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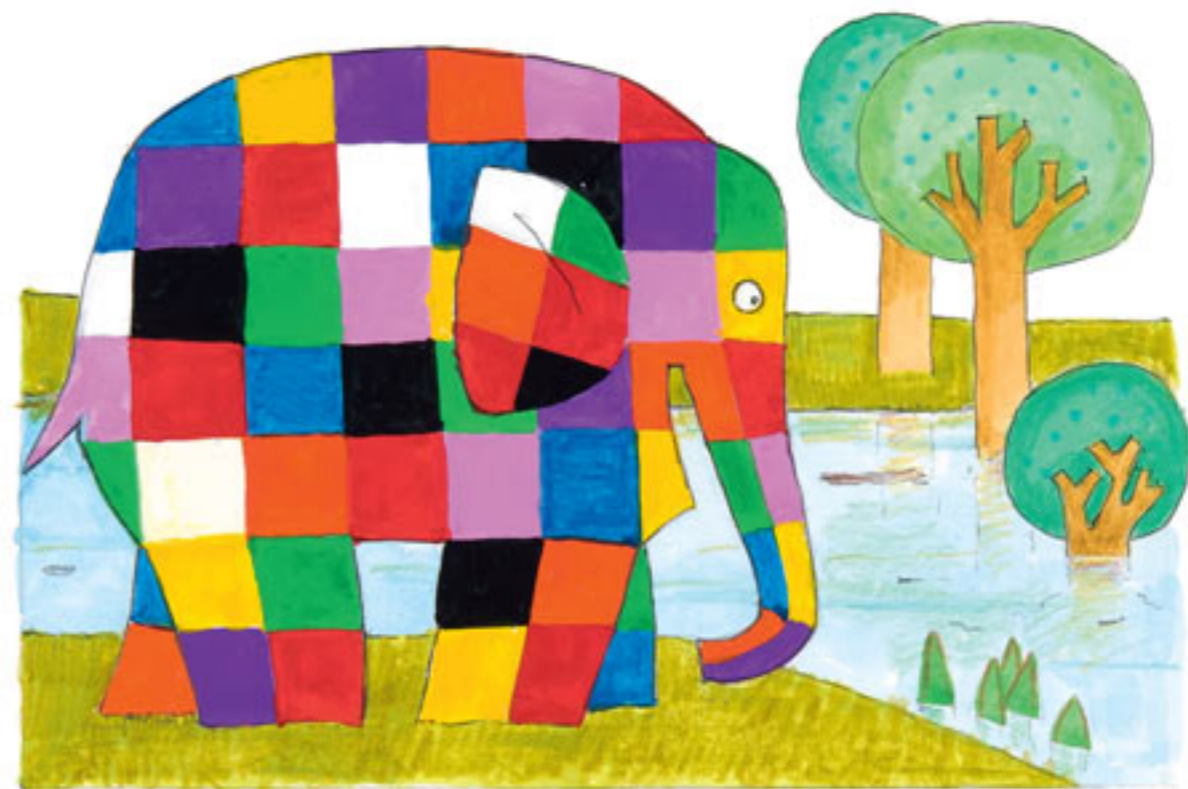
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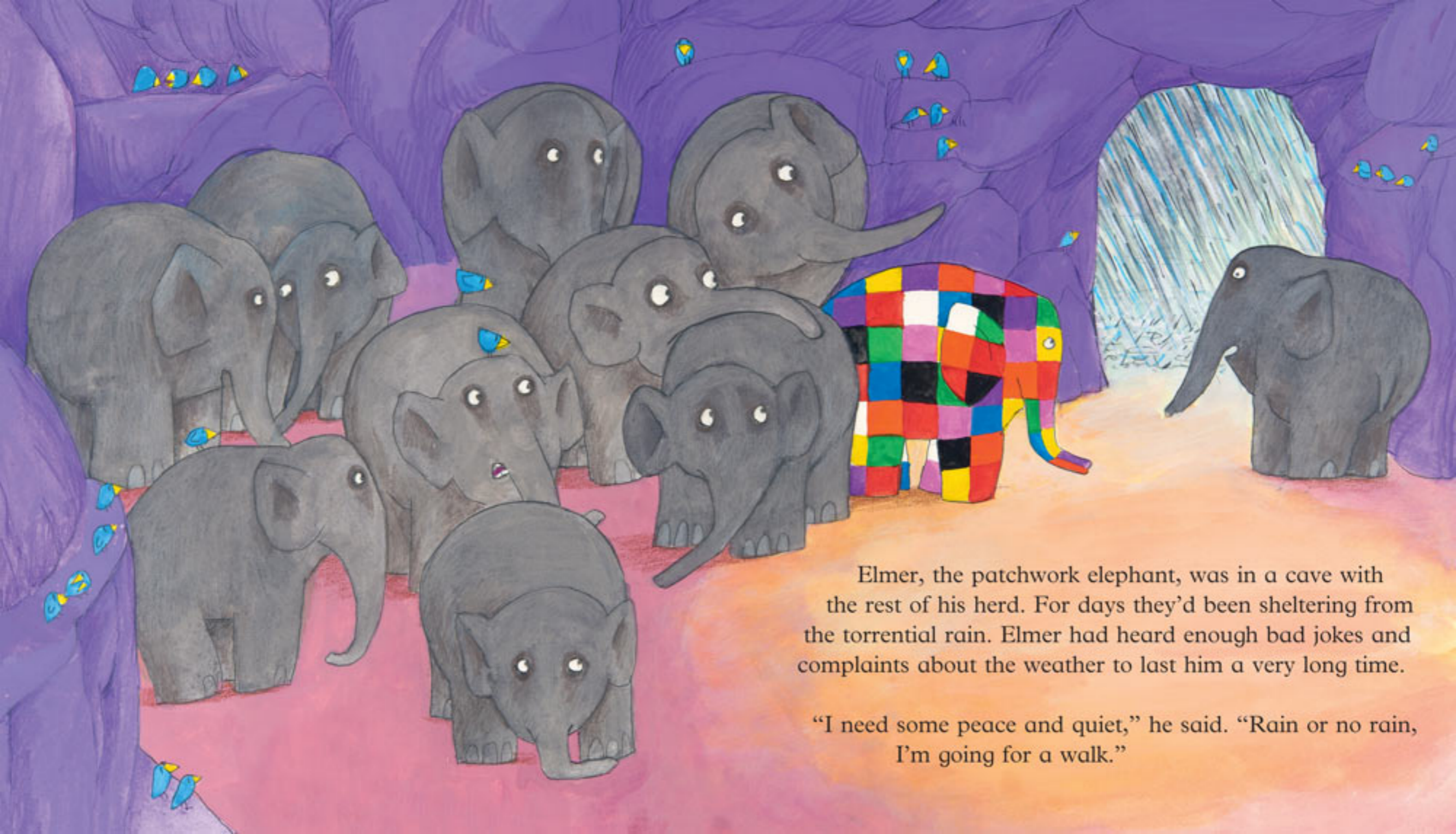
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was in a cave with the rest of his herd. For days they'd been sheltering from the torrential rain. Elmer had heard enough bad jokes and complaints about the weather to last him a very long time.

"I need some peace and quiet," he said. "Rain or no rain, I'm going for a walk."



It was already raining less and Elmer felt good to be outside. He passed other caves full of animals.

“Come inside, Elmer,” they shouted. “It’s raining!”  
“I do believe you’re right,” said Elmer with a smile and kept on walking.