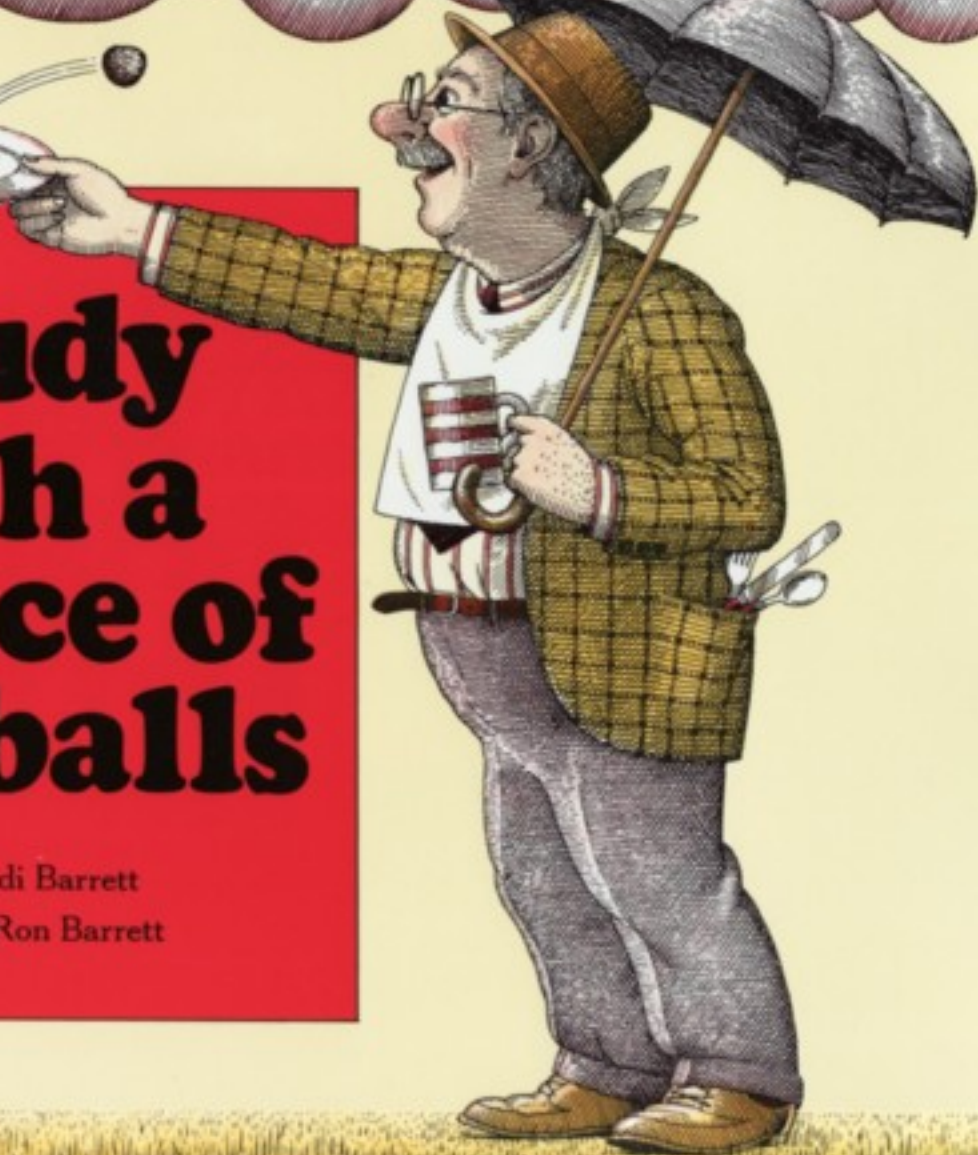


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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

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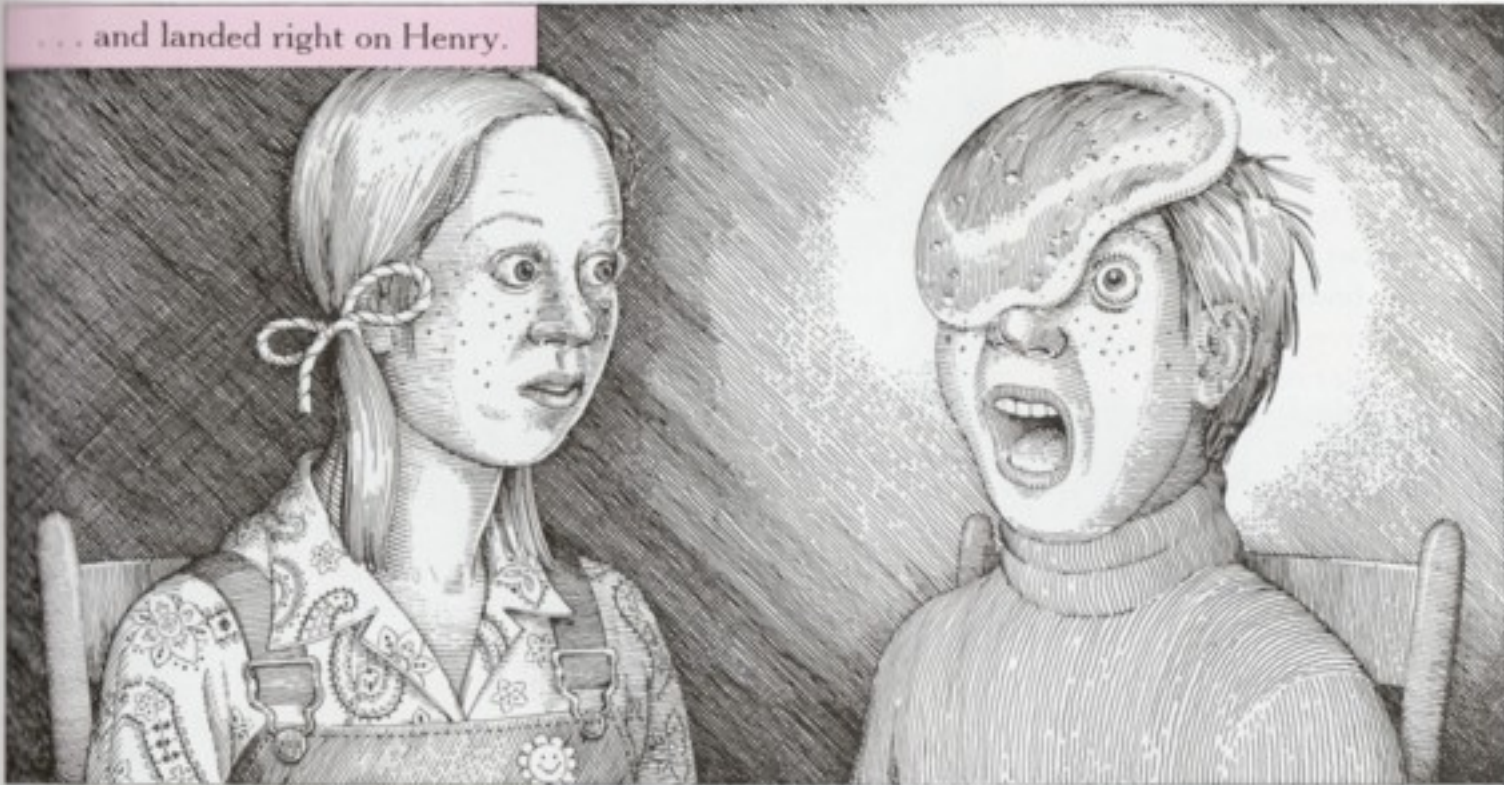
We were all sitting around the big kitchen table. It was Saturday morning. Pancake morning. Mom was squeezing oranges for juice. Henry and I were betting on how many pancakes we each could eat. And Grandpa was doing the flipping.



Seconds later, something flew through the air headed toward the kitchen ceiling . . .

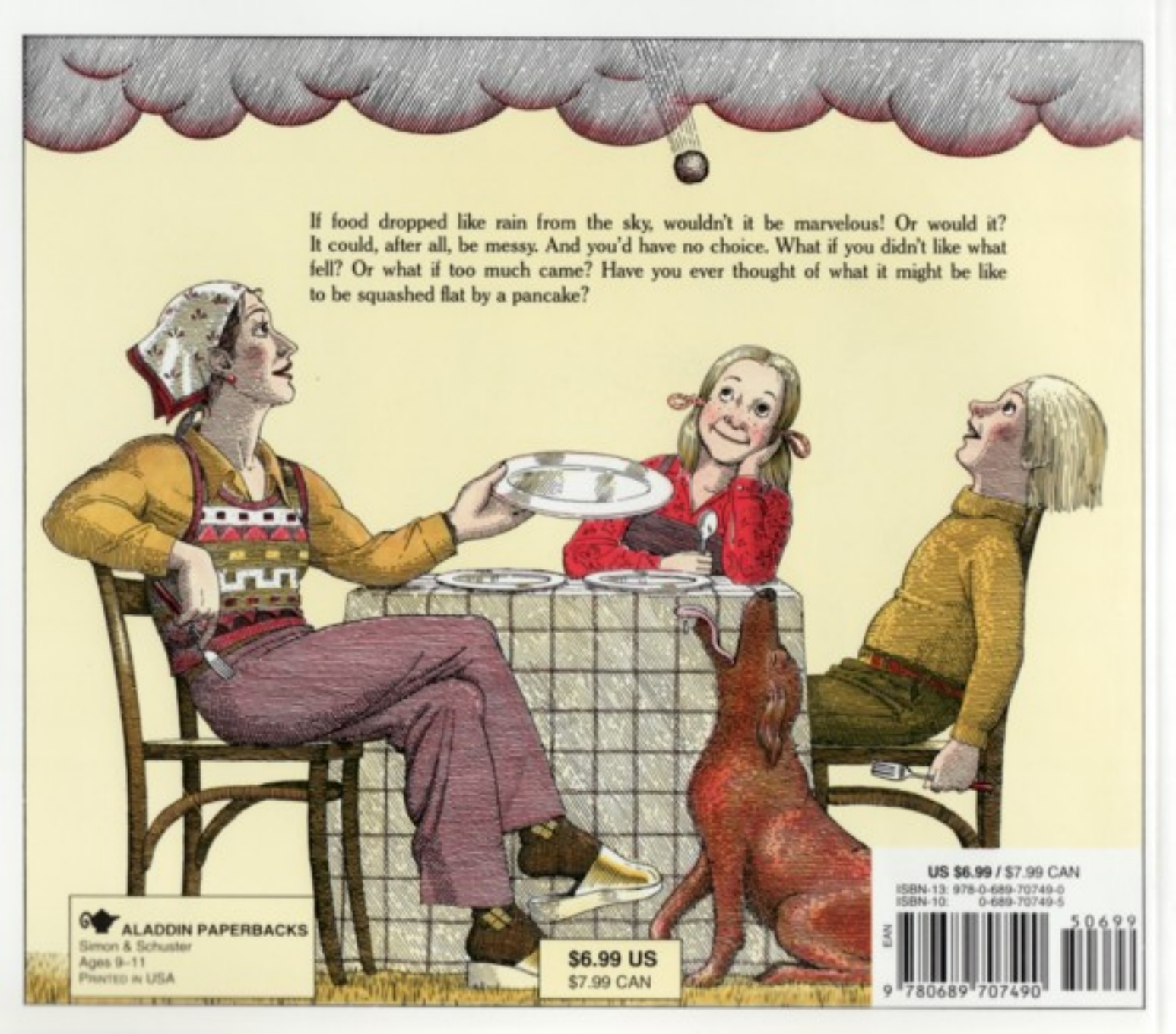


... and landed right on Henry.




After we realized that the flying object was only a pancake, we all laughed, even Grandpa. Breakfast continued quite uneventfully. All the other pancakes landed in the pan. And all of them were eaten, even the one that landed on Henry.



An illustration of three children and a dog sitting at a table. On the left, a girl with a headscarf and a patterned vest sits on a wooden chair, holding a silver plate. In the middle, a girl with blonde hair and a red shirt sits on a wooden chair, looking up at the sky. On the right, a boy with blonde hair and a yellow sweater sits on a wooden chair, also looking up at the sky. A brown dog sits on the floor between the girl in the middle and the boy on the right. The table is covered with a white and grey checkered tablecloth and has several plates on it. Above the table, a dark, rainy cloud hangs over the scene, with a single drop of food falling from it. The background is a plain yellow color.

If food dropped like rain from the sky, wouldn't it be marvelous! Or would it? It could, after all, be messy. And you'd have no choice. What if you didn't like what fell? Or what if too much came? Have you ever thought of what it might be like to be squashed flat by a pancake?

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