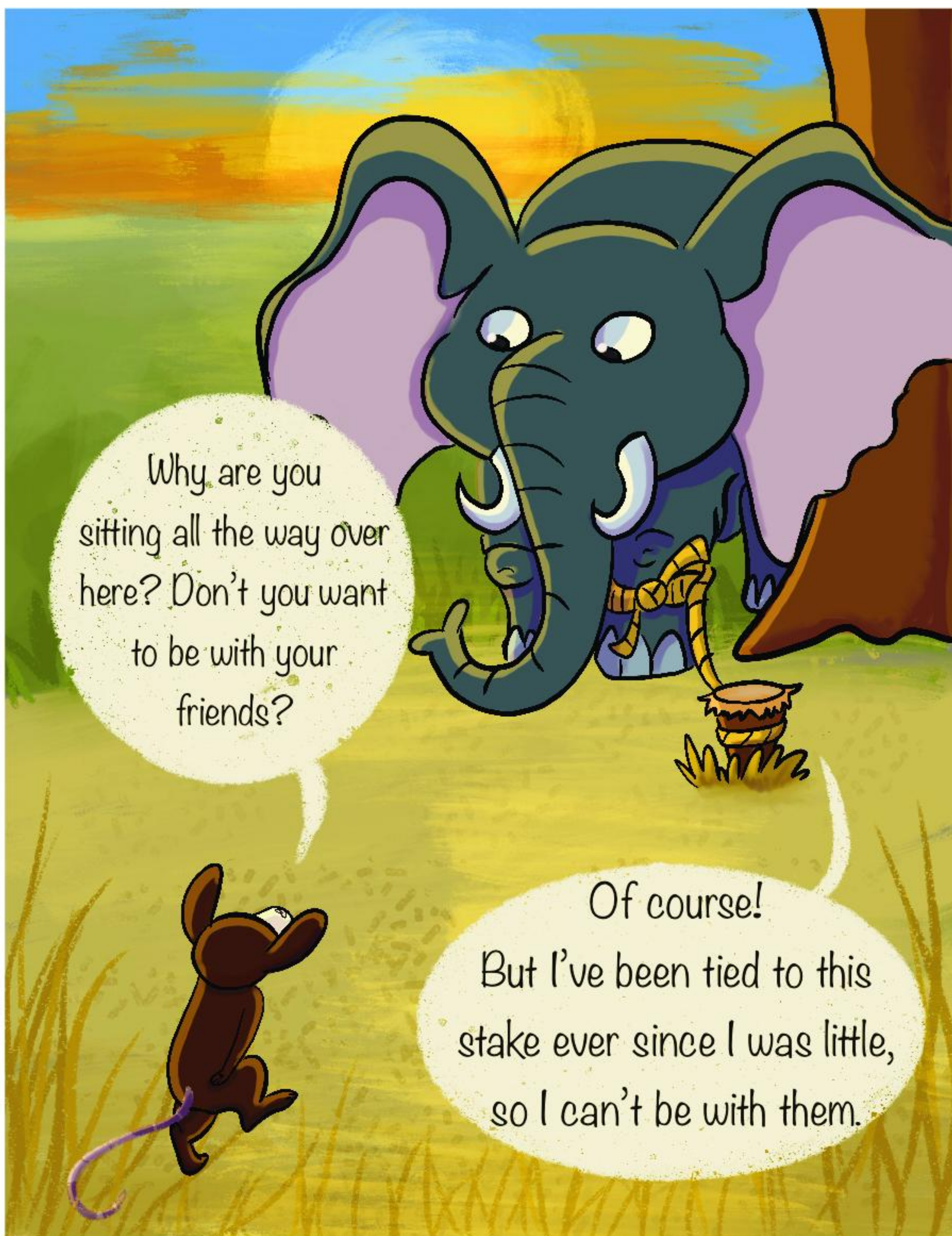
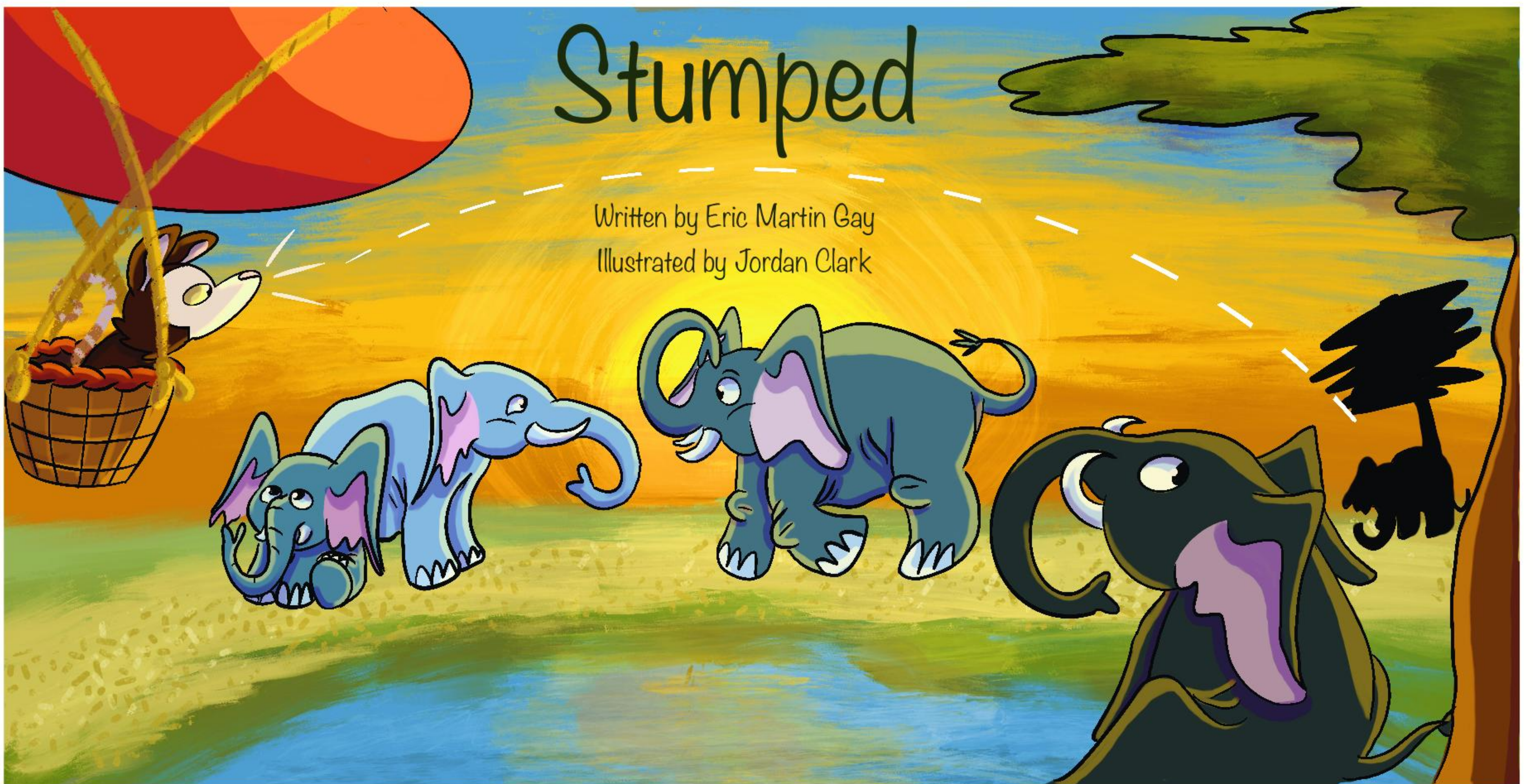


Stumped

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Why are you sitting all the way over here? Don't you want to be with your friends?

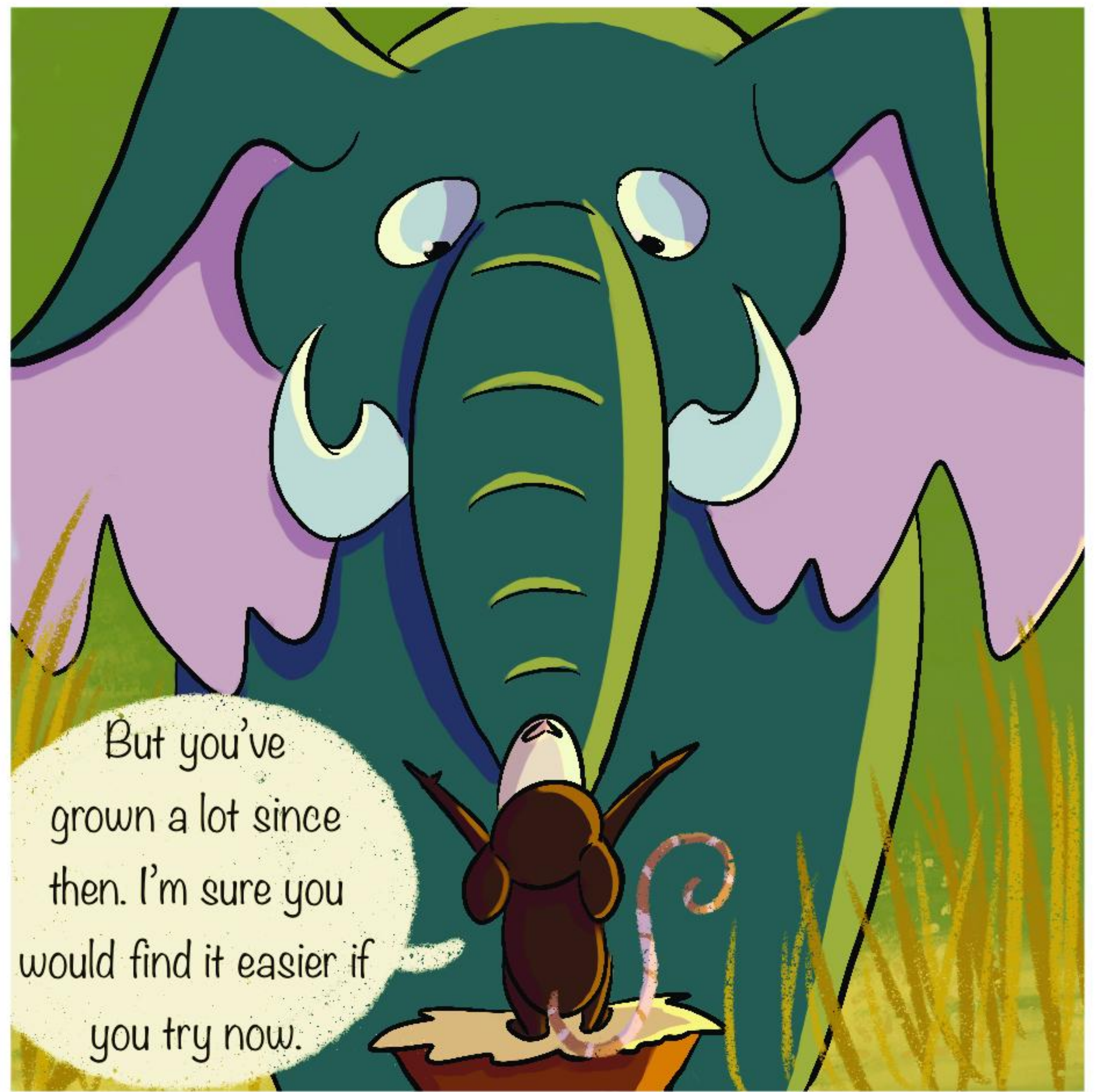
Of course!
But I've been tied to this stake ever since I was little, so I can't be with them.



Doesn't **seem** very strong. Have you ever tried pulling yourself free?



I used to try when I was younger, but it was no use. No matter how hard I pulled, I couldn't budge an inch.



But you've grown a lot since then. I'm sure you would find it easier if you try now.



Trust me, it's impossible. There's no use in wasting my time.

You'll never know unless you keep trying. Everything is hard at first, but they get easier with time and practice.

