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One wintry day I made a snowman,
very round and tall.
The next day when I saw him,
he was not the same at all!





His hat had slipped, his arms drooped down,
he really looked a fright—
it made me start to wonder:
What *do* snowmen do at night?





I think that snowmen start to slide (when it gets *really* dark), off the lawn and down the street—right into the park.







They gather in a circle while they wait for all the others, sipping cups of ice-cold cocoa, made by snowman mothers.



Then the snowman games begin: They line up in their places, each one anxious for his turn in the snowman races.







After everyone has had a chance at racing once or twice, they go on over to the pond to do skating tricks on ice.



Sometimes they start giggling,
and then they act like clowns—
they bump into each other,
'til they all fall down.



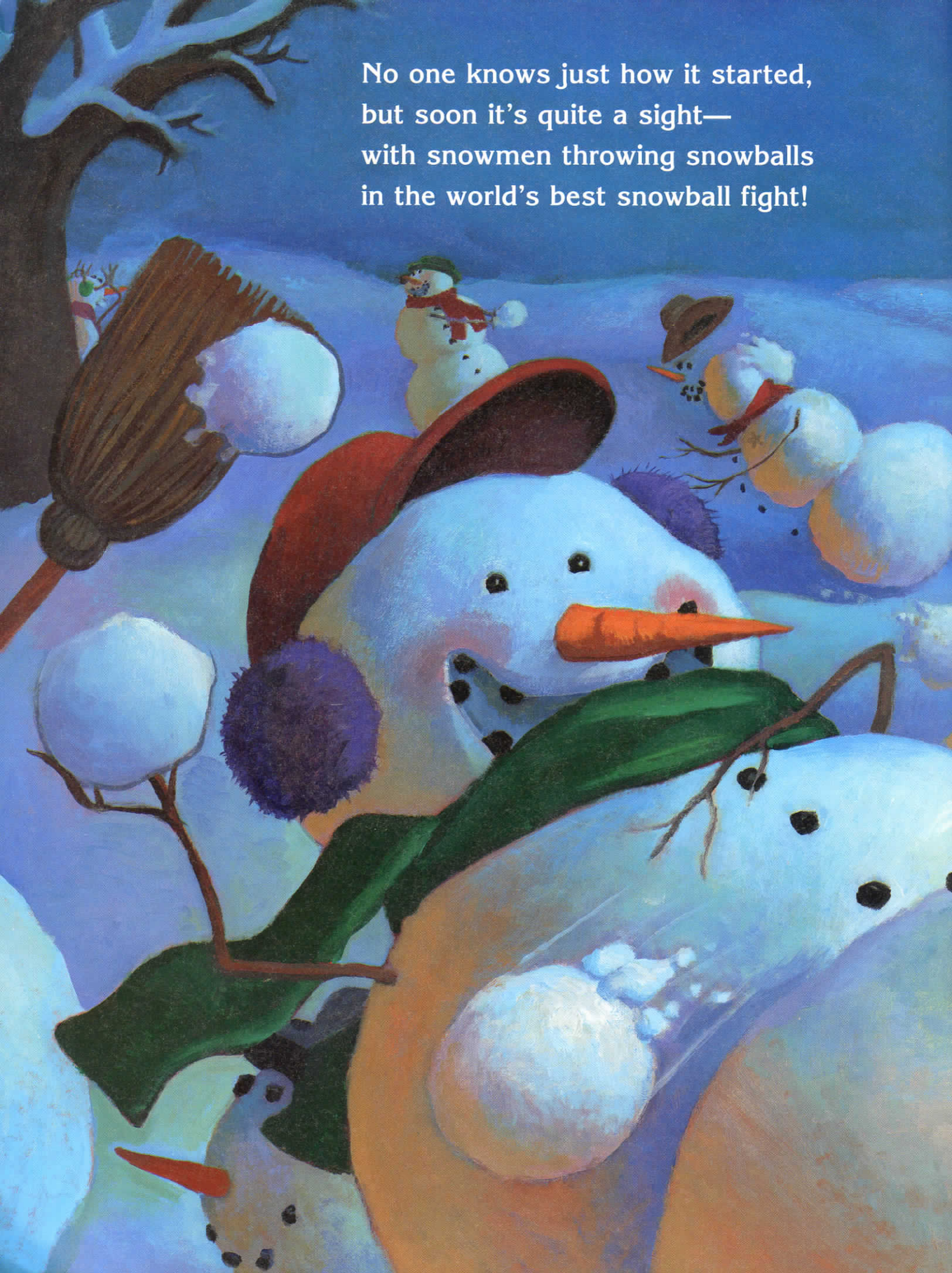




They gather up their snowballs, the pitcher takes his aim, and underneath the moonlit sky they play a baseball game.



No one knows just how it started,
but soon it's quite a sight—
with snowmen throwing snowballs
in the world's best snowball fight!





Then it's time for sledding! It's a wild ride down the hill!







“WAAHOOOOOOOOOOOO!”

they yell.

This is, by far, the
snowmen’s biggest thrill!



Finally they're tuckered out, and getting sleepy, so they slowly gather up their things, and one by one they go.








So if your snowman's grin is crooked,
or he's lost a little height,
you'll know he's just been doing
what snowmen do at night!





A reminder to the reader: Don't forget to look for hidden shapes that have been painted in all these wintertime scenes. See if you can find a cat, a rabbit, a Santa face, and a Tyrannosaurus Rex . . .

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