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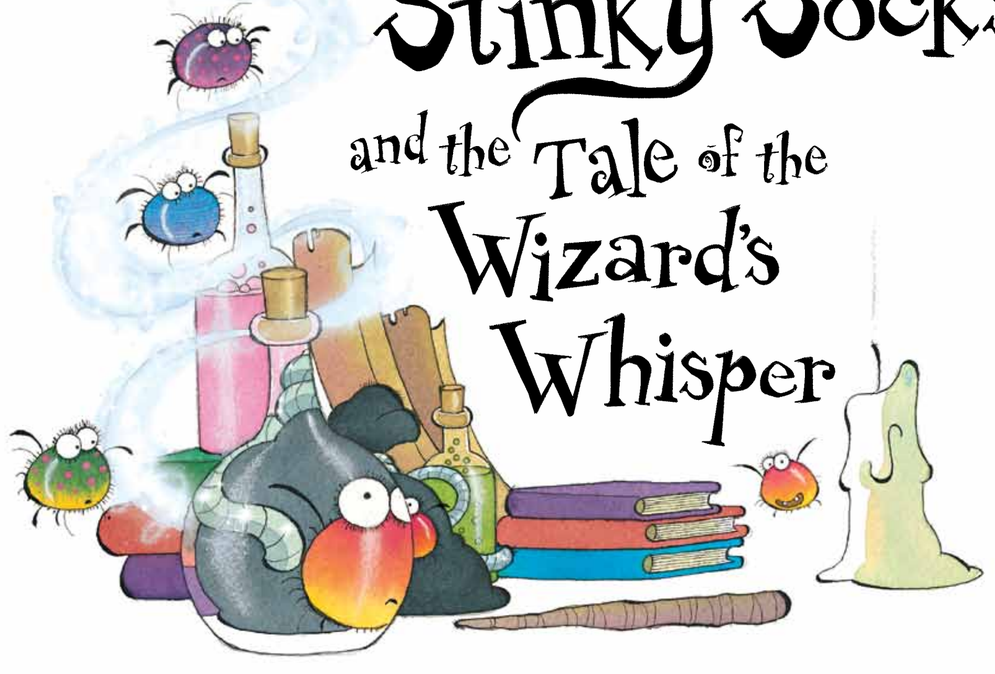
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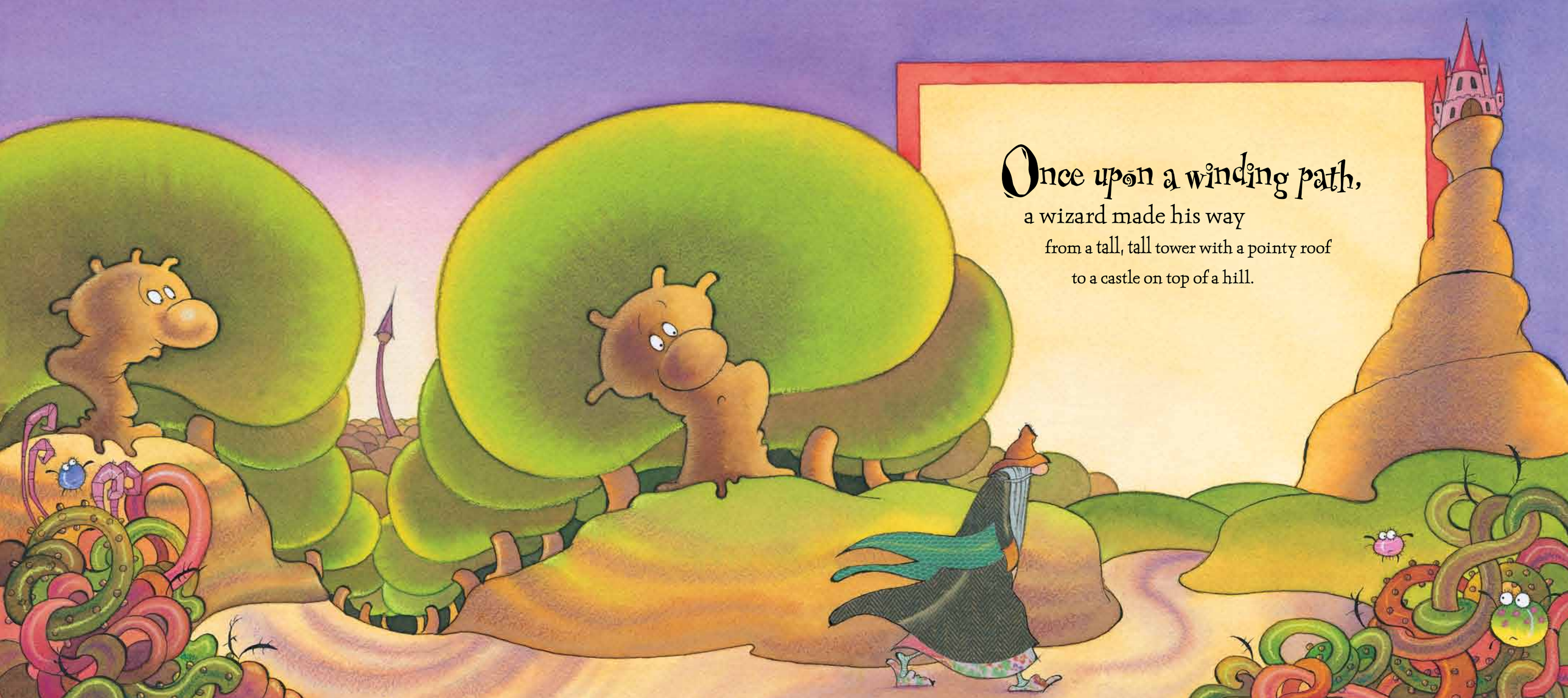
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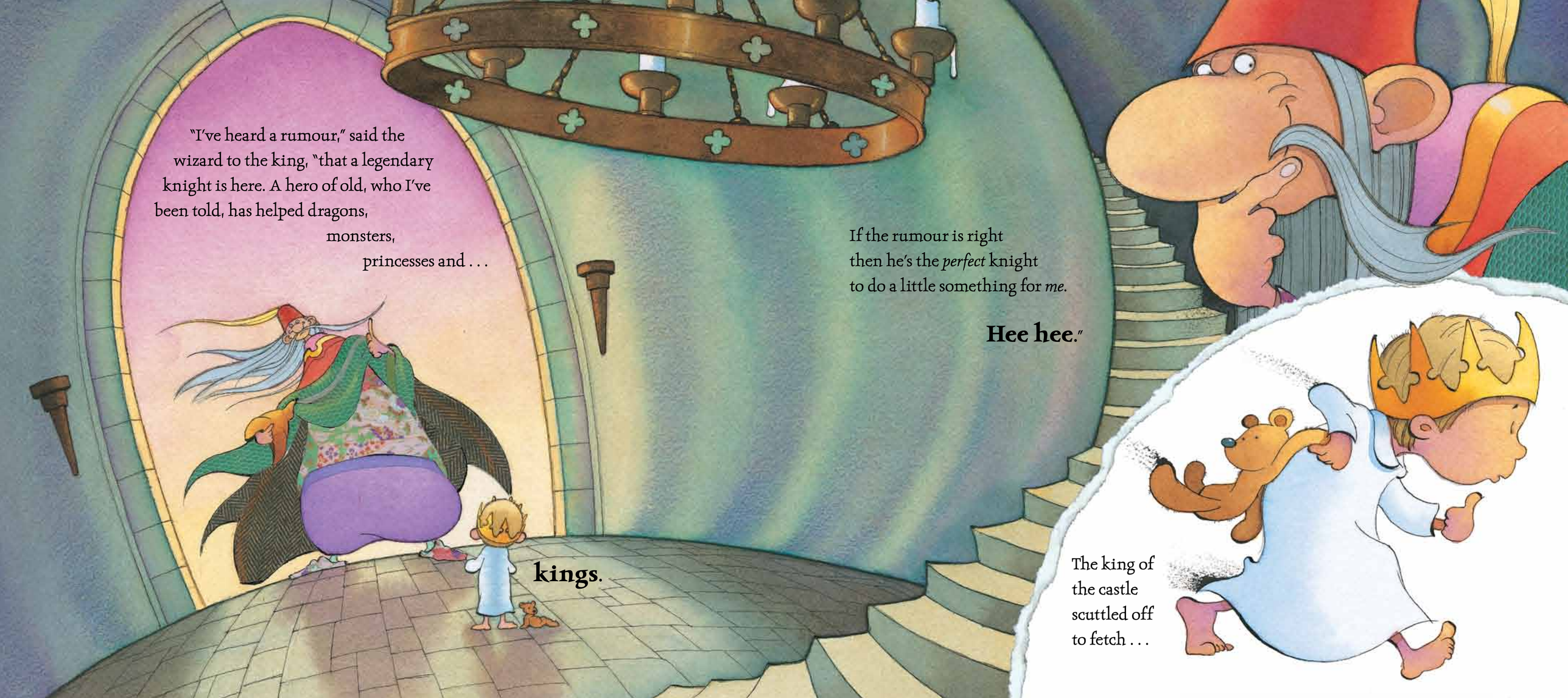
Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Tale of the Wizard's Whisper



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Once upon a winding path,
a wizard made his way
from a tall, tall tower with a pointy roof
to a castle on top of a hill.


"I've heard a rumour," said the wizard to the king, "that a legendary knight is here. A hero of old, who I've been told, has helped dragons, monsters, princesses and . . .
kings.
If the rumour is right then he's the *perfect* knight to do a little something for *me*.
Hee hee."
The king of the castle scuttled off to fetch . . .

. . . Sir Charlie Stinky Socks who – along with his faithful, fearless cat, Envelope, and his good grey mare – *was* in the castle on that very night . . .

looking for a *new* adventure.



"Listen well," said the wizard,
"here's what I need you to do.

Take a **treacherous track**,
to a **spooky-wooky wood**,
and look for a **deep, dark cave**.

Inside the cave is a little black sack,
tied with a silver string.

Bring that sack back to me," he said,

"but . . .

DO NOT look inside."

Sir Charlie could hardly contain his excitement –
unlike the cat and the horse!
So off he went to bring back
the sack while . . .

. . . the wizard
sent out a
whisper.