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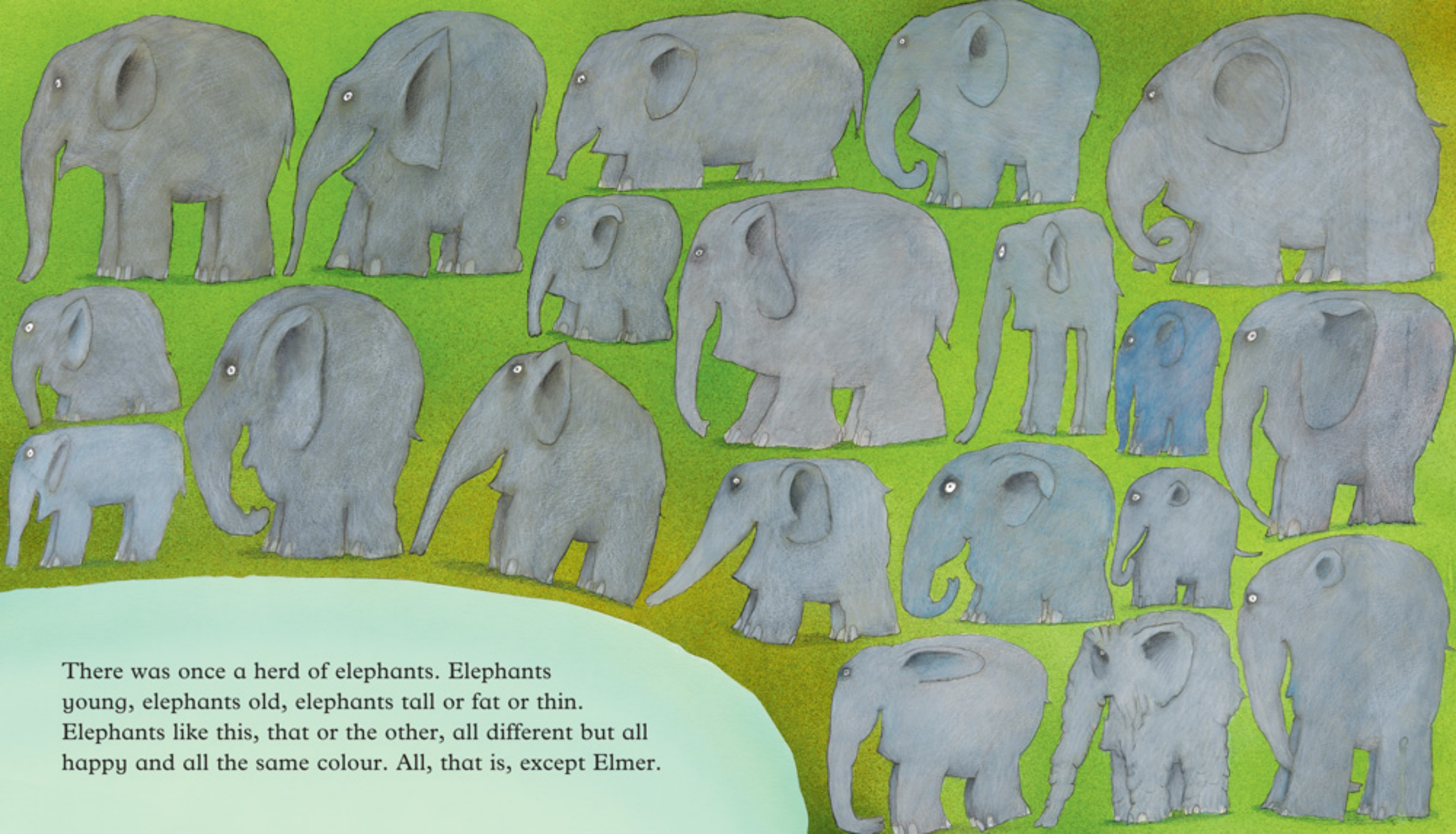
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There was once a herd of elephants. Elephants young, elephants old, elephants tall or fat or thin. Elephants like this, that or the other, all different but all happy and all the same colour. All, that is, except Elmer.



Elmer was different. Elmer was patchwork.
Elmer was yellow and orange
and red and pink and purple
and blue and green
and black and white.

Elmer was *not* elephant colour.



It was Elmer who kept the elephants happy. Sometimes he joked with the other elephants, sometimes they joked with him. But if there was even a little smile, it was usually Elmer who started it.