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How the Elephant Got His Trunk

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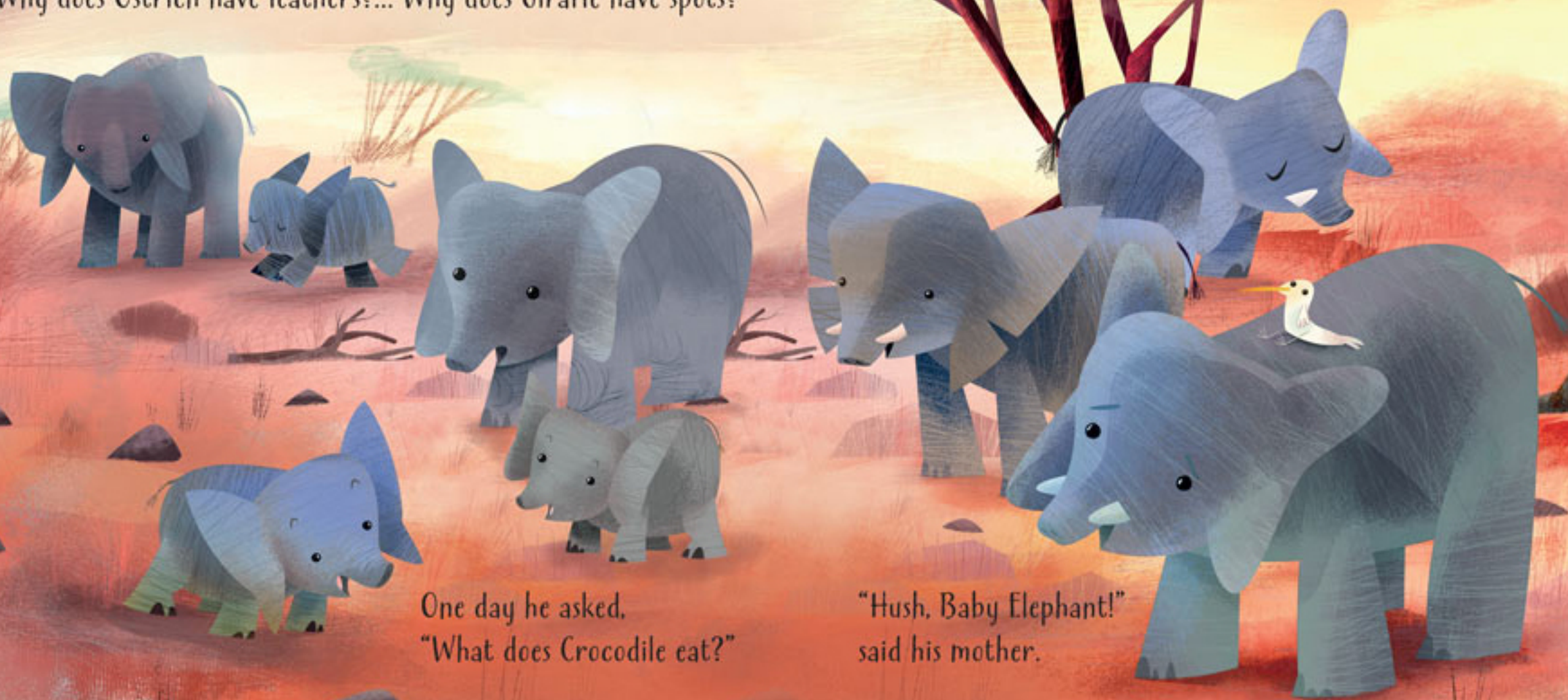
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Baby Elephant was very curious. He was always asking questions.
“Why does Ostrich have feathers?... Why does Giraffe have spots?”



One day he asked,
“What does Crocodile eat?”

“Hush, Baby Elephant!”
said his mother.

With a quick snip-snap, Crocodile caught Elephant's nose.
"Let go!" squealed Elephant. But Crocodile did not let go.
He pulled and pulled as hard as he could.

"Oh dear," said Snake.

"Help!" cried Elephant.
"I'm slipping!"
A little white bird
caught hold of his tail.



When they saw how useful Baby Elephant's new, long nose was,
all the others went down to the great, green Limpopo River...



...and got
long noses too!