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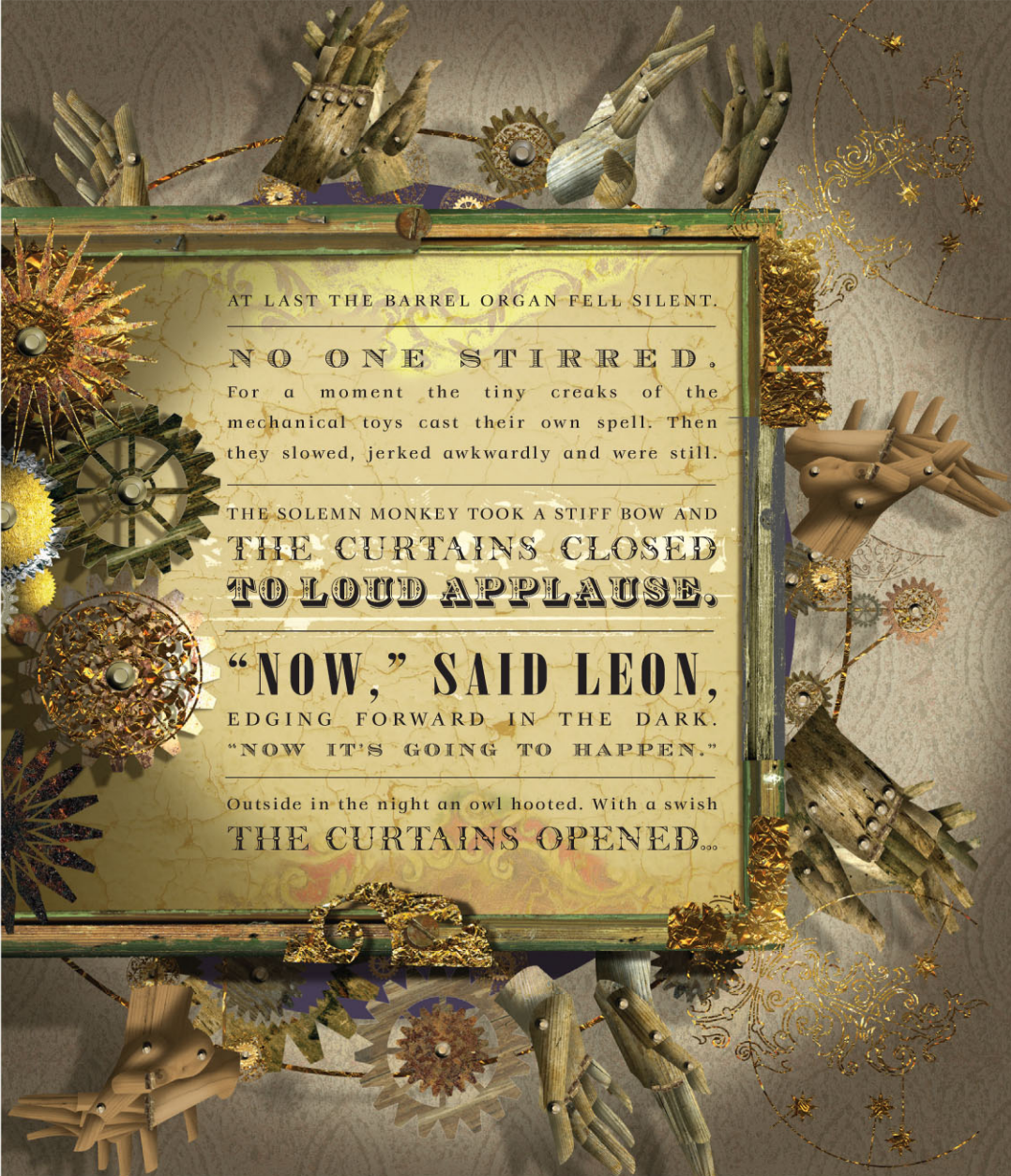
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AT LAST THE BARREL ORGAN FELL SILENT.

NO ONE STIRRED.

For a moment the tiny creaks of the mechanical toys cast their own spell. Then they slowed, jerked awkwardly and were still.

THE SOLEMN MONKEY TOOK A STIFF BOW AND
**THE CURTAINS CLOSED
TO LOUD APPLAUSE.**

“NOW,” SAID LEON,
EDGING FORWARD IN THE DARK.
“NOW IT’S GOING TO HAPPEN.”

Outside in the night an owl hooted. With a swish
THE CURTAINS OPENED...



