



THE THUNK



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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.

The Thunk
has a trunk

and its fur's
blue-ish pink

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

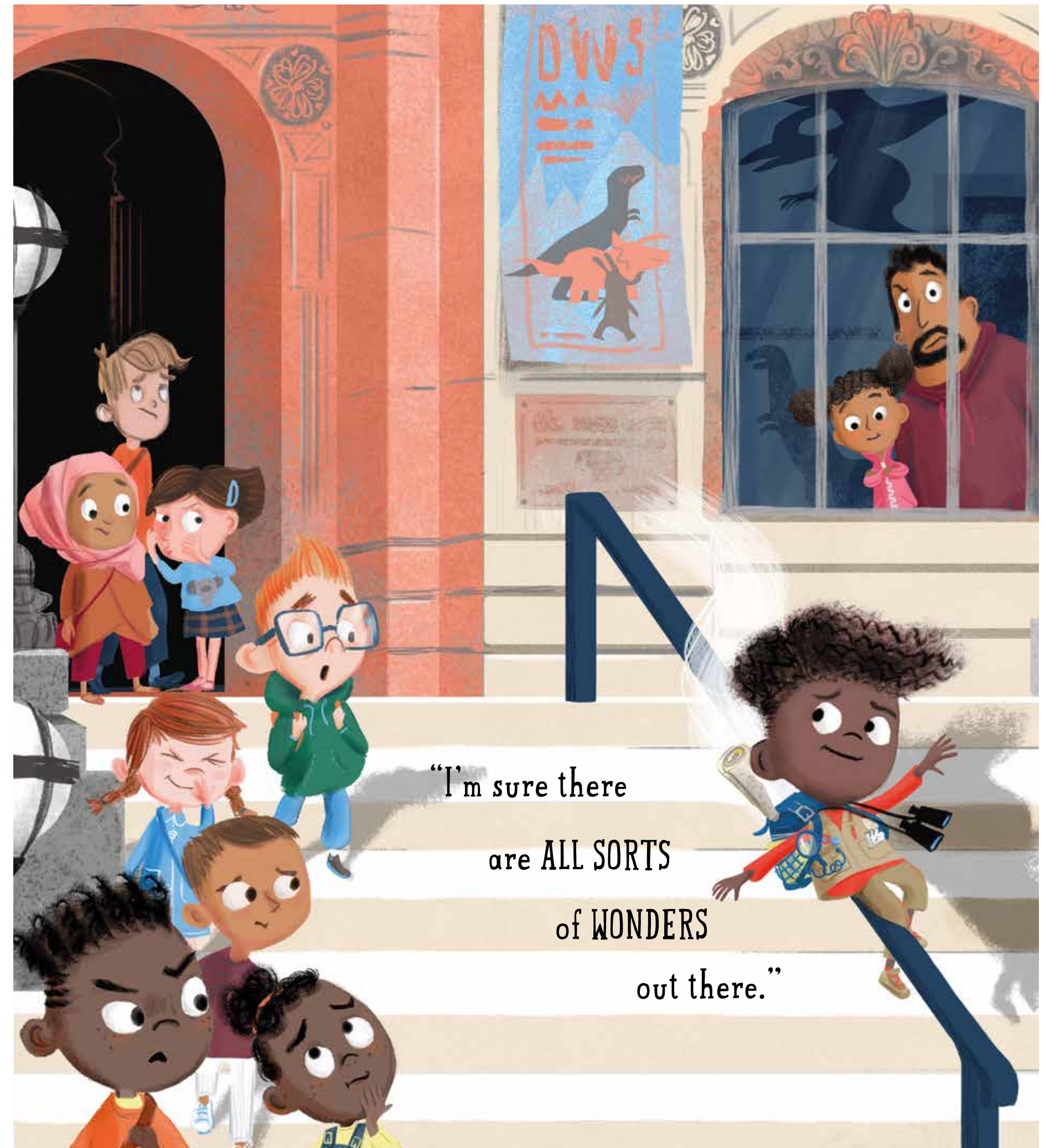


Meet Hector Voltaire.

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.



"I'm sure there
are ALL SORTS
of WONDERS
out there."



"The cave of a dragon.



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 . . .*

A hobgoblin's hole.



A lake with a monster

A bridge with a troll!





... 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.

