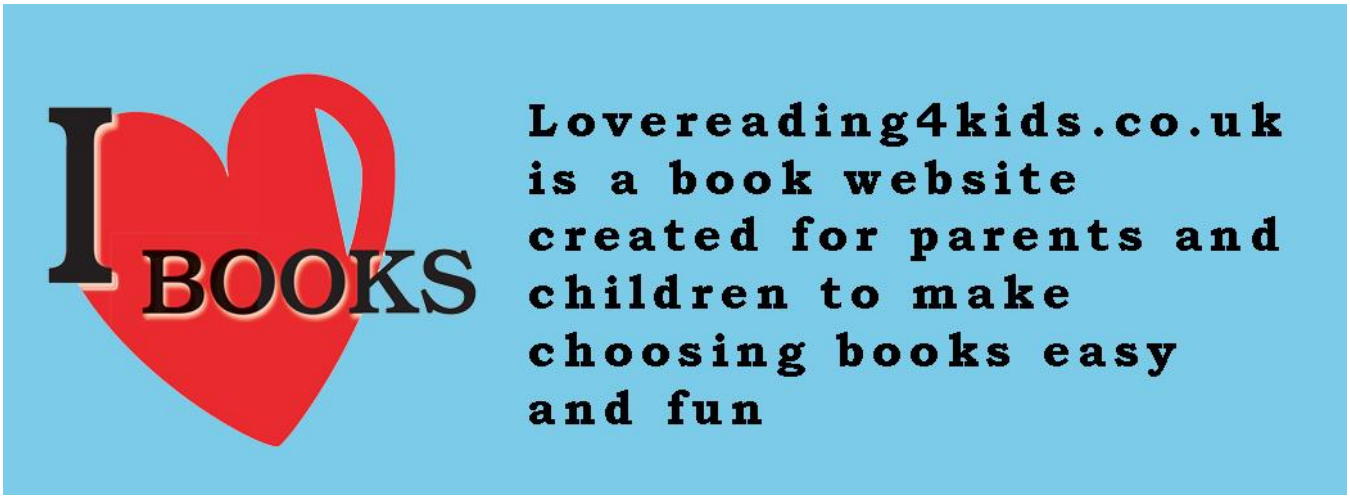


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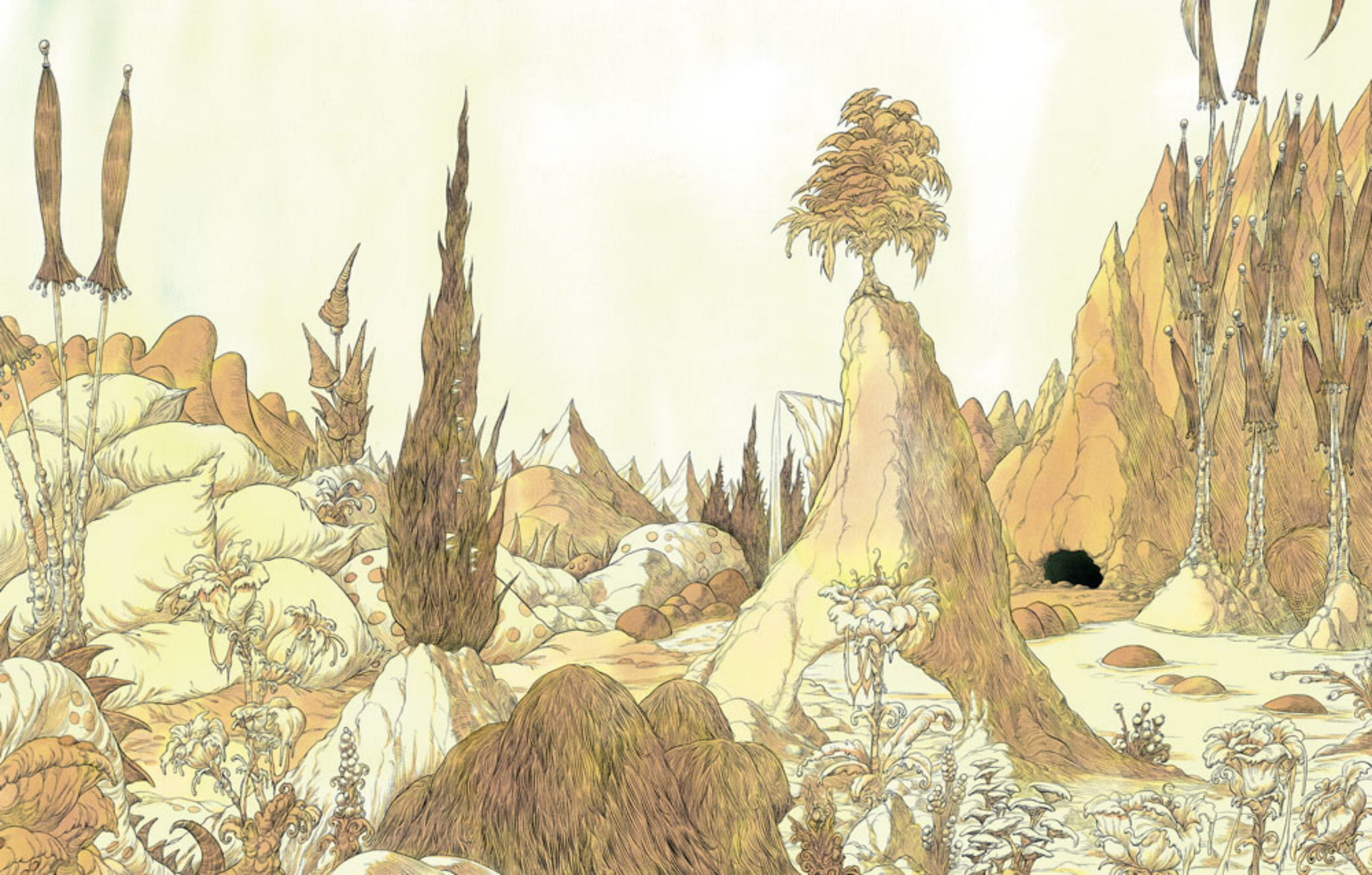
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The Emperor of Absurdia was having the most extraordinary dream.

All of a sudden he woke to the hoots of the sky fish nibbling the umbrella trees.



He tumbled



out of



bed . . .

. . . into the arms
of the
Wardrobe
Monster.





The Wardrobe Monster
helped the Emperor
get dressed –

in a
bobbly hat,





a crumply
coat,

and a pair of
jingle-jangle
socks.



"Have you seen my
snuggly scarf anywhere?"
the Emperor asked.

The Wardrobe Monster
shook his big hairy head.

"That's funny,
I had it yesterday,"
said the Emperor,
and set off on a
scarf hunt . . .