

THE MAN ENGINE REMEMBERS

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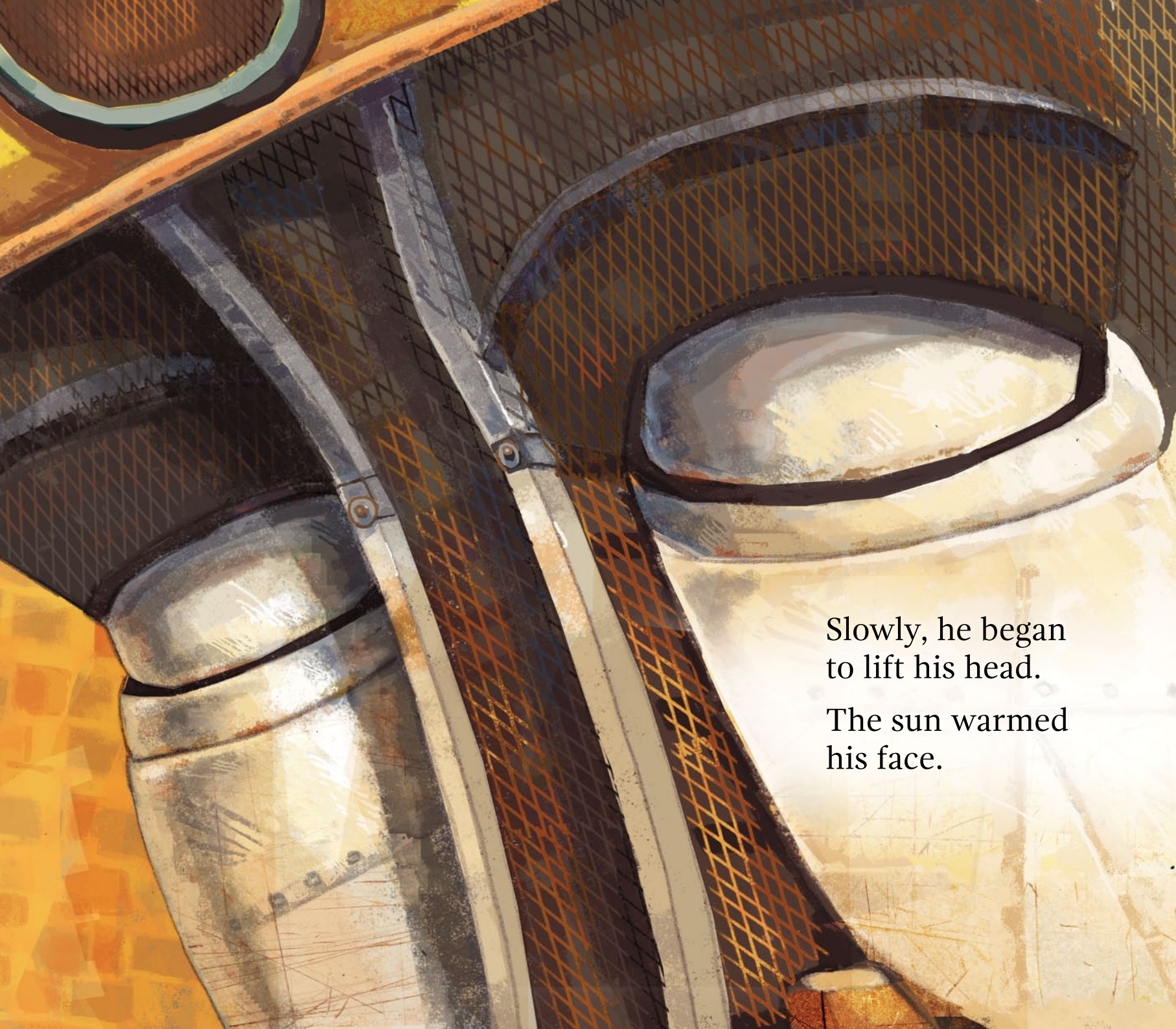
He was quiet. He was cold. He was still.

Until someone,
somewhere,
started singing.



The words of
the song brought
back a memory.

There was a *hiss of steam*.
There was a *clanking noise*.
There was a *movement*.



Slowly, he began
to lift his head.

The sun warmed
his face.

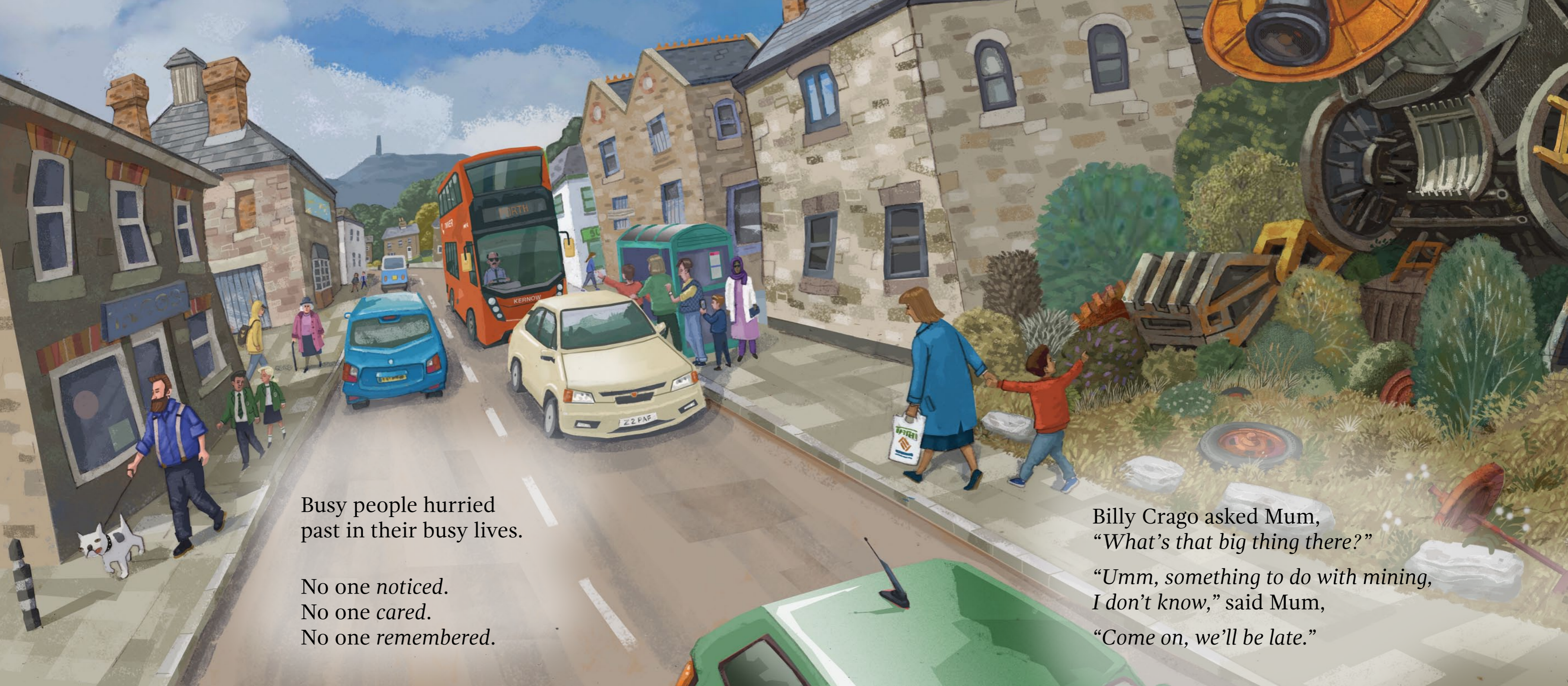


A large, dark, mechanical creature with a shield and a crescent moon in the sky. The creature is composed of various mechanical parts, including a large, dark, textured body, a shield with a grid pattern, and a large, dark, mechanical arm. A crescent moon is visible in the sky. The creature appears to be a large, mechanical, and somewhat menacing figure.

But then the
singing stopped.

He was *quiet again*.
He was *cold*.
He was *still*.

It seemed like he had
just always been there.



Busy people hurried
past in their busy lives.

No one *noticed*.
No one *cared*.
No one *remembered*.

Billy Crago asked Mum,
“What’s that *big thing* there?”

“Umm, something to do with mining,
I don’t know,” said Mum,
“Come on, we’ll be late.”

Billy asked Grandpa.



*“He was called the Man Engine.
We got treasure from under the earth,
but everyone’s forgotten the old mining days.”*

Billy asked Great Granny.



*“Life was tough and pay was poor.
Everyone got too old, or went
off round the world, or died.”*

Great Granny leaned forward and whispered some special words.

Billy stood in front of the Man Engine and tried out Great Granny's words, quietly.



“Kober, Arghans, Sten, Sten, Sten”
Nothing happened.



Billy fetched various
kids from round about.

They tried the words all together.

*“Kober, Arghans, Sten, Sten, Sten
Yn pub karrek, yn pub men.”*

See? Was that a movement
inside the Man Engine’s chest?

Was he *breathing*?



Everyone chanted
“Kober, Arghans, Sten, Sten, Sten
Yn pub karrek, yn pub men.
Kober, Arghans, Sten, Sten, Sten
An gwella sten – yn Kernow!”

Everyone went and got their Mums, their Dads,
their Uncles and Aunties, Grandmas, Grandpas,
Great Grannies and Great Grandpappies.

There was a *hiss* of steam.
There was a *clanking* noise.
There was a *movement*.



The Man Engine
opened his eyes.

The Man Engine
looked at his hands.



The Man Engine *remembered*.
Everyone *remembered*.

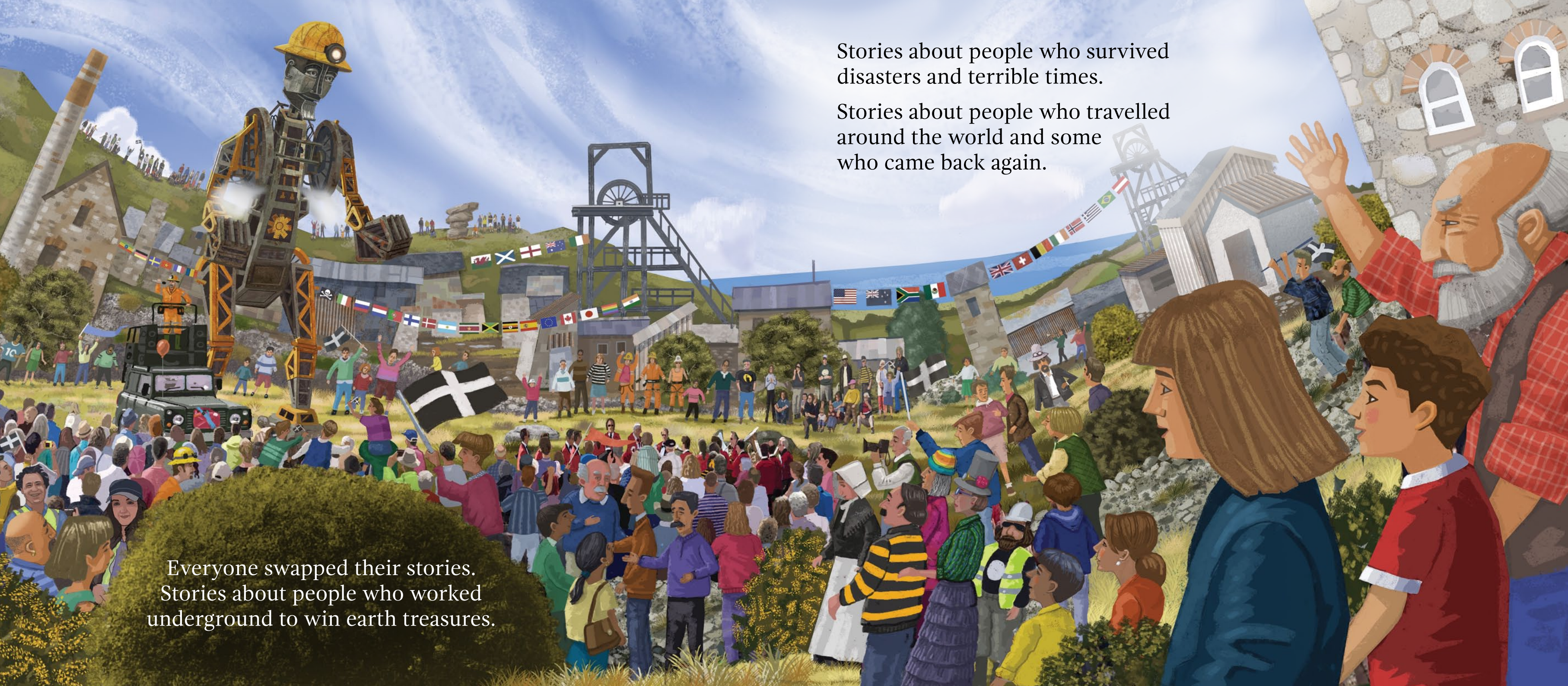
Everyone kept on chanting
and the Man Engine rose up.

*Higher and higher
and still higher.*

The Man Engine was the
*tallest, the biggest and the
most amazing* thing that
Billy Crago had ever seen.



The Man Engine was full of hope.



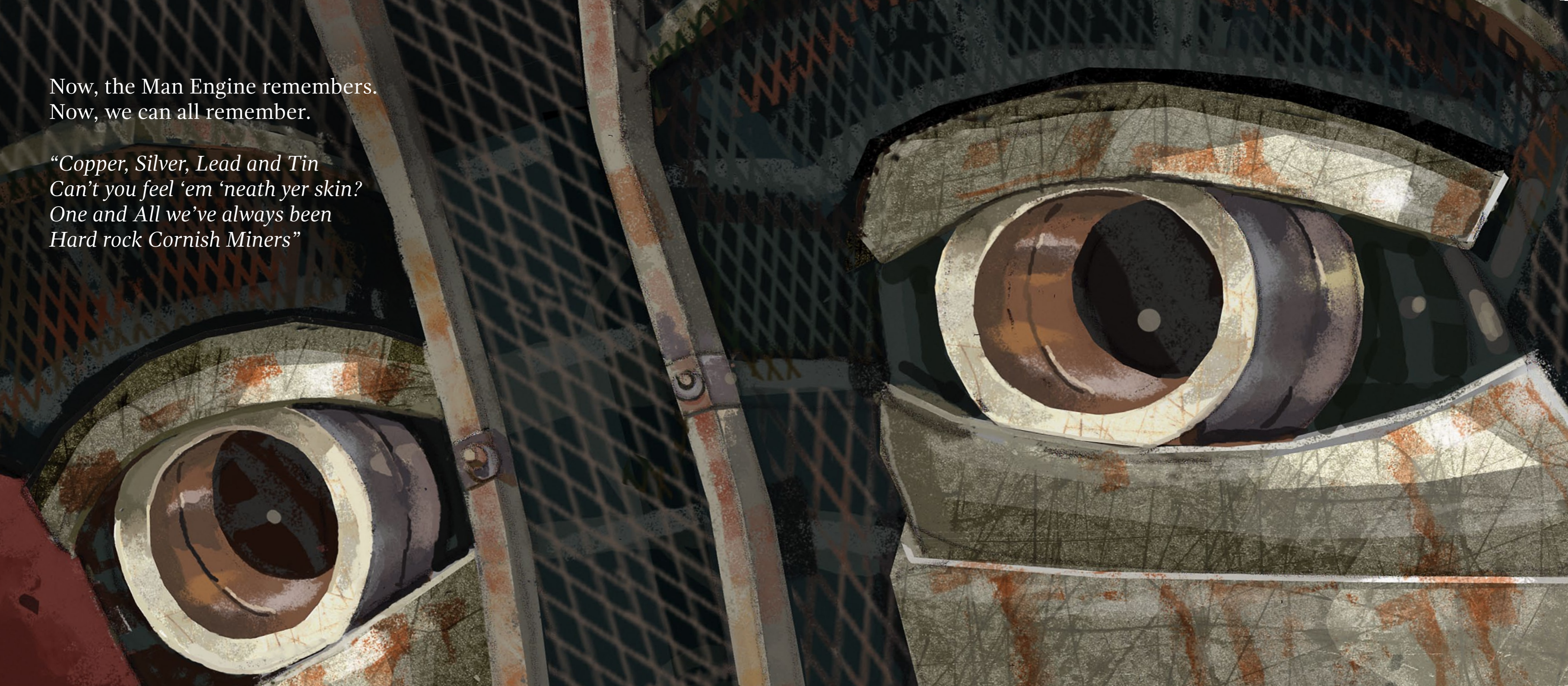
Stories about people who survived
disasters and terrible times.

Stories about people who travelled
around the world and some
who came back again.

Everyone swapped their stories.
Stories about people who worked
underground to win earth treasures.

Now, the Man Engine remembers.
Now, we can all remember.

*“Copper, Silver, Lead and Tin
Can’t you feel ‘em ‘neath yer skin?
One and All we’ve always been
Hard rock Cornish Miners”*





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The horn-shaped peninsula of Cornwall represents about 0.002% of the landmass of Planet Earth. Yet beneath the ground of our little granite kingdom, more than 90% of all mineral species have been discovered. This incredible geological diversity has helped shape our history, our industry, our culture, our language and our identity.



CMWHS

In 2006 UNESCO recognized the contribution that the Cornish Mining Industry has made to the development of the modern world by inscribing the landscape as a World Heritage Site. The Cornish Mining WHS is made up of 10 separate areas within Cornwall and West Devon, all former mineral mining districts during 1700 to 1914 - the industry's period of greatest international impact.



THE ORIGINAL MAN ENGINE

The original Man Engine was a mechanism of moving rods and platforms allowing miners to travel up and down the shaft instead of climbing long ladders. For many people the words 'Man Engine' are inextricably linked with the Levant Mine disaster of 1919 when the Man Engine collapsed, the heavy timbers crashed down the shaft and 31 men were killed.



THE MAN ENGINE 2016

To celebrate the 'tinth' anniversary of the CMWHS, Golden Tree Productions built the largest mechanical puppet ever constructed in Britain: a mechanical miner standing 11.2m tall. One hundred and fifty thousand people turned out to greet the Man Engine as he steamed the length of the Cornish Mining Landscape, unearthing a deep-rooted lode of pride and resilience running through the land.





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