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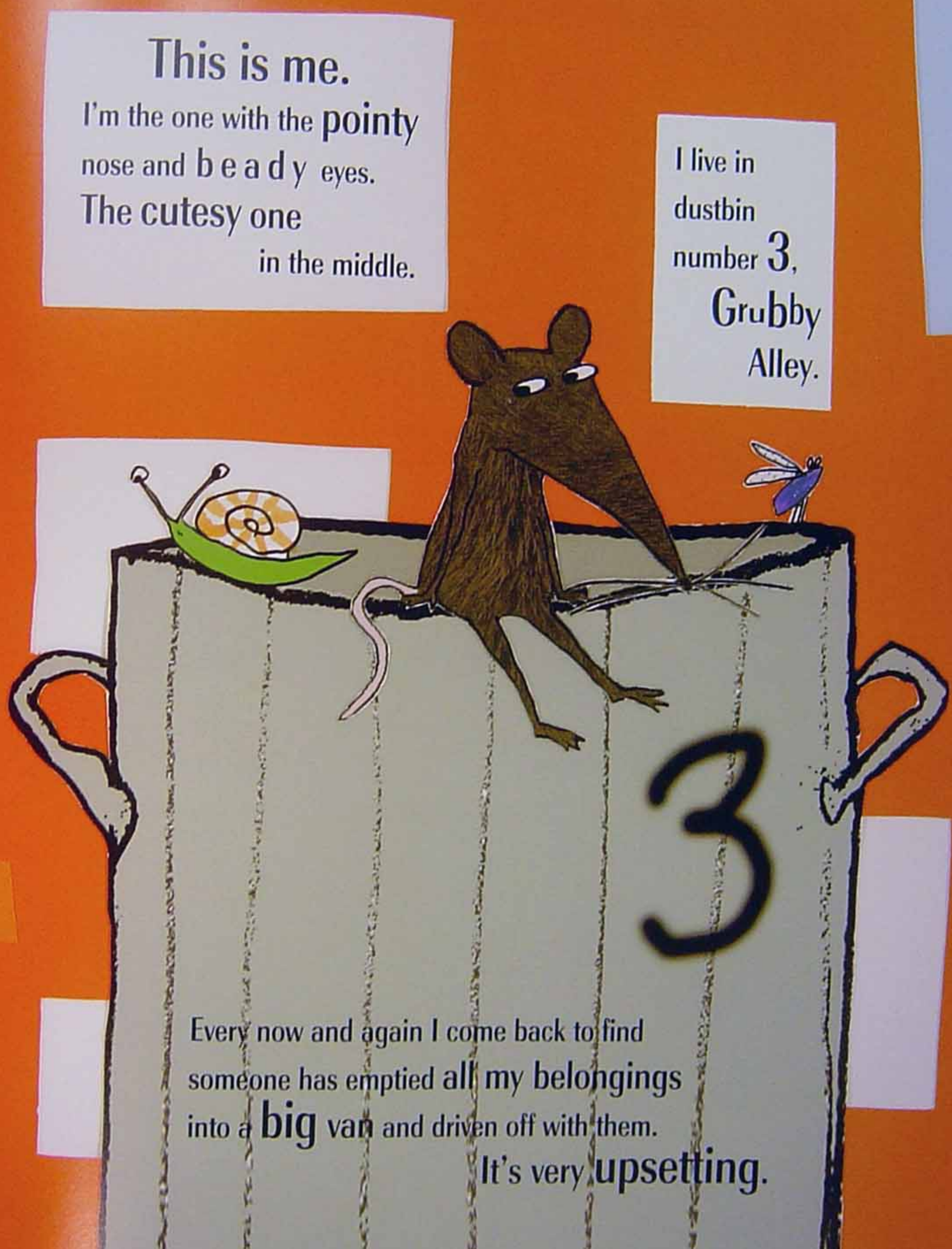
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This is me.

I'm the one with the pointy nose and b e a d y eyes. The cutesy one in the middle.

I live in dustbin number 3, Grubby Alley.



Every now and again I come back to find someone has emptied all my belongings into a big van and driven off with them.

It's very upsetting.

I'm a brown rat, a street rat.
But people call me that pesky rat.
I don't know why.
They say I smell,
but that's not my fault, it's the dirt.

Sometimes when I am tucked into
my crisp packet,
I look up at all the cosy windows
and wonder what it would be like
to live with creature comforts.
To belong to somebody.
To be an actual pet.

Most of all I would like
to have a name, instead of just
that pesky rat.