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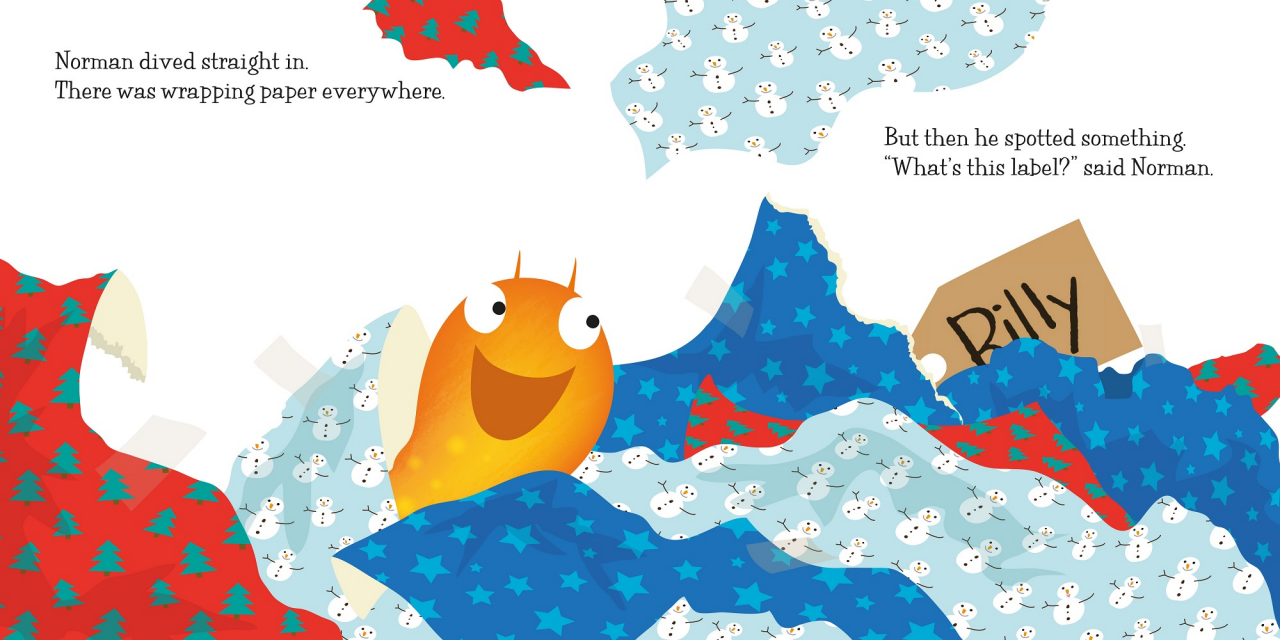
Norman was very excited. It was Christmas Eve.

His stocking was up and he'd even left a snack for Father Christmas's reindeer.


THWACK!
"Gosh!" thought Norman.
"I didn't know I'd been THAT good!
Thanks, Father Christmas!"

Norman dived straight in.
There was wrapping paper everywhere.

But then he spotted something.
"What's this label?" said Norman.



"The scooter is for Jess," he read.





"The ukulele is for Billy.



And the football is for Susie.

Oh no!
What have I done?



None of these presents are for me! Billy, Jess and Susie will wake up tomorrow and think that Father Christmas has forgotten them.

I'd better get these presents to Wiggleton as fast as I can."



But Wiggleton looked a very long way away.
How would Norman get all the presents there?



And that's when he had an idea!



Heeeaavvve!
He pushed over the sign.

"Fantastic! That will do nicely," thought Norman.



Then he set to work gathering
all the other things he needed.



He was very busy.