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Horse**

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FOR HENRY
(10,500 Miles West)
CALLUM
(150 Miles West)
AND SIMON
(Just down the road)

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SPLISH! SPLASH! SPLOSH!

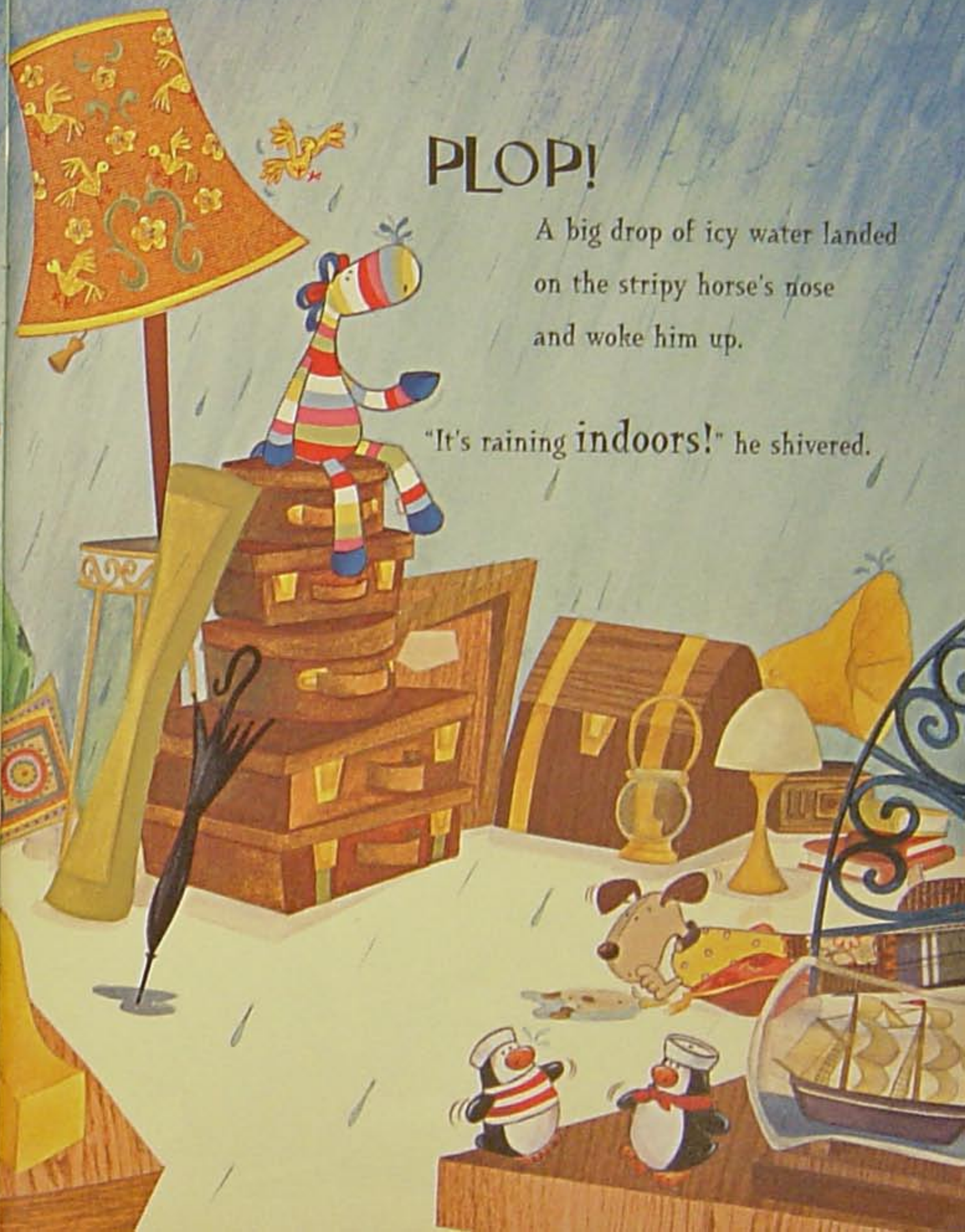
Wet and windy magic was at work in the bric-a-brac shop.



PLOP!

A big drop of icy water landed on the stripy horse's nose and woke him up.

"It's raining indoors!" he shivered.



"Wiggle in your wellies!"

splashed Roly and Pitch.



"Hang on to your hats!"

chirped Muriel.



"And bring out
your brollies!"

barked Hermann.



"Did someone call?"

A flamingo-shaped umbrella
stepped out of the basket by the door.

"My name's Ella," she smiled.

"You can shelter under me if you like."



They all crowded
underneath Ella's
enormous wings.
The rain was
getting heavier.

"We've got to put
a stop to this!"

said the soggy stripy horse.

