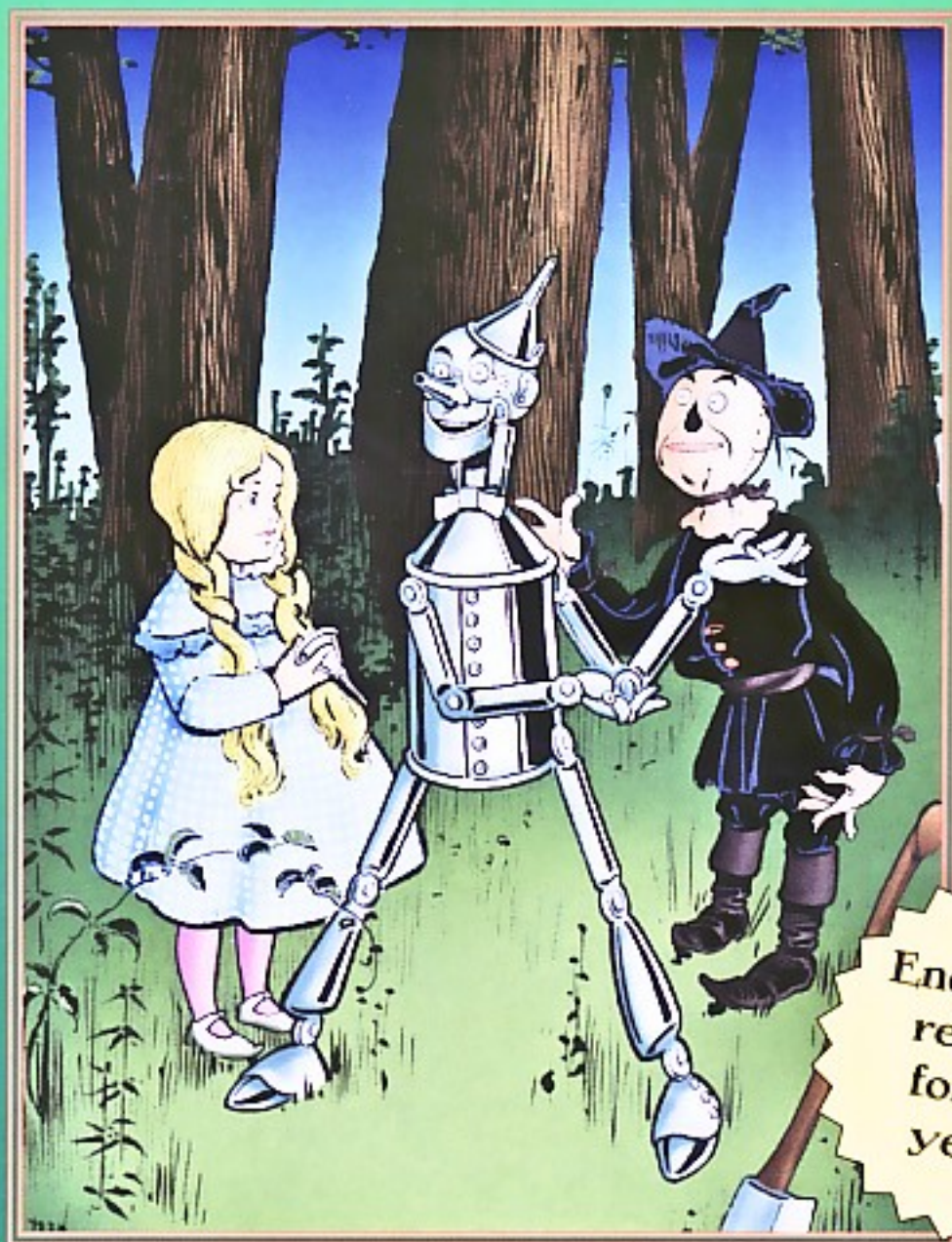
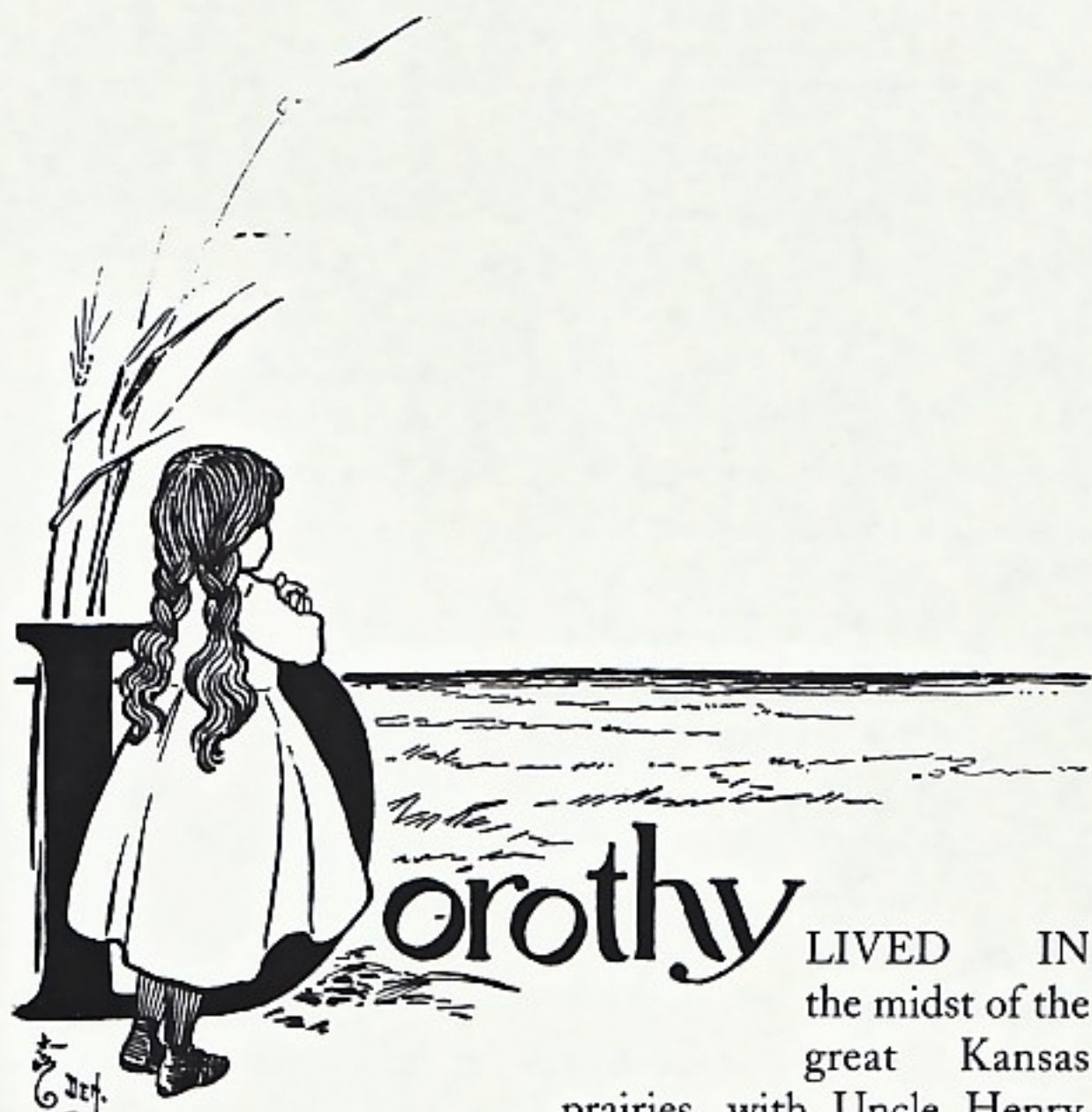


The Wonderful Wizard of Oz



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Dorothy

LIVED IN
the midst of the
great Kansas

prairies, with Uncle Henry,
who was a farmer, and Aunt Em, who was
the farmer's wife. Their house was small,
for the lumber to build it had to be carried by wagon
many miles. There were four walls, a floor
and a roof, which made one room; and this
room contained a rusty-looking cooking
stove, a cupboard for the dishes, a table,
three or four chairs, and the beds. Uncle



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Henry and Aunt Em had a big bed in one corner and Dorothy a little bed in another corner. There was no garret at all, and no cellar—except a small hole, dug in the ground, called a cyclone cellar, where the family could go in case one of those great whirlwinds arose, mighty enough to crush any building in its path. It was reached by a trap-door in the middle of the floor, from which a ladder led down into the small, dark hole.

When Dorothy stood in the doorway and looked around, she could see nothing but the great gray prairie on every side. Not a tree nor a house broke the broad sweep of flat country that reached the edge of the sky in all directions. The sun had baked the plowed land into a gray mass, with little cracks running through it. Even the grass was not green, for the sun had burned the tops of the long blades until they were the same gray color to be seen everywhere. Once the house had been painted, but the sun blistered the paint and the rains washed it away, and now the house was as dull and gray as everything else.

When Aunt Em came there to live she was a young, pretty wife. The sun and wind had changed her, too. They had taken the sparkle from her eyes and left them a sober gray; they had taken the red from her cheeks and lips, and they were gray also. She was thin and gaunt, and never smiled, now. When Dorothy, who was an orphan, first came to her, Aunt Em had been so startled



She caught Toto by the ear.

There's no place like home....

When Dorothy and her little dog, Toto, are swept away from Kansas in a wild cyclone, they find themselves in a strange and magical place: the Land of Oz. Soon Dorothy is off to meet the great and powerful Wizard of Oz, the only one who can help her get back home. Along the way she makes friends with a Scarecrow, a Tin Woodman, and a Cowardly Lion, who join her on the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City, home of the Great Wizard. Only the Wizard can grant them their wishes . . . but will he? Will the Scarecrow get a brain, the Tin Woodman, a heart? Will the Cowardly Lion ever have courage? And will Dorothy and Toto ever see Kansas again?

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