

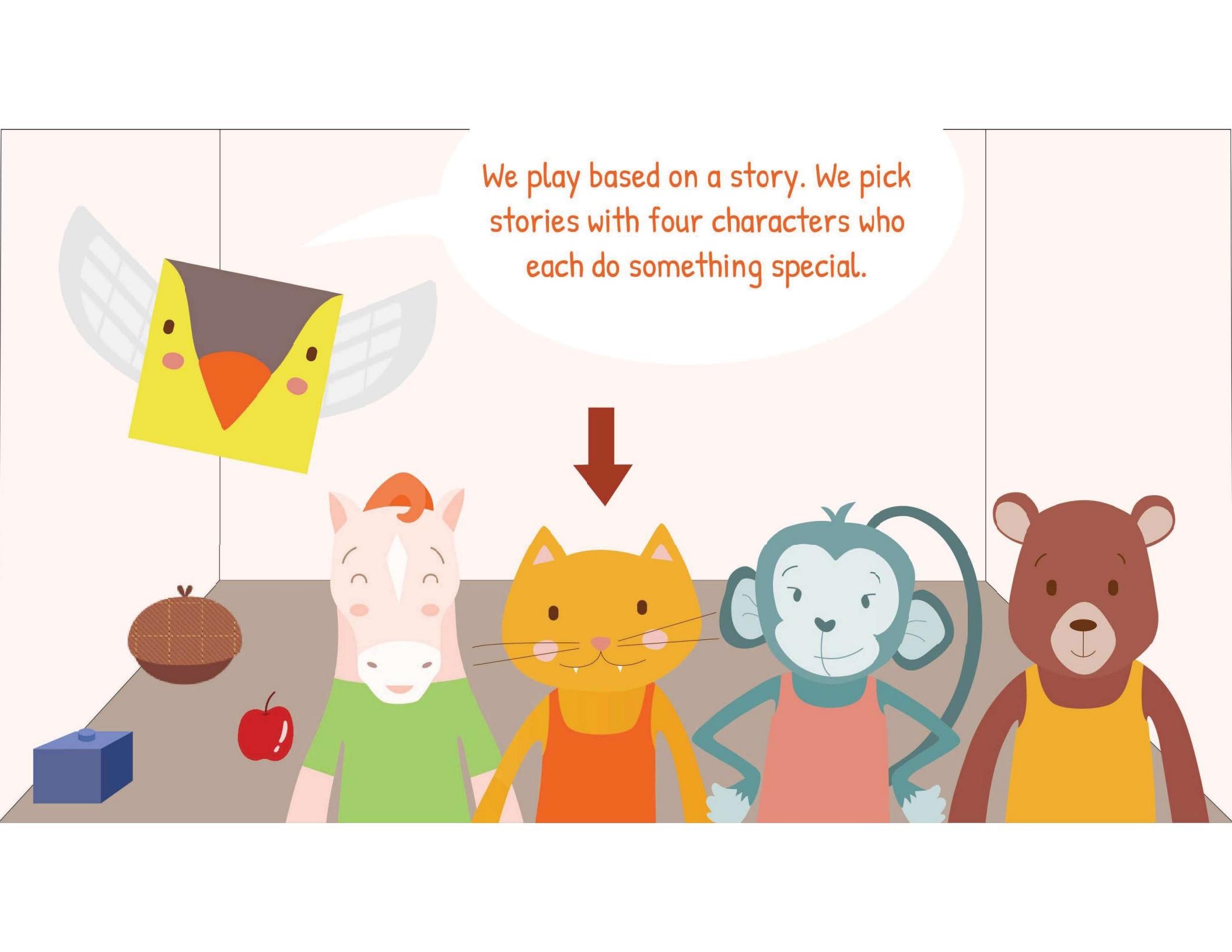


# Introduction to StoryCarnival



Hi! My name is MiniBird and I want to tell you a story about how my friends Cat, Monkey, Bear, and Horse like to play pretend.



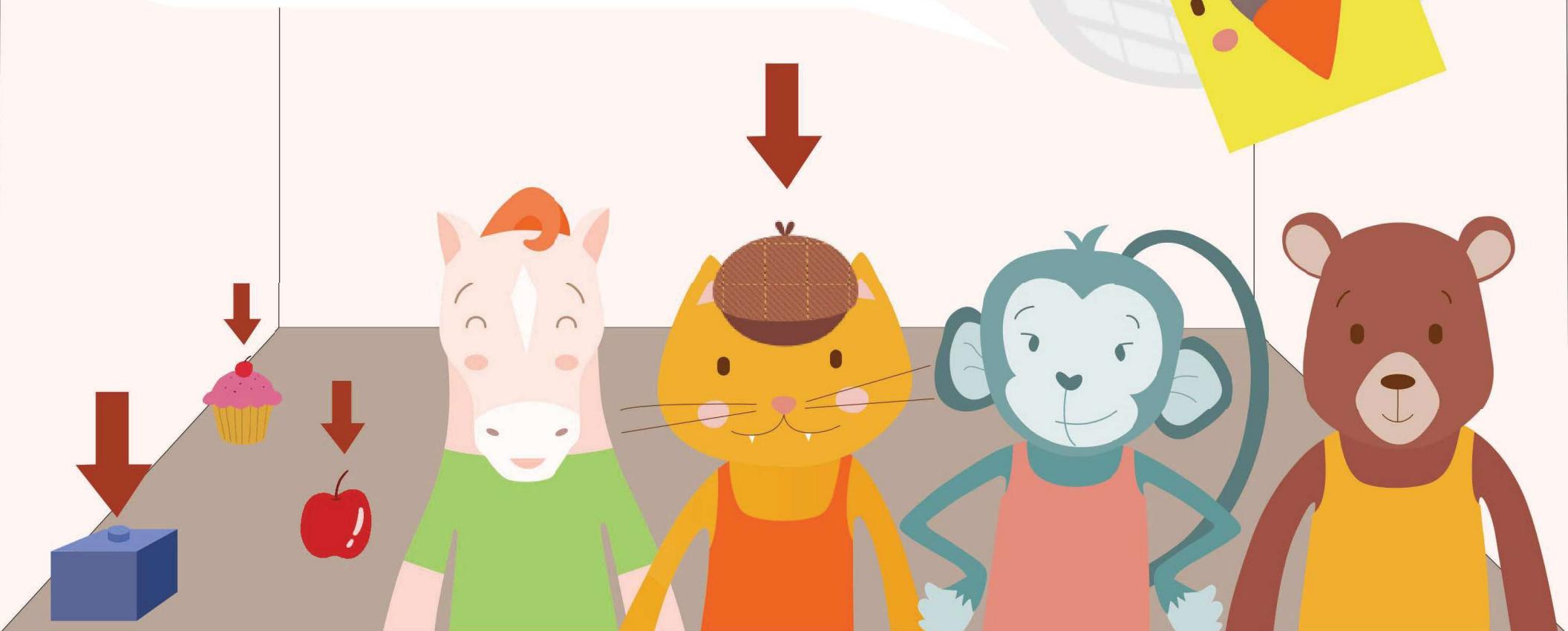


We play based on a story. We pick stories with four characters who each do something special.

Each of my friends picks a character from the story to play. We replay what happened in the story and act out what we think might happen next.



While we play, we use blocks, hats, anything we have around as objects from the story.





Today we played based on the story of how my friends first met me. My friends were camping in the woods when they heard a strange sound.



In this story, Cat is a finder. Cat pretended this room was the woods and pretended to use binoculars to look for me.



Look! I found a little bird!

Hello, Cat! My name is MiniBird.  
I have traveled a long way and I  
am very tired and hungry.

Cat brought me back to the others. Monkey is a chef and offered to make sushi for me because I was hungry. Monkey pretended to feed me sushi made out of modeling clay.





Bear is a builder. Bear offered to make a table for me to rest on because I was tired. Bear built a little table for me out of blocks.

Horse is a healer. Horse took a look at my wing and noticed that it was hurt and needed to be bandaged up. Horse pretended to bandage up my wing with a napkin and told me to get lots of rest.





Our friend Dog stopped by and wanted to play, too. We decided we could use a second builder, so Dog and Bear worked together to turn the table that Bear made into a bed where I could sleep. Cat found more blocks for them.



Horse told Monkey that I needed a special dose of medicine, so they pretended to mix one in a cup and gave it to me just before I pretended to go to sleep.



Any time one of my friends got stuck while we were playing pretend, I gave a suggestion on how to continue or some encouragement.





We have a lot of fun playing together like this, and we think you might, too. Are you ready to try playing like us? Think about who you would like to play as and what you would do if you found me while you were camping in the woods. Remember, I can give suggestions if you ever get stuck.



# The End





I am the finder. I can find  
anything the group needs.



I am the chef. I can gather and prepare  
any food we need.



I am the builder. I can build anything  
the group needs.



I am the healer. I can take care of anyone who is hurt or sick.