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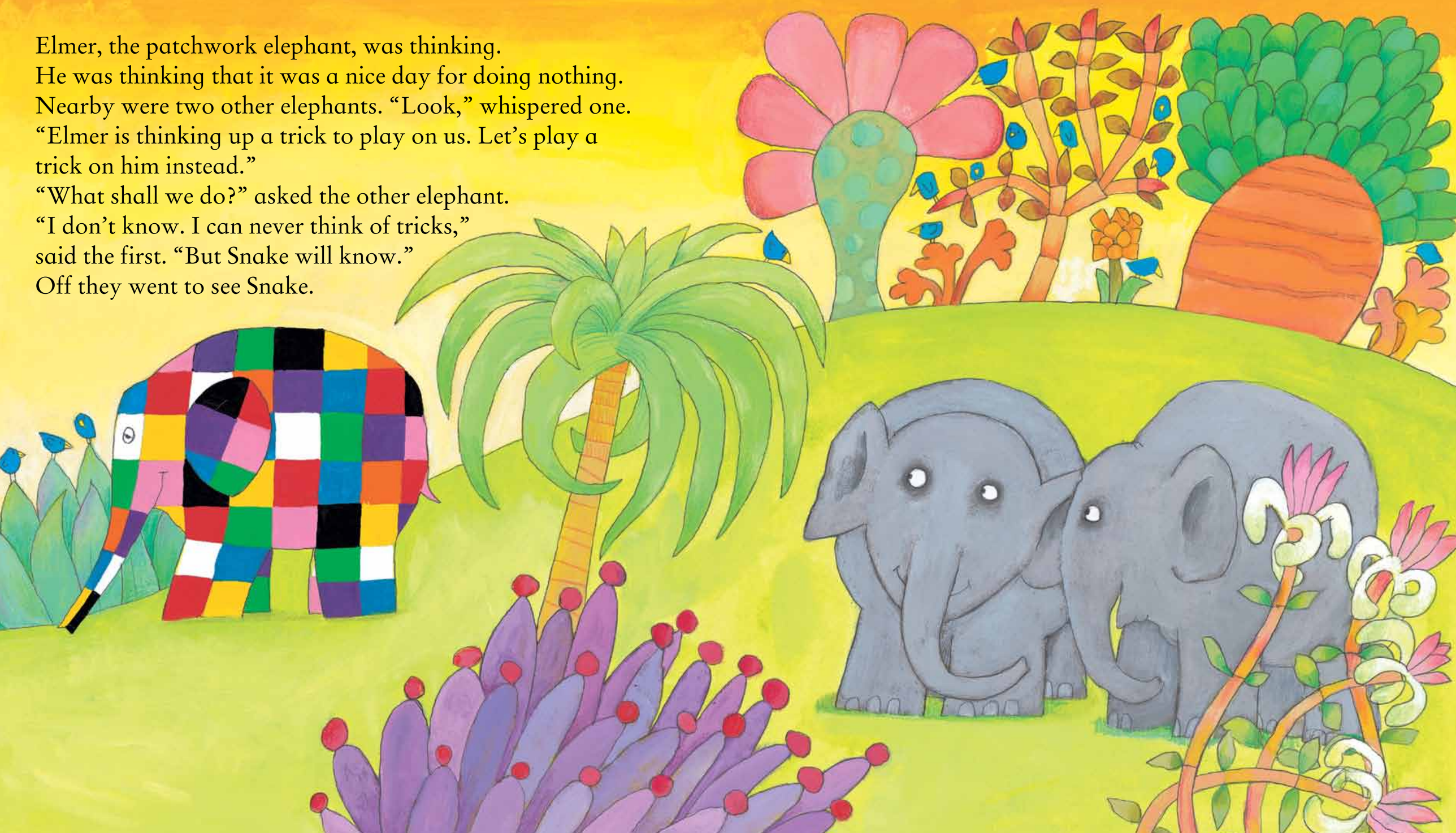
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was thinking.
He was thinking that it was a nice day for doing nothing.
Nearby were two other elephants. “Look,” whispered one.
“Elmer is thinking up a trick to play on us. Let’s play a trick on him instead.”
“What shall we do?” asked the other elephant.
“I don’t know. I can never think of tricks,” said the first. “But Snake will know.”
Off they went to see Snake.



"Hello, Snake," they said. "We want to play a trick on Elmer. What can we do?"

Snake thought, then chuckled. "Tell him he's looking pale. Get him to lie down and rest."

"He'll see that *that's* not true," said one of the elephants. Snake sniggered. "If it's repeated often enough he'll believe it. You'll see."