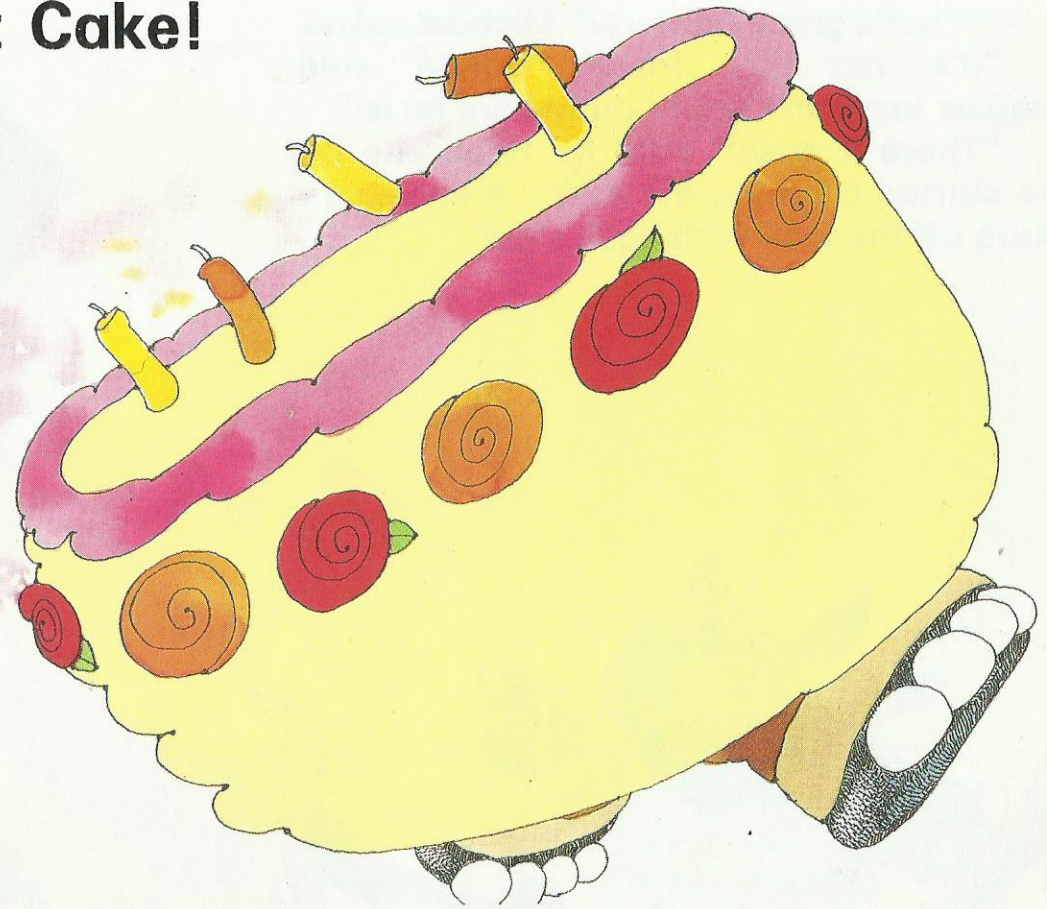


Michael, Catch that Cake!

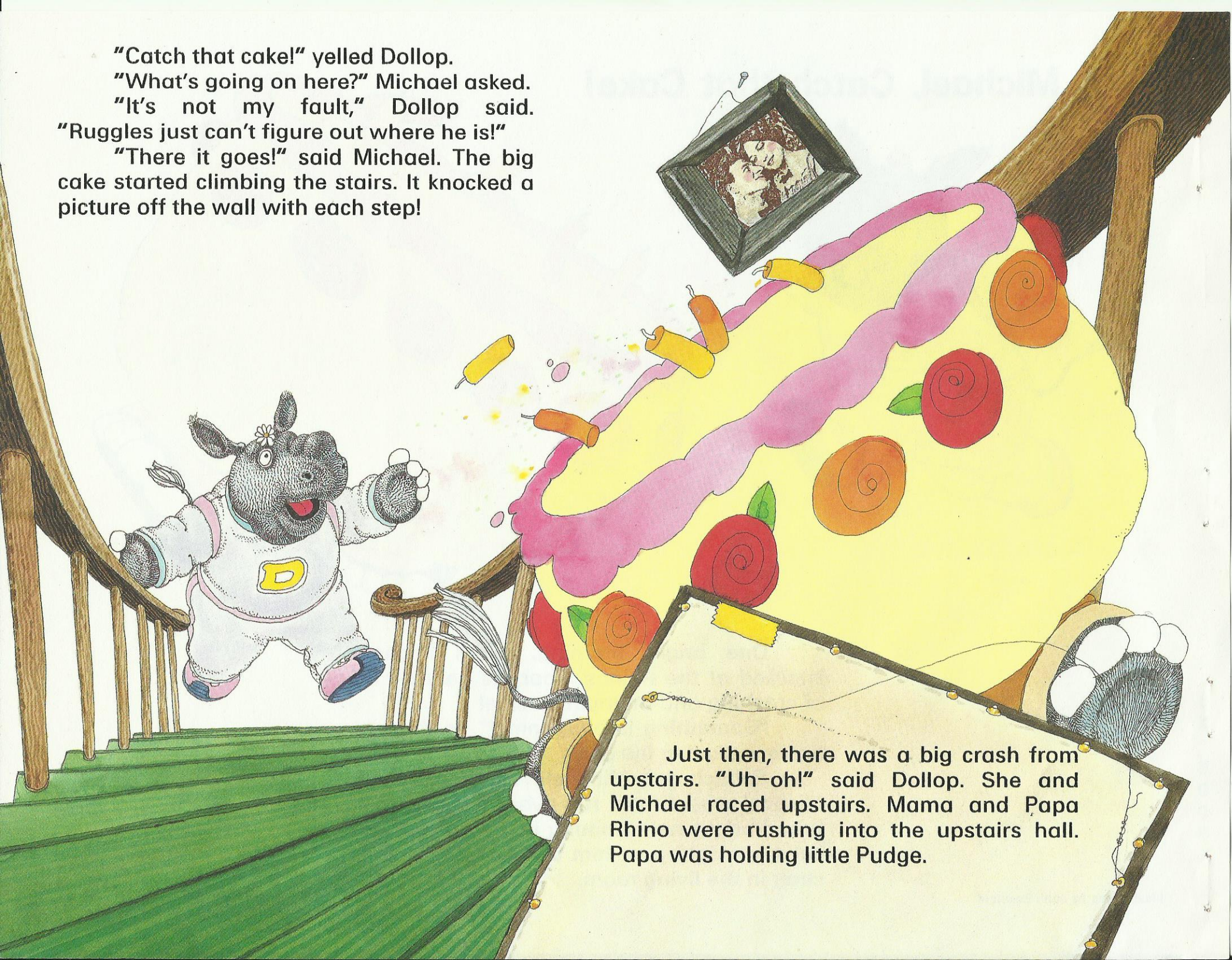


One bright morning, when Michael knocked at the Rhinos' door, he heard a lot of crashing and thumping inside!

"Something is happening!" he thought as he walked in the door.

"Watch out, Michael!" shouted Dollop. Michael was almost run over by a big cake! It had bright red trimming and two legs! The cake ran right past him and knocked over a chair in the living room.

"Catch that cake!" yelled Dollop.
"What's going on here?" Michael asked.
"It's not my fault," Dollop said.
"Ruggles just can't figure out where he is!"
"There it goes!" said Michael. The big
cake started climbing the stairs. It knocked a
picture off the wall with each step!



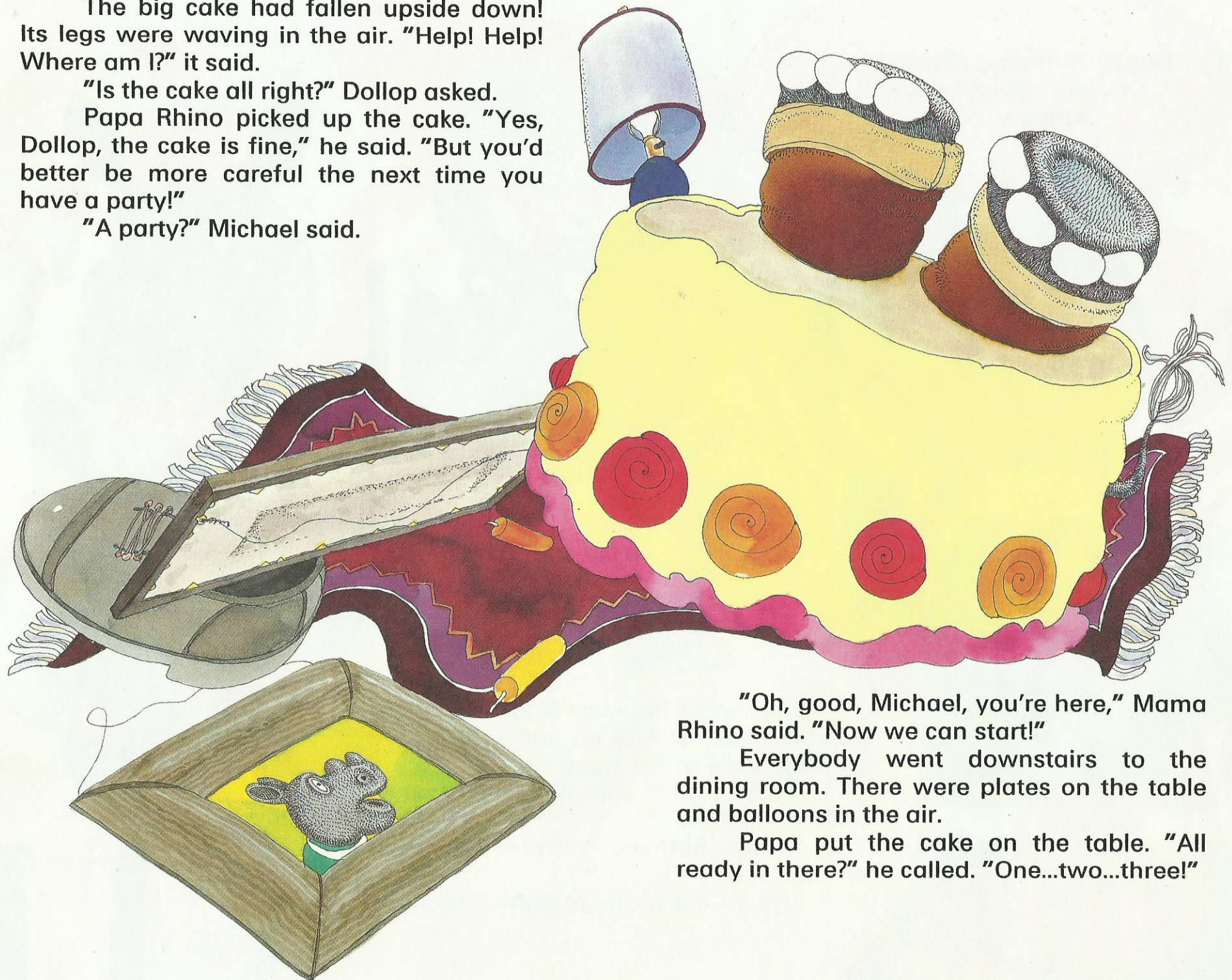
Just then, there was a big crash from
upstairs. "Uh-oh!" said Dollop. She and
Michael raced upstairs. Mama and Papa
Rhino were rushing into the upstairs hall.
Papa was holding little Pudge.

The big cake had fallen upside down! Its legs were waving in the air. "Help! Help! Where am I?" it said.

"Is the cake all right?" Dollop asked.

Papa Rhino picked up the cake. "Yes, Dollop, the cake is fine," he said. "But you'd better be more careful the next time you have a party!"

"A party?" Michael said.



"Oh, good, Michael, you're here," Mama Rhino said. "Now we can start!"

Everybody went downstairs to the dining room. There were plates on the table and balloons in the air.

Papa put the cake on the table. "All ready in there?" he called. "One...two...three!"

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Happy Birthday, Michael!
On your special day,
January 20!

The top of the cake burst open. Out popped Ruggles! And he had a REAL birthday cake in his hands!

"HERE I am!" said Ruggles. "At the BIRTHDAY PARTY!"

"Happy birthday, Michael!" shouted all the Rhinos.

And so the birthday party began!