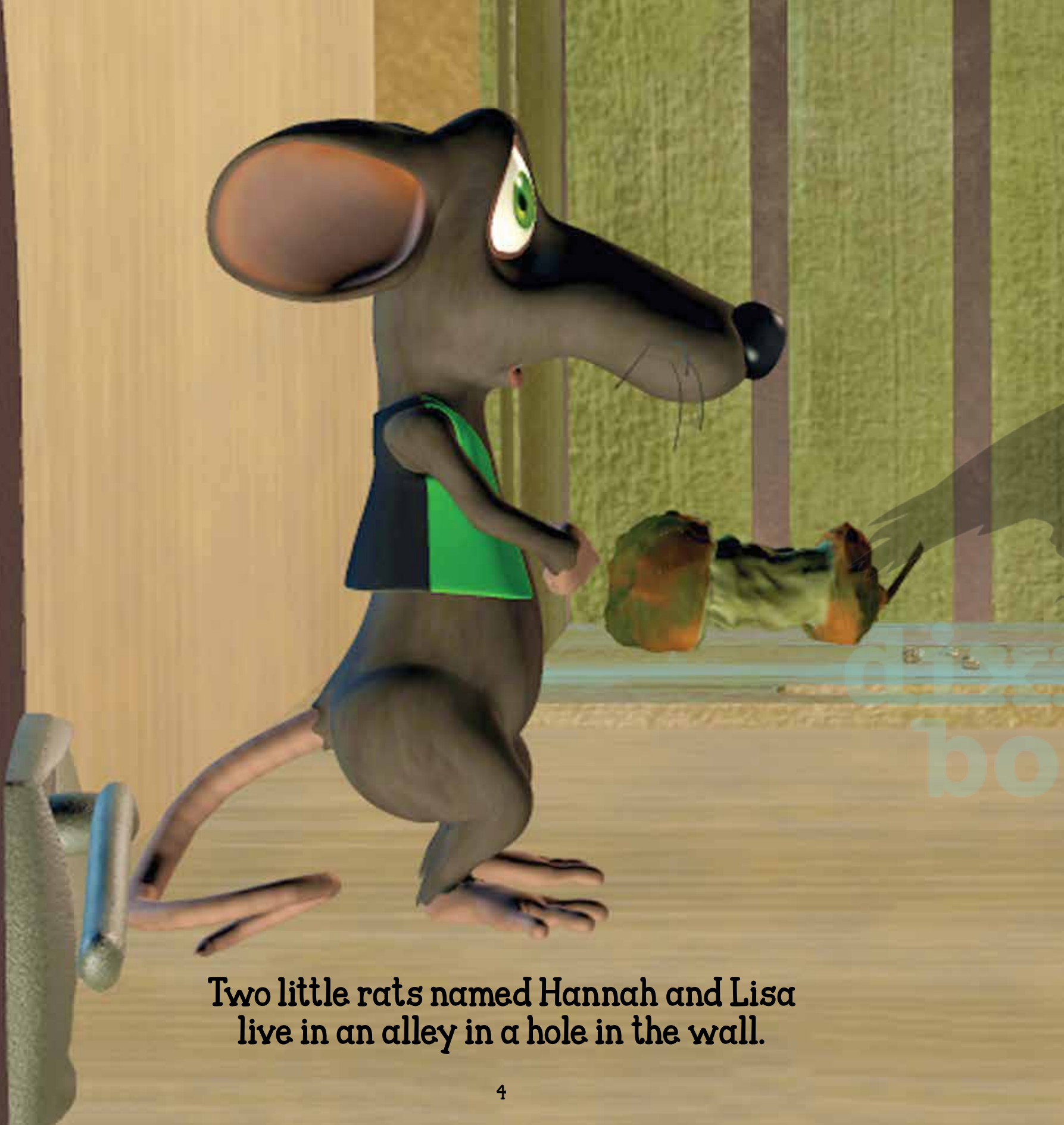


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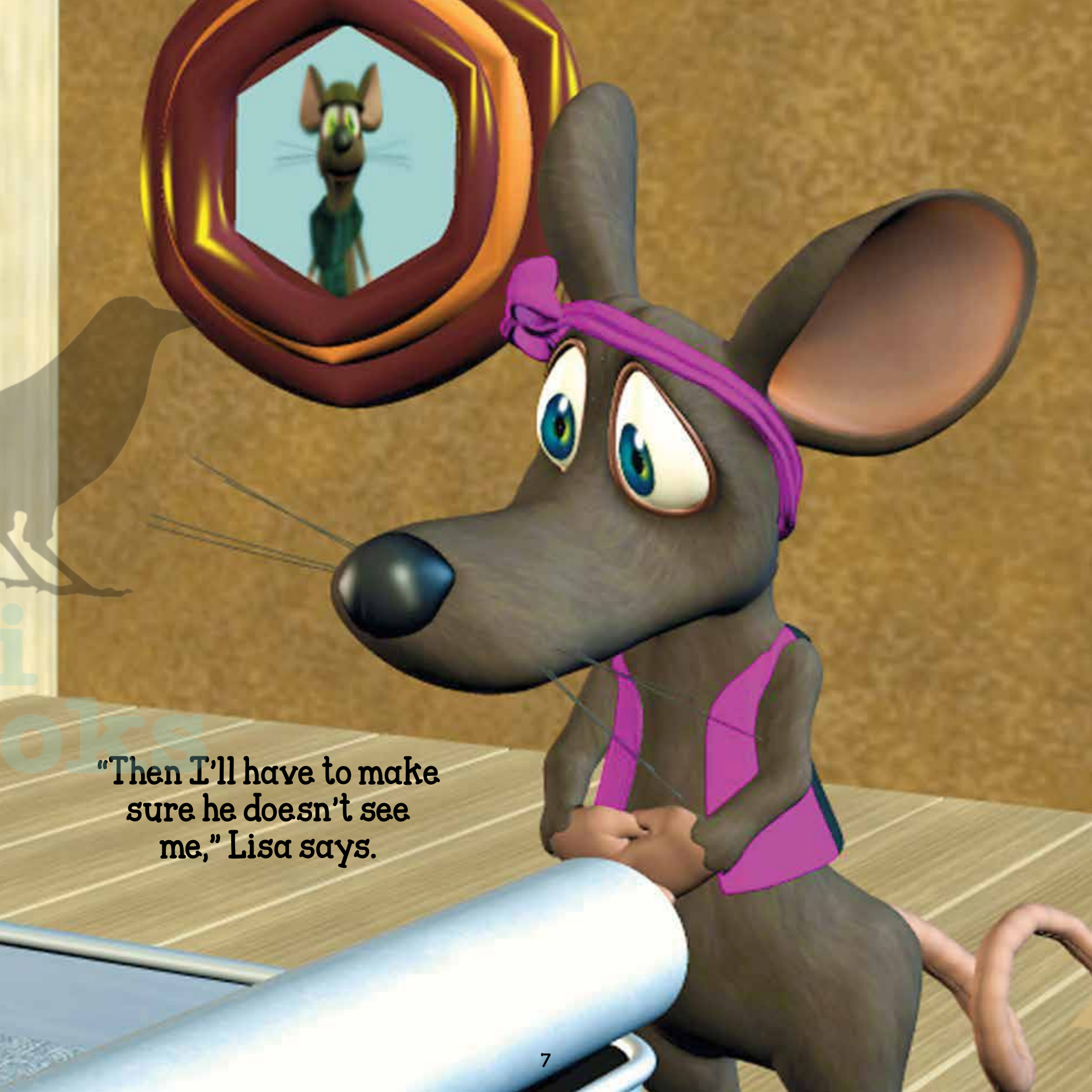
Two little rats named Hannah and Lisa  
live in an alley in a hole in the wall.



Hannah's tummy rumbles and growls. "I'm so hungry," she says. "Are we going to have supper tonight?" "There's nothing left except a tiny crumb of bread," Lisa replies.

Lisa tucks Hannah into bed.  
“I’m going out to find something to eat,” she says.  
Hannah looks worried.  
“What about the cat? If he sees you, he might eat you!”





**"Then I'll have to make  
sure he doesn't see  
me," Lisa says.**

Lisa sneaks out into the alley searching for something to eat when suddenly she spots - the cat! She runs and hides behind a garbage can. Trembling, she holds her breath and stays very, very quiet.



