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For Edward Lear – M.R.

For Rudi
with love – D.A.

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Have you heard of
the **Thunk**?

It's a bit like
a **skink**,

although more like
a **skunk** on account
of the stink.

and its fur's
blue-ish pink

and it's ever-so-slightly
completely . . .

The Thunk
has a **trunk**

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...EXTINCT.

Some say, "That's not TRUE.

Thunks have NEVER existed.

They're just an old legend

that grew and got twisted.

But there is **one person** who's always insisted
that he'll find a Thunk, on his own, unassisted.

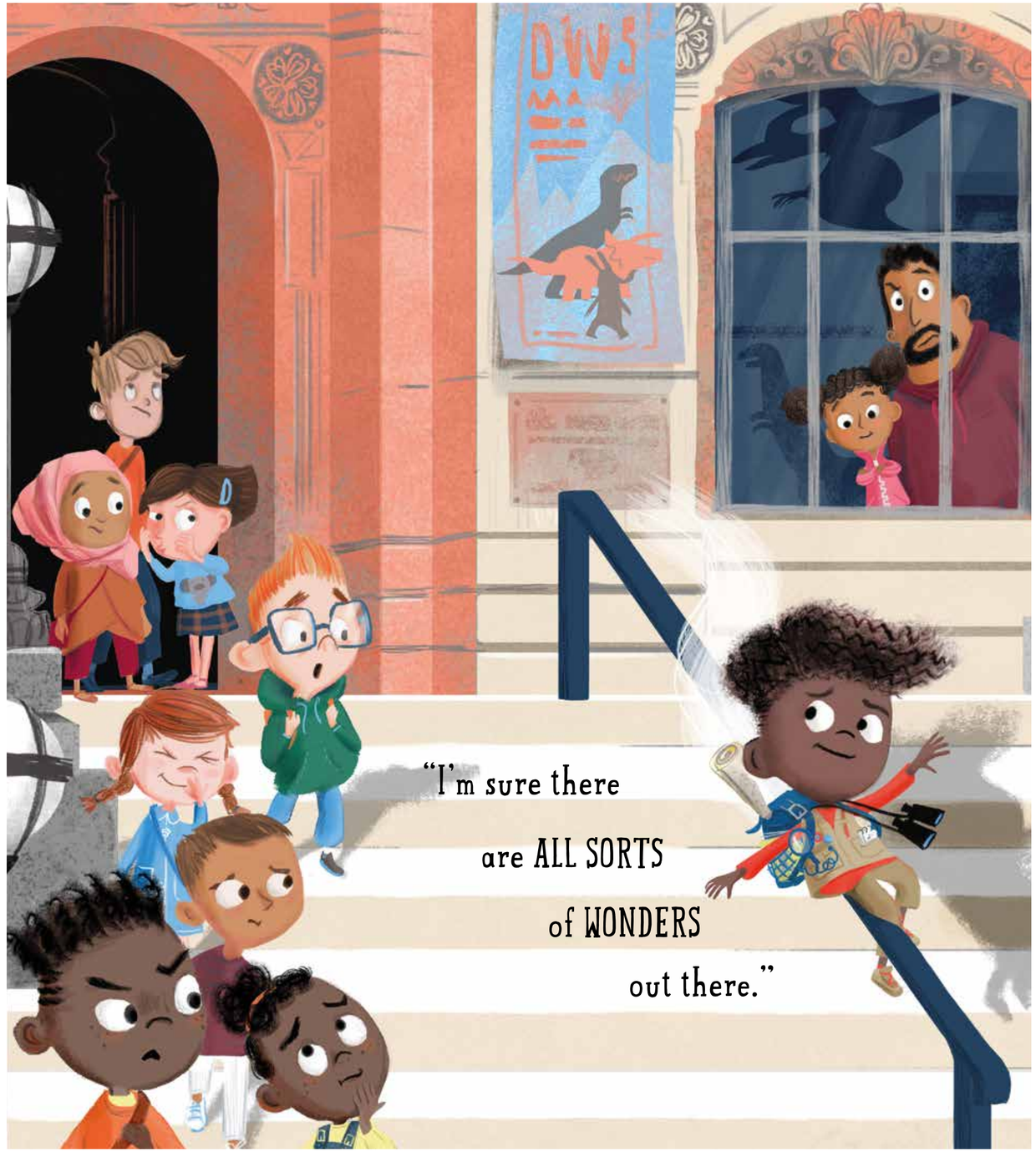
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Meet Hector Voltaire.

Hector's had his fair share
of other kids saying his head's full of air.



They tease and they taunt him.
He tries not to care.



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"The cave of a dragon.

A hobgoblin's hole.

A lake with a monster

A bridge with a troll.

A rare fairy toadstool.

A unicorn foal.

But . . .

. . . FINDING a THUNK is
my ULTIMATE goal.

If those kids are all wrong
and I'm right . . . what a thrill!"
But finding a Thunk will take
patience and skill . . .

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. . . and teabags

and toast forks,

a tent and
some pegs.

Some bread and
some butter,

a few
dozen eggs,

plus root beer
(in barrels),

and ketchup
(in kegs),

and one of those
chairs that stands
up on three legs.

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