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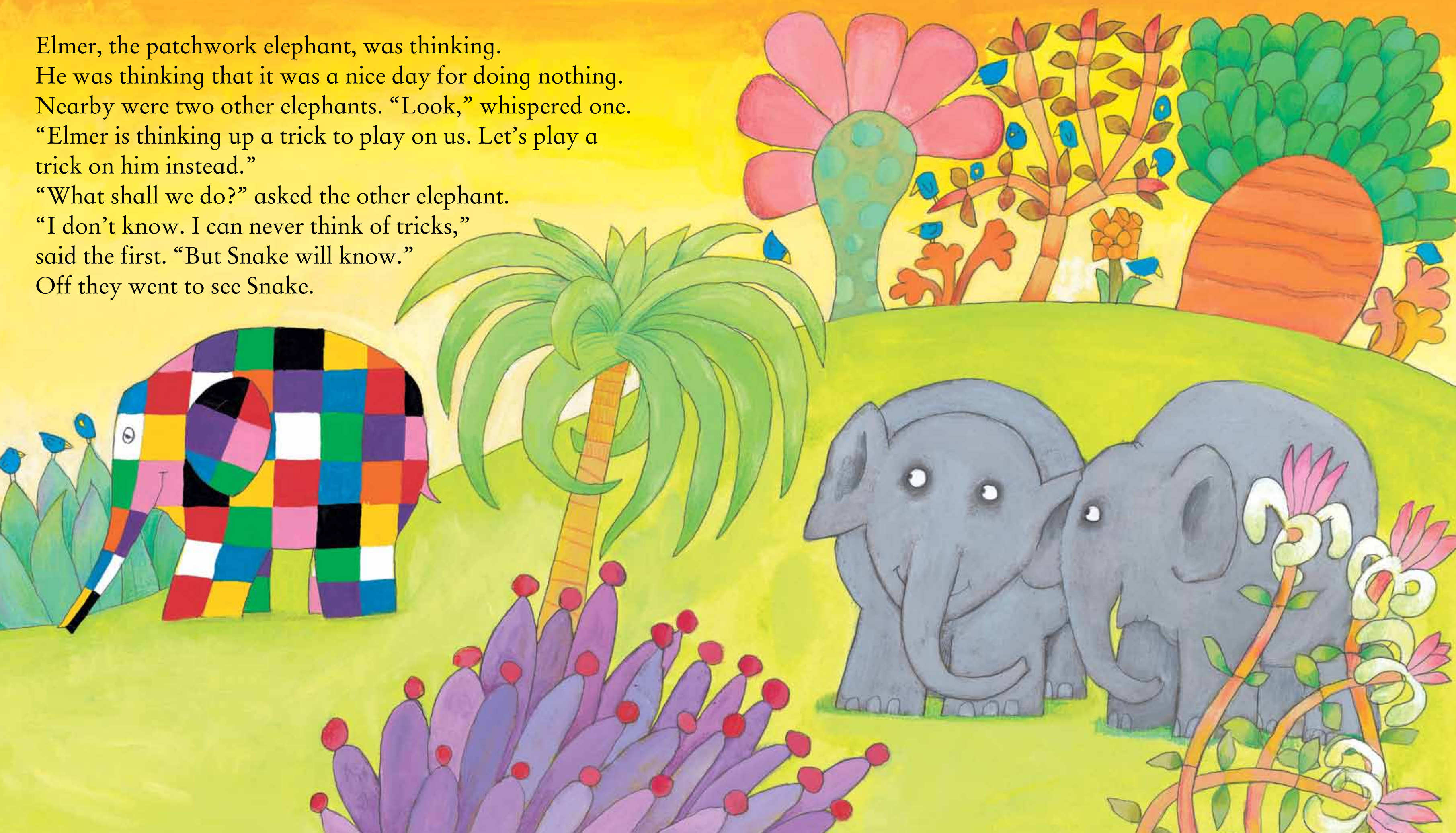
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Elmer, the patchwork elephant, was thinking. He was thinking that it was a nice day for doing nothing. Nearby were two other elephants. "Look," whispered one. "Elmer is thinking up a trick to play on us. Let's play a trick on him instead." "What shall we do?" asked the other elephant. "I don't know. I can never think of tricks," said the first. "But Snake will know." Off they went to see Snake.





“Hello, Snake,” they said. “We want to play a trick on Elmer. What can we do?” Snake thought, then chuckled. “Tell him he’s looking pale. Get him to lie down and rest.” “He’ll see that *that’s* not true,” said one of the elephants. Snake sniggered. “If it’s repeated often enough he’ll believe it. You’ll see.”