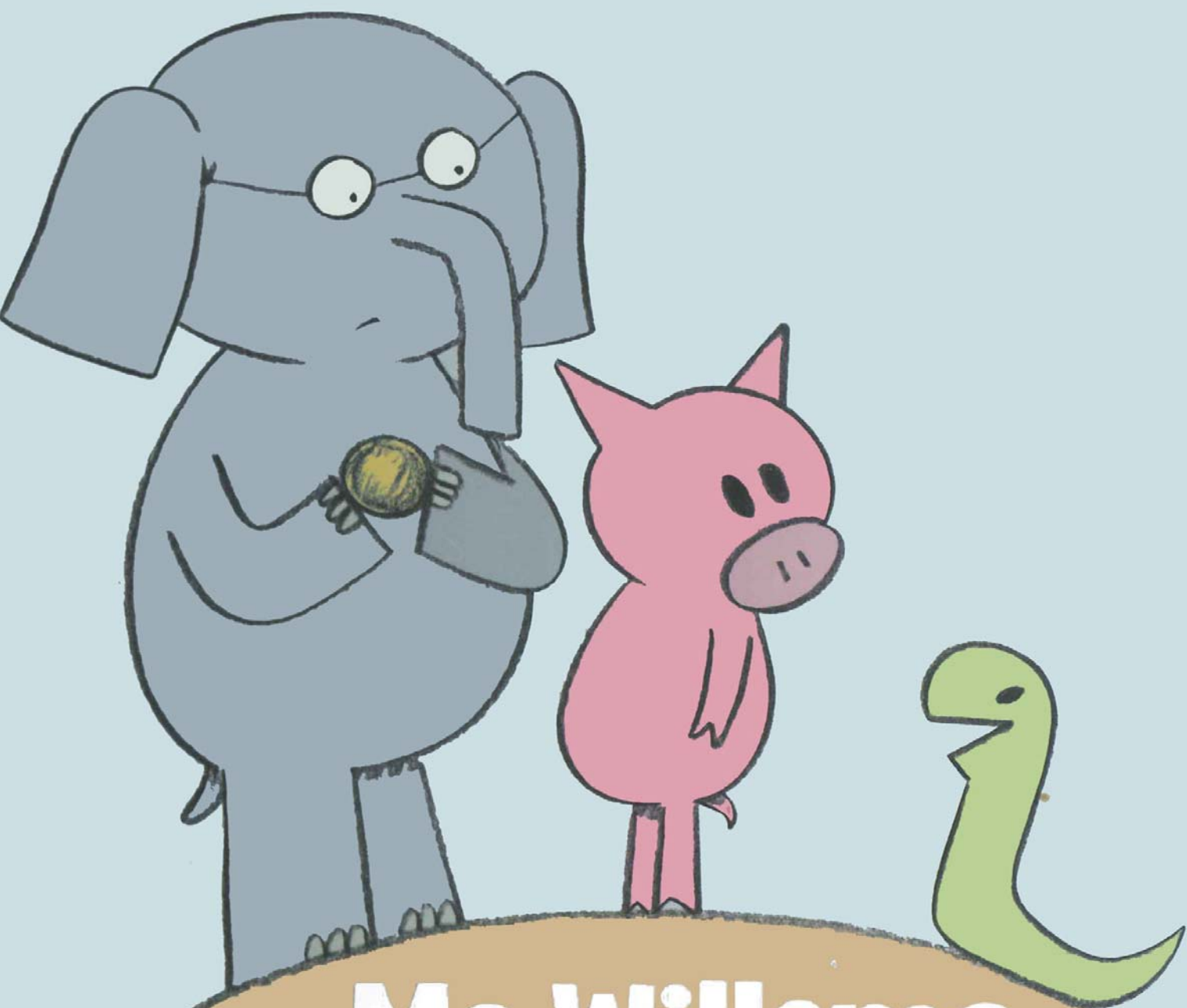


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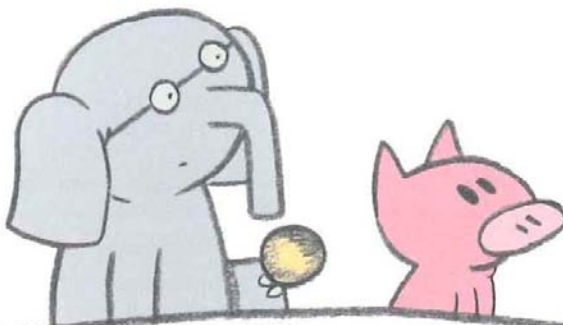
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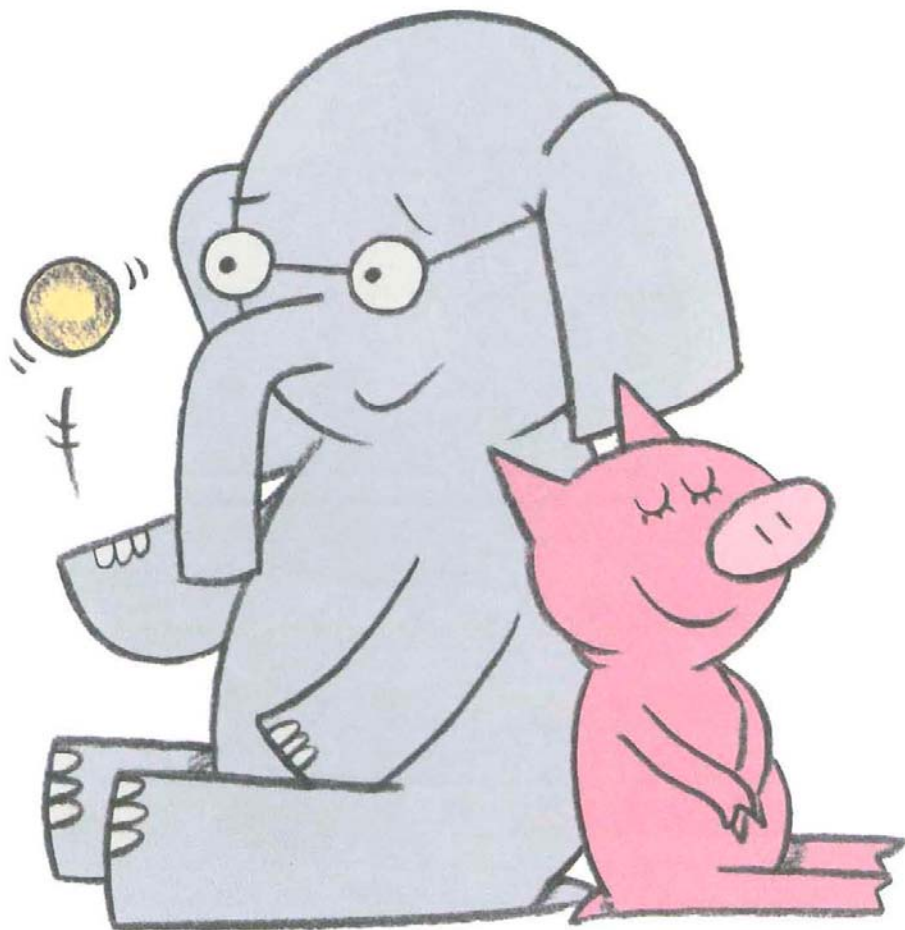


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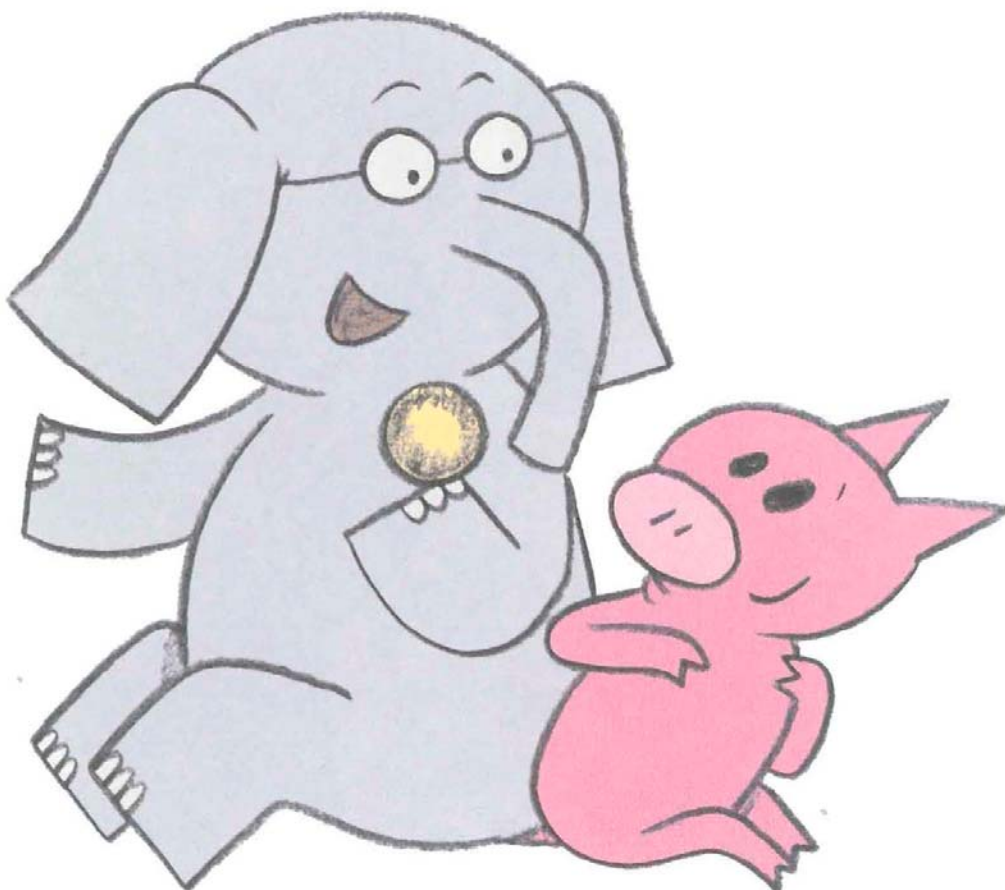
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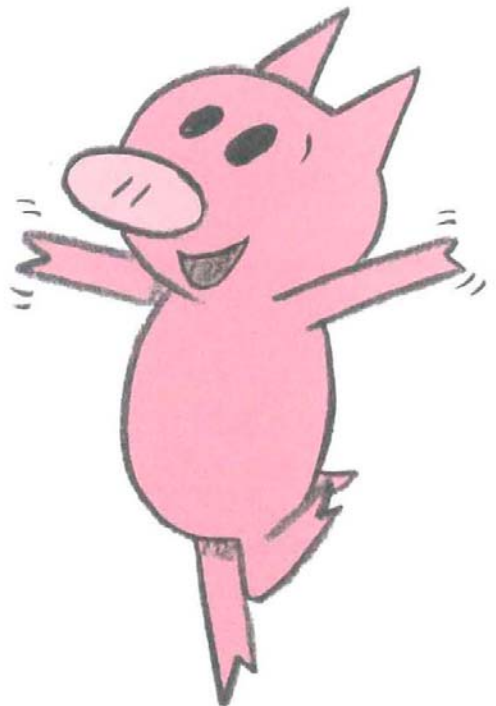
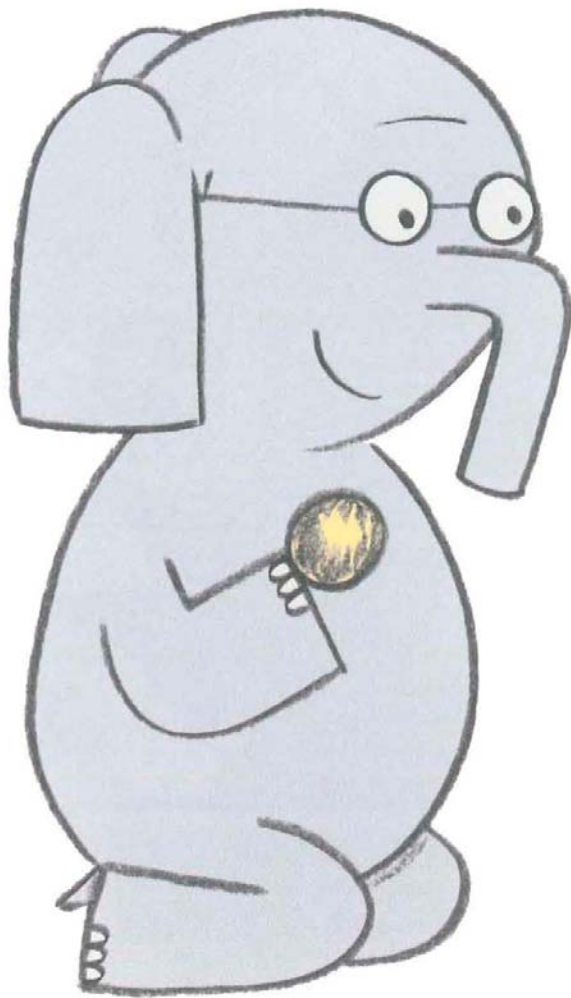


Piggie!

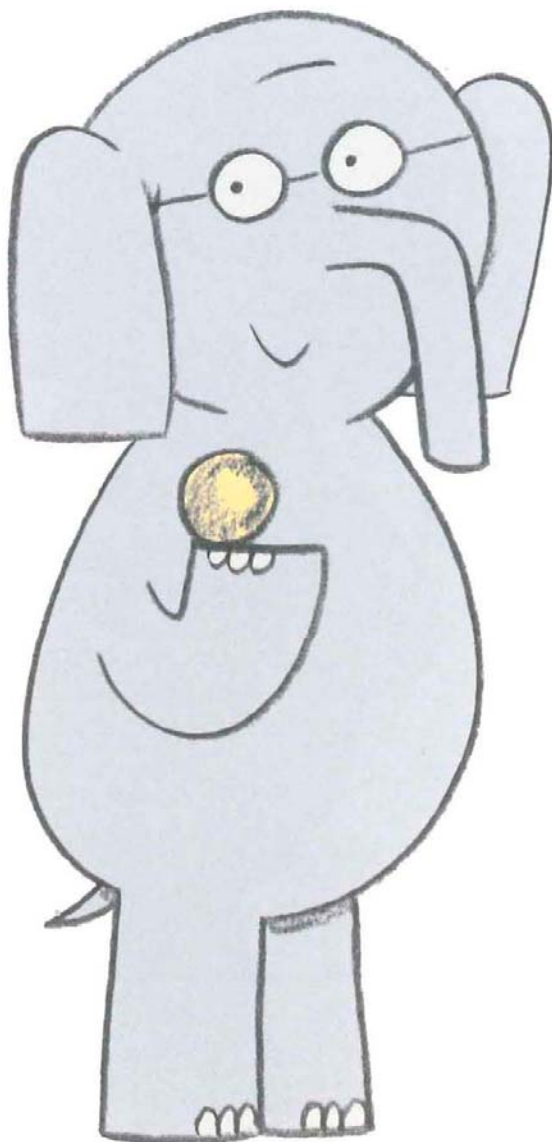
Let's play
catch!



Yes!



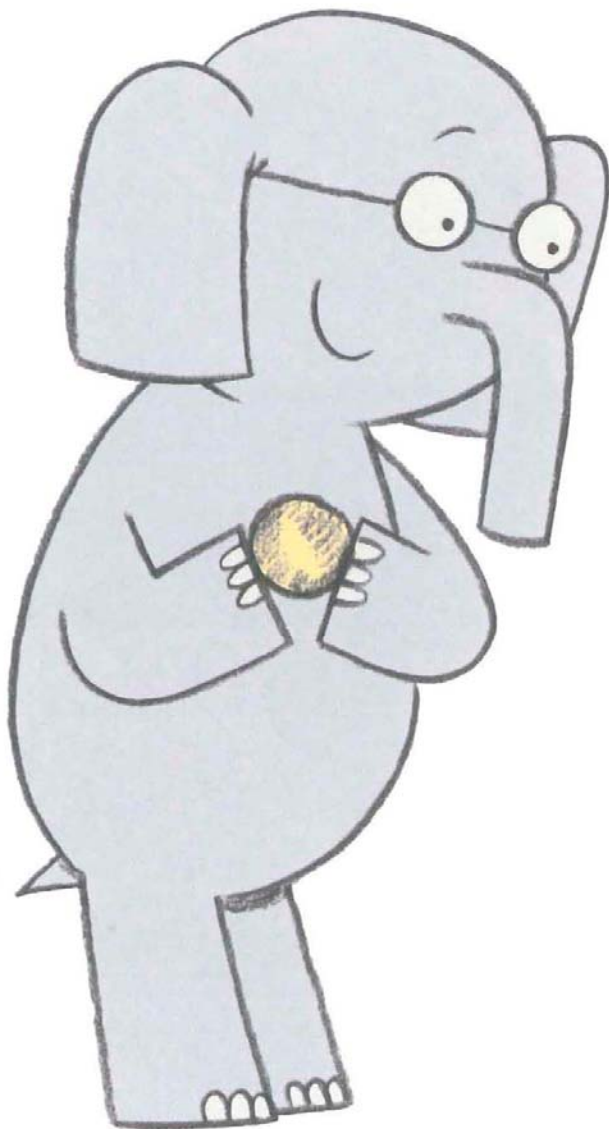
I love playing
catch with
friends!



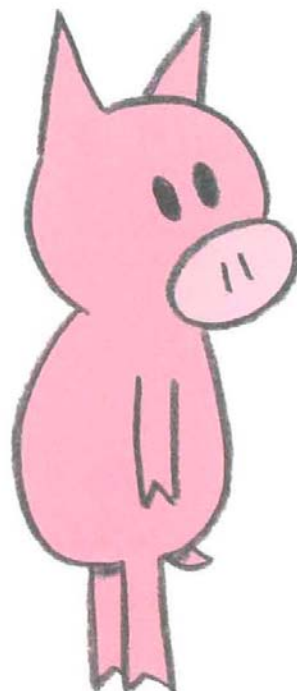
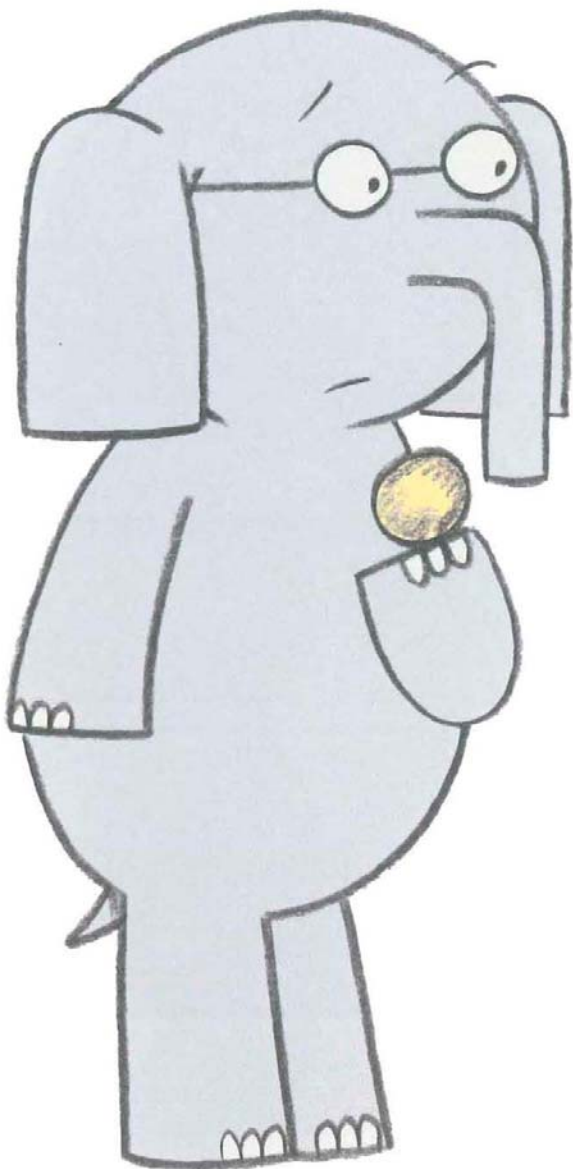
I will throw.



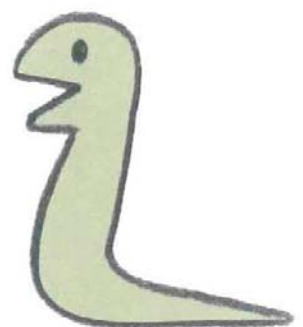
I will catch!

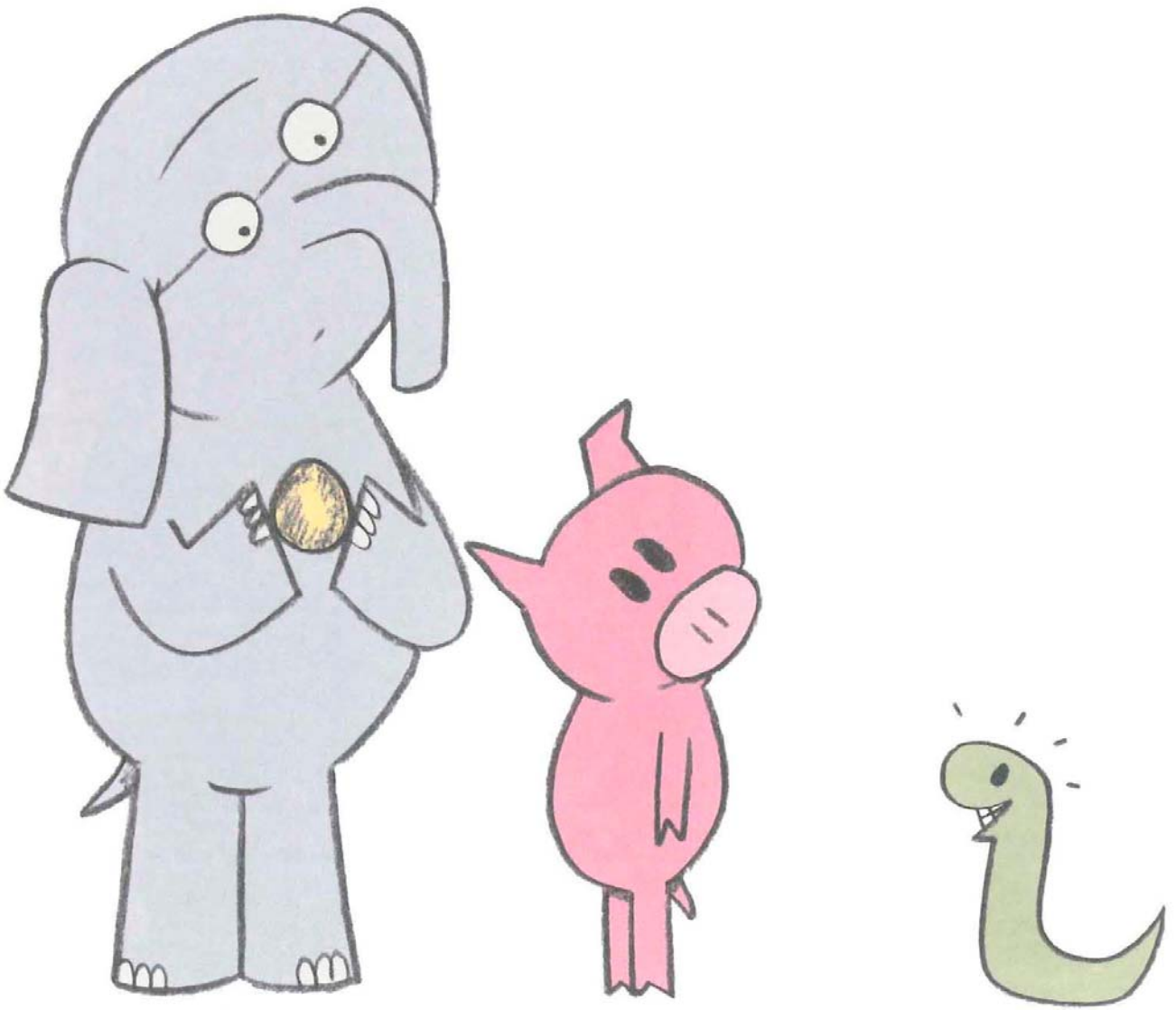


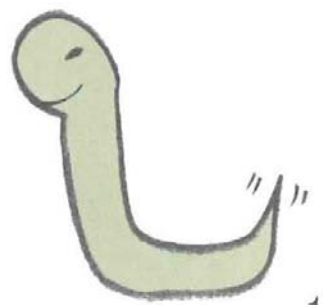
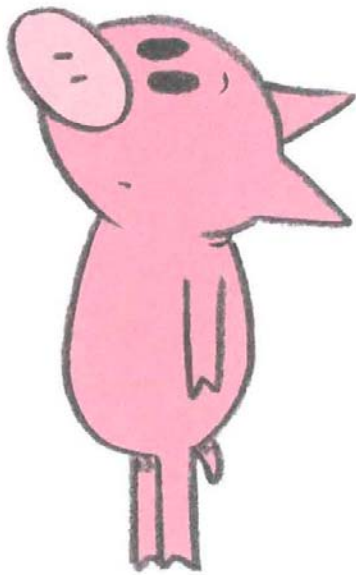
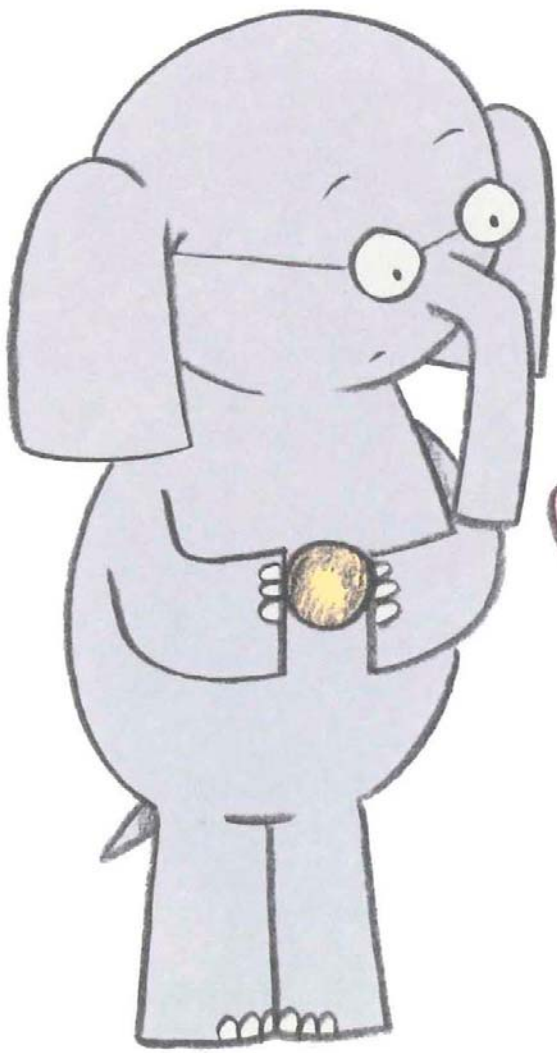
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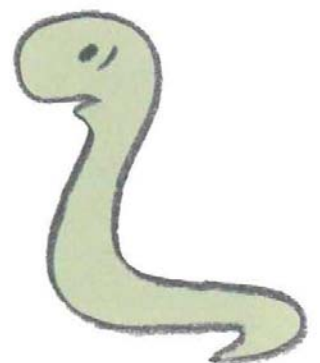
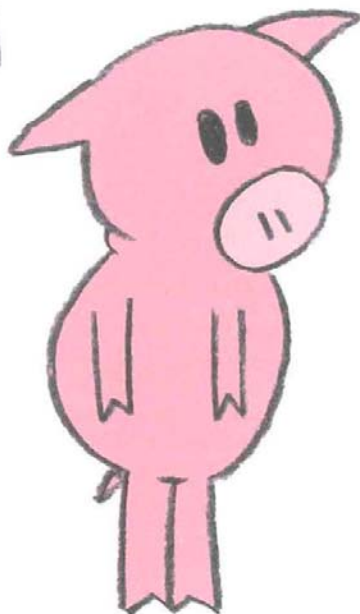
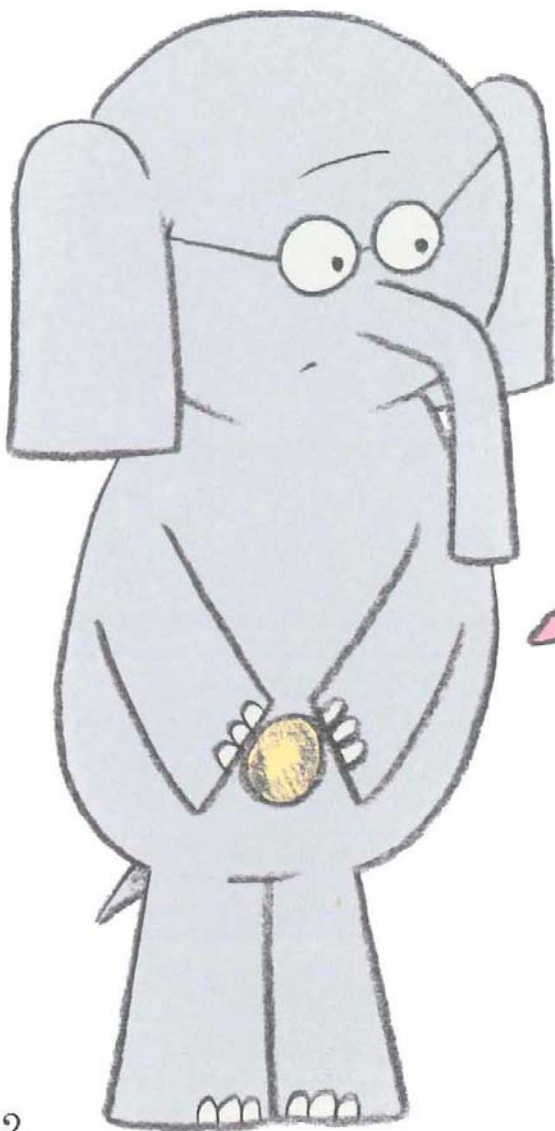
Can I play too?







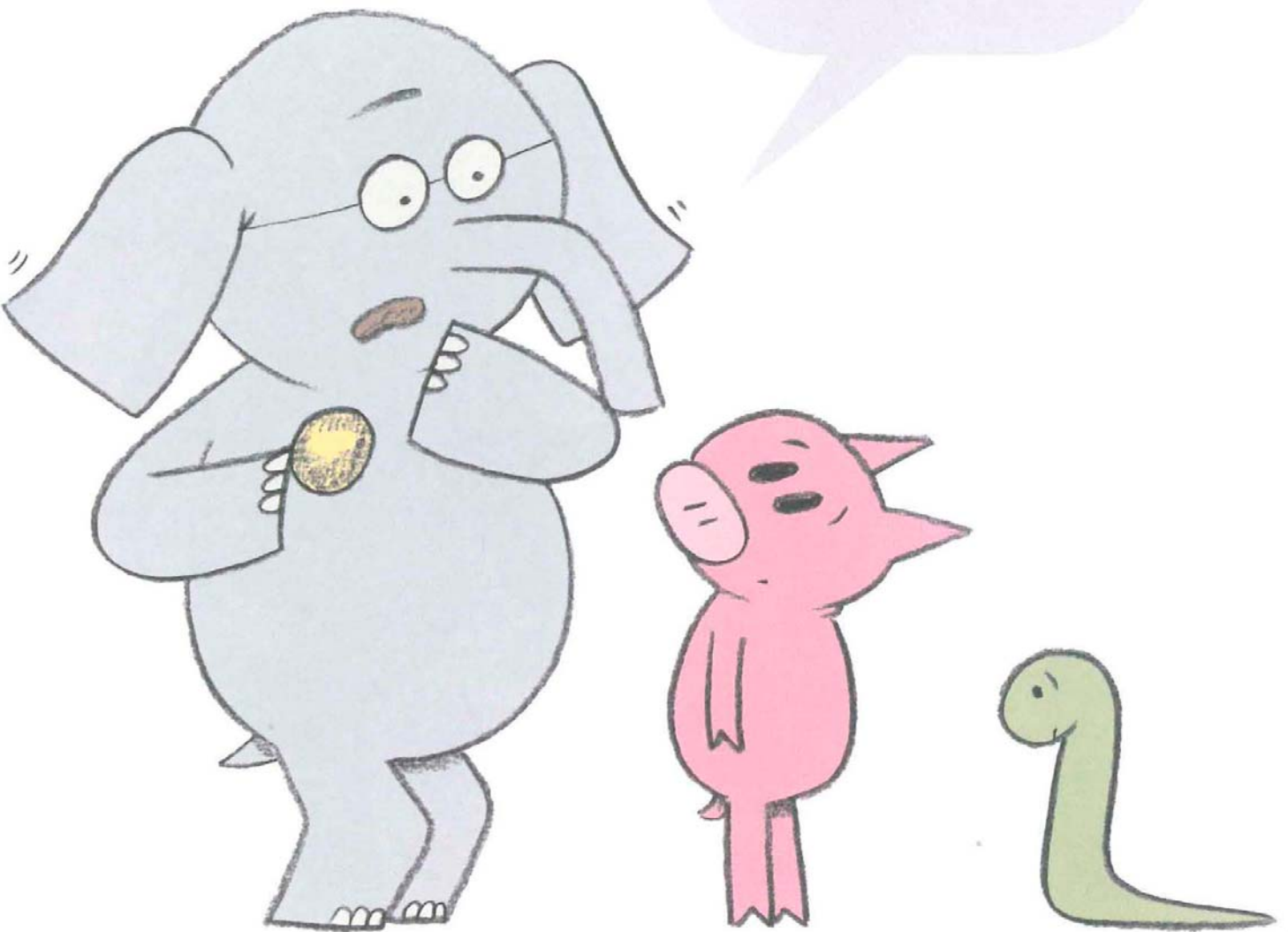
You do not want
to play with me?



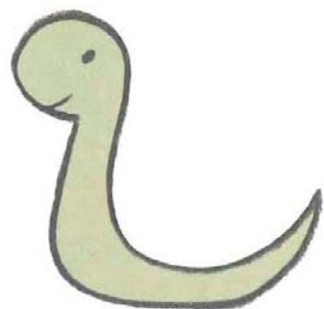
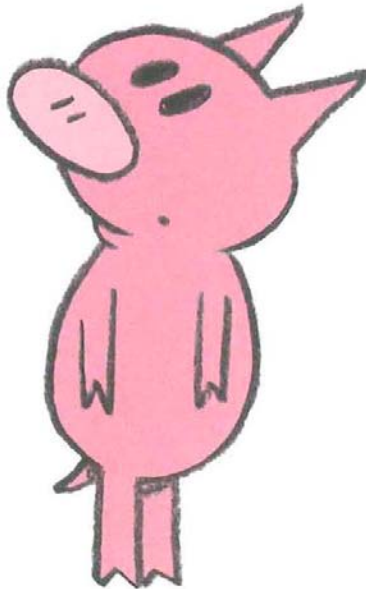
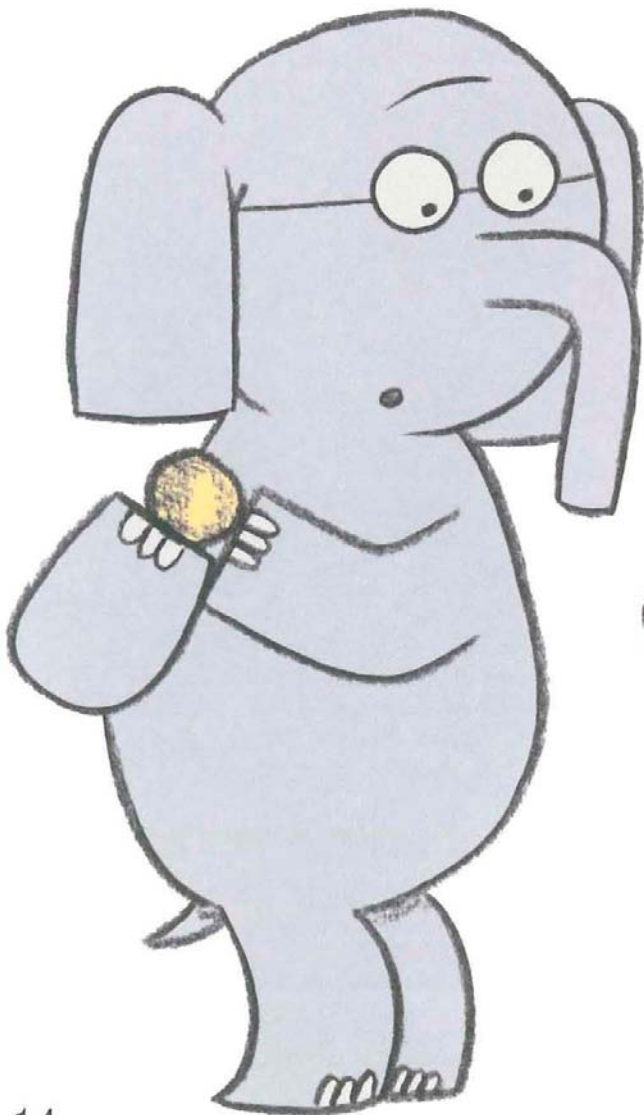
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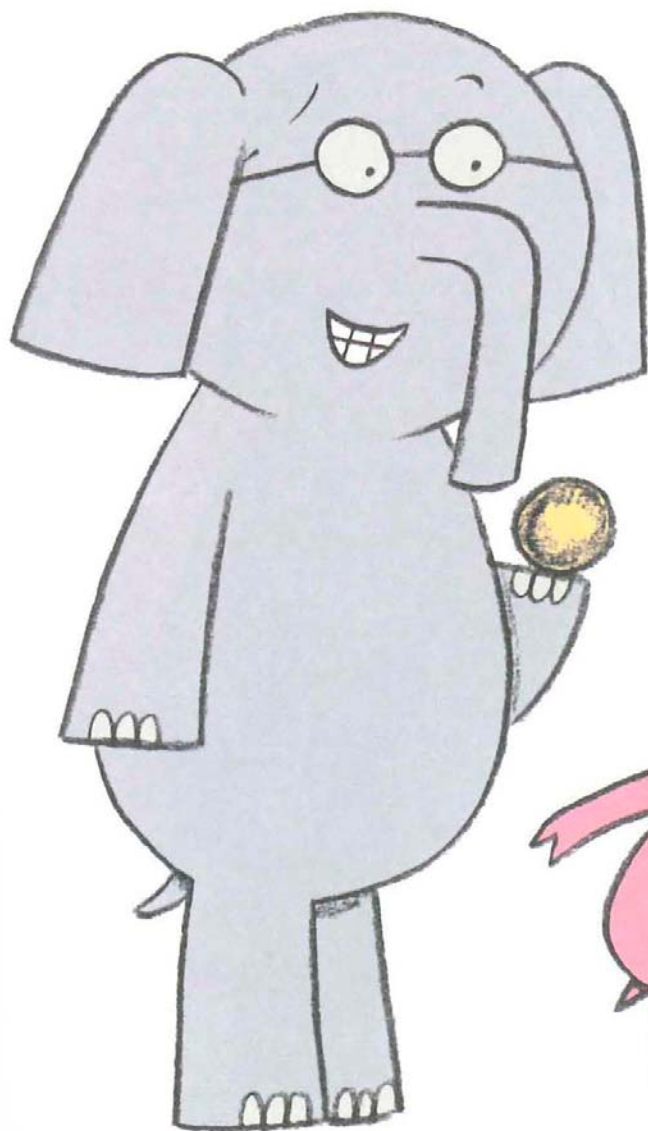
We *do* want to
play with you.

But . . .

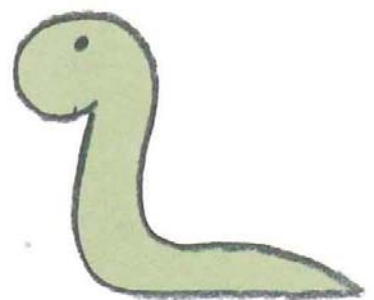
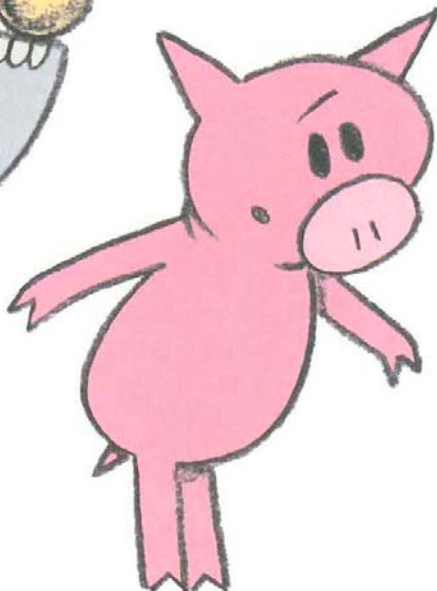


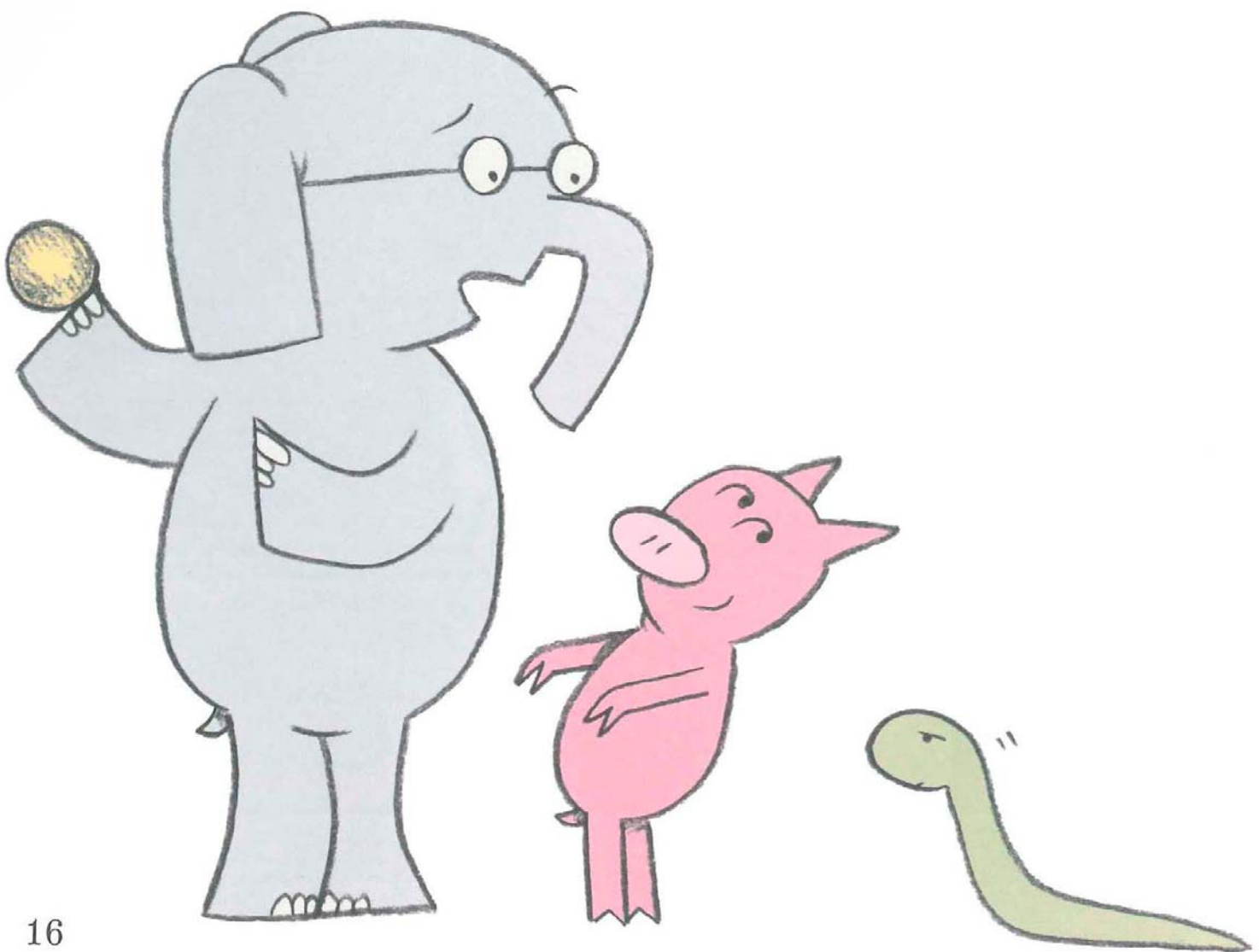
But ...

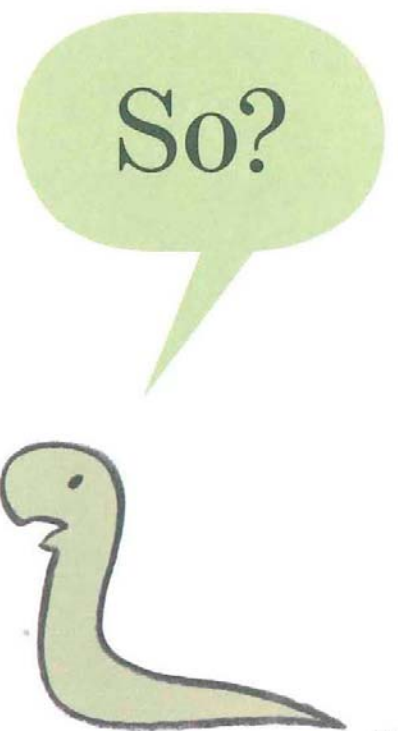
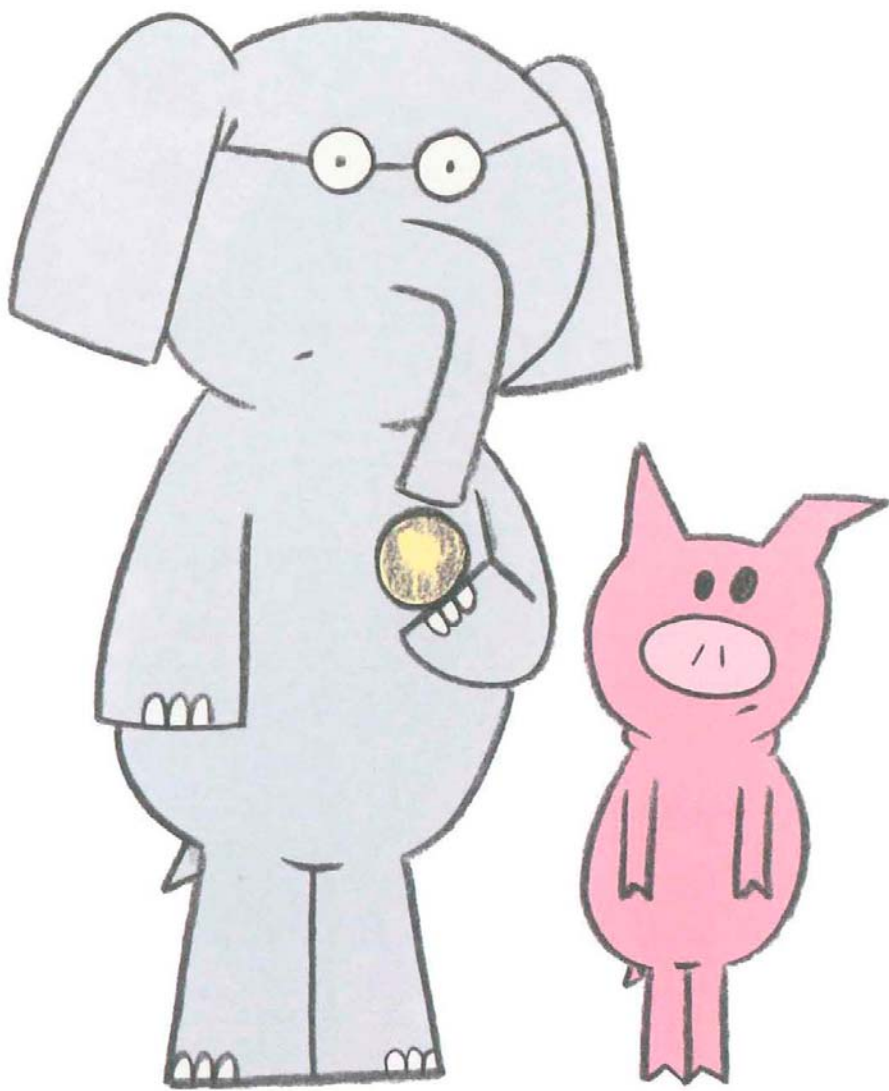


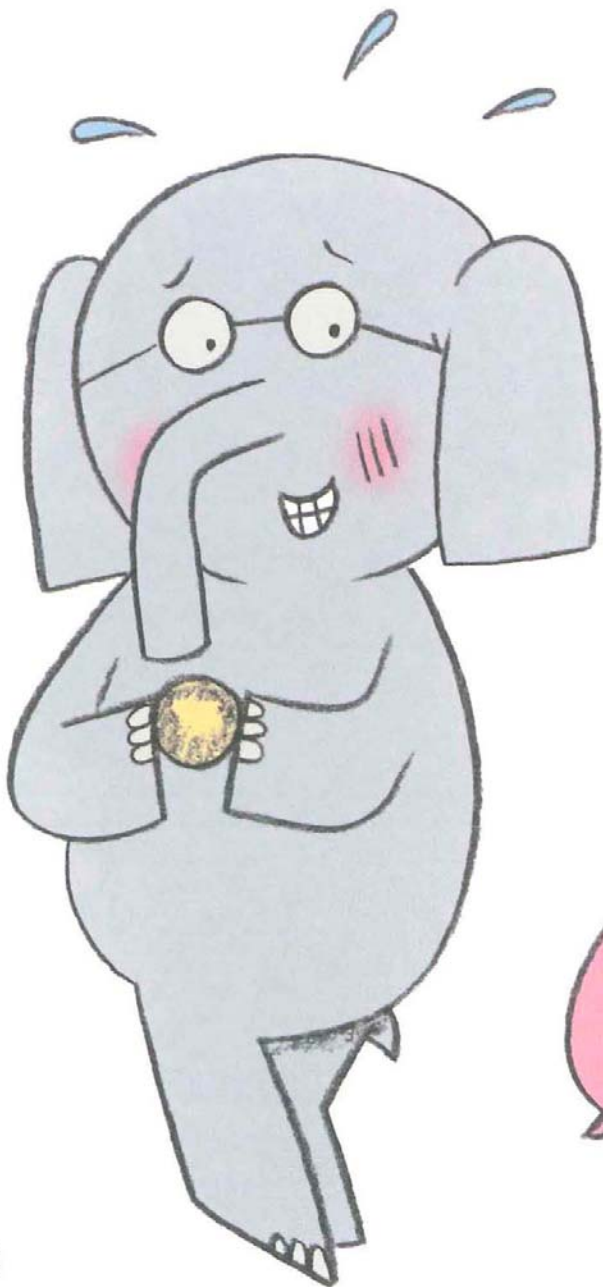


We are
playing
catch.

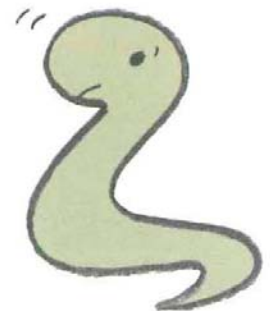
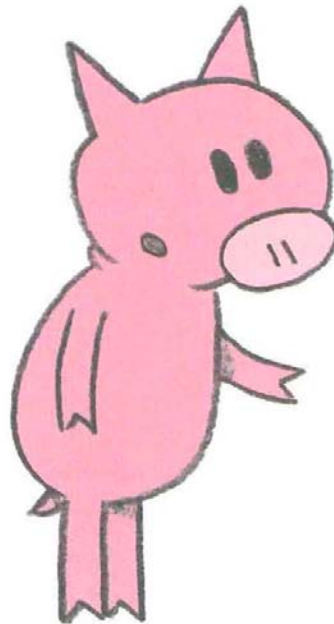




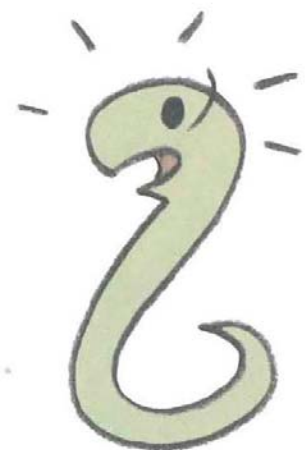
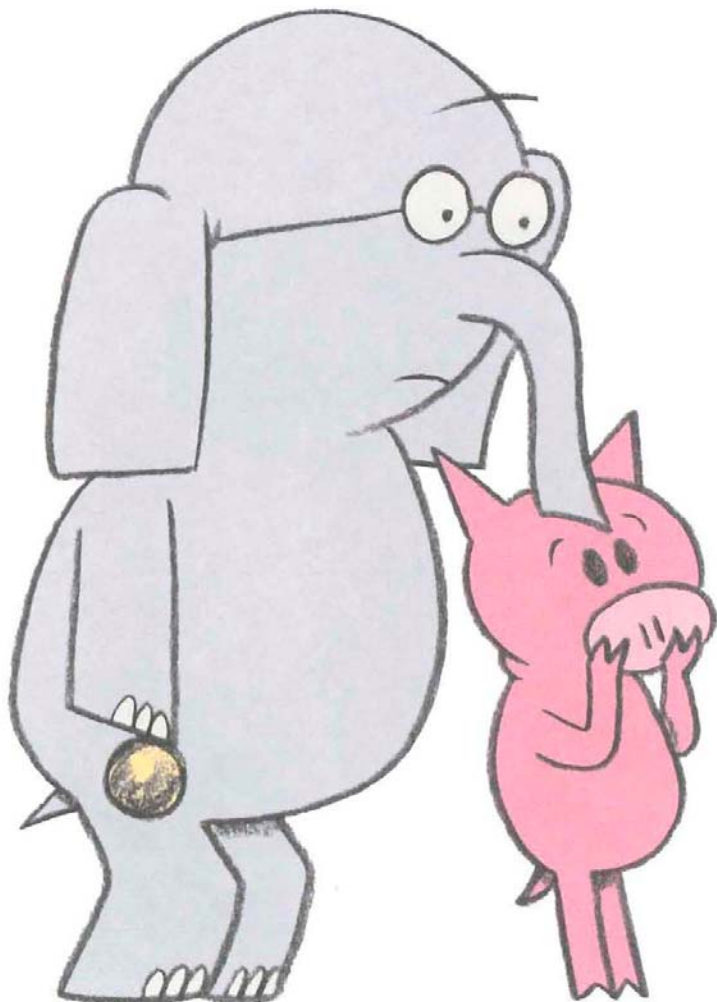


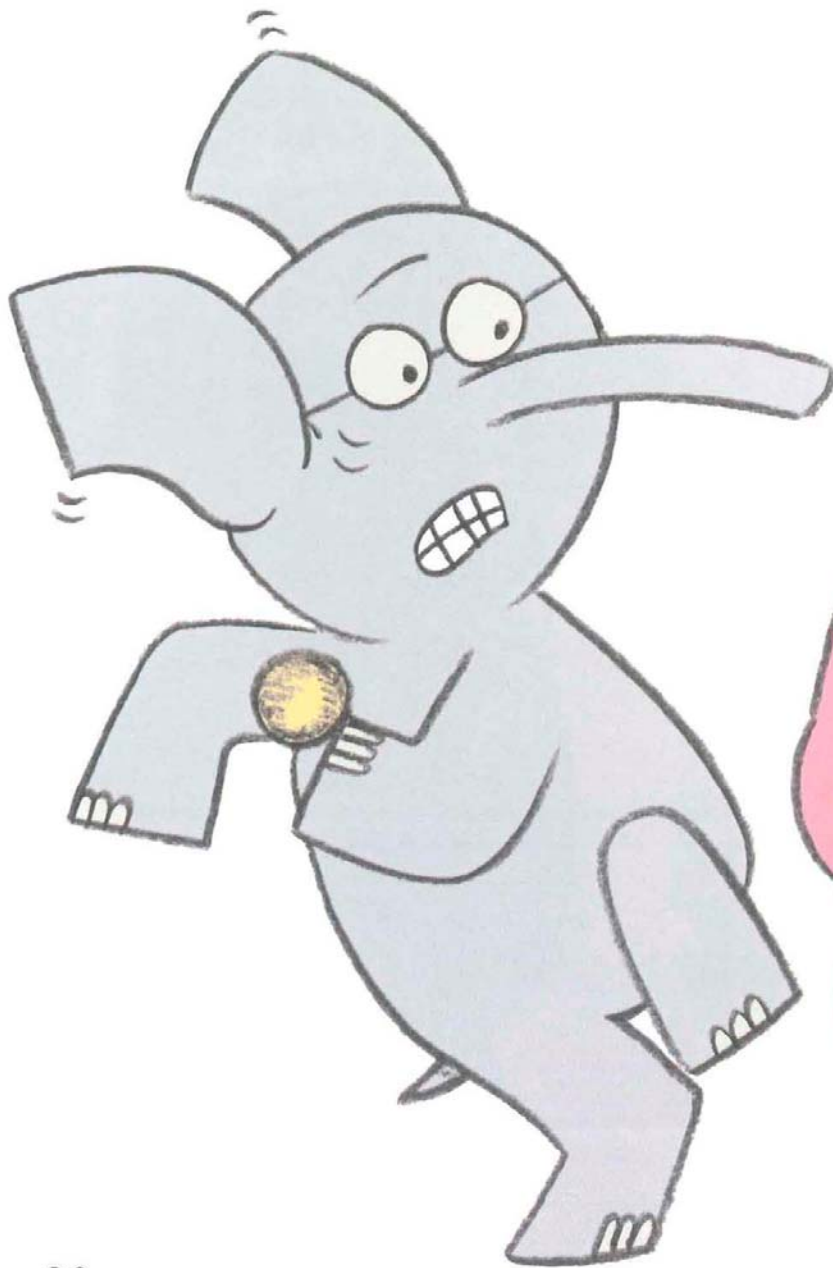


You do not
have arms.



*I do not
have arms!?!*

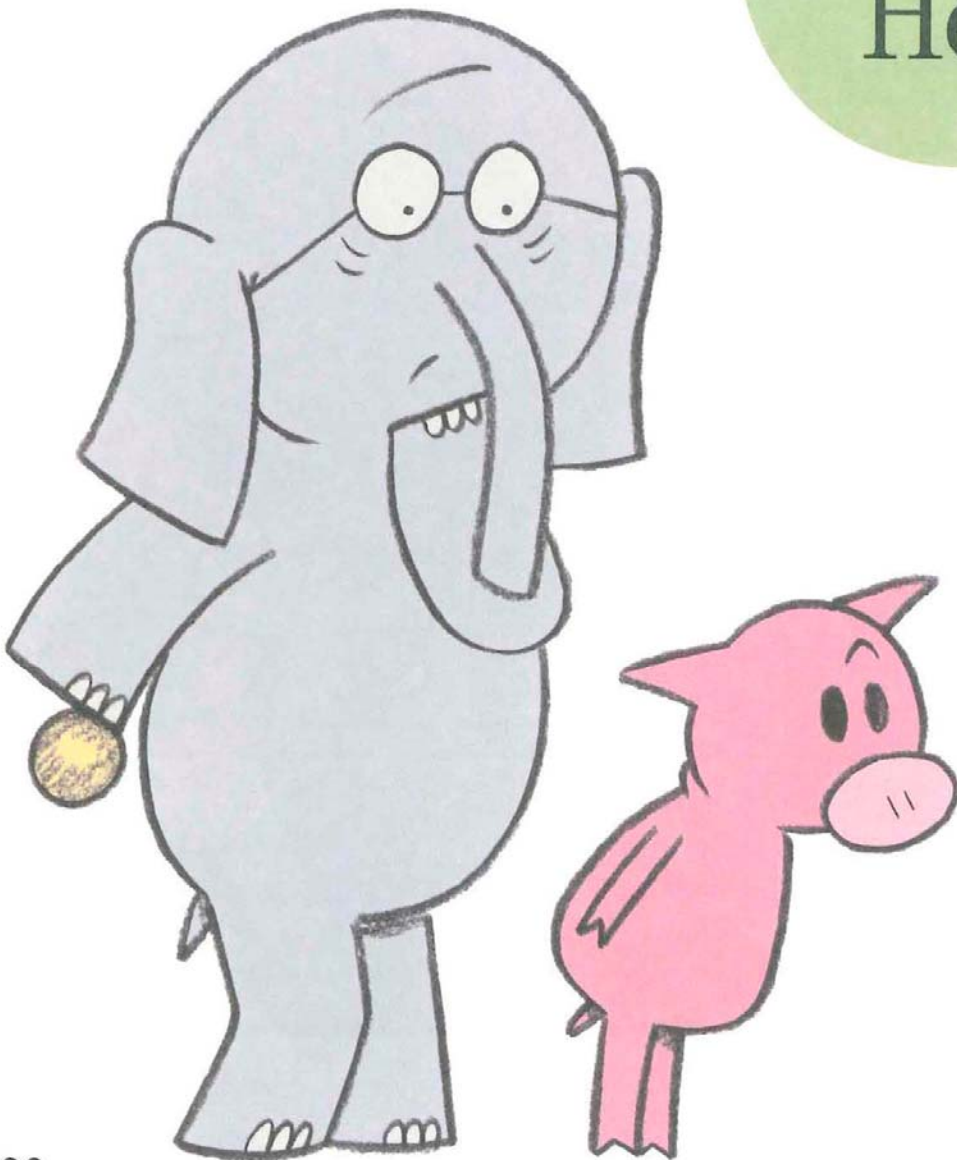




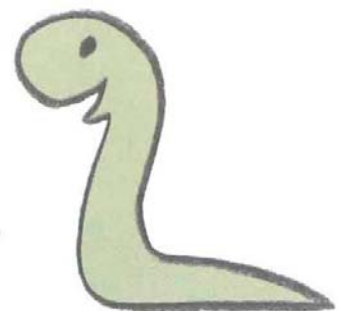
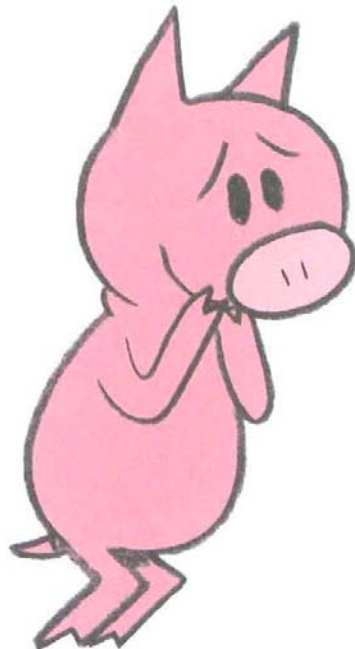
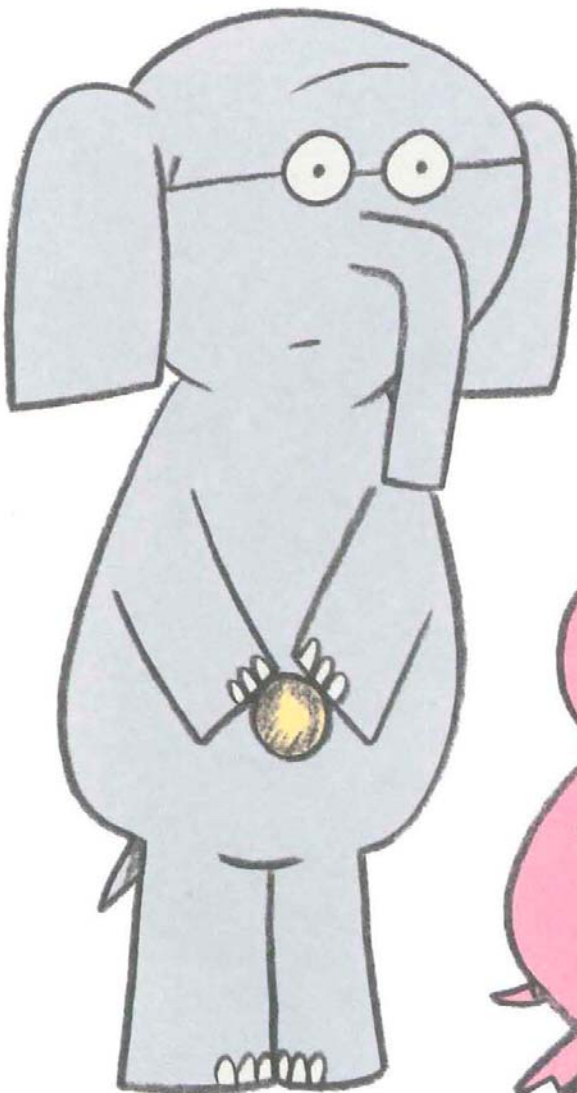
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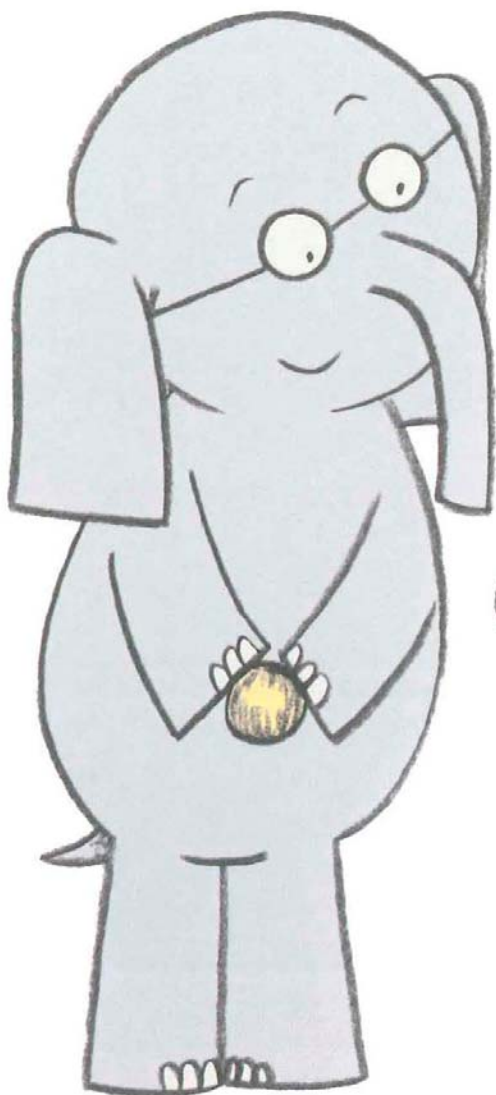


Hee-hee!
Ha-ha!
Hee-hee!
Ha-ha!
Hee-hee!

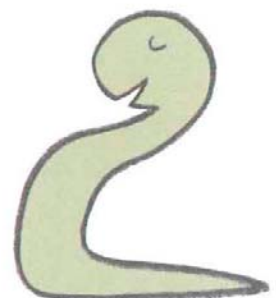


I know I do not
have arms!

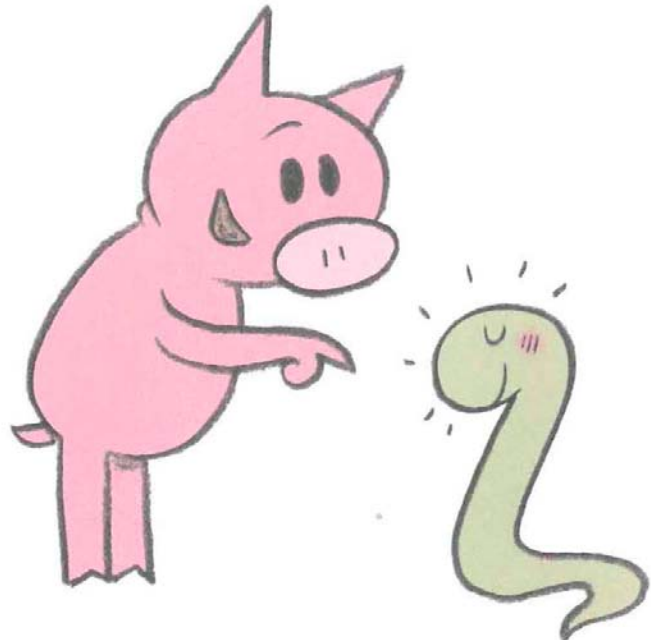




I am a
snake.

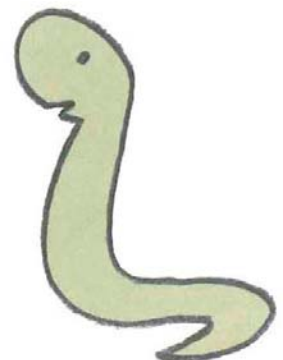
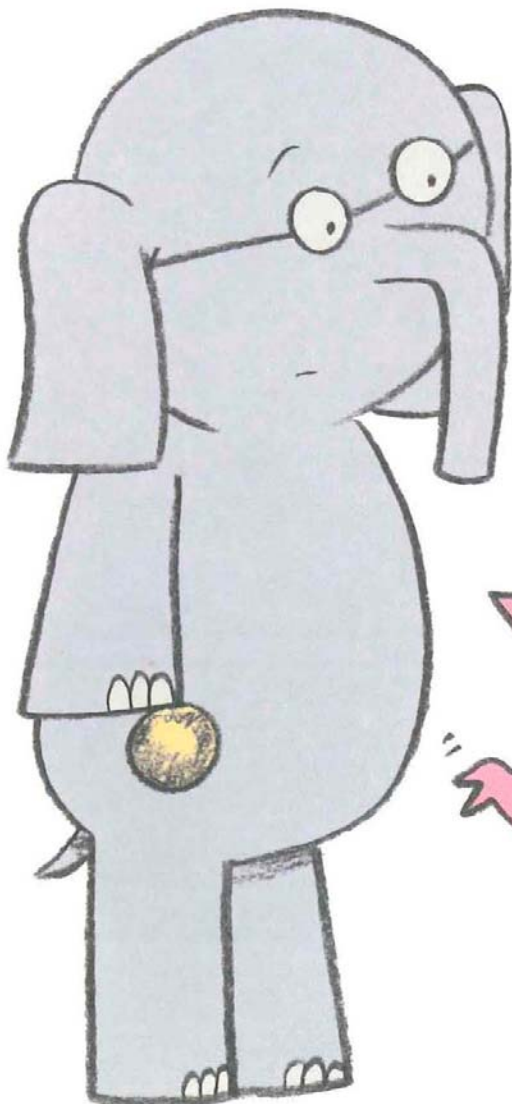


You are a
funny snake!



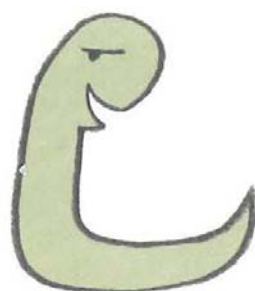
But can a
snake play
catch?

I do not
know.

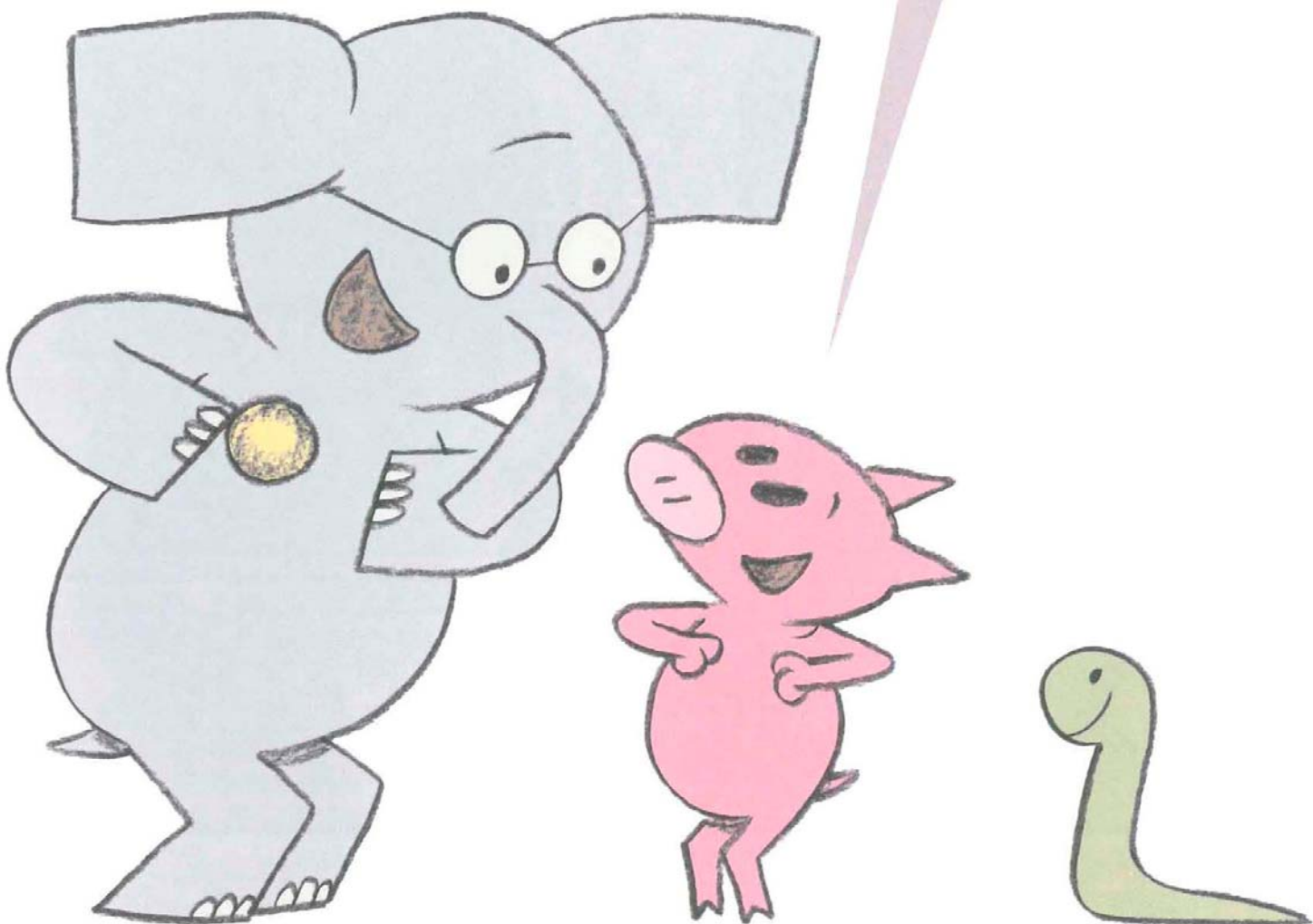




But I
can *try*.

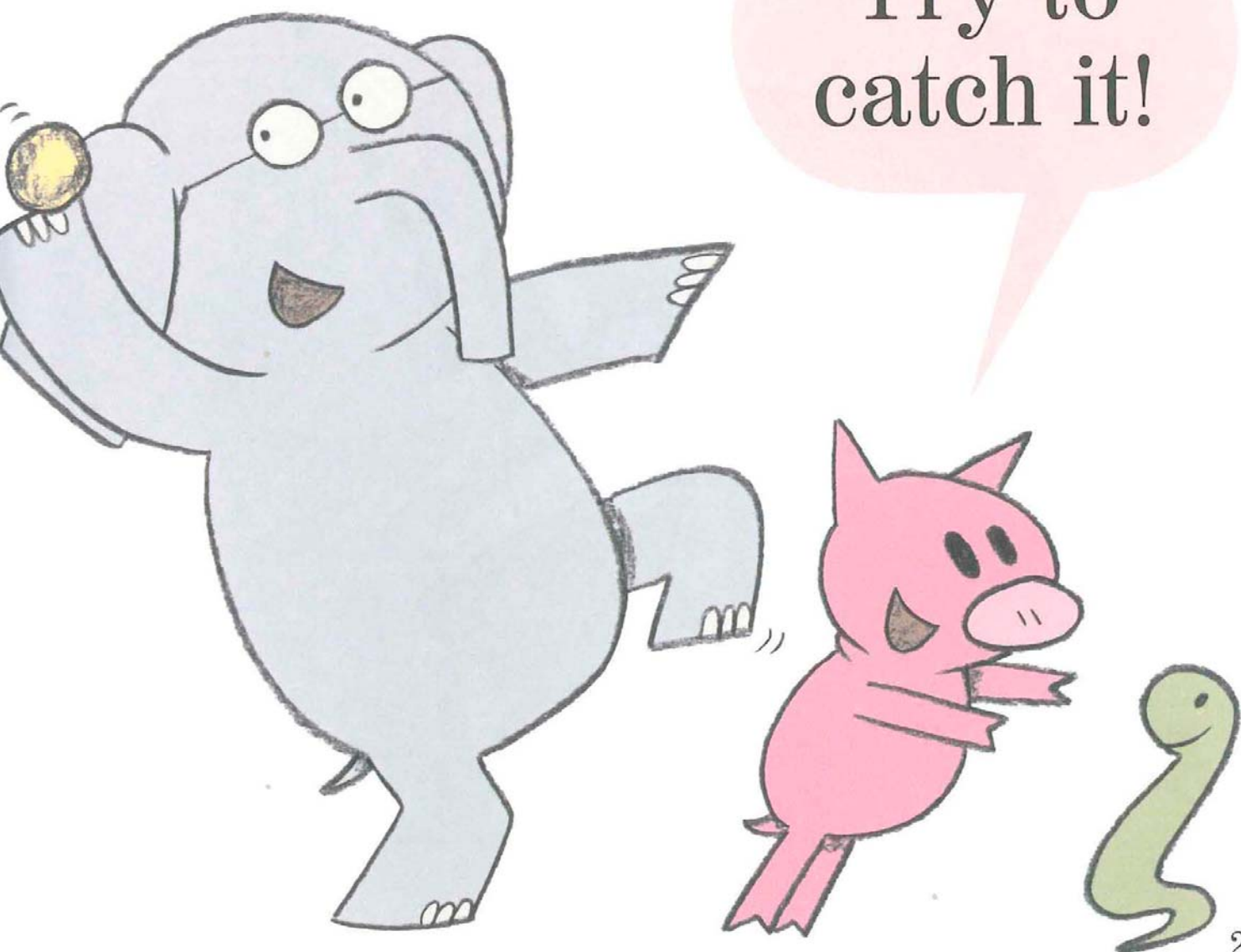


COOL!

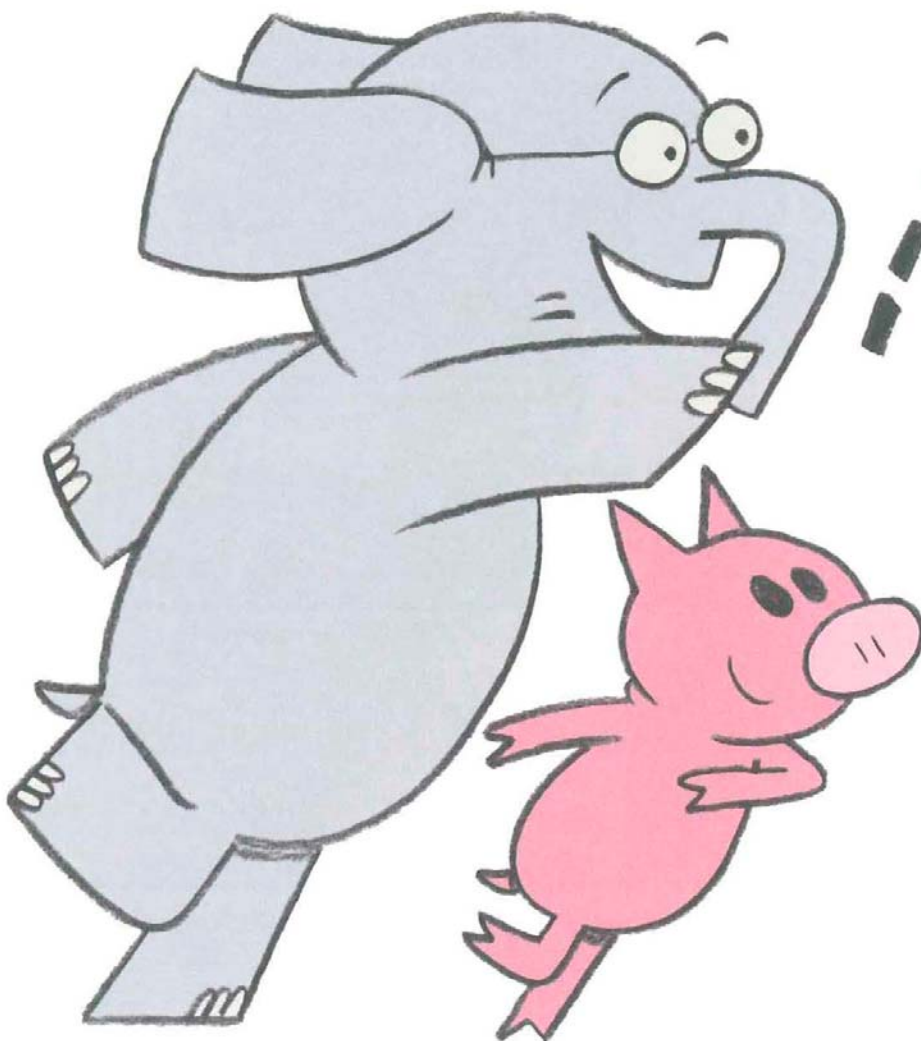


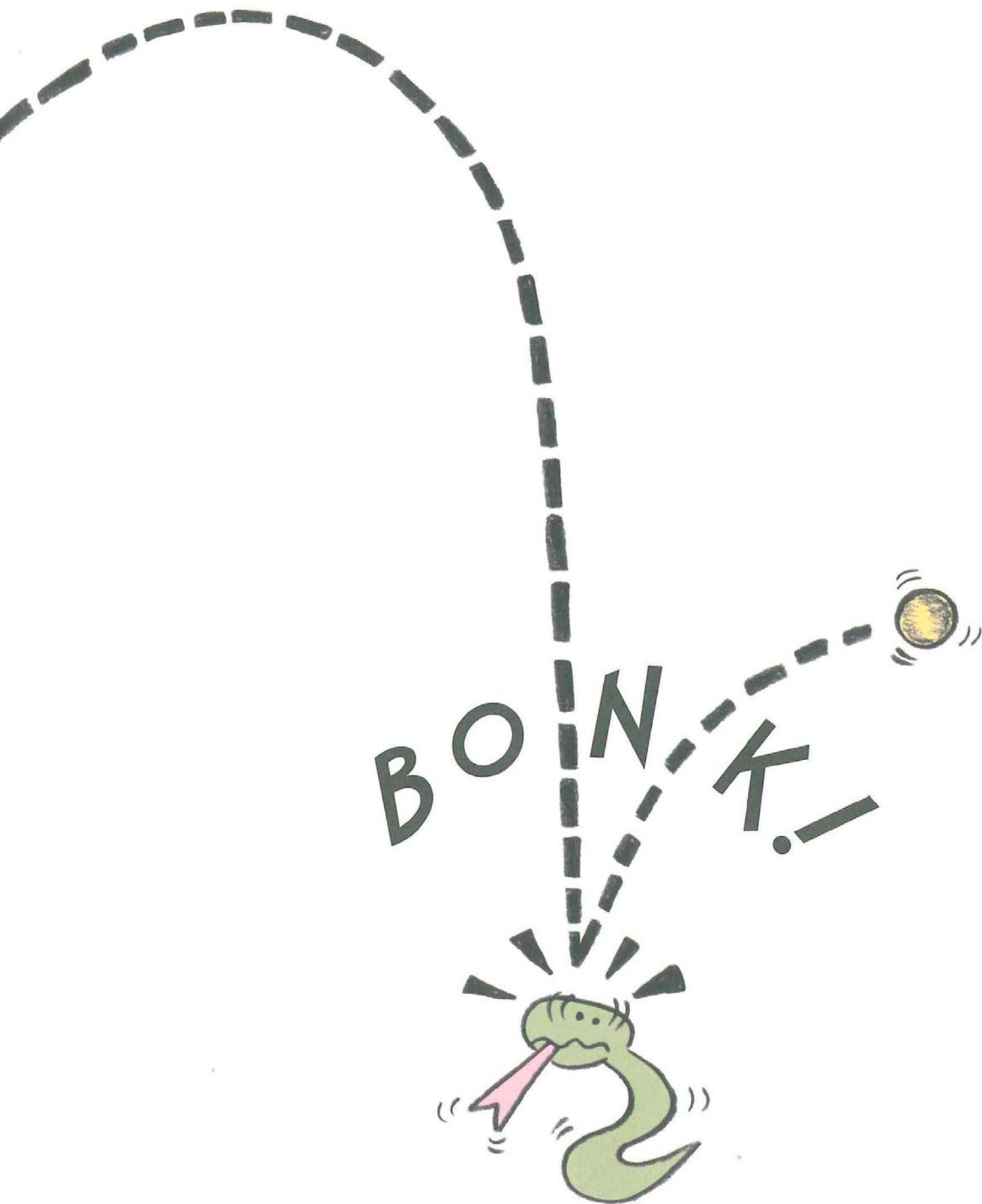
I will throw
the ball!

Try to
catch it!

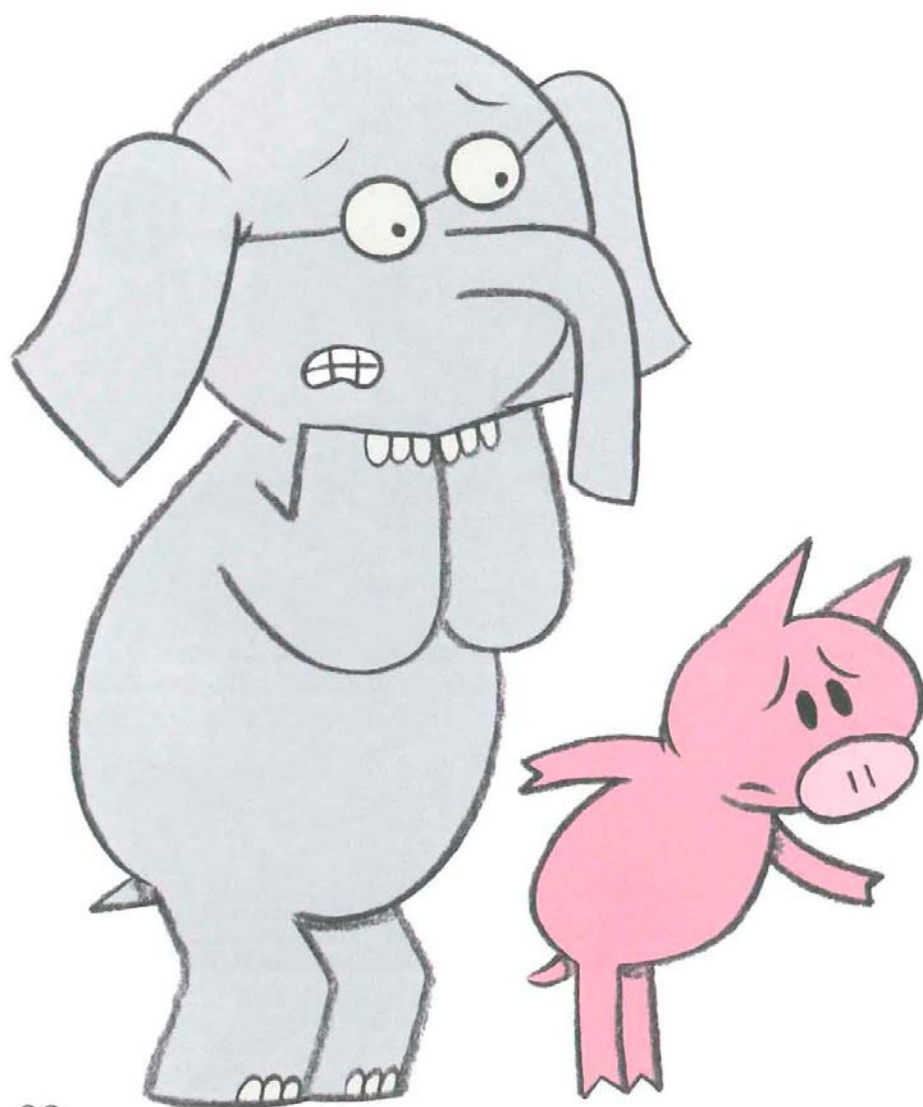


Here comes
the ball!



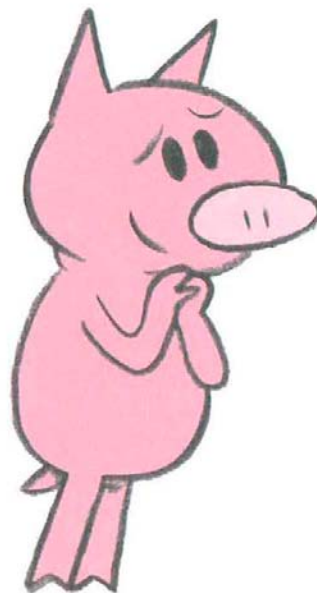
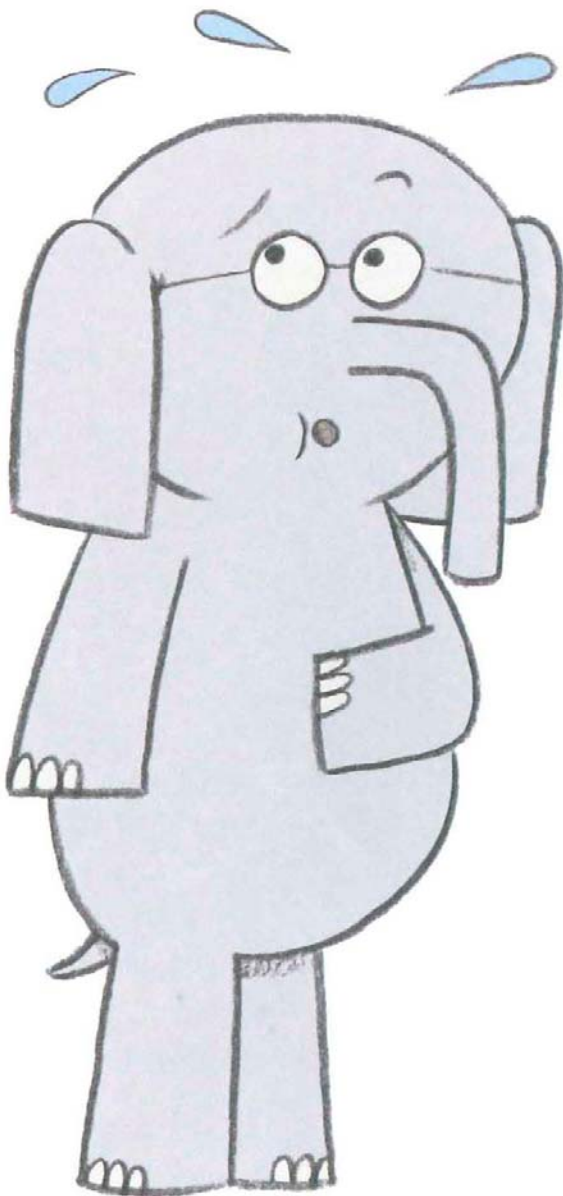


Sorry!



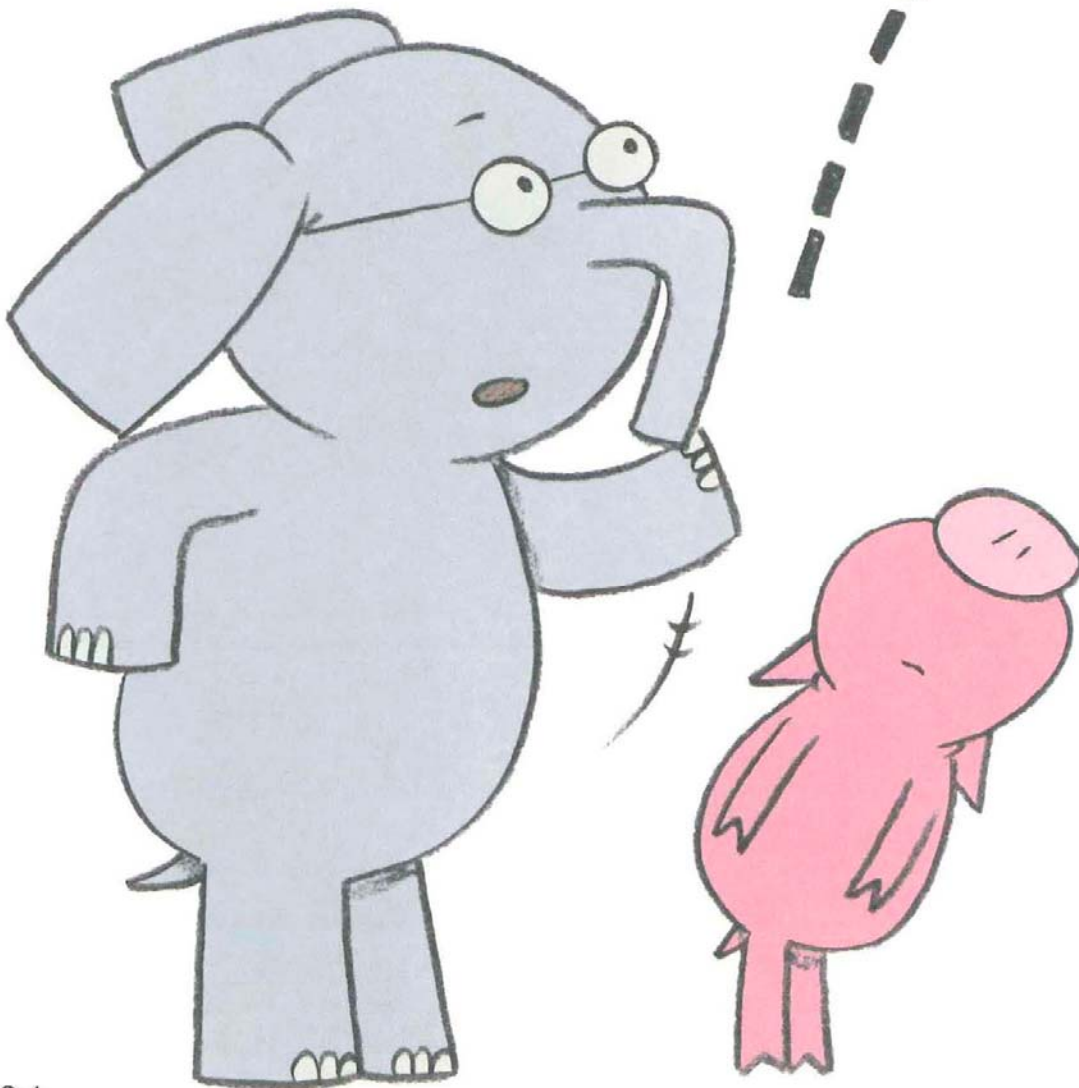
It is
okay.

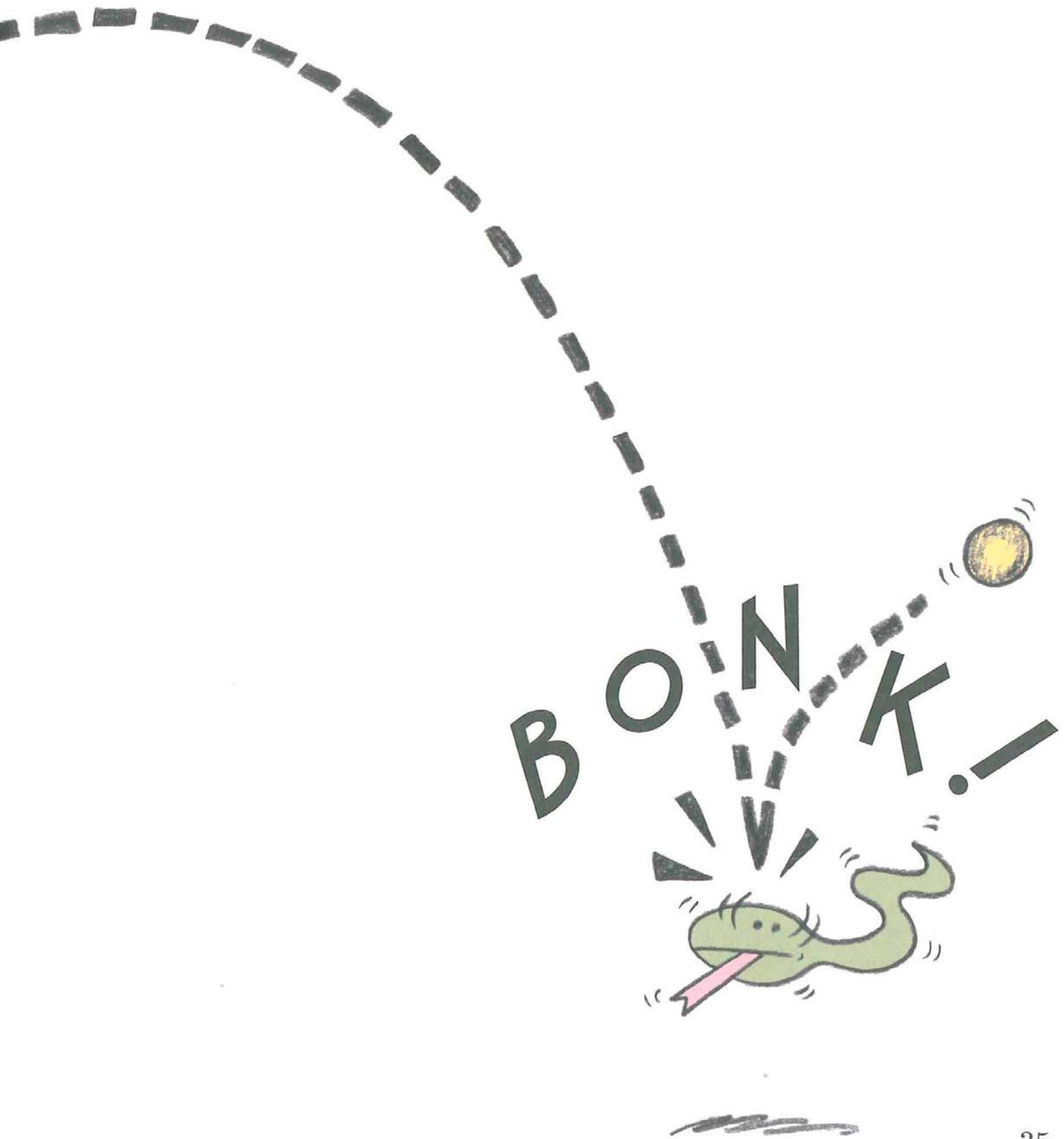
Let's try
again.



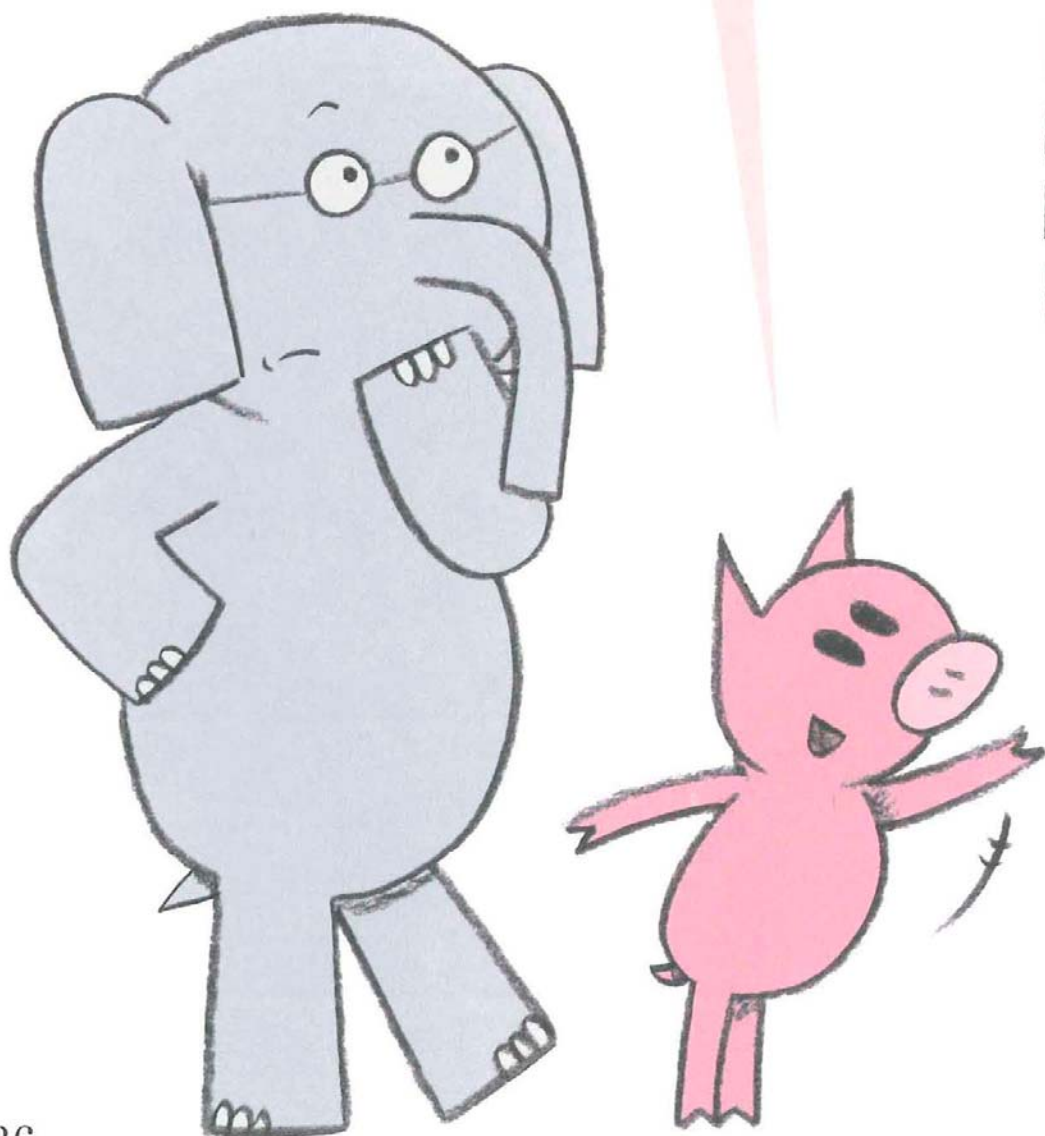
Okay.

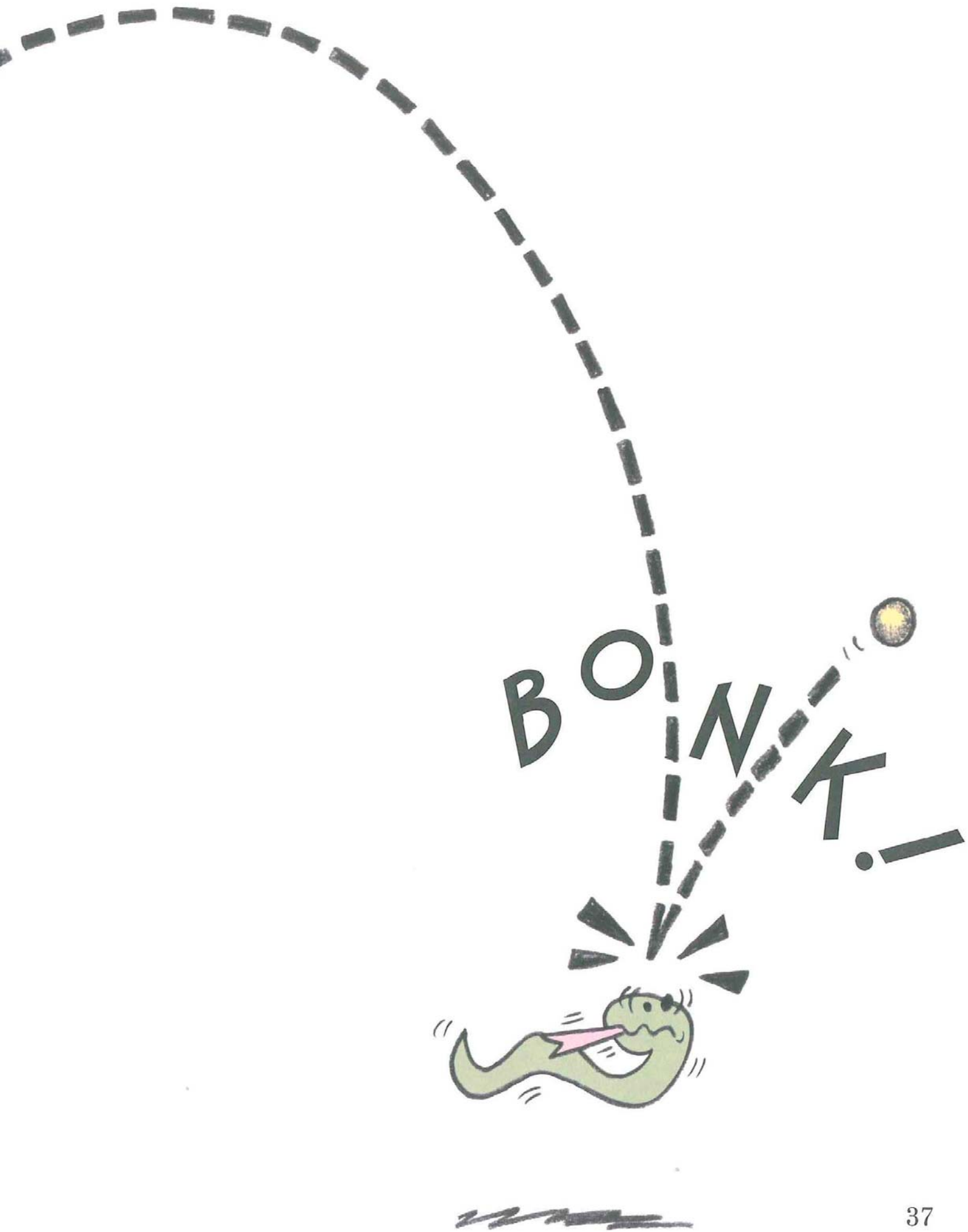
I will try
again.





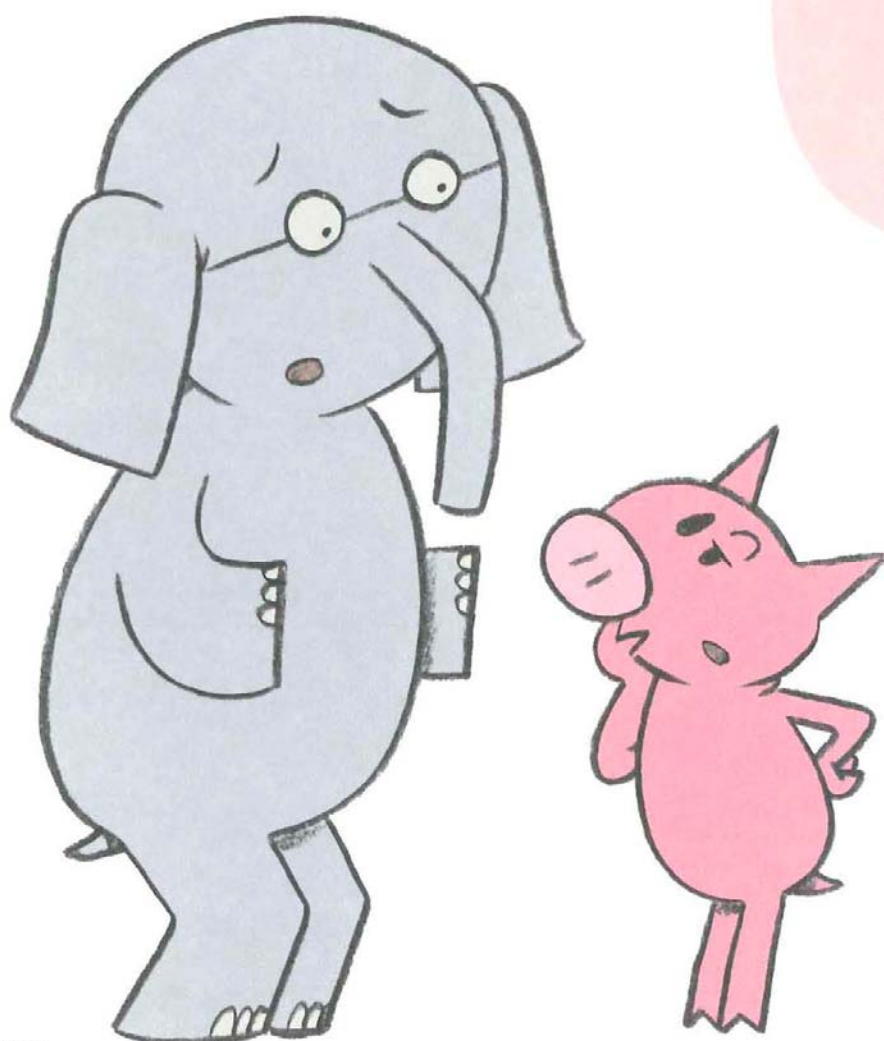
Now I
will try.





This is not
working.

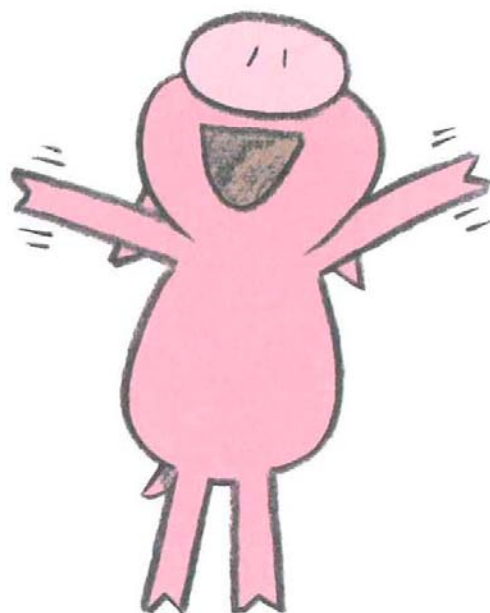
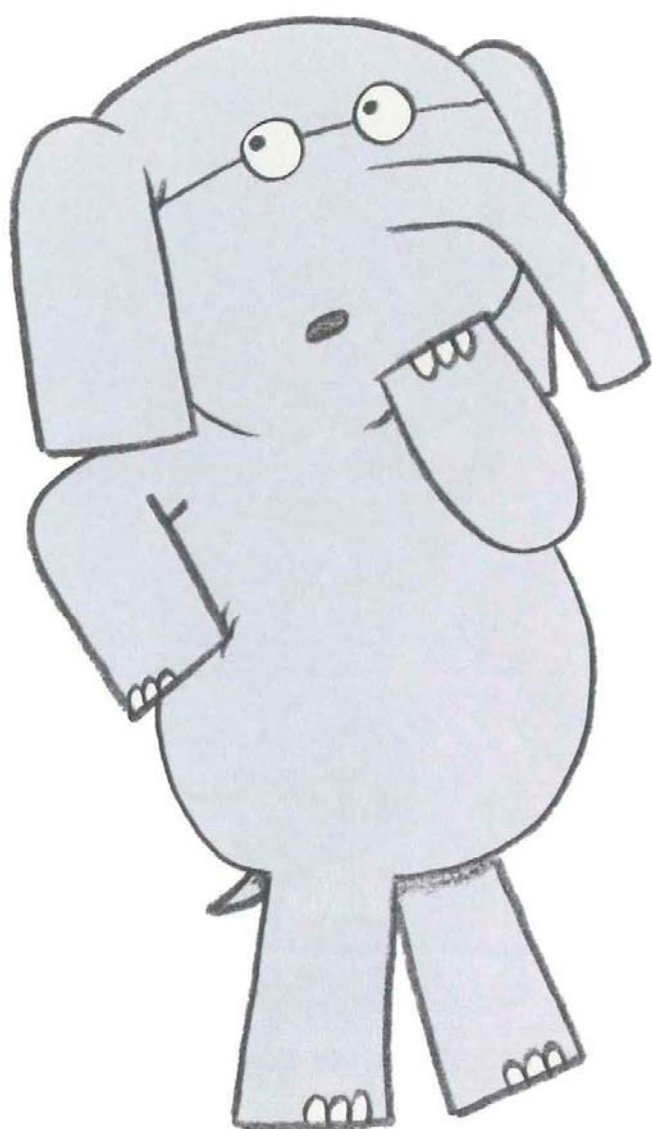
We need
a new
idea....





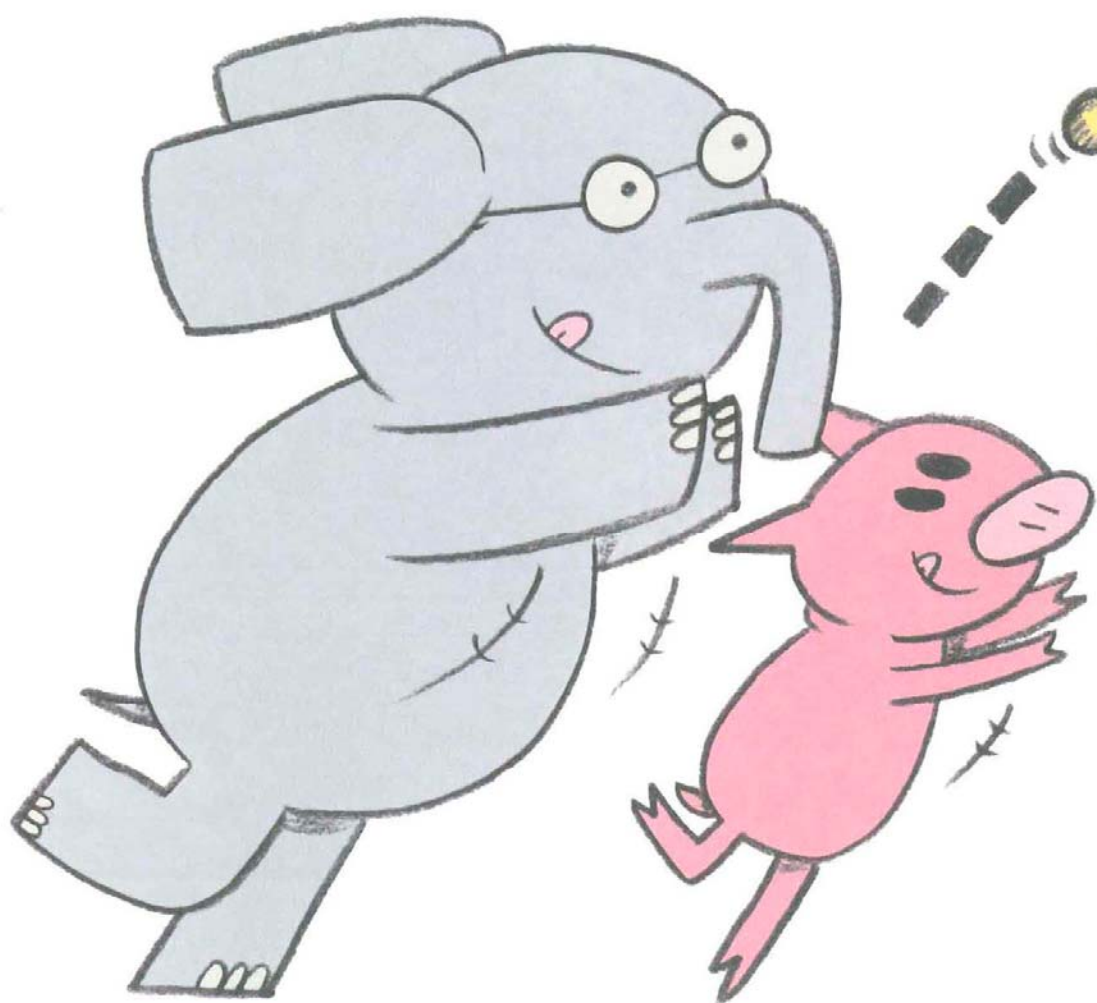
Maybe we need
more balls.

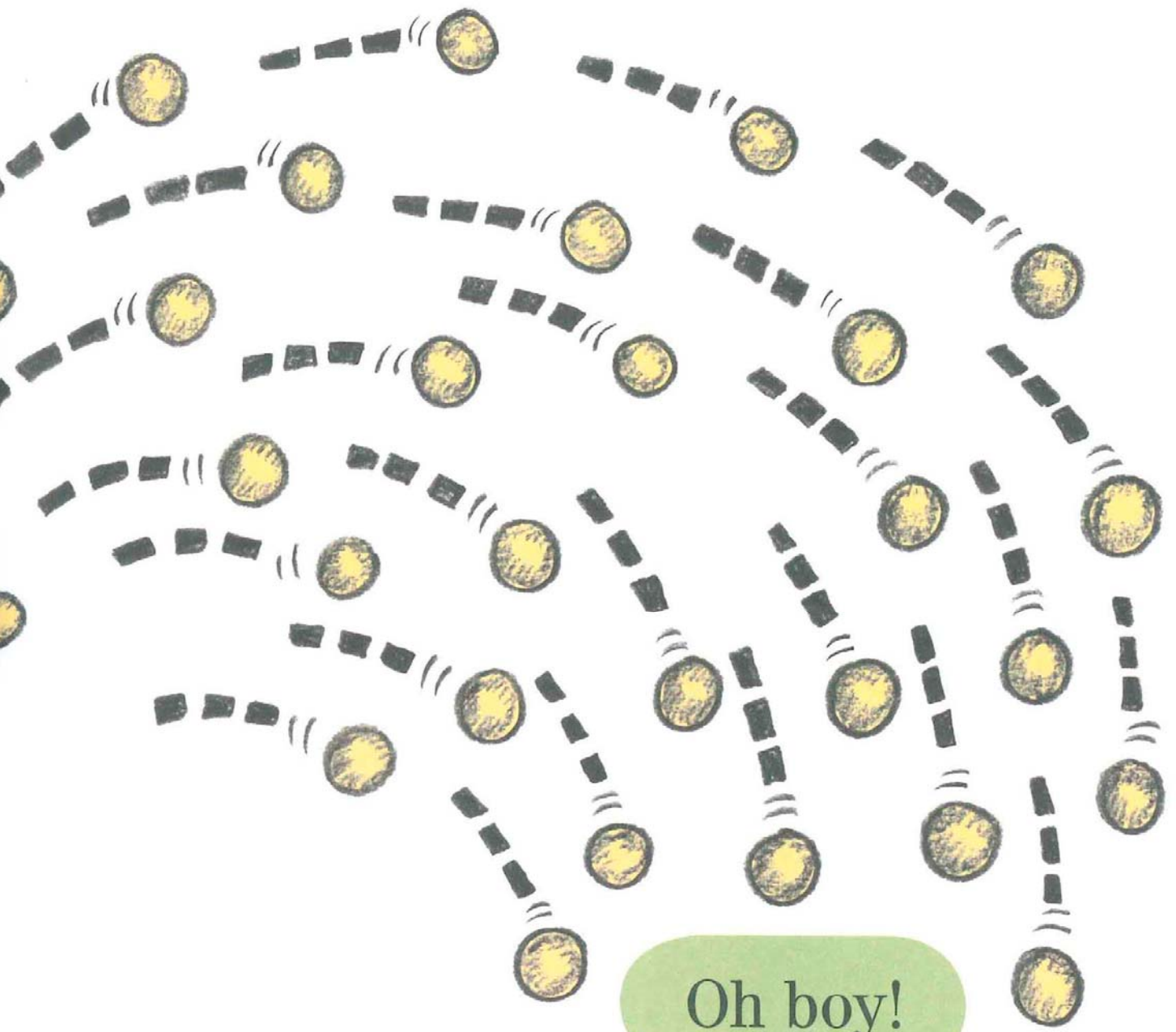
More
balls!



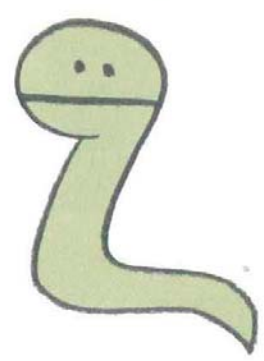
*More
balls!?!*

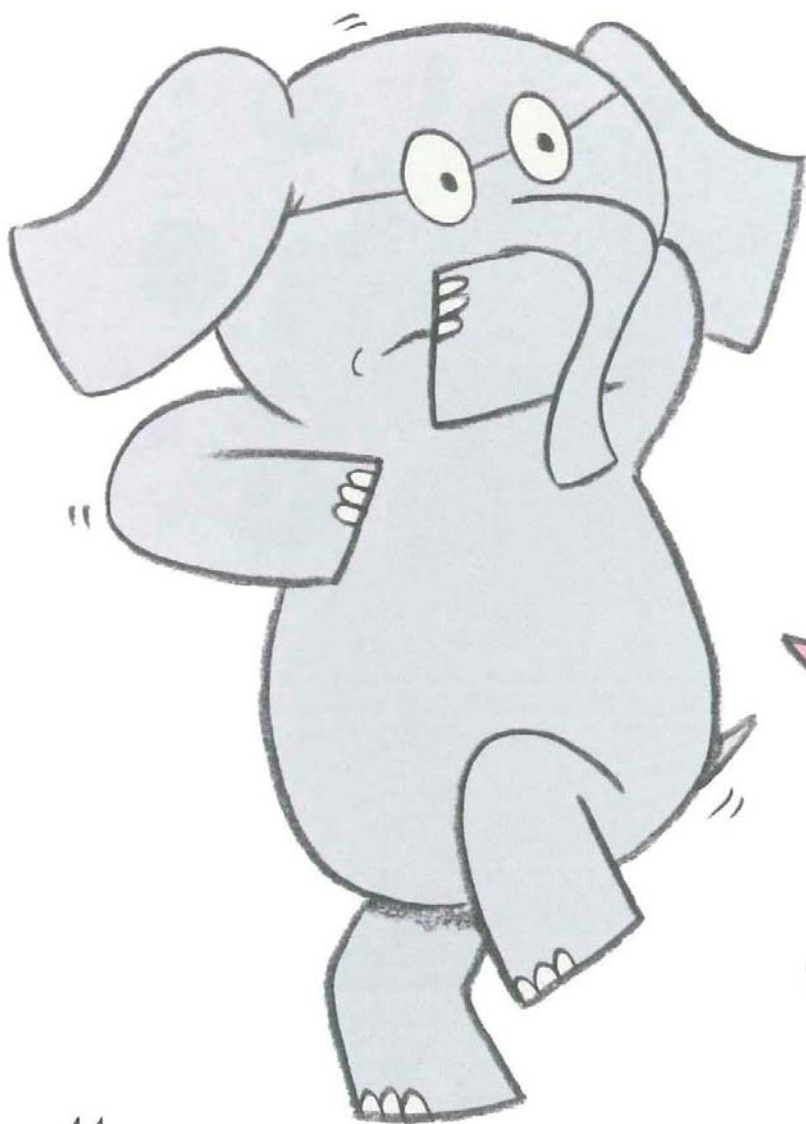


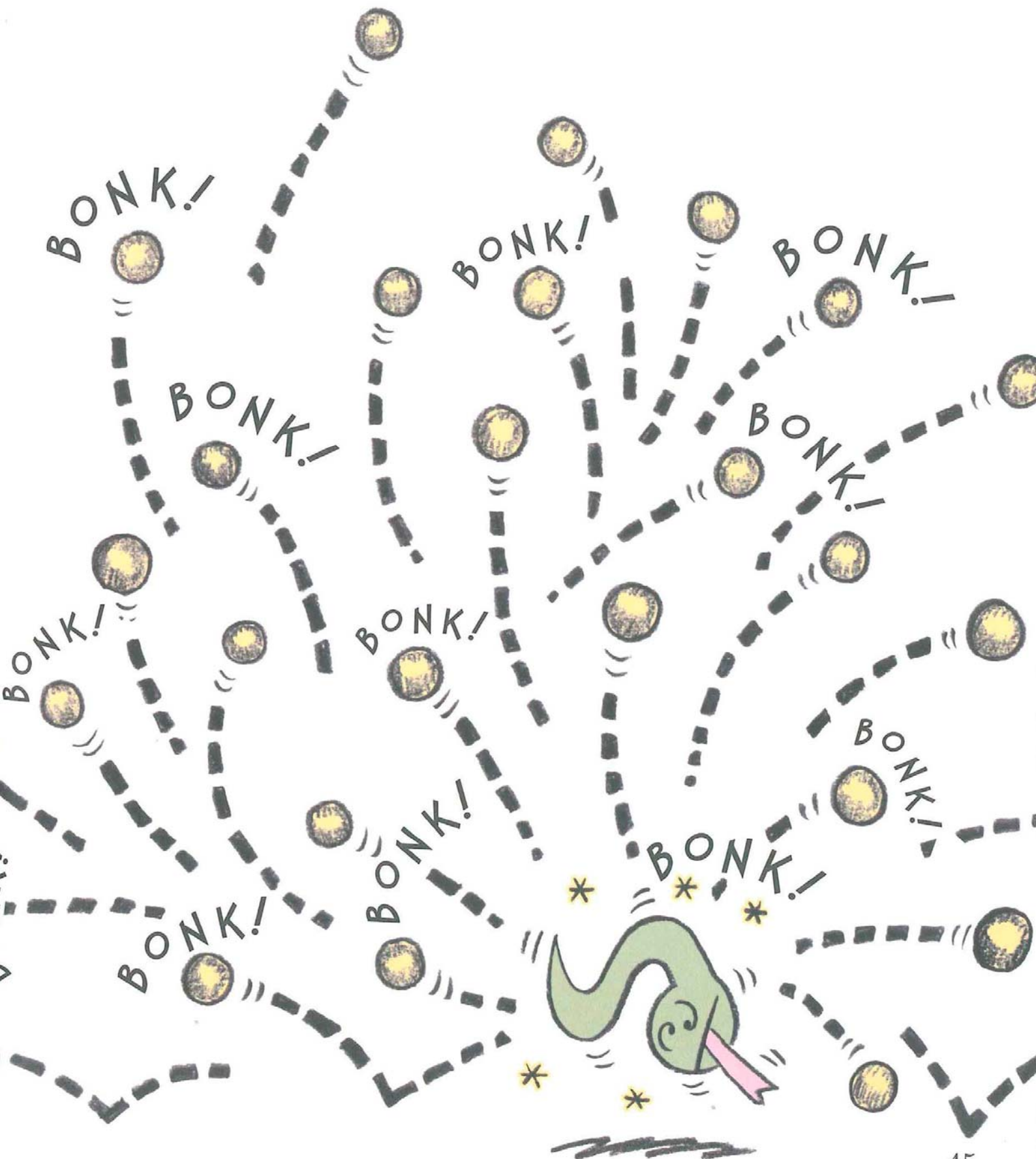




Oh boy!

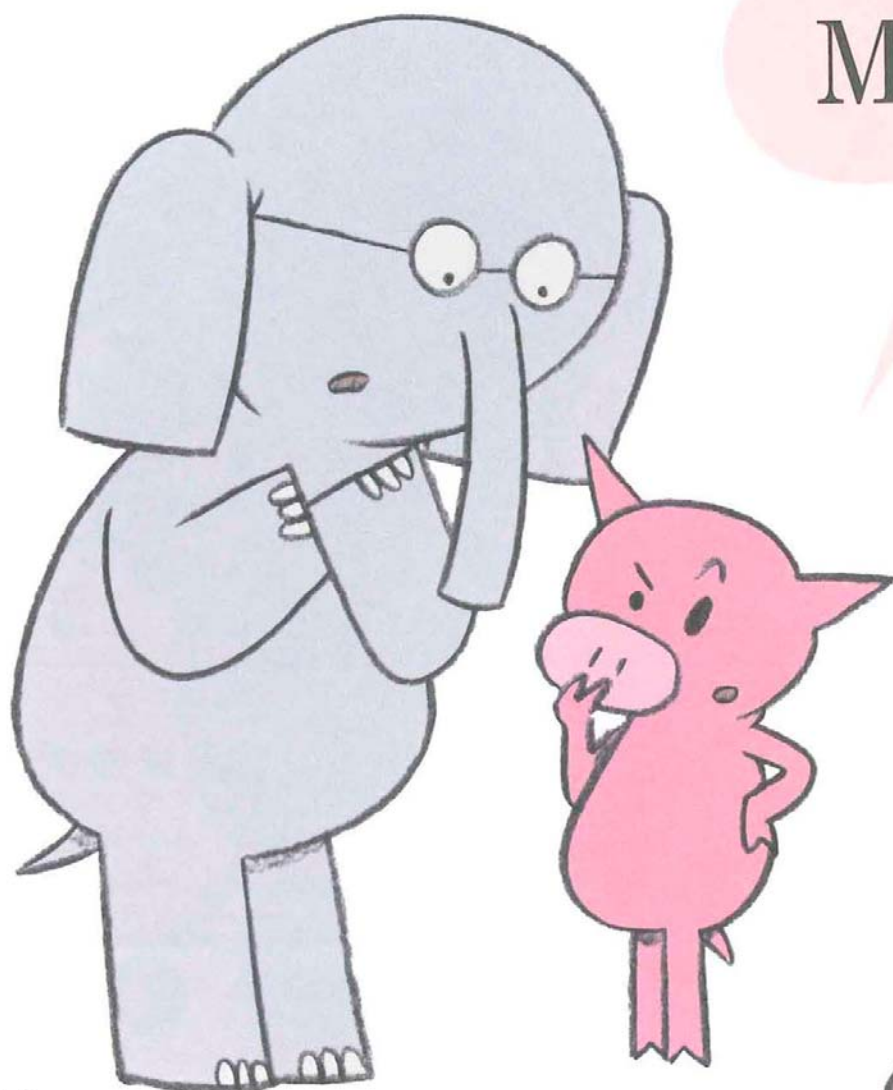






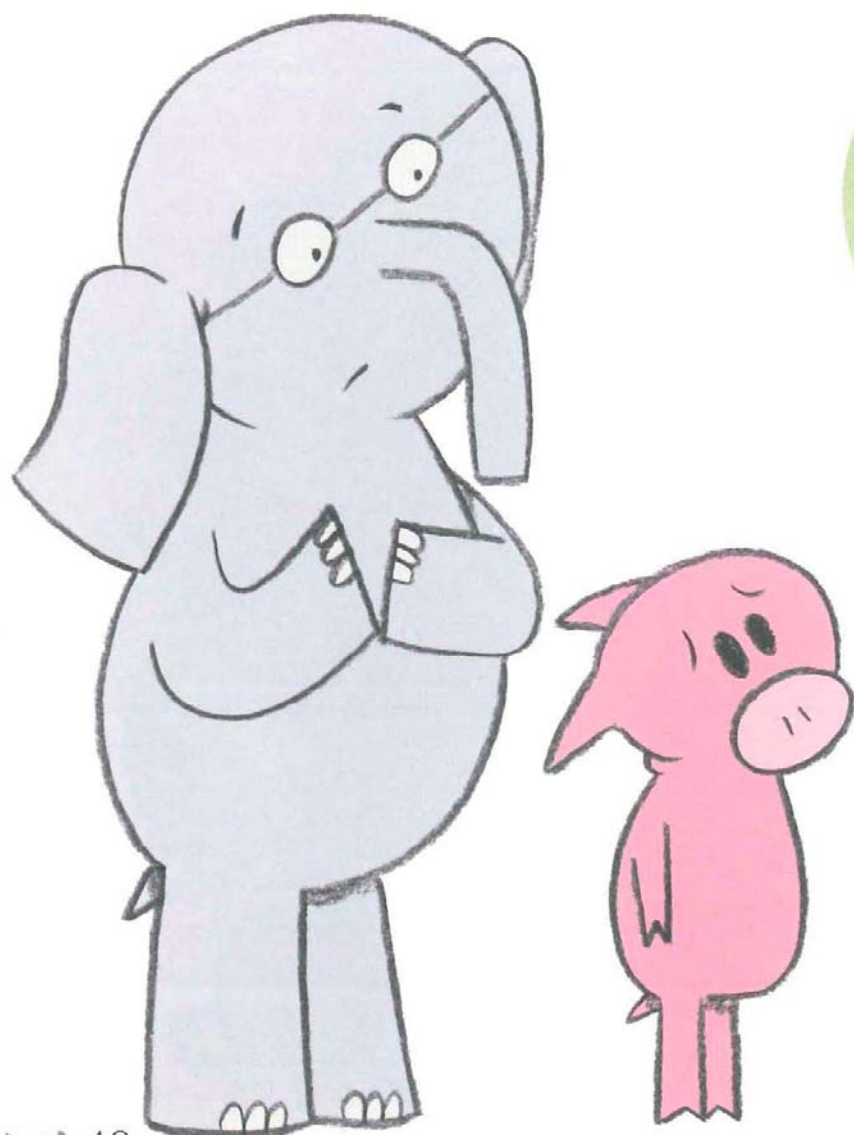
Do we need
even more
balls?

Maybe ...

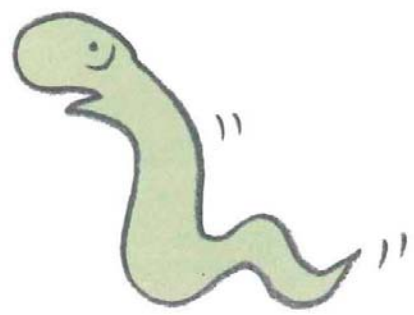


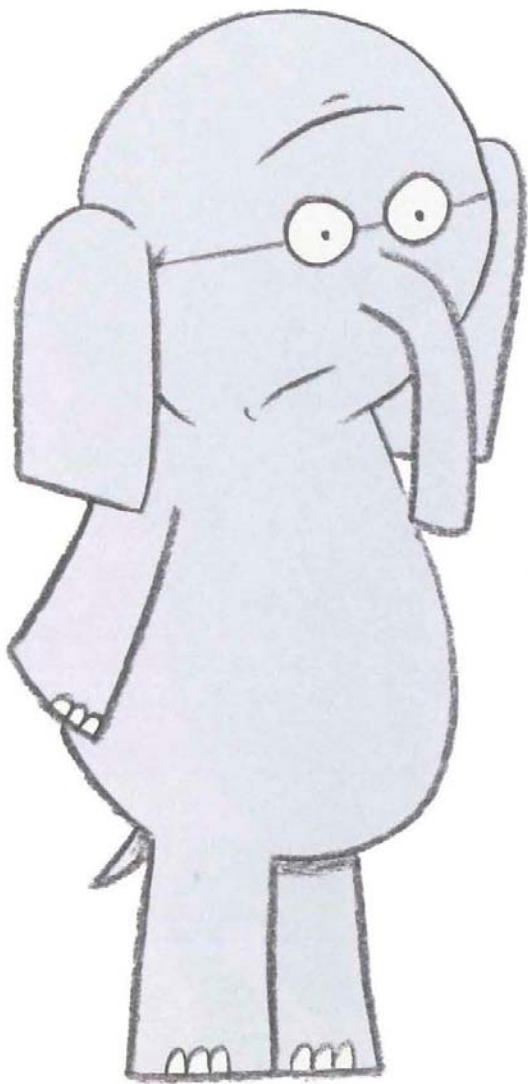
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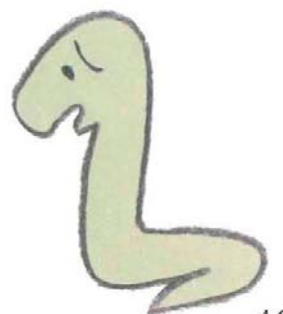
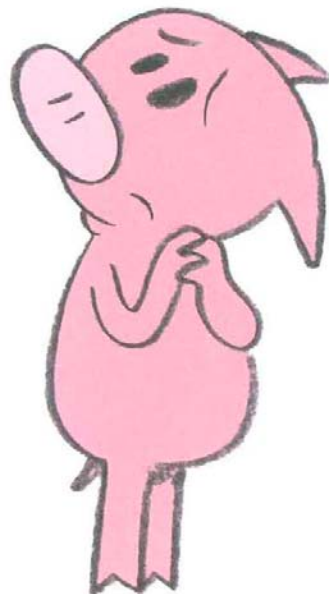


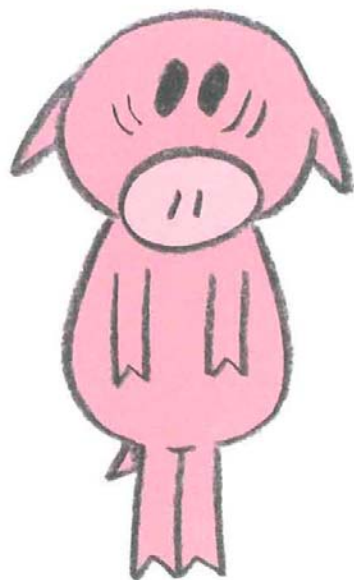
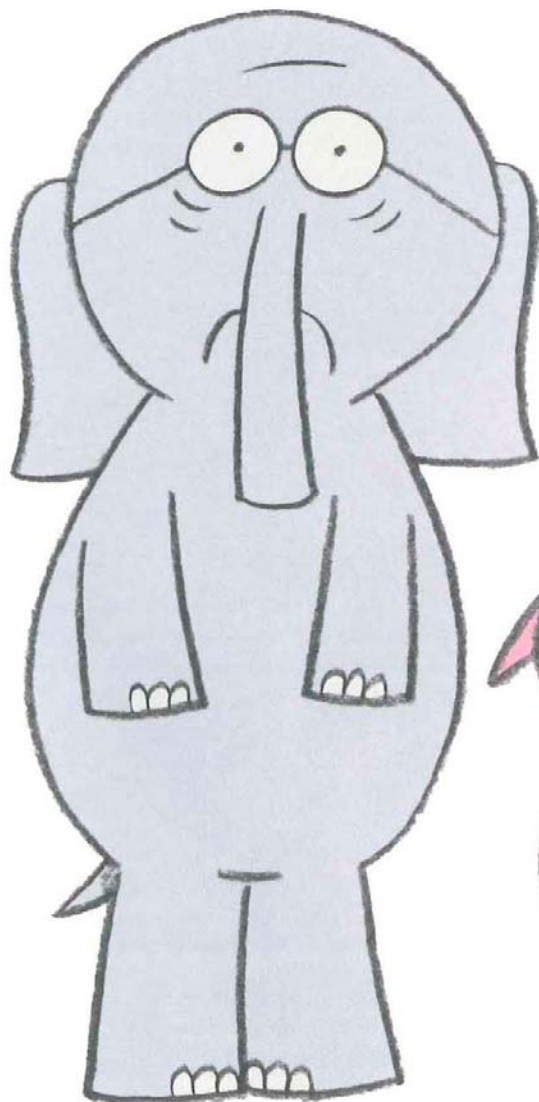
We have tried.





But, I am
a snake ...

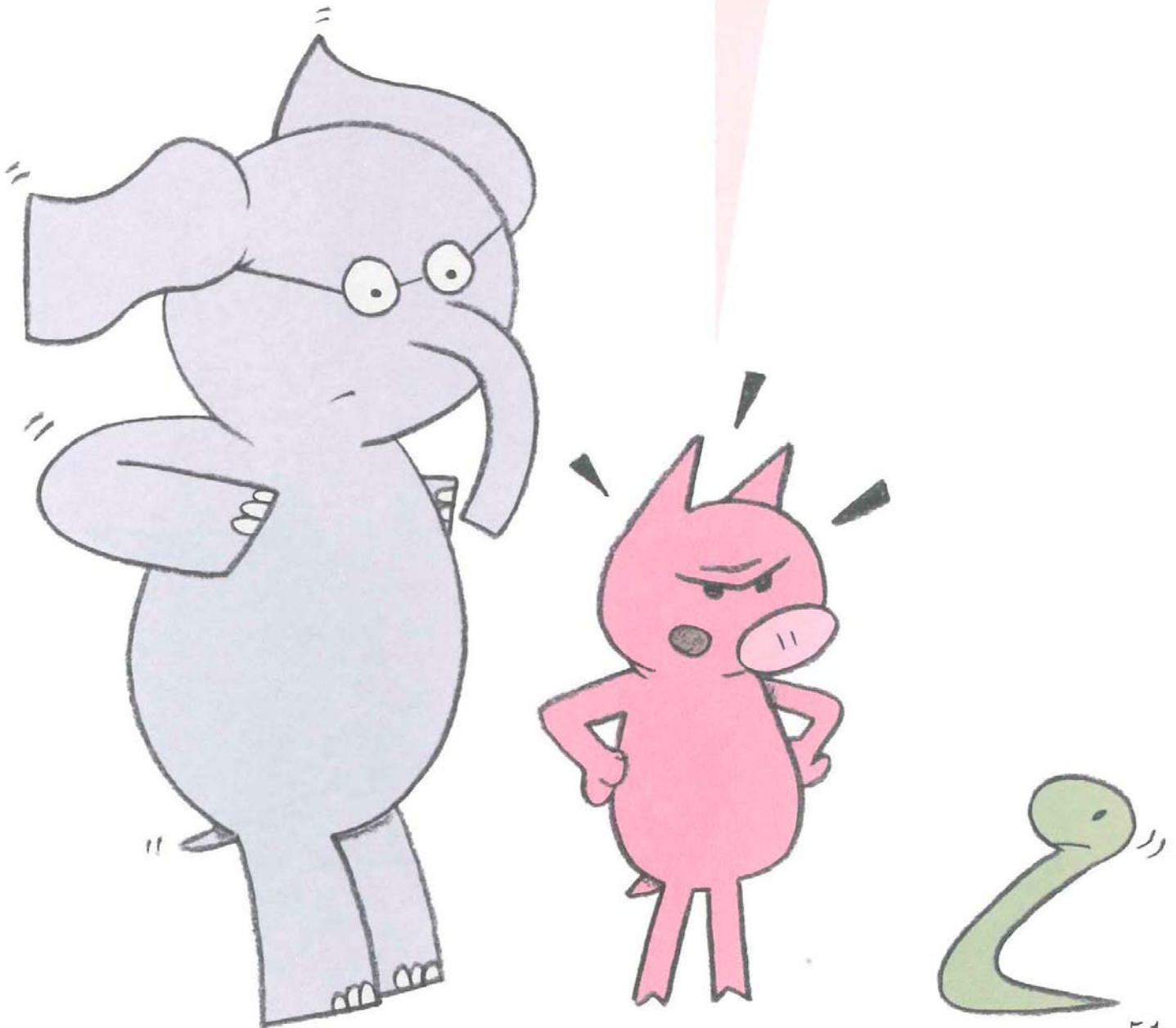




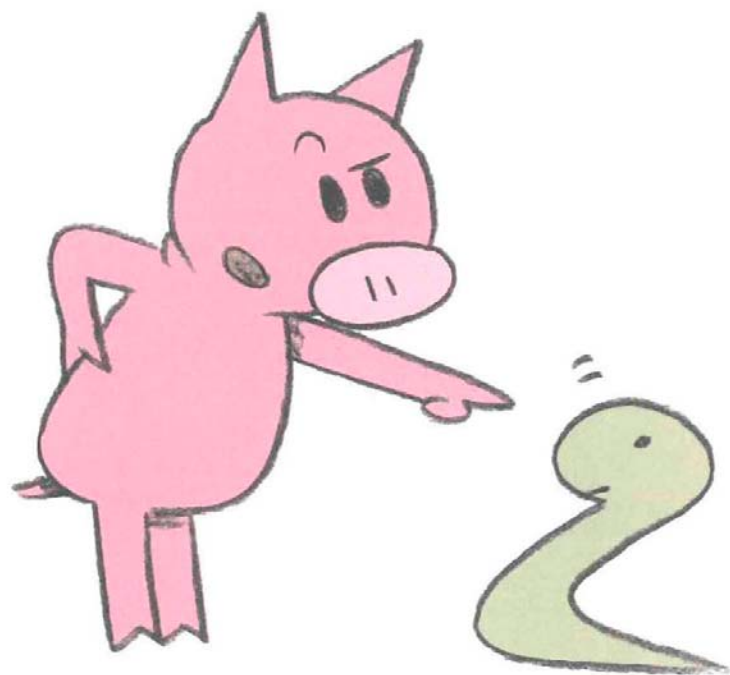
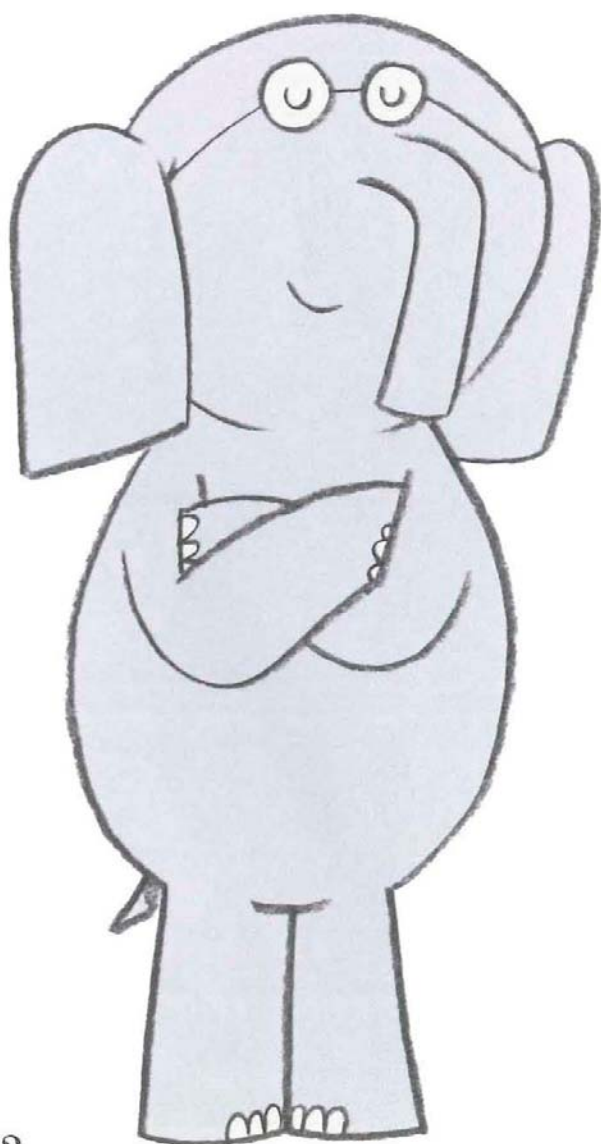
A snake
who cannot
play catch.



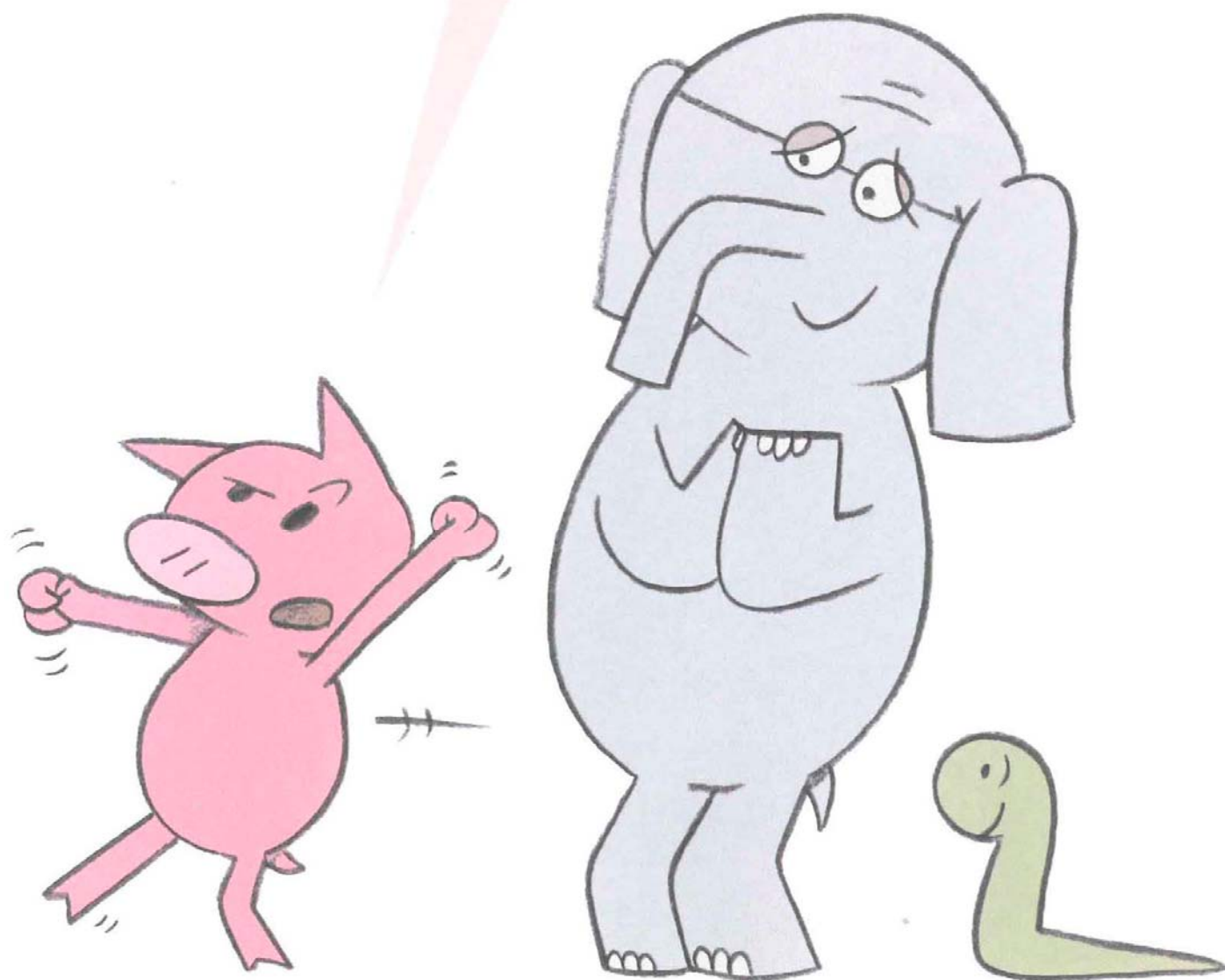
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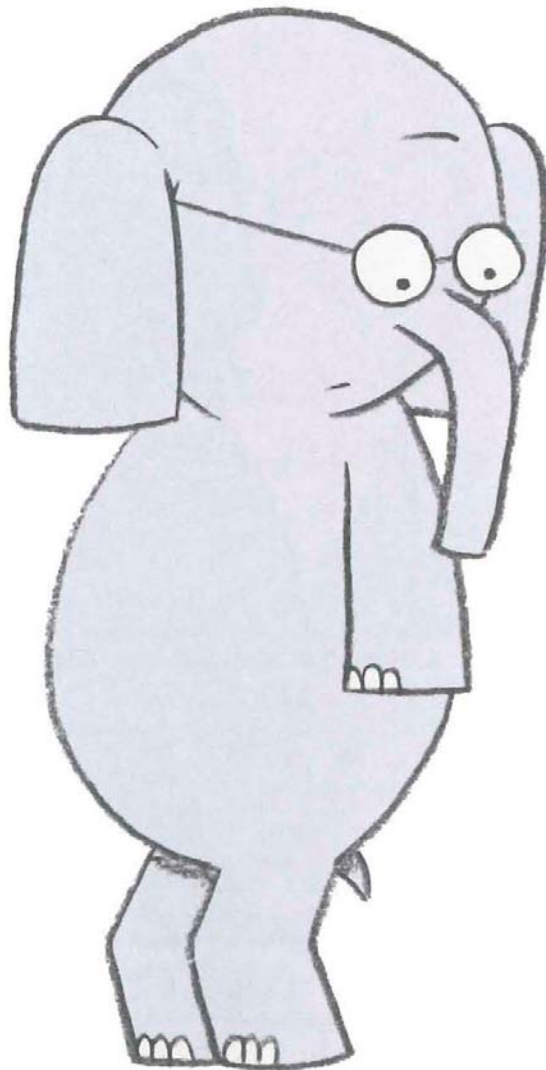
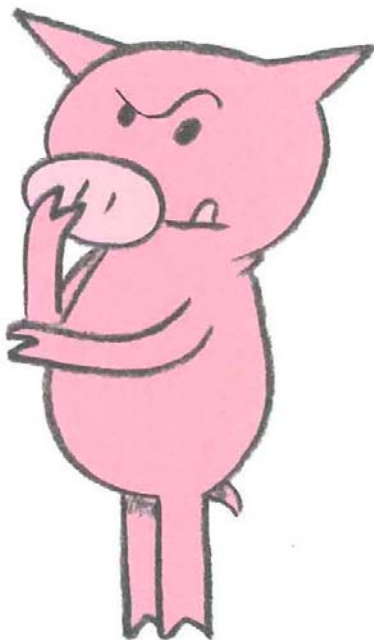


You are our
friend!

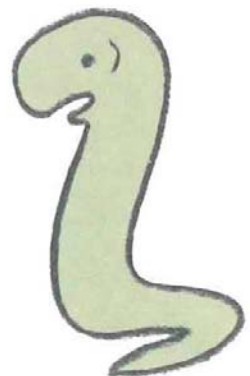


WE WILL *ALL*
PLAY CATCH!

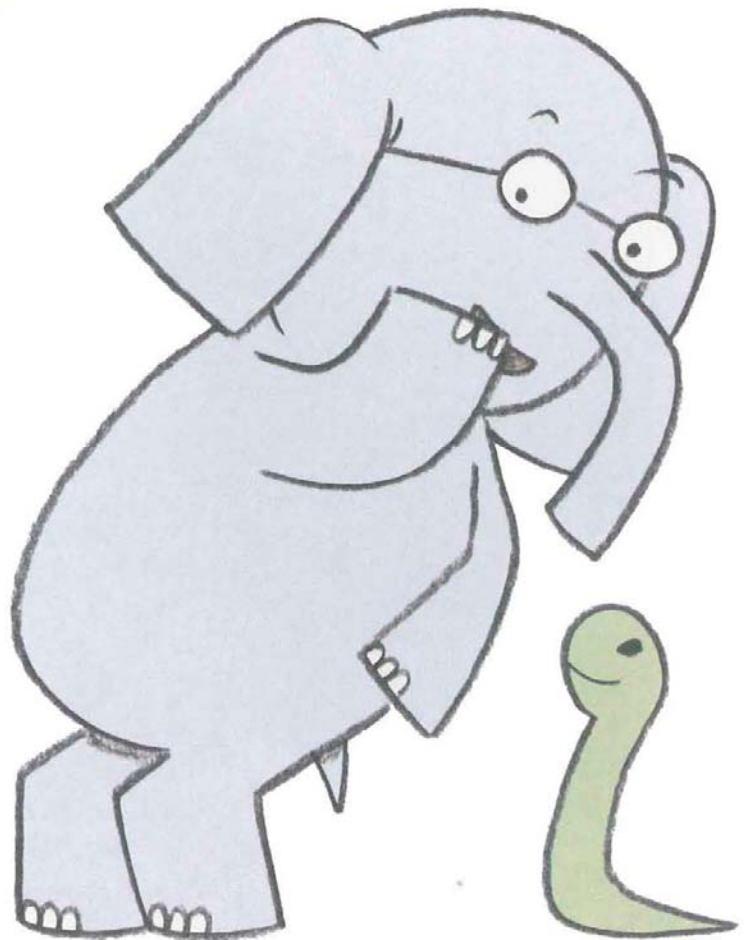
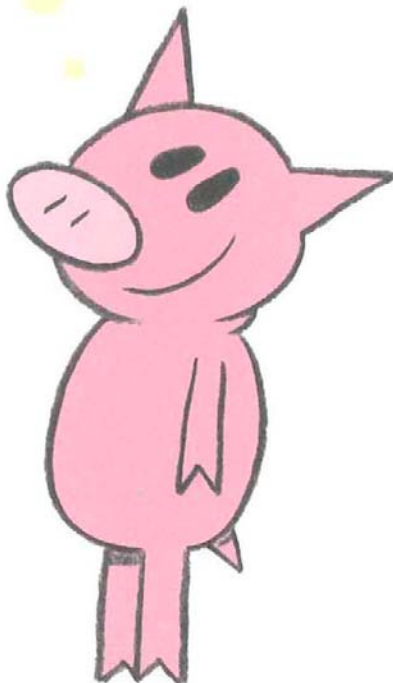


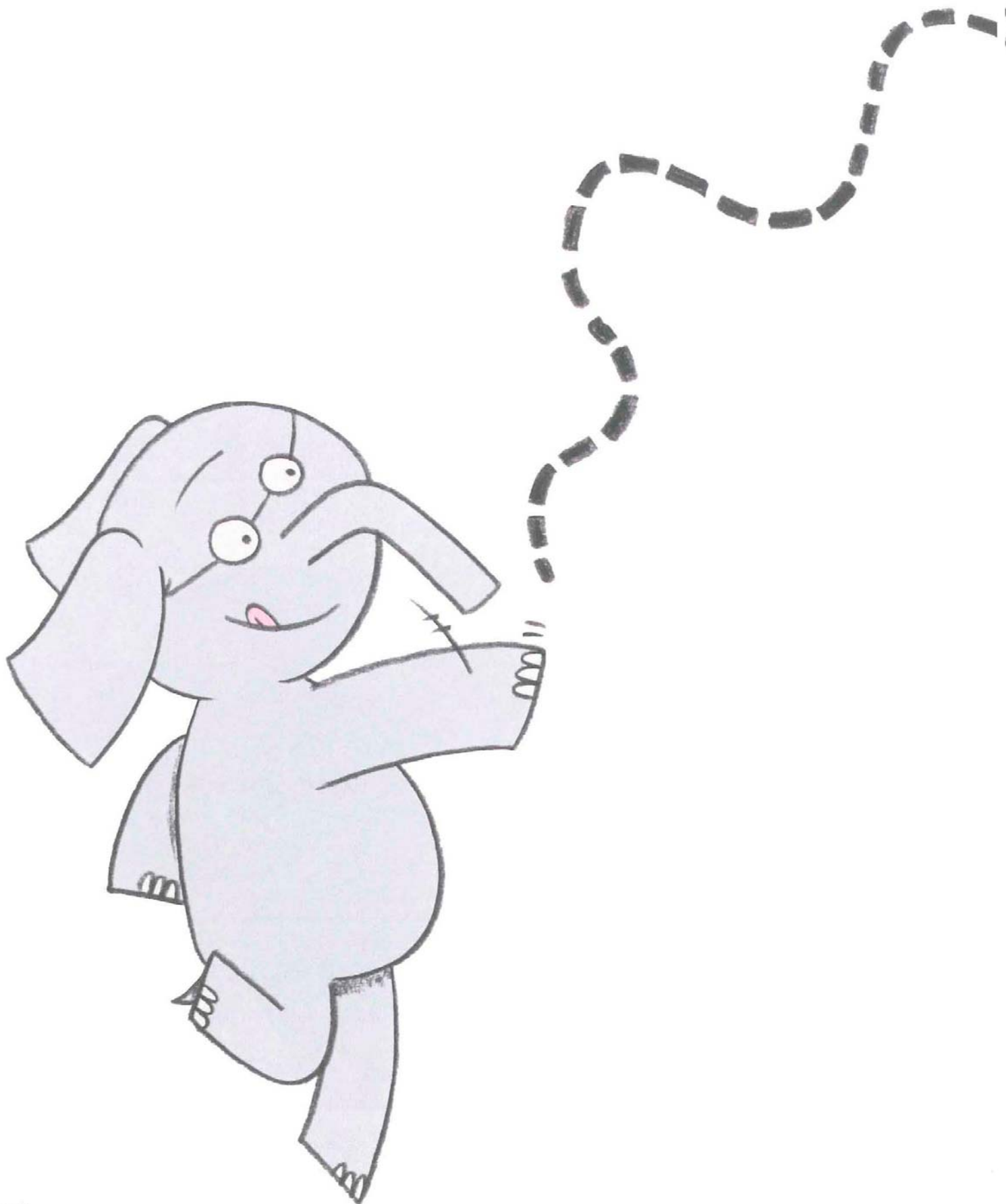


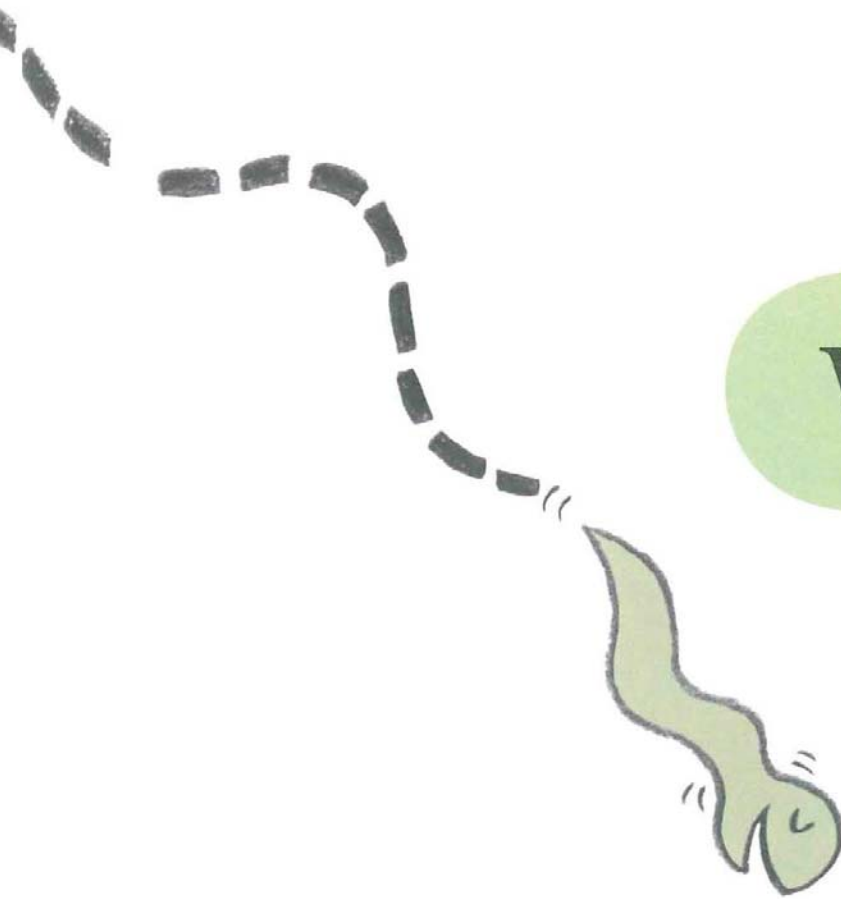
How?



She has
an idea.







Whee!

I love playing
catch with
my friends!



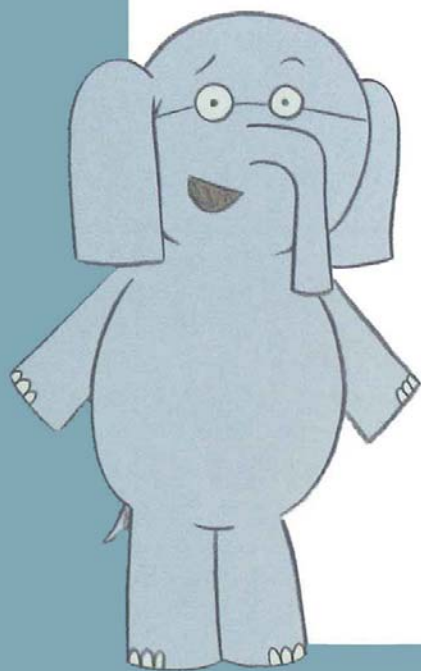
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