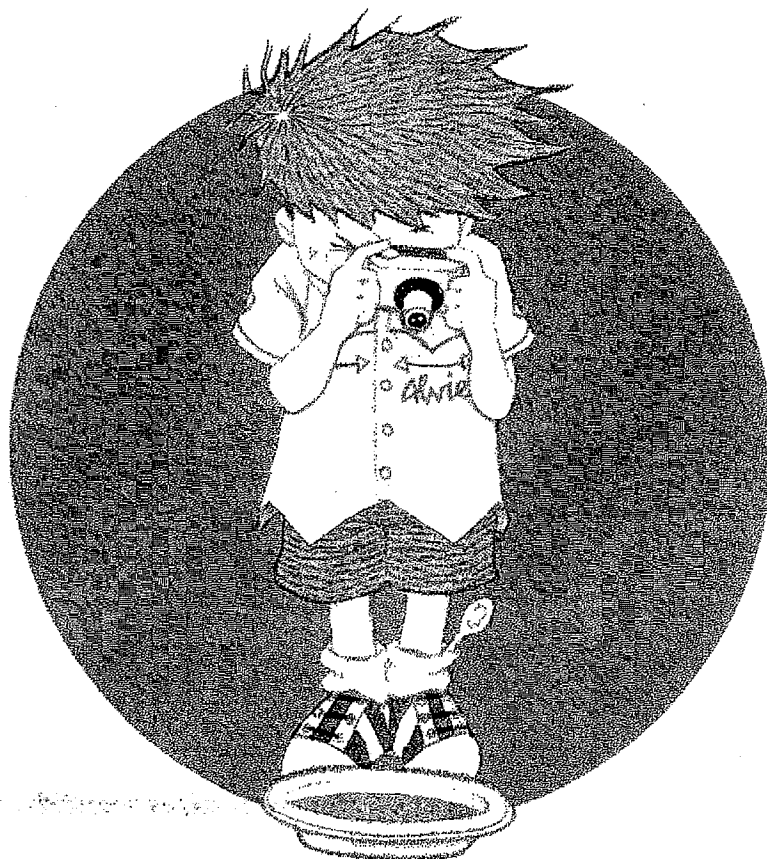




Alvie

EATS SOUP



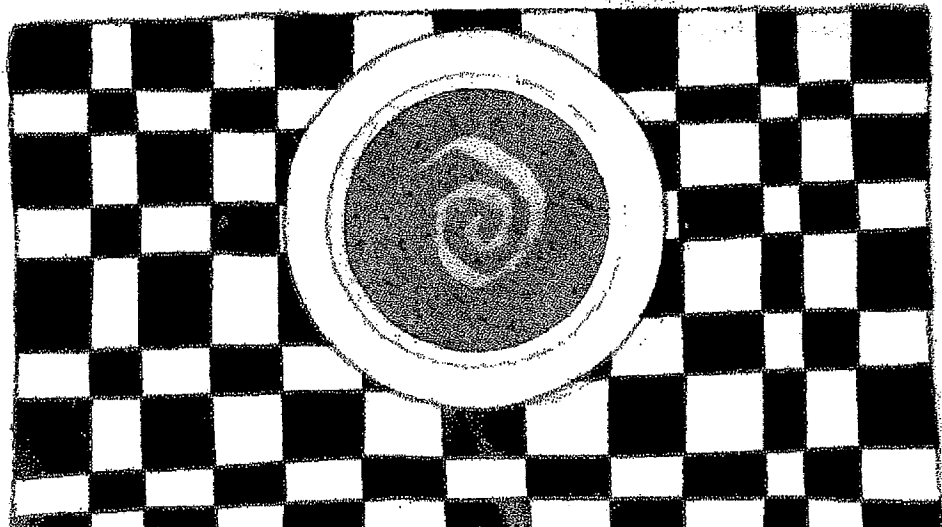
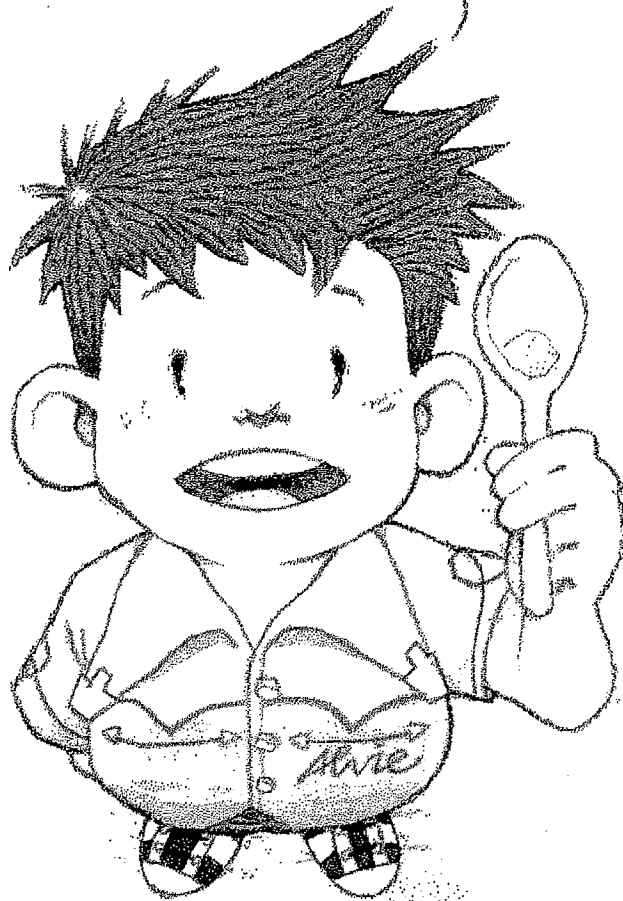
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This is the story of a boy called Alvie.

I only eat soup

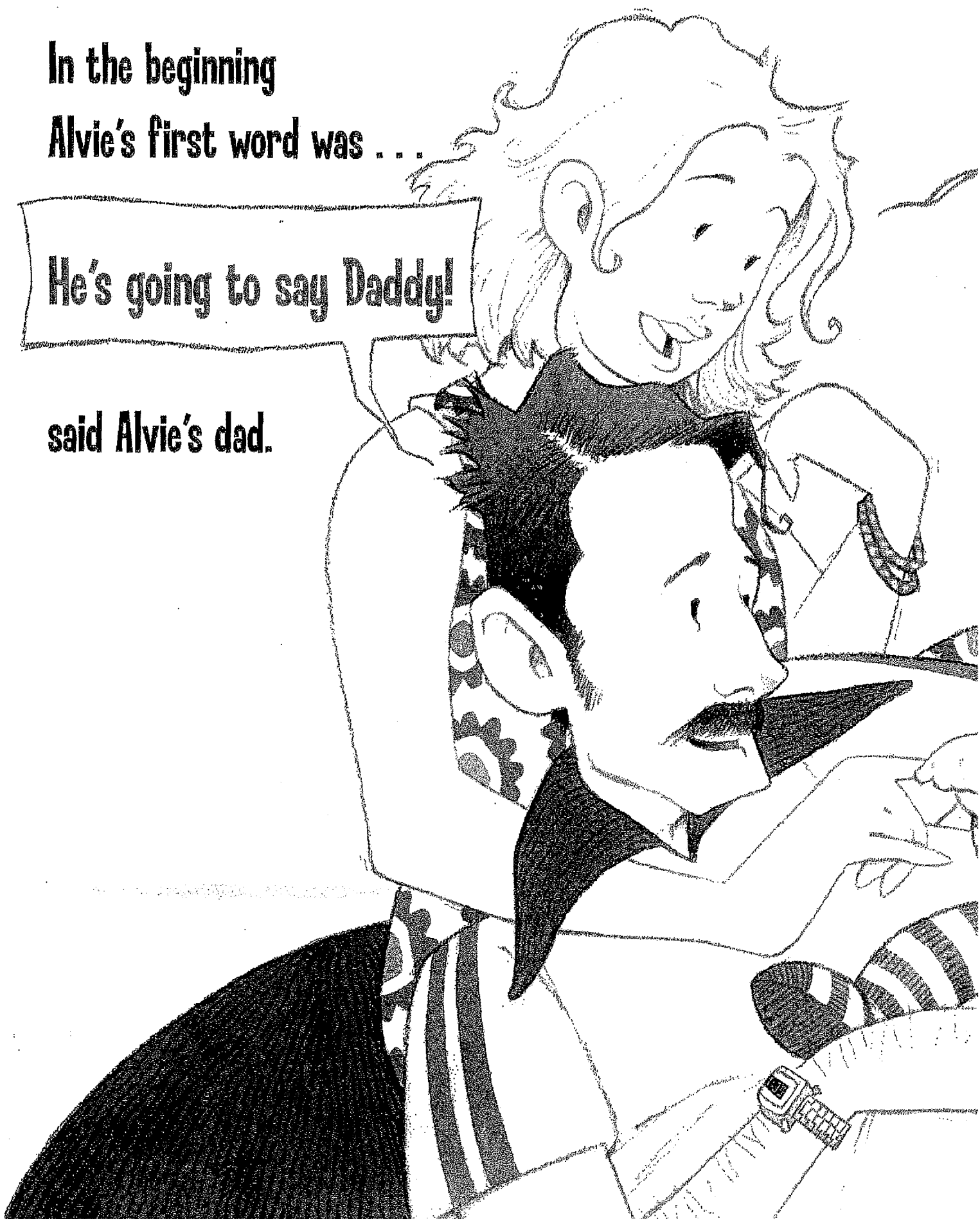
said Alvie.



**In the beginning
Alvie's first word was . . .**

He's going to say Daddy!

said Alvie's dad.

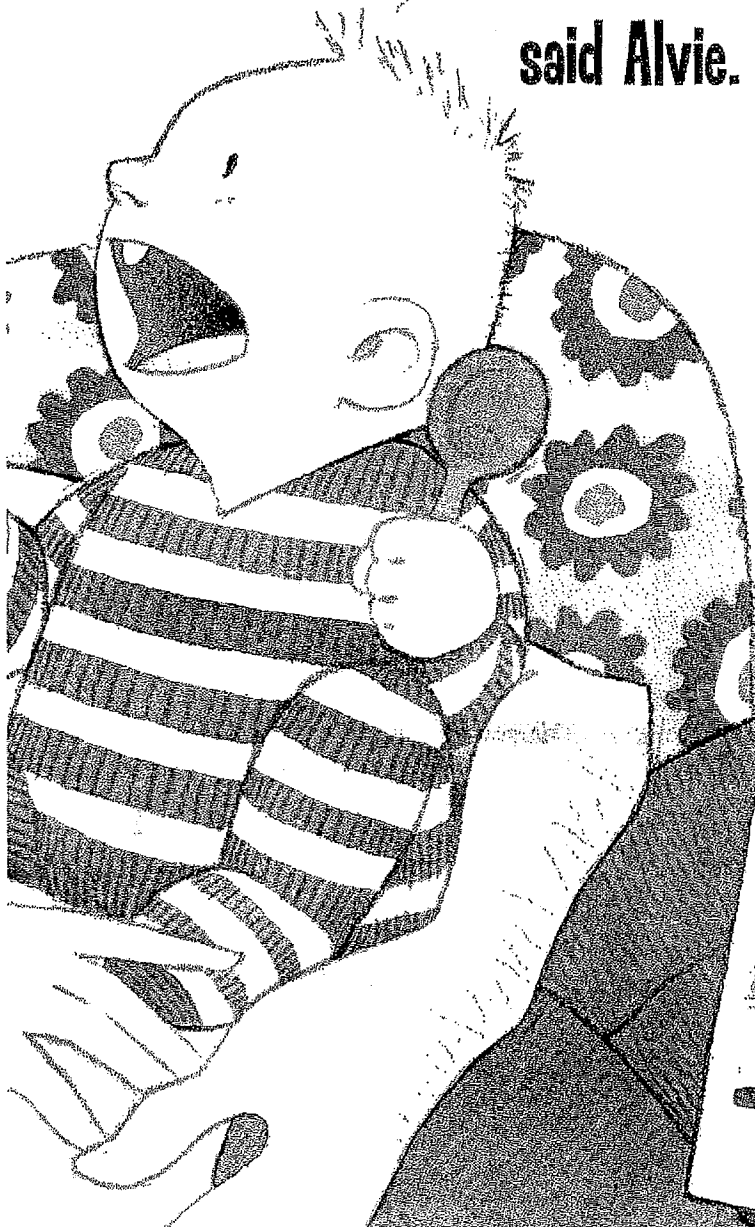
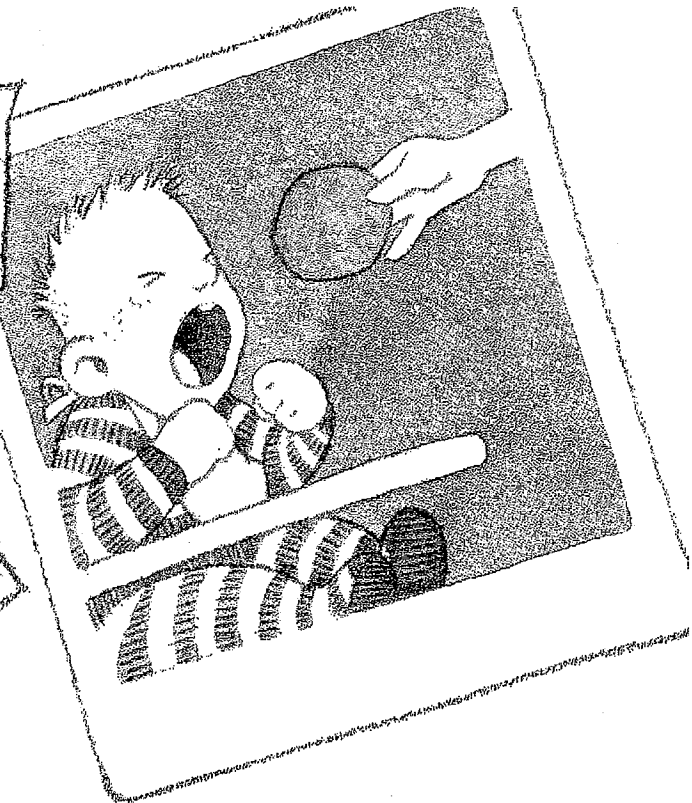


He's going to say Mummy!

said Alvie's mum.

MULLIGATAWNY!

said Alvie.



Alvie had a little sister called Delilah.

Delilah could eat **ANYTHING**.



Why can't
you be
more like
Delilah?

asked

Alvie's dad.

Delilah can eat anything

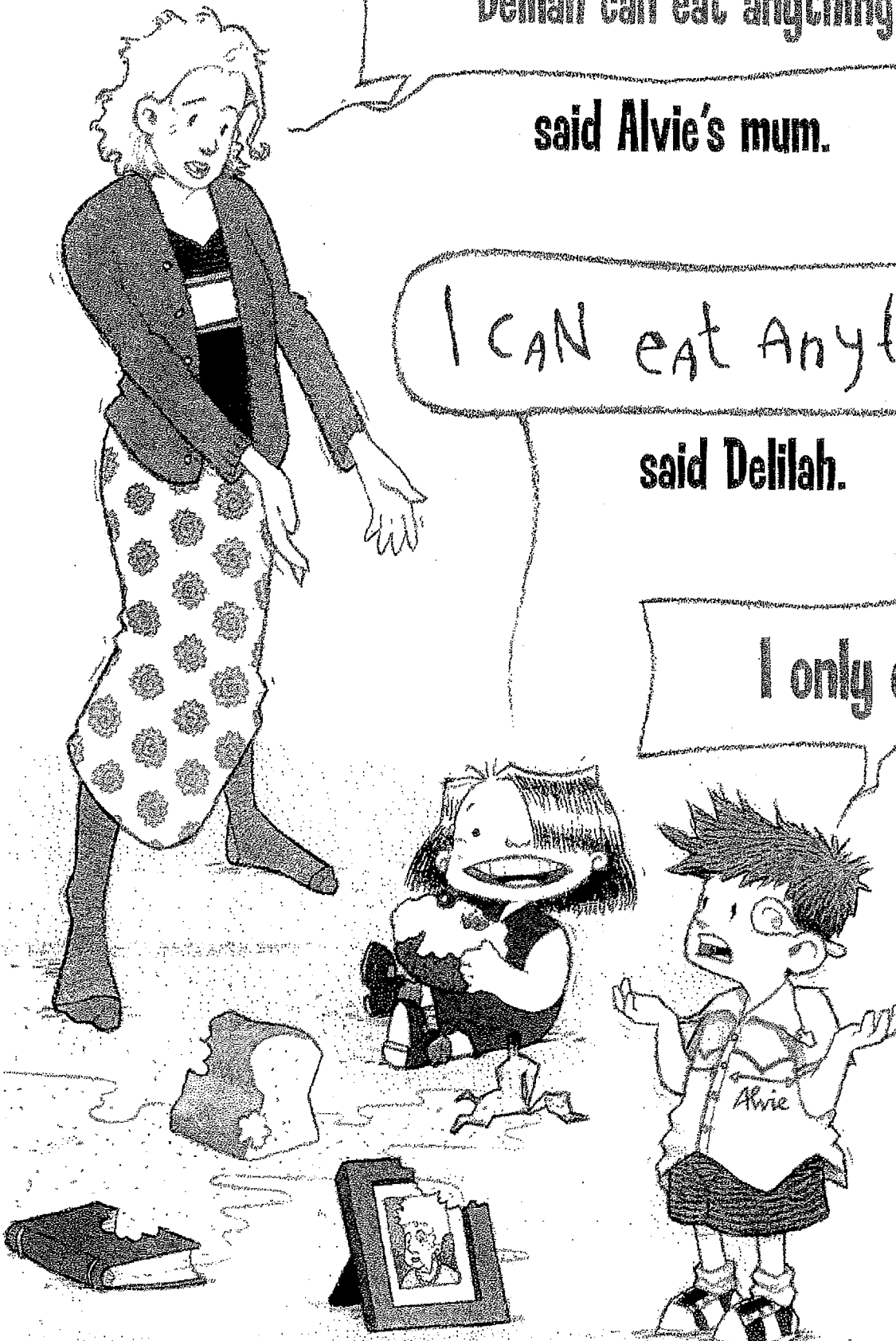
said Alvie's mum.

I CAN eat ANYTHING

said Delilah.

I only eat soup

said Alvie.



To make matters worse,
Alvie's granny was a world-famous chef.

The irony

said Alvie's dad.

The shame

said Alvie's mum.

JUST
LIKE
THEY
USED
TO
MAKE





Gourmet Granny
NOW IN STOCK!

**I HAVE
NEVER
TASTED
SO
GOOD**

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The ladle

said Alvie.

At school Alvie would never swap.

Swap you for my liver

Swap you for my jumbo sandwich

Swap you for my pastrami on rye

Swap you for my salad

Swap you for my turnip

Swap you for my banana

I only eat soup

slurped Alvie.



And at bedtime Alvie wouldn't listen to bedtime stories. Only recipes would send him off to sleep.



Mulligatawny Soup

- 1½ lbs lamb stew meat, diced
- 1 onion, minced
- 4 tbs butter
- 1 tbs curry powder
- 2 tbs flour
- ⅓ cup lentils
- 2 apples, diced
- 1 pepper, chopped
- 2 carrots, diced
- 1 tsp sugar
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- 1 cup coconut milk

Brown meat in butter. Add onion, curry powder, & flour. Cook for 2 minutes. Add other ingredients except coconut milk. Add 2 quarts of water. Cover & simmer for 9 to 10 hours. Add coconut milk & serve with rice.



Every week the soup factory
would make a delivery.

I only eat soup

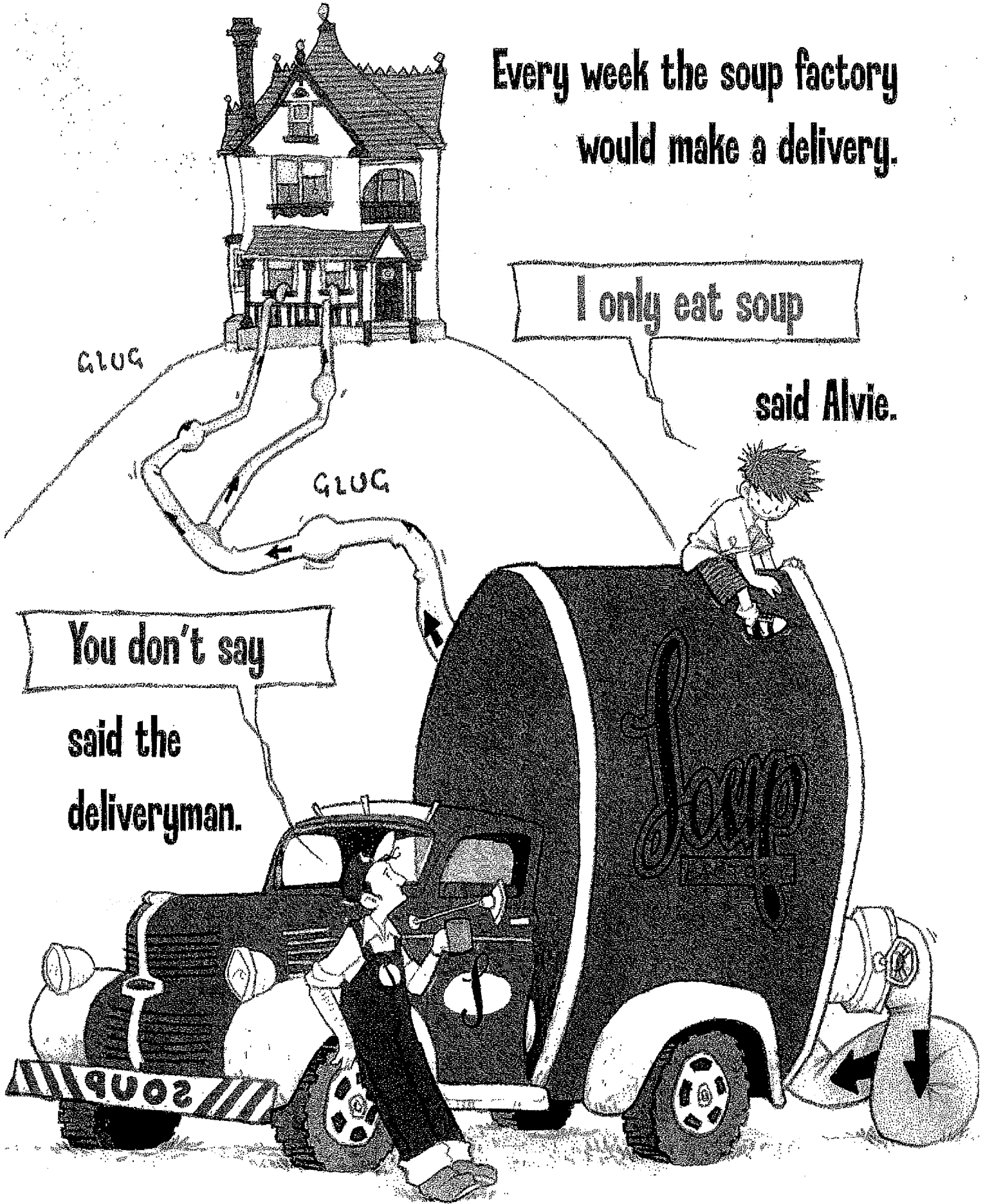
said Alvie.

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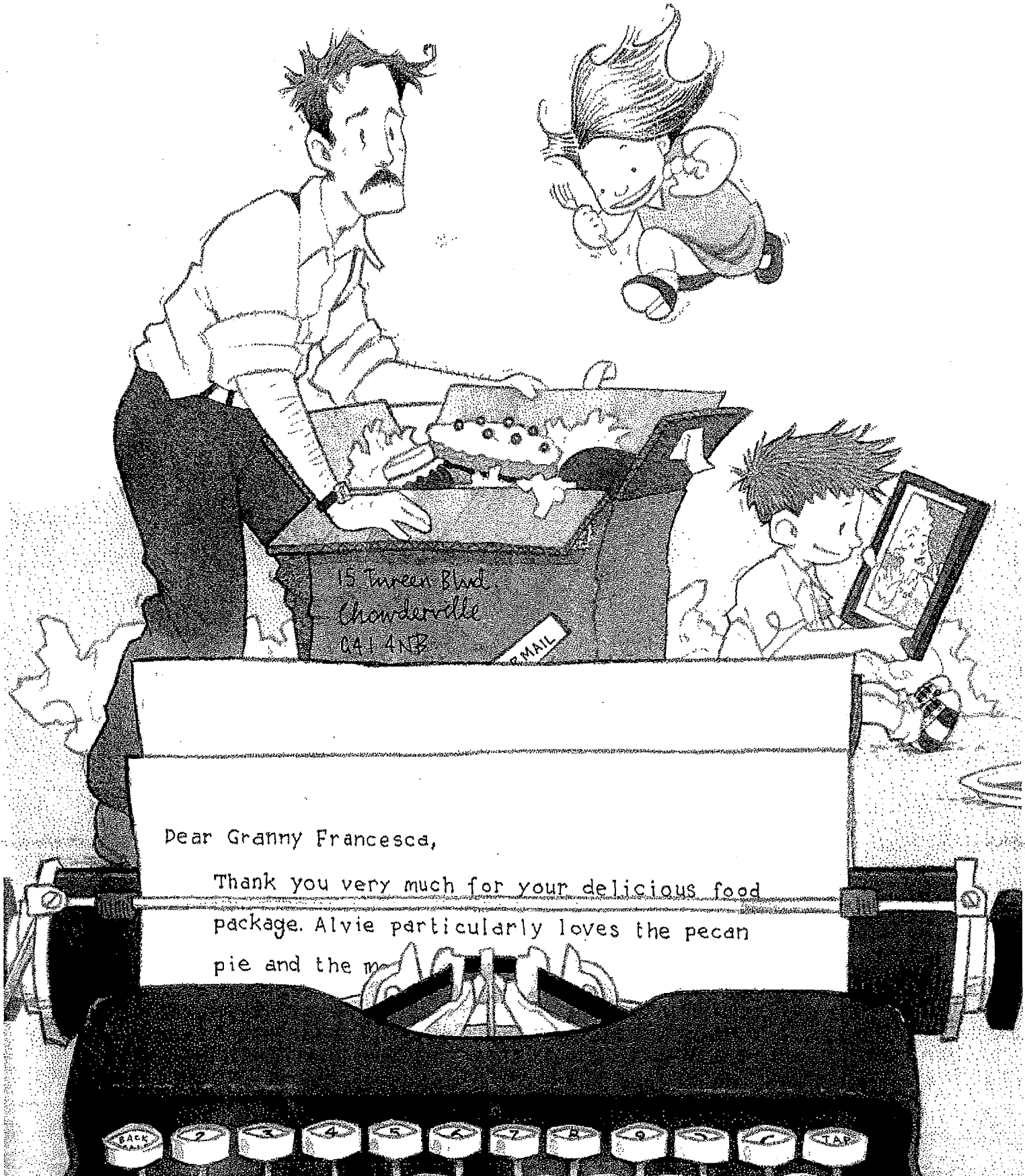
GLUG

You don't say

said the
deliveryman.



Granny Franny was kept in the dark.



Dear Granny Francesca,

Thank you very much for your delicious food
package. Alvie particularly loves the pecan
pie and the m

Alvie's parents worried.



They worried about growth.

**They fretted
about nutrition.**



**They despaired over
what would be served
at his wedding.**



**But everything was pretty
much under control until one day . . .**

... the letter they dreaded arrived.

She'll think we're unfit parents!

wept Alvie's mum.

ACTION STATIONS!

shouted Alvie's dad.

Cranny Franny,
88 Linnam Lane
Spatula
Gibrovia

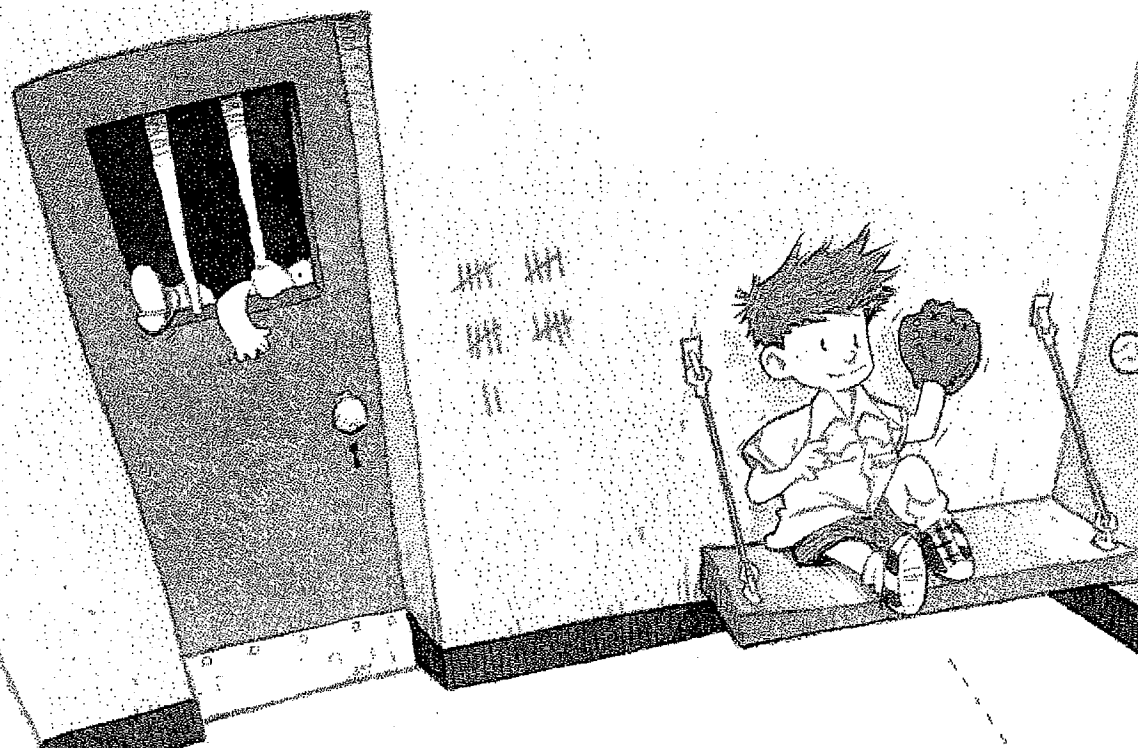
Dear All,

I am finally getting a
break from the book tour. Can't
wait to see my lovely Delilah & Alvie.
See you next Tuesday!

Love,
Cranny Franny X



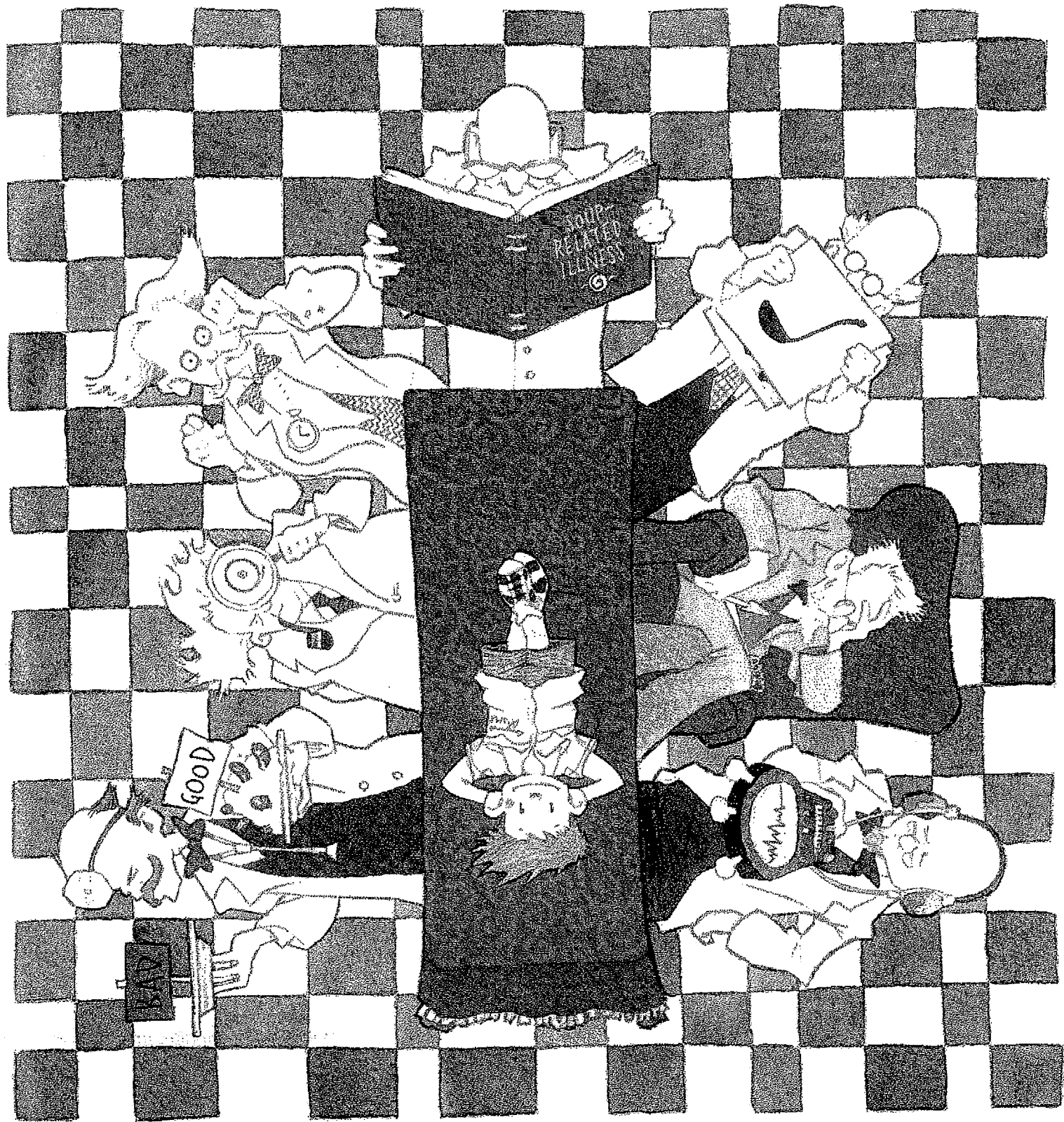
**Alvie's parents resolved
to cure their boy forever.**



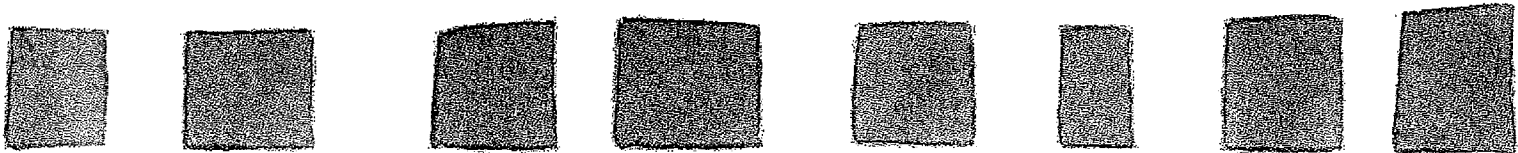
They tried depriving him.

They tried overindulging him.



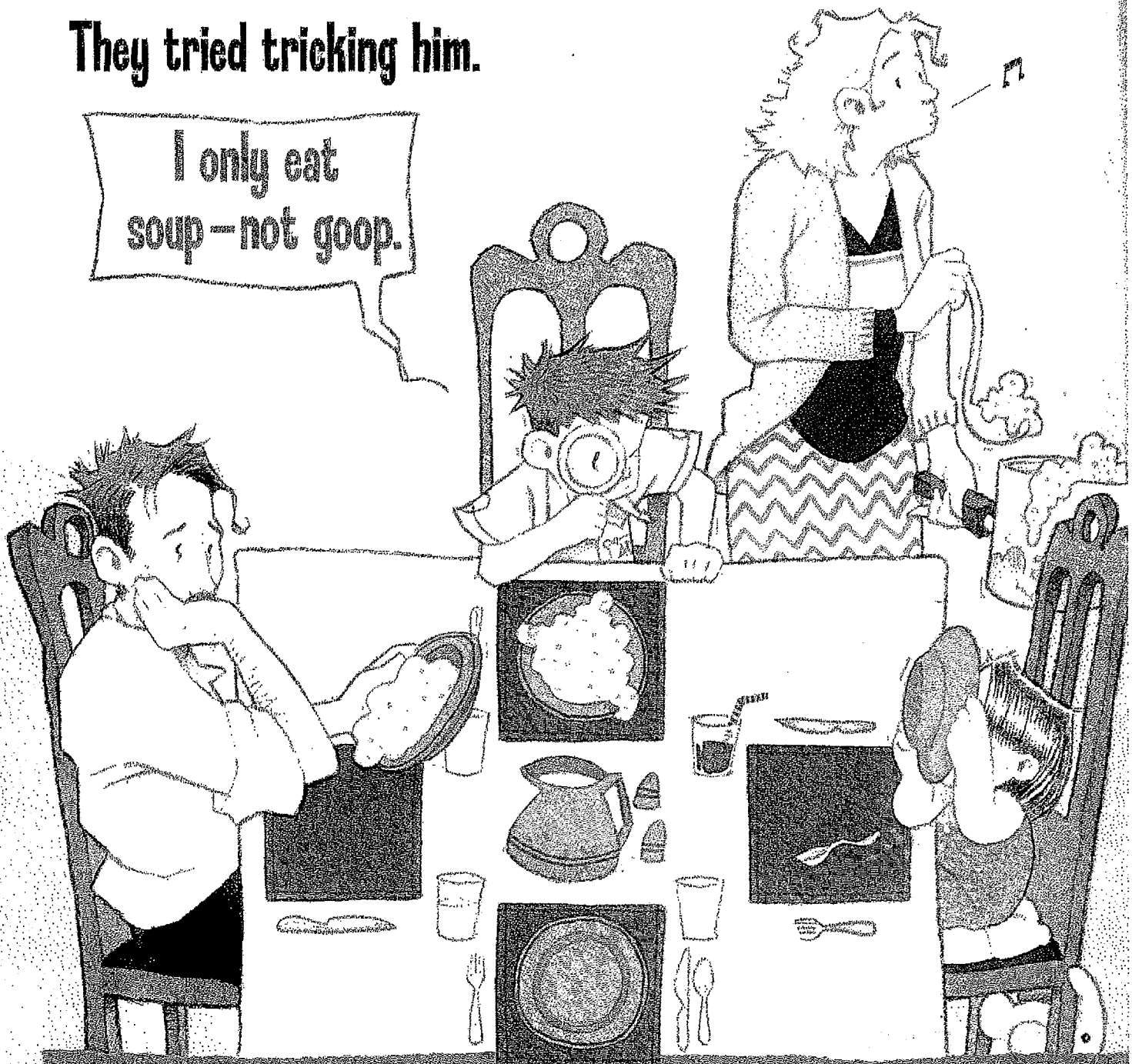


They tried analyzing him.



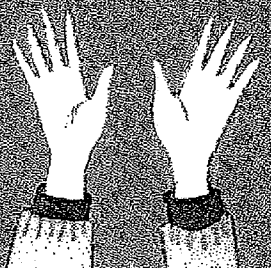
They tried tricking him.

**I only eat
soup - not goop.**



Eventually they gave up.

We give up.



Granny Franny was due the next day.

She'll inform the authorities . . .

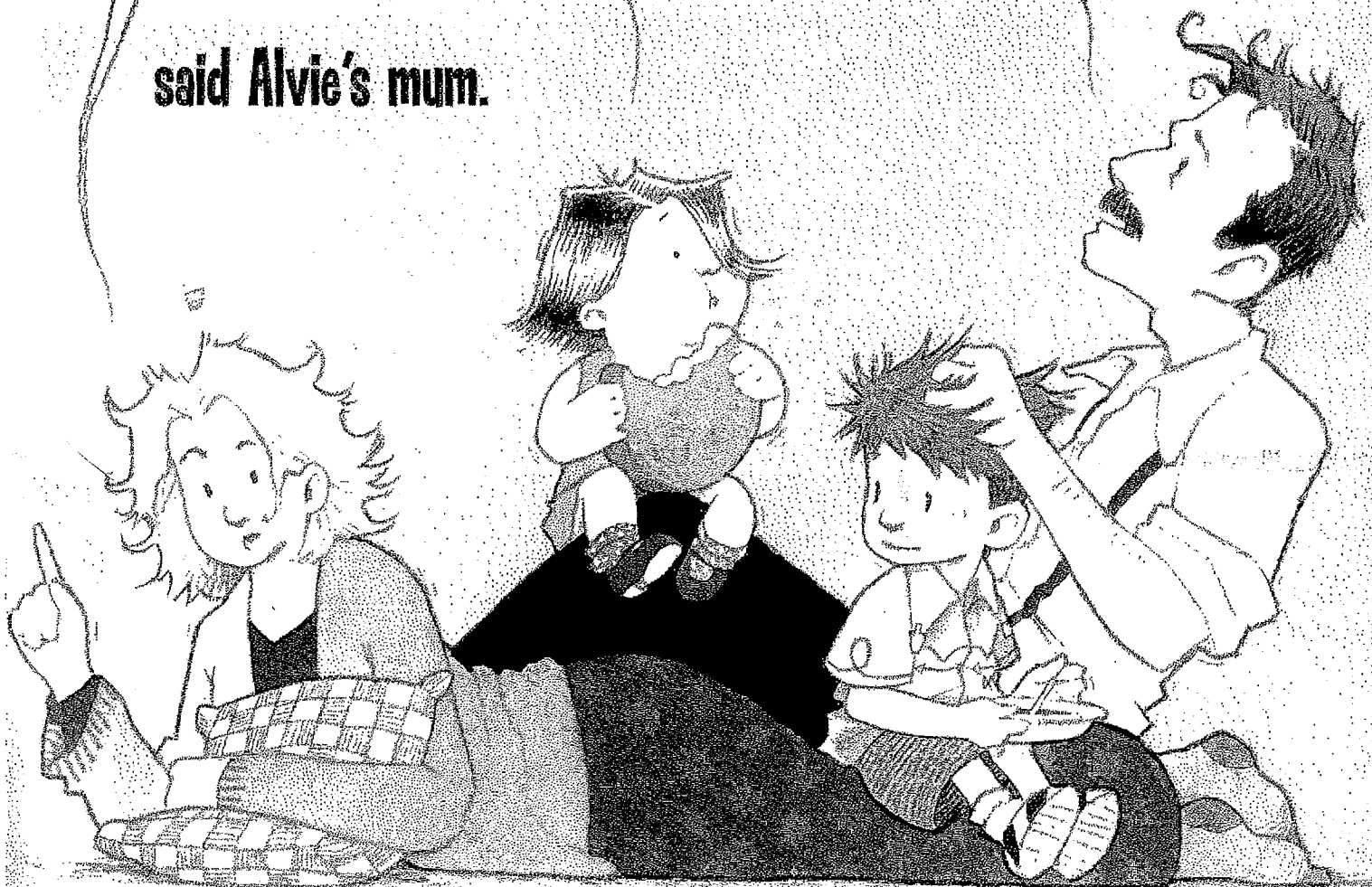
groaned Alvie's dad.

Who othirtees?

asked Delilah.

Unless . . .

said Alvie's mum.



Just as all traces of soup were hidden,

the doorbell rang.

Helloooo
everybody!

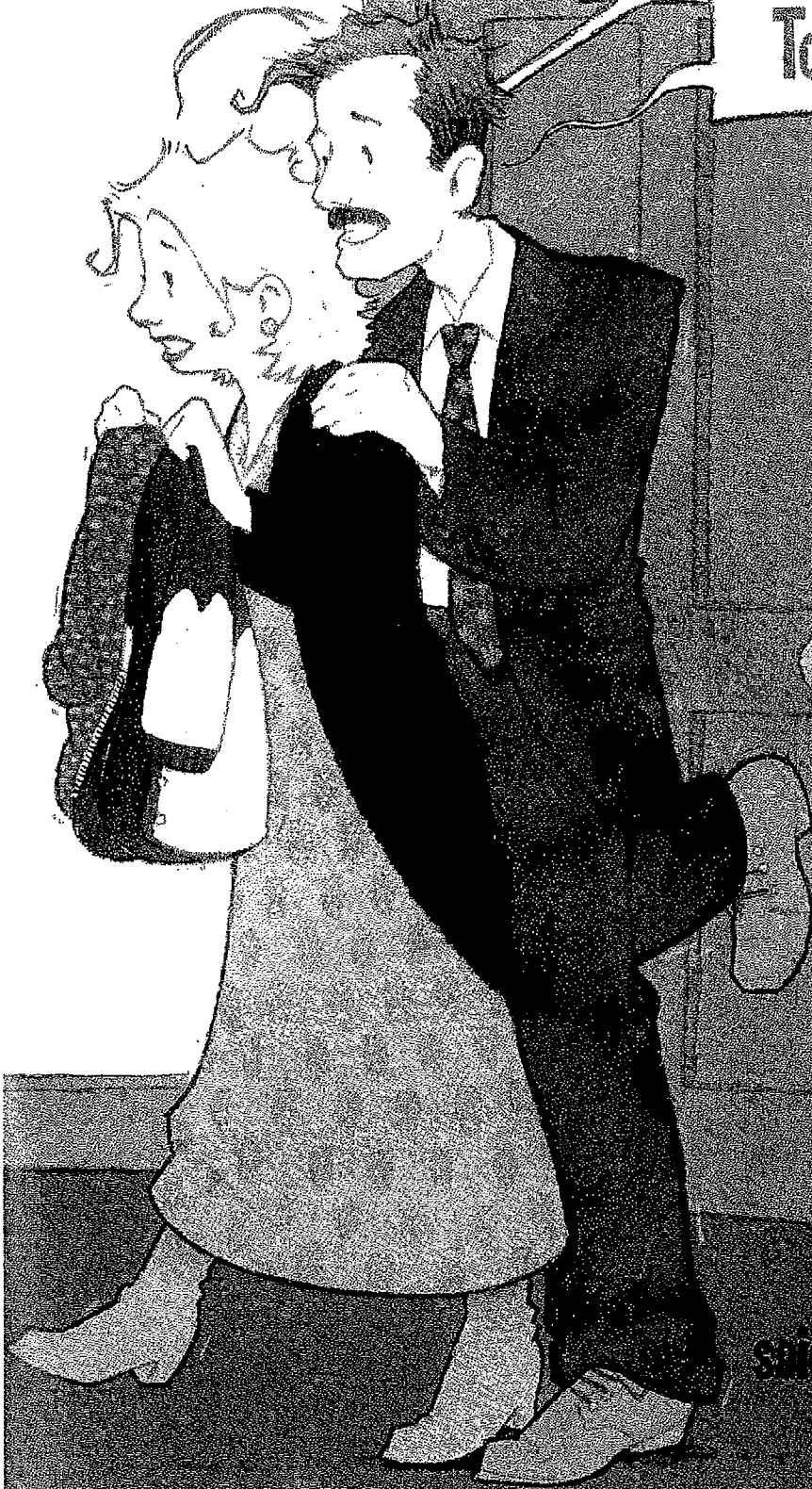
said

Granny Franny.



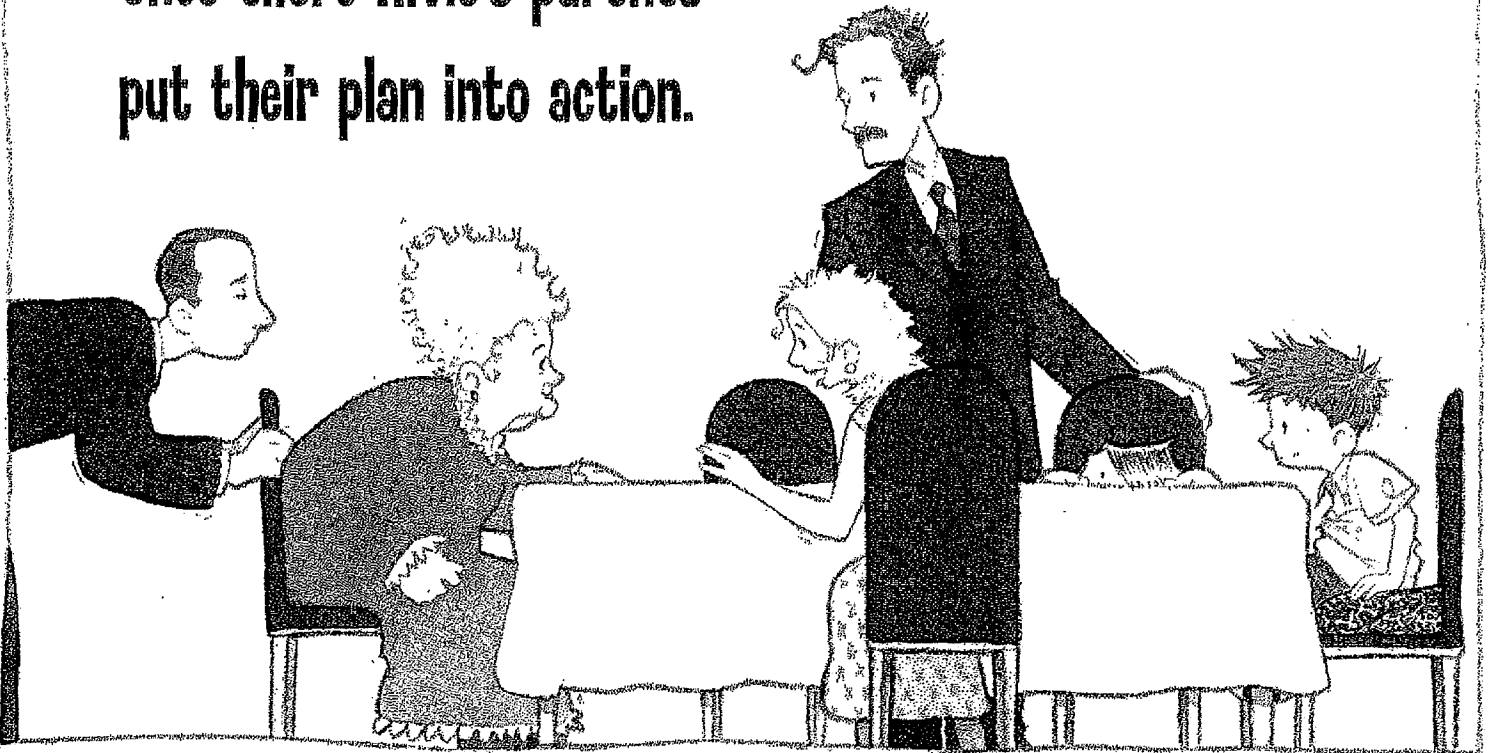
Let's go to a restaurant!

To celebrate!



said Alvie's mum and dad

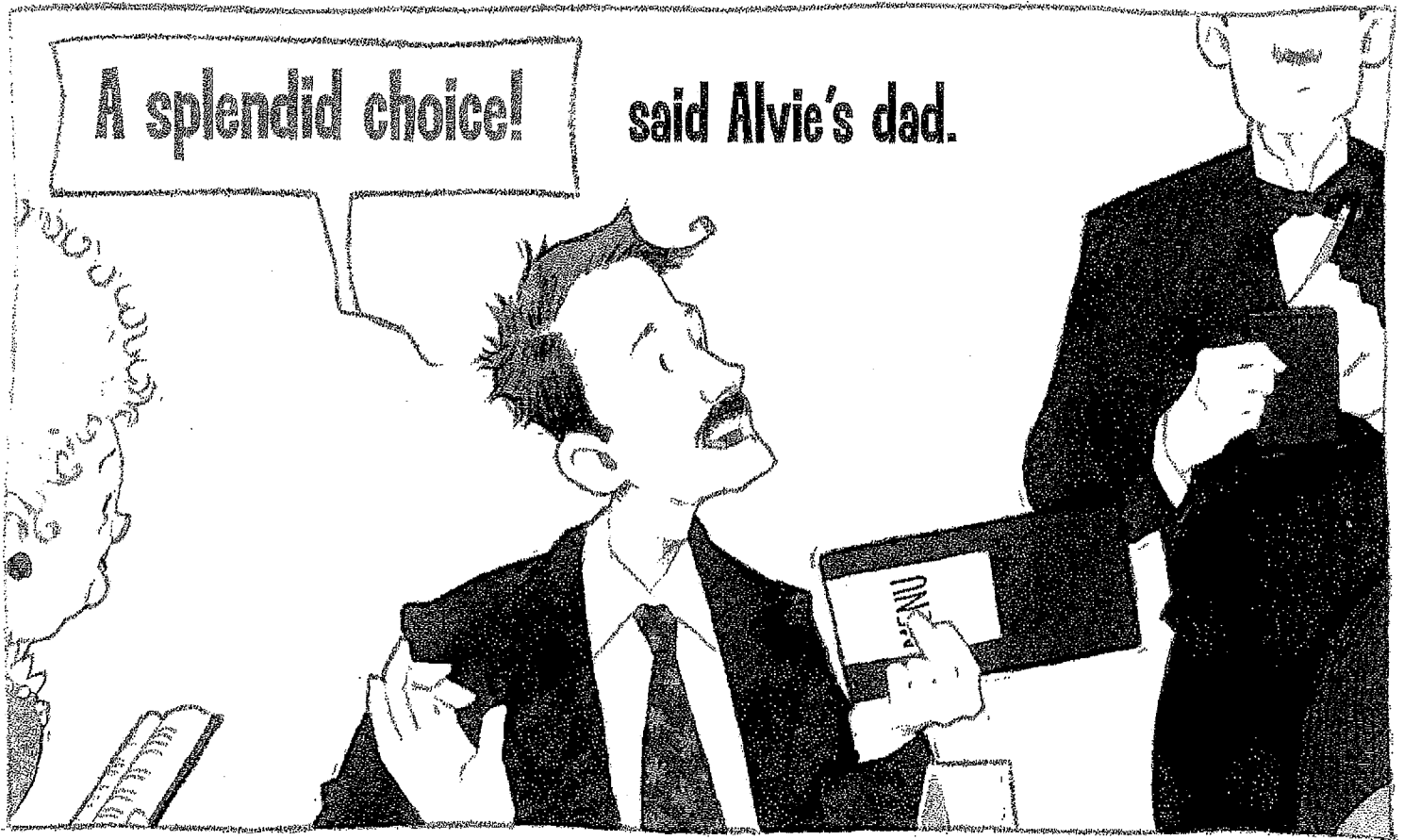
Once there Alvie's parents put their plan into action.



Alvie's mum ordered for everyone.

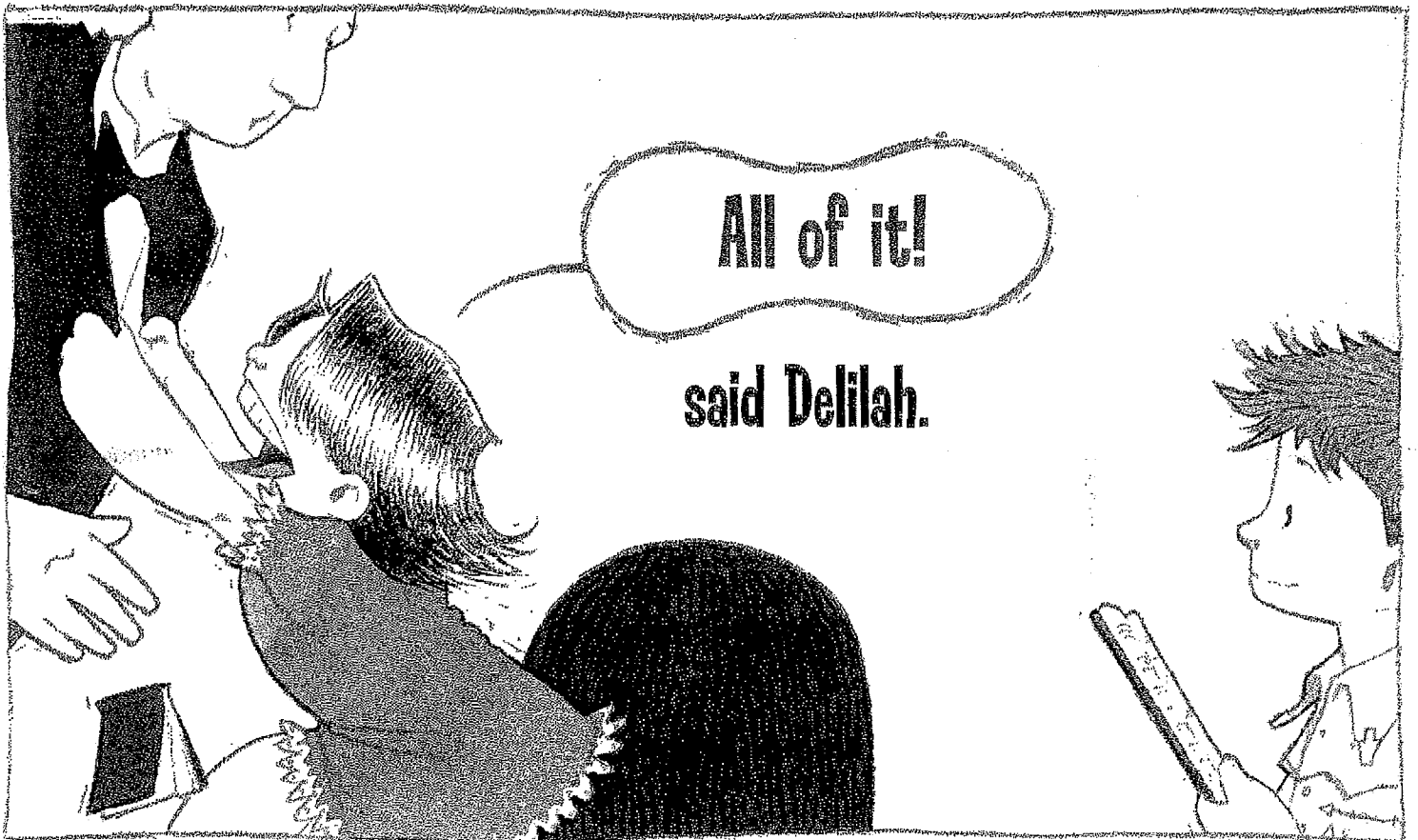
Everything please!





A splendid choice!

said Alvie's dad.

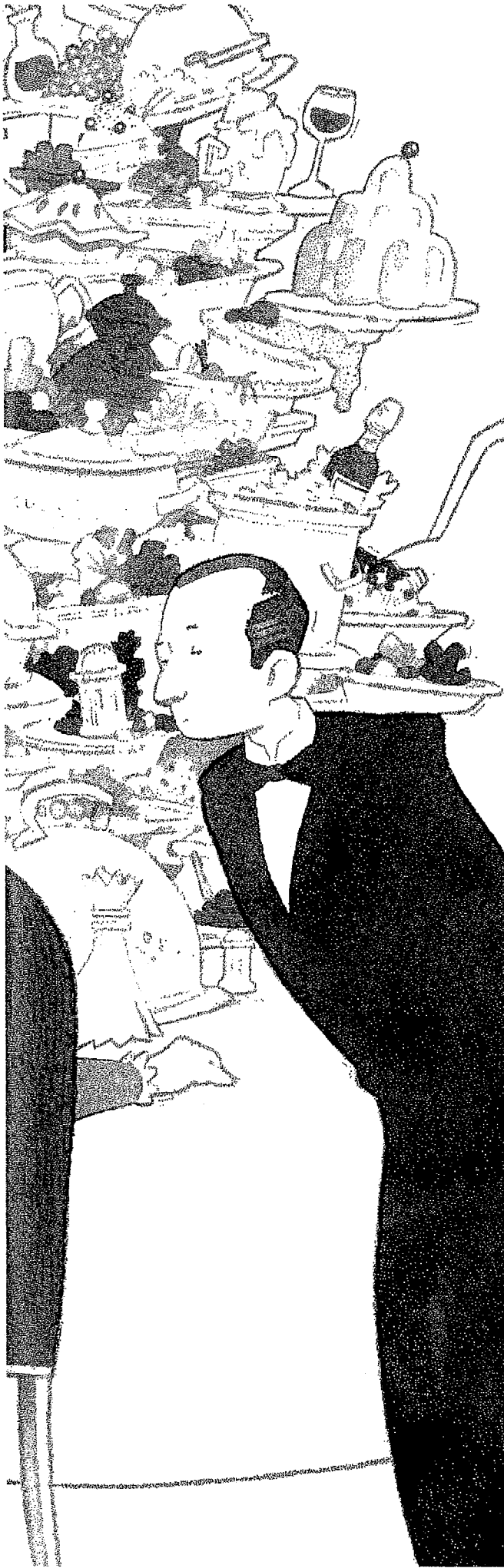


All of it!

said Delilah.

**With so much food on the table,
Granny Franny couldn't possibly see
what Alvie would eat.**





Is something the matter, Madame?

I only eat peas

said Granny Franny.

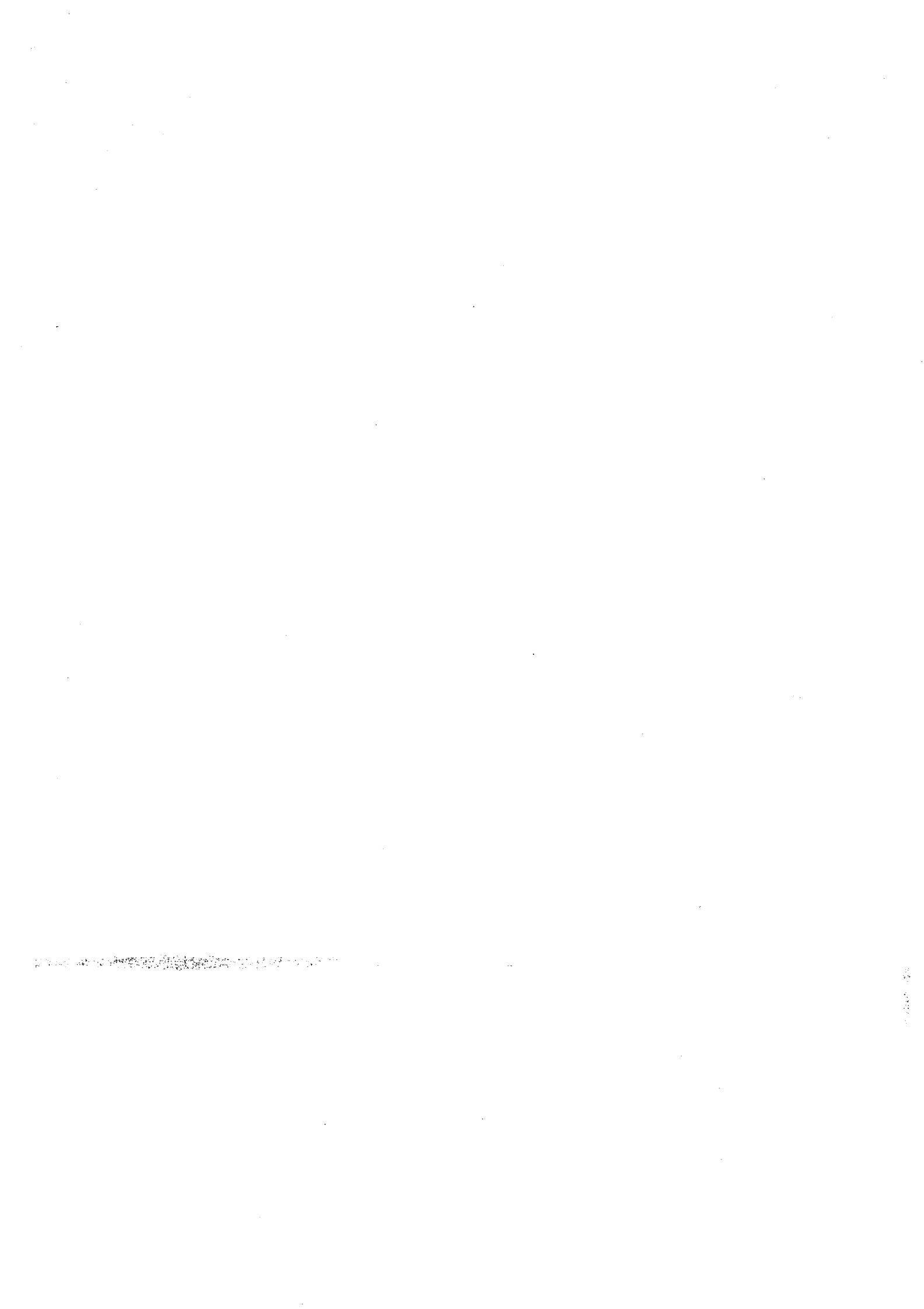




Me too

said Alvie.





Alvie

EATS SOUP

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