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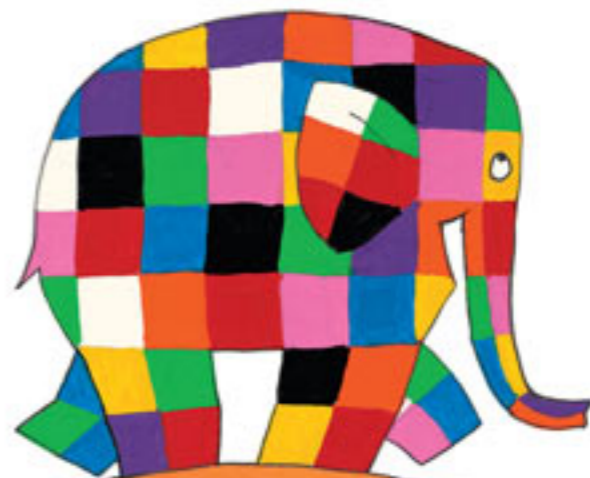
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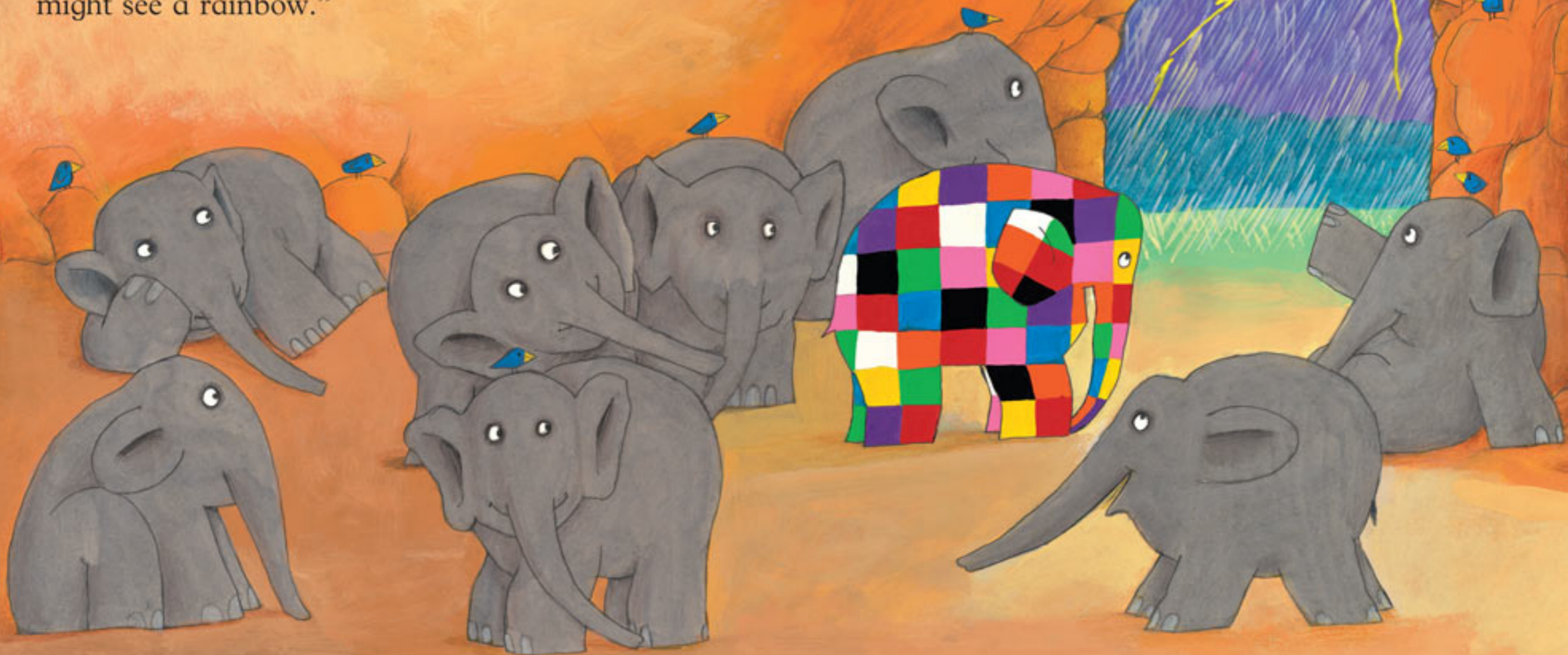
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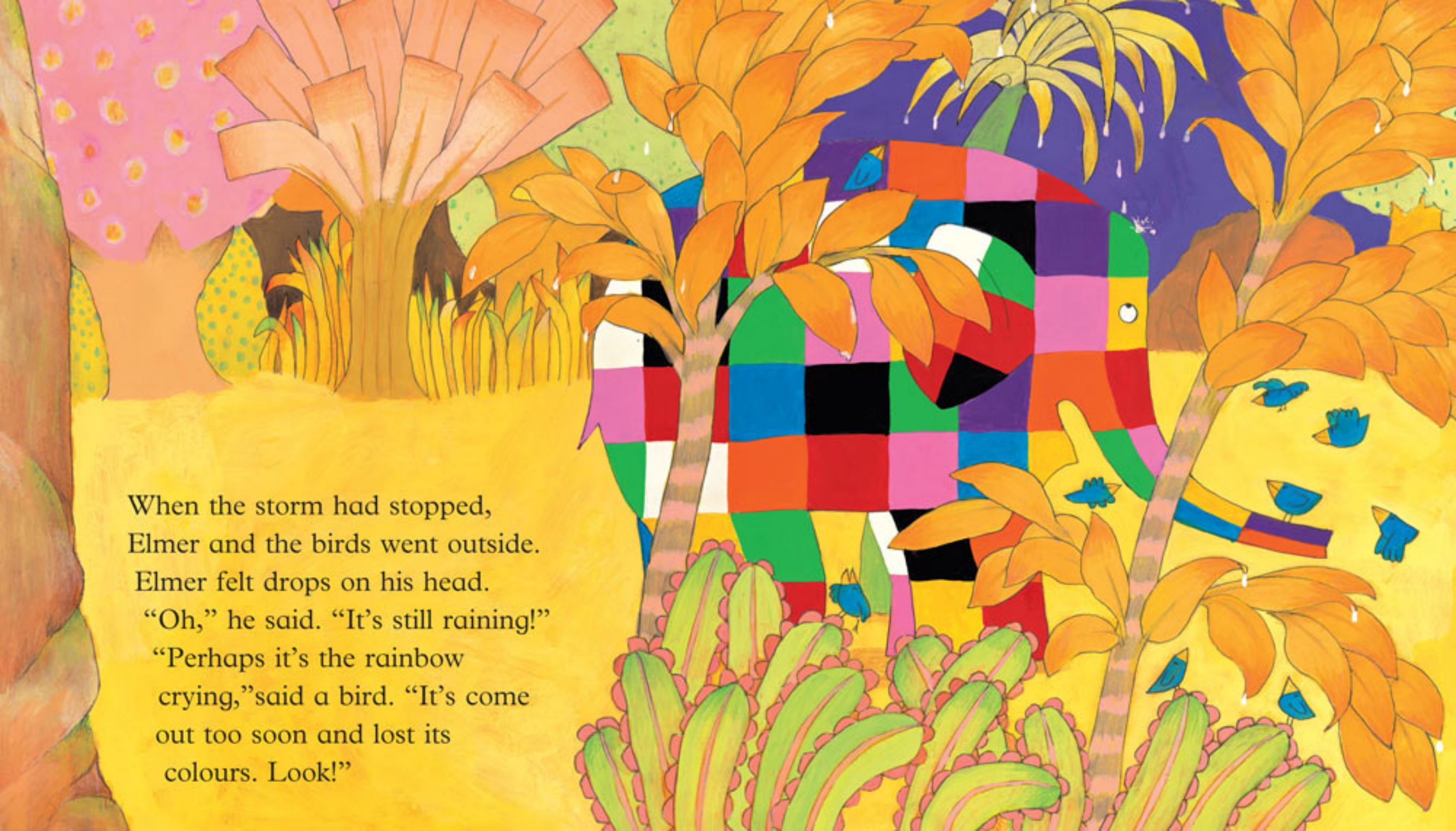
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was in a cave, sheltering from a storm. With him were other elephants and birds. “Thunder and lightning is exciting,” said Elmer. “And after the storm we might see a rainbow.”





When the storm had stopped,  
Elmer and the birds went outside.  
Elmer felt drops on his head.  
“Oh,” he said. “It’s still raining!”  
“Perhaps it’s the rainbow  
crying,” said a bird. “It’s come  
out too soon and lost its  
colours. Look!”