

## Opening extract from A Present for Freddie Small

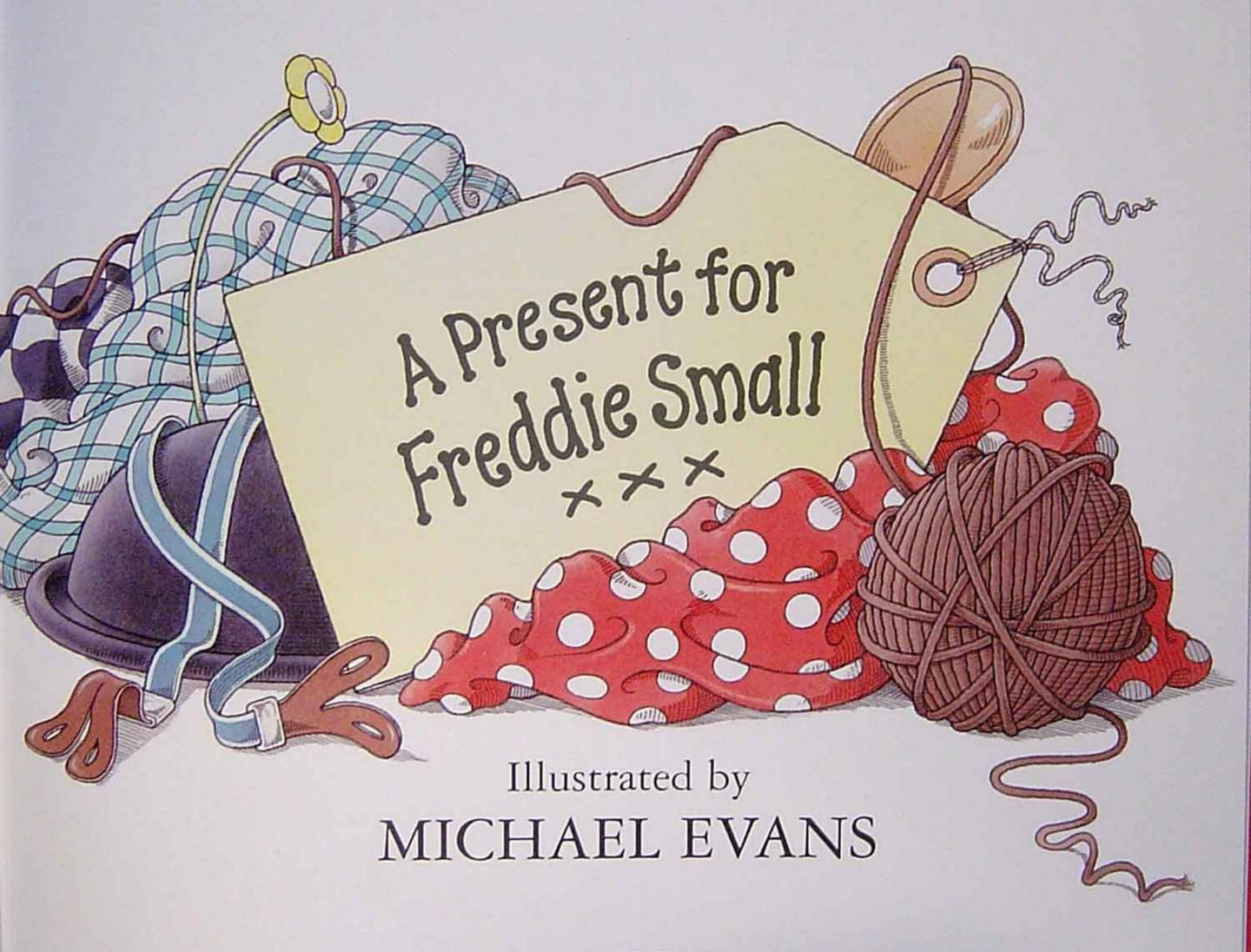
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Freddie Small had a big problem. He didn't like going to bed.

His mum and dad couldn't understand it. Freddie did like his bedroom, and he loved his starry bed cover. He definitely wasn't scared of the dark. And anyway, the landing light was always left on. Just in case.





Freddie's mum and dad tried all sorts of things. His mum read him long stories to help him off to sleep. But it was Freddie's mum who ended up snoring! His dad tried singing lullabies. But Freddie's dad was better at keeping people awake with his singing than getting them off to sleep.

