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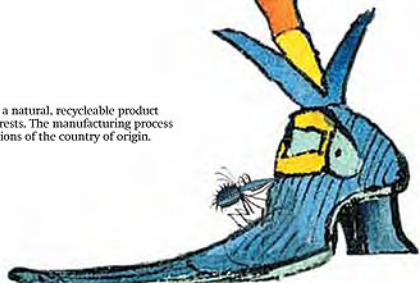
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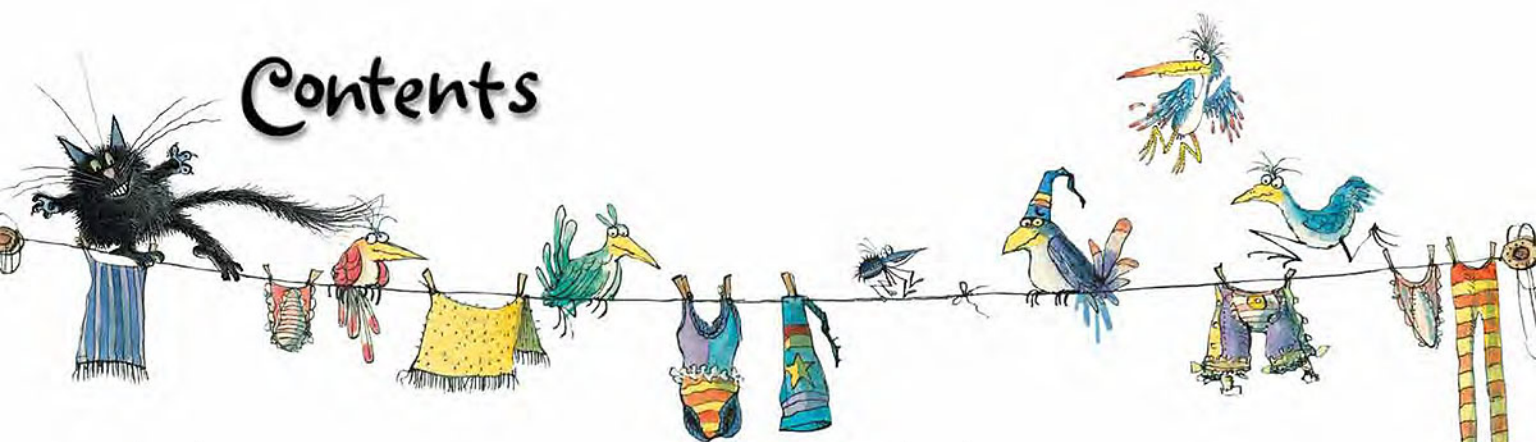
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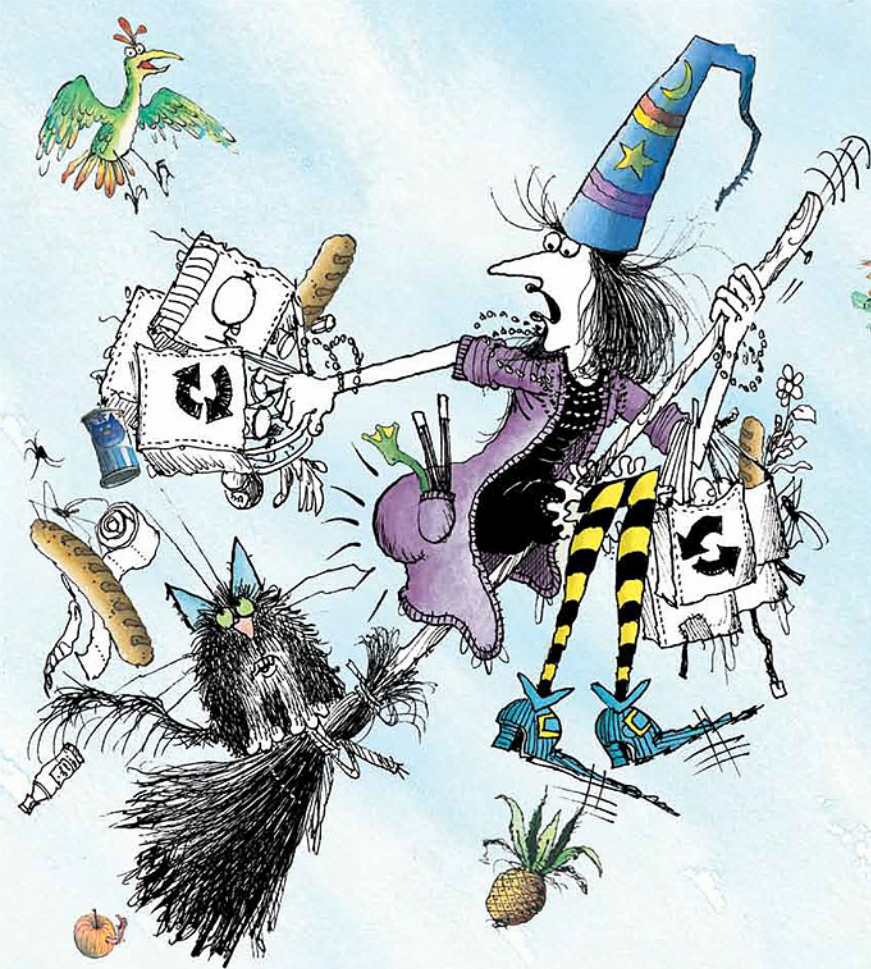
Bump! 'Ouch!' Swerve! 'Ow-ow-ow!

Don't do that, Broom!' wailed Winnie.

Winnie was on her way home from shopping for groceries, riding her broom over the treetops. But a wiffy wind and having to dodge crows meant that it wasn't a smooth ride.

'My bum's black and blue!' said Winnie. 'A knobby bottom on a knobby broomstick is not a comfortable thing.'

She looked over her shoulder at Wilbur who seemed perfectly happy. 'It's all right for you!' she said.



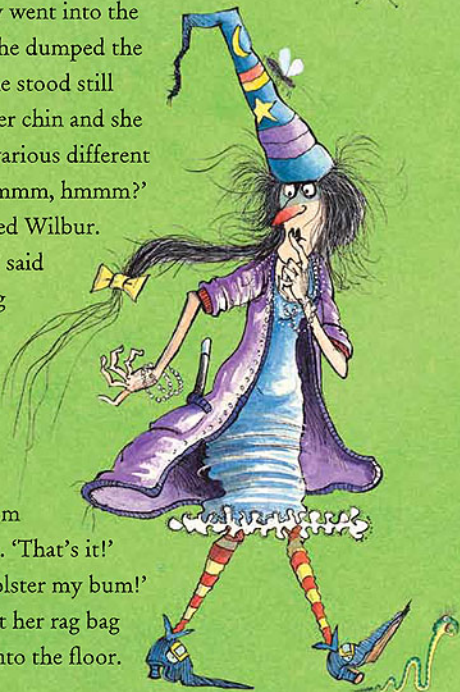
'You've got all that fur to pad you!'

Winnie went quiet as they landed. She didn't say a thing as they went into the house. Or when she dumped the shopping bags. She stood still and she stroked her chin and she said 'Hmmm' in various different tones—'Hmm, hmmm, hmmm?'

'Mrrrow?' asked Wilbur.


'I'm thinking,' said Winnie. 'Thinking of a way to save my bum from getting bruised.' She fell back into an armchair. She waggled her bottom and bounced a bit. 'That's it!' she said. 'I'll upholster my bum!'

Winnie got out her rag bag and tipped rags onto the floor.



'Hmm. I need something soft next to my skin. Ooo, feel that, Wilbur! Bunny fluff. Lovely! Then something tough to protect me from the broom knobbles. How about this?' Winnie picked up a bit of rough canvas. 'But that won't look pretty. Hmm. I do like a pretty knicker.' She pulled out all sorts of fabric and chose the prettiest.





Winnie got her crocodile scissors and cut out her knicker shapes. Then she tried to thread a needle, but she couldn't get the thread through the hole.



'Blooming heck!' said Winnie. 'I need a bit of magic to help me with this. *Abacadabra!*'



In an instant there was a squeaking and a squawking as a rat, a toad and some fleas set to work. The fleas hopped through the eyes of needles to thread them, while the others stitched. Winnie clasped her hands in delight.

'Oo, I can't wait to try the knickers on!'

