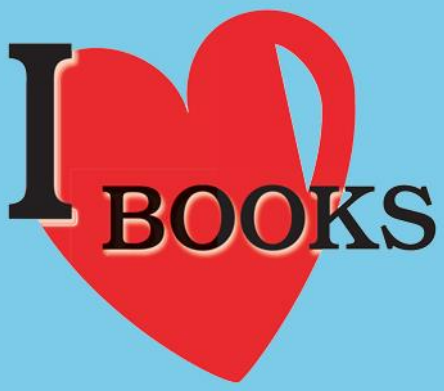


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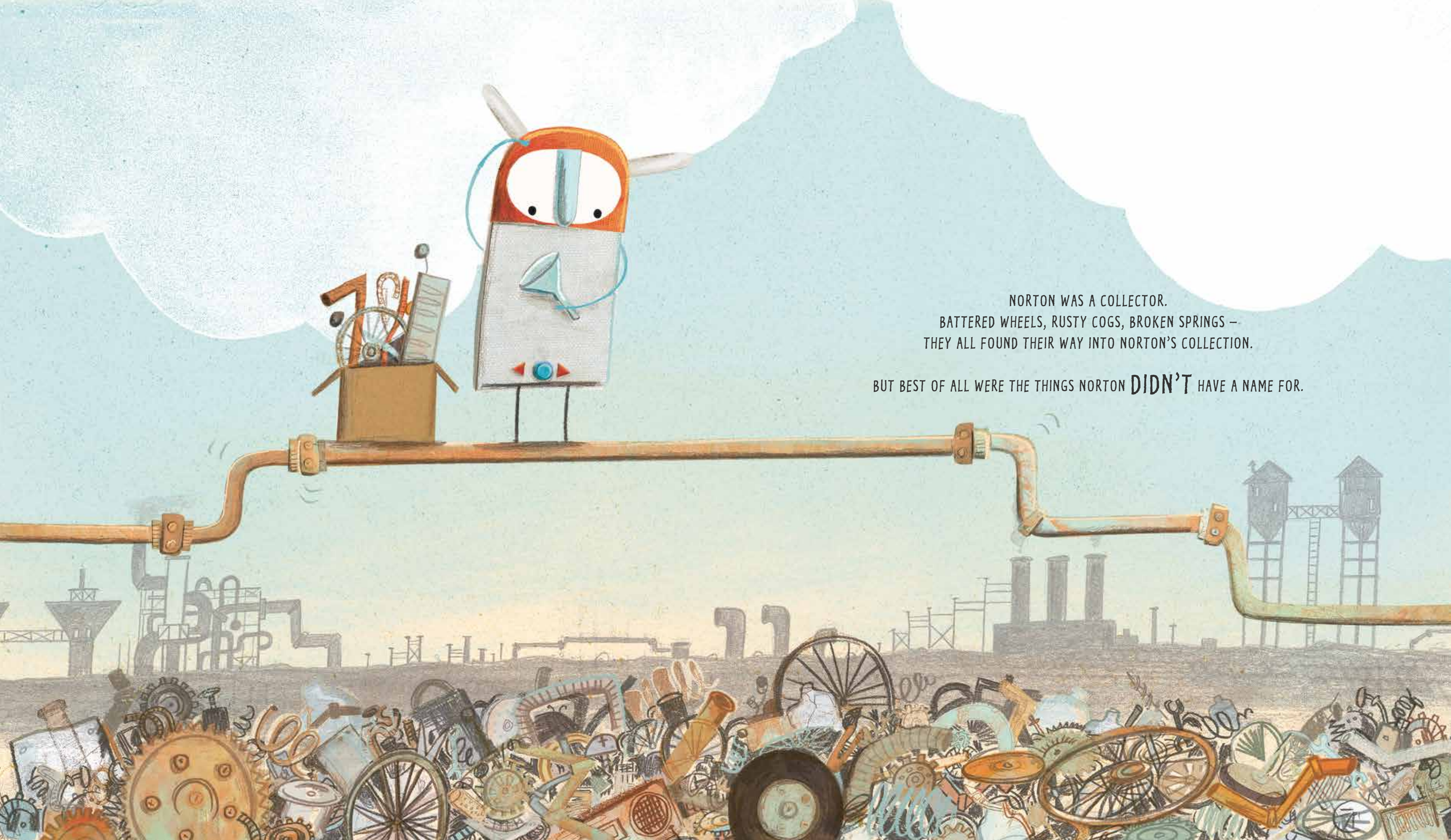
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NORTON WAS A COLLECTOR.
BATTERED WHEELS, RUSTY COGS, BROKEN SPRINGS –
THEY ALL FOUND THEIR WAY INTO NORTON'S COLLECTION.

BUT BEST OF ALL WERE THE THINGS NORTON **DIDN'T** HAVE A NAME FOR.



NORTON FOUND INTERESTING THINGS
ALMOST EVERYWHERE HE LOOKED.



THEY WERE RARELY BEAUTIFUL BUT THEY WERE USUALLY USEFUL.



AND FROM WHAT HE FOUND,
BIG OR SMALL,
NORTON MADE THE MOST
AMAZING INVENTIONS.



ONE DAY NORTON FOUND
SOMETHING INTERESTING
HE COULDN'T NAME.

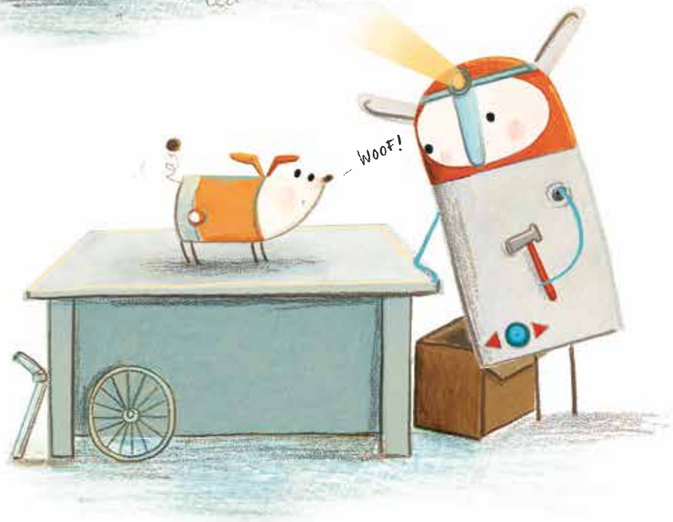
HE ATTACHED IT TO
HIS LATEST PROJECT...

AND THEN STOOD BACK.



IT WAS PERFECT!

NORTON DECIDED TO
CALL THE PROJECT ALPHA.



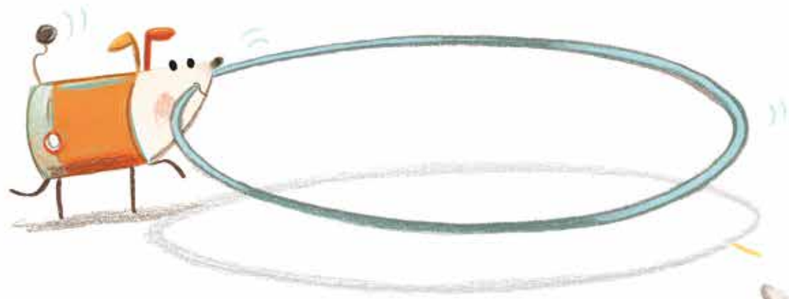
NOW NORTON HAD A COMPANION TO HELP WITH HIS COLLECTING.



ALPHA WOULD FOLLOW HIS LITTLE ROBOT NOSE OFF DOWN UNKNOWN PATHS.



HE DUG HOLES, SCURRIED INTO SMALL, UNREACHABLE PLACES,
DELVED INTO UNEXPLORED SPACES...



... AND FOUND ALL SORTS OF WONDERFUL THINGS.



ONE TUESDAY MORNING,
ALPHA'S NOSE FELT SLIGHTLY ODD.
IT TICKLED AND TINGLED AND LED HIM
TO SOMETHING **VERY** UNUSUAL.

NORTON WAS BAFFLED.
IT WAS UNLIKE ANYTHING
THEY HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE.

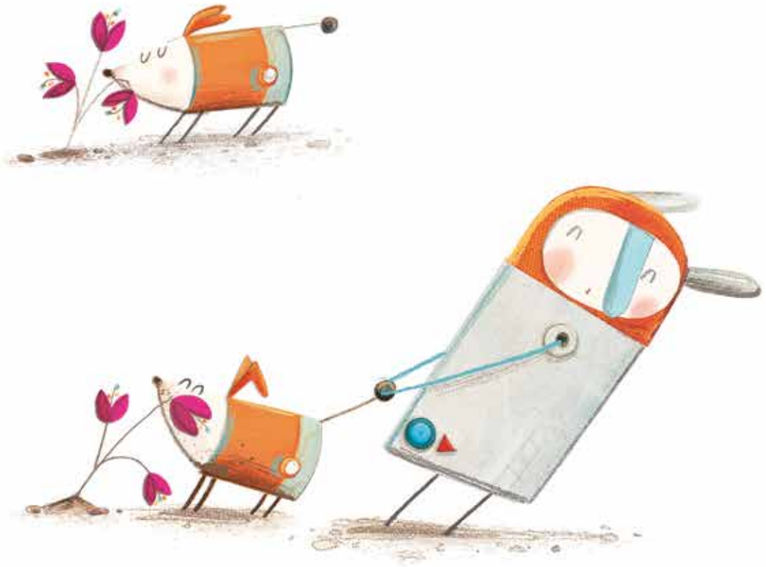
BUT WHAT WAS **IT?**







NORTON AND ALPHA WERE DETERMINED TO FIND OUT.





SO, WITH A BIT OF EFFORT, THEY PICKED IT...



... AND SET OFF ON THEIR WAY HOME.

