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For my son, Jack

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The Emperor of Absurdia was having the most extraordinary dream.

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All of a sudden he woke to the **hoots** of the sky fish nibbling the umbrella trees.



He tumbled



out of



bed . . .

... into the arms of the Wardrobe Monster.





The Wardrobe Monster helped the Emperor get dressed –

in a bobbly hat, and the

a crumply coat,

and a pair of jingle-jangle socks. "That's funny, I had it yesterday," said the Emperor, and set off on a scarf hunt . . . "Have you seen my snuggly scarf anywhere?" the Emperor asked.

The Wardrobe Monster shook his big hairy head.