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THE NEXT DAY, the dog and the sailor rowed away from the ship together.

When the dog gave the word, they sat on the side of their little boat and then fell backwards into the sea . . .



Together, they swam down into the depths, until they reached a vast meadow at the bottom of the sea. Ruan stood as if on dry land and breathed as though the water were air. He and the dog walked from the meadow through a forest and towards a palace in the distance, shrouded in shadow.

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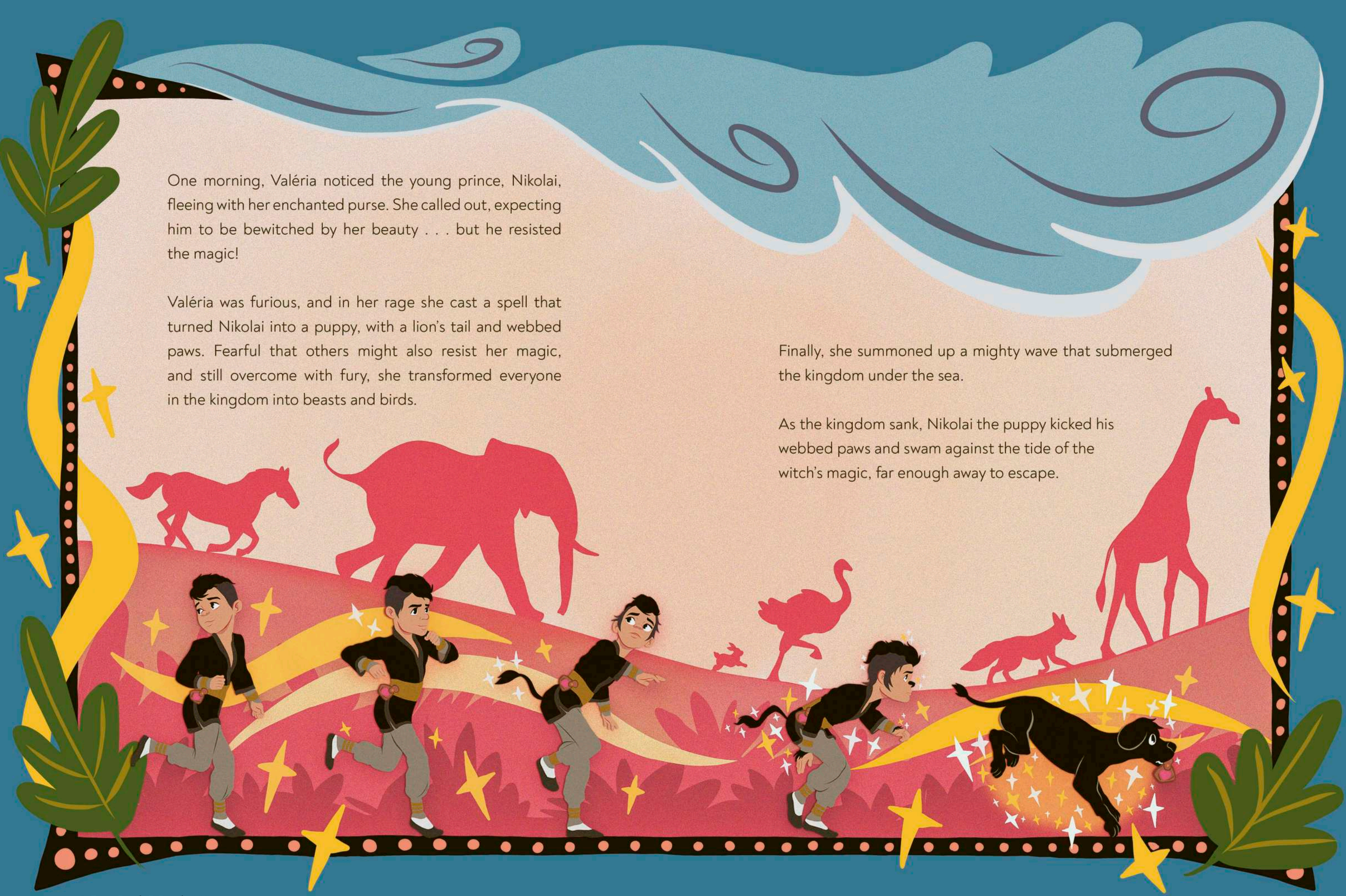


One morning, Valéria noticed the young prince, Nikolai, fleeing with her enchanted purse. She called out, expecting him to be bewitched by her beauty . . . but he resisted the magic!

Valéria was furious, and in her rage she cast a spell that turned Nikolai into a puppy, with a lion's tail and webbed paws. Fearful that others might also resist her magic, and still overcome with fury, she transformed everyone in the kingdom into beasts and birds.

Finally, she summoned up a mighty wave that submerged the kingdom under the sea.

As the kingdom sank, Nikolai the puppy kicked his webbed paws and swam against the tide of the witch's magic, far enough away to escape.



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ONCE UPON A TIME there was a kingdom full of happiness and laughter. The king and his family were kind, and all the people were content. All, that is, but one . . .



The young witch Valéria was talented and powerful, but also very lonely. In a land with no troubles, there was little use for magic – nobody needed Valéria, or her spells. And so she made a plan.



She cast a spell on her purse, granting herself all the riches her heart desired. Then she cast another spell on herself . . .

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