WEIRDO

For Katherine, Harvey & Maud – Z.S. & N.L.
For my mum, Angela. And my weirdo, Joel. – M.F.

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It was Kit's birthday.

Her present was a soft, small, sleepy surprise.

She's perfect! Kit whispered.
But why's she dressed like that?

No-one knew.
The Surprise wasn't telling.

Kit left for school. The Surprise woke up.

She was surrounded.

But what is it?
chirped Derrick.
She clearly can't fly.

Not a cat. Too round,
said Dora.

Or a pug, Bob decided.
Those legs!

She don't do much, noted Derrick.
Actually, whispered the Surprise,
I'm quite into Judo.

What's that now? barked Bob.
He was a bit deaf.

She just said she's a weirdo, sniggered Dora.

***Are** you a weirdo?* asked Bob.
The Surprise didn't know what to say.

Oh, she's definitely a weirdo,
said Dora. *If you're not a cat*
or a dog or a bird, you're a weirdo.