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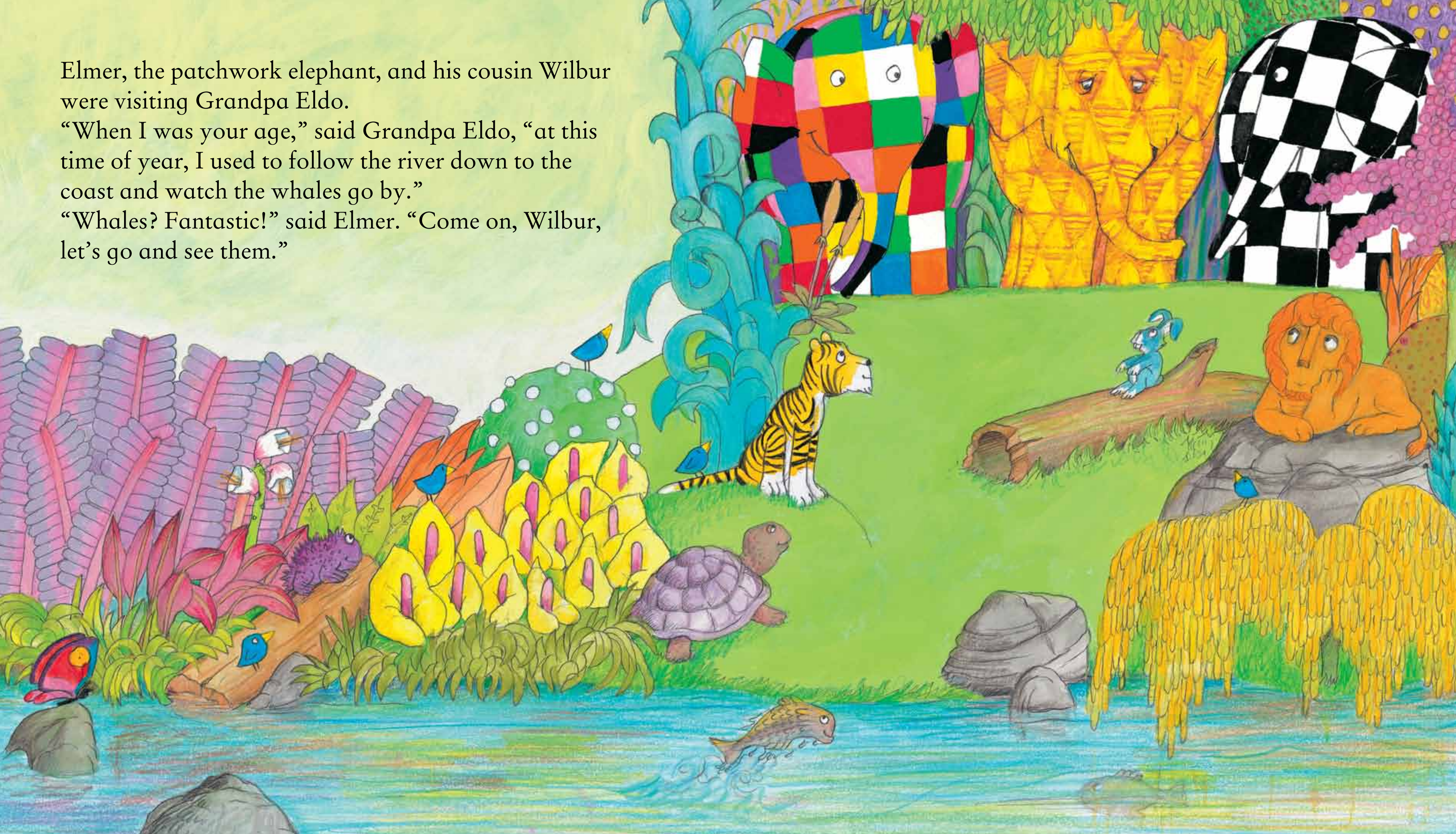
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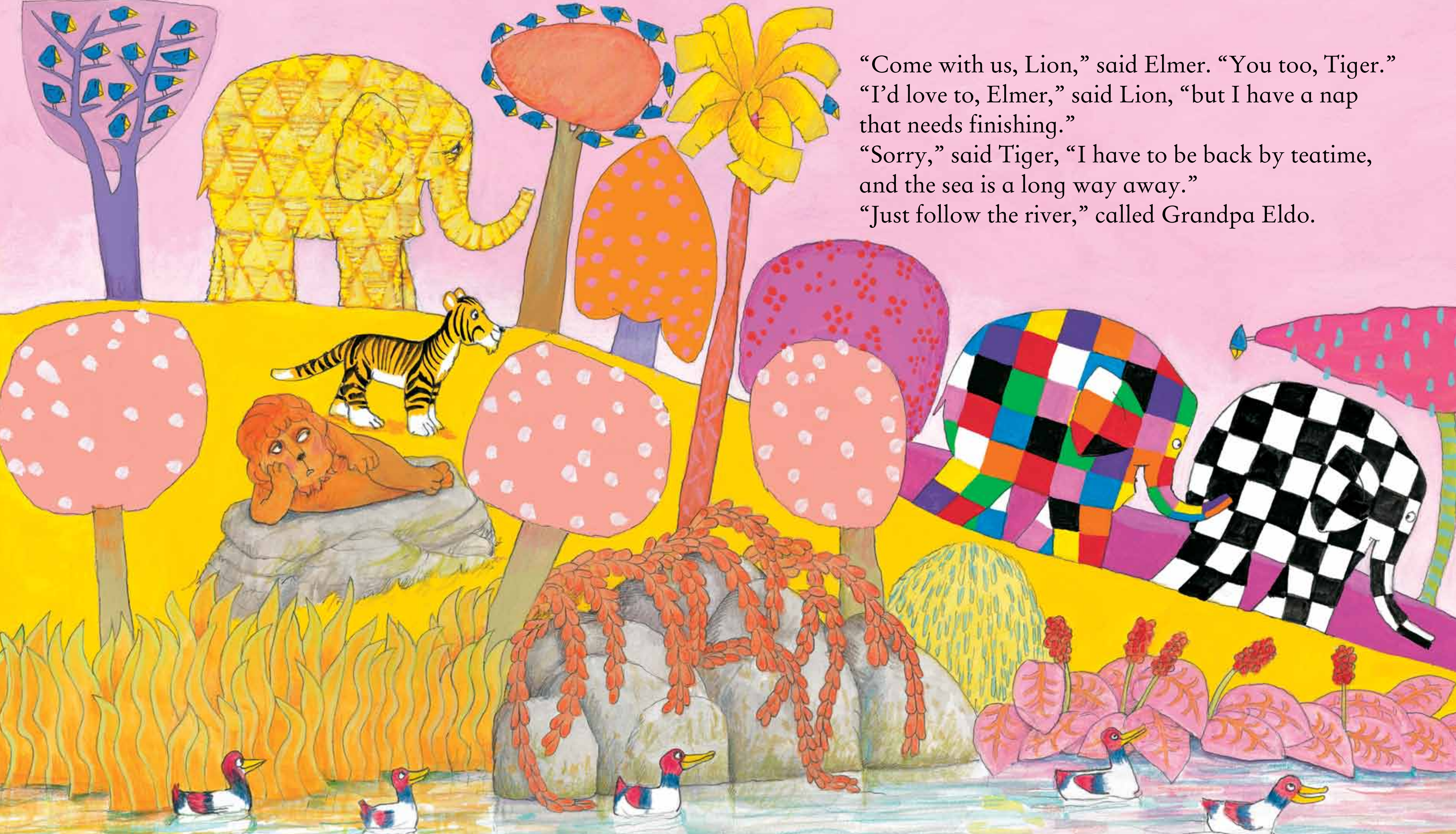
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, and his cousin Wilbur were visiting Grandpa Eldo.

“When I was your age,” said Grandpa Eldo, “at this time of year, I used to follow the river down to the coast and watch the whales go by.”

“Whales? Fantastic!” said Elmer. “Come on, Wilbur, let’s go and see them.”





“Come with us, Lion,” said Elmer. “You too, Tiger.”
“I’d love to, Elmer,” said Lion, “but I have a nap
that needs finishing.”
“Sorry,” said Tiger, “I have to be back by teatime,
and the sea is a long way away.”
“Just follow the river,” called Grandpa Eldo.