

THE CASE OF THE MYSTERY PRESENT





It was a bustling day in Big City! That night, the city was having a big stargazing party, so everyone was excited! Bear was selling the last telescopes out of their toy store, Cat was studying up on their comets, Horse was just getting home after a long day of work, and Dog...? Dog's day was just beginning as the best detective on this side of Bone Street.



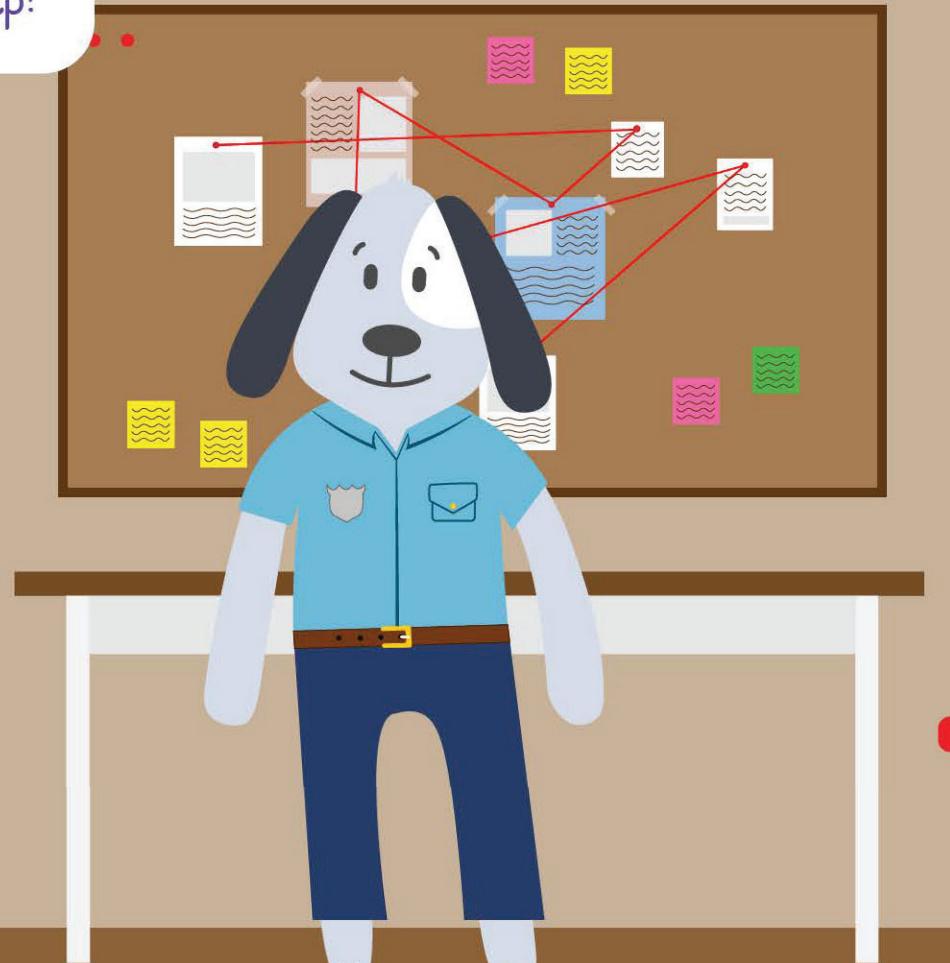
Wow, that last case was easy! Guess
it's time to pack up for the night--

BANG





Detective Dog, I need your help!





Detective Dog is always ready to help a friend in need. What seems to be the problem?



I found this present on my doorstep!
It came with a note. Look!

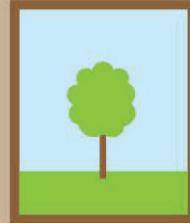




"To Horse, don't open until tonight!"

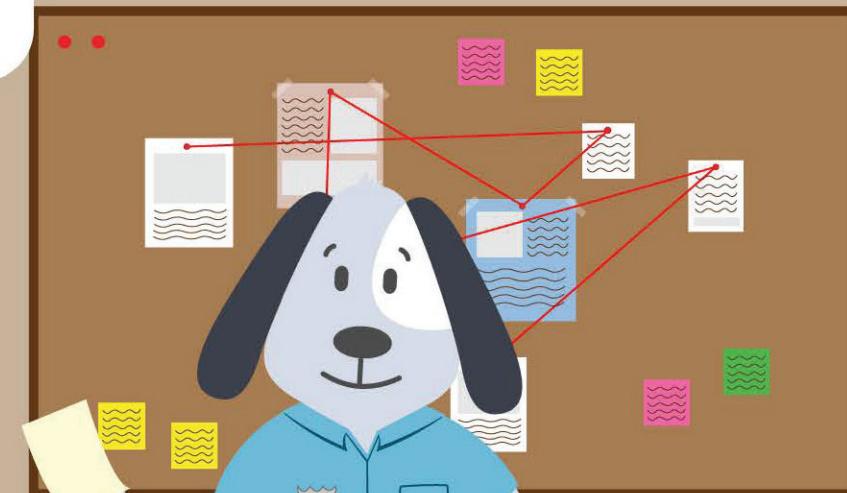


Hm... it's not signed.





I noticed that too! Who sent this?
And what do you think it is?





I'll take the case! But... I promised Cat and Bear I would meet up with them before the event tonight... who knows? Maybe they could help us out! Come on, Horse!

Dog and Horse meet up with Cat and Bear.



Cat, Bear, I'm helping Horse with a
case! It's the mystery of this present!
Do you think you can help?







Yeah, we'll do our best!



Let me catch you up, so we can make some smart guesses. Horse found this present on their doorstep. There's only this note, and it's not signed.





That sure is a mystery!



No! I wasn't even expecting a present today.



Let's observe this present—what
do we think is inside?





Maybe it's a car!

I don't think so... the box isn't big enough.





Maybe it's one crayon.

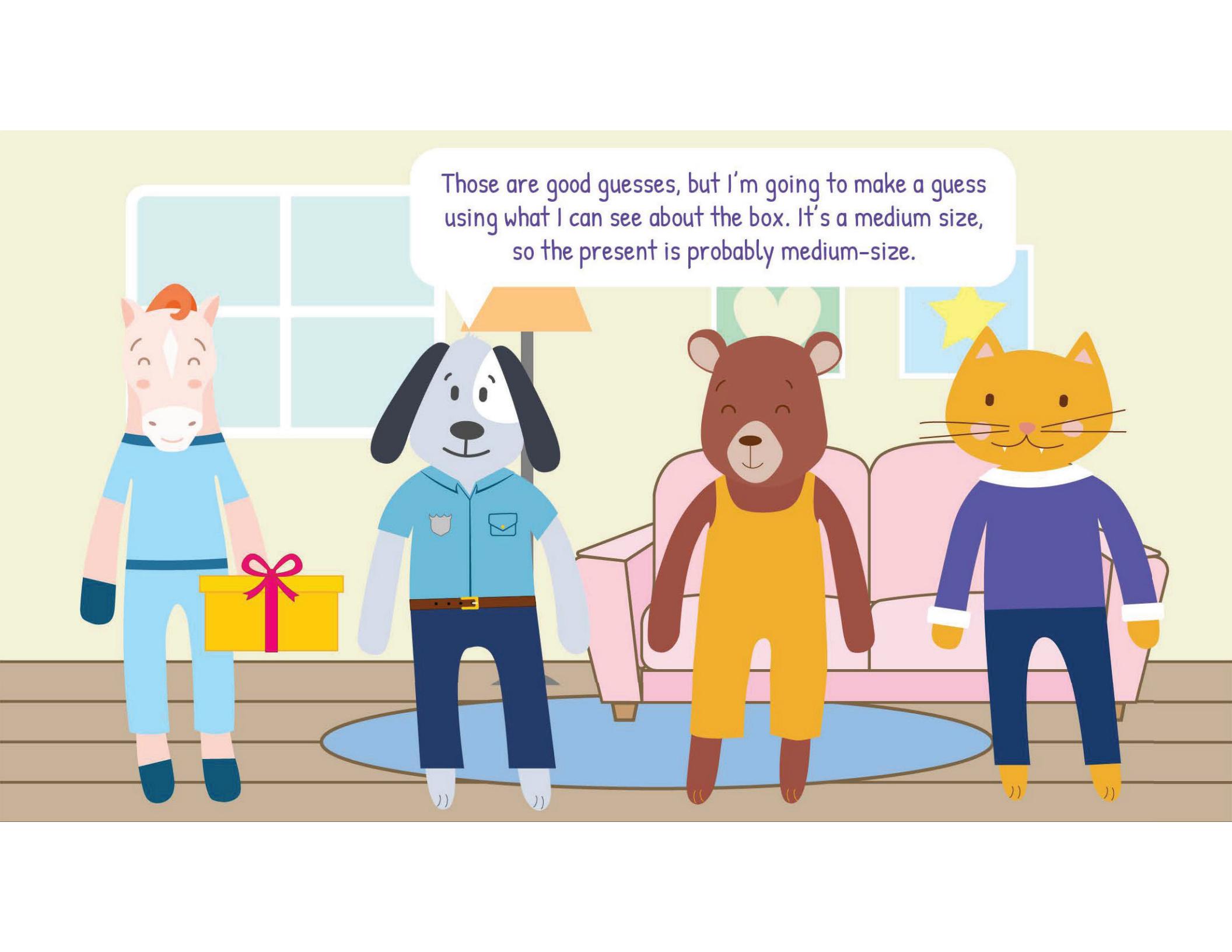


Do you mean a box of crayons?



Well, that would be too small.





Those are good guesses, but I'm going to make a guess using what I can see about the box. It's a medium size, so the present is probably medium-size.



Wow, that makes sense!



But that doesn't really narrow it down... the present could still be anything medium-sized!



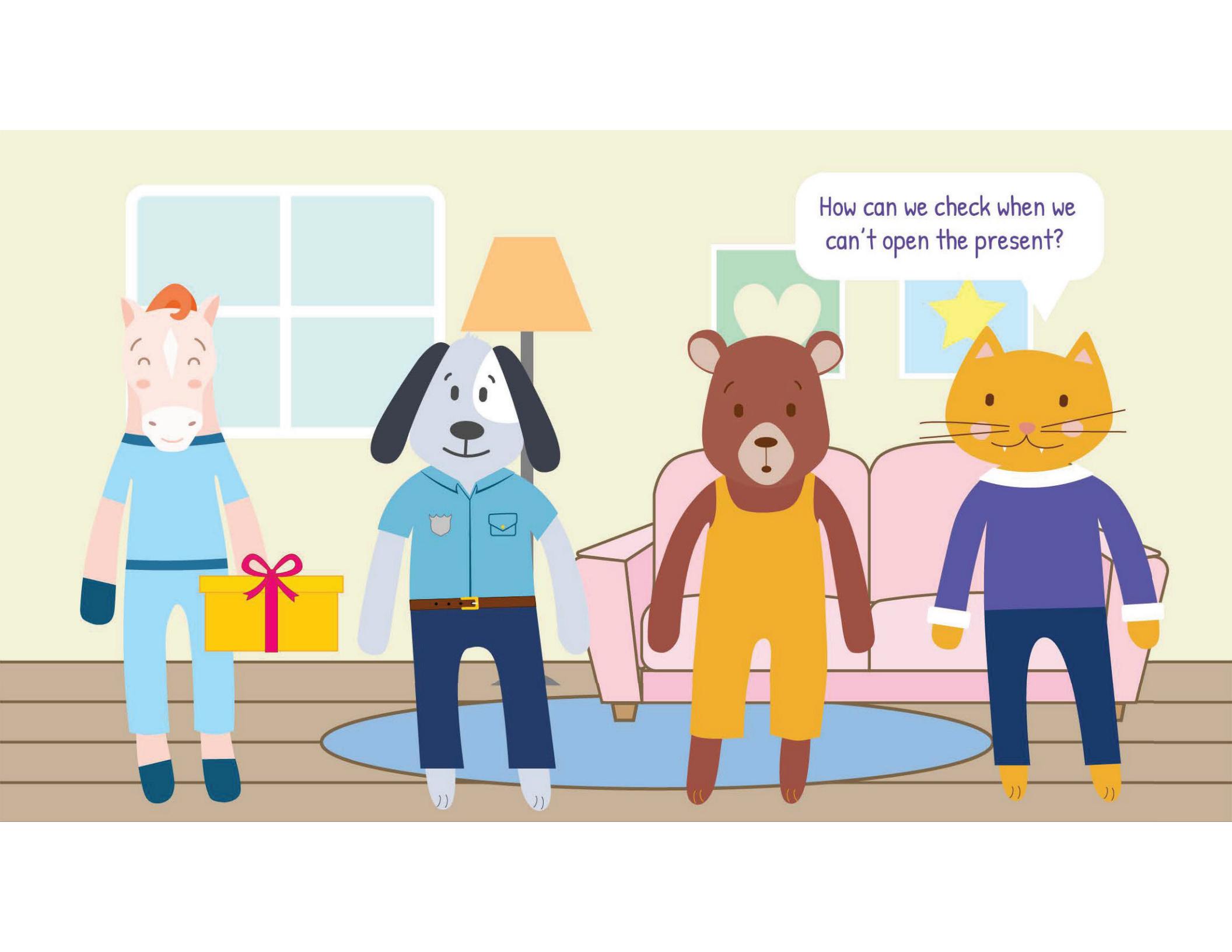
Bear, you sell a lot of toys, don't you? Can you think of any medium-sized ones?

Well, we sell a lot of Lego sets.
Those are about the size of this box.



So it's a Lego set?





How can we check when we
can't open the present?





Oh, I get it! We can shake the box, and if it makes noise, we can guess that it's a Lego set!





Those are some smart guesses! Let's do it!

Clunk!







What's the heaviest thing
you sell at your store, Bear?



Um... some of our science equipment is pretty heavy...



Cat! You're a scientist! What do you think it is?





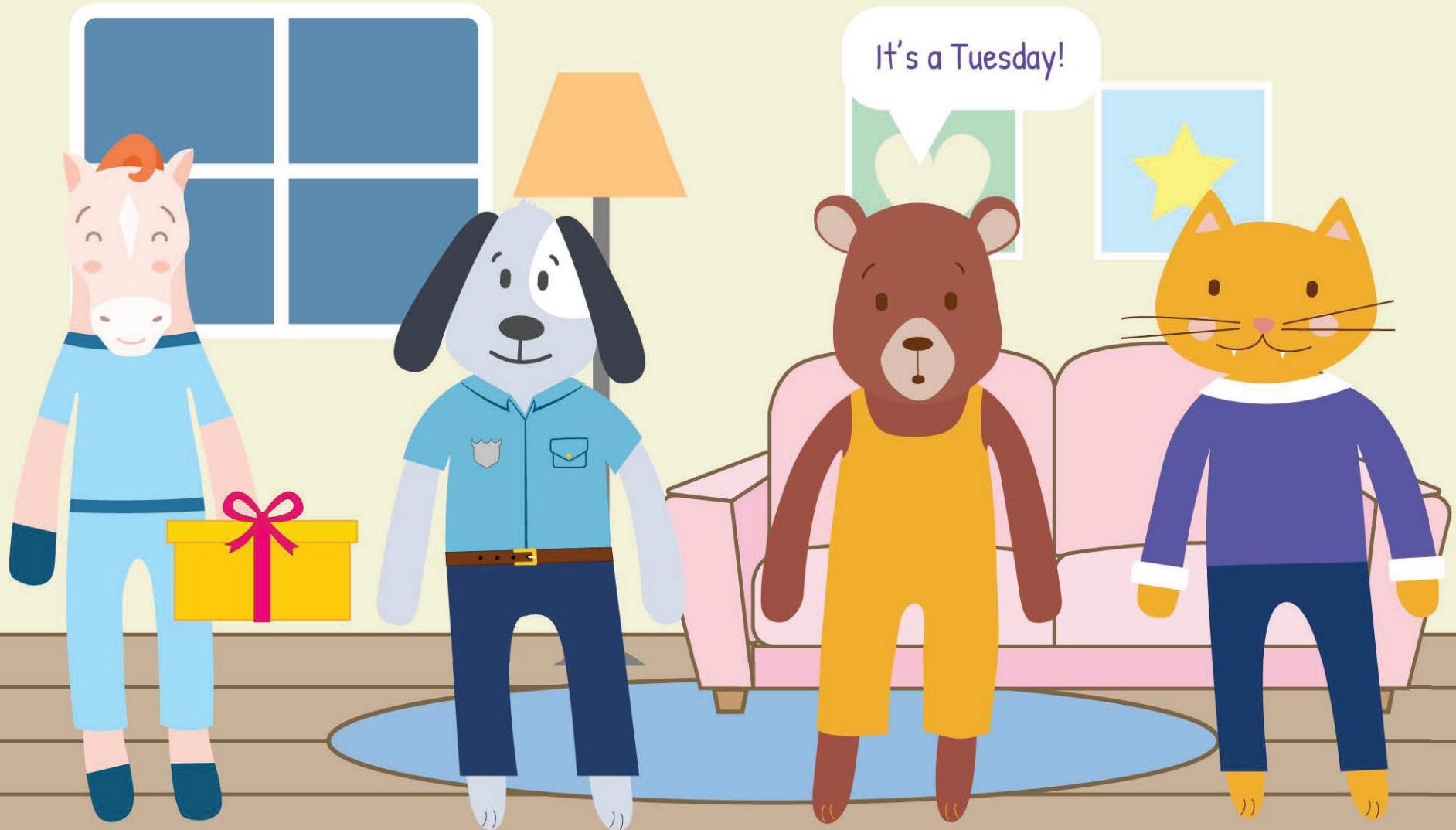
I don't know how to use a microscope, though!
Why would someone give me that today?



Hm... is there anything special about today?



I don't think so...



It's a Tuesday!

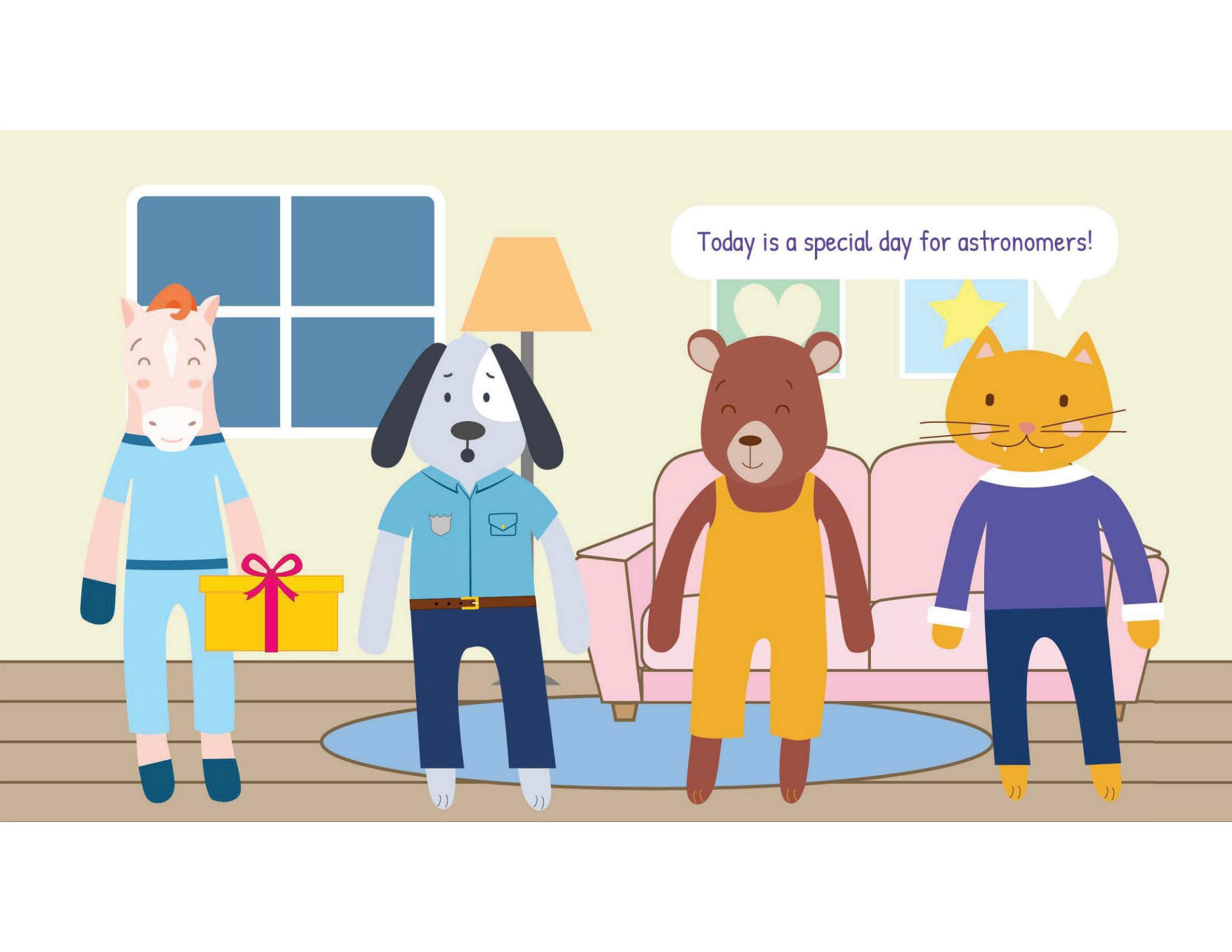




I think Tuesdays are the
best days of the week!

But are Tuesdays special to Horse?



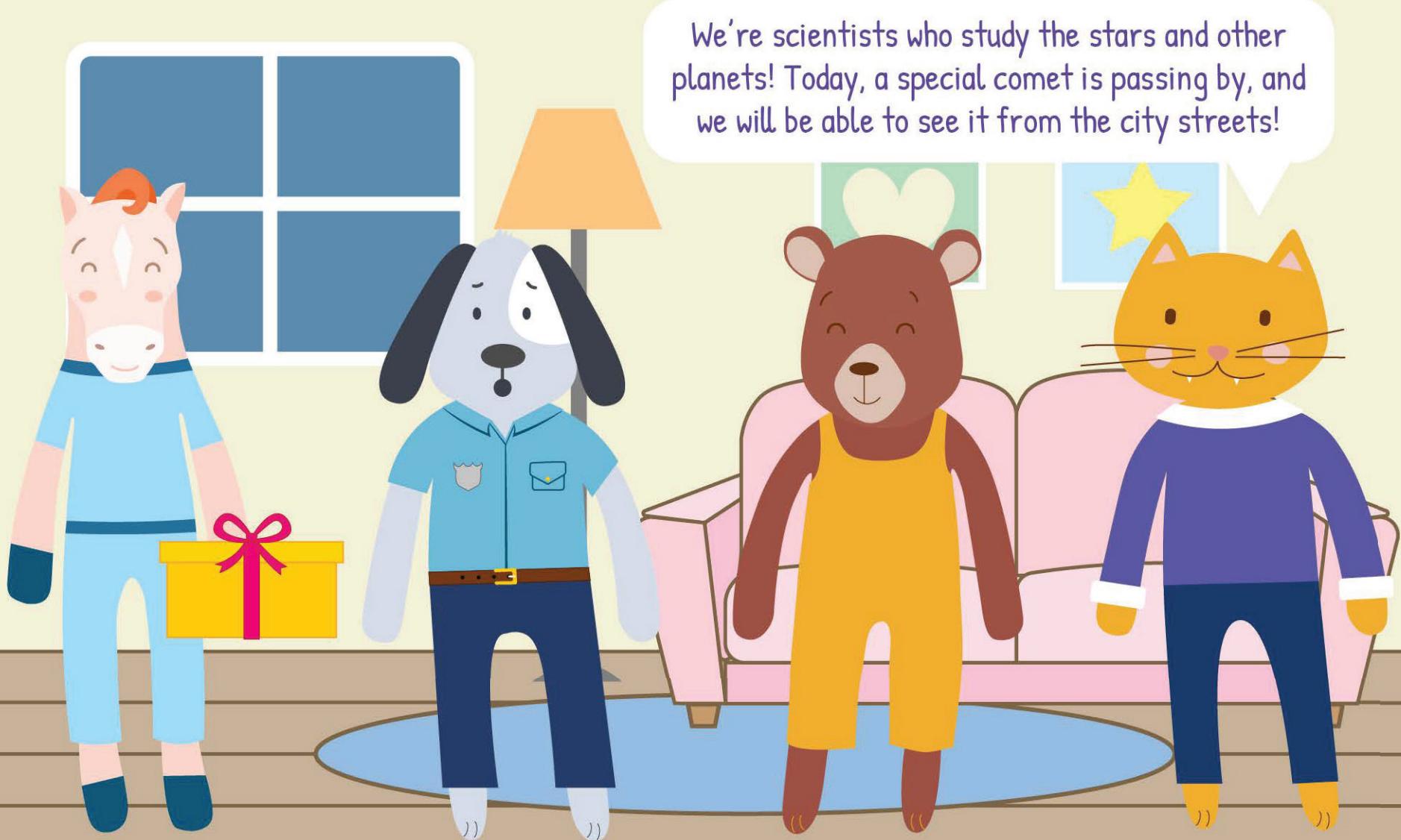


Today is a special day for astronomers!



What's an astronomer?

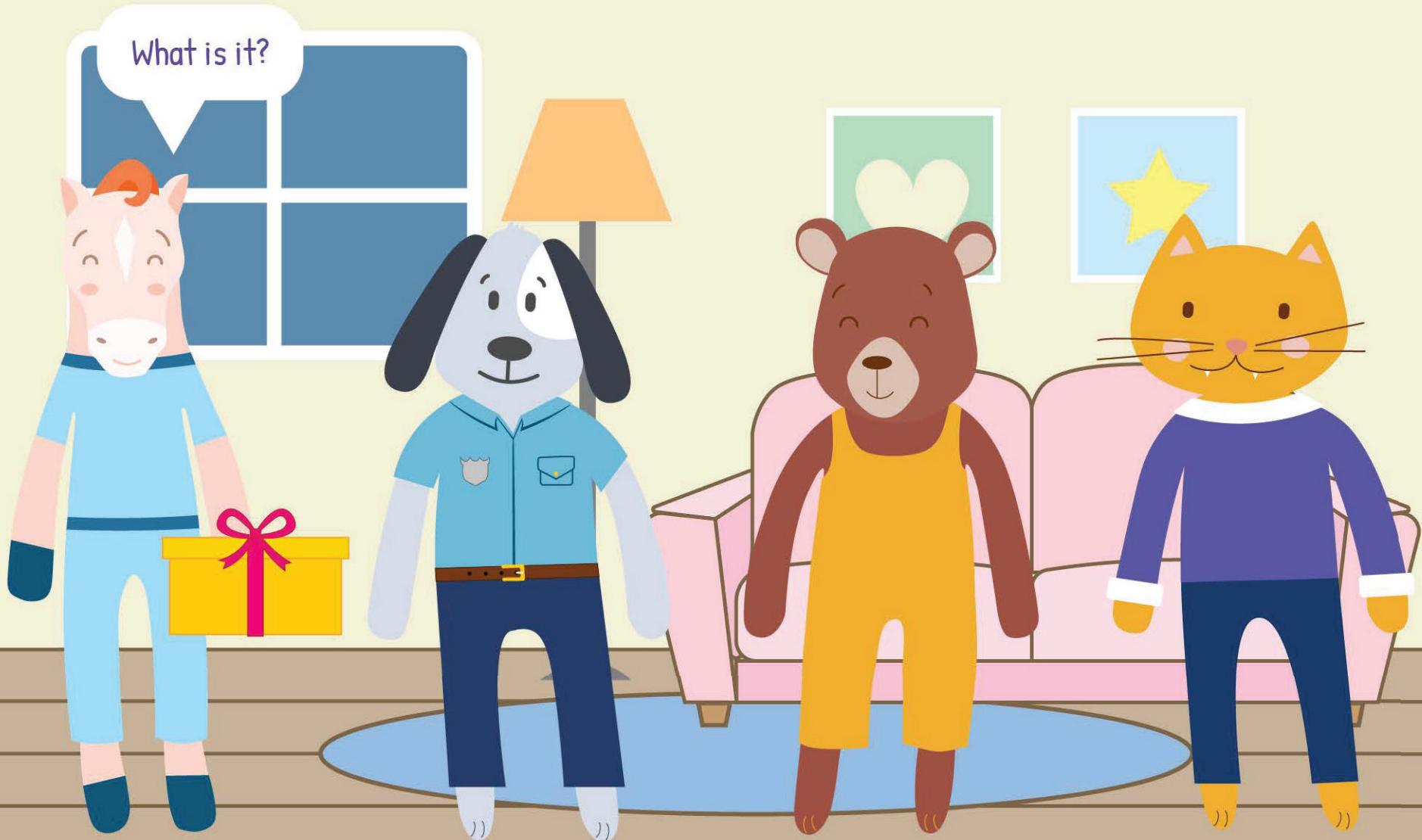




We're scientists who study the stars and other planets! Today, a special comet is passing by, and we will be able to see it from the city streets!



Wait! That's it! I think I have a guess!



What is it?



Based on everything we've learned so far... we know it's medium-sized, makes a clunking sound, is heavy, and was given today when a comet is passing by the Earth. I think it's a telescope! Why don't you open it and find out?



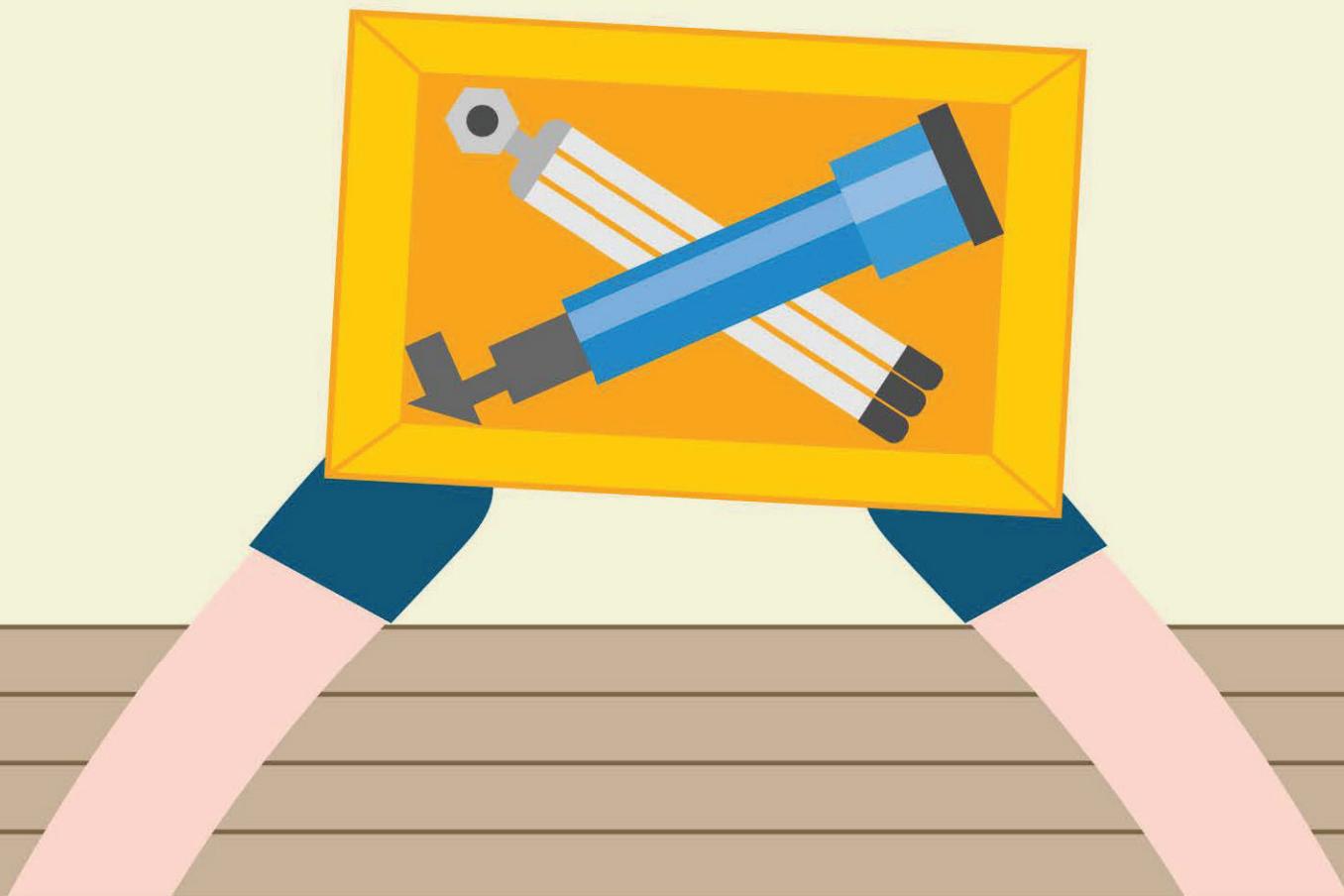
But it says to wait!







Horse opens the present... it's a telescope!



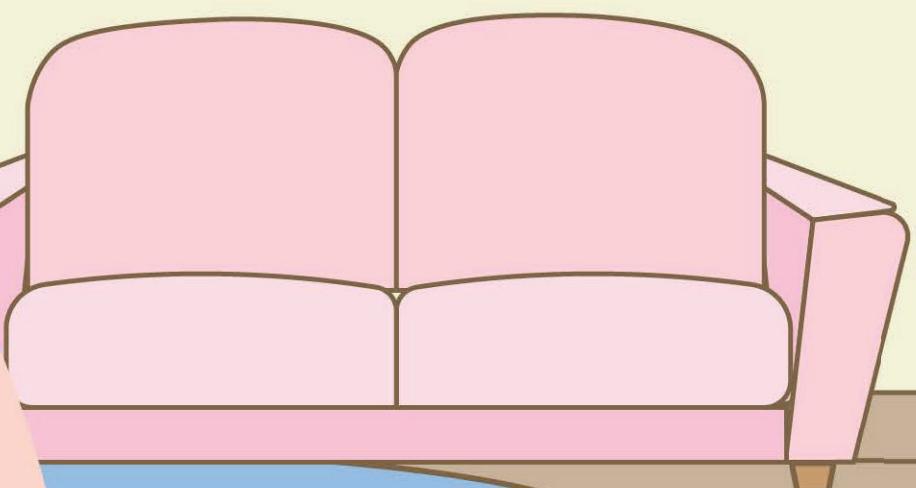
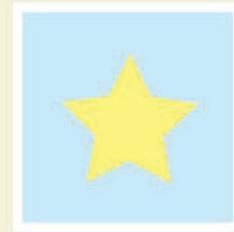
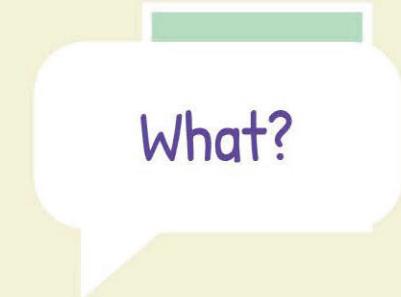
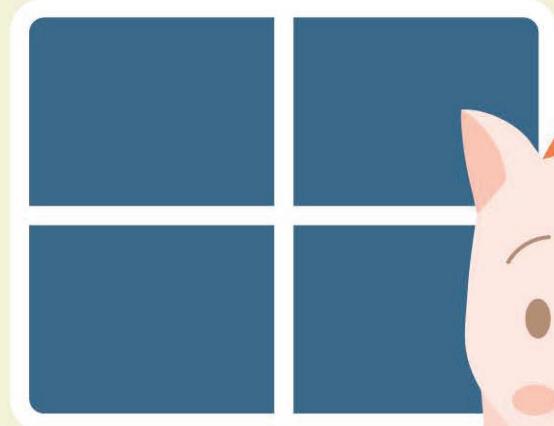


Wow! We made some really smart guesses!
I just wish I knew who gave it to me!











I wanted to give you a telescope as a present. I wanted you to be able to see the comet with me.



I sold Cat the telescope
from the toy store...



But why didn't you say anything?



We wanted to keep it a surprise!



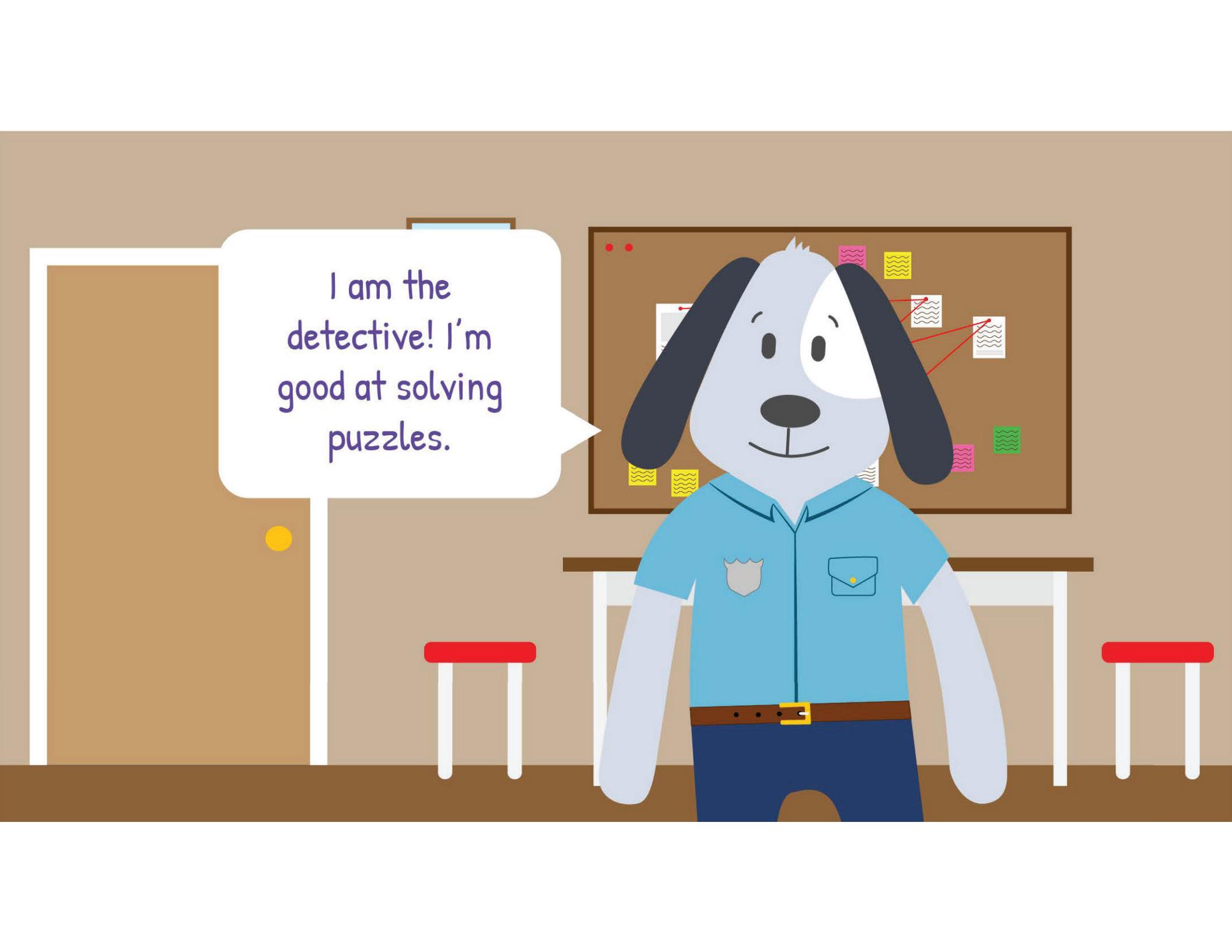
I had fun figuring it out with everyone!

Thank you all for helping me close this case! We made a pretty good team.

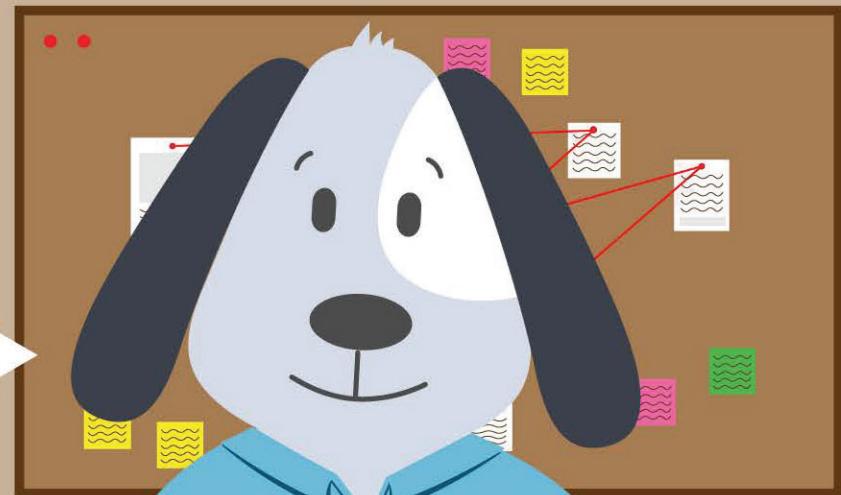




Let's go see the comet!



I am the
detective! I'm
good at solving
puzzles.





I am the store
owner! I know all
about toys.





I am the
astronomer! I know
everything about
the stars!





I am the reporter!
I helped us figure
out what we needed
to solve!