said Officer Buckle, but Mrs. Toppel didn’t hear him.





Then one day, Napville's police department bought a police dog named Gloria.

When it was time for Officer Buckle to give the safety speech at the school, Gloria went along.

“Children, this is Gloria,” announced Officer Buckle. “Gloria obeys my commands. Gloria, SIT!” And Gloria sat.

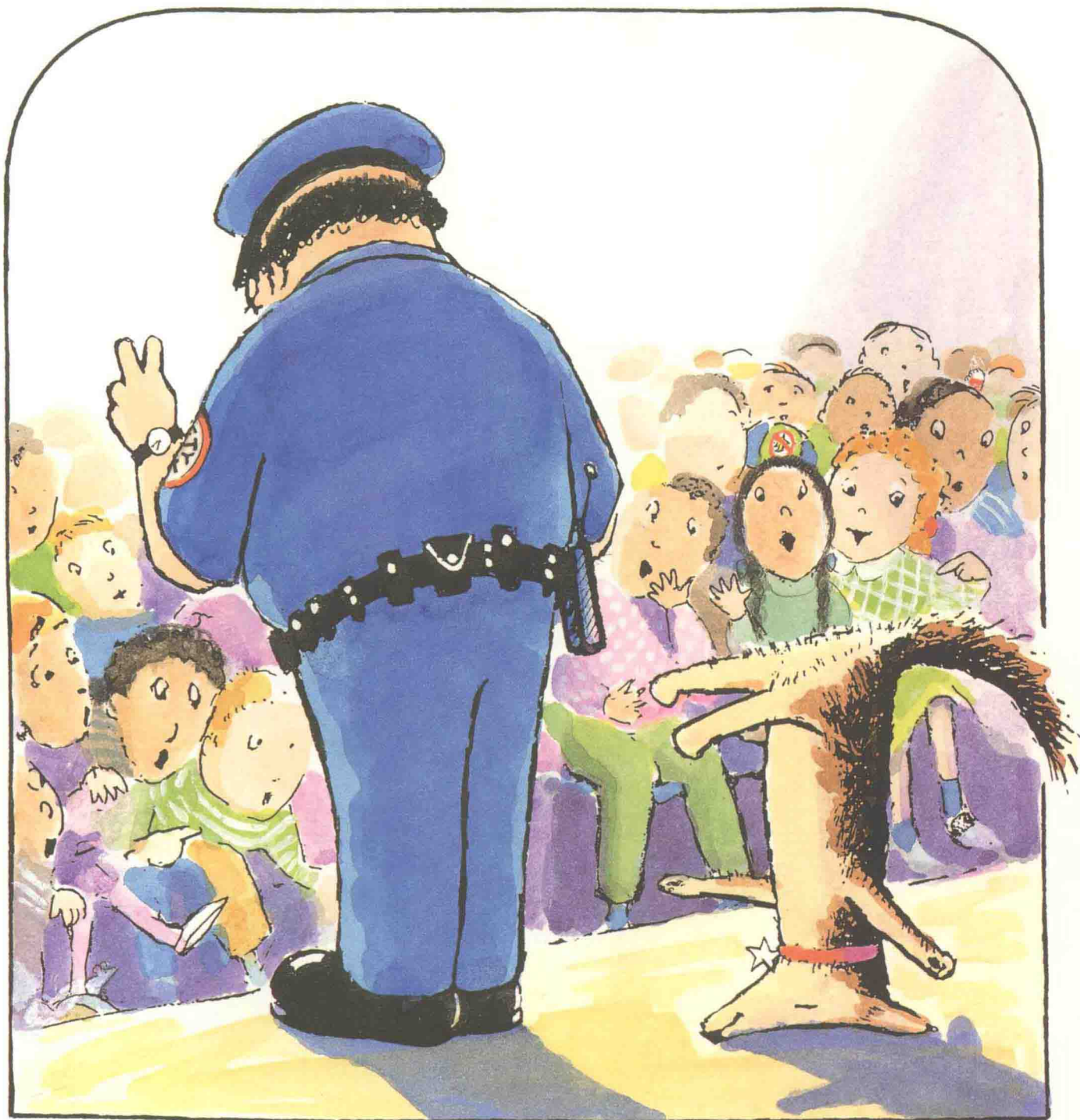




Officer Buckle gave Safety Tip Number One:
“KEEP your SHOELACES tied!”
The children sat up and stared.

Officer Buckle checked to see if Gloria was sitting at attention. She was.





“Safety Tip Number Two,” said Officer Buckle.
“ALWAYS wipe up spills BEFORE someone SLIPS
AND FALLS!”

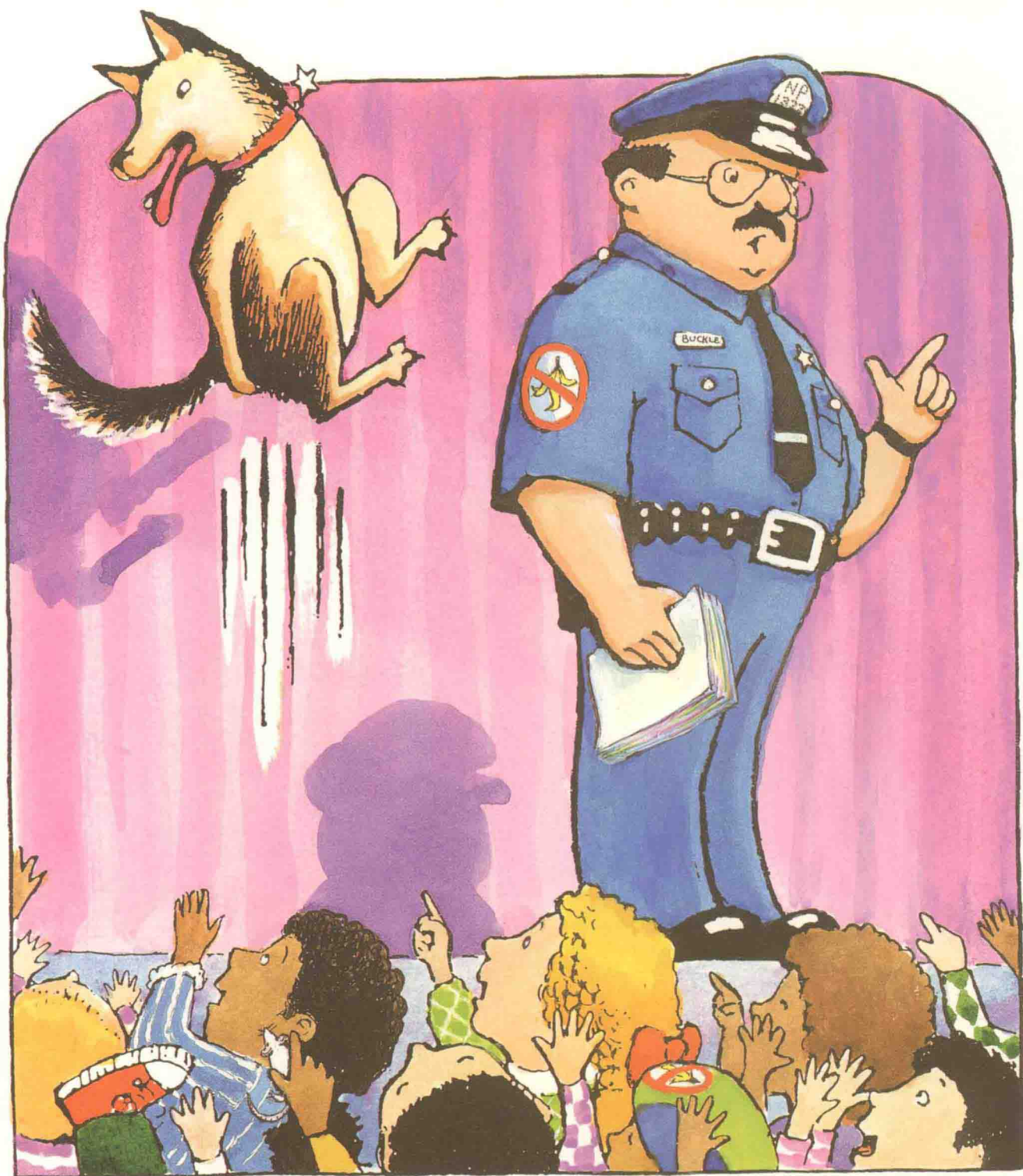
The children’s eyes popped.

Officer Buckle checked on Gloria again.

“Good dog,” he said.

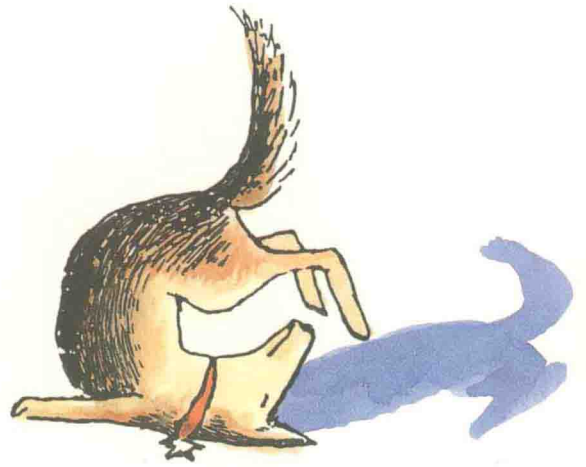
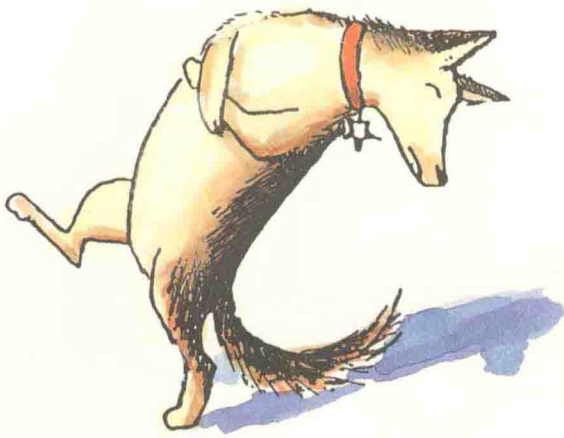
Officer Buckle thought of a safety tip he had discovered that morning.





“NEVER leave a THUMBTRACK where you
might SIT on it!”

The audience roared.

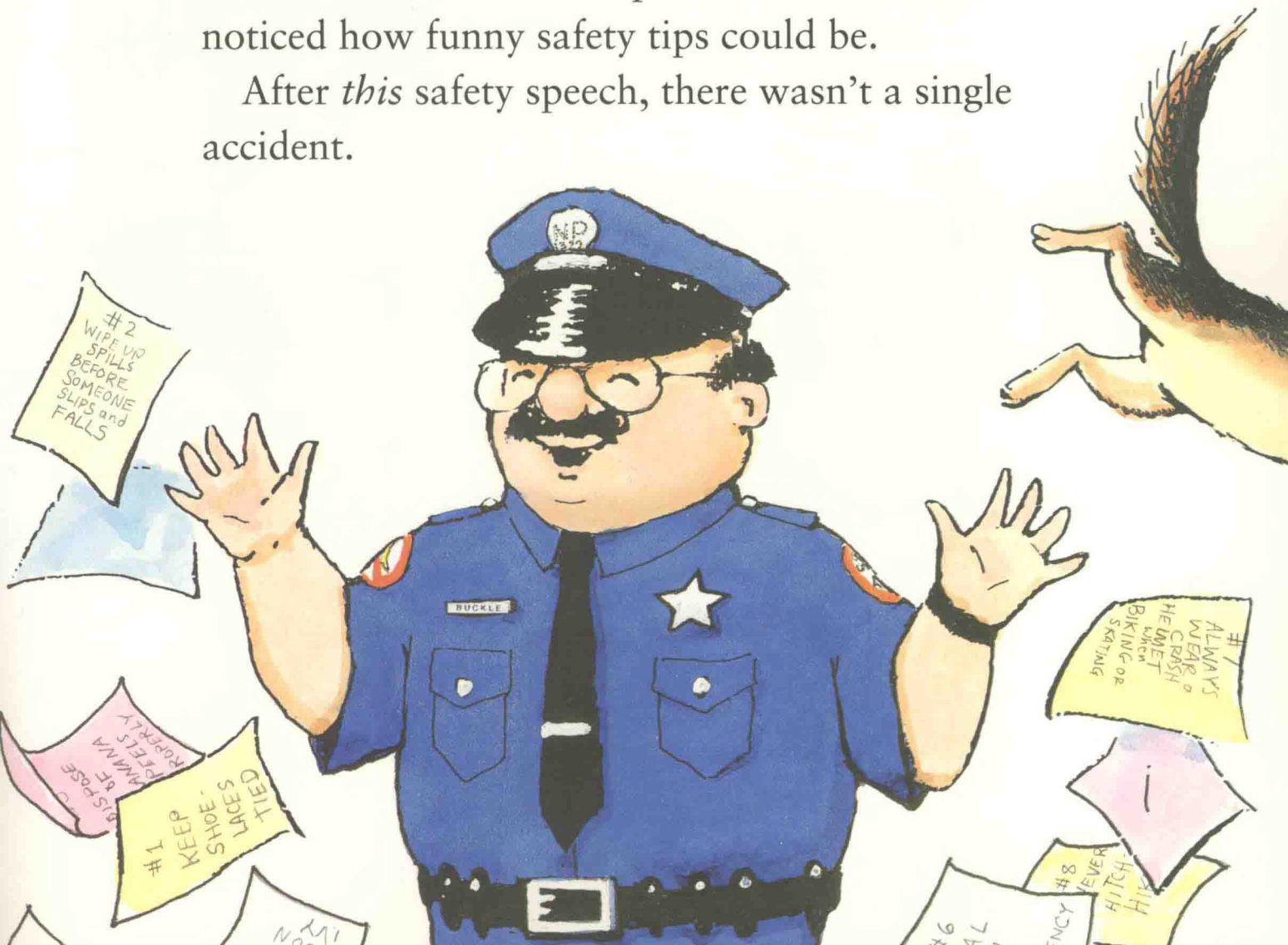


Officer Buckle grinned. He said the rest of the tips with *plenty* of expression.

The children clapped their hands and cheered.
Some of them laughed until they cried.

Officer Buckle was surprised. He had never noticed how funny safety tips could be.

After *this* safety speech, there wasn't a single accident.





The next day, an enormous envelope arrived at the police station. It was stuffed with thank-you letters from the students at Napville School.