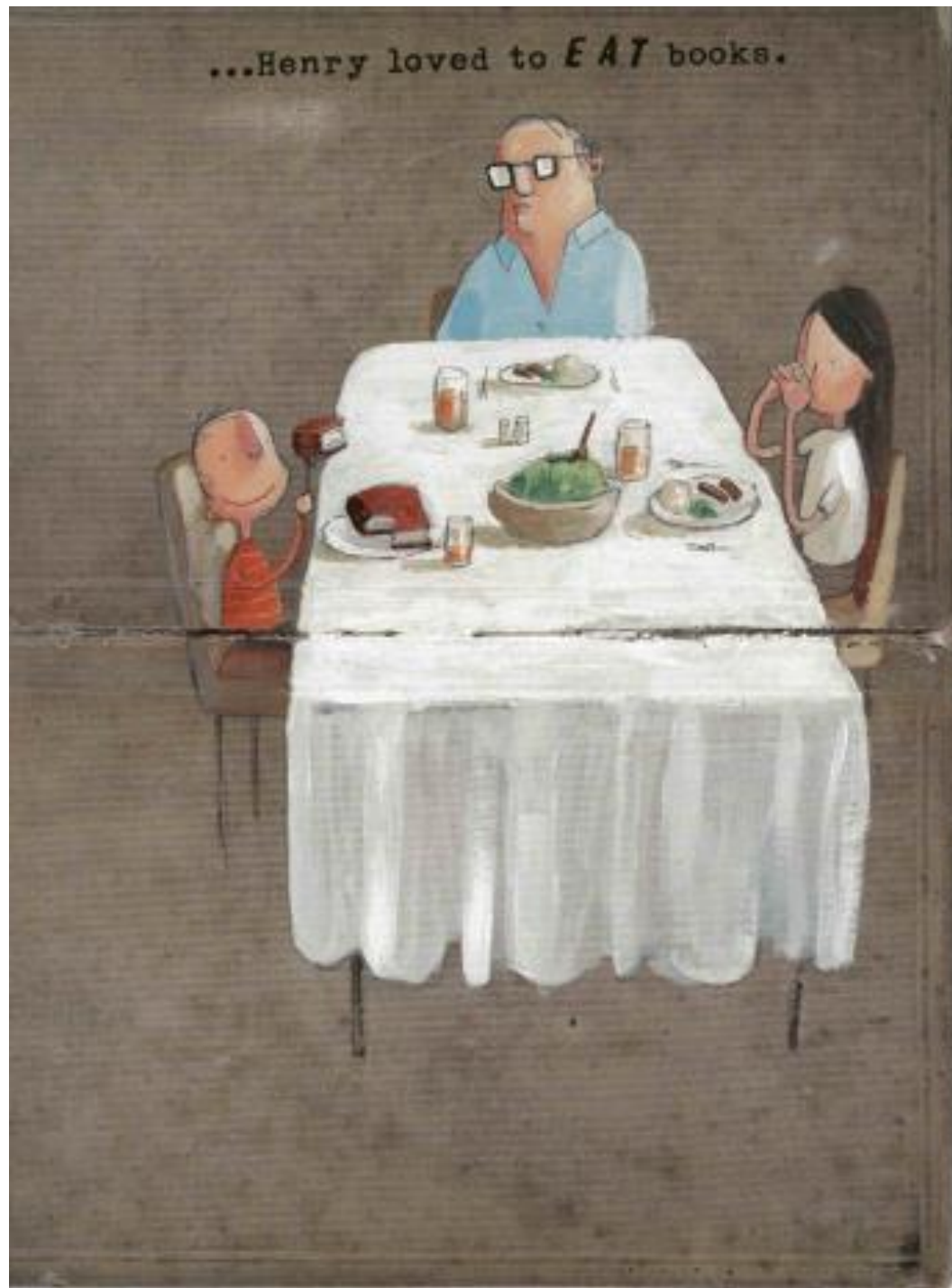


...Henry loved to *EAT* books.





It all began quite by mistake
one afternoon when he
wasn't paying
attention.

John Galsworthy

Illustrated by

H.T. Mann

He wasn't sure at first,
and tried eating a single word,
just to test.

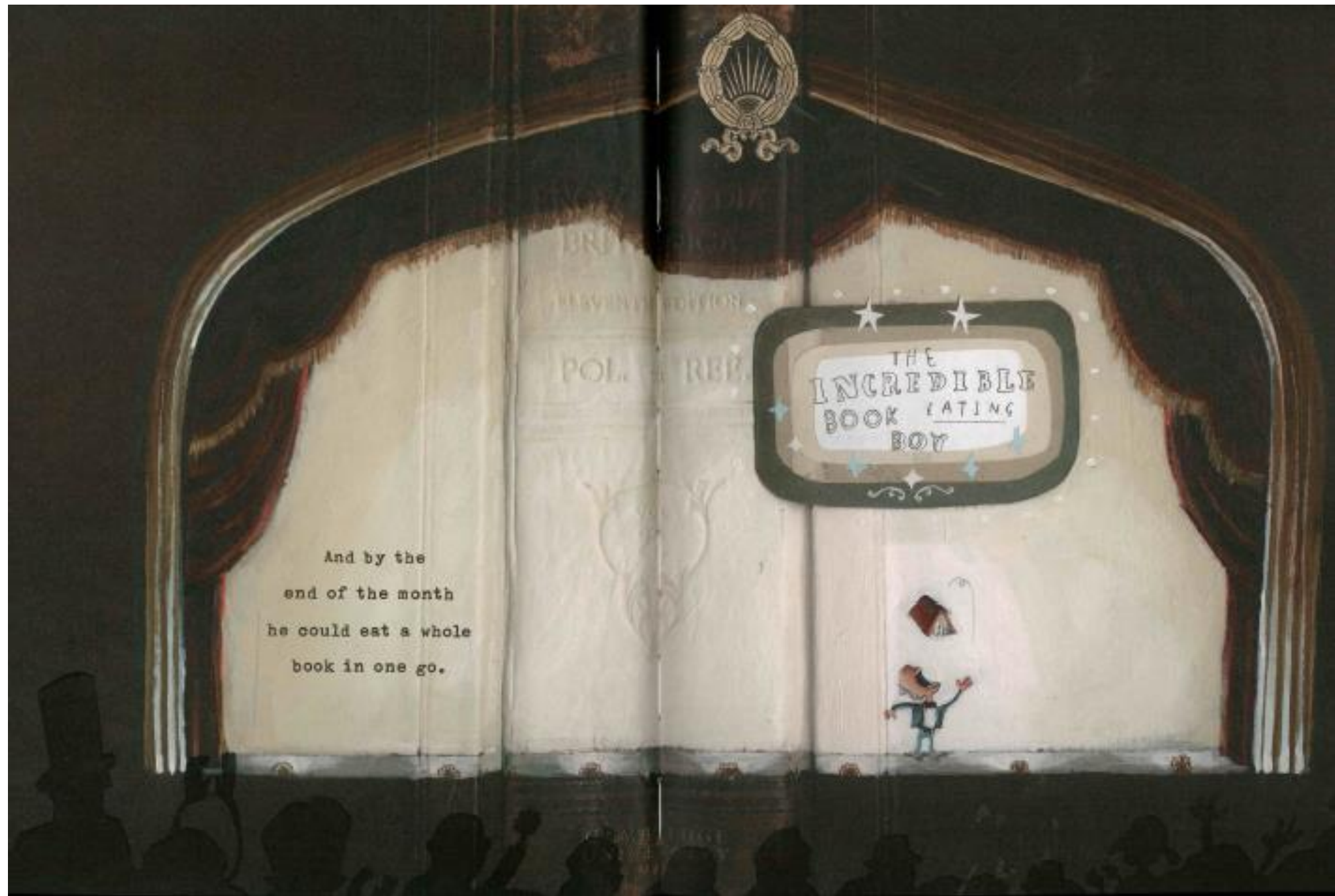


Next, he tried
a whole sentence
and then the
whole page.

Yes, Henry definitely
liked them.

By Wednesday,
he had eaten
a WHOLE book.

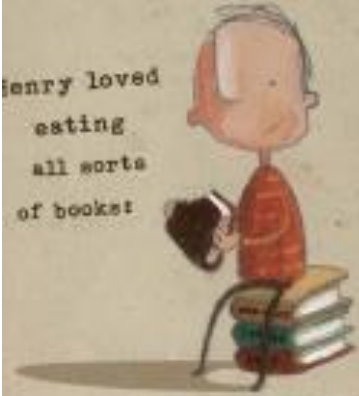




And by the
end of the month
he could eat a whole
book in one go.

THE
INCREDIBLE
BOOK EATING
BOY

Henry loved
eating
all sorts
of books!



Story books,



dictionaries,

Atlases,

joke books,

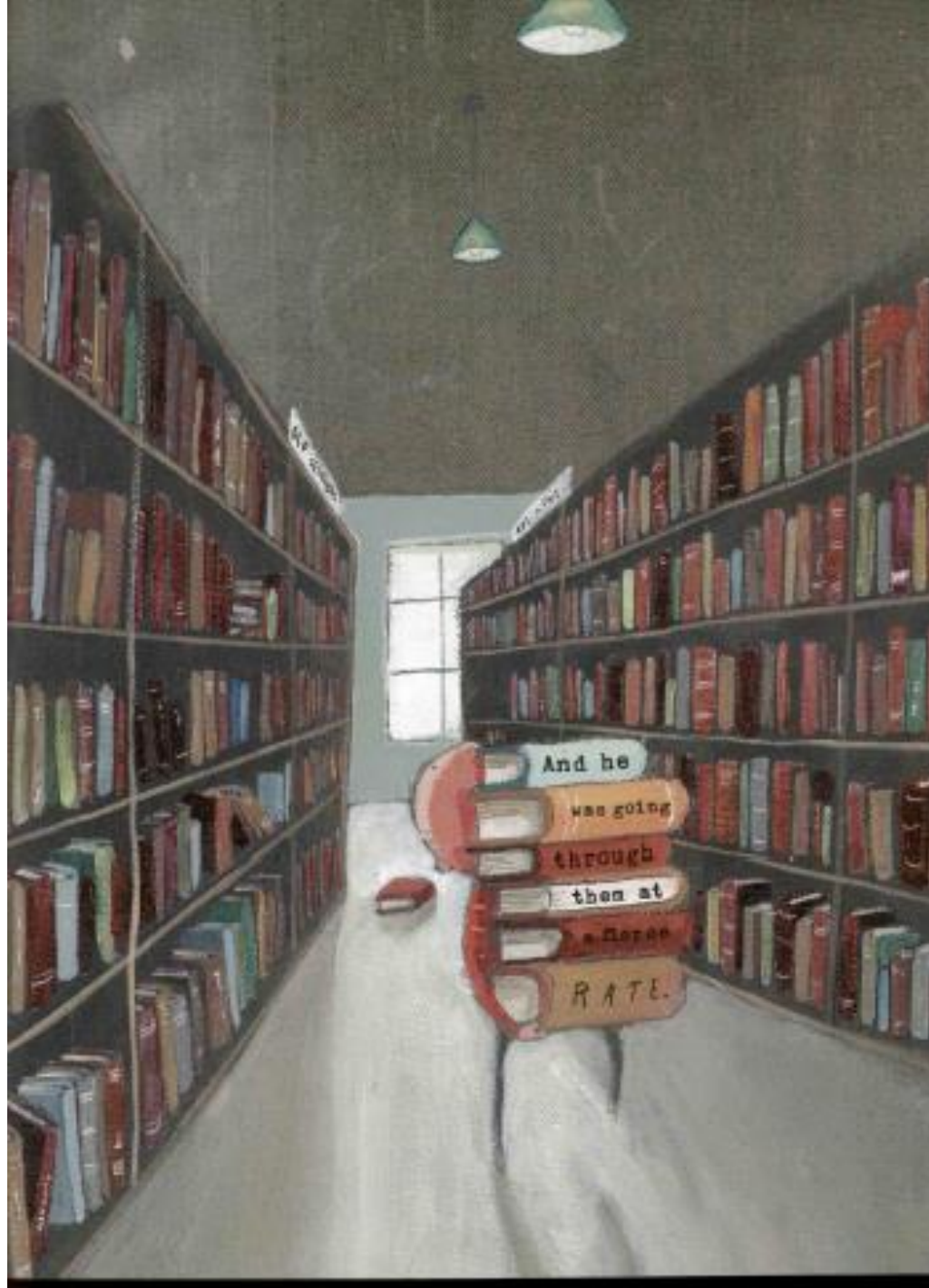
books of facts,



even maths books.

But red ones
were his
favourite.

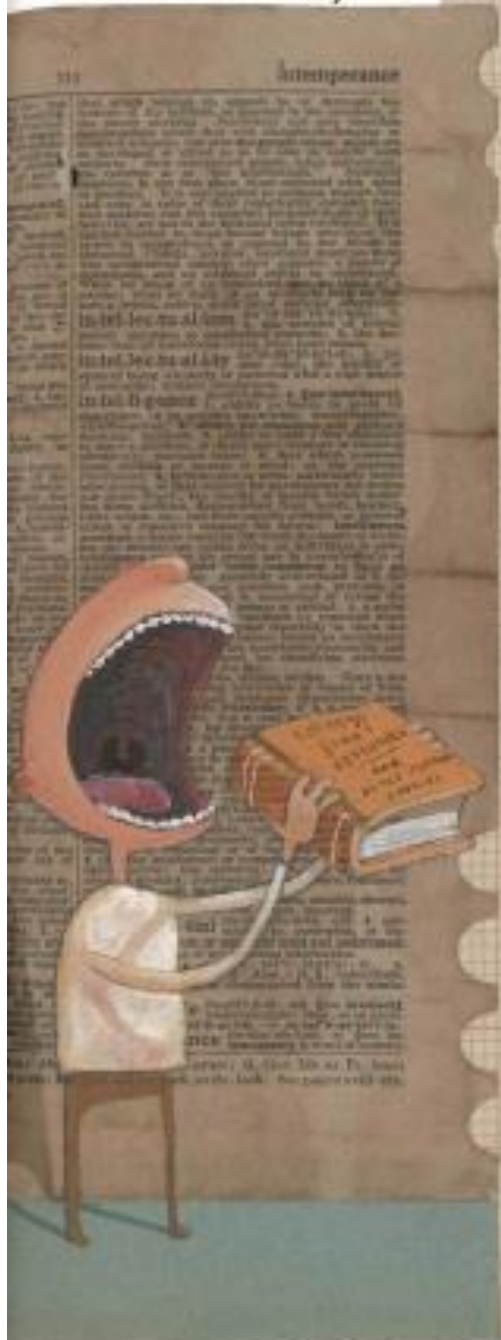




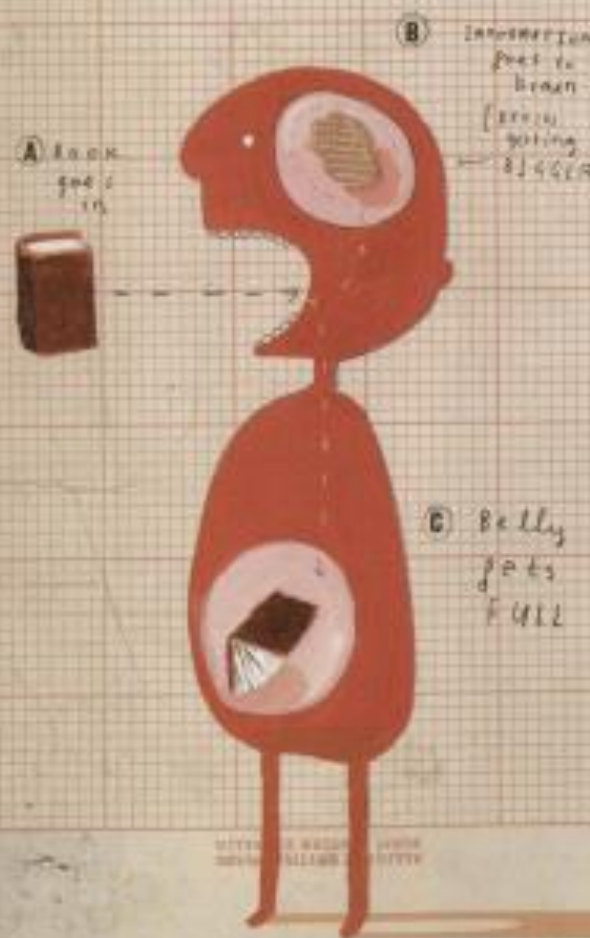
But here is the best bit:



The more he ate,



the smarter he got.

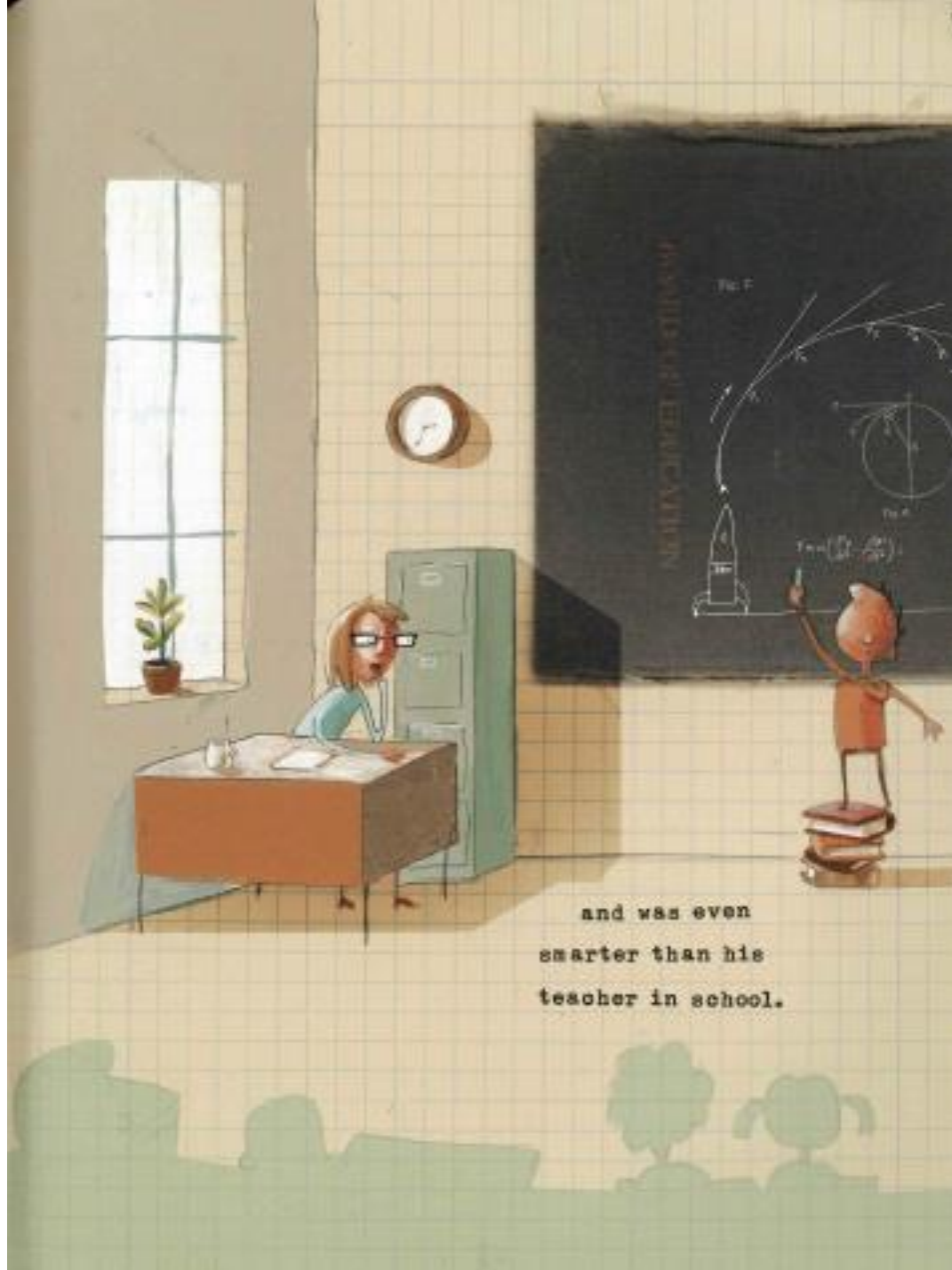


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He ate a book
about goldfish
and then he knew
what to feed Ginger.



Before long he could do
his father's crossword
in the newspaper,



and was even
smarter than his
teacher in school.



Henry loved being smart.
He thought that if he kept going,
he might even become
the smartest person on Earth.



So he kept eating books...



And he kept getting smarter...



$$p \frac{1 - (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n}{1 - (1 + \frac{1}{n})}$$

i.e. $n^p \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n - 1 \right\}$

...and smarter

the QUIZ show



Polat
KAR!

...and smarter.

85

editions

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He went from eating books whole
to eating them three or four at a time.

Books about anything.

Henry wasn't fussy,
and he wanted to know it all.



But then things started going not quite so well.



In fact, they started going
very,
very,
wrong.

Henry was eating too many books,
and too quickly at that.





bite



chew



chew



chew



gulp



green



greener



greenest



hok!

He was beginning to feel a little ill.

* In 1973 used for ejecting
the contents of your stomach

But here is the worst bit.



$$6 + 2 = 3$$

Everything he was learning
was getting mixed up...



$$2 + 6 = \text{elephant}$$

he didn't have time
to digest it properly.

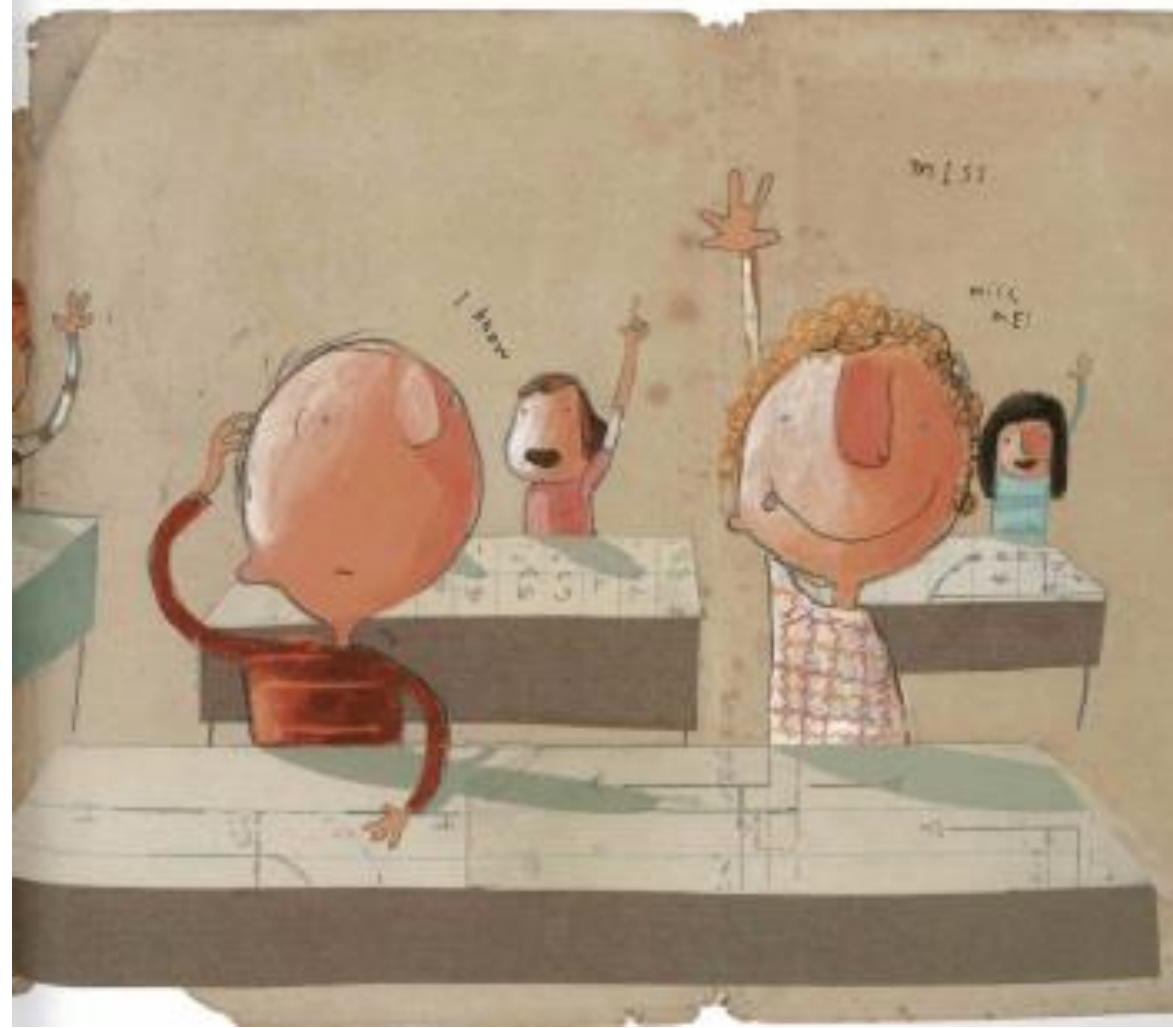


It became quite embarrassing
for him to speak.





Suddenly Henry didn't
feel very smart at all.







So, Henry gave up eating books,
and sat sadly for a long time.
What was he to do?

Then, after a while, and almost by accident,
Henry picked up a half-eaten book from the floor.
But instead of putting it in his mouth...



Henry
opened
it up...

...and began to read.



And it was SO good.

Henry discovered that he loved to read.

And he thought that if he read enough

he might still become

the smartest person on Earth.



It would just take a bit longer.

THE
INCREIBLE
FANTICUL
KATING
BOY



Now Henry reads
all the time...



although every now and then