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Wizard's Whisper**

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in memory of his wonderful mum, Cat Johnson. With love. X  
K.S.

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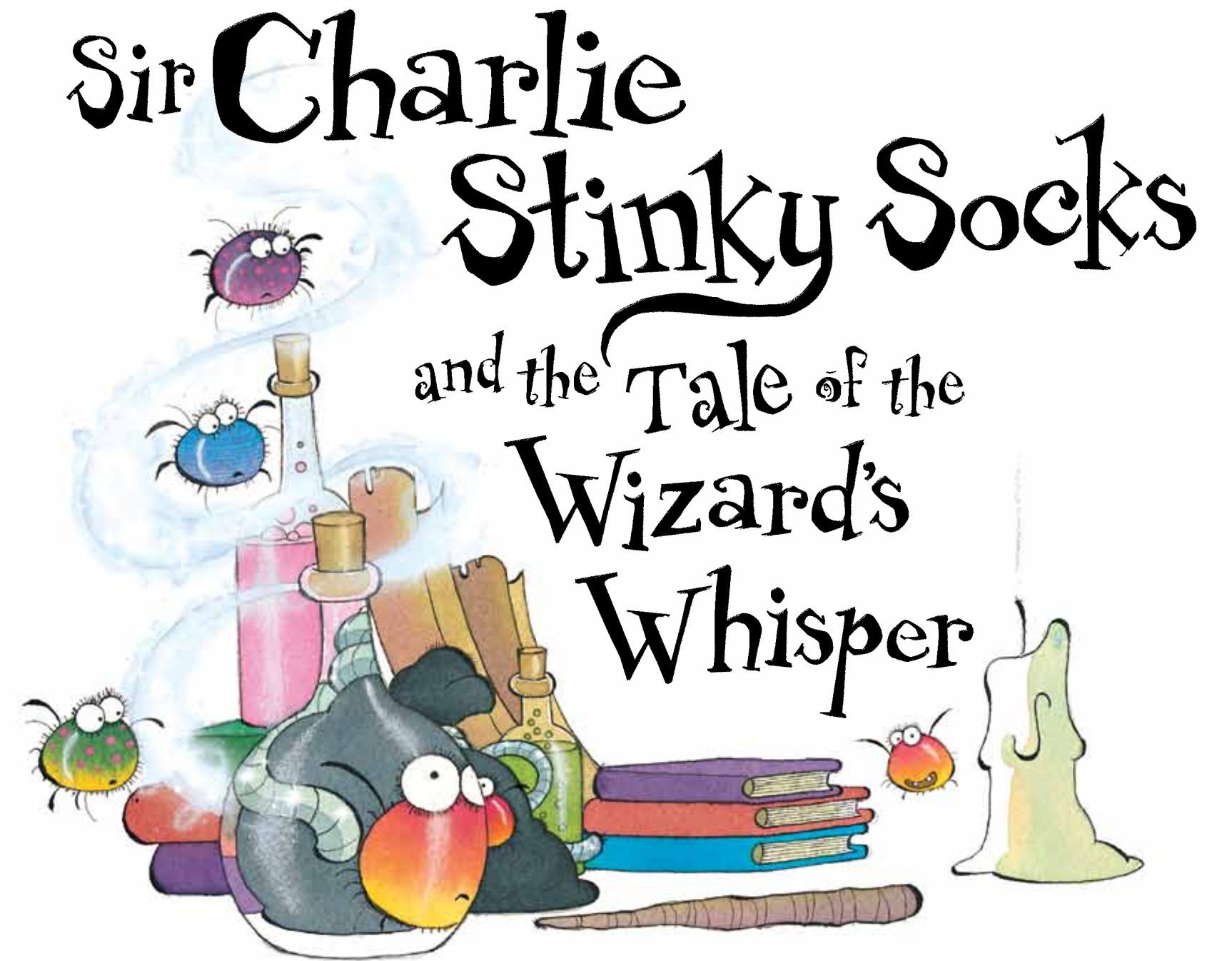
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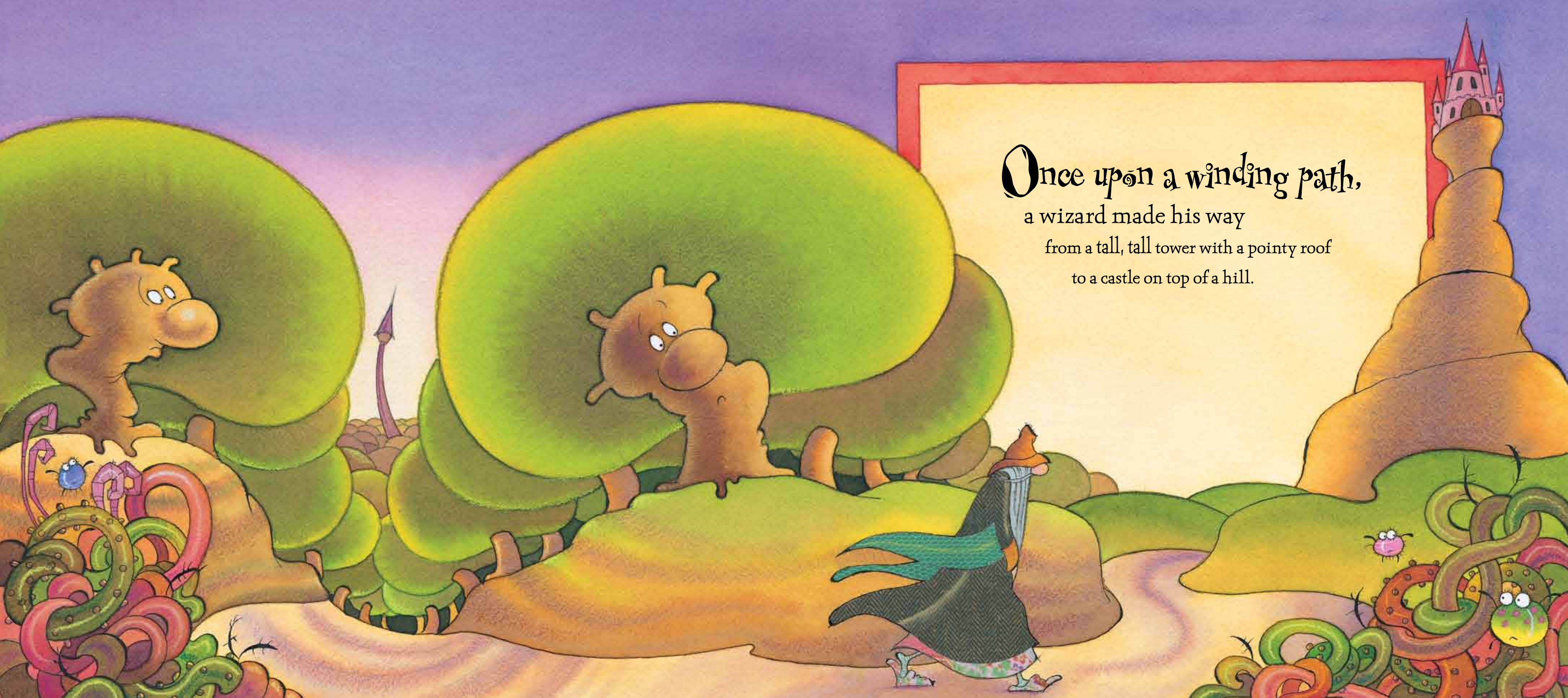
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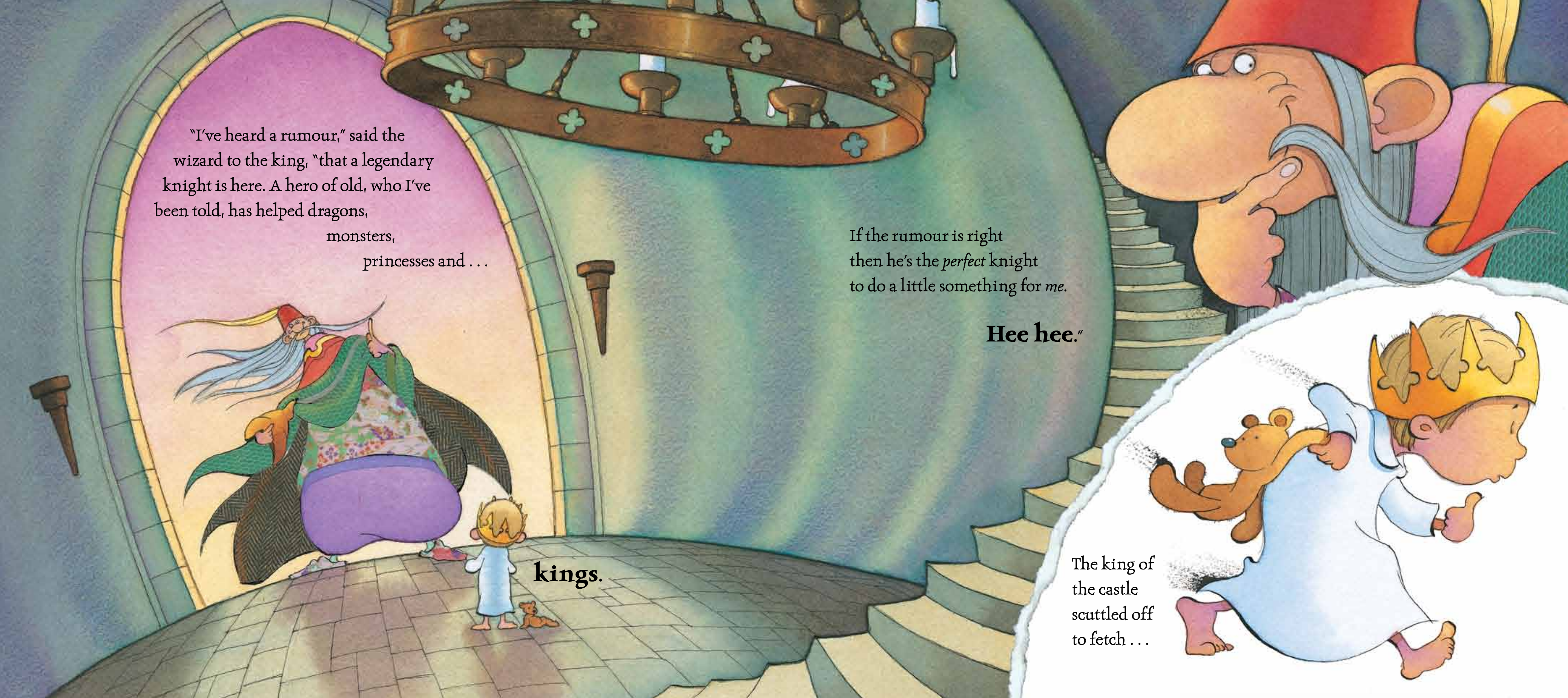


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Once upon a winding path,  
a wizard made his way  
from a tall, tall tower with a pointy roof  
to a castle on top of a hill.



"I've heard a rumour," said the wizard to the king, "that a legendary knight is here. A hero of old, who I've been told, has helped dragons, monsters, princesses and . . .

**kings.**

If the rumour is right then he's the *perfect* knight to do a little something for *me*.

**Hee hee."**

The king of the castle scuttled off to fetch . . .



... Sir Charlie Stinky Socks who – along with his faithful, fearless cat, Envelope, and his good grey mare – *was* in the castle on that very night ...

looking for a *new* adventure.

"Listen well," said the wizard,  
"here's what I need you to do.

Take a **treacherous** track,  
to a **spooky-wooky** wood,  
and look for a **deep, dark** cave.

Inside the cave is a little black sack,  
tied with a silver string.

Bring that sack back to me," he said,

"but ...

**DO NOT** look inside."

Sir Charlie could hardly contain his excitement –  
unlike the cat and the horse!

So off he went to bring back  
the sack while ...

... the wizard  
sent out a  
whisper.

