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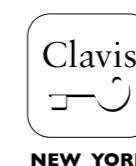
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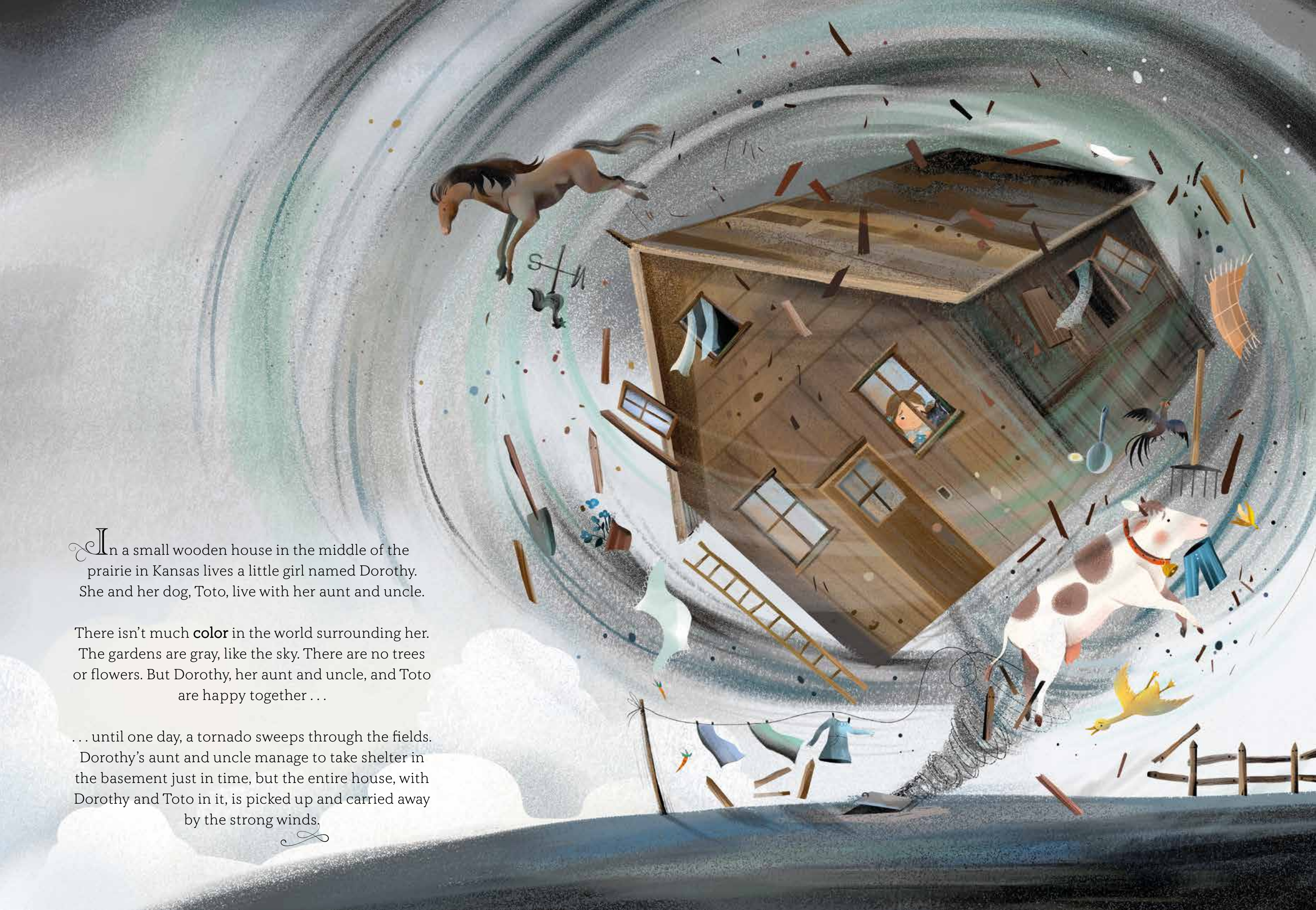
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The Wizard of Oz

Sara Ugolotti





In a small wooden house in the middle of the prairie in Kansas lives a little girl named Dorothy. She and her dog, Toto, live with her aunt and uncle.

There isn't much **color** in the world surrounding her. The gardens are gray, like the sky. There are no trees or flowers. But Dorothy, her aunt and uncle, and Toto are happy together . . .

. . . until one day, a tornado sweeps through the fields. Dorothy's aunt and uncle manage to take shelter in the basement just in time, but the entire house, with Dorothy and Toto in it, is picked up and carried away by the strong winds.

The little house flies on a long trip to a faraway country, where the people are rather shy and dressed all in blue. An old woman emerges from the crowd. She's all dressed in white and wears a beautiful hat with **twinkling** stars. It's the Good Witch of the North. "Thank you, Dorothy! Your cottage landed right on the Wicked Witch of the East, who held us all captive. Thanks to you, we're safe again."

To show her appreciation, the Good Witch of the North gives Dorothy a **kiss** on the forehead and a pair of magic silver shoes. "Now hurry to the great Wizard of Oz. He's the most powerful wizard in the land, so he'll surely be able to help you get back home."

