

FAR OUT
CLASSIC STORIES

THE SILVER SPURS OF OZ



A GRAPHIC NOVEL

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INTRODUCING...

DOROTHY GALLO



TOTO

LEO RAION

TINNY WOODS

CROW SORRE

STREGA WEST

in...



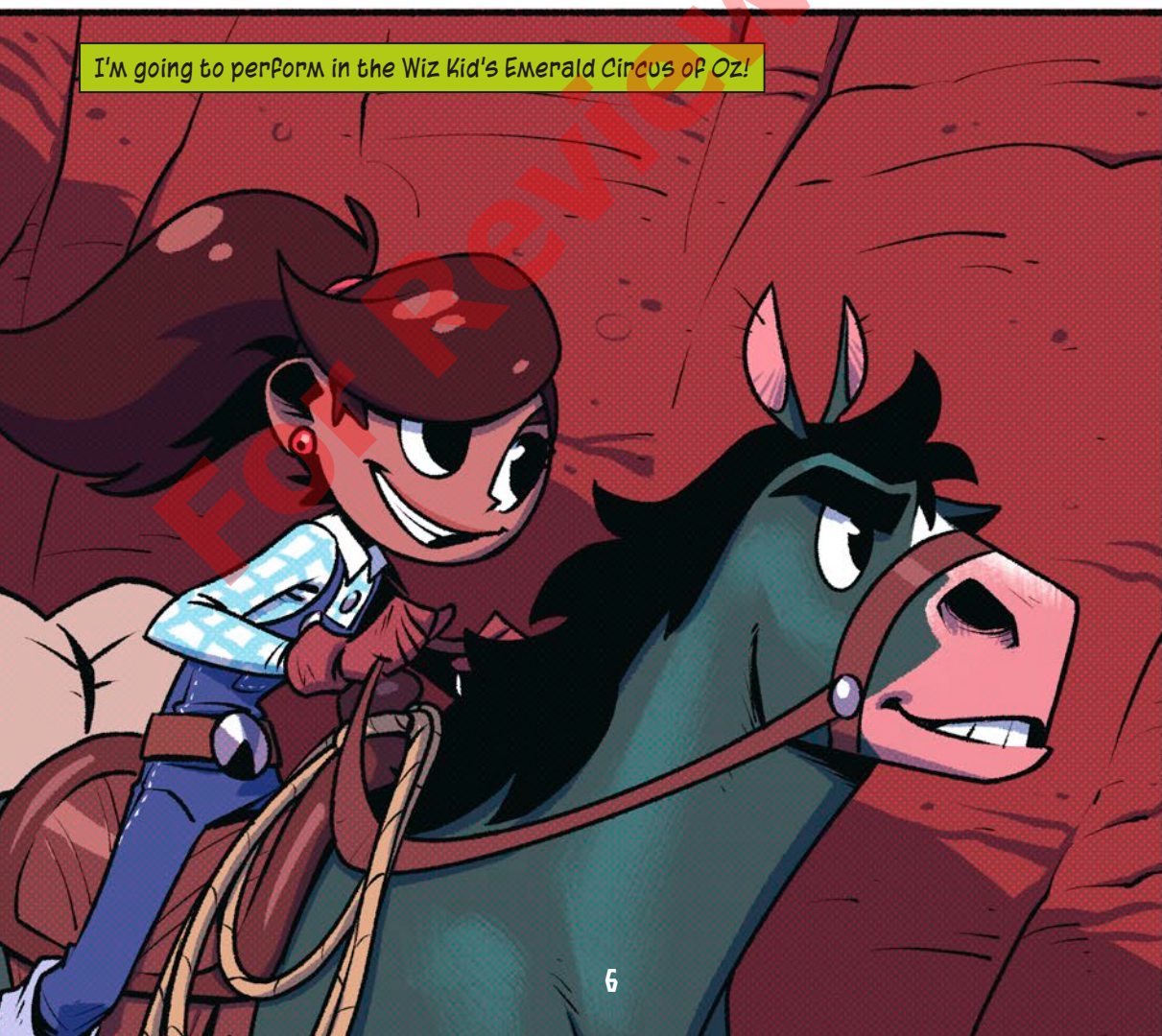
Along the Yellow Dust Road . . .

Y'all don't know how long
I've waited for this.



But with my lucky silver
spurs, I know I'll be chosen.

I'm going to perform in the Wiz Kid's Emerald Circus of Oz!



I remember how Aunt Em and Uncle Henry saved up for months to take me to the Emerald Circus.

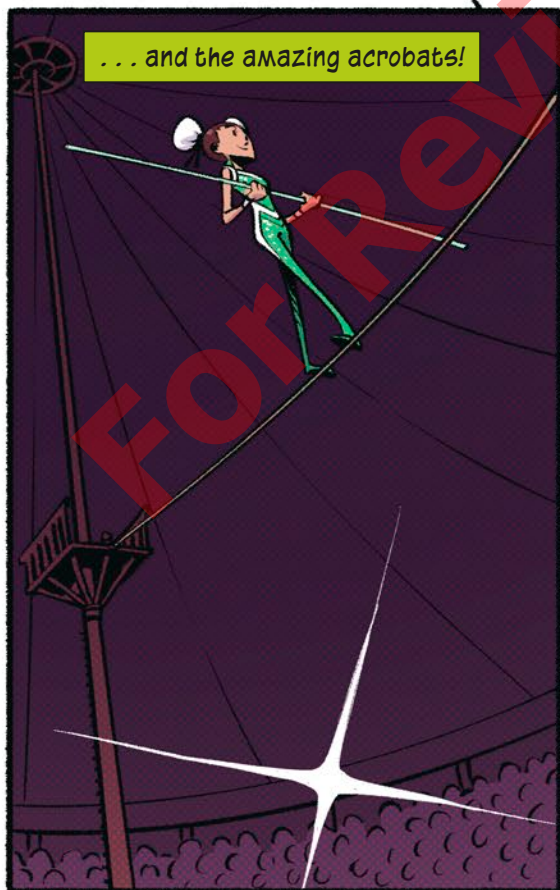


They said the Wiz Kid's acts mean something different to everyone.



I loved all the costumes ...

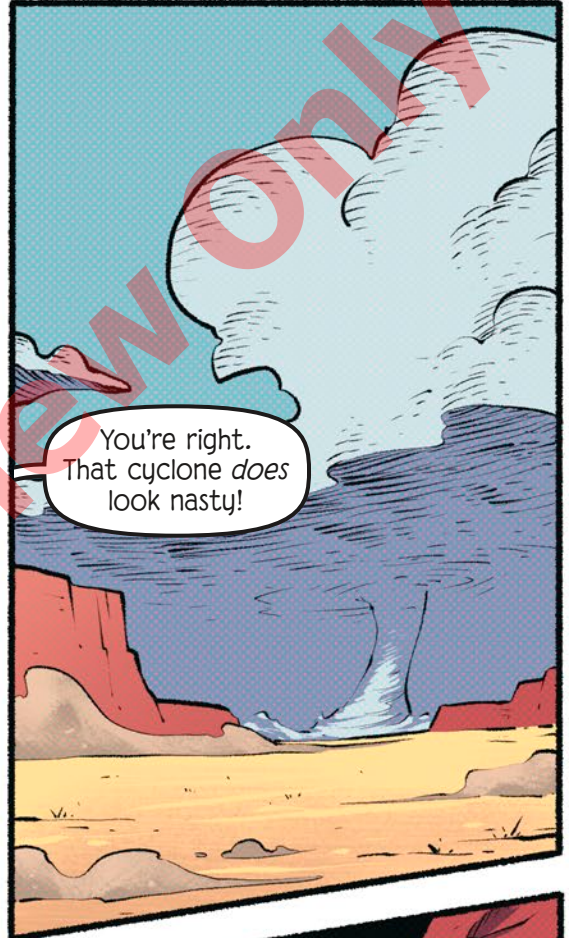
... and the amazing acrobats!

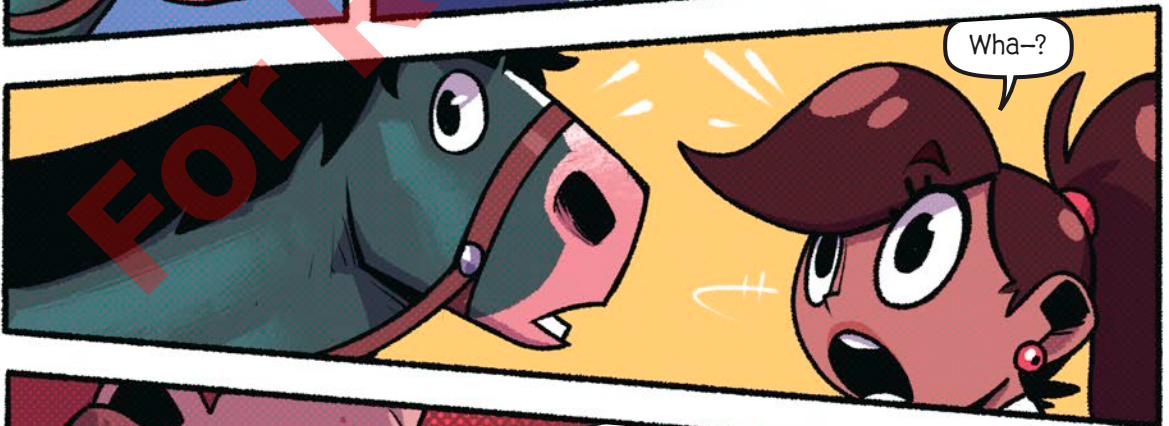


It was the most wonderful thing I had ever seen!



So when word got out that the Wiz Kid was holding auditions for new acts ...





ALL ABOUT THE ORIGINAL STORY!

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a novel written by American author L. Frank Baum in 1900. Although the original doesn't take place in a circus, Dorothy still gets swept up into a colorful and captivating world.

The story starts on Dorothy's farm in Kansas. A cyclone strikes and lifts up Dorothy's house, taking the girl and her dog, Toto, with it. The house finally sets down in a strange land. A group of small people and the Good Witch of the North greet Dorothy and Toto. They tell Dorothy that her house fell on the Wicked Witch of the East, and now the witch's magical silver shoes belong to her.

But Dorothy just wants to go back home. She follows the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City in order to ask a wizard named Oz for help. Along the way, she meets three others who want to see Oz too. The Scarecrow wants a brain, the Tin Woodman wants a heart, and the Lion wants courage. After overcoming many challenges on their trip, they finally reach the Emerald City—only Oz won't help them unless they kill the Wicked Witch of the West!

The powerful witch knows the four are coming, so she sends her Winged Monkeys to stop them. Dorothy is kidnapped and forced to work in the witch's castle. When the witch steals one of Dorothy's silver shoes, the girl angrily throws a bucket of water on her. This defeats the witch—the water melts her into a pile of goo!

The four friends return to Oz to get their rewards, but the hot air balloon that's supposed to take Dorothy home flies off without her. Luckily, the good witch Glinda knows another way to travel. Dorothy just needs to use her magical silver shoes! Dorothy knocks her heels together three times and tells the shoes to take her to Aunt Em.

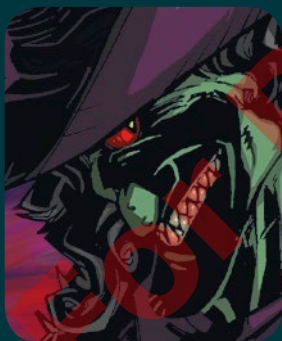
A FAR OUT GUIDE TO THE STORY'S WESTERN TWISTS!



Dorothy's magical silver shoes have been swapped out for lucky silver spurs!



In the original, Toto is Dorothy's little dog. Here, he is Dorothy's horse.



This time around, the villain isn't the Wicked Witch of the West. It's Strega West, a 13-year-old girl who's an archer and a trickster.



The great and terrible Oz is a peddler from Omaha who lives in the Emerald City. The Wiz Kid is a showman who runs the traveling Emerald Circus of Oz.

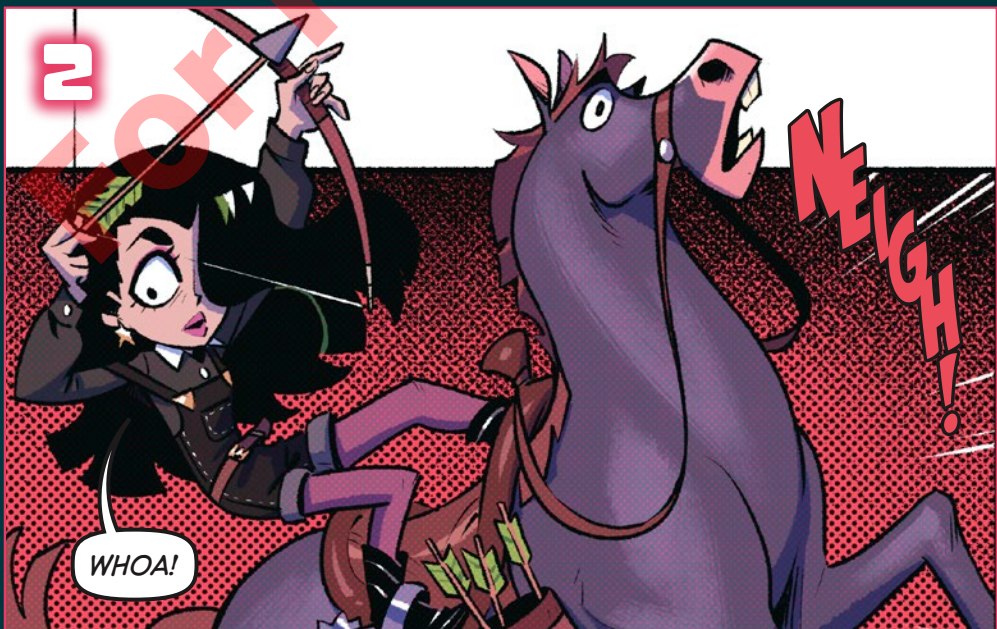


VISUAL QUESTIONS

Strega's word balloon has a squiggle inside it, not text. How would you read it out loud? What emotions do you think it expresses?



Graphic novels can pack a lot of info into a small amount of space. Write out what happens during Strega's audition, and be sure to make it exciting! (If you need help, turn to pages 21-23.)



Why do you think the artist drew the characters' eyes big and shiny here? Describe their feelings at this moment.



Were you surprised that Strega stole Dorothy's silver spurs? Why or why not? Look back through and find two moments in the art and text that hint at her plan.



These panels are slanted instead of rectangular. How does their shape match what's happening in the story? How would it feel different if they were normal boxes?

