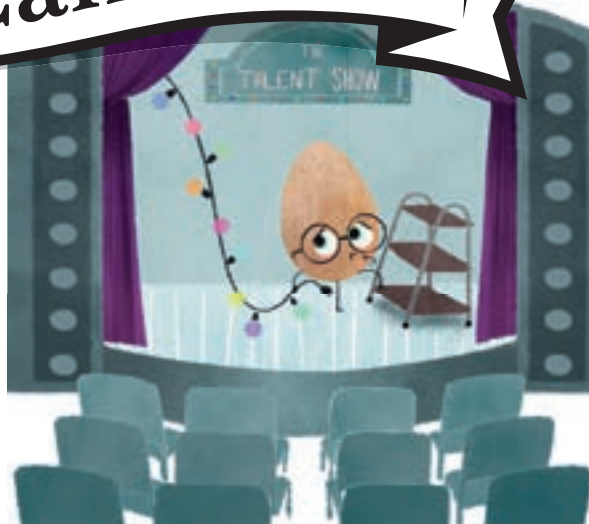


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I'm a good egg.

A very good egg.



Yes, a verrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrry good egg.

And I have a problem.

A big problem.

Yes, a verrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrry  
big problem.



See, there's a talent show  
this afternoon.

But I don't have any talents.



Sigh.

It's true.

I can't dance.

I don't know how to juggle.

I never sing in tune.

I don't have an ACT!



Meanwhile, everybody from the store  
will be here.

All of them have amazing skills.



The pasta does yoga.

The cookies perform magic.

The marshmallows stack themselves  
into tall towers.

The English muffins are actors.

The popcorn jumps REALLY high.

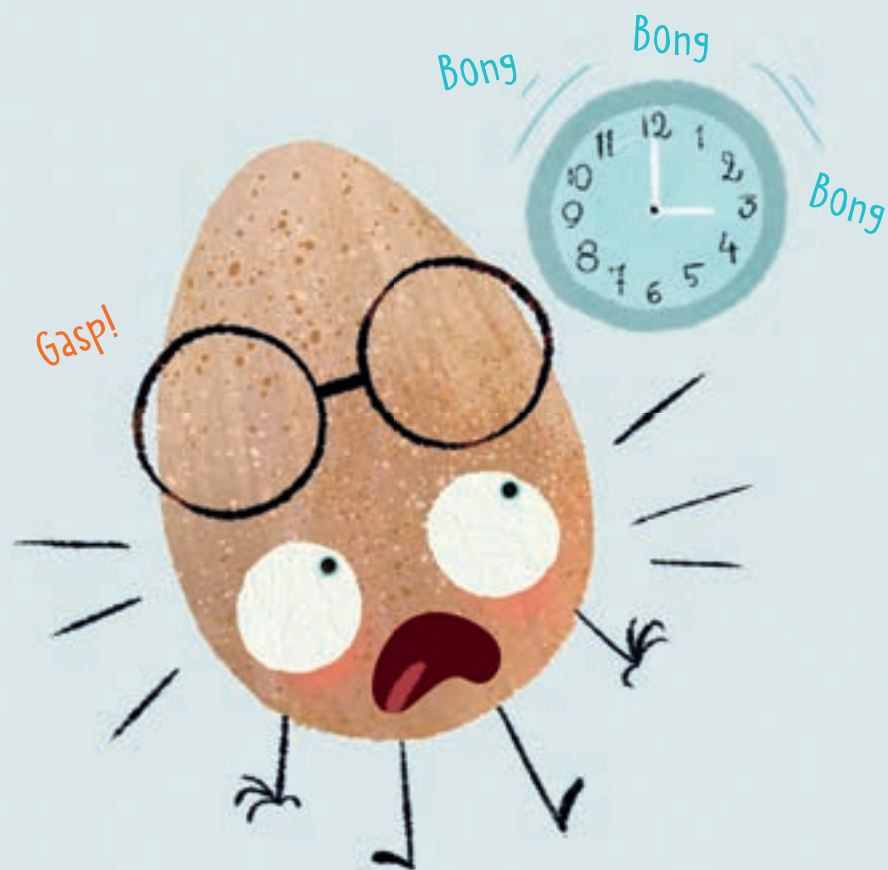
And the cheese plays  
in a six-piece string band.



But I'm just a good egg.  
 Where are all MY amazing skills?  
 What are MY unique talents?  
 What am I even DOING with my life?

Think, Egg! Think!  
 What should I do?  
 What will I do?  
 What could I do?





The talent show is starting!  
 And I STILL don't have an act.  
 I guess I'll just sit in the audience  
 and cheer on my friends.  
 That's what I usually do anyway.



How can I compete with this?  
 I could never do something like that...

LATER



Uh oh, that muffin seems to have forgotten his lines.

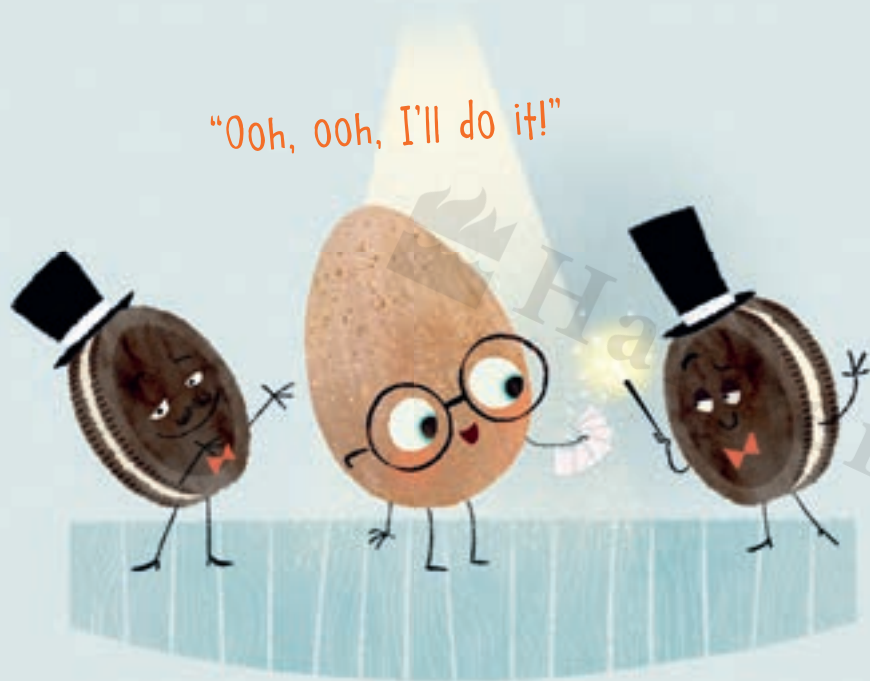


Fortunately, I can help. Sheggspeare is my favorite.



Oh dear.

No one is volunteering  
for this magic act.



Goodness, that pose looks dangerous.  
I should probably be a spotter.



Oh no, the drummer broke her drums.



Fortunately, I have my lucky bottle cap.



Oh gosh, the lighting is all wrong.  
And one of the costumes ripped.  
Good thing I brought this flashlight  
and this emergency sewing kit.

Wow, what a show!

That was the best one yet!



Sigh.

It's too bad I didn't get  
to perform an act.

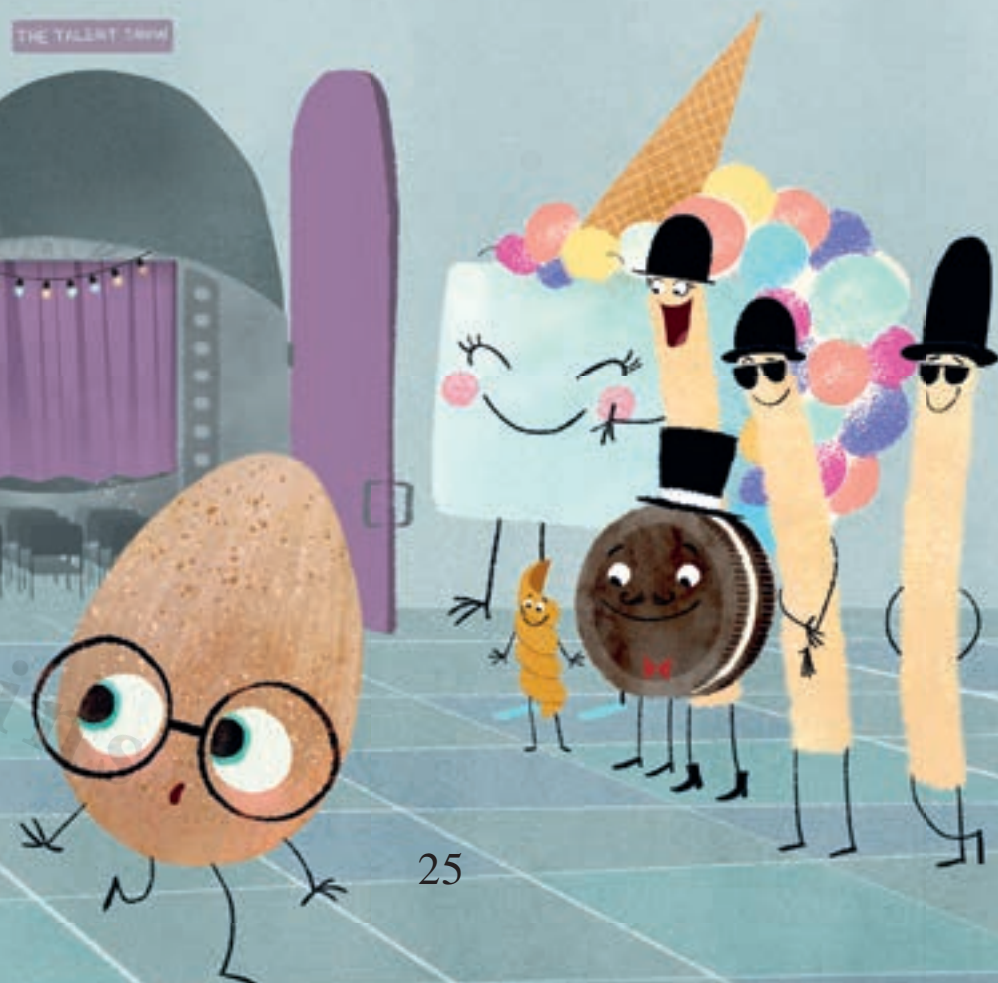
But I still had fun.

## LATER THAT NIGHT...

I was about to leave the theater  
when something strange happened.  
The string cheese asked me  
to wait for a minute.



Everyone started saying  
thank you—to me!  
They said I made every act better.  
The English muffin called me  
the star of the show.



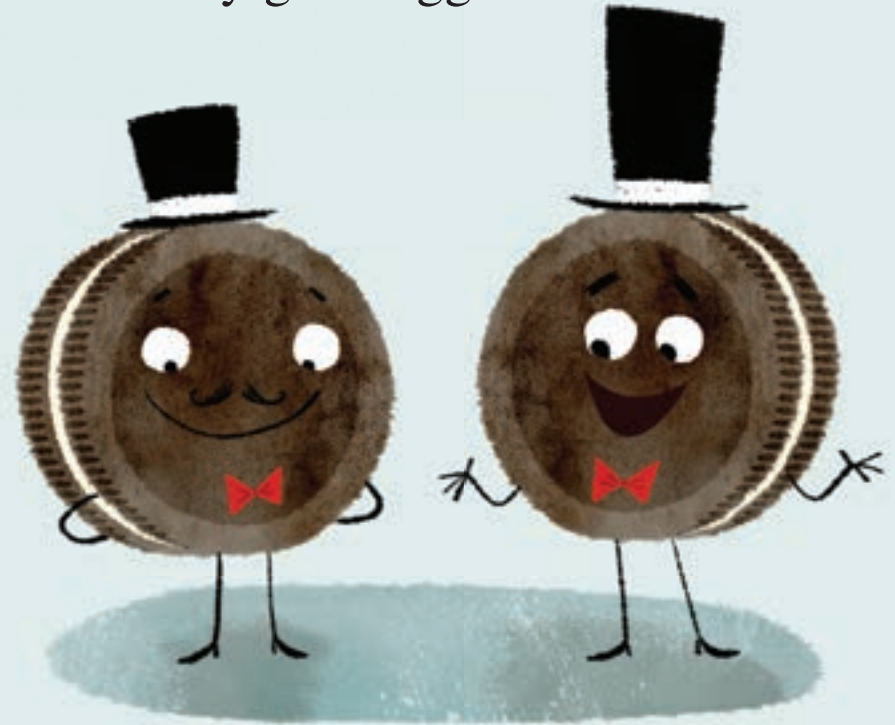
They were so grateful!



They couldn't believe  
I'd set up this entire talent show  
by myself.

They all said I was a good egg!

A verrry good egg.



That made me feel  
verrry good, indeed.



Wow, that was really something.  
I made some new friends and  
I discovered some new talents.

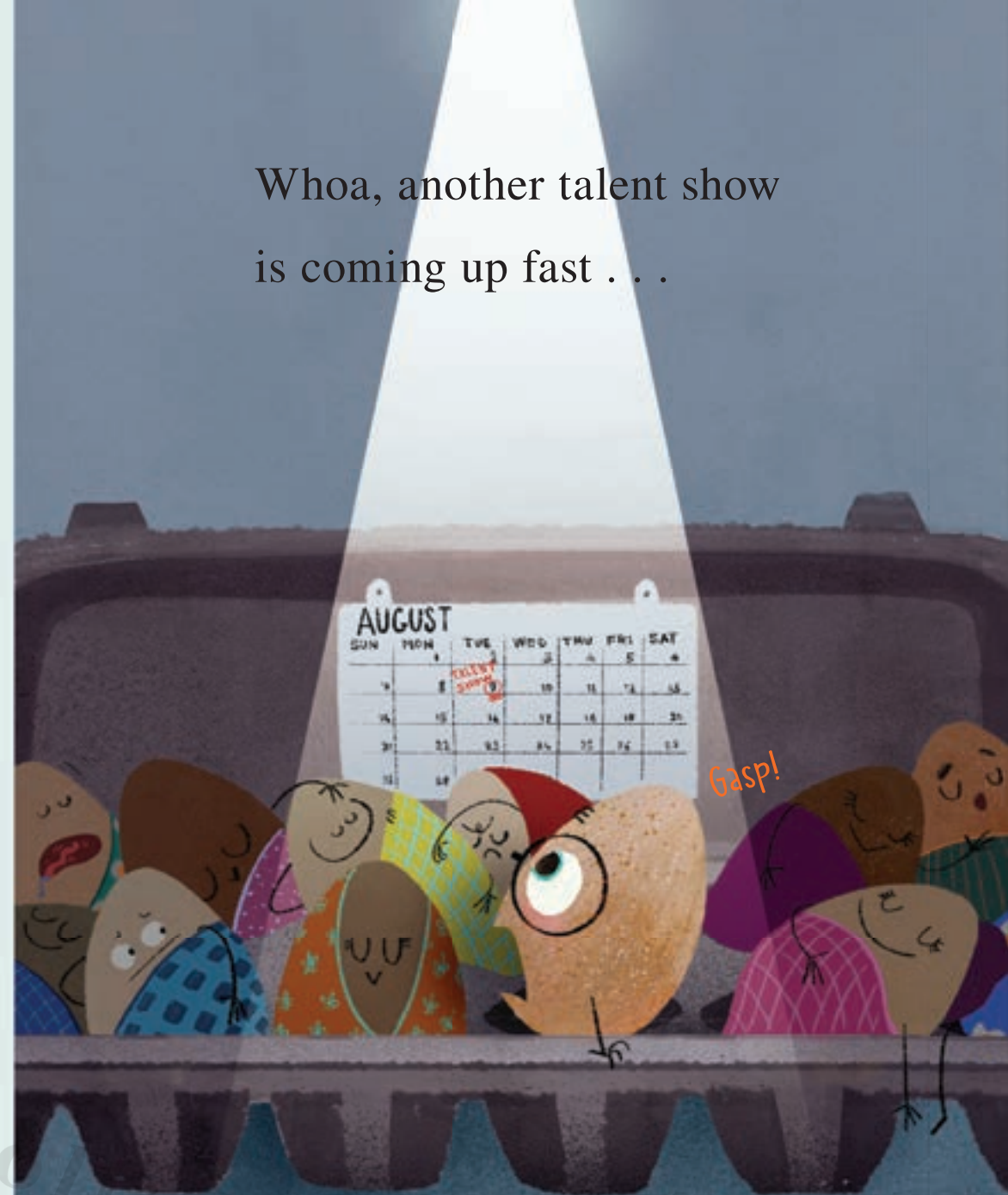
And I learned an even bigger lesson:  
People notice when you do good things.  
Hmm. I guess being kind is a talent, too!

Yes, this was a good day  
for a good egg, indeed.



I suppose I have some  
useful skills, after all.

Whoa, another talent show  
is coming up fast . . .



What will I do?

What shall I do?

What *could* I do?



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