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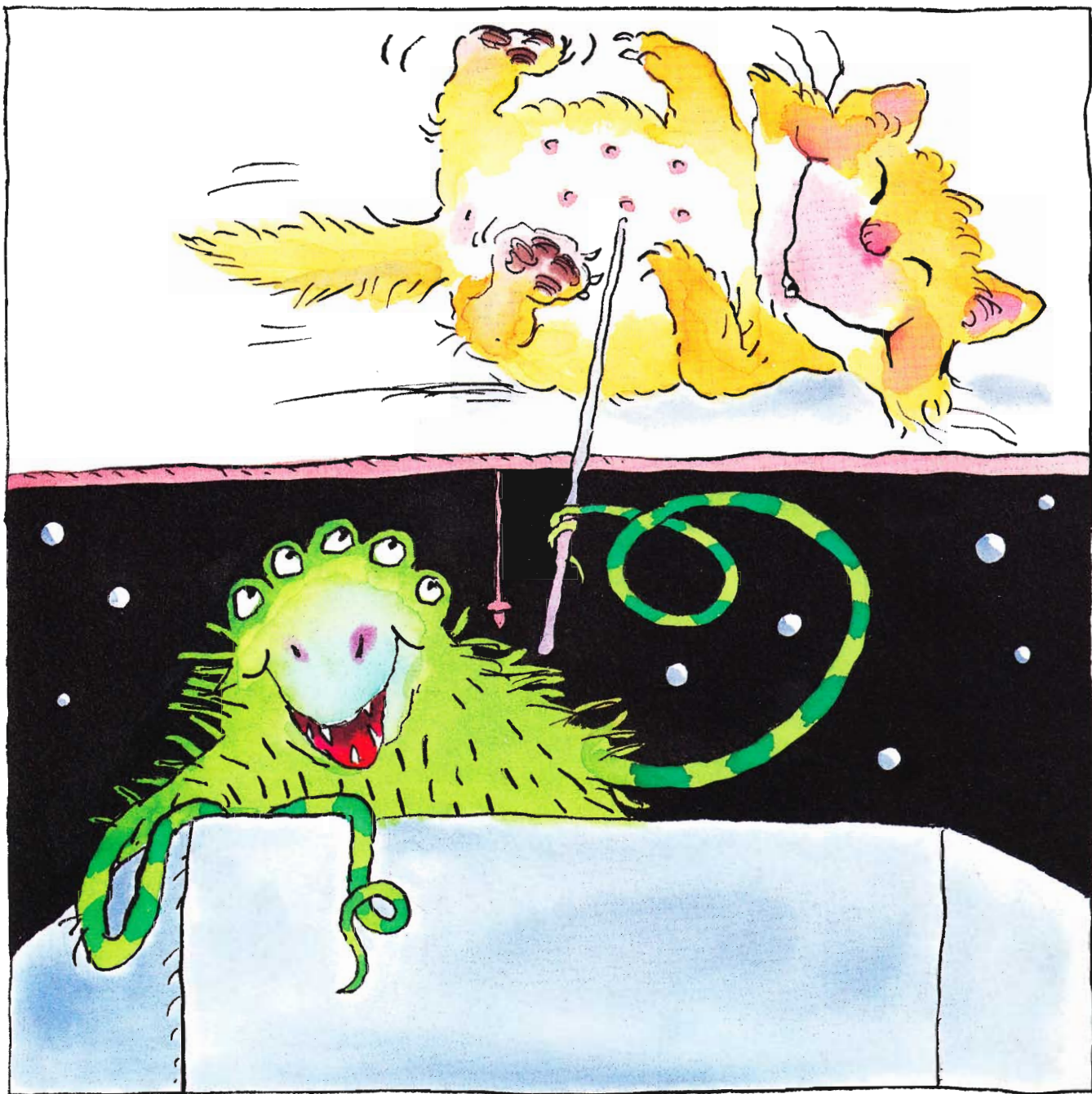
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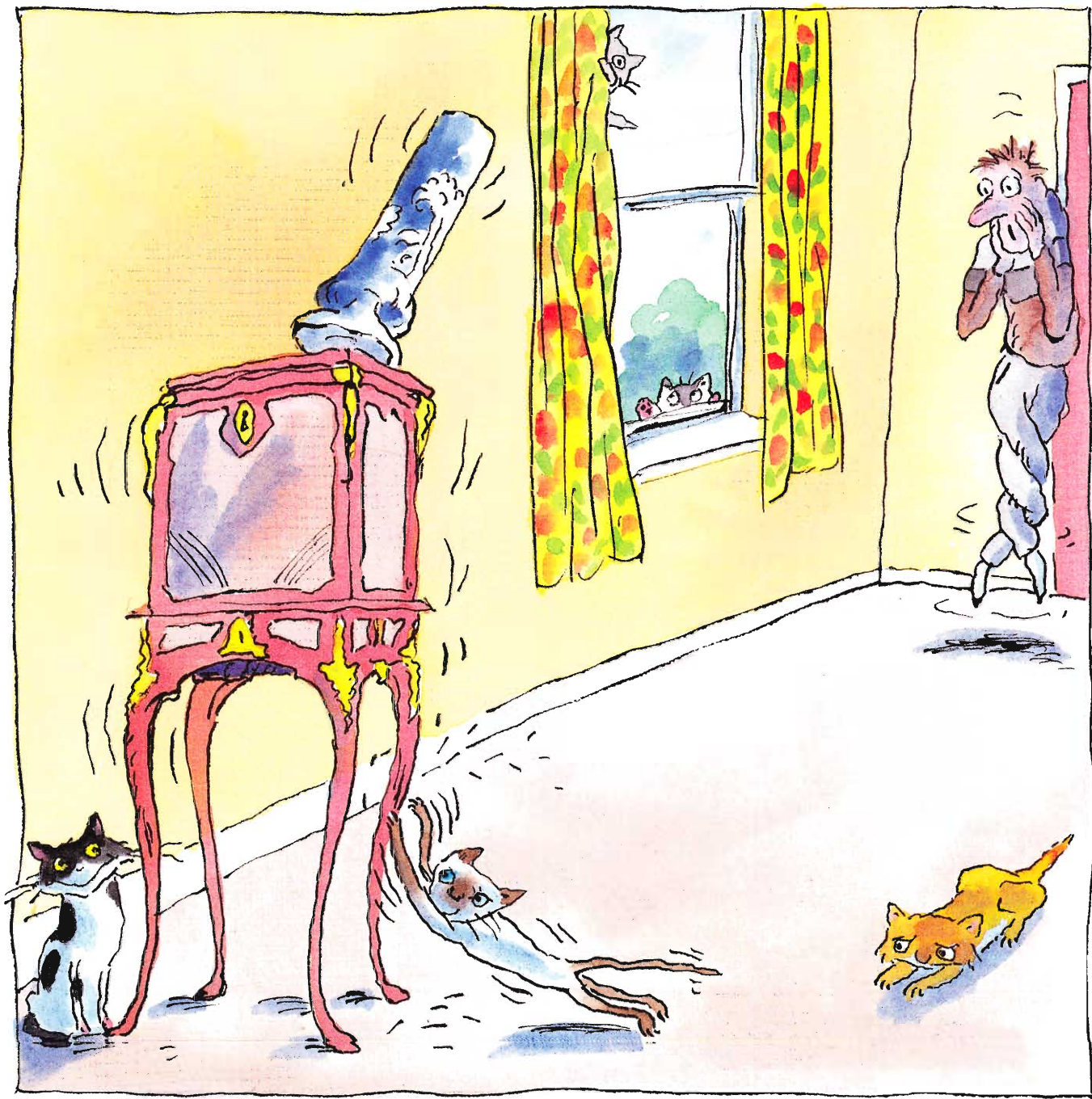
Today we are going to learn about Earth Tigerlets. Tigerlets have four tentacles, a rudder for steering, and antennae for feeling. They are held together by a suit of fur that buttons underneath.



Tigerlets are available in patterned or plain, in a variety of shapes and styles.



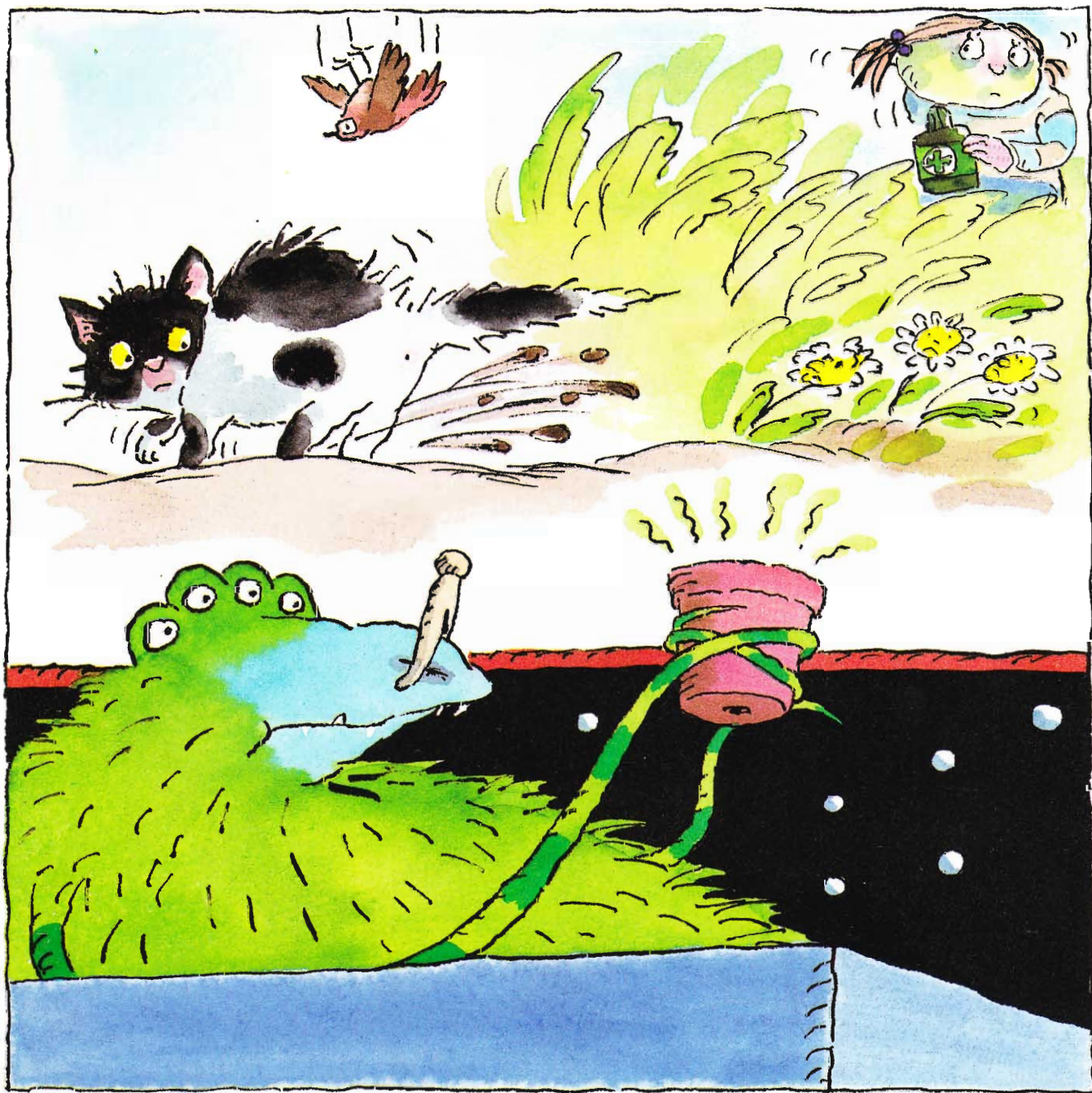
Press them in the middle to find their hidden squeaker.



At the end of their tentacles, Earth Tigerlets grow sharp thorns. They use these thorns to attack the wooden monsters that live inside the earthdwelling.



Or to help them climb up steep surfaces.



Earth Tigerlets love gardening. First they dig a hole. Then they plant brown stinkseeds. These stinkseeds never grow.



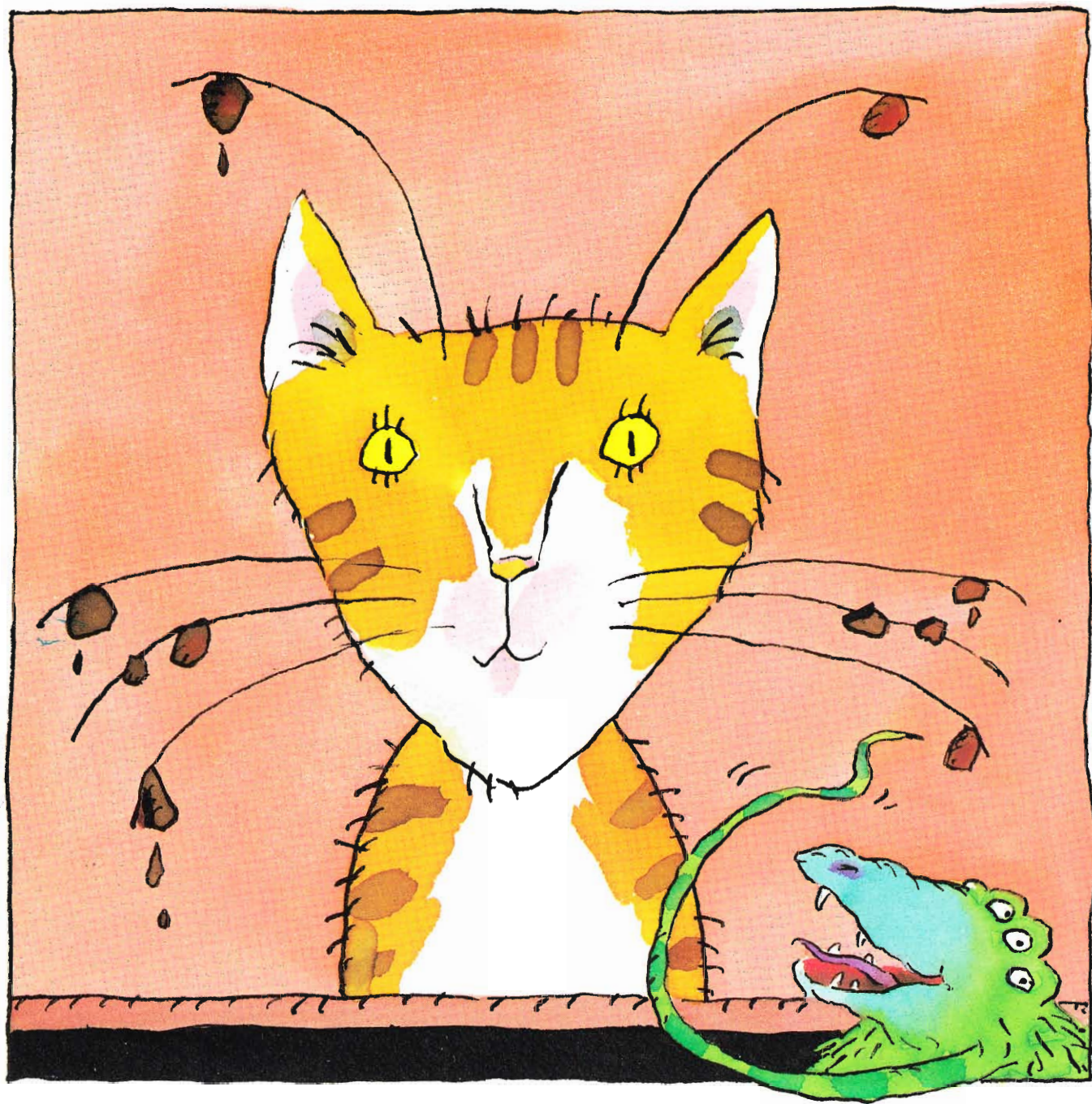
Earth Tigerlets are happy to plant stinkseeds
wherever it is convenient inside the earthdwelling, too.



Earth Tigerlets like to have breakfast at exactly 5:00 A.M. To remind the sleeping Earthling that it is time to eat, they lower themselves onto his nose.



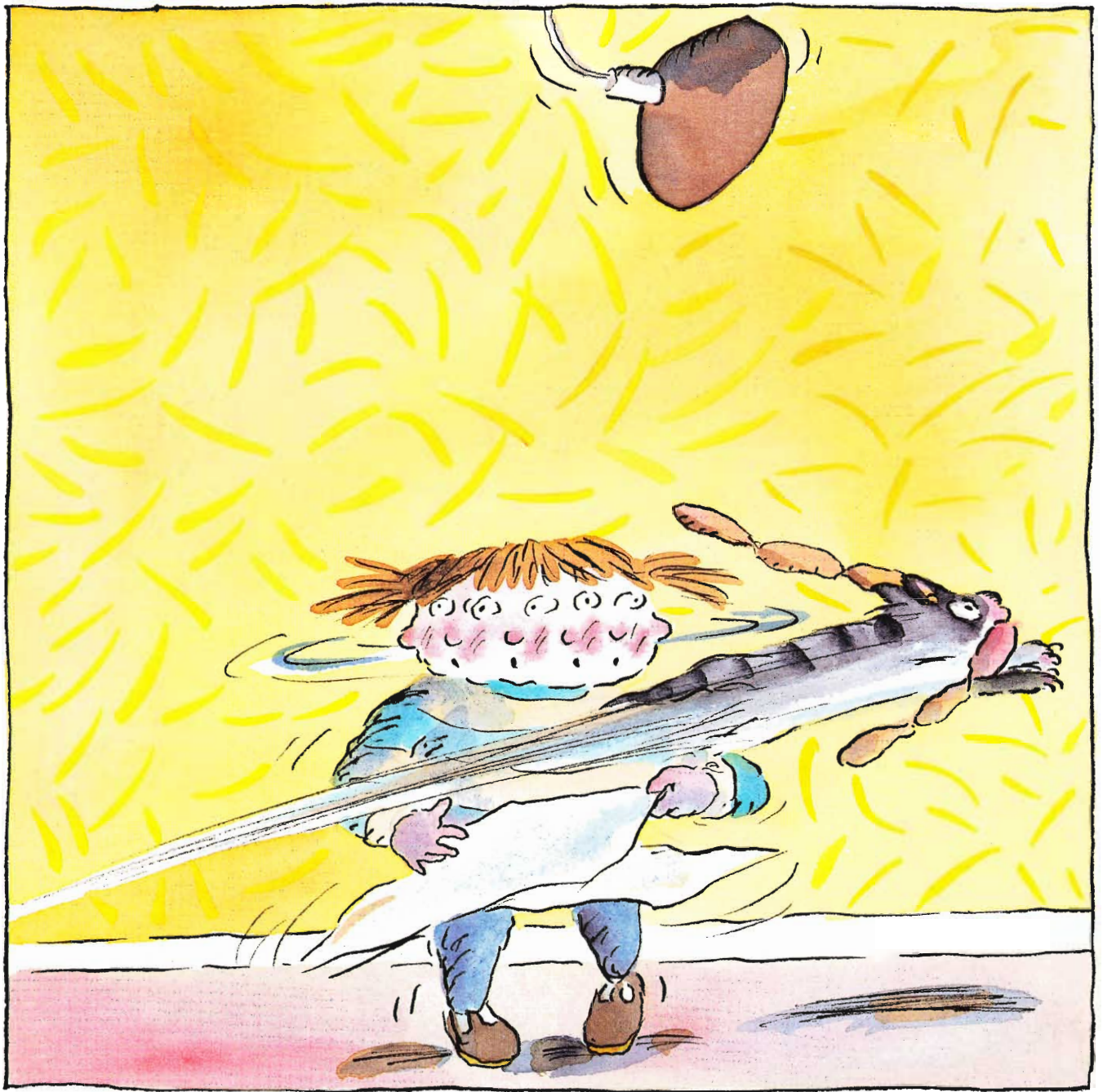
When the Earthling begins to prepare the meatglop, the Tigerlet turns on a small motor inside her suit.



Generally the Tigerlet will try to save some meatglop on her antennae in case she needs a snack between meals.



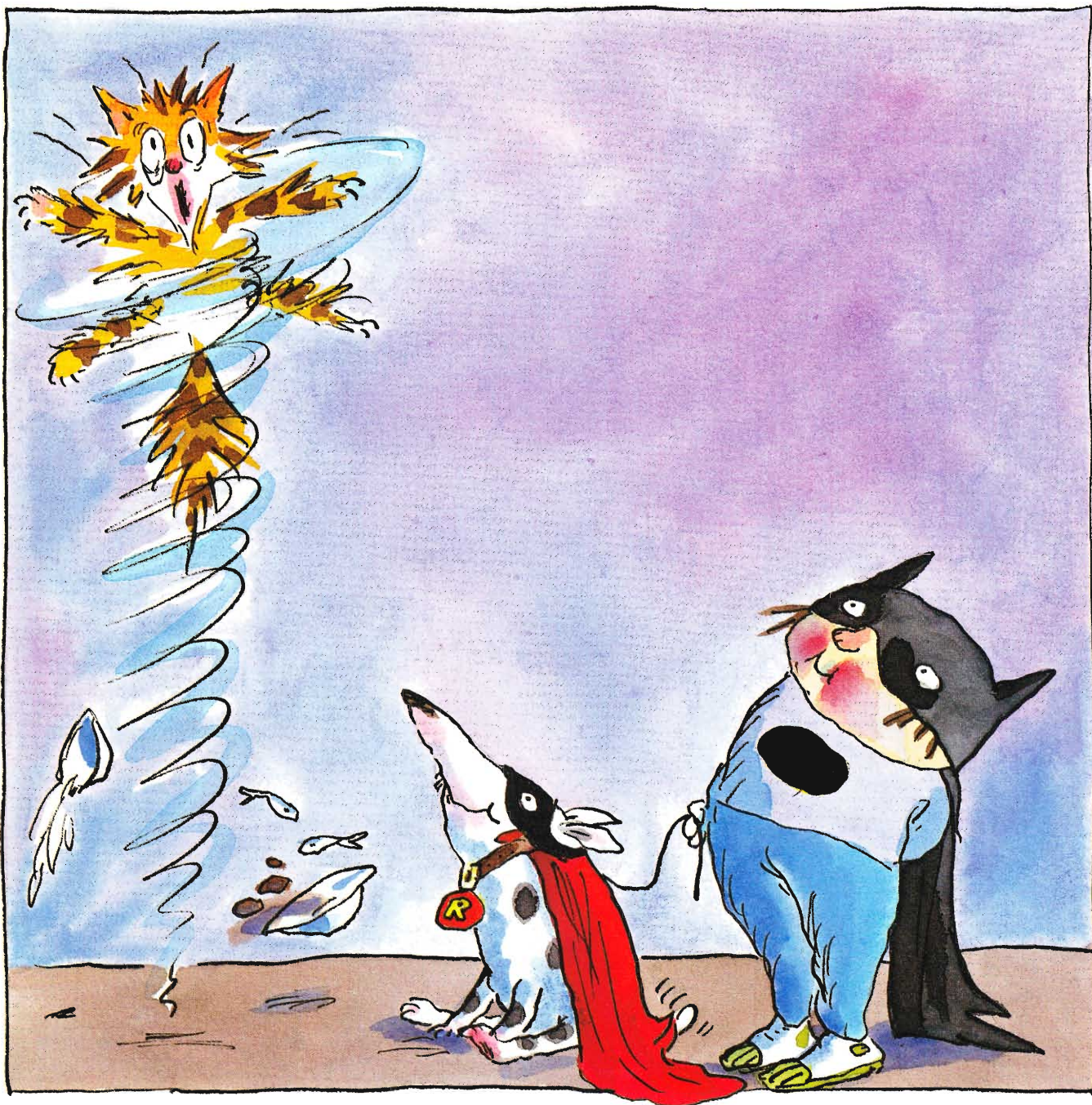
Earth Tigerlets also dine upon cowjuice, fried cluck bird, sea wigglers, and green gravy from the large cans that the Earthling places outside.



Earth Tigerlets can hear a package of breakfast piglinks being opened an earth mile away.



They cannot, however, hear an Earthlet yelling
“Here, kitty!” from the yard next door.



Earth Tigerlets cannot stand Earth Hounds. When they see one coming, they fold in half and puff air into their rudder. Then they launch into orbit with a hiss and a crackle.



Earth Tigerlets like the golden fishstick, a small relative of the sea wiggler. The Earthlet bathes the fishstick in a glass capsule, along with some vegetables and tiny chips of sidewalk.



The Earth Tigerlet helps clean the fishstick by quickly stirring the bath with his mitten.



Earth Tigerlets put on shows with their friends in the moonlight. They sing loudly and wait for Earthlings to applaud them with flying footwear.



Earth Tigerlets usually treat their Earthlings very well. They leave squishy puddings on the stairs so the Earthling has something soft to step on when he has forgotten his socks.



Repeat this phrase after me: "Whoops! I have slipped on a hairball and broken both my legs."



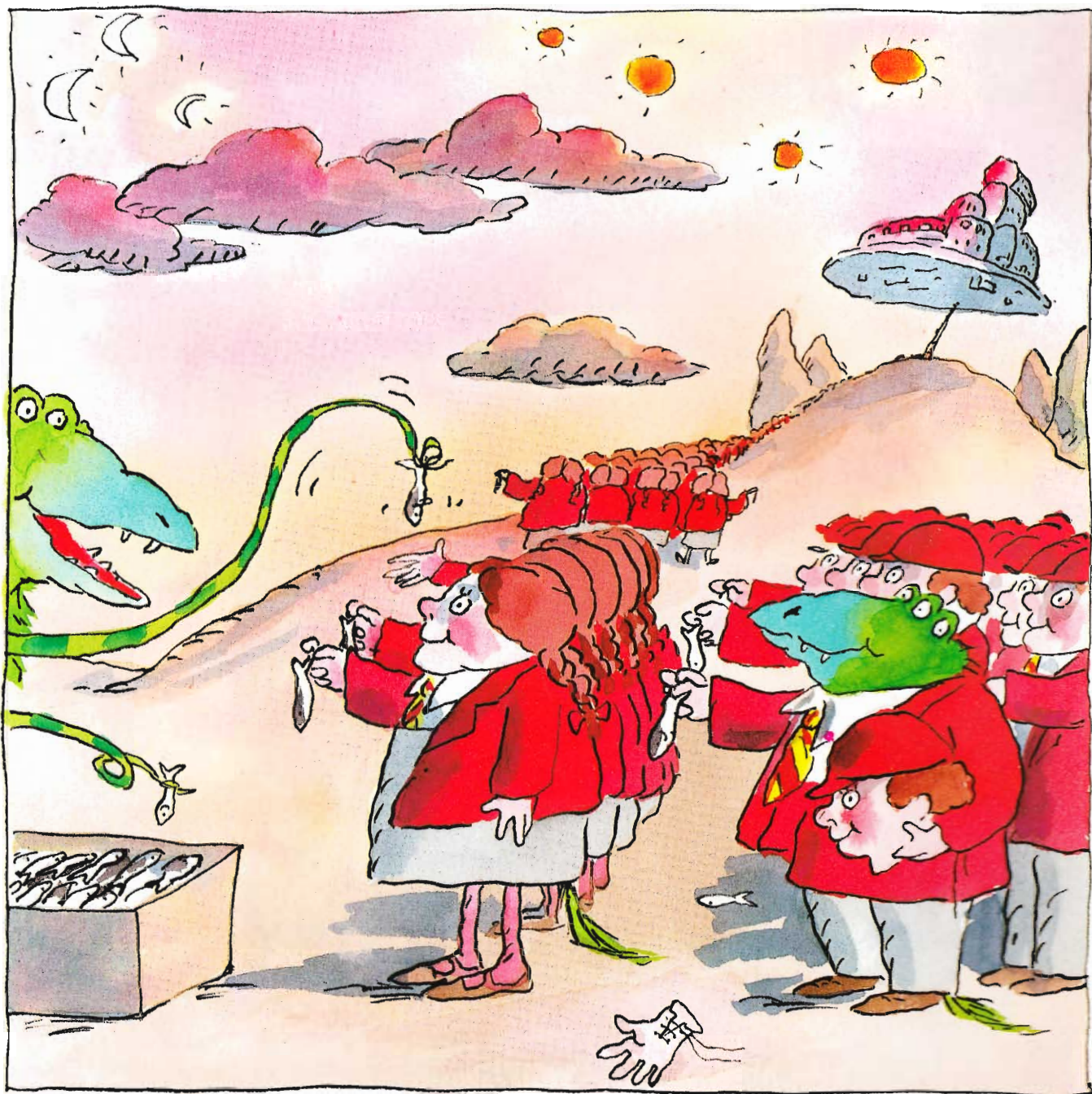
Sometimes the Earth Tigerlet must be wrapped in cardboard and taken to the menders. The Earthling may get torn, too. He puts himself back together with bits of sticky pink paper.



When Earth Tigerlets are born, the Earthlet puts them in a nest made from knitted twigs and a bag of birdfluff.



But they prefer to sleep in the head protectors of the Earthling.



My goodness, is that the time? Put on your disguises quickly and get into the spaceship. We're going to Planet Earth to find some real Earth Tigerlets.



Oh, I forgot to mention—sometimes Tigerlets come in size extra-large.



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