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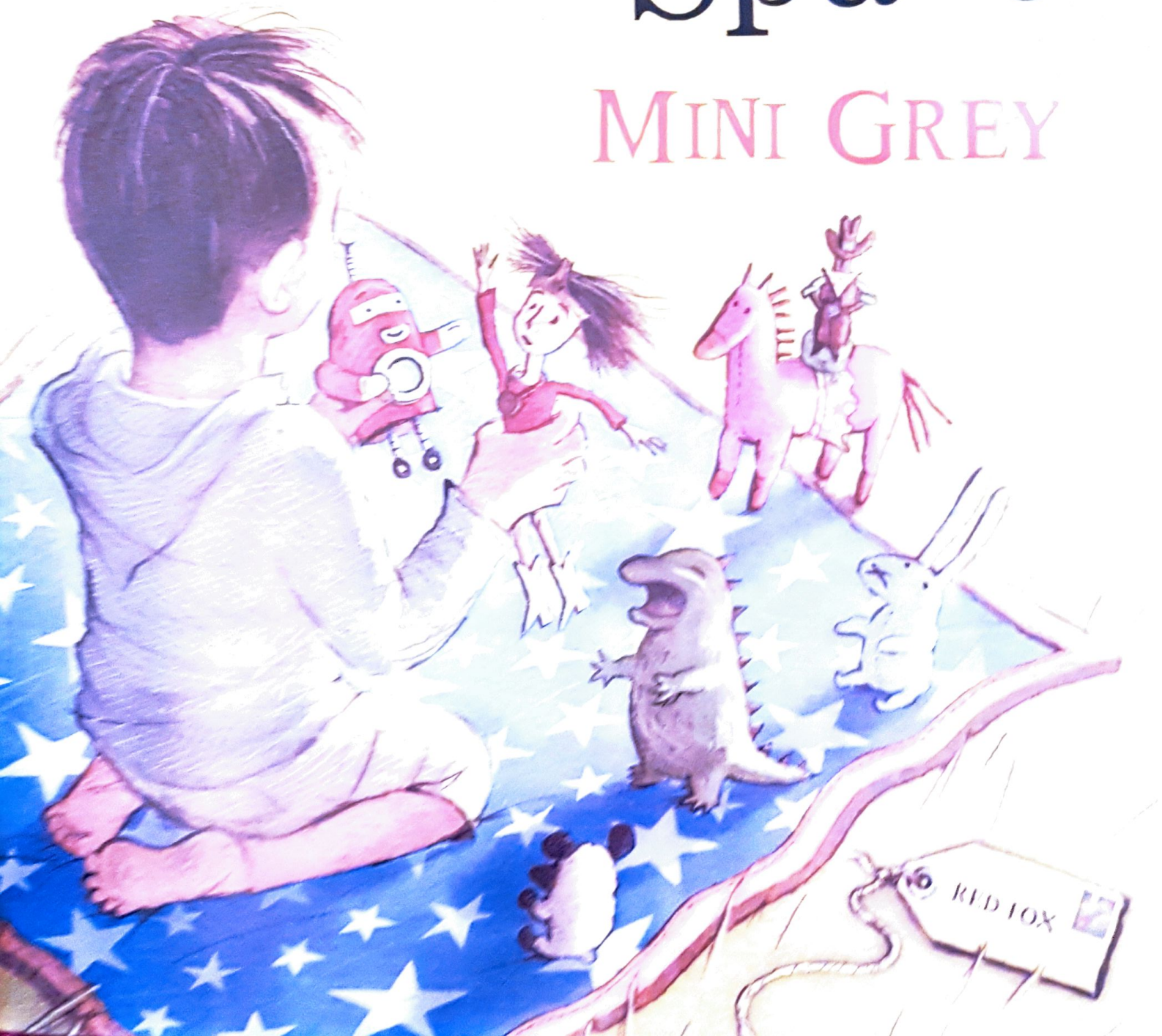
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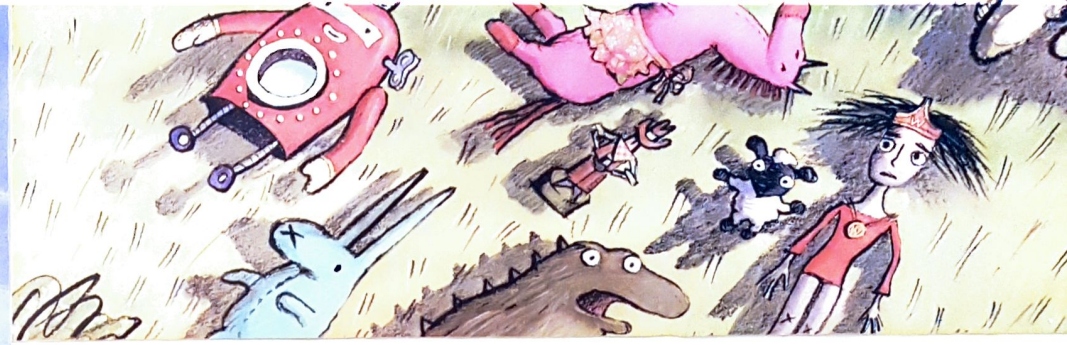


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That summer night
for the first time
the toys were left outside.



The sun went down,



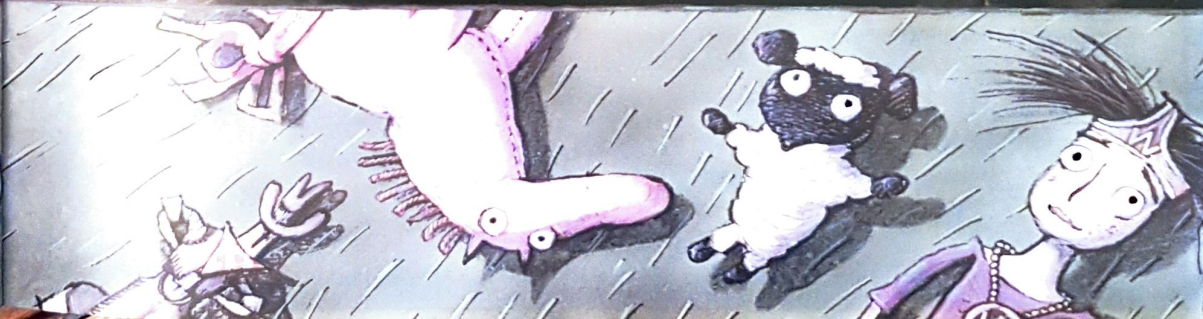
the sky grew dark,



and, for the very first time...

the toys saw

THIS



*Everyone was quiet
for a while.*

And then...

WHAT'S THOSE?

They're the stars stupid - dang it, don't Ya know what the stars is?

I don't like the dark!

Oooooo!

I may get damp!

I'm scared.

"We need someone to tell us a story!" said the Blue Rabbit.

The WonderDoll thought for a moment,

and then she began.

It was going to be a long night.

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there were seven toys left out in the garden:



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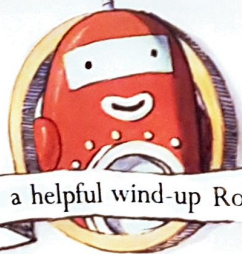
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a thoughtful green Dinosaur,



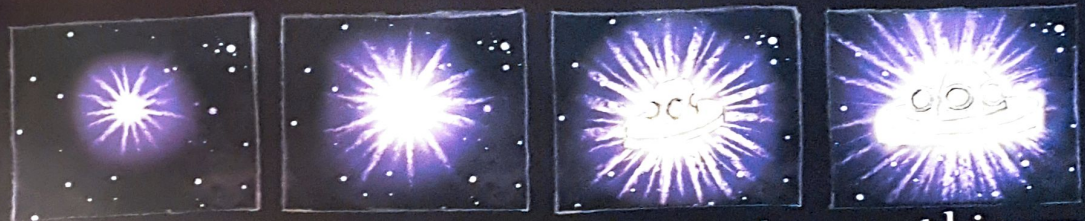
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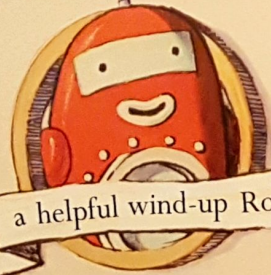
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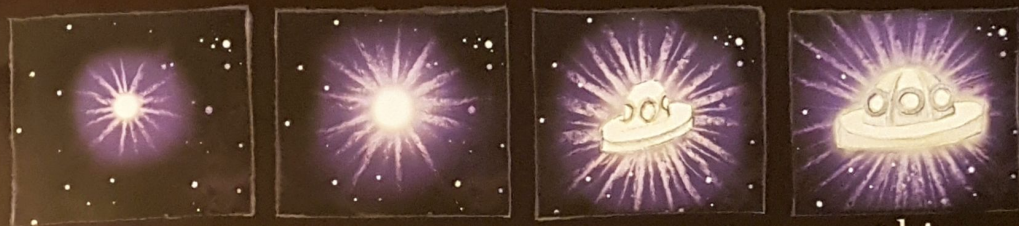
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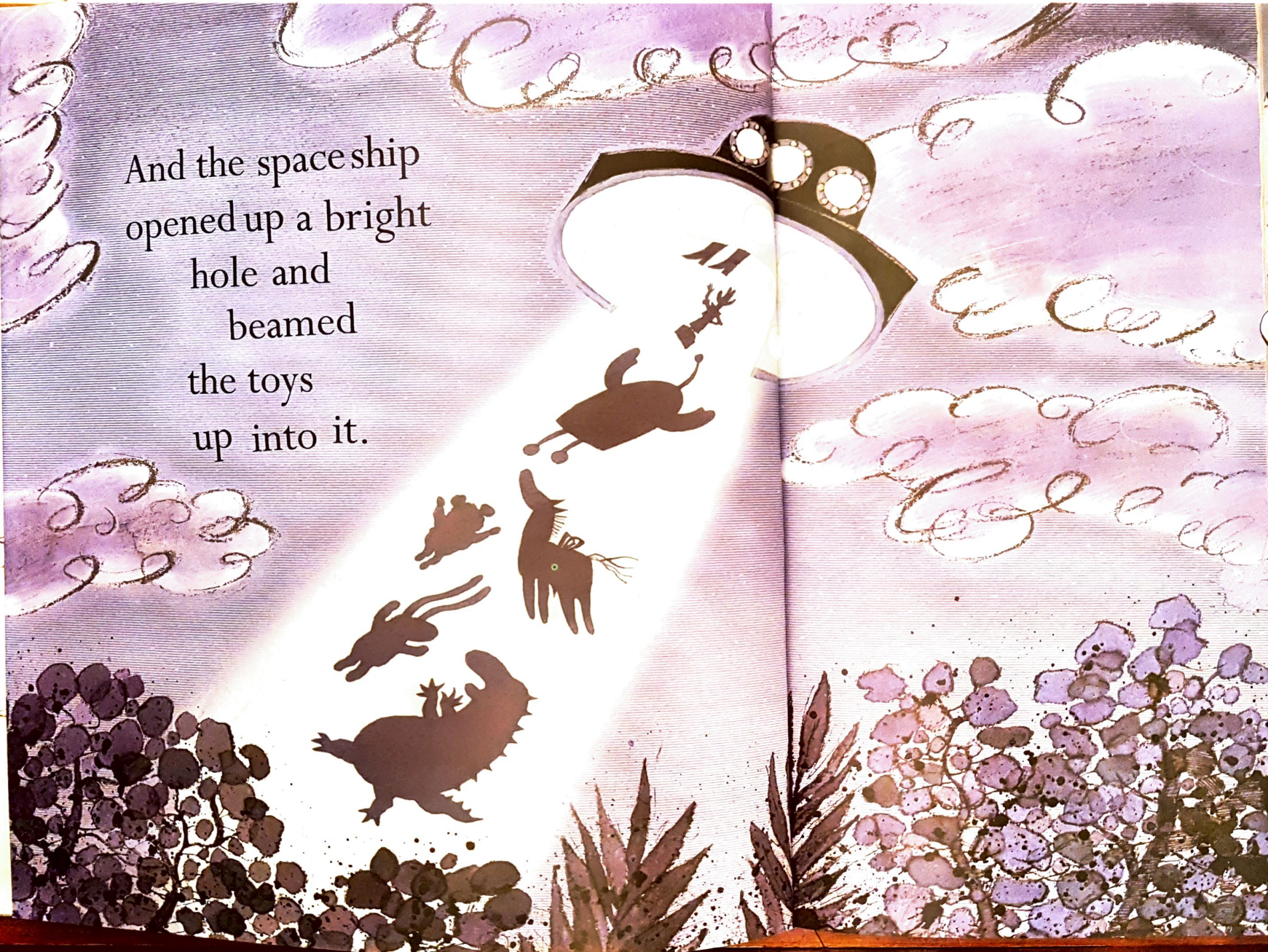


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was actually not a star at all -
it was a space ship!

And the spaceship
opened up a bright
hole and
beamed
the toys
up into it.



Well (went on the WonderDoll), the toys were inside the spaceship and feeling a bit worried as you can imagine.



Then a door opened...

It's a drooling alien! It probably likes to eat pink felt!

It might drool at the toys!

No dang alien is drooling at me!



Someone might get their stuffing probed!

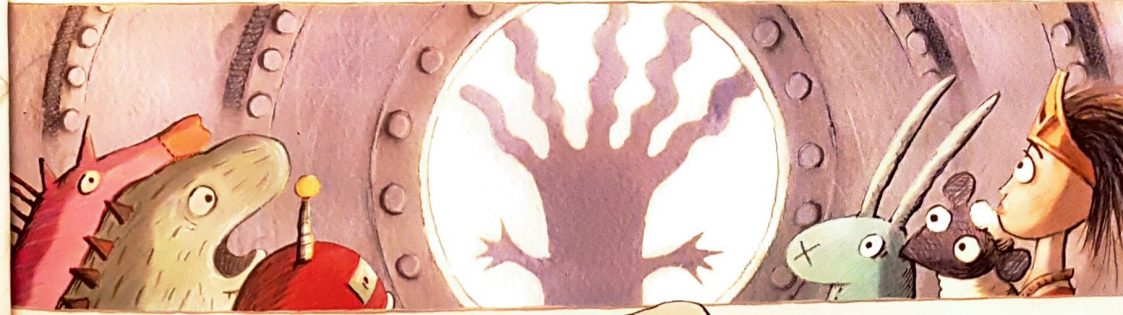
...and the toys saw a shadow in the doorway.

I don't think anyone's stuffing should be probed!

Oh dear, there might be an accident!

No dang drooling alien is probing me!

In came a space creature.



What did it look like?

Was it drooling?

It looked rather like a glove
and it was wearing pyjamas
and its eyes were red
from crying.



What was it called?



We will call it the
Hoctopize for now.



It looked carefully at all the toys.
None of the toys was the one it was looking for.



The Hoctopize showed the toys
a picture of its Cuddles who was
lost.

It took them to the
Room of a Thousand
Lost Toys.

It had collected
them from gardens
all over Earth.

SLEEP-O-METER



SLIGHTLY DROWSY

LIGHT SNOOZE

SWEET DREAMS

DEEP SLEEP

SUSPENDED
ANIMATION

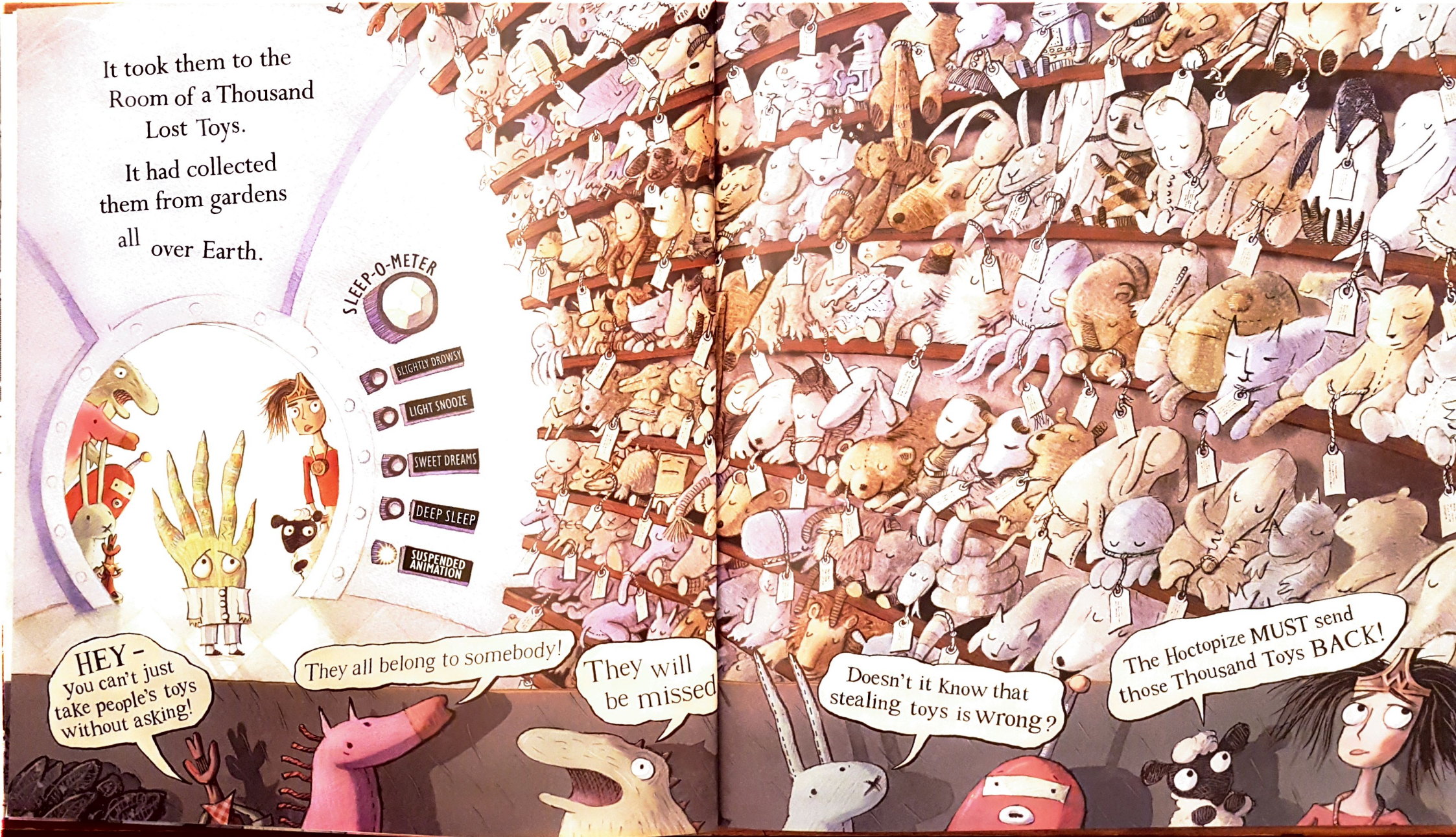
HEY -
You can't just
take people's toys
without asking!

They all belong to somebody!

They will
be missed

Doesn't it know that
stealing toys is wrong?

The Hoctopize **MUST** send
those Thousand Toys **BACK!**





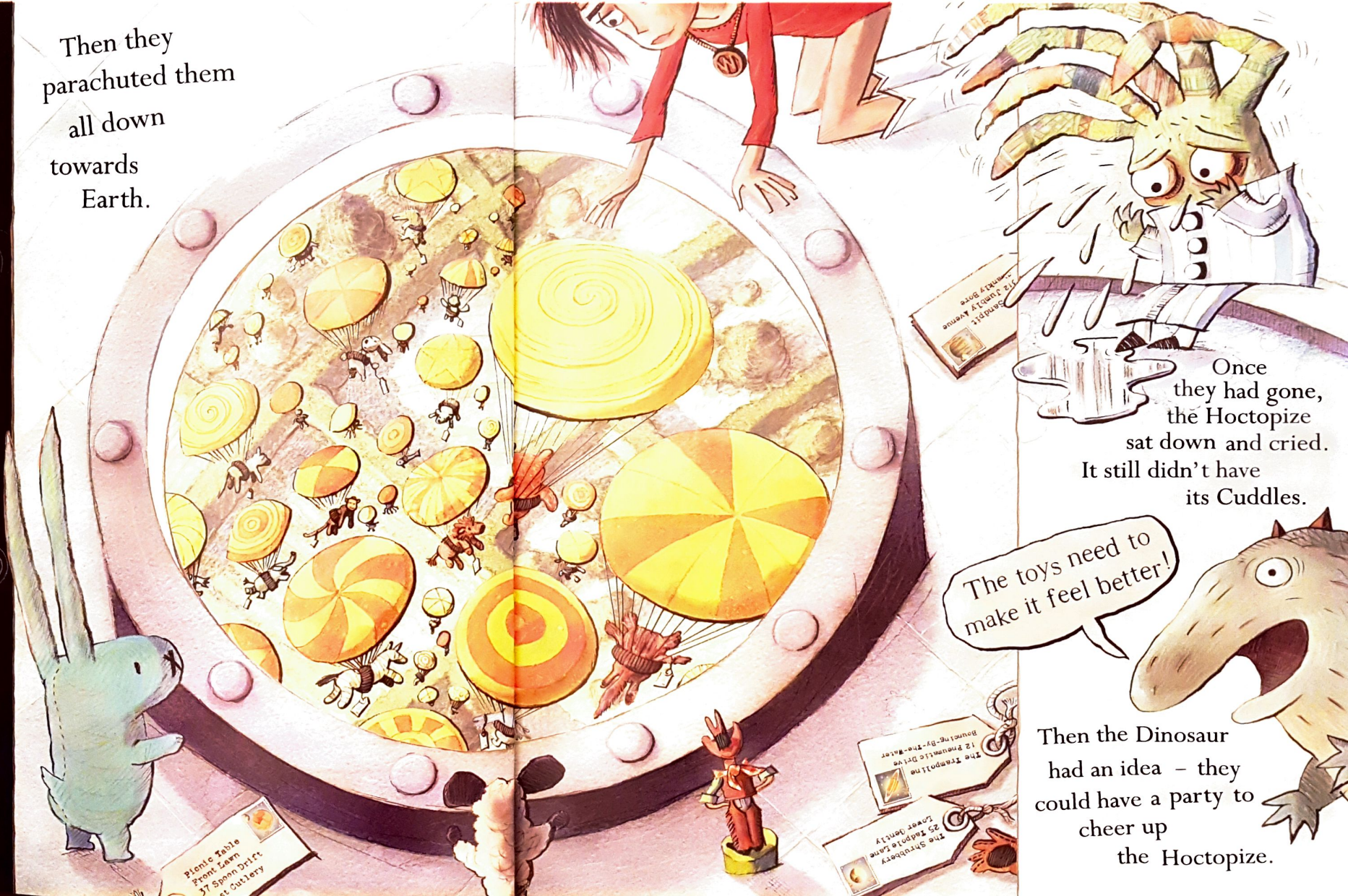
The toys helped the Hoctopize to realise that all those Thousand Lost Toys had to be returned to their real homes.

But how do they know where to send them?

Luckily the Hoctopize was very organised and had labelled them all with their addresses.

It put a stamp on each label to help with the delivery.

Then they parachuted them all down towards Earth.



Once they had gone, the Hoctopize sat down and cried. It still didn't have its Cuddles.

The toys need to make it feel better!

Then the Dinosaur had an idea – they could have a party to cheer up the Hoctopize.



Everyone had jobs to do:
Blue Rabbit and Pink Horse
made a cake,
WonderDoll
and Small Sheep
made party hats - and
Robot and
Dinosaur did
the decorations.

And what about
the Cowboy?
What did the
Cowboy do?



The Cowboy
organised
all the games.



Hey! You!
Stop!
You're out!

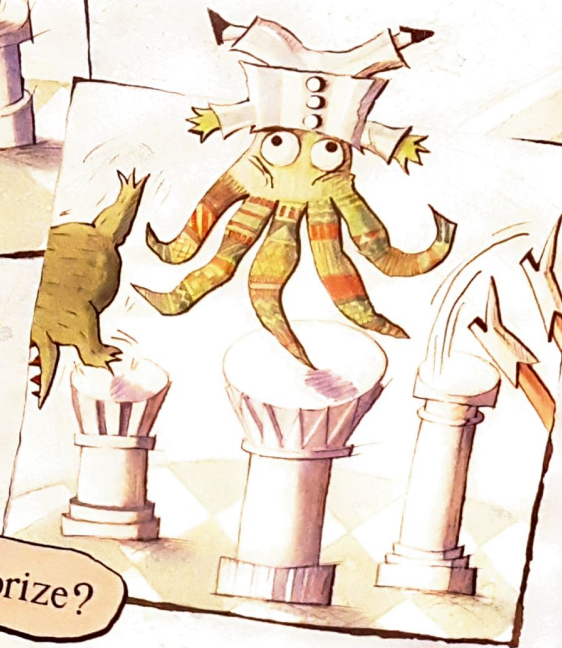
They played
musical chairs
and musical statues
and pass-the-parcel.



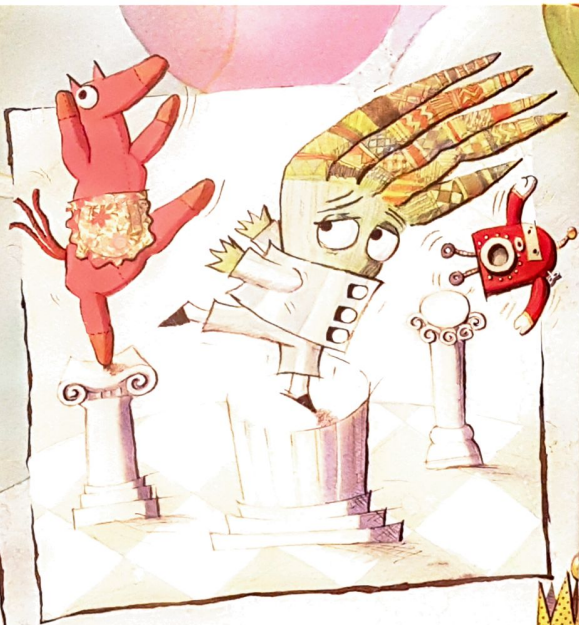
It turned out
that the Hoctopize
was outstandingly good
at musical statues,



and won
every time.



What was the prize?



They gave it
the WonderDoll's
medal as
the prize.



But the toys can't
stay in space
for ever!

THEY NEED TO
GO HOME!

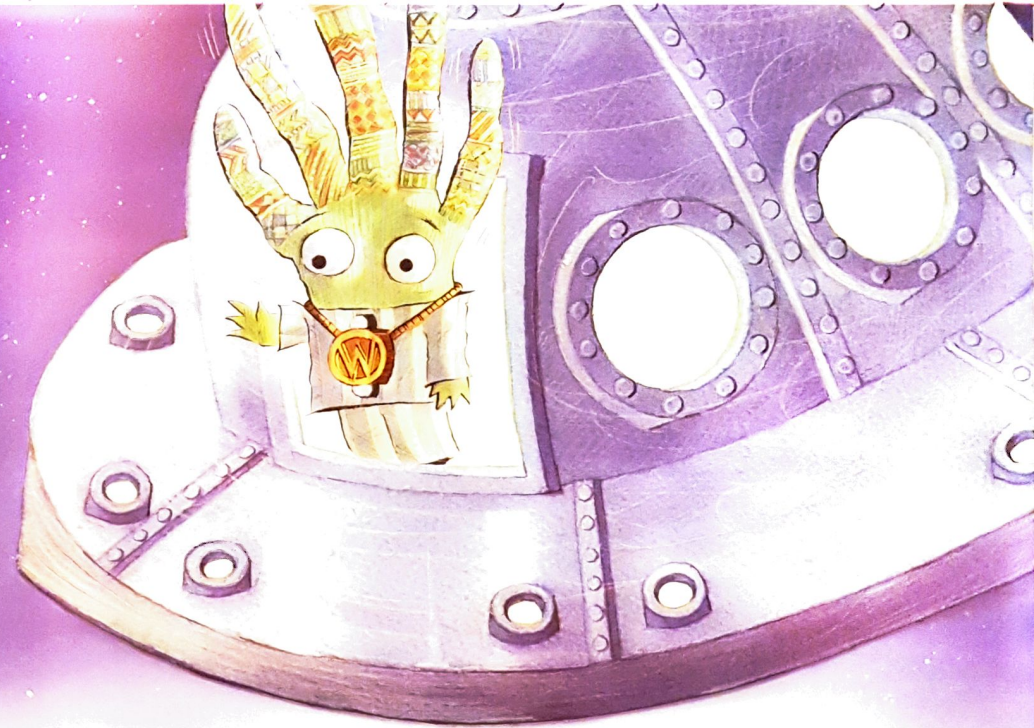
Someone will be
missing them!





Our toys have to return
(the WonderDoll carried on).

They each hold a balloon to drift down,
and everybody takes a piece of cake.
The Hoctopize waves goodbye.



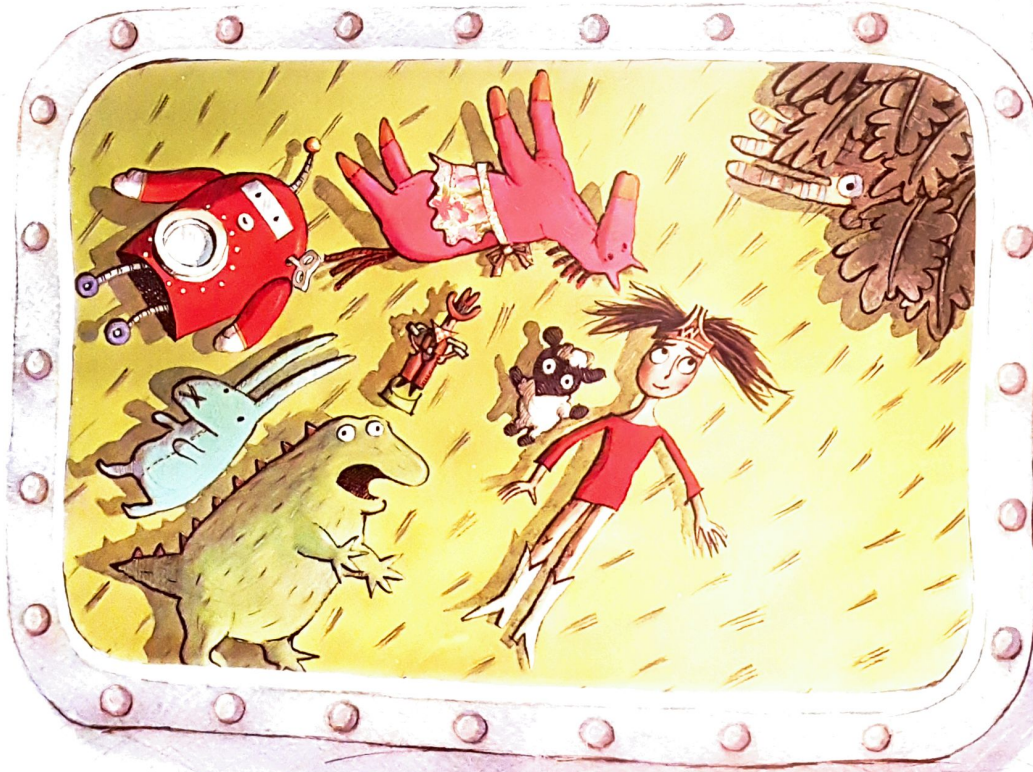
And down down down
through dark space
and into blue sky
and through clouds
and towards the ground
float the toys.

The WonderDoll stopped.



The toys opened
their eyes - the dawn
had happened.

It was a new day,
and soon they would
be found.



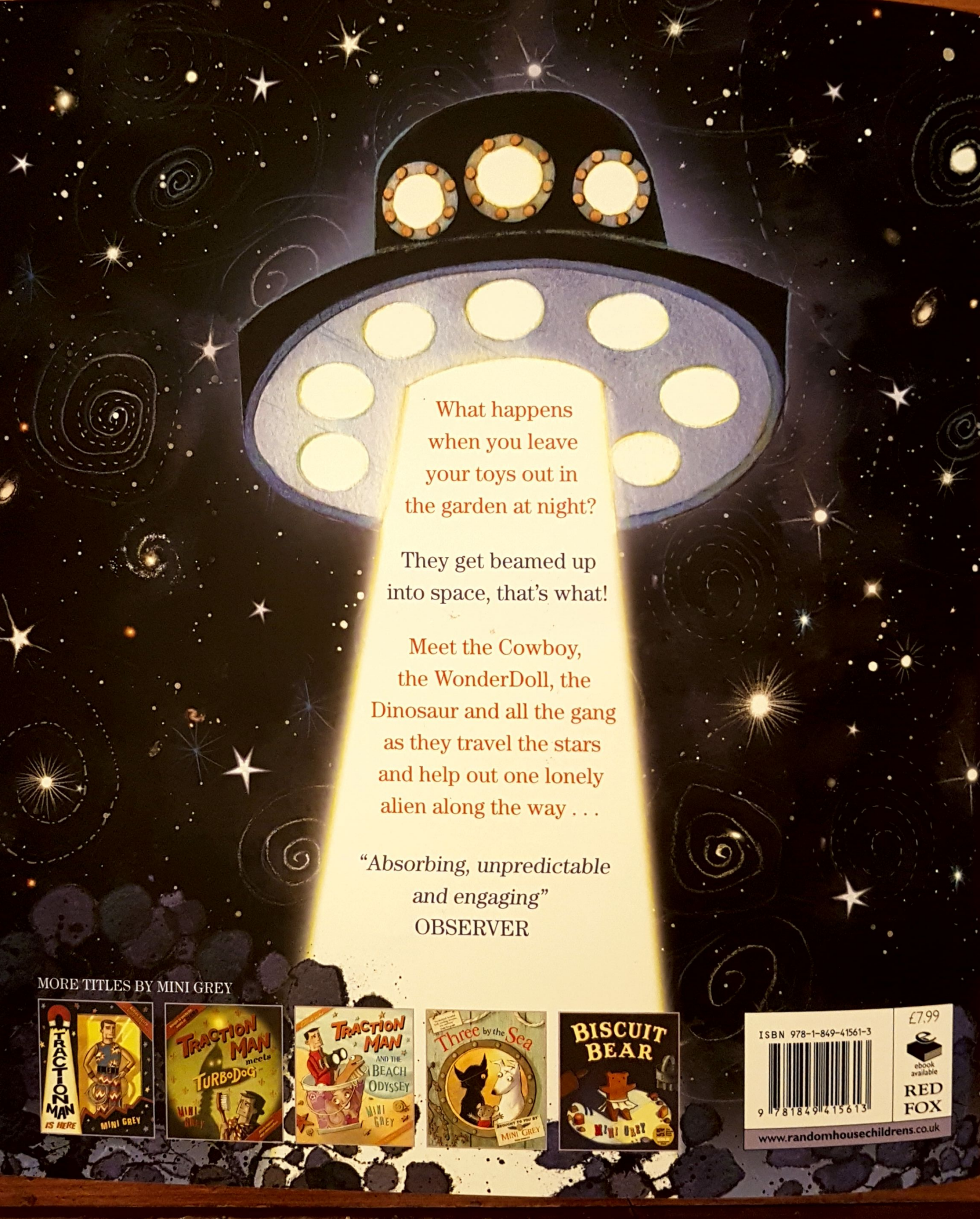
Oh yes (said the WonderDoll), of course it will find its Cuddles.



It will be in the last place it looks.



Things
always are.



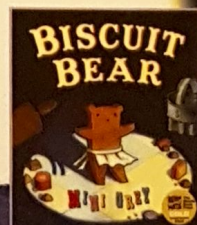
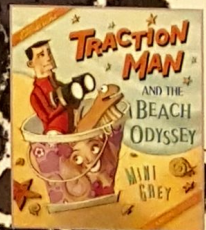
What happens
when you leave
your toys out in
the garden at night?

They get beamed up
into space, that's what!

Meet the Cowboy,
the WonderDoll, the
Dinosaur and all the gang
as they travel the stars
and help out one lonely
alien along the way . . .

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