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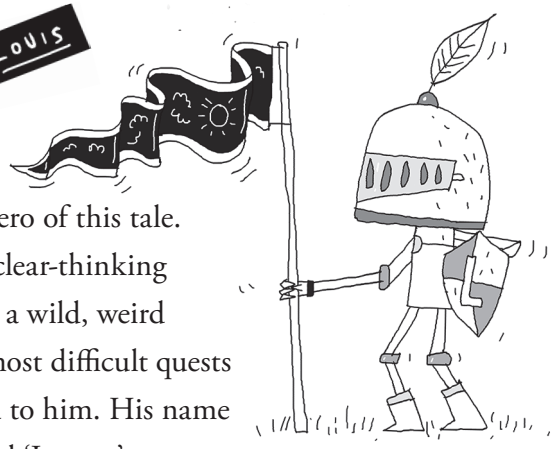
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To Louis, Lyla, Audrey, Finty and Rosa

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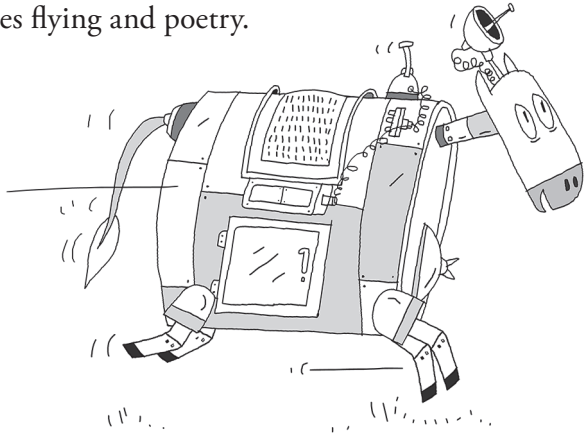
KNIGHT SIR LOUIS



The young hero of this tale. A calm and clear-thinking champion in a wild, weird world. The most difficult quests are entrusted to him. His name is pronounced 'Loo-ee'.

CLUNKALOT

A trusty (never rusty) robot horse. Sturdy, brave and always ready to join Louis on a dangerous quest. Also loves flying and poetry.



BOOK EXACTLY?



HENRIETTA CATALOGUE

A super-smart boar with a love of adventure, mushrooms and adventure. Did I mention she likes adventure? And mushrooms.

PEARLIN

A young, self-taught wizentor (that's a wizard *and* inventor). Always coming up with new and fun ways to use machines and magic.





KING BURT THE NOT BAD

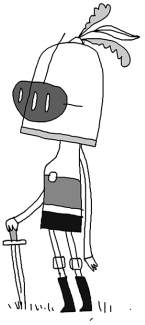
The (mostly) kind and often (not) sensible King of Squirrel Helm who rules from Castle Sideways.

DAVE THE SWORD



A magical sword recycled from a magic mirror. Likes reflecting magical spells, chopping through nasty things, and singing. (Is an awful singer).

CHAMPION TRIXIE



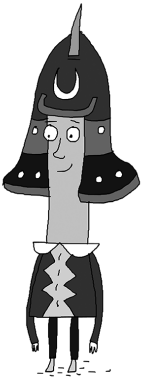
A wise, no-nonsense, champion knight. Also . . . she's Knight Sir Louis' mum.



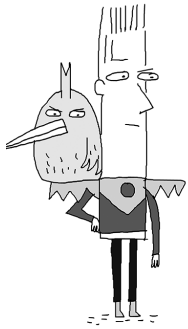
SIR TYMUR TRAFELA

Headmaster at the Knights of the Future School (KOFS for short).

SIR YUKI



A daring young knight with a very loud voice. DRAGONFLAP, HO!

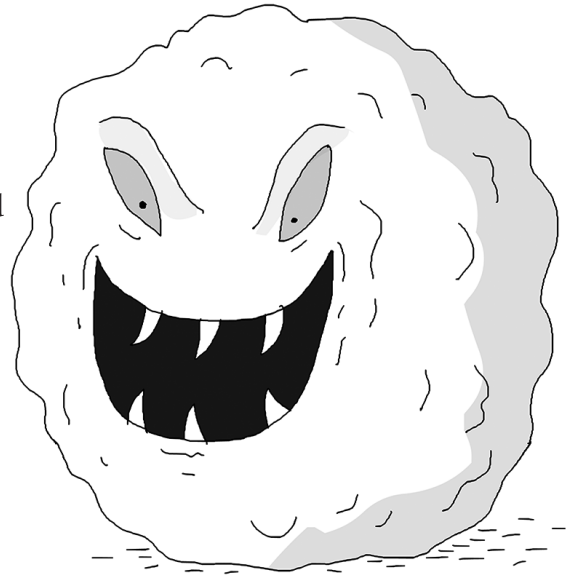


CRAYKO LE FAUX

A cunning knight. An expert cheat.
Usually seen with his pet bird Peck.

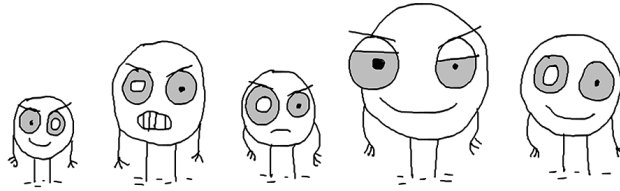
SPLINT

Supreme Overlord
of the freezing
cold Brrrrrland.



THE FIVE SNOWBALLS

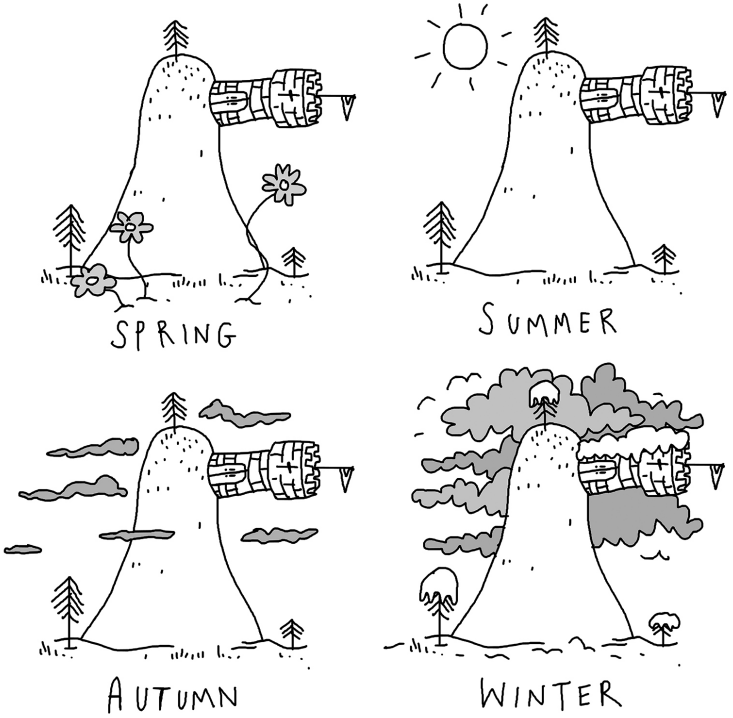
Splint's five little
siblings and helpers.



CHAPTER 1
BELOW ZERO

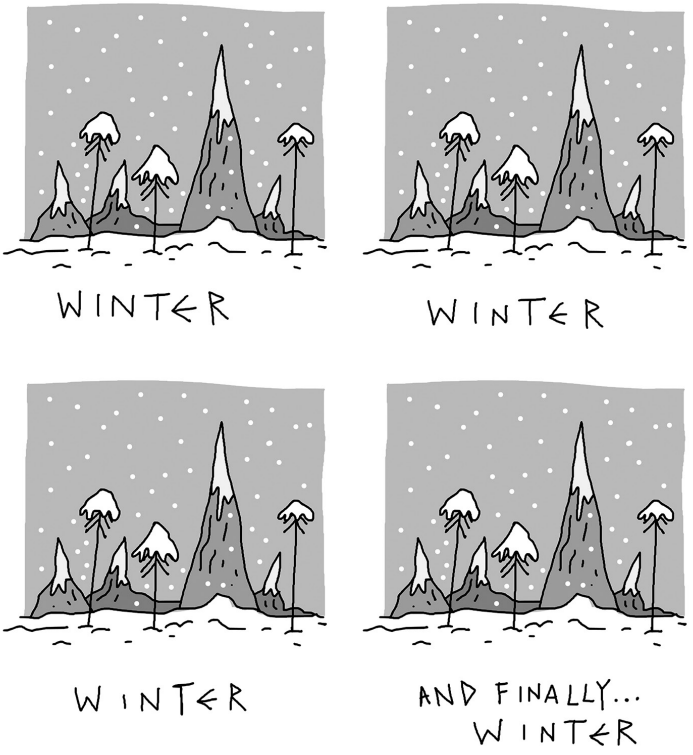
Welcome to Castle Sideways in the Kingdom of Squirrel Helm!

Squirrel Helm has four seasons.



Now, let's head further north to the country of Brrrrrland.

Brrrrrland also has four seasons.



Except for one year when a weather wizard stopped by. Then there was:

Winter.

Winter.

Winter.

And a new season, Roo-bee-doo-dang.

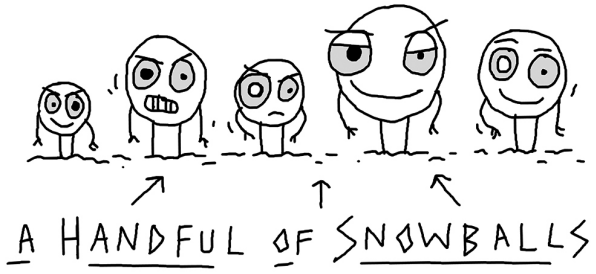
During Roo-bee-doo-dang all the snow turned orange and tasted of pineapple. It also snowed upwards.

CHAPTER ZERO

They say Brrrrrland is home to lots of different icy creatures, including . . .



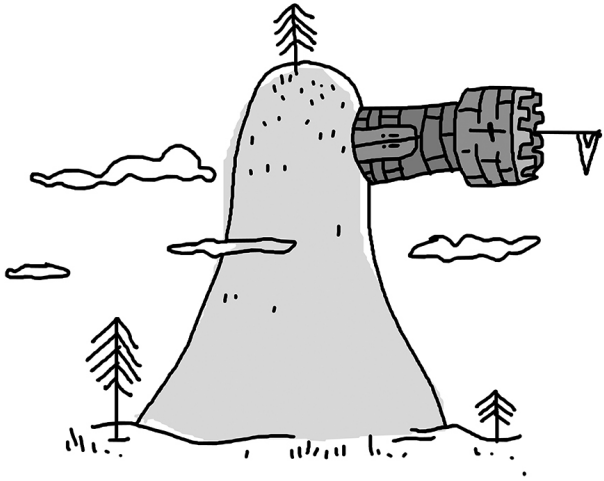

BLIZZARD CROCODILES
AN ICE CHICKEN CALLED BRENDA
THE MICRO YETI
A MENKVEE



Do these things really exist? Well . . . I don't know. But I'm sure we'll find out.

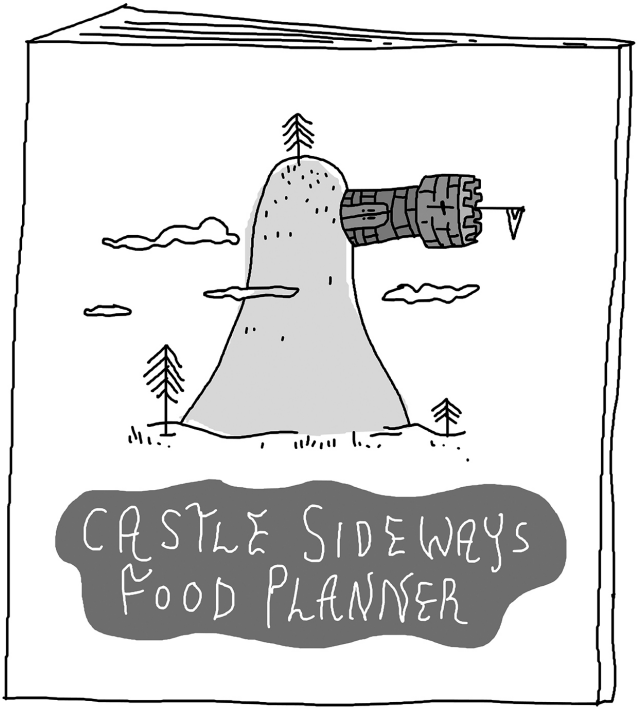
We'll be spending quite a bit of time in the land of Brrrrrland so you might want to find a warm hat and some toasty gloves. You don't want to catch a cold from this book. Brrrr. But for now, let's head to the warmth of Chapter One.

CHAPTER 1

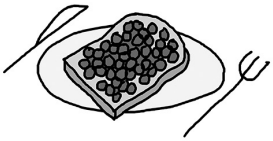


It was dinner time at Castle Sideways. Dinner was always tasty, but these days it wasn't very surprising. Not since King Burt had rediscovered his favourite childhood meal.

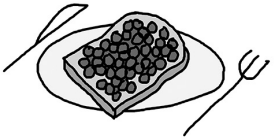




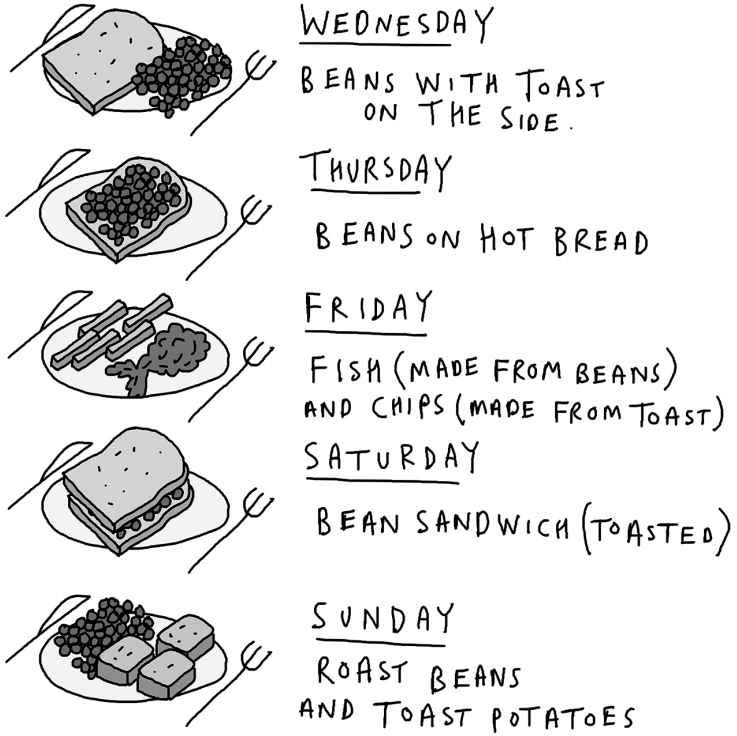
THIS WEEK AND EVERY WEEK



MONDAY
BEANS ON TOAST

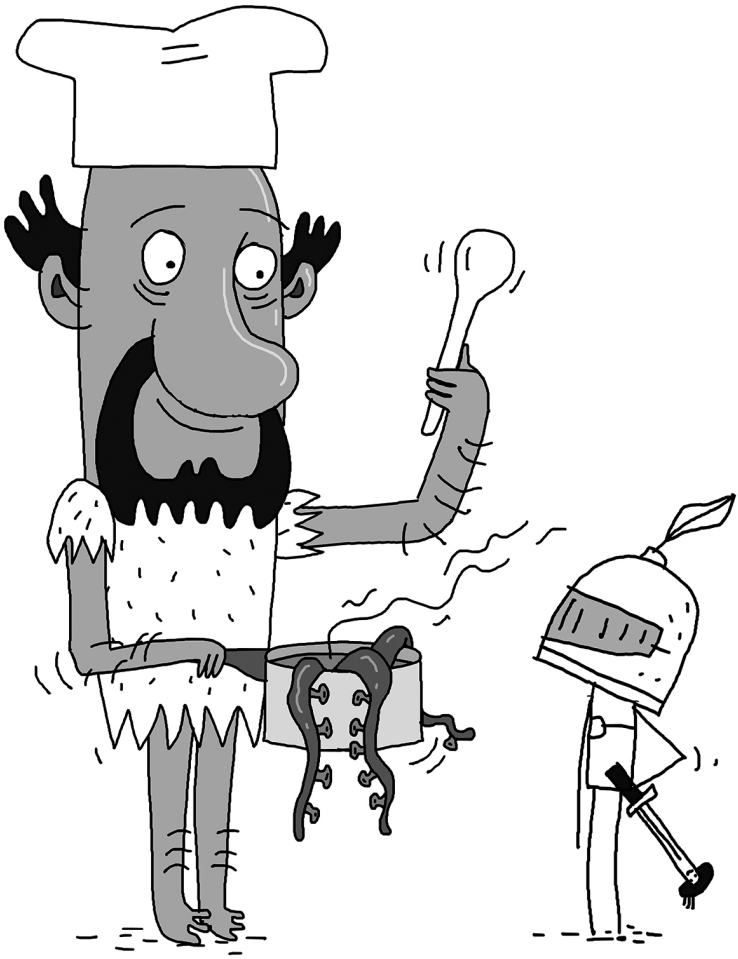


TUESDAY
TOAST WITH BEANS



Knight Sir Louis, champion knight at Castle Sideways, was completely fed up with beans. So he decided to see if he could make some changes.

On his travels he had met an ogre called Dollop. Dollop was a wonderful chef and Louis asked him to visit and to cook for everyone at Castle Sideways.



‘But does he know how to cook beans on toast?’ asked King Burt. ‘I do like beans on toast. And toast and beans.’

'Yes, your majesty, we'd noticed,' said Louis soothingly, 'but Dollop can cook anything.'

'Then tonight we will feast on beany toasties!' said Burt.

'I was thinking we could try something called pizza,' said Louis.

'Does it have beans on it?' asked King Burt.

'Not usually,' said Louis.



It turned out that King Burt did like pizza. King Burt asked Dollop to stay and appointed him Head Chef to Castle Sideways. Everyone was relieved. Everyone except Farmer Pinto who supplied the castle with tins of beans.

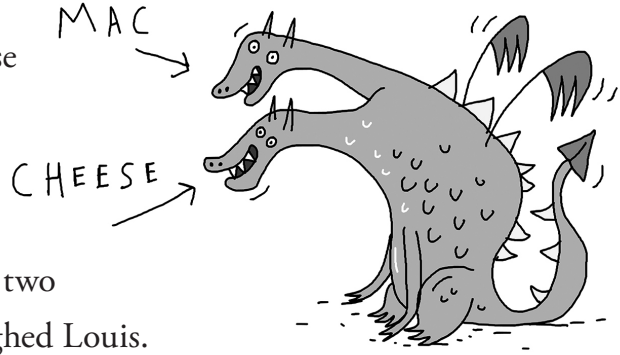


One pizza night during the month of Yoghurt, Louis was sitting beside his friends Pearlin the wizentor and Henrietta Catalogue the talking boar.

'Oo! My pizza has lovely truffling mushrooms,' said Catalogue happily.

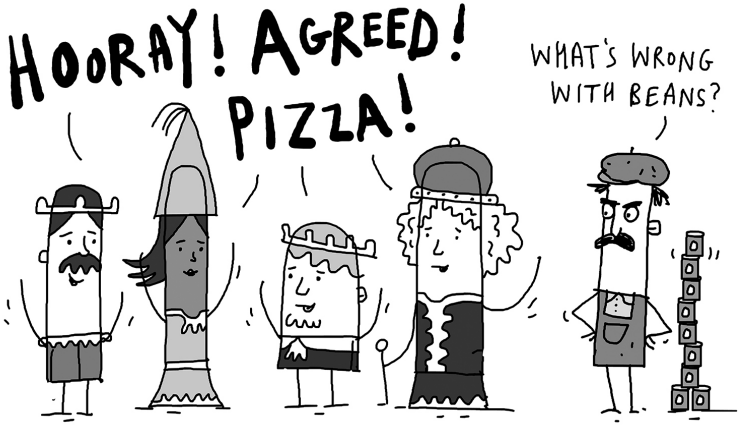
'I'm well hungry,' said Pearlin, wide-eyed with pleasure. 'I didn't have lunch cos my pet dragon ate it.'

'I suppose that's what you get if your pet dragon has two heads!' laughed Louis.



Before they tucked in, King Burt stood and made an announcement.

'My good subjects, here we are once more enjoying delicious food. Thank you, Dollop. And thank you, Sir Louis, for showing me that there was more to dinner than beans on toast.'



'In fact,' continued the king, 'I've realised I've become stuck in my ways. It's time to do things differently. To think OUTSIDE THE BOX!'

'Sounds good,' said Pearlin, who was always creating new magical inventions.

‘Sounds fun times,’ said Catalogue, who loved discovering weird new plants.

‘Sounds amazing,’ said Louis, who loved unexpected adventures.

‘And that is why . . .’ continued King Burt, ‘. . . I am sending Knight Sir Louis to school!’

The room went very quiet.

