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There was nothing Pandora loved more than spending time with her granny. Araminta Violet Crow was exciting, funny and kind. The only tiny problem was you never quite knew what she'd get up to next. You see, Pandora's granny was (whisper this next bit) … *a witch.*





Chapter One

"Have some cereal!" Granny grinned as she and Pandora ate breakfast.

Pandora had been staying with Granny all week. They'd been making a costume for Pandora's school play, which was happening today.

Pandora eyed up the box of Froggy-Pops. Breakfast at Granny's was always "different".



In fact, *everything* at Granny's was different. And that's because Pandora's granny was *(whisper it!)* a witch.

Granny tipped some cereal into Pandora's bowl. Phew – it looked normal! But suddenly, as Pandora poured on the milk…

POP!
POP!
POP!

The cereal frogs turned into *real* ones, which went leaping out of the bowl – *ping!*

"I *love* that spell!" giggled Granny. "Such fun!"



Pandora ate some toast instead. As she did, Granny's grandmother clock gave a cough and a door by number eight creaked open. A sleepy little bat came wriggling out, yawning, "School time."

Pandora plodded off upstairs and got into her costume for her school play. She couldn't put it off a moment longer. Then peeping through her fingers, she looked in the mirror. "Eeek!"



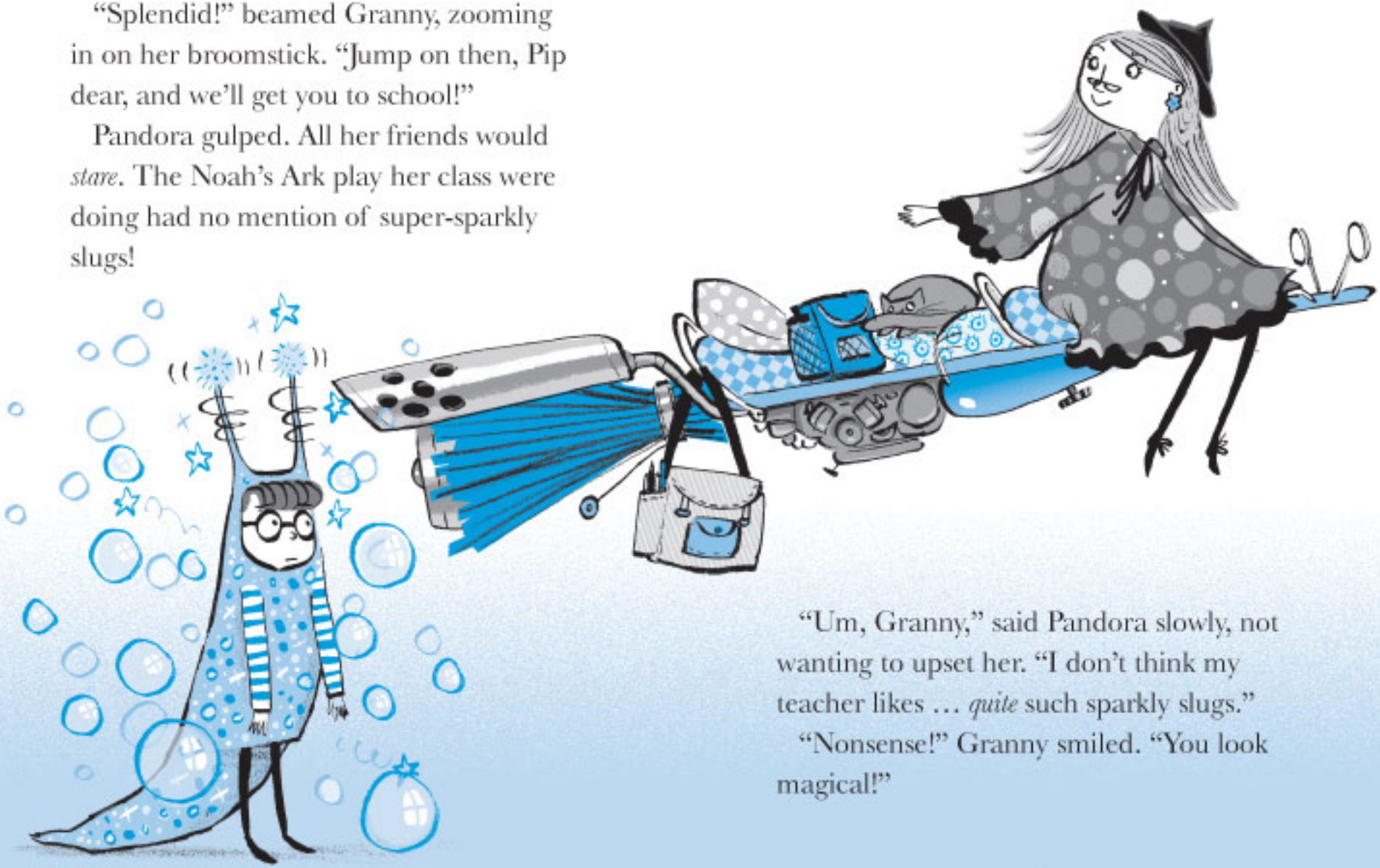
Granny had gone wild when they'd been making this costume. She'd cast every spell on it she knew!

Pandora was meant to be a plain garden slug. Not a slug that twinkled. Not a slug with spinning antennae. And certainly not a slug that blooped out giant rainbow bubbles!



"Splendid!" beamed Granny, zooming in on her broomstick. "Jump on then, Pip dear, and we'll get you to school!"

Pandora gulped. All her friends would *stare*. The Noah's Ark play her class were doing had no mention of super-sparkly slugs!



"Um, Granny," said Pandora slowly, not wanting to upset her. "I don't think my teacher likes … *quite* such sparkly slugs."

"Nonsense!" Granny smiled. "You look magical!"