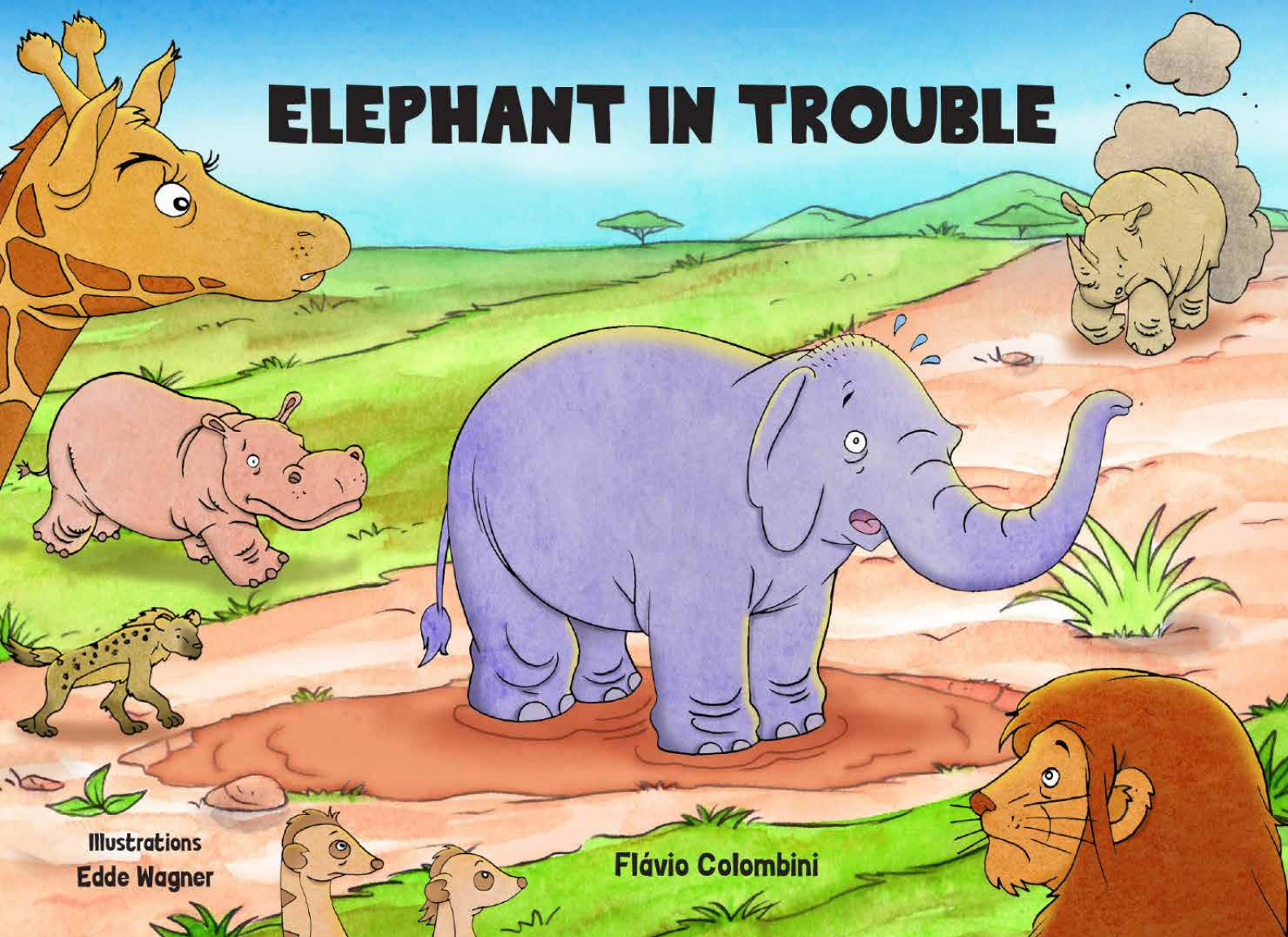


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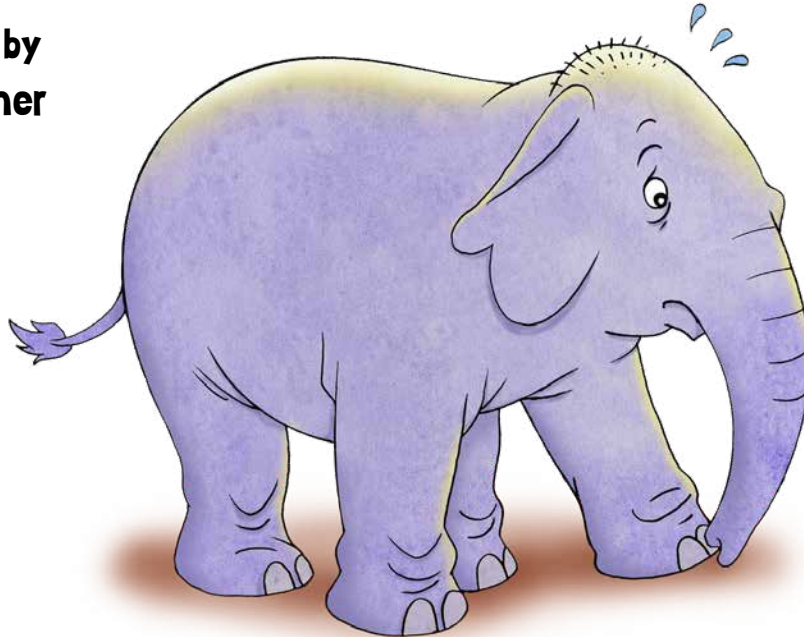


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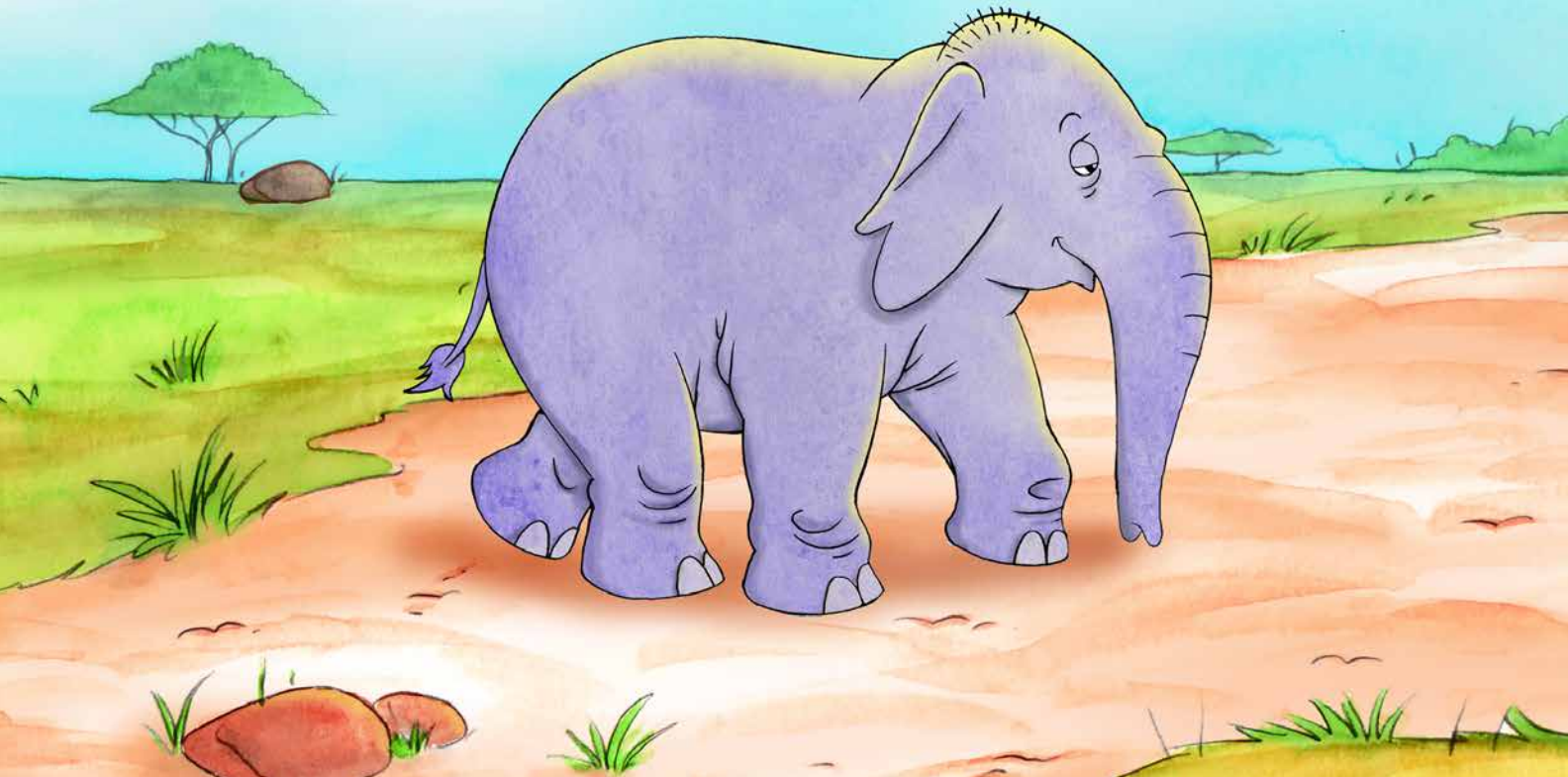


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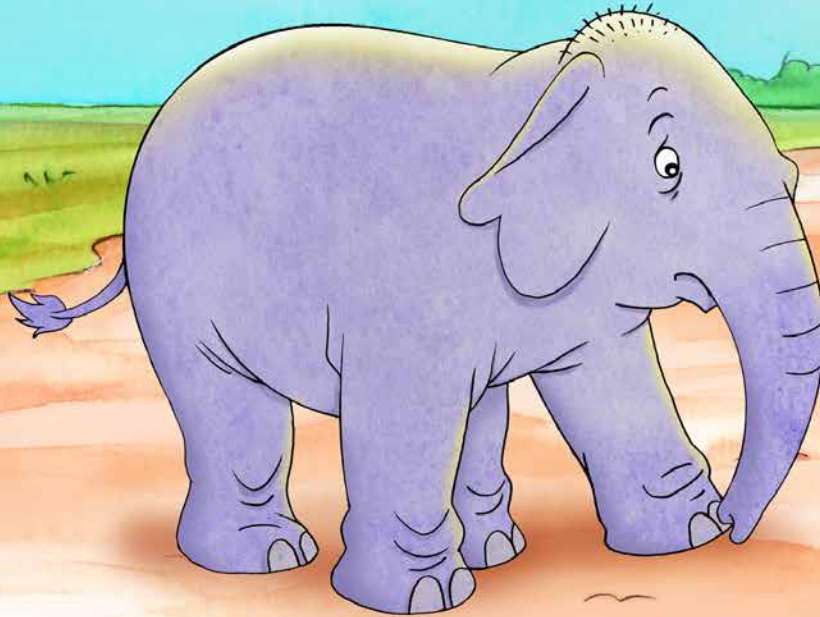
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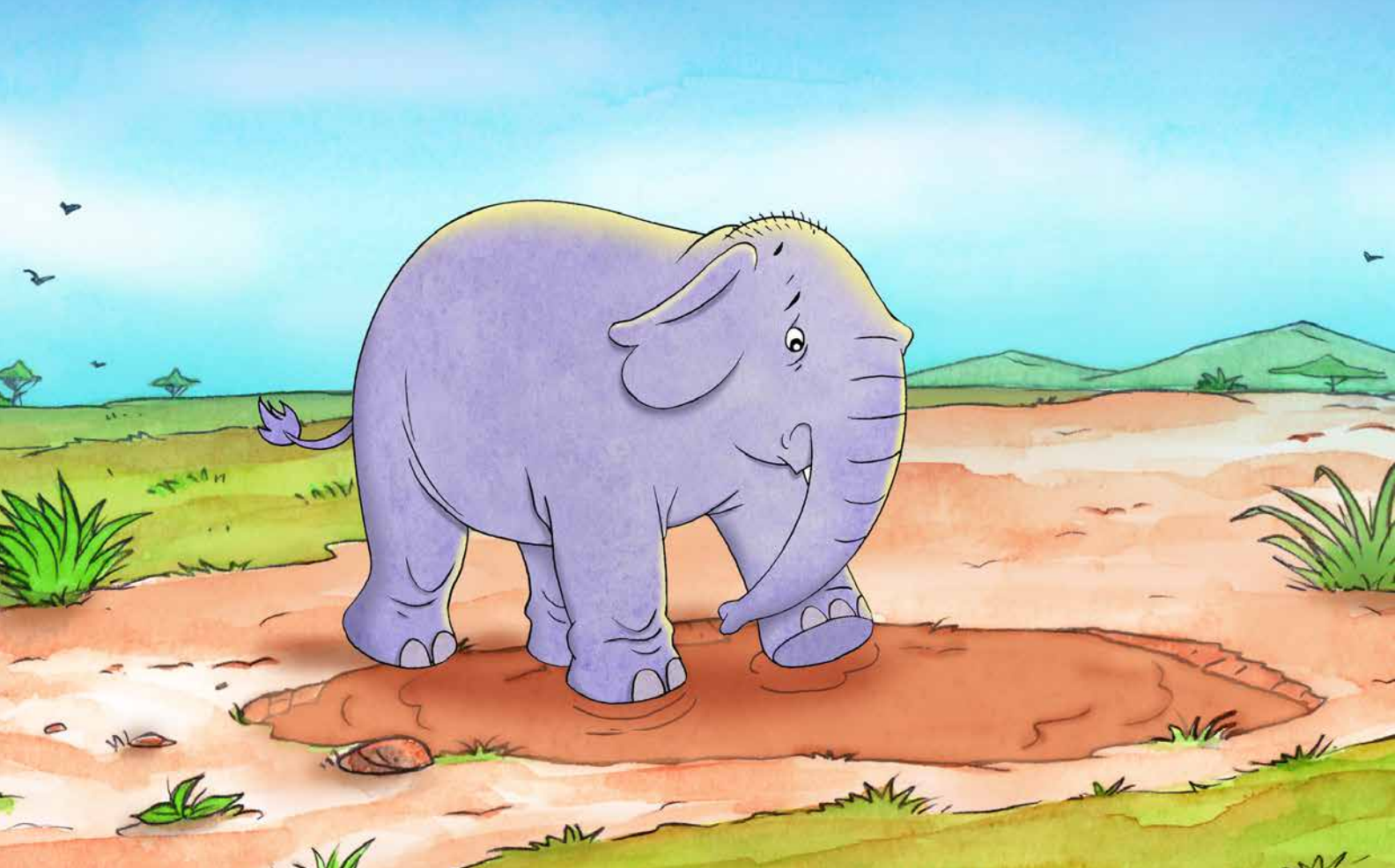
One day, a big elephant was walking in the African savannah...



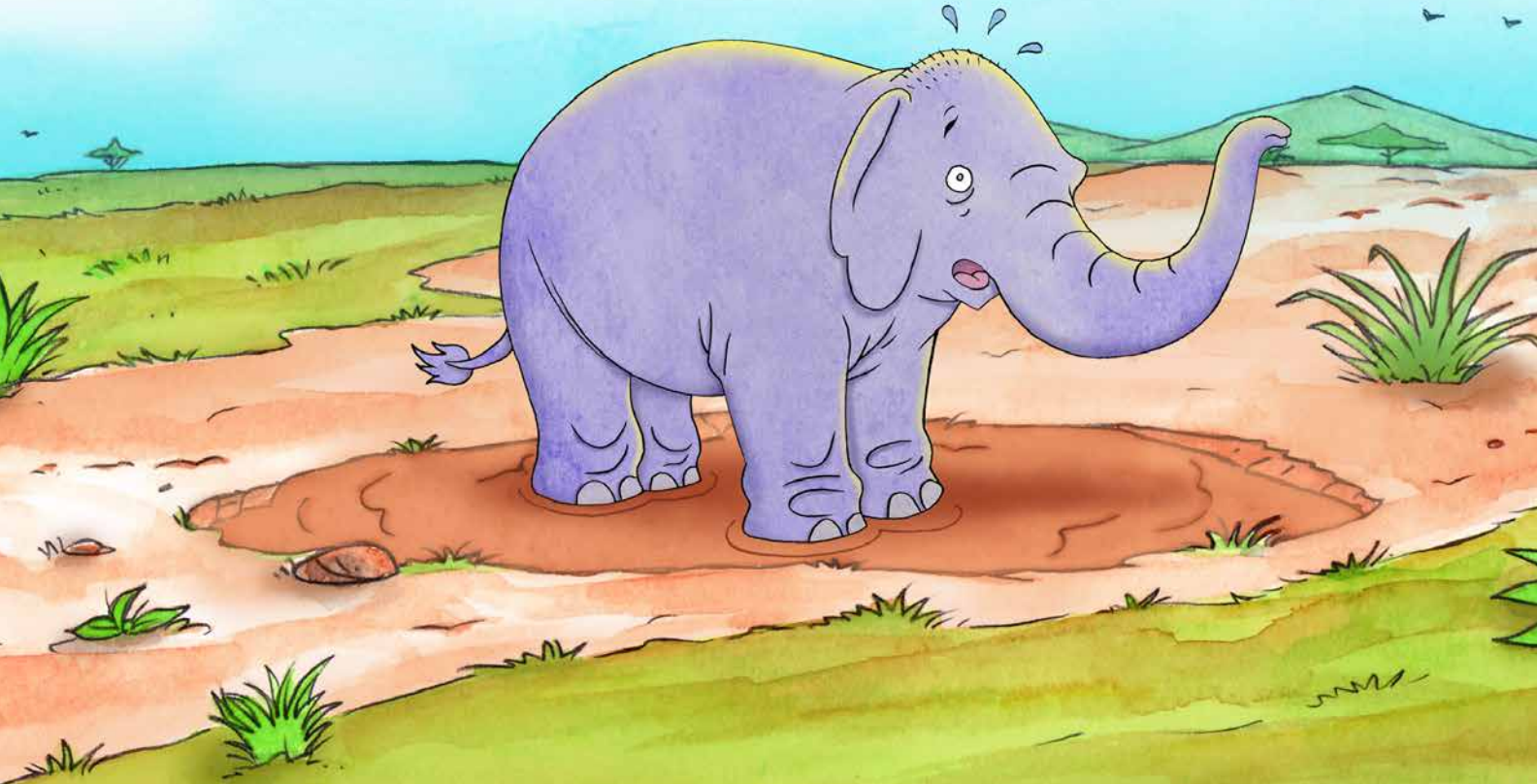
**when he saw something moving on the ground.
He went closer to see what it could be.**



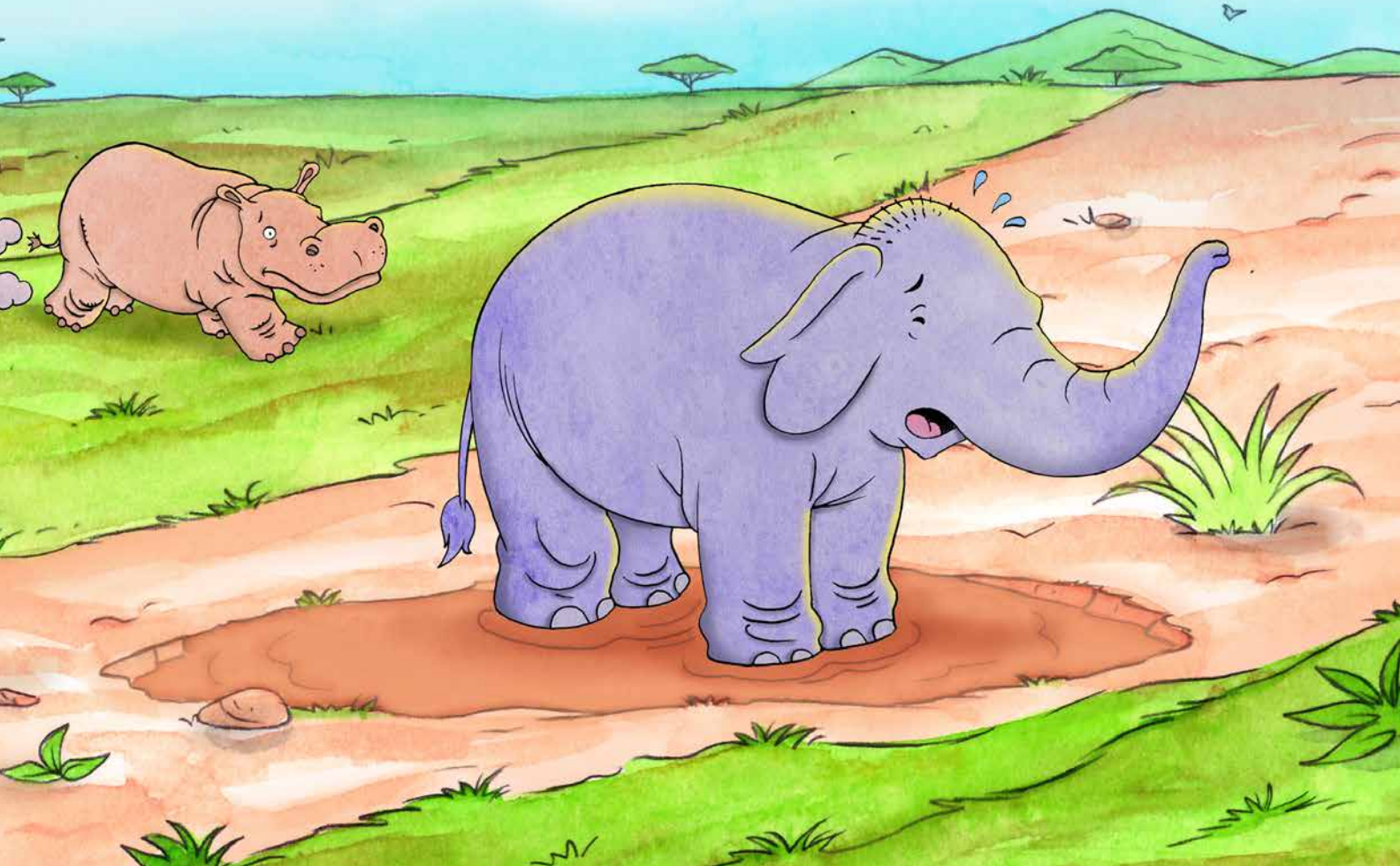
Then he noticed that the earth beneath him felt rather soft.



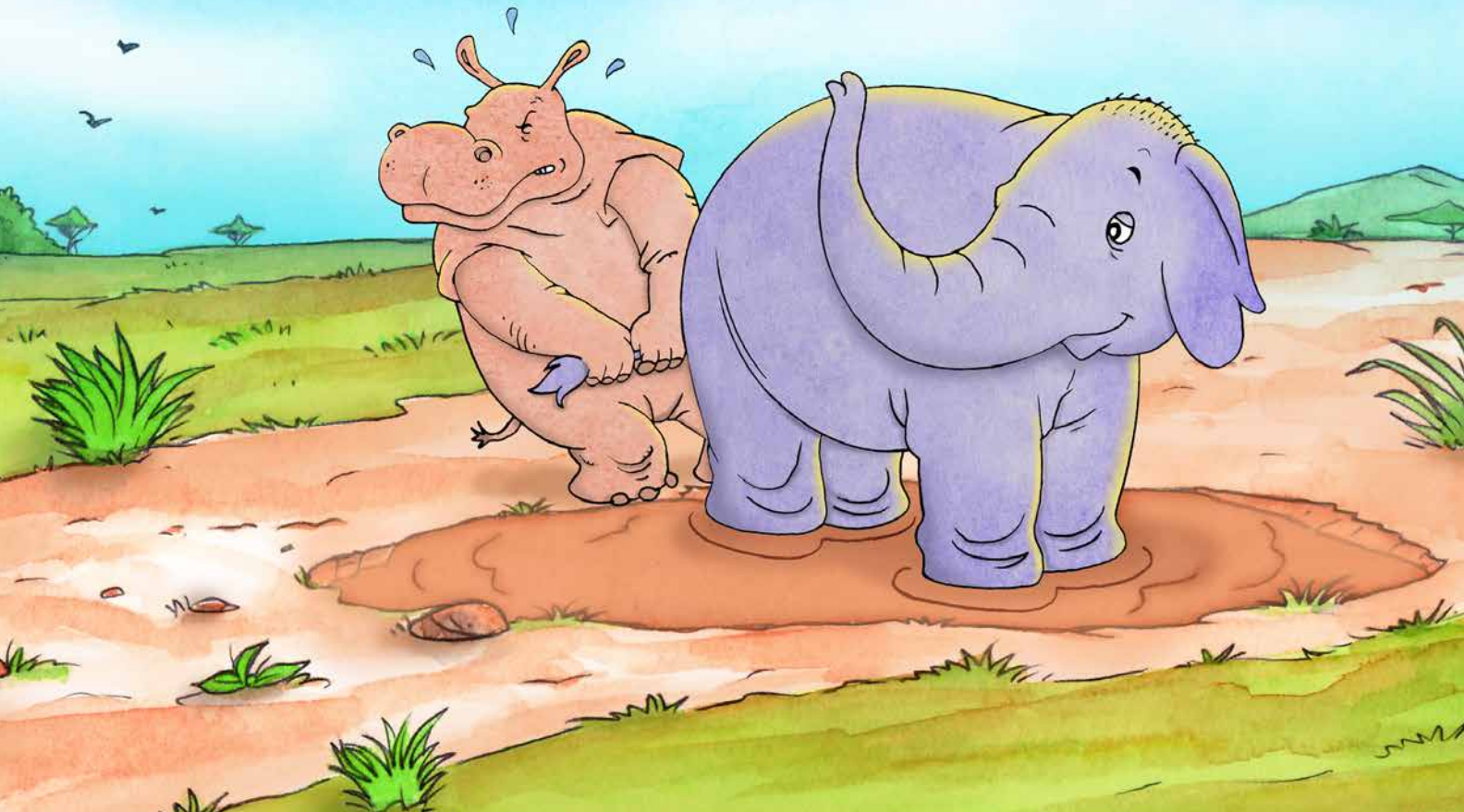
Before he knew it, the elephant's feet were stuck to the ground and he began to sink. "Oh no! I walked into quicksand!" the elephant moaned. "Please, somebody help me!"



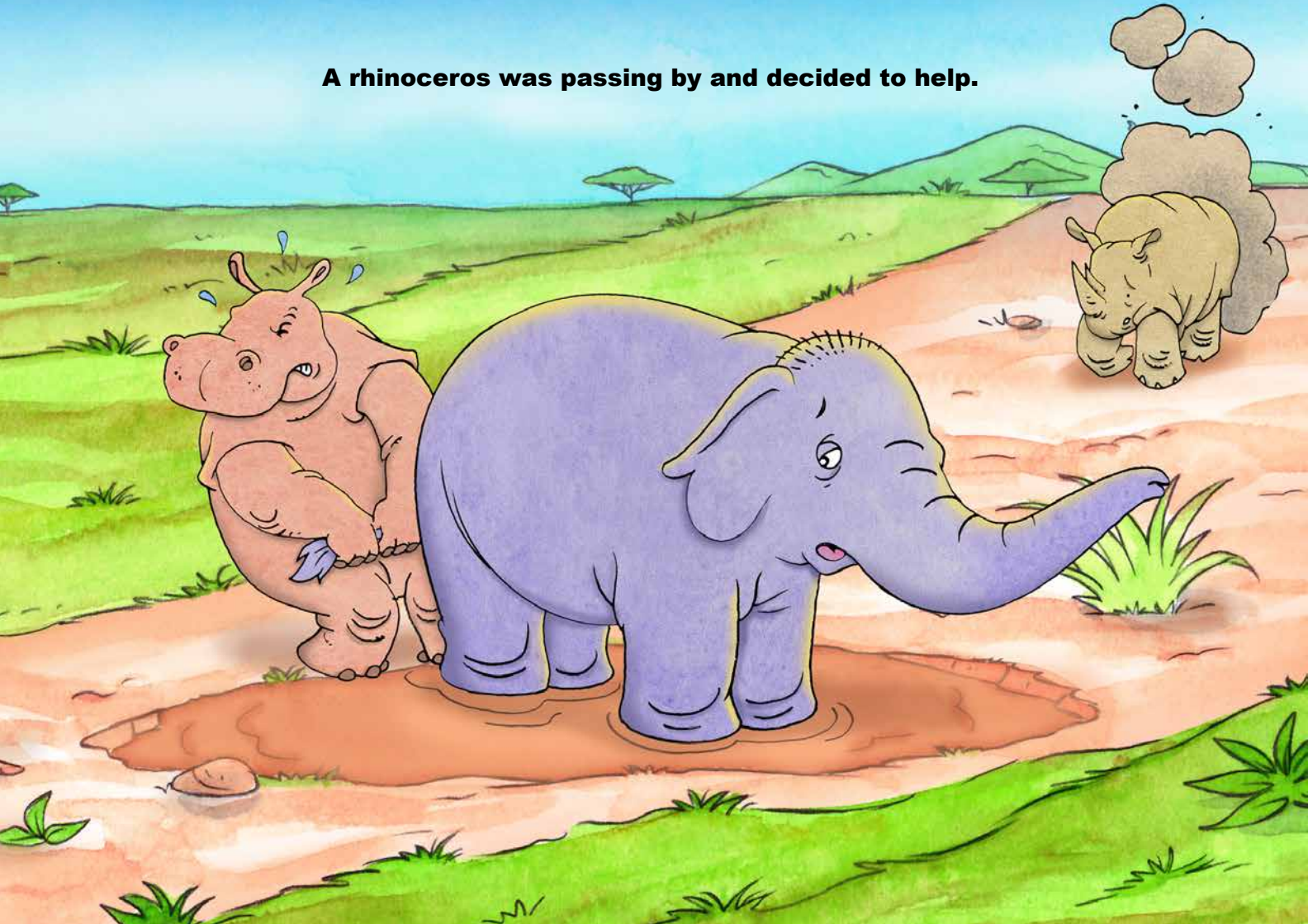
A hippopotamus heard the cry and decided to help the elephant.



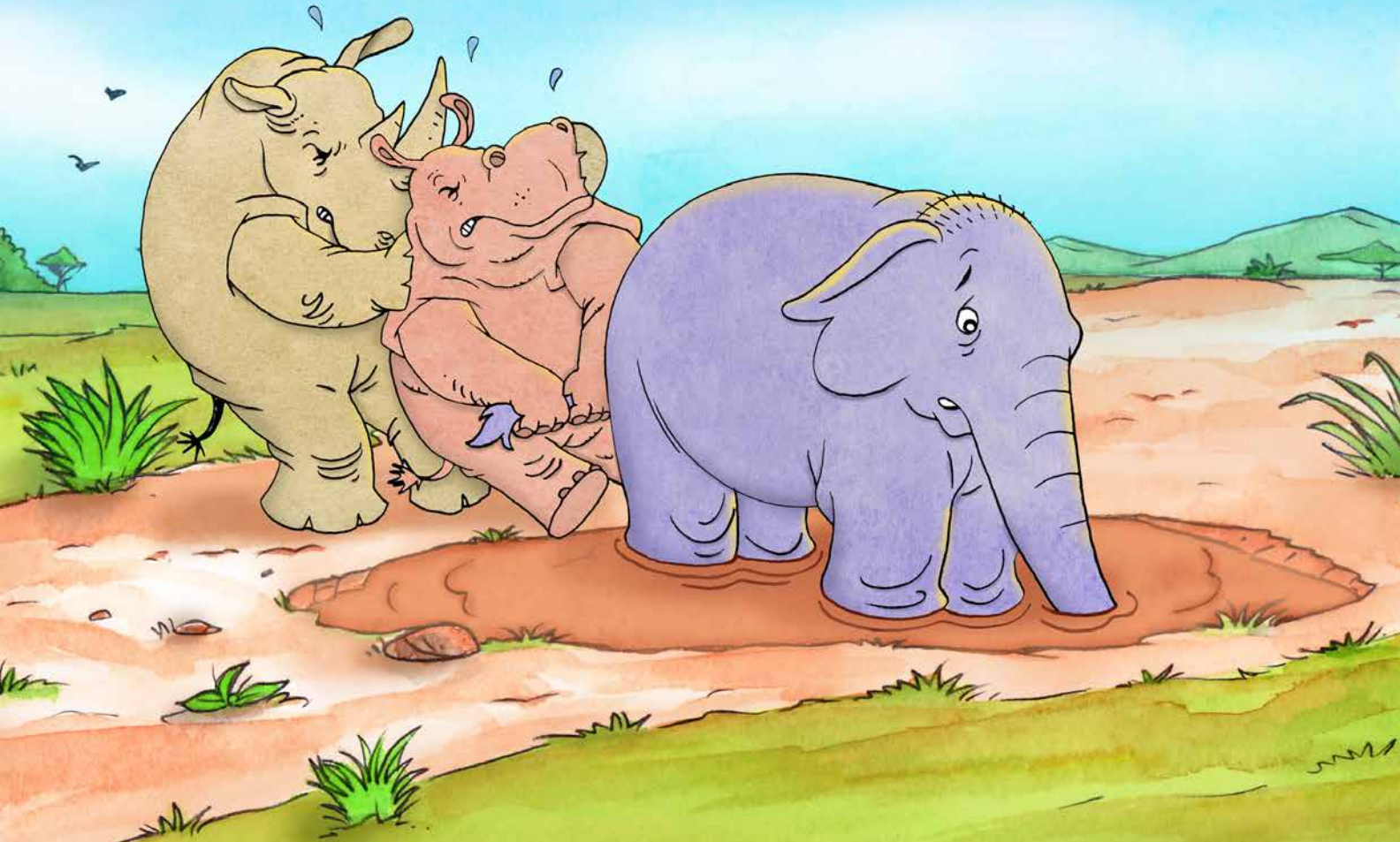
He pulled, and pulled again... but he couldn't get the elephant out.



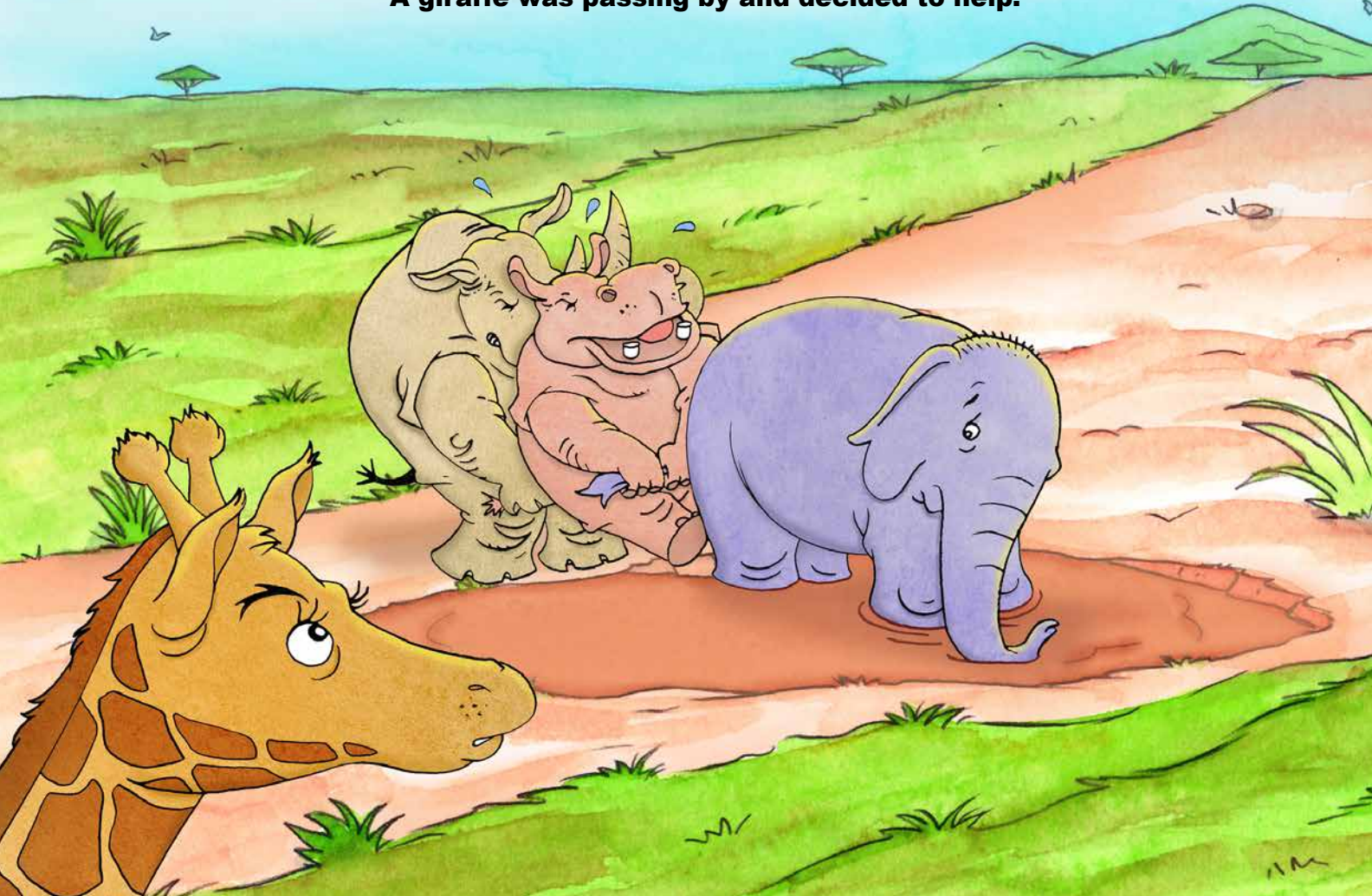
A rhinoceros was passing by and decided to help.



**The rhinoceros pulled the hippopotamus, who pulled the elephant.
They pulled, and pulled again... but they couldn't get the elephant out.**



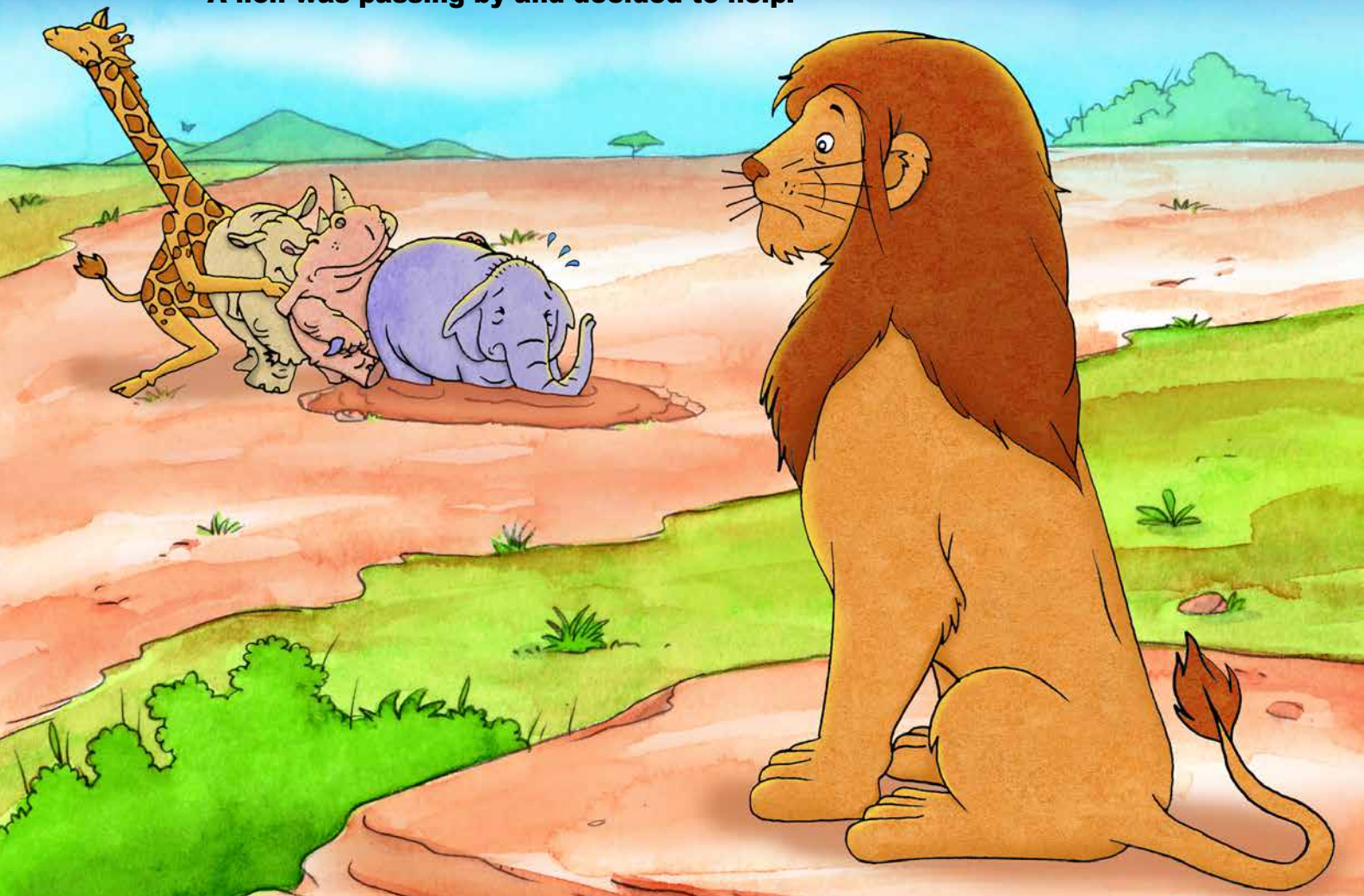
A giraffe was passing by and decided to help.



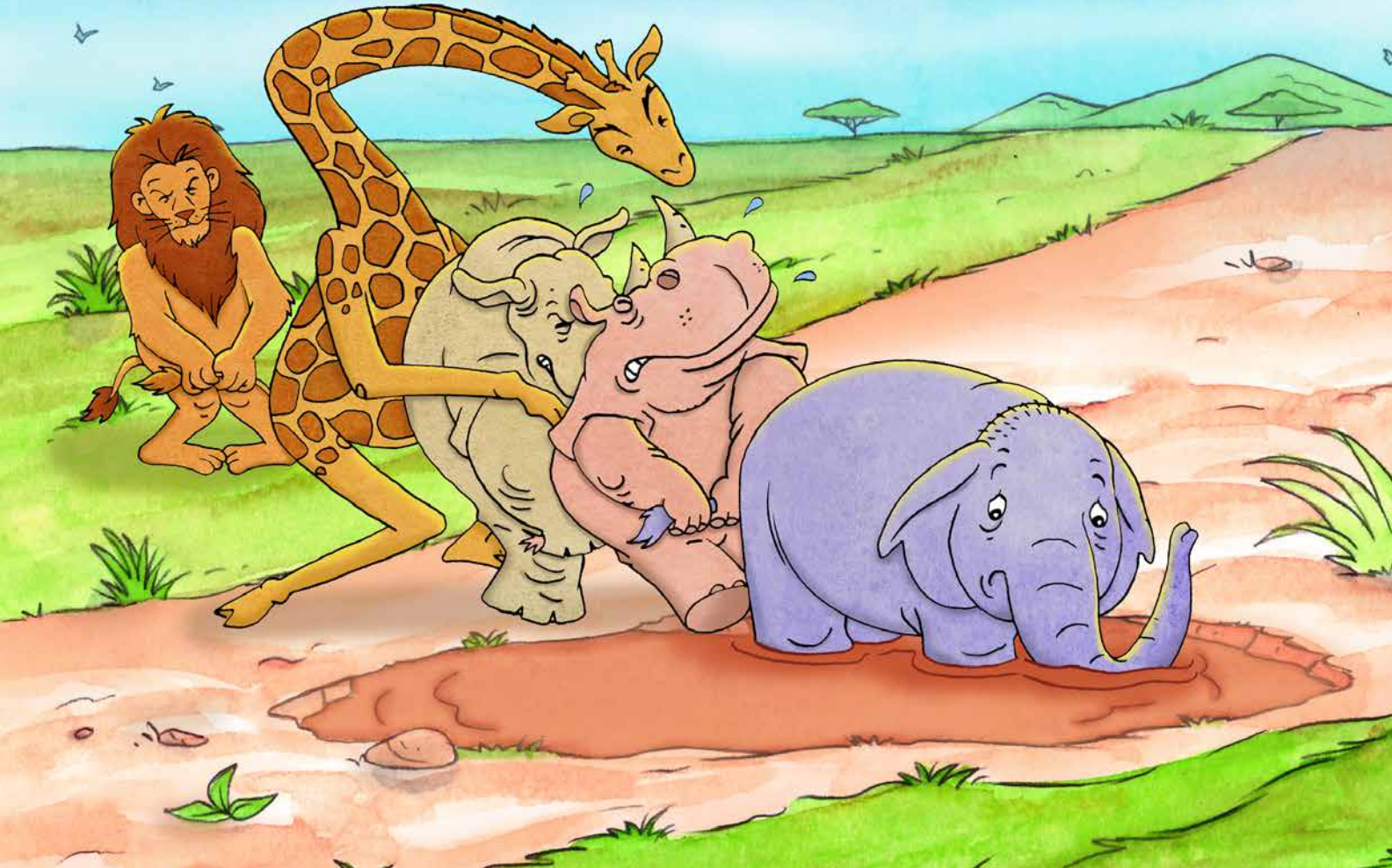
The giraffe pulled the rhino, who pulled the hippo, who pulled the elephant. They pulled, and pulled again... but they couldn't get the elephant out.



A lion was passing by and decided to help.



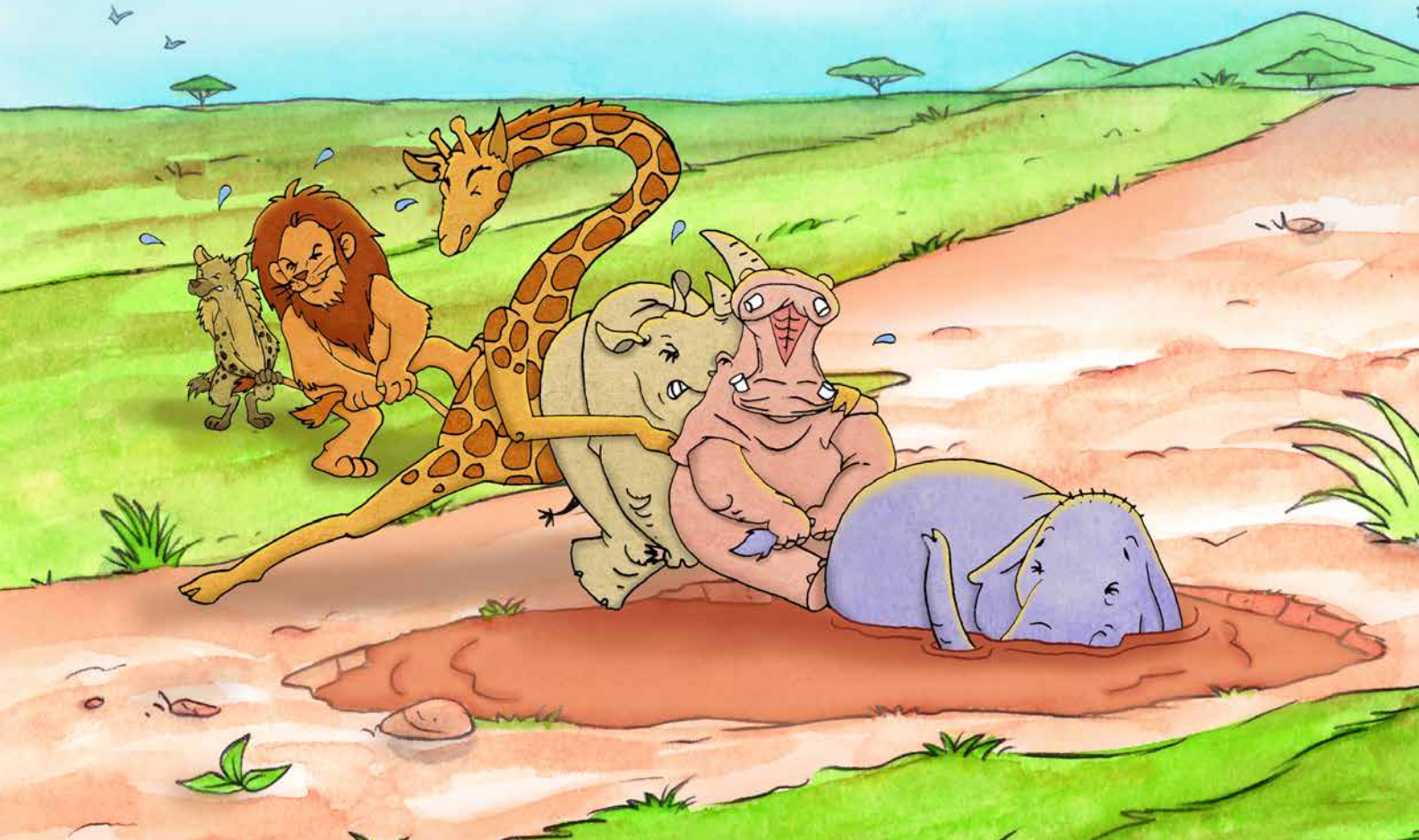
The lion pulled the giraffe, who pulled the rhino, who pulled the hippo, who pulled the elephant. They pulled, and pulled again... but they couldn't get the elephant out!



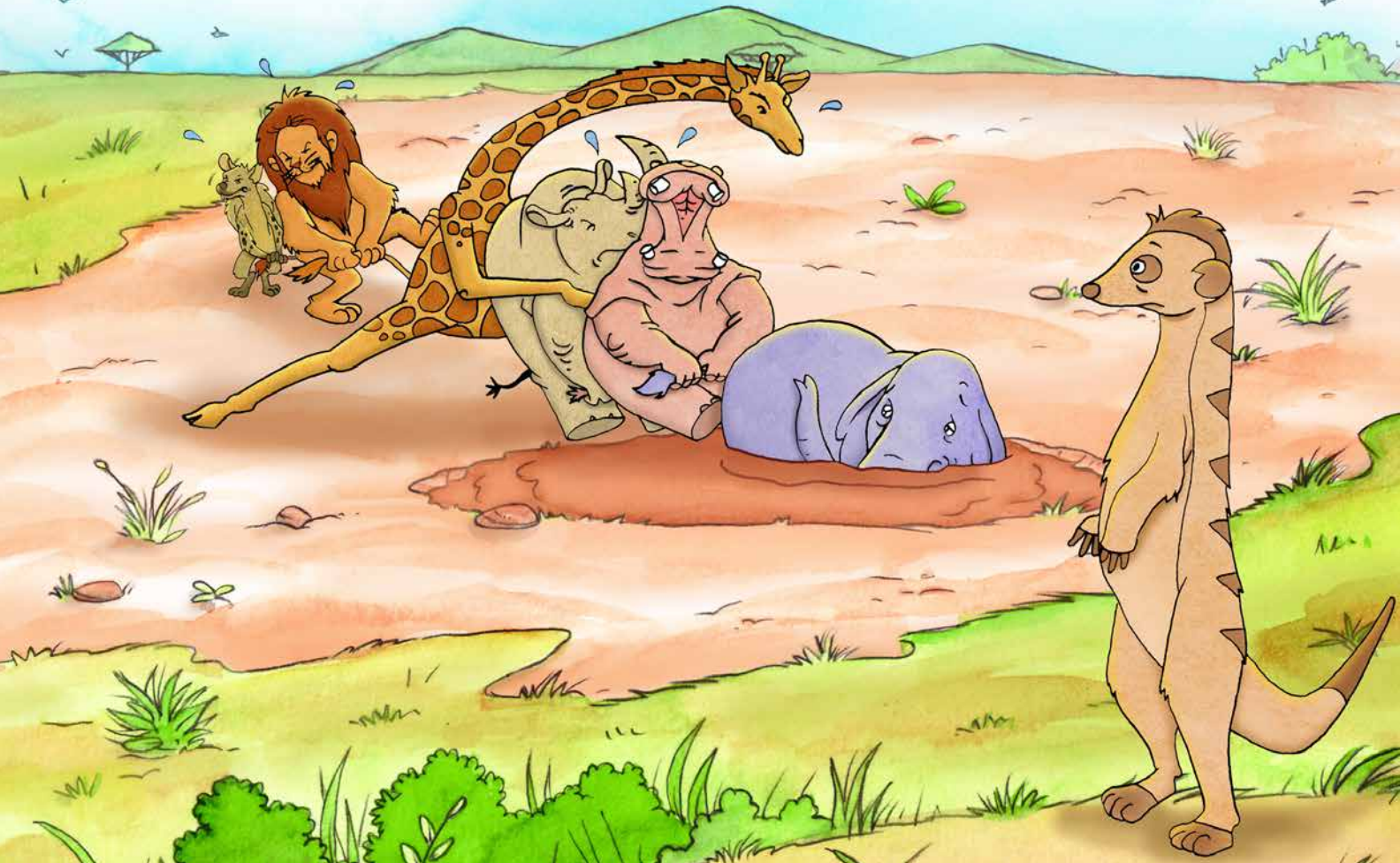
A hyena was passing by. She couldn't help but laugh, and then decided to help.



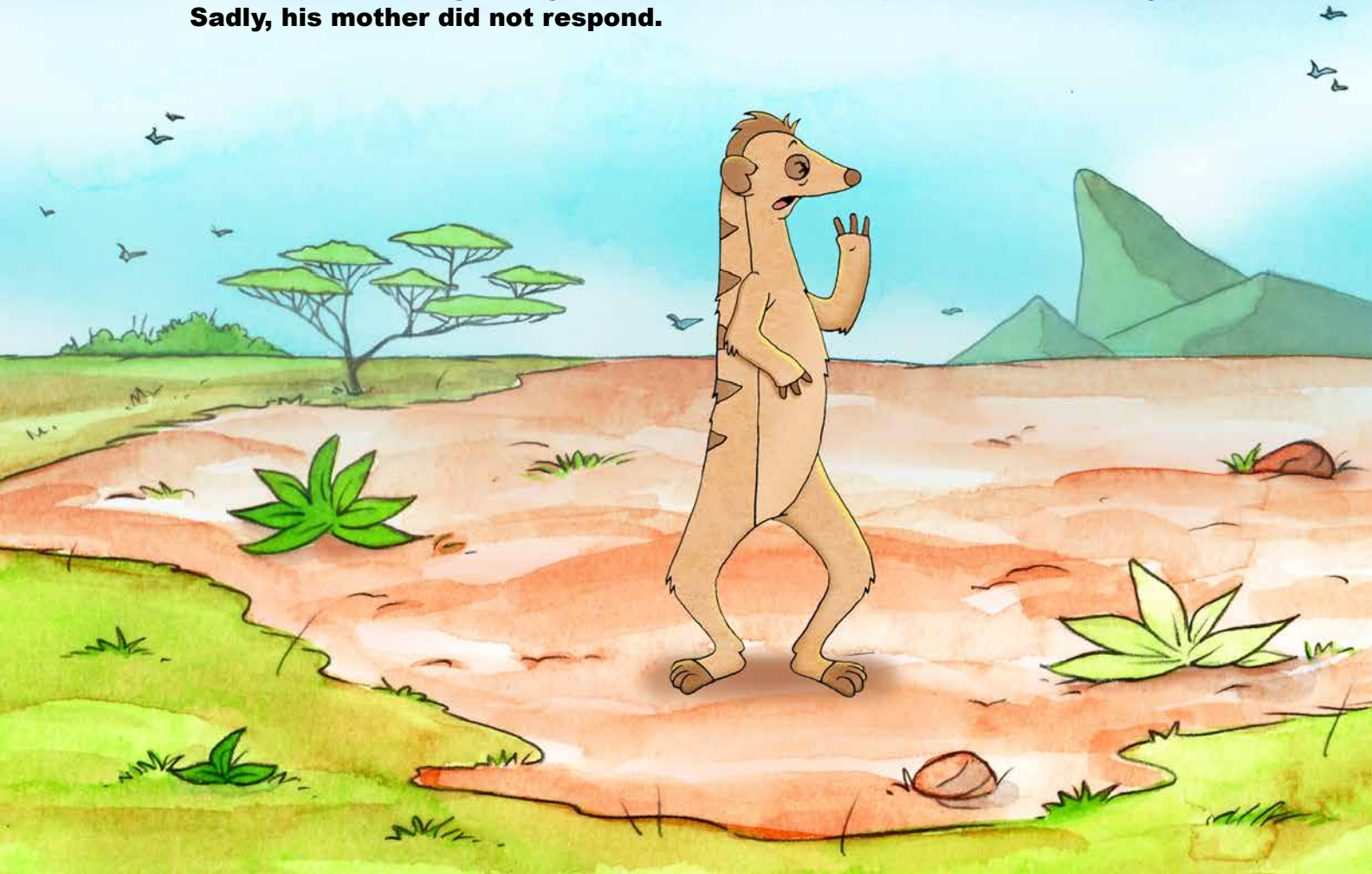
The hyena pulled the lion, who pulled the giraffe, who pulled the rhino, who pulled the hippo, who pulled the elephant. They pulled, and pulled again... but they *still* couldn't get the elephant out!



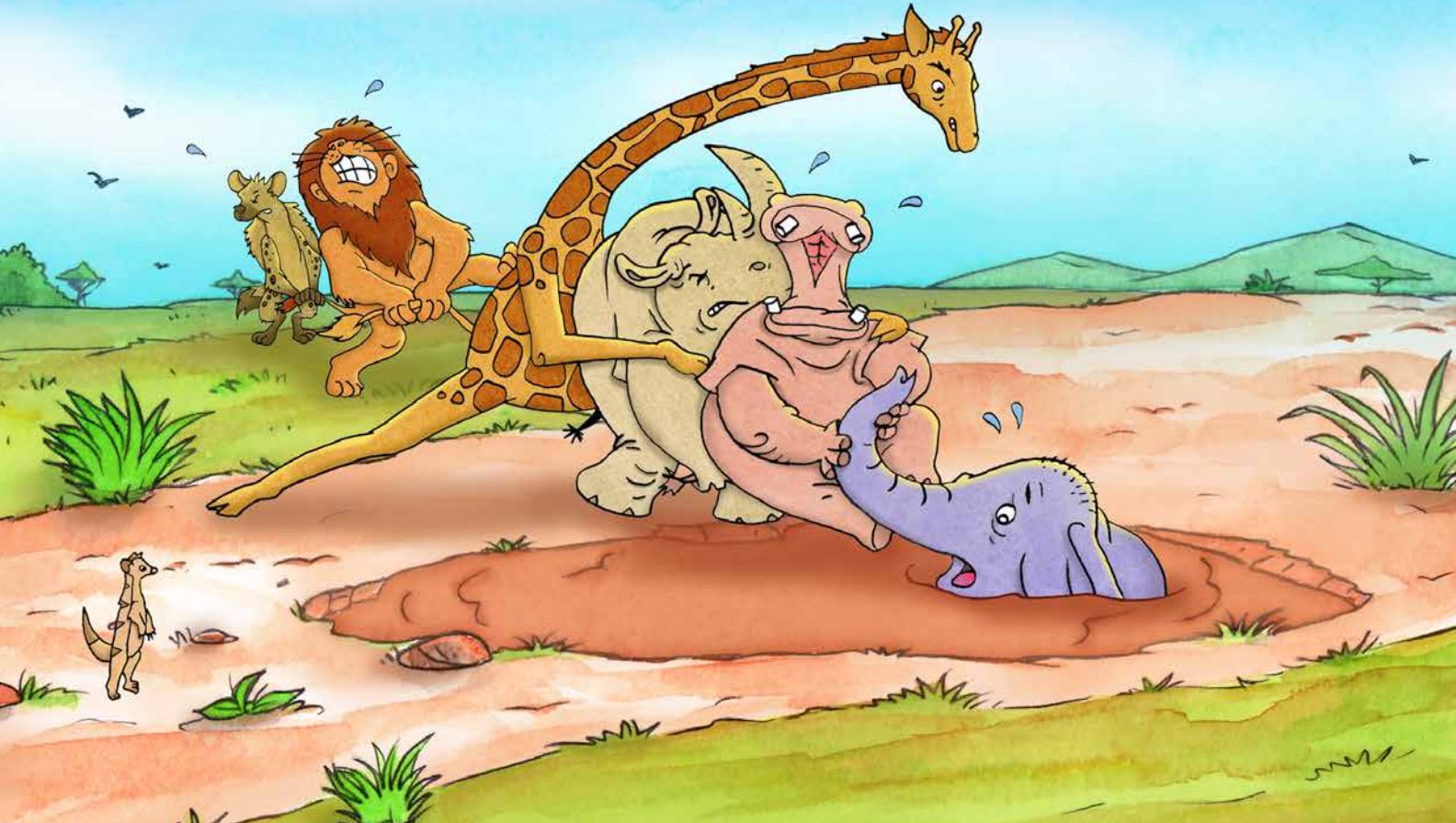
**A young meerkat came upon the strange scene and wanted to help.
But he thought, *I am so small. I won't be able to help pull out an elephant!***



***Besides, I'm looking for my mom. So he called out, "Mom! Where are you?"
Sadly, his mother did not respond.***



But someone *did* respond, and that someone was the elephant. “Help me, please!” he cried out. He had sunk almost entirely into the quicksand and was now frantic. So the young meerkat decided to help.



The meerkat pulled the hyena, who pulled the lion, who pulled the giraffe, who pulled the rhino, who pulled the hippo, who pulled the elephant. They pulled, and pulled again... but once more, they couldn't get the elephant out!



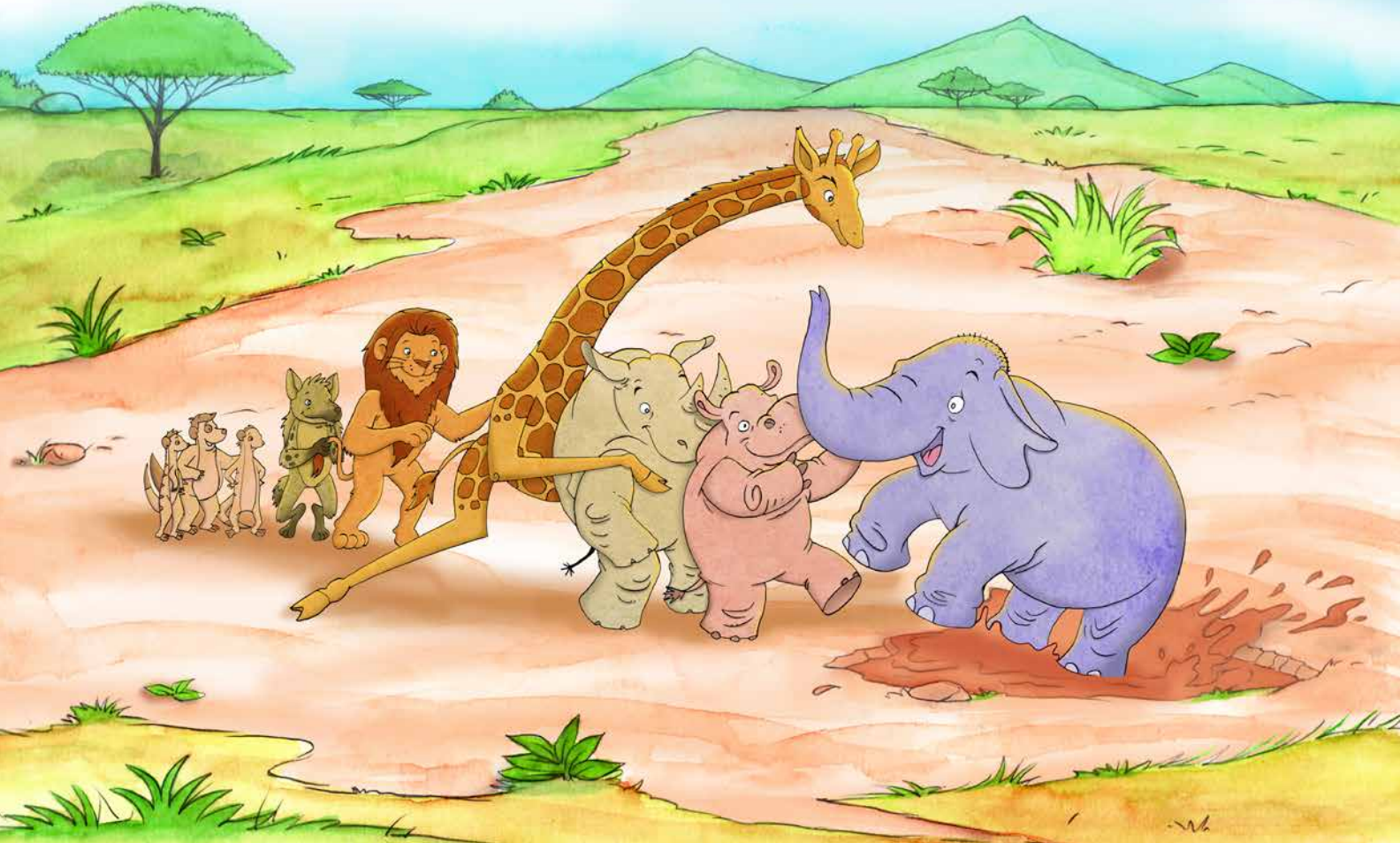
The meerkat had two brothers, who were also searching for their mother. They took one look, and decided to help too.



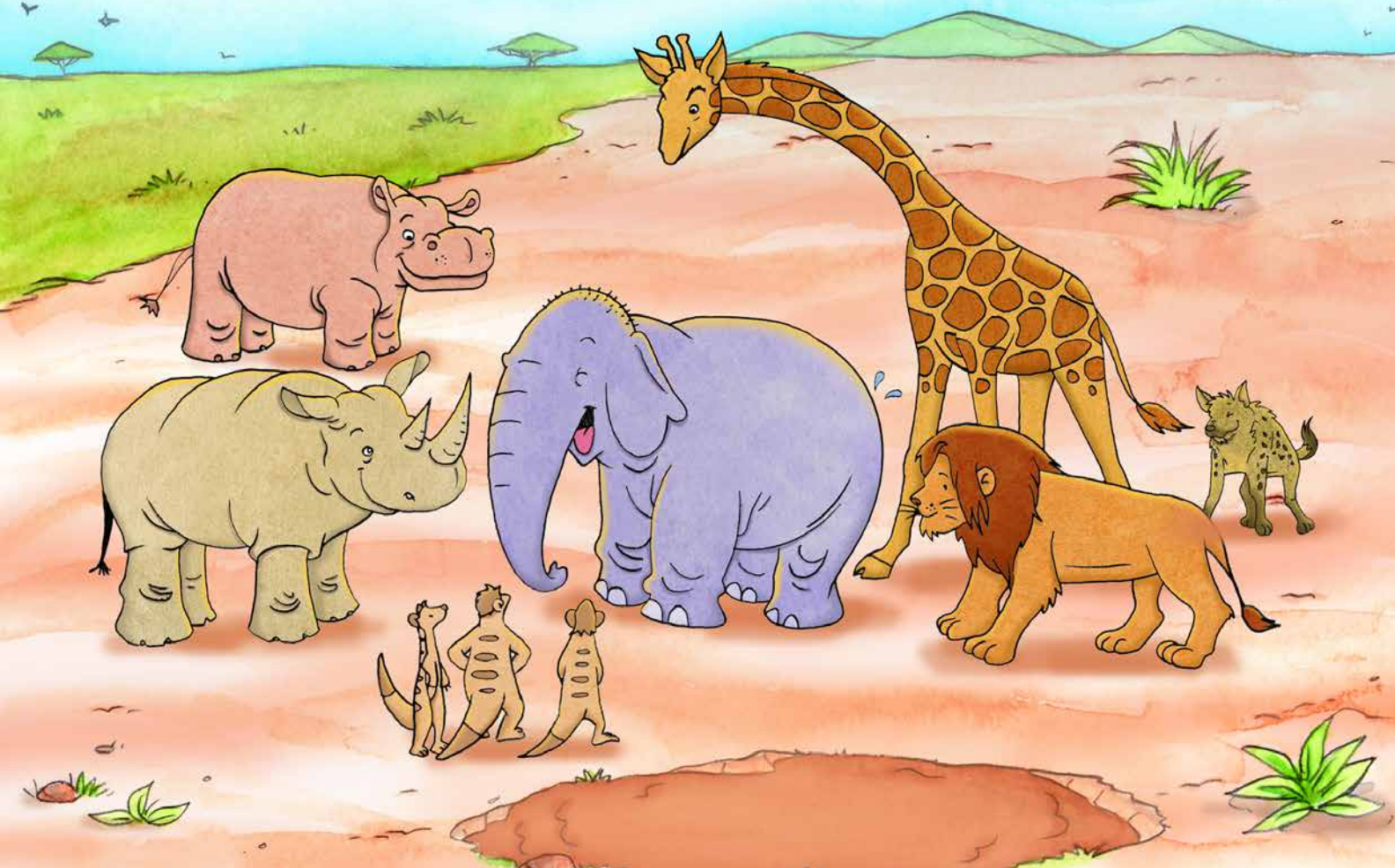
One meerkat pulled the other meerkat, who pulled the hyena, who pulled the lion, who pulled the giraffe, who pulled the rhino, who pulled the hippo, who pulled the elephant. They pulled, and pulled, and pulled again, with all their might...



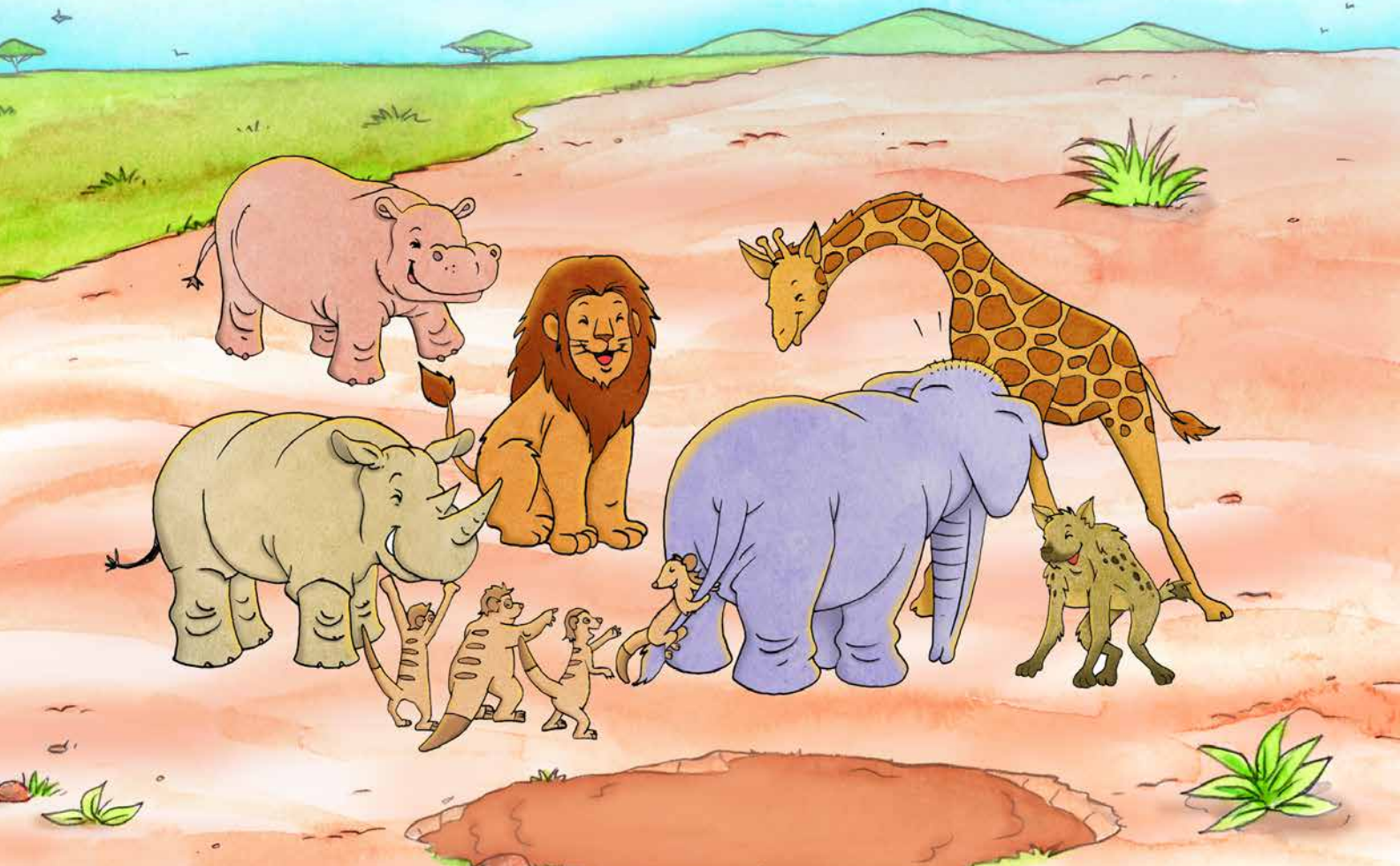
And finally they managed to get the elephant OUT!



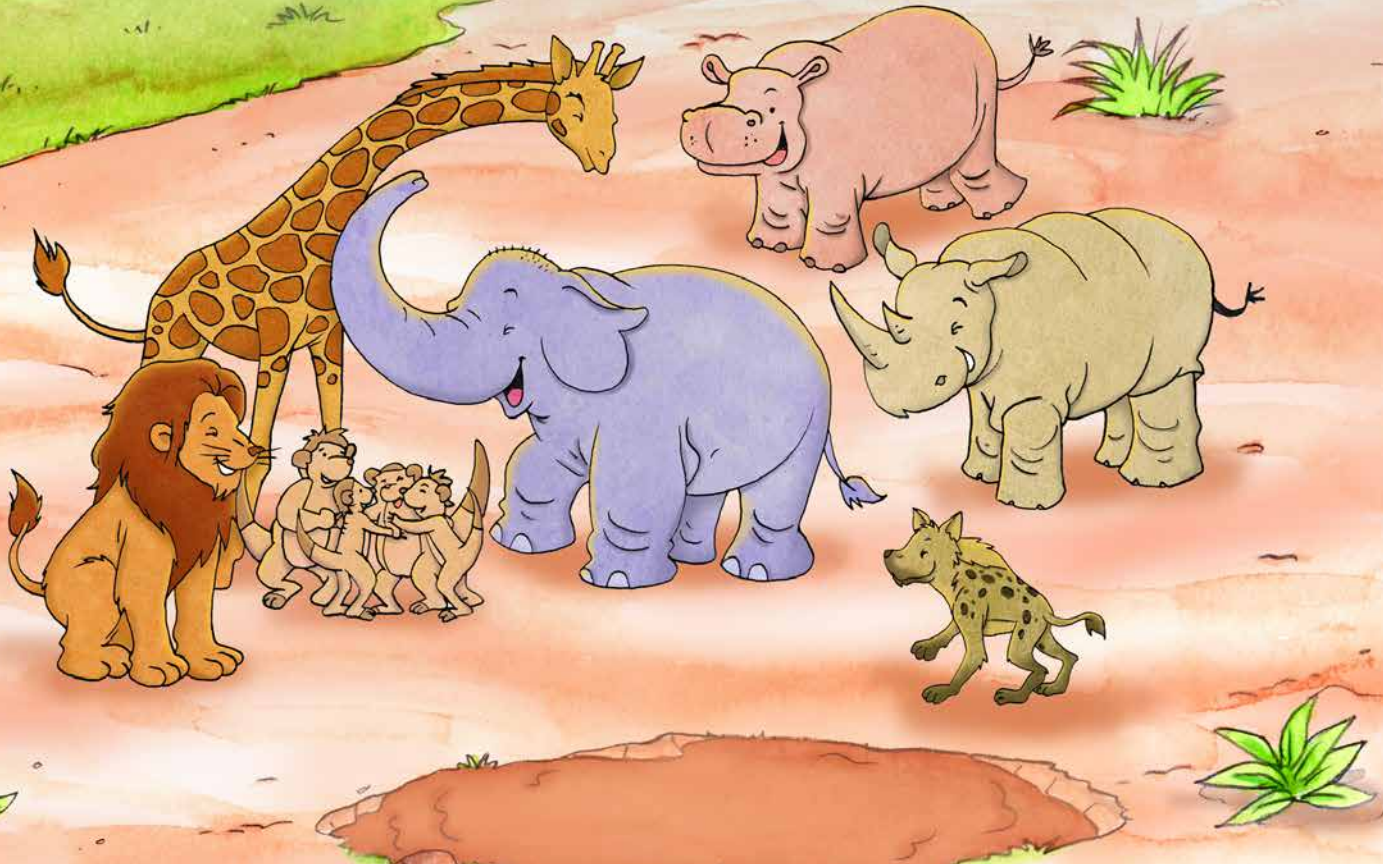
**“Hooray!” everyone cheered. The elephant was so happy!
In fact, all the animals were overjoyed!**

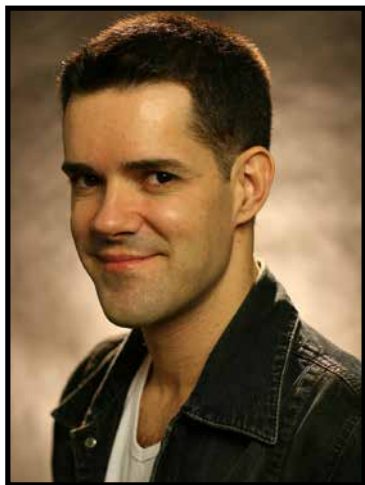


Especially the young meerkat brothers, for they had noticed someone clinging to the elephant's tail. Can you guess who? Yes, it was the mother meerkat!



She too had sunk into the quicksand! It was her struggles the elephant had seen on his walk. And so, thanks to the heroic efforts of all the animals, large and small, both elephant and meerkat were saved that day.





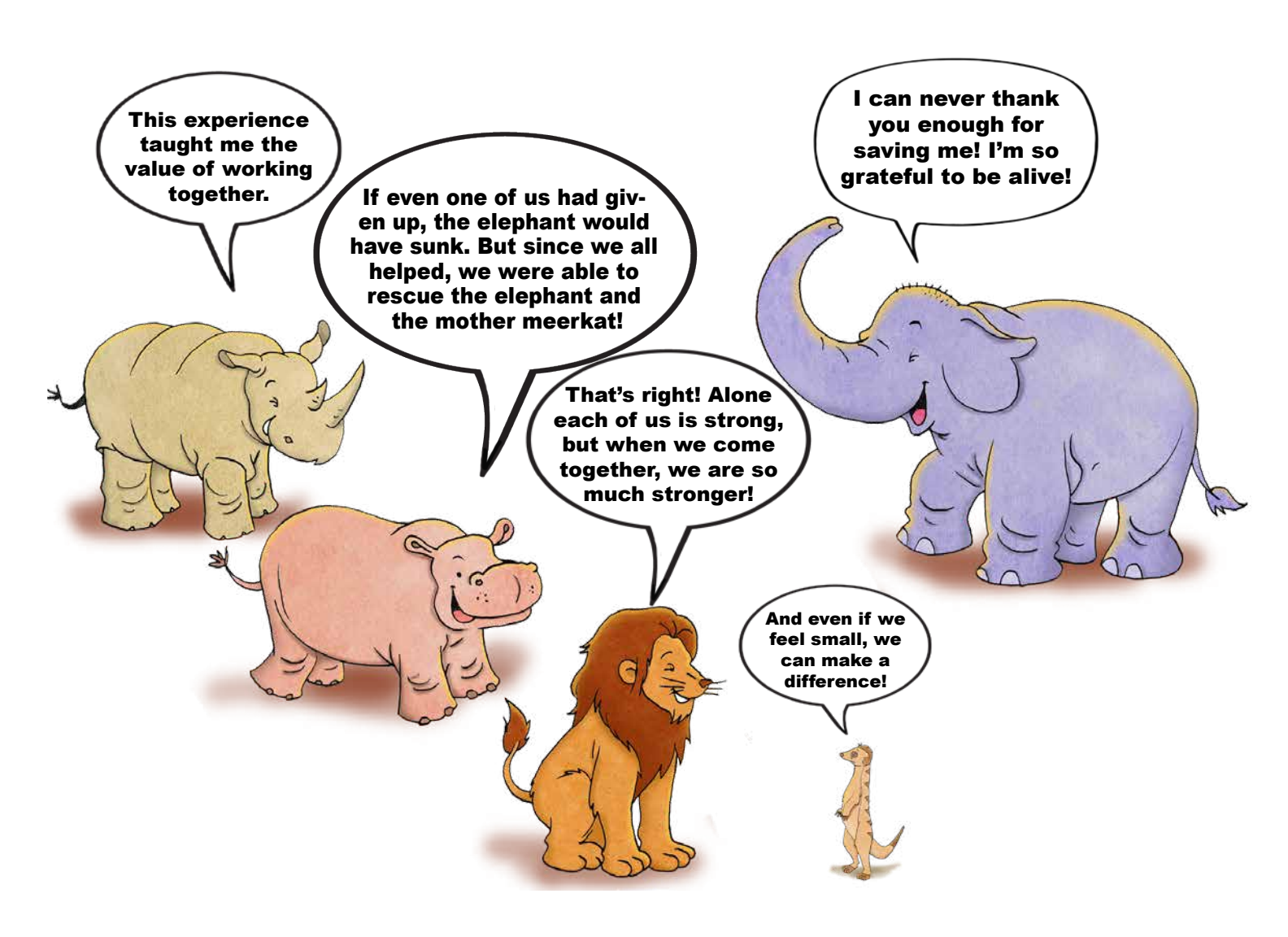
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This experience taught me the value of working together.

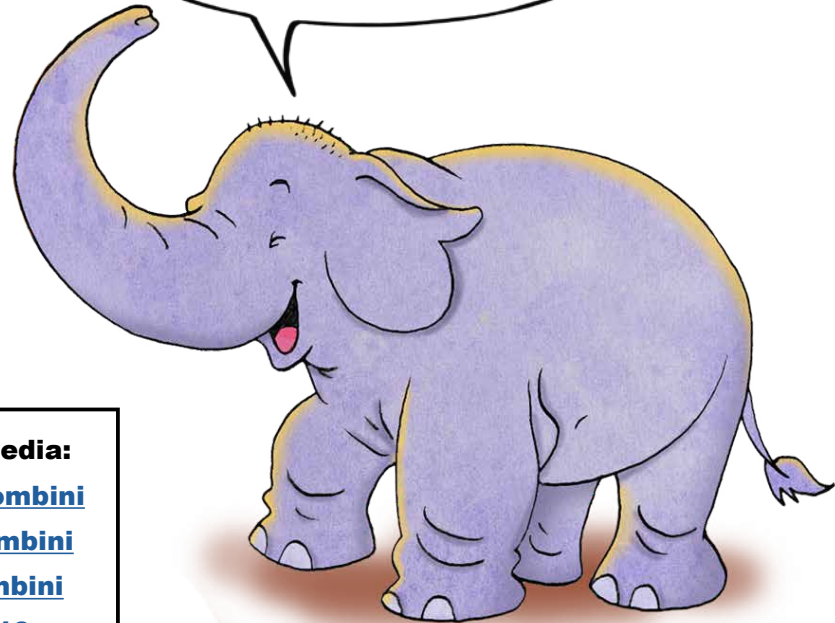
If even one of us had given up, the elephant would have sunk. But since we all helped, we were able to rescue the elephant and the mother meerkat!

That's right! Alone each of us is strong, but when we come together, we are so much stronger!

I can never thank you enough for saving me! I'm so grateful to be alive!

And even if we feel small, we can make a difference!

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