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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was watching his cousin, Wilbur. Wilbur was playing voice tricks for some friends. He was making his voice come from trees a long way off. “Strange,” thought Elmer. “No birds around. They love Wilbur’s voice tricks. I wonder where they can be?”



Elmer left the others and went to find the birds. As he walked, he called out, “Yo ho, birds. Where are you?” Suddenly a bird flew out of a cave and said, “Shh, Elmer! Quickly! Come inside.”



