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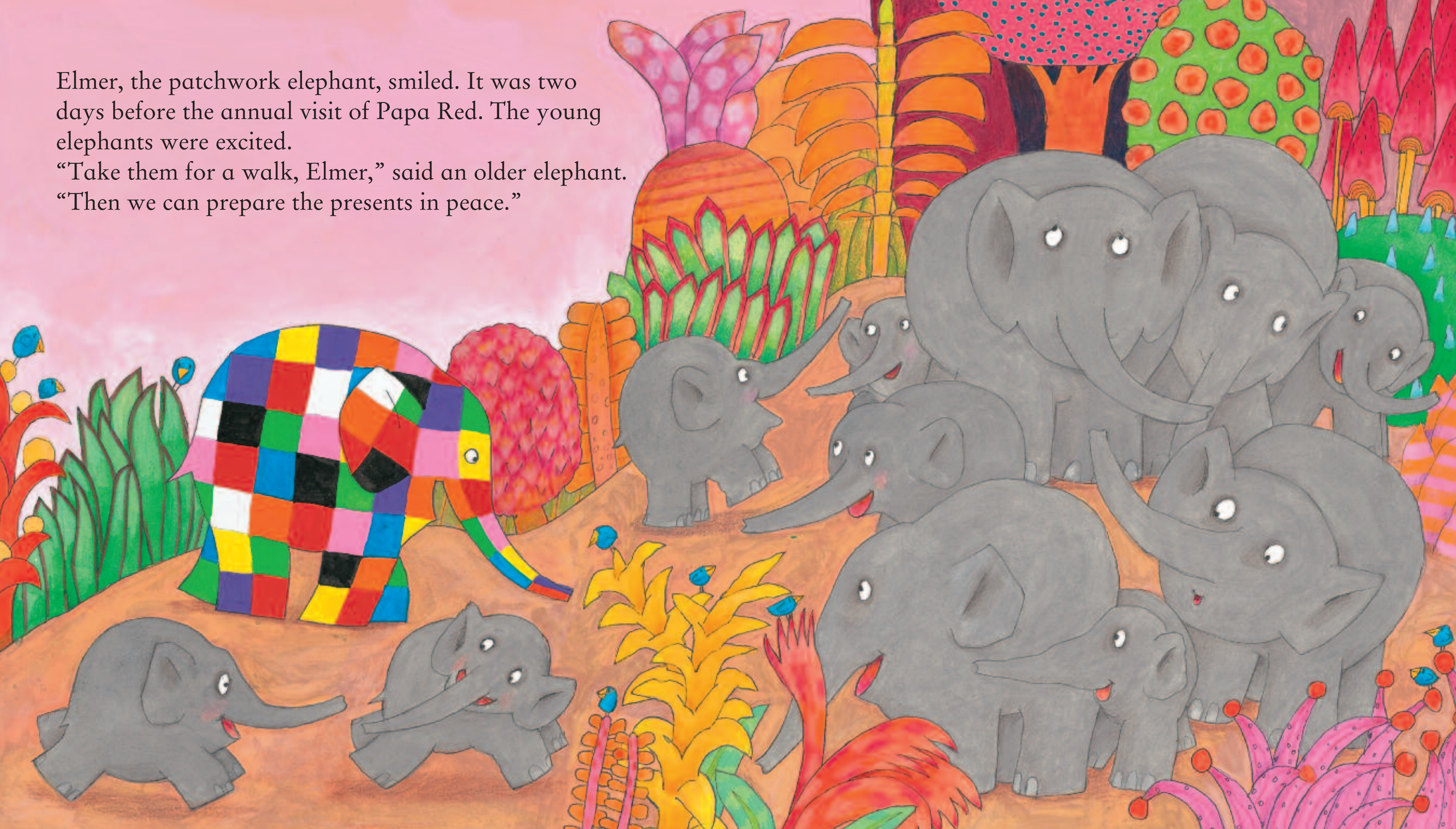
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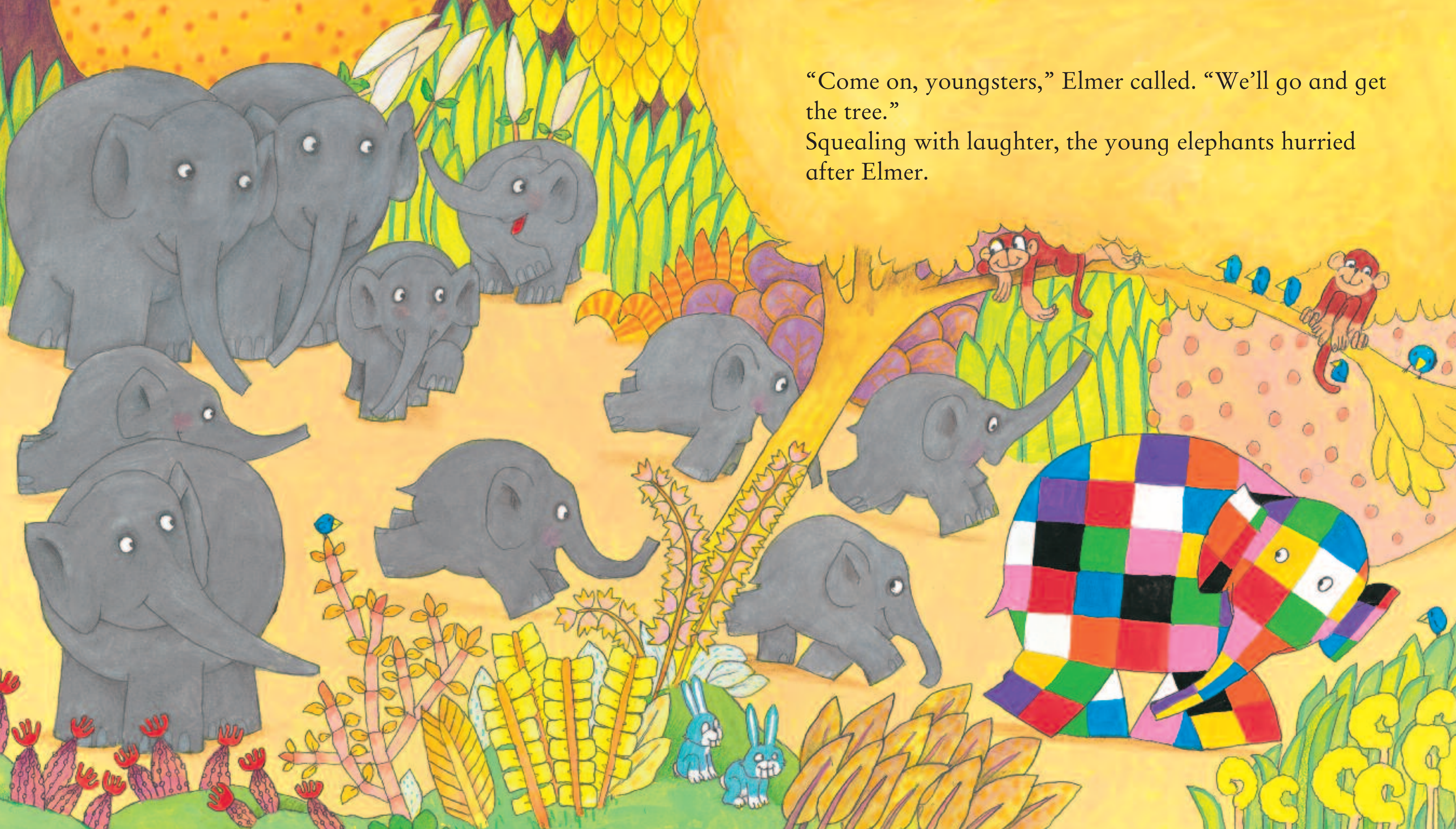
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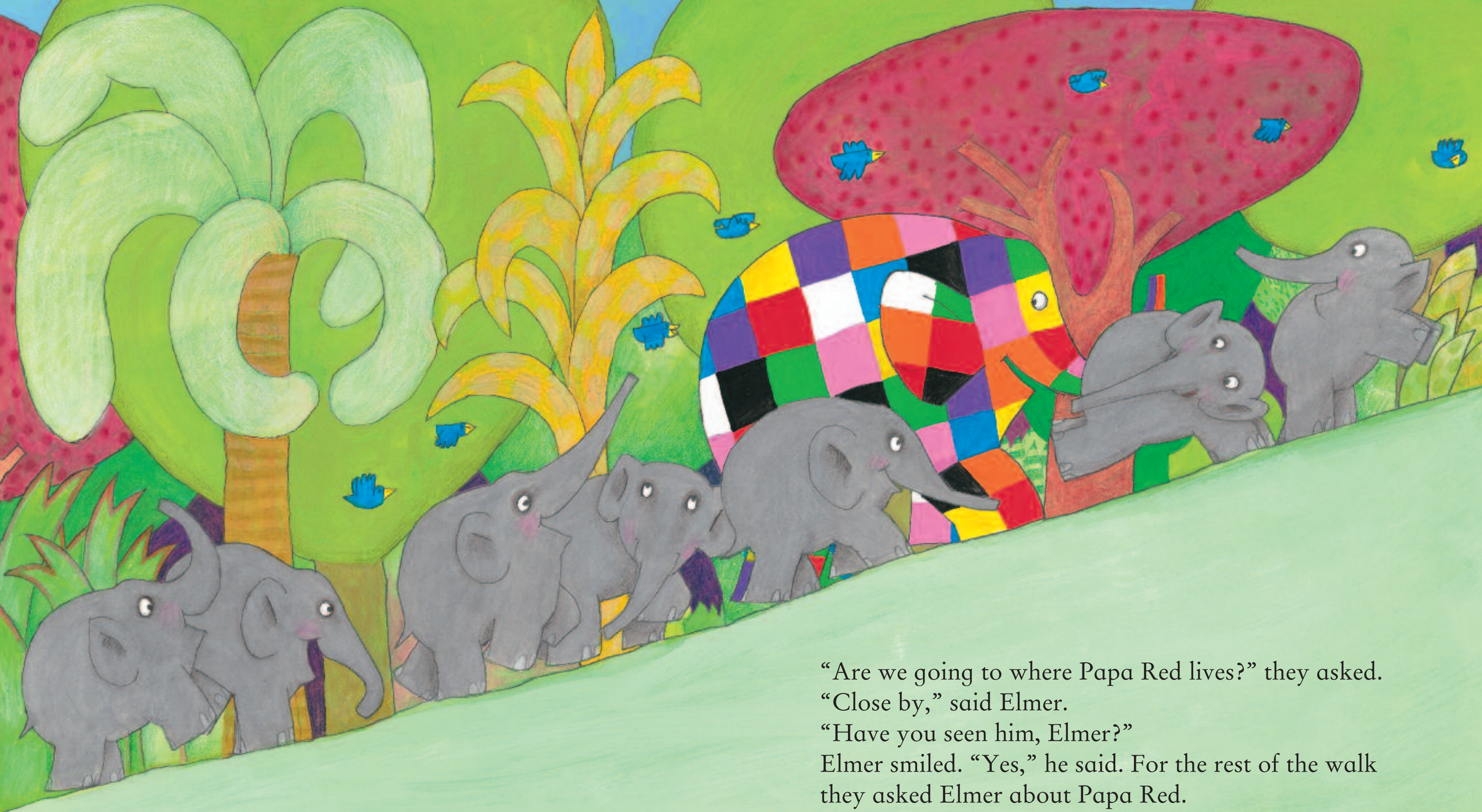
Elmer, the patchwork elephant, smiled. It was two days before the annual visit of Papa Red. The young elephants were excited.  
“Take them for a walk, Elmer,” said an older elephant.  
“Then we can prepare the presents in peace.”



“Come on, youngsters,” Elmer called. “We’ll go and get the tree.”

Squealing with laughter, the young elephants hurried after Elmer.





“Are we going to where Papa Red lives?” they asked.  
“Close by,” said Elmer.  
“Have you seen him, Elmer?”  
Elmer smiled. “Yes,” he said. For the rest of the walk  
they asked Elmer about Papa Red.