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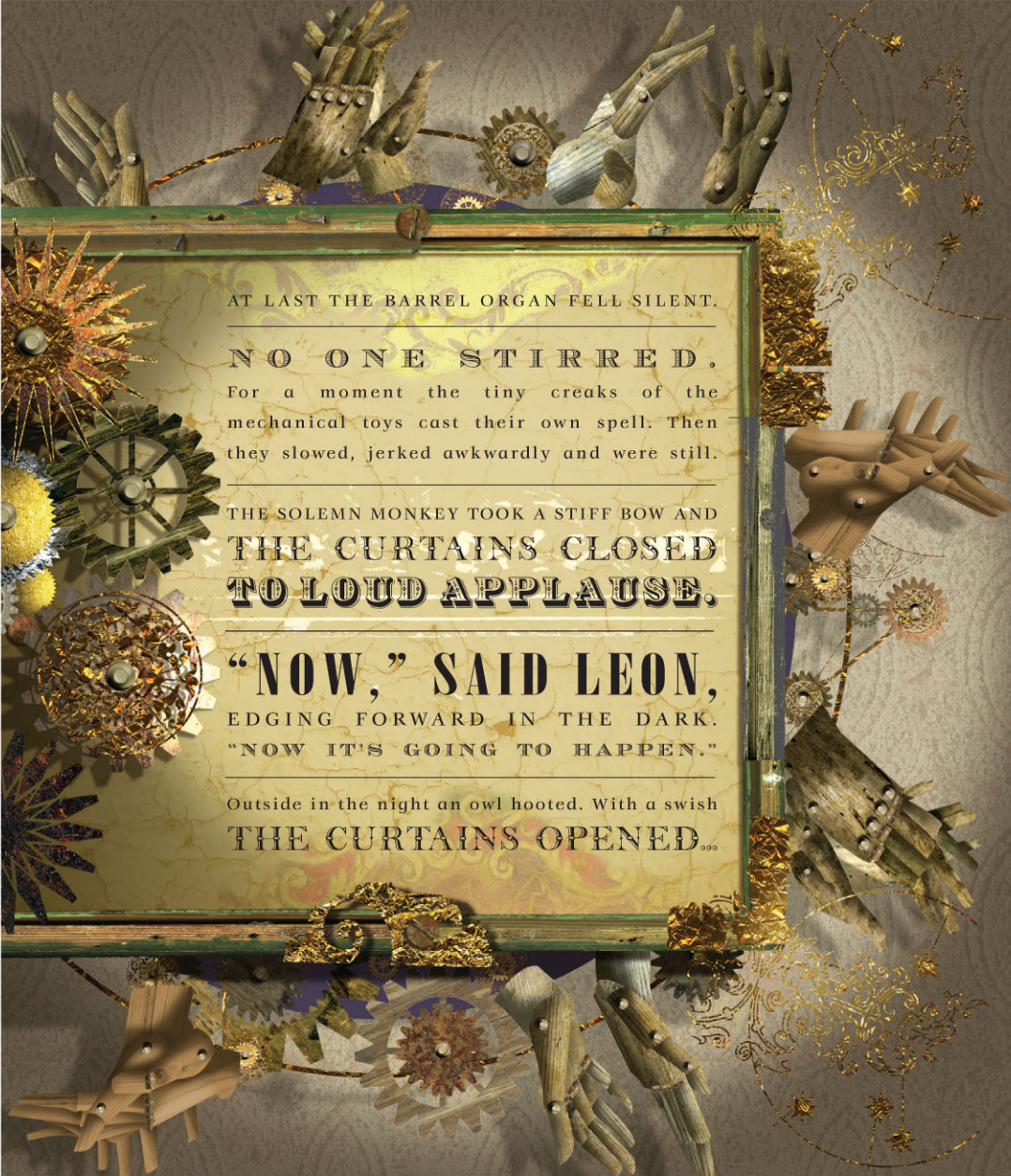
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AT LAST THE BARREL ORGAN FELL SILENT.

**NO ONE STIRRED.**

For a moment the tiny creaks of the mechanical toys cast their own spell. Then they slowed, jerked awkwardly and were still.

THE SOLEMN MONKEY TOOK A STIFF BOW AND  
**THE CURTAINS CLOSED  
TO LOUD APPLAUSE.**

**“NOW,” SAID LEON,**  
EDGING FORWARD IN THE DARK.  
“NOW IT’S GOING TO HAPPEN.”

Outside in the night an owl hooted. With a swish  
**THE CURTAINS OPENED...**





