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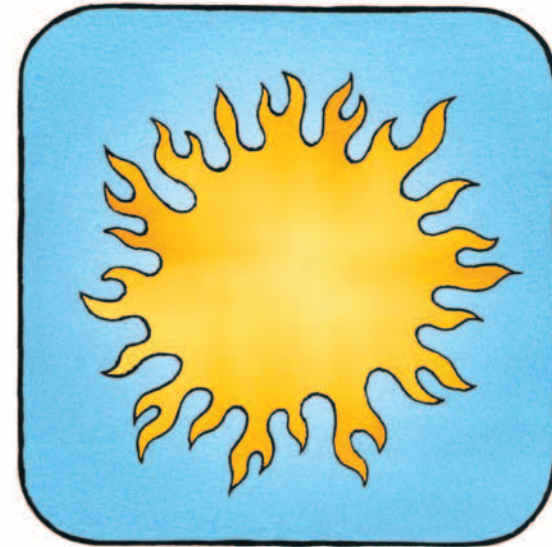
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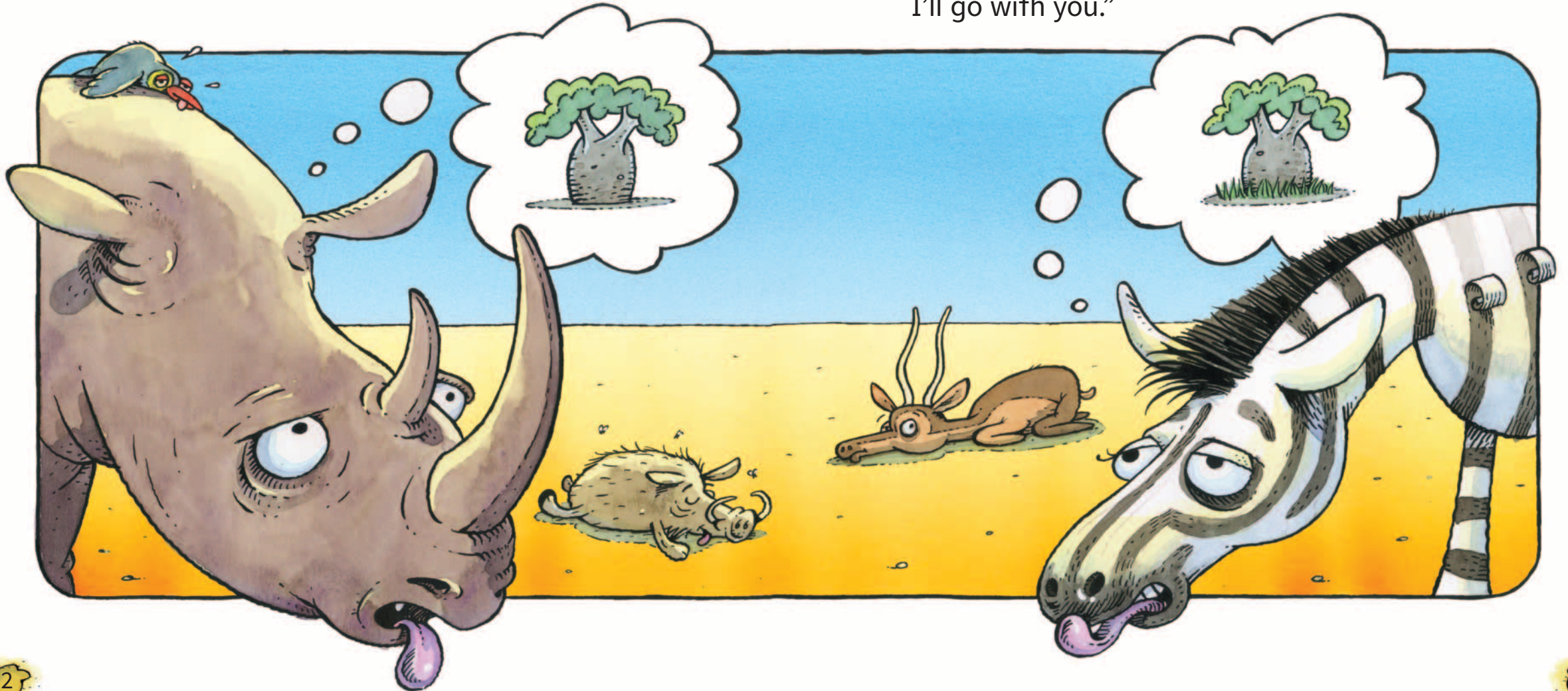
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The day was very hot.  
Rhinoceros was very hot, too.  
“I’m going to lie under a shady tree,”  
he said.

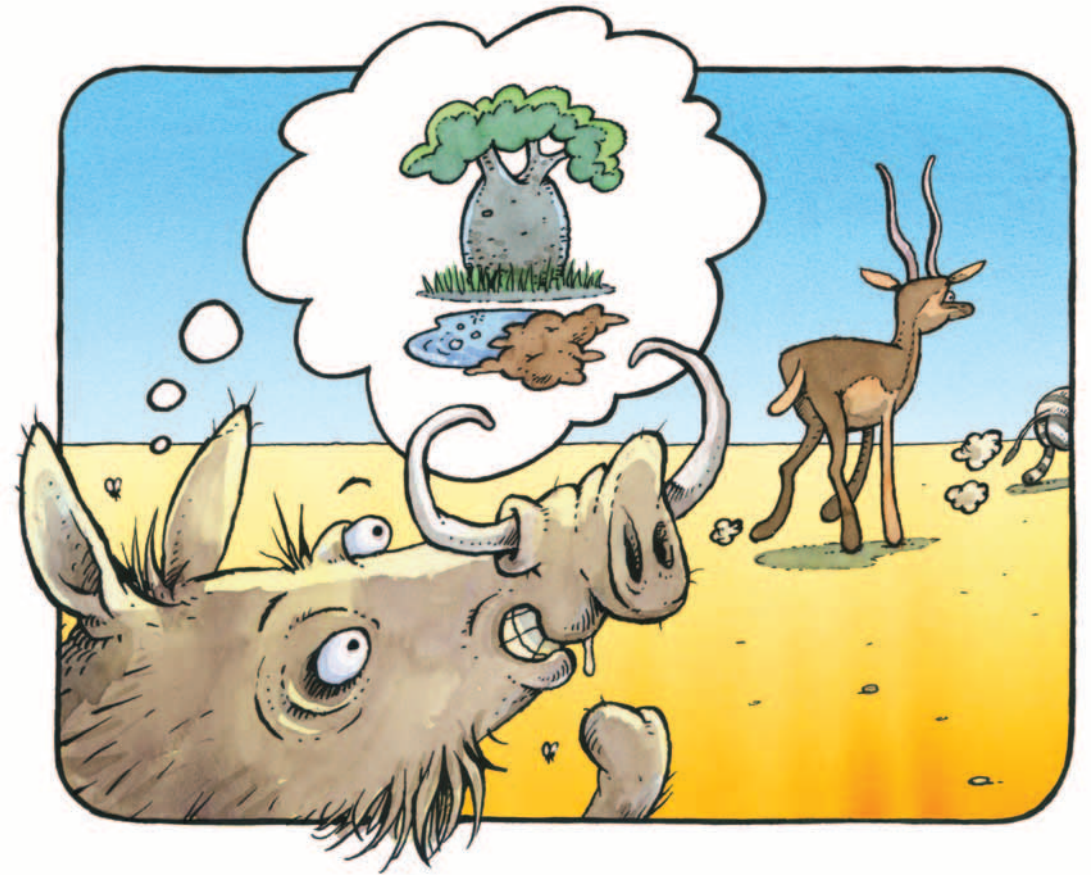
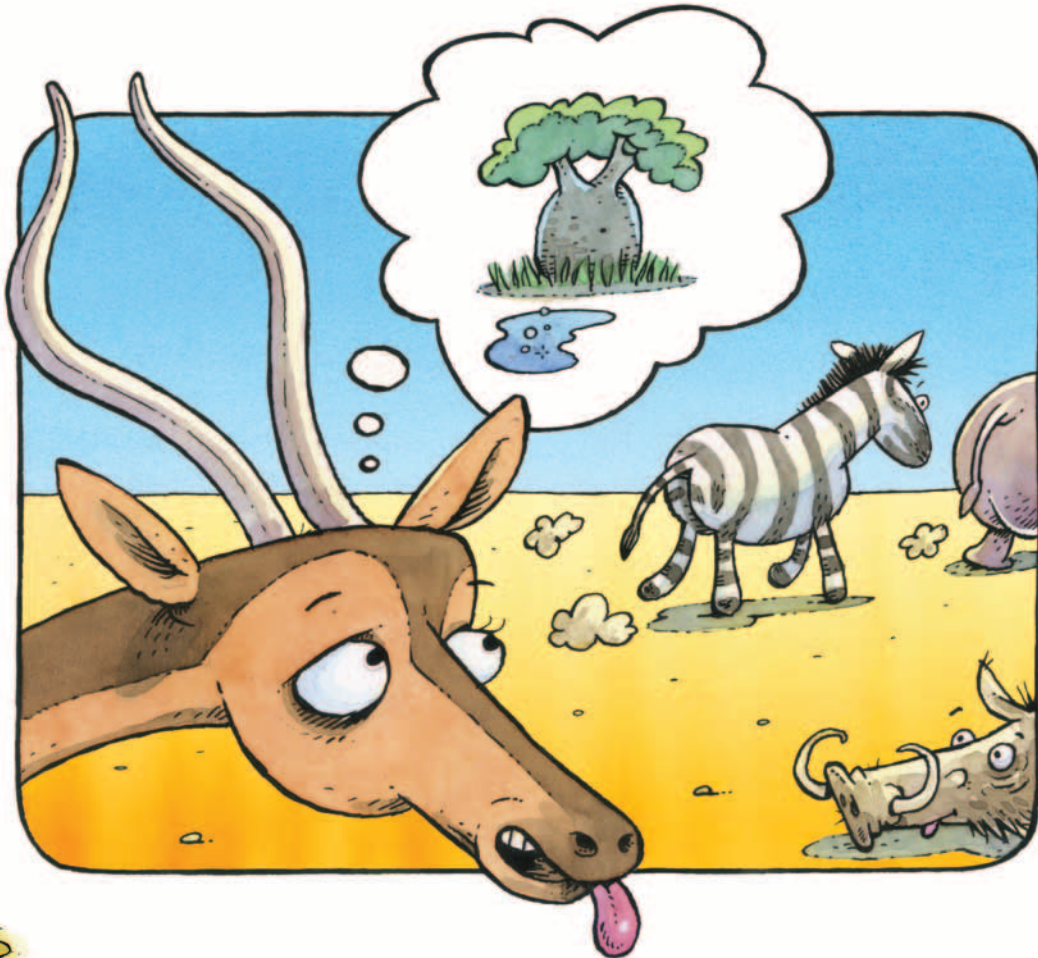
“That’s a good idea,” said Zebra.  
“A shady tree to lie under  
and some sweet grass to nibble on  
would be very nice.  
I’ll go with you.”



“That’s a good idea,” said Antelope.

“A shady tree to lie under,  
some sweet grass to nibble on,  
and a bubbly spring of water to drink from  
would be very nice.

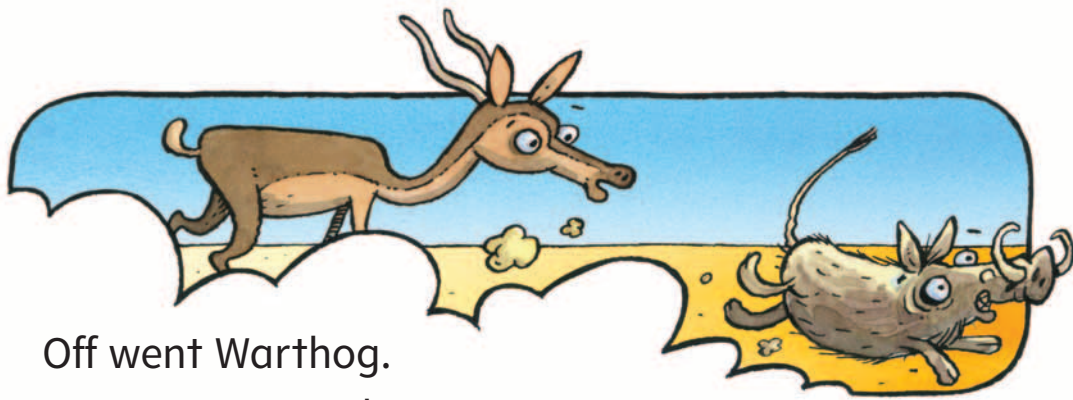
I’ll go with you.”



“That’s a good idea,” said Warthog.

“A shady tree to lie under,  
some sweet grass to nibble on,  
a bubbly spring of water to drink from,  
and some mud to roll in  
would be very nice.

I’ll go with you.”



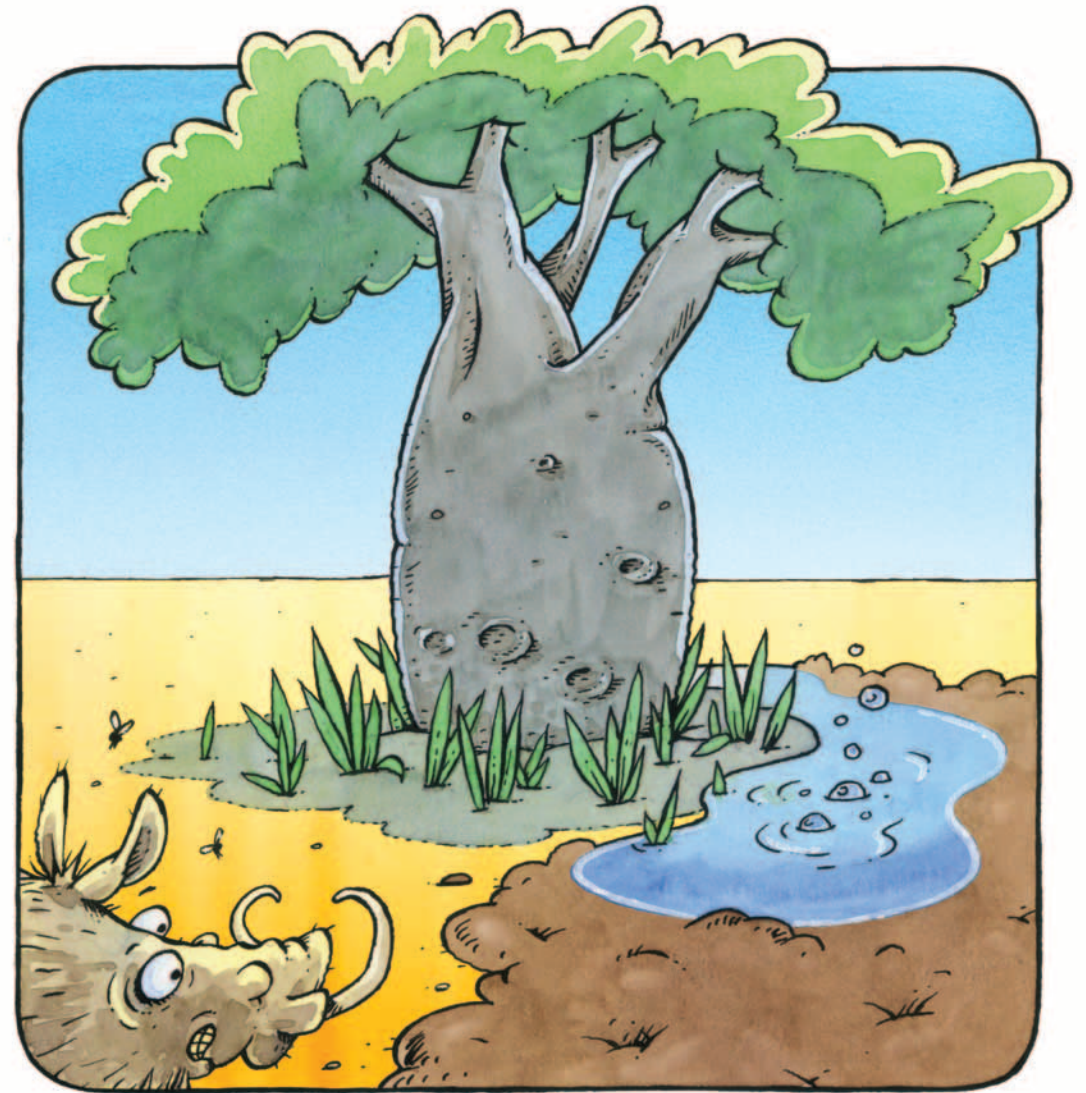
Off went Warthog.  
He ran past Antelope.



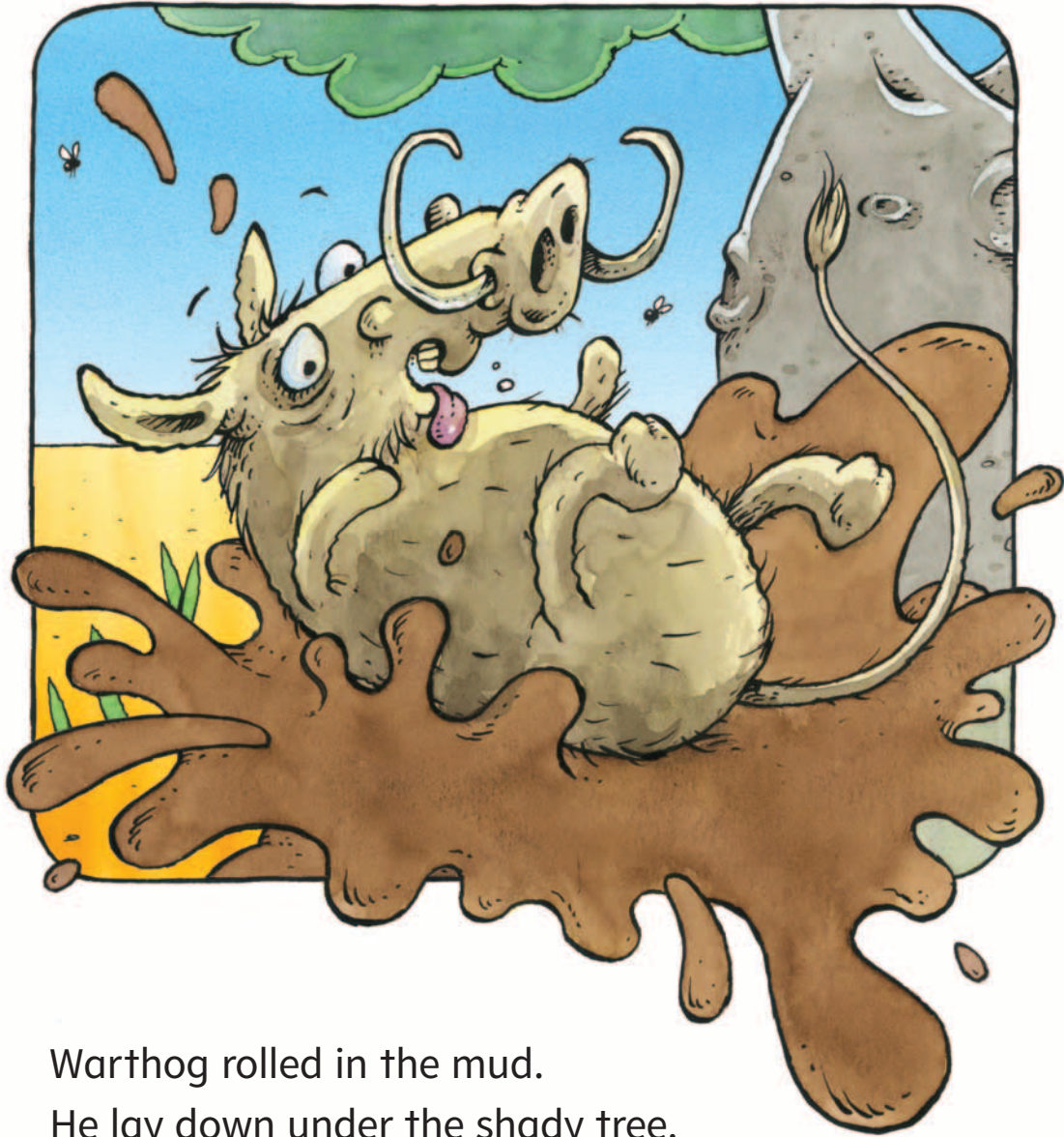
He ran past Zebra.



He ran past Rhinoceros.  
He got to the shady tree first.

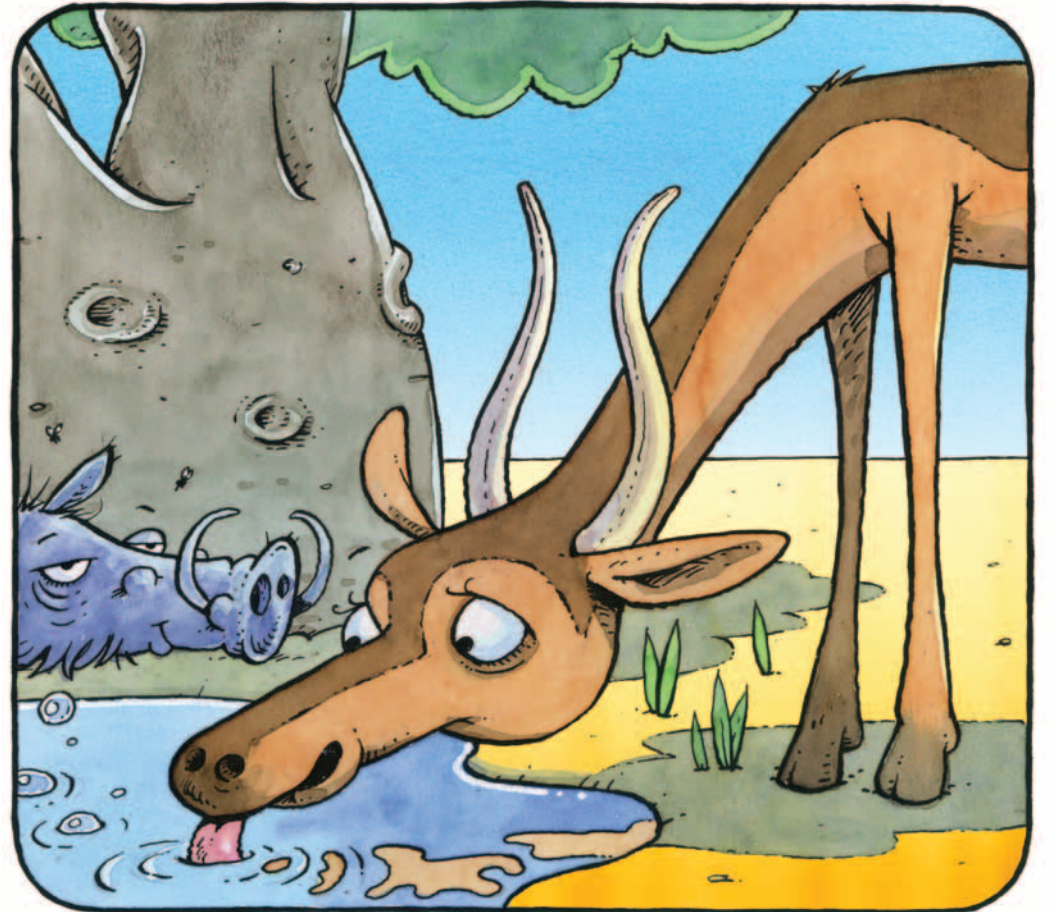


There was some sweet grass to nibble on,  
a bubbly spring of water to drink from,  
and some mud to roll in.

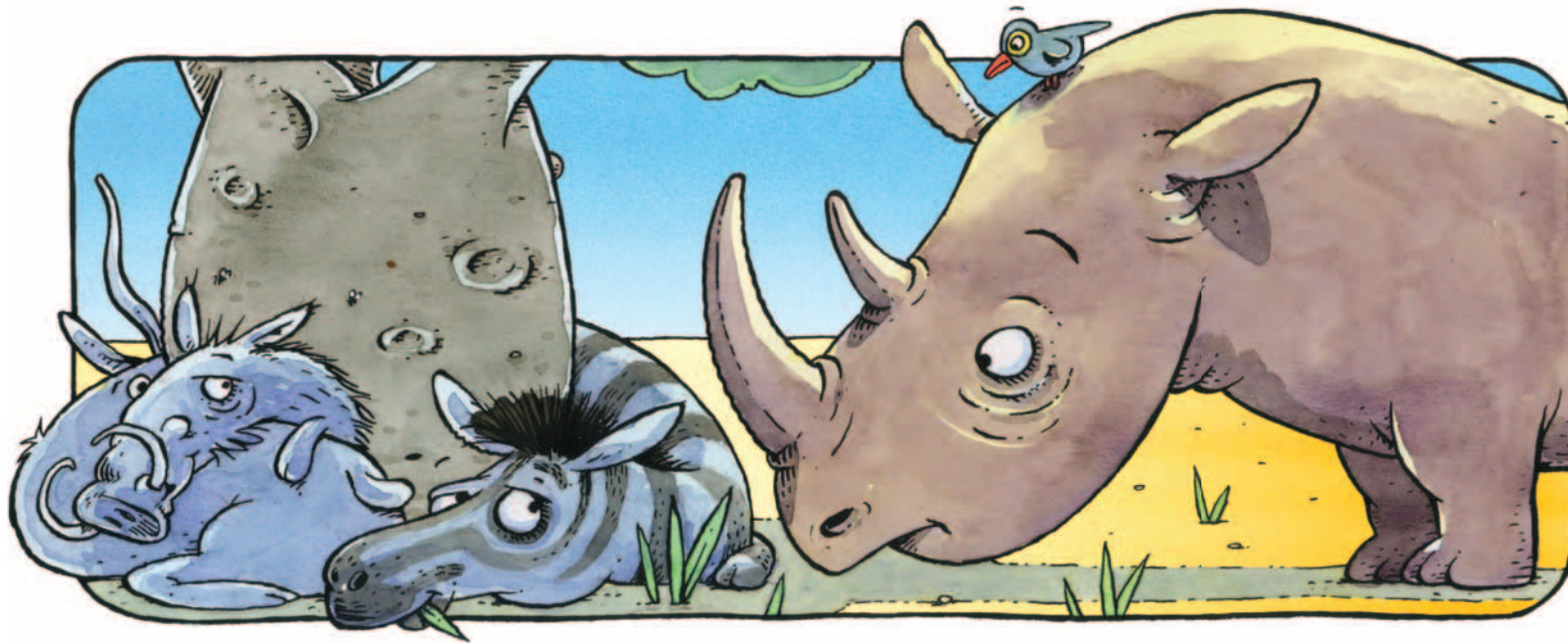


Warthog rolled in the mud.  
He lay down under the shady tree.  
“Ah, this is perfect,” he said.

Along came Antelope.  
He drank from the bubbly spring.  
Then he lay down under the shady tree.  
“Ah, this is perfect,” he said.



Along came Zebra.  
He nibbled on the sweet grass  
and lay down under the shady tree.  
“Ah, this is perfect,” he said.



At last, along came Rhinoceros.  
There was no more room  
under the shady tree.  
“Finding the shady tree was *my* idea,”  
he said sadly.



The sweet grass  
was *my* idea.

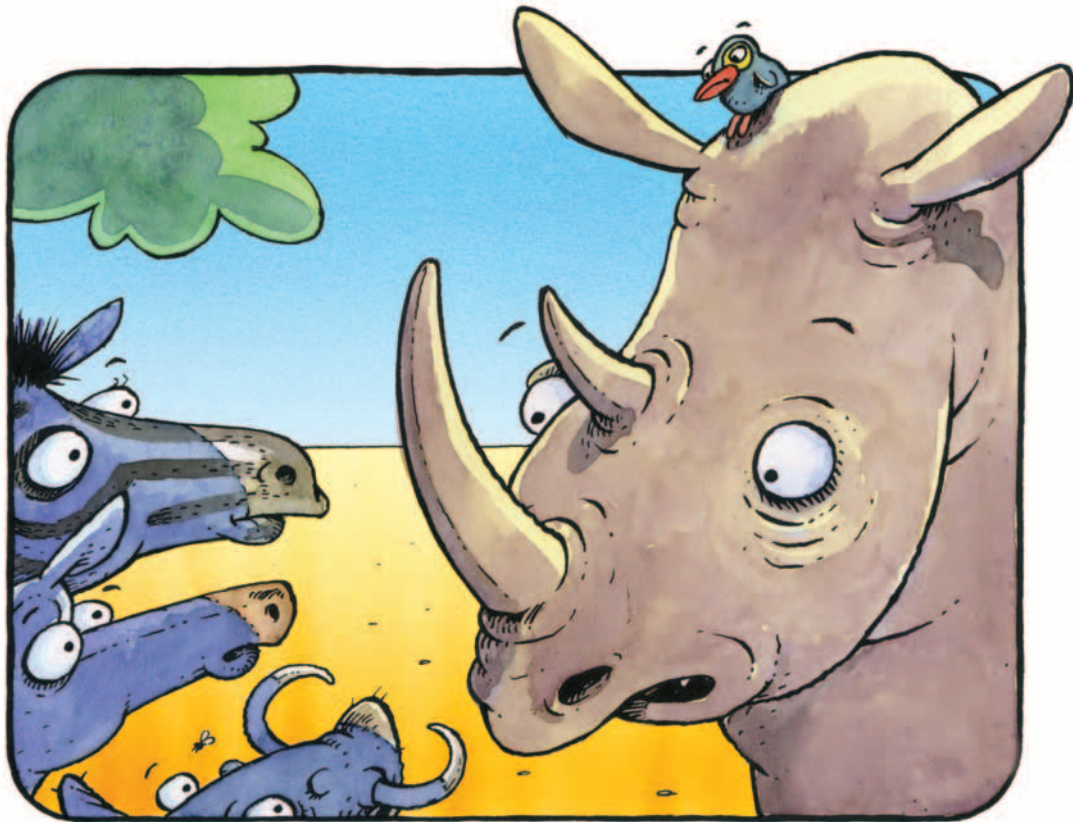
The bubbly spring  
was *my* idea.

The mud to roll  
in was *my* idea.



“Well ...” said Rhinoceros.

“There is enough sweet grass for all of us.  
There is lots of water in the bubbly spring.  
There is plenty of mud.  
And, if you do what I say,  
there will be shade for everyone, too.”



Rhinoceros made them all get up.  
Then he lay down under the shady tree.  
“Now you’ve taken all the shade!”  
cried the other animals.



“But *I’m* big enough to make shade  
for all of you!” said Rhinoceros.  
And he was.




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