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The Very Noisy House

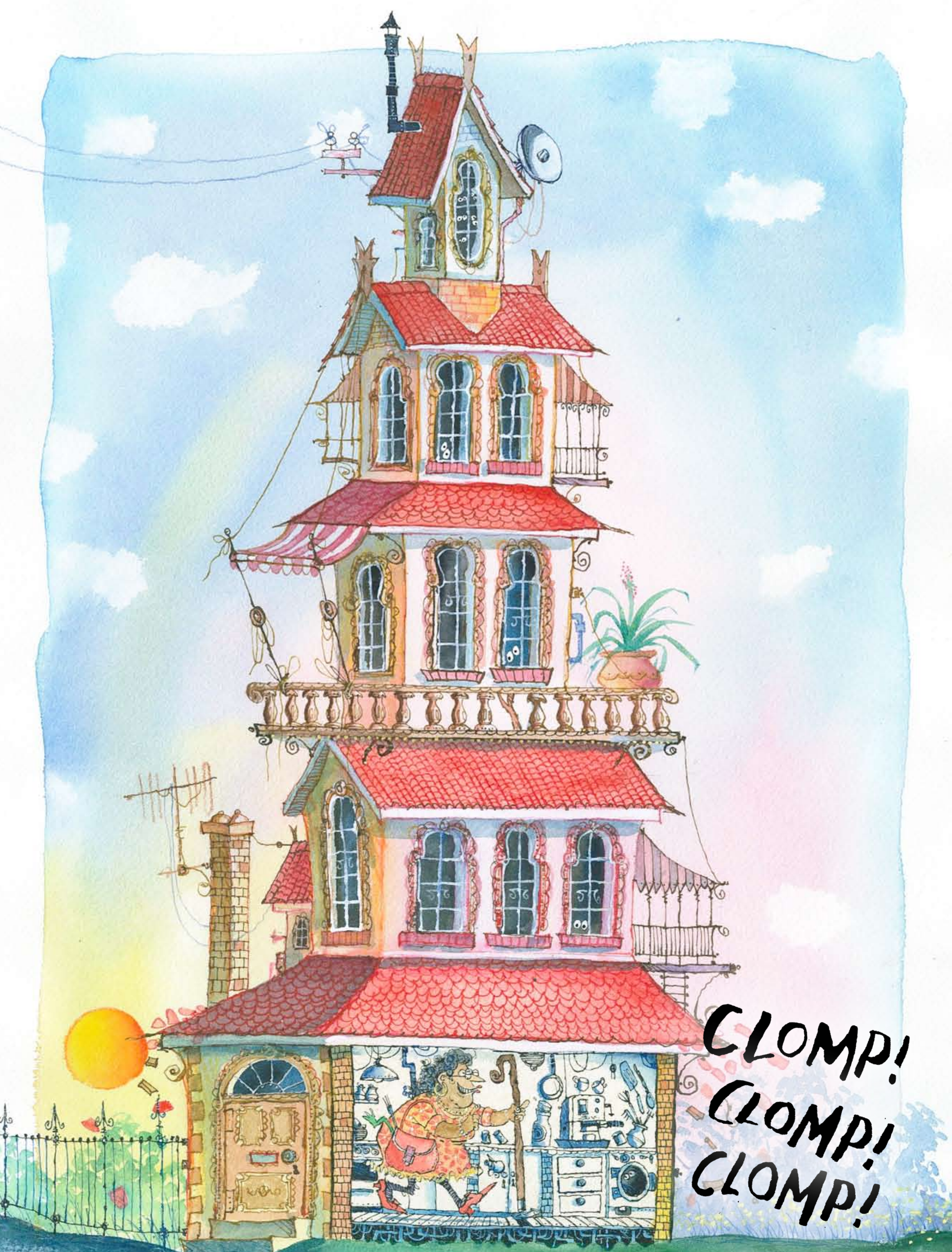
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**CLOMP!
CLOMP!
CLOMP!**

At the bottom of the very tall house lived an old lady.
She walked with the help of a **BIG** wooden stick.

"CLOMP, CLOMP, CLOMP," went the stick as she crossed the room.
"CLOMP, CLOMP, CLOMP."



**Woof!
Woof!
Woof!**

CLOMP! CLOMP! CLOMP!

Living in the room above the old lady
was a **BIG** brown dog.
He pricked up his ears.

Was that someone knocking at the door, he thought?

He raced round the room, **BARKING**, to scare them away.

"WOOF, WOOF, WOOF."

SQUAWK!
SQUAWK!
SQUAWK!

SQUAWK!
SQUAWK!
SQUAWK!

The baby heard the squawking birds and didn't like the sound.

He cried even **HARDER**.

WHAAA!
WHAAA!
WHAAA!

WHAAA!
WHAAA!
WHAAA!

The ginger cat below, listened to the baby crying and was frightened by the sound.

She **MEOWED** even more.

MEOW!

MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!

Downstairs, the barking dog heard the ginger cat meowing. He became very excited at the thought of chasing it.

He **BARKED** as loud as he could.

WOOF!

WOOF!

MEOW! MEOW!

WOOF!

WOOF!

WOOF!

CLOMP!
CLOMP!
CLOMP!

CLOMP!
CLOMP!
CLOMP!

CLOMP!

At the bottom of the tall house, the old lady was annoyed by the **BARKING** dog.

She banged her stick hard on the ceiling to try to quieten him.

