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Level 1

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Dorothy

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Dorothy

It's evening.
The sun goes to sleep in the sea,
and the sky up there
is dark and bare.
Here comes Dorothy.
She has a big bag.
And in her bag
she has a lot of dreams!

In her bag Dorothy has dreams
for mummies and daddies.
She has dreams for boys and girls.
She has dreams for cats and dogs.
She has dreams for animals
big and small...
She has dreams for all!

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Dorothy has the right dream for everyone.

She has a toy mouse for Kitty, the cat in the kitchen.

She has a big bone for Bongo, the dog on the stairs.

She has a magic bike for Billie.

She has a big box of chocolates for Charlie.

What wonderful dreams!

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Now the sky up there
isn't dark and bare.
Dorothy is there!
Now the moon smiles
and the stars twinkle.
Dorothy sings.
She's happy!
The sky is happy!

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Twinkle, twinkle, twinkle, stars!
You are lovely, yes you are!
Up above the world so high,
you are diamonds in the sky!

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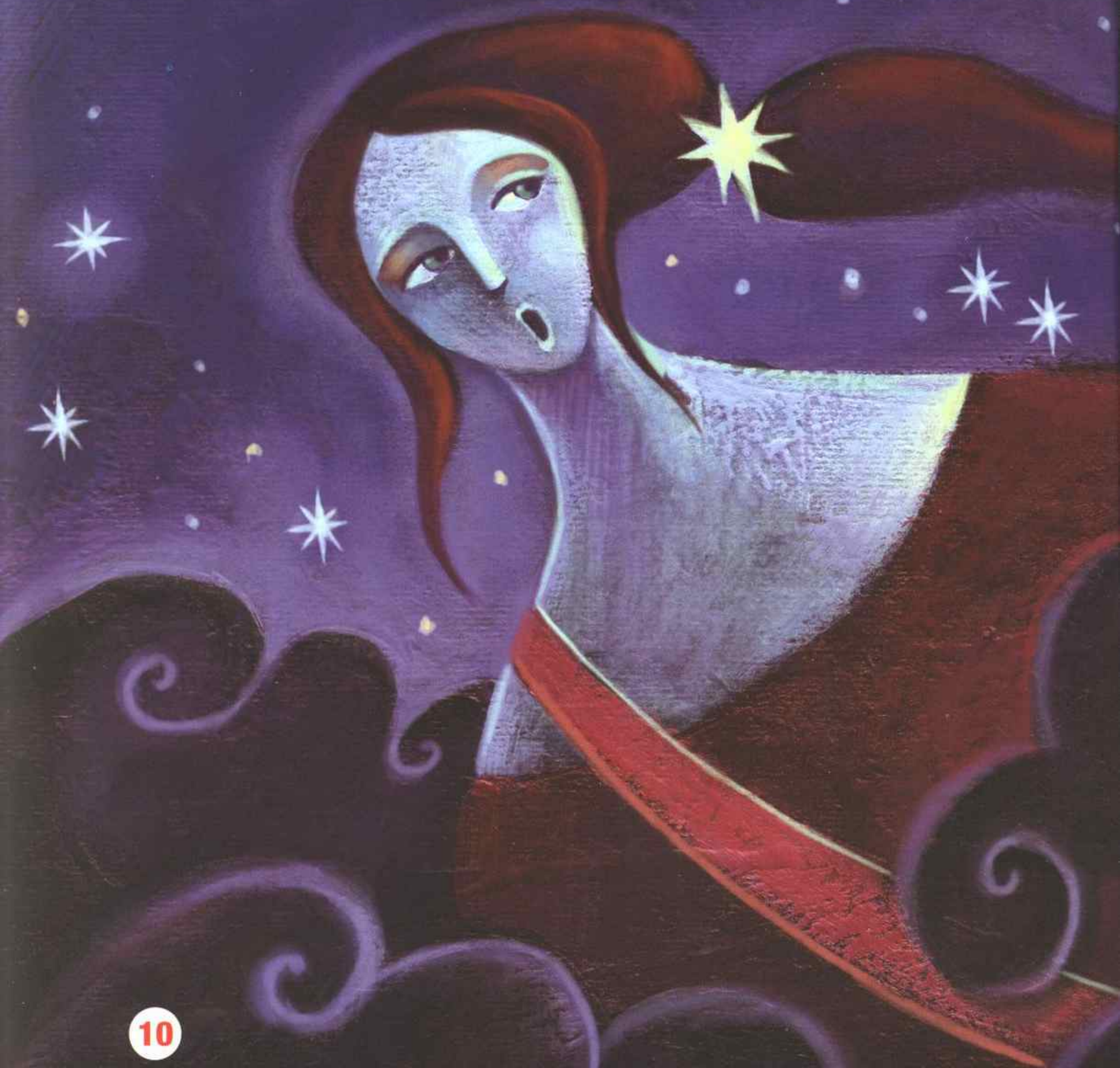
But big, dark clouds come.
They come fast.
They come very fast!
They cover the moon.
They cover the stars.
They cover Dorothy and her bag of dreams.



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It's dark now.

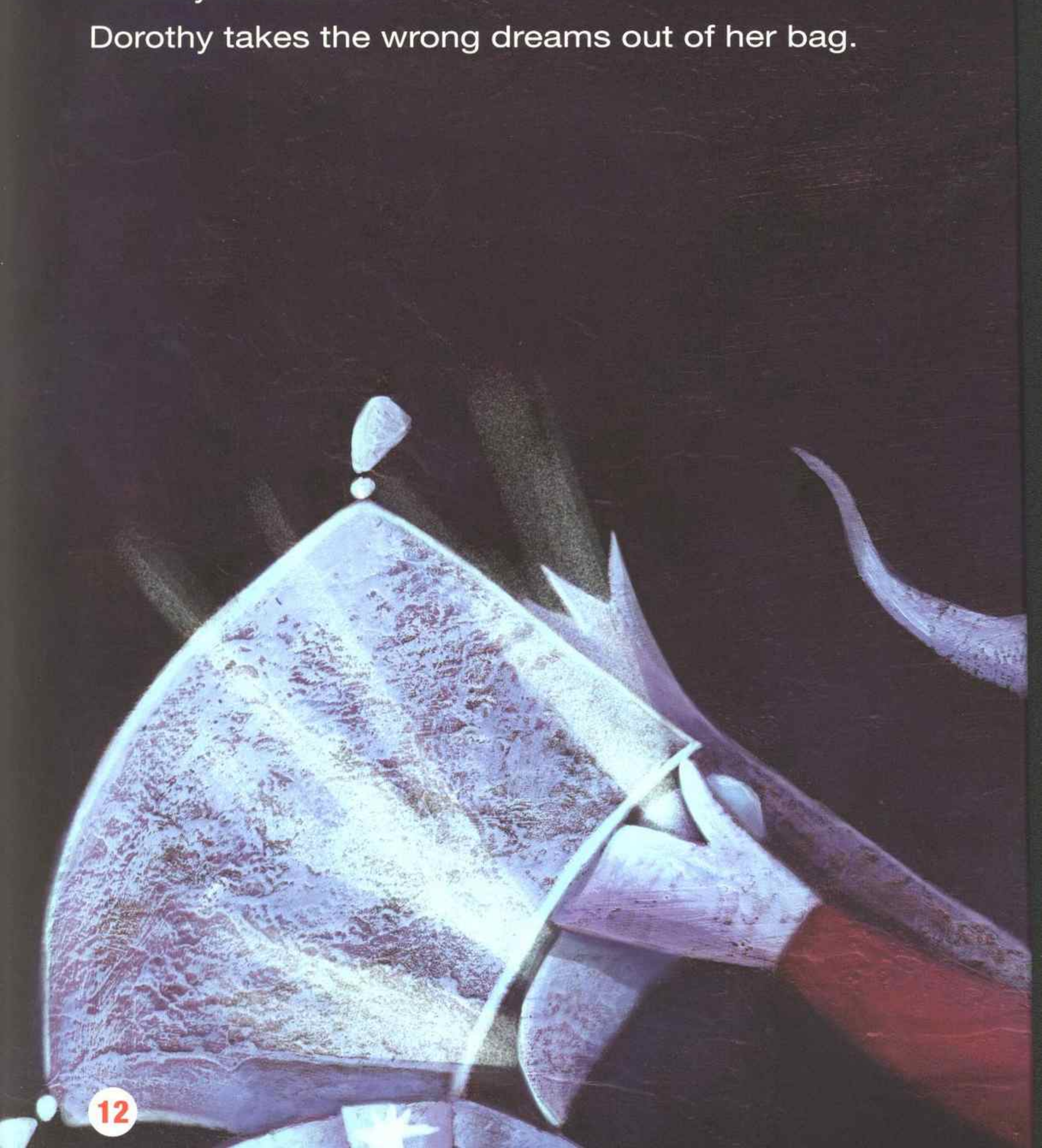
It's very, very dark.

Where is the moon?

Where are the stars?

The sky is sad.

Dorothy takes the wrong dreams out of her bag.



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Oh no! It's dark now!
It's very, very dark!

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Dorothy takes out a magic bike for the big white whale.
Dorothy takes out a big bone for the small red fish.
What terrible dreams!

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Help, help!
Where's the sea?
Oh no!
This isn't for me!

SPLASH!

Help, help!
What's this in the sea?
Oh no! This isn't for me!

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Dorothy takes out a box of mosquitoes for Billie.
Dorothy takes out a box of worms for Charlie.
What terrible dreams!

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Ouch! Ouch! Mosquitoes on my nose!
Ouch! Ouch! Mosquitoes on my toes!

Yuk! Yuk!
Oh no! Not these!
Stop this dream now! Please!
Please!

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The cats on the roofs sing a special song:

Miaow, miaow! Hey, hey!
Clouds, clouds, go away!
Miaow, miaow! Hey, hey!
Clouds, clouds, go away!

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The cats sing and sing.

It's a special song, and the clouds go away.

The moon smiles.

The stars twinkle.

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The sky is happy.

Dorothy is happy.

She smiles.

She takes the right dreams out of her bag!

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Dorothy sings:

Dreams for mummies and daddies.
Dreams for boys and girls.
Dreams for cats and dogs.
Dreams for animals big and small...
Dreams for all!

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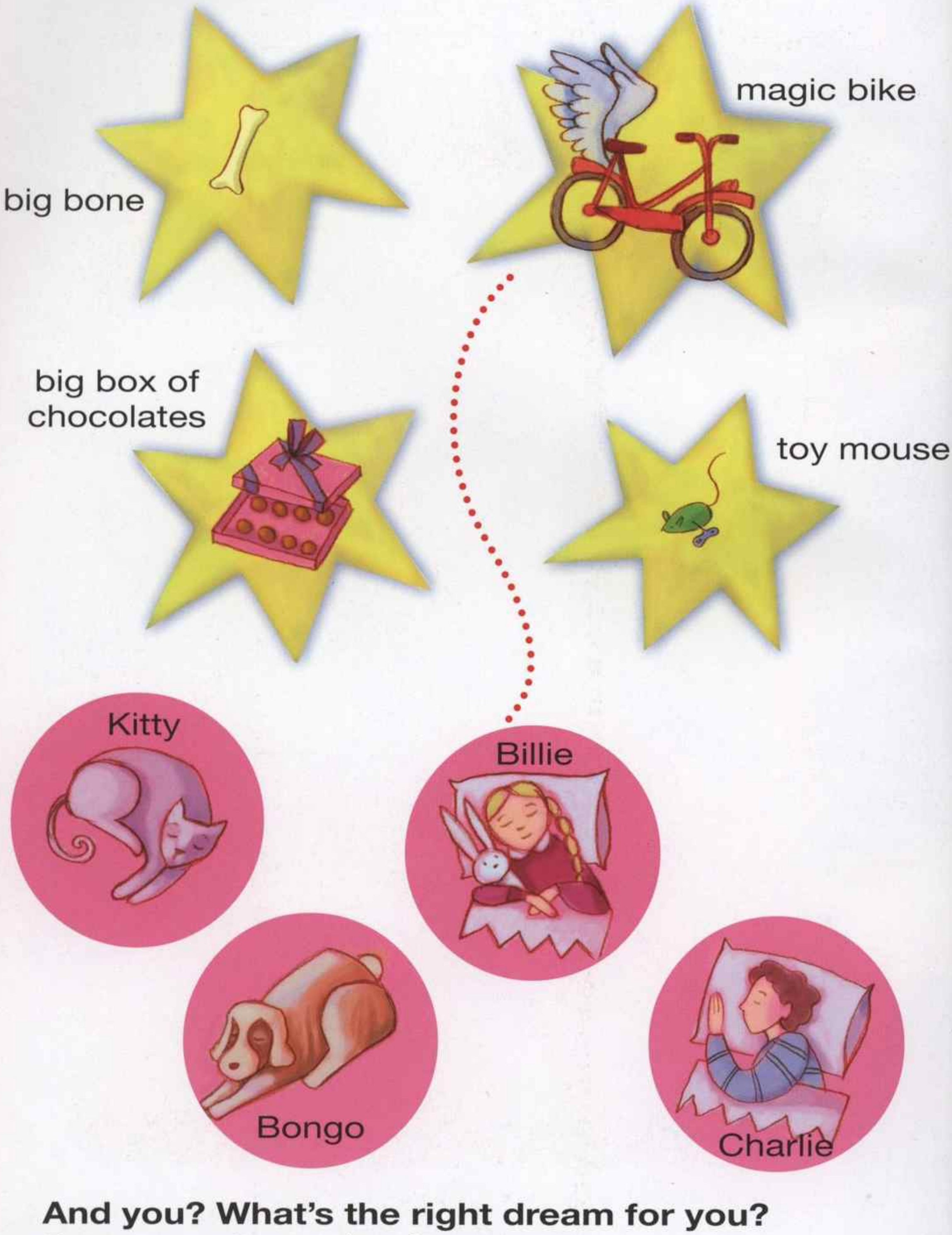
What wonderful dreams!

1 Match the pictures.



And you? What's the right dream for you? Draw your favourite dream.

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How many?

2 How many fish for the whale?
How many stars in the sky?
Count in English and circle the right numbers:
1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Now read and circle the right numbers:

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

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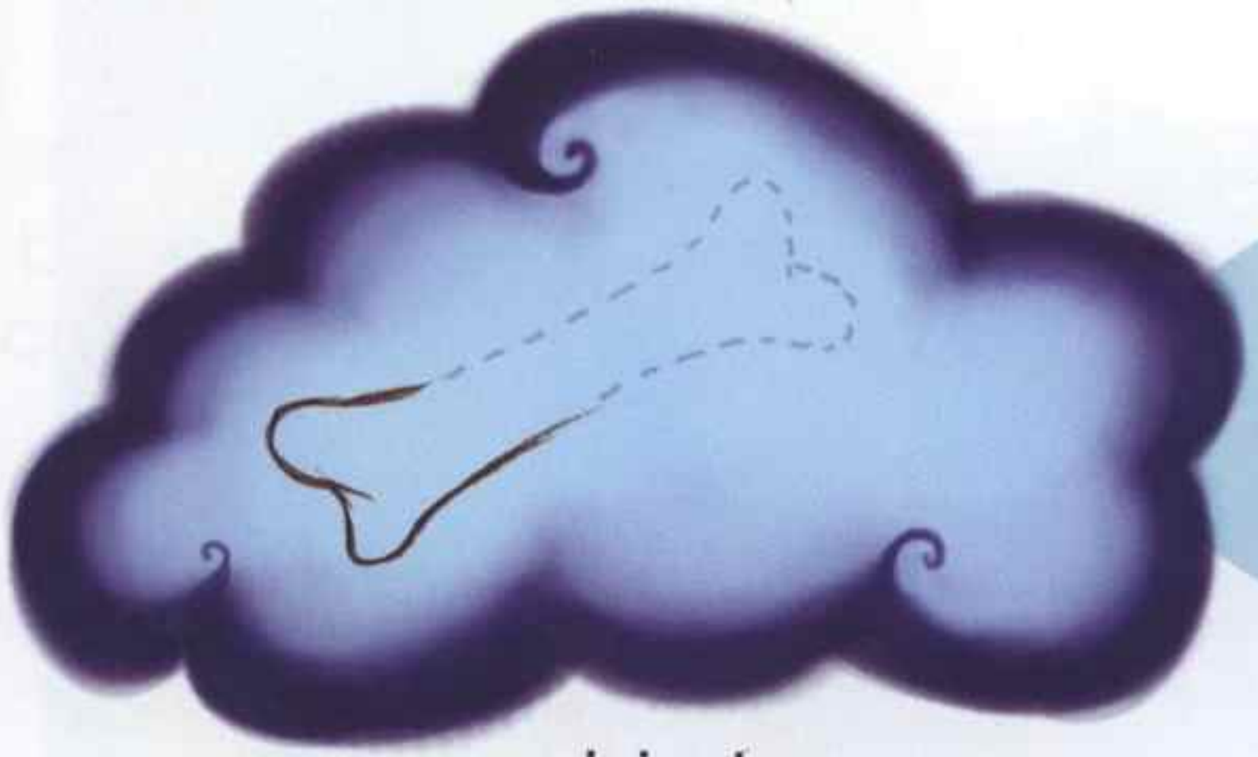
What terrible dreams!

3 Look, read and draw.

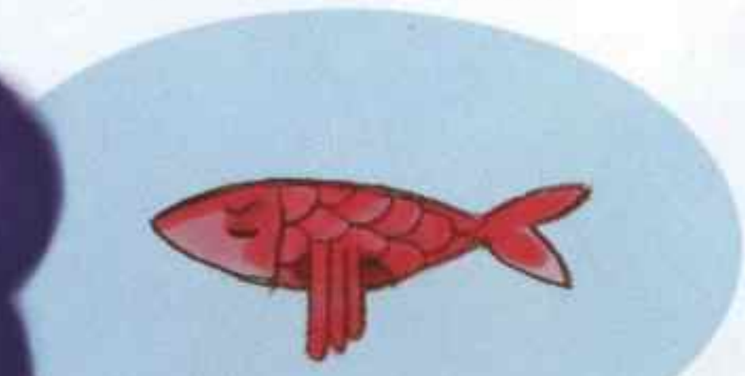
the white whale

a magic bike



a big bone

the red fish



a box of mosquitoes

Billie

a box of worms

Charlie

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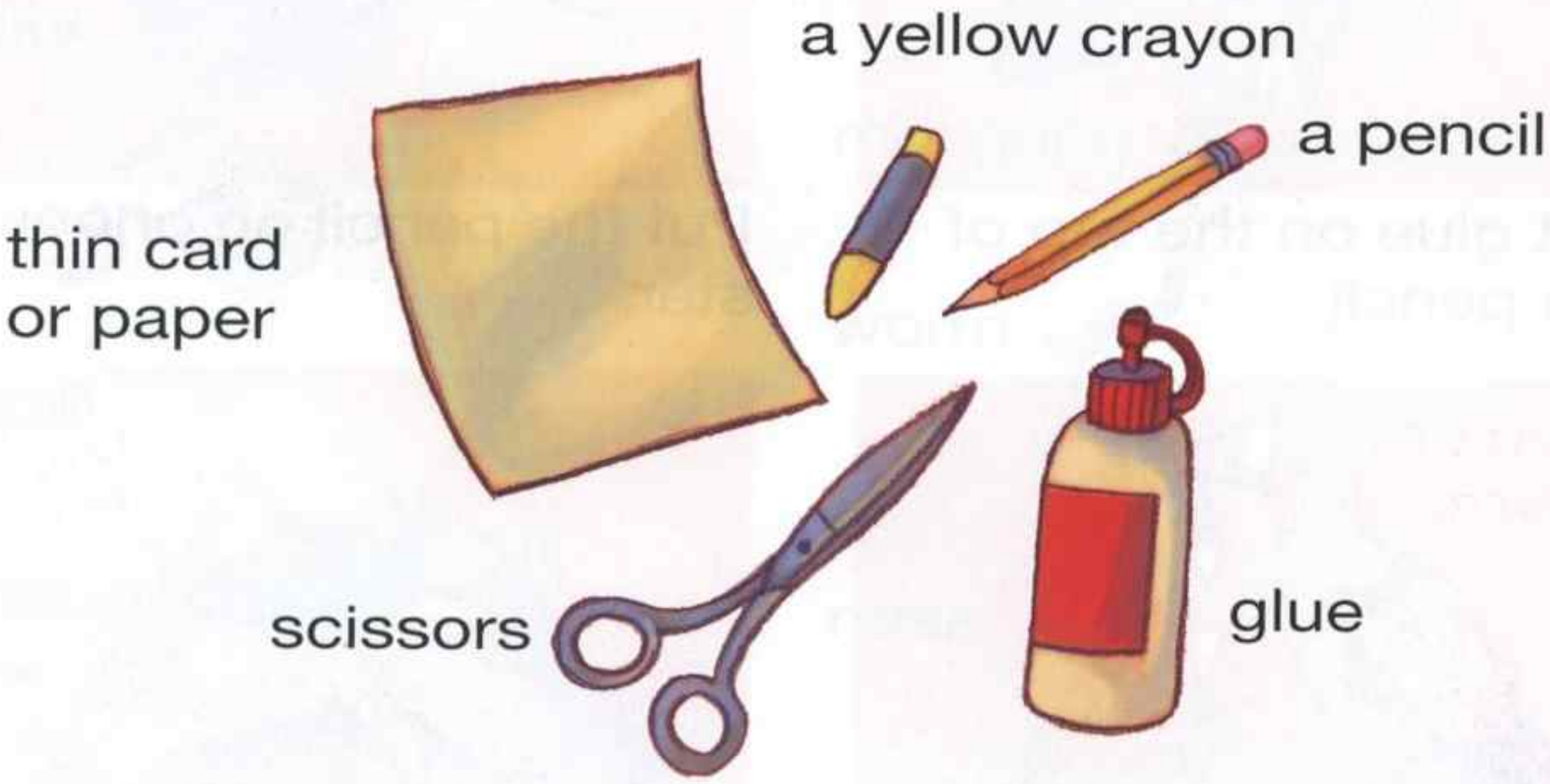
A magic pencil

To make a magic pencil you need:



Now turn the page and make your magic pencil!

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Make a magic pencil

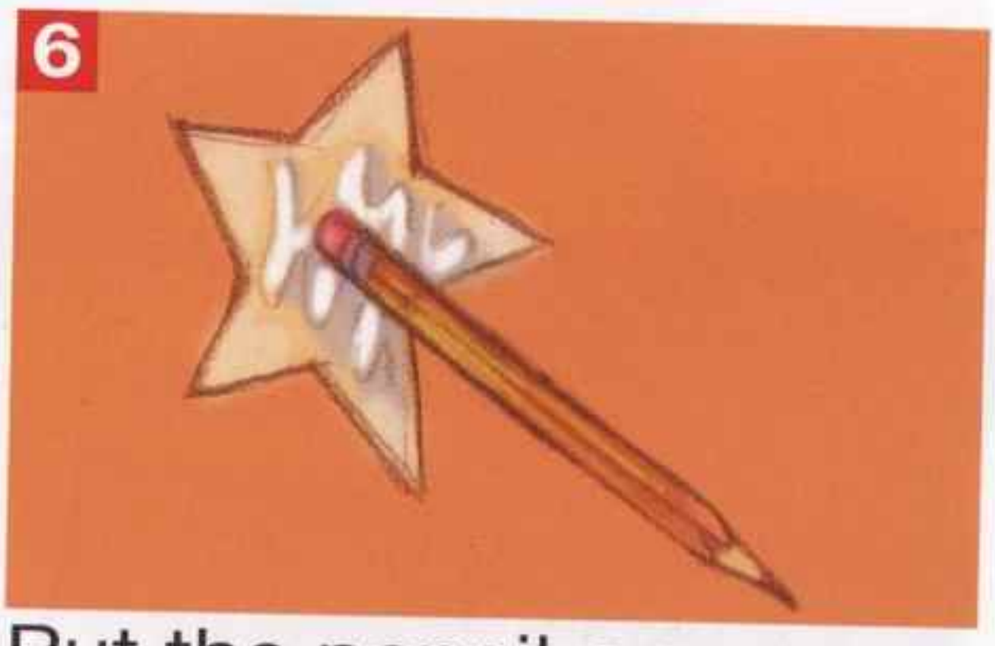
Draw two stars on the card or paper.

Colour the stars yellow.

Cut out the stars.

Put glue on the white side of the stars.

Put glue on the top of the pencil.



Put the pencil on one star.

Put the other star on the pencil, over the first star.

Press and count to 10. Your magic pencil is ready!

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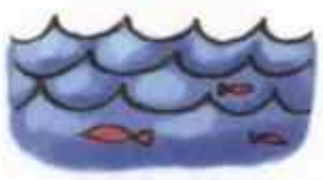
Picture Dictionary

evening

dream
song sing

world
sun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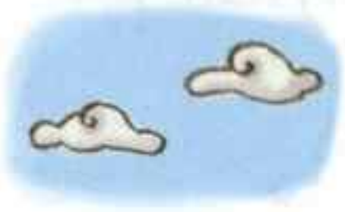
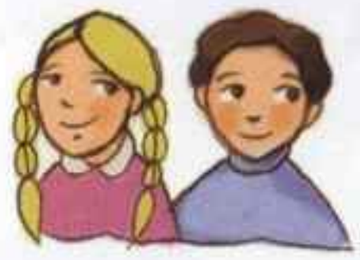

sky

moon

star

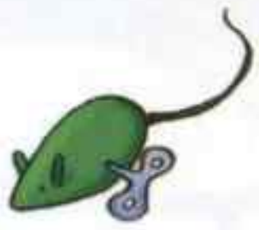
cloud

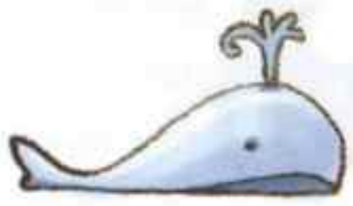
mummy daddy

girl  boy

cat

dog

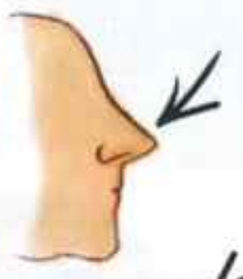

toy mouse


whale

fish

mosquito

worm


nose

toes

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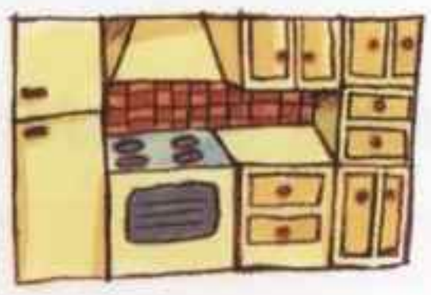
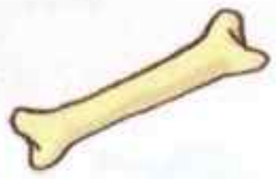
kitchen 

stairs

roof

bag

bone 

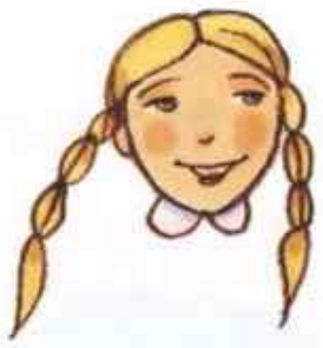
bike

box of chocolates

diamond

cover

go to sleep

smile 

twinkle

take out

go away

white red

big small

right wrong

happy sad

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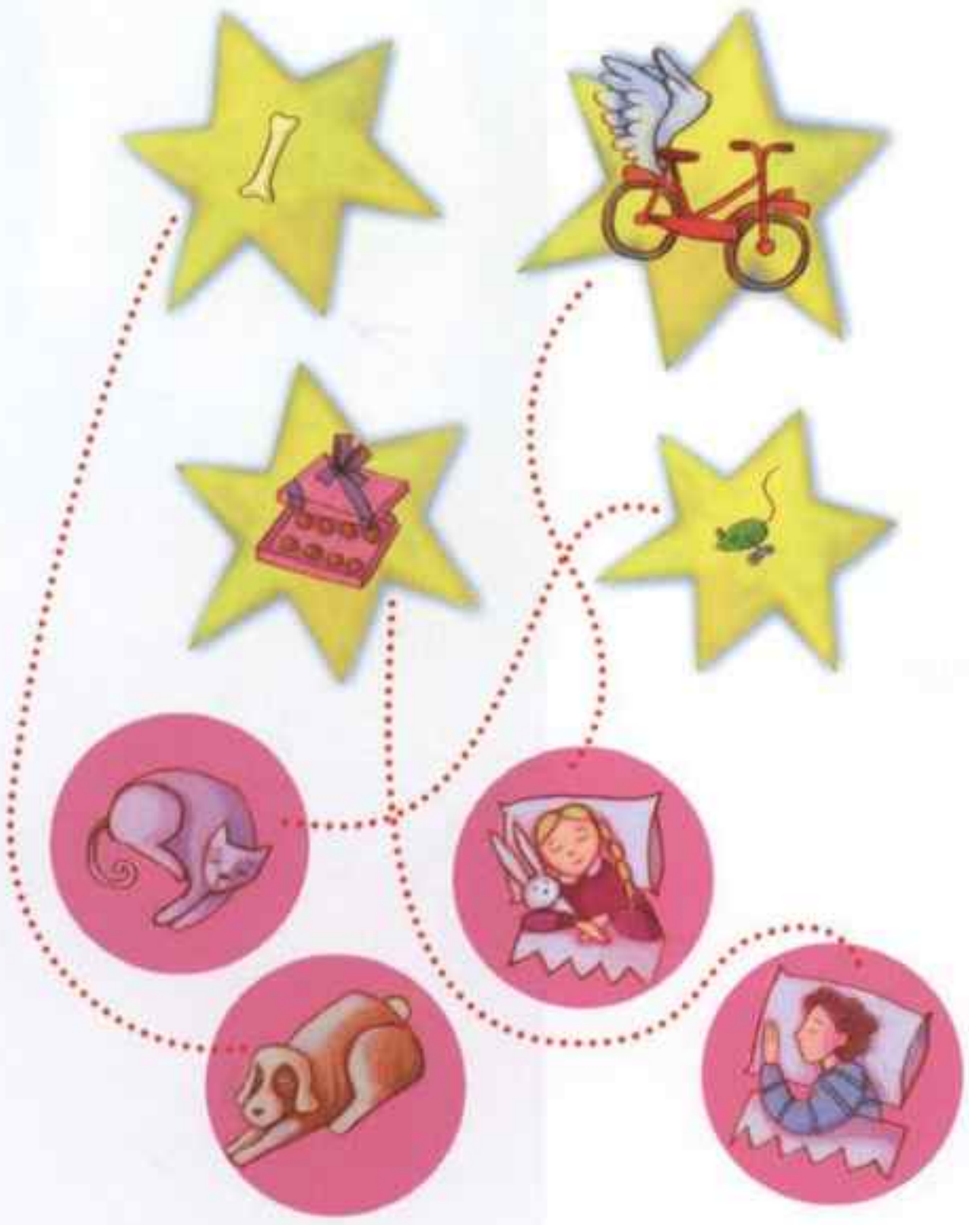
Key

Activity 1:



Kitty = toy mouse
Bongo = big bone
Billie = magic bike
Charlie = big box of chocolates

Activity 2:

8-EIGHT
10-TEN

Activity 3:

White whale = magic bike
Red fish = big bone
Billie = box of mosquitoes
Charlie = box of worms.

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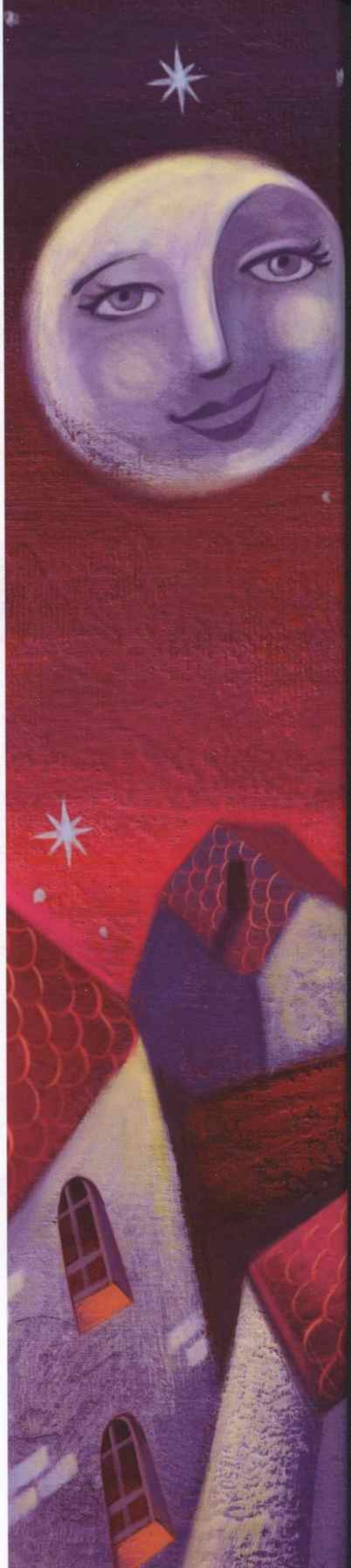

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