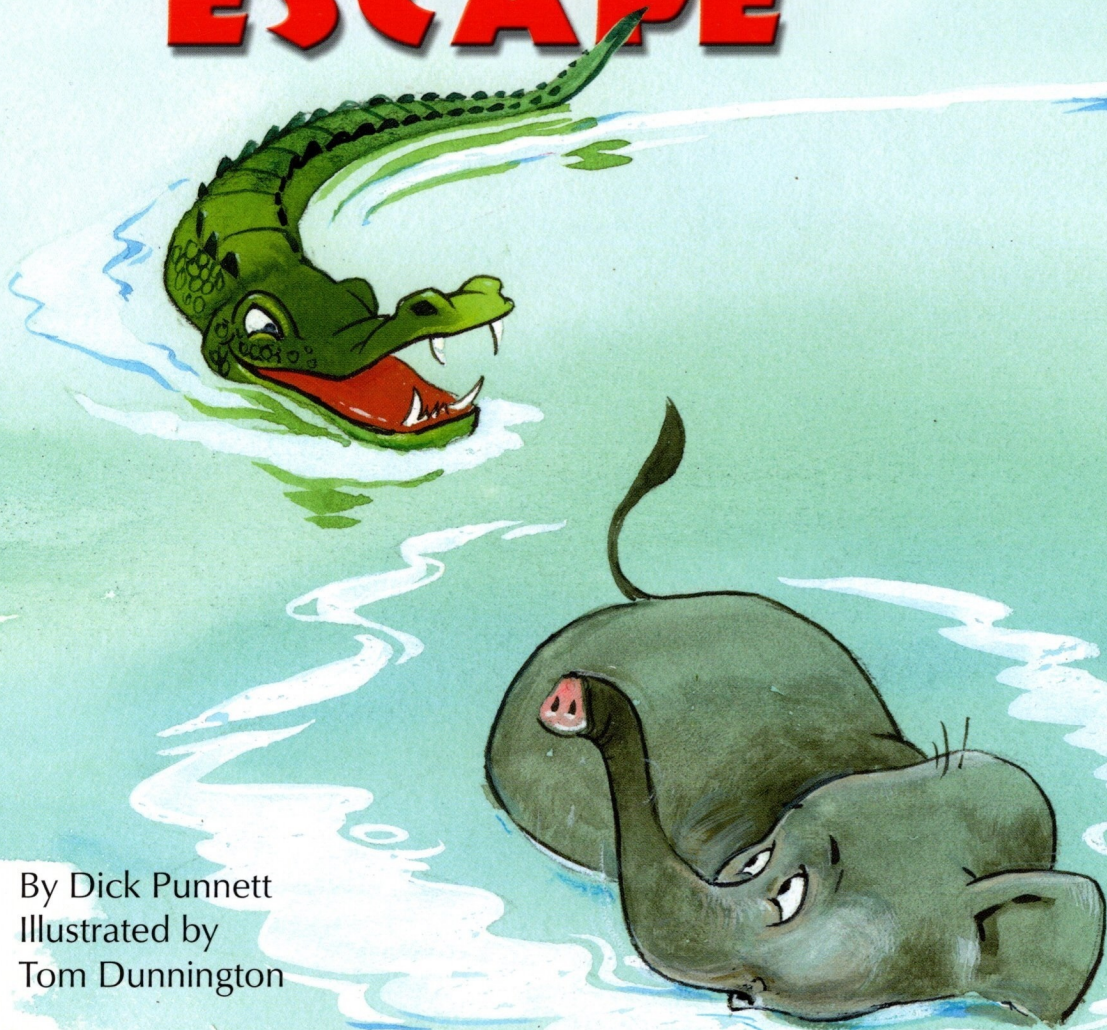


A Talk-Along Story

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Children participate by guessing rhyming answers



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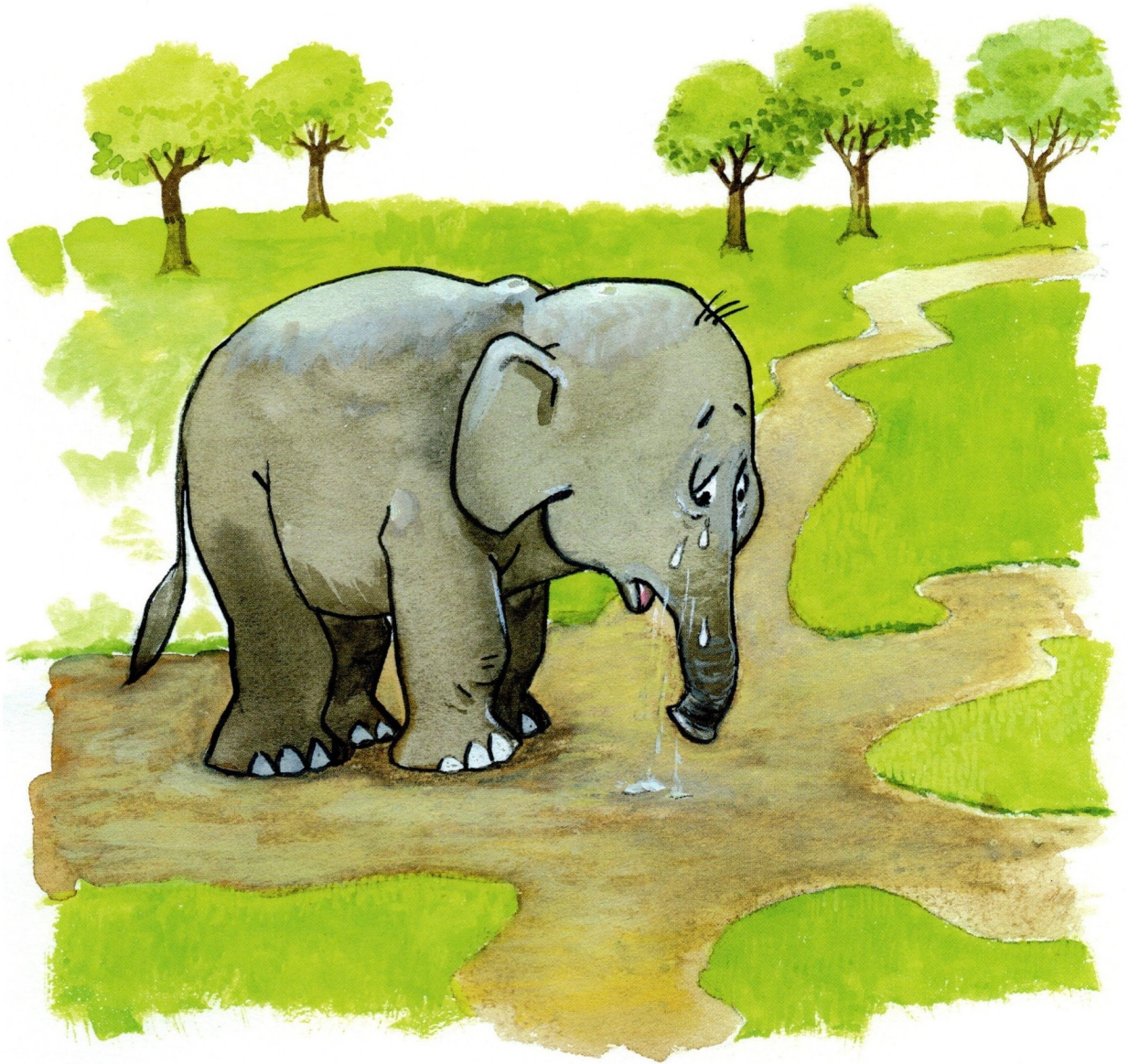
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*To my wife YVONNE
the best "talk-along" partner a man ever had!*

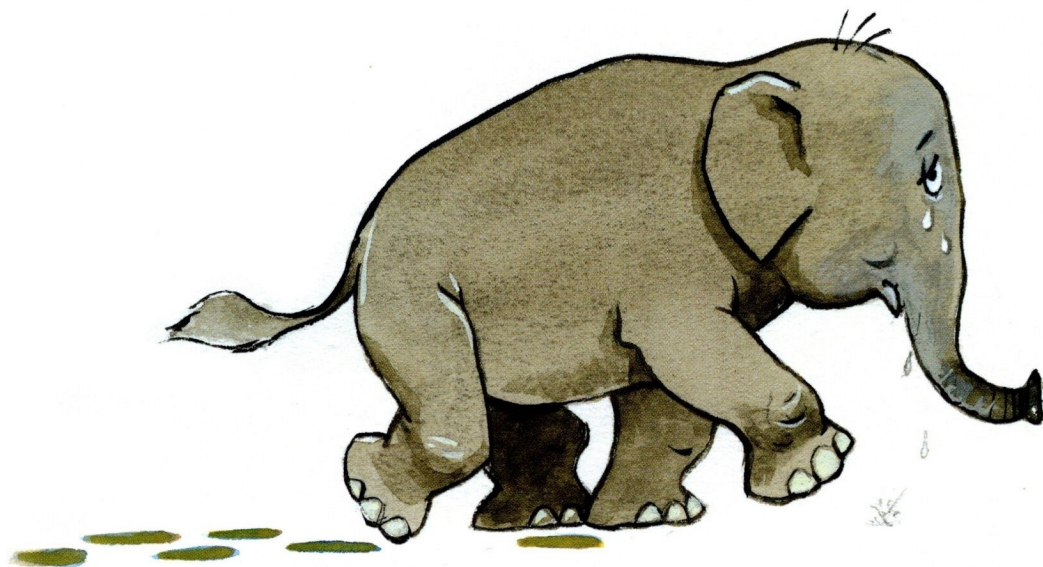
*I want you to know before we start,
Our story has a speaking part.
When you see the dots . . .
try guessing the word.
That is the time for YOU to be heard.*





Poor little Jumbo – he's lost his mother,
And every trail looks just like the other.
He needs your help. It's time to talk.
Tell little Jumbo to take a . . .

walk





He didn't get far, as you can see.
A snake is hiding in a tree.
Jumbo is scared! His mind is blank.
Quick, get him loose! Tell him to . . .

yank



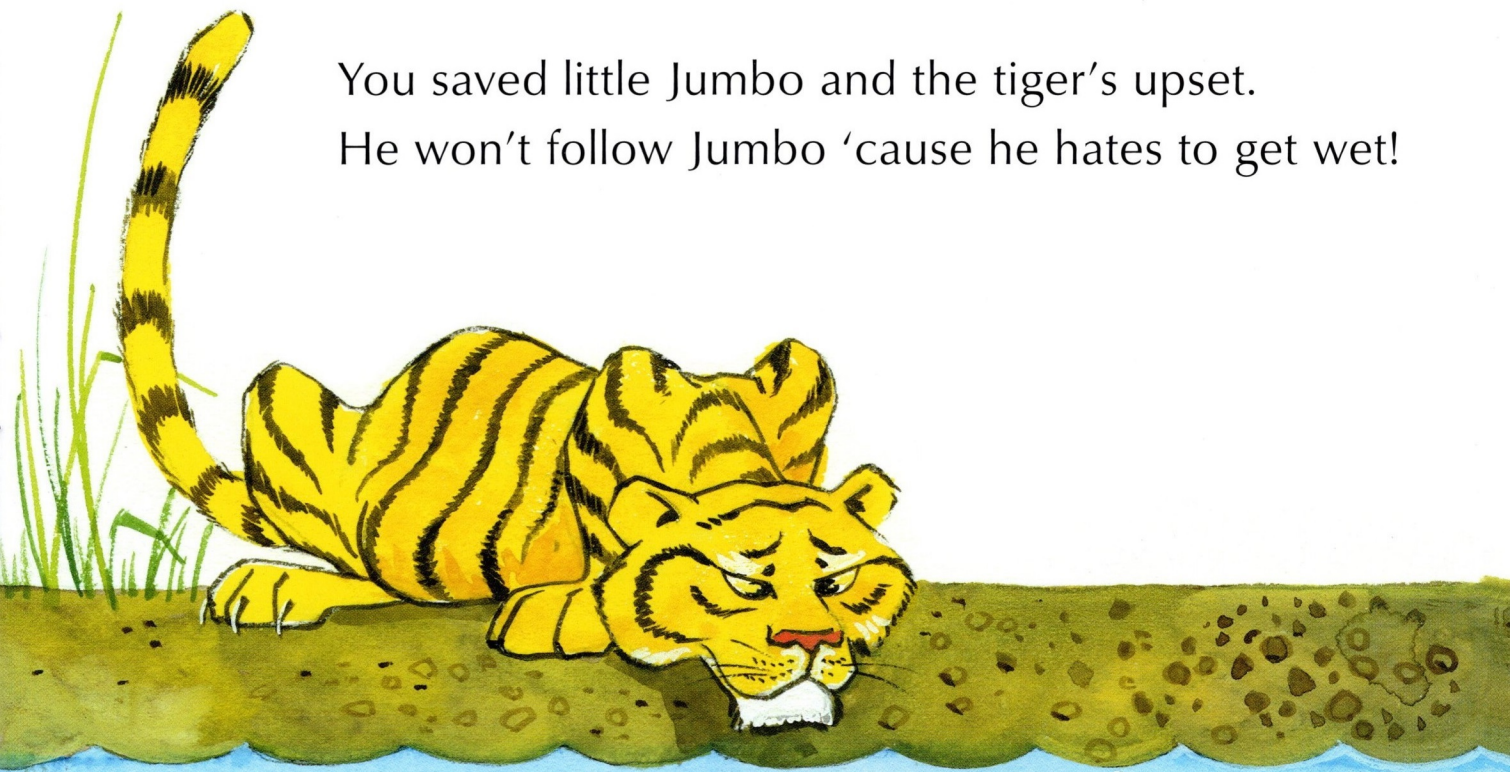


He obeyed your command, but who is that beast
Crouched in the grass – waiting to feast?
A tiger! He's hungry! Will Jumbo survive?
Look at that water! Tell him to . . .

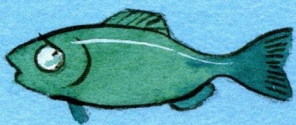
dive



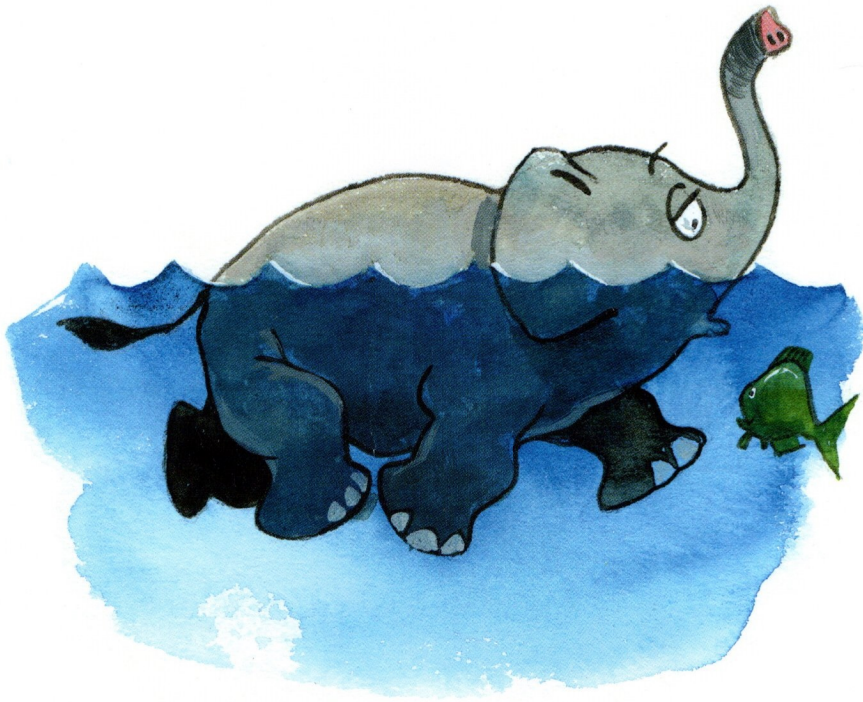
You saved little Jumbo and the tiger's upset.
He won't follow Jumbo 'cause he hates to get wet!



Jumbo is sinking!
Things look very grim.
Our story is over,
Unless you say . . .



swim

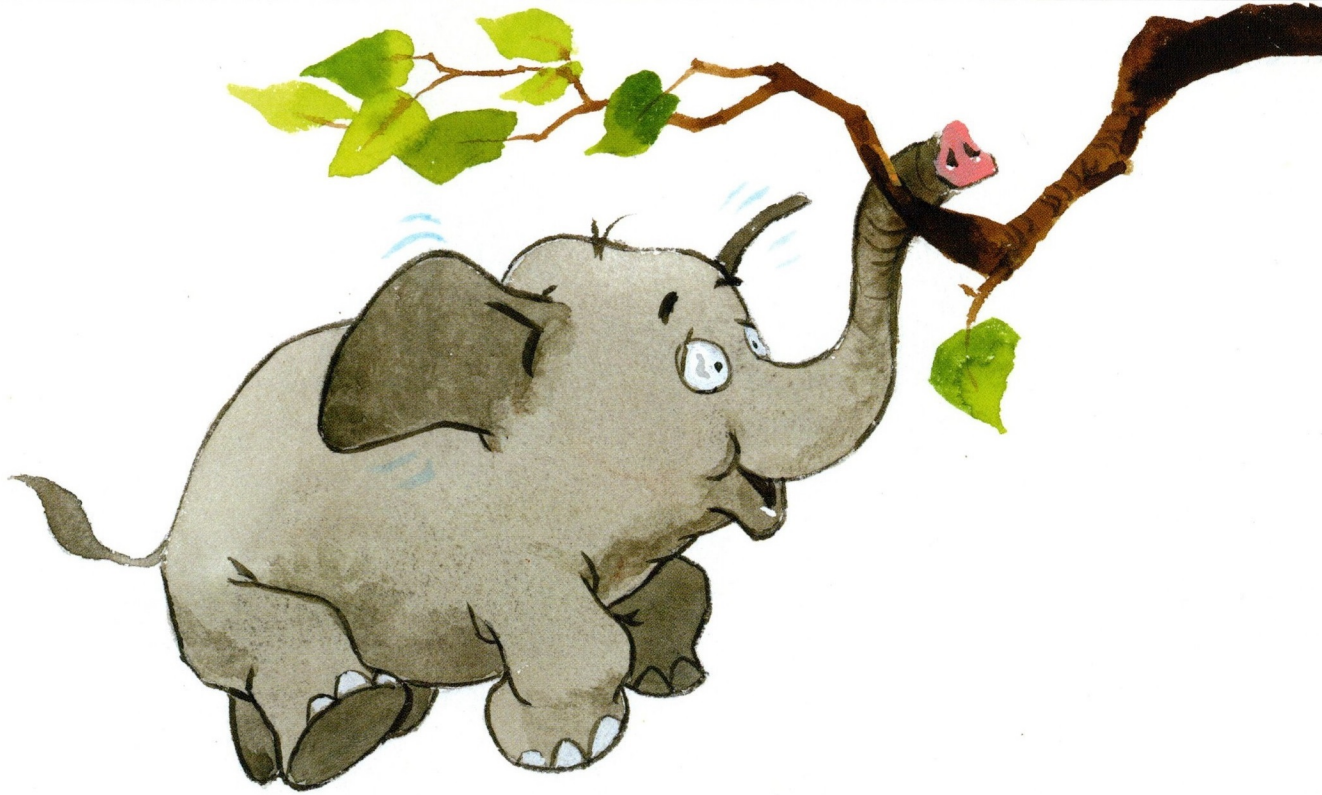




He swam for his life, but he sees a new trap.
Something behind him is ready to snap!
The shore is so far – let's get him up high.
There's only one way. Tell Jumbo to . . .

fly





Not a second too soon Jumbo heard you shout,
And he blasted off – on a waterspout!
That branch up above is the right one to nab,
So speak up at once, and tell him to . . .

grab





He's safe in a tree, at least for a while,
But waiting below is that crocodile.
To hang by the nose is a difficult thing.
Before he lets go, you must tell him to...

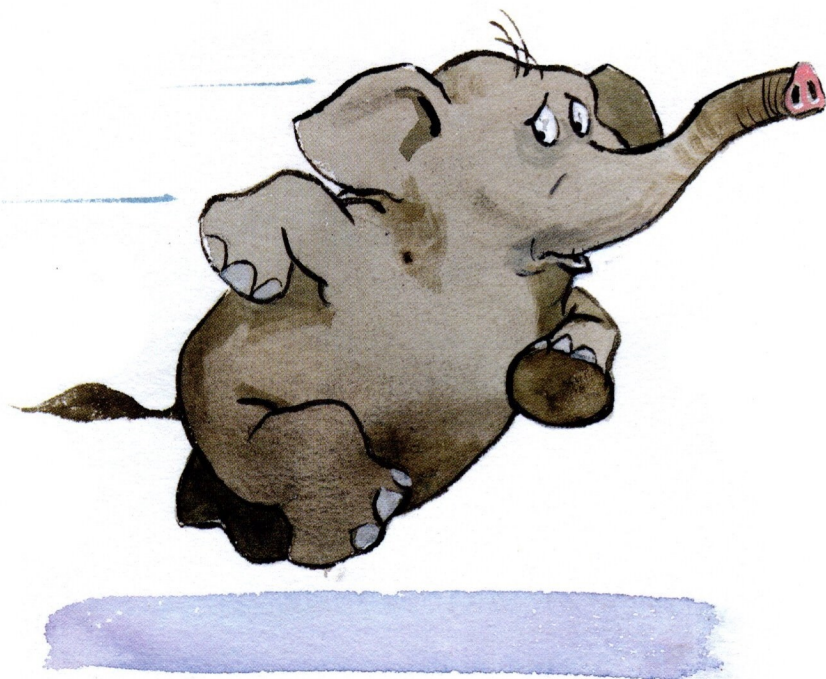
swing





He swung through the air and shattered a nest!
Down dives a hawk, looking distressed.
A hawk in a rage is really no fun.
Tell little Jumbo to get up and . . .

run



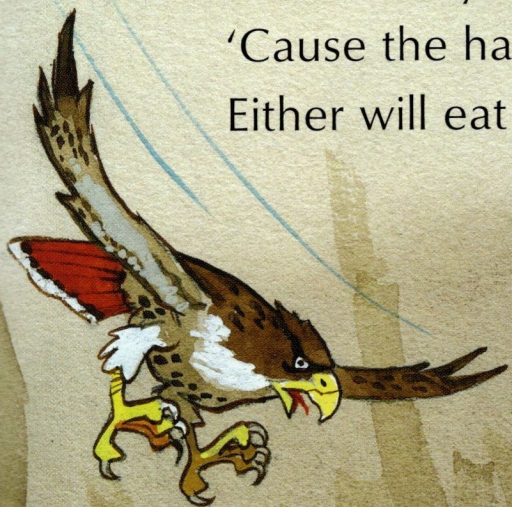


The trail 'round the mountain is not very wide,
And the mean old bear will not step aside.
If they crash, they will fall with a mighty flop.
Warn little jumbo to come to a . . .

stop



Jumbo obeyed, but he's still filled with dread,
'Cause the hawk is behind – and the bear is ahead!
Either will eat him; he's tender and plump.



Below is a tree;
So tell him to . . .

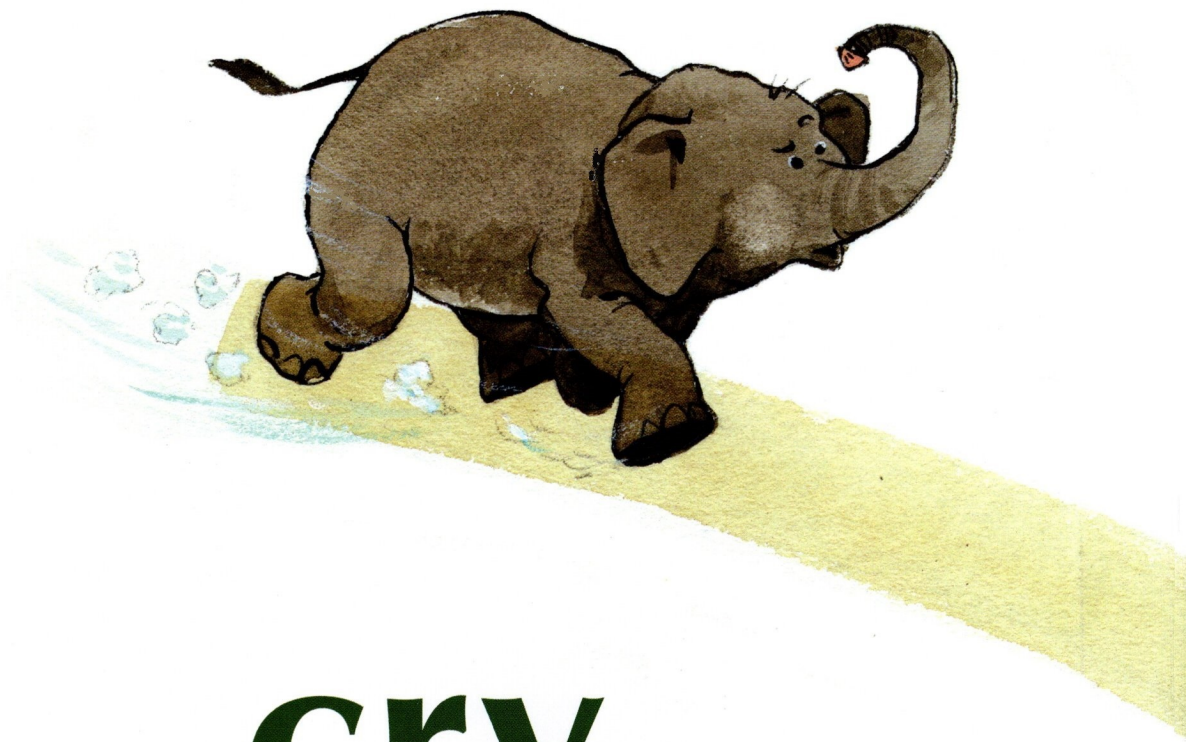


jump





Now here's something else to add to his woes.
Some monkeys have started to tickle his toes.
He can call for help if only he'd try.
Quickly and loudly, tell him to . . .



cry



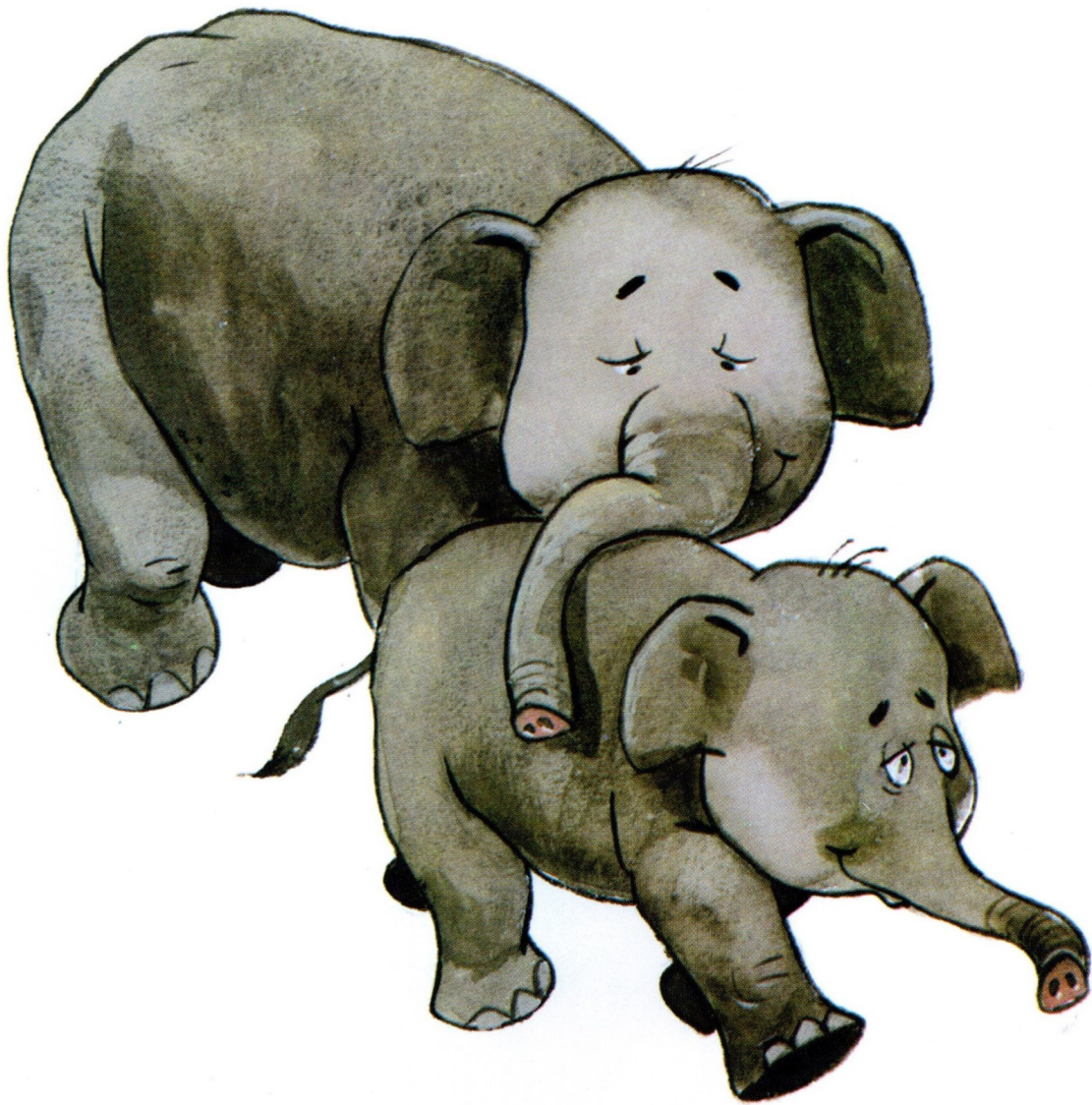
Jumbo cried and cried; then he heard something sweet –
A faraway rumble of thundering feet.



Mother is coming! She has to find out
Which tree he is in; so tell him to . . .

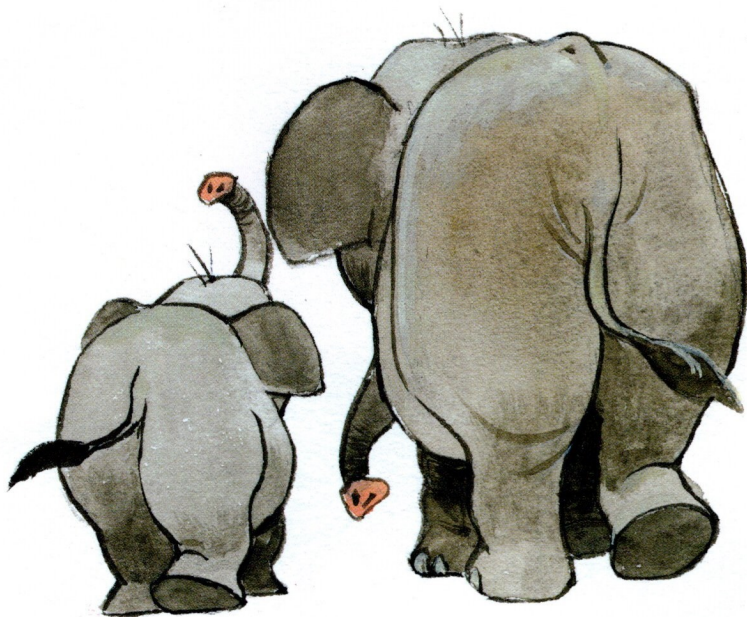
shout





At last he is safe! Now aren't you proud?
You saved little Jumbo – by talking out loud.
Since Mother is holding our elephant friend,
Our story is over; so tell it to . . .

end



About the Author:

Author/illustrator Dick Punnett grew up in Penfield, New York, and graduated from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. For over 35 years he has delighted children of preschool to 7 years of age with books that have made learning fun. His series, TALK-ALONG, was published in 1982 and was the first interactive books introduced into the schools. They were best sellers because they taught basic concepts in a very original and clever way, and all in rhyme. He wrote another series called DOUBLE-RHYME, and over the years he has added to both series and also written single story books. Of the 15 books he has authored, seven of them are also illustrated by him. Because he spent a number of years as a writer-cartoonist for a Hollywood animation studio, his illustrations have a special appeal for children. They are perky, funny and expressive.

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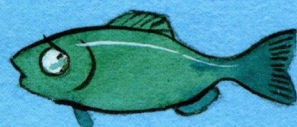
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