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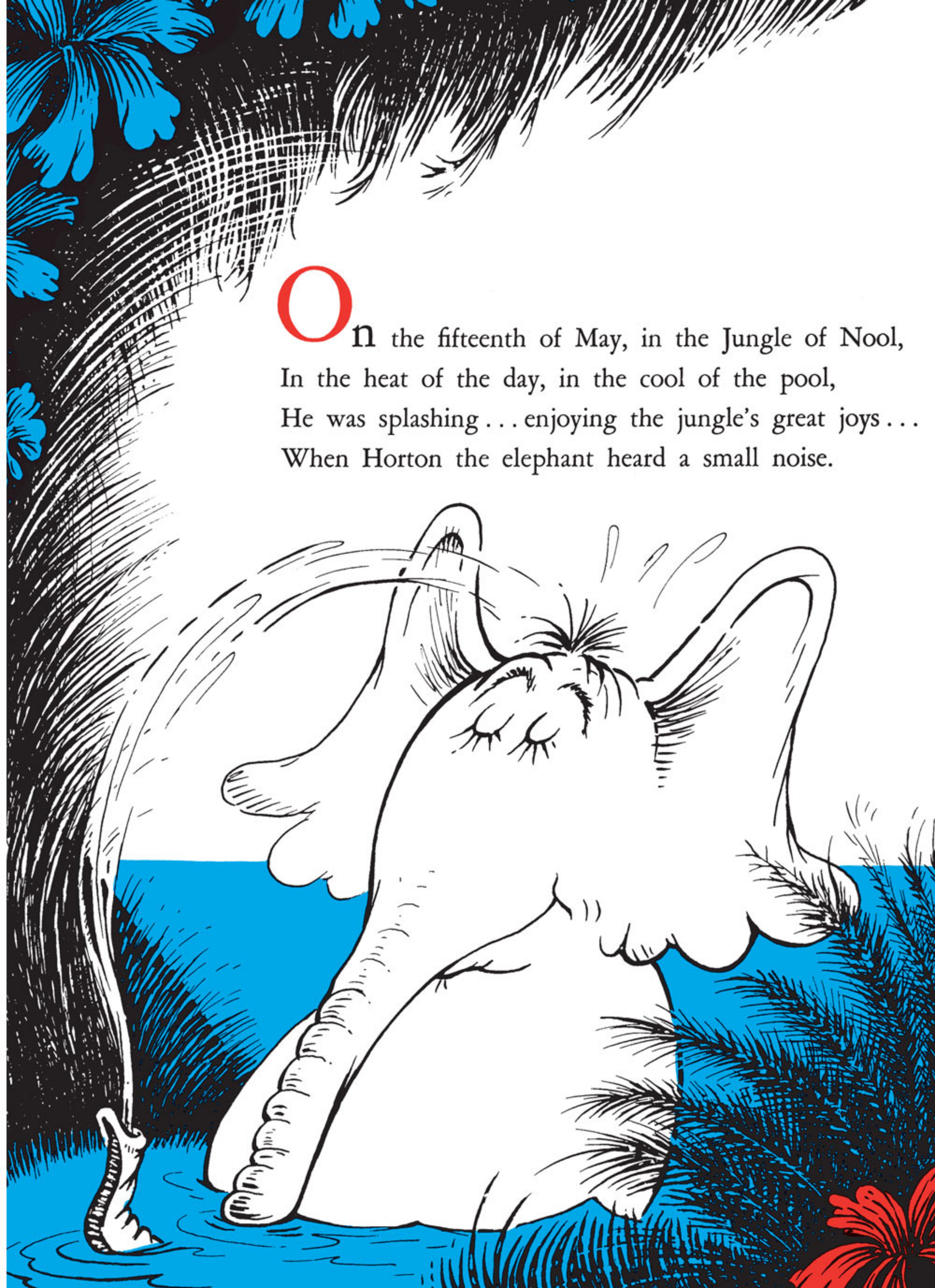
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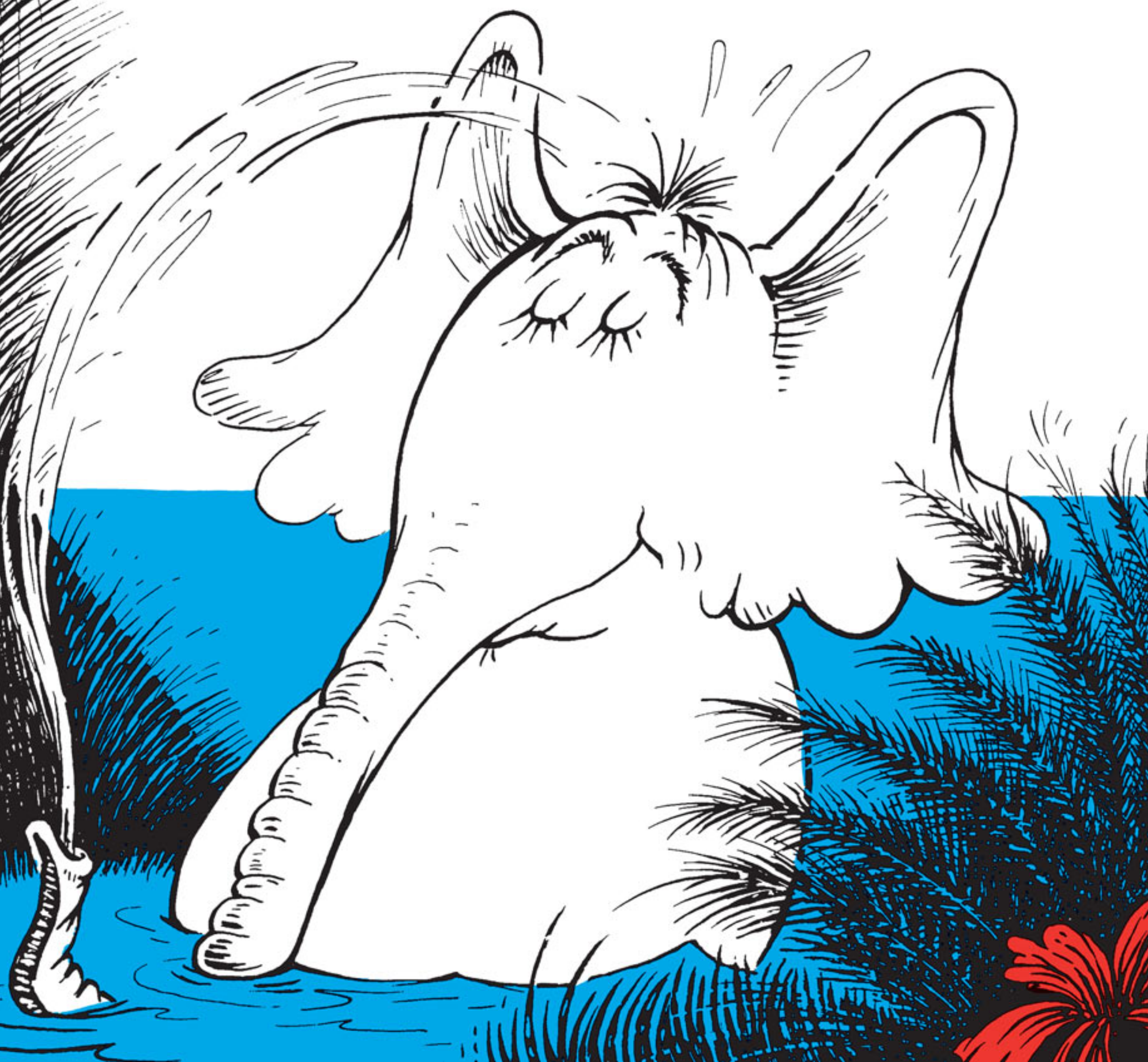
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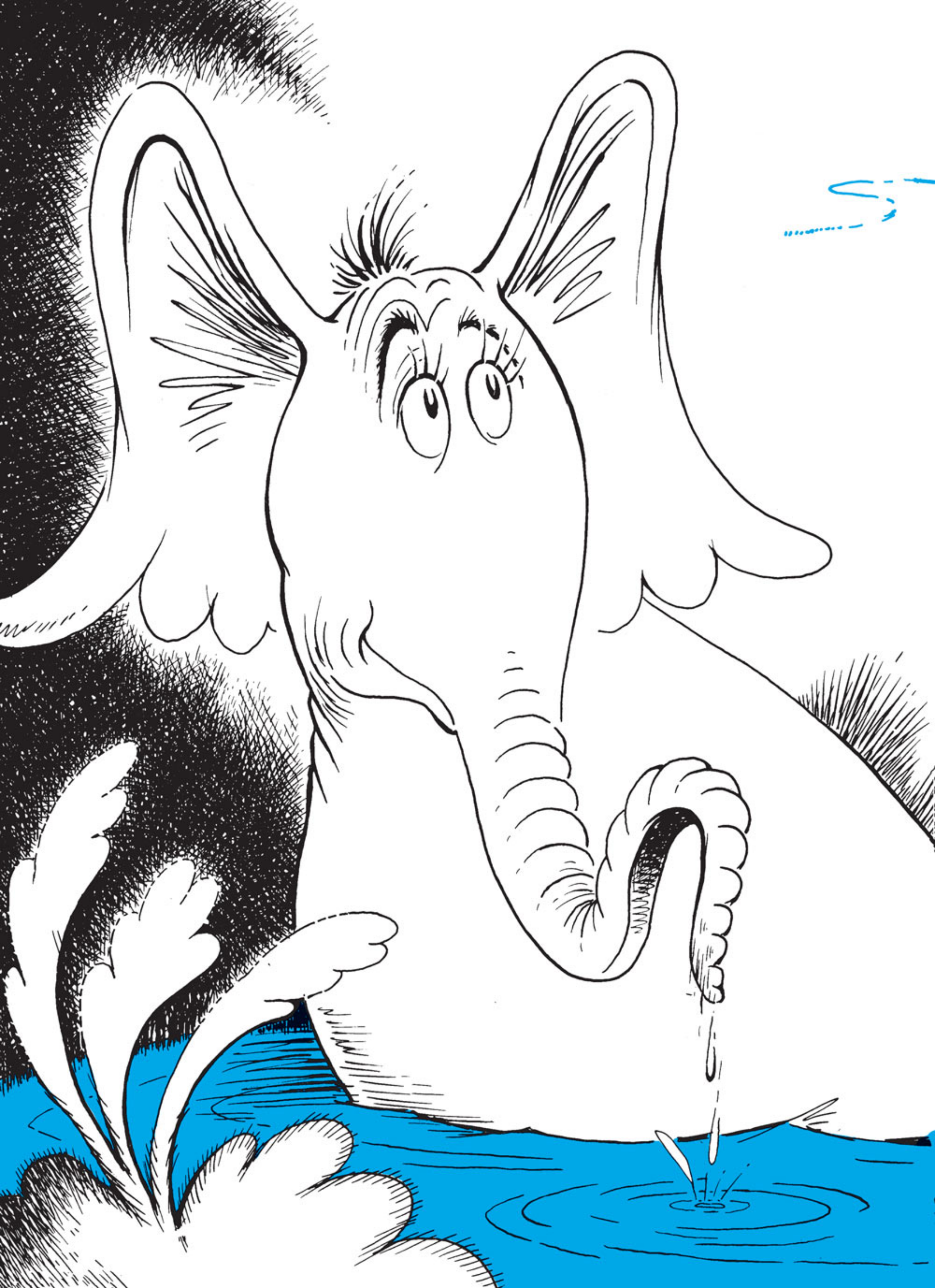
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A black and white line drawing of Horton the elephant splashing in a pool. Horton is shown from the side, with his head and trunk in the water. His trunk is curled up, and his head is tilted back. Water splashes around him, indicated by curved lines. The background features a large, stylized blue flower in the upper left corner and a red flower in the lower right corner. The water is represented by a solid blue area.

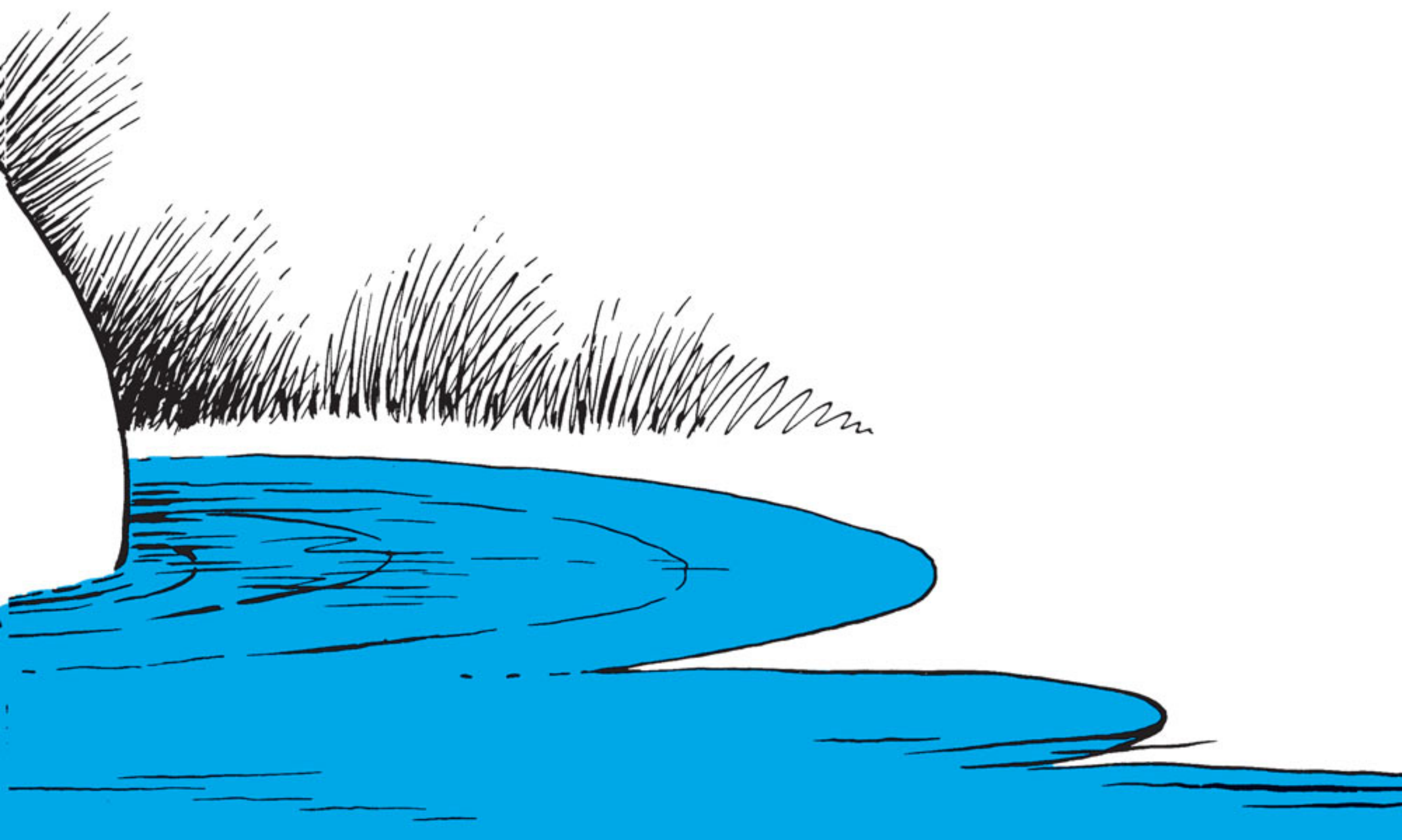
On the fifteenth of May, in the Jungle of Nool,
In the heat of the day, in the cool of the pool,
He was splashing . . . enjoying the jungle's great joys . . .
When Horton the elephant heard a small noise.



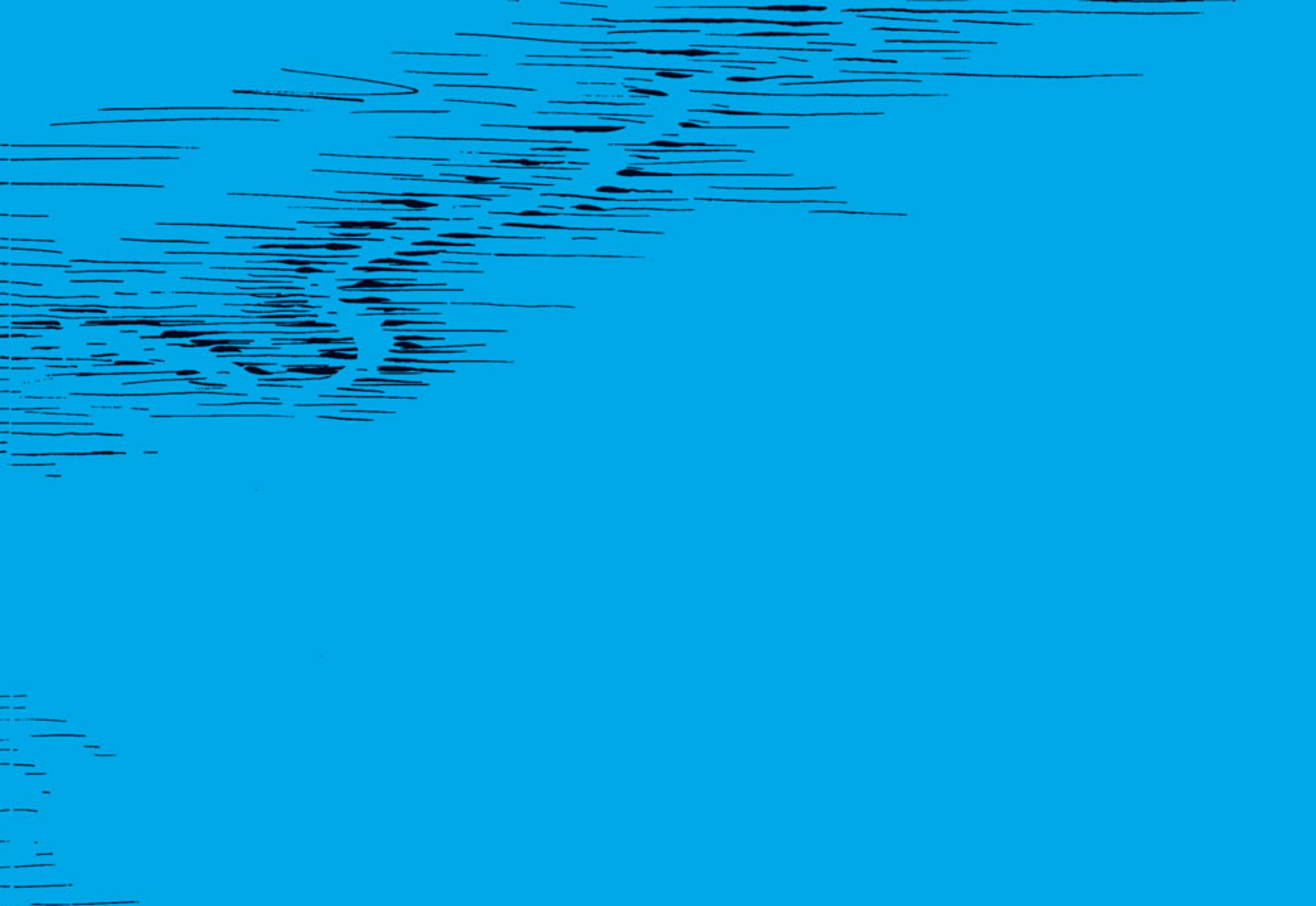




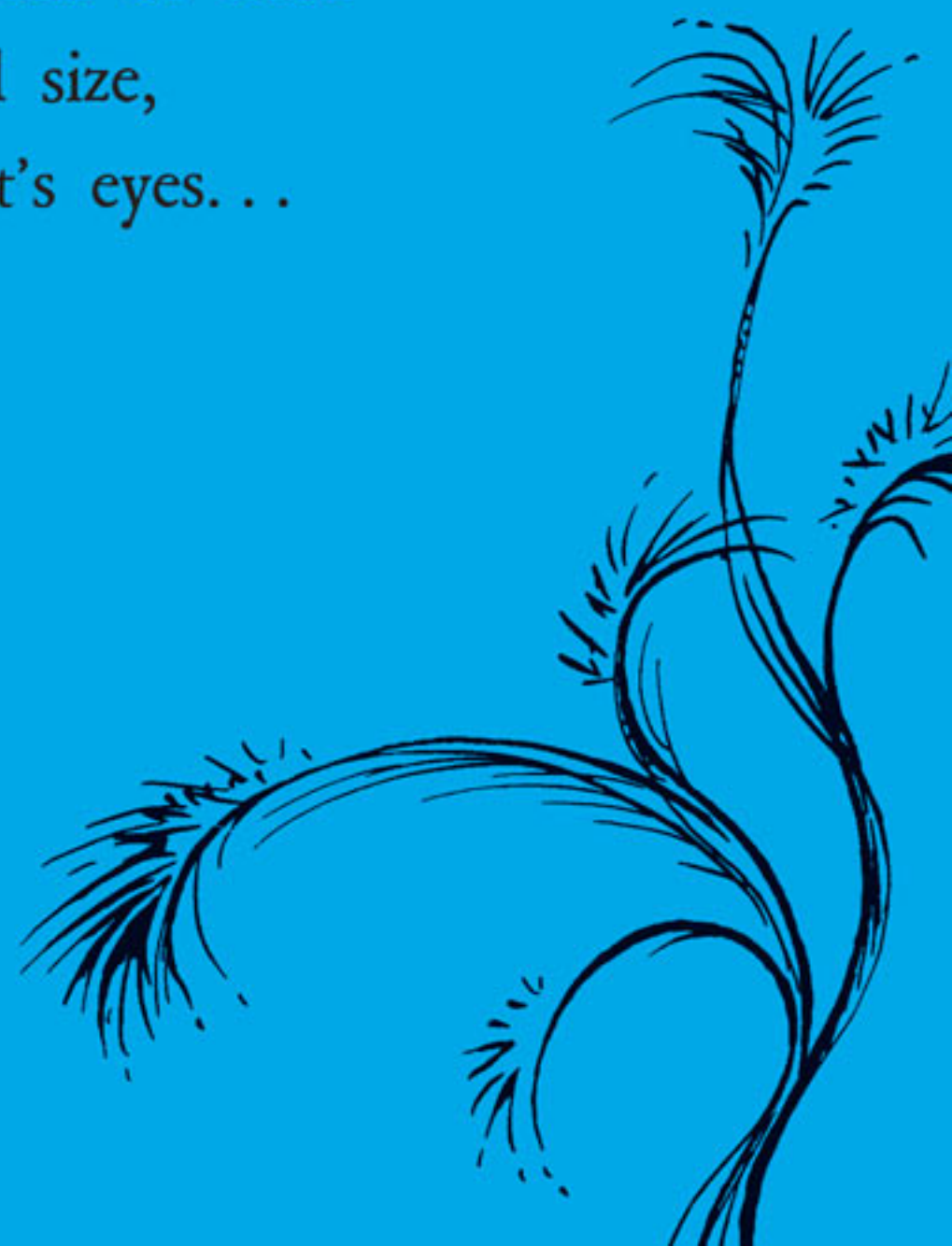
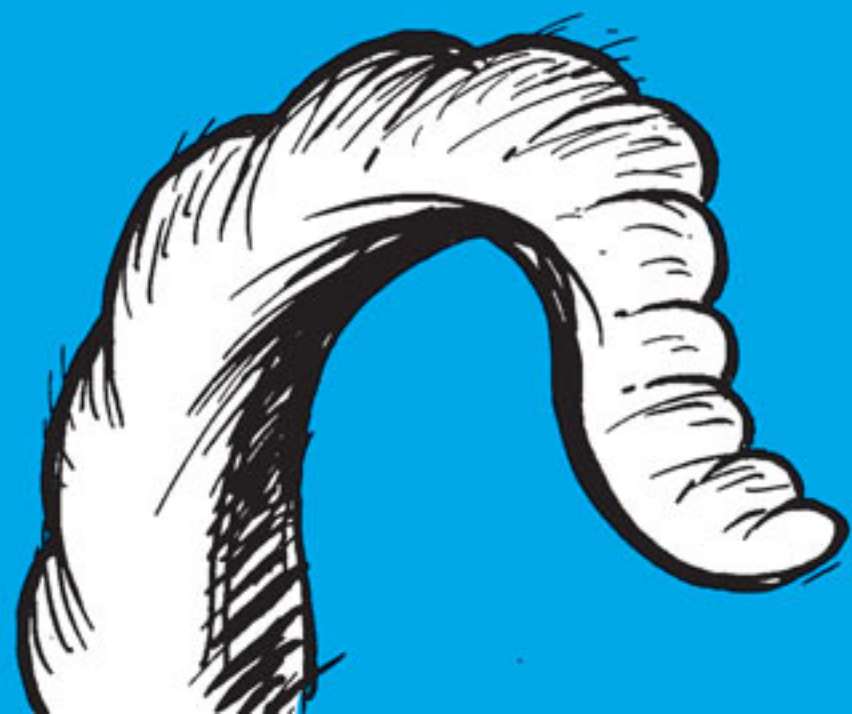
So Horton stopped splashing. He looked towards the sound.
“That’s funny,” thought Horton. “There’s no one around.”
Then he heard it again! Just a very faint yelp
As if some tiny person were calling for help.
“I’ll help you,” said Horton. “But *who* are you? *Where?*”
He looked and he looked. He could see nothing there
But a small speck of dust blowing past through the air.

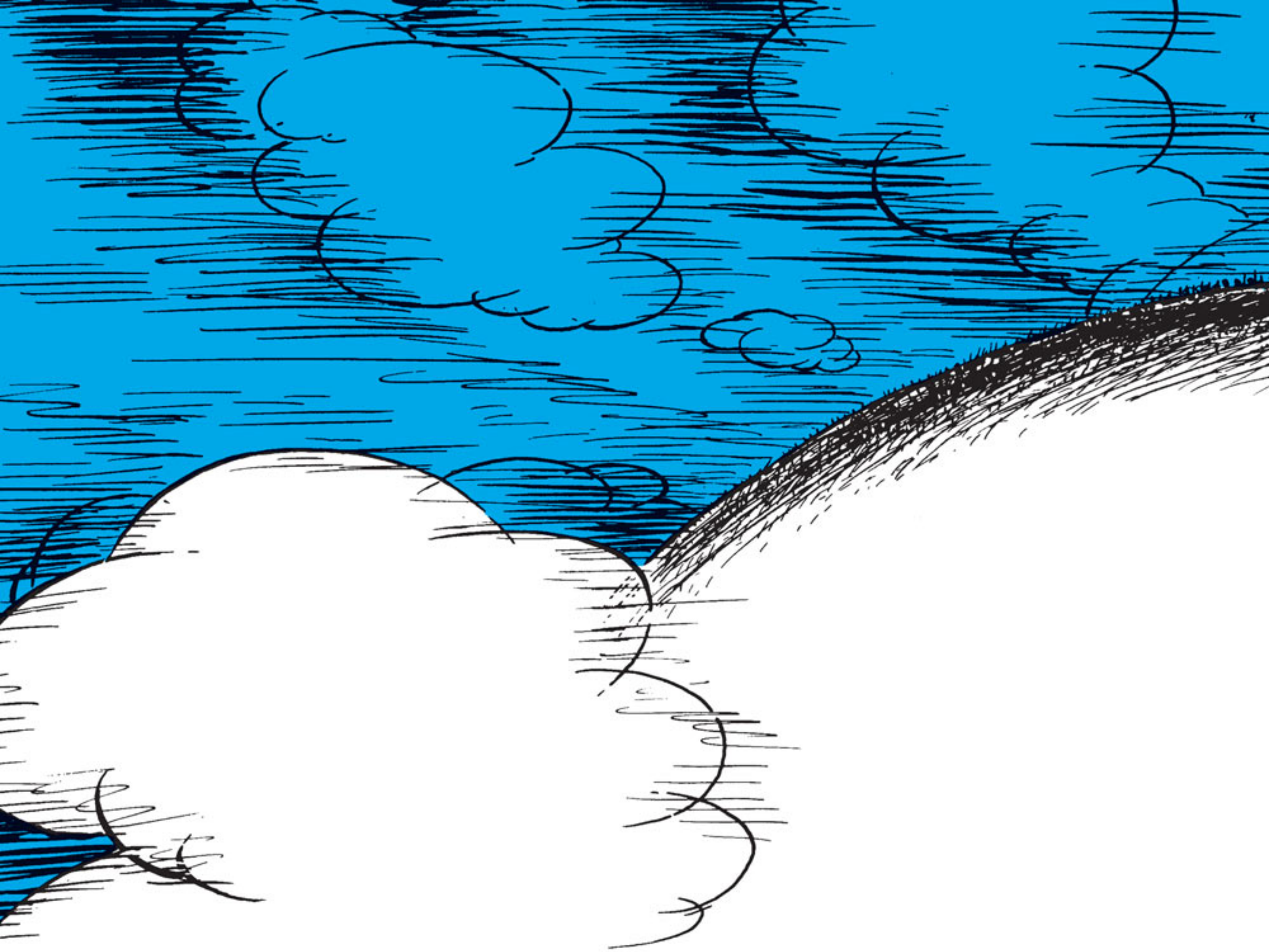






“I say!” murmured Horton. “I’ve never heard tell
Of a small speck of dust that is able to yell.
So you know what I think? . . . Why, I think that there must
Be someone on top of that small speck of dust!
Some sort of a creature of *very* small size,
Too small to be seen by an elephant’s eyes. . .





“...some poor little person who’s shaking with fear
That he’ll blow in the pool! He has no way to steer!
I’ll just have to save him. Because, after all,
A person’s a person, no matter how small.”



