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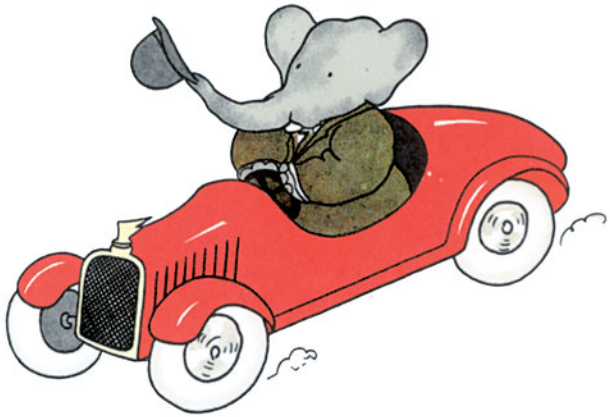
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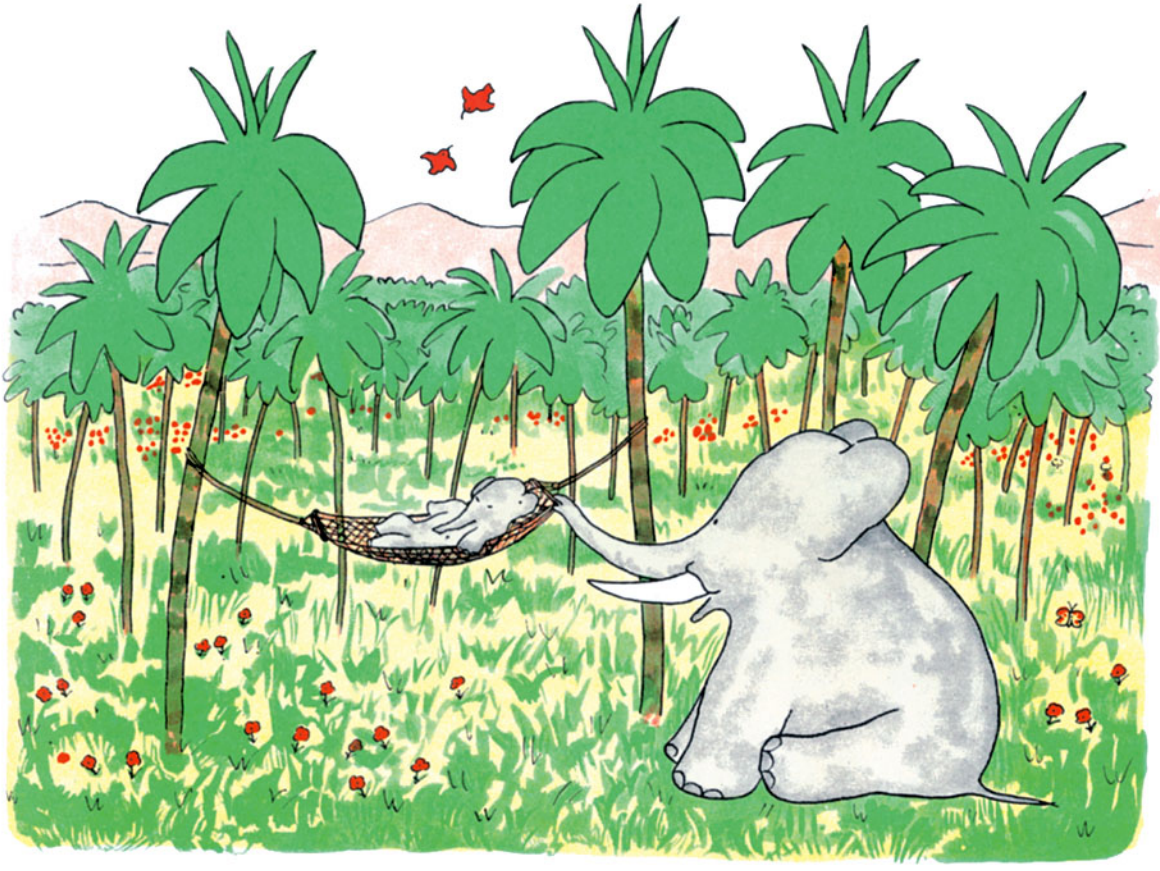
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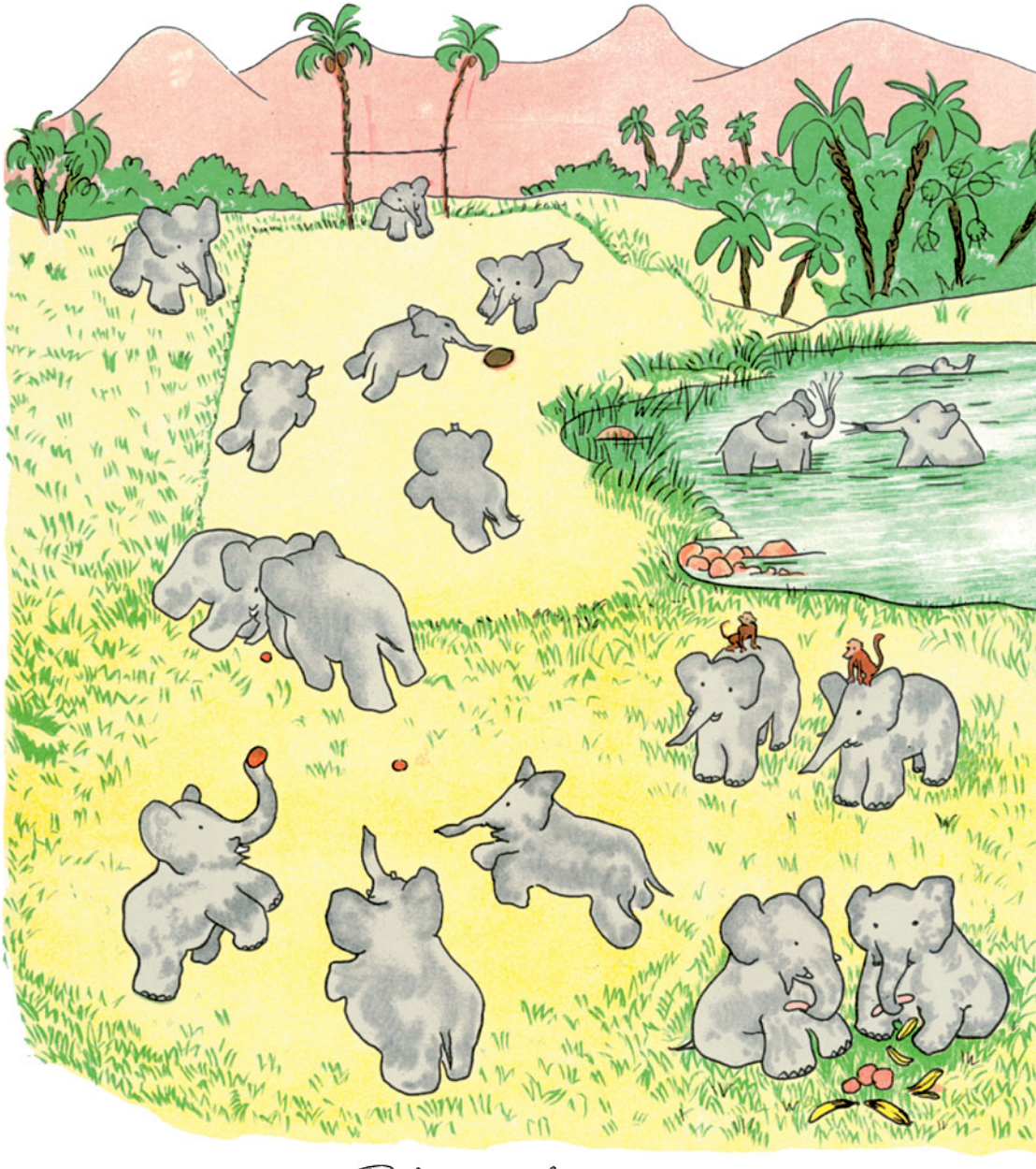
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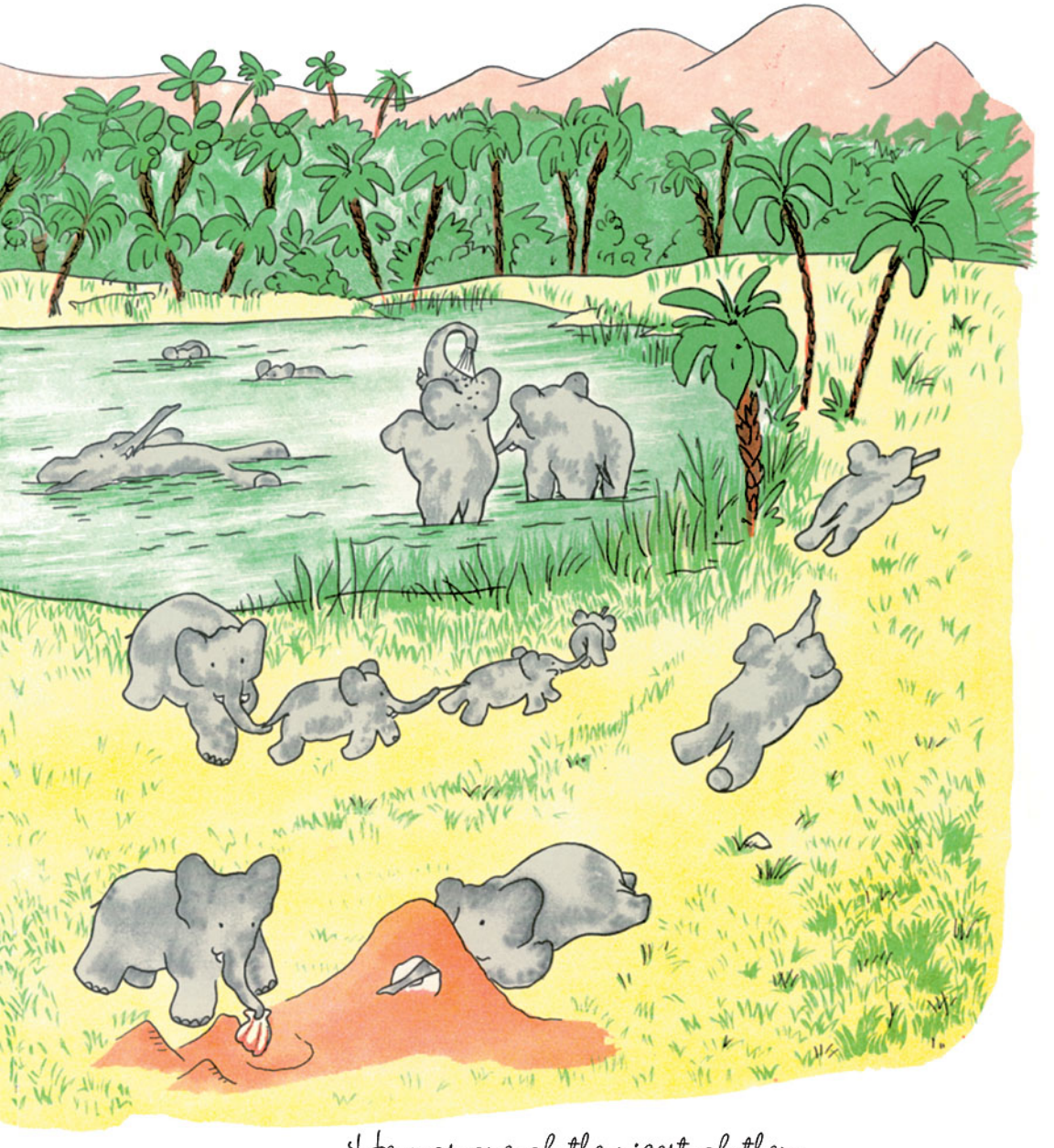
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In the Great Forest
a little elephant was born.
His name was Babar.
His mother loved him dearly
and used to rock him to sleep
with her trunk,
singing to him softly the while.



Babar grew fast.
Soon he was playing with the other baby elephants.



He was one of the nicest of them.
Look at him digging in the sand with a shell.



One day Babar was having
a lovely ride on his mother's back,
when a cruel hunter,
hiding behind a bush,
shot at them.