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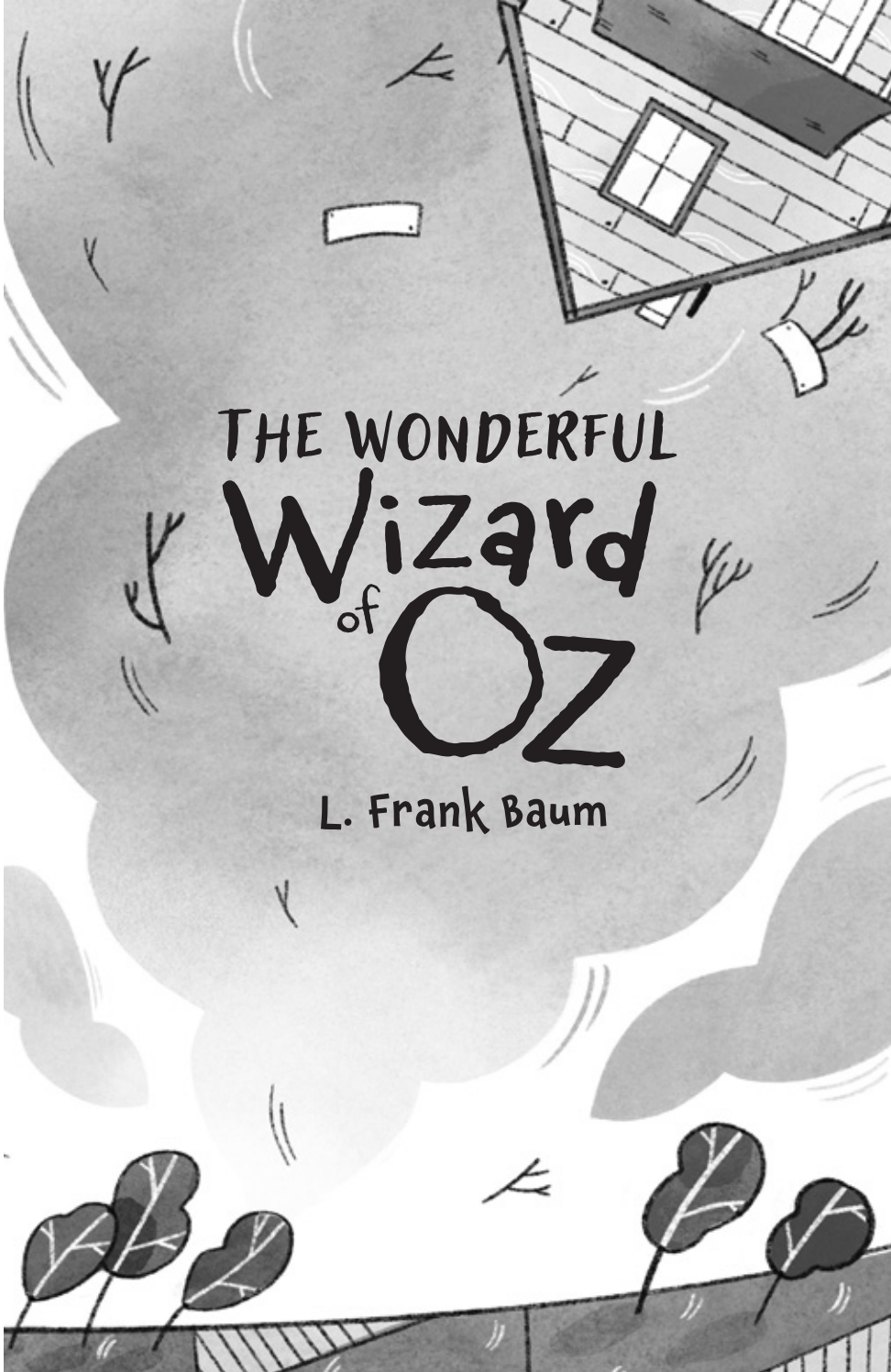


Meet the Characters



Dorothy



Toto



Scarecrow



Lion



Tin Man



Aunt Em



Uncle Henry



The Wicked Witch of the West



The Good Witch of the North



Glinda



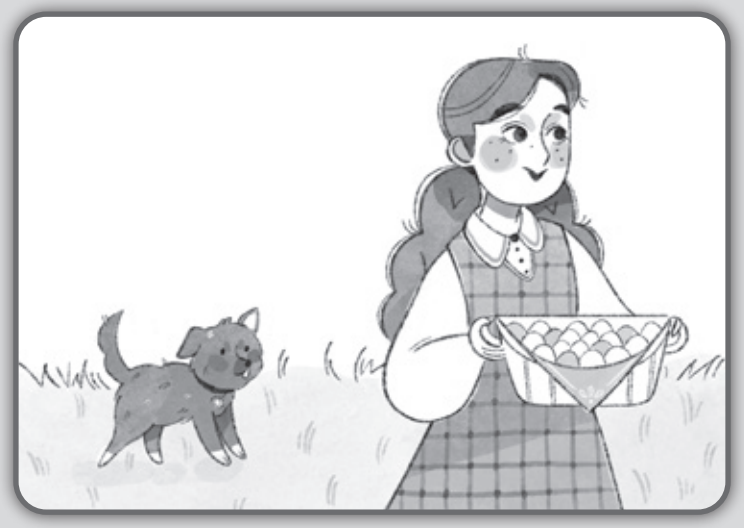
The Wizard of Oz

Chapter 1

Dorothy made her way to collect the morning's eggs. Following closely behind, was her little dog, Toto.

She often helped out on the farm, where she lived with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry.

Their small wooden farmhouse was in the middle of the grey ***Kansas prairies****.*



Kansas *- A state in the middle the United States of America (USA).*

prairies *- A large, open area covered in grass.*

'Oh Toto,' sighed Dorothy. 'I wish that something exciting would happen!'

But when she looked around the prairie, she could see nothing but grass.

As Dorothy passed Uncle Henry, she saw that he was looking ***nervously*** *at the sky.*



nervously *- The way someone does something when they feel scared or worried.*

'Good morning, Uncle Henry!'
said Dorothy.

'A storm is coming,' said Uncle Henry,
anxiously. The clouds were looking
greyer than usual.

'You'd better get inside,' he said, as
he ran to check that the animals
were safe.

Dorothy could see the grass blowing
wildly as the storm got closer.



Dorothy went inside the farmhouse.

'Your uncle thinks we should head for the **storm shelter** soon,' said Aunt Em.

Suddenly, Uncle Henry ran through the front door and shouted, 'Cyclone!'

A cyclone was a huge tunnel of wind that twisted up to the sky. It damaged everything it touched. The only thing to do was hide and wait for it to pass.



storm shelter - An underground room used to protect people from bad storms.
Suddenly - Quickly and not expected to happen.

Uncle Henry and Aunt Em ran to hide in the storm shelter.

'Dorothy, quick!' shouted Uncle Henry, as the door blew shut behind him.

'Where's Toto?' cried Dorothy. The little dog was scared of the noise and had gone to hide in the farmhouse.

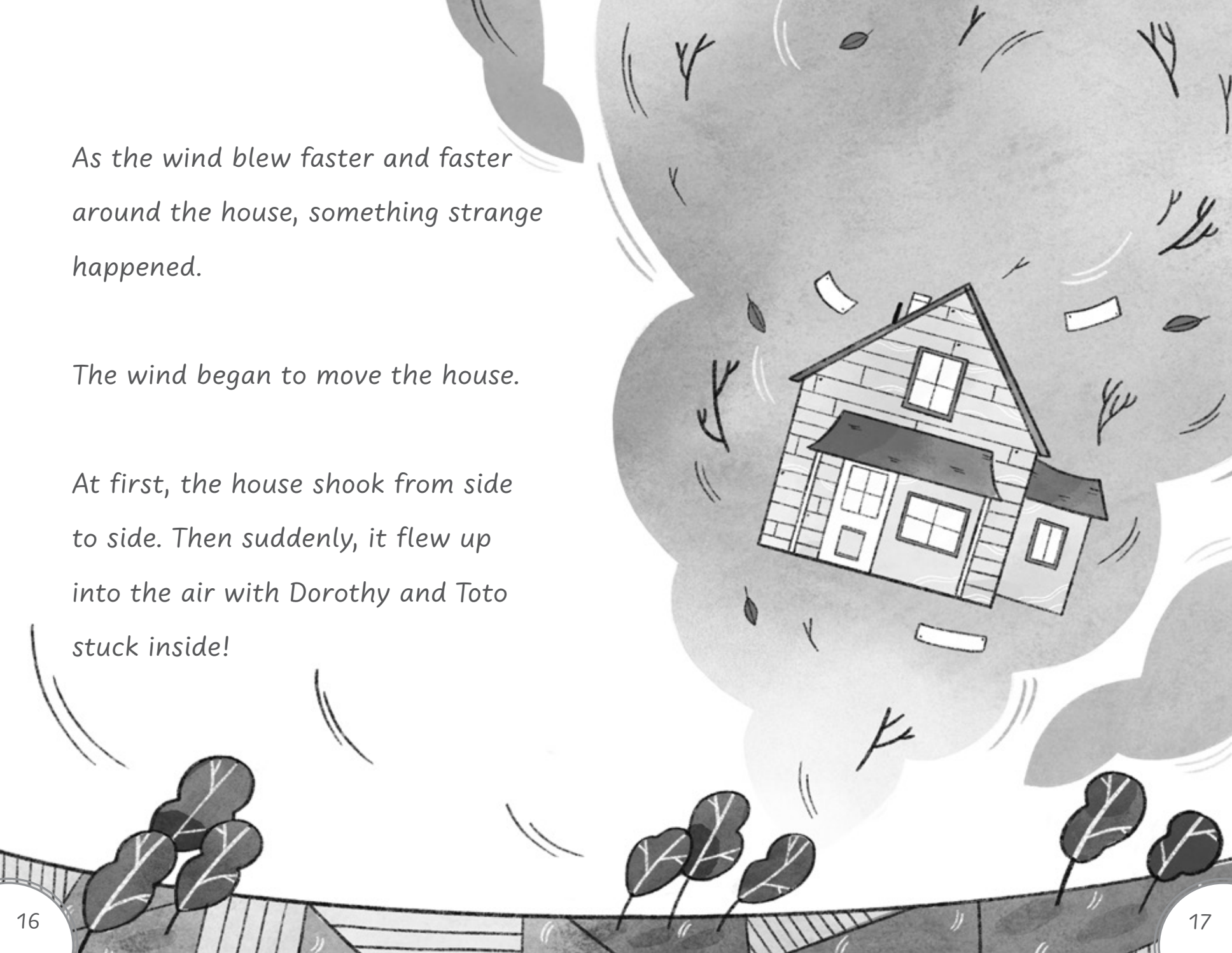
'I have to find him!' shouted Dorothy as she ran after Toto.



As the wind blew faster and faster around the house, something strange happened.

The wind began to move the house.

At first, the house shook from side to side. Then suddenly, it flew up into the air with Dorothy and Toto stuck inside!



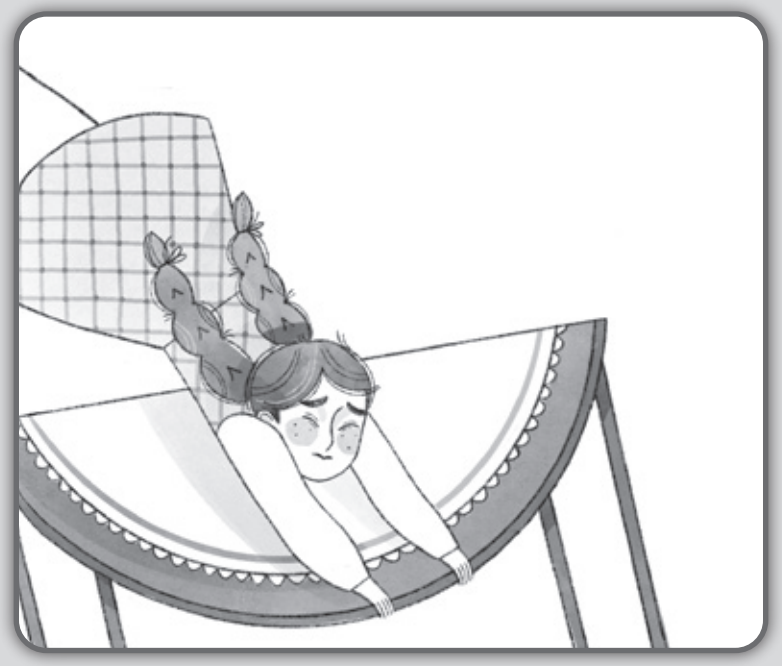
Chapter 2

Dorothy shut her eyes and held onto the kitchen table. She was scared of falling out of the house!

All at once, the house landed with a ***thud****.*

The wind ***disappeared****.*

Everything was quiet.



thud *- The noise made when something heavy hits the ground.*

disappeared *- Went away.*

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Dorothy and her dog, Toto, are carried away in a storm. They are taken to the magical Land of Oz.

It's a place filled with witches, wizards and talking animals! She must follow the Yellow Brick Road to find her way back home.

Will she get back home? Or will she get lost in the magical Land of Oz?

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