

# The Very Sleepy Sloth



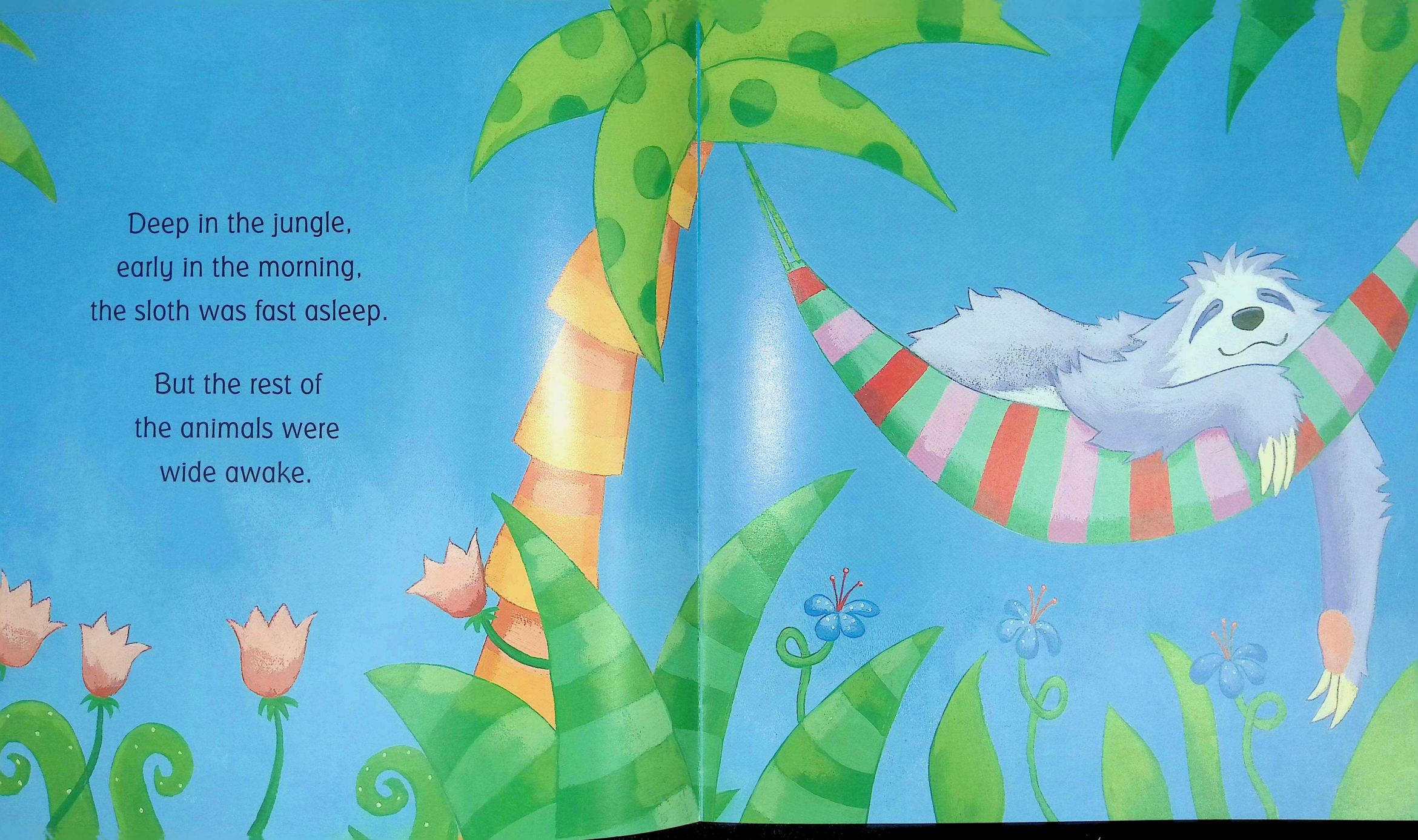
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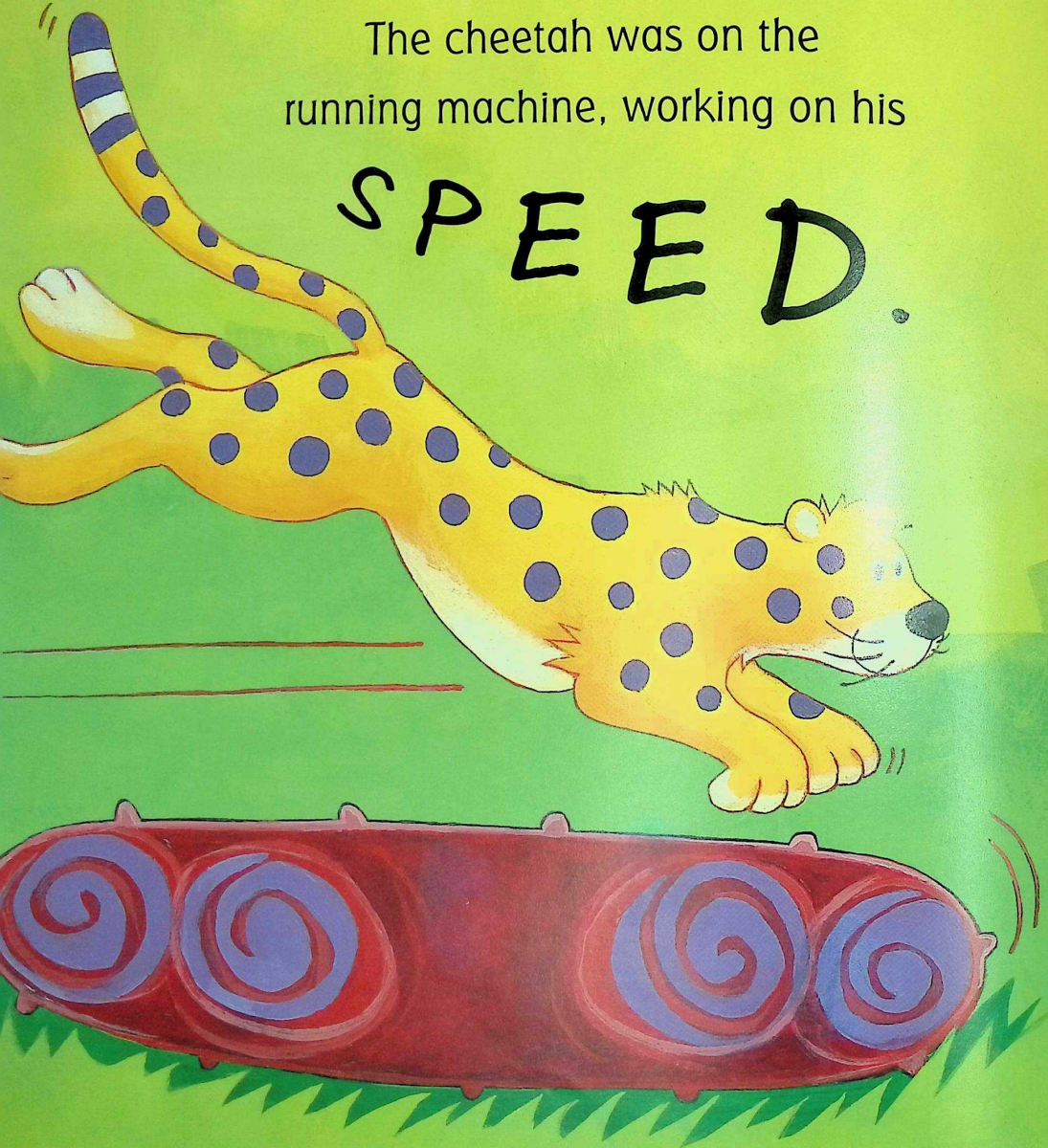
Deep in the jungle,  
early in the morning,  
the sloth was fast asleep.

But the rest of  
the animals were  
wide awake.



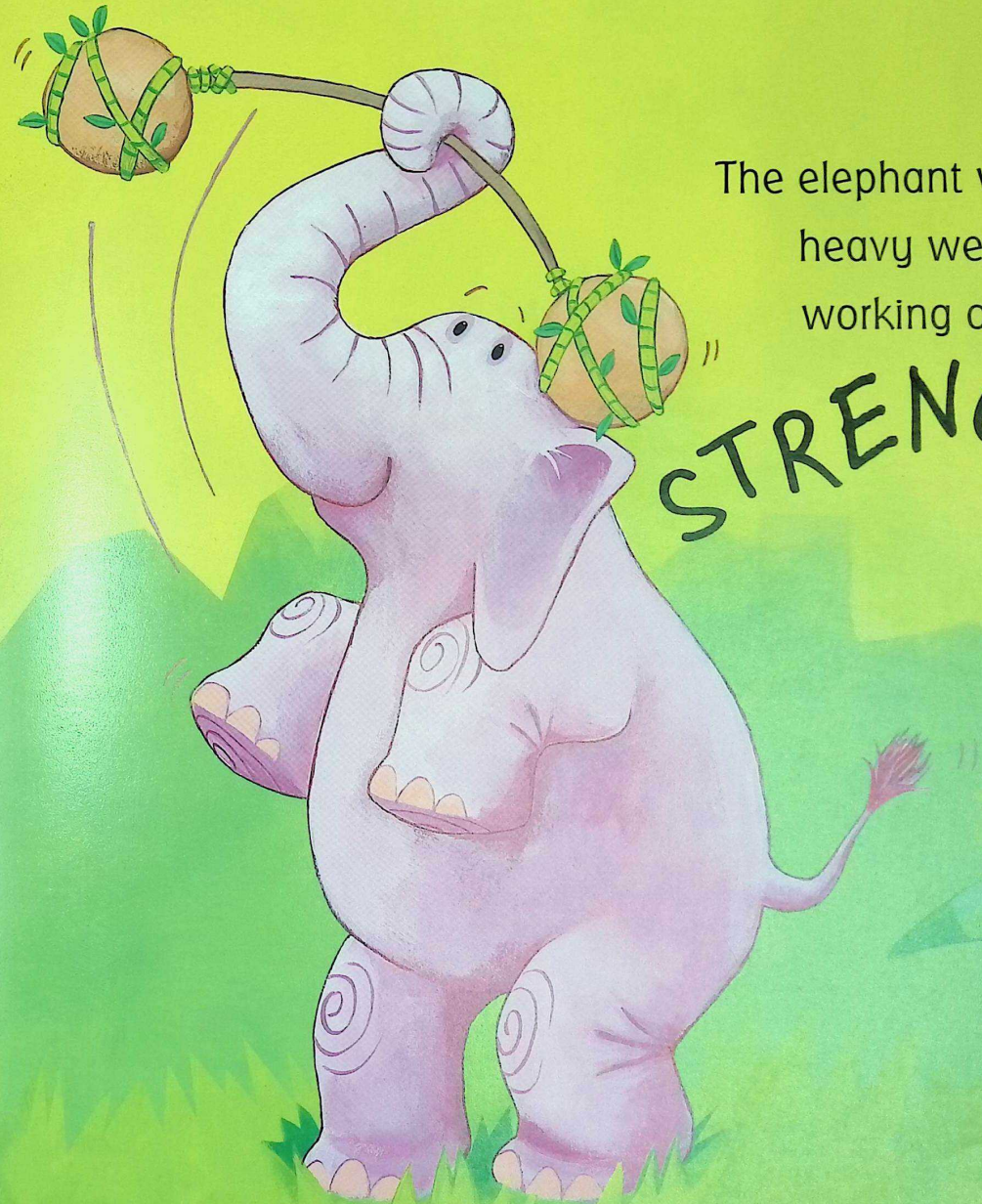
The cheetah was on the  
running machine, working on his

**SPEED.**



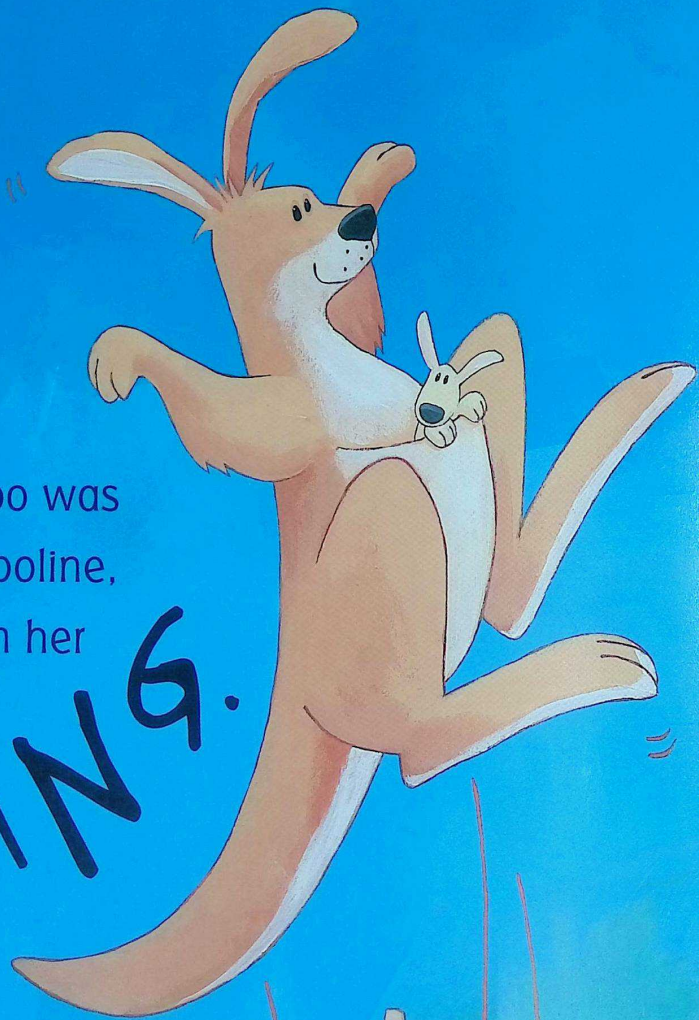
The elephant was lifting  
heavy weights,  
working on her

**STRENGTH**



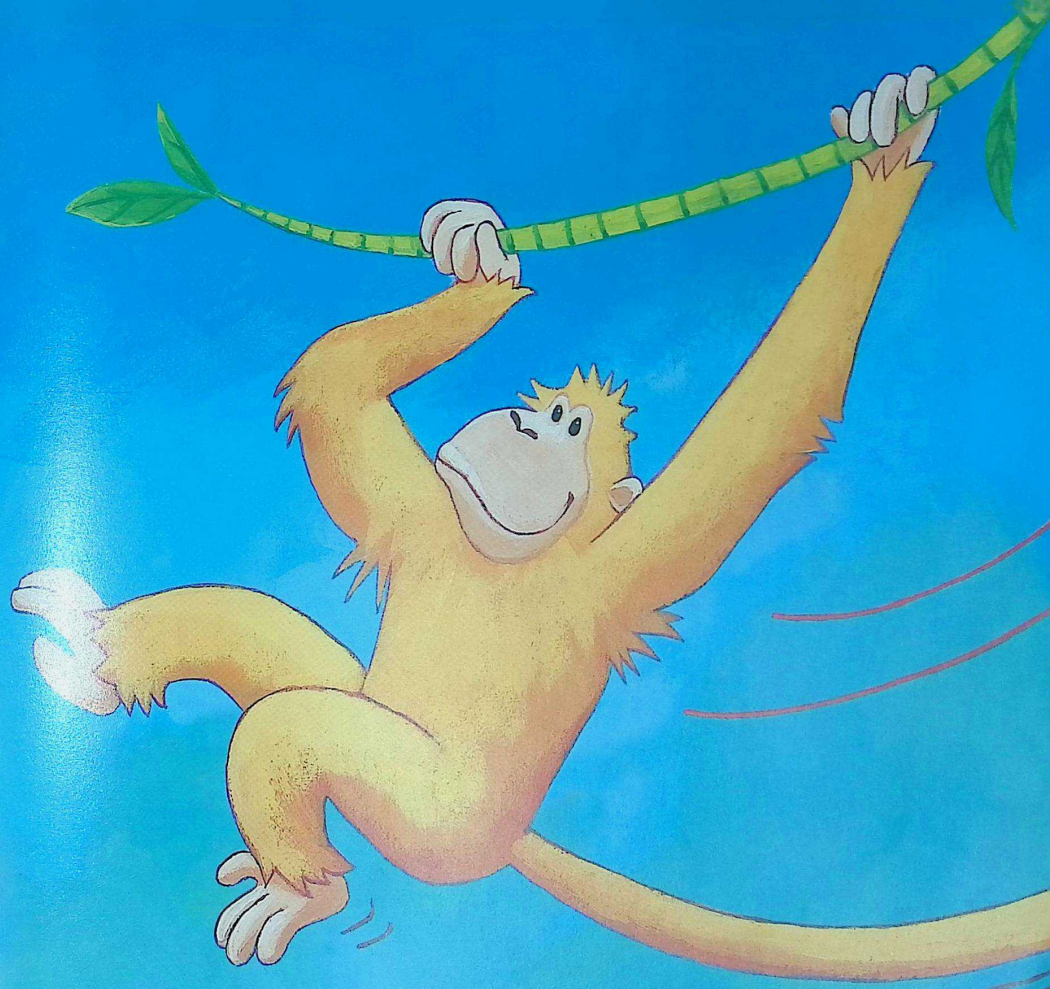
The kangaroo was  
on the trampoline,  
working on her

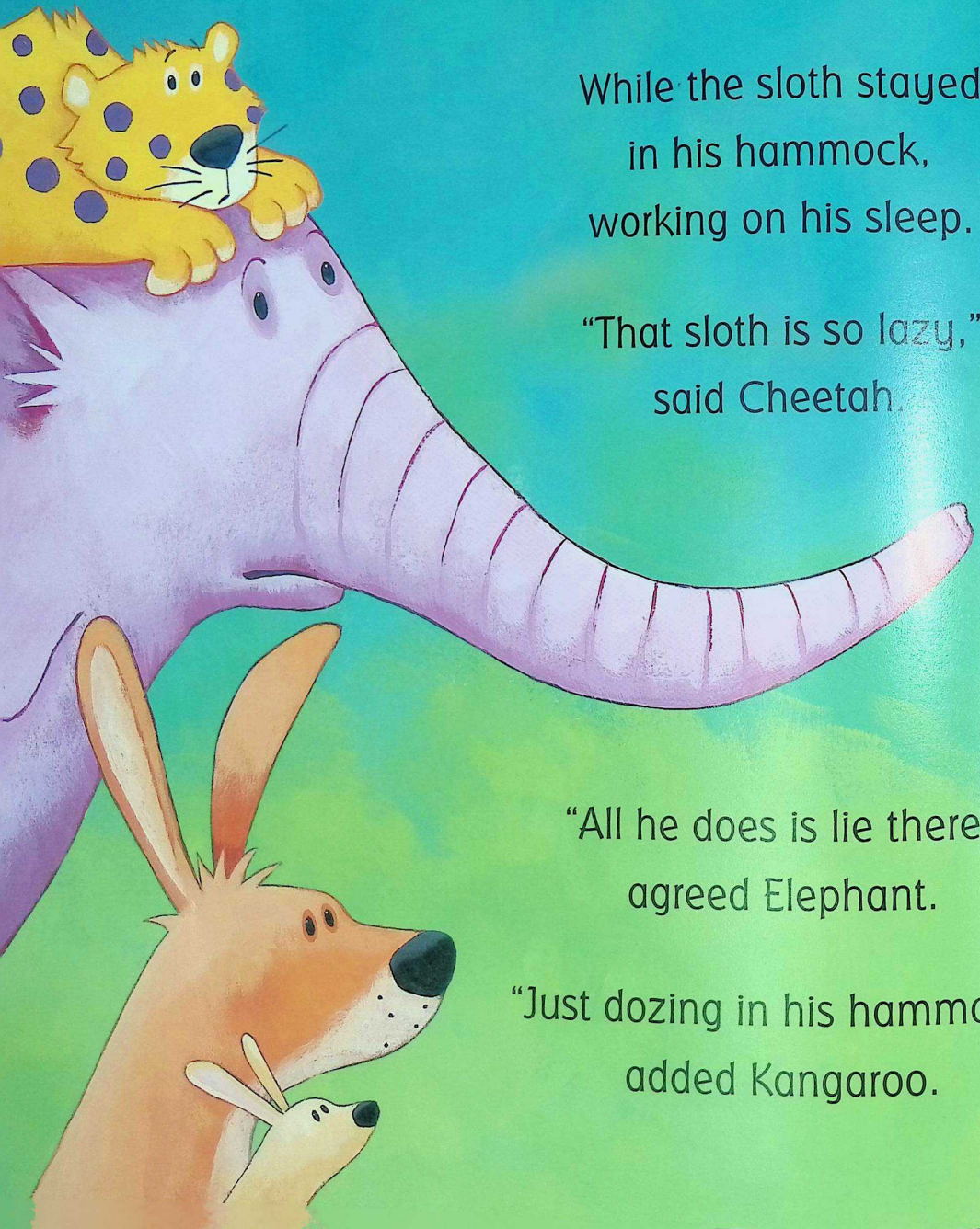
SPRING.



The monkey was  
on the high bars,  
working on his

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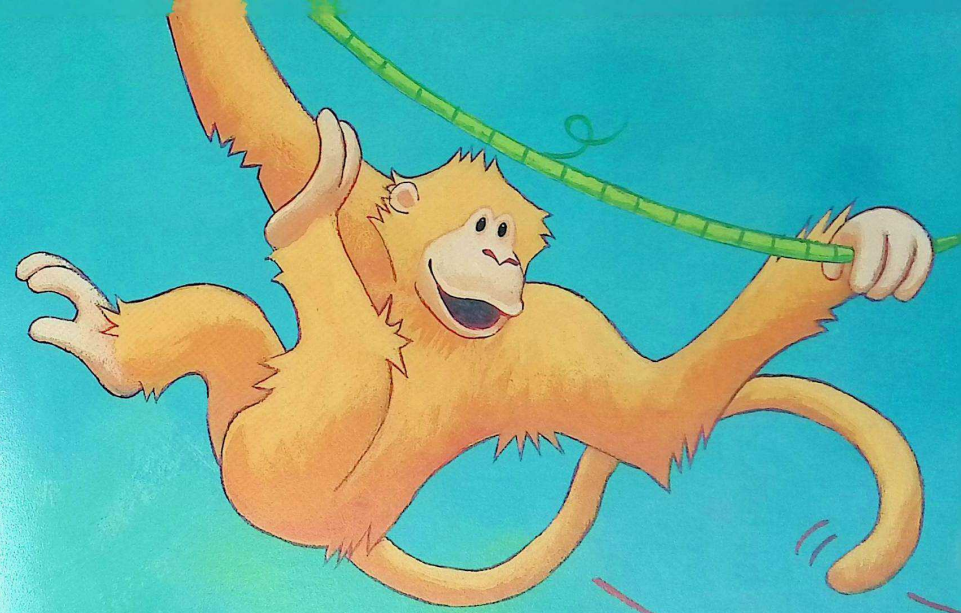


While the sloth stayed  
in his hammock,  
working on his sleep.

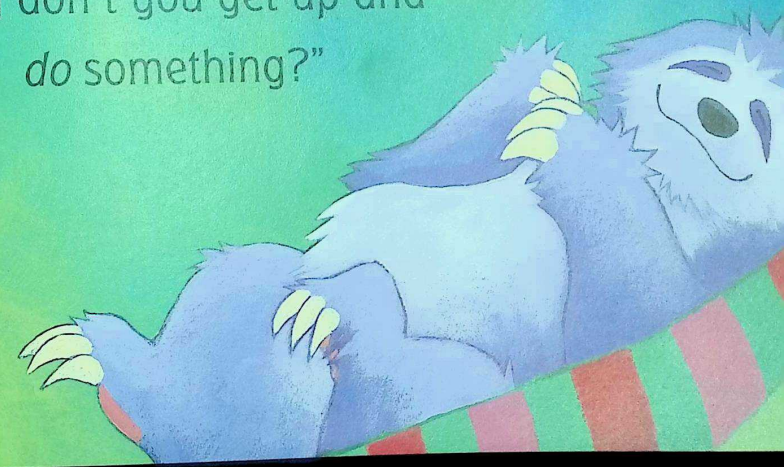
"That sloth is so lazy,"  
said Cheetah.

"All he does is lie there!"  
agreed Elephant.

"Just dozing in his hammock,"  
added Kangaroo.



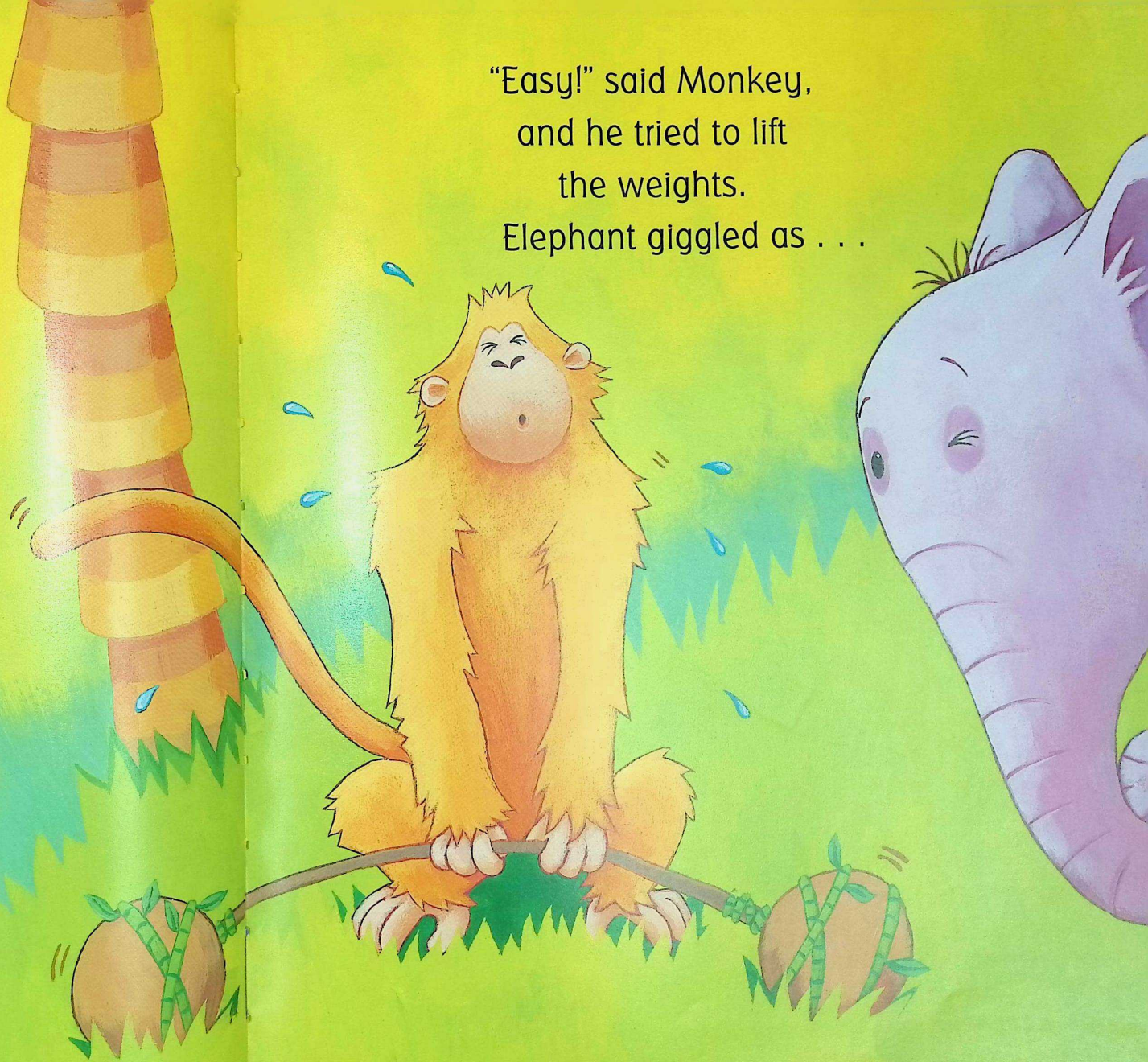
"Hey, Sloth!" called Monkey.  
"We're all working hard here.  
Why don't you get up and  
do something?"





Sloth slowly opened one eye.  
“Monkey,” he said. “If you’re  
so hard-working, you try  
lifting Elephant’s weights.”

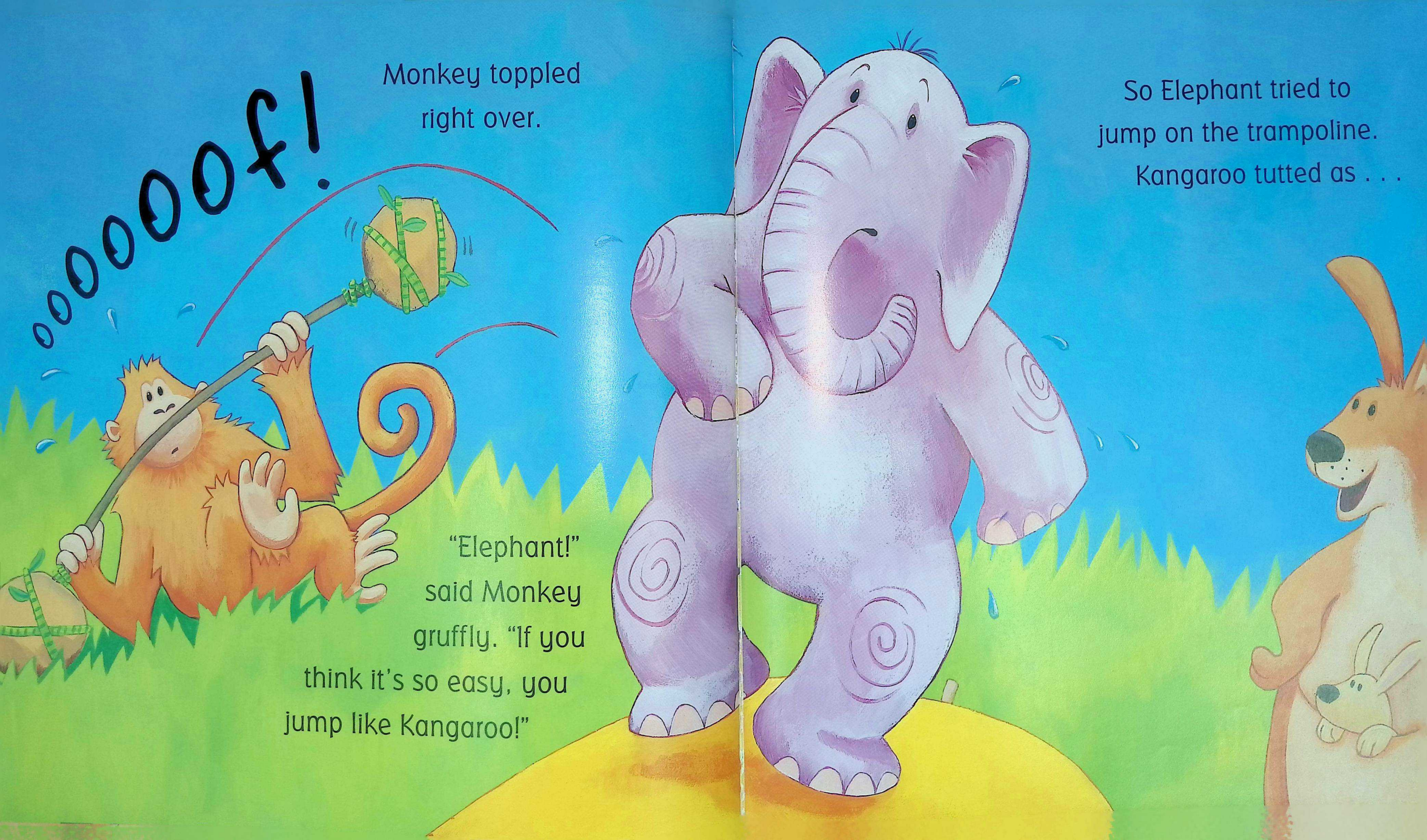
“Easy!” said Monkey,  
and he tried to lift  
the weights.  
Elephant giggled as . . .



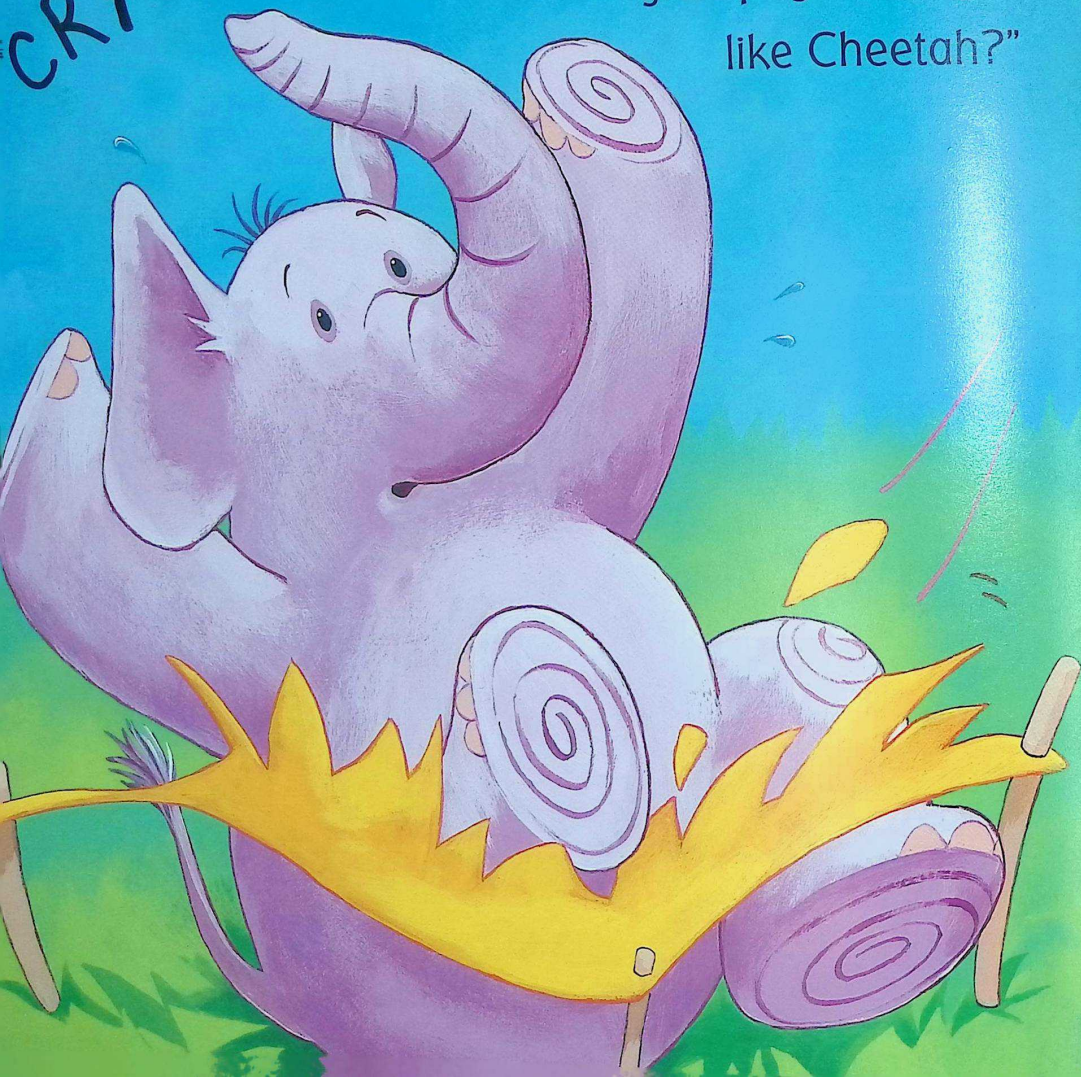
Monkey toppled  
right over.

So Elephant tried to  
jump on the trampoline.  
Kangaroo tutted as . . .

“Elephant!”  
said Monkey  
gruffly. “If you  
think it’s so easy, you  
jump like Kangaroo!”



CRASH!

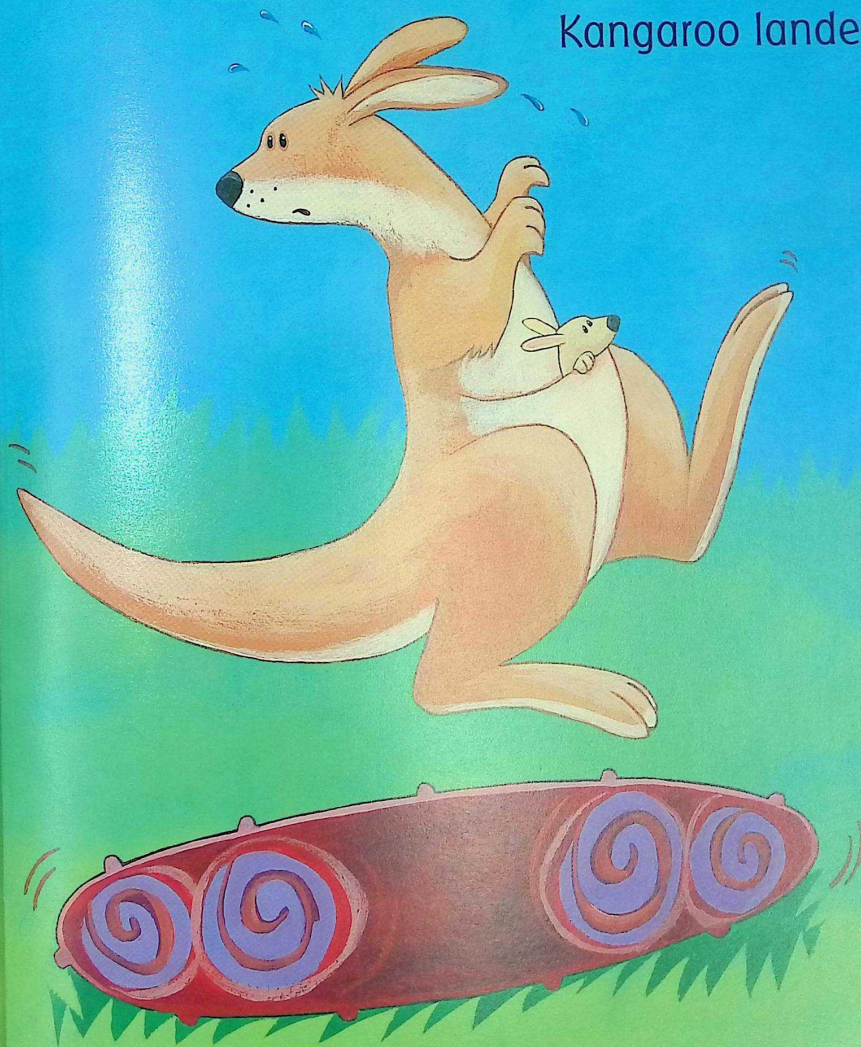


Elephant fell right through.

“Don’t tut at me,  
Kangaroo!” said Elephant  
grumpily. “Can you run  
like Cheetah?”

So Kangaroo tried the running machine

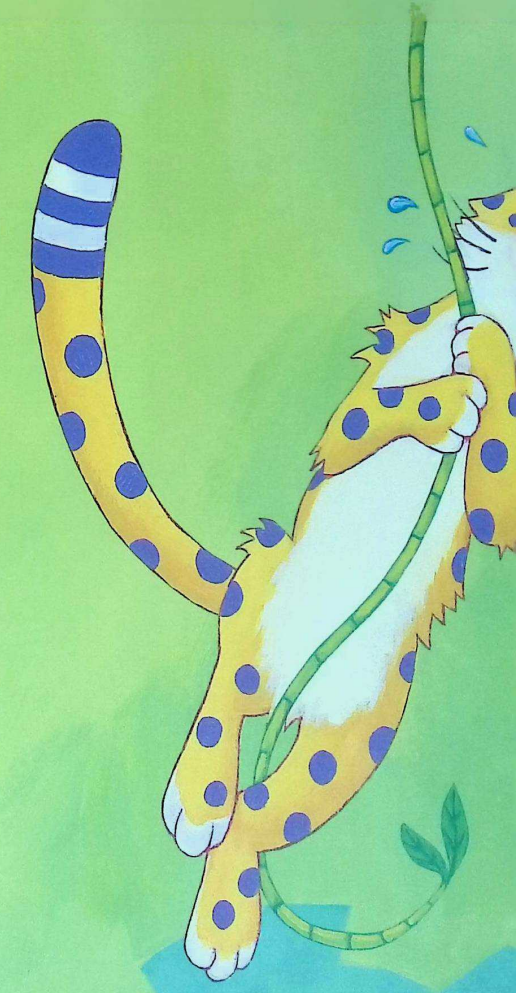
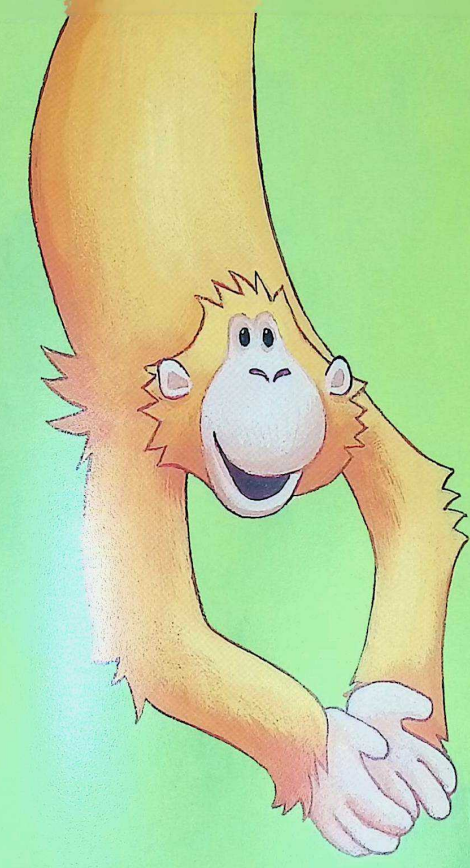
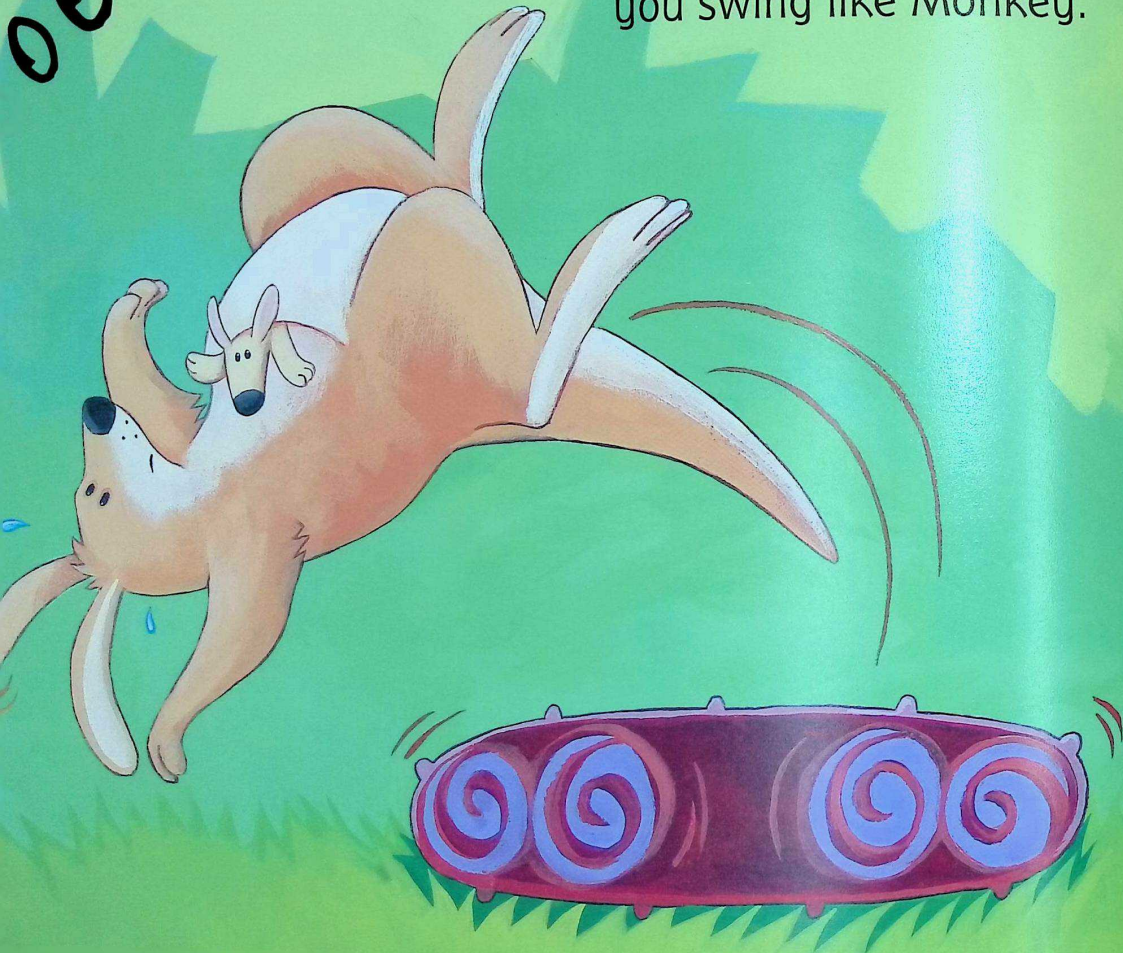
Cheetah chuckled as  
Kangaroo landed on . . .



her bottom!

oooooooooww!

"Cheetah!" said Kangaroo crossly. "If you're so clever, you swing like Monkey."

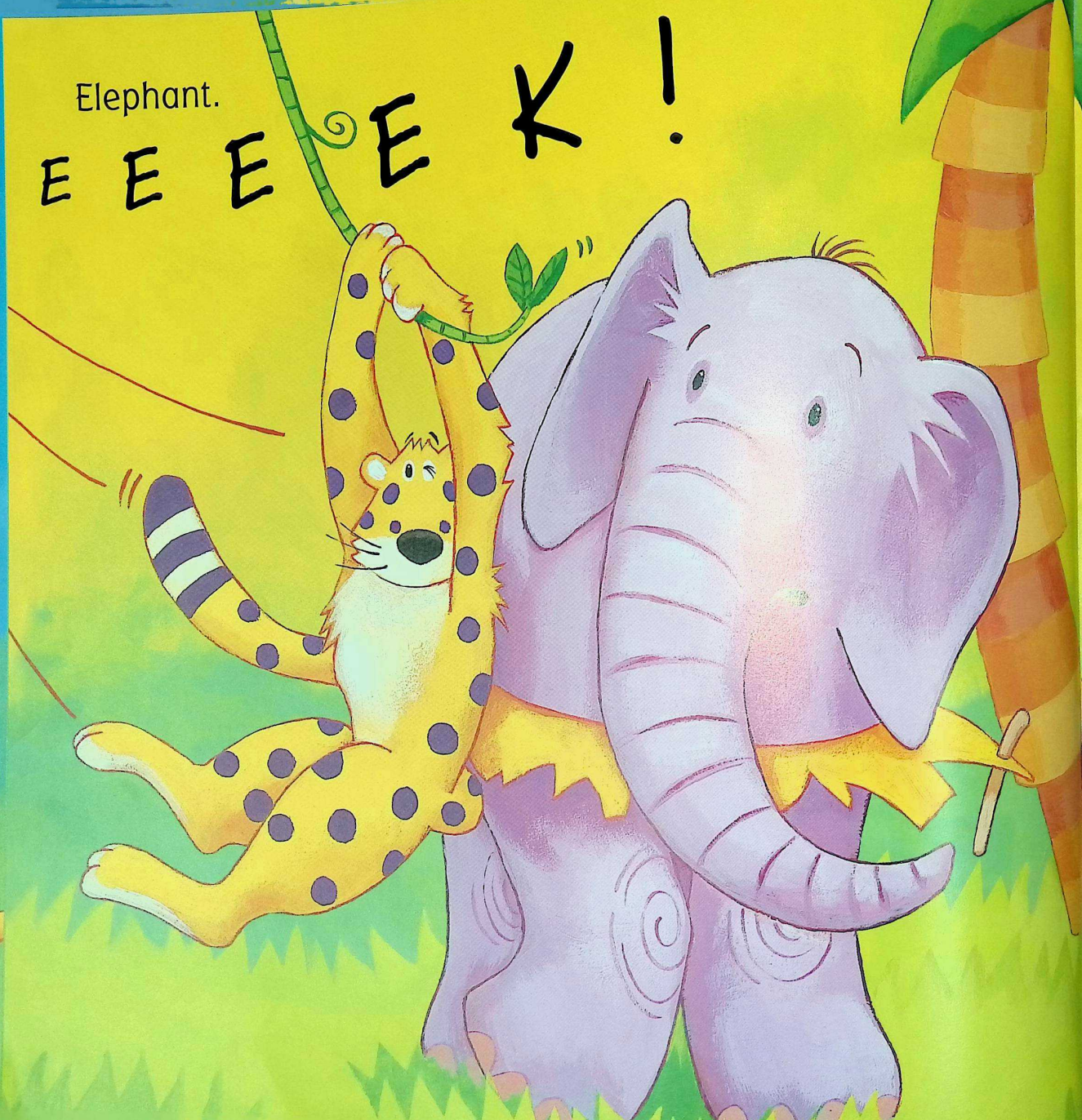


So Cheetah climbs the high bars and swung right in



Elephant.

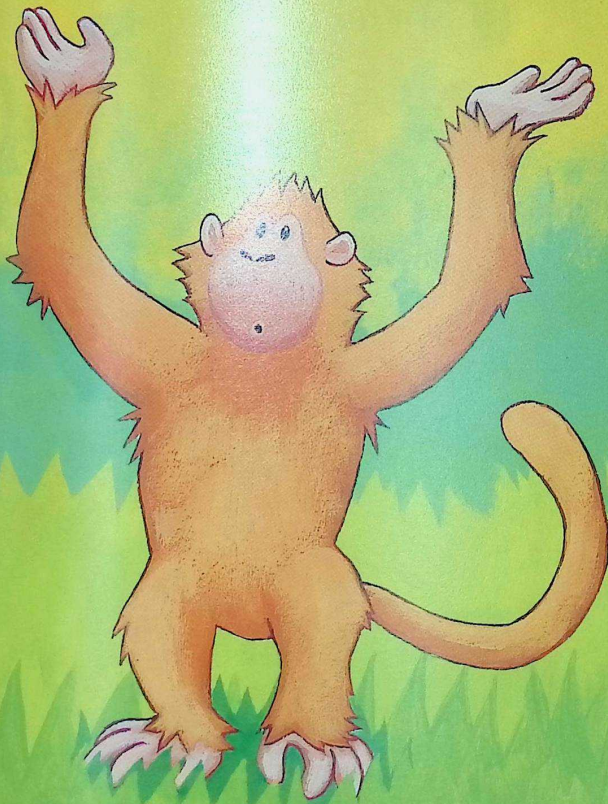
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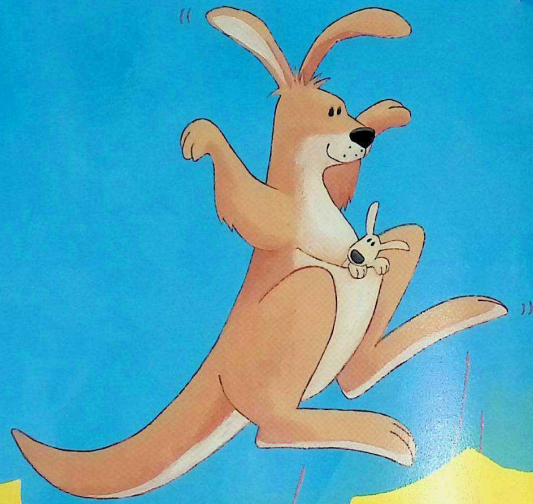
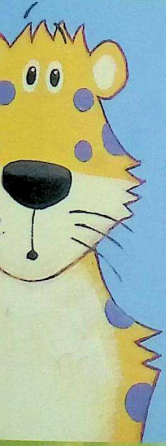
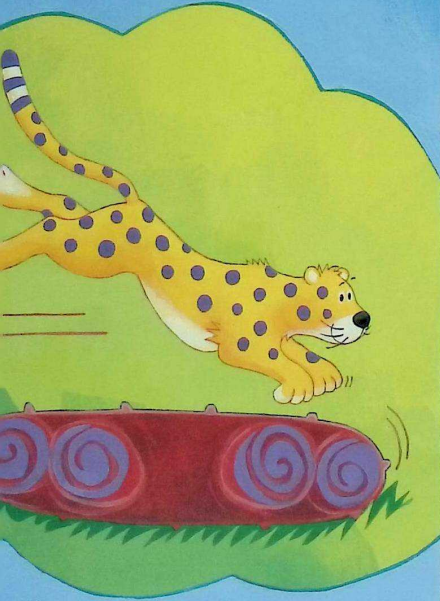
By now, everyone was very hot,  
very tired, and very, very cross.

"This is useless," they muttered.

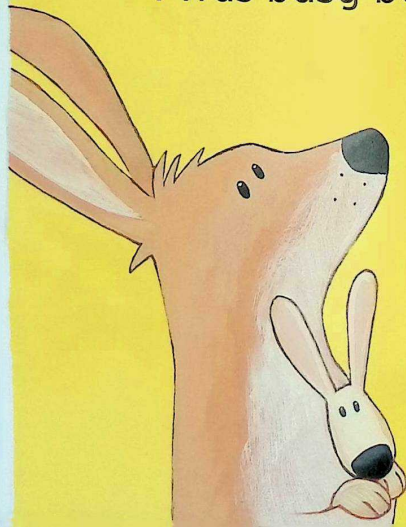
"Who caused all this trouble?"



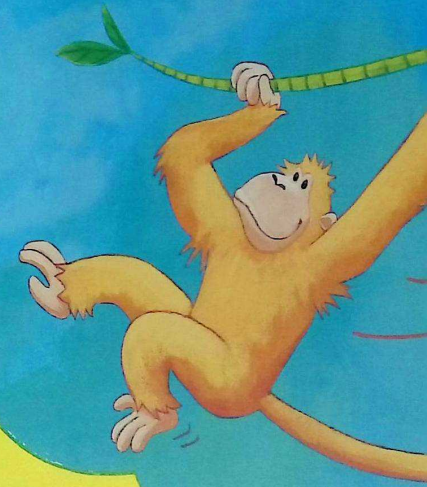
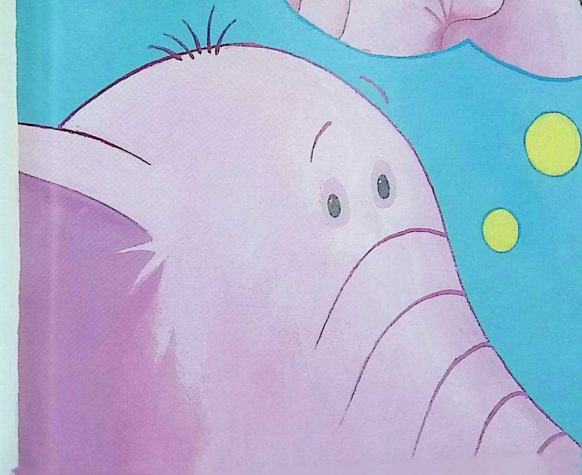
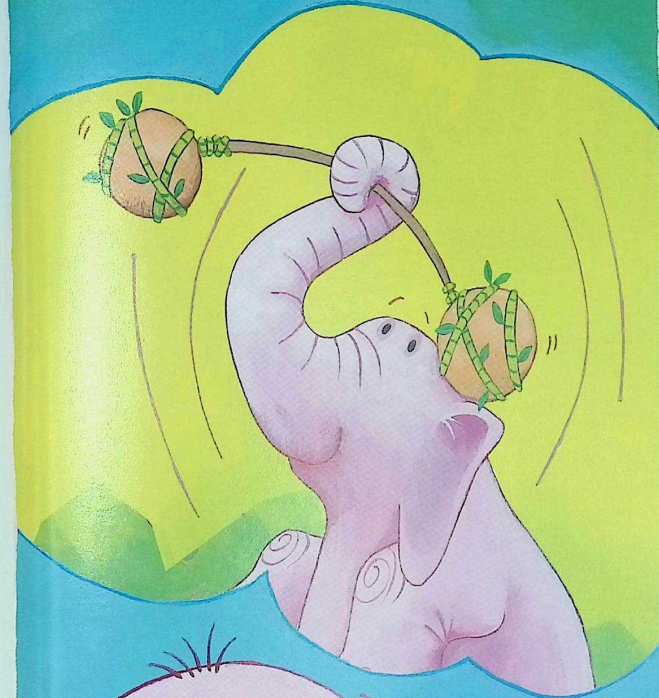
"It wasn't me,"  
said Cheetah.  
"I was busy running."



"It wasn't me,"  
said Kangaroo.  
"I was busy bouncing."

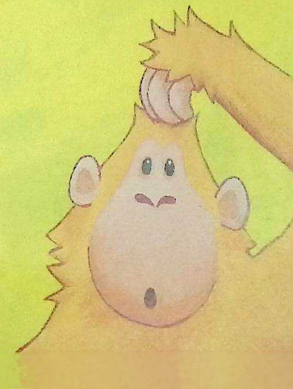



"It wasn't me," said Elephant.  
"I was busy lifting weights."



"And it wasn't me,"  
said Monkey.  
"I was busy swinging."

All the animals turned  
and looked at .





# SLOTH!

“Hey, Sloth,” they called.

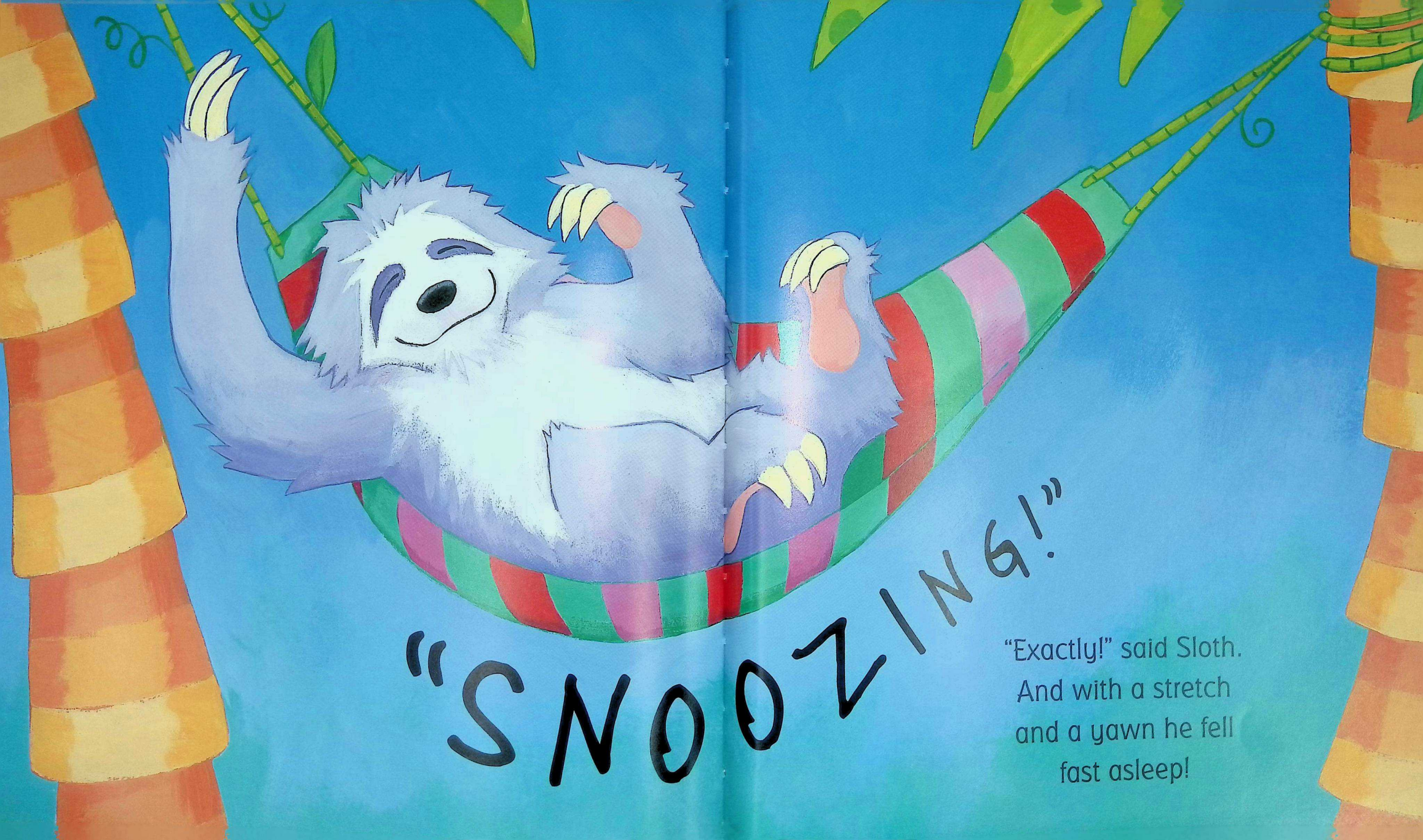
“You started this!”

Sloth turned lazily.

“You must see by now,”  
he said. “We were all busy doing  
what we do best. Even me!”

The animals thought about it.

“Yes!” they cried. “We’re all good at  
running or jumping or lifting or swinging.  
But Sloth is the very best at . . .”



"SNOOZZING!"

"Exactly!" said Sloth.  
And with a stretch  
and a yawn he fell  
fast asleep!