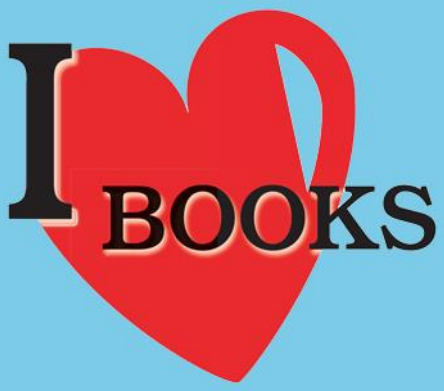


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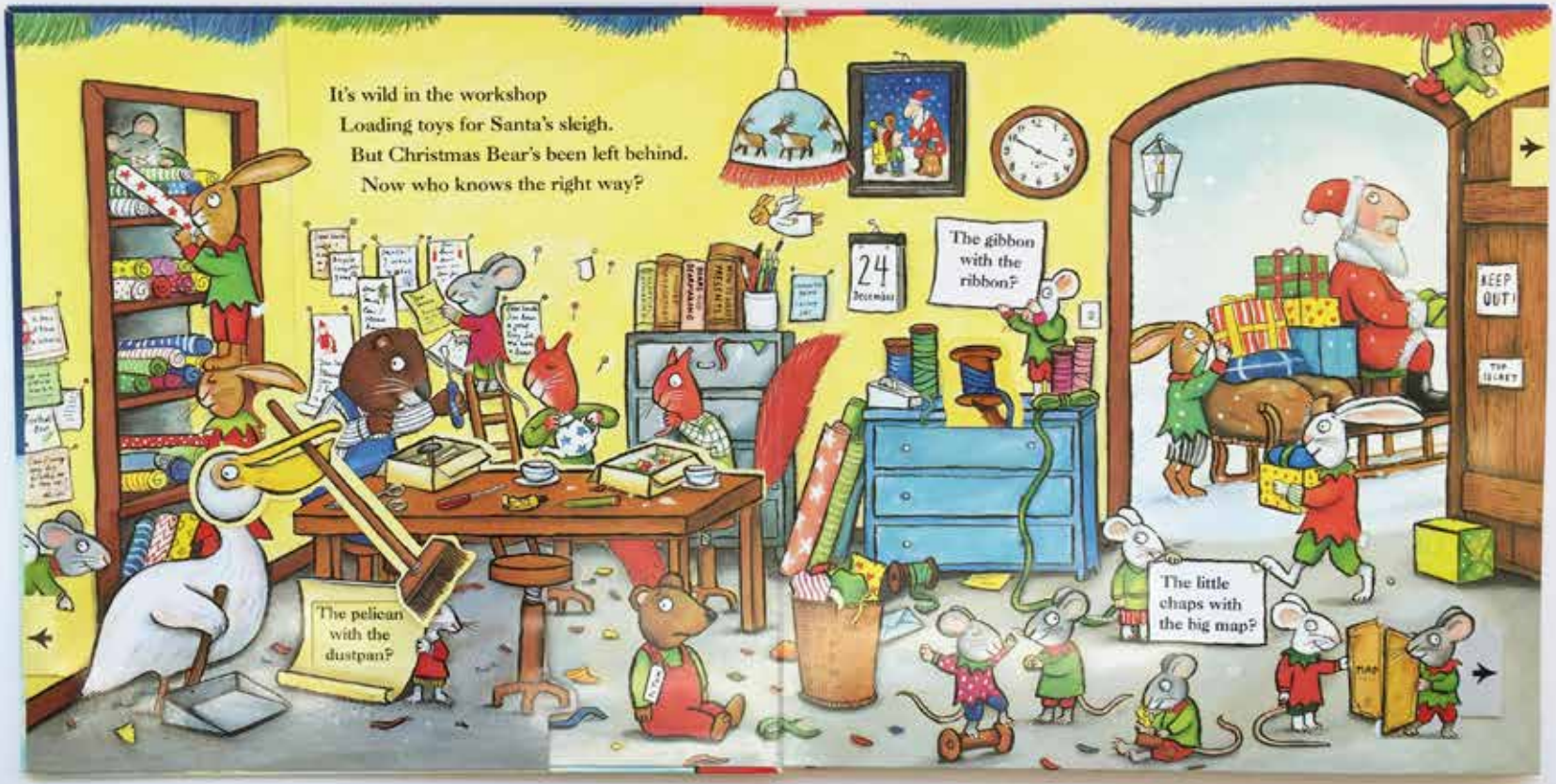
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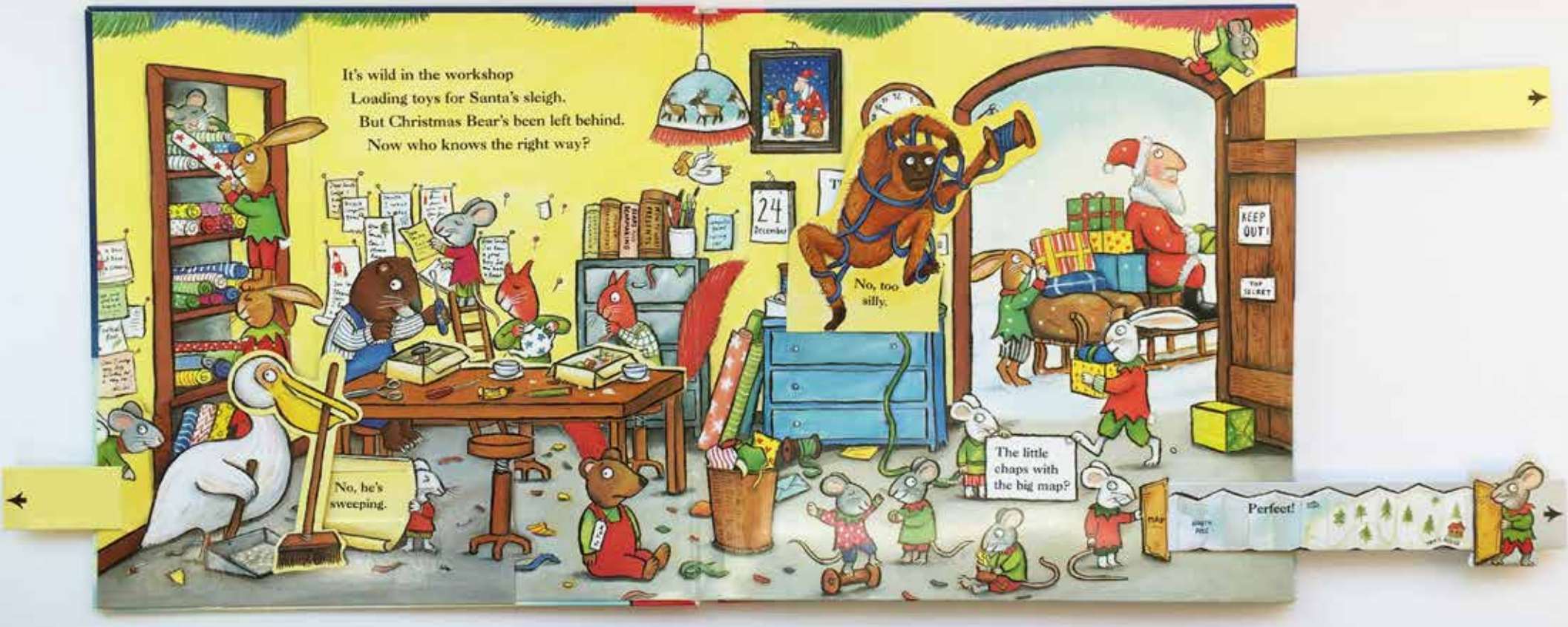
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It's wild in the workshop
Loading toys for Santa's sleigh.
But Christmas Bear's been left behind.
Now who knows the right way?
The pelican with the dustpan?
The gibbon with the ribbon?
The little chaps with the big map?
24
December
KEEP OUT!
TOP SECRET
MAP


It's wild in the workshop
Loading toys for Santa's sleigh.
But Christmas Bear's been left behind.
Now who knows the right way?
No, too silly.
No, he's sweeping.
The little chaps with the big map?
Perfect!
KEEP OUT!
24 December


It's super at the seaside,
Bear would love to stay and play.
But he must go and it's starting to snow.
Who can help him chase after the sleigh?
HOT SOUP
Bees on skis?
A slow goose in snow shoes?
A brown cow on a snowplough?
No, too busy.


It's super at the seaside,
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But he must go and it's starting to snow.
Who can help him chase after the sleigh?
HOT SOUP
No,
too buzzy.
A slow
goose in
snow shoes?
Yes!
Let's get
moooving!