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My mane is thick, my teeth are sharp,
I am a mighty beast.
Be careful not to cross my path,
I'll eat you – what a feast!

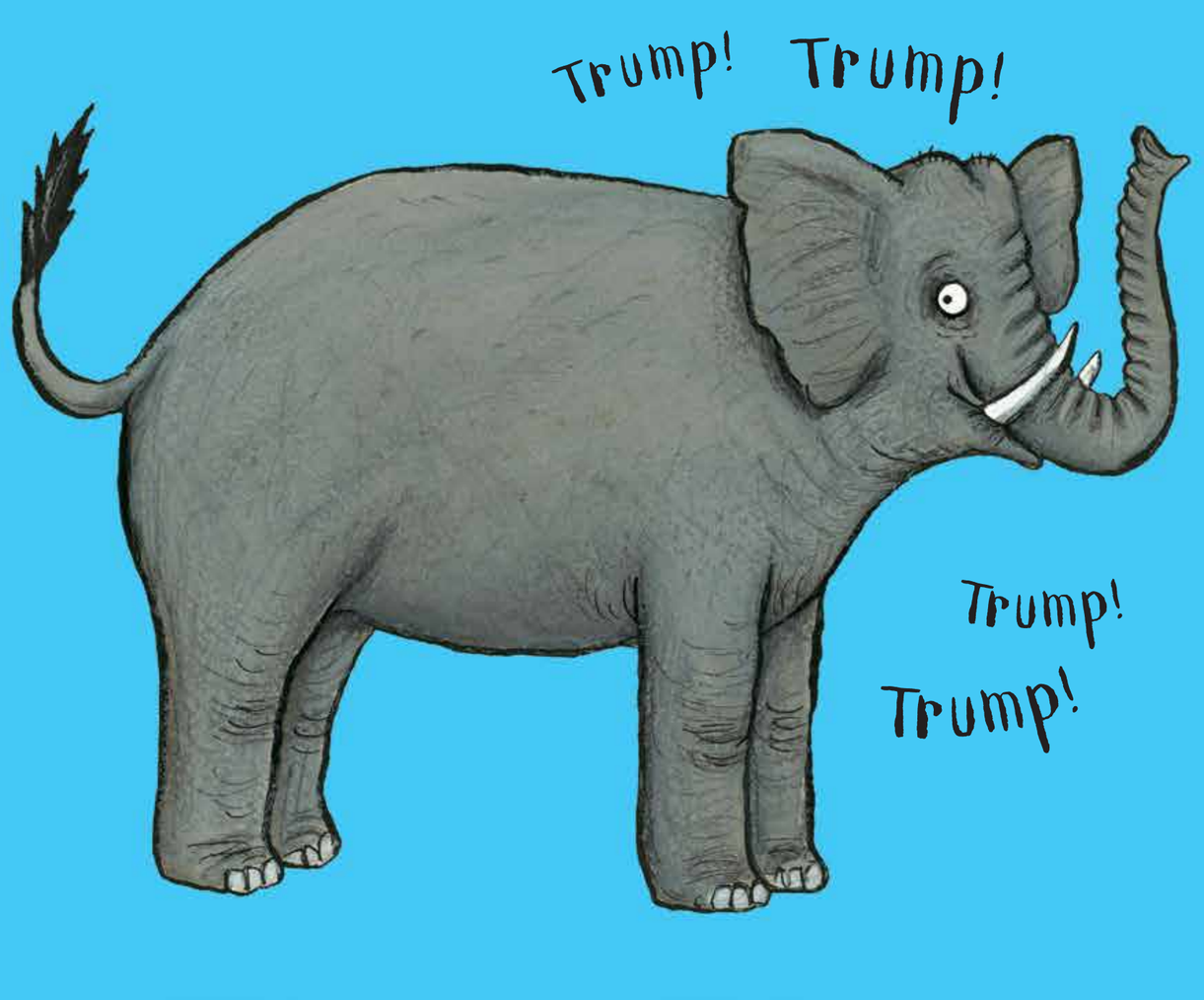
I pad towards the waterhole
On my four furry paws.
Be careful if you're drinking there –
I'll catch you in my claws!

It's an

ELEPHANT

My ears are quite enormous,
And I flap them to keep cool.
I use my long, grey trunk
To suck up water from the pool.

My feet are absolutely huge.
They make a stomping sound.
The other creatures know I'm near –
My footsteps shake the ground!

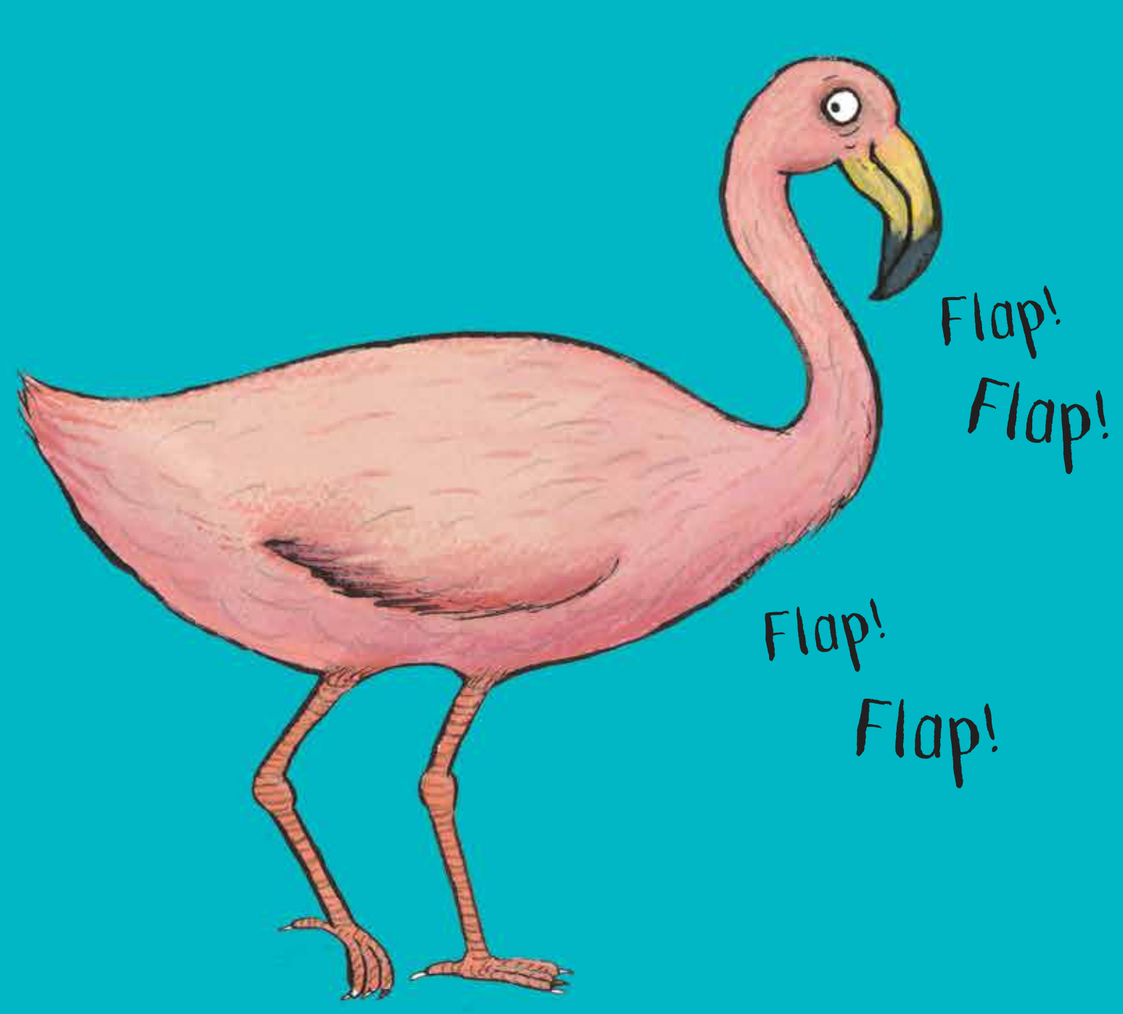


It's a BUFFALO

When I was **born**, my coat was **red**,
But **now** it's **shiny** black.
I've **long** and lovely **curving** horns,
And **birds** upon my **back**!

My **cloven** hooves are **black** and hard,
My **legs** are **short** and stout.
I **trot** around with my **big** herd –
We **like** to charge **about**!

It's a FLAMINGO

What colour do I like the best?
Which is it, do you think?
It isn't brown or black, of course,
My favourite colour's pink!

Can you stand on just one leg?
It's what I love to do.
But when I'm tired of doing that,
Well, then I stand on two!