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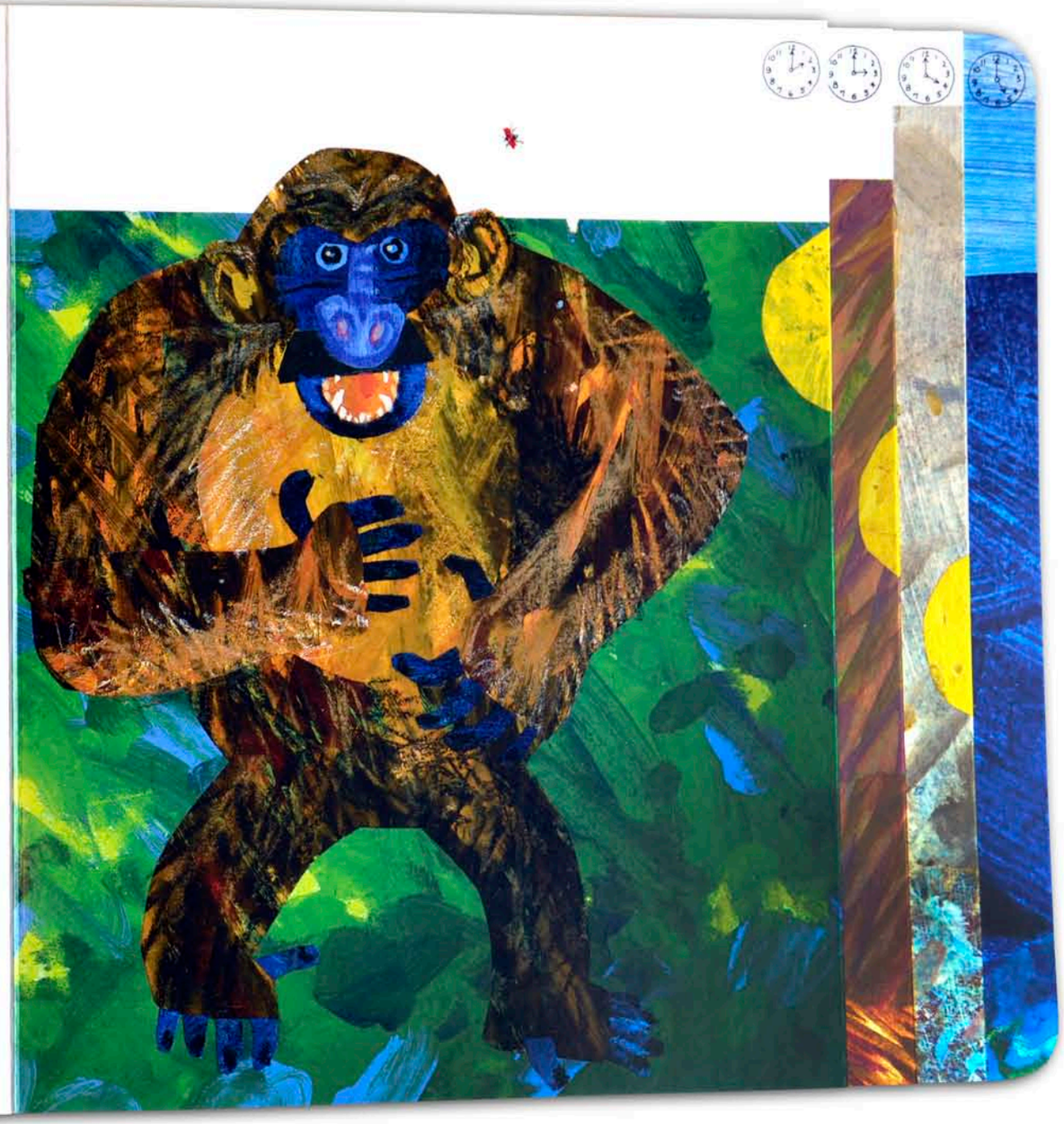
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At six o'clock
it met a wasp.
"Hey you," said
the bad-tempered
ladybird.
"Want to fight?"
"If you insist," said
the wasp,
showing its stinger.
"Oh, you're not
big enough," said
the bad-tempered
ladybird
and flew off.



At two o'clock
it met a gorilla.
"Hey you," said
the bad-tempered ladybird.
"Want to fight?"
"If you insist," said the gorilla,
beating its chest.
"Oh, you're not big enough,"
said the bad-tempered ladybird
and flew off.




At a quarter to six the bad-tempered ladybird said to the whale's tail,
"Hey you, want to fight?"
And the whale's tail gave
the bad-tempered
ladybird such
a SLAP . . .
across the land.