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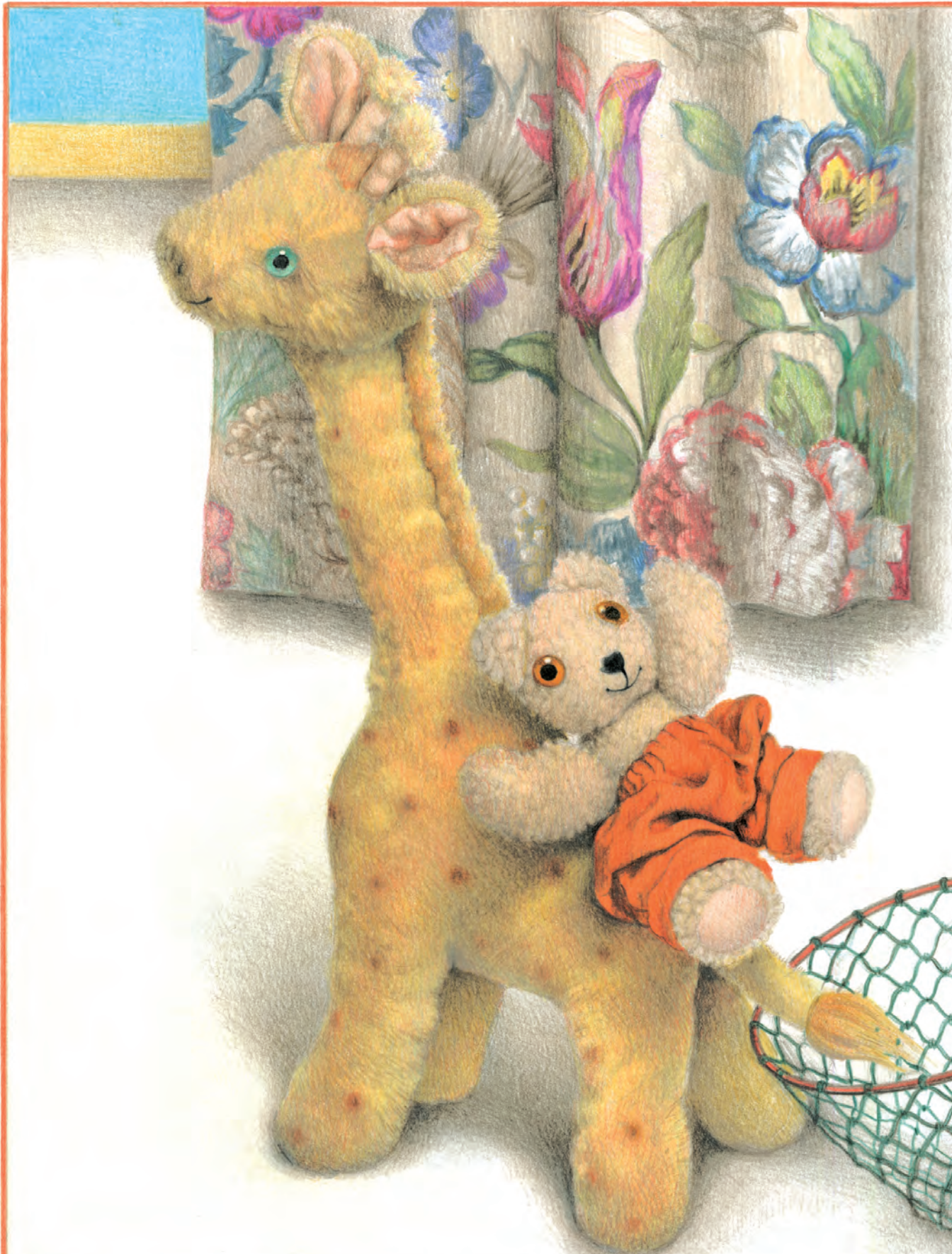
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LITTLE Bear let go of the curtain, slid down Jolly's long neck and landed, **plop**, in Bramwell's net.

'That was fun,' said Little Bear. 'I want another go.'

'No more flying,' said Old Bear. 'It's time for bed.'

'But where will Jolly sleep?' asked Rabbit.

'It's alright,' said Jolly, 'giraffes sleep standing up. Just a blanket will do for me.'





LITTLE Bear and Rabbit found a cosy blanket for their new friend.

‘Your neck’s going to get cold,’ said Little Bear, ‘the blanket won’t cover it.’

‘Ah!’ said Bramwell, ‘I have something for Jolly.’

He hurried away and returned with a parcel.

‘It’s a present for you,’ he said. ‘A welcome present!’





JOLLY unwrapped the parcel. Inside was the very, very long red scarf.

‘It’s the best present ever,’ said Jolly. ‘How did you know it would fit?’

‘I guessed it would,’ laughed Bramwell, as he wound it round and round Jolly’s long neck.

‘We thought you might be some treasure this morning,’ said Rabbit.

‘Or just an empty box,’ said Duck.

‘But we’re glad you weren’t,’ said Little Bear.

‘A new friend is better than a whole boxful of treasure!’



For Harriet and Russ



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