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By Karen Lee



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Award-winning **Karen Lee** has turned from illustrator to author/illustrator with *ABC Safari*. Karen was inspired to write this book after a visit to Mote Marine where she comments that the manatees “were surprisingly beautiful, comical, and graceful.” She started sketching animals and wanted to include animals from all over the world. Karen has spent over three years working on this project which was the runner-up for the SCBWI 2005 Don Freeman Grant. Karen is the illustrator of award-winning math series: *One Odd Day, My Even Day*, and *My Half Day*. Karen is also the recipient of the 2004 SCBWI Magazine Merit Award for her work in *Highlights for Children*. Karen and her illustrator husband raise their family outside of Raleigh, NC.



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It’s not just an “ABC” book—it’s an around-the-world animal rhyming journey. Visit both familiar and exotic animals in different habitats, biomes, and geographic regions. From the cold tundra to the hot deserts and from the jungles of Africa to the high Himalayan Mountains, find the hidden safari boy and his pet parrot in each illustration.

It’s so much more than a picture book . . . this book is specifically designed to be both a fun-to-read story and a launch pad for discussions and learning. Whether read at home or in a classroom, we encourage adults to do the activities with the young children in their lives. Free online resources and support at www.ArbordalePublishing.com include:

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For Richard, who would have been proud; and for Marilyn, who is-KJL
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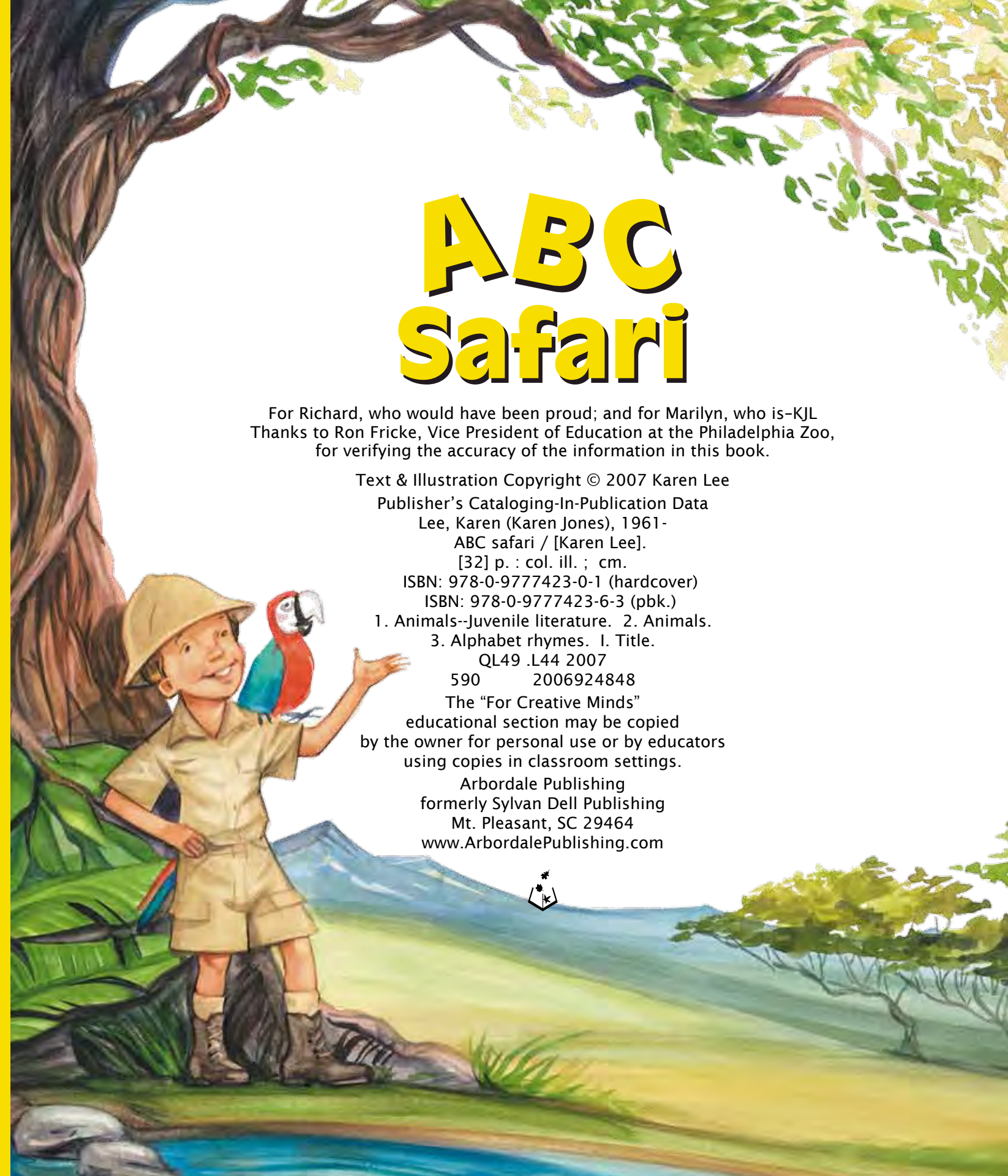
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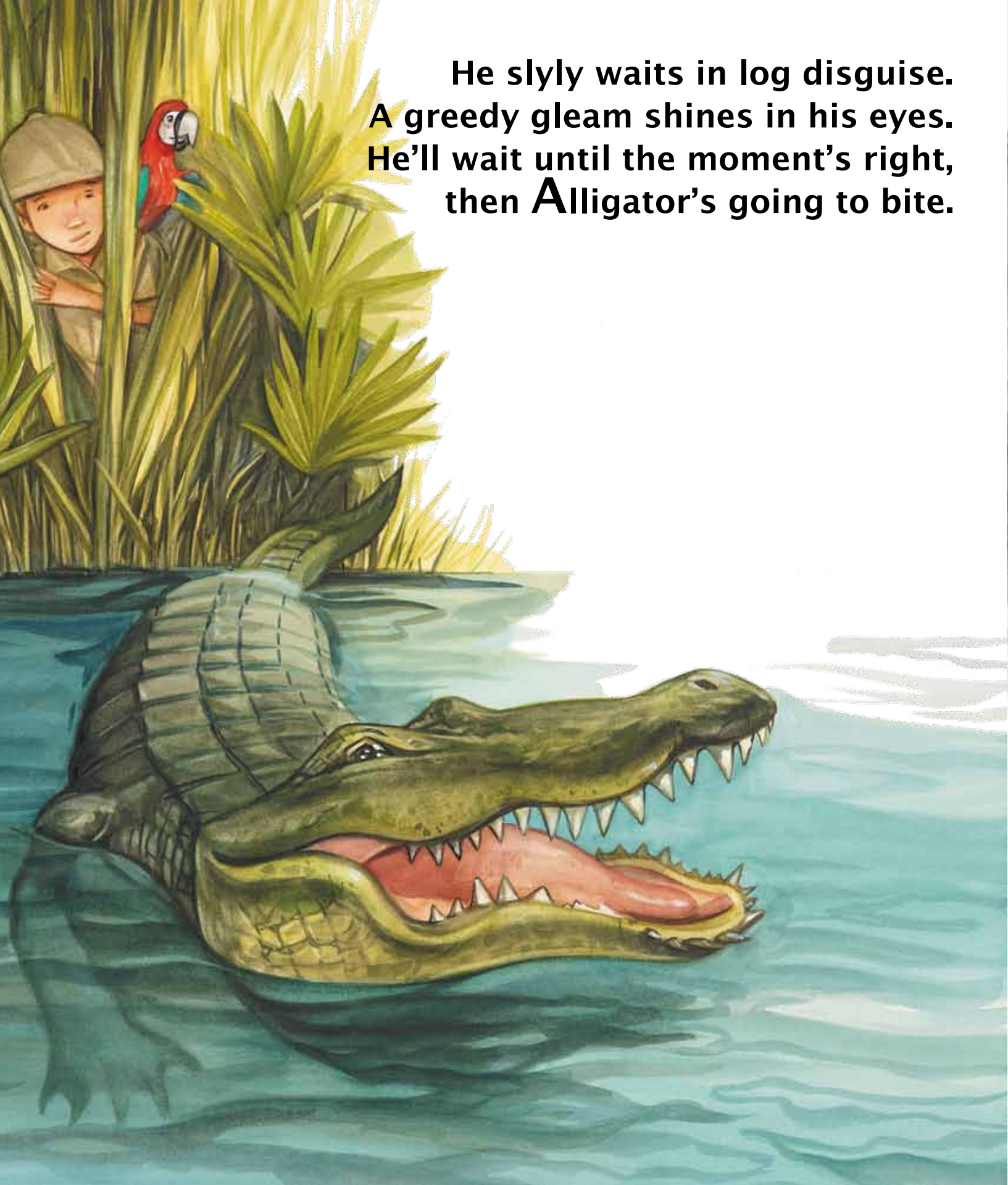
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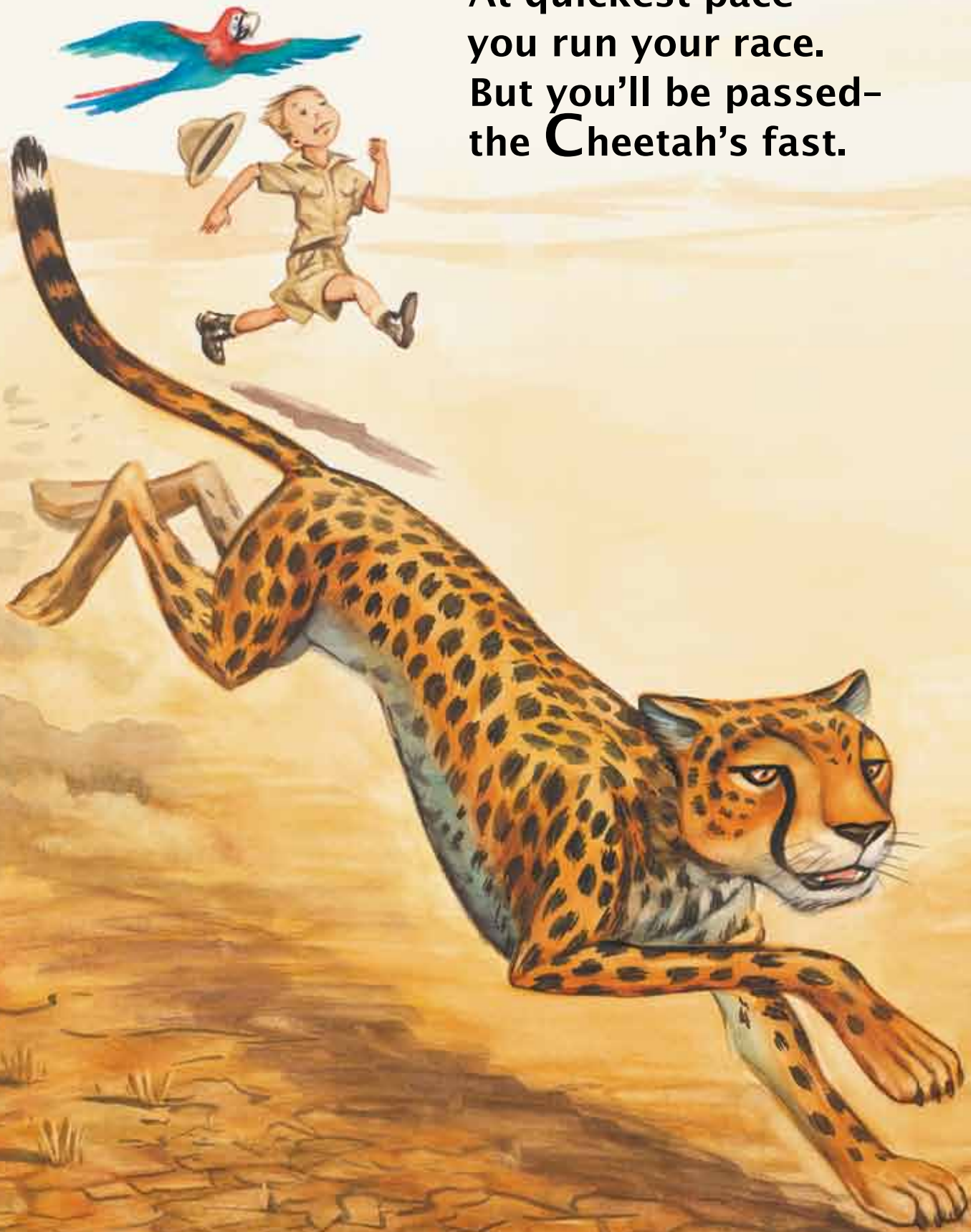
He slyly waits in log disguise.
A greedy gleam shines in his eyes.
He'll wait until the moment's right,
then **A**lligator's going to bite.



This creature loves to cut down trees—
long teeth can handle that with ease.
She stacks the logs into a dome
which then becomes the **B**eaver's home.



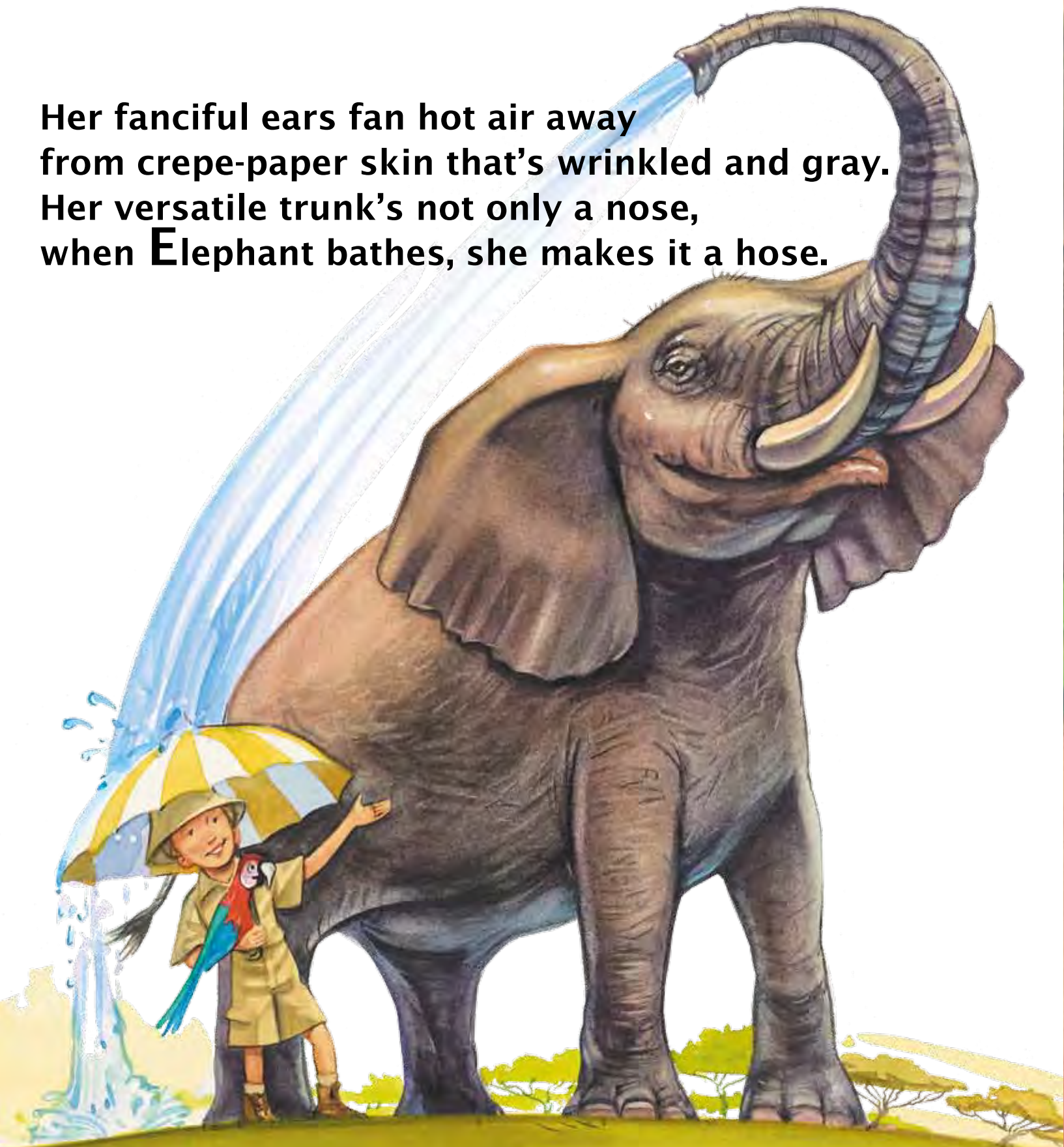
At quickest pace
you run your race.
But you'll be passed—
the **C**heetah's fast.



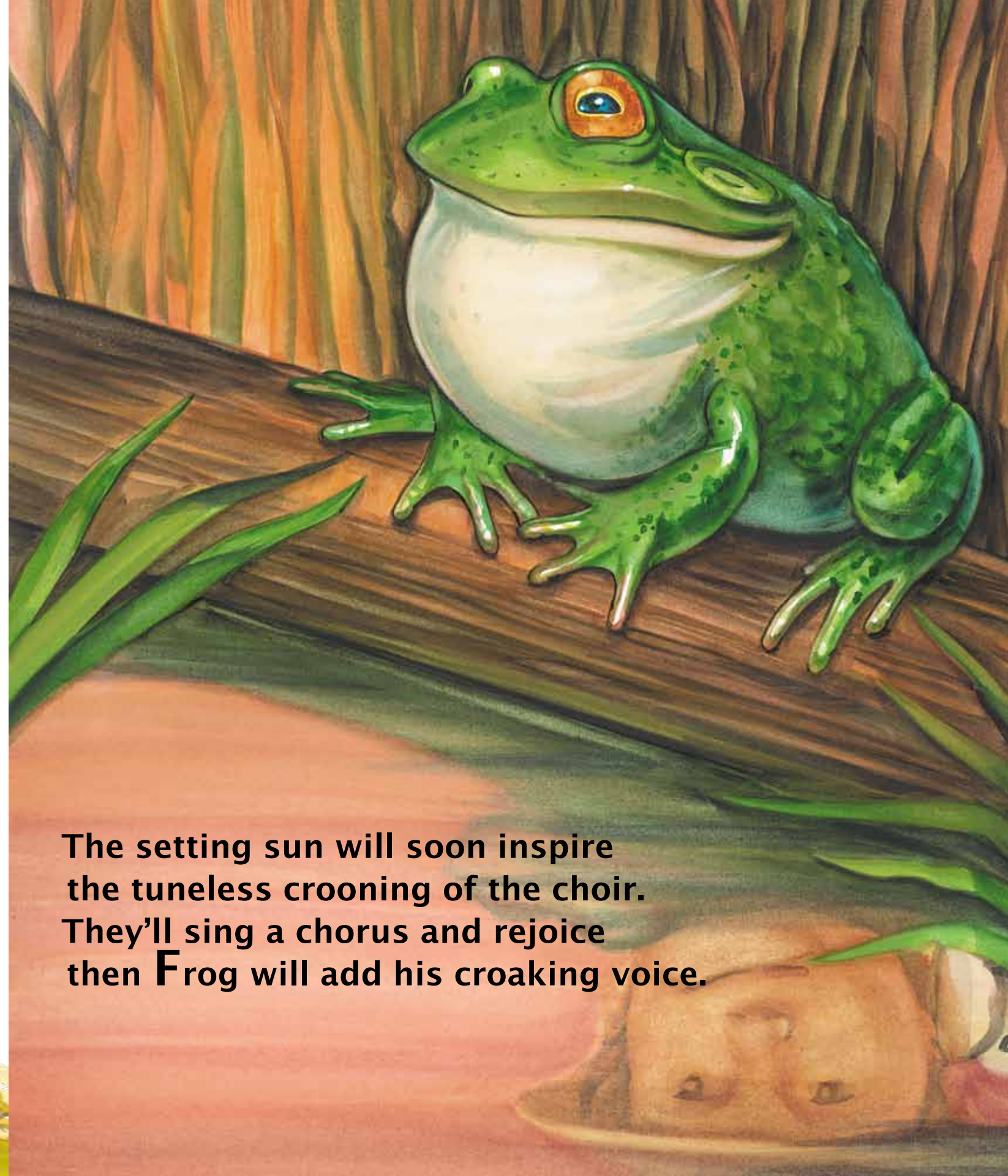
A flip, a spin, a playful leap,
she slips through waves, then dives down deep.
These joyful jumps are a jubilee
because the **D**olphin loves the sea.



Her fanciful ears fan hot air away
from crepe-paper skin that's wrinkled and gray.
Her versatile trunk's not only a nose,
when **E**lephant bathes, she makes it a hose.



The setting sun will soon inspire
the tuneless crooning of the choir.
They'll sing a chorus and rejoice
then **F**rog will add his croaking voice.

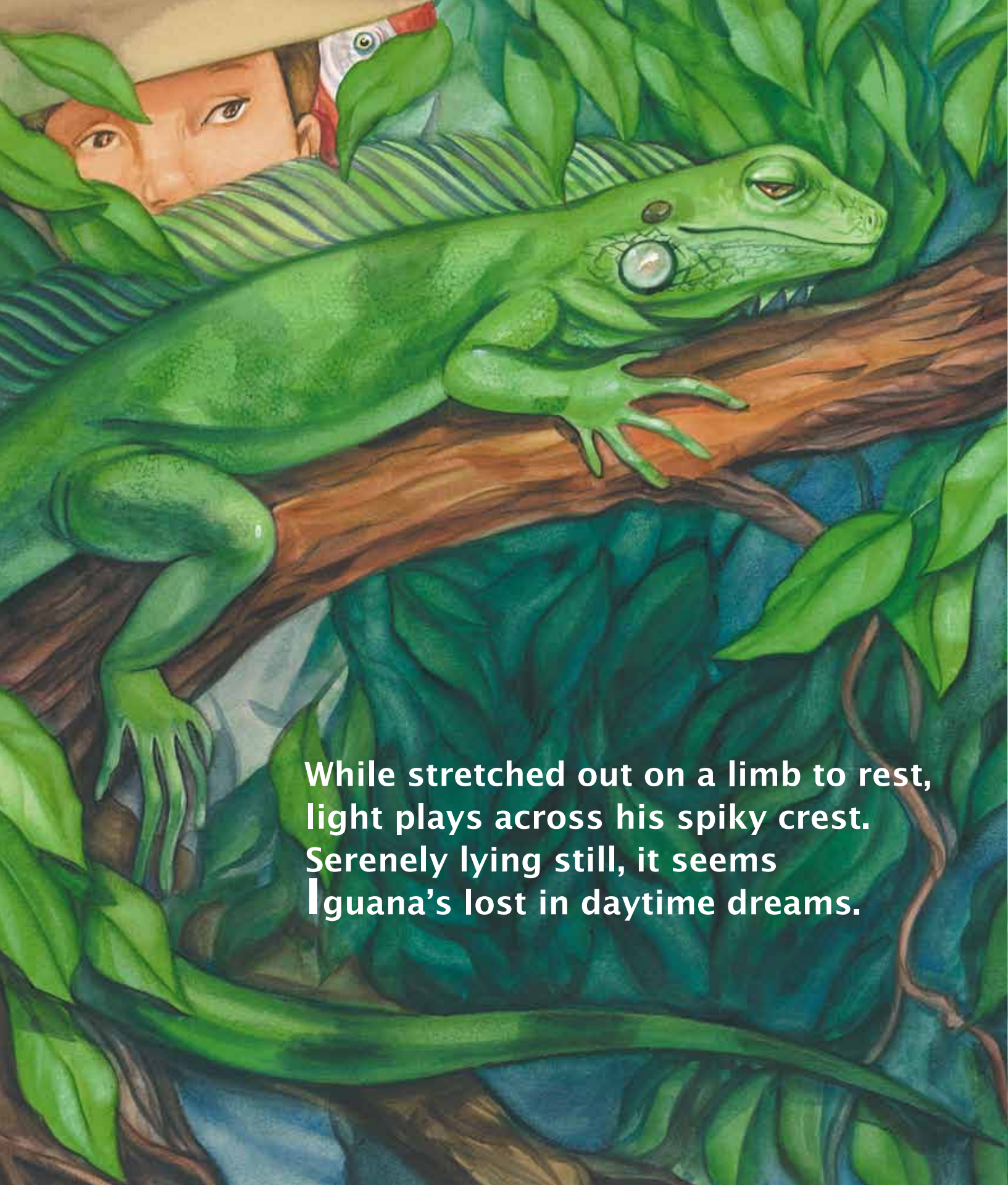




The greatest of apes, none that are bigger,
can crash through the jungle with muscle and vigor.
Although he's well known for his bone-crushing power,
the gentle **G**orilla will cradle a flower.

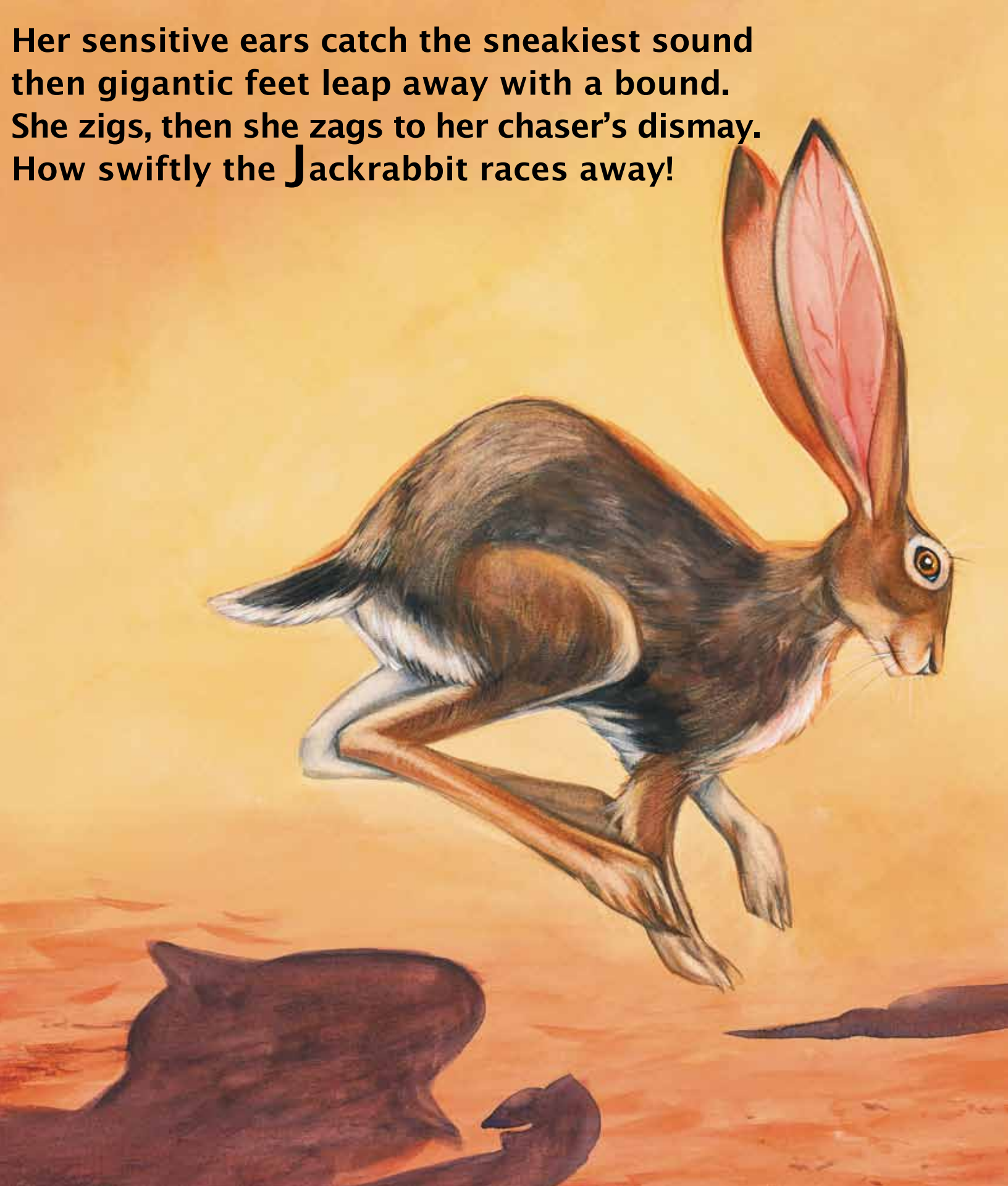


So big and bulky on dry land,
this heavy hulk can hardly stand.
But she can swim with buoyant grace.
The river is the **H**ippo's place.



While stretched out on a limb to rest,
light plays across his spiky crest.
Serenely lying still, it seems
Iguana's lost in daytime dreams.

Her sensitive ears catch the sneakiest sound
then gigantic feet leap away with a bound.
She zigs, then she zags to her chaser's dismay.
How swiftly the Jackrabbit races away!



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Copy and cut out the "animal cards." Sort by animal class or by what the animals eat. If desired, make two copies of the cards and play "memory."



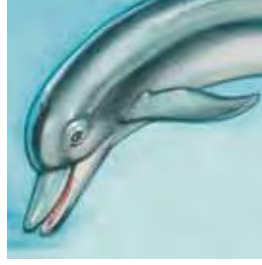
Alligators
Reptiles
Aa
Meat eaters
Their eyes are high on their heads so that they can see while they are in the water.



Beavers
Mammals
Bb
Plant eaters
Beavers' teeth grow, like our hair. They nibble on trees to keep their teeth from getting too long!



Cheetahs
Mammals
Cc
Meat eaters
Cheetahs usually run about 30 miles per hour (mph) but can run short distances at 60 or 70 mph!



Dolphins
Mammals
Dd
Meat eaters
Even though dolphins live in the ocean, they breathe air.



Elephants
Mammals
Ee
Plant eaters
Elephants can use their trunks to pick berries or to push over trees.



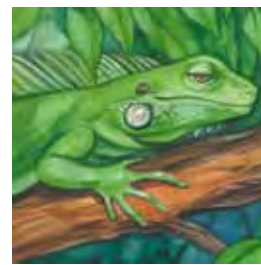
Frogs
Amphibians
Ff
Meat eaters
There are over 4,900 species of frogs in the world that range in size from ½ inch to 15 inches.



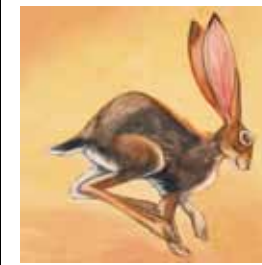
Gorillas
Mammals
Gg
Plant eaters
Their hands are similar to ours—five fingers, and they even have "thumbs."



Hippopotamus
Mammals
Hh
Plant eaters
They can close their nostrils so they don't get water up their noses!



Iguanas
Reptiles
Ii
Plant eaters
Iguanas are lizards that live all over the world including rainforests and deserts.




Jackrabbits
Mammals
Jj
Plant eaters
Jackrabbits have very long ears - up to five inches long.



Koalas
Mammals
Kk
Plant eaters
Koalas have extra fur on their bottoms to keep them comfortable while sitting in trees.



Lions
Mammals
Ll
Meat eaters
Lions sleep between 16 and 20 hours a day.




Manatees
Mammals
Mm
Plant eaters
Manatees sometimes use their front flippers to push food into their mouths.



Newts
Amphibians
Nn
Meat eaters
Newts have four "toes" on their front feet and five "toes" on their back feet.



Owls
Birds
Oo
Meat eaters
Their eyes are very big in order to let the light in at night.



Penguins
Birds
Pp
Meat eaters
These birds do not fly, but they swim and can see underwater.



Quails
Birds
Qq
Plant eaters
Quails "marry" for life.



Rhinoceroses
Mammals
Rr
Plant eaters
Men hunt Rhinos for their horns, and these mammals are close to extinction.





Ss

Sea Lions
Mammals
Meat eaters
Sea lions can dive up to 600 feet in order to get their fish dinner.



Uu

Urials
Mammals
Plant eaters
Urials are a type of wild sheep that live high in the mountains.



Ww

Wolves
Mammals
Meat eaters
Wolves hunt as a group but will only kill animals that they will eat.



Yy

Yak
Mammals
Plant eaters
Himalayan Natives use yaks to carry things high in the mountains.



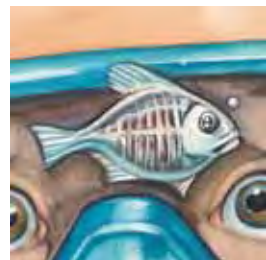
Tt

Tigers
Mammals
Meat eaters
After eating, tigers bury leftovers in order to hide them from other animals.



Vv

Vultures
Birds
Meat eaters
Vultures' heads don't have many feathers so they won't get all dirty when they eat.



Xx

X-ray Fish
Fish
Meat eaters
These tiny fish (less than two inches long) live in some freshwater rivers in South America.



Zz

Zebra
Mammals
Plant eaters
Zebras can be identified by their stripe patterns.



Our trip is now over; we've safely returned.
The sights we've discovered!
The things we have learned!
We've run out of letters, my thrill seeking friend.
There's nothing to say now except for . . . the end

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