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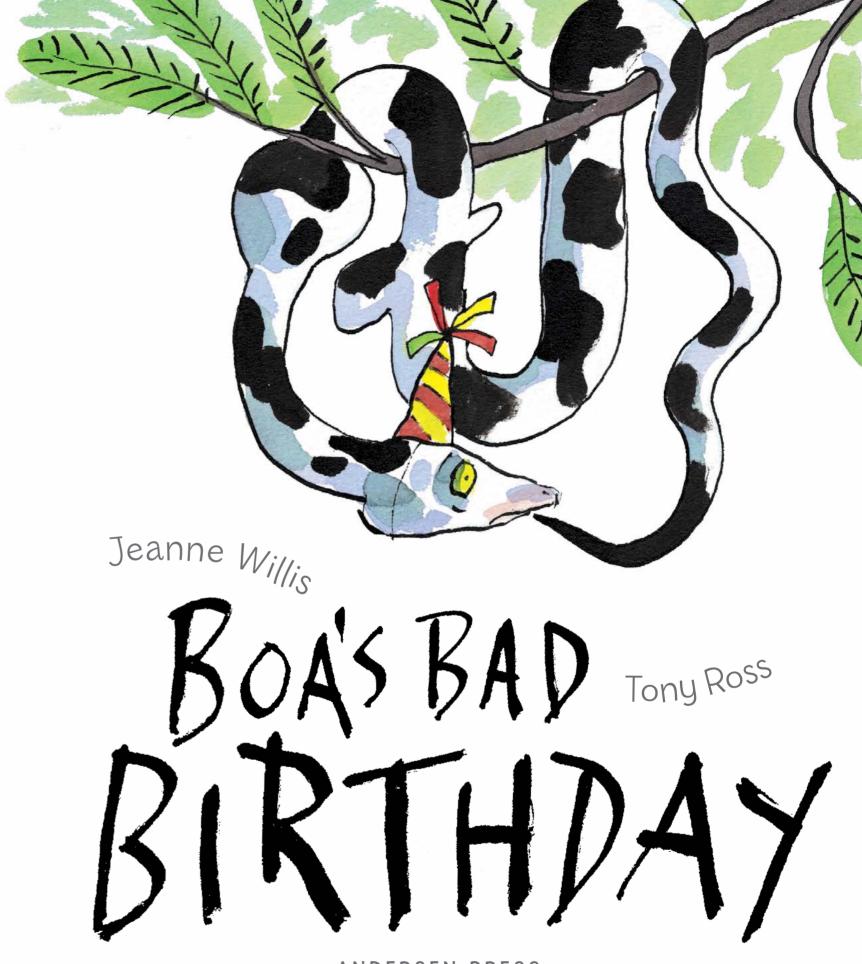
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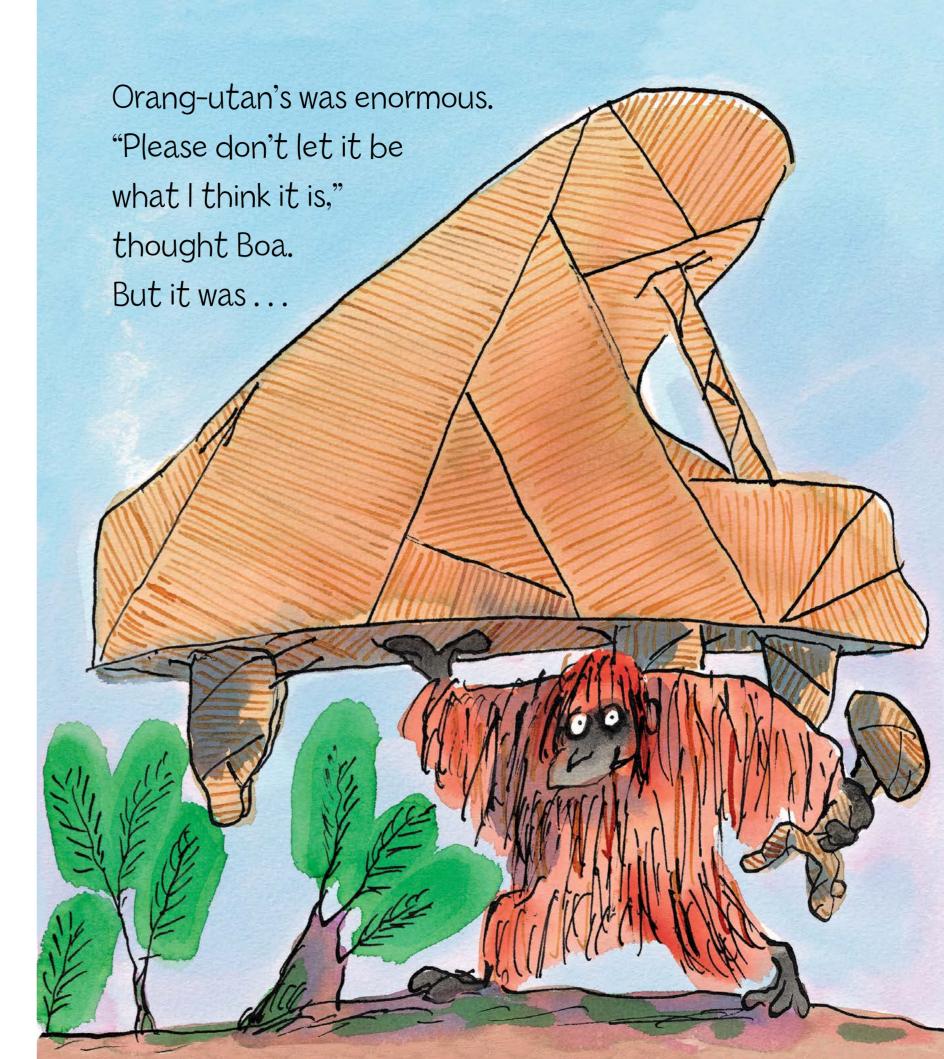
It was going to be the best one ever.

Or so he hoped.

He invited his friends round.

They would all bring him wonderful presents.

Or would they?



...a piano!



Boa couldn't play it. He had no fingers. "It's the thought that counts," said his mother.