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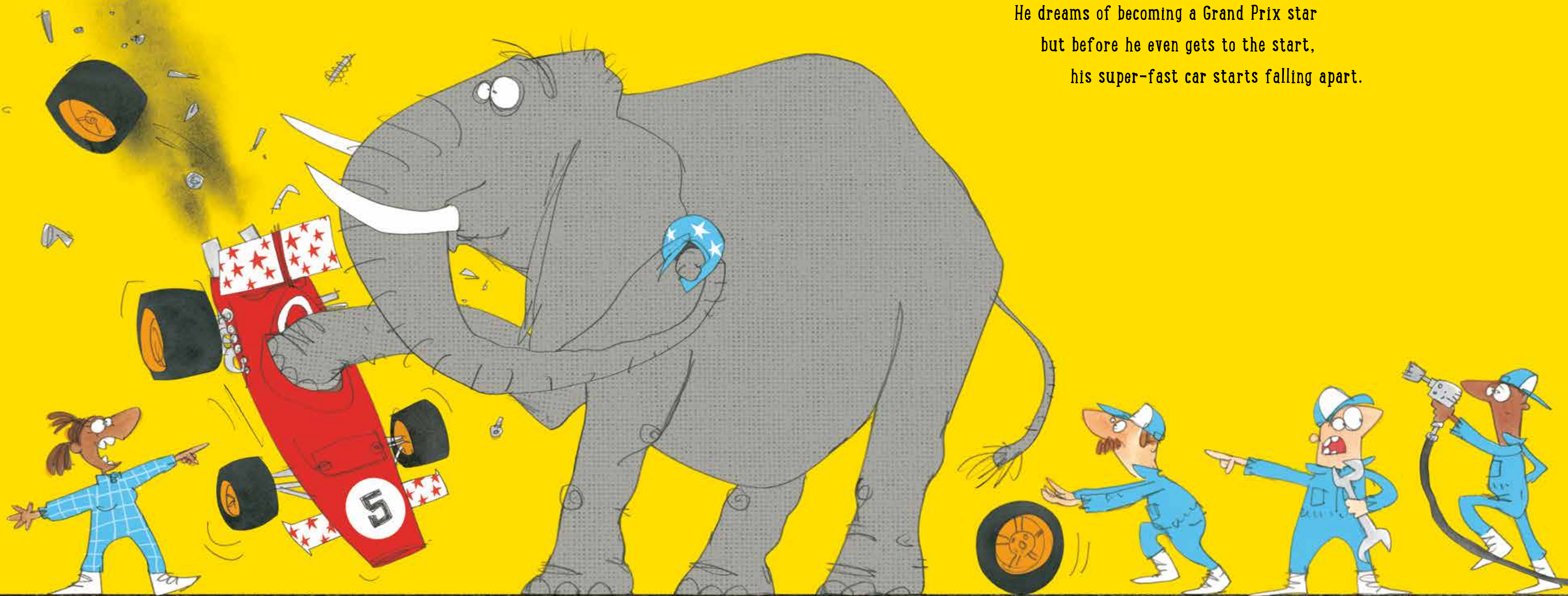
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You can't let an **elephant** drive a racing car . . .

He dreams of becoming a Grand Prix star
but before he even gets to the start,
his super-fast car starts falling apart.



Nor should you allow that young **alligator**
to take part in a contest for best **figure-skater** . . .

She'd do a HUGE loop and spin around twice,
then lose control
and skate right off the ice.



It really would be a terrible shame
to let a **kangaroo** ruin the **cricket** game . . .

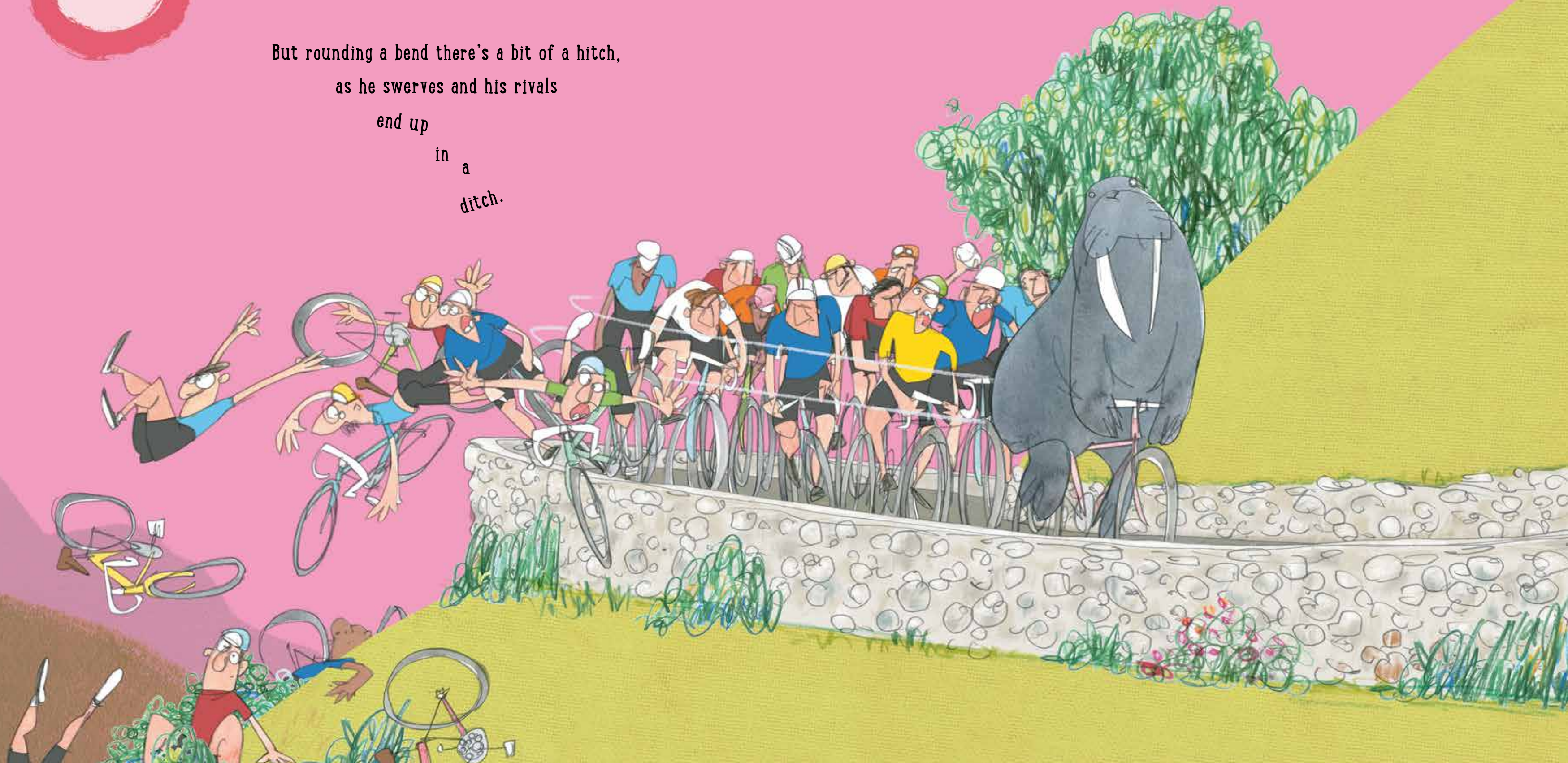
She'd hit the ball **HARD** but let go of the bat
which would fly to a fielder
and knock
off his
hat!





The **walrus** is setting a blistering pace
in the international **bicycle race** . . .

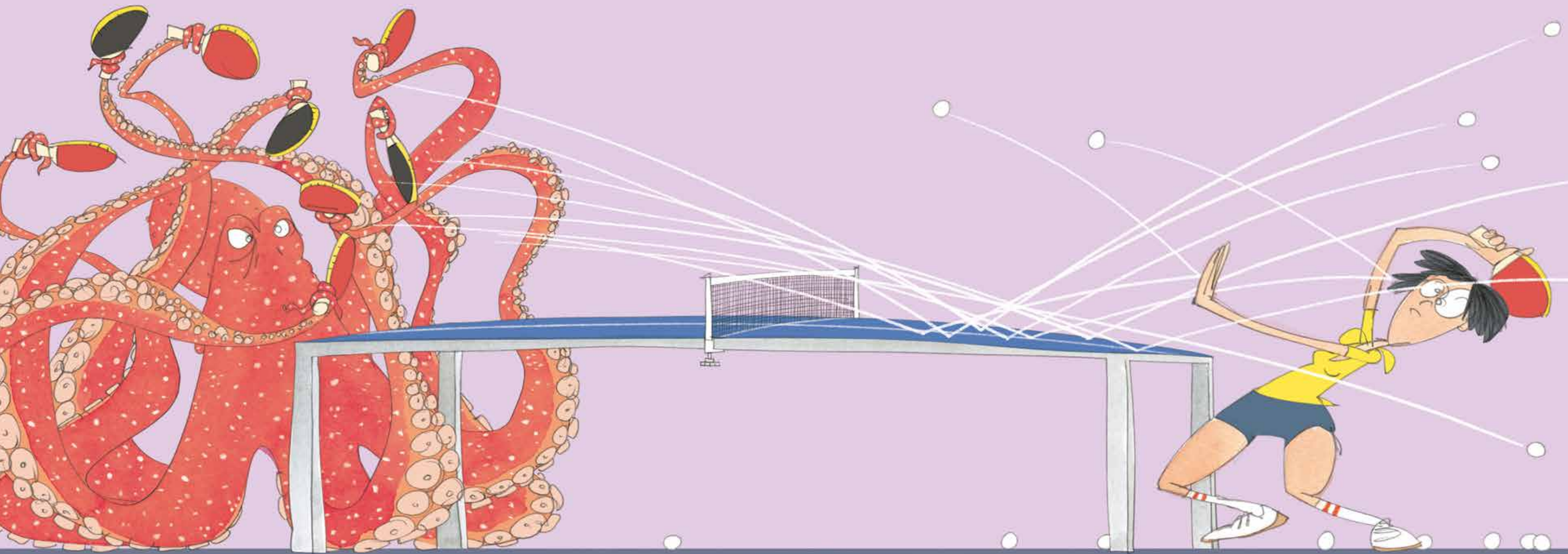
But rounding a bend there's a bit of a hitch,
as he swerves and his rivals
end up
in a
ditch.



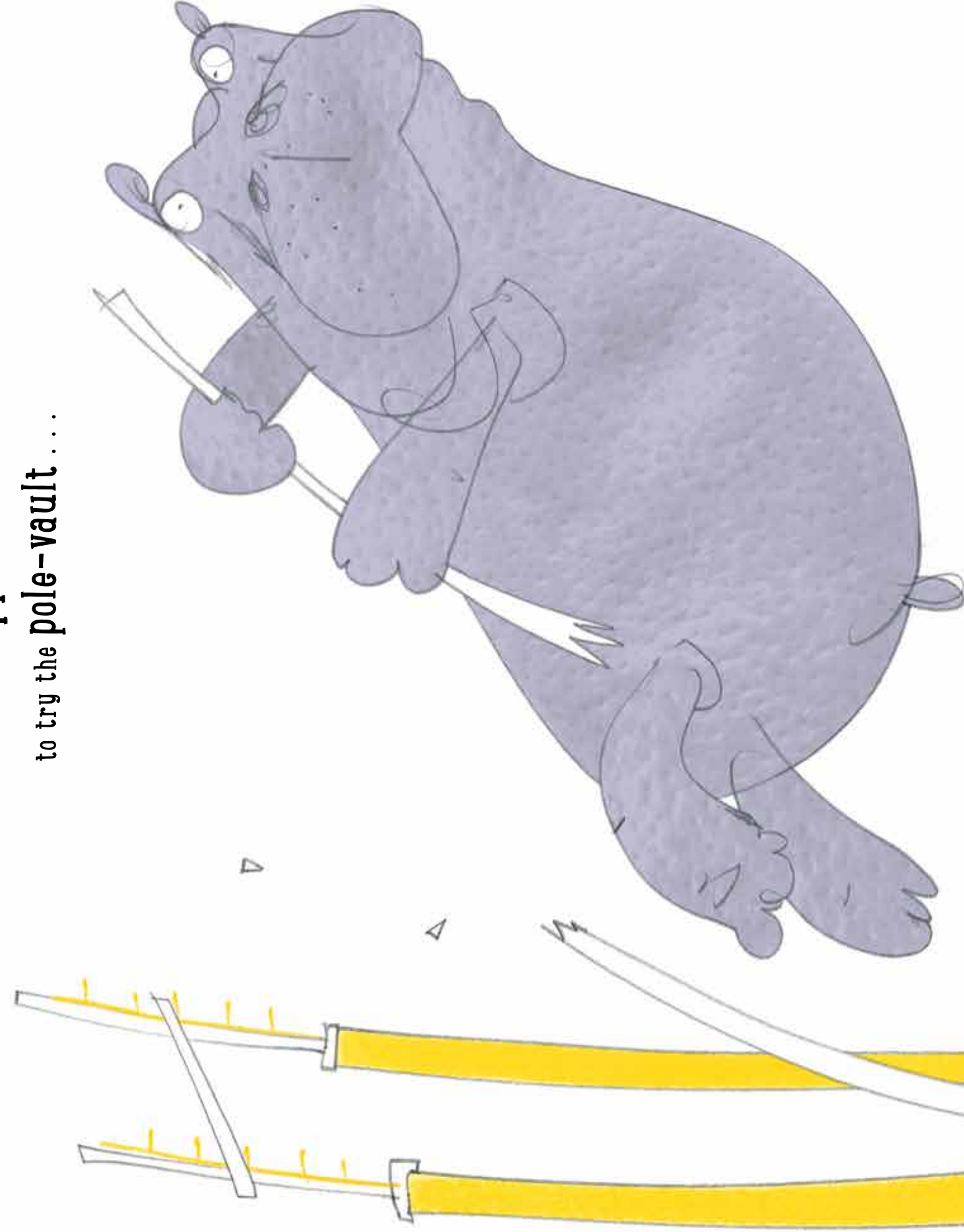
If an **octopus** insists she wants to compete
at **ping-pong** – BEWARE!

She's tricky to beat . . .

With all those bats *thwacking* and balls *whizzing* past,
her opponent will need to play **SUPER** fast!

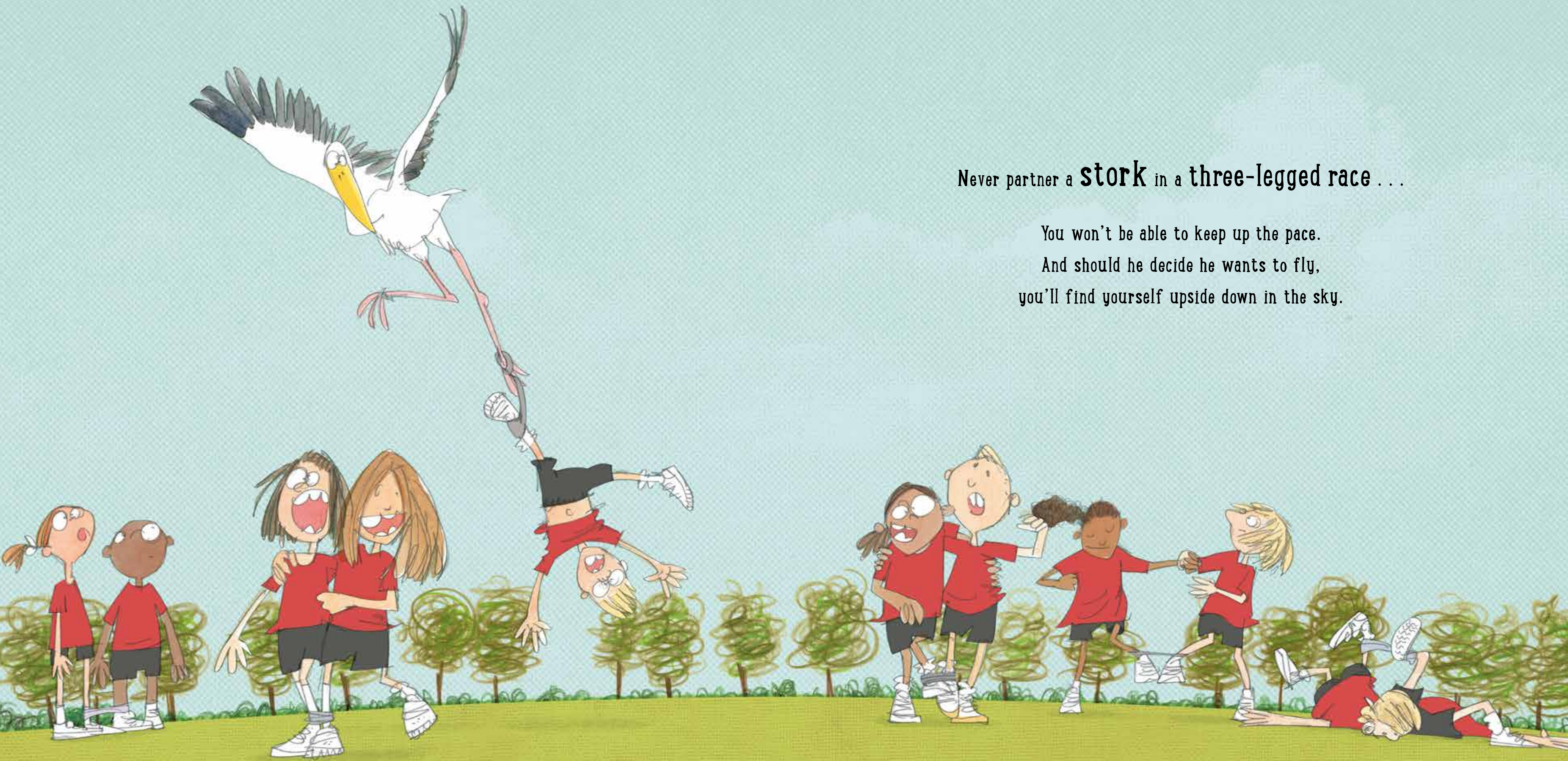


Don't encourage a **hippo**
to try the pole-vault . . .



That she's quite the wrong shape isn't her fault –
but the pole would snap and down she'd come
with a horrified look
and a
VERY
sore bum.

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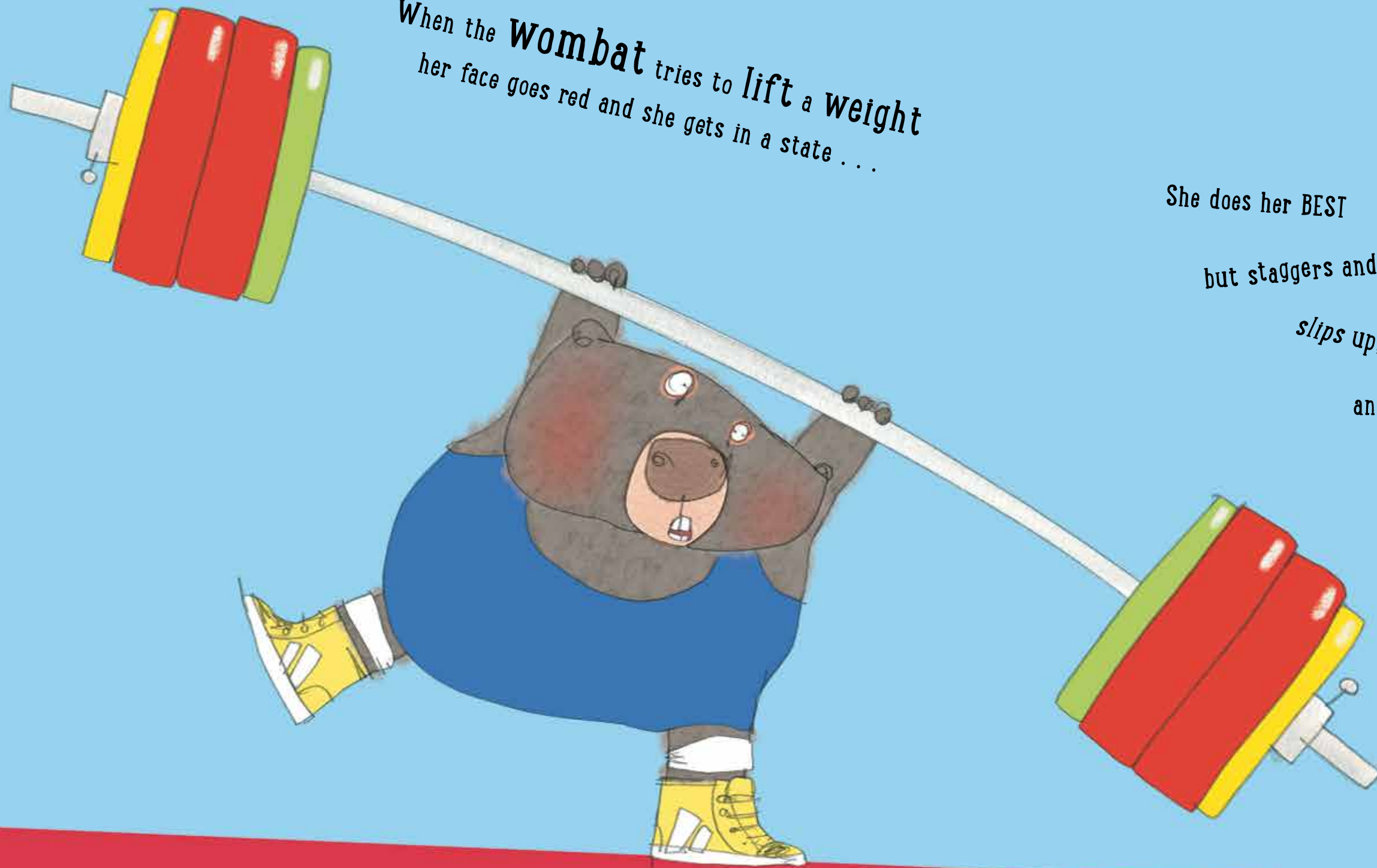


Never partner a **stork** in a **three-legged race** . . .

You won't be able to keep up the pace.

And should he decide he wants to fly,
you'll find yourself upside down in the sky.

When the **Wombat** tries to lift a **weight**
her face goes red and she gets in a state . . .



She does her **BEST**

but staggers and stumbles,

slips up, trips up –

and **DOWN**

the weight

tumbles.

