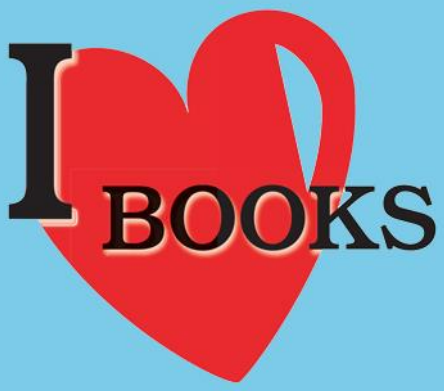


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Princess Flo was excited! She was off to spend
her pocket money at Fluffley's Fine Toys,
her favourite toy shop in town.



At Fluffley's Fine Toys everyone was
busy preparing for the royal visit.

But not everything was going according to plan!
"That owl has a scowl," cried Miss Fluffley, the owner.
"Remove it at once!"

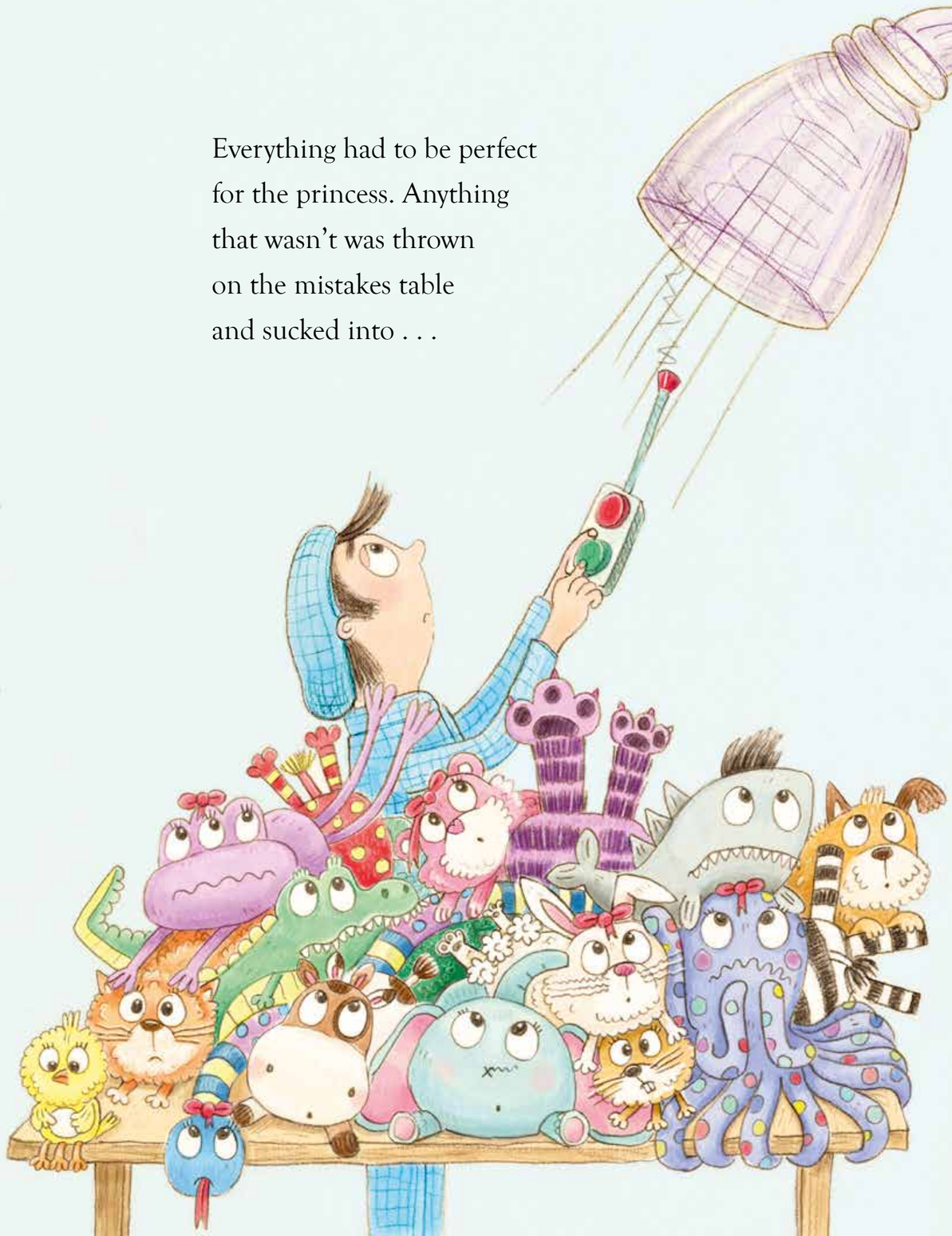


Upstairs in the workshop things were even worse.
"This donkey is wonky," cried Miss Fluffley.

"Fix it at once!"



Everything had to be perfect
for the princess. Anything
that wasn't was thrown
on the mistakes table
and sucked into . . .



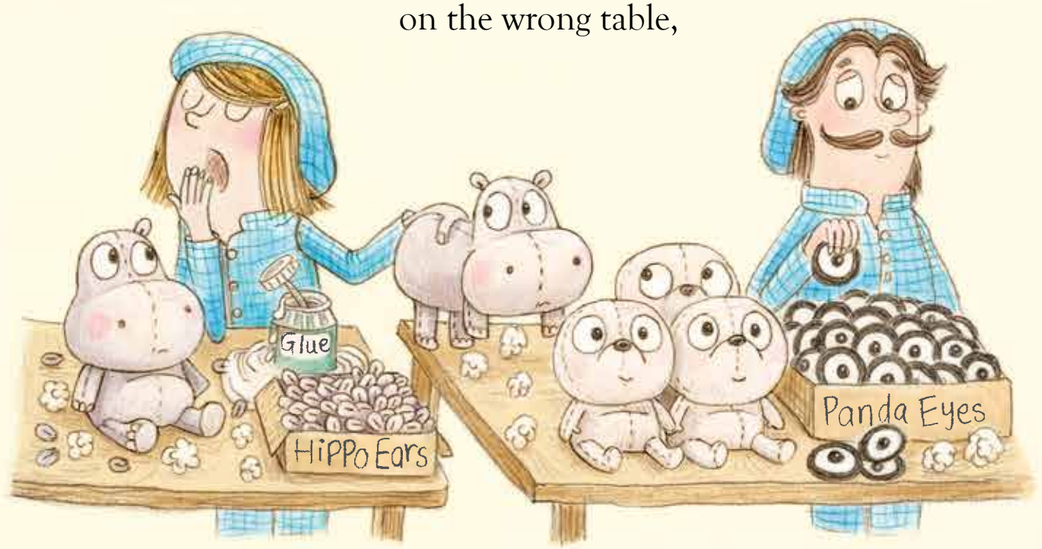
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But the day had started early and everyone was tired.
They hadn't even had a tea break!

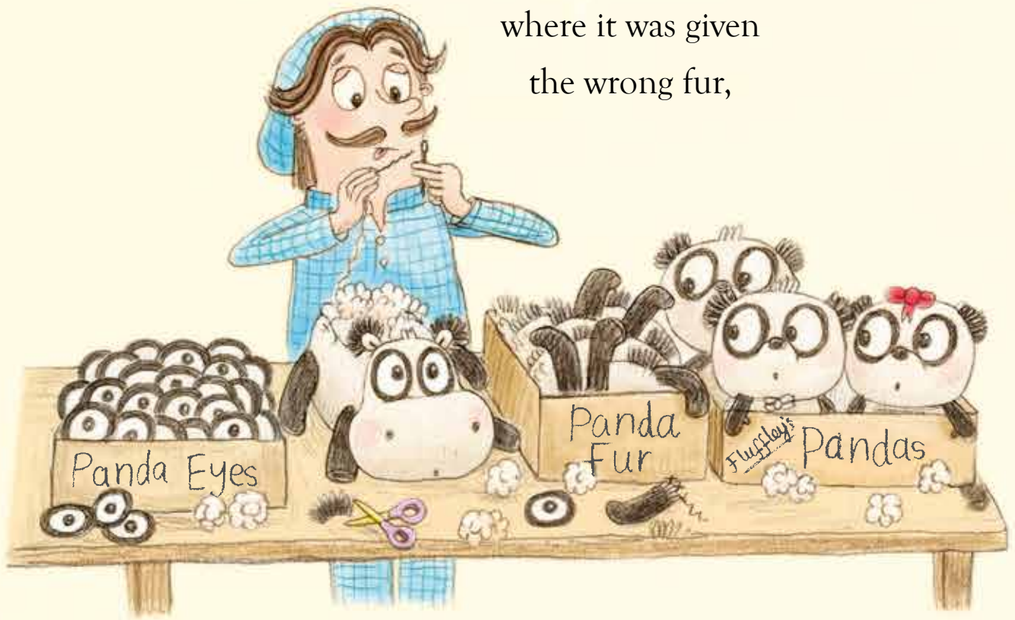


And that was when another mistake happened . . .

Someone put a hippopotamus
on the wrong table,



where it was given
the wrong fur,



and thrown into
the wrong box!



He didn't look quite right.

