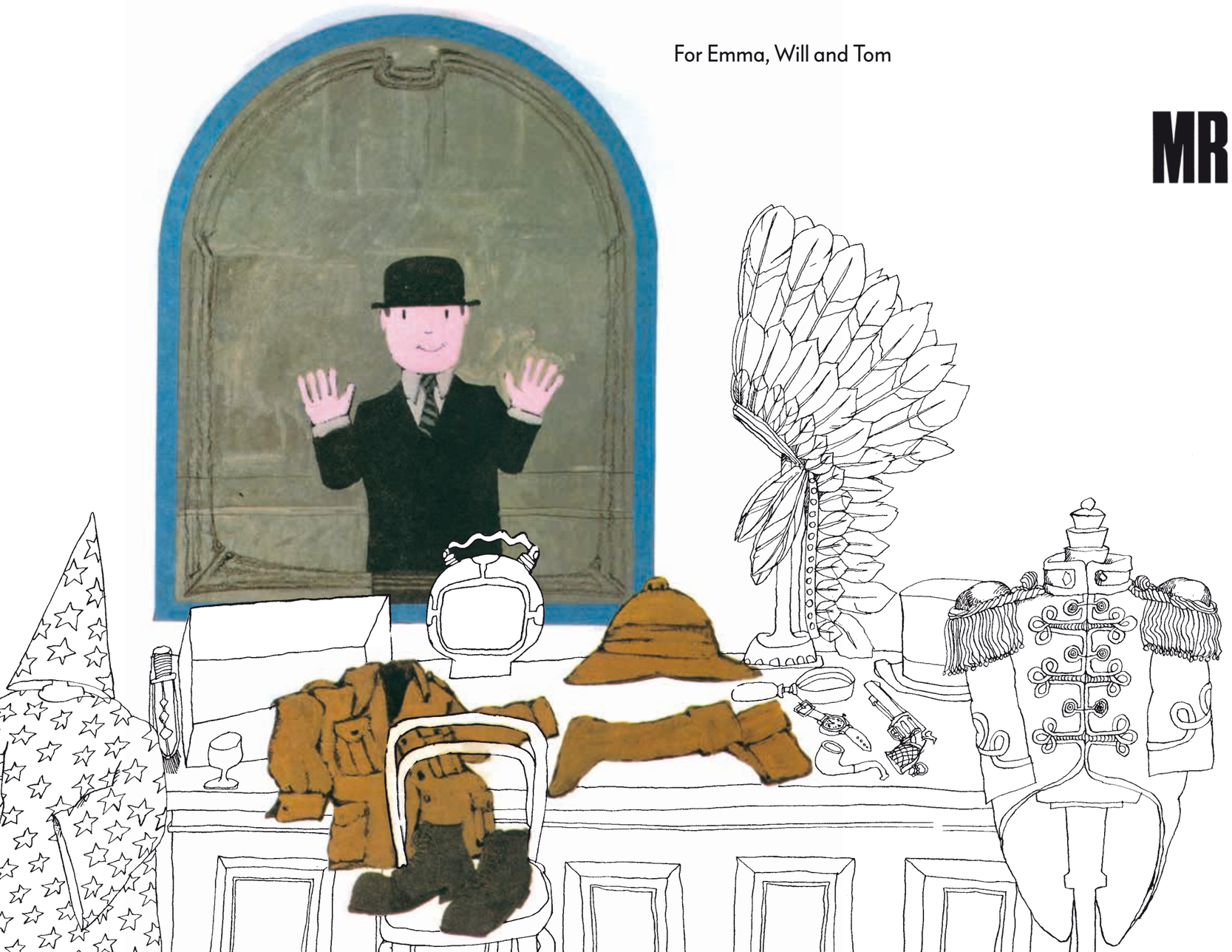
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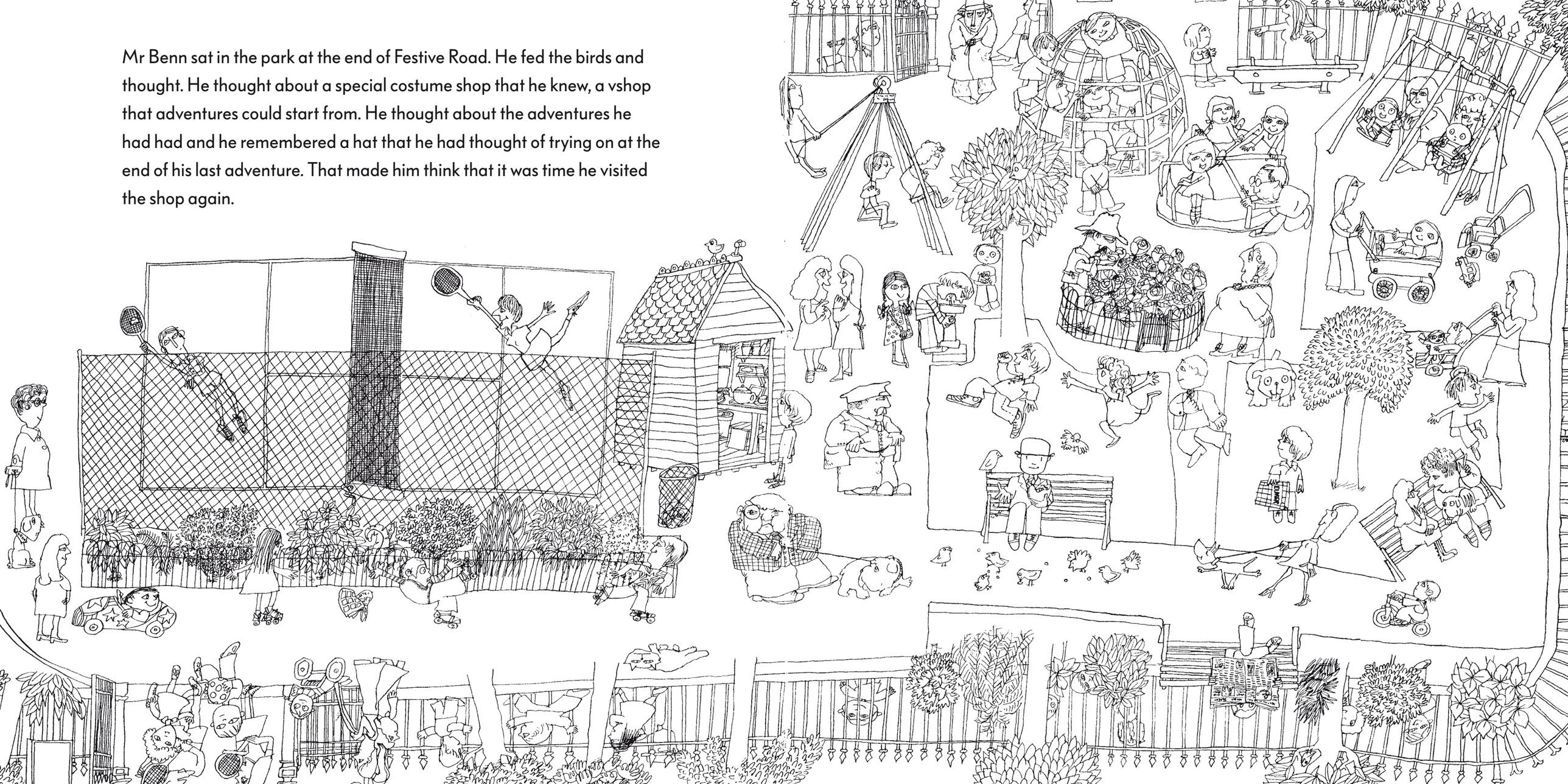


MR BENN'S BIG GAME

DAVID McKEE

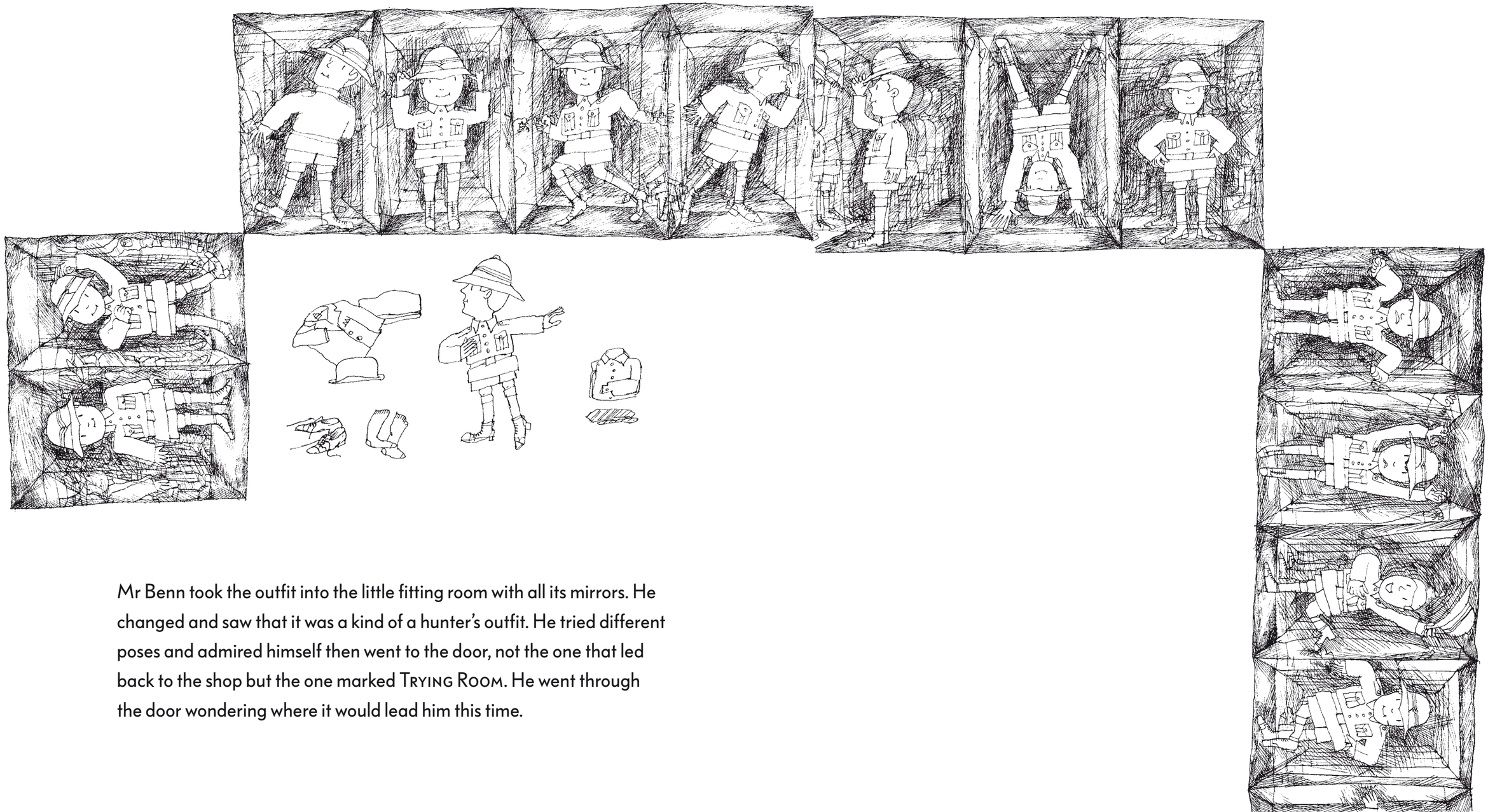
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Mr Benn sat in the park at the end of Festive Road. He fed the birds and thought. He thought about a special costume shop that he knew, a vshop that adventures could start from. He thought about the adventures he had had and he remembered a hat that he had thought of trying on at the end of his last adventure. That made him think that it was time he visited the shop again.





It was not long before he was in the shop and looking at the hat he had remembered. As he picked it up, as if by magic, the shopkeeper appeared.
“Good morning, sir,” he said, “it is nice to see you again. Can I help you?”
“Good morning,” said Mr Benn holding up the hat. “Is there an outfit to go with this hat?”
The shopkeeper smiled and took down a box from the shelf. Inside the box were some khaki clothes.
“Why don’t you see if they fit, sir?” said the shopkeeper.



Mr Benn took the outfit into the little fitting room with all its mirrors. He changed and saw that it was a kind of a hunter's outfit. He tried different poses and admired himself then went to the door, not the one that led back to the shop but the one marked Trying Room. He went through the door wondering where it would lead him this time.