Opening extract from
You Must Bring a Hat

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For Mum and Dad, thank you for everything x - SP

For Nia, a massive thanks for all your help! - KH

YOU MUST BRING A HAT!

Simon Philip
& Kate Hindley

I received an invitation to a party.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO THE
BIGGEST, BESTEST
HATTIEST
PARTY OF ALL TIME

Starts at 5·30pm

wide brim house, 32 Panama avenue, west trilby

You may bring as many
extra guests as you wish
but you MUST bring a hat.

kindest regards,

Nigel (host and fanciest hat judge)

P.S. seriously, don't forget the hat,
the party depends on it.

P.P.S. try not to be late this time.
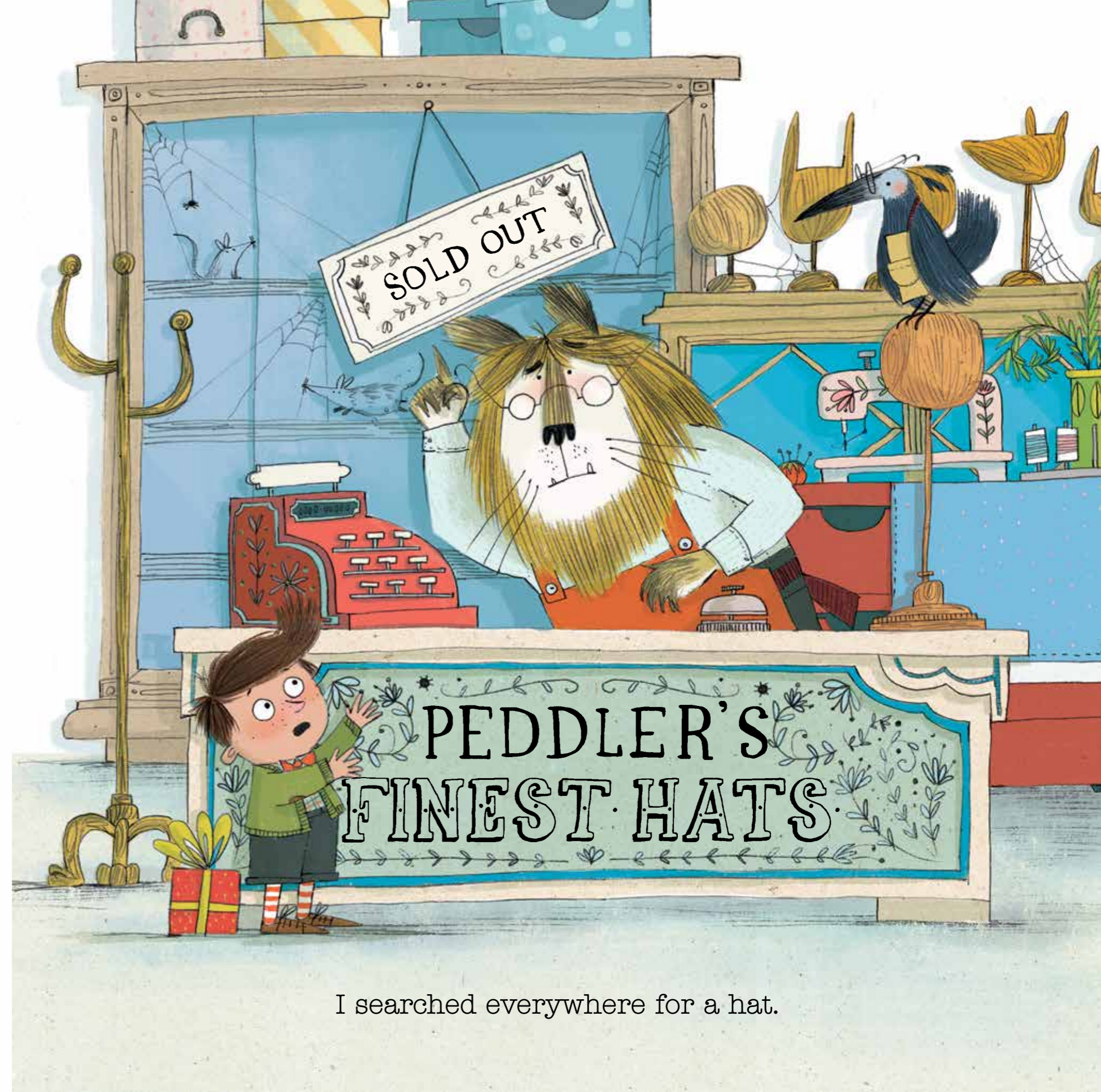
Immediately I panicked.
I DIDN'T OWN A HAT!

And the invitation specifically
stated that I MUST bring a hat.

The party depended on it.

SOLD OUT

PEDDLER'S
FINEST HATS

I searched everywhere for a hat.

But the only hat I could find belonged to a monkey.

"That's a lovely hat. Can I borrow it please?"

"No."

"I really, really need a hat for a party. I'll give it back."

SIMIAN SID'S
SUPERIOR
S·A·U·S·A·G·E·S

As he wouldn't negotiate, I was left with no choice . . .

At least I had a hat. Even if it was still attached to a monkey.