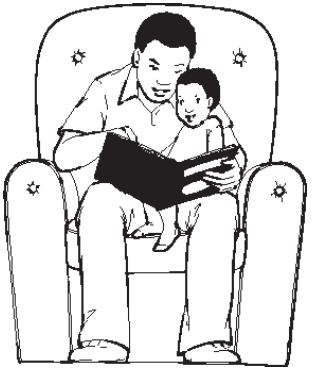
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It was a sunny
day in the jungle.

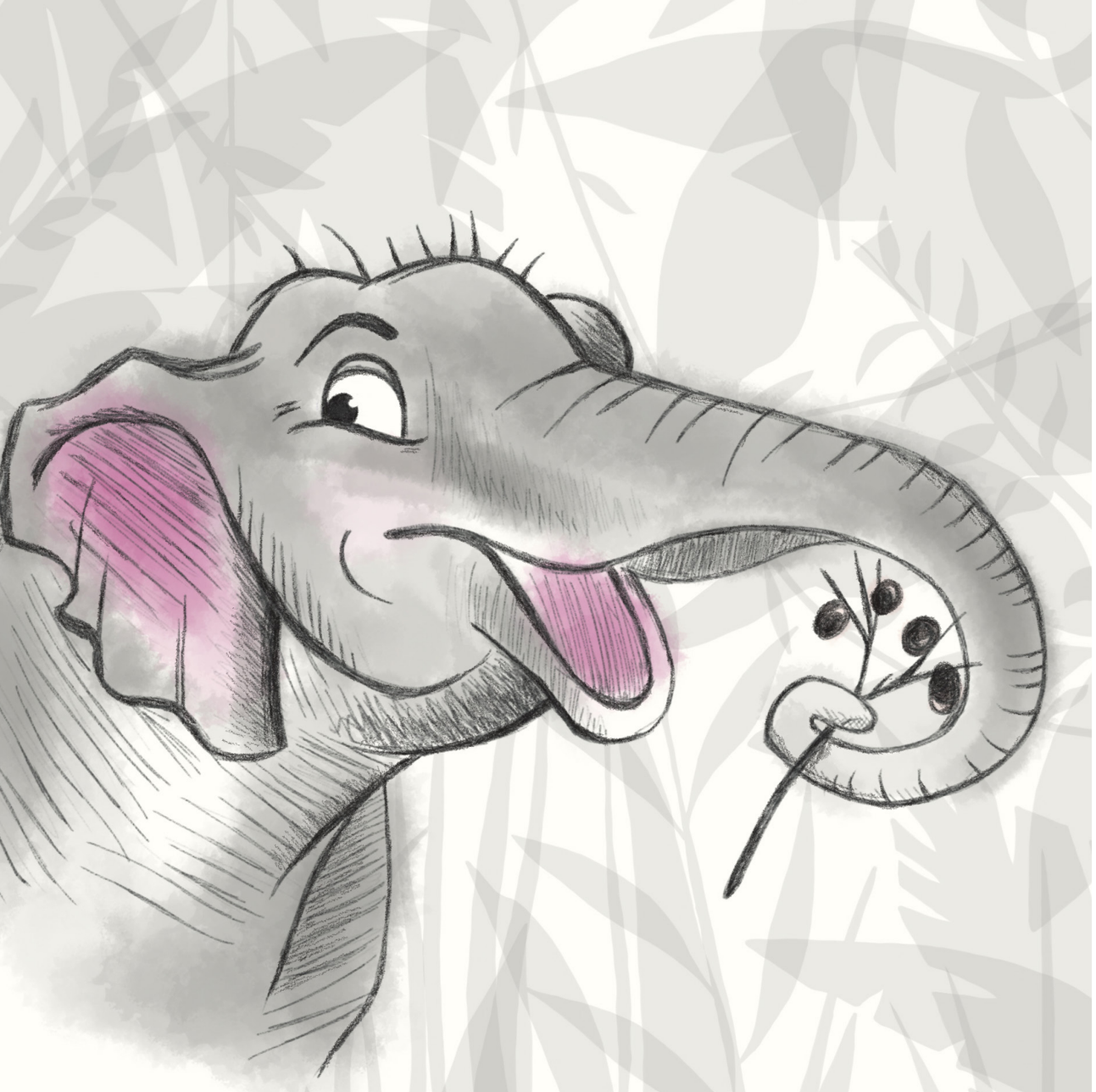
All the animals
were out playing.



"Come play with me, Lion," said Cheetah.
"Catch me if you can!"

zoom-zoom! went Cheetah.

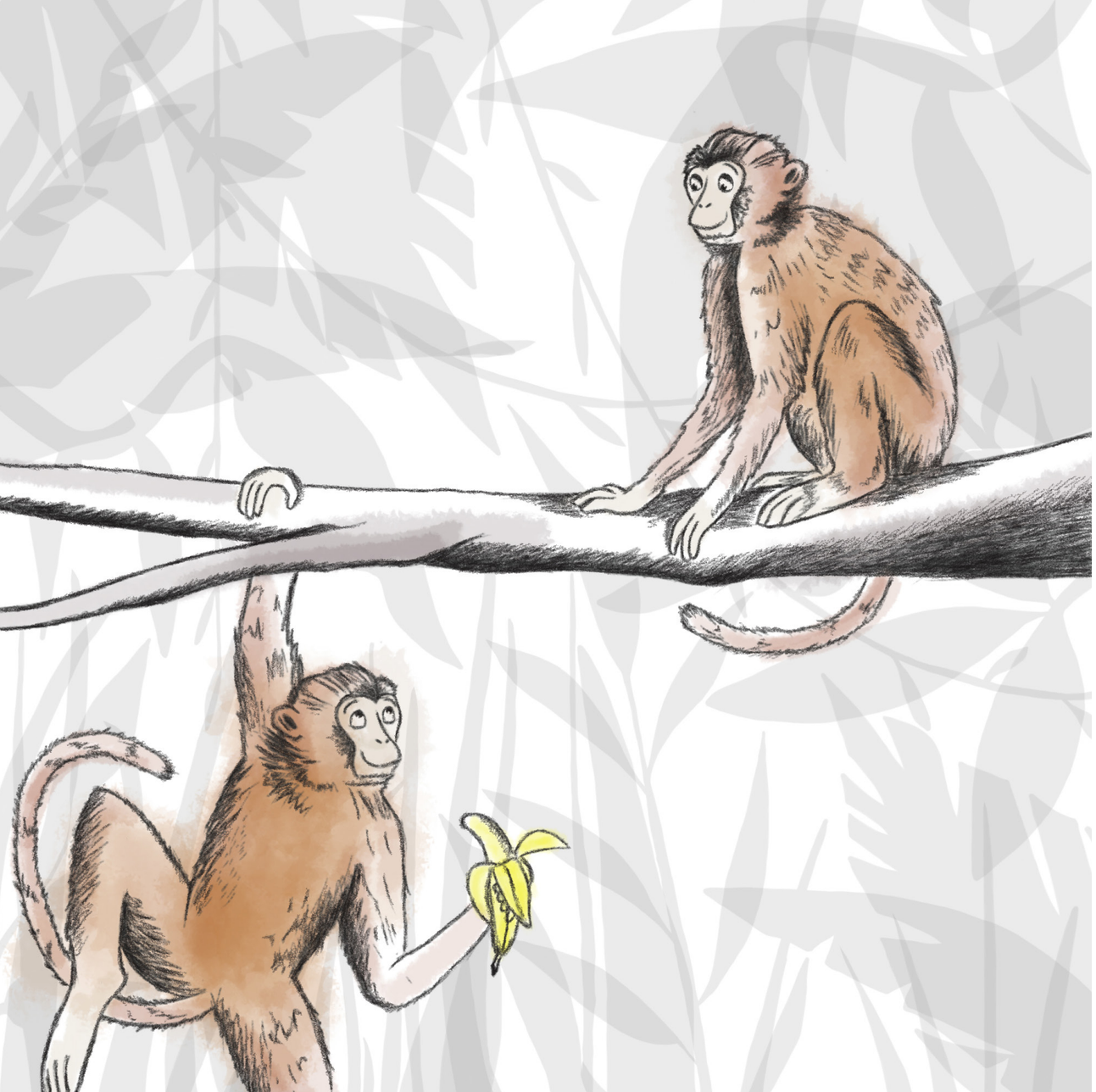
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"Come play with me, Lion," said Elephant.
"We can throw rocks!"

KA-POW! KA-POW! went Elephant.

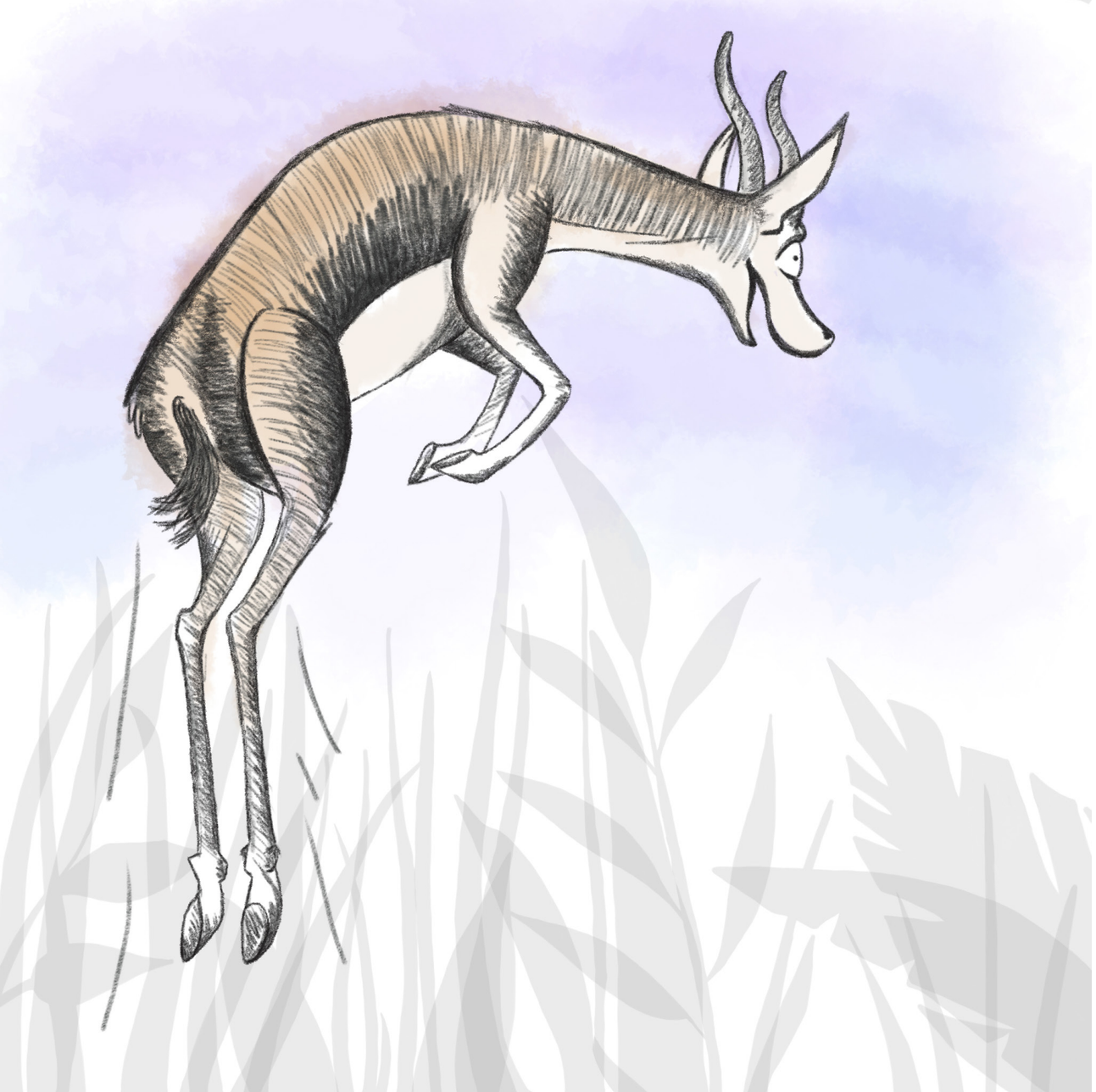
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"Come play with us, Lion!" said the monkeys.
"Who can eat the most bananas?"

POP! POP! POP! went the monkeys.

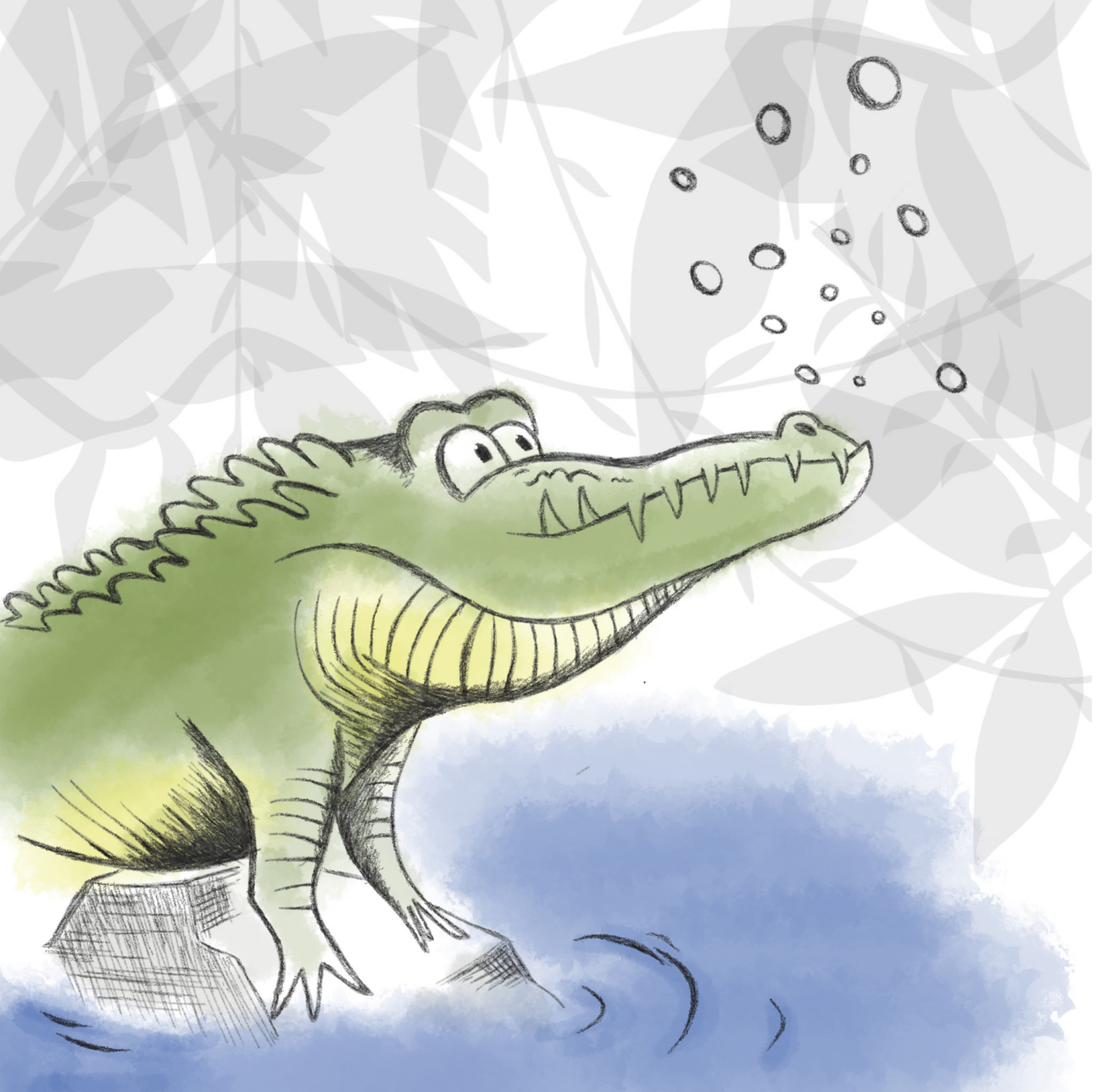
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“Come play with me, Lion," said Springbok.
“Let’s jump high!”

zoop! zoop! zoop! went Springbok.

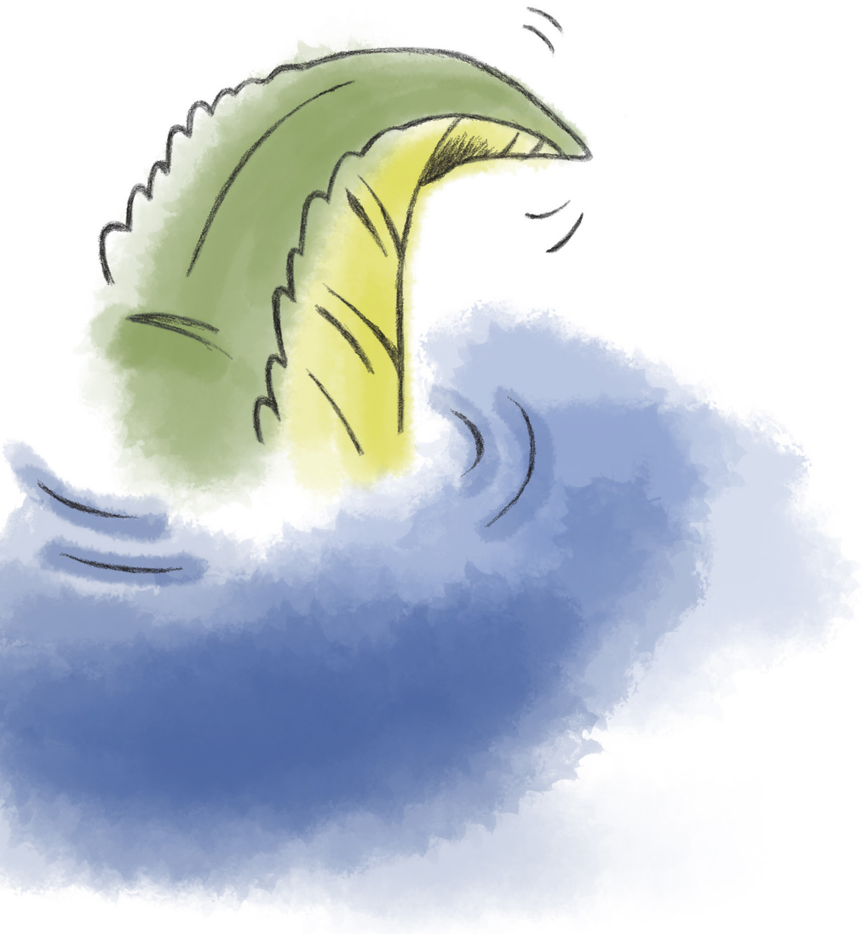
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"Come play with me, Lion," said Crocodile.
"It's a swimming competition!"

SPLASH! SPLASH! went Crocodile.

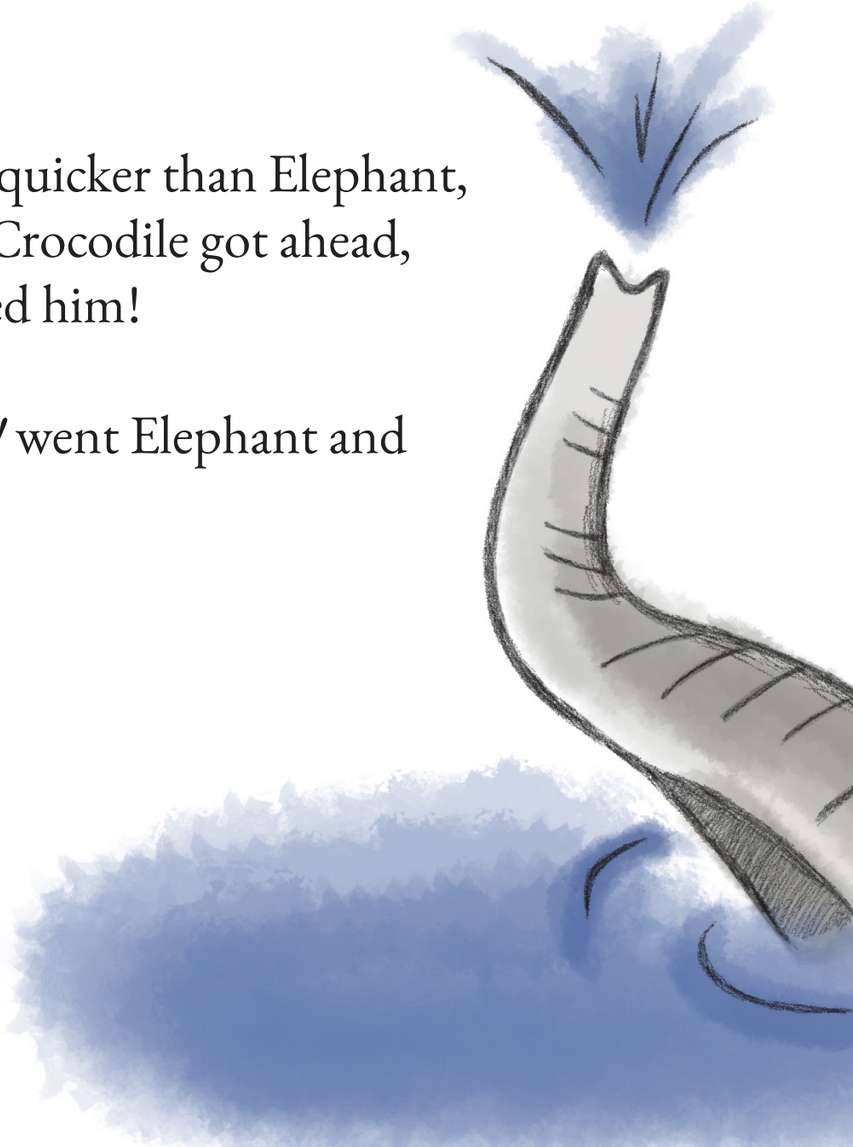
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Elephant and Crocodile had the swimming competition without Lion.

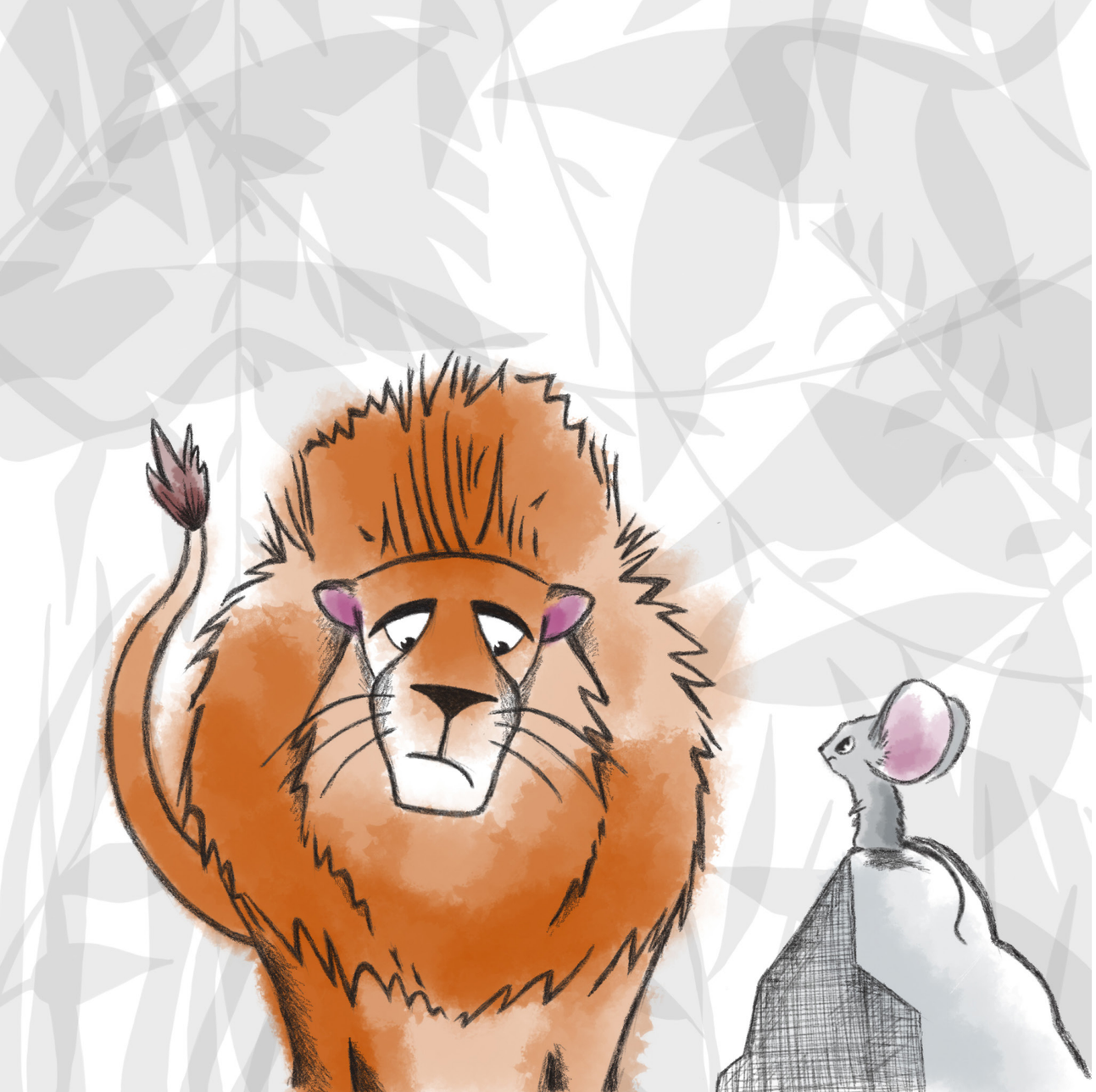
Crocodile was quicker than Elephant, but each time Crocodile got ahead, Elephant tickled him!

TEE-HEE-HEE! went Elephant and Crocodile.





Lion sat sadly by himself, watching Crocodile and Elephant swim.



“Why are you sad, Lion?” asked Mouse.

“Because I don't want to play,” said Lion.
“I'll lose."



Lion slipped on a banana peel!

WHEEEEEE! went Lion.

“That looks like fun!” said all the other animals.







Lion played,
and he was happy.



