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Opening extract from  
**The Bad Tempered  
Ladybird**

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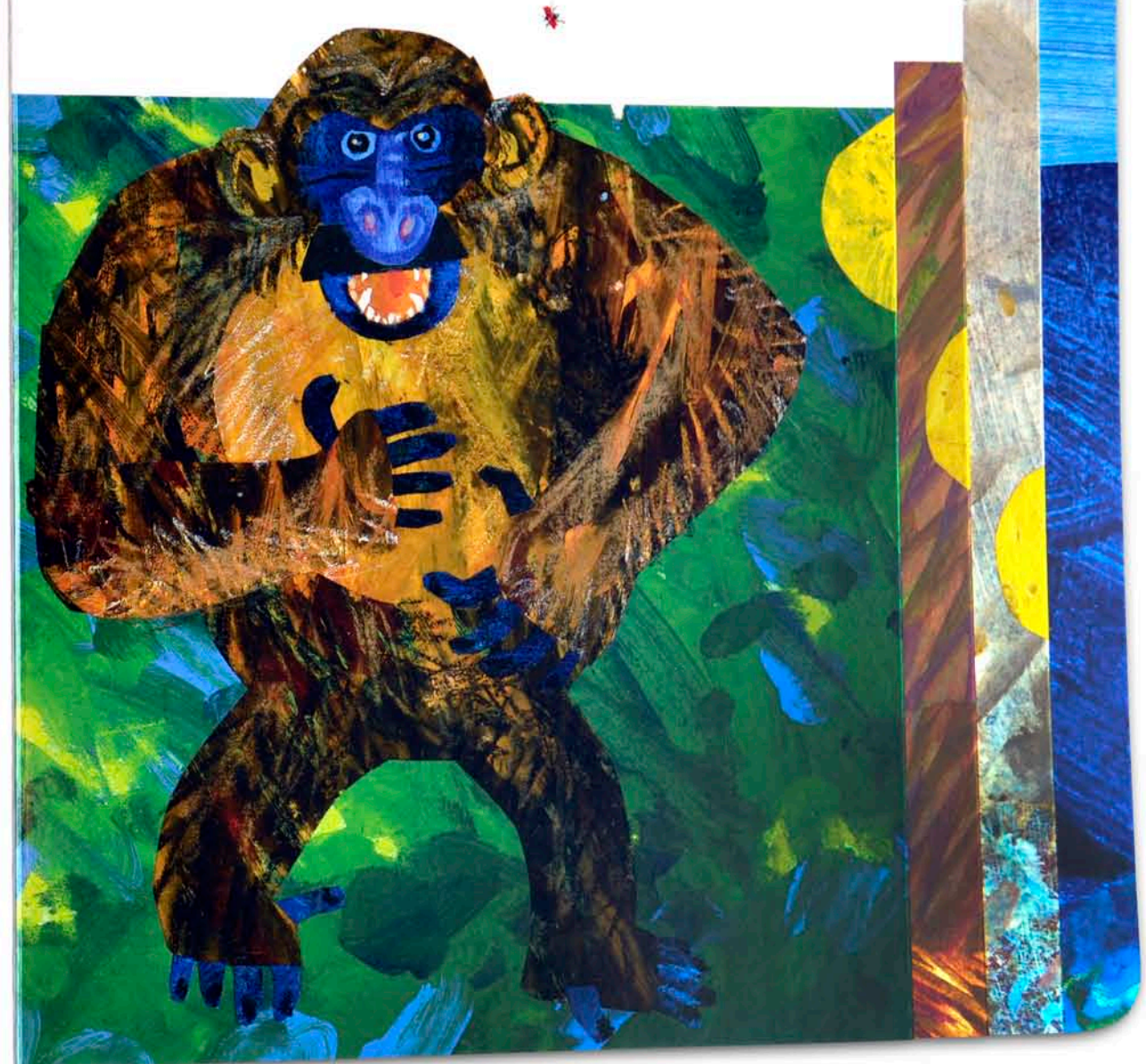
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At six o'clock  
it met a wasp.  
"Hey you," said  
the bad-tempered  
ladybird.  
"Want to fight?"  
"If you insist," said  
the wasp,  
showing its stinger.  
"Oh, you're not  
big enough," said  
the bad-tempered  
ladybird  
and flew off.



At two o'clock  
it met a gorilla.  
"Hey you," said  
the bad-tempered ladybird.  
"Want to fight?"  
"If you insist," said the gorilla,  
beating its chest.  
"Oh, you're not big enough,"  
said the bad-tempered ladybird  
and flew off.





At a quarter to six the bad-tempered ladybird said to the whale's tail,  
"Hey you, want to fight?"

And the whale's tail gave  
the bad-tempered  
ladybird such  
a SLAP . . .

across the land.

