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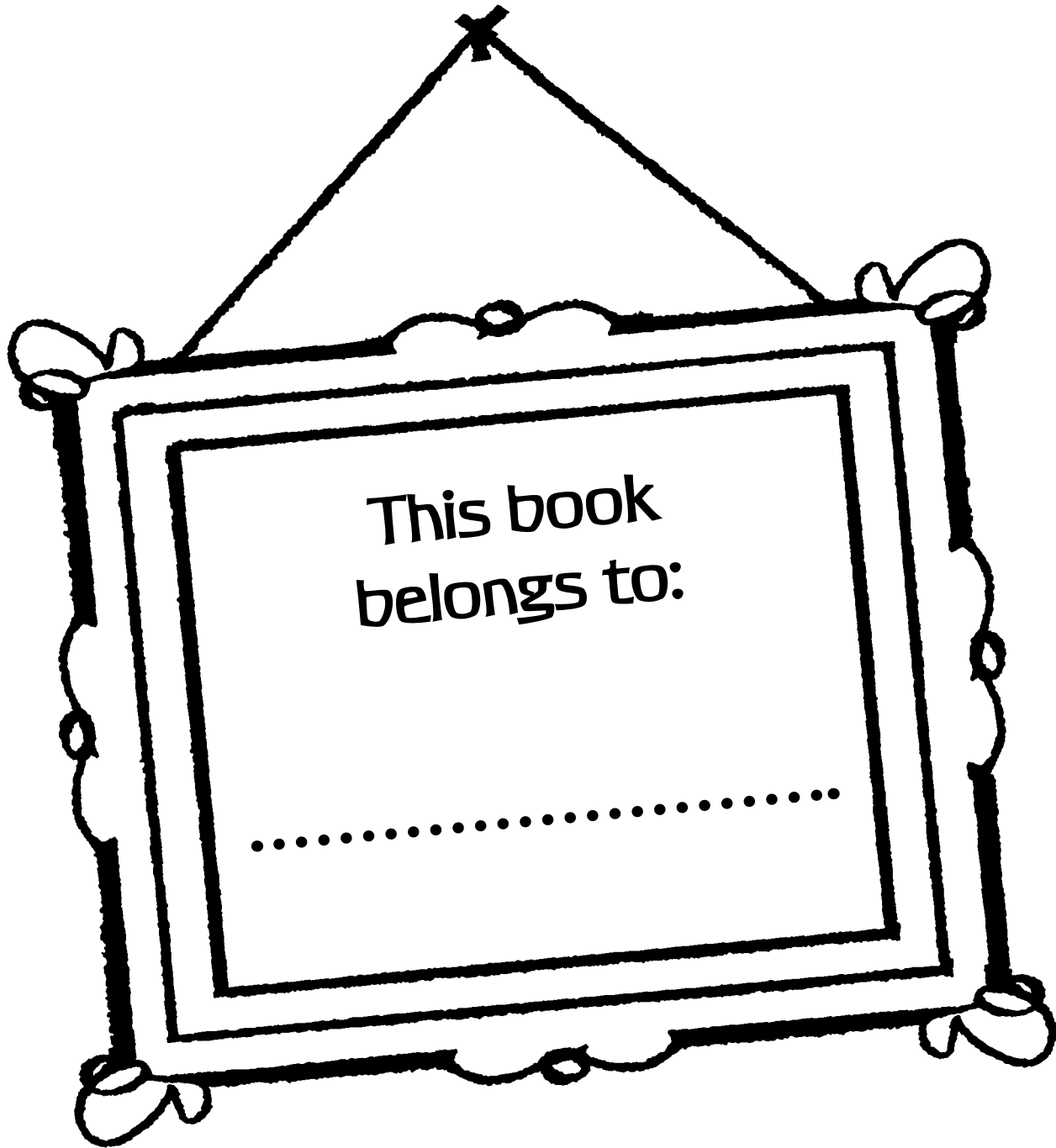
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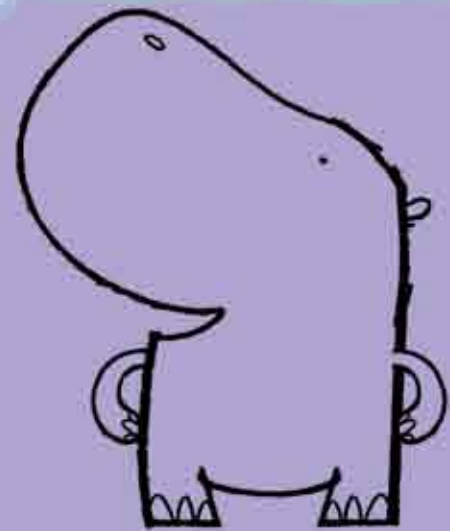
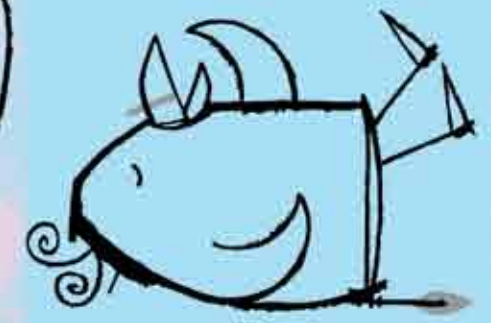
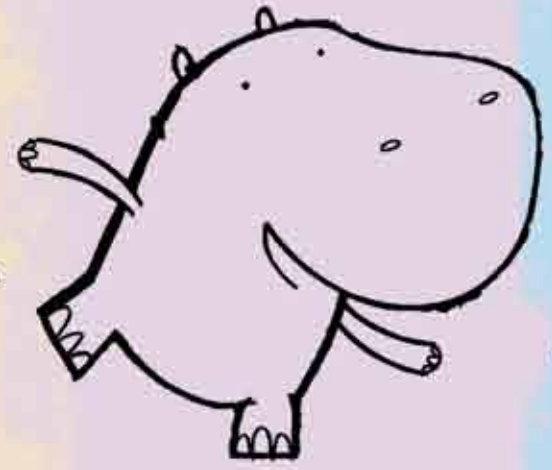
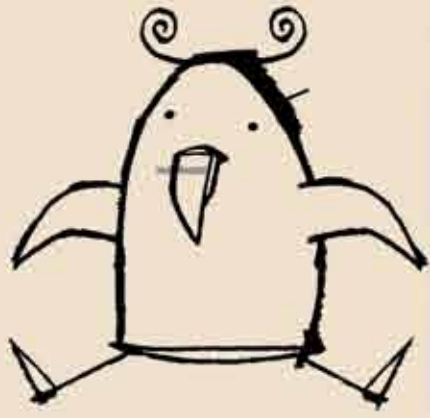
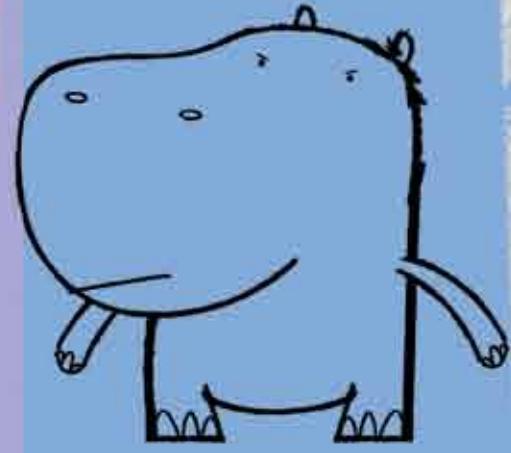
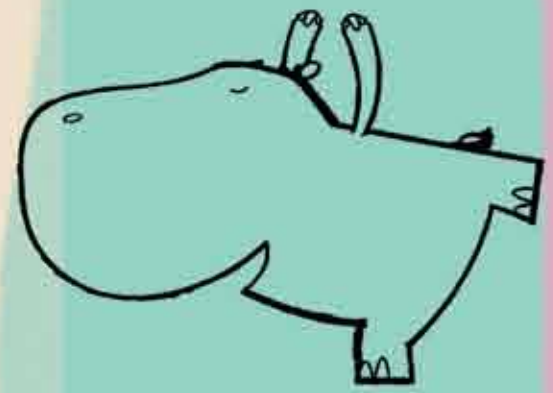
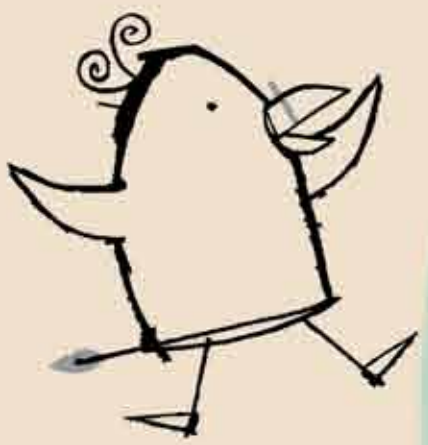
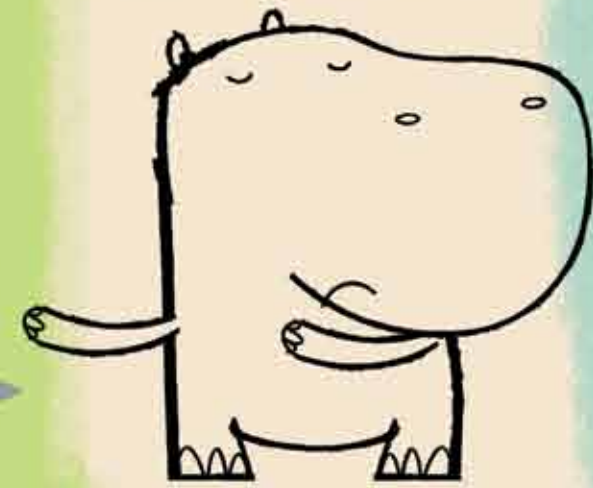
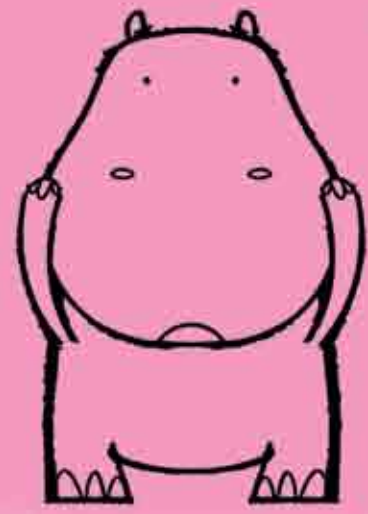
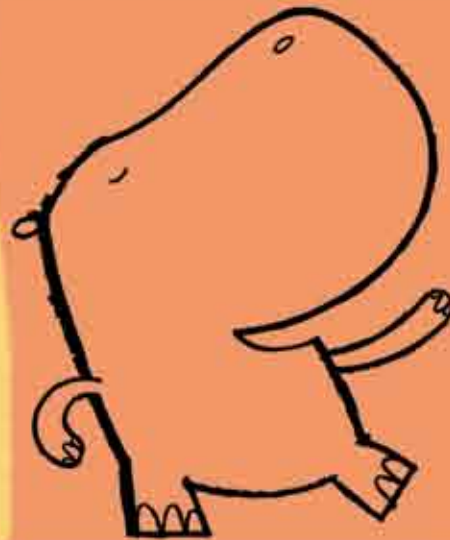
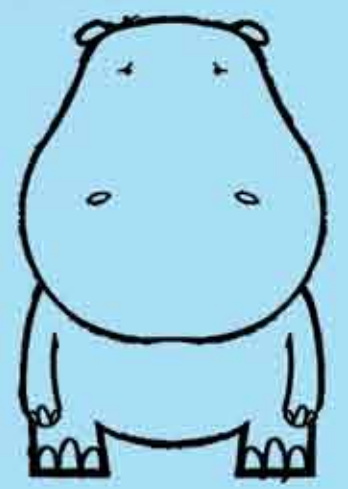
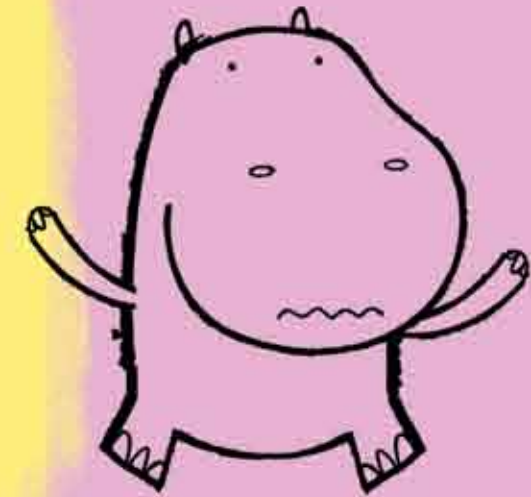
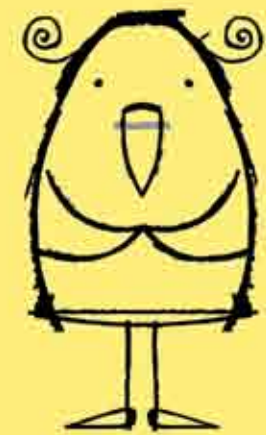
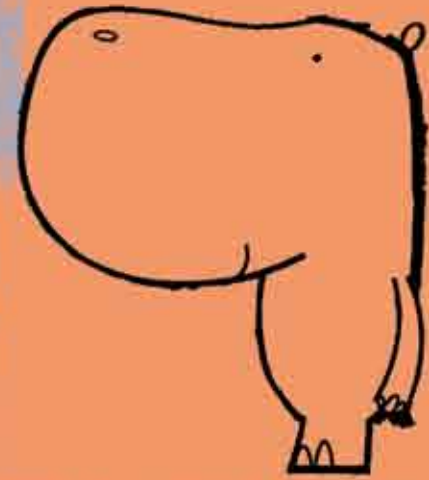
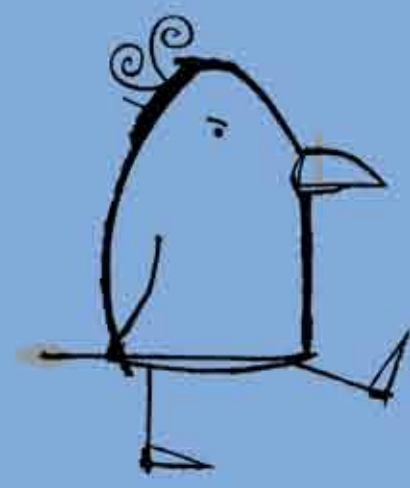
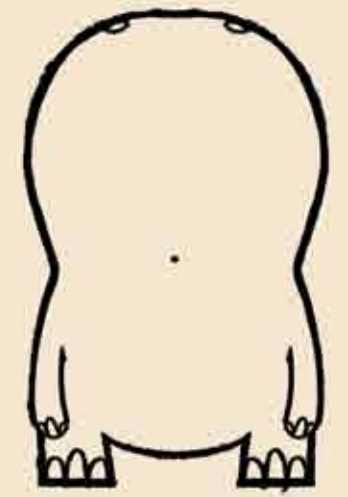
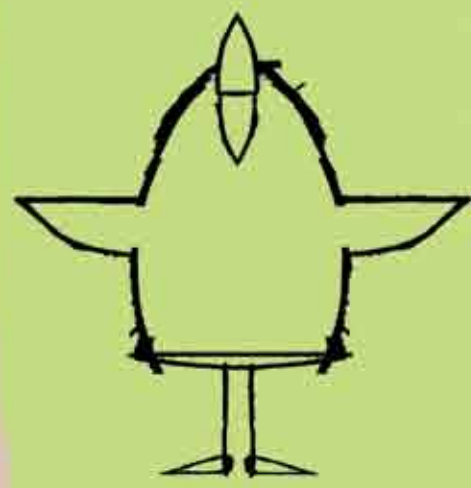
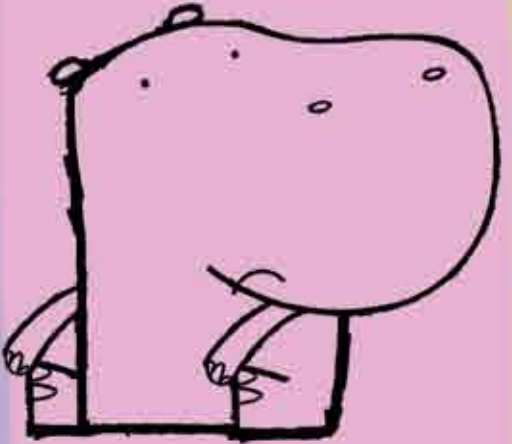
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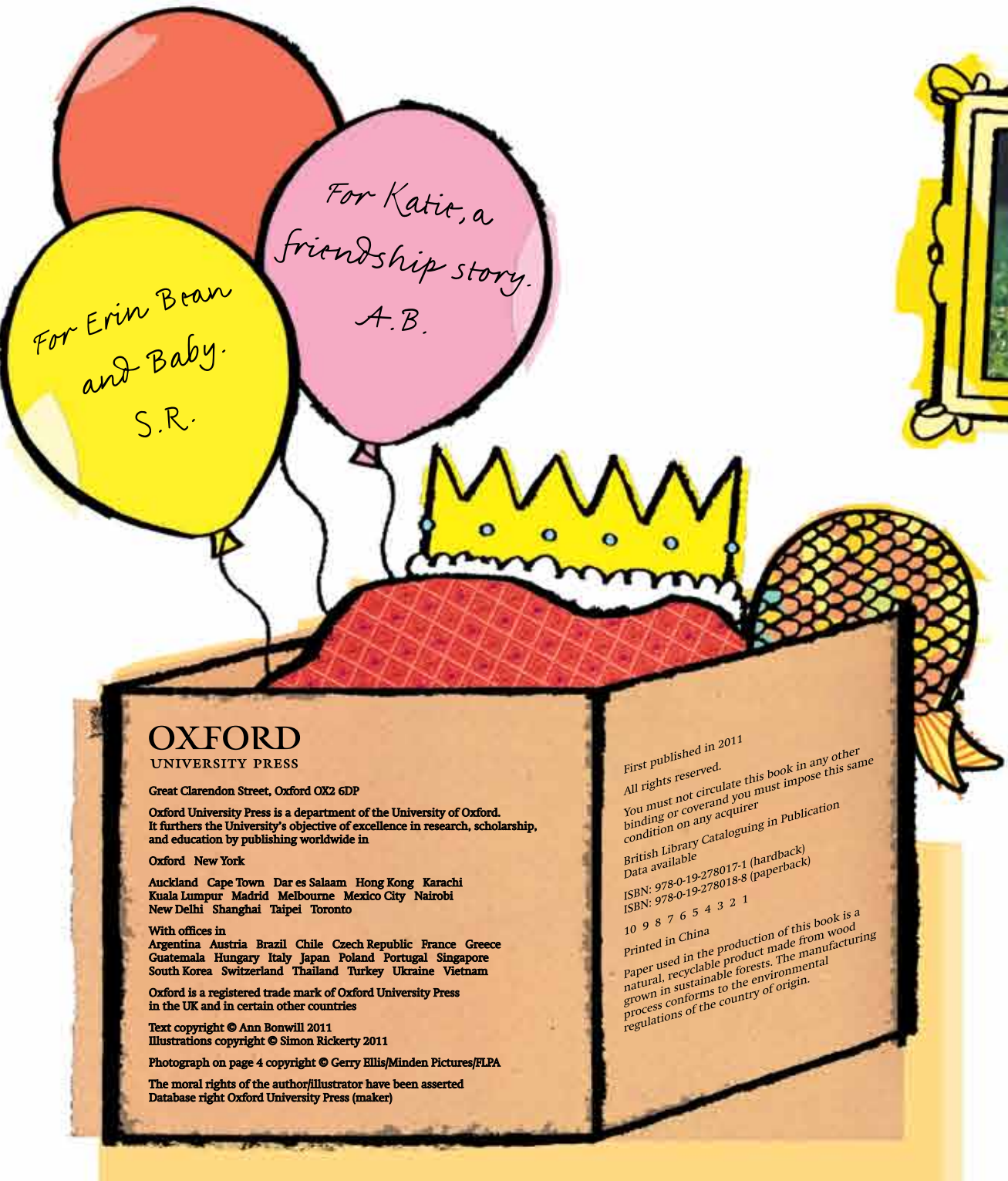




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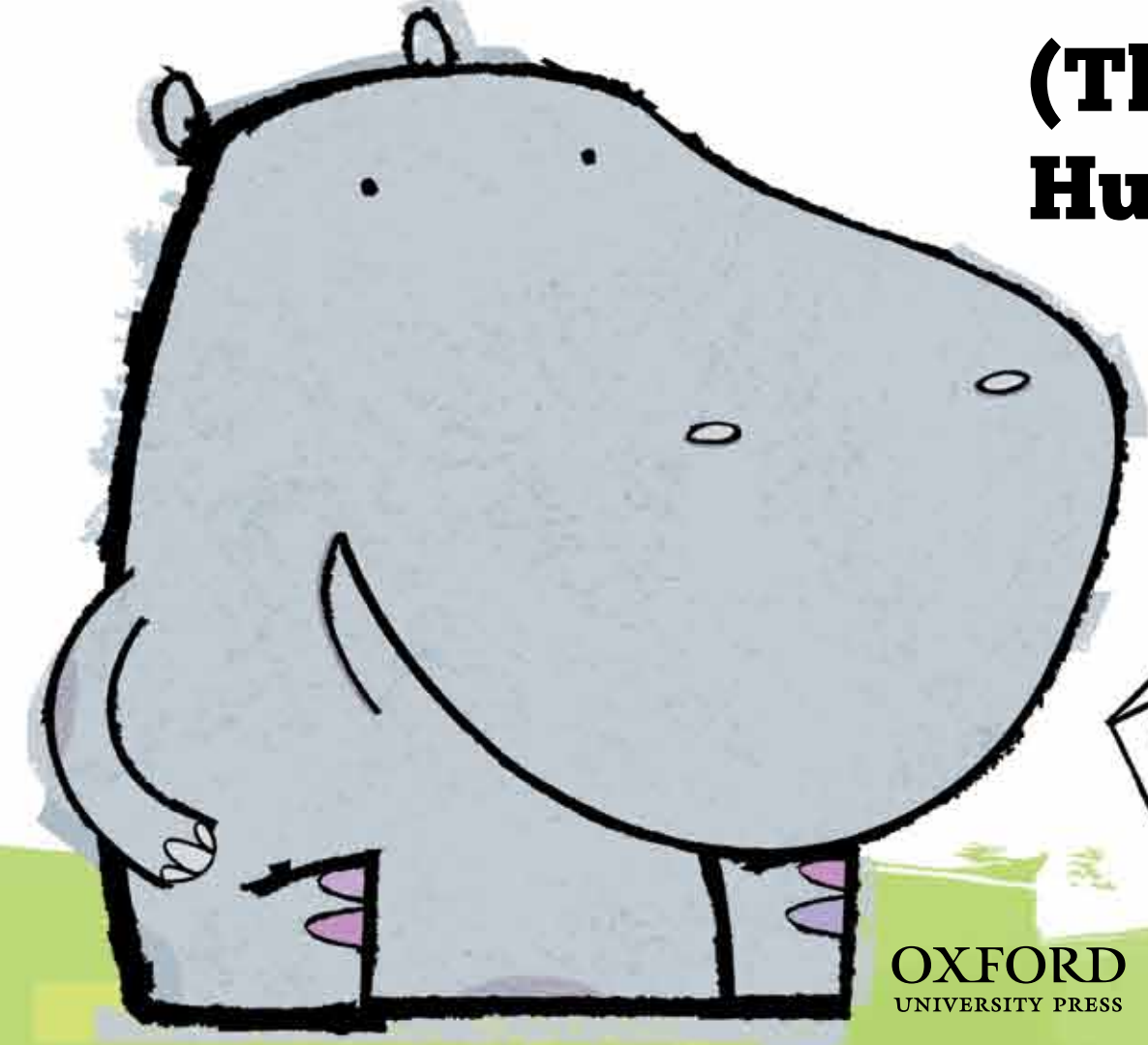
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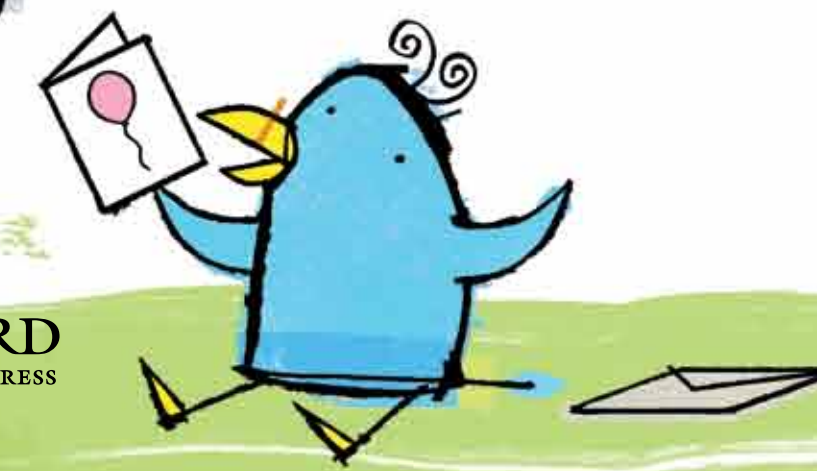


# I don't want to be a pen!

**(The story of Hugo and Bella)**



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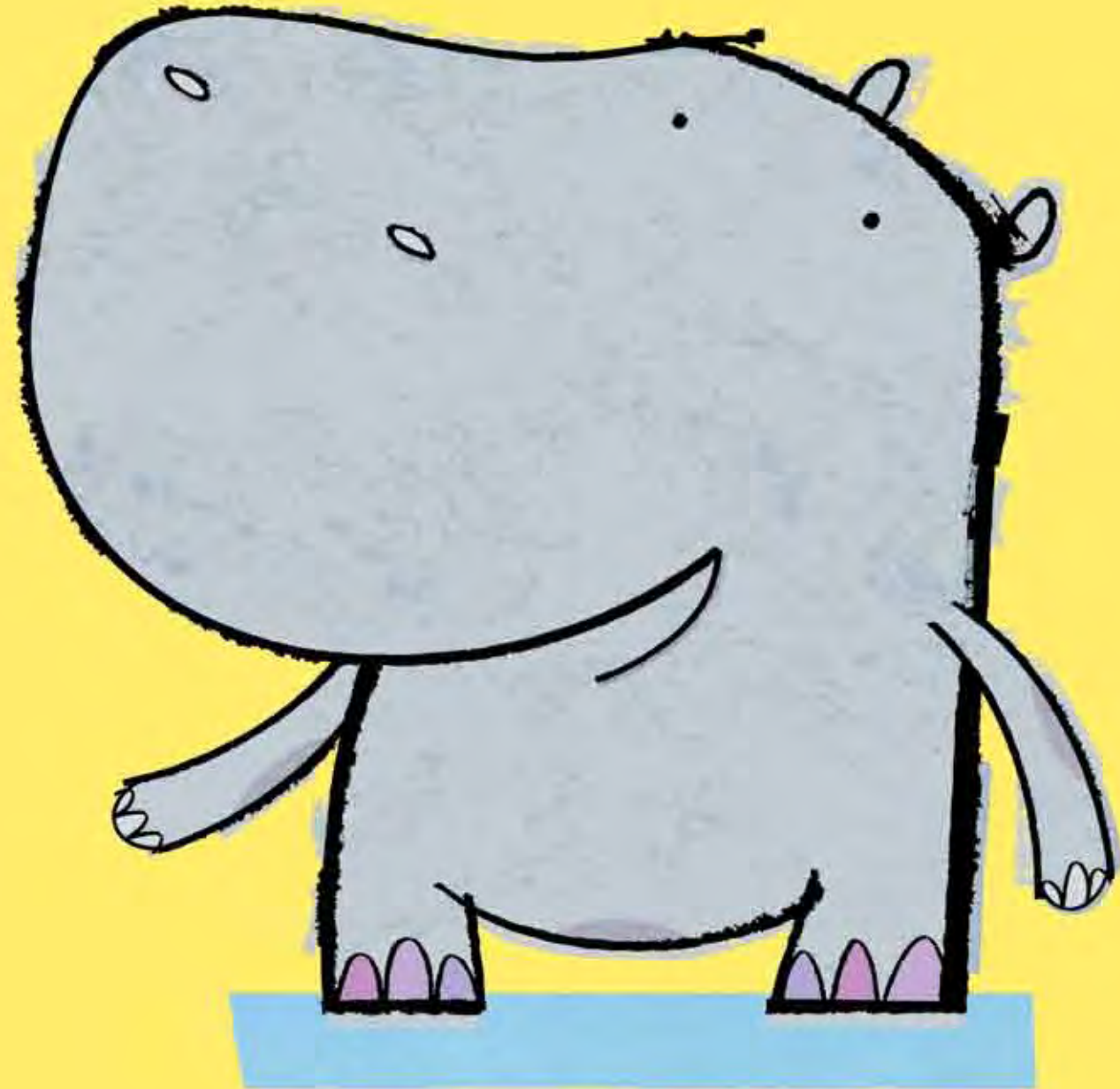
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and Bella is mine.

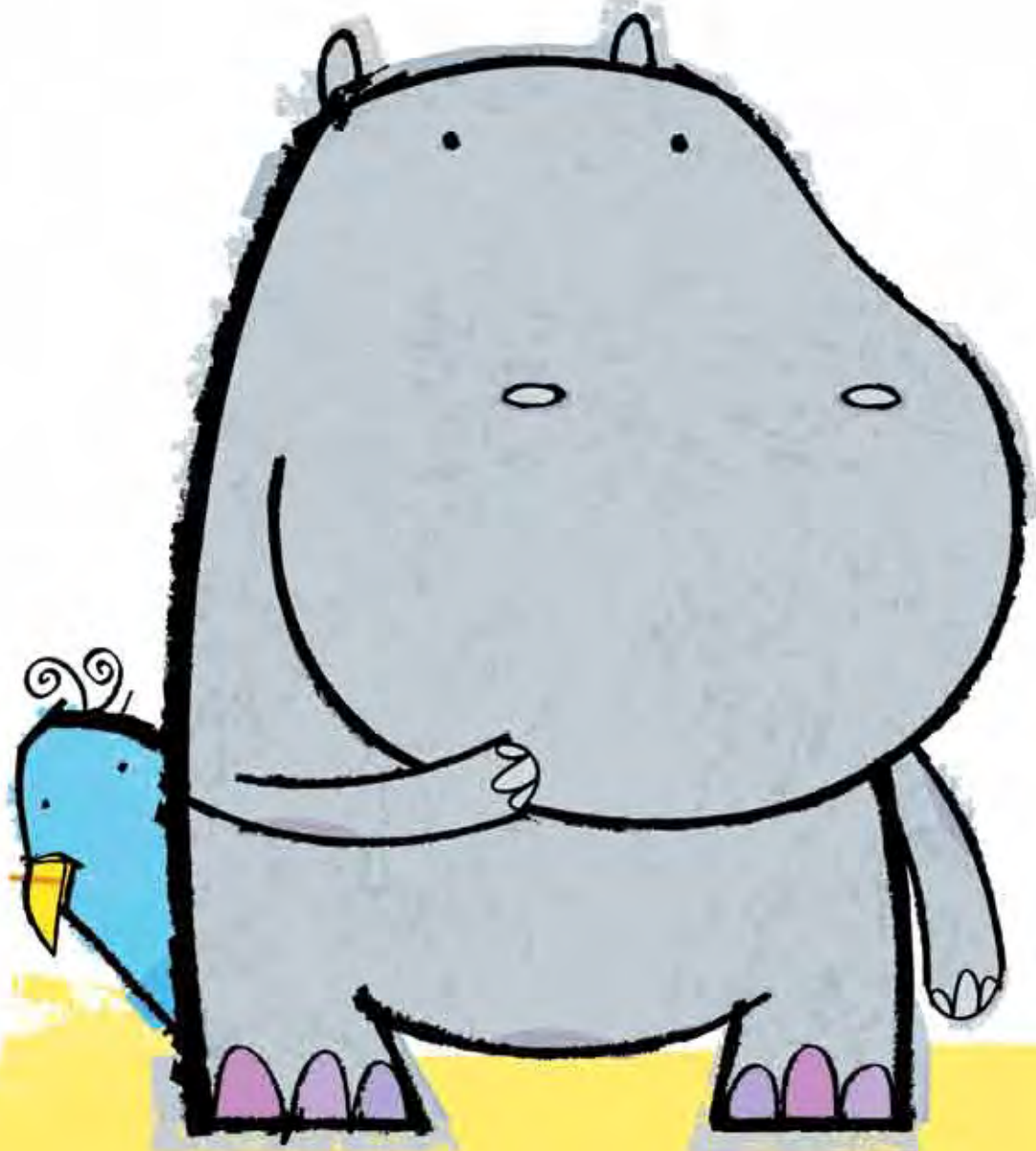


Correction.

All birds have hippos,  
and Hugo is mine.



Anyway. Where was I? Oh yes, tonight is a very special night.

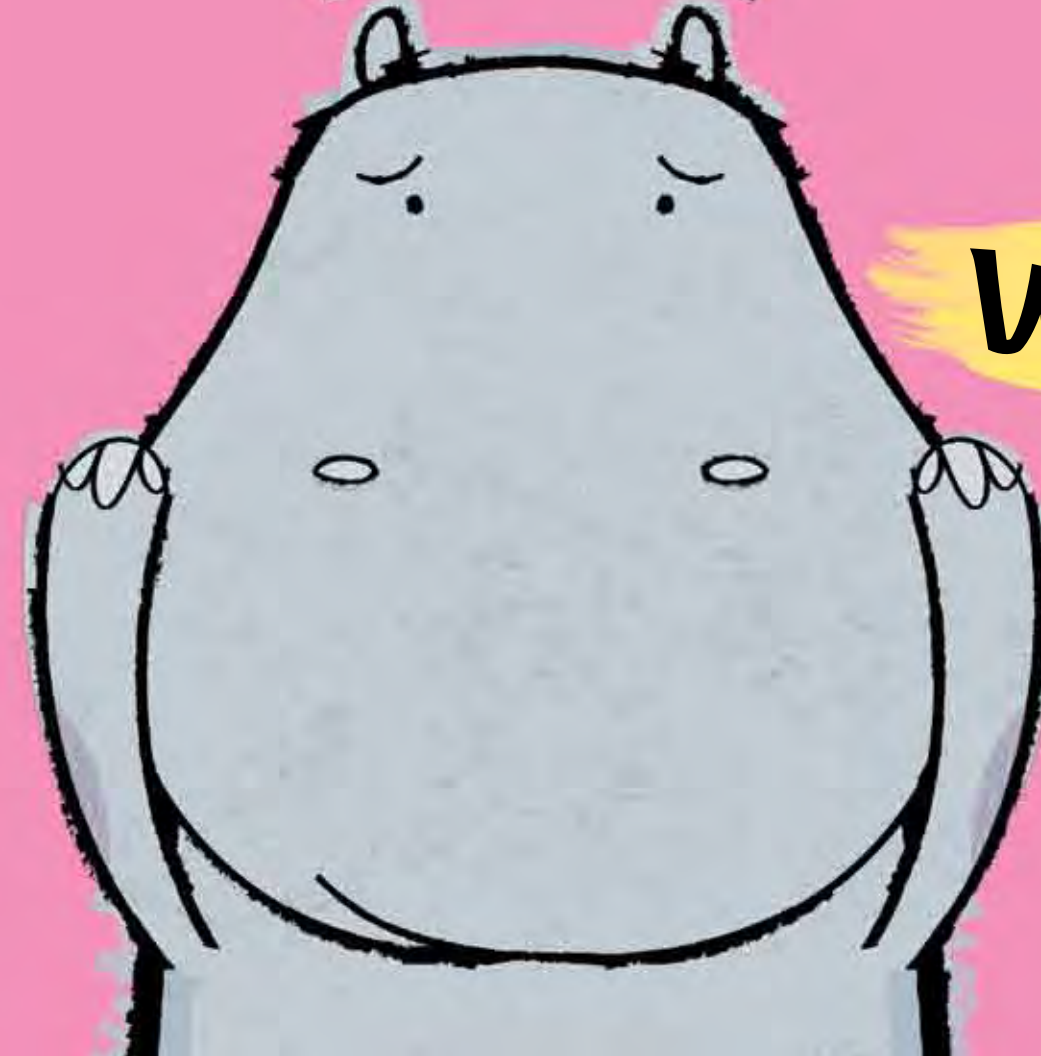


It is the night of the Hippo-Bird Fairytale Fancy Dress Party.



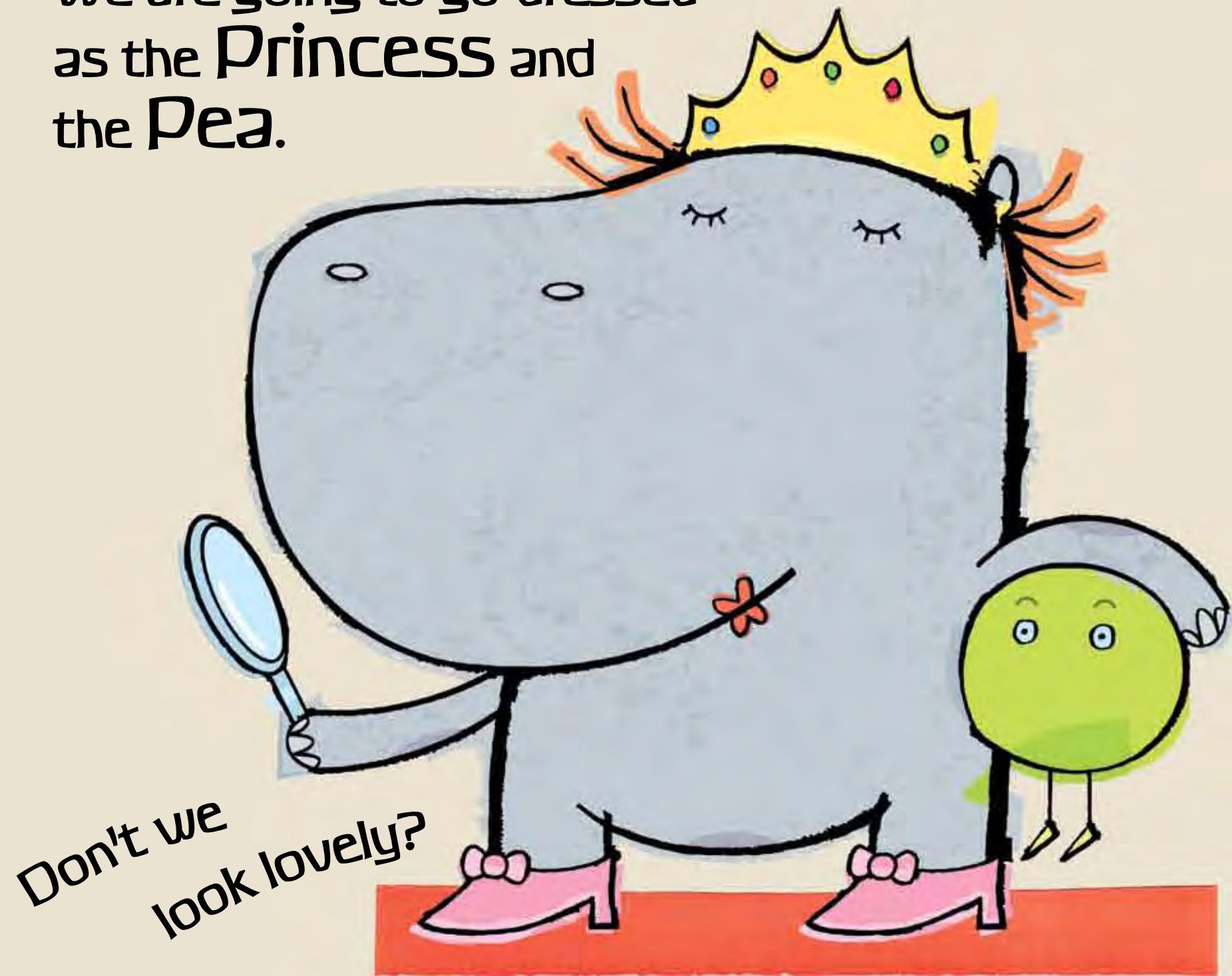
You mean the Bird-Hippo Fairytale Fancy Dress Party.

**Whatever.**



The important part is we have decided on a costume.

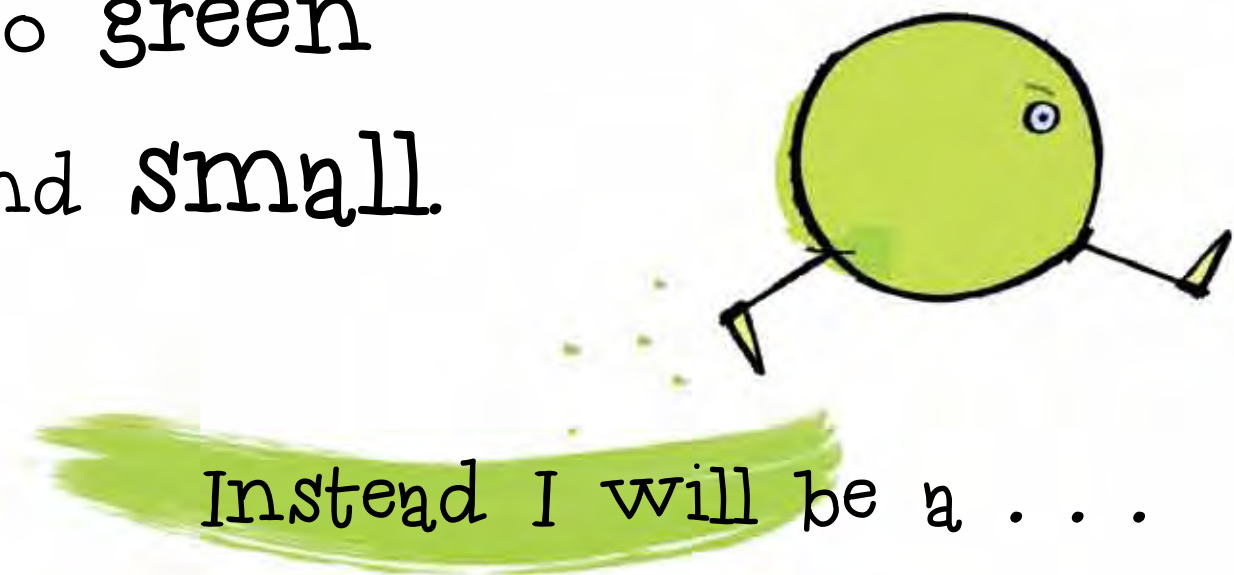
We are going to go dressed  
as the Princess and  
the Pea.



Don't we  
look lovely?

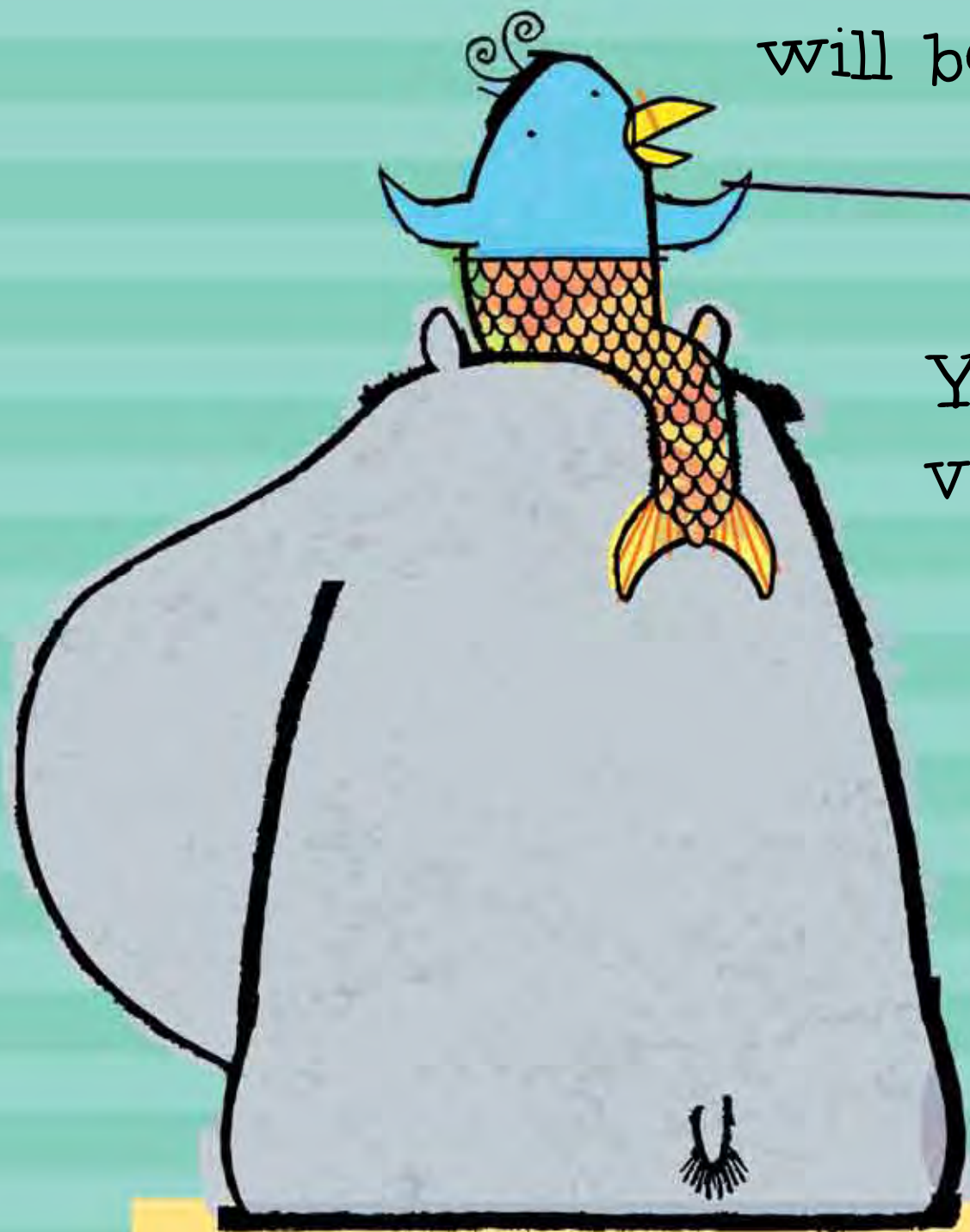
But I don't want  
to  
be a pea.

It is too green  
and small.



Instead I will be a . . .

mermaid and you  
will be my rock.



You make a  
very fine rock.

I don't want to  
be a rock. It is too  
grey and blobby.

But

you

are

grey

and

blobby.

I will ignore  
that comment.

