

Officer Pavani
the policeman.
Behave yourselves
when he's about!

Etsuko
Happy Hamster
of fereliness.
She runs the
tea shop.

Merlikin
Mermaid
OOOH! She's very
naughty. Watch
out, she's a
troublemaker!

Olivia Otter
lives in Witch's
Thimble, on the
riverbank.
She makes
SPELLS
and POTIONS.

THE Pond Children
live in the Pond,
in lost shoes and
handbags. They are
full of mischief!

Mr. Dong
teaches
music.

Diddy Doll
the SMUGGLER
often seen
SKULKING
around
smugglers'
Bay.

Harry's long-
lost cousins
Spit and Spot

The Custard Cats
live in the CUSTARD CAVES.
They make sweeties!

Pilot
Pete
Pilots big
ships into
the river.



Kurt and Sylvia
live on
Kittiwake
Island.

The
Light-
house
keeper
called
Ping.

THE NORTH STAR
He'll guide
you home.

Captain Brock
One of the
Bay's Finest
Sailors!

Hoshi and
Kishuko
live in
Pagoda
Place.

BIG LES
the Tugmaster

Pauline the
Platypus

Norman
(Olivia's
apprentice
in magic)

Doris and Dan

Not very far away,
there's a place where the Winding River
flows into the Big Wide Sea.
There are boats on the water, ships in the harbour
and interesting animals all around.
It's a busy place, a special place - and
its name is Bottlenose Bay.

HARRY the
harbour mouse
He's friends
with
everybody!
Local hero.

The River Rats
Always up for trouble!
Cheeky, silly, naughty,
but with hearts
as big as the
sky.

The Wind... bringer of
presents... taker of
things... also known
as Zephyr, Mistral,
Sirocco, Taku,
Bora, Cierzo.

Samina Songbird
A wonderful singer.
Samina often gives
concerts at the Customs House,
with the help of her backing
group, the FABULOUS
Singing Shells!

Captain Rosie
She's
sailed
all over
the world.

THE JAGGEDY DAGGERS!
OOOH, they're BAD!!!
They crunch and bash and smash
up boats: BEWARE! BEWARE!
BEWARE!!

KIKI KOALA
runs the
JOLLY TUGBOAT
INN

Bottlenose
Betty
She's
fantastic!

Boz
lives at
the BOATYARD with Beryl and Boof...
He's a brilliant engineer and fixer
of things.

Maggie Magpie
runs the
CHANDLERS STORE.
She can get you
anything. Just
don't ask where it
came from!

Kameko
sea turtle

Flittermouse - mysterious
stranger from faraway
lands...

Racey Casey
lives
in an
old bus
at the OLD QUARRY.
She likes to go FAST.

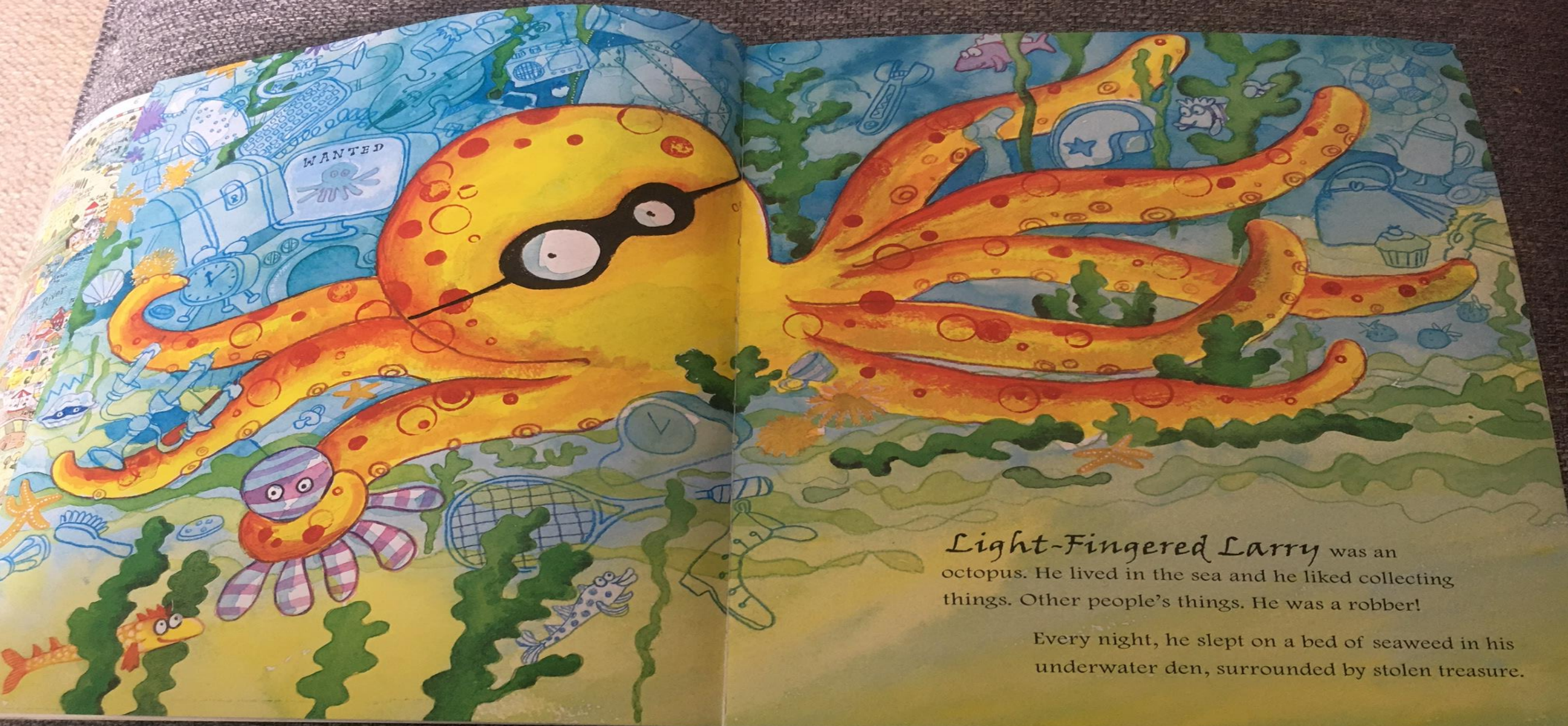
Mama
Bun
lives on
the LEAS
under
the old
CEDAR
TREE.

Light-fingered
Larry
His eight arms are constantly
up to mischief. Watch your
stuff when he's about!

Salty
Steve

THE BIG WIDE SEA





Light-Fingered Larry was an octopus. He lived in the sea and he liked collecting things. Other people's things. He was a robber!

Every night, he slept on a bed of seaweed in his underwater den, surrounded by stolen treasure.

Every day, he went out, sneaking about,
taking things that weren't his and
putting them in his net of loot.

His eight arms were constantly
up to mischief.



If it wasn't tied down,
he'd snatch it!



If no one was looking, he'd grab it!



If it was there for the taking, he'd nick it!
Oh, he was a bad, bad octopus!



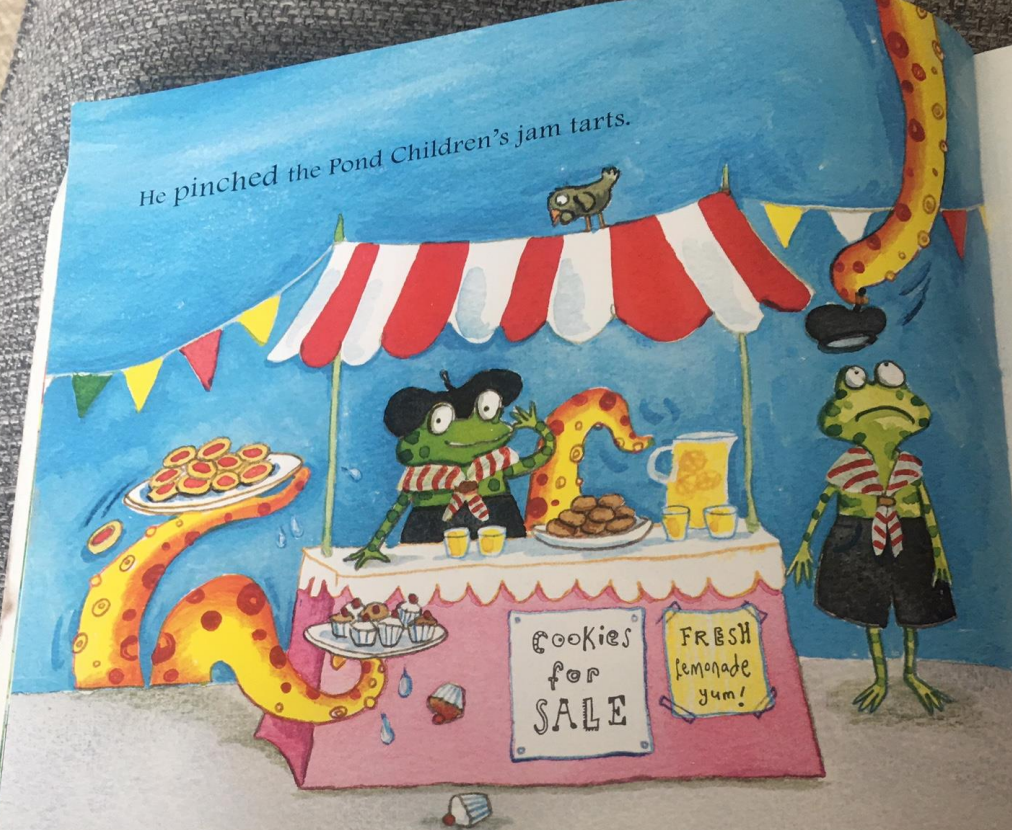
He stole Captain Rosie's washing off the line.



Nickity-nickity-nick-nick-GONE!



He pinched the Pond Children's jam tarts.



Nickity-nickity-
nick-nick-GONE!



He snaffled
Boz the beaver's tools.

Nickity-nickity-nick-nick-GONE!



As slippery as you like, those sly tentacles
took things and stashed them away.



Now, Kiki Koala ran The Jolly Tugboat Inn.
Travellers came from far and wide to stay there,
and Kiki worked hard to make everybody happy.

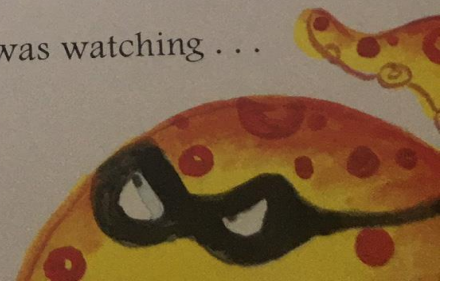
One day, she was busy in the kitchen.



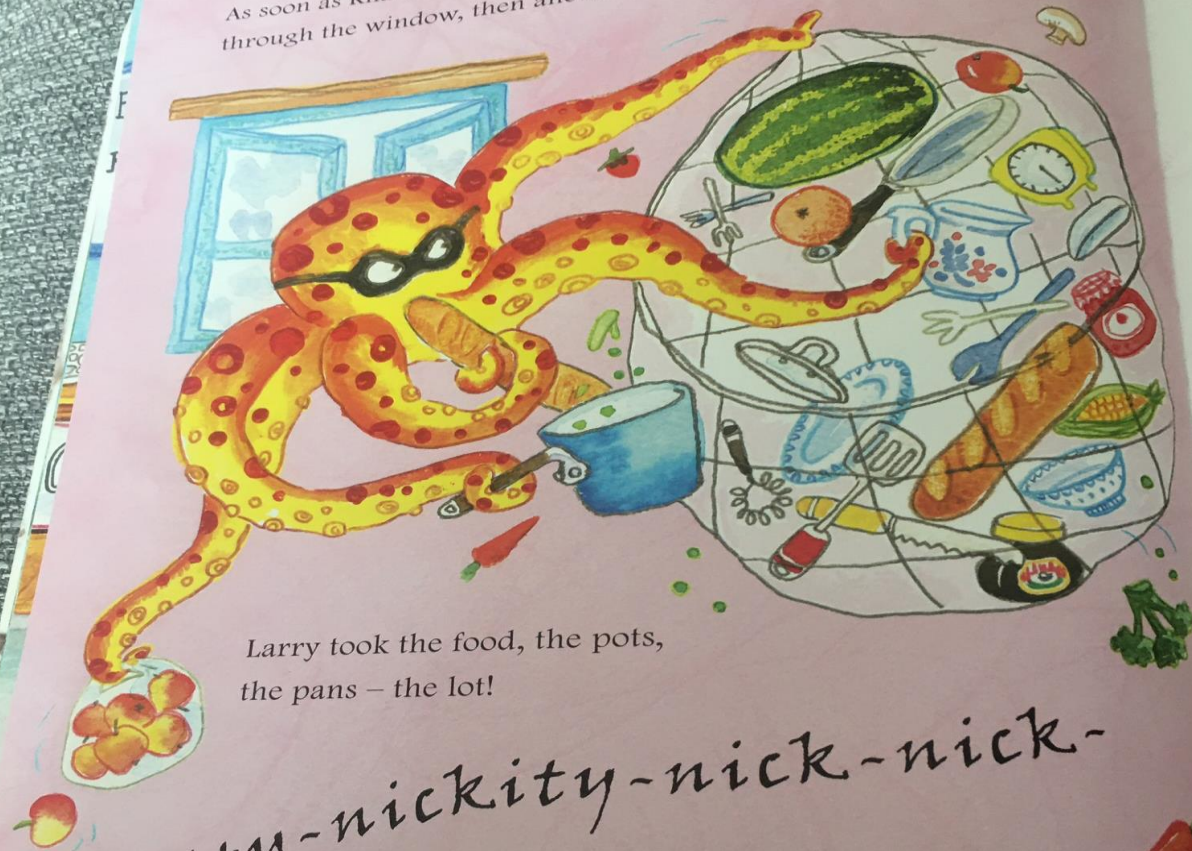
DING - DONG!

went the bell at the desk, so Kiki went to answer it.

But somebody was watching . . .

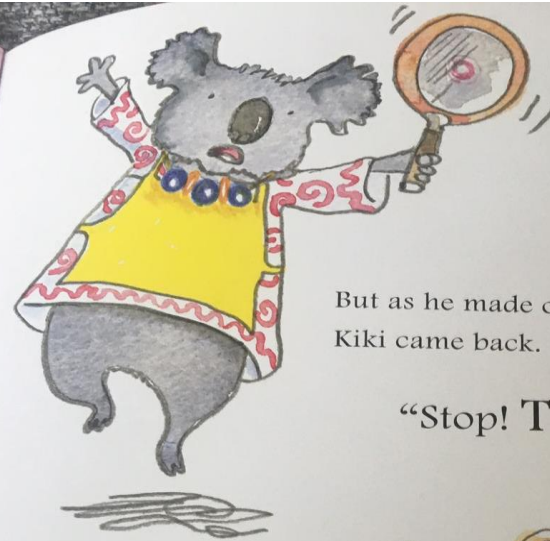


As soon as Kiki was gone, up popped a sneaky tentacle through the window, then another, then another . . .



Larry took the food, the pots,
the pans – the lot!

Nickity-nickity-nick-nick-
GONE! GONE! GONE!

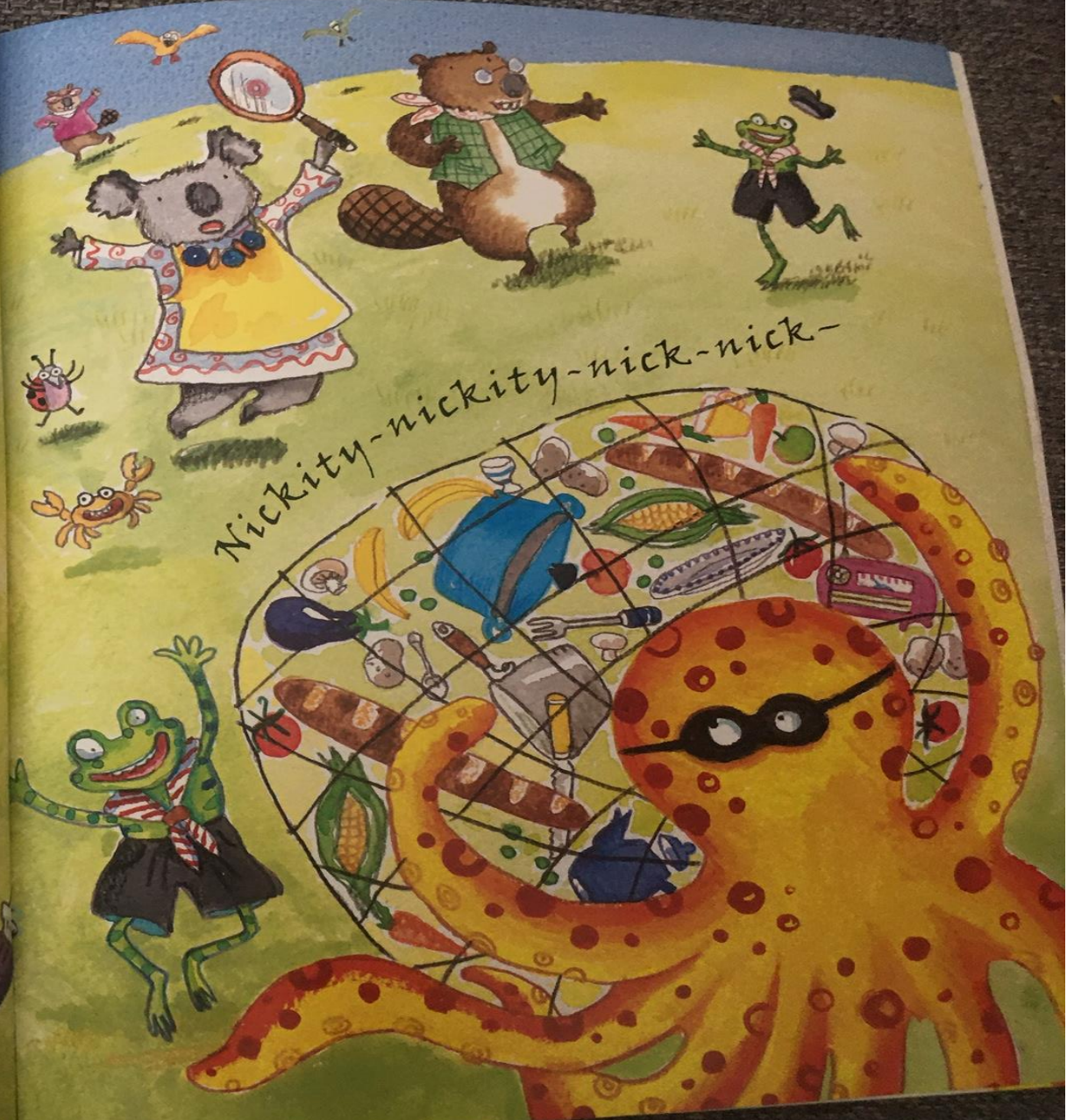


But as he made off with her things,
Kiki came back.

“Stop! Thief!” she cried.



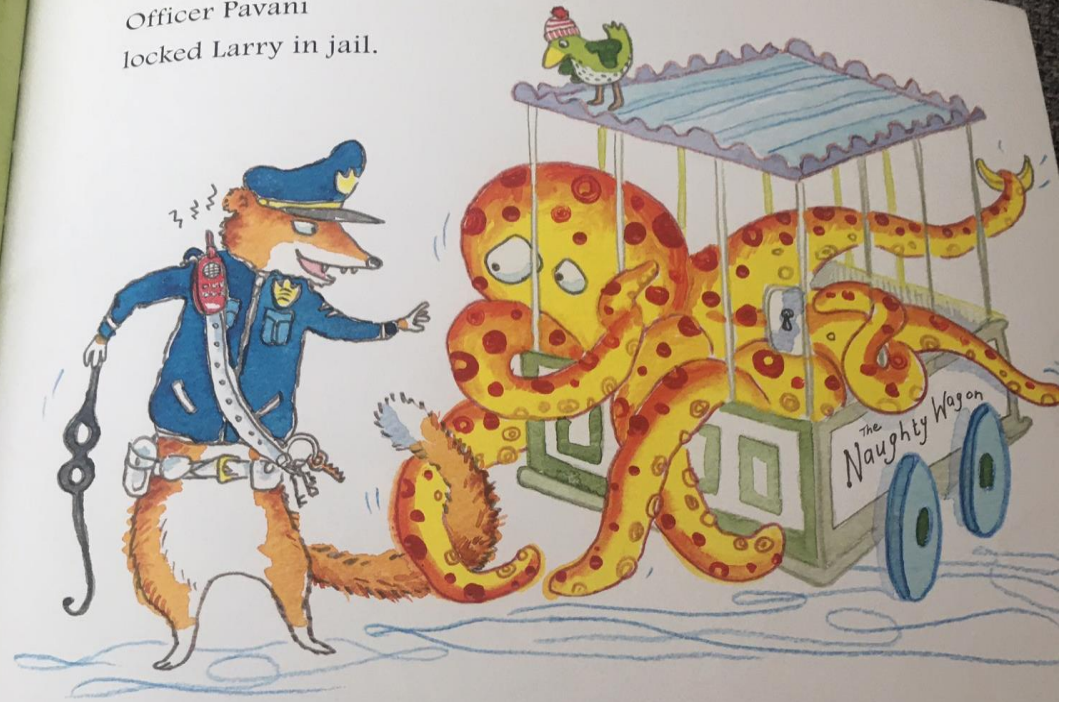
As fast as his tentacles could carry him,
Larry escaped with the loot.
"Somebody stop that octopus!"
squeaked Kiki.
Everybody came to help her.



GOTCHA!



Officer Pavani
locked Larry in jail.



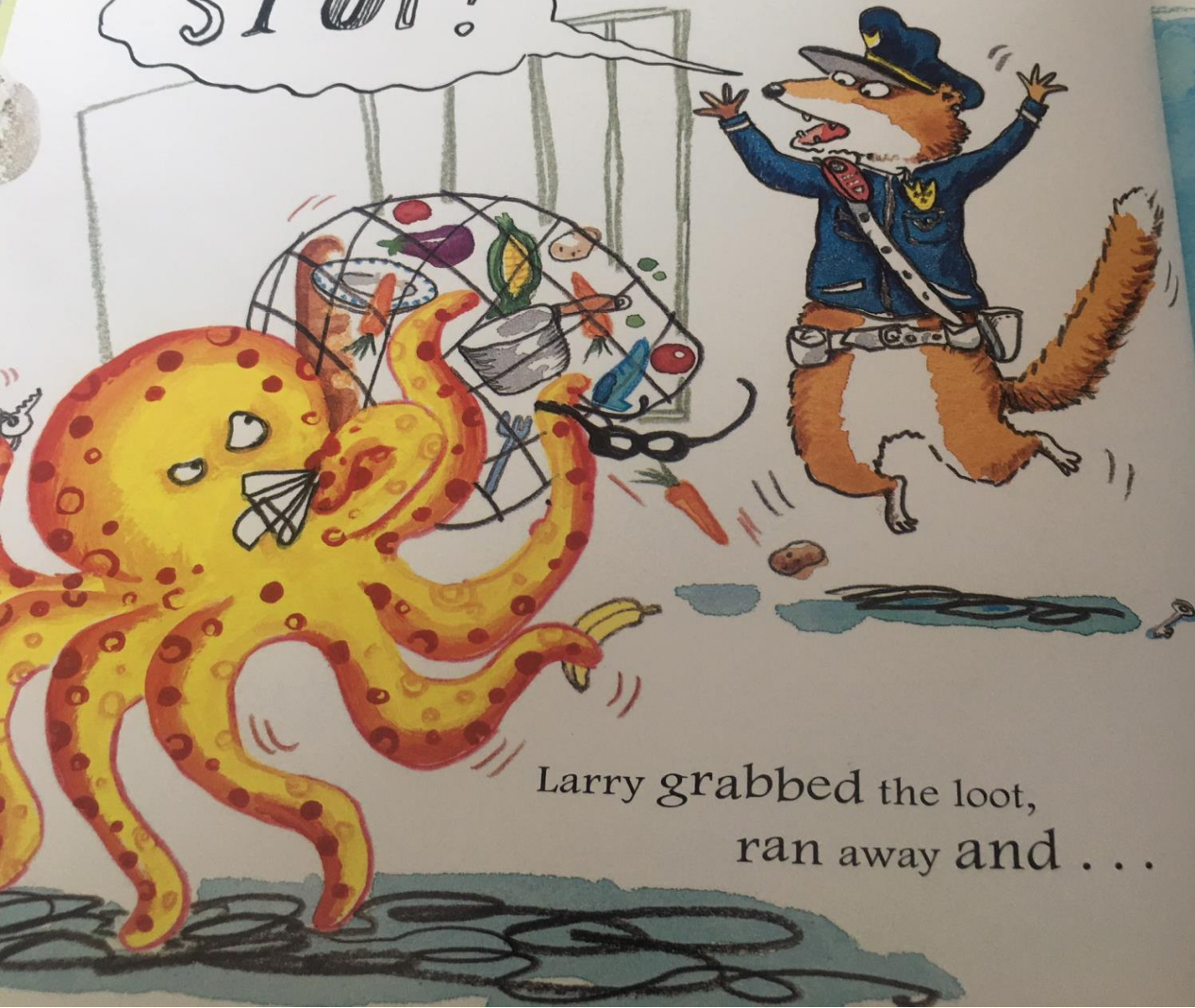
"You'll stay here with me until you learn
not to be naughty," he said.

But Light-Fingered Larry had other ideas . . .



... with a slick sneaky move, he snatched the officer's keys,
let himself out and made his getaway!

STOP! cried Officer Pavani.



Larry grabbed the loot,
ran away and . . .

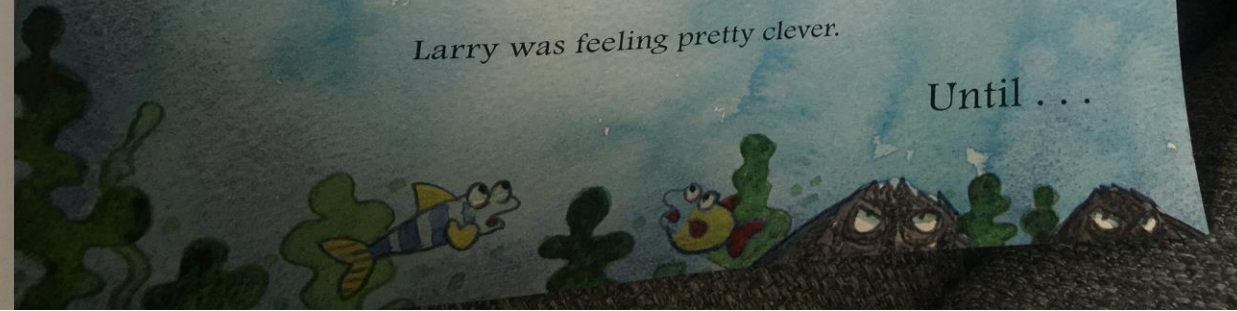
jumped into the sea.



Down and away he swam with his net of swag.
"Hee, hee," he chuckled. "They'll never catch me!"

Larry was feeling pretty clever.

Until . . .

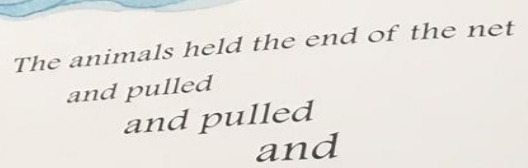


... he got stuck!
Larry was snagged on the *Jaggedy Daggers!*
He was tangled there by his own bag of swag.

Now he wasn't feeling quite so clever!
He began to cry.

HELP!





WHOOSH!

Up came the net, Larry and all the loot! •

Larry was glad to be safe.
And he felt very sorry for what he'd done.

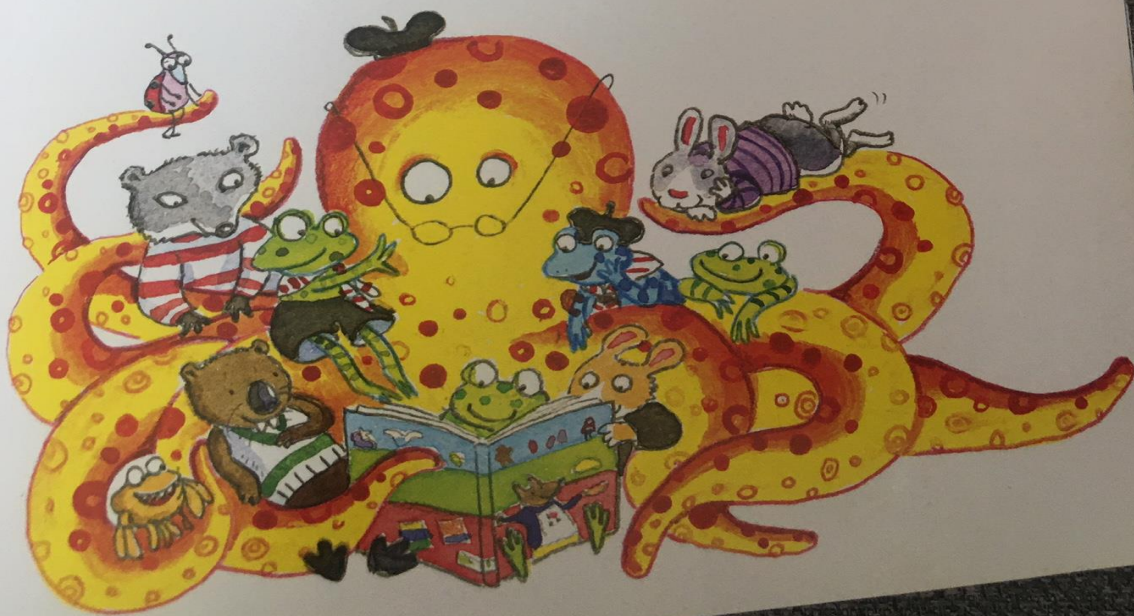





He gave back all of the things he'd taken.



And he did his best to make amends.

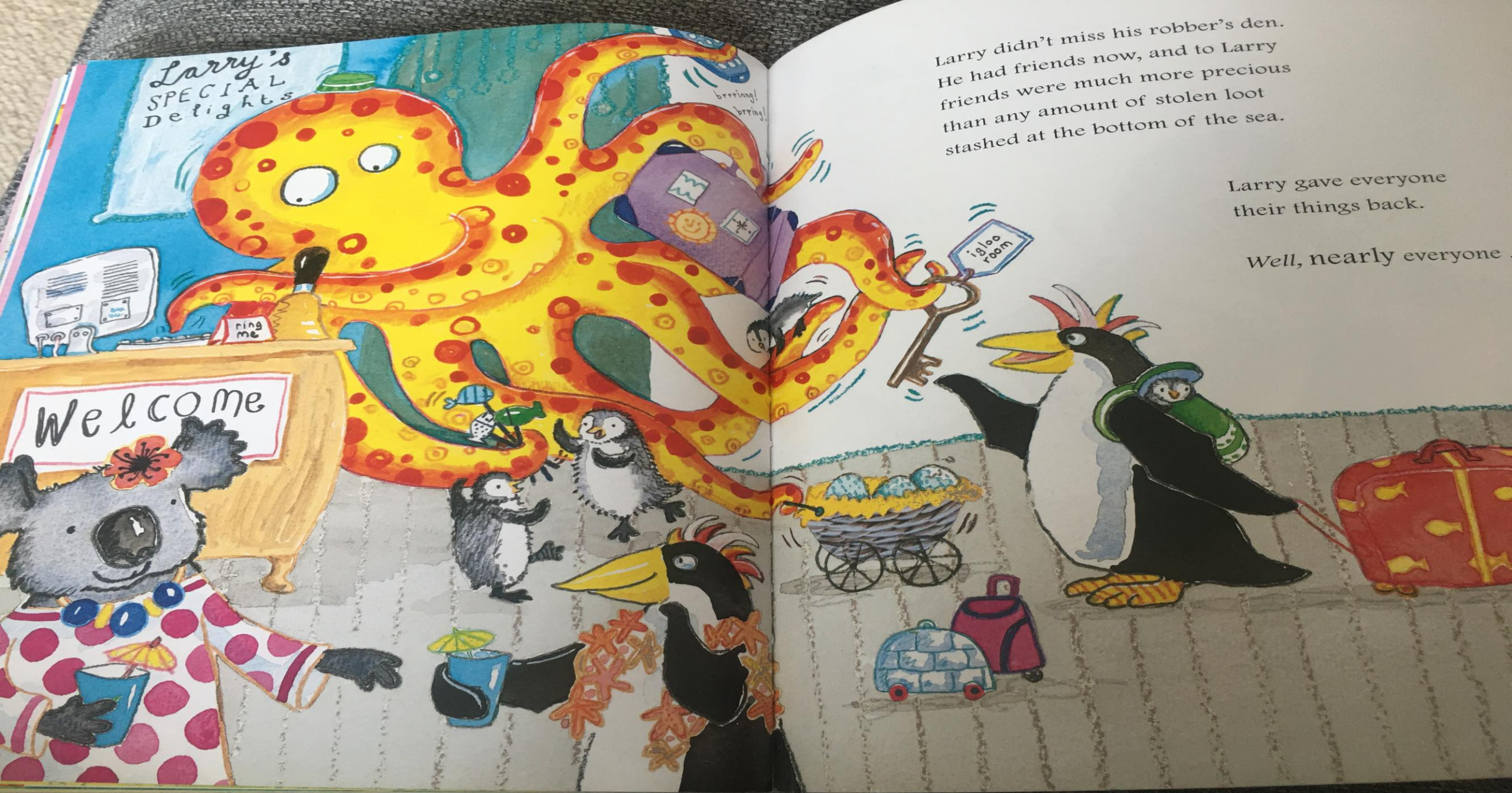




He noticed Kiki was very busy,
so he offered to help.

It turned out that Larry was
a natural in the kitchen!
Kiki was so impressed that
she gave him a job.





Larry's
SPECIAL
Delights

Welcome

ring
me

beering!
beering!

Larry didn't miss his robber's den.
He had friends now, and to Larry
friends were much more precious
than any amount of stolen loot
stashed at the bottom of the sea.

Larry gave everyone
their things back.

Well, nearly everyone.

igloo
room

Officer Pavani never did find his missing keys,
because somebody was holding on to them,
just in case . . .

