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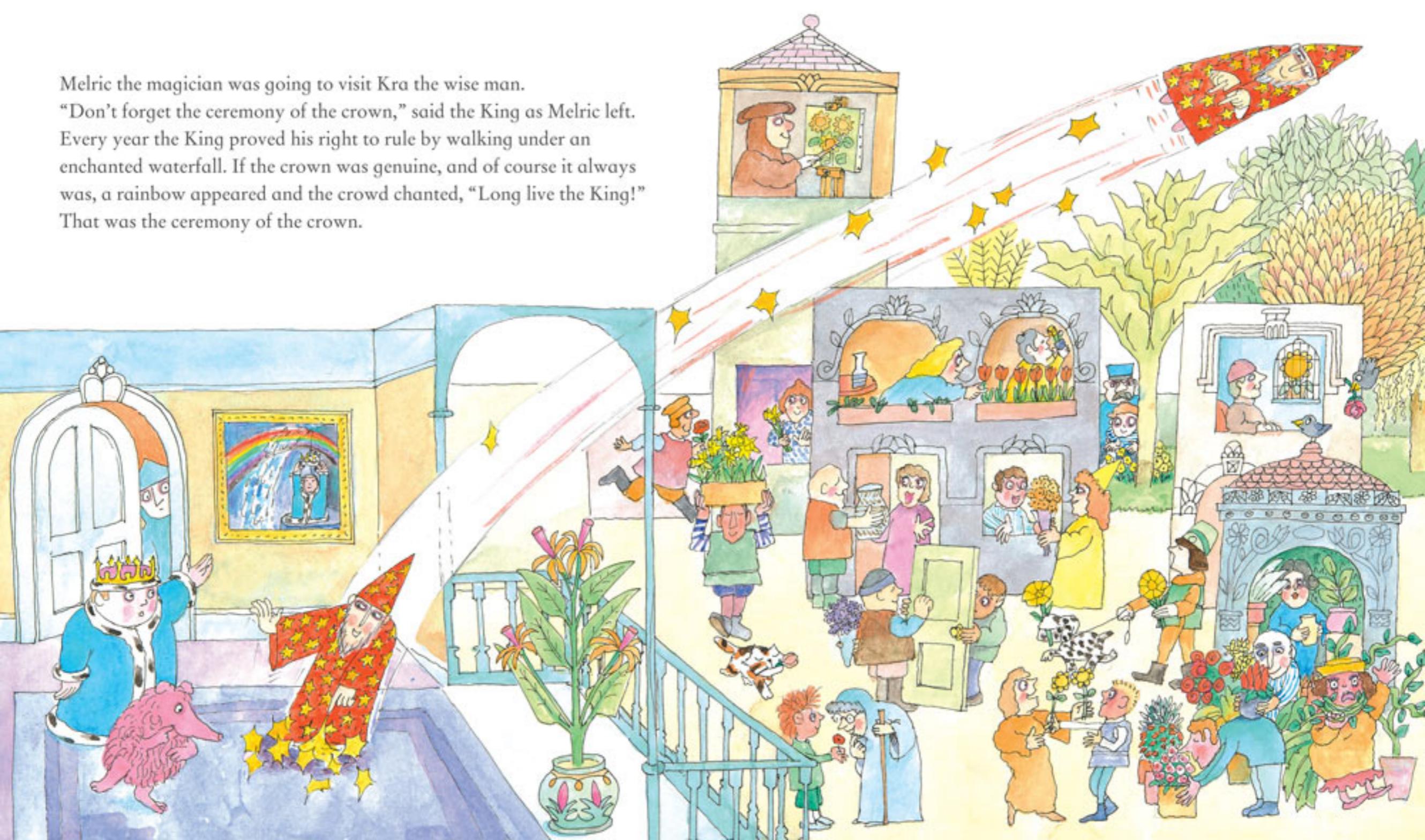
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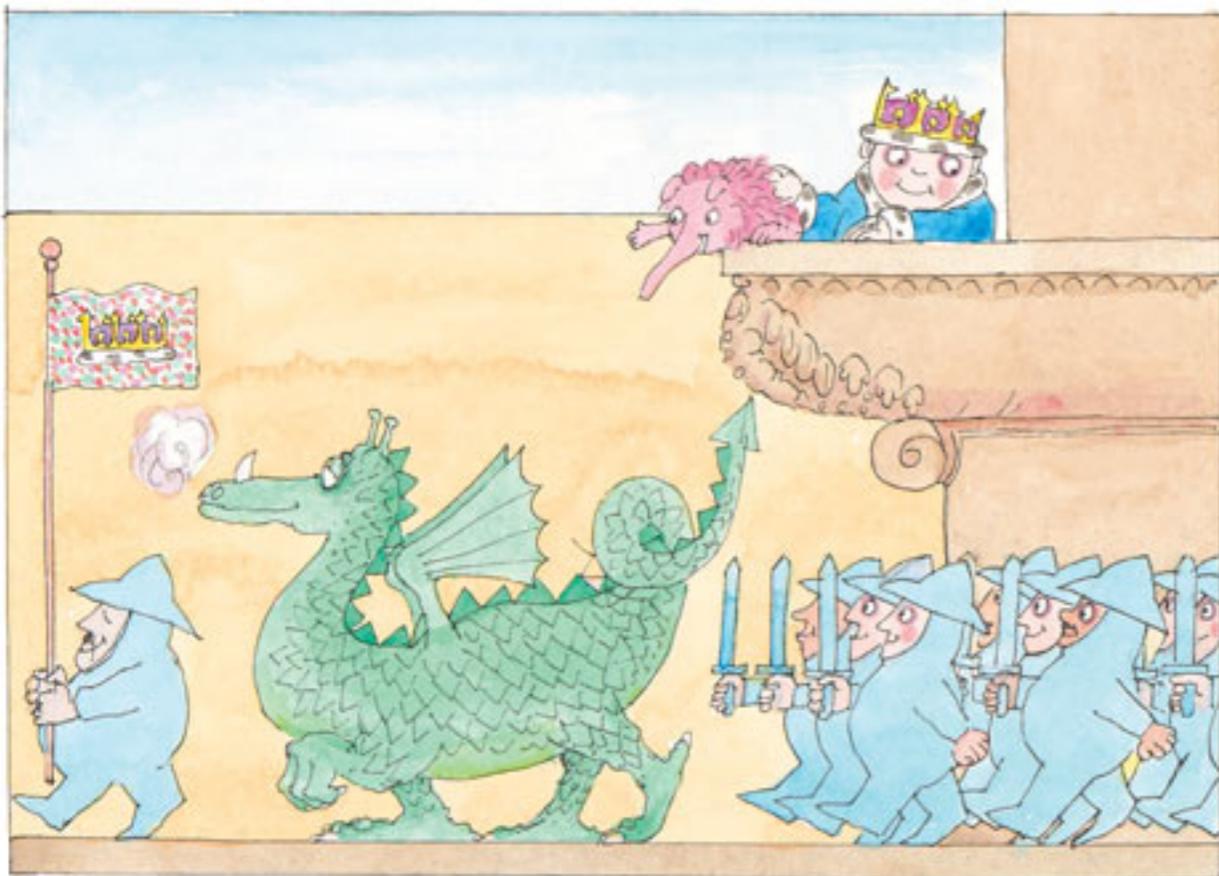
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Melric the magician was going to visit Kra the wise man.  
“Don’t forget the ceremony of the crown,” said the King as Melric left.  
Every year the King proved his right to rule by walking under an enchanted waterfall. If the crown was genuine, and of course it always was, a rainbow appeared and the crowd chanted, “Long live the King!”  
That was the ceremony of the crown.





After Melric had gone, the King played with his pet Troon and watched the soldiers parade with their dragon mascot.



That evening the crown was missing. "It had better be here in the morning," said the King.

