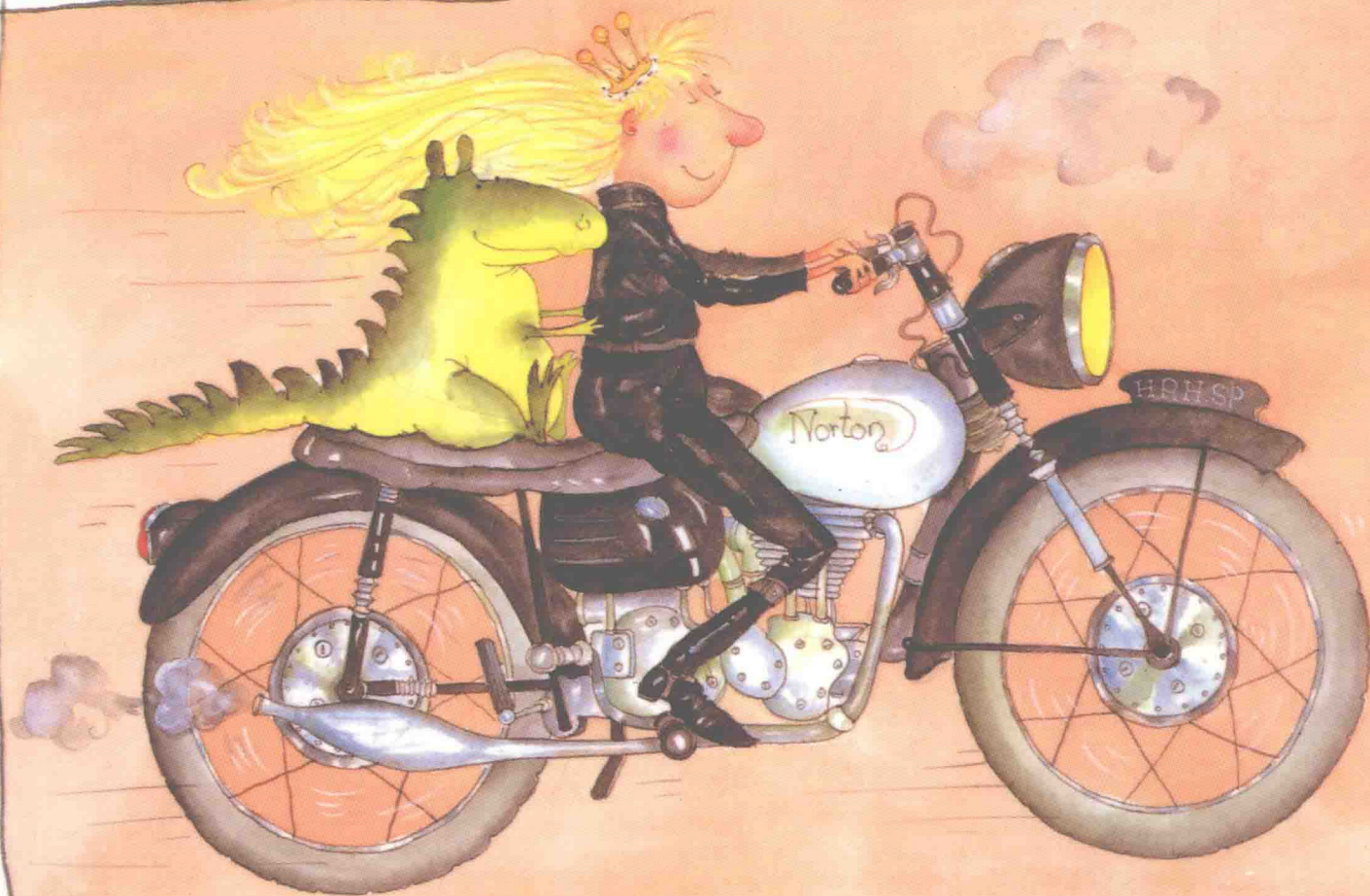


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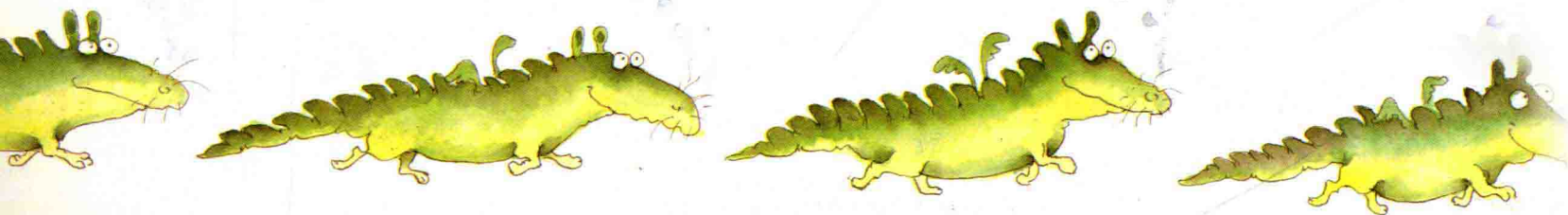
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Princess Smartypants did not want to get married.
She enjoyed being a Ms.





Because she was very pretty and rich, all the princes wanted her to be their Mrs.



Princess Smartypants wanted to live in her castle with her pets and do exactly as she pleased.



"It's high time you smartened yourself up,"
said her Mother the Queen.
"Stop messing about with those
animals and find yourself
a husband!"

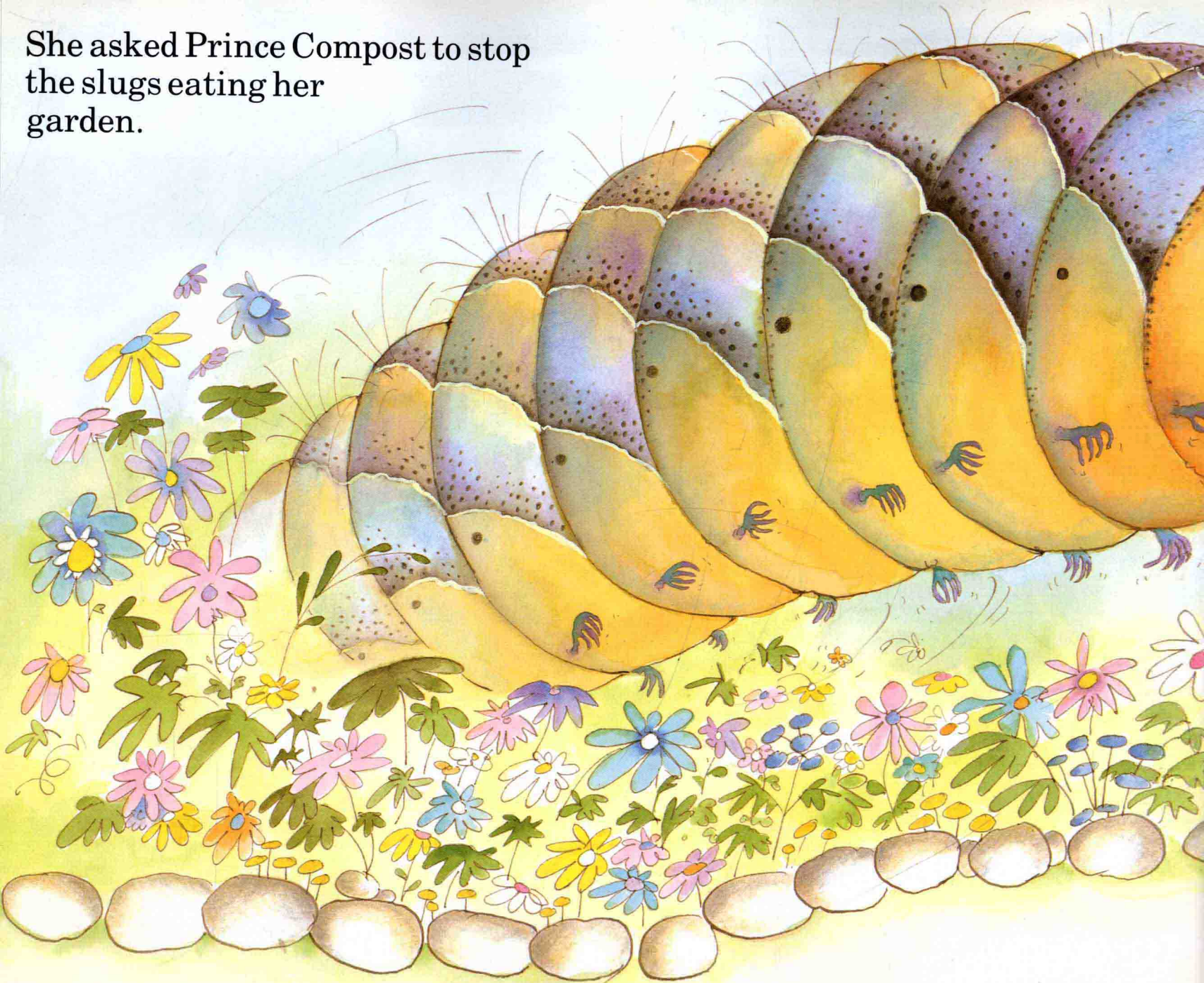


Suitors were always turning up at the castle making a nuisance of themselves.

“Right,” declared Princess Smartypants, “whoever can accomplish the tasks that I set will, as they say, win my hand.”



She asked Prince Compost to stop
the slugs eating her
garden.





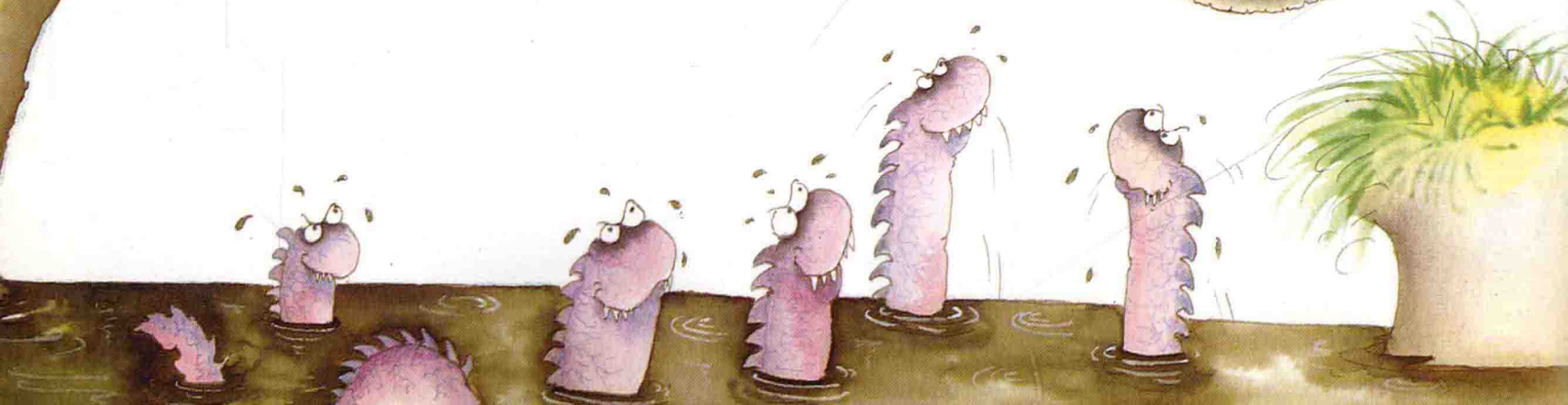
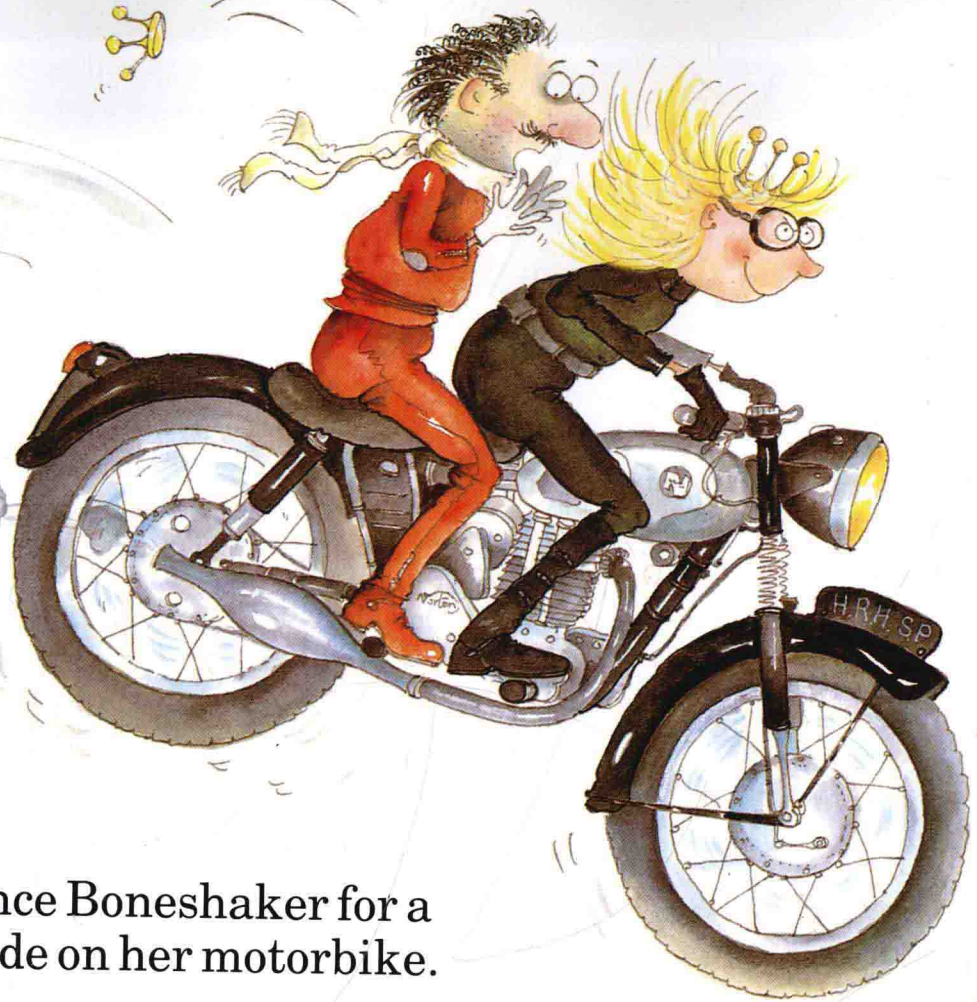
She asked
Prince Rushforth
to feed her pets.



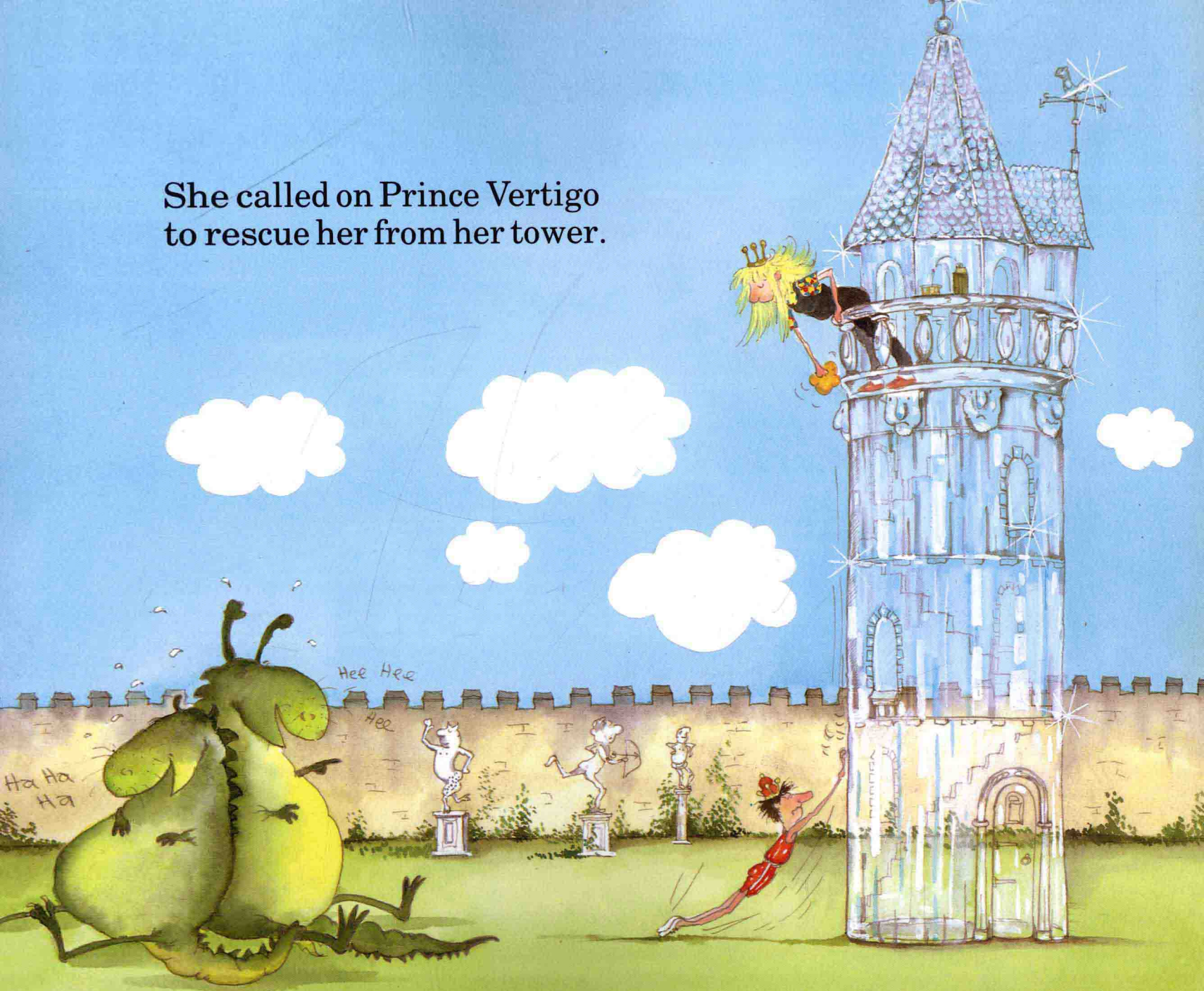


She challenged
Prince Pelvis to a
roller-disco marathon.

She invited Prince Boneshaker for a cross-country ride on her motorbike.



She called on Prince Vertigo
to rescue her from her tower.





She sent Prince Bashthumb to chop some firewood in the royal forest.