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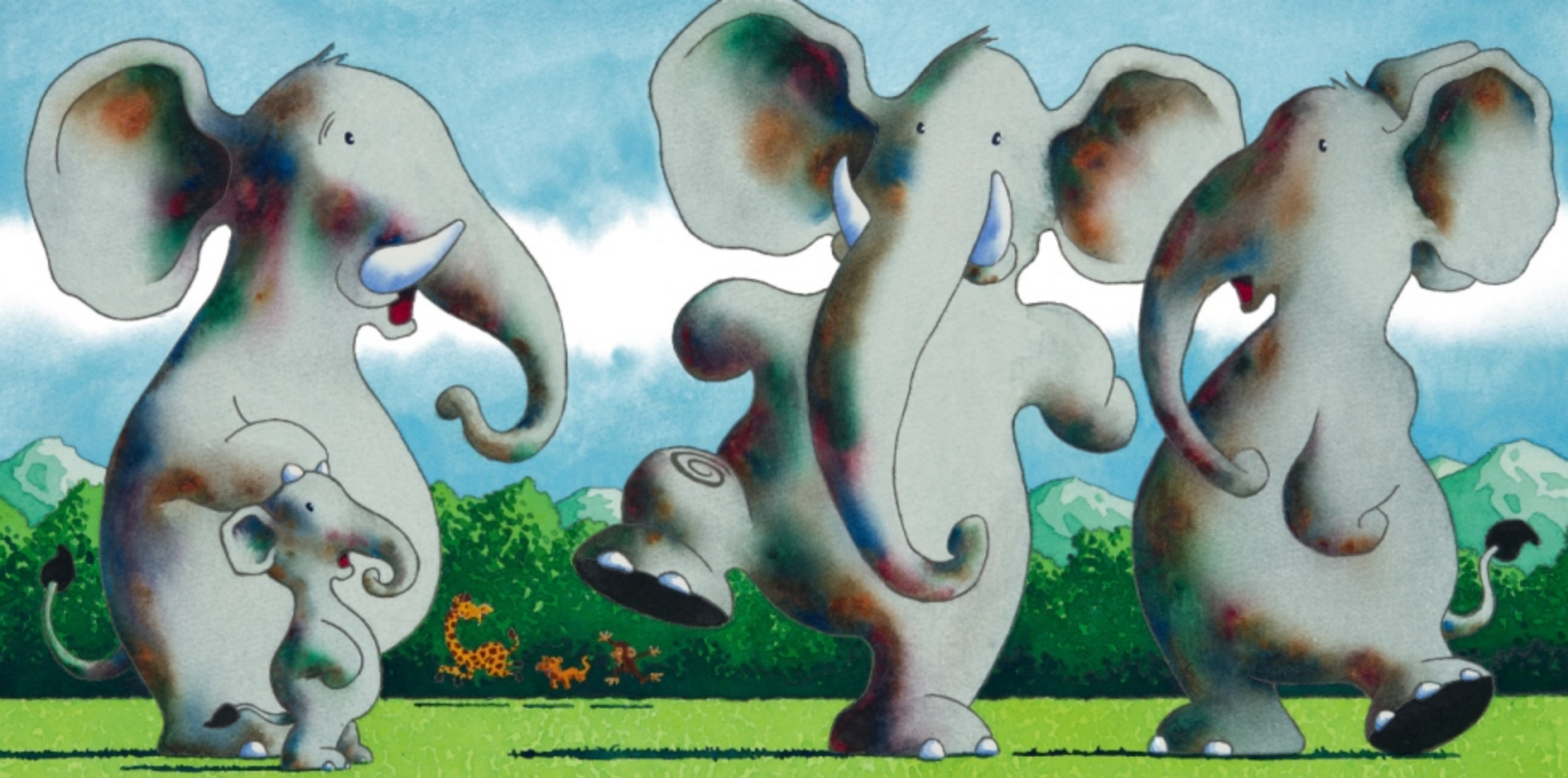
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Lions can jump.
Monkeys can jump.
Even giraffes can jump . . .



. . . but elephants can't.
"Why not?" asked Elephant.

"It's just the way we're made," said his mother.
"Something to do with our knees," said his father.
"Among other things," said his auntie.

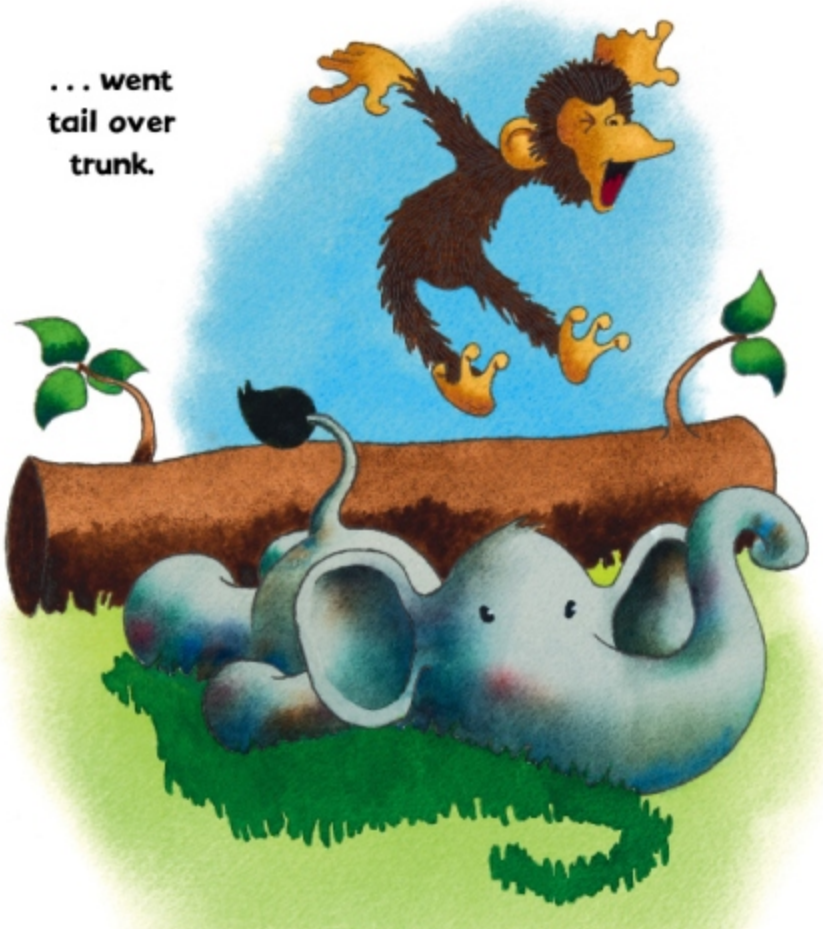
But Elephant wouldn't give up.
"If I ran fast enough, I could jump
over that log," he thought.





So he ran his very fastest and . . .

. . . went
tail over
trunk.



"Elephants can't jump!" laughed Monkey.
"If I had something to bounce off, I could,"
thought Elephant.

So he found something bouncy.



But no matter how hard he tried to jump **up** . . .

. . . he stayed down.



"Elephants can't jump!" laughed Lion.
"Maybe I could jump off something high,"
thought Elephant.