



FOR CATIE CAMPBELL
'FOLLOW YOUR STAR'

As the curtain fell on *The Boy, The Bear, The Baron, The Bard*, I never quite knew what the Boy would get up to next. I left him wandering the streets of London. But somehow his irrepressible spirit has landed him in another amazing predicament. And he discovers that adventure can be found in the most unlikely of places.

I often wonder about the real lives of people in paintings? The older the painting, the more curious the people. I have long admired the paintings of Vermeer and Van Eyck and this book gave me the perfect opportunity to step inside and see for myself. Together the Boy and I discovered a mysterious world just beyond the gilded frame – a world of fun, friendship and fiendish excitement.

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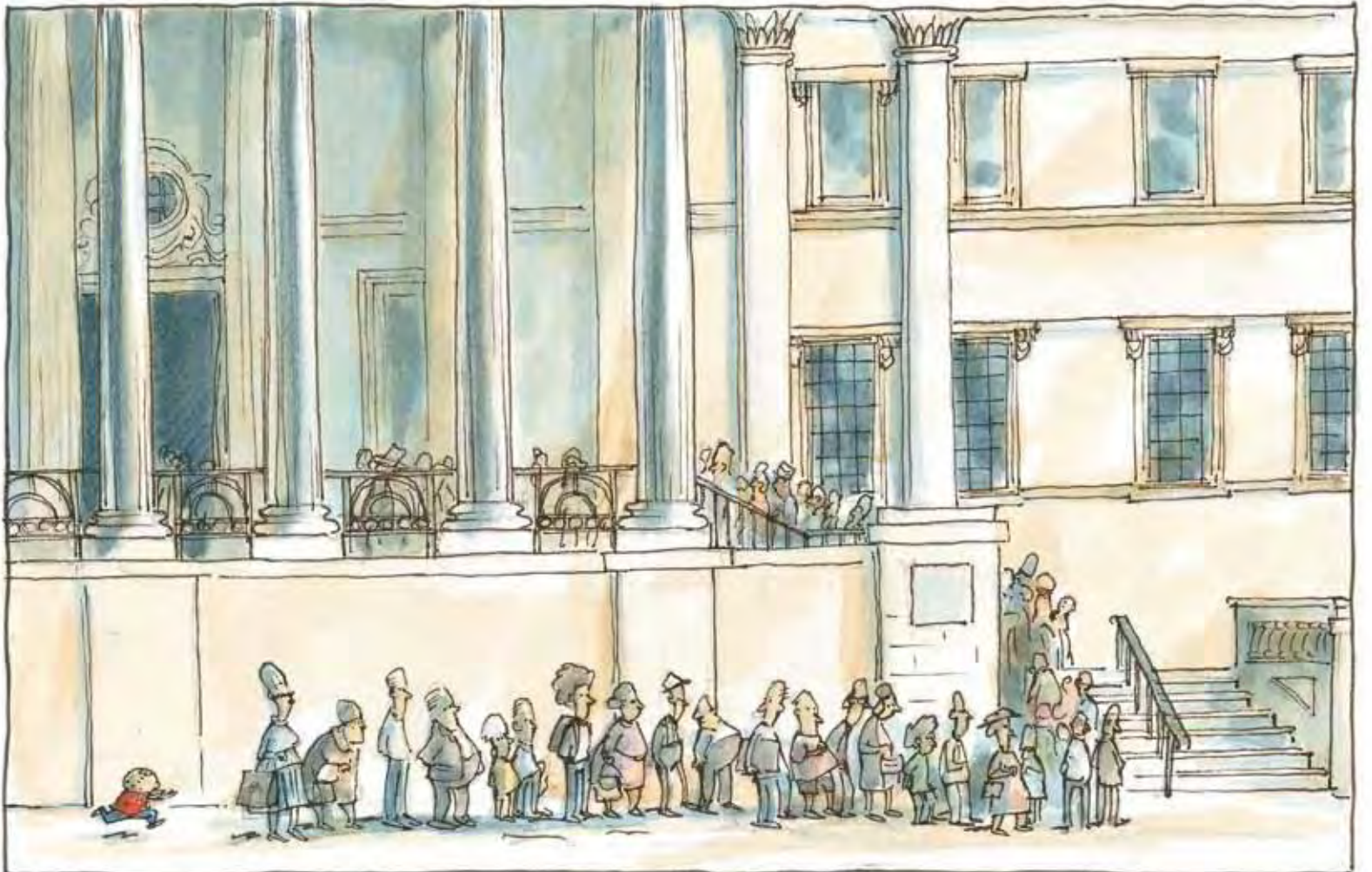
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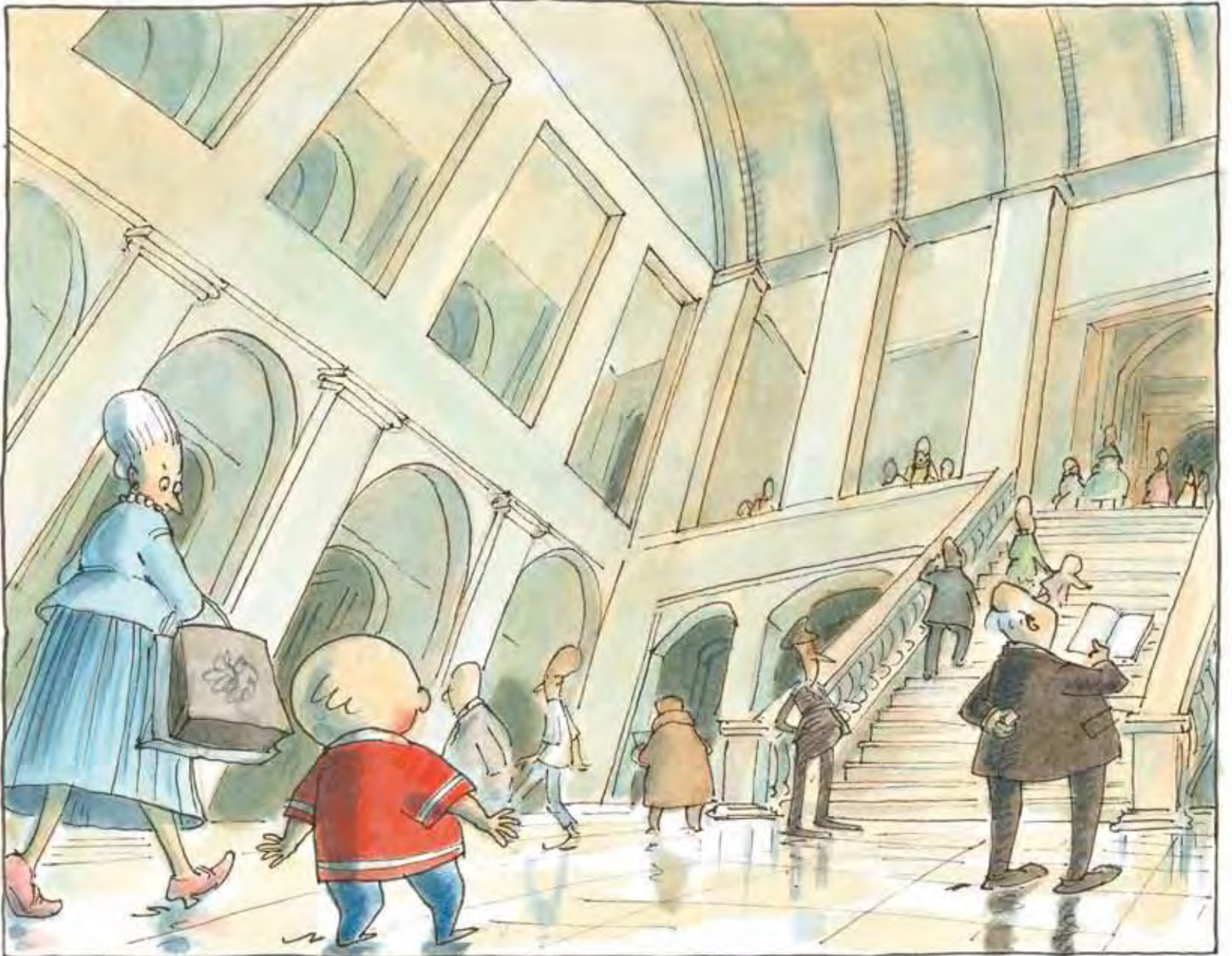
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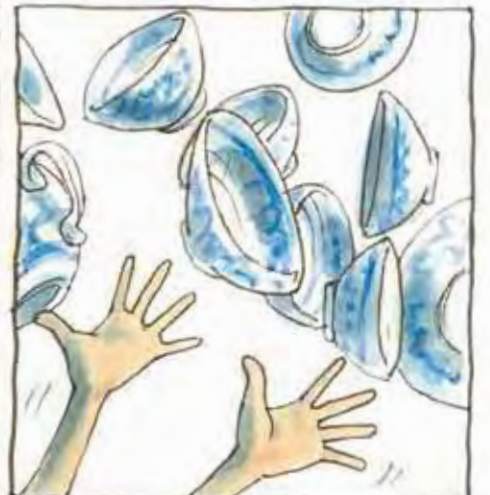










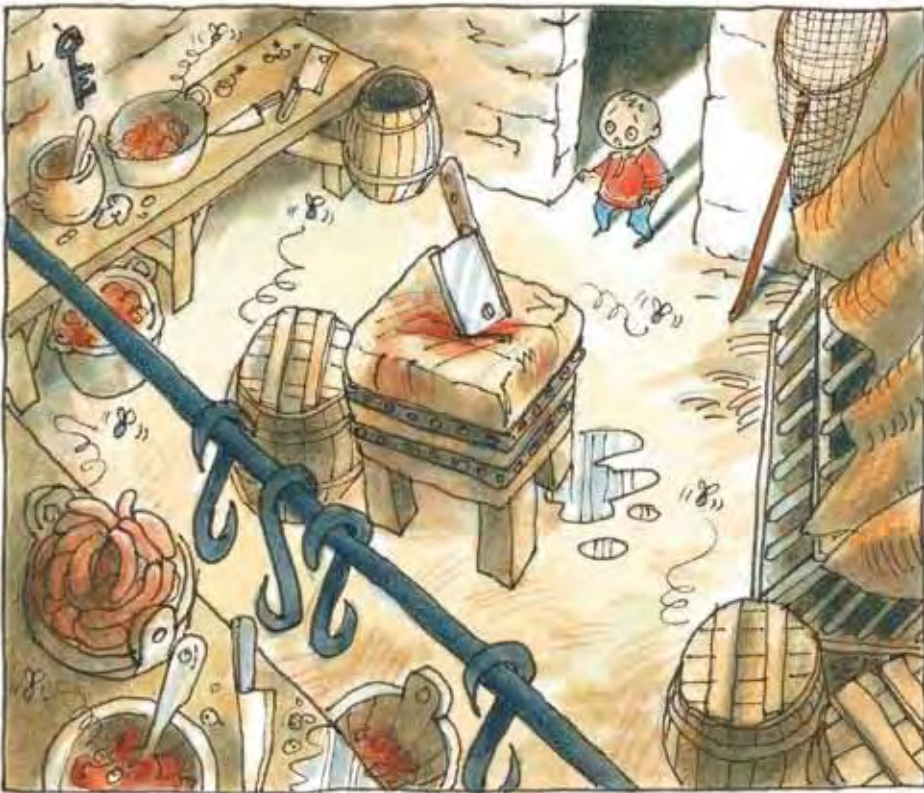
















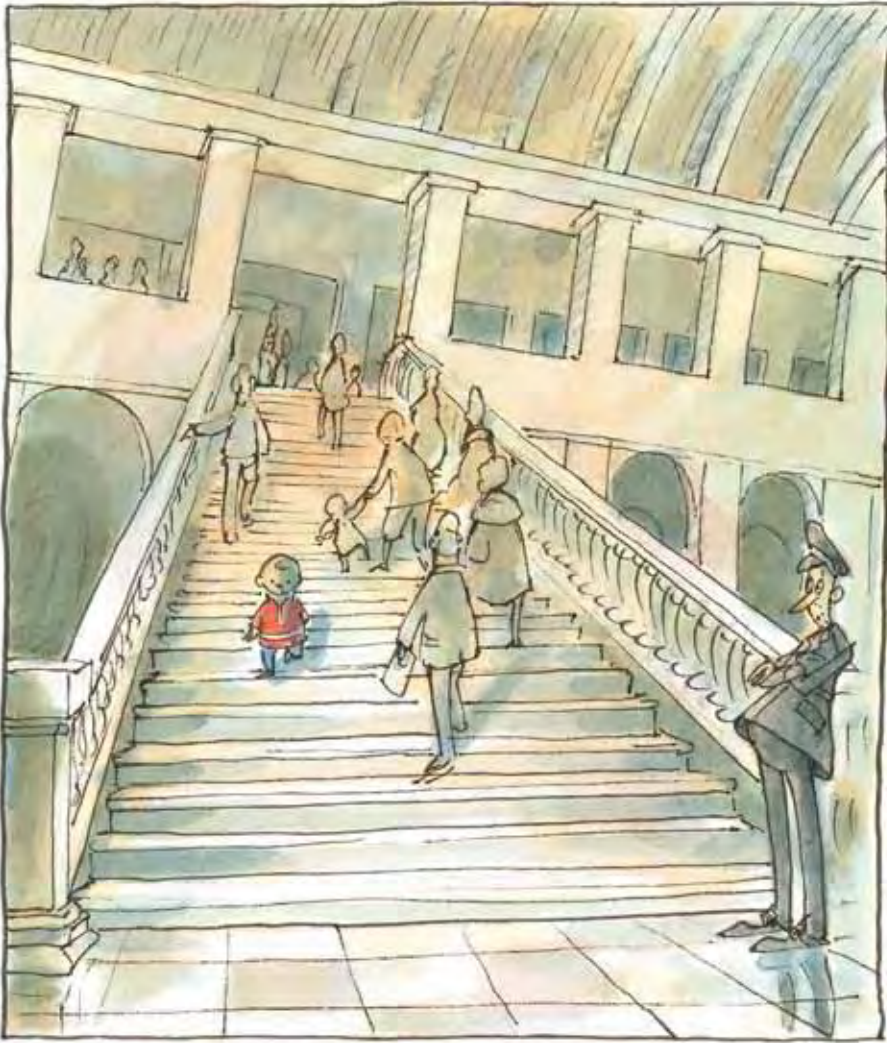




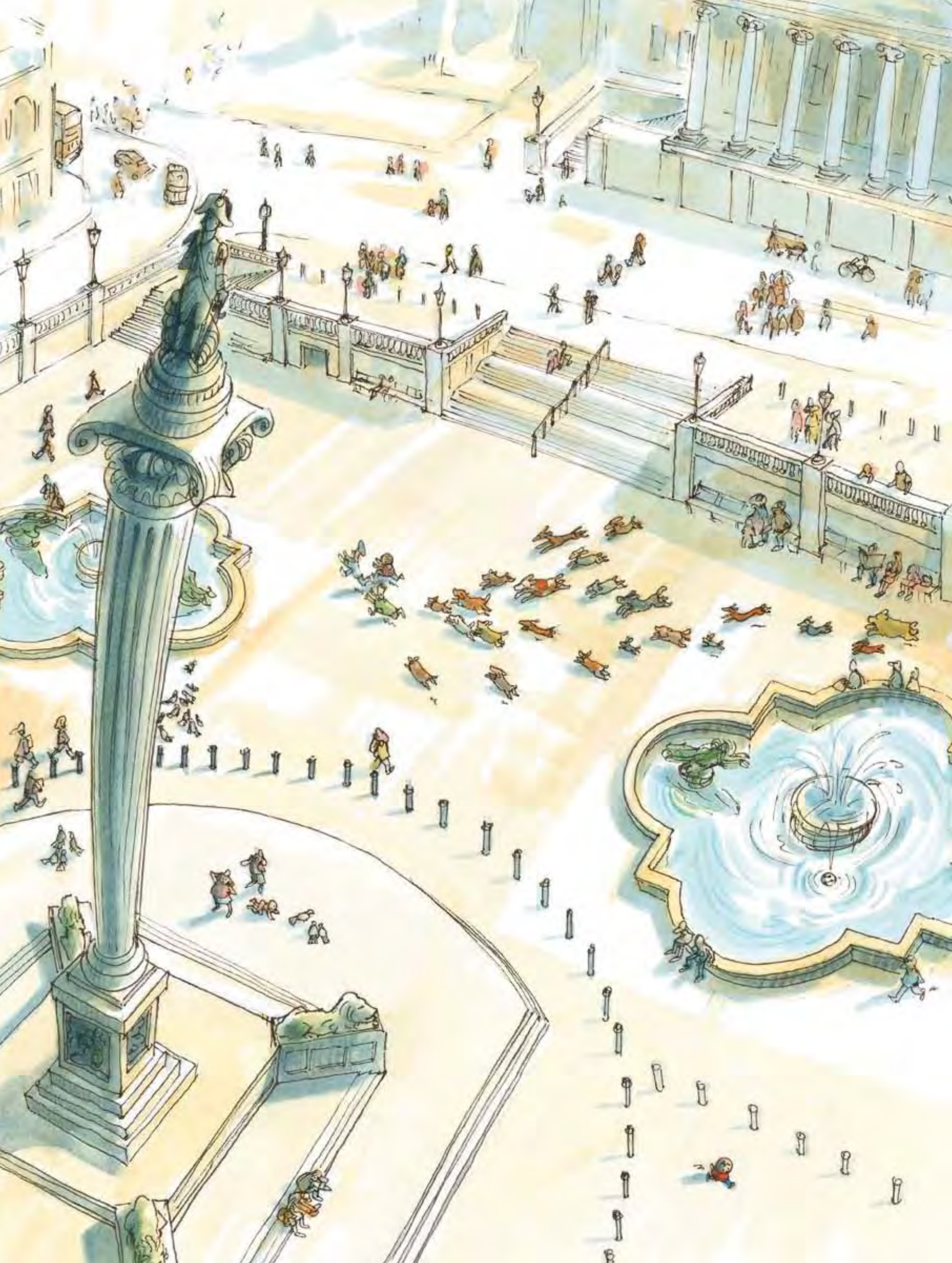












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