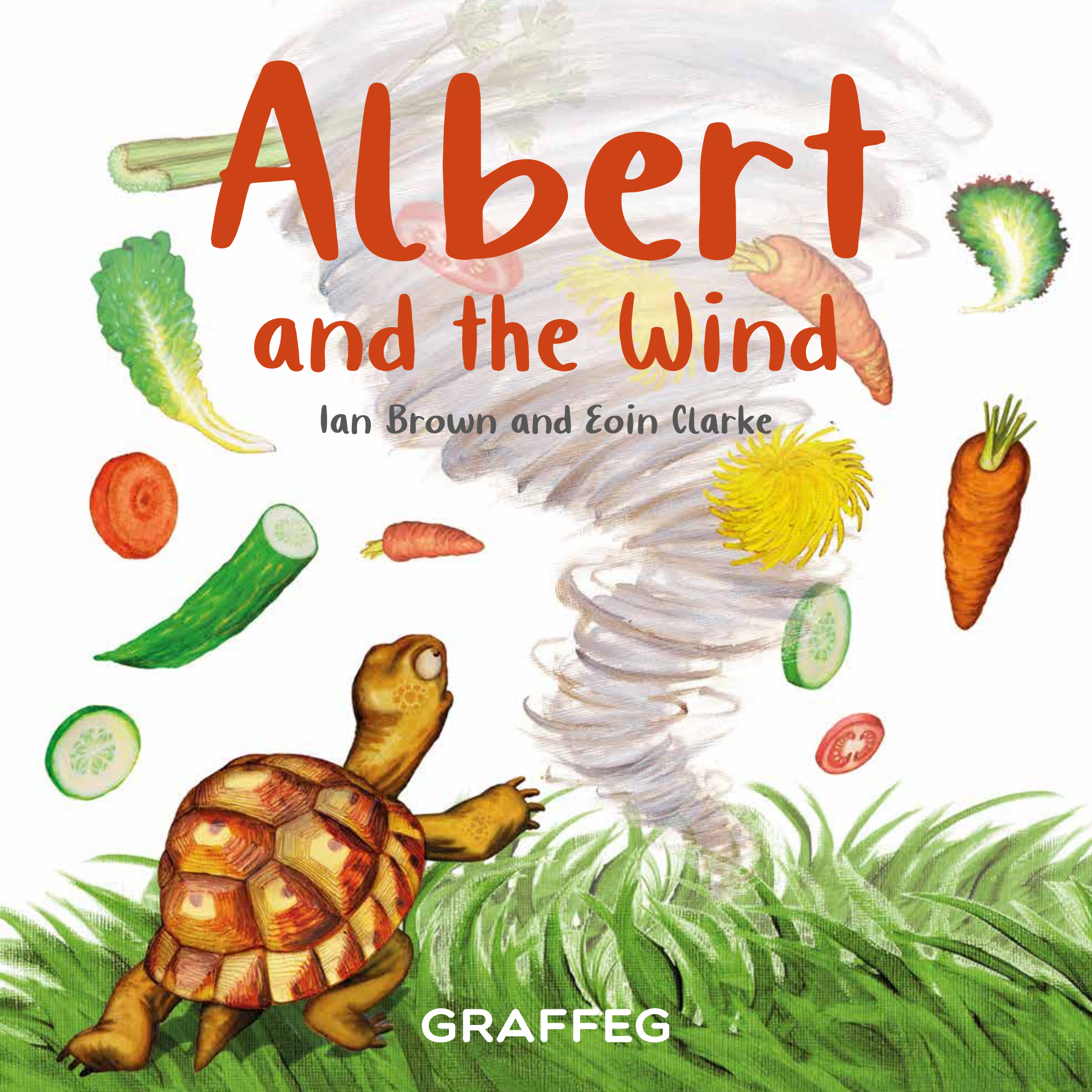


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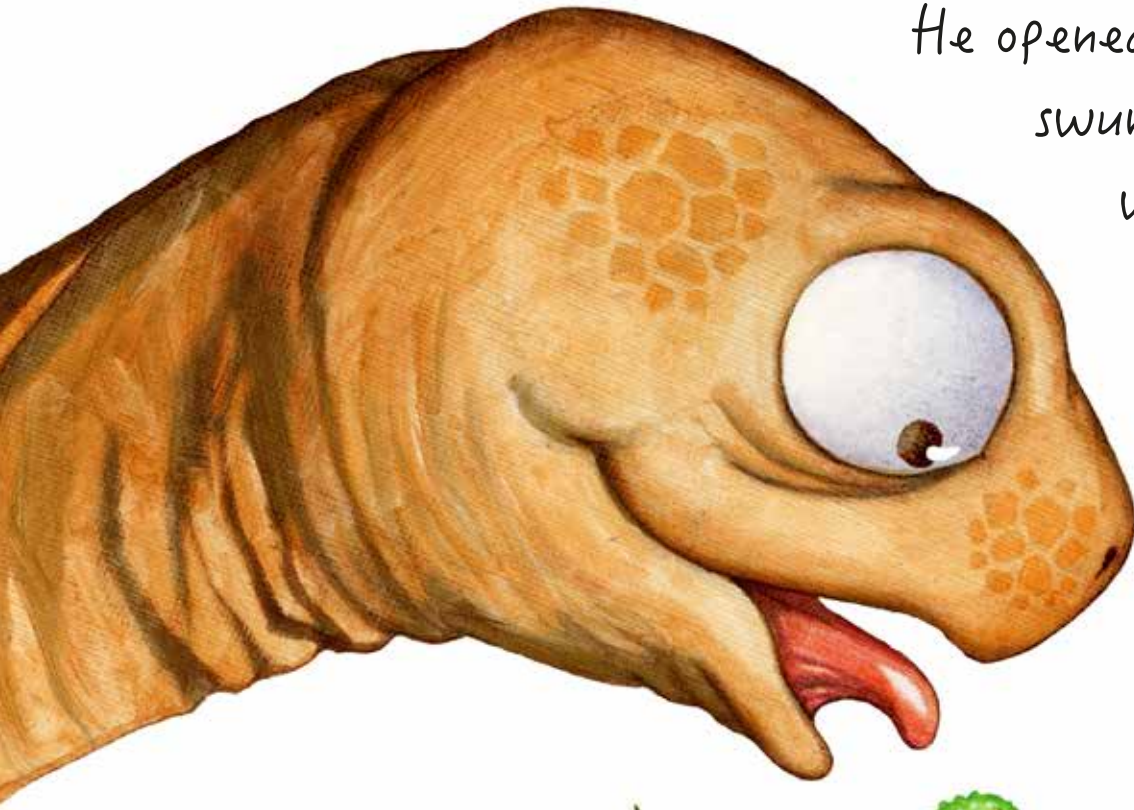




*Swoosh! Whoo! Wharr! The noise of the wind woke
Albert the tortoise. His tummy gurgled.*

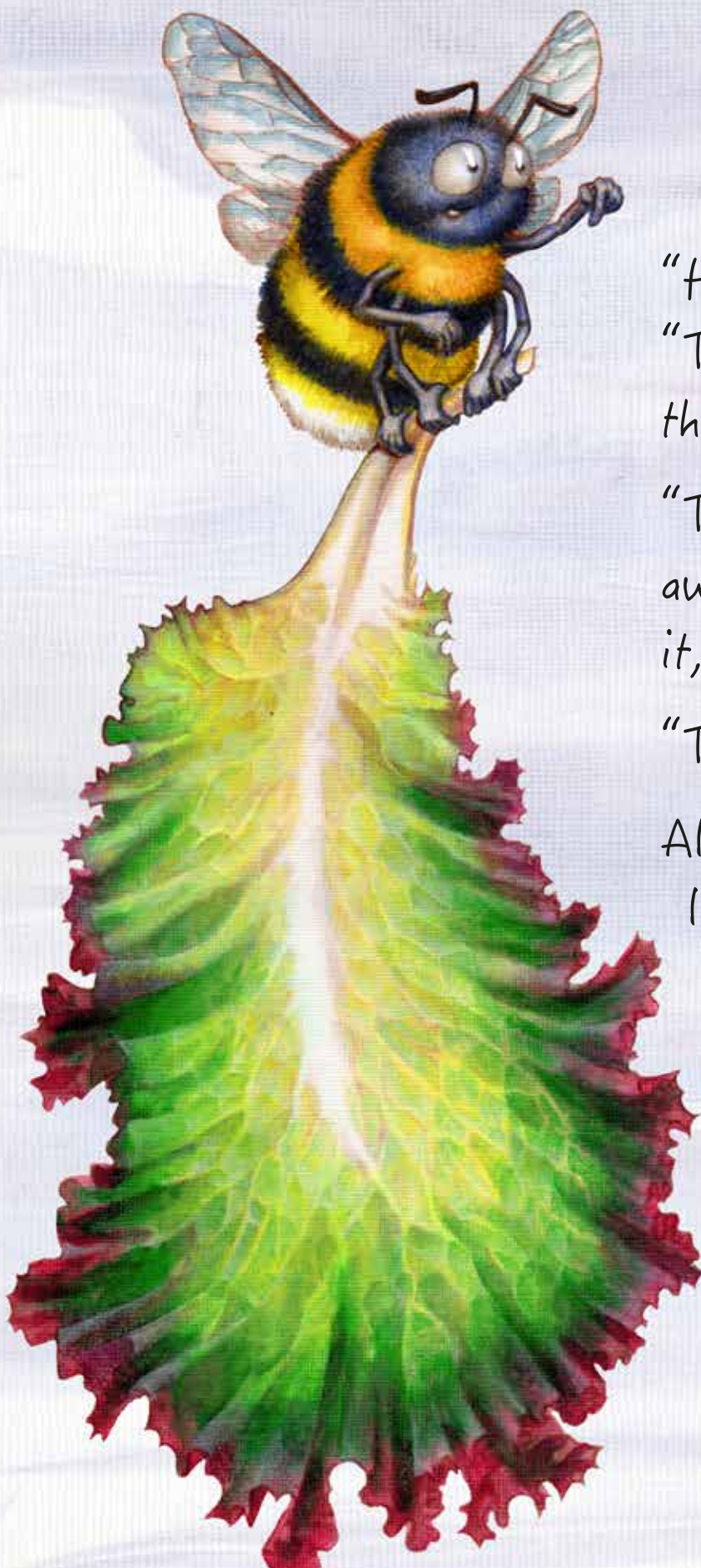
He was hungry and ready to eat the food
that had been left for him.

He opened his mouth wide and
swung his head at the food
with a big, snapping
bite... But there was
nothing there. The
wind had blown it
all away!



Albert set off to find his flying food.

A vibrant, painterly illustration of a vegetable tornado. A large, swirling column of grey and white air contains various fresh vegetables: whole carrots, sliced tomatoes, cucumber rounds, broccoli florets, and yellow dandelion-like flowers. In the bottom left corner, a small brown turtle with a patterned shell, Albert, is shown from the side, looking up with wide eyes at the descending storm. The scene is set against a plain white background, with green grass visible at the very bottom.



"Hello," said a bee with a leaf.
"This just blew into my face. I
think it belongs to you."

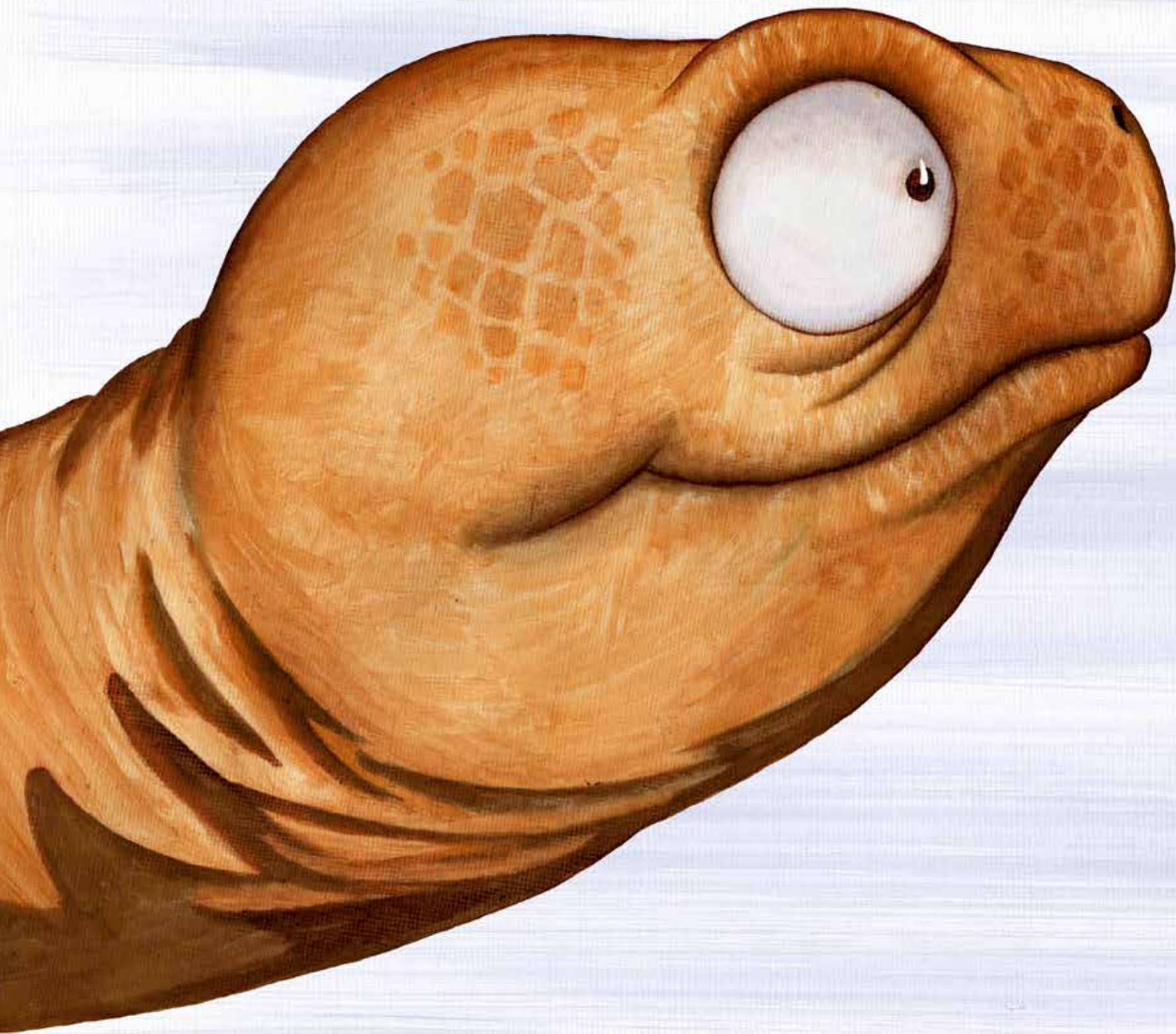
"To make sure it does not blow
away again, I am going to sit on
it," said Albert.

"That should work," said the bee.
Albert walked forward and gently
lowered his shell onto the leaf.

He looked up, saying, "Oh..."

But, before he could say
what he wanted to say, the
bee had buzzed off.





"Hello," said a spider.

"I was sitting in my web
when your flowers got caught
in it. With my sticky thread
on them, they should not
blow away again."

"To be sure, I am going
to sit on them," said
Albert.

And he did. Slowly.

Albert looked up,
saying, "Oh, th..."

But, before he
could say what
he wanted to say,
the spider had crept
away.

