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# A Trip to the Safari Park

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It's a special day today. The children are very happy.  
There's a trip to the safari park! They are excited.  
They LOVE animals!





**Mr Seboa:** OK, children? Are you ready? Let's go!

**Children:** Yes, let's go, let's go, let's go!





**Mr Seboa:** Here we are. WOW! This is the safari park. It's great here! Hey, children, look! There are a lot of animals in the safari park. Look, there's a giraffe...

**Children:** Yes, a giraffe! And look, Sir! There's a lion... and a zebra... and a hippo... and a monkey... and lots more. Hurray!









**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there in the bushes!

**Children:** Where?

**Mr Seboa:** Over there, There's a lion.

**Children:** Wow! It's a BIG lion and it's got long hair on its head!





**Mr Seboa:** The name for that long hair is 'mane'.

**Children:** Lion, lion, hello, lion! Hello!

**Lion:** ROAR! ROARRRRRRR!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, Billy!





**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there!

**Children:** Where?

**Mr Seboa:** In the pond. There's a hippo.

The hippo's very happy... it's got mud all over it!

**Children:** YUCK!

**Mr Seboa:** It's got small ears but big eyes.

**Children:** Hello, hippo! Hello!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, Ashya!









**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there!

**Children:** Where?

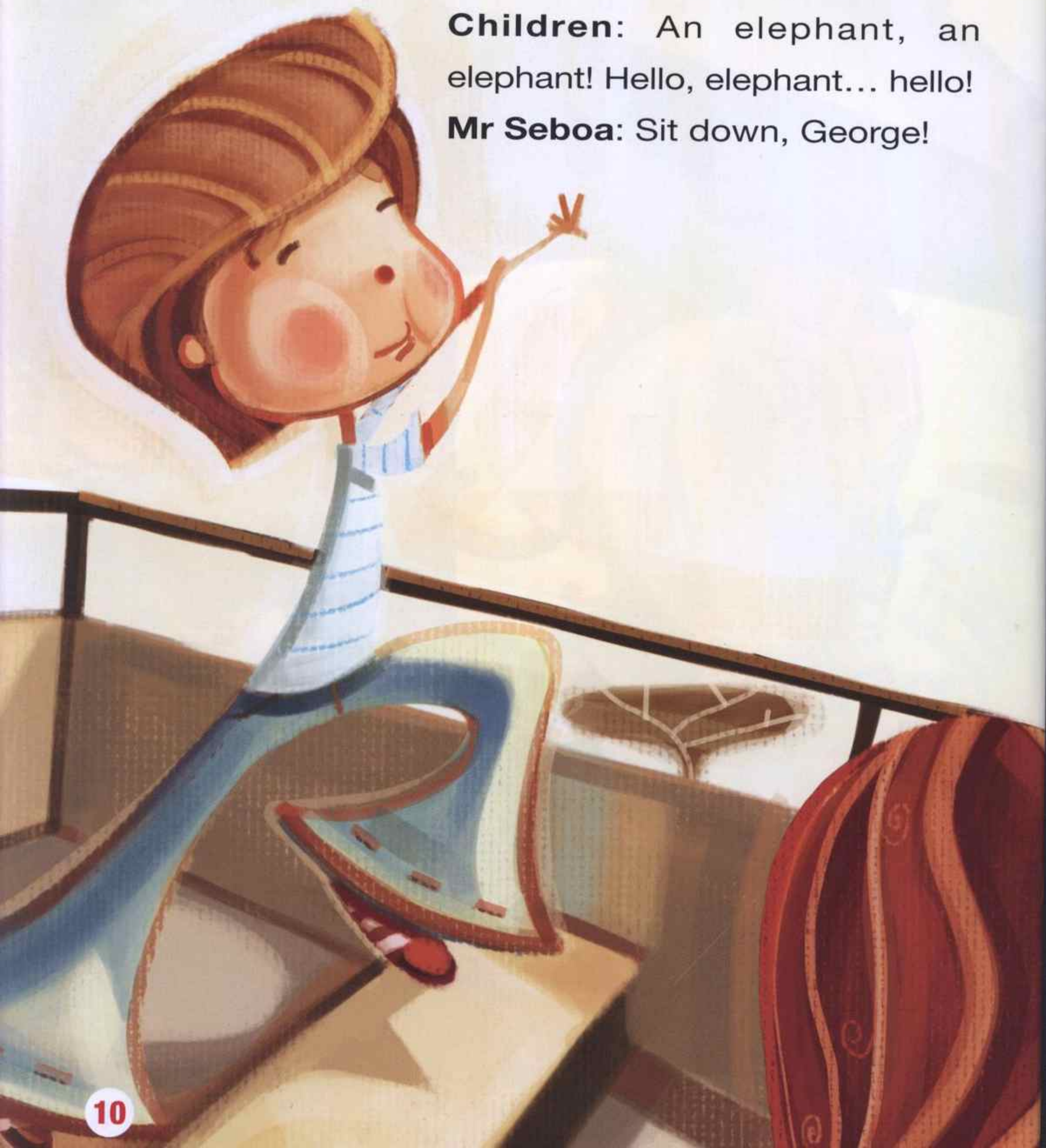
**Mr Seboa:** In the long grass.

**Children:** What's that, Sir?

**Mr Seboa:** It's a trunk! Wow! It's an elephant! It's really big. It's got a trunk, two white tusks and big ears.

**Children:** An elephant, an elephant! Hello, elephant... hello!

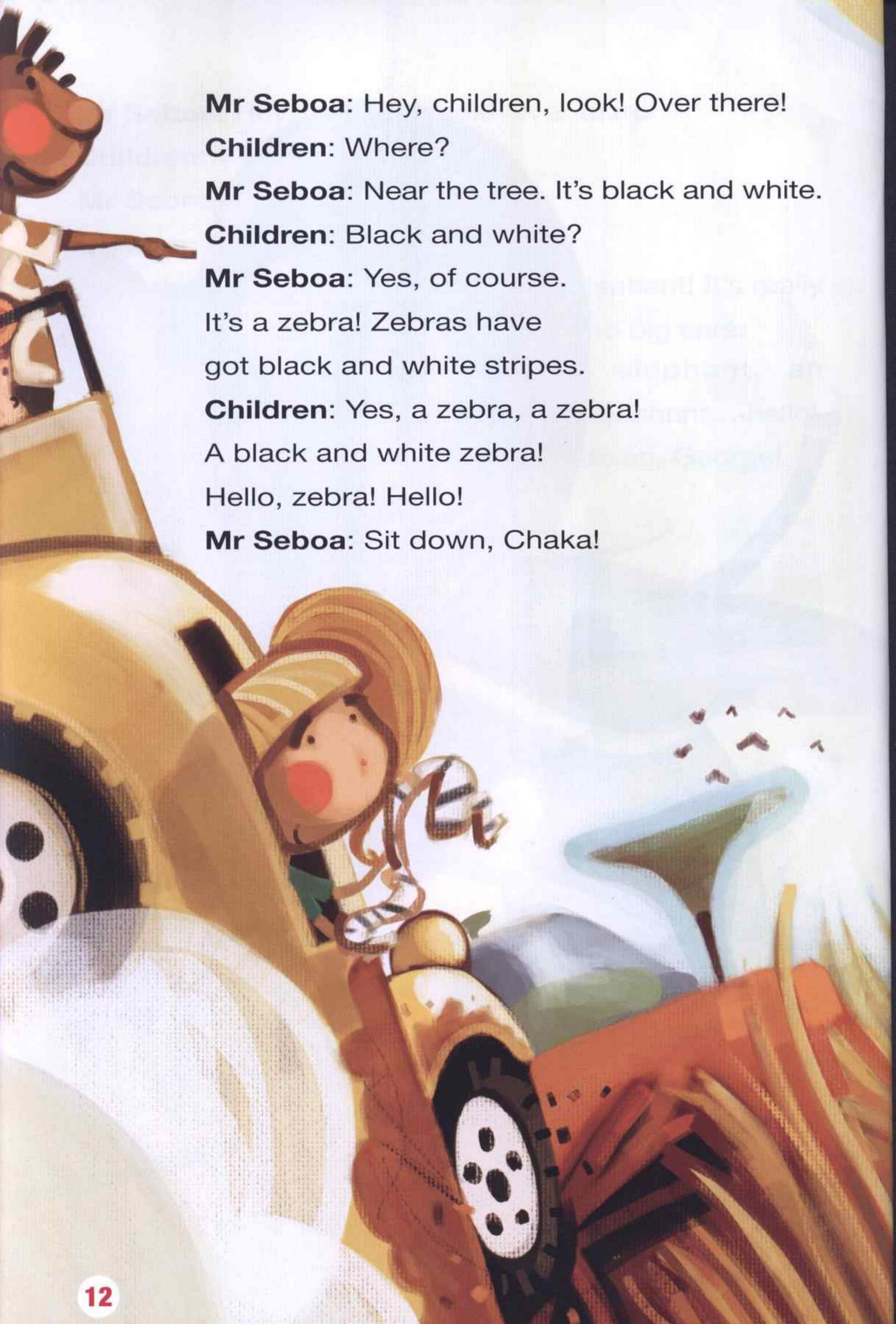
**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, George!











**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there!

**Children:** Where?

**Mr Seboa:** Near the tree. It's black and white.

**Children:** Black and white?

**Mr Seboa:** Yes, of course.

It's a zebra! Zebras have  
got black and white stripes.

**Children:** Yes, a zebra, a zebra!

A black and white zebra!

Hello, zebra! Hello!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, Chaka!







**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there!

**Children:** Where?

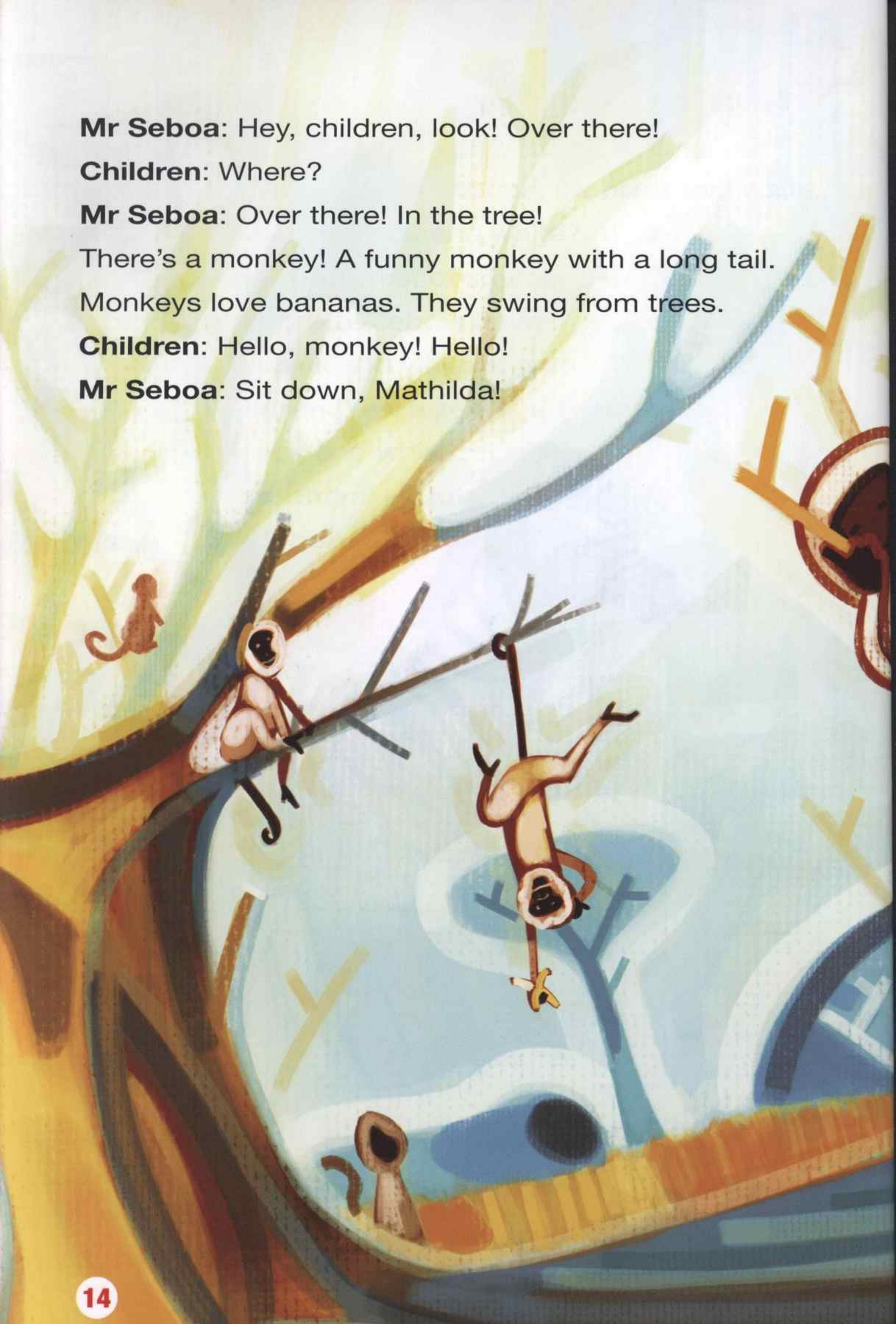
**Mr Seboa:** Over there! In the tree!

There's a monkey! A funny monkey with a long tail.

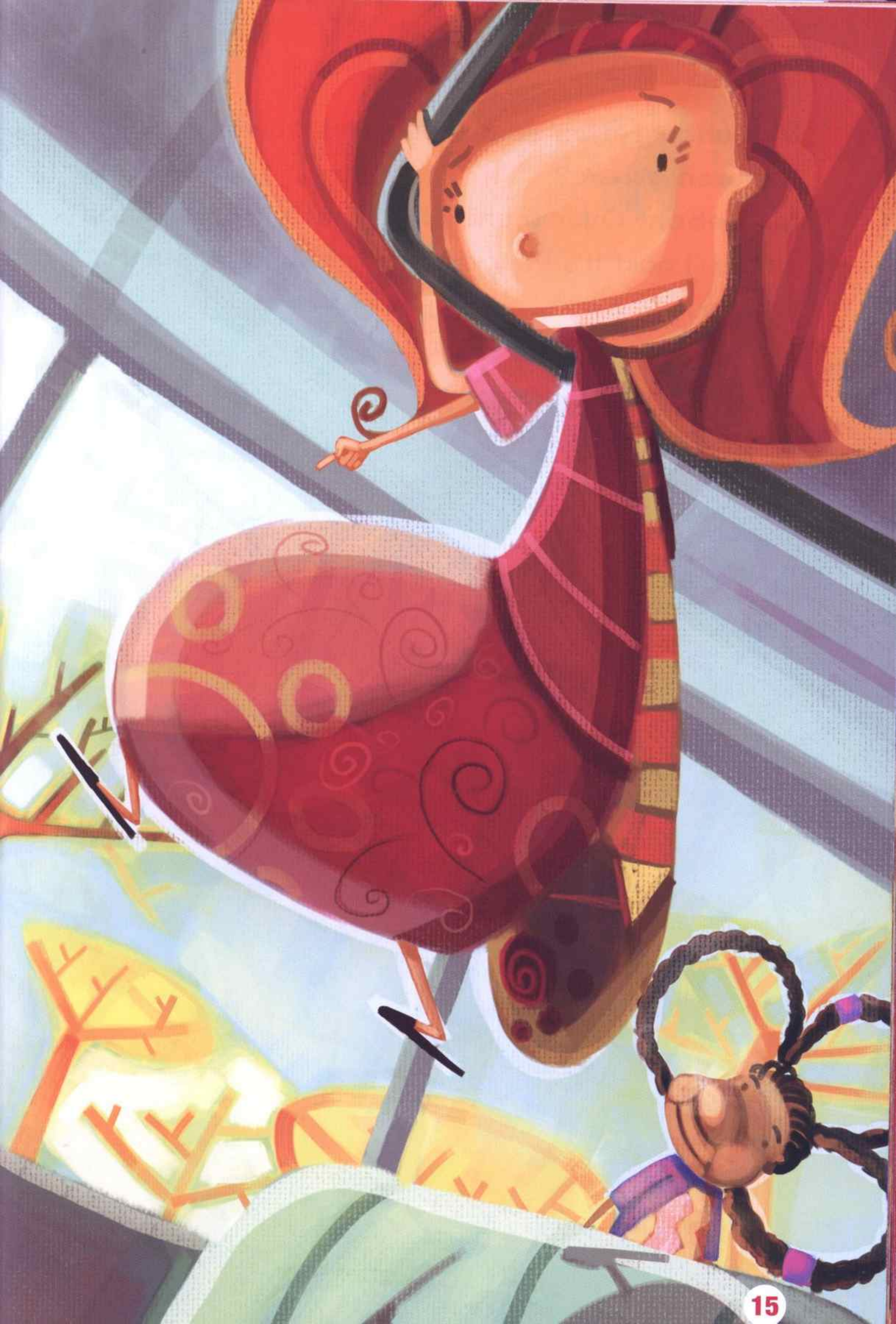
Monkeys love bananas. They swing from trees.

**Children:** Hello, monkey! Hello!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, Mathilda!









**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there!

**Children:** Where?

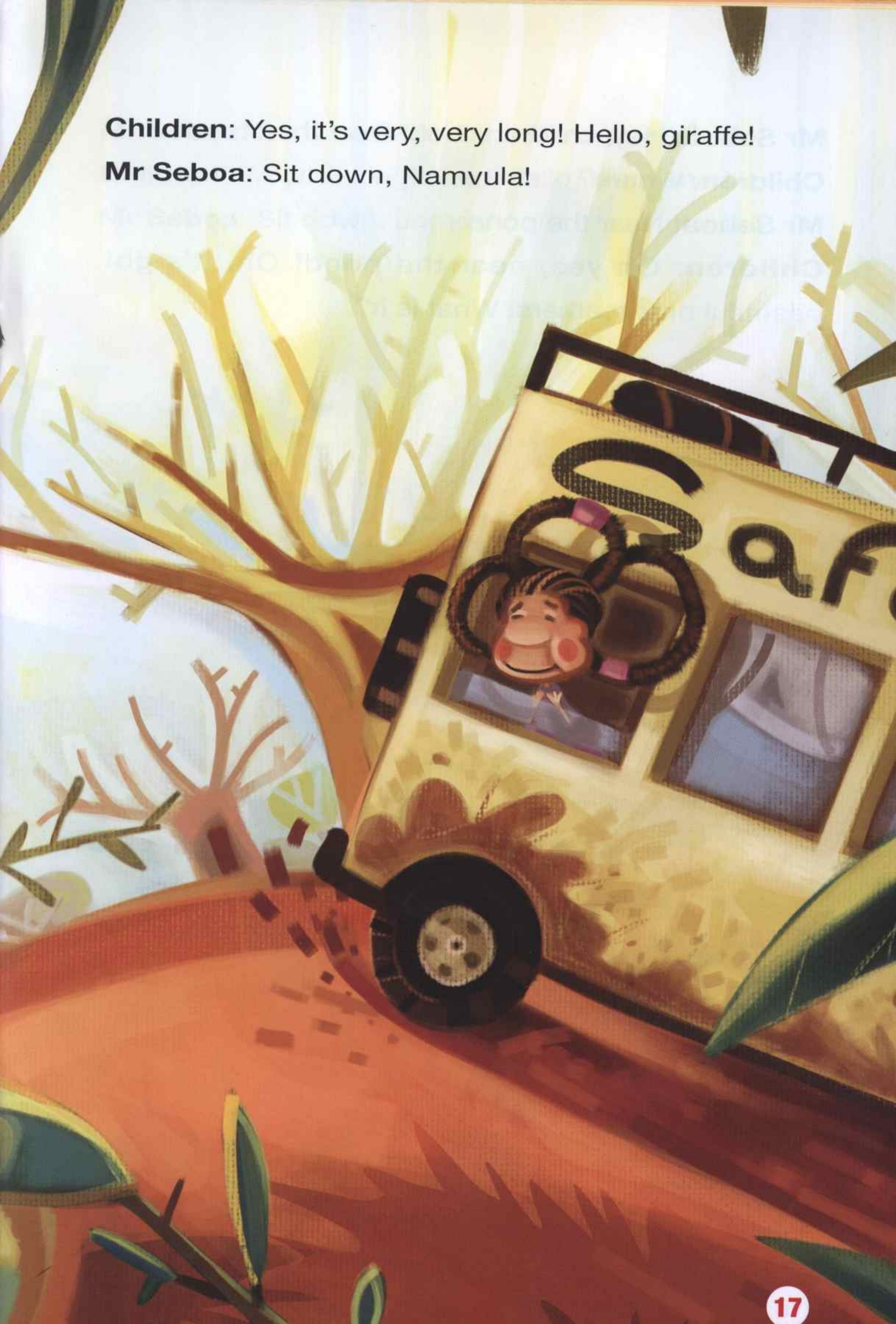
**Mr Seboa:** Over there! Near that big tree! It's a giraffe. Look! It's very tall. It's got long legs and...  
What a long neck!





**Children:** Yes, it's very, very long! Hello, giraffe!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, Namvula!





**Mr Seboa:** Hey, children, look! Over there!

**Children:** Where?

**Mr Seboa:** Near the pond.

**Children:** Oh yes, near the pond! Oh, it's got beautiful blue feathers! What is it?





**Mr Seboa:** It's a beautiful bird. It's a kingfisher.

**Children:** Wow! A kingfisher! Hello, kingfisher!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, James!





It's great at the safari park! The children love the animals. The lion with a long mane, the hippo with mud all over it, the big elephant with a long trunk, the black and white zebra, the funny monkey with a long tail, the giraffe with a long neck and the beautiful kingfisher!



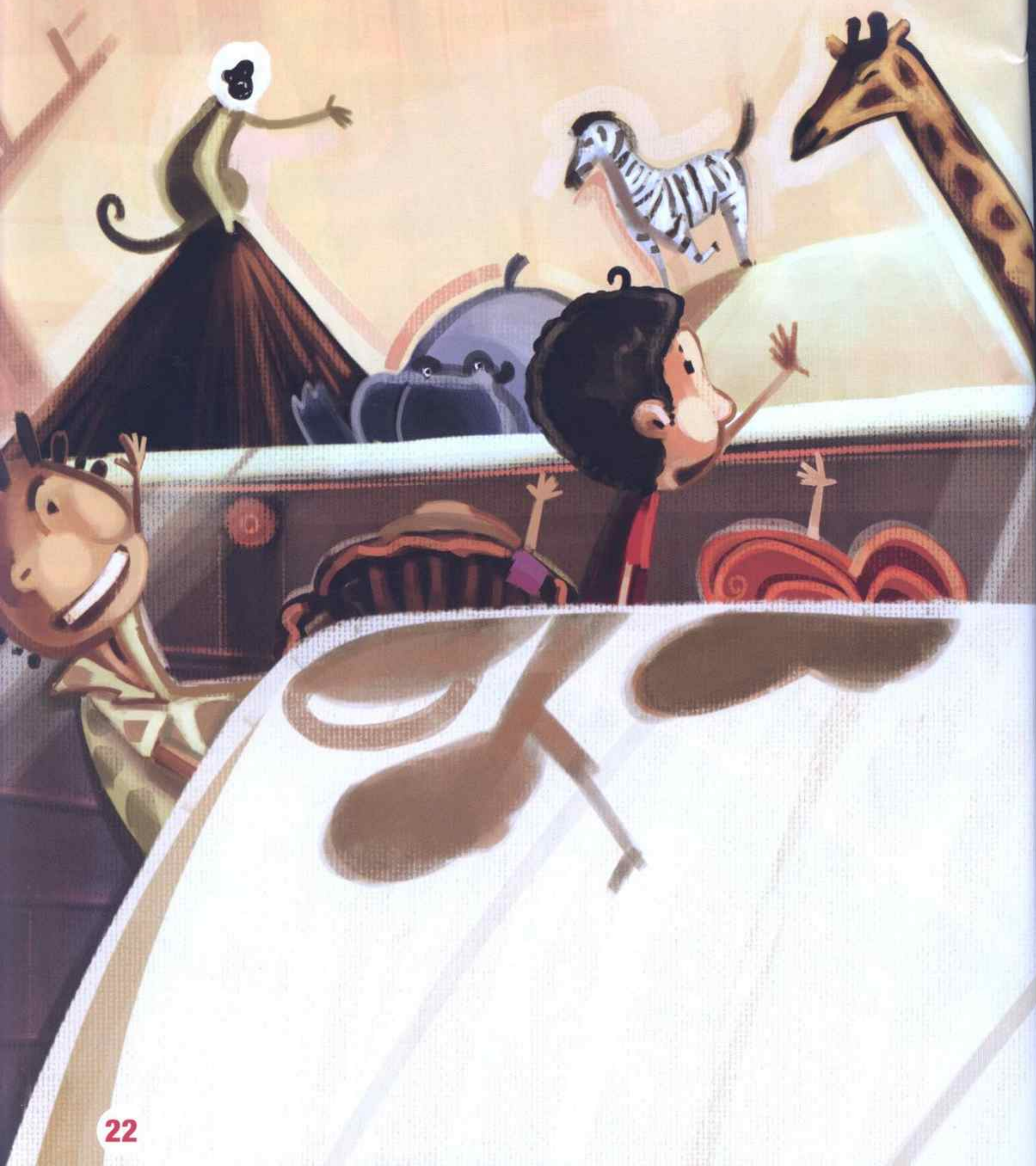






**Mr Seboa:** Come on, children! It's late now and it's time to go home.

**Children:** Bye-bye, animals! See you another time!





**Mr Seboa:** Bye-bye, everybody!

**Everybody:** What a lovely day! Bye-bye! Bye-bye!

**Mr Seboa:** Sit down, children!

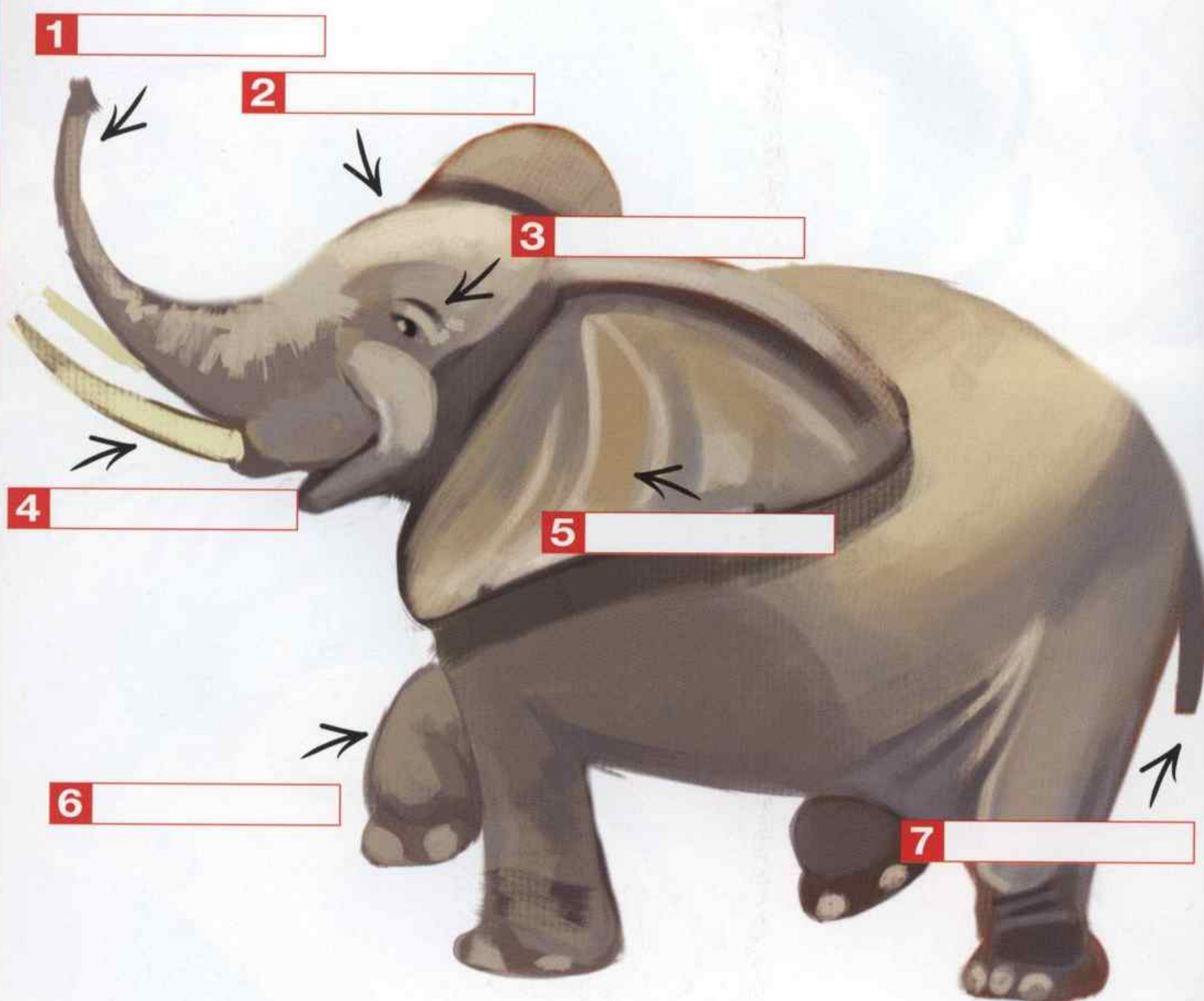




## An elephant

**1** Join the words to the parts of the body.

tusk      tail      head  
trunk      leg      eye      ear





## What's missing?

**2** Draw what's missing and write the name of each animal.

elephant  
lion

hippo  
monkey

kingfisher  
zebra



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## The monkey rhyme

**3** Say and mime the monkey rhyme.



Funny funny you



Funny funny me

Funny little monkey

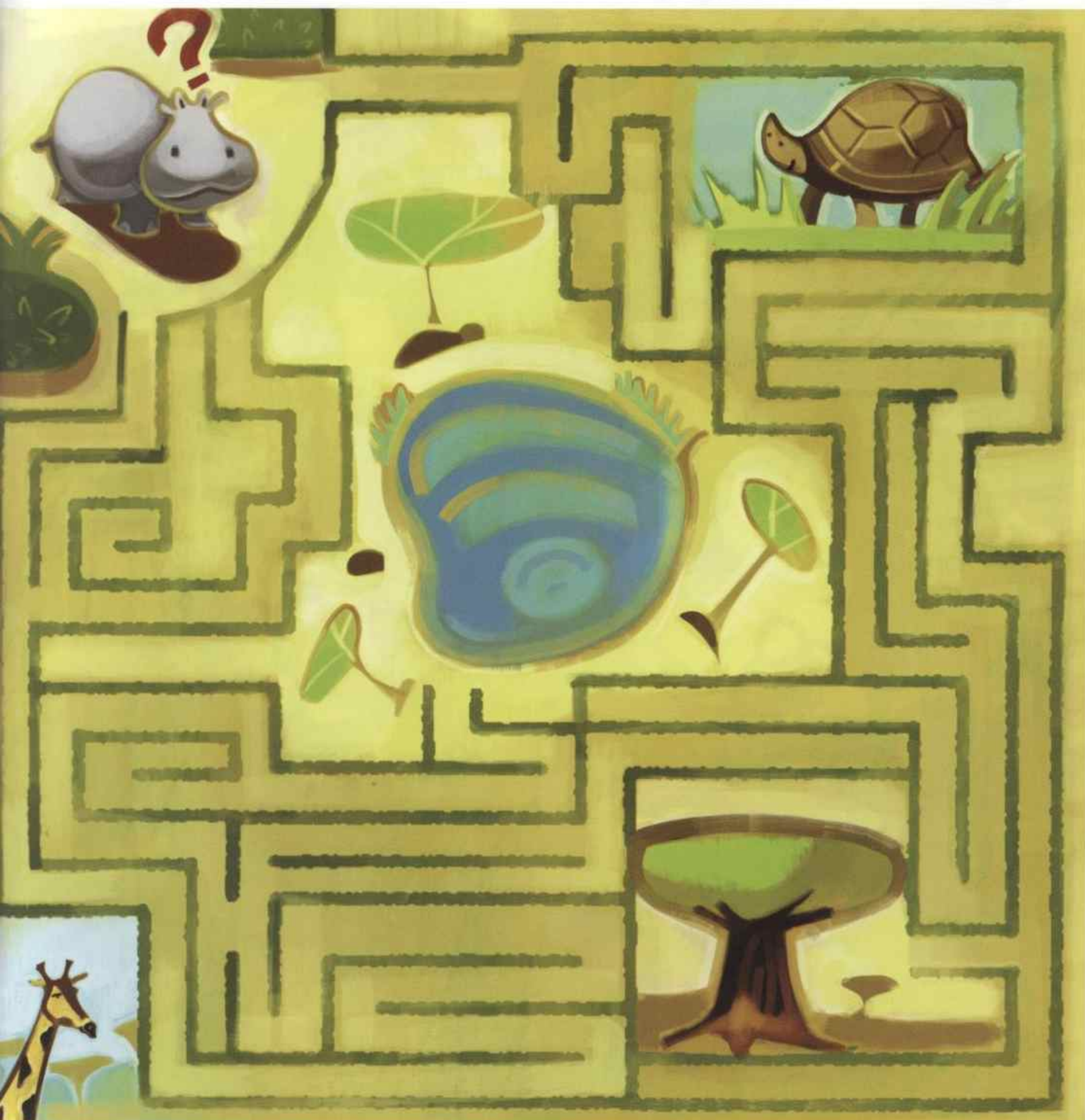


Swing from the tree



## A maze

**4** Where's the pond? Help the hippo.



**Now the hippo is happy. Sing along.**

I'm a happy happy hippo, yes I am!

I'm a happy happy hippo, yes I am!

I'm a happy happy hippo, happy happy happy hippo,

I'm a happy happy hippo, yes I am!



## How many are there?

**5 Count and write the numbers.**

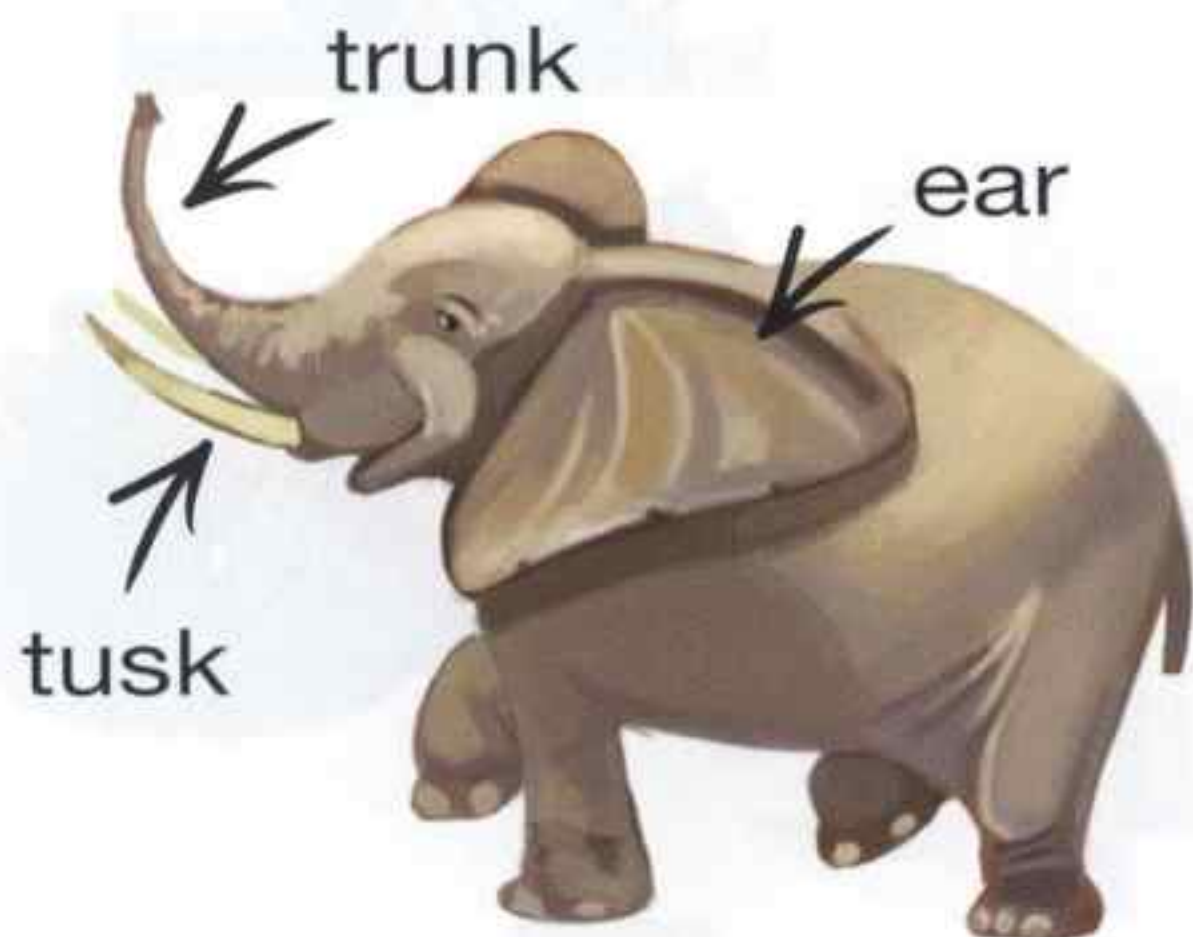


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| <b>1</b> There are ..... children. | <b>6</b> There are ..... monkeys.     |
| <b>2</b> There are ..... ponds.    | <b>7</b> There are ..... giraffes.    |
| <b>3</b> There are ..... bananas.  | <b>8</b> There are ..... hippos.      |
| <b>4</b> There are ..... trees.    | <b>9</b> There are ..... kingfishers. |
| <b>5</b> There are ..... lions.    | <b>10</b> There is ..... elephant.    |



# Picture Dictionary

elephant :



kingfisher :



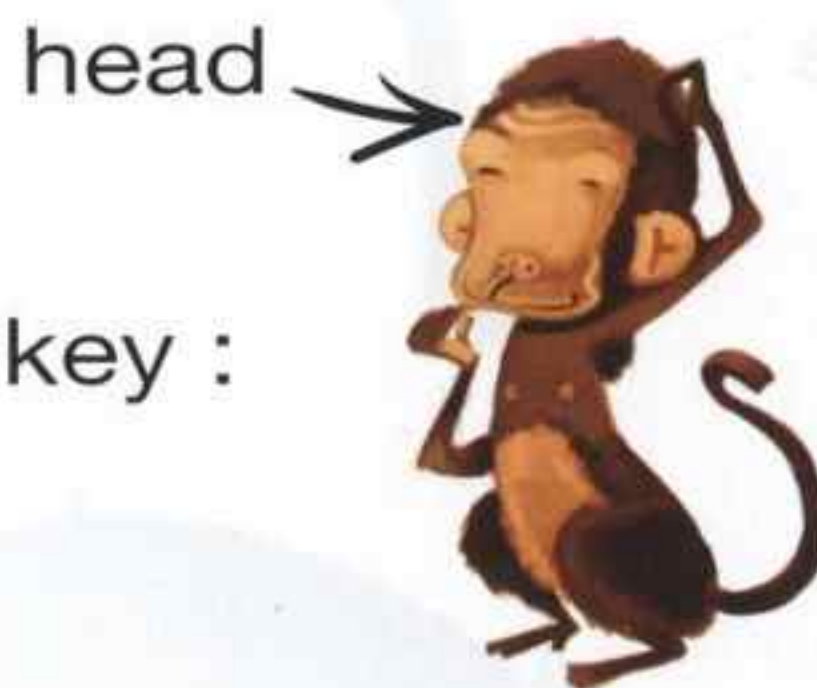
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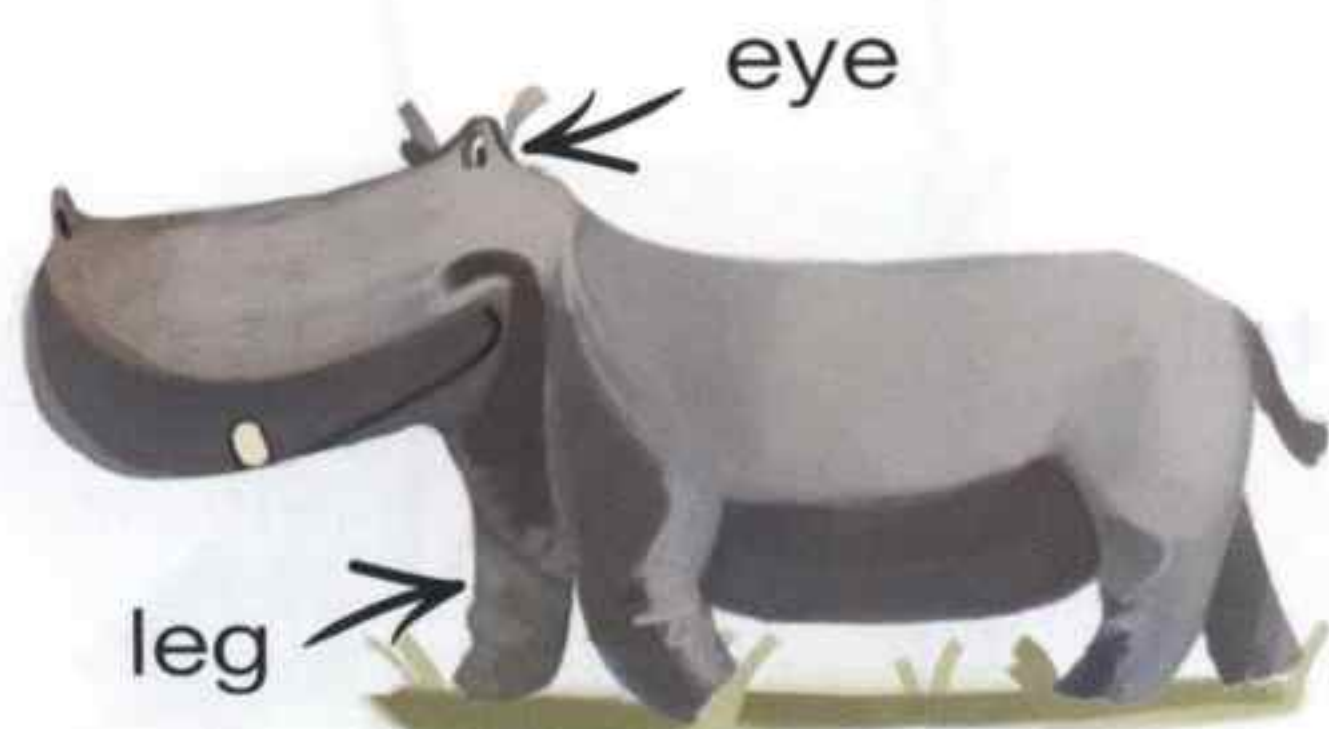
giraffe :



monkey :



hippo :



zebra :





bush :



excited :



grass :



funny :



mud :



pond :



happy :



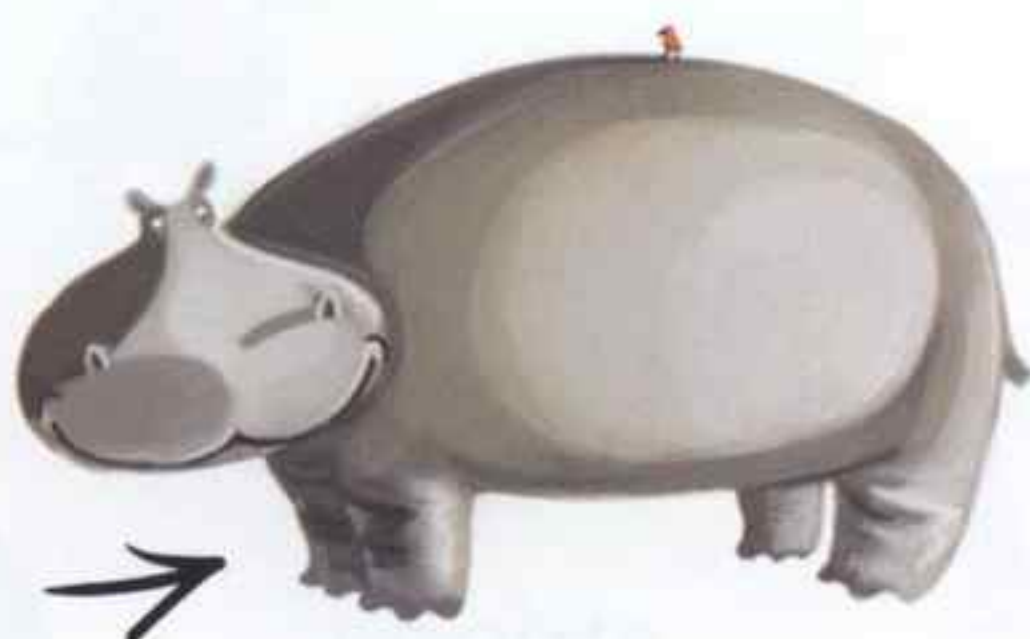
tree :



long :



big :



small :



tall :





Activity 1:

1 trunk; 2 head; 3 eye; 4 tusk; 5 ear; 6 leg; 7 tail

Activity 2:

1 elephant (trunk); 2 zebra (stripes); 3 kingfisher (feathers); 4 lion (mane); 5 hippo (ears); 6 monkey (tail)

Activity 5:

1 5; 2 3; 3 10; 4 7; 5 2; 6 6; 7 3; 8 2; 9 7; 10 1

Activity 4:



sit down :



look :



on :



near :



let's go :



in :



come on :





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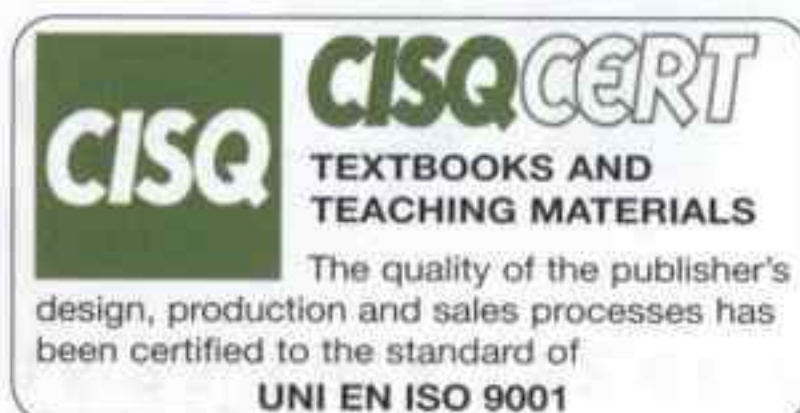
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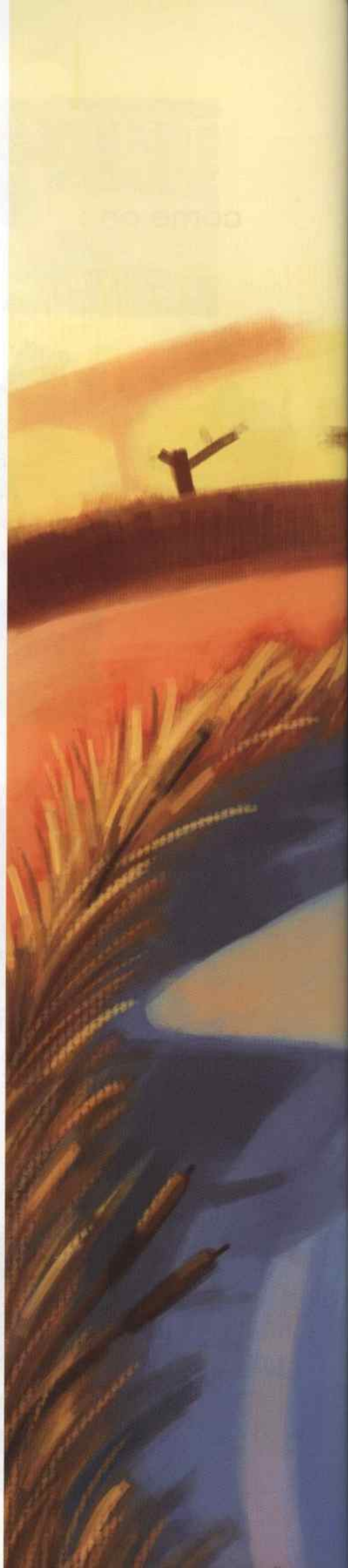
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