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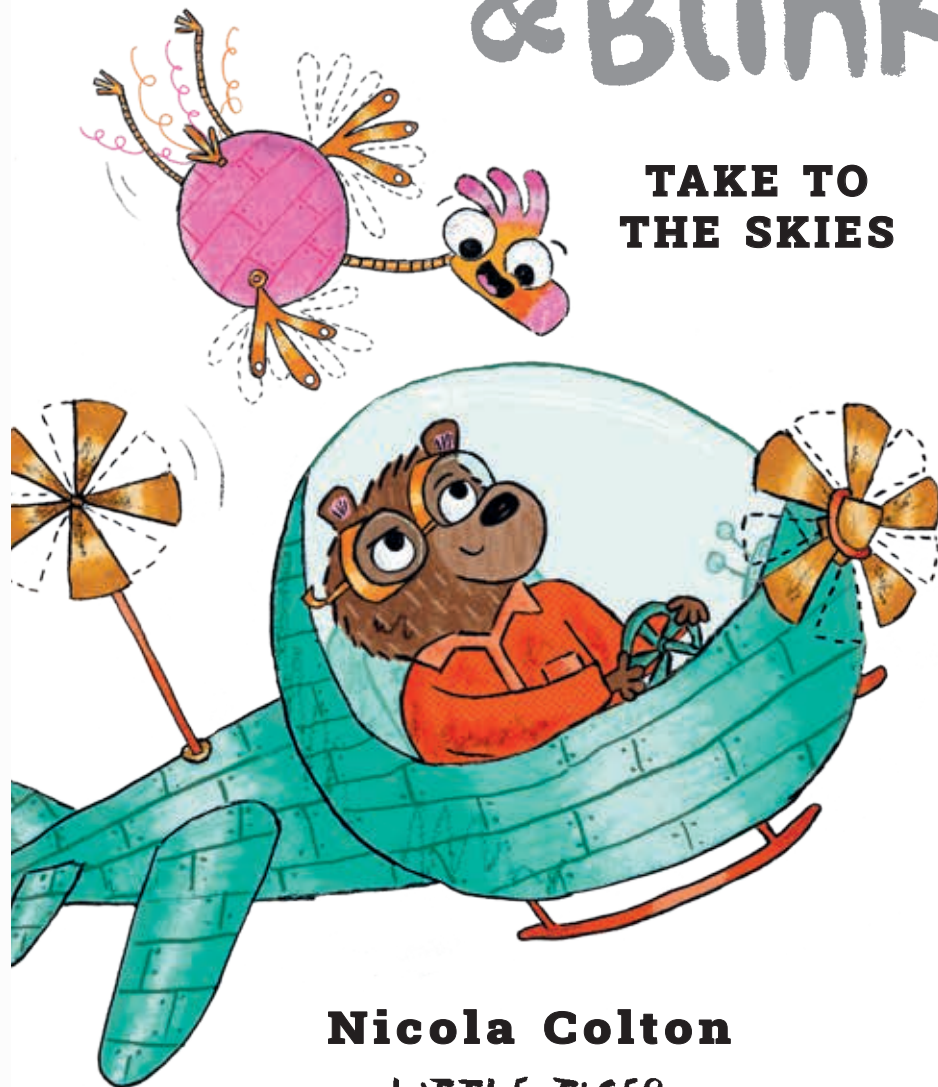


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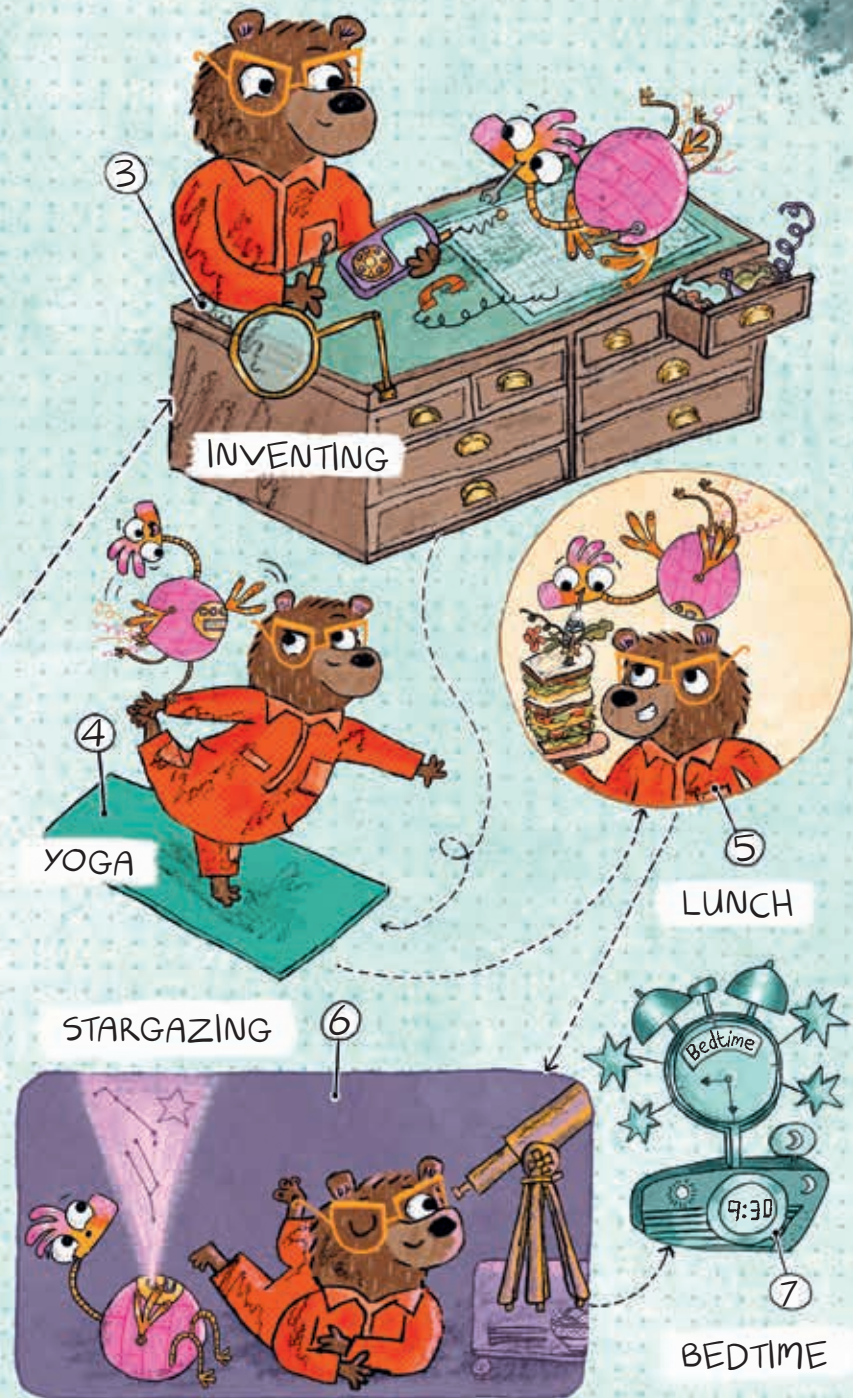
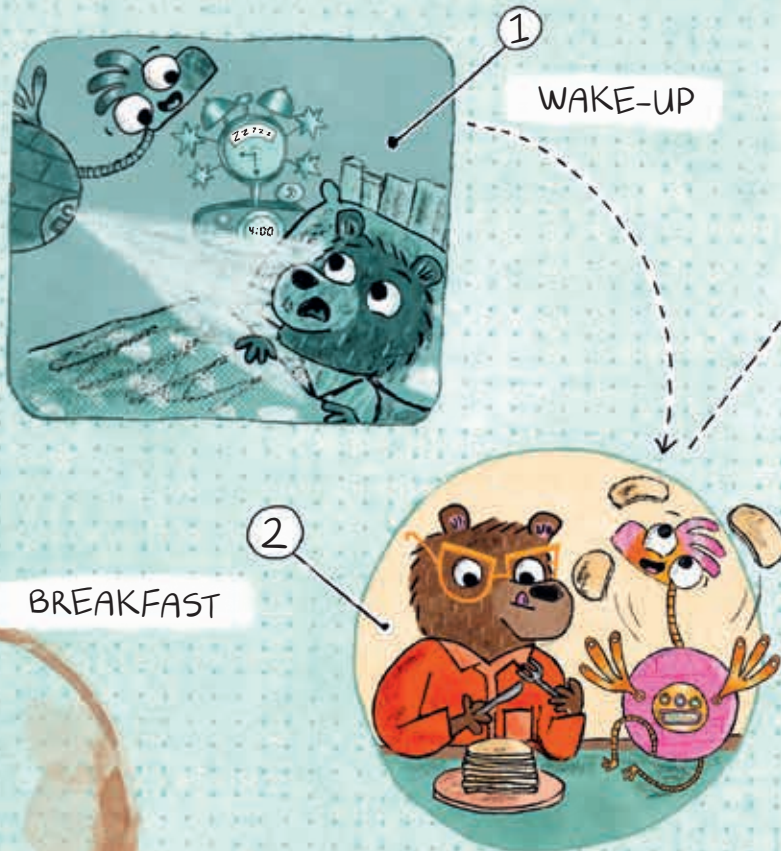
# Chapter One

Bertha, inventor extraordinaire,  
loved tinkering, fixing and building  
new devices in her treehouse  
workshop.

Blink, her robo-bird roommate, loved  
making new discoveries. In their jungle  
home, there was always something  
to be excited about.



Before she had invented Blink, Bertha had loved to stick to a strict routine. Each day was still carefully planned, but now she left room for surprises. And with Blink, there was always a surprise!



One morning, Blink woke Bertha up for a special sunrise-surprise start to the day...

Morning!  
I hope you are hungry... I made Corn-cake-alade!  
I combined all your favourites - pancakes and cornflakes in marmalade!



Er, thank you.  
That's very Kind of you...



Mmmmmm...

I Knew you'd love it!



"Why is it so dark today? Is the sun having a day off?" Blink asked as Bertha tried to swallow her breakfast treat.

"The sun hasn't risen yet," said Bertha. "Shall we go up to the roof and watch it?"

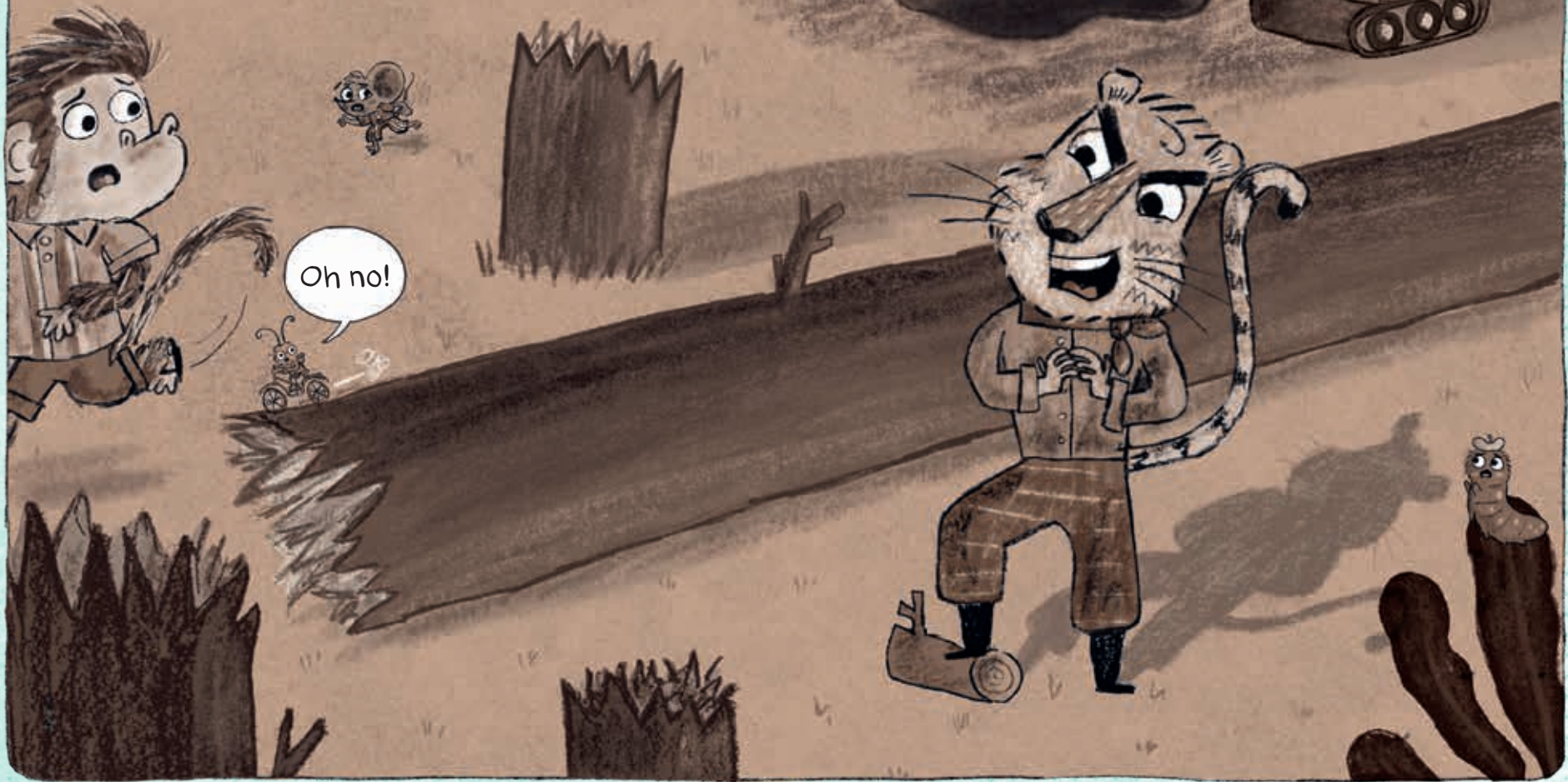


"We can also see what's happening with that sneak Finnius and his factory," Bertha muttered as they climbed up and out of the hatch to get a better view across the tree top canopy.



A week earlier...

Bertha had been shocked to find out that her inventor nemesis, Finnius Fink, was building a factory in the jungle – destroying the beautiful nature.



And long before that...

Finnius and Bertha had once been best friends. He'd be the first to know if she had a new idea.



Until one day, Finnus stole her invention!



After the betrayal, Bertha moved to the jungle.

She had been living all on her own until she had built Blink.



Now she had a friend and fellow agent, and they were working on a plan to stop Finnus and save their home.

Back in the jungle...

Bertha coughed. "That's why it's dark – there's so much smoke!"

"It's coming from the factory chimney," said Blink. "How did Finnius build the factory so fast?"

Cough!

"I don't know, Blink.

But we HAVE to stop him!"

Bertha turned to Blink.

"Our mission has been updated to URGENT. Let's go check out the factory."

The friends grabbed some inventions to help them on their mission ...



... then they zoomed down to the base of their tree, ready to investigate.

Let's go and see what that no good tiger is up to!