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# THE ICE MONSTER





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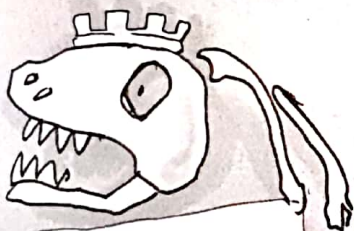
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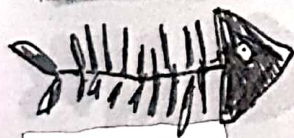
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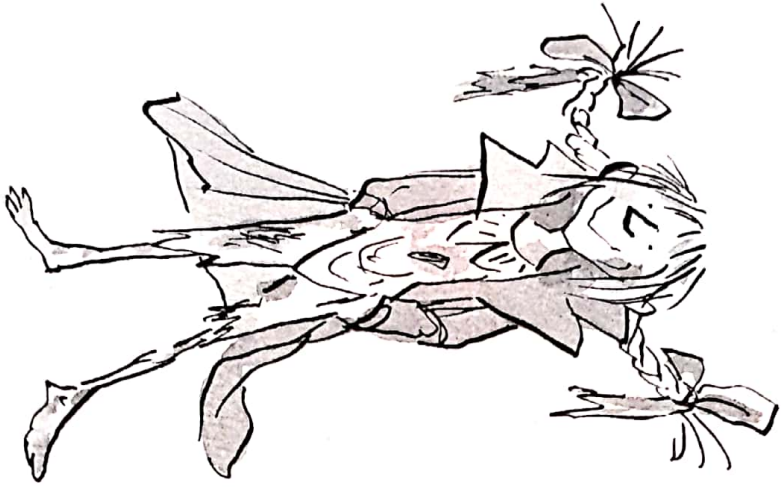
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*The year is 1899*  
and we're in Victorian London. Meet the characters  
in the story...

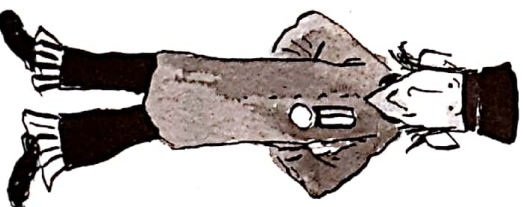


Elsie is a homeless orphan, who lives  
on the streets of London.

Dotty is the cleaning  
lady at the Natural  
History Museum. She is  
as daft as her brushes.



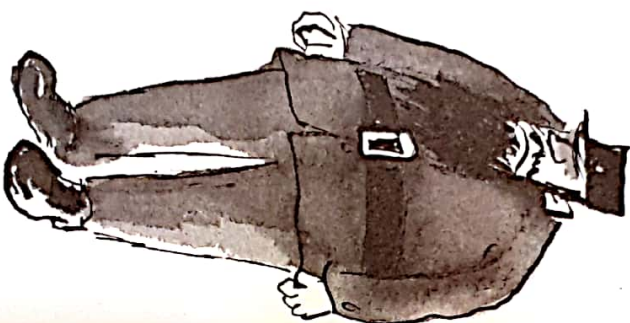
Private Thomas is Dotty's  
boyfriend, the shortest soldier  
who ever served in the British  
Army. His fellow soldiers  
call him "Titch". He is now  
retired, and lives at the Royal  
Hospital Chelsea, making him  
a "Chelsea Pensioner".



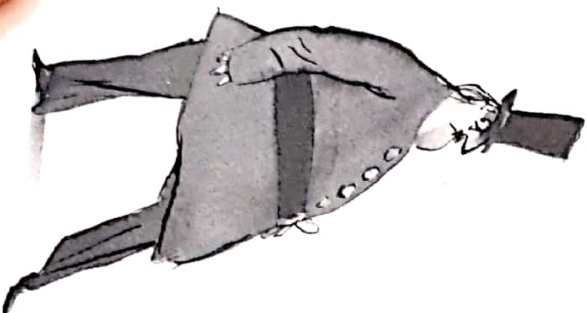




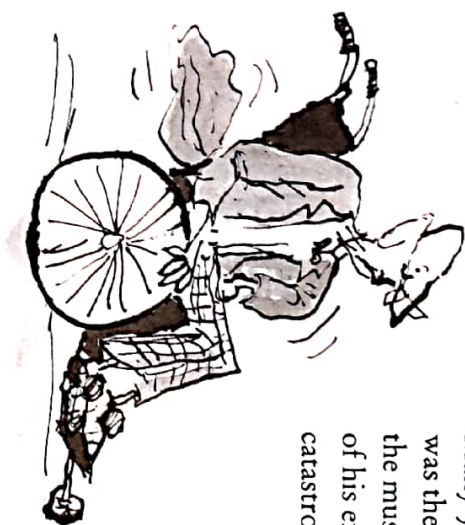
Mrs Curdle is the nasty old boot who runs **WORMLY HALL**. Home for Unwanted Children.



Mr Clout is the brute of a security guard at the museum, infamous for his hobnailed boots.



Commissioner Barker is the fearsome head of the London Metropolitan Police, famous for his tiny moustache.

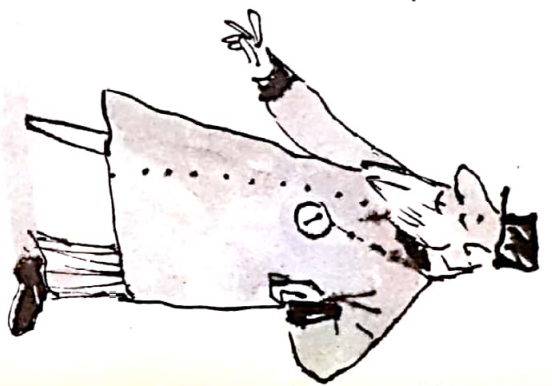


Many years ago, the Professor was the top scientist at the museum, until one of his experiments went catastrophically wrong.

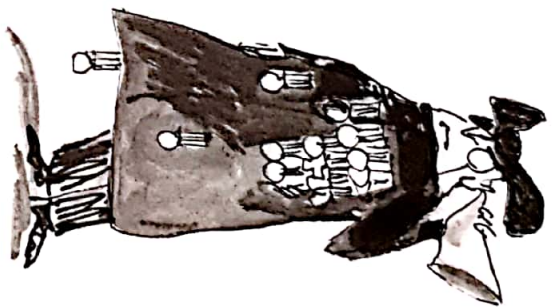
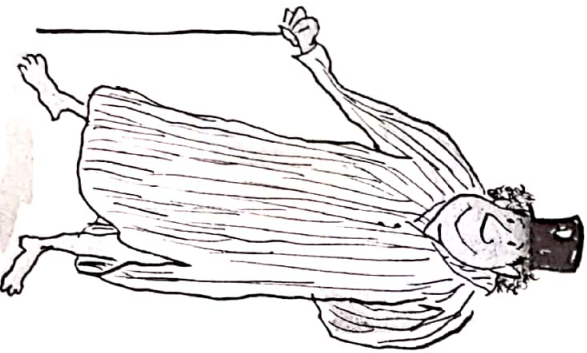
Lady Buckshot is an aristocratic big-game hunter. Across Africa she shoots elephants, giraffes and lions and brings their bodies back to the museum to be stuffed and put on display.



The admiral is the only  
sailor to live at the hospital.  
He was thrown out of the  
old sailors' home for being  
drunk and disorderly.

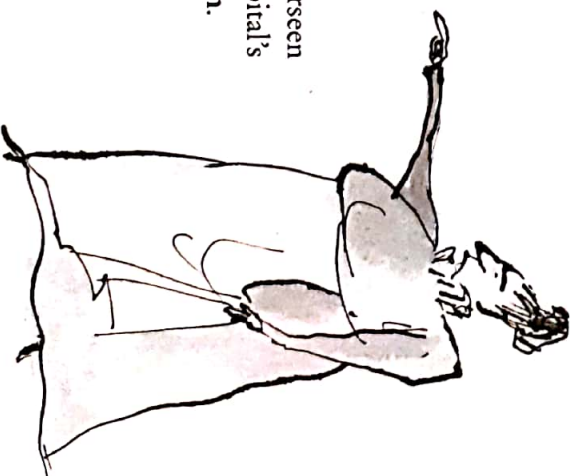


The colonel and the brigadier  
are also Chelsea Pensioners.



The one-eyed sergeant  
major is in charge of  
everyone and everything  
that comes in and out of  
the hospital, and don't  
you forget it.

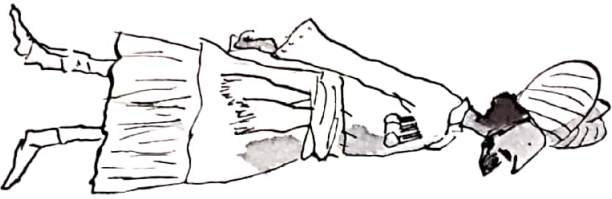
All the Chelsea  
Pensioners are overseen  
by the Royal Hospital's  
formidable Matron.



Queen Victoria is the ruler of the British Empire. In 1899, she had been on the throne for what was the longest reign in British history, a staggering sixty-two years.

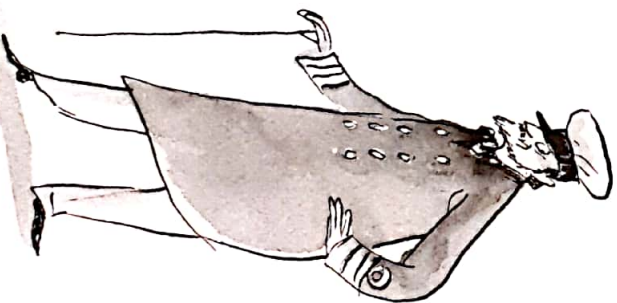


Abdul Karim is always at the Queen's side. He is her handsome young Indian attendant, also known as "Munshi".



Sir Ray Lankester is the museum's portly director.

The sandwich-board man roams the streets, trying to convince everyone that "THE END IS NIGH".



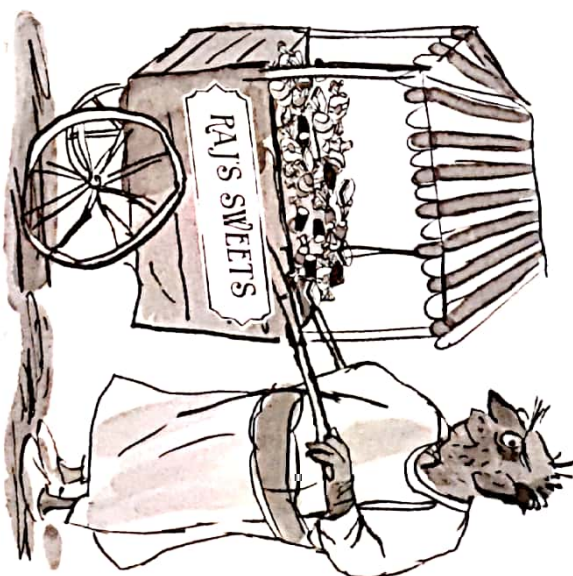
The captain is in charge of what was, in 1899, one of the Royal Navy's most modern warships, HMS Argonaut.



The Sticky Fingers Gang is a rough and tough band of child robbers, who are infamous for being the greatest thieves in London.



Raj the First has his own confectionery emporium – or sweet trolley.



And last, but certainly not least...

...is the **ICE MONSTER** itself, a woolly mammoth that died ten thousand years ago. The lifeless animal was discovered by Arctic explorers, perfectly preserved in the ice.

