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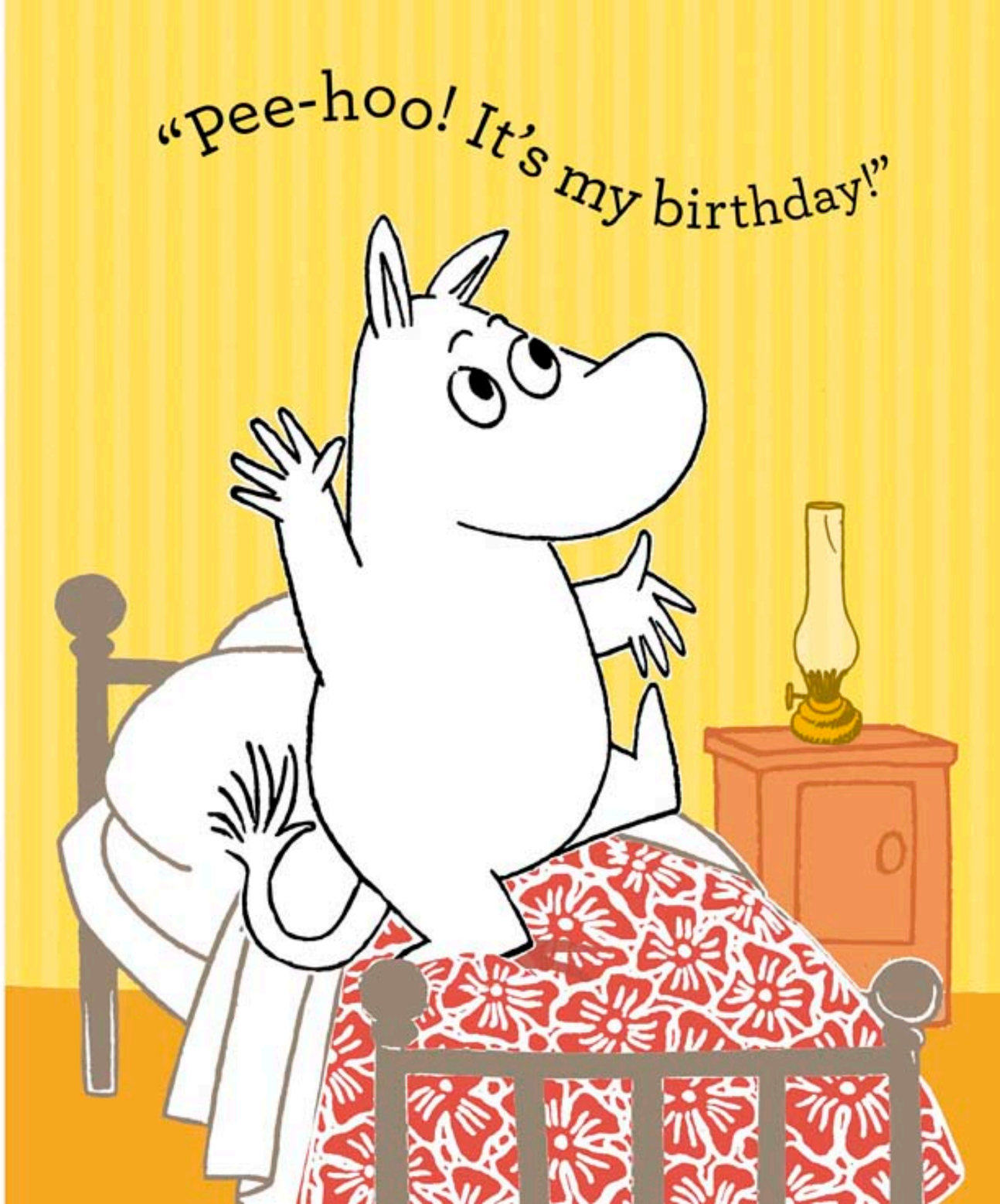
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The moon faded, the sun rose, and morning came to Moominvalley. Snug in his bed in the Moominhouse, Moomintroll woke up.

He yawned **once**, he stretched **twice**, and then he remembered . . .



Snufkin was down by the river. He was busy making something out of wood.

Moomin called out,

"Snufkin, look what I've got!"

But Snufkin didn't even look up.

"I'll look later," he mumbled. "I'm really terribly busy right now."





Moomintroll was surprised.

"I'll go and show Snorkmaiden instead," he thought. "*She* won't be too busy."

The sun set, the moon rose and night fell over Moominvalley.

Moomintroll and his friends sang birthday songs and danced, until they were all tired out and ready for bed.