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Baggy Brown

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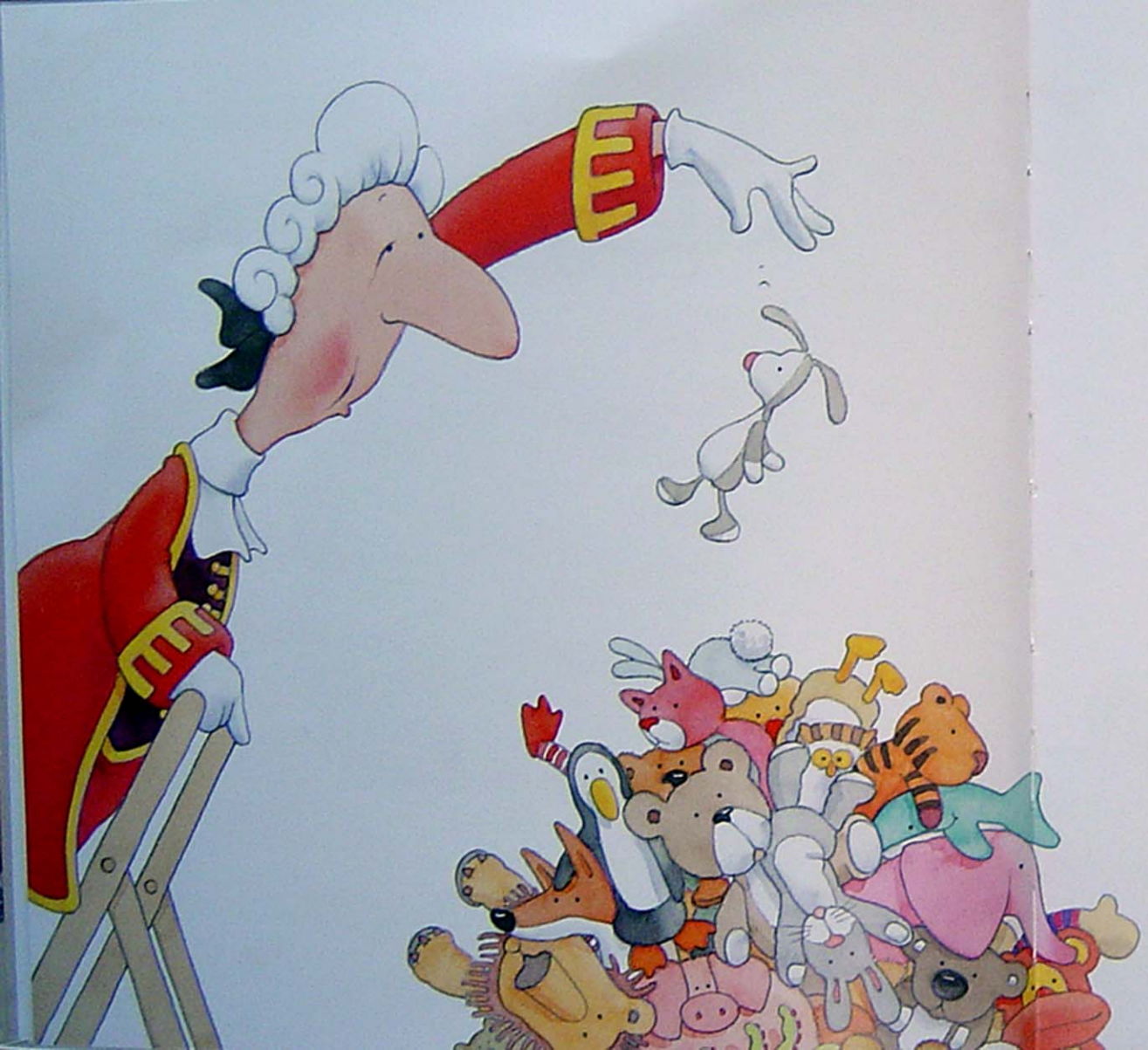
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Princess Sophinyiniannia, (Sophie for short), also started out well, as you can imagine.

To give you some idea, this is just the top of the pile of cuddly toys that arrived for her the very day she was born.

But do you know, not one of them could stop her crying. Week after week her little howls rang right royally throughout the palace.

In fact her cries were so upsetting that the King and Queen had to pull their crowns over their ears!





At this time Baggy Brown was not called Baggy Brown at all, but just No.1, which was the number stamped on the little gold crown in his ear.

He was the first of the 1000 special bears and the only one, *the only one*, without a price tag. He was priceless, you see, because he was to be presented to Princess Sophie.

And because of this he had a large NOT FOR SALE label slapped on the end of his nose.

Ouch!





It was such a shock that Baggy Brown did not line himself up properly when the big grabbler came round. It missed him completely!

While all the other bears were grabbled and whizzed away, No.1 continued along the conveyor belt and fell straight off the end.

Down he fell, down, down, and back into the very innards of the big red teddy bear machine at Better Bears Ltd.



He was grubbed and fluffed
and plumped and scrodged
and frizzled and squidged
and pummelled and hooshed
and hooshed
and hooshed again!

And when it had finished with him, the big red teddy bear machine spat him out onto the factory floor, where a passing factory worker called Jack trod on him.