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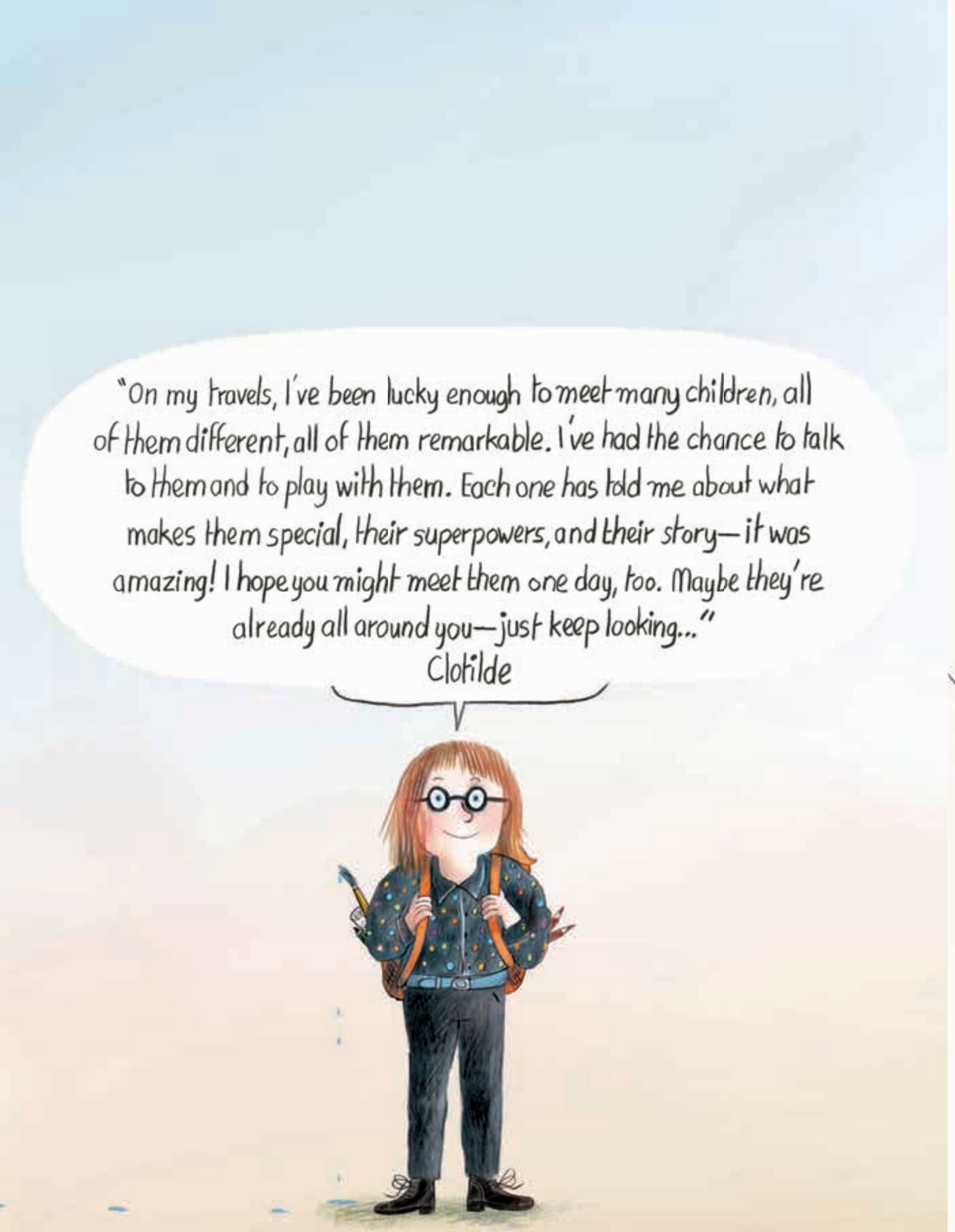
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Follow me!
Quick–it's time to read this book!

"On my travels, I've been lucky enough to meet many children, all of them different, all of them remarkable. I've had the chance to talk to them and to play with them. Each one has told me about what makes them special, their superpowers, and their story—it was amazing! I hope you might meet them one day, too. Maybe they're already all around you—just keep looking..."

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The ELECTRIC child



MY ELECTRIC FINGER

I can switch on loads of appliances: computers, toasters, lamps…



AT MY TOUCH

I electrify anyone who touches me and we're immediately partners in fun! (The springy child, the thunder child and I make an explosive trio!)

Incredibly wired

Don't come too close! I'm a live wire, born with sparking eyes and a shock of wild hair. I electrify my friends, and soon they're as high voltage as me. We like charging around, the goofier the better. When I'm really amped up, I become uncontrollable and practically blow a fuse! And if I get annoyed, beware: I give off dangerous electric shocks…



HOW DO I RECHARGE?

I top up my batteries with a deep sleep (much to my parents' relief!).



I wake up revitalized—ta-daa! Bang those drums, boom boom, let's gooooo!



1 NORMAL INTENSITY

I'm pretty calm even though I feel energy starting to tickle my fingers.



2 DOUBLE ENERGY

I run, jump around and talk very fast.



3 EXTREME DYNAMISM

I take unbelievable leaps! I walk on the ceiling! I go into orbit. I'm berserk, haywire… and out of control!



The SUNNY child



RRRRRING!

I wake up early every morning, ready to light up the house!

Simply dazzling

It all started on my birthday: I was so happy that my body began to glow and fizz with light. Everyone was dazzled by my brilliance and impressed by the heat I was giving off. Since then, I've lit up every corner of the house—the broom closets, attic and cellar no longer scare me. At breakfast, everyone's pleased to see me again and to share my boundless energy. Turns out they can't live without me!



ACROBATICS

Cartwheels and star jumps!



MY FRIENDS

The cloud child and I like playing hide and seek.



WHOA!

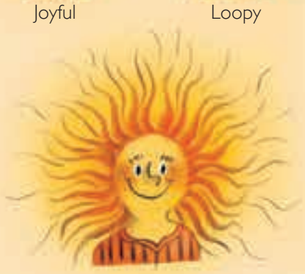
Sunflowers can't stop looking at me.

MY MOODS

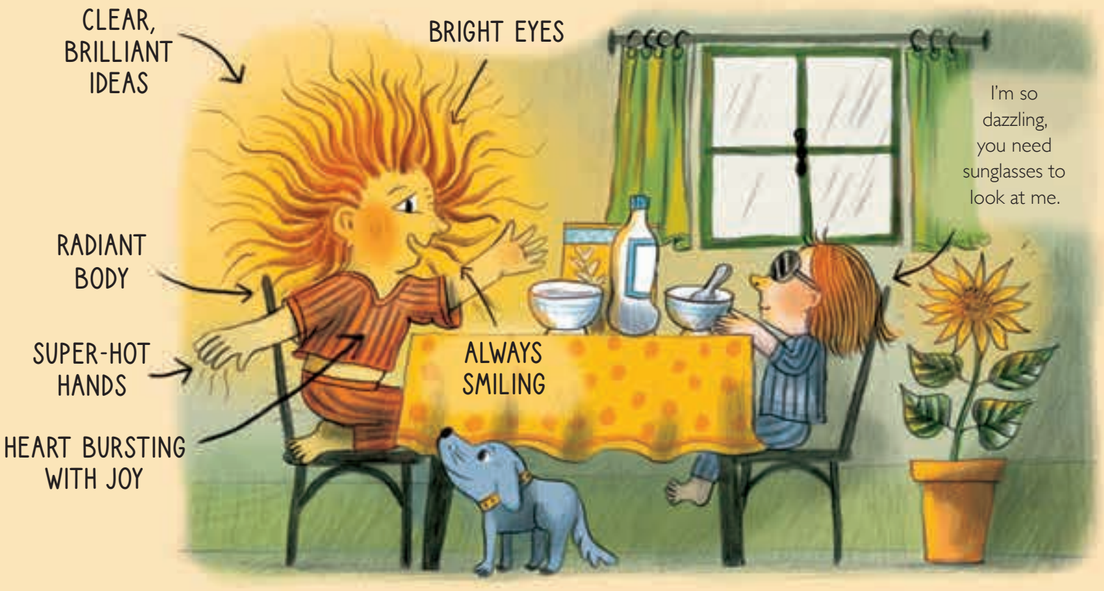


Joyful

Loopy



Ecstatic



The ICY child



MY ORIGIN STORY

One day, I got a bad scare and my whole body went cold. My heart turned into a block of ice.



AT THE DOCTOR'S

Having a cold heart doesn't mean I'm not healthy!



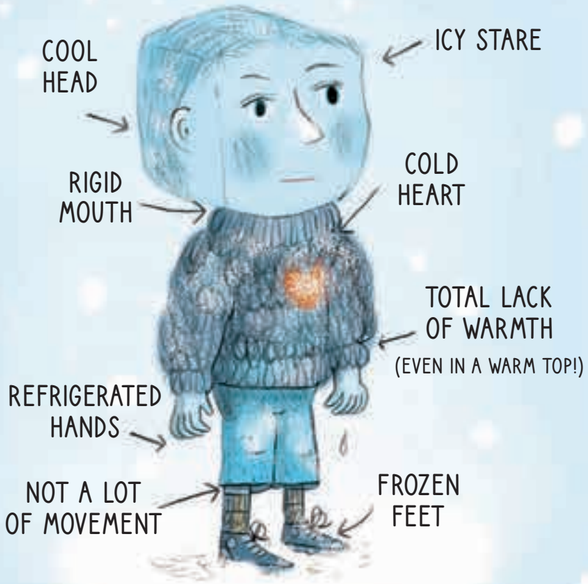
SOFT TOY

My snowman is my most trusted confidant.



THINGS ARE HEATING UP!

What would happen if I ran into the sunny child? The thought of meeting new people gives me chills.



Totally cool

I don't talk much: the only thing I say is "Brrrr." I never drink hot chocolate. Yuck! And soup's even worse! Anyone who dares come close soon starts shivering and rushes off to warm up. Suits me—I don't like being around other people. I dream of living alone at the North Pole; I need peace and quiet. Another advantage of being icy is that I'm the best at playing statues!



WHERE I'M HAPPIEST

I like taking naps in the fridge.



AT SCHOOL

Sometimes I shiver and my teeth chatter—especially when the teacher asks me a question.



MY BEST MEAL

I love eating popsicles while huge snowflakes fall around me.



IGLOO

My dream house!



POLAR BEAR

My top animal pick!

The SPEEDY child



HAIR IN THE WIND

QUICK THINKING

NIMBLE HANDS

600 HEARTBEATS PER SECOND

OFF IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE

ULTRASONIC FEET

AGILE, BOUNDING LEGS

Blazing past, scorchingly fast...

INDISPENSABLE OBJECT



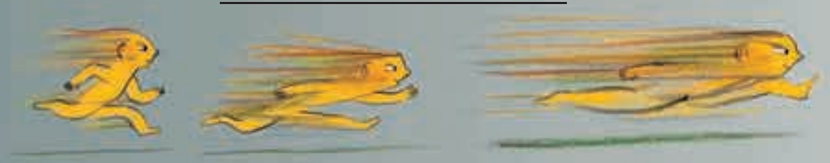
Stopwatch to check I'm up to speed

MY TECHNIQUE



1. Relax muscles of right foot
2. Raise left foot to the max
3. Right foot on the ground
4. Rapidly relax leg
5. We're off on a supersonic race!

MY DIFFERENT RUNNING SPEEDS



100 km/h
Galloping in for a snack

200 km/h
Hurtling to fetch a ball that's gone out of play

500 km/h
Sprinting to relieve an urgent need!

MY FEATS



Showering quick as a wink

Doing my homework in under two minutes

Tidying my bedroom in a jiffy

MY FRIEND



The tick-tock child, of course!

AT MY HOUSE



I race through the rooms of our house so fast my parents can hardly see me.

Lightning fast

I hate waiting. Waiting for my birthday, waiting for food, waiting to open my presents. I like things to move fast, so I run everywhere. I'm never late and my brain races at top speed. I gobble down my meals, gabble till I run out of breath, wash myself in two minutes flat…

What I love most of all is to tear through as many things as I can in a day, pushing my limits! Don't ask me how I get my rest, but it's got to be in a flash!

MY SOFT TOY



My cheetah is as fast as me.

CAREFUL!

I can hurt myself if I actually go *too* fast.

LIGHTNING-BOLT HAIR

CLACKETY-CLACK!

ROARING MOUTH!

GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

RUMBLING TUMMY

BASHING GESTURES

BOOM!

STOMPY FEET

CRACK!

BRRRRRNG!

The THUNDER child

Impressively loud

SINCE I WAS A BABY



I started expressing myself very early. My parents soon found ways to protect their eardrums.

THINGS I LOVE



Drums, bells, shouts, yells, dins of all kinds… Instead of playing a symphony, I make PANDEMONIUM! I'm a whole big one-child band!

TOO MUCH!



It can be tiring for those around me. I'm so noisy, it's impossible to chat nearby.



Everyone hears me the moment I show up—I make a monumental racket. My unpredictable outbursts frighten some people. I love stomping around, yelling at the top of my voice, making a commotion: I'm out of control. I can even smash things with a single blow—*crrrack!* I love throwing myself around and making loads of noise.

MY YELLS



HYAAAA! RARARAAA!
YOOOEEE!
GRAAARR!
BRAOOOOOM!

WITH MY FRIEND



The electric child and I shake up the house!

CAREFUL!



If you're sensitive to hollering, stay away!

I do not embody sweetness. I come rumbling, thundering, and hurling lightning-bolts.



AND WHAT SORT OF REMARKABLE CHILD WILL YOU BE?

YOUR MORNING ALARM HAS JUST GONE OFF



- You leap up, hair a mess, and put on at least one piece of clothing inside out or back to front.
- You pick out your most original clothes and wear them in surprising combinations.
- You stay and enjoy your lovely soft bed for just another minute or two…
- You bounce out of bed, fizzing with delight!



YOU'RE AT SCHOOL AND THERE'S A SURPRISE TEST! WHAT DO YOU DO?

- You stare up at the ceiling. Maybe the answers will drop from above.
- You doodle all over the answer sheet with your rainbow pen.
- Too easy! You know it all by heart.
- You have to be the first to hand in your work!



LUNCHTIME

- You start with dessert. Yum!
- You're full of ideas for recipes you want to try.
- You wait politely till everyone's there so you can all eat together.
- You squirm about on your chair because you can hardly wait.



TIME TO GO OUT FOR SOME EXERCISE

- You do somersaults and walk on your hands.
- You don't even bother going out. Paper and a pencil are all you need.
- You prefer a good chat with your friends.
- You dash all over the place. There's so much to do!

YOUR PARENTS ARE ALWAYS TELLING YOU YOU'RE…



- Unique.
- A ray of sunshine.
- Such a joy.
- A real live wire.



YOUR FRIENDS

- You love surprising them with new ideas for games.
- You like giving them gifts you've made.
- You're their go-to person when something is worrying them.
- You always know how to make them laugh.



WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU'RE GOING TO BE…

- An acrobat.
- A magician.
- A pastry chef.
- A firefighter.

YOUR BEDROOM IS FULL OF…

- Messy heaps of toys, even under the bed.
- Drawings and a bright rug.
- Books, treats and the softest of cushions.
- Posters of all the places you want to explore.

THE THING YOU LIKE BEST OF ALL



- Imagining! Anything and everything, so long as it's new.
- Drawing! Using vibrant pens and paints—beautiful!
- Hugs and comfy chats: lovely!
- Watching fireworks: they'll be dazzling!

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, YOU HOPE YOU'LL GET…



- A trampoline.
- An enormous box of paints.
- Ultra-soft fleece pyjamas.
- A dragon.



BEDTIME!

- You're going to sleep at the other end, just for a change.
- You turn on the fairylights around your bed.
- Great! Under your snug blanket is like being in a nest.
- Nope. No way. Still too much to do!

Count up the number of ♥ ☁ ☀ ★ answers, then turn the page for your results.



If you got mostly ★, you're the Back-to-Front Child.

You're remarkably original. You see things that others don't notice. You start your meals with dessert and, when it's time to read a story, you first want to know how it ends! You like somersaulting, walking on your hands and hanging upside down, but also making up new things to do. Nobody is ever bored when you're around!



If you got mostly ☁, you're the Rainbow Child.

You're remarkably vivid. You wear bright, flamboyant clothes and you dream of living in a house that's as eye-catching as you. You're always smiling, and you especially love to draw. You're incredibly creative. Your superpower: making anything you can think of appear with a simple pencil stroke. You're a proper magician!



If you got mostly ♥, you're the Cuddly Child

You're remarkably sweet. You exude kindness and wouldn't hurt a fly. What you love most is to make a fuss of your friends and give them big hugs and lovely presents. Your room is just like you: as welcoming as a little nest, a dream spot for reading and enjoying cream cakes or seashell chocolates. It feels so nice to be with you!



If you got mostly ✹, you're the Fire Child

You're remarkably vivacious. You're sparking with life, blazing with curiosity and positively burning to go off on adventures. You have a lot of energy and 1001 plans. Your high spirits and constant cheerfulness are contagious; you can always make your friends smile. And you're determined to make your craziest dreams come true. Sometimes people can see actual sparks coming from your eyes. You're a firecracker!

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