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Jim the Carter stopped his cart at the crossroads.
“Where are you going today, Finn?” he asked.

"I'm off to seek my fortune," replied Finn. "Where are you going?"
"Cork City," said Jim.



"Great!" said Finn. He climbed up and sat beside Jim. "What's in the cart?"



“Joke rubber noses and spectacles,
whopee cushions and tickling sticks,”
said Jim.



“All for the Mayor of Cork. The King of
Cork is very unhappy and nothing will
cheer him up. The queen has offered a
reward to whoever can make him laugh.
The mayor wants to win the reward.”

They arrived at the palace at midday.
Finn helped Jim to unload the boxes
from the cart.



The mayor put on a rubber nose and spectacles and pulled lots of funny faces. Finn and Jim laughed like a pair of crows. "Yarki Yarki Yarki!" But the king didn't even smile.



Then, the mayor sat on a whoopee cushion. Finn and Jim laughed like a pair of goats. "Tee-hee-hee-hee!" But the king didn't laugh at all.



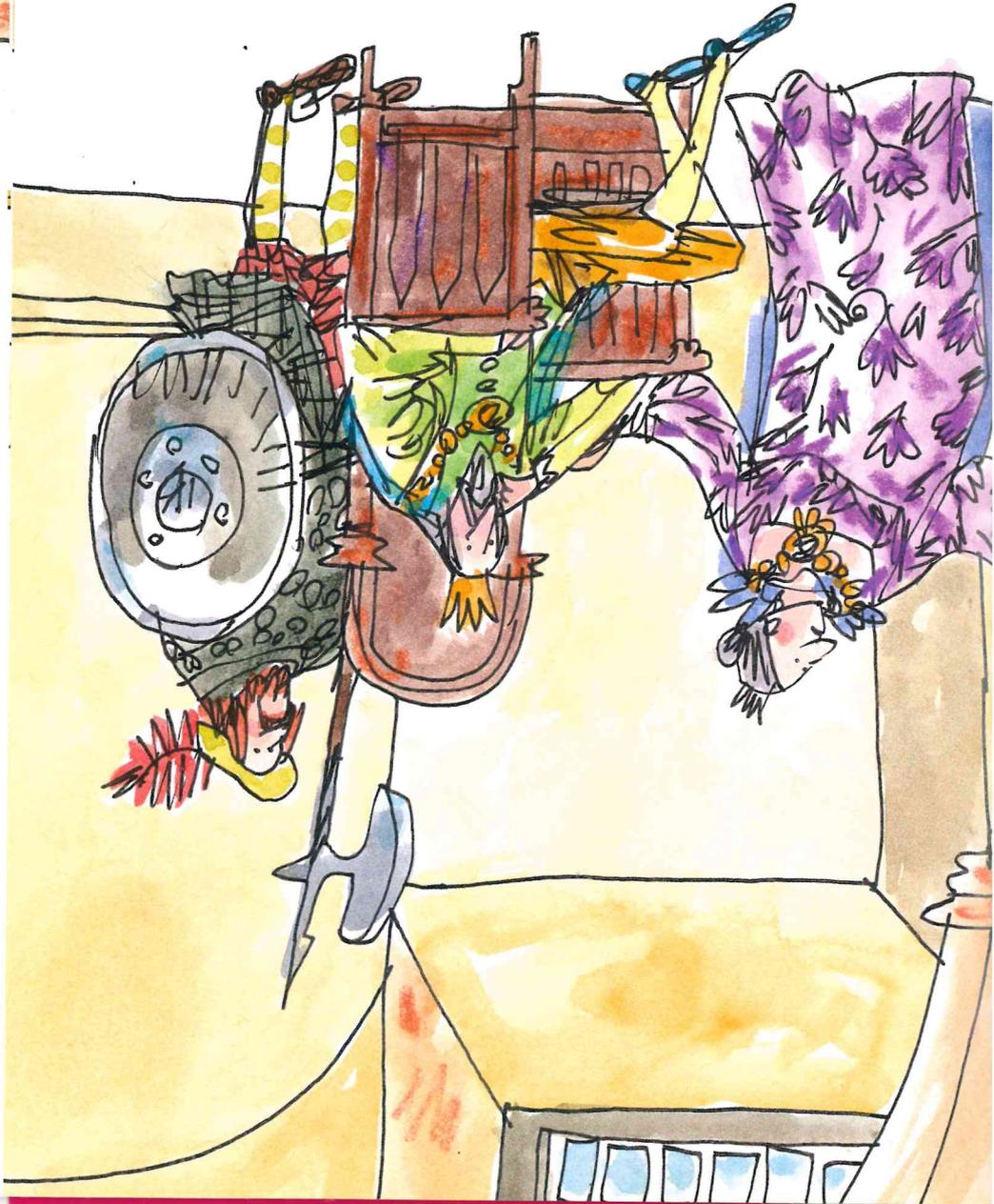
The mayor tickled the king with his
tickling stick. Then he tickled Finn and
Jim. Finn and Jim laughed like a pair
of donkeys. "Whooo-hai Hoo-hoo-heee!"
But the king just looked away.



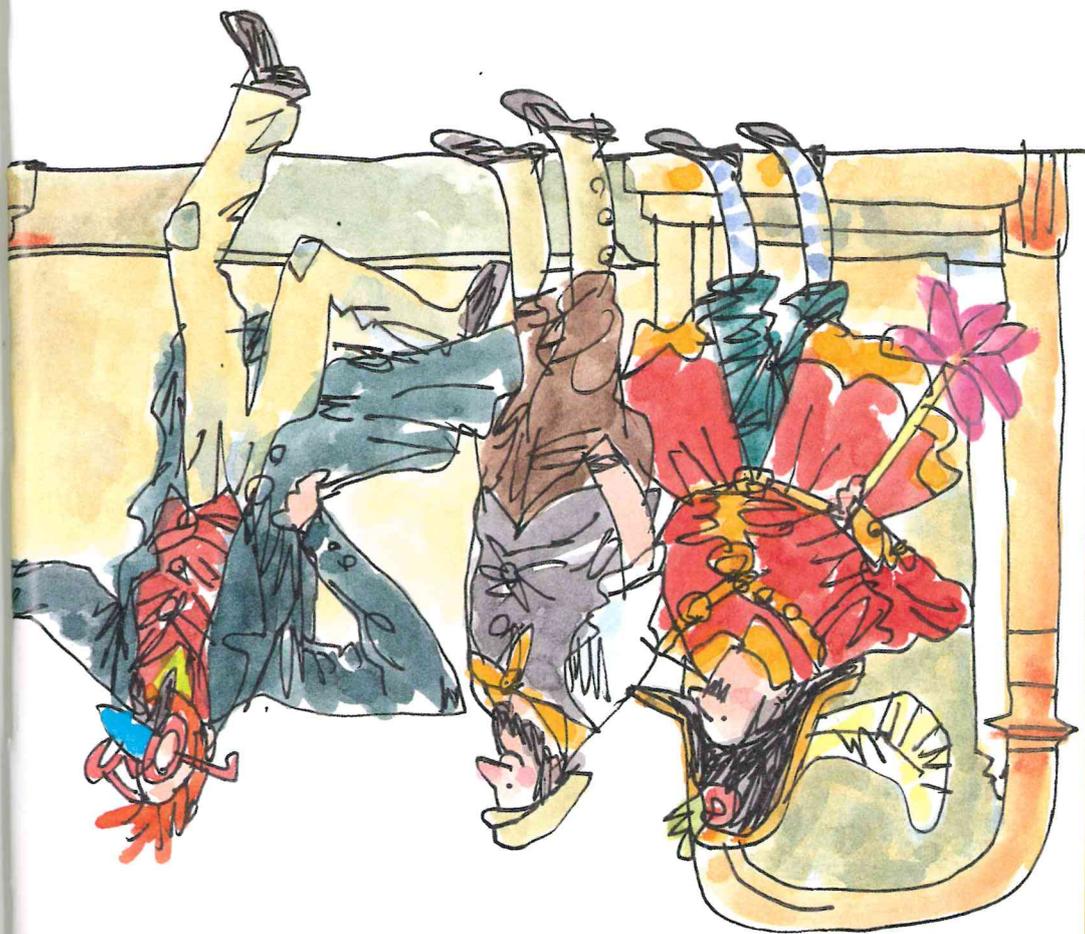
“That wasn't the least bit amusing,”
sighed the king.

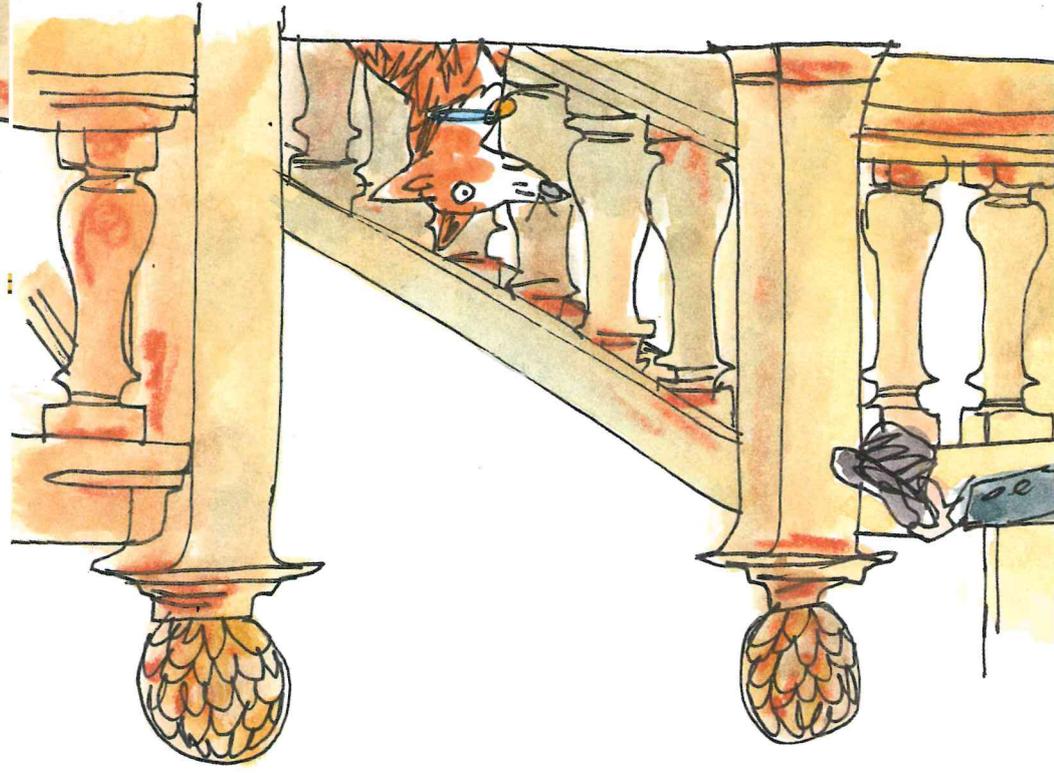


“I think you'd better go,” said the queen.



The mayor, Jim and Finn bowed. But just as they were walking out of the door, the king's pet corgi dog came running up the stairs.





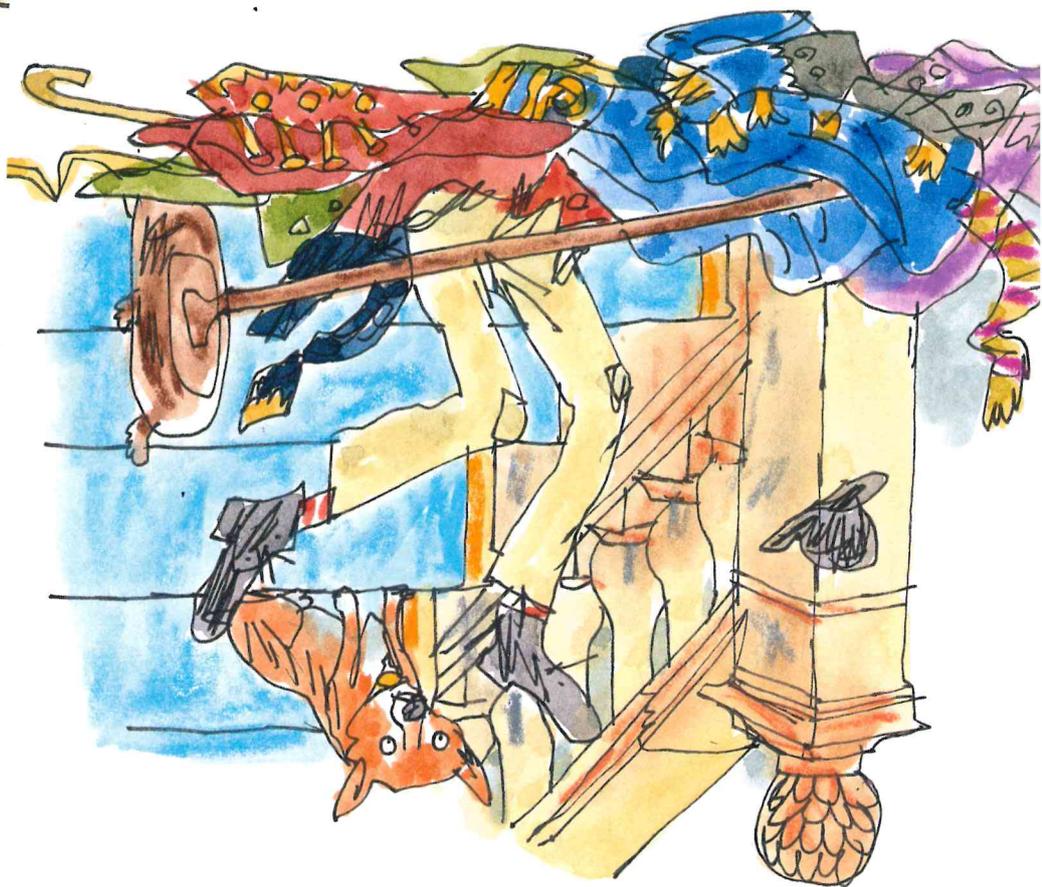
"I'll see if I can make the king's dog laugh," said Finn. He put on a rubber nose and spectacles. "Hullo, dog," said Finn, and he pulled a face.

“Owwwi!” yelled Finn.

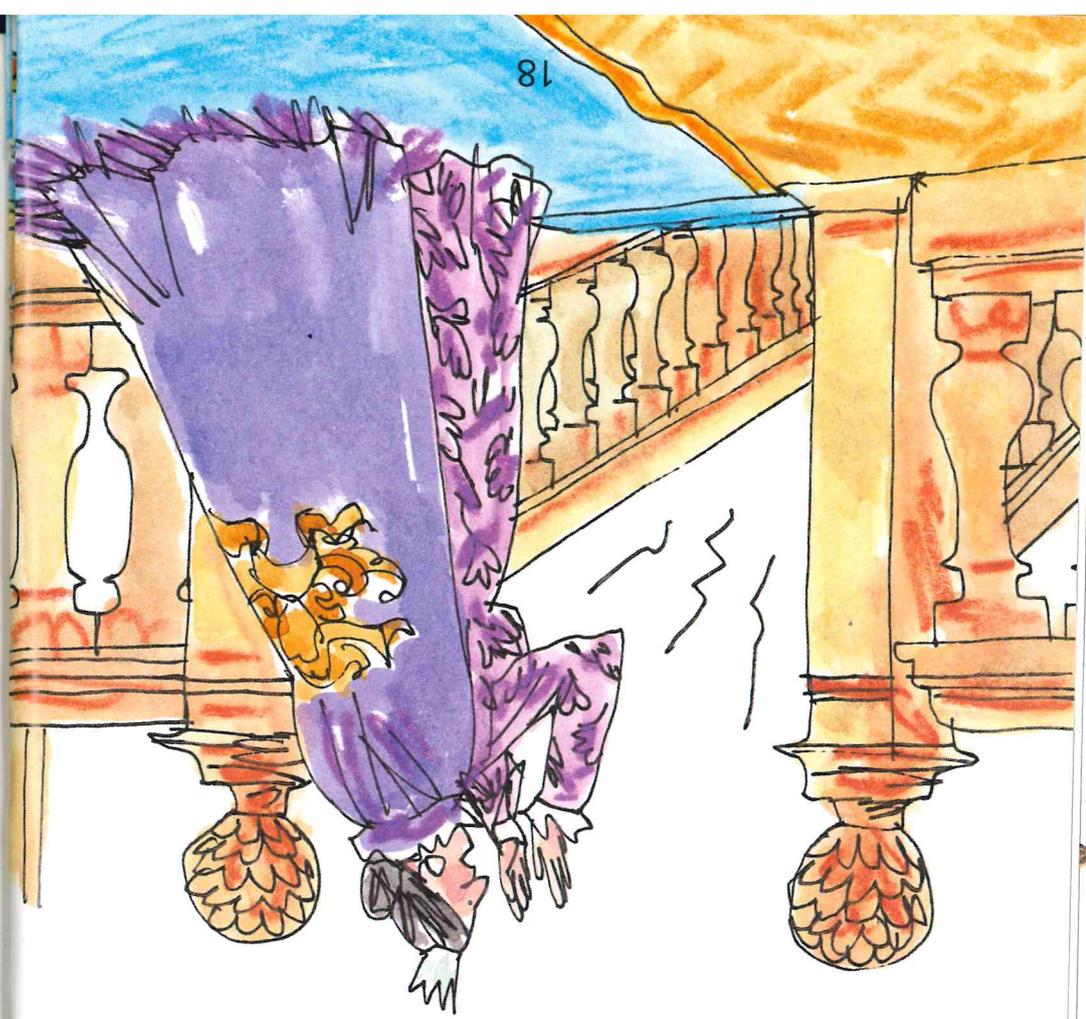


The dog took one look at Finn and bit him on the ankle.

He fell over the dog and... Bump!
Bump! Bump! Crash!



Finn rolled all the way down the stairs
and into the hatstand at the bottom.



The king and queen rushed to the top
of the stairs as fast as they could.

“Are you all right?” called the queen.

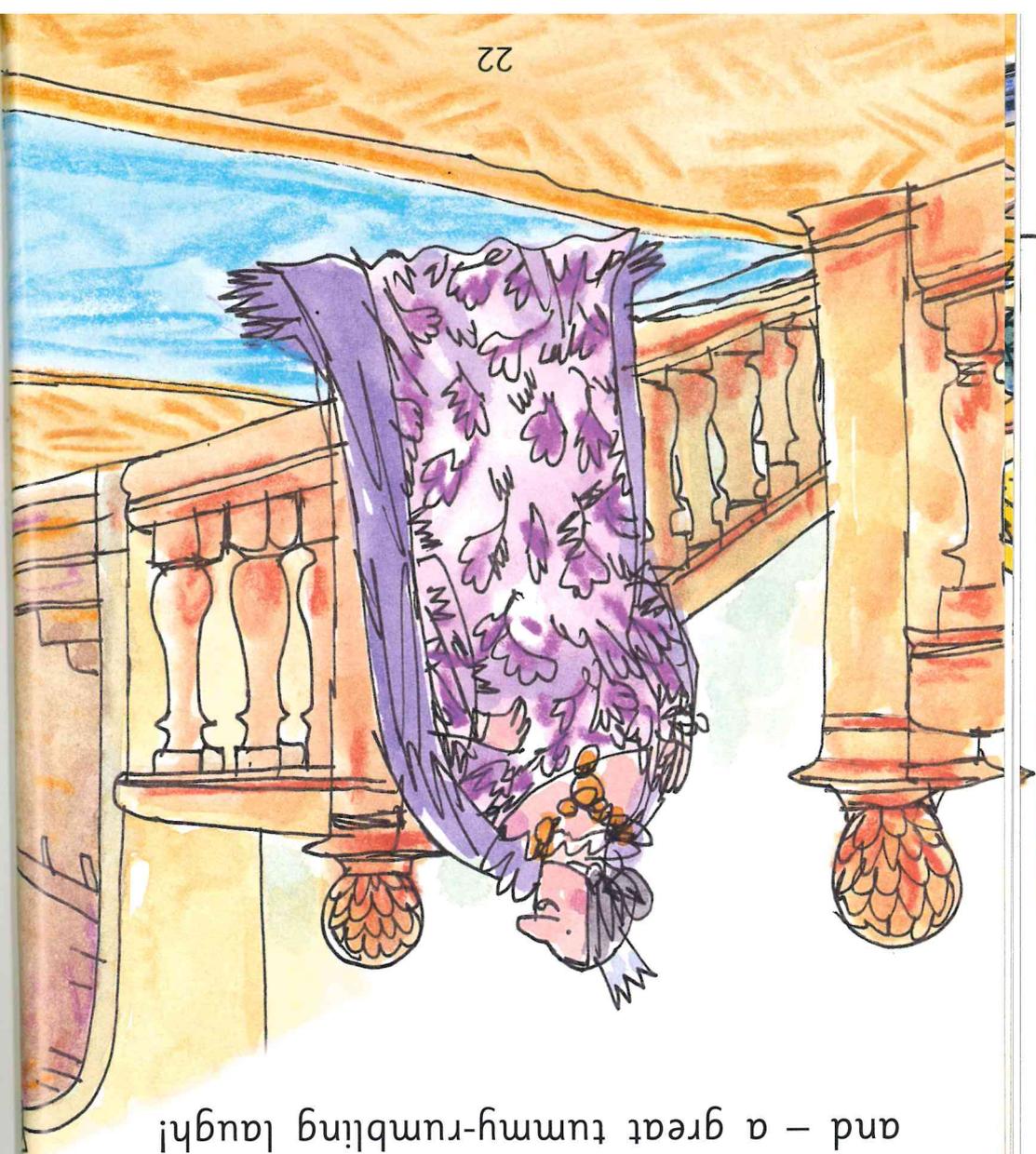




“I think so, Your Majesty,” Finn called back.

His rubber nose and spectacles were lopsided. One of the king's fancy uniform jackets had fallen over his shoulders and the queen's best flowery summer hat had landed on top of his head.

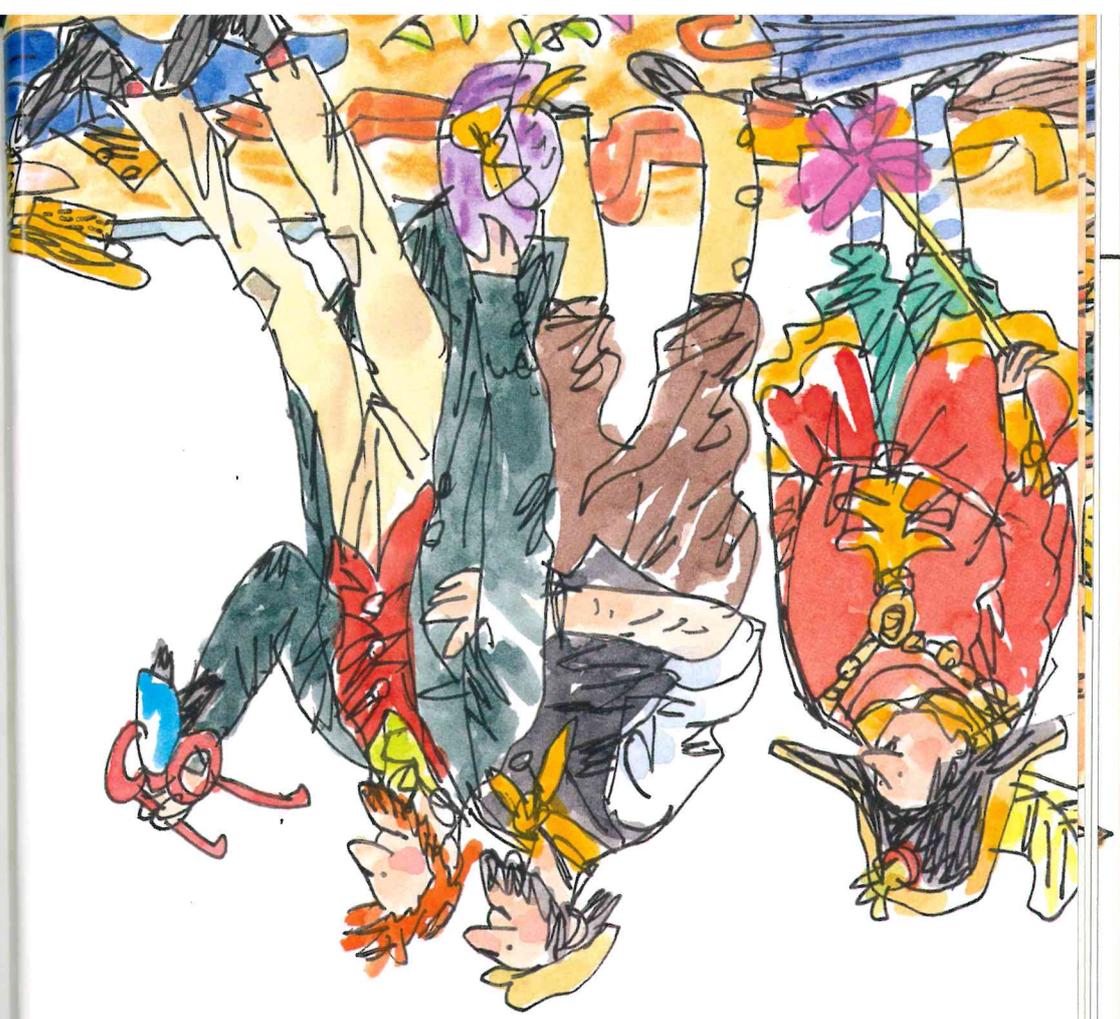




From the top of the stairs came a
gasp and a wheeze and a whoop
and – a great tummy-rumbling laugh!



“Ha-ha-ha-ho-ho-hoi Yak-yak-yak!” laughed
the king. “That’s the funniest thing I’ve
seen all week – all month – all year.
No! That’s the funniest thing I’ve seen
in all my life! Bring that man here!”

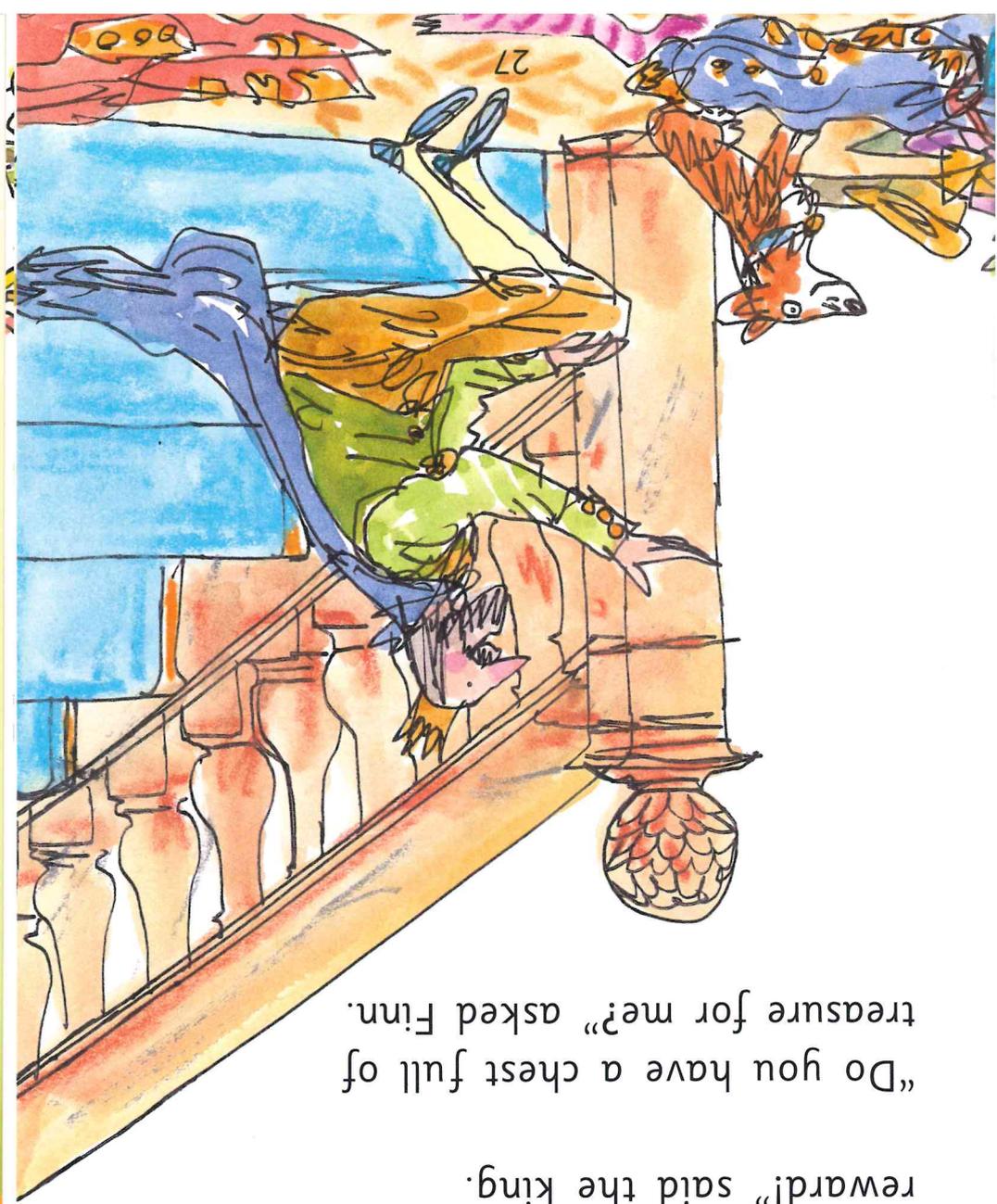






"I'm going to give you a wonderful reward!" said the king.

"Do you have a chest full of treasure for me?" asked Finn.



“No!” said the king. “It’s much better than that. You can have all of these whoopee cushions, tickling sticks and funny face spectacles. Then you’ll be as happy as me for the rest of your life!”







And the king began to laugh his great
tummy-rumbling laugh again. "Ho-ho!
Ha-ha-ha! Tee-hee-hee! Arf-arf-arfi
Yak-yak-yaki!"



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Tim Archbold believes that making your fortune can be a difficult thing to do. Grumpy kings are hard to please, magic goats are always difficult to work with and the end of a rainbow is just over the next hill. But keep trying and have some fun on the way to your fortune...

