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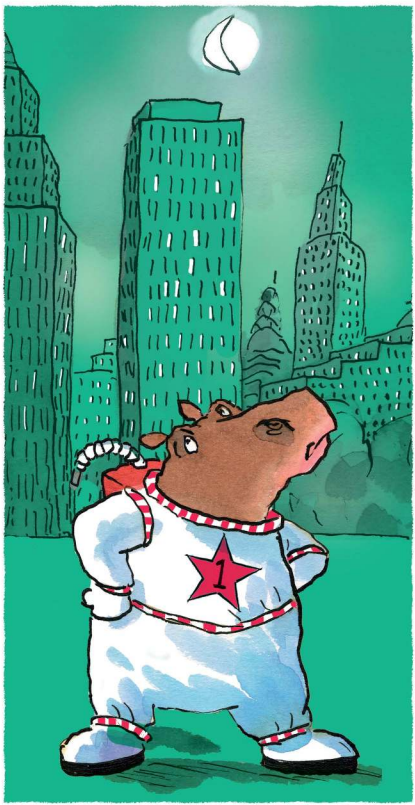
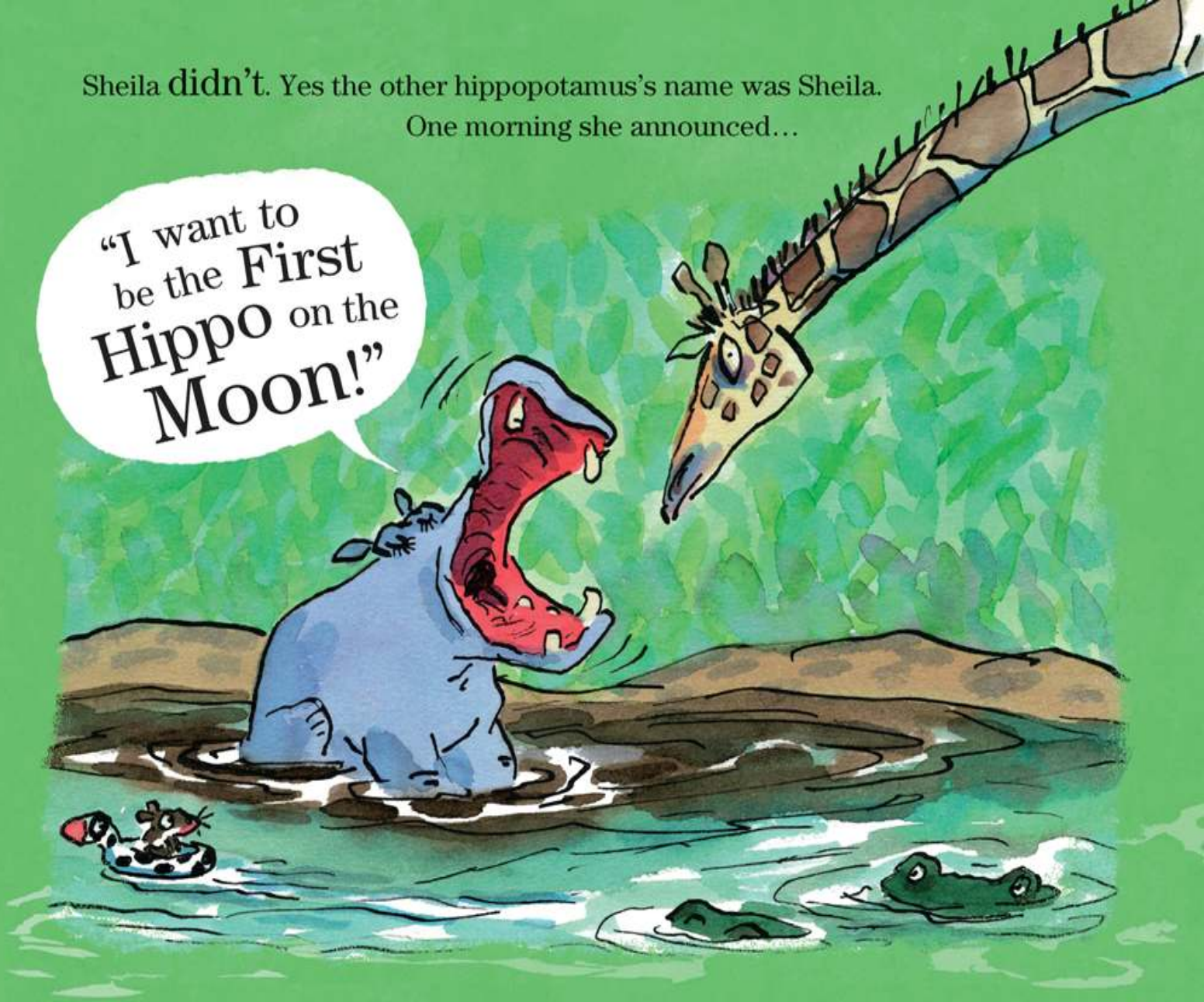


To be the very First Hippo on the Moon.

One enormously rich hippo – Hercules Waldorf-Franklin III –
paid for a gigantic Hippo Space Centre to be built to blast him there.

Sheila **didn't**. Yes the other hippopotamus's name was Sheila.
One morning she announced…



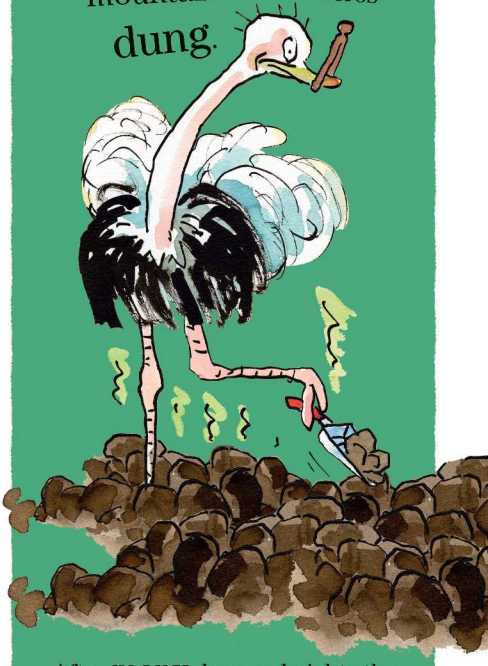
"But, Sheila…" said her giraffe friend. "You don't have a **space rocket**."
"Then we'll **make** one, Keith," Sheila replied.
Yes the giraffe's name was Keith.
"Us hippos like to **Dream Big!**"

Sheila's friends got to work building her a rocket.

Tina the elephant brought back the biggest tree trunk she could find.

Joyce the gorilla fetched the longest vine.

And Derek the ostrich was given the task of gathering the pongiest mountain of rhinoceros dung.



After many days and nights the animals finally unveiled their space rocket...