

GUS WAS A FRIENDLY GHOST

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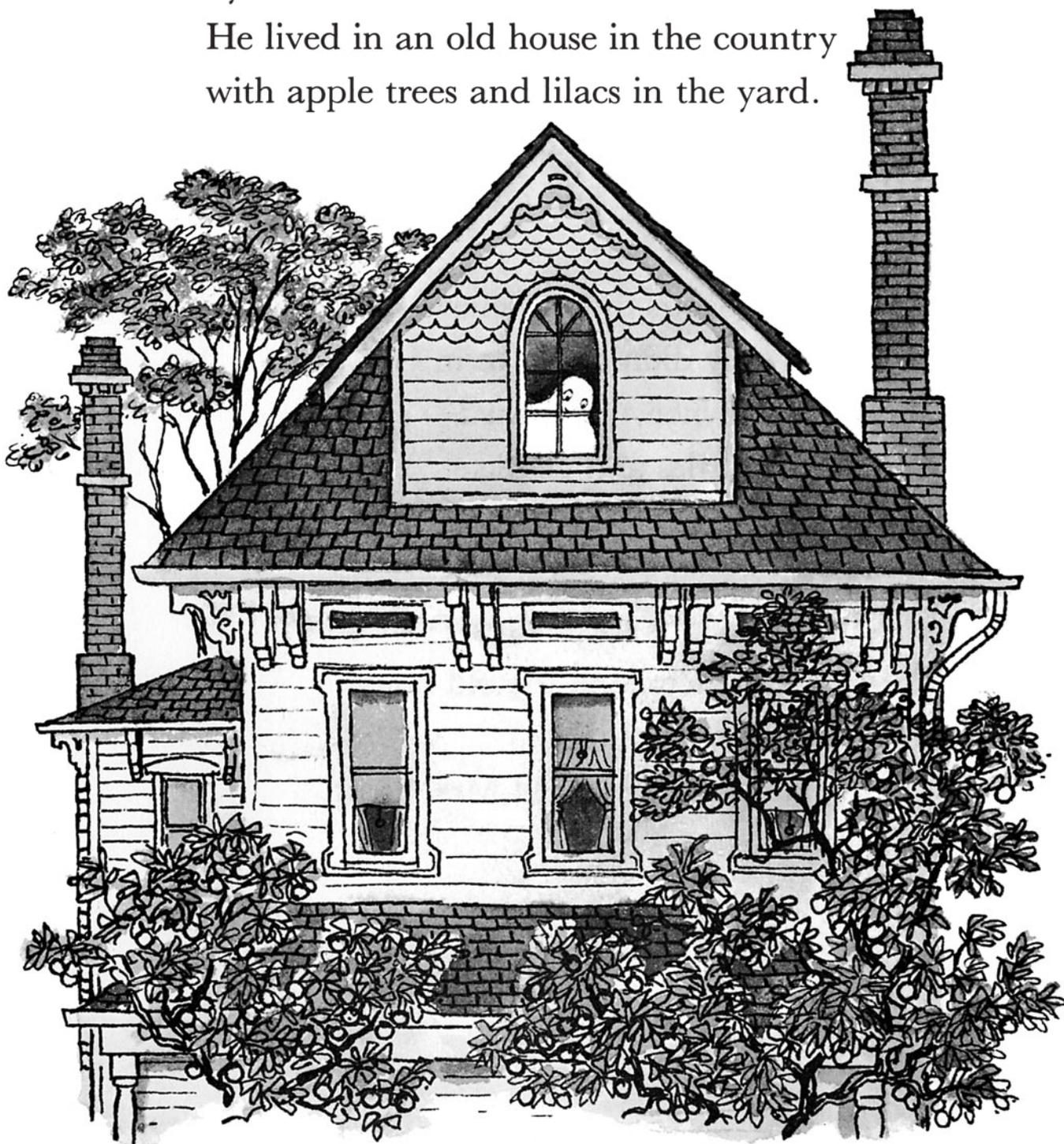
Summary: A ghost and a mouse have a summer house all
to themselves while the folks are away for the winter.

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There was once a friendly ghost,
by the name of Gus.

He lived in an old house in the country
with apple trees and lilacs in the yard.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott
and their twins, Susie and Sammy,
lived there too, in the summer.

The old house had an attic,
and sometimes the Scotts
heard rattles and clanks in it.

That was Gus.

The Scotts didn't believe in ghosts,
so they didn't believe in Gus.

Still, when they heard
the rattles and clanks
they liked to say to their friends,
“We've got a ghost!”

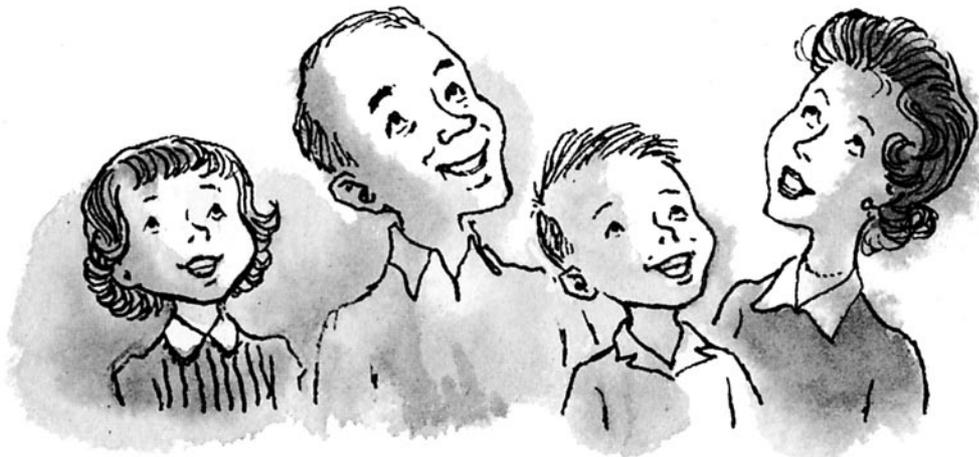
The Scotts made Gus
feel welcome in the old house,
so Gus liked them.

He especially liked Mrs. Scott,
she was so pretty.





He wanted to please them all,
so he rattled and clanked in the attic,
the way ghosts are supposed to do.
“We’ve got a ghost!”
said the Scotts proudly,
though they didn’t believe in ghosts.



Then autumn came and the Scott family left.
No need to rattle and clank now.
Gus had nothing to do but sit around.





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