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“When the immortal scorer
writes against your name,
he’ll write not if you won or lost
but how you played the game.”

– a misquote of Grantland Rice

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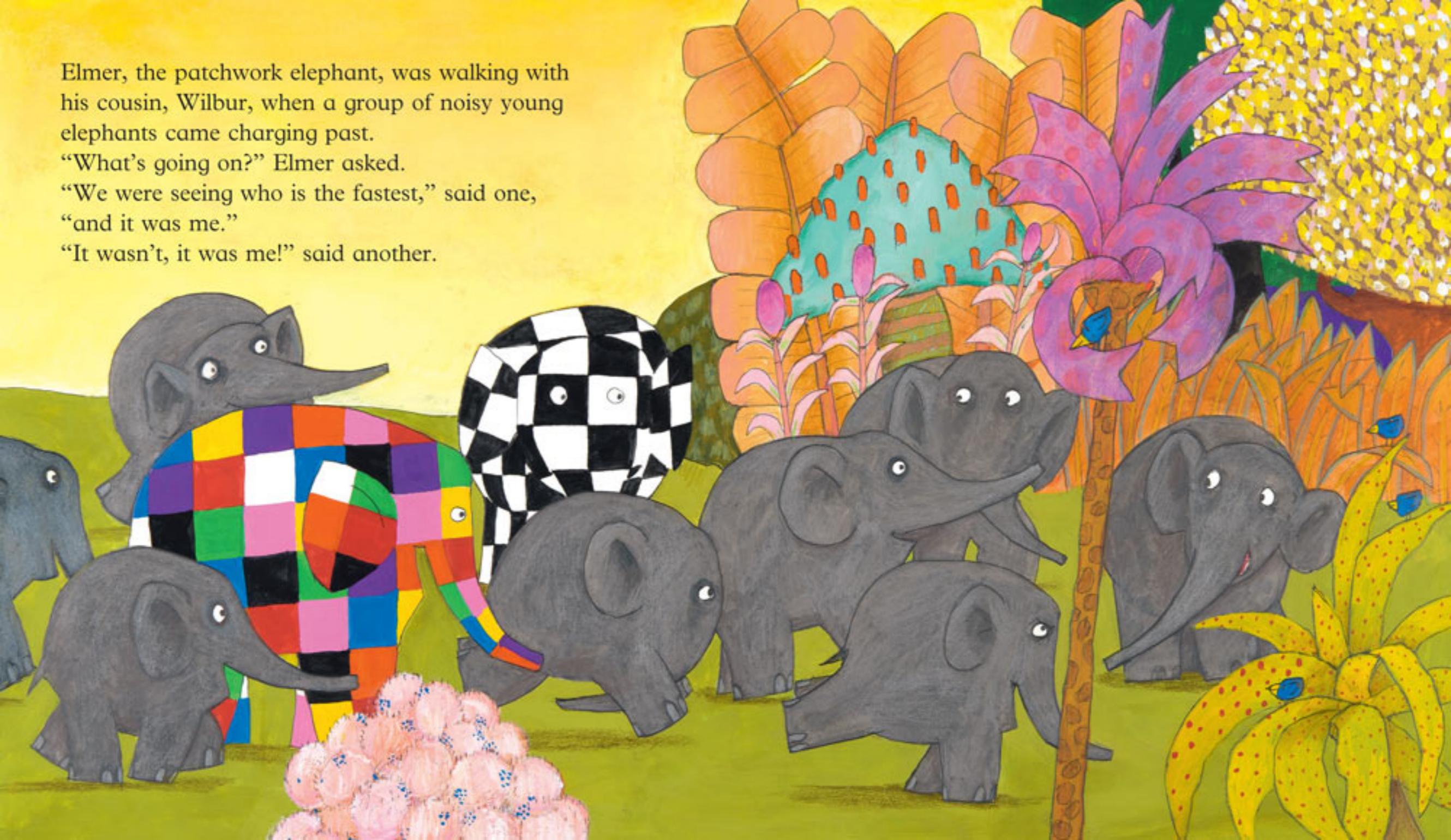
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was walking with his cousin, Wilbur, when a group of noisy young elephants came charging past.

“What’s going on?” Elmer asked.

“We were seeing who is the fastest,” said one, “and it was me.”

“It wasn’t, it was me!” said another.



“You both cheated,” said a third. “It wasn’t a proper race.”
“Let’s have a proper race,” said Wilbur.
“We need to tell the other animals and decide the course,” said Elmer. “We’ll have the race next week.”

