

When little Lulu gets an idea, watch out! After a chat with the animals at the zoo, she sneaks all of the animals into her house, where "there's room for you all, from elephant to mouse." Or so she thinks, until she tries to fit a bear into the bathtub...

Before the zookeepers
can bring the animals
back to the zoo, though,
bold Lulu dreams up a new
place for her animal
friends to live. And fouryear-olds can be very
persuasive.

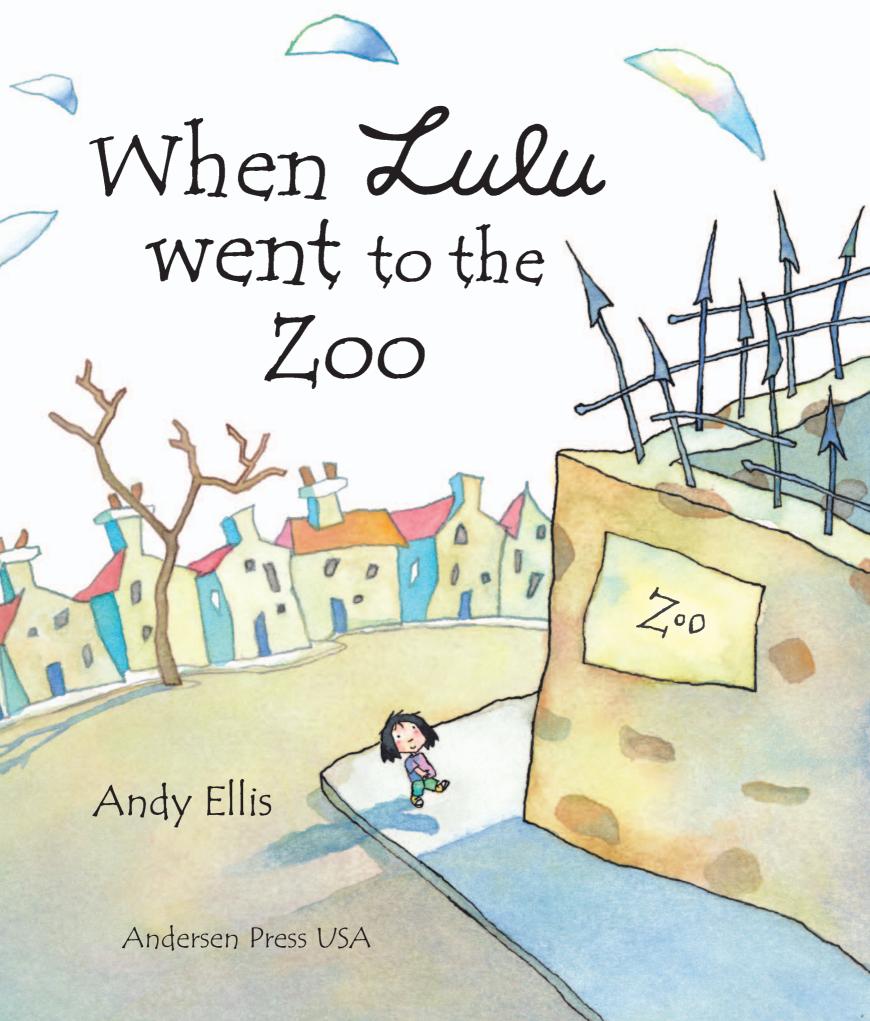
Children will love this rollicking, read-aloud tale matched by hilarious illustrations.











When Lulu went to the zoo ...



she was sad for the giraffes and the penguins too.



The tigers were crying really big tears and the life had gone out of the llamas' ears.



Though Lulu was only two times two, she knew that animals should not be in a zoo.

And though Lulu was the size that Lulu should be,



fit through the bars of the cages with ease

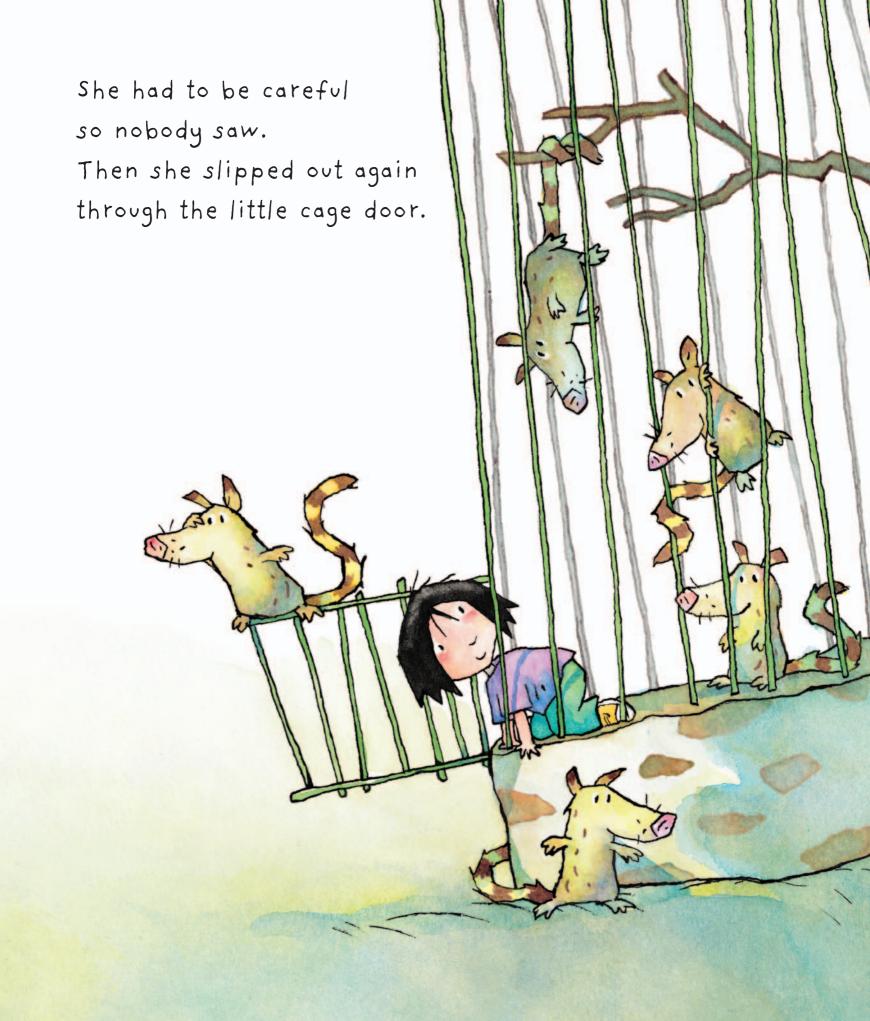


she found that she might (though it was a bit tight)





and chat with the animals as she swung through the trees.



And what she discovered, while she talked to them all,



was they dreamed of splashing in a real waterfall. Or dancing on icebergs that filled up the sea.





Or flying in the sky, flamingo or bee.



In short, to know how it feels to be free.





And one moonless night she let them all go and smuggled them back so no one would know.



But there wasn't quite room for elephant and mouse.

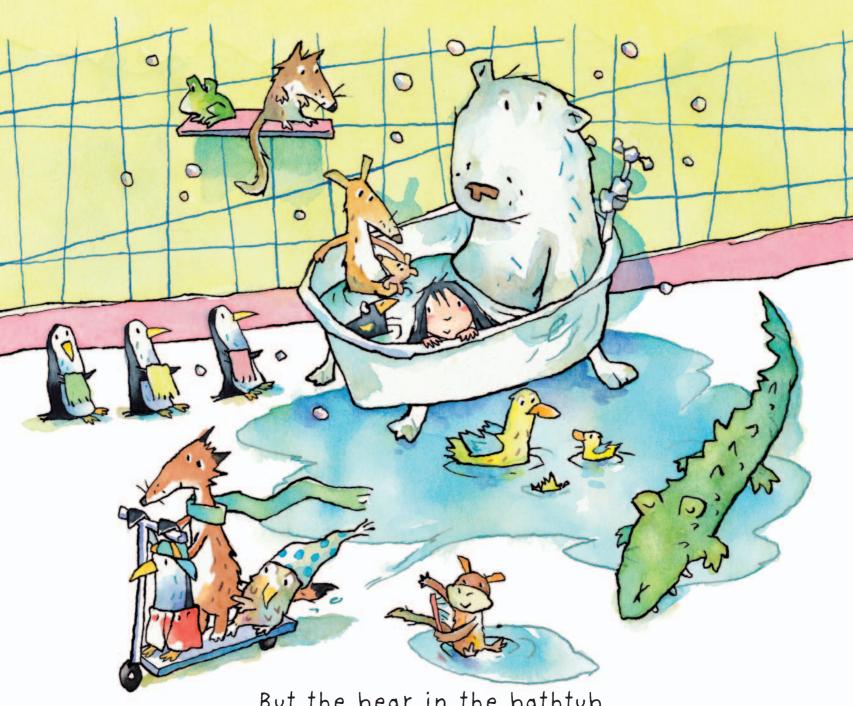




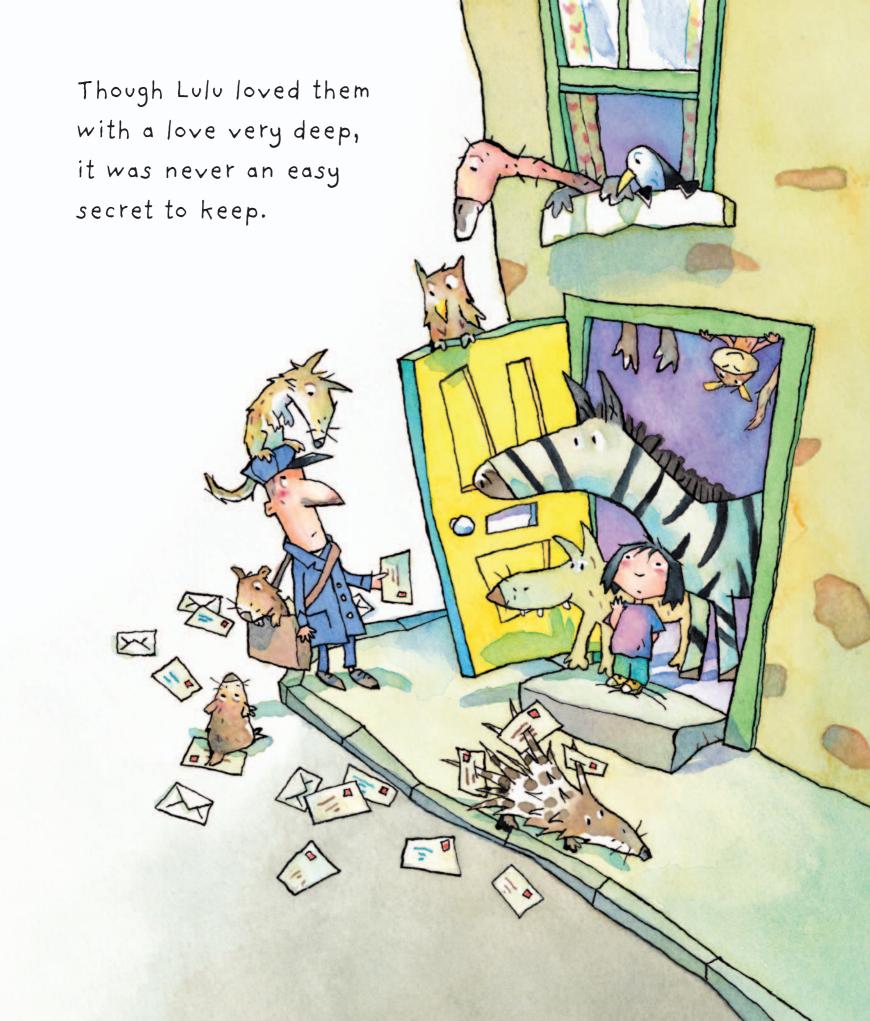
The fridge was too full of penguins and seals. There was no room for food, so no one had meals.

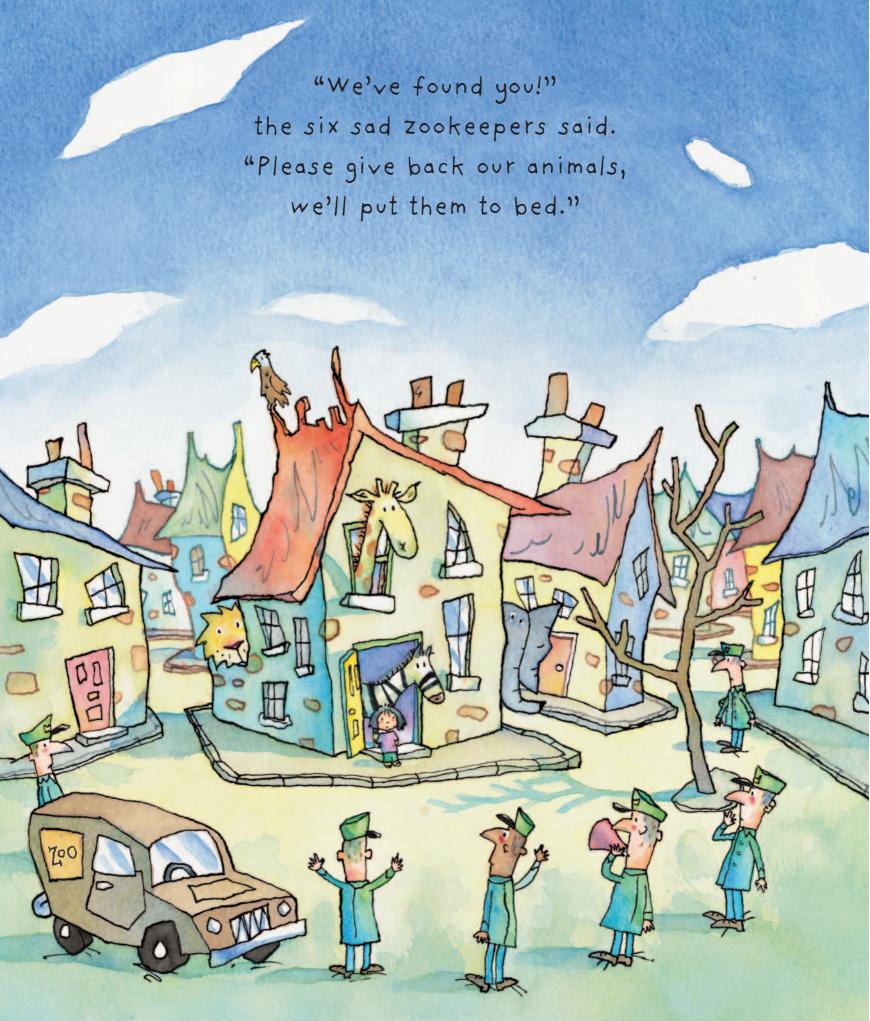


And the bathroom was the right place for a lovely hot wash.



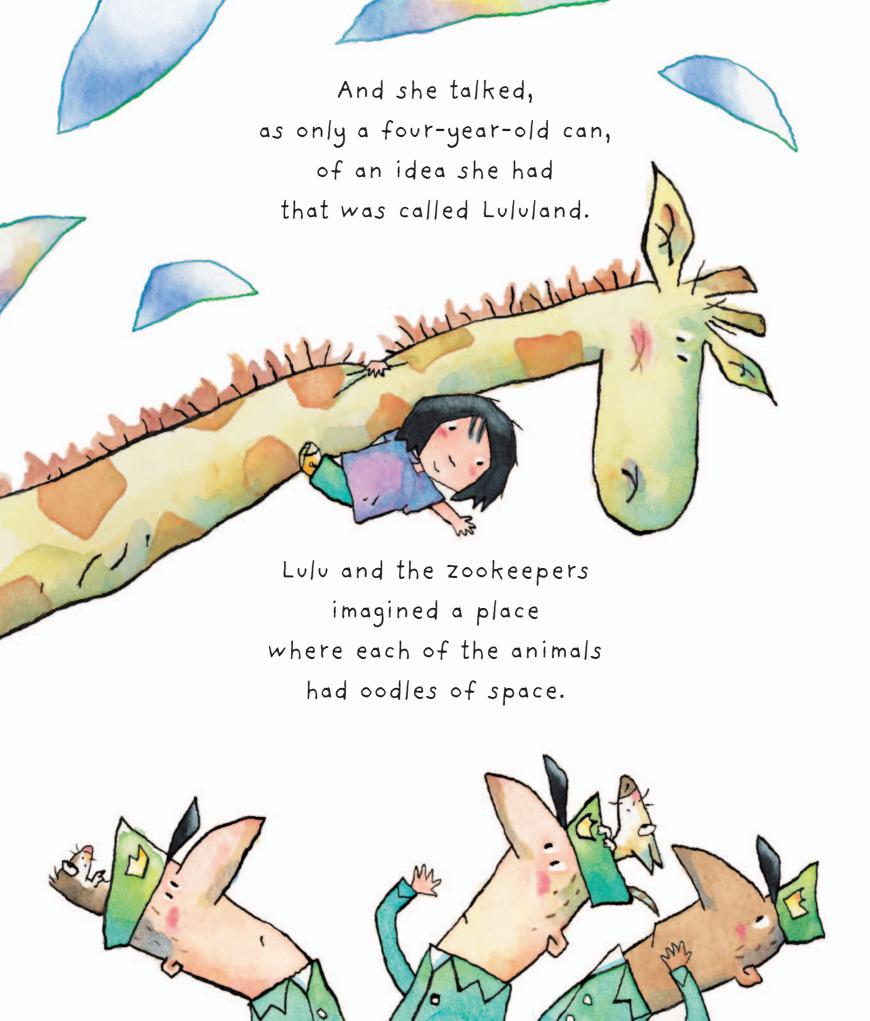
But the bear in the bathtub was a bit of a squash.





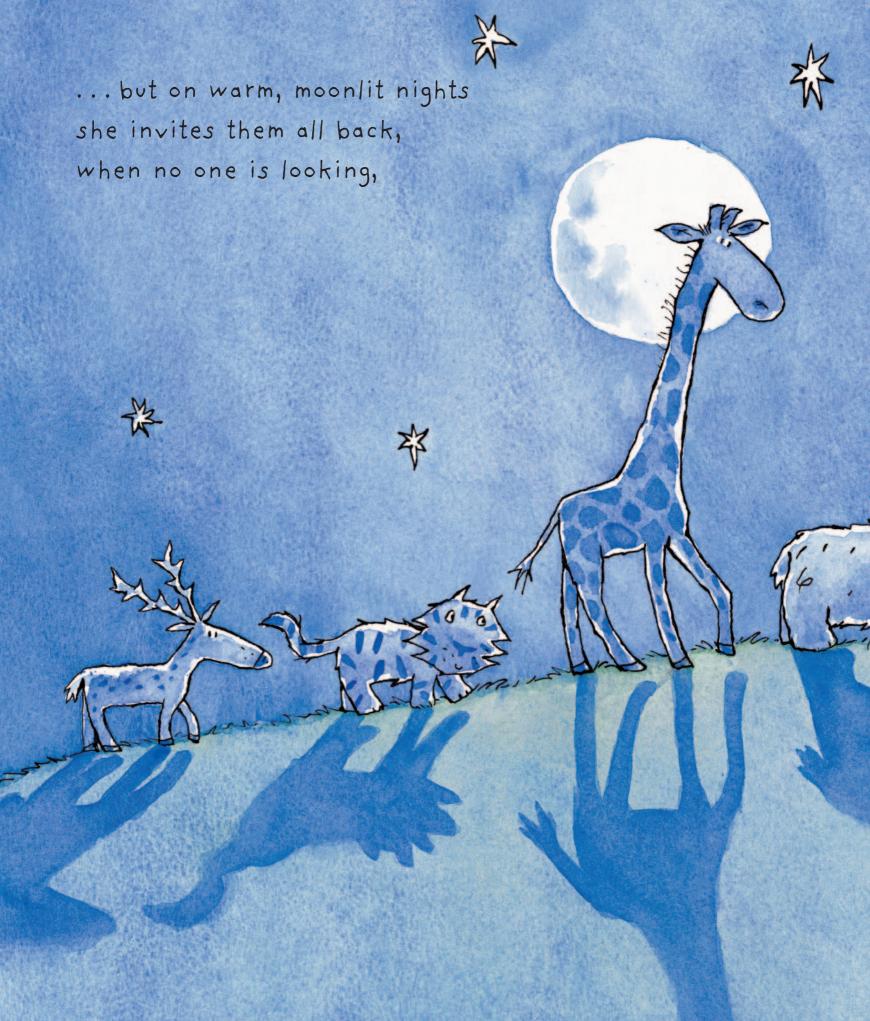
But Lulu was bold and she said, "Don't you see? The zoo's not the place for my best friends to be. Everyone of them says they just want to be free."





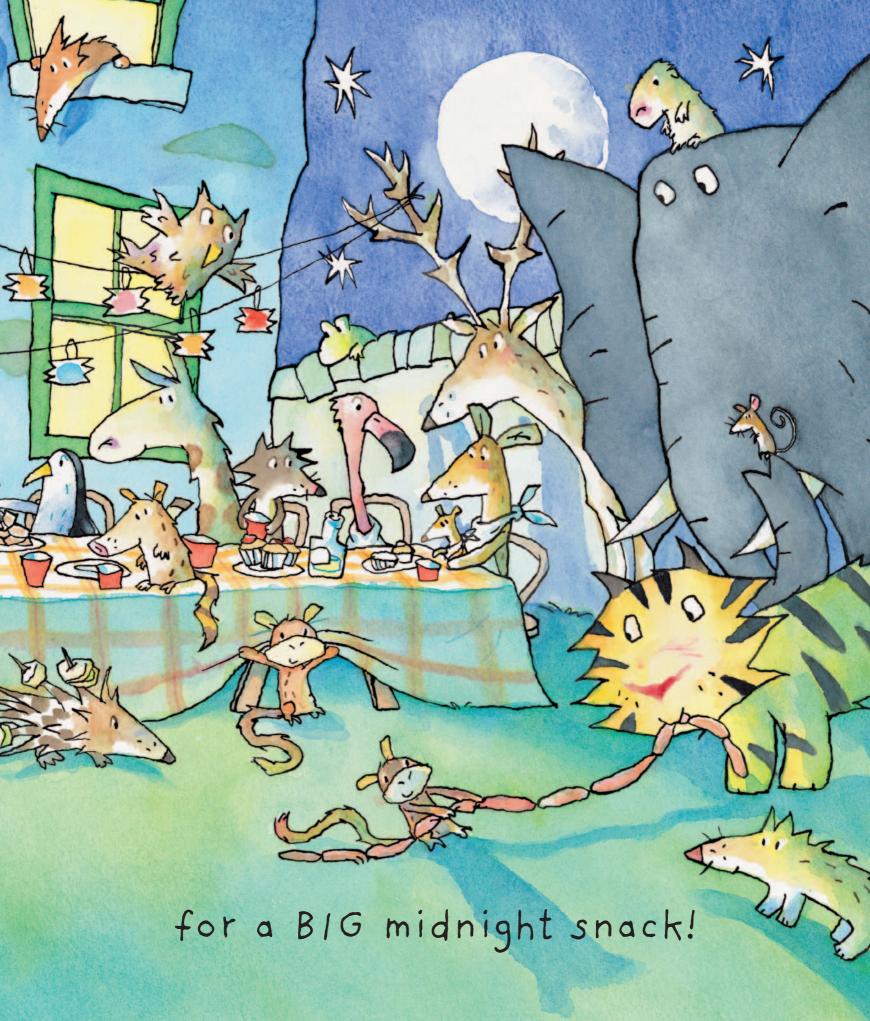
Now whenever she wants to she tiptoes away, to visit her friends and play there all day...















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