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Hippopotamus Smile**

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*For a teacher called Stuart, who started the day by getting Yellow Class
to sing the old campfire "Hippo Song"... and gave me the idea for this story – ST*

For all our imaginary animals that we dreamed of, who liked having their backs scratched – LC



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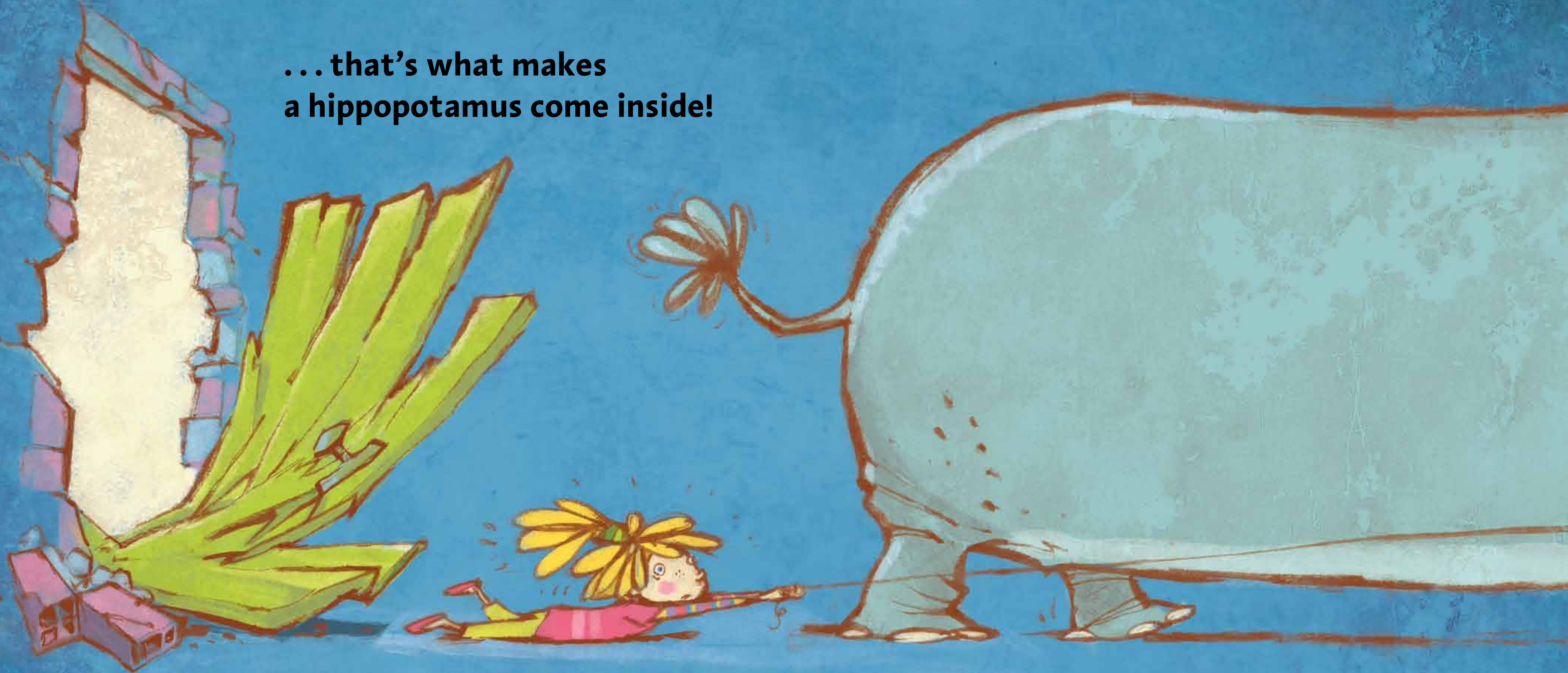
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**... that's what makes
a hippopotamus come inside!**



**And when the hippo has to go home,
try not to be sad . . . even if you are.**

Do a little dance.

Say goodbye in style.

Because . . .

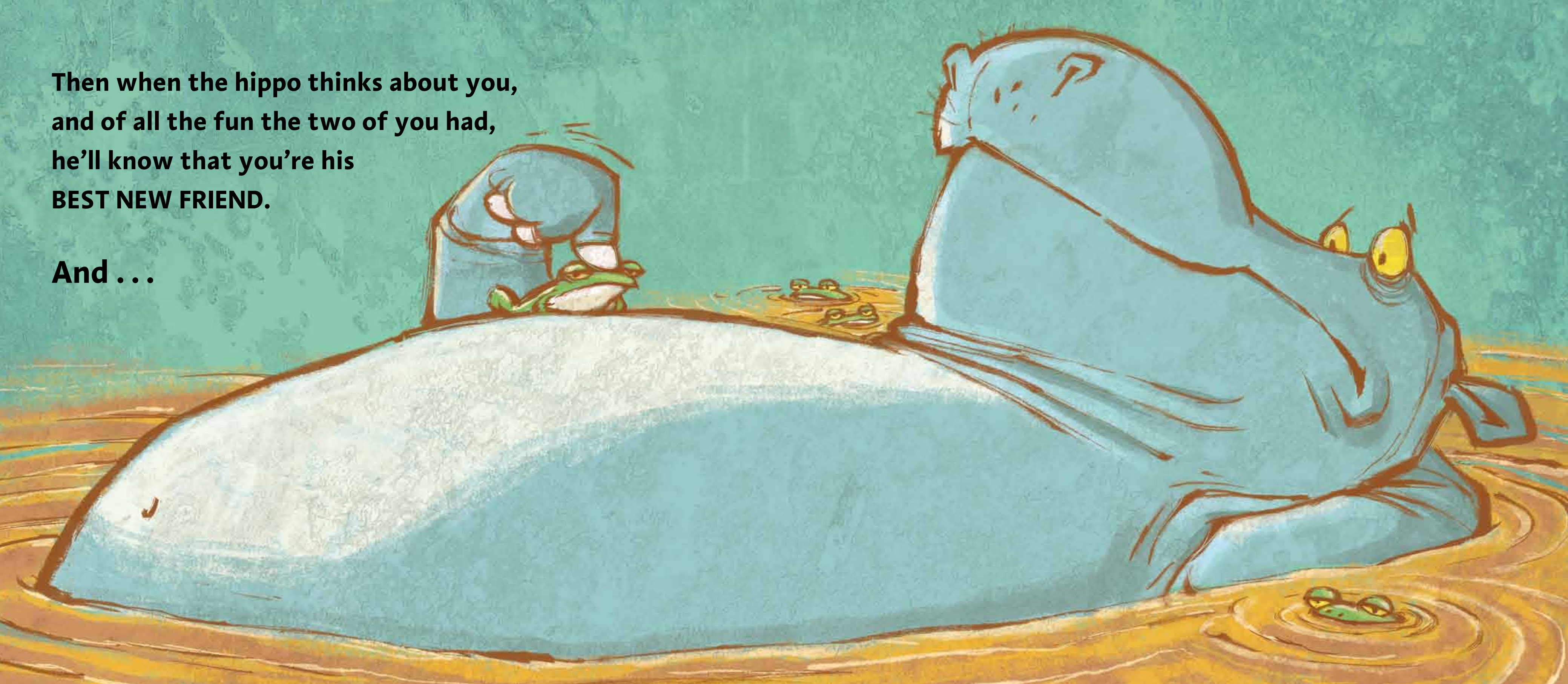


**... that's what makes
a hippopotamus smile!**



**Then when the hippo thinks about you,
and of all the fun the two of you had,
he'll know that you're his
BEST NEW FRIEND.**

And . . .



**... that's what makes
a hippopotamus
come round again!**

(Though maybe not just on his own...)

