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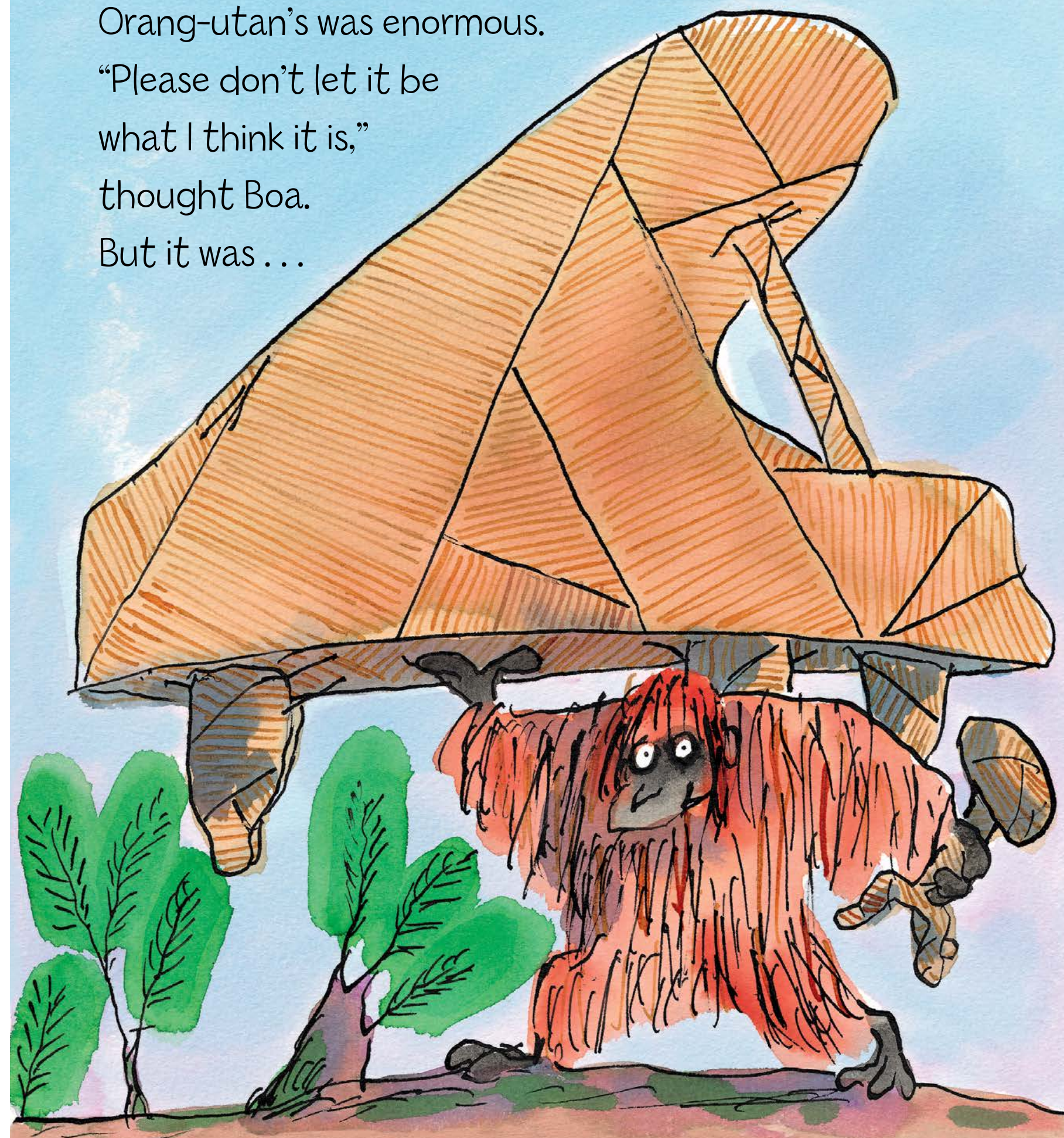
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It was Boa's birthday.
It was going to be the best one ever.
Or so he hoped.

He invited his friends round.
They would all bring him wonderful presents.
Or would they?

Orang-utan's was enormous.
"Please don't let it be
what I think it is,"
thought Boa.
But it was ...



... a piano!



Boa couldn't play it. He had no fingers.
"It's the thought that counts," said his mother.

