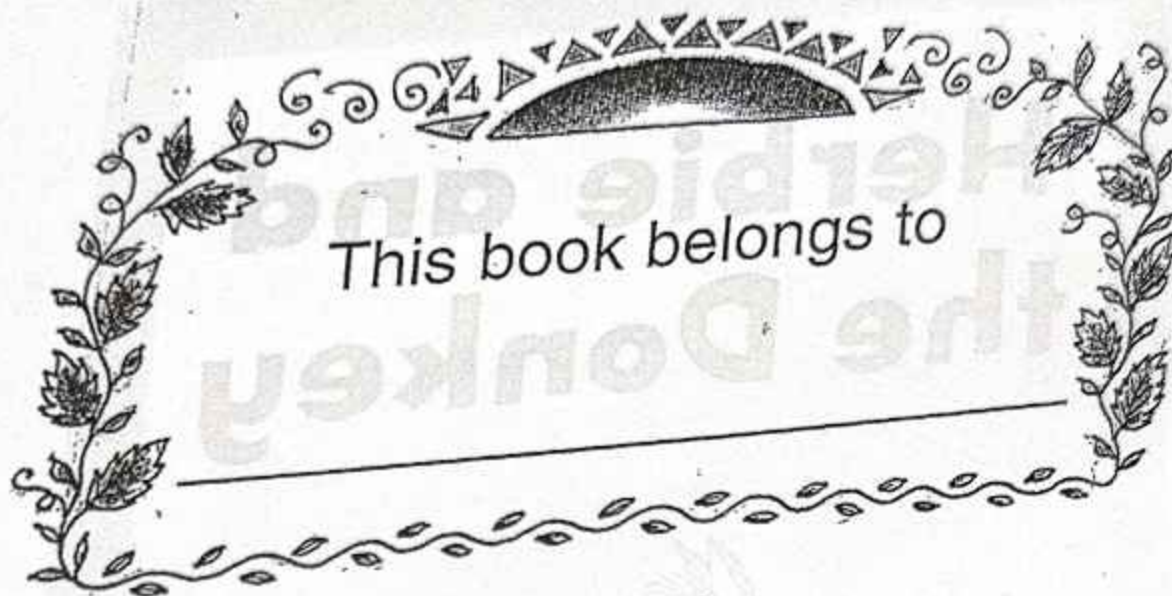


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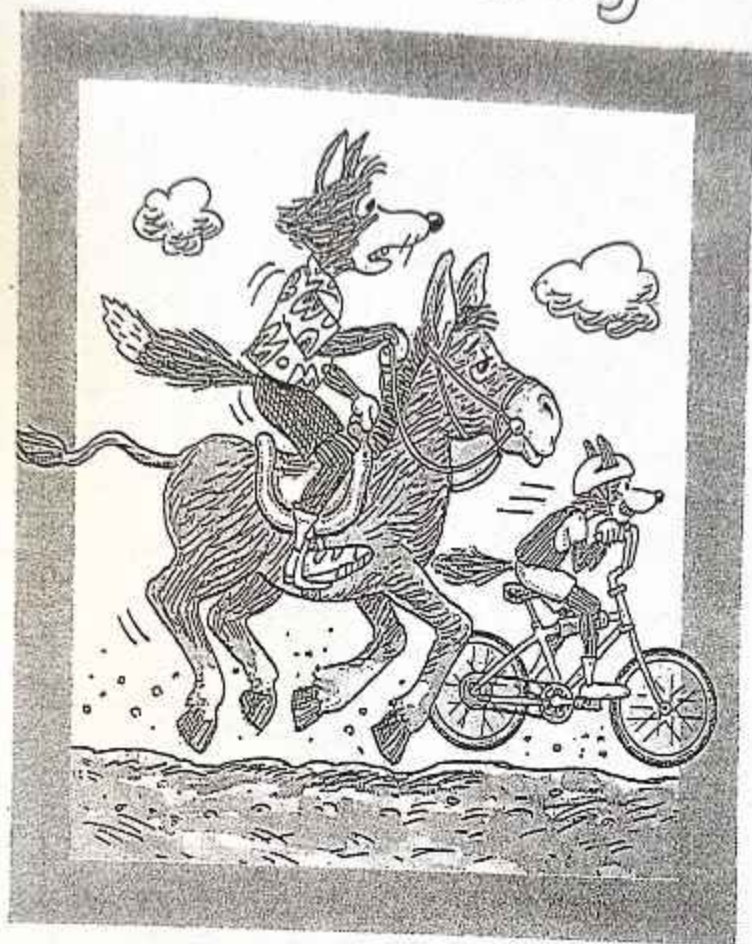
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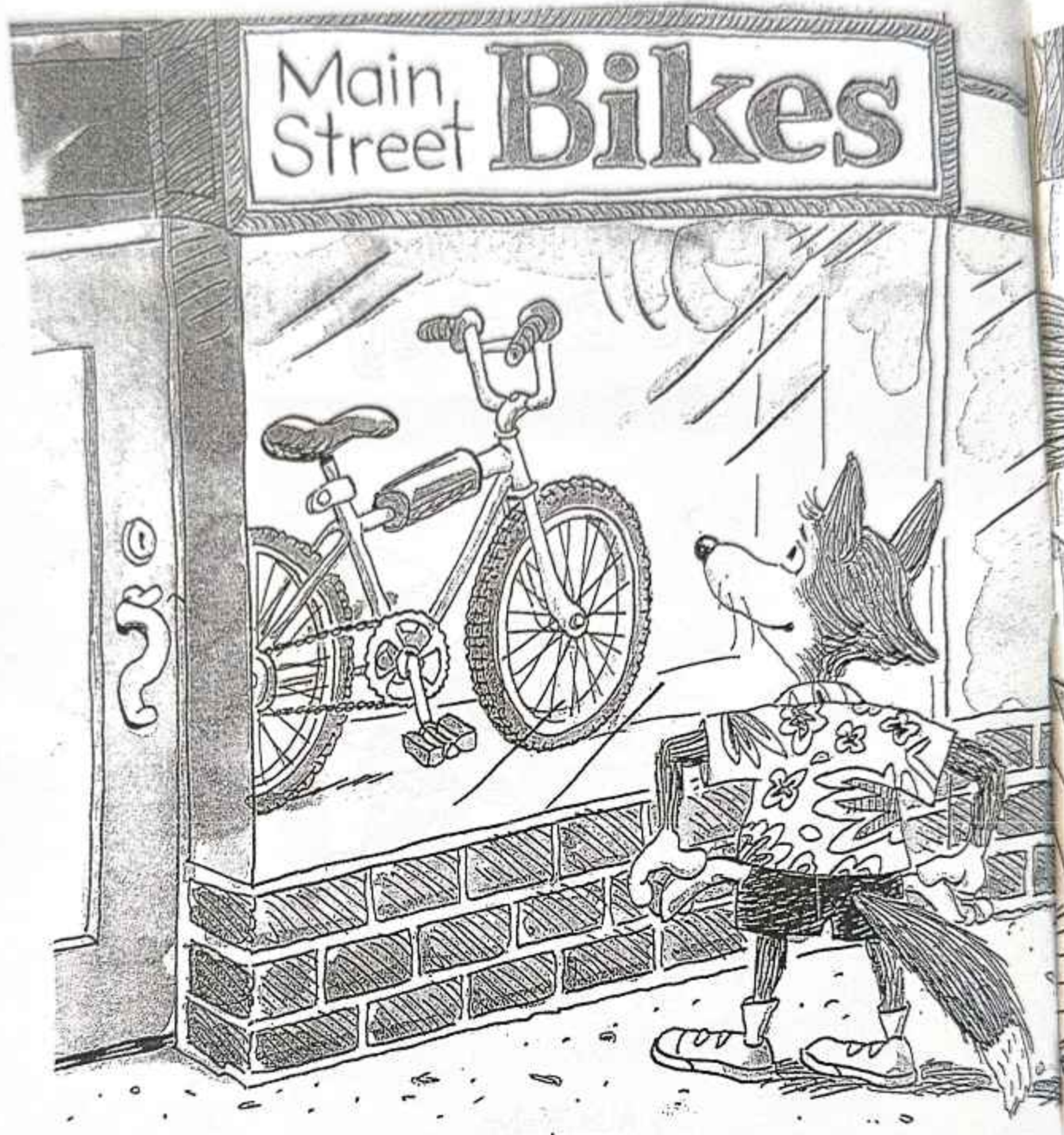
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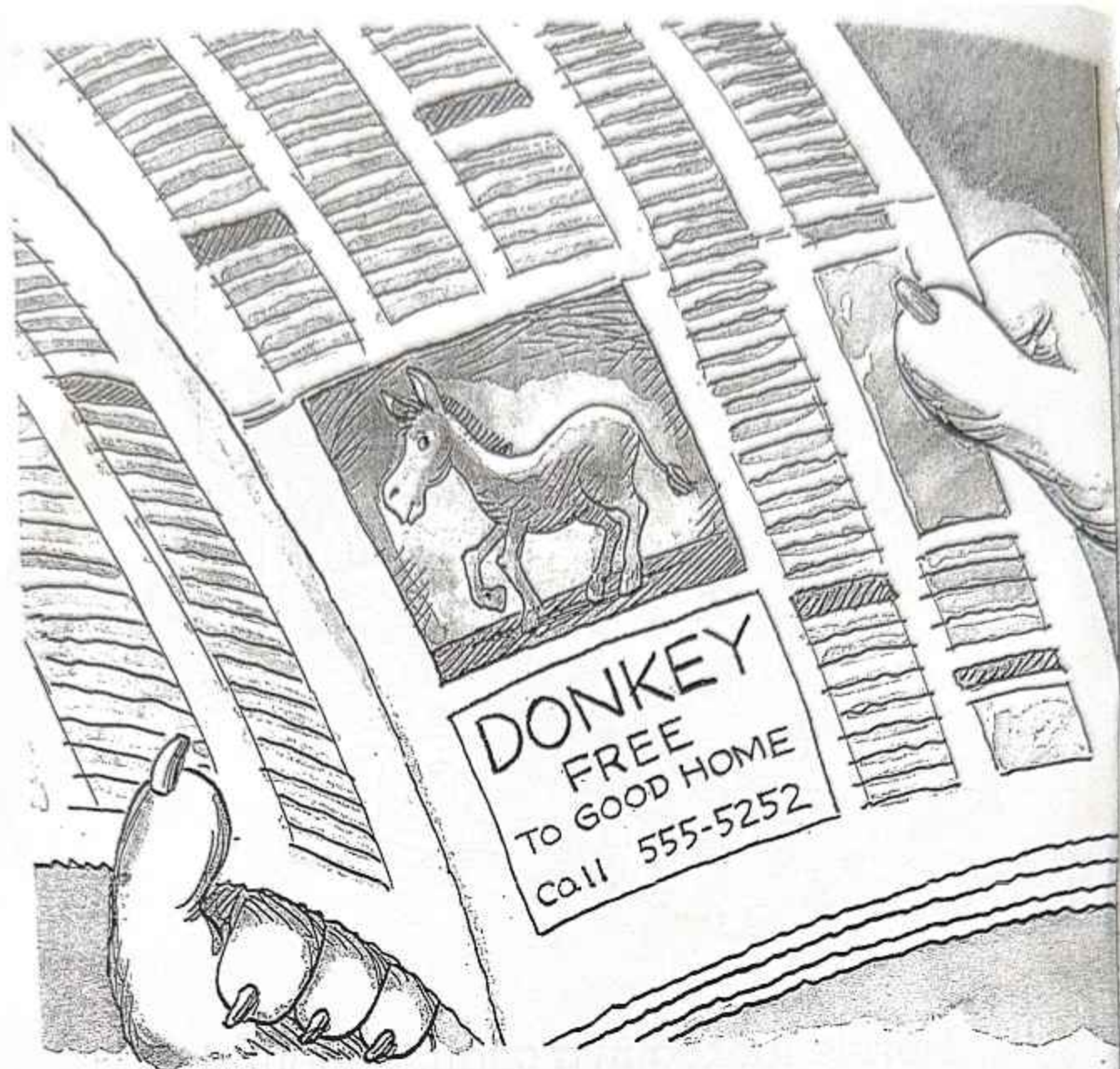
Herbie looked in a chair. He found two pennies, a toy elephant, and a few cookie crumbs.

"What are you doing?" his dad asked.

"I'm looking for money," Herbie told him. "I need a new bike."

His dad just laughed.

"Herbie," he said, "get a job!"



Herbie didn't like the sound of that. But he didn't know what to do.

Then he saw a photograph. It was above an ad in the paper.

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"A donkey!" Herbie said.

"A donkey is cooler than a bike!"

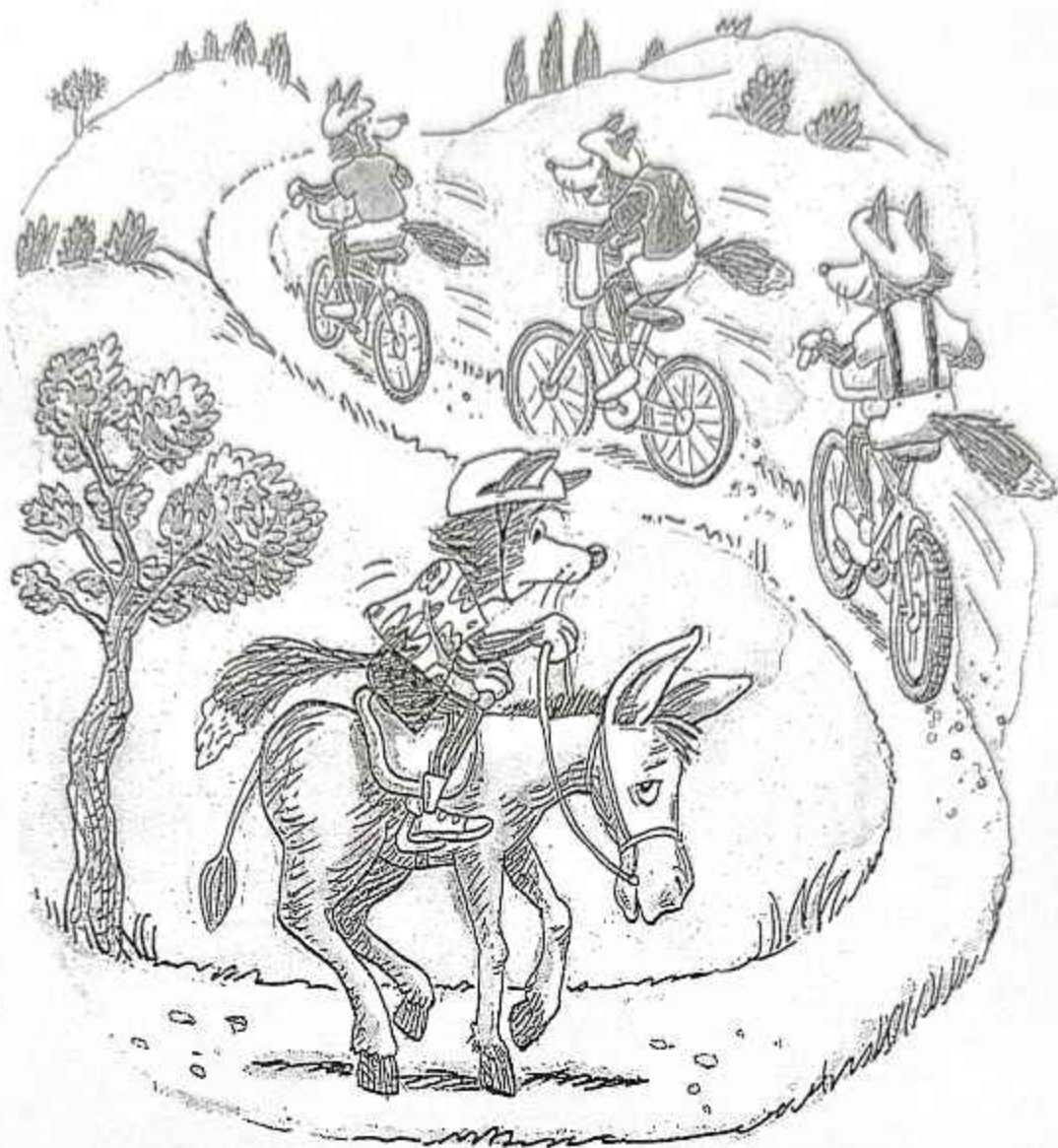
He called the number. Then he
went to see the donkey.



"Do you want to come home with me?" Herbie asked.

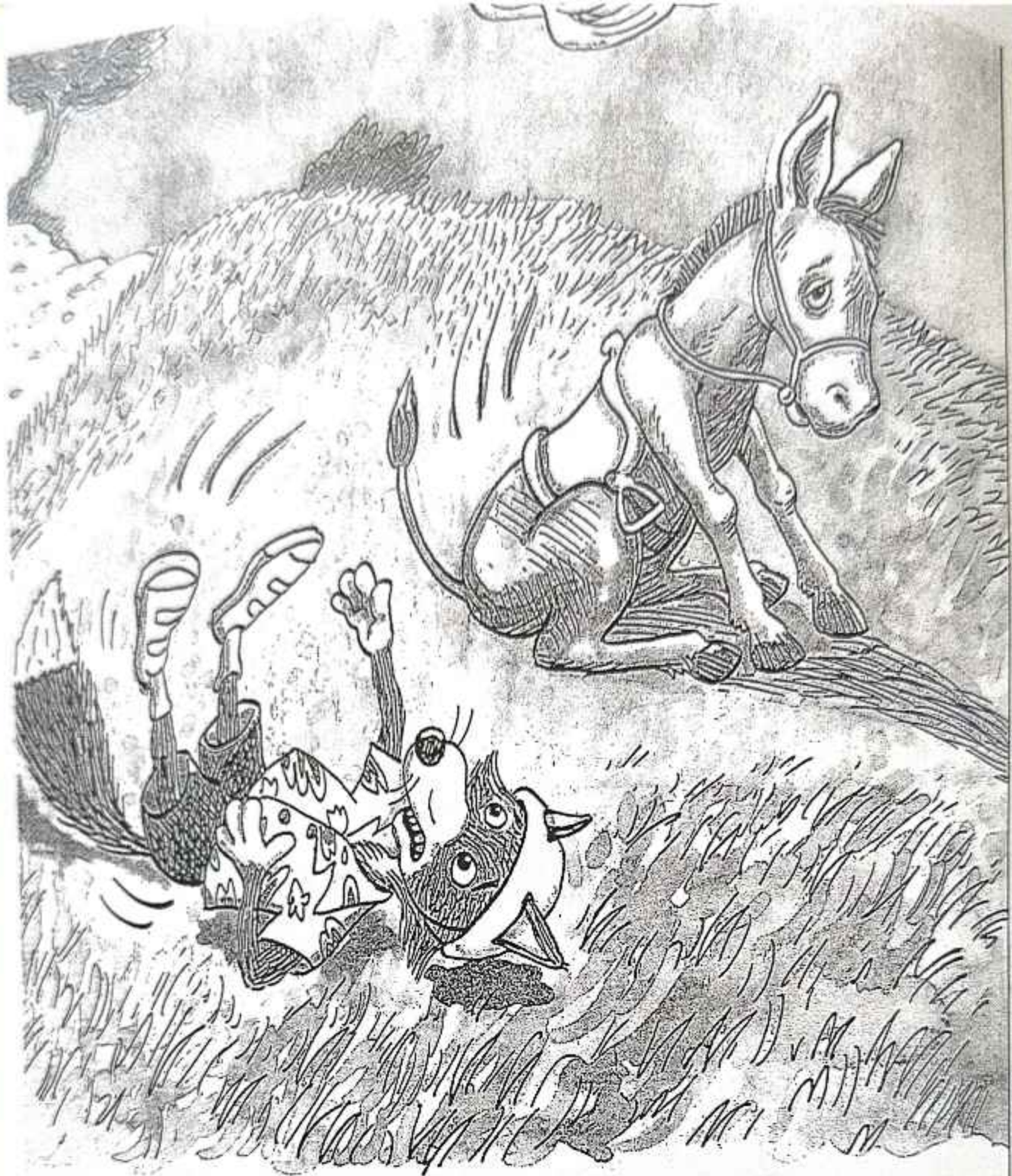
"EEE-AWW!" the donkey said.

It was a terrible sound. But Herbie decided it must mean yes.

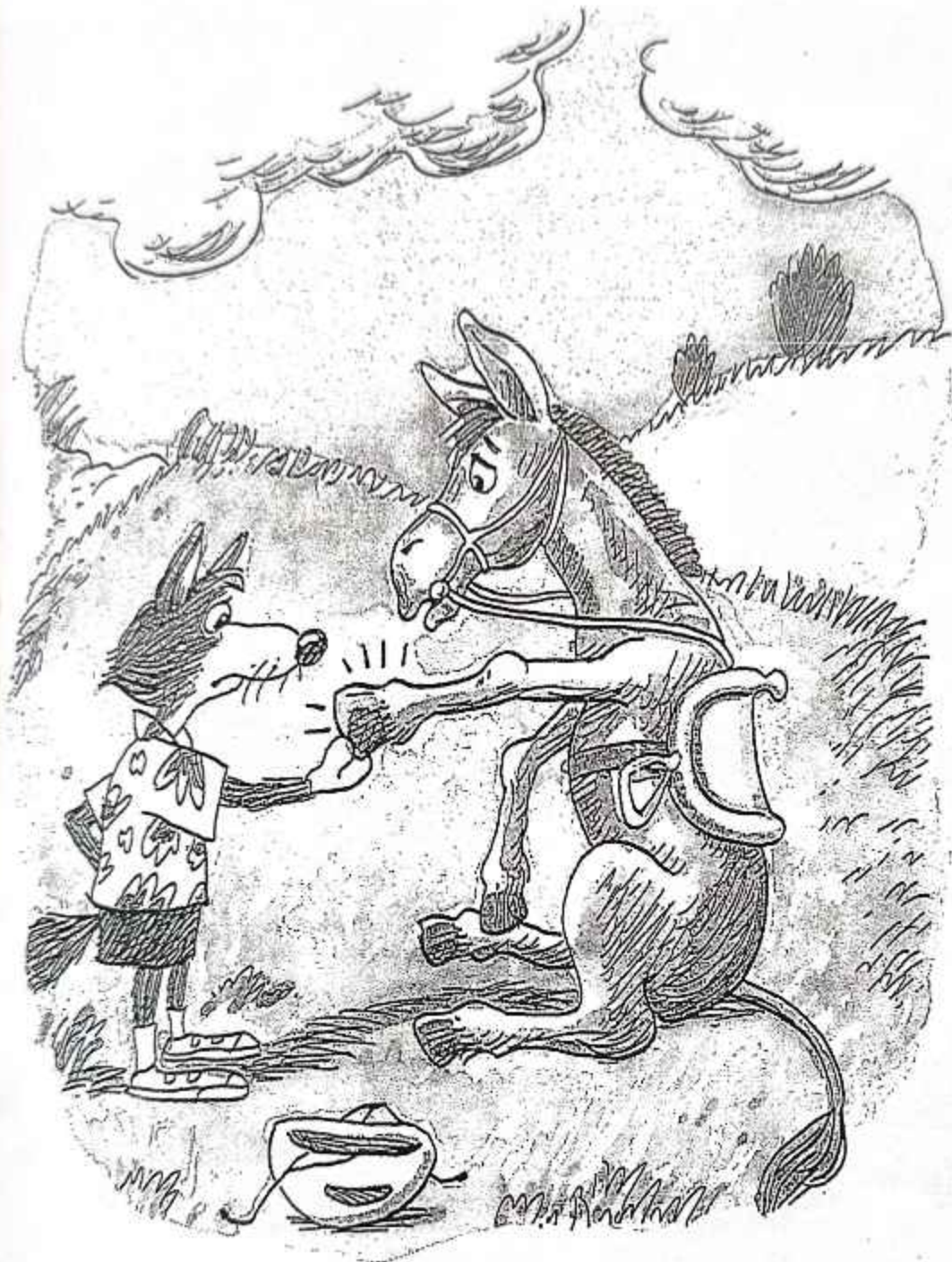


The next day, a few foxes were going for a bike ride. Herbie rode his new donkey.

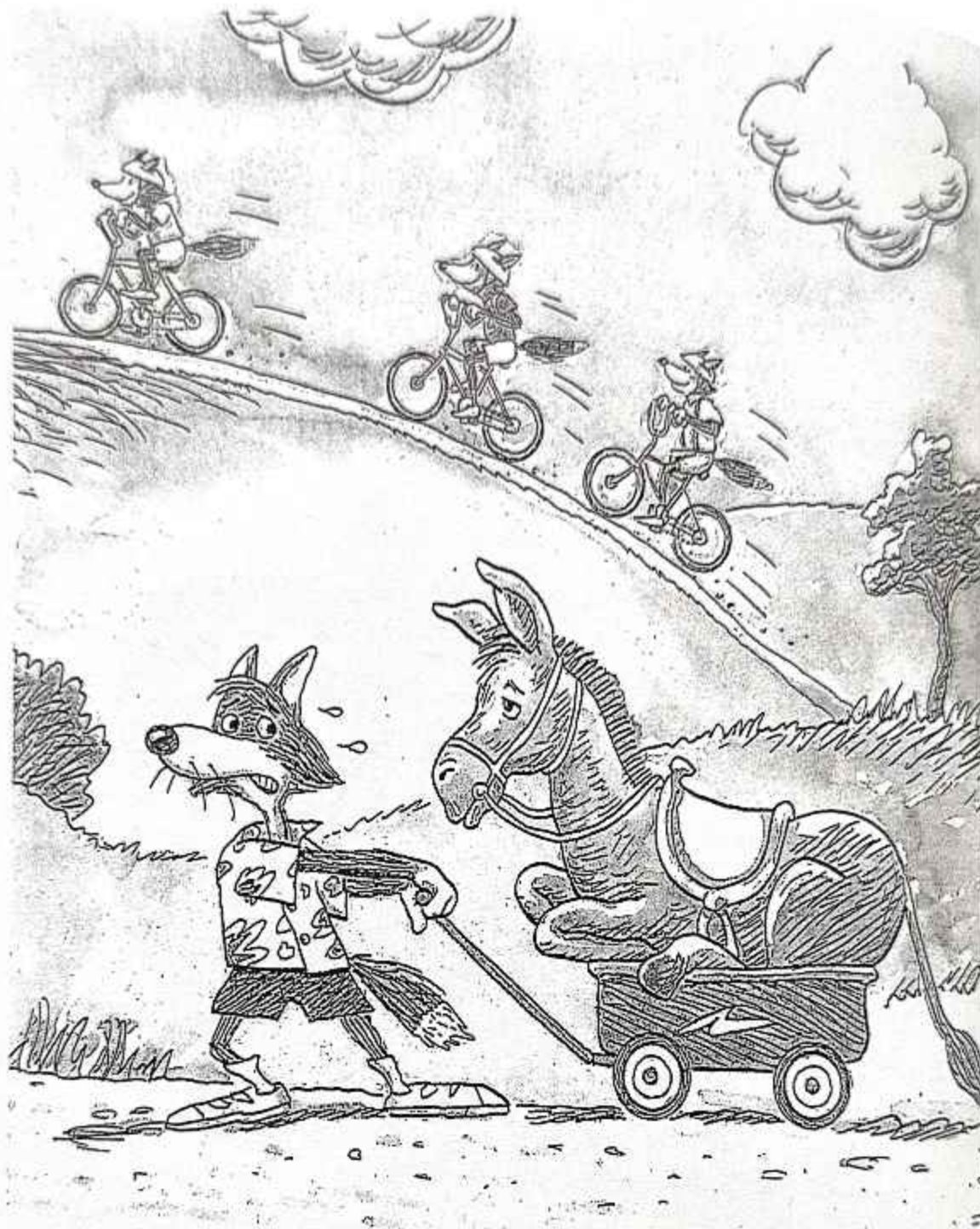
He couldn't believe it. He kept falling behind. The donkey would not run. In fact, he didn't even like to walk.



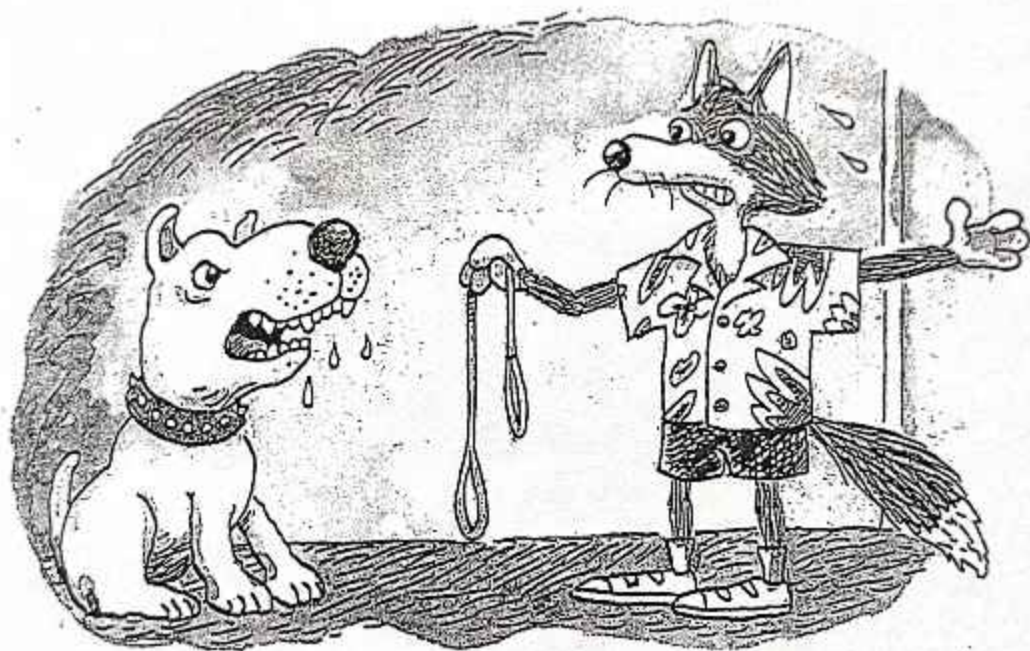
The donkey sat down in a field halfway home. "What's the matter with you?" Herbie asked.



The donkey held one leg above his head. Herbie looked. He said, "No wonder you didn't want to run! Your feet are red and sore."



Herbie dragged his donkey home.
He kept thinking about what to do.
"I'm stuck," he said. "Now I have to
get a job!"



Herbie found a number of jobs. He painted the numbers on Suzie Bean's house. He walked Jamie Harvey's rough and tough dog.



Herbie raked a few leaves. Then
he raked a few more leaves!

He kept all the money he made.
Finally, he had enough.



"What are you doing now?" Herbie's dad asked.

"I'm putting new sneakers on my donkey," Herbie said.



"Is that what you got with all that money you made?" asked Herbie's dad. "Herbie Fox, if you want a bike"

"Please!" Herbie said. "Don't tell me to get another job!"



"I won't," said his dad. "You worked hard for that money. Then you used it to help your donkey. Now I'm going to help you."

They walked together to the bike store. Herbie got his cool new bike after all.



And he got a great new pal too.
"EEE-AWW!" the donkey agreed.

Phonics for Families: This story gives children practice reading words with long e, spelled *ie* and *ey*, as in *cookie* and *donkey*; words with the *f* sound spelled *ph*, *gh*, and *lf*, as in *photograph*, *laughed*, and *halfway*; and the high-frequency words *above*, *few*, *kept*, *number*, and *sound*. Have fun reading the book together. Then talk about how Herbie the fox changes during the story.

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