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# Chapter 1





**I**t was midnight at No. 10, The Crescent. Pug was sound asleep at the foot of the bed when a loud scream woke him.

‘Aaaaargh!’

It was Lady Miranda. She was sitting bolt upright.



'Puuuuug!'

Pug rushed over to her and tilted his head in enquiry.

'Pug, there's a lion in the bedroom!'

*A lion?*

This was worrying. Pug was glad Lady Miranda had warned him.

Wendy, Lady Miranda's housekeeper, came hurrying into the room.



'Whatever's the matter, m'lady?' she asked.

The sight of Wendy comforted Pug.

'There's a lion, Wendy. A lion!' Lady Miranda insisted, lifting her eye



mask. Pug wondered how she could tell there was a lion in the room with it on. *She must use her nose*, he decided.

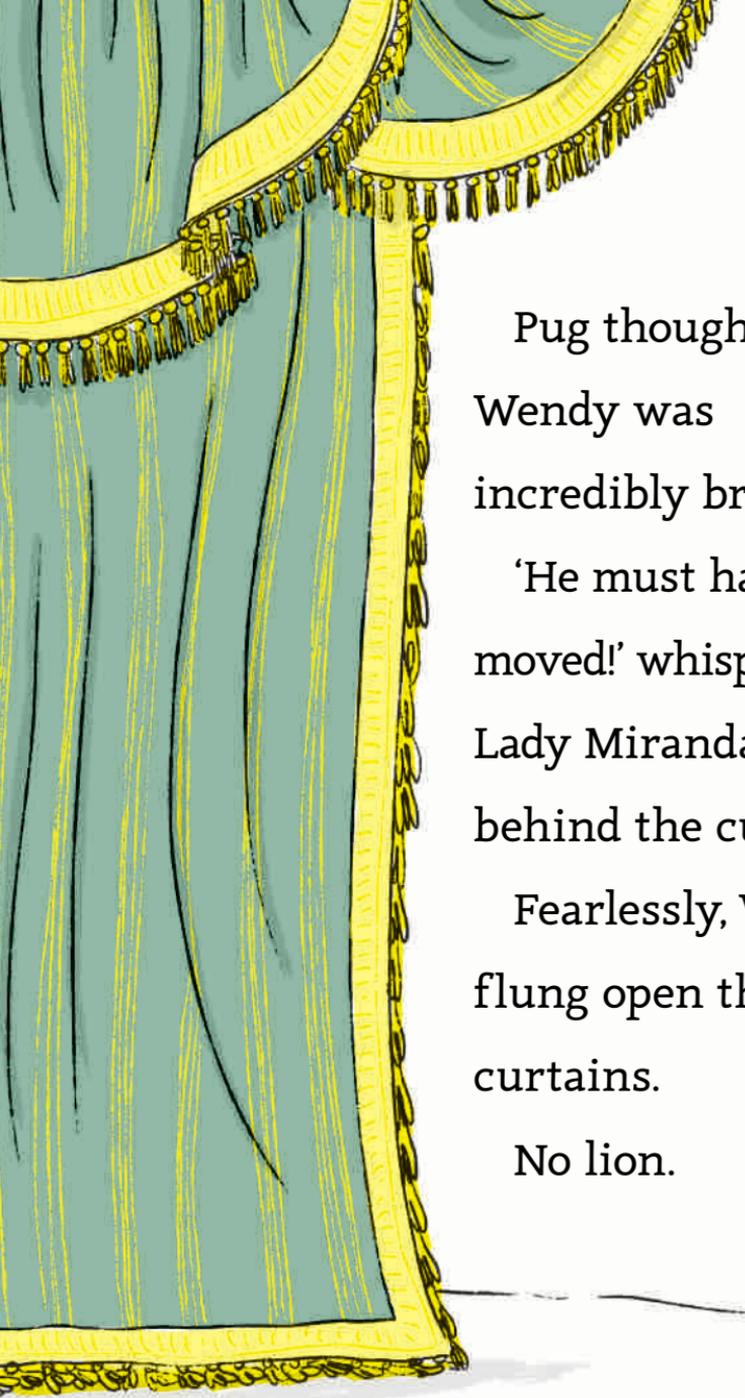
‘Oh dear, m’lady. Where’s he hiding?’ asked Wendy.

‘There! Over there!’ Lady Miranda pointed to her very large wardrobe.

*Crumbs!* thought Pug. *How did he get in there?*

Wendy took a look.

‘He’s not in here, m’lady.’



Pug thought  
Wendy was  
incredibly brave.

‘He must have  
moved!’ whispered  
Lady Miranda. ‘He’s  
behind the curtain.’

Fearlessly, Wendy  
flung open the  
curtains.

No lion.

‘He’s under the bed!’ screamed Lady Miranda.

He certainly was a quick mover, this lion.

Lady Miranda hugged Pug for comfort. Pug started to shake. He’d never met a lion before and, judging by Lady Miranda’s reaction, he didn’t want to.

Wendy went to check under the bed. It took her a while, her knees not being what they once were.

‘There’s no lion, but there’s a lot of crumbs under this bed,’ she said, looking at Pug. ‘I wonder how they got there.’



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