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BUB GETS HUNGRY



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In a place called Africa where there are elephants that do not live in zoos lived Bub, his mum and family. Bub's family was very big because he had lots of aunts, uncles and cousins, but no brothers or sisters.

In the hot summer sun, near a shallow river, everyone was enjoying lunch and having fun. They were having such a good time that no one noticed Bub wander off. It didn't help that after lunch everyone went to sleep in the shade of the trees.



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Bub had left to find something else to eat other than green leaves from trees. He saw a mountain a far way off and thought that there might be something nice to eat there. So off he went.

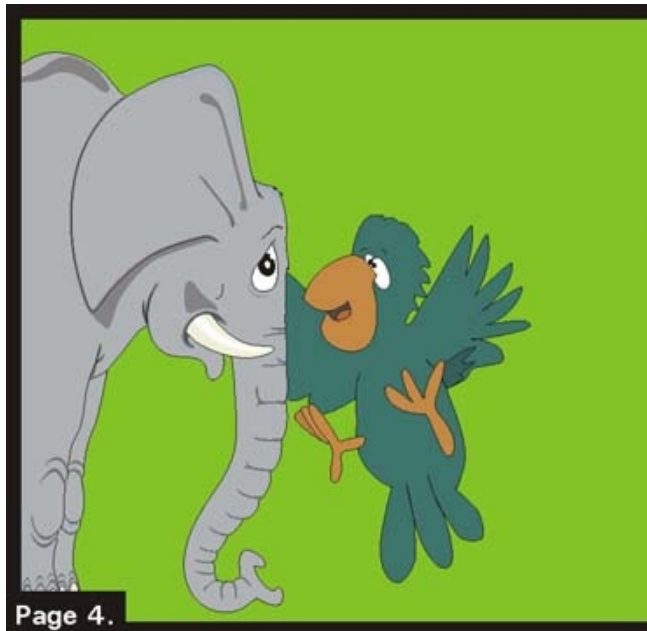
It was a long walk for Bub. His feet were only small which meant he had to walk twice as much as anyone else. He had to cross over two rivers and climb a hill before he reached the far off mountain. By now it was getting dark.



Back at the river where Bub's family were everyone was looking and calling for Bub. No one could find him and Bub's mum was very sad and his dad was getting cross.



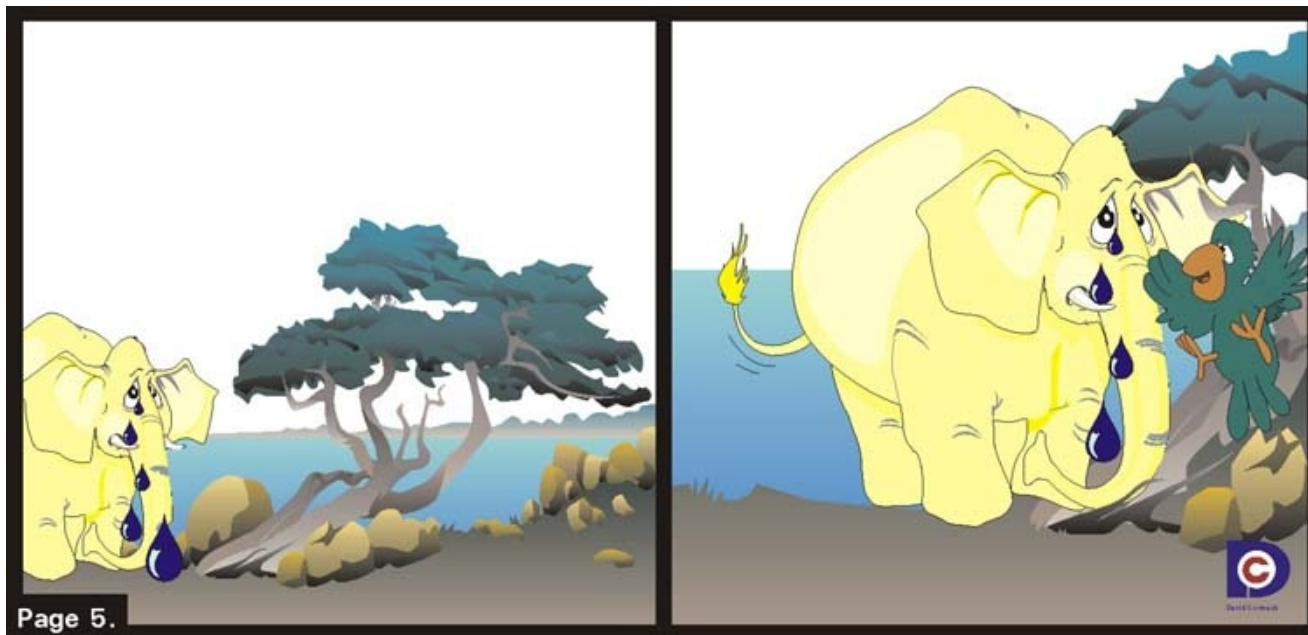
Bub was getting scared because he had never been in the dark by himself before. Bub went looking for somewhere to sleep. He looked and looked and found a nice grassy spot near a banana tree. He went to sleep.



Next morning Bub's mum asked Cheeky the bird to fly all around and look for Bub. Cheeky went high into the air and looked all over for Bub. He looked everywhere except under the banana tree where Bub was still sleeping.



Bub woke up and was hungry for breakfast. He didn't want to eat leaves so he looked around for something else. He decided to eat the bananas. In fact he ate a lot of bananas too many really so many that he turned yellow.



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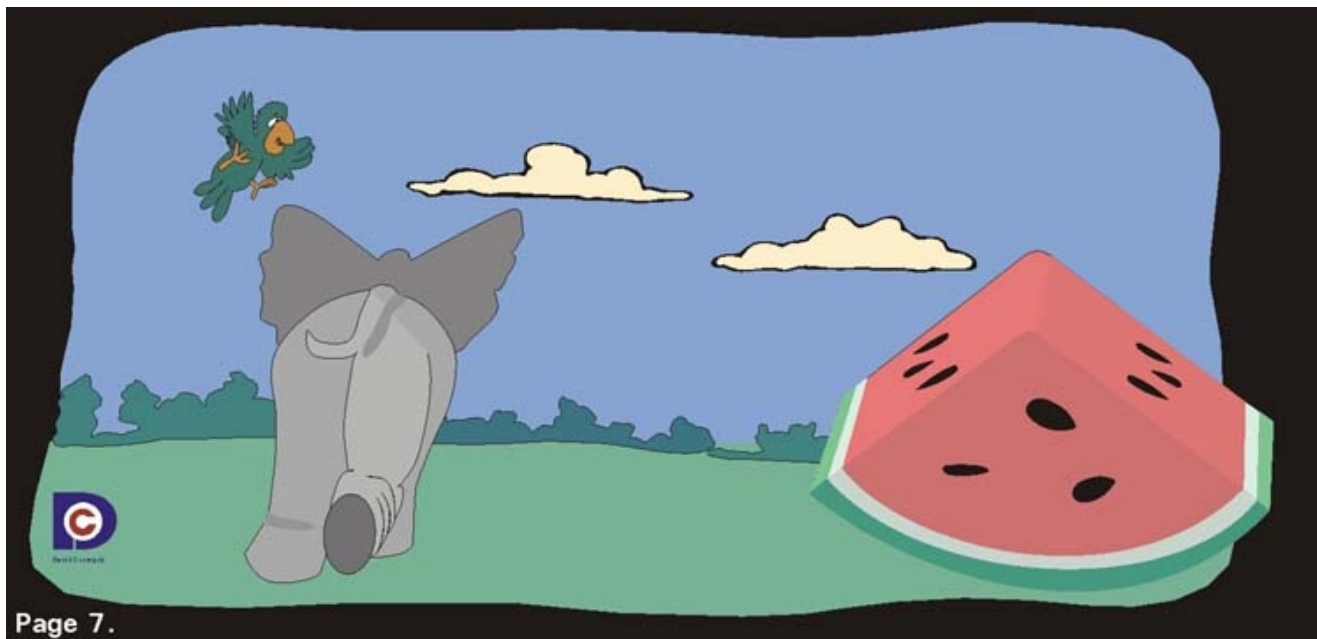
Bub didn't know he was yellow until he went to have a drink at the dam. When he looked in the water and saw himself he cried. He cried great big elephant tears and made a lot of noise.

Cheeky heard all the noise and came to have a look and found Bub. He told Bub he was a naughty elephant for running off. Bub was sorry and wanted to go home. Cheeky said he couldn't go home because he was yellow. Bub started crying again.



Cheeky said not to worry as he had a plan. His plan was to eat lots of liquorice. This was a bit tricky because you don't find liquorice growing on the trees in Africa.

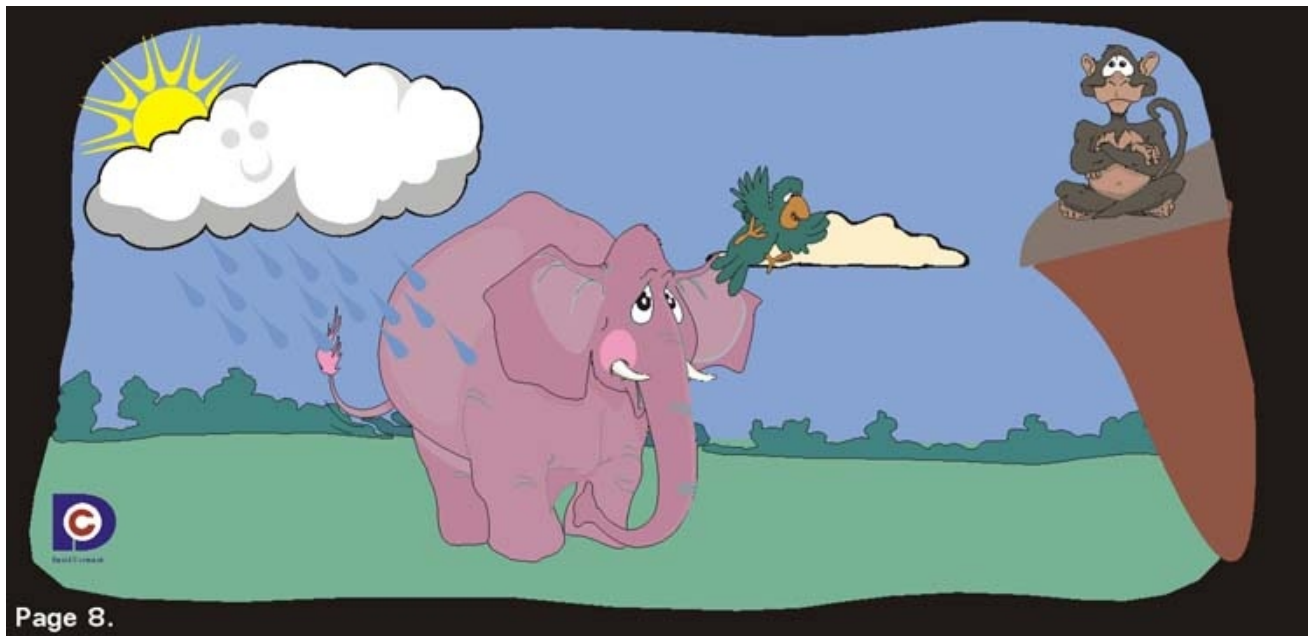
So off Cheeky went looking for liquorice. Cheeky flew around and around and still couldn't find any. He spent the whole day looking and still couldn't find any. He went back to Bub.



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Cheeky's other plan was to eat mud instead of liquorice. Bub thought that was the silliest thing he'd ever heard of. Bub said he was going home yellow and all. He knew his mom and dad would love him anyway.

On the way they came across some yummy watermelons. Bub ate a lot of these as well. These made him a sort of pinkish colour. Cheeky said it was better than being yellow.



It started to rain and Cheeky and Bub stood in a cave while the rain fell.

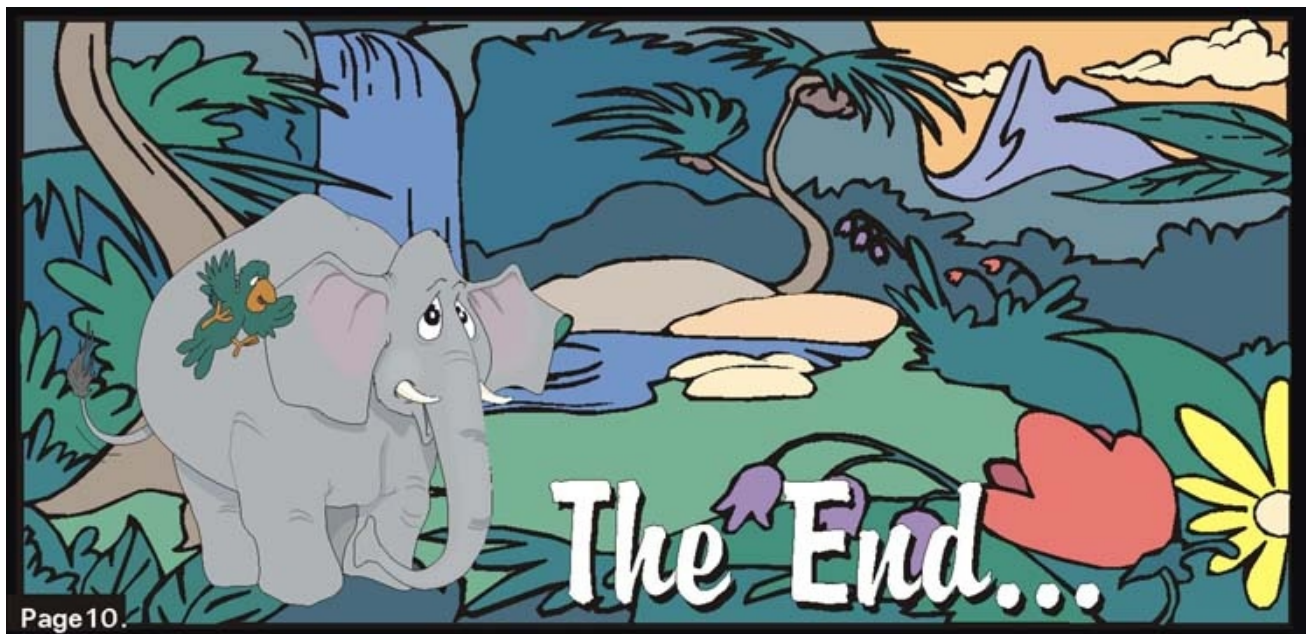
It was only a short summer shower known as a monkeys wedding. The monkeys love this type of rain. They "YAHOOED" all over the place and weren't worried one bit that they were getting wet.



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After the rain finished Cheeky spotted a rainbow. Cheeky thought that maybe the colours at the end of the rainbow might help his friend go back to his usual colour. They set off to find the end of the rainbow.

Bub arrived at the end of the rainbow just in time before it disappeared from that spot forever. He stood in all the colours and dazzled. He watched his old self come back again colour by colour. He had a big grin on his face from ear to ear.



It was late in the day when Bub was back with his family. Bub was happy to be home. Everyone was happy Bub was home. His dad was only a little bit cross. Bub was beginning to think that eating what elephants were supposed to eat was a good idea.



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