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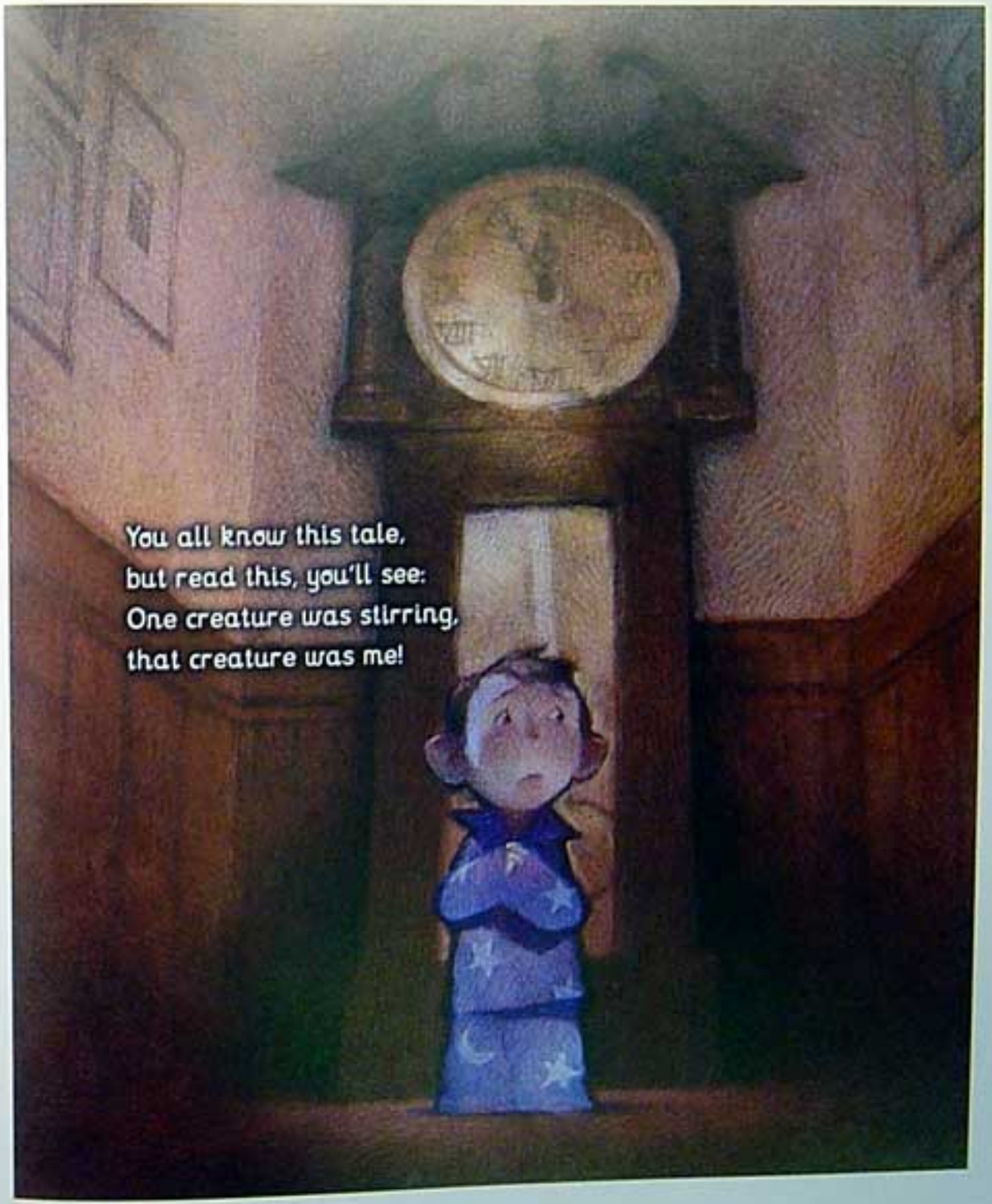
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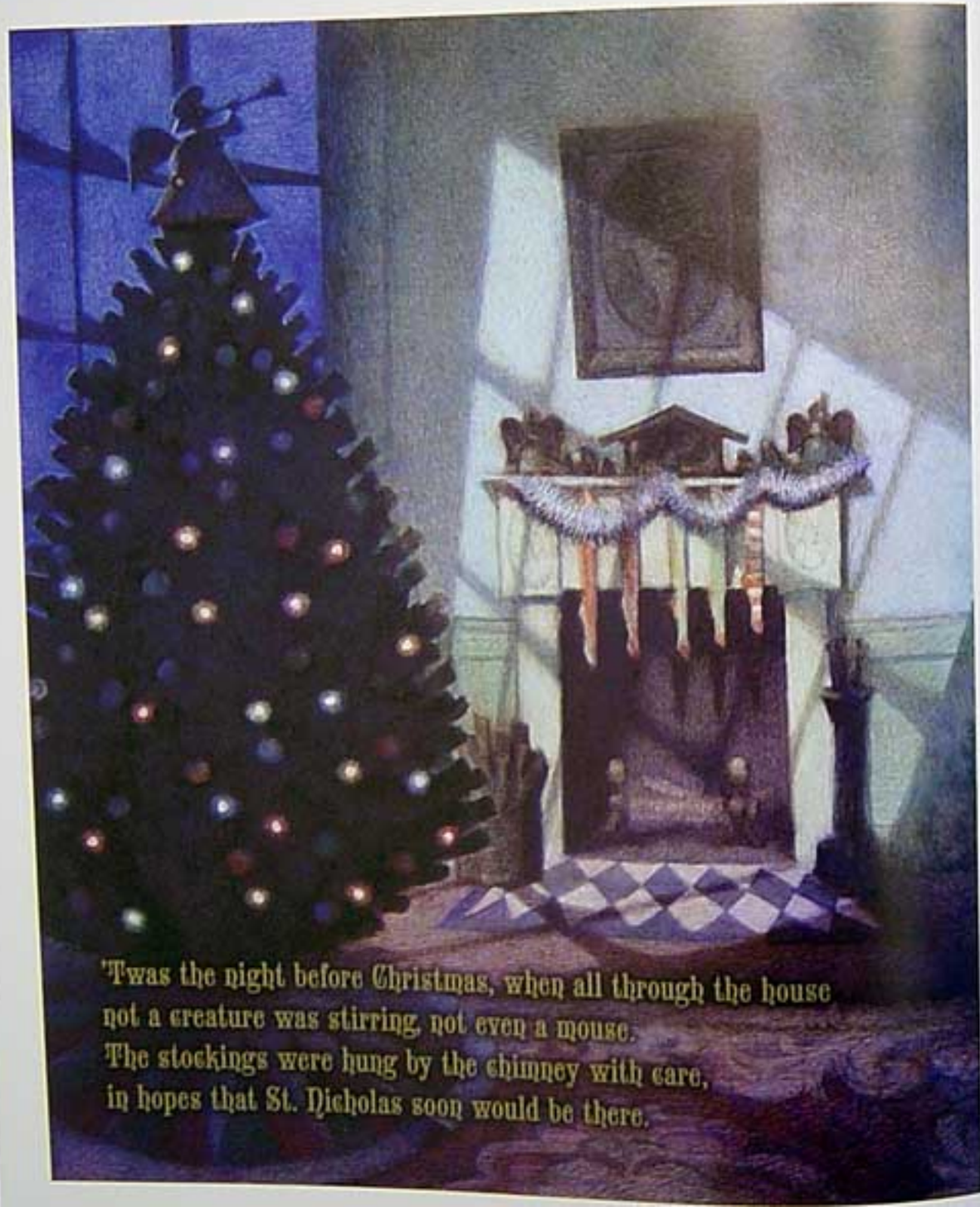
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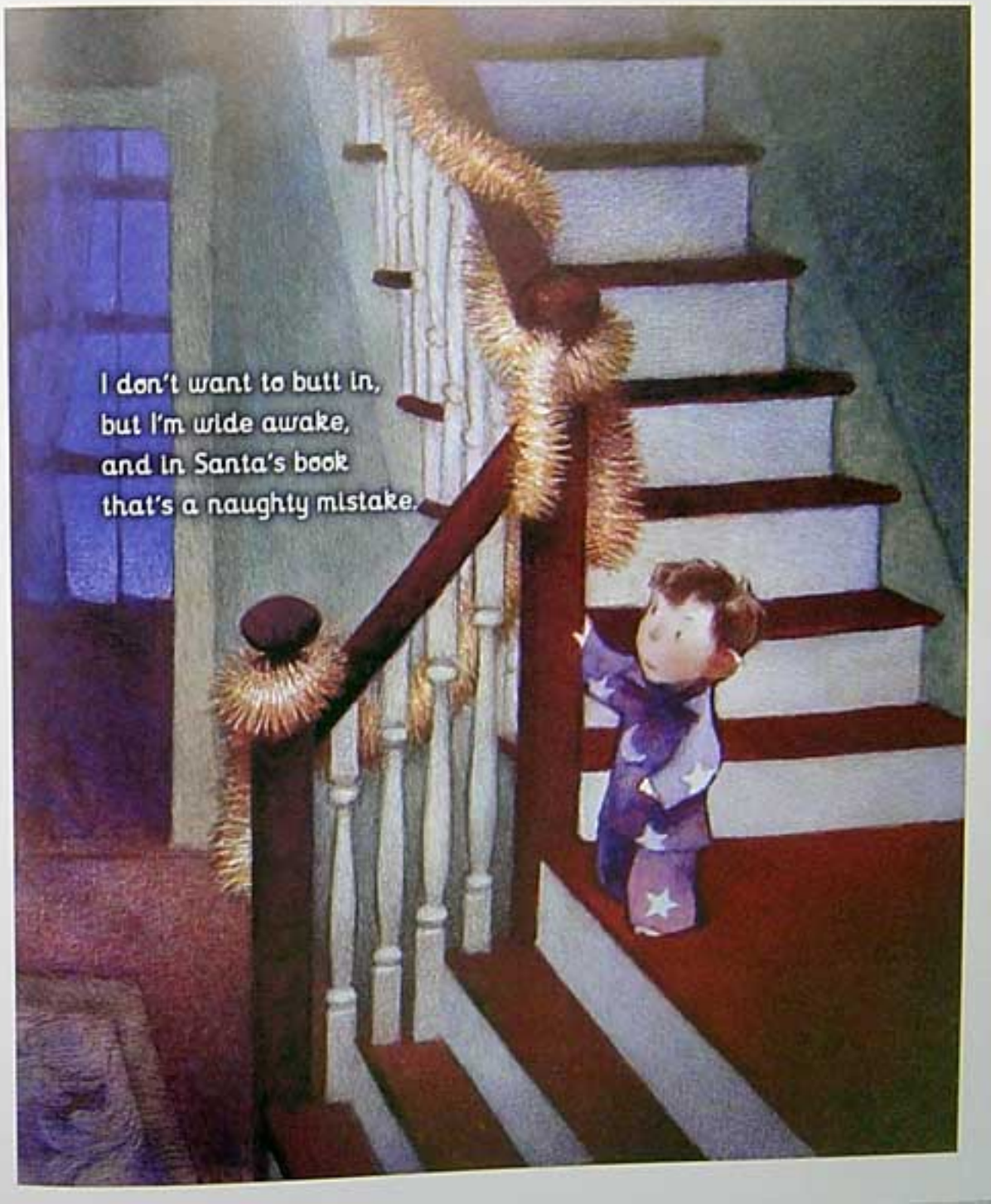
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You all know this tale,
but read this, you'll see:
One creature was stirring,
that creature was me!


'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.


I don't want to butt in,
but I'm wide awake,
and in Santa's book
that's a naughty mistake.