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One morning, Elmer, the patchwork elephant, met a group of elephants who didn't look very happy.

"What's the matter?" asked Elmer.

"What's the matter is that it's cold," said one of the elephants. "That's what's the matter."

"It's not really cold," said Elmer. "It's just a bit colder than usual. What you need is a good walk to warm you up. Come on, come with me."

Elmer led the elephants in a direction they didn't normally go. The way went steeply upwards and the elephants were soon puffing with the effort.

"I'm very warm now, thank you Elmer," said one of the elephants. "Shall we go back now?"

"Not yet," said Elmer. "Keep going."

