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“Come along, Toto. We will go to the Emerald City and ask the Great Oz how to get back to Kansas again.”

Dorothy and her house are sucked into the sky by a cyclone and blown all the way from Kansas to the Land of Oz. How will she get back home?

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Before Dorothy could follow her aunt to safety,
the house was sucked high into the air.

After a while, it began to rock so
gently that Dorothy and Toto
fell fast asleep . . .



BANG!

They landed with a jolt. Dorothy opened the
door to a beautiful, enchanting place.

*"Welcome, most noble Sorceress,
to the land of the Munchkins."*



Dorothy walked for hours. When she stopped for a rest, she heard a voice.
It was a scarecrow! Dorothy helped him down from his post.

“Do you think, if I go to
the Emerald City with you,
that Oz would give me
a brain?”

The pair carried on walking together.



Farther down the road they came to a great forest. There they saw a man made of tin.
He had rusted while chopping a tree and was stuck in place.



The Scarecrow fetched an oilcan from a nearby cottage. Soon the Tin Woodman
could talk and move! He decided to join the friends and ask the Wizard for a heart.

The group came to a field of enchanted poppies. The sweet scent made Dorothy and the Lion fall fast asleep.

The Scarecrow and Tin Woodman carried Dorothy and Toto out of the poppy field. The Lion was too heavy.

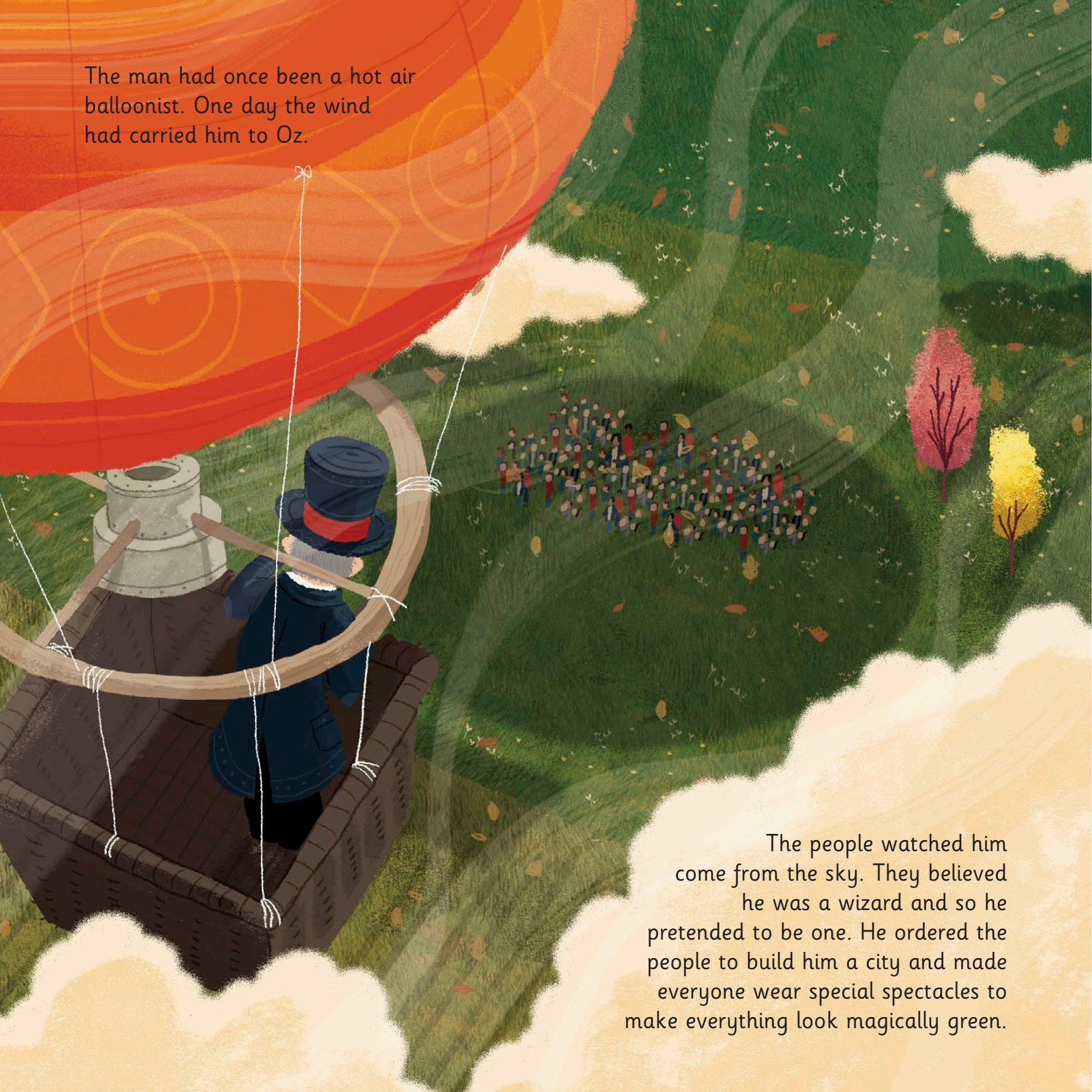


At that moment a tiny field mouse ran past, fleeing from a wild cat.
The Tin Woodman reached down and saved her.



The little creature was the Queen of the Field Mice. She called on her friends to help the Lion. The mice towed him out of the field.

The man had once been a hot air balloonist. One day the wind had carried him to Oz.



The people watched him come from the sky. They believed he was a wizard and so he pretended to be one. He ordered the people to build him a city and made everyone wear special spectacles to make everything look magically green.

The Wizard stuffed the Scarecrow's head with bran and pins,



put a red silk heart in the Tin Woodman's chest,



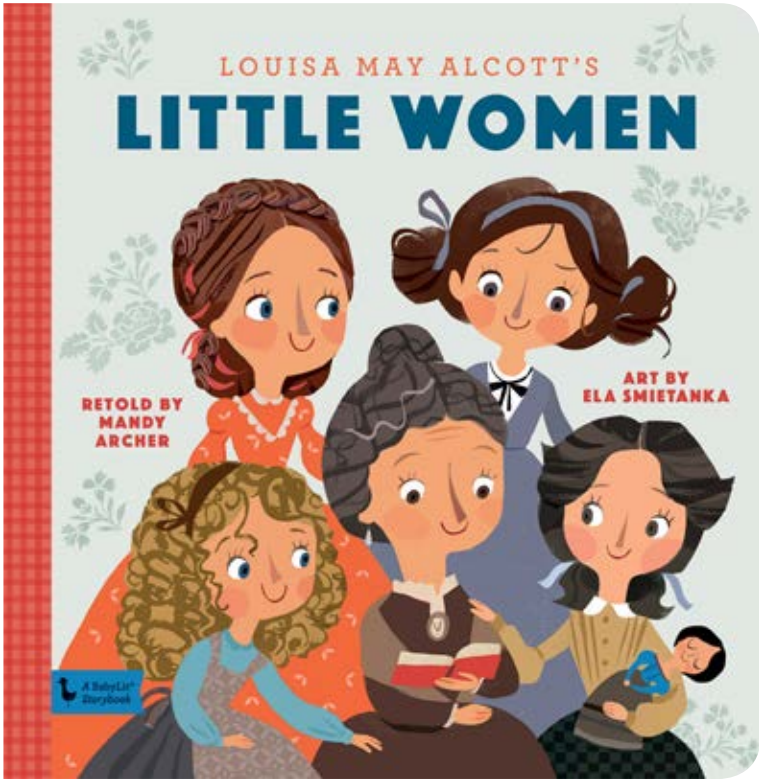
and made the Lion drink some liquid courage to remind them that they were, and had always been, clever, loving, and brave.



He promised to fly Dorothy home in his balloon.

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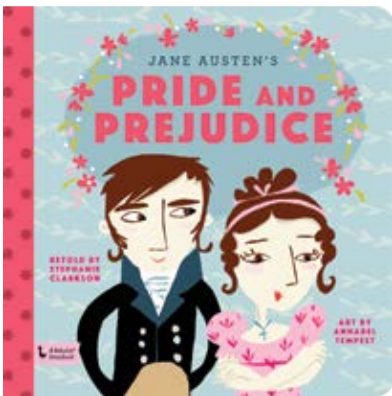
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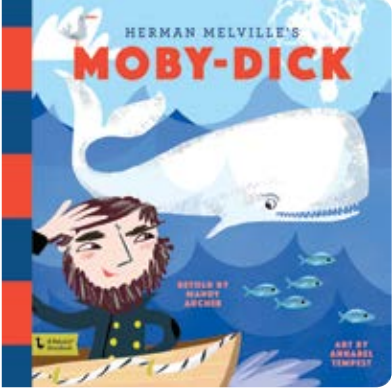
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