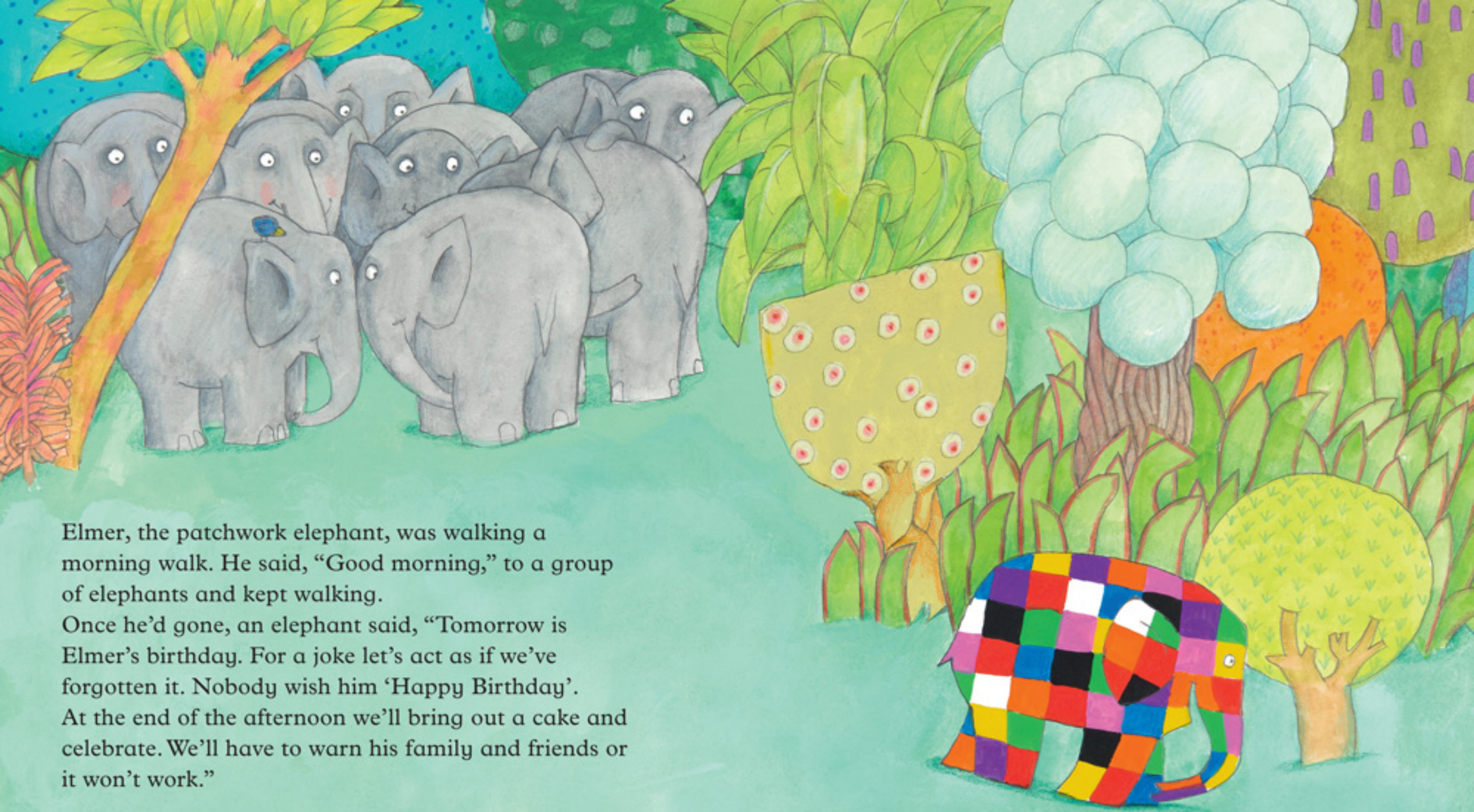
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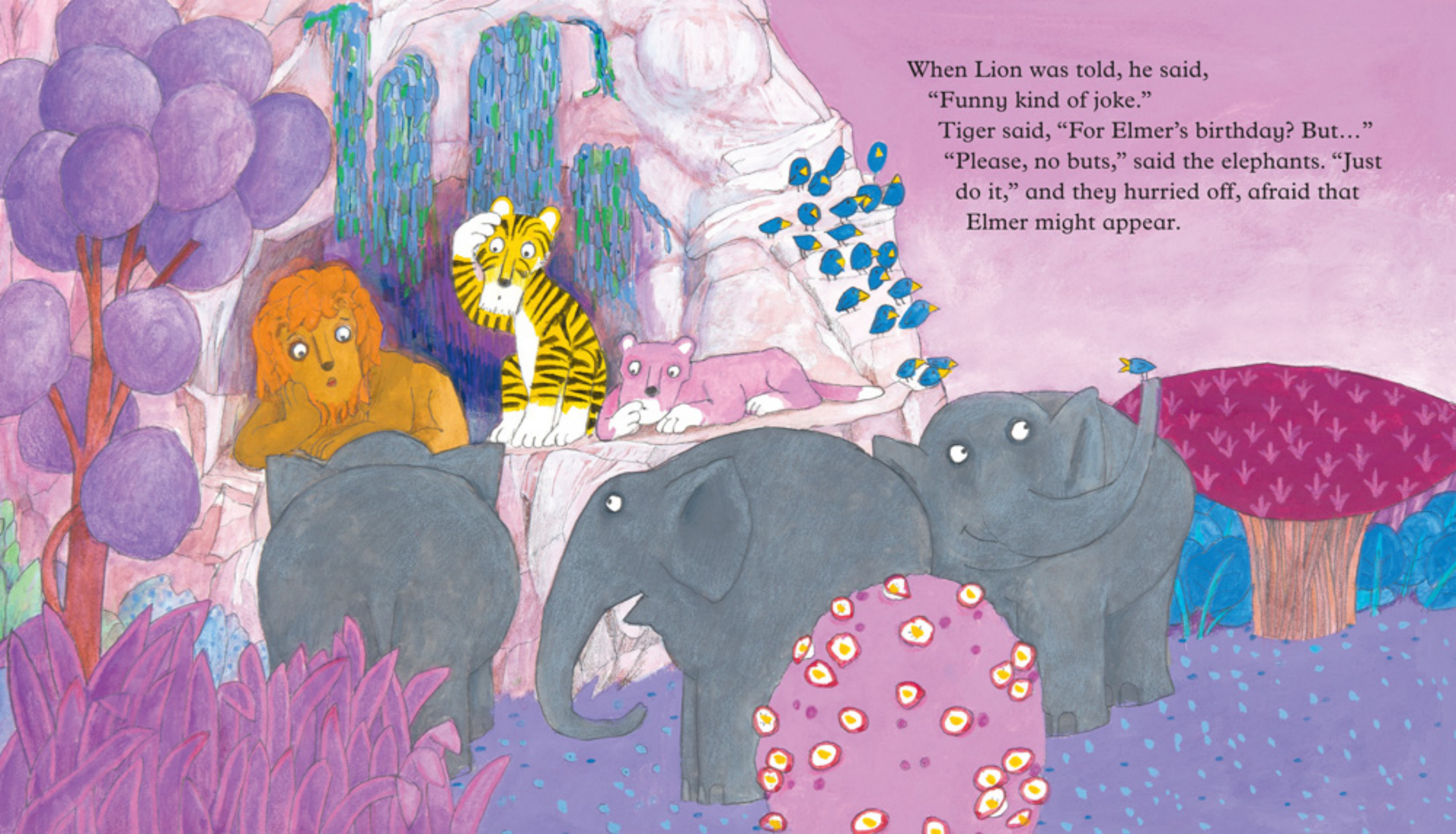
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was walking a morning walk. He said, “Good morning,” to a group of elephants and kept walking.
Once he’d gone, an elephant said, “Tomorrow is Elmer’s birthday. For a joke let’s act as if we’ve forgotten it. Nobody wish him ‘Happy Birthday’.
At the end of the afternoon we’ll bring out a cake and celebrate. We’ll have to warn his family and friends or it won’t work.”

"I'm not sure it's a good trick," said Bird.
"But if there's cake I'll tell the birds."
The elephants chuckled and hurried off in different directions to see that nobody said "Happy Birthday".





When Lion was told, he said,
"Funny kind of joke."
Tiger said, "For Elmer's birthday? But..."
"Please, no buts," said the elephants. "Just do it," and they hurried off, afraid that Elmer might appear.