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# **Sir Charlie Stink Socks & the Really Frightful Night**

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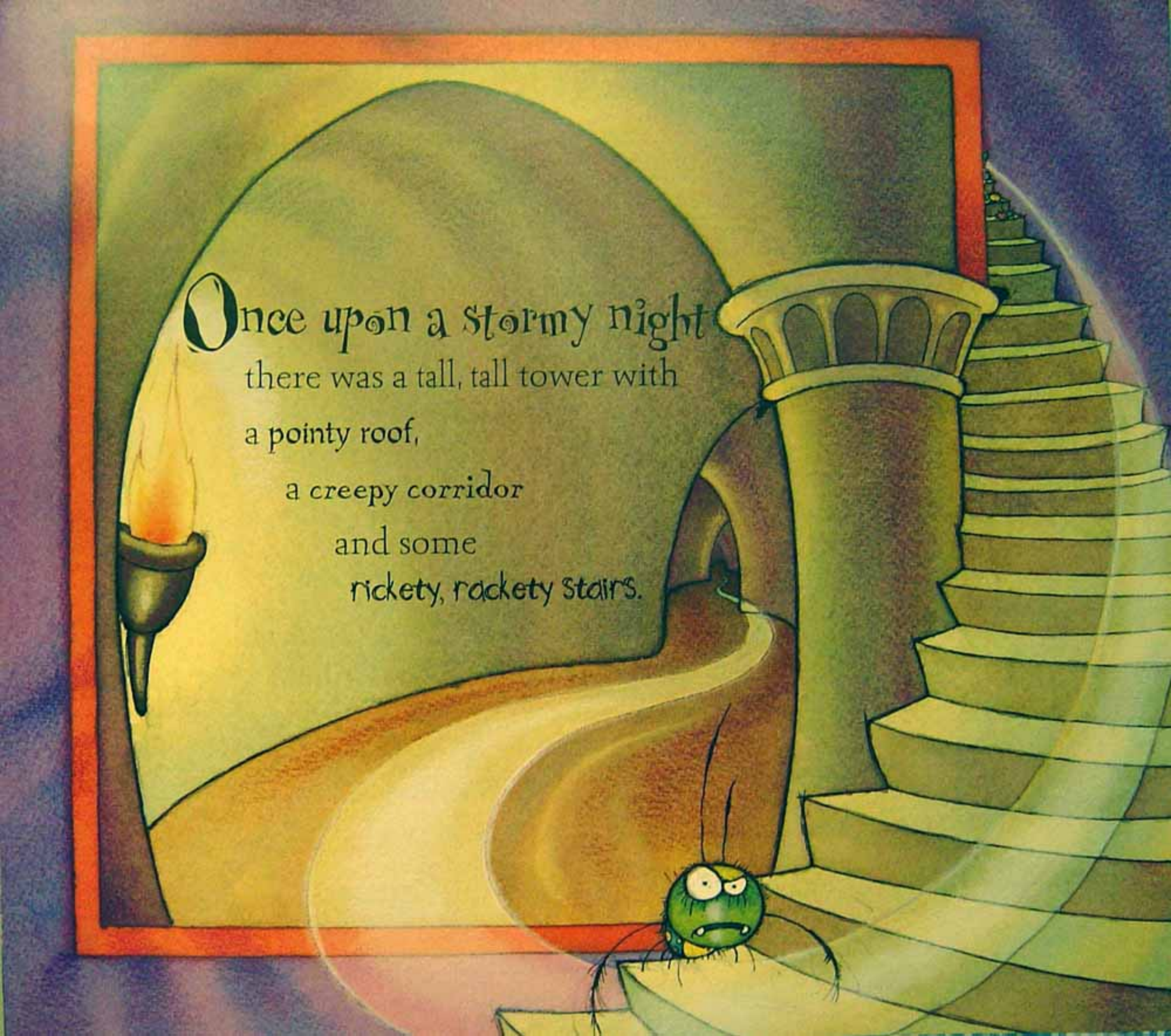
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An illustration of a tower's interior. On the left, a lit candle in a holder casts a warm glow. A winding path leads from the foreground towards a large archway. To the right of the path stands a tall, fluted column with a decorative capital. Further right, a long, narrow staircase with many steps leads upwards, disappearing into the distance. The scene is framed by a thick orange border.

Once upon a stormy night  
there was a tall, tall tower with  
a pointy roof,  
a *creepy* corridor  
and some  
rickety, rackety stairs.








At the top of the stairs a witch with a watch was  
dreaming a scheme, a *long green dragon*  
was lost in sleep, and a little Princess  
was snoring!

Lightning flashed.  
Thunder roared.

And Sweetie Beetles niggled  
and **clacked** as . . .

. . . something went bump in the night!





Well, the witch went ON dreaming,  
the dragon stayed sleeping,

but the little Princess started ...  
... screaming!

'Someone has  
stolen my teddy!'