

Welcome to the LLOYD HOTEL

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Once upon a time, about one hundred years ago, there was a brave little mouse. His name was Squeak, and he loved to travel.

Squeak had seen many, many different places, all over the world. One day, he arrived in the Dutch port of Amsterdam. And there he spotted a beautiful, brand-new building.
'Ah, finally! I've found the perfect place. That's where I want to live!' he thought happily.

He gazed at the name on the building in the distance: The Lloyd Hotel.

A few matches, a postage stamp, a cocoa tin...
Squeak borrowed all kinds of things from the hotel. He used them
to make himself a cosy little room behind a wall.
But he still had the feeling that something was missing.



One morning he heard a sound.
Knock... knock knock knock.
Someone was at the door.
Who could it be?
Squeak opened up and...





There was a girl mouse standing there.
She told him that her name was Katya. She had travelled on a train
with a human family, all the way from Russia to the Lloyd Hotel.



‘But everyone’s gone,’ she sobbed.
‘I’ve looked everywhere. All I found was this, in a bed.’
Katya was holding a doll in her arms.
Squeak gave her a handkerchief and said:
‘If you like, you can come and stay in my room.’



Squeak and Katya got along very well indeed.

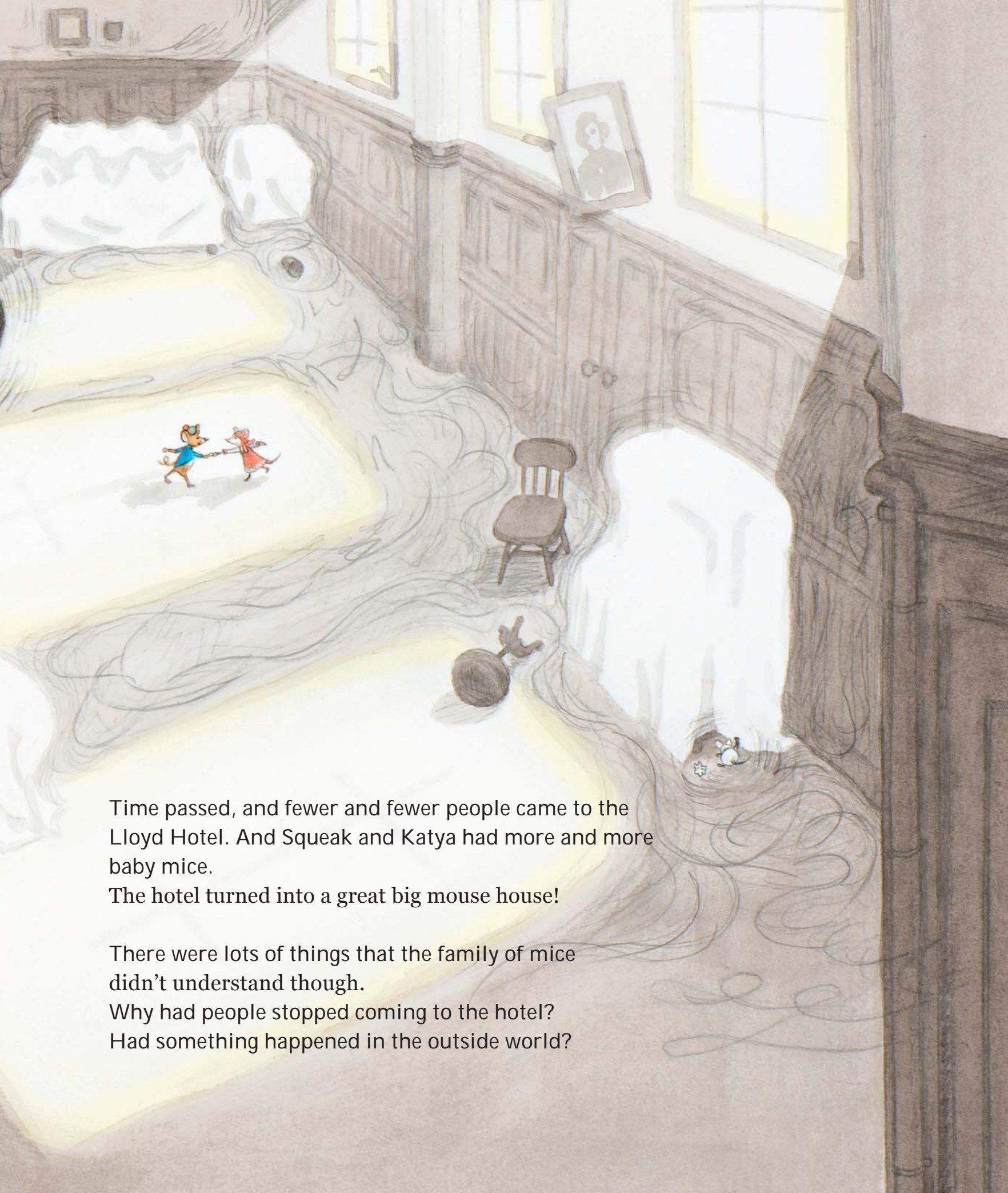
One evening, when the full moon was shining in the sky,
they got married in the hotel kitchen.

All the animals who lived nearby came to their wedding.

‘Congratulations! Hip hip hooray! Hooray for Squeak and Katya!’
Their wishes for the happy couple rang throughout the whole hotel.







Time passed, and fewer and fewer people came to the Lloyd Hotel. And Squeak and Katya had more and more baby mice.

The hotel turned into a great big mouse house!

There were lots of things that the family of mice didn't understand though.

Why had people stopped coming to the hotel?

Had something happened in the outside world?