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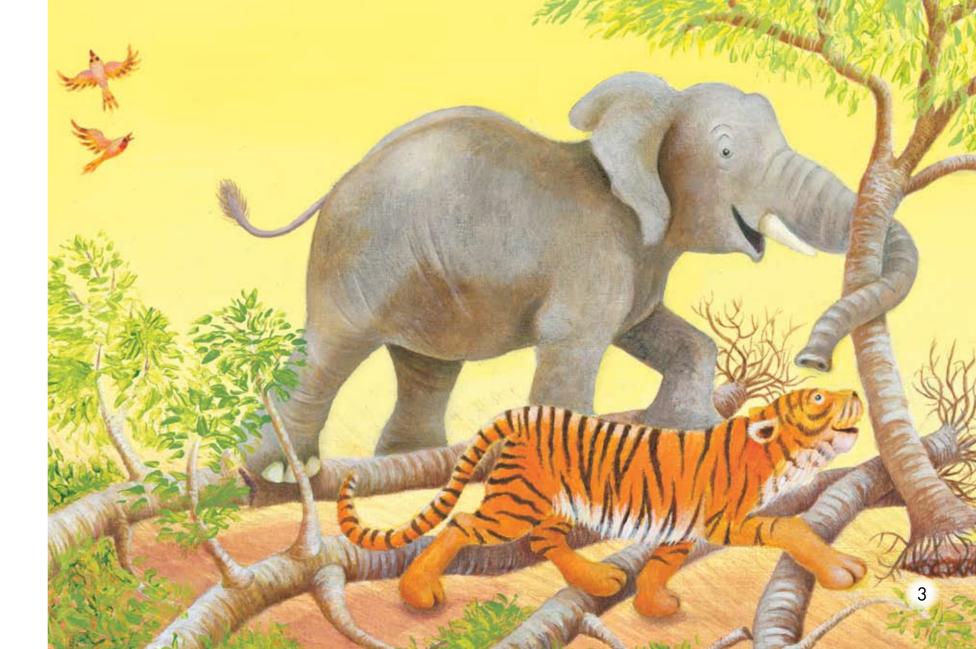
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Tiger and Elephant were best friends. They loved the good things about each other.

They did not let the bad things bother them.

Elephant was very strong. He liked to knock things down. Tiger thought Elephant should not knock things down. But he did not let it bother him, because Elephant was his best friend.



Tiger was very proud. He liked to brag about himself. Elephant thought Tiger should not brag about himself. But he did not let it bother him, because Tiger was his best friend.

"Look at me!" bragged Tiger. "I am the fastest animal here."

Tiger ran across the grass and back. He ran very fast.

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"How about that?" said Tiger.

Elephant did not say a word.

Tiger bragged, "I am the fastest animal here."

"You are fast," said Elephant.





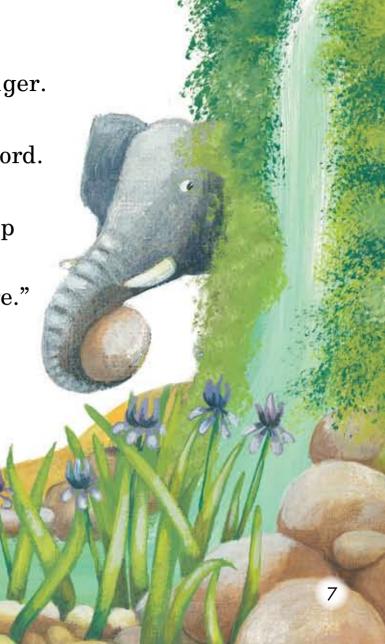
"Look at this!" bragged Tiger. "I am the best jumper here."

Tiger jumped across the stream and back. He jumped very far. "How about that?" said Tiger.

Elephant did not say a word.

Tiger bragged, "I can jump farther than any animal. I am the best jumper here."

"You are a good jumper," said Elephant.

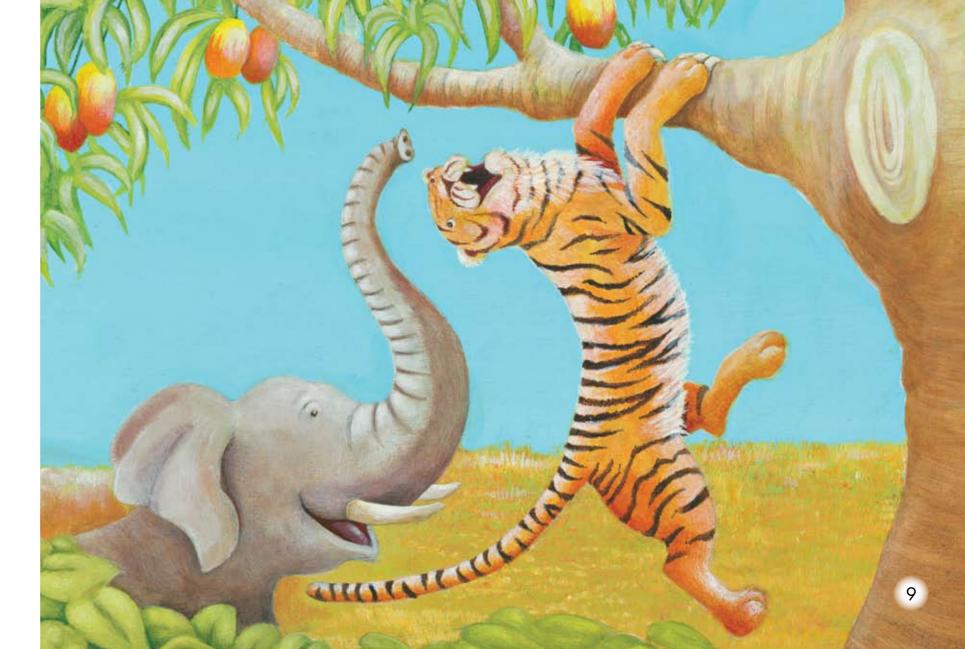


"How about this?" said Tiger. "I am the best climber here."

Tiger climbed up a tall tree. He hung down by his strong claws.

"How about that?" said Tiger. "Am I the best climber here?"

Elephant laughed. "You are a very funny tiger!" he said.



Tiger opened his mouth wide and showed his big teeth. "I am very scary, too!" he bragged. "I am the scariest animal

in the jungle."

He roared and roared.

Tiger roared.

Elephant did not say a word.

"How about that?" said Tiger. "Am I the scariest animal here?"

"You are scary," said Elephant.

Tiger bragged, "I am the fastest animal here. I am the best jumper. I am the best climber. I am the scariest animal."

He was so proud of himself that he went off to show all the other animals what he could do best.

Elephant didn't say a word.

Tiger was fast. He could jump very far. He could climb trees and he could roar.

But he was **not** good at looking where he was going.

Tiger fell into a deep hole. He jumped as high as he could. He could not get out.

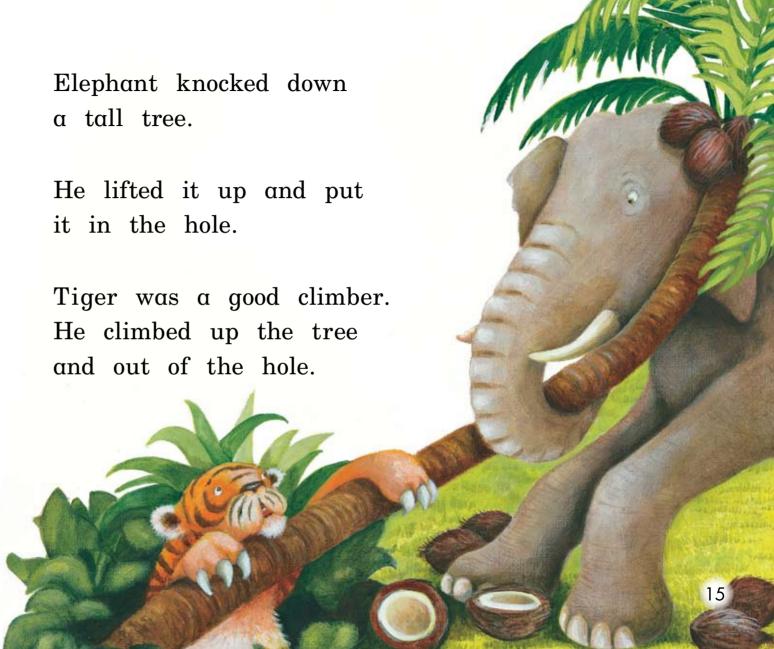
"Help!" cried Tiger. He was not bragging now.

Elephant heard Tiger crying for help. He ran as fast as he could. He looked down at Tiger in the hole.

a tall tree.

it in the hole.

He climbed up the tree and out of the hole.



"Thank you, Elephant," said Tiger.

"I am the fastest animal here. I am the best jumper and the best climber and the scariest animal here. But you are the best at something, too."

"What's that?" said Elephant.

"You are the best friend I have," Tiger said.