

Sascha Martin's Super Ball
looked anything but super.
"It's just a stupid rubber ball!"
said Mary-Alice Cooper.

"It's not! It bounces really high,"
said Sascha. "You should see it!"
And then he added quickly:
"But you can't! We mustn't free it!"



"Ooooh! Why not?" said Mary-Alice, with her interest clearly piqued.
"Just ... because!" he answered. "Pass it round the class!" Alana squeaked.

Sascha knelt there, undecided if he dursn't or he durst.
Mary-Alice made a lunge at him, and tried to grab it first.



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Luca passed the ball to Aggie
(always reading, even now),
Who forgot about her book and
whispered: "Golly! Golly wow!"

Not another word escaped her startled person, whereupon Mary-Alice said: "You've had a turn now, Aggie! Pass it on!"



As the ball moved round the children,
each received it with a gasp,
And a face alight with wonder,
as they held it in their grasp.

Then they'd have to give it up,
which they would patently resent;
And their eyes would stay upon it,
as they followed where it went.

Sascha hovered, looking worried,
looking always at the ball.
"Hold it carefully," he cautioned them.
"You mustn't let it fall!"

"That's ridiculous!" said Mary-Alice,
flicking back her hair.
"It's a ball. You're meant to throw it!"
"No you're not and don't you dare!"

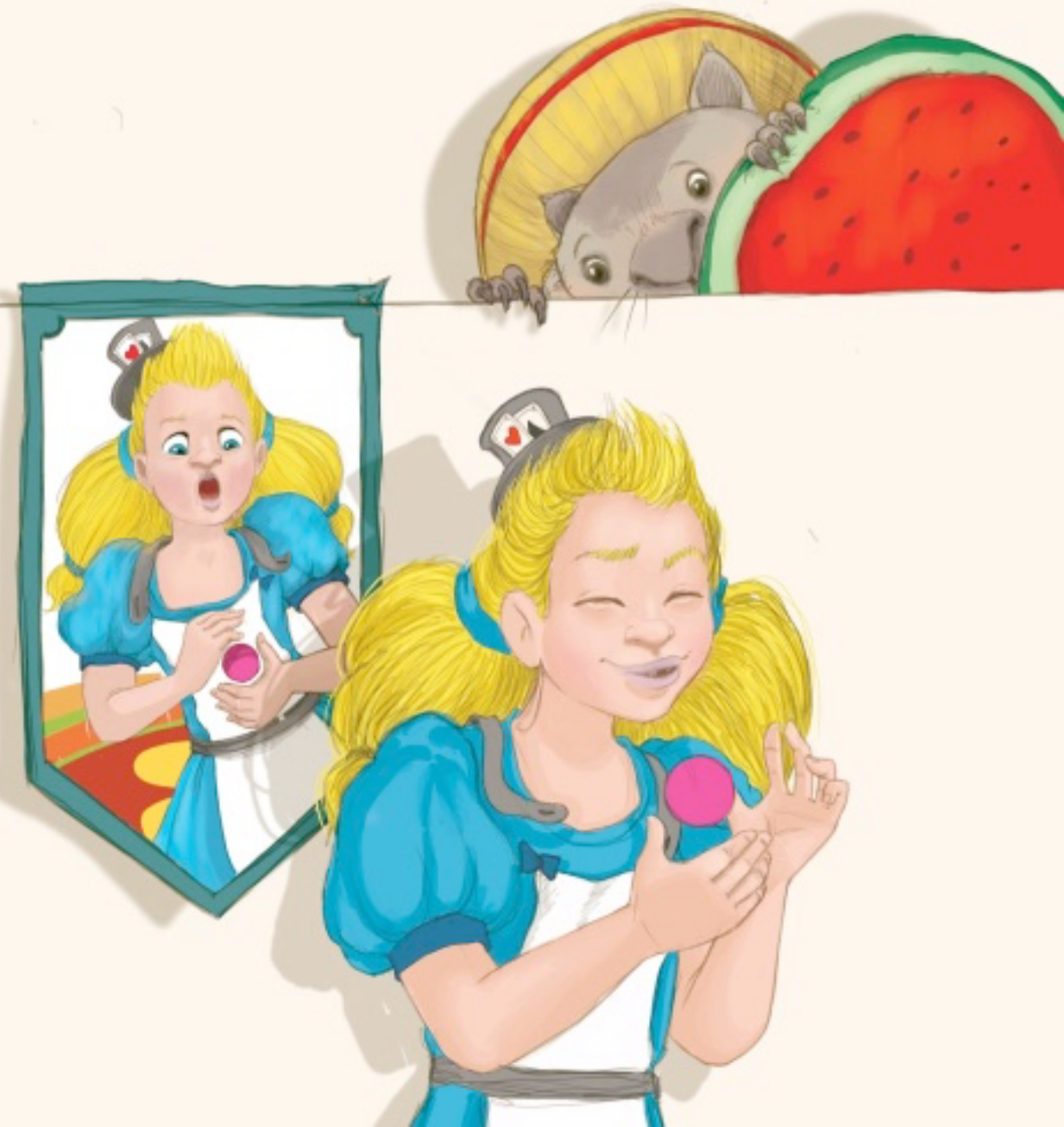
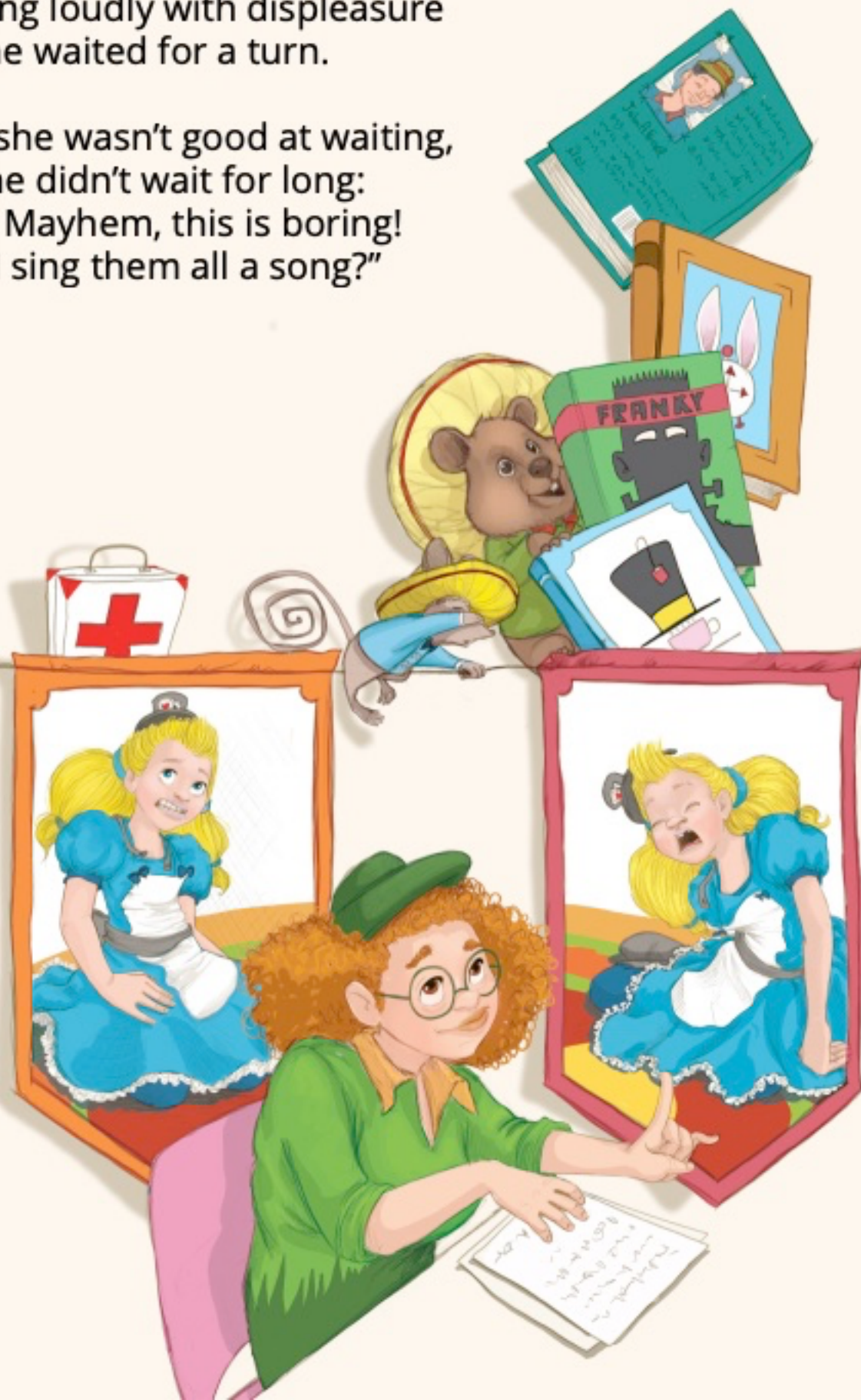


Mary-Alice rolled her eyes
and put a face on that was stern,
Sighing loudly with displeasure
as she waited for a turn.

And she wasn't good at waiting,
so she didn't wait for long:
"Mrs Mayhem, this is boring!
Can I sing them all a song?"

"Just be patient, Mary-Alice."
"Oh my god!" A roll of eyes ...
Then she got the ball at last,
and she was SILENT in surprise!

Such a look of awe transformed her;
but she grimly fought it down,
And a conflict raged within her till,
triumphant, with a frown ...





She wrenched her eyes away, which
all the other children couldn't do,
And she opened up her fingers,
so the ball would topple through.

"Oops!" she said, all eyes and
innocence. The children watched it fall.
"I'm so sorry, Sascha. Guess we'll
see it bouncing after all!"



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