

The Peerie Monster and the Colour Crocodile

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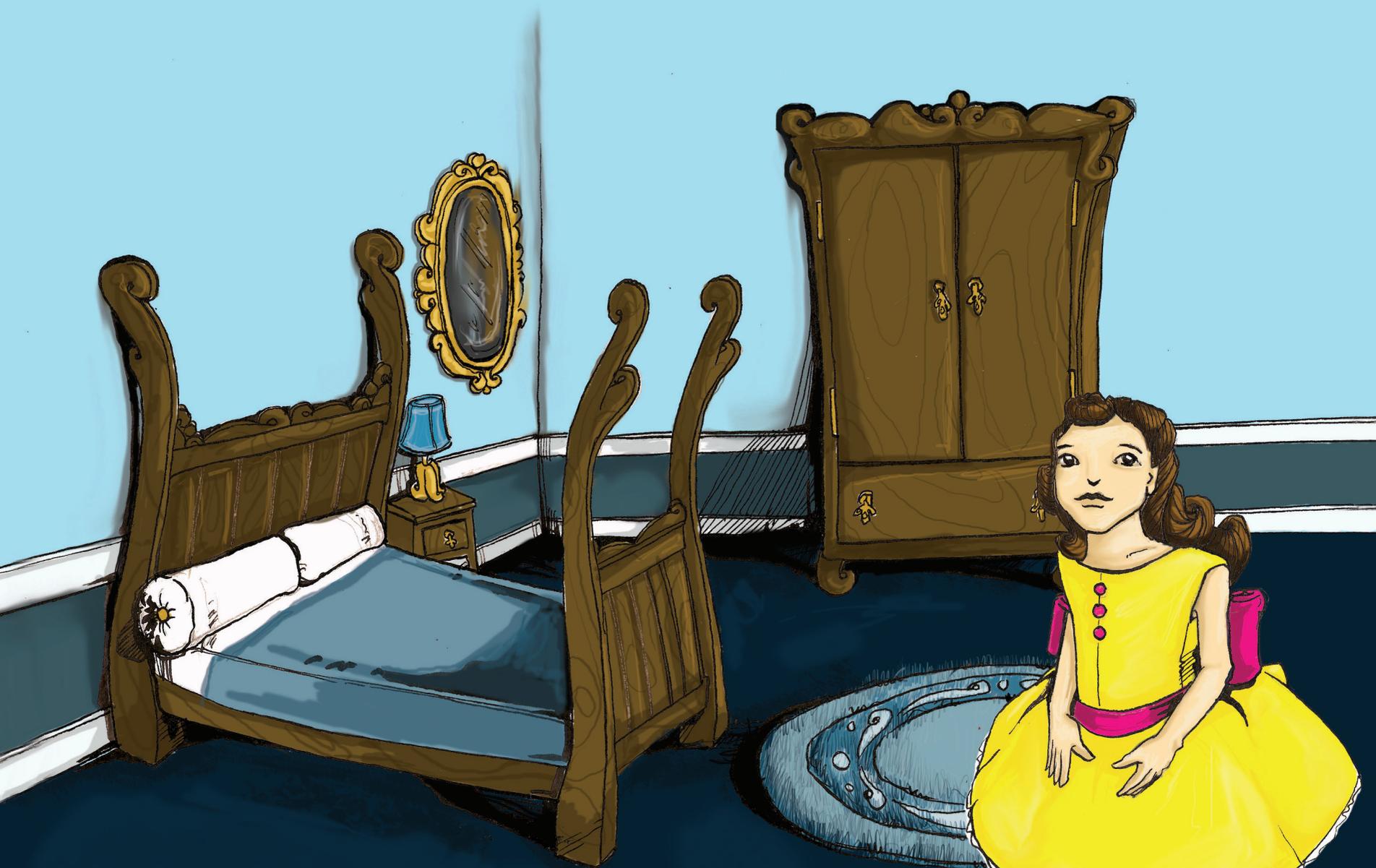
Dedication

*With Love and Thanks:
to Iona, for stealing her name,
and to Stuart,
without whom Peerie never would have found her magic.*

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Once upon a time, in a land that was very far away, there was a beautiful castle. The outside of the castle was painted in all the colours of the rainbow, and each room inside the castle was a different colour. There was a red kitchen and a pink bathroom, a green library and a yellow hallway, a purple attic and an orange staircase.



But the most important room of all belonged to the most important person of all.

Princess Iona loved all the colours of the rainbow, but her very favourite colour of all was a very special, very bright, very magical shade of blue.

This blue was so very special because it was the colour of a very special eye.

And that eye belonged to a very special dog.

And that very special dog was the very hairy, very muddy, very best friend of Princess Iona: The Peerie Monster.



The Peerie Monster had been Princess Iona's best friend since she was a baby, and the Peerie Monster was very special because of her different-coloured eyes, and as anyone can tell you, dogs with different-coloured eyes can do magic.

Unfortunately, in the whole time that the Peerie Monster had been living in the castle with Princess Iona, she had never once shown any sign of having magical powers.

That didn't mean that she wasn't magic, just that she was saving herself up for something really special. Or so Princess Iona hoped.

Not that she would ever admit that to the Peerie Monster!