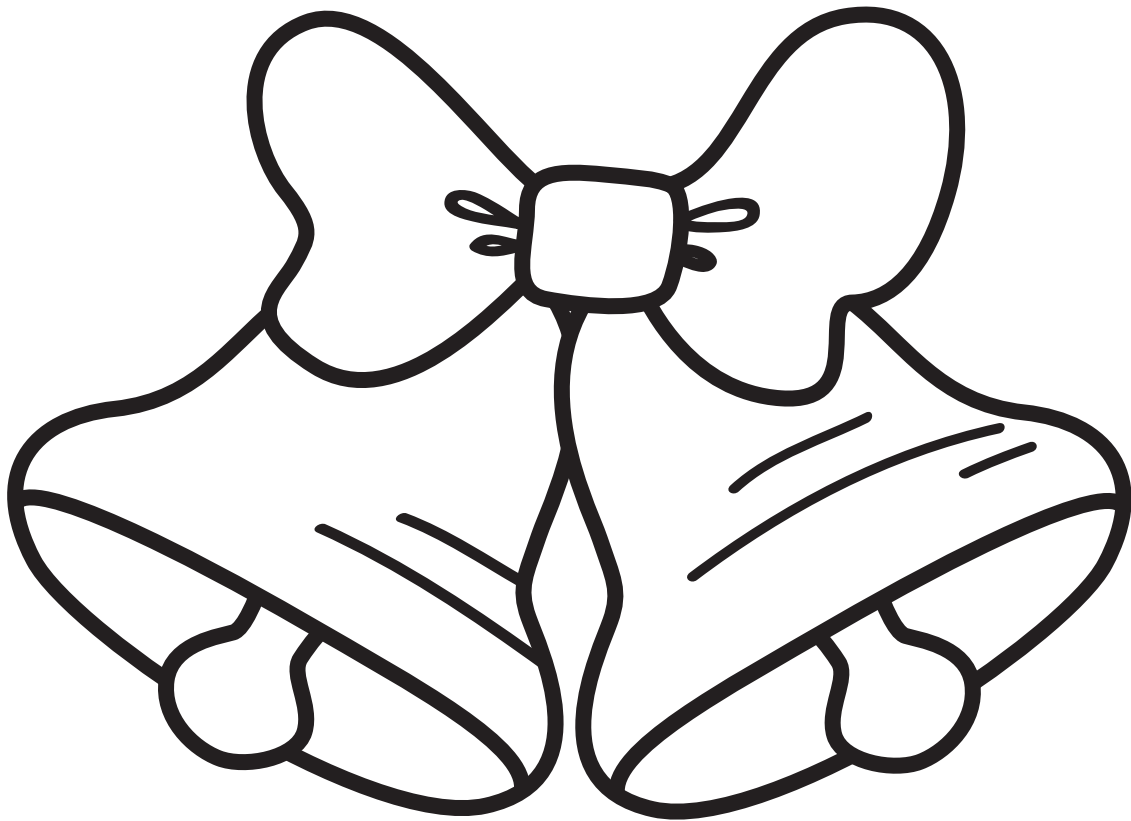
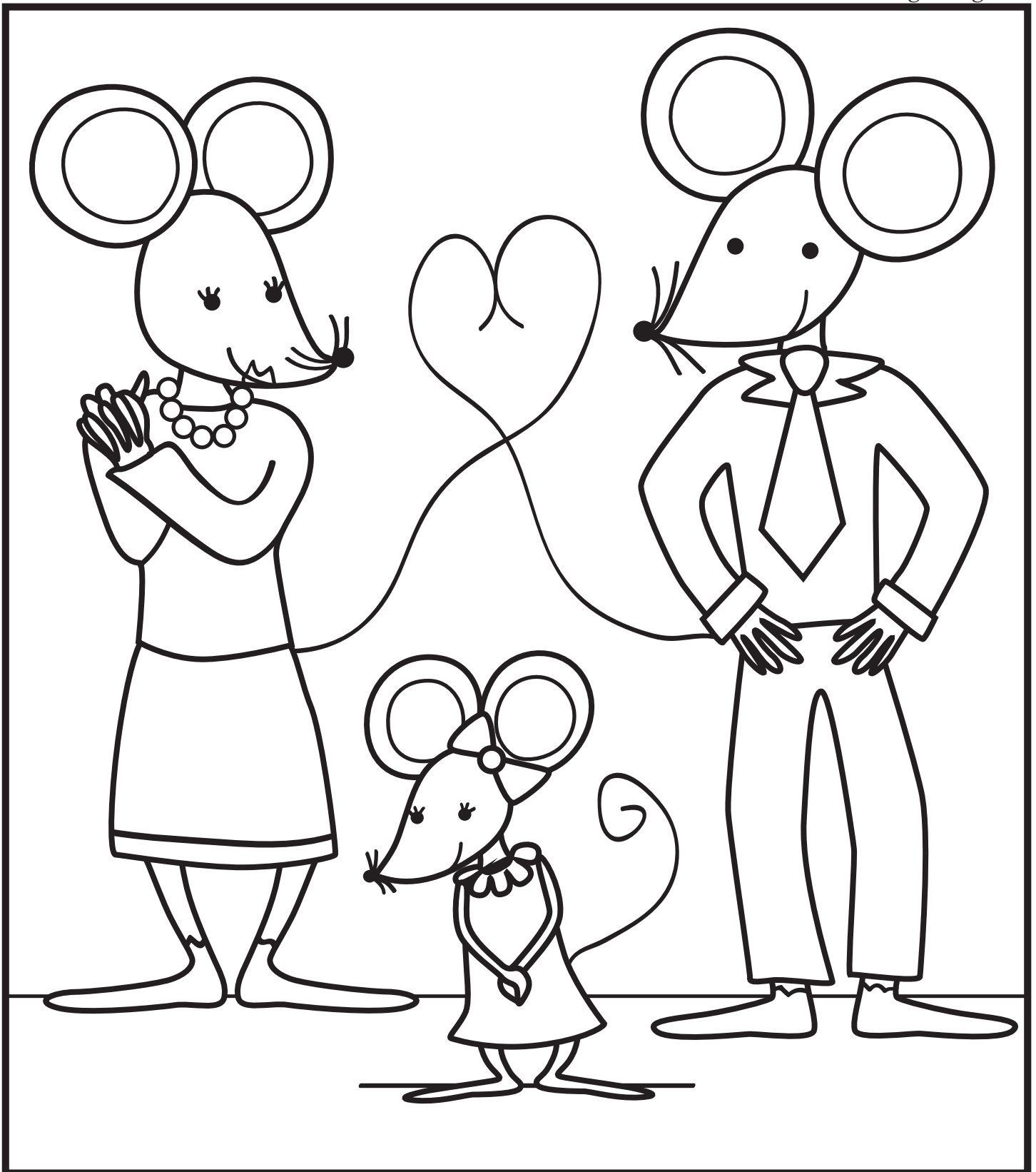


The
Mouse's
Marriage



A Japanese Folktale

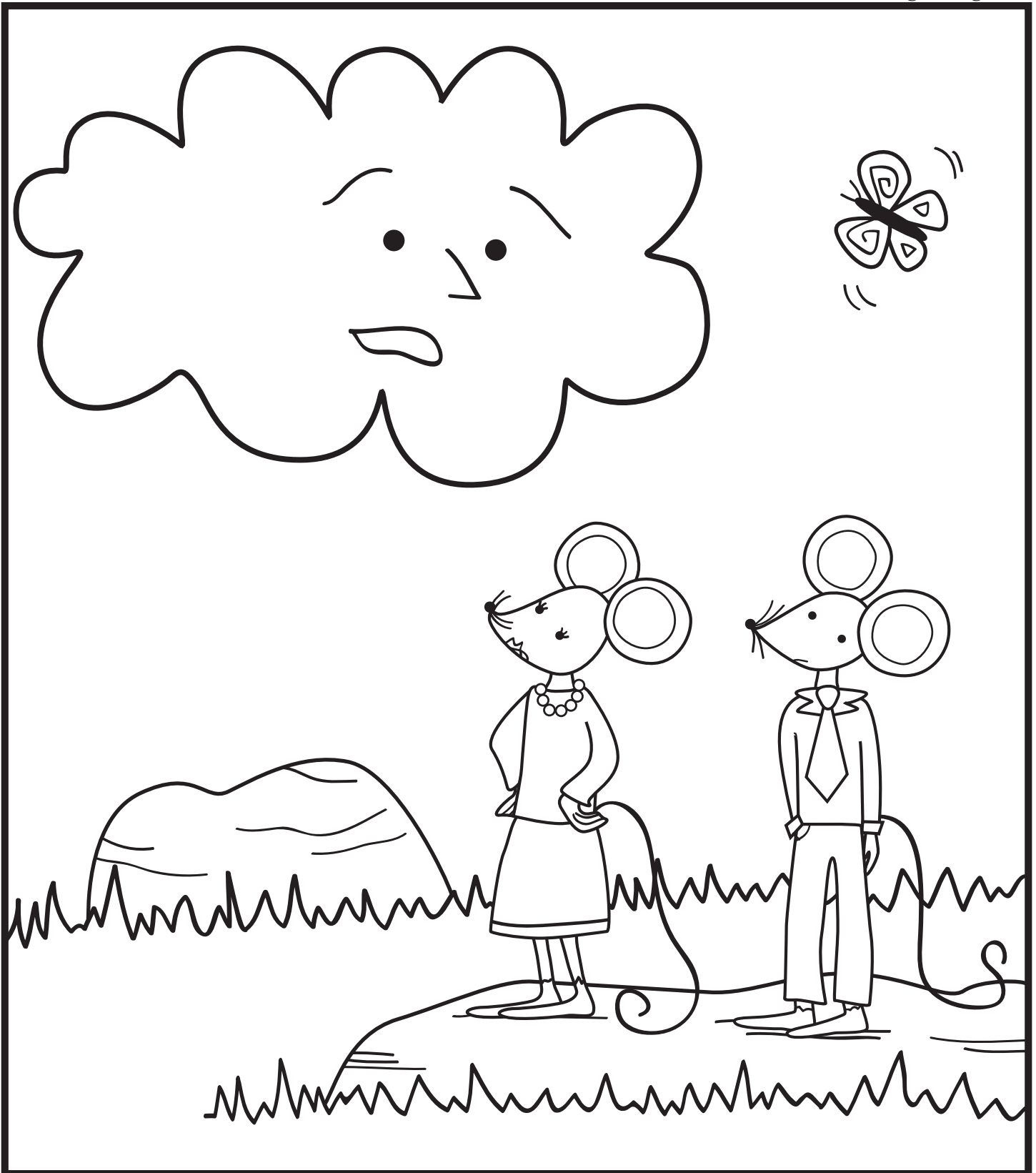
This book belongs to:



**Once upon a time two mice had a beautiful daughter.
They wanted her to marry the greatest individual in the
world.**



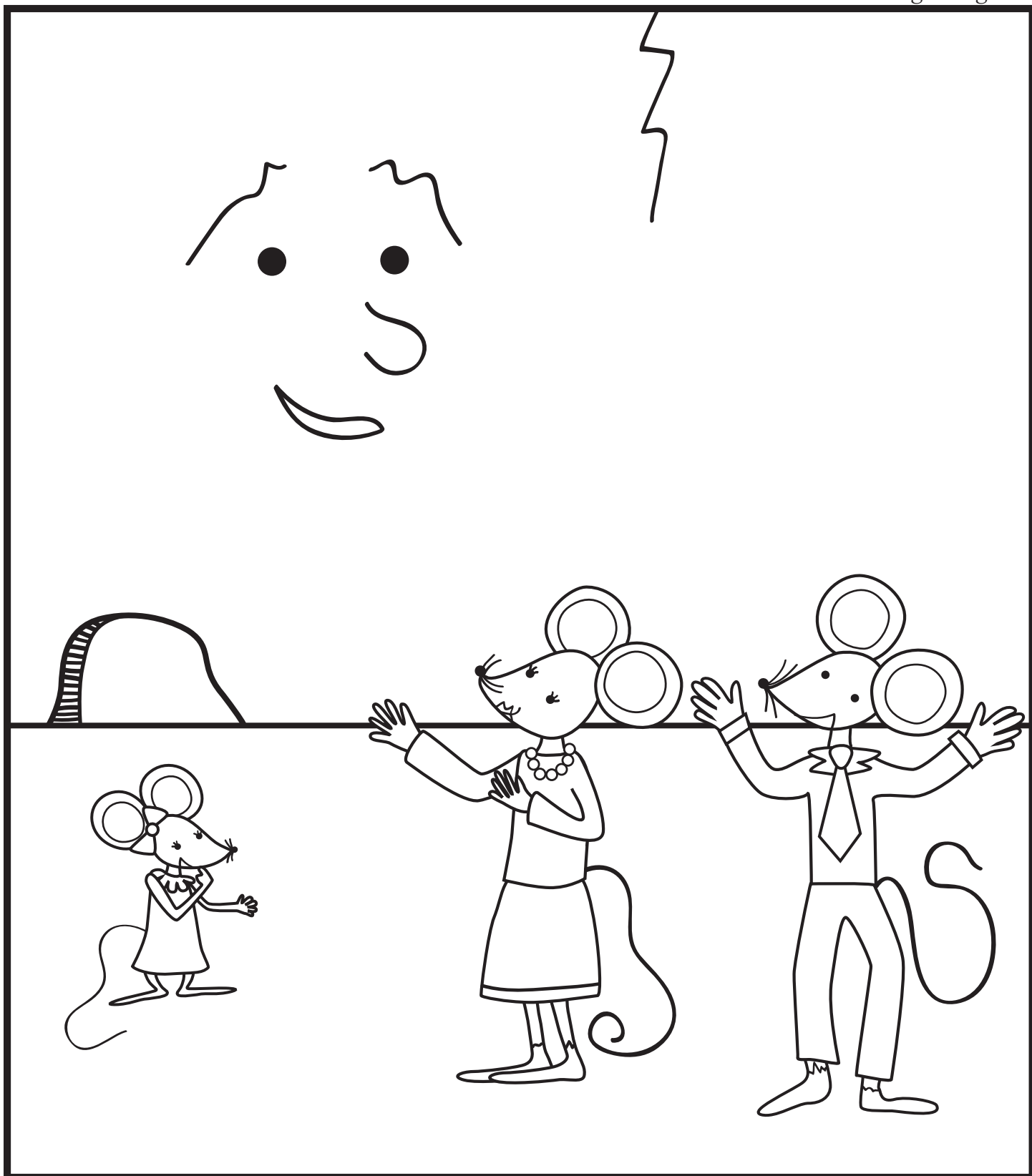
They asked the sun if he would marry their daughter but the sun replied, "I cannot. Mr. Cloud is greater than I because he is able to block my light."



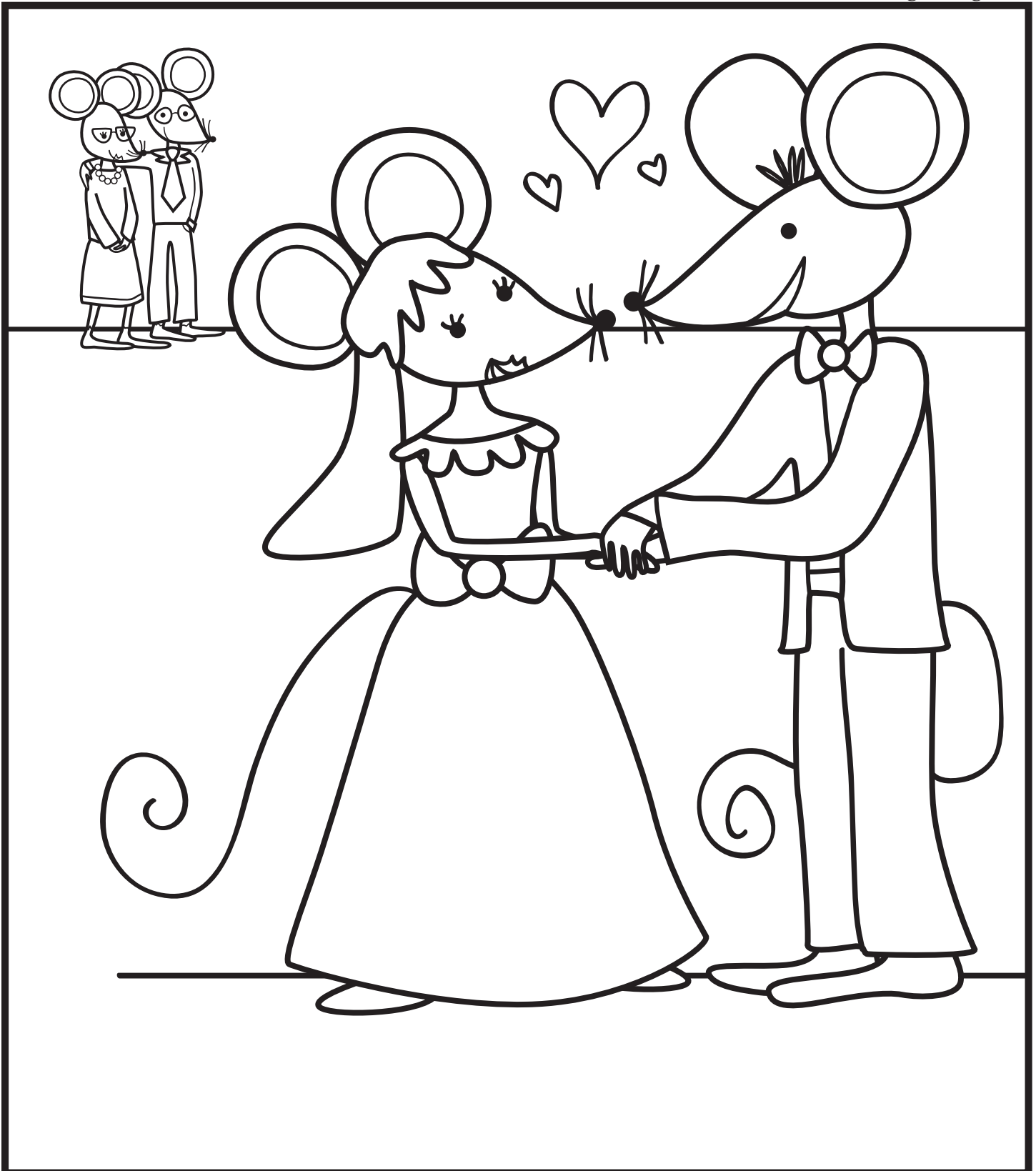
So they asked the cloud instead. The cloud replied, “I cannot marry your daughter because Mr. Wind is greater than I. He can sweep me from the sky with a single breath.”



S o they asked the wind. The wind replied, "I cannot because Mr. Wall is greater than I. Mr. Wall can easily stop me."



So they asked the wall if he would marry their daughter. The wall replied, "I cannot. Mice are the greatest! Their teeth are so strong and can chew right through a wall!"



The two mice were thrilled to discover that mice were the greatest. The daughter grew up and happily married a mouse.