

## Opening extract from **Pablo the Artist**

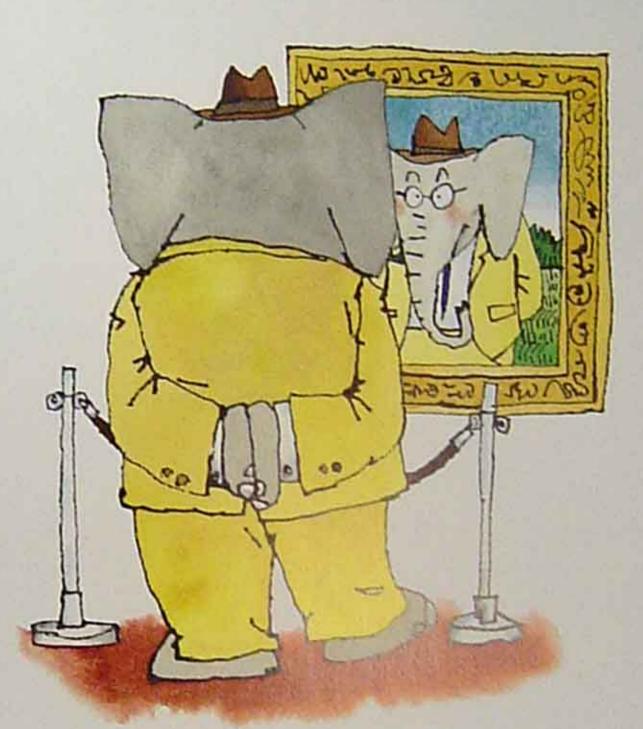
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The members of Hoof Lane Art Club were excited. There was to be an exhibition of their work and everyone was busily painting – except for Pablo. It was his dream to have a picture in an exhibition, but now he stood in front of an empty canvas, arms folded, looking troubled.

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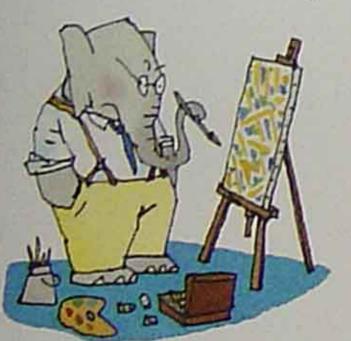
He had painted flowers in a vase,

a portrait of his friend,

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"Why don't you go out and paint a landscape or something for a change?" suggested Miss Hippo during the tea break. "Good idea!" agreed Leonardo the Lion. "In my view, a good landscape is the next best thing to a self-portrait." Leonardo was very good at painting himself. "Perhaps you're right," said Pablo. "I'll give it a try."

and even an abstract painting.



Yet, nothing looked right! "I think I have artist's block!" sighed Pablo.