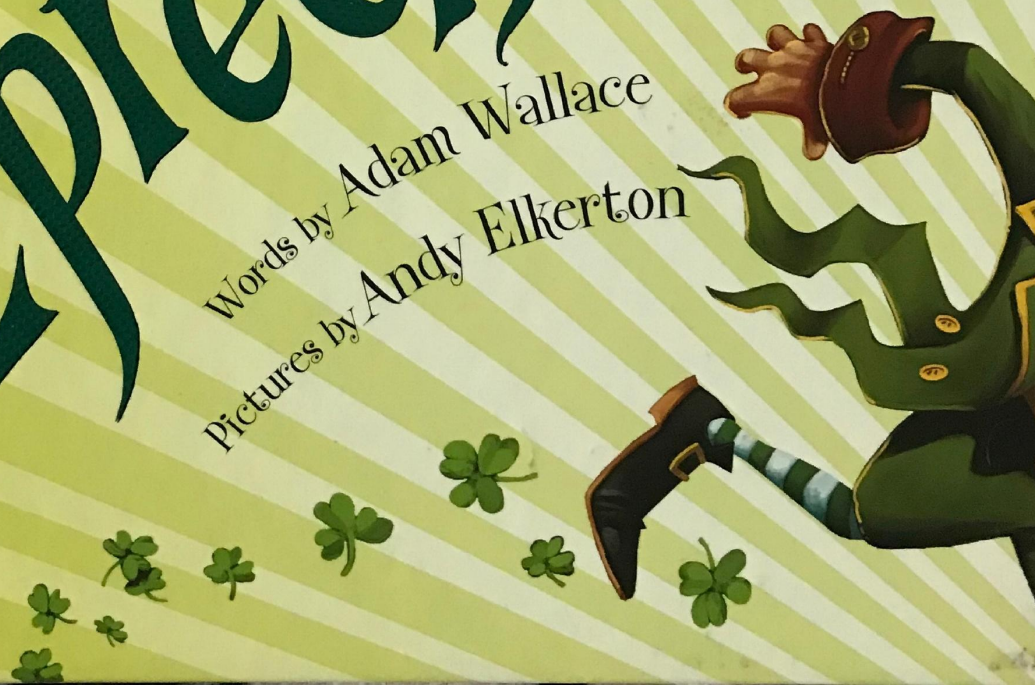


How to Catch a Leprechaun

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The night is dark, the streets are quiet,
ST. PATRICK'S DAY is near.
I tap my hammer so you'll know
the Leprechaun is here!



I'll pull out all your laces,
put **GLITTER**
in your hair.

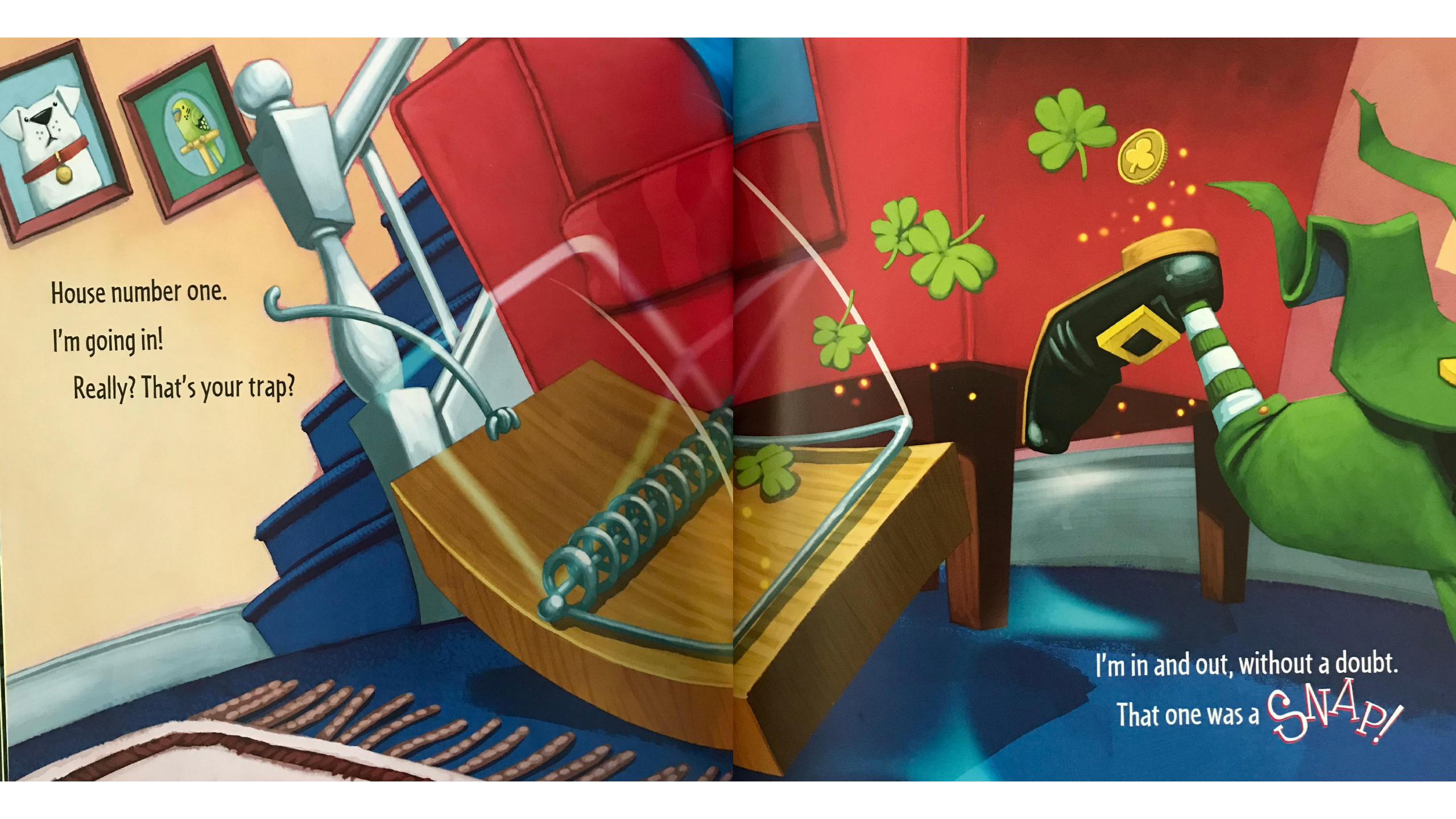


And when you walk around, you'll see
my **GOLD** coins everywhere.



You'll never catch me in your trap,
but, yes, I'll make a scene!
I'll turn the whole place upside down.
Your toilet will be **green!**





House number one.

I'm going in!

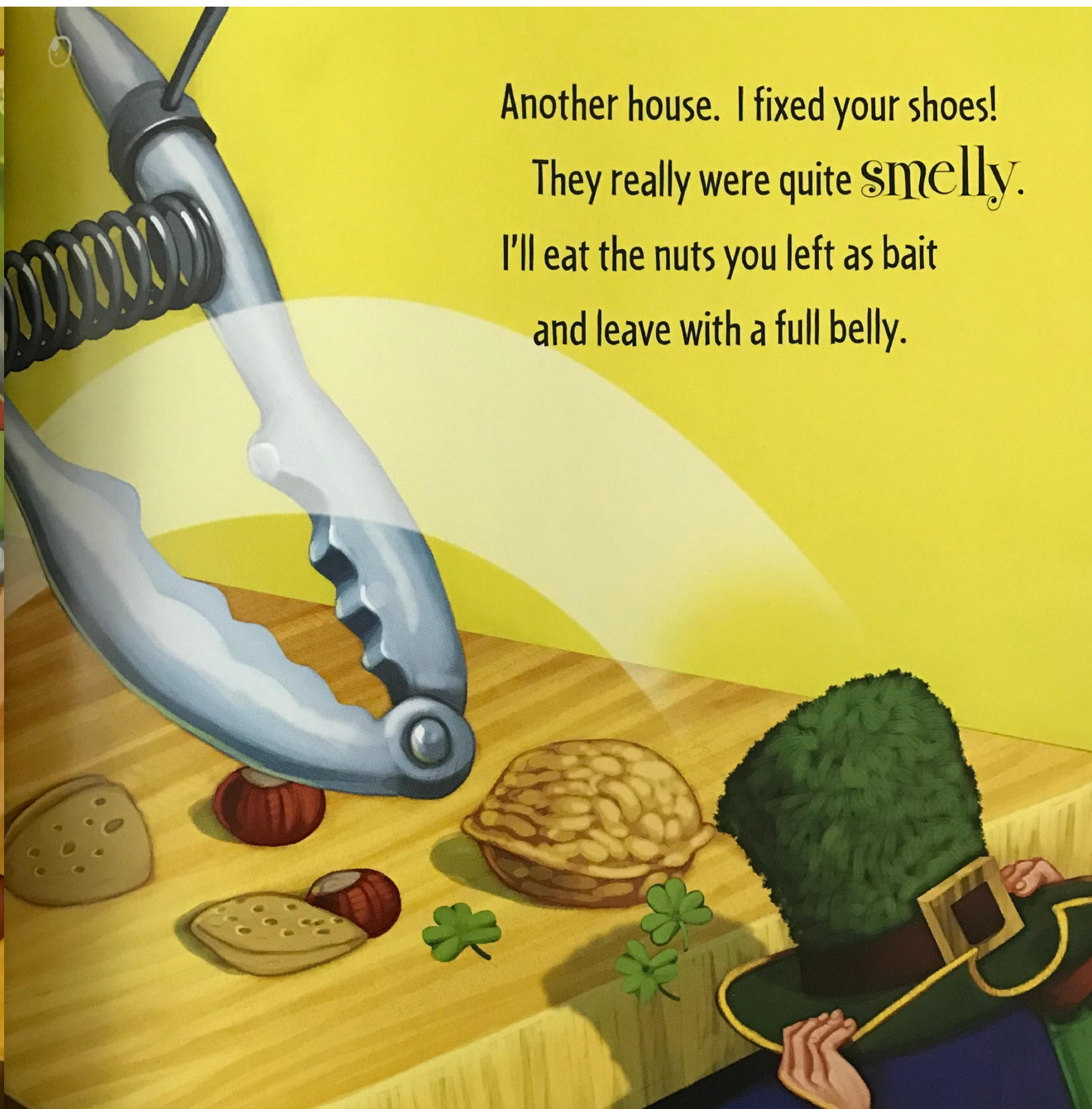
Really? That's your trap?

I'm in and out, without a doubt.

That one was a **SNAP!**

And now I think it's getting worse.
A shoebox on a stick?
I'll dance a **jig** and still escape.
We Leprechauns are quick!





Another house. I fixed your shoes!
They really were quite *smelly*.
I'll eat the nuts you left as bait
and leave with a full belly.

Now you're talking! Look at this.

It's **dandelion tea!**

But I'm too speedy for your trap.

This tea is mine for free!





I know you want my pot of gold.

That **IRON CAGE** was clever.

But I've been alive 200 years.

You won't catch me, ever!





Ha ha ha ha
Ha ha ha!

Now you're getting fancy!
But I'll escape with twinkle toes.
It's a fancy pantsy dancy!

It seems to me an **engineer**
has helped with this design.
Too bad this little Leprechaun
is going to be just fine.



Your entire house is
ONE BIG TRAP,
from the ceiling to the floor.
Nice try, indeed! But soon enough,
I'll stroll right out the door!



The **LEPRECHAUN BE GONE 3000™**

gave me quite a scare.

But without a four-leaf clover,
I won't be caught in there!



You'll never catch this Leprechaun.

Impossible! That's a fact!

Unless, one day, a brilliant child
designs *the*
perfect
trap!



But *who* will that child be?



Better luck
next year!

