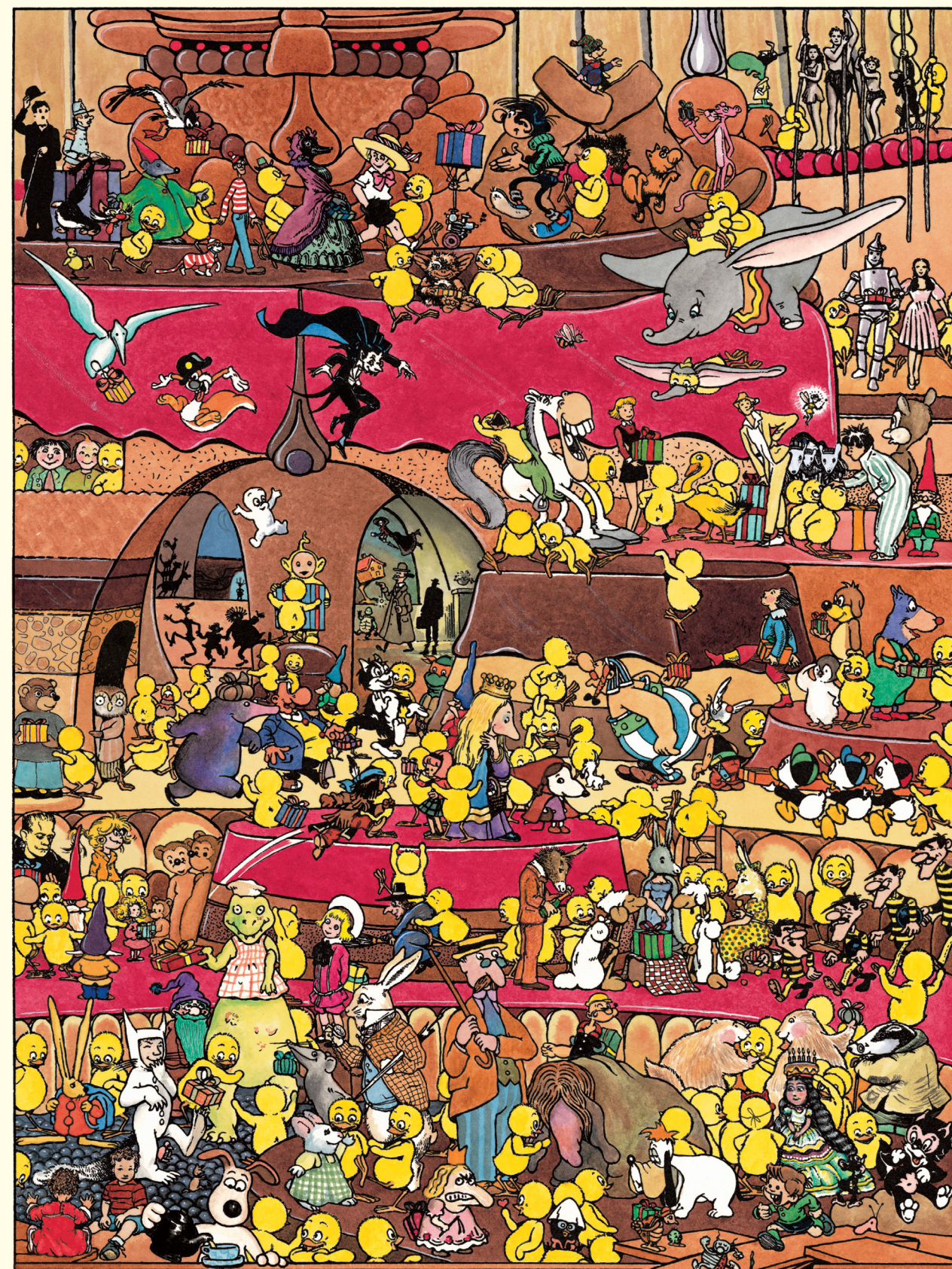


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Can you find these
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Ponti's Character Creations

Let's continue the search-and-find! See if you can spot which of Claude Ponti's own goofy and adorable creations appear on each page. Please read the following descriptions to know what to look for. Bonus points if you create your own descriptions of each character, as well as explain which is your favorite and why!

Blaze: A chicklet who wears a red mask of an angry face, responsible for waking up all the other chicklets and guiding their tasks.

The Chicklets: Bertha Daye's best friends who build a castle cake for her surprise party. They live in a tree nest of blankets and wood and love to play around, but work hard to prepare for the big day.

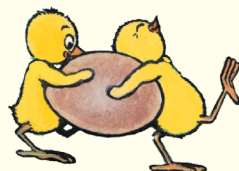
Mailybirds: These ostrich-like birds are blue, green, yellow, and red, with inserts on their bellies to receive mail, which they deliver by flight.

Olga Layitall: An auburn hen with a kind smile and blue-green hat of feathers and smiling flowers, from whom the chicklets gather eggs for the cake.

Stoutspouts: Gray-brown elephant-infant creatures with faucets as noses and knobs over their hair; they supply water for the chicklets to bathe, play, and make cake batter.

Jumbo Cow: Three floating udders that supply the chicklets with cream for cake frosting; lives on the shores of Lake Soyummi.

Big Babba: A flying baby bottle with arms and legs, a blue twist collar for a neck and the red feeding nozzle as its head; gives Fearless Feathergirl a ride.



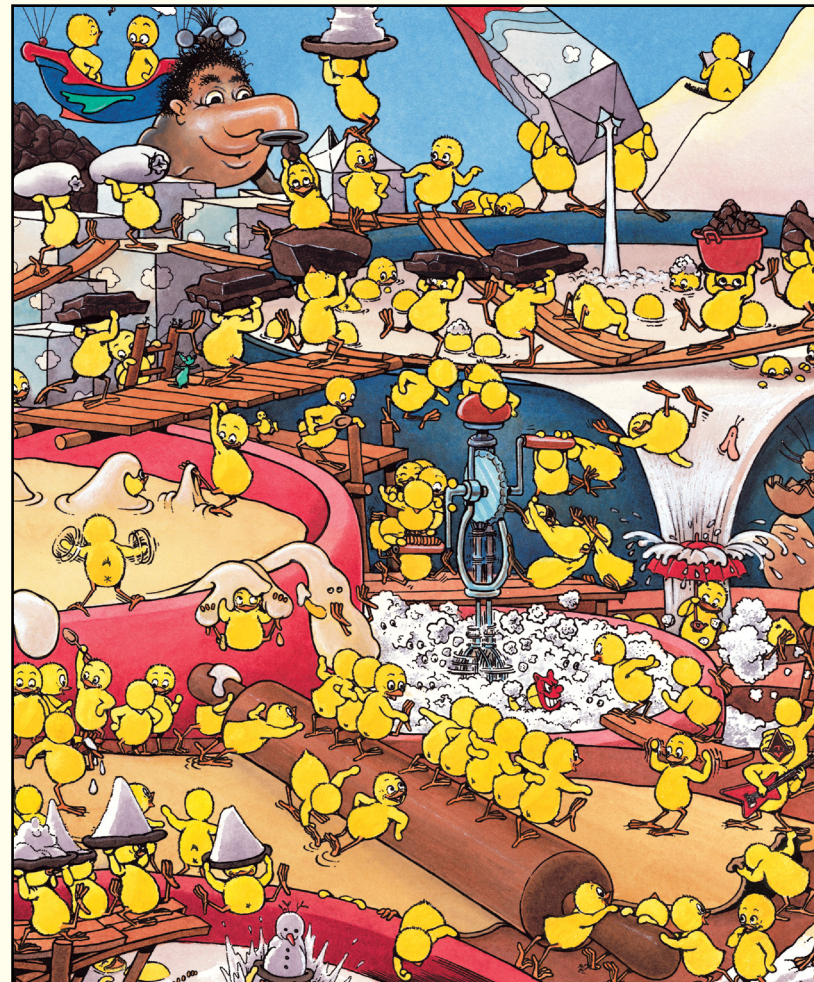
BLAZE AND THE CASTLE CAKE FOR BERTHA DAYE

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About the Book

A rabble of soft, golden chicklets are awoken one morning to a startling proclamation: they only have ten short days to prepare for their best friend Bertha Daye's party. It's time to get to work building a larger-than-life castle cake to house and feed the revelers. When the party day arrives, guests pour into the pastry palace, many of them unmistakable characters from iconic stories' past, offering a marvelous who's-who of story-book history. Claude Ponti's nimble wordplay and punning, combined with his phantasmagorical illustrations, create an endearing gem of a book, bound to be a bedtime story favorite.



Get Moving!

On page 8, the chicklets leap out of their beds and try to jump up as far as they can. Take 5 minutes to be rambunctious and silly. See who can jump the highest while smiling the biggest! Who can pull the goofiest faces like the chicklet, Li'l Benny Goodgood?

Mischief, Mischief Everywhere

The chicklets are very cute, but they're also very mischievous! See how many chicklets you can spot getting up to no good. They pull silly faces, take naps at all hours of the day, and spray ink at one another from their pens. What else do the chicklets do when they are supposed to be preparing for Bertha Daye's surprise party?

Incredibalicious Words!

Ponti is a master at wordplay. Try to point out all of the made-up words as you read. Afterwards, come up with some of your own unbelievably words and phrases. How would you spell them? How do the words feel and taste in your mouth?

Party Cake

The chicklets put a lot of effort into making Bertha Daye the most bestest castle cake EVER. Take turns with your friends telling each other a short story about a time you helped make a cake or some other unbelievable dessert. What did you put in your cake? Rosewater, pistachio, or candied apples? You could also write these short stories out on paper or pen a creative, scrumptious poem. Bonus points if you use some of Ponti's made-up words! Or your own!

