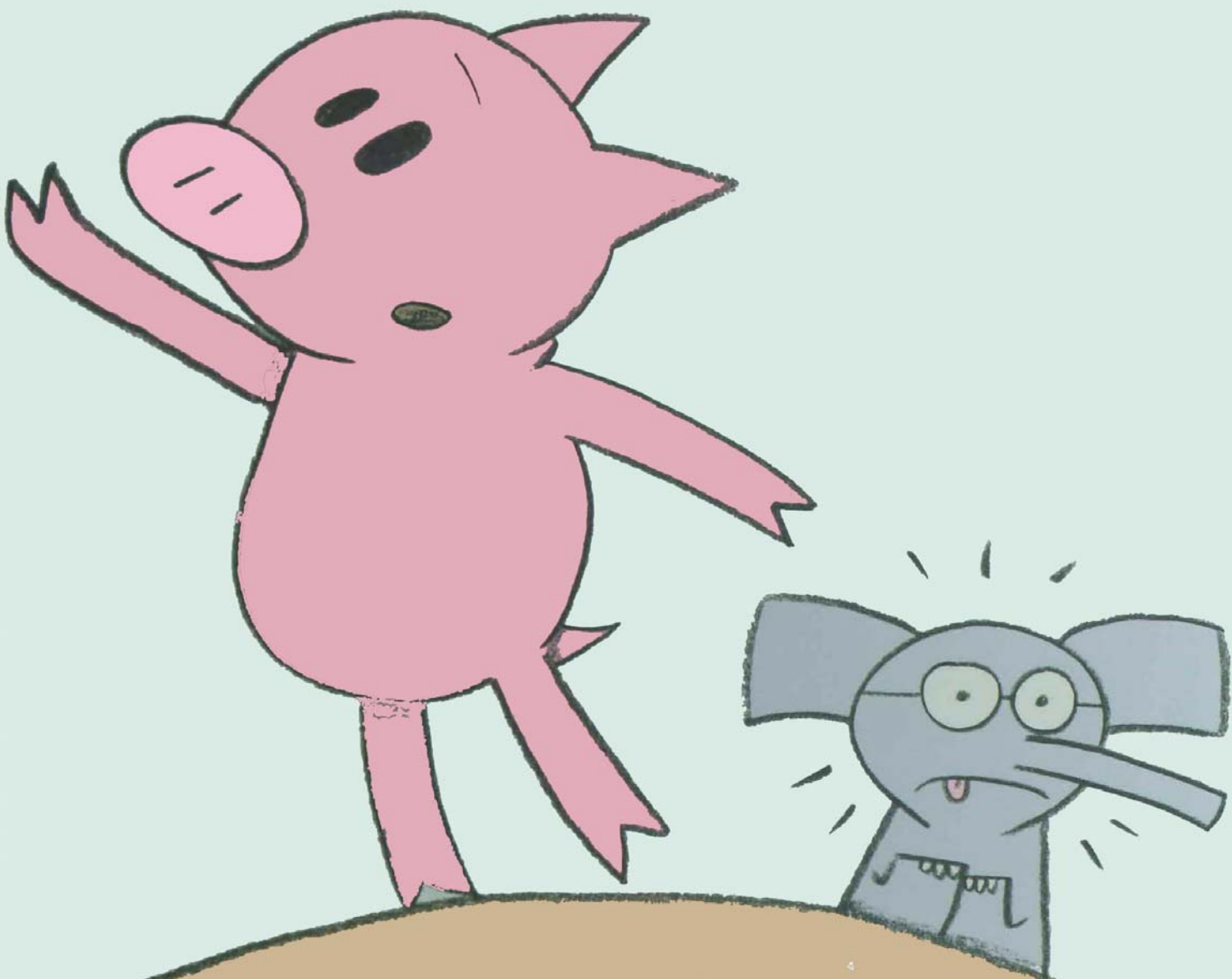


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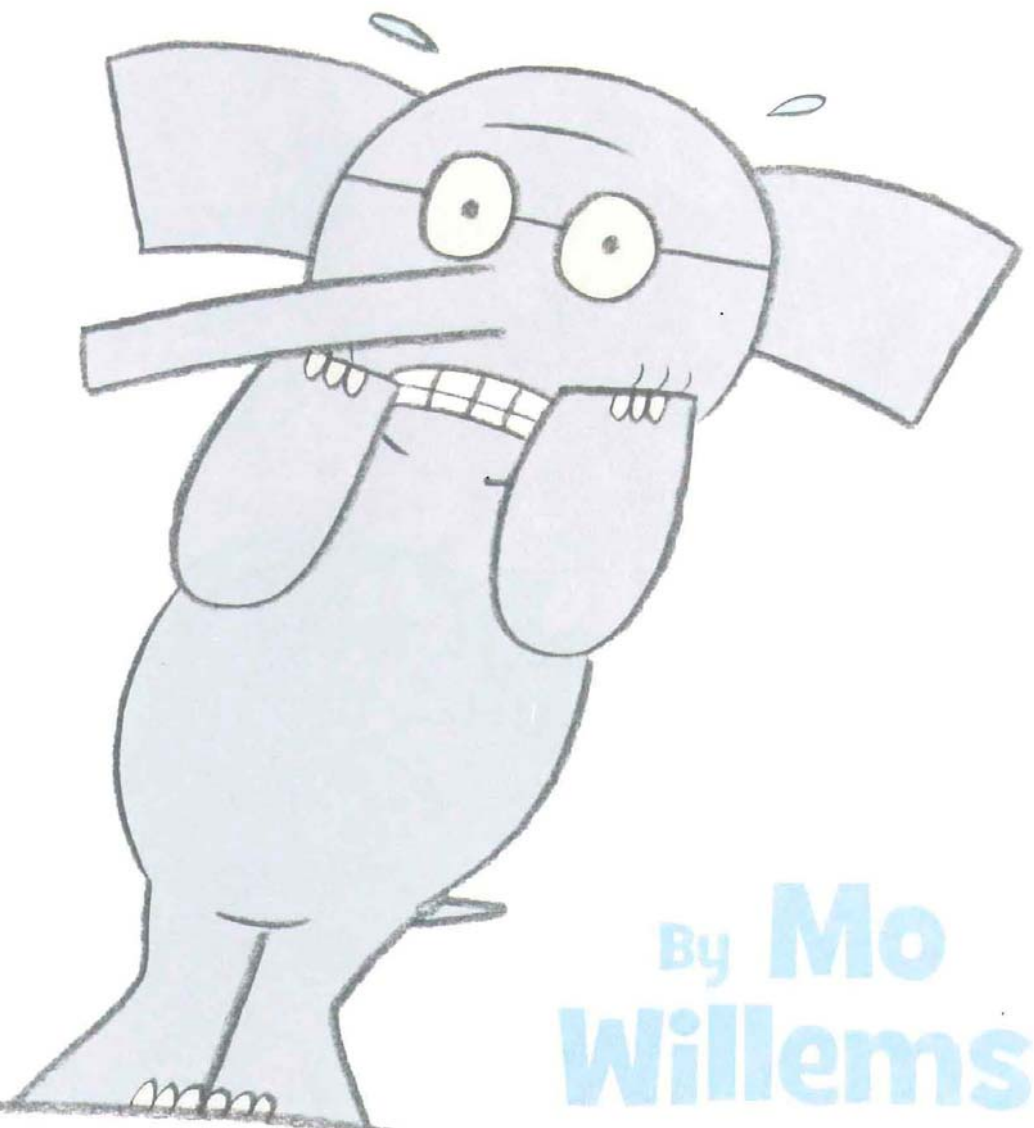
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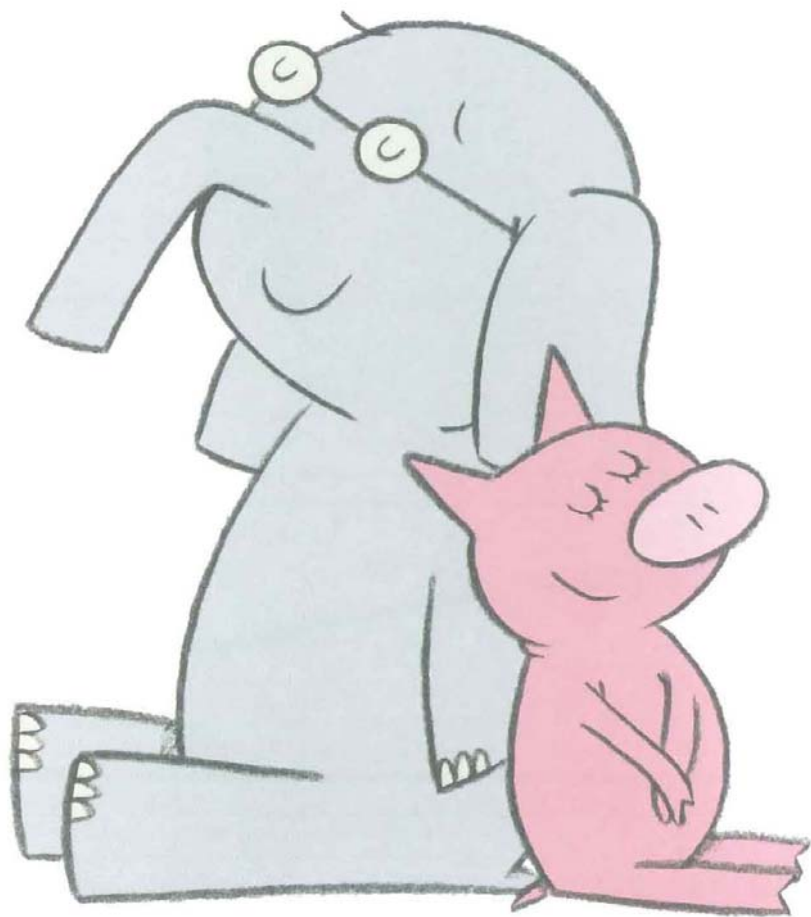


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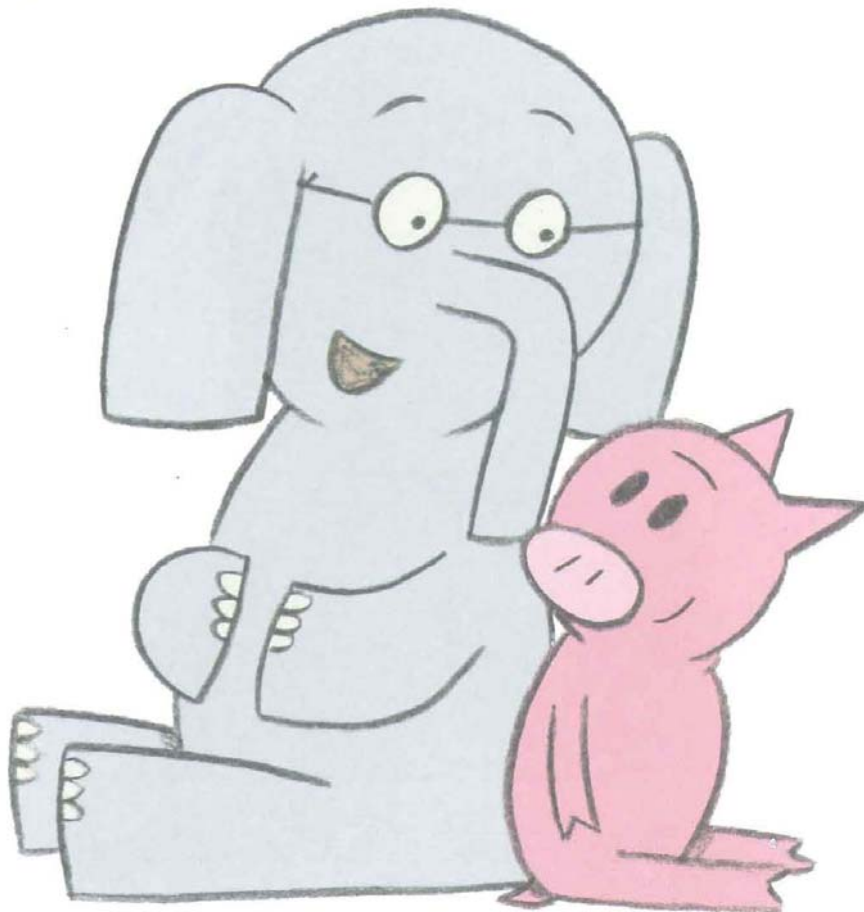
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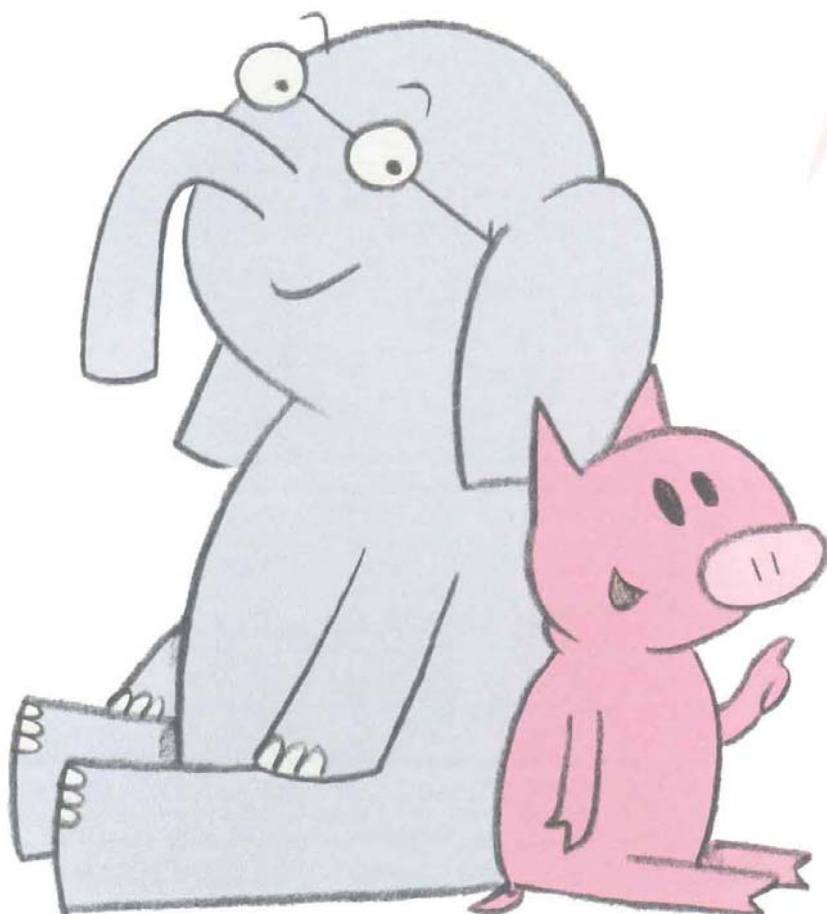
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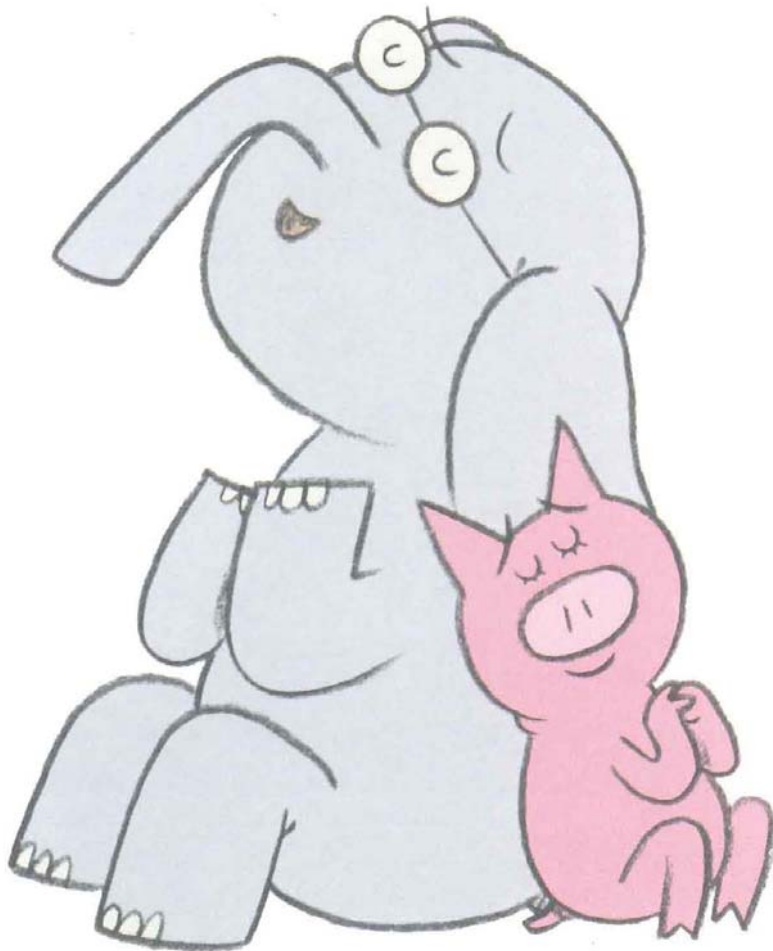


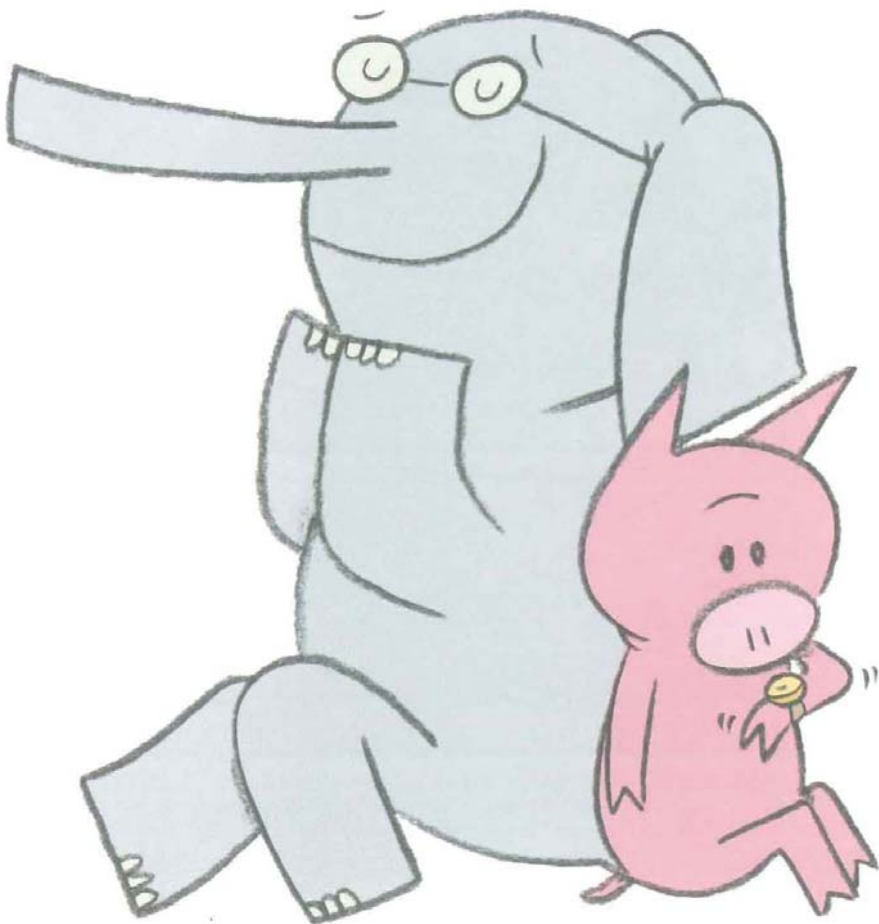
Just like  
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Yes!

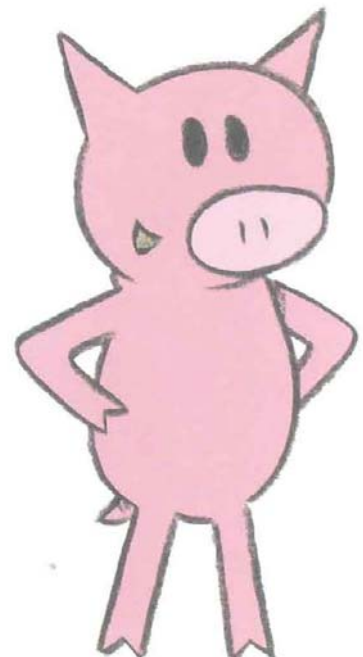
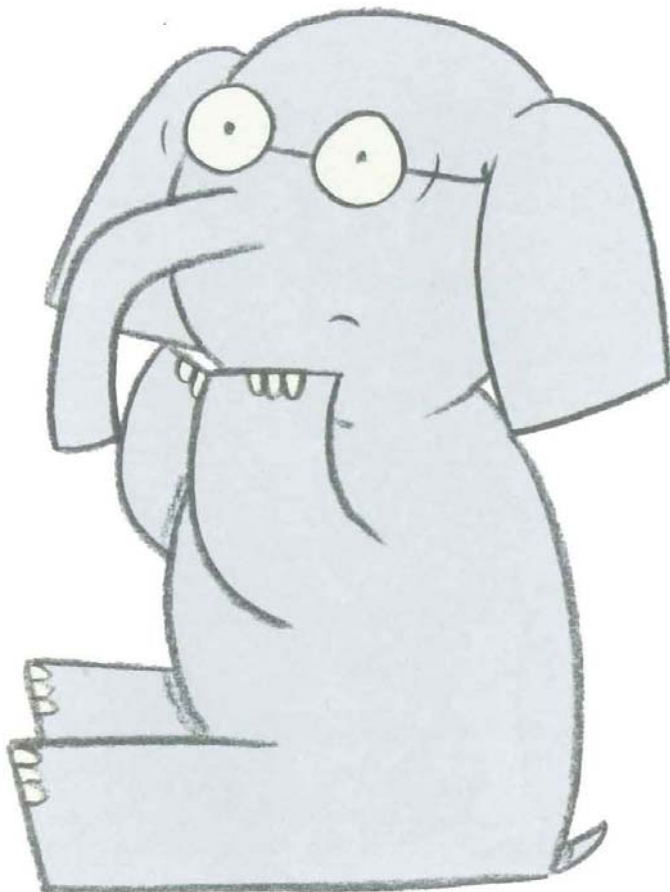
Yesterday was  
a good day, too.



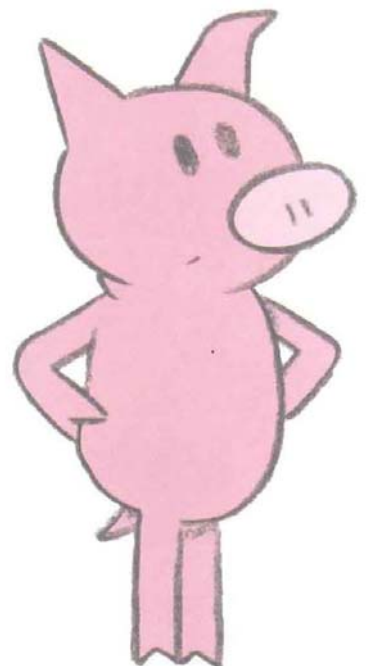
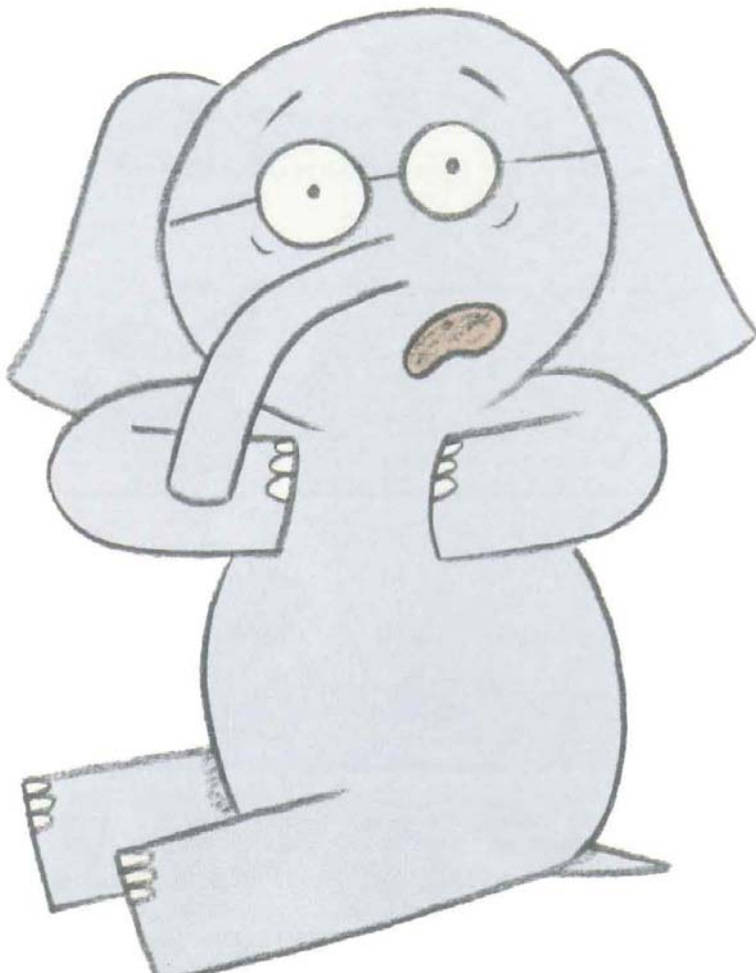




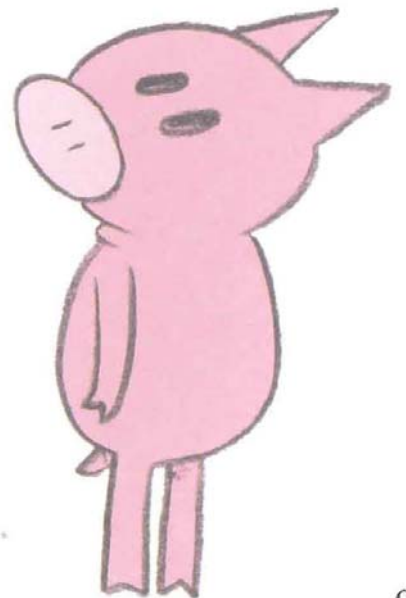
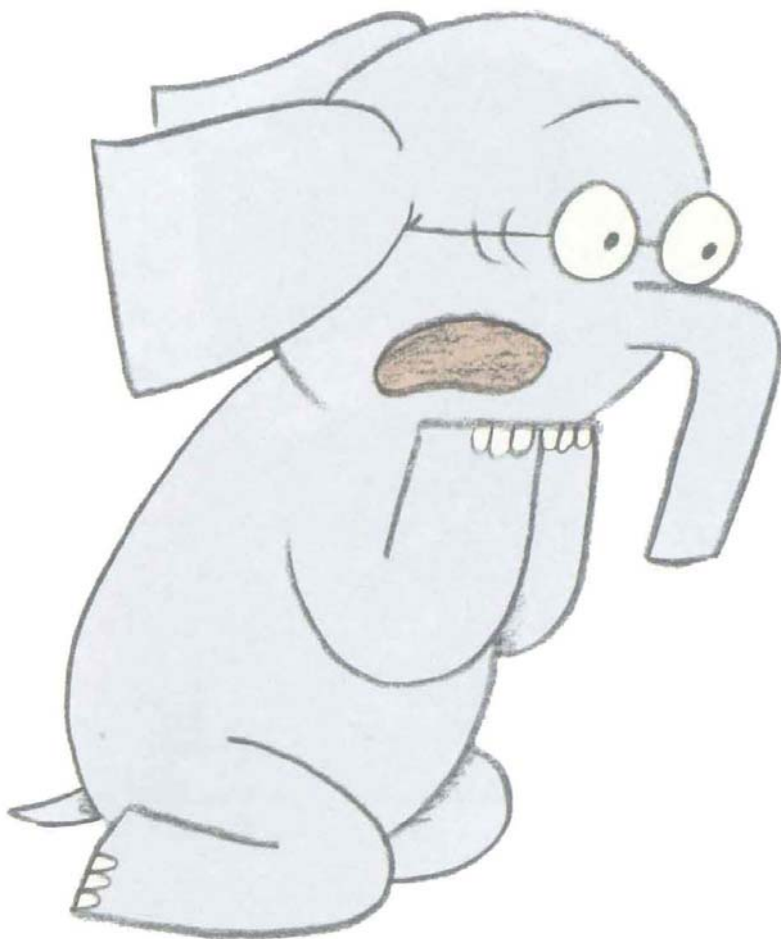
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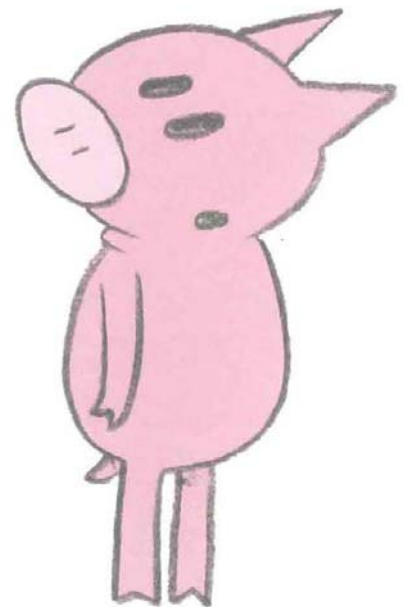
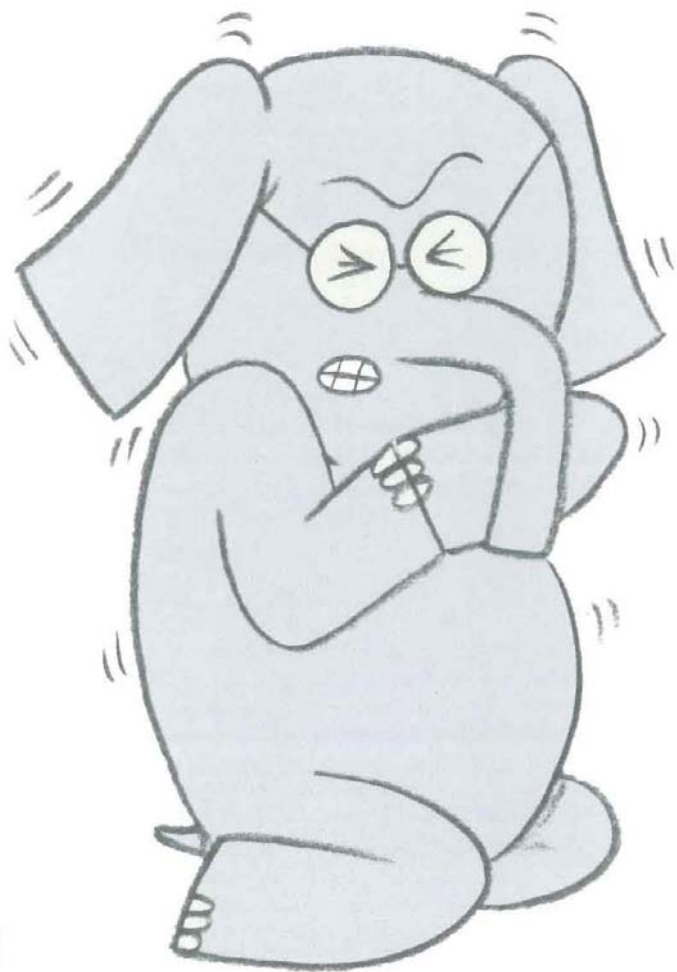
You are *going*?!



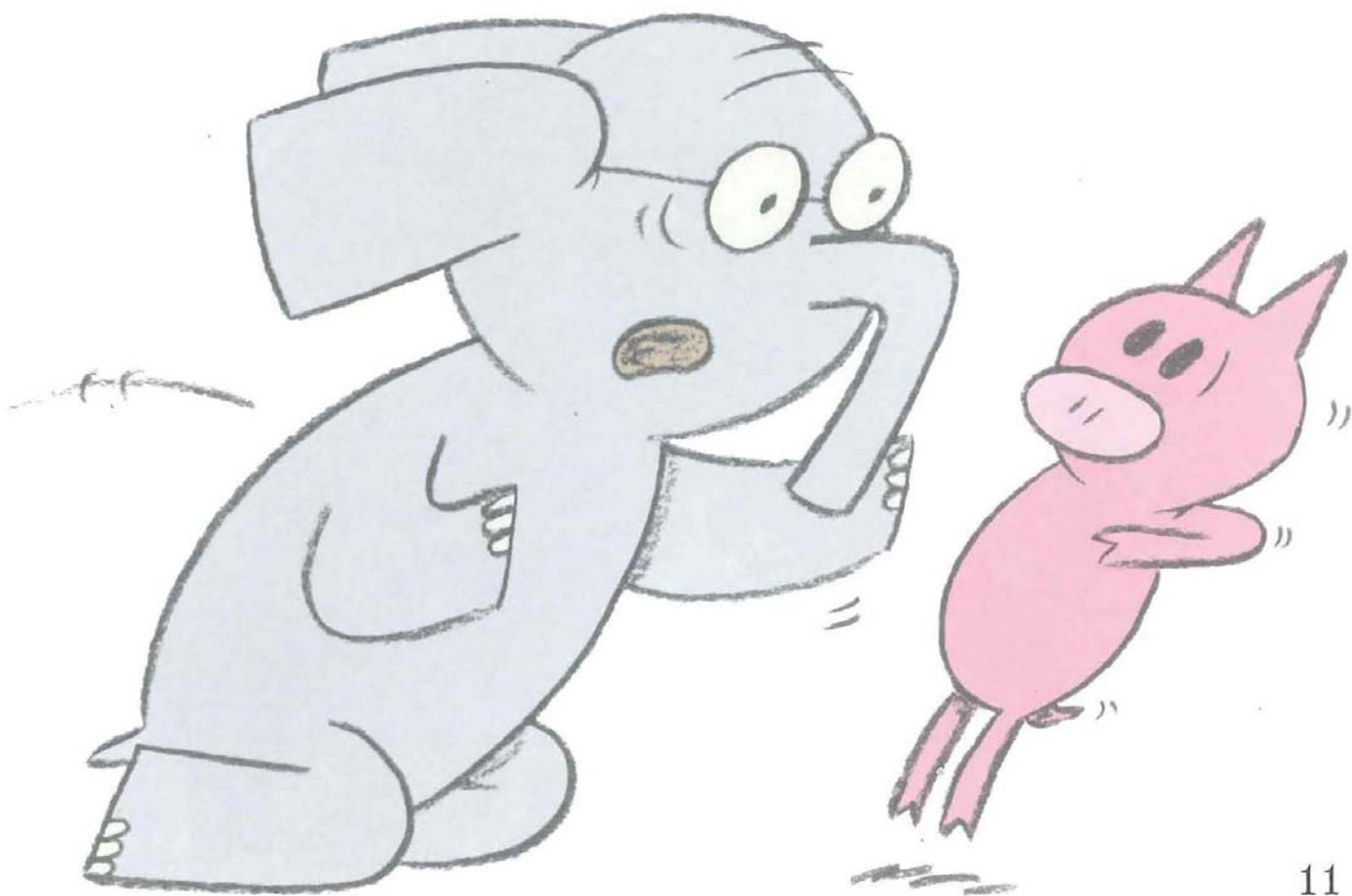
You are going away?!



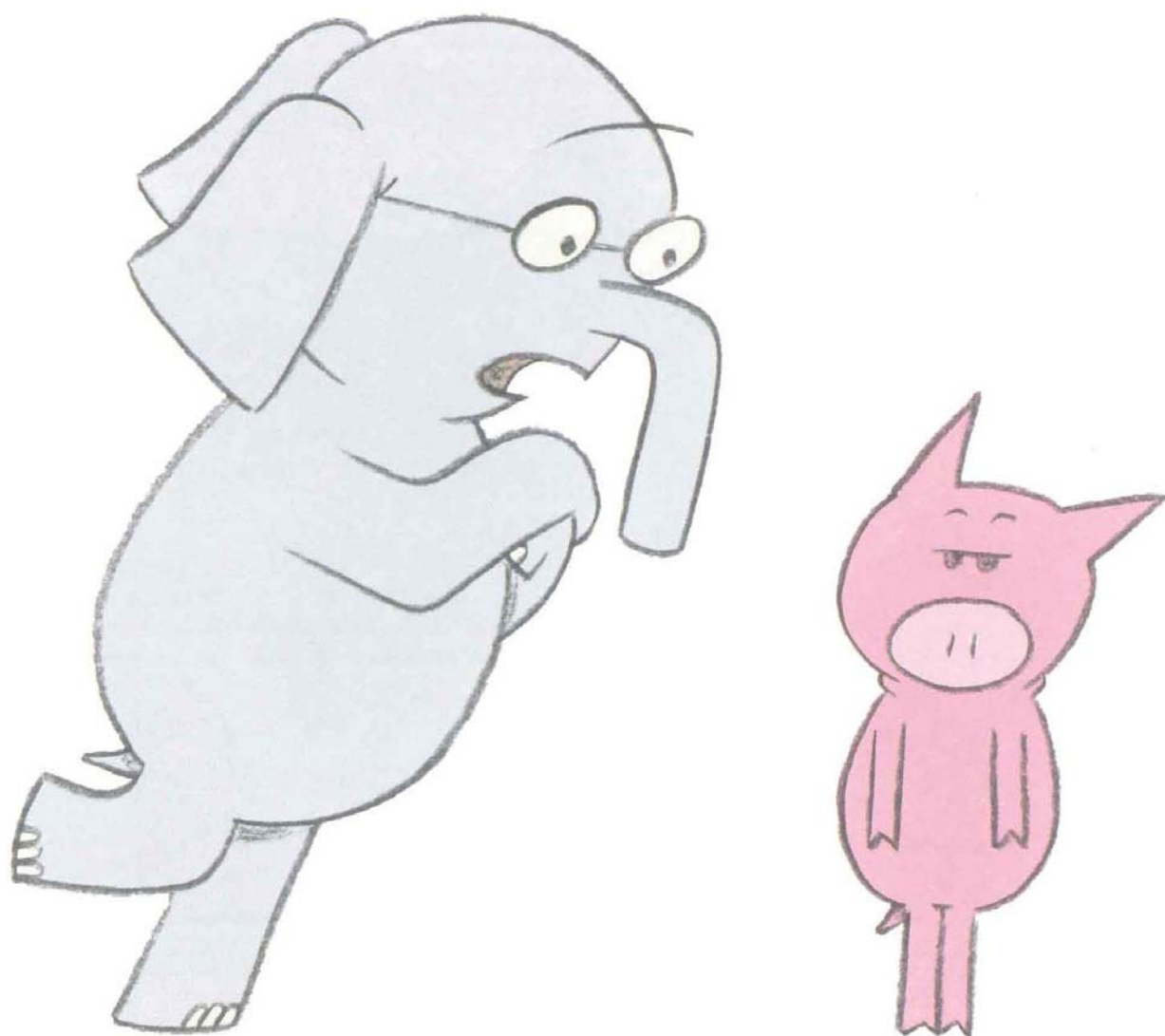
Yes.



You cannot go!

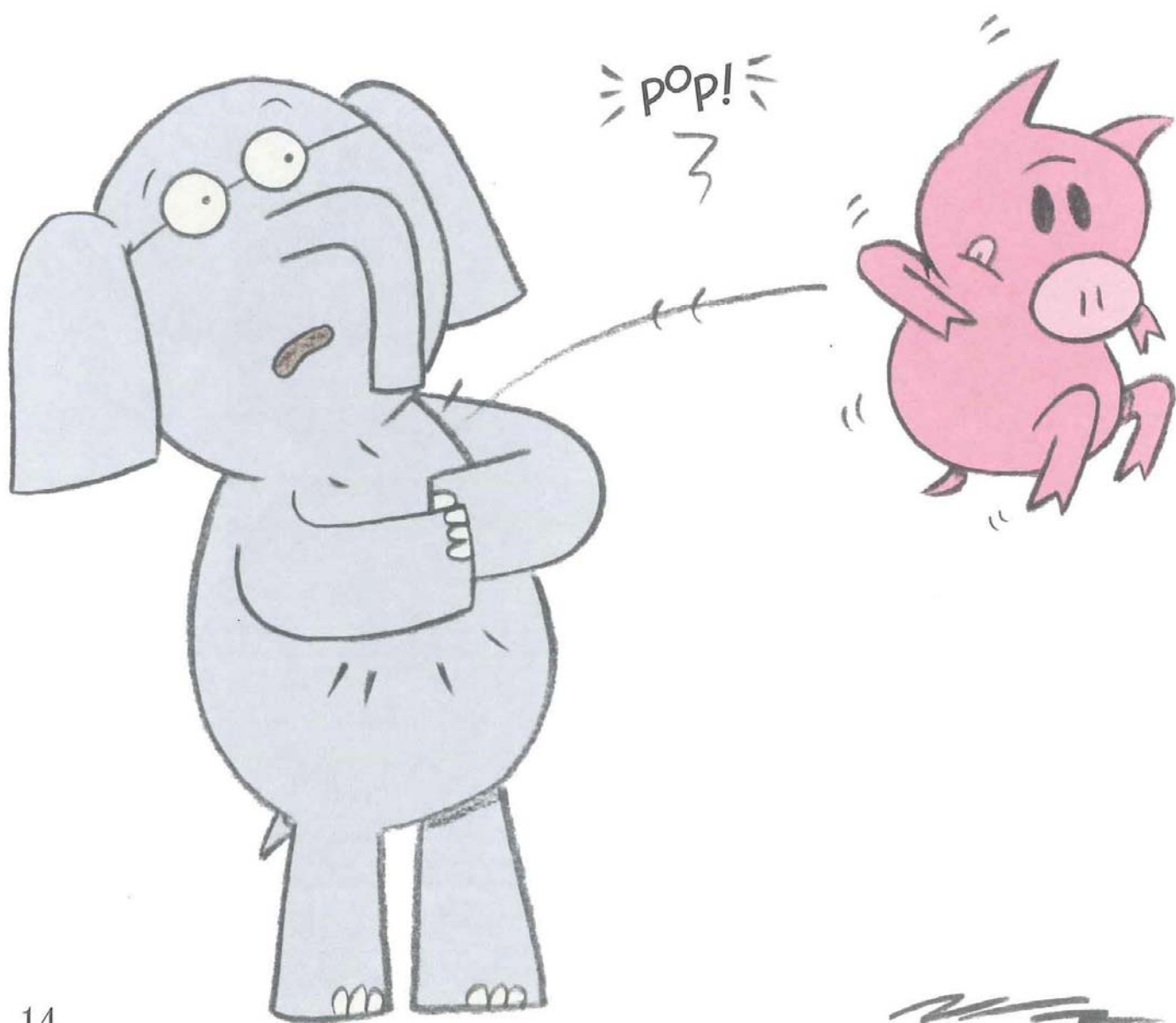


You must not go!

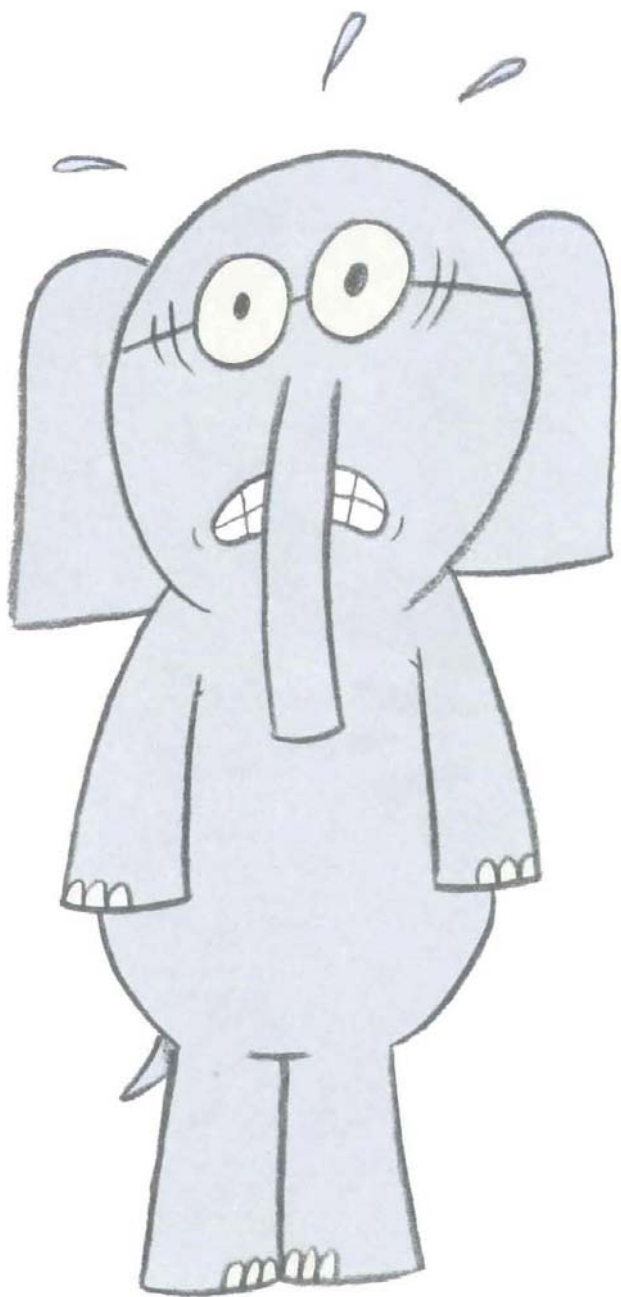


I WILL NOT  
LET YOU GO!!!









I am  
going.



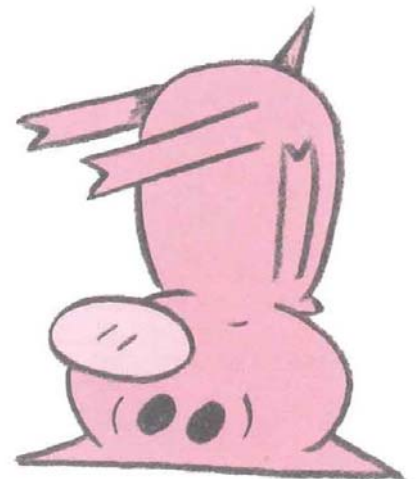
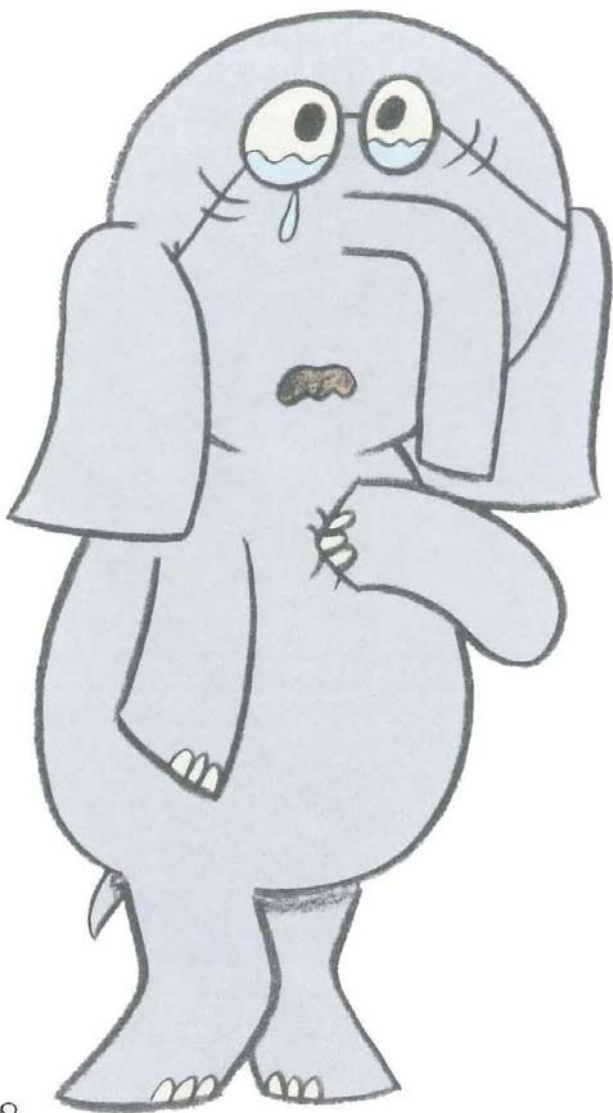
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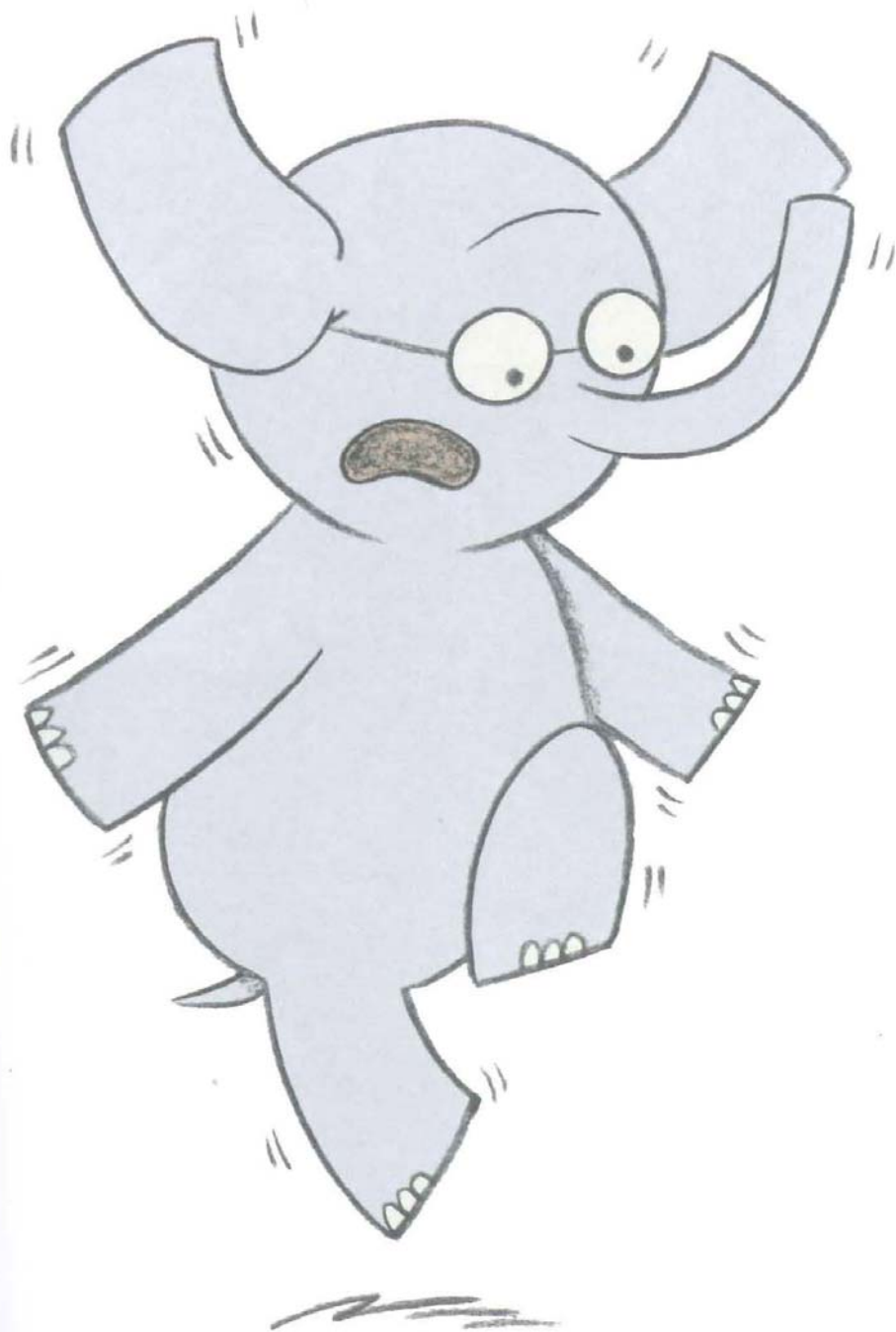
# GIE!



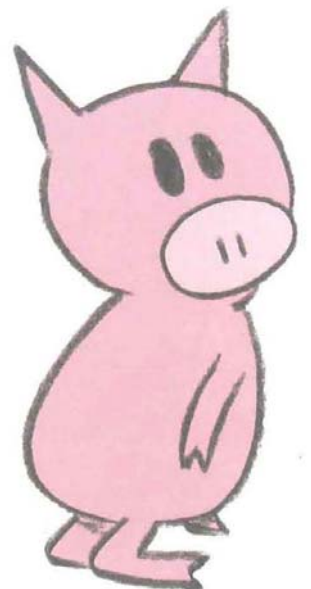
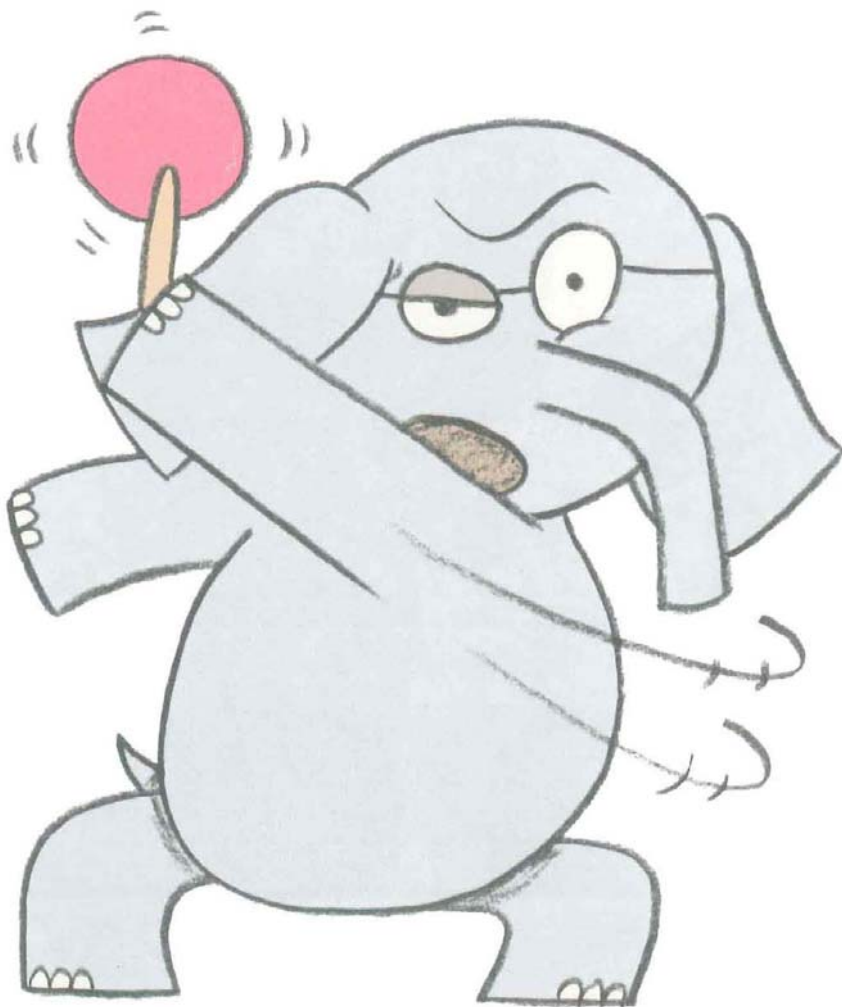
What about me?



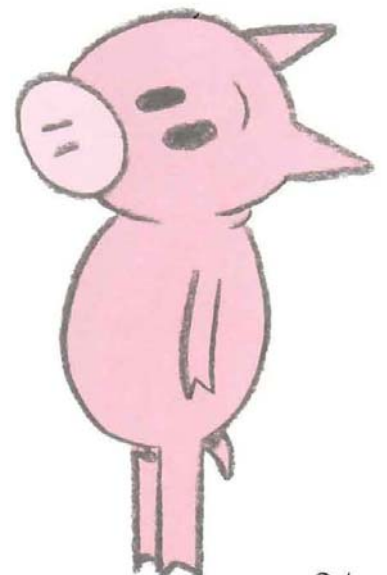
Who will I  
skip with?

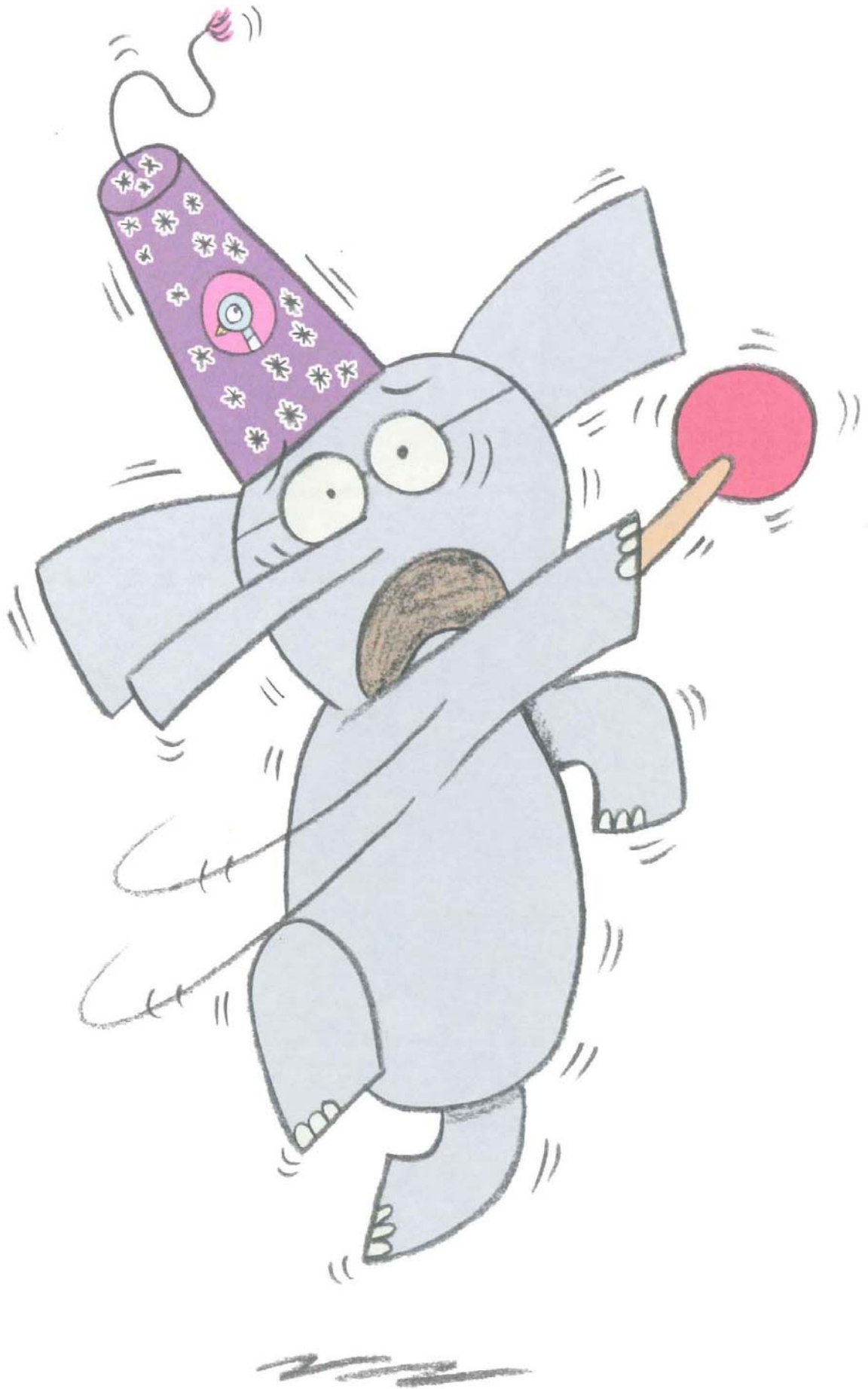


Who will I play  
Ping-Pong with?



Who will I wear  
a silly hat with?

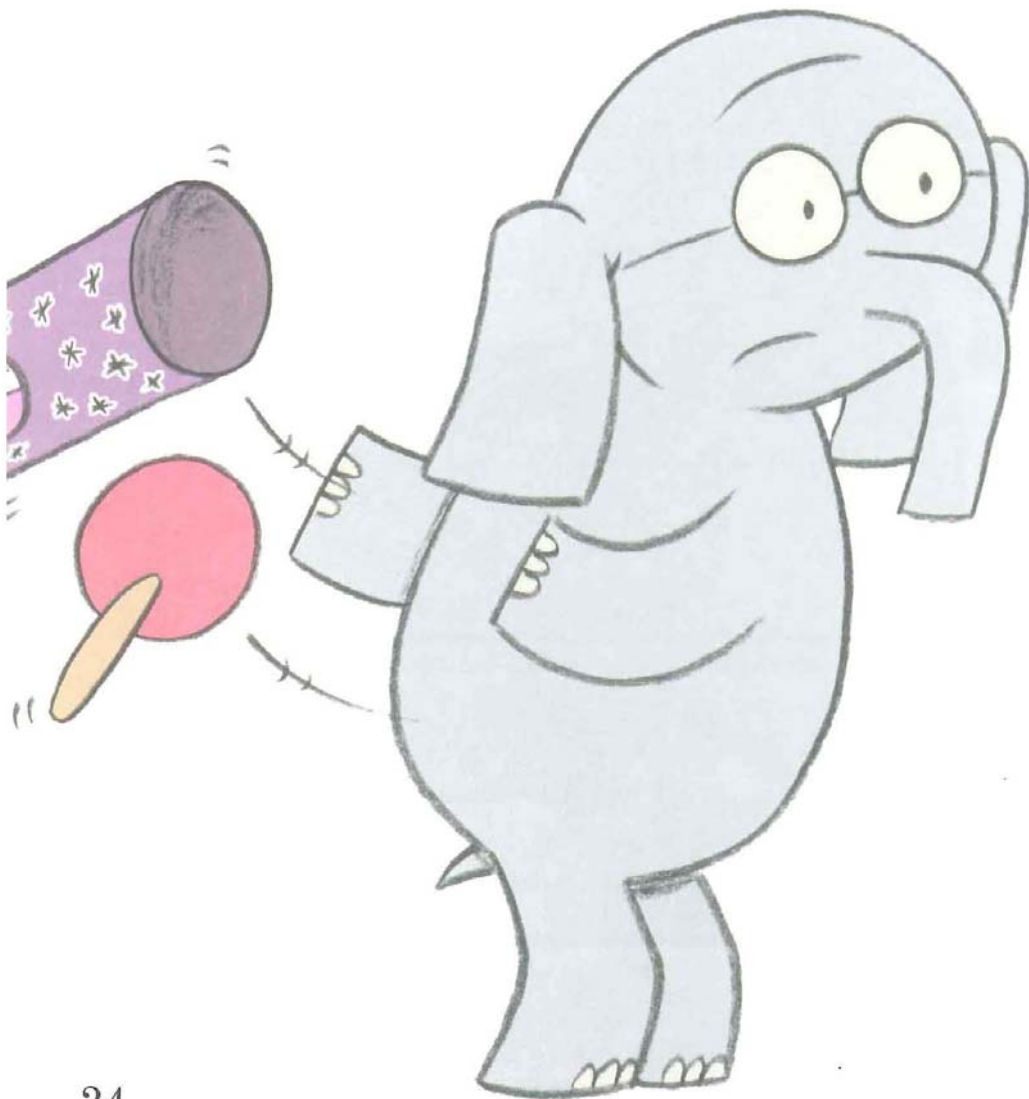




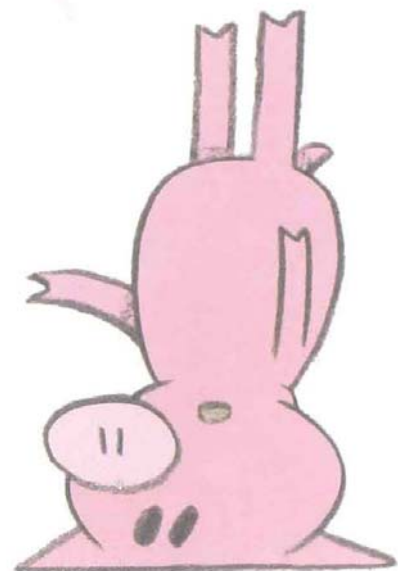


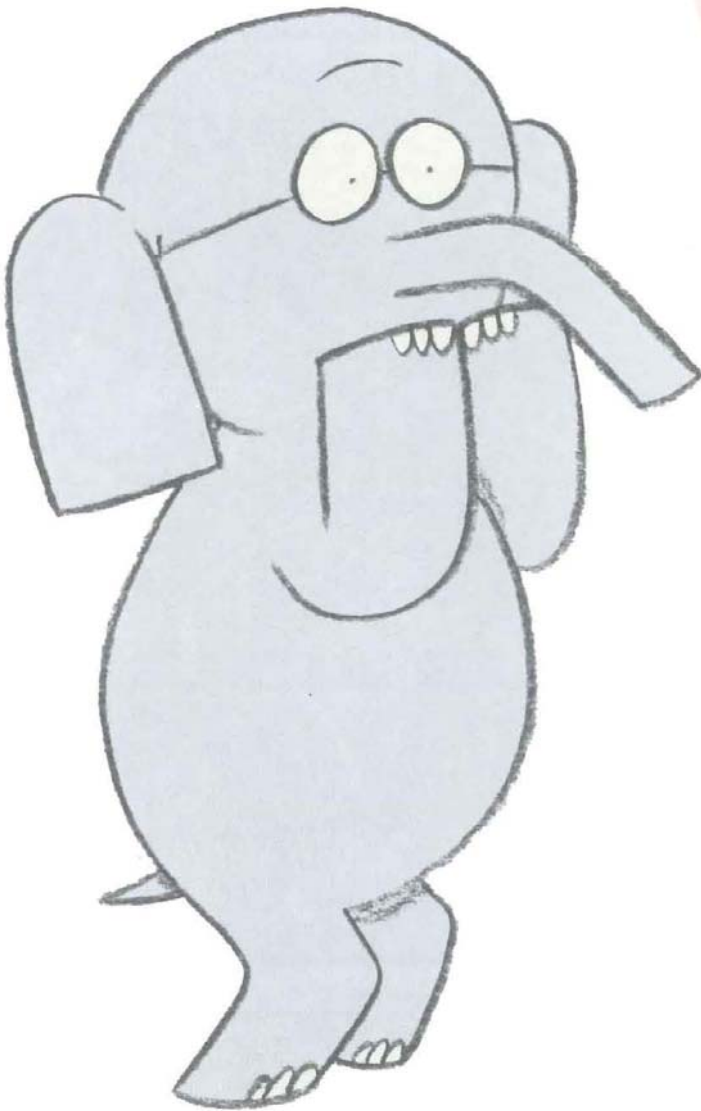
WHO WILL I  
SKIP AND  
PLAY PING-PONG  
IN A SILLY HAT  
WITH?!?!





I am sorry,  
Gerald.

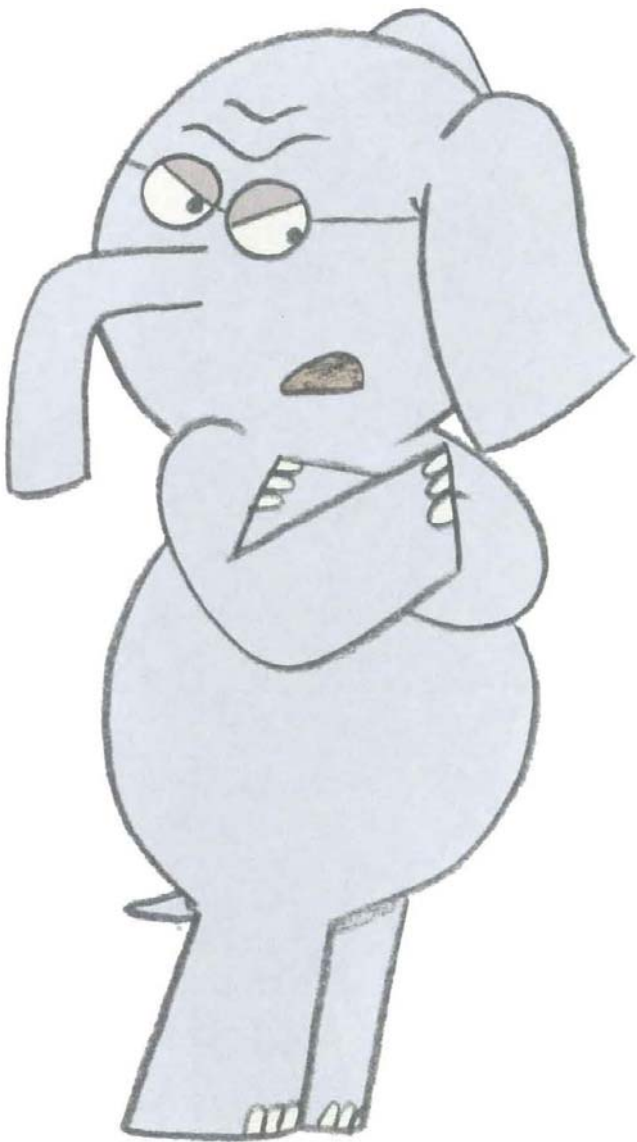




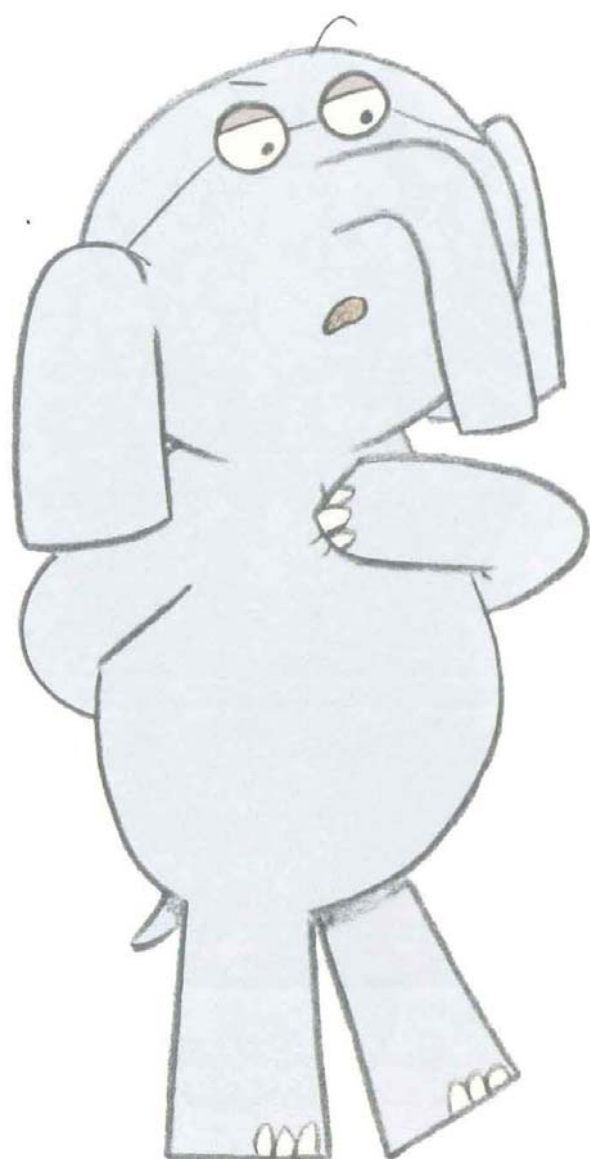
But, I am  
going.



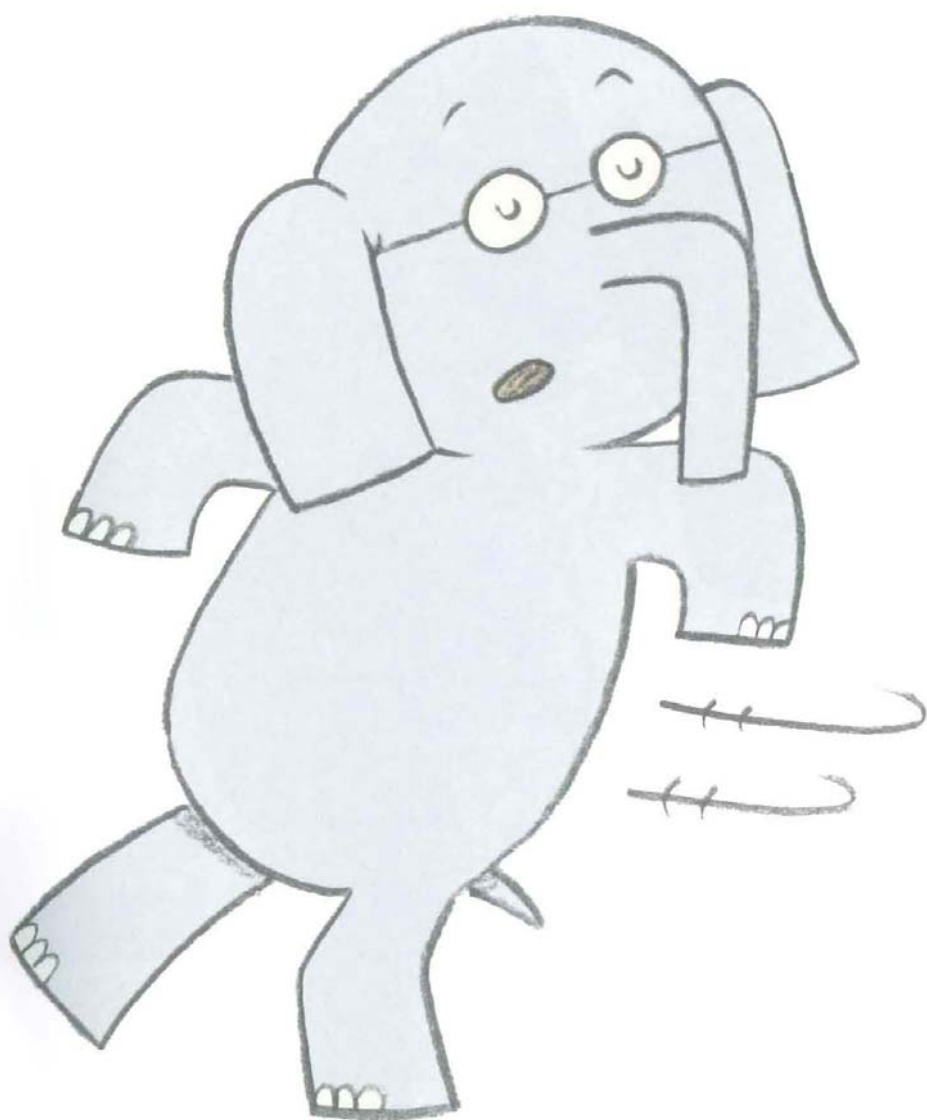
Fine.



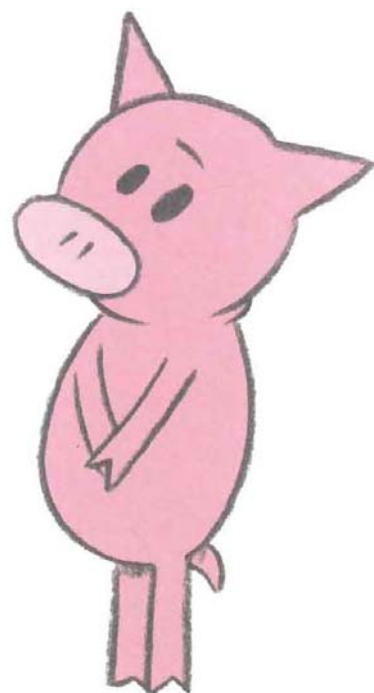
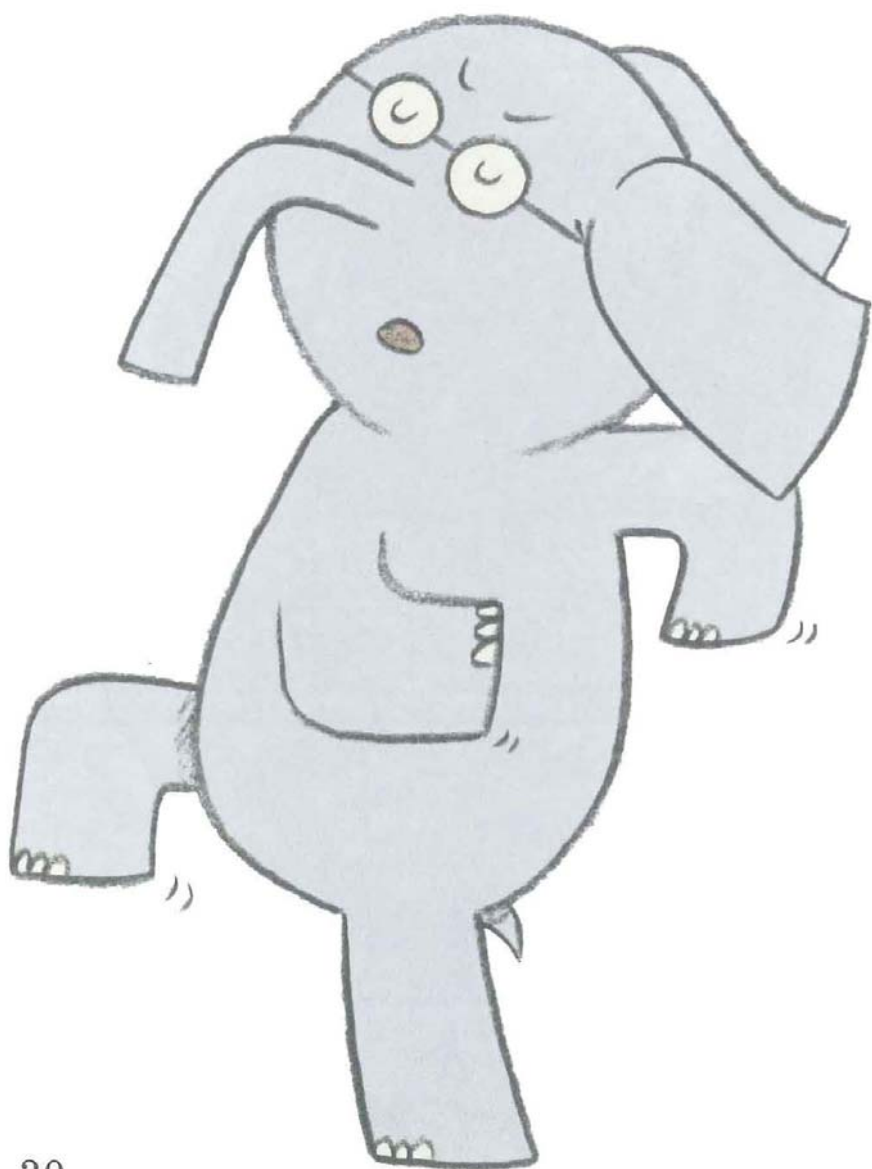
Then *I* will  
go, too!



Watch me go!

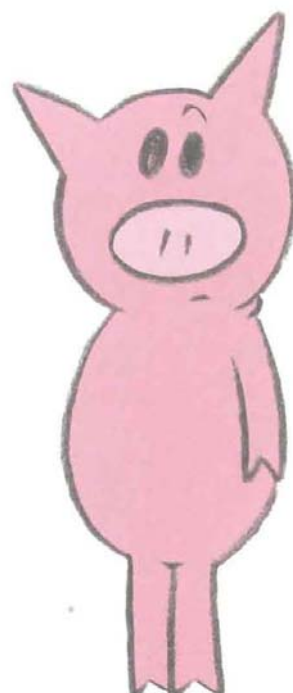
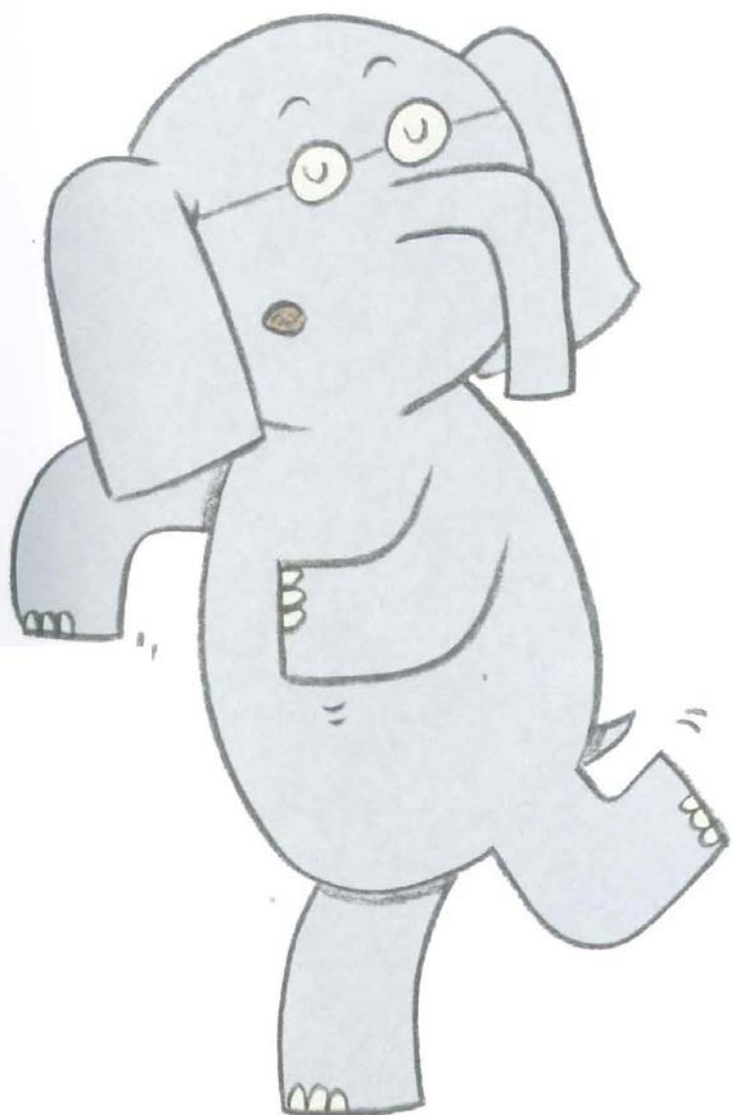


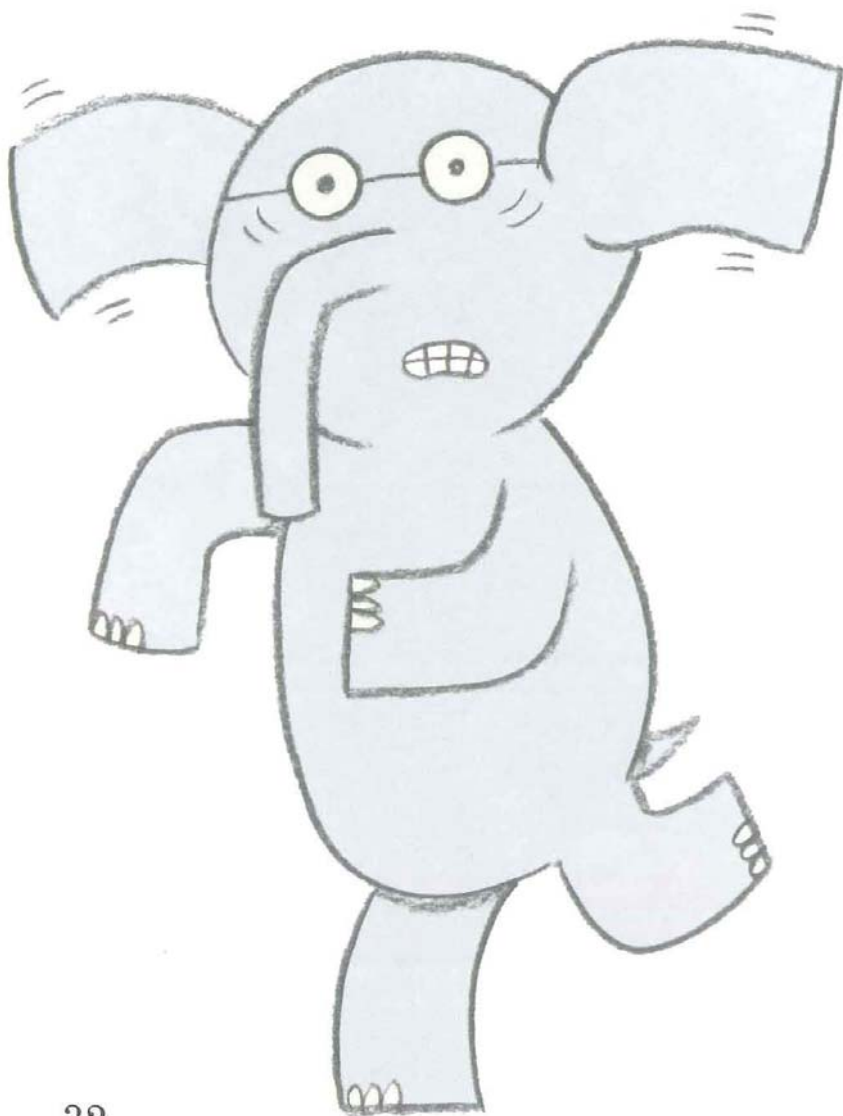
*I am going!*



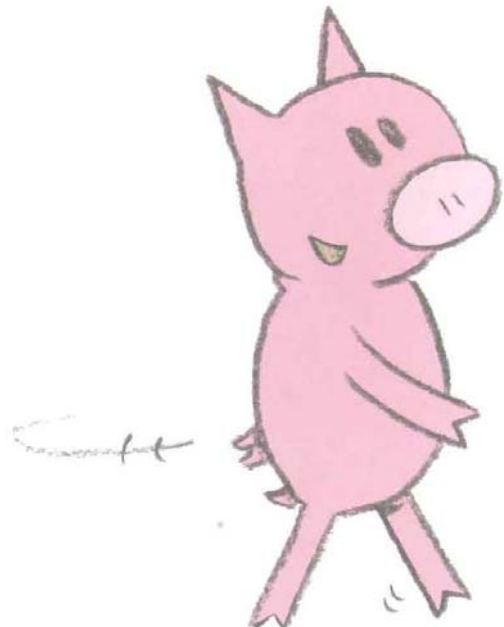


Look at me go!



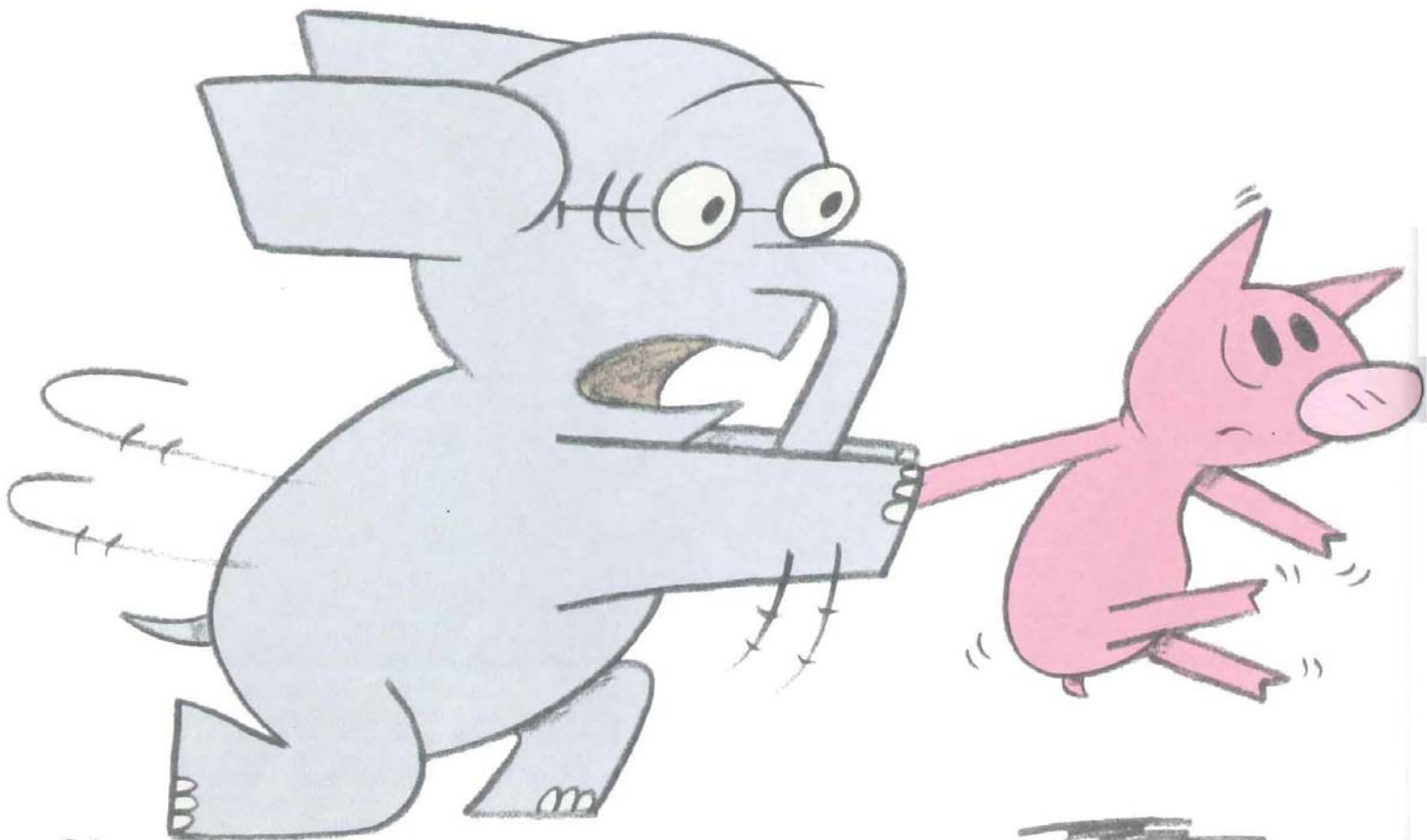


Have fun.

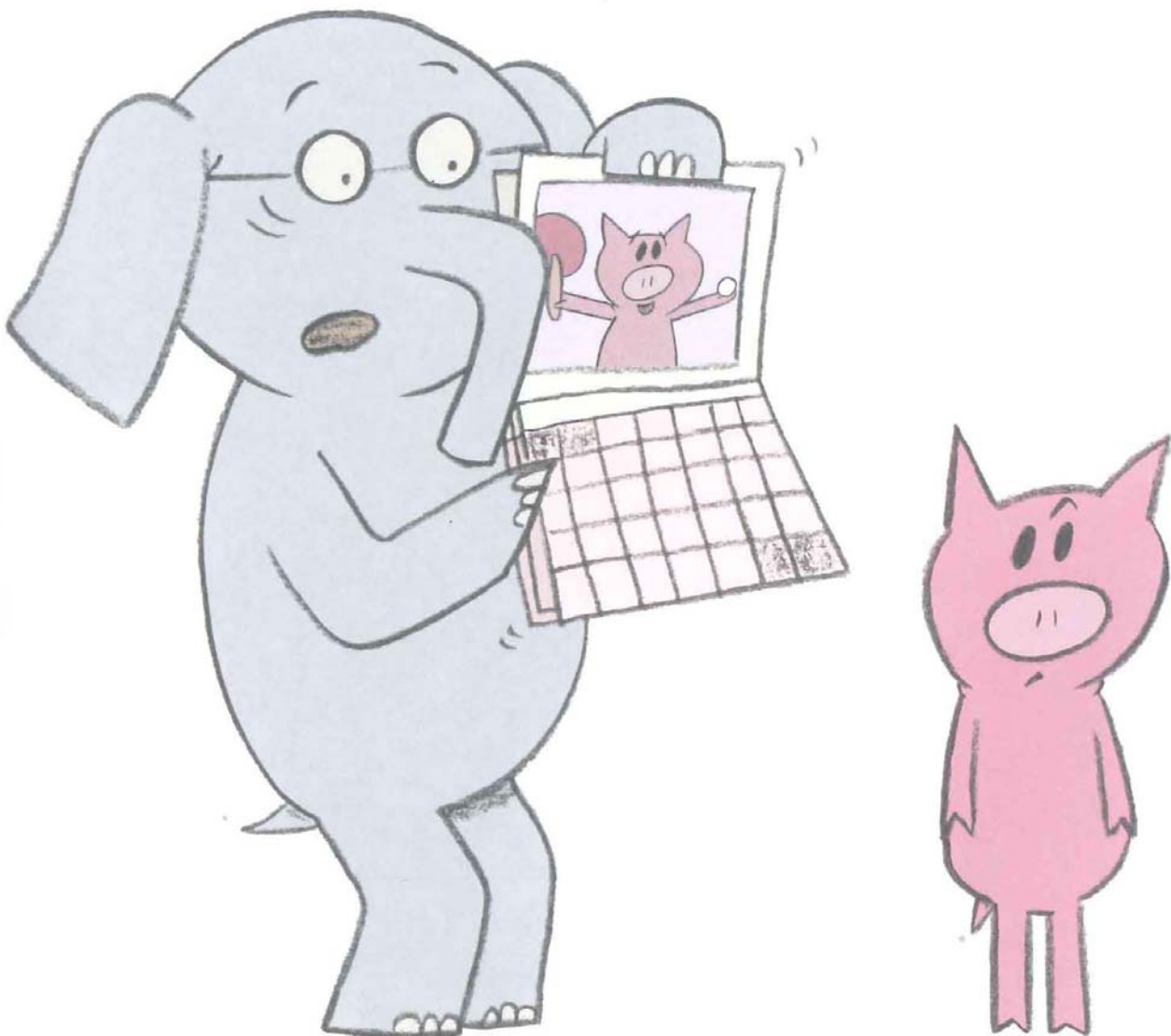


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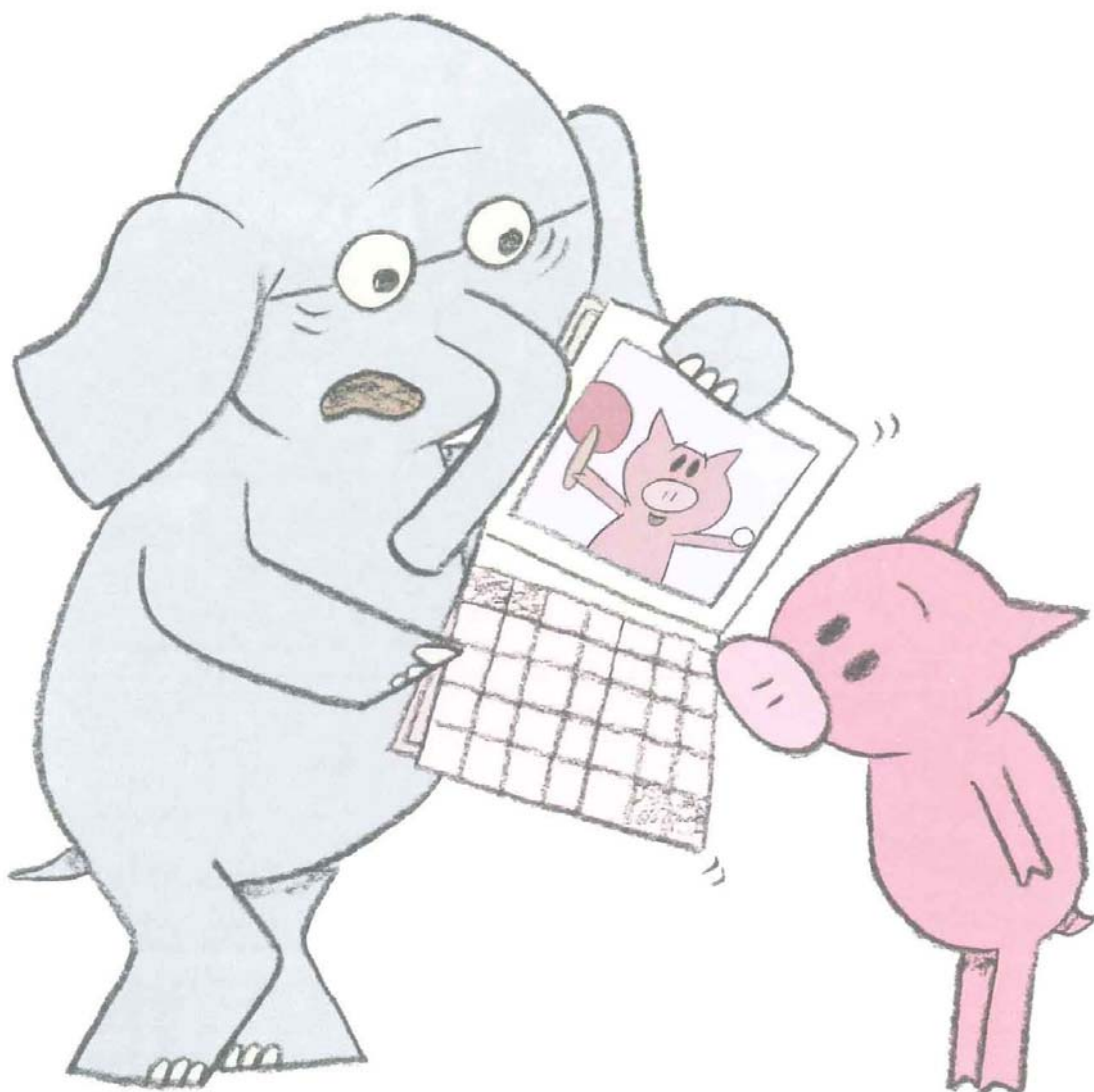
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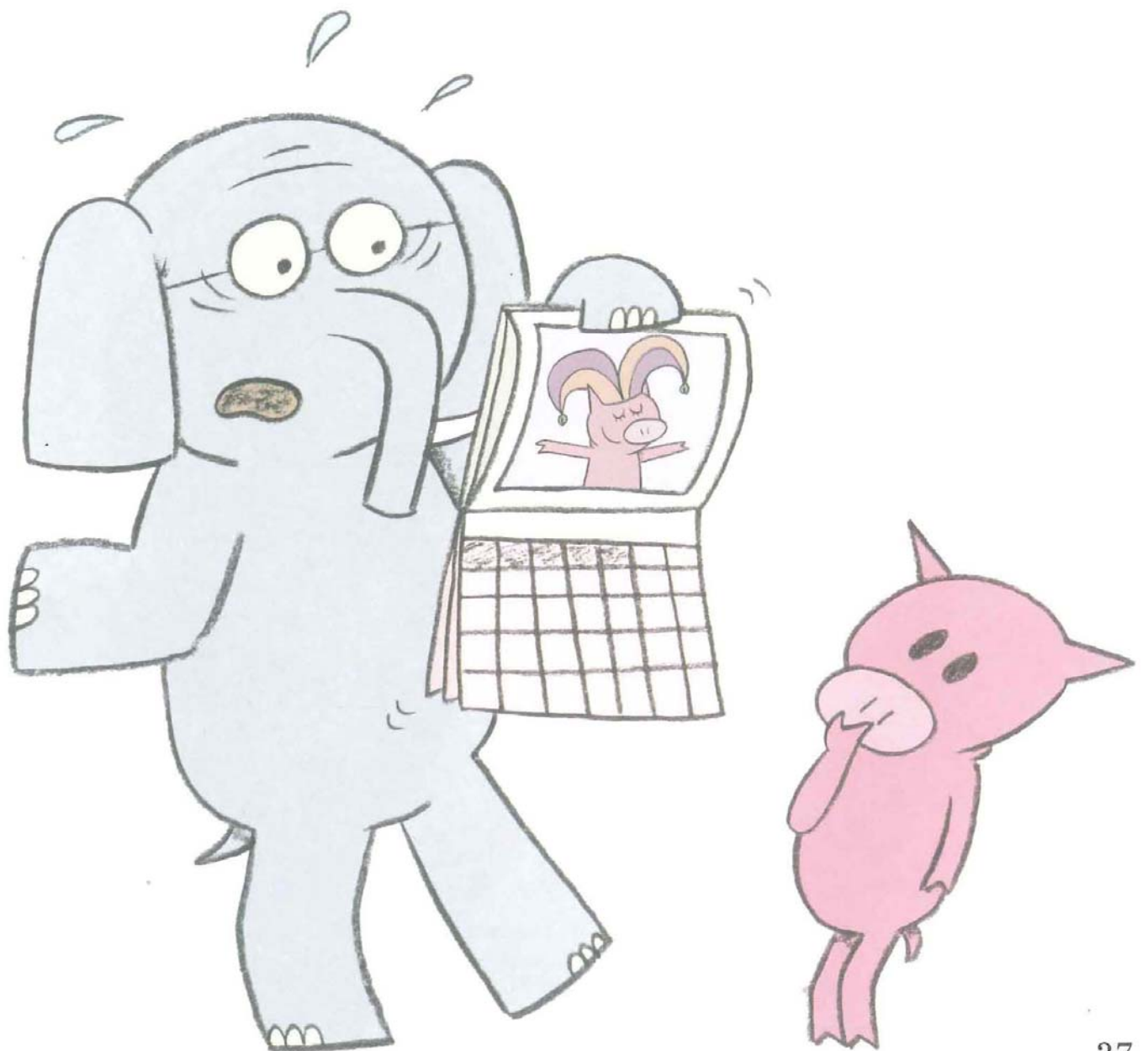
Go tomorrow!

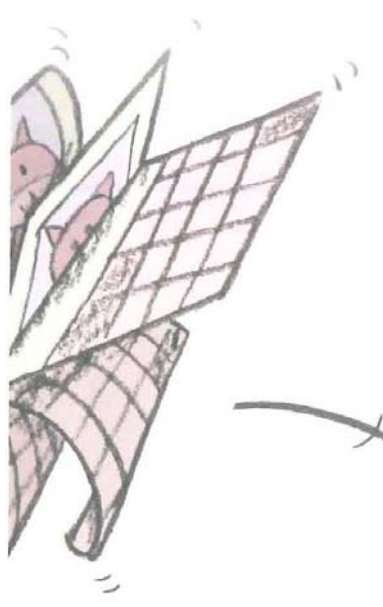


Go next week!

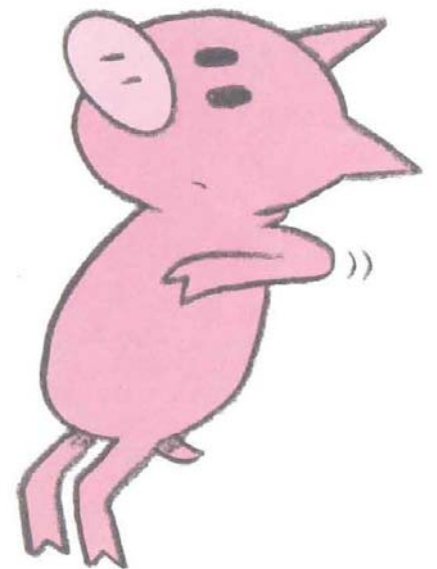
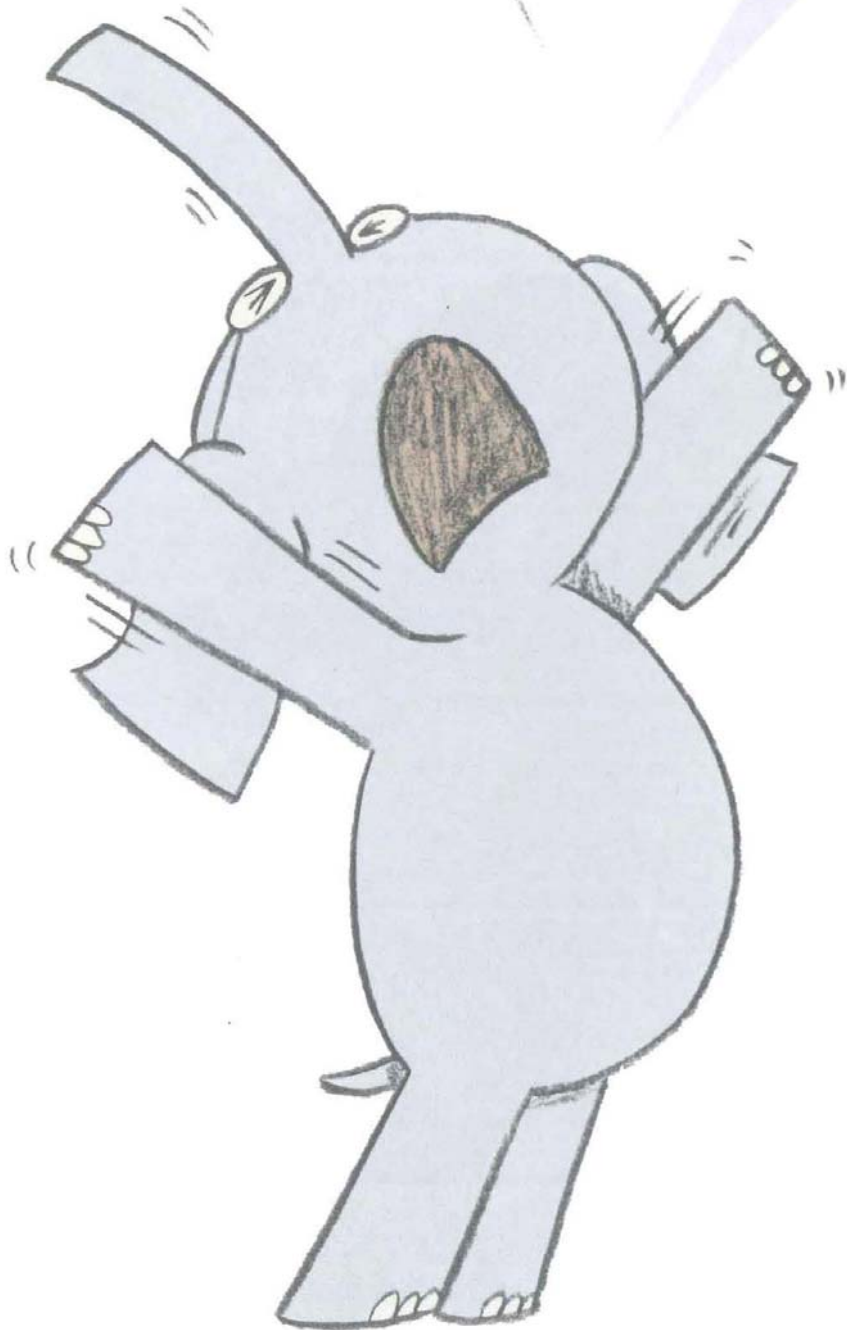


Go next month!



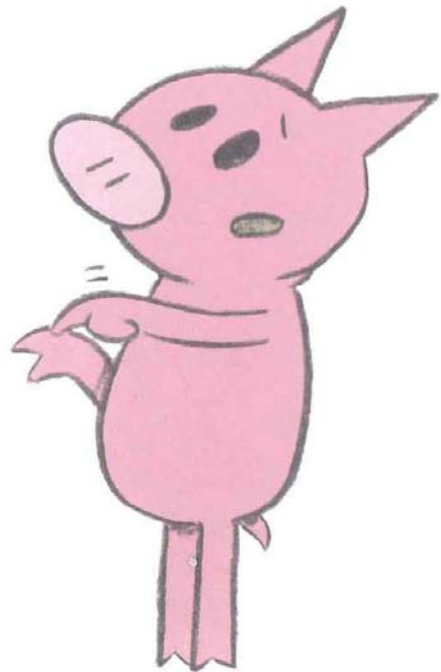
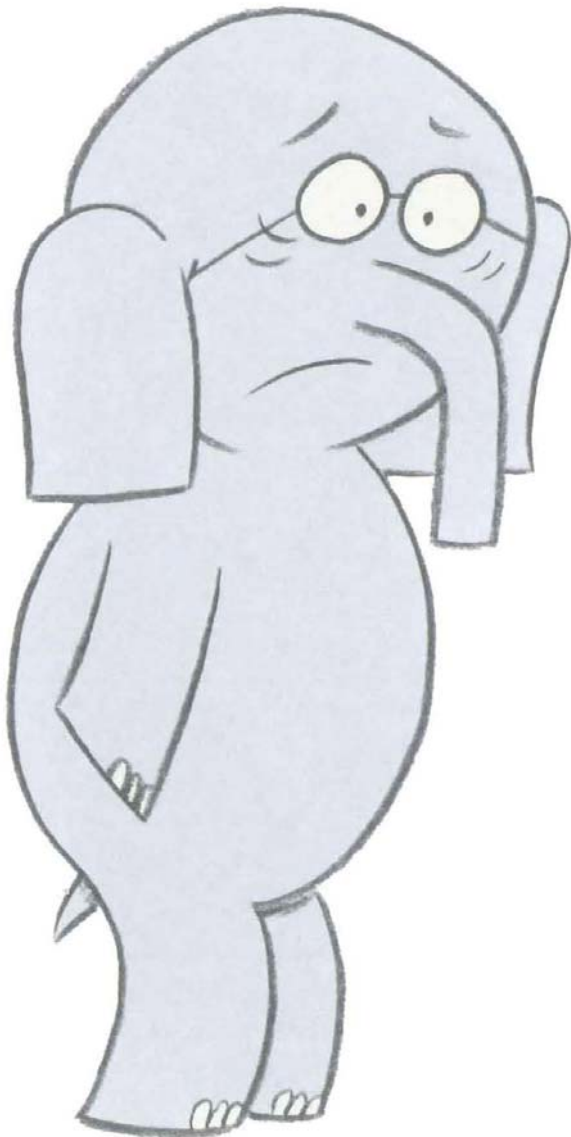


GO NEXT  
YEAR!!!

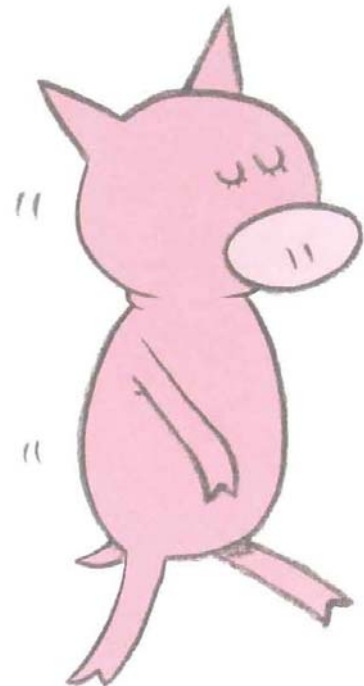




I am  
going now.



NOW!?!!



*Why,  
Piggie?*



Why?

Why?

*Why?*

*Why?*

Why?

Why?

*Why?*

*Why?*

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Why?

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Why?

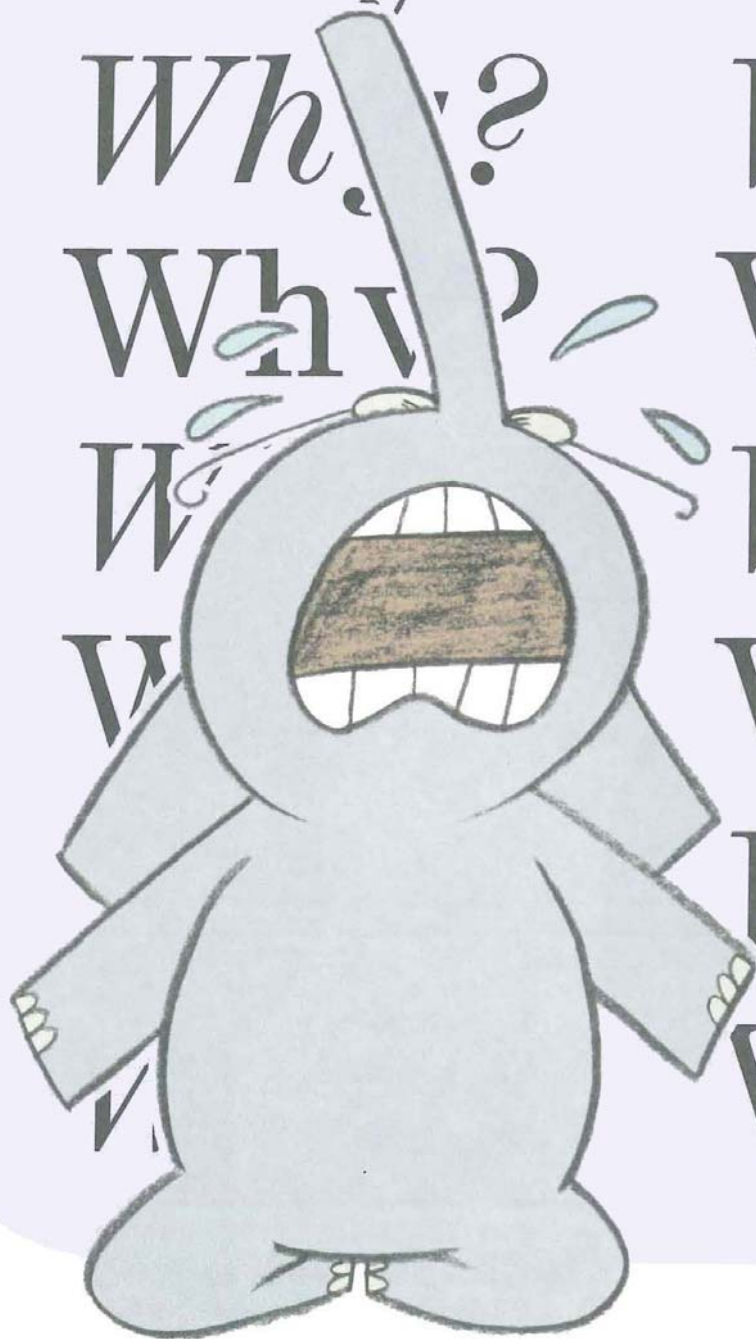
Why?

*Why?*

*Why?*

Why?

Why?



Why?

*Why?*

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Why?

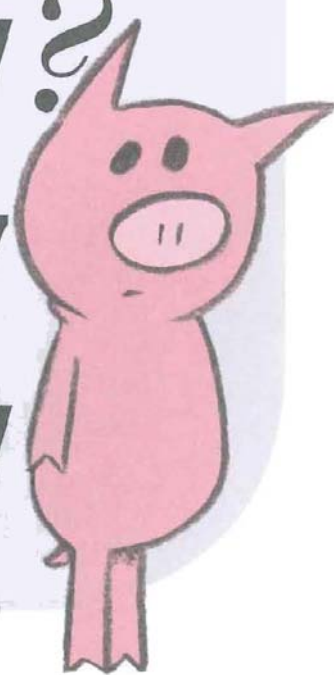
*Why?*

*Why?*

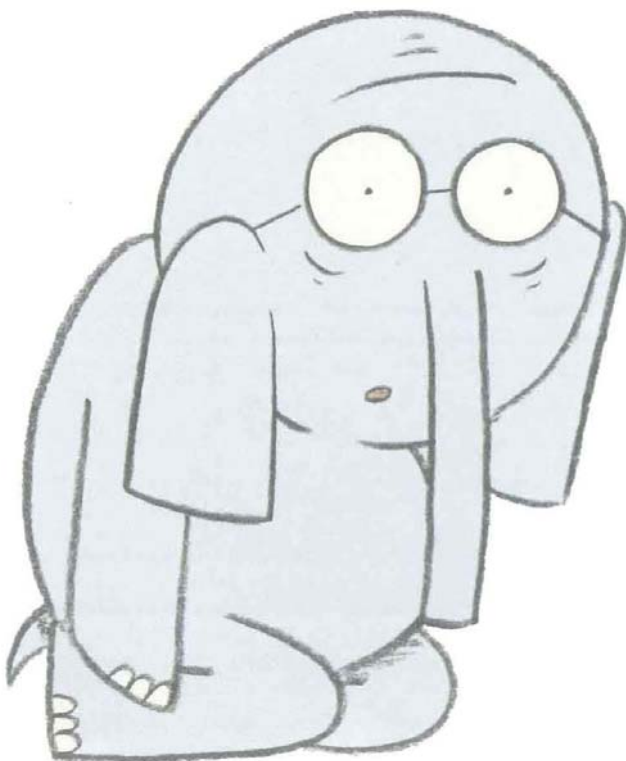
Why?

Why?

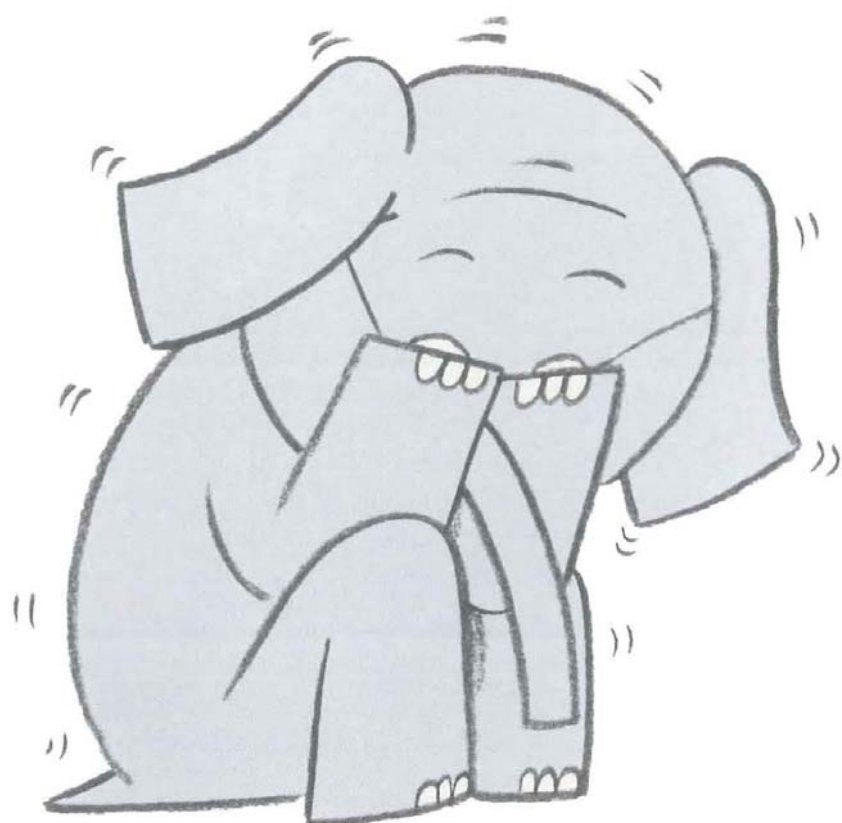
*Why?*



*Why?*

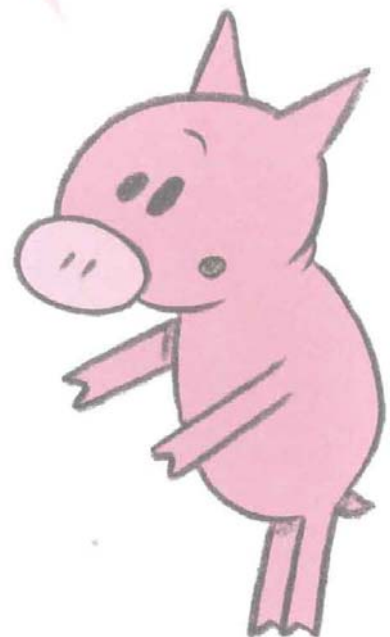




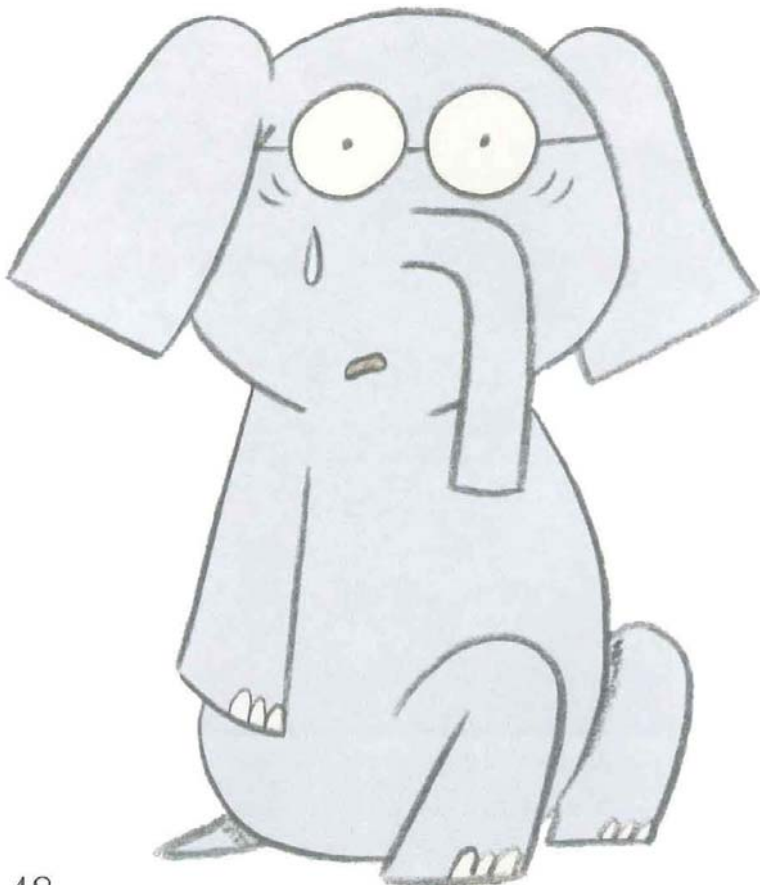




It is lunchtime,  
Gerald.



Lunchtime?

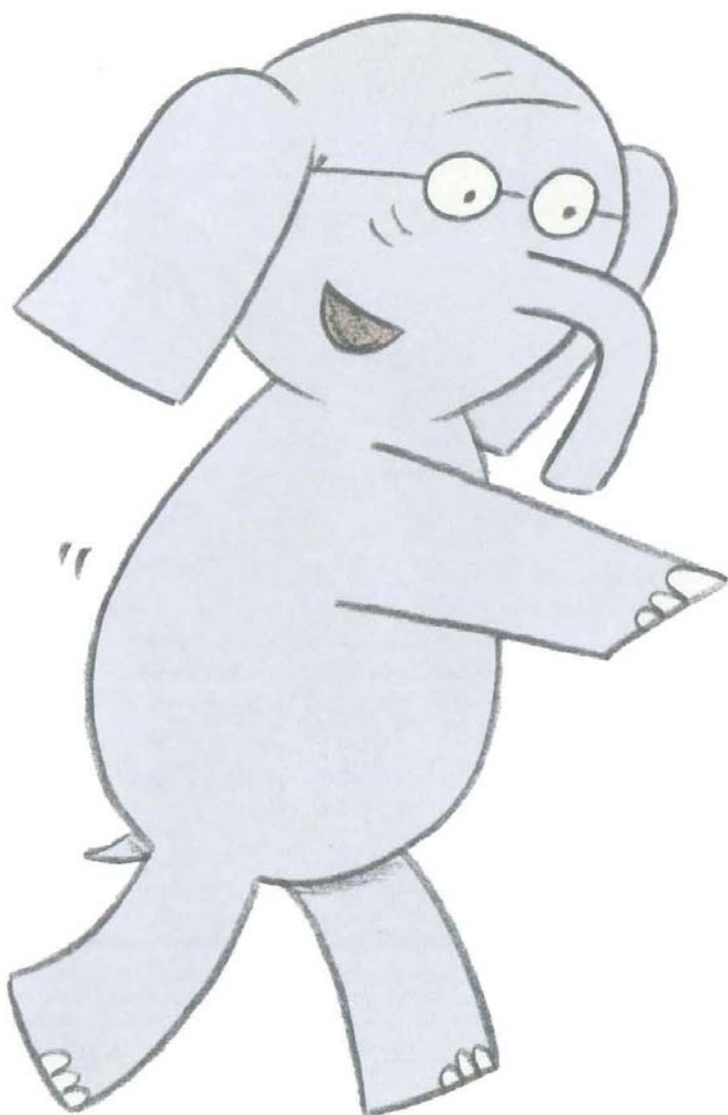


I am going to  
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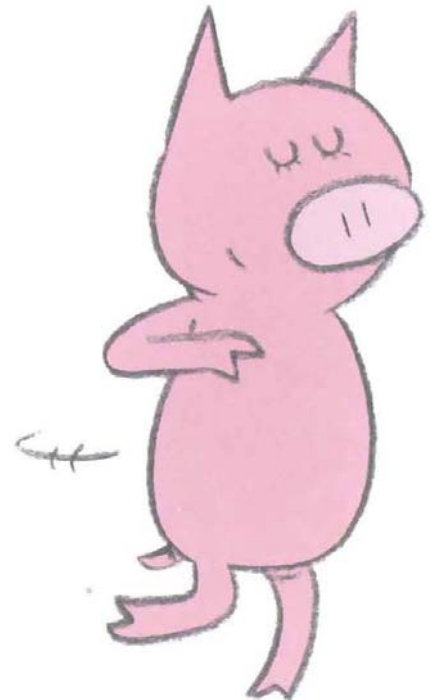
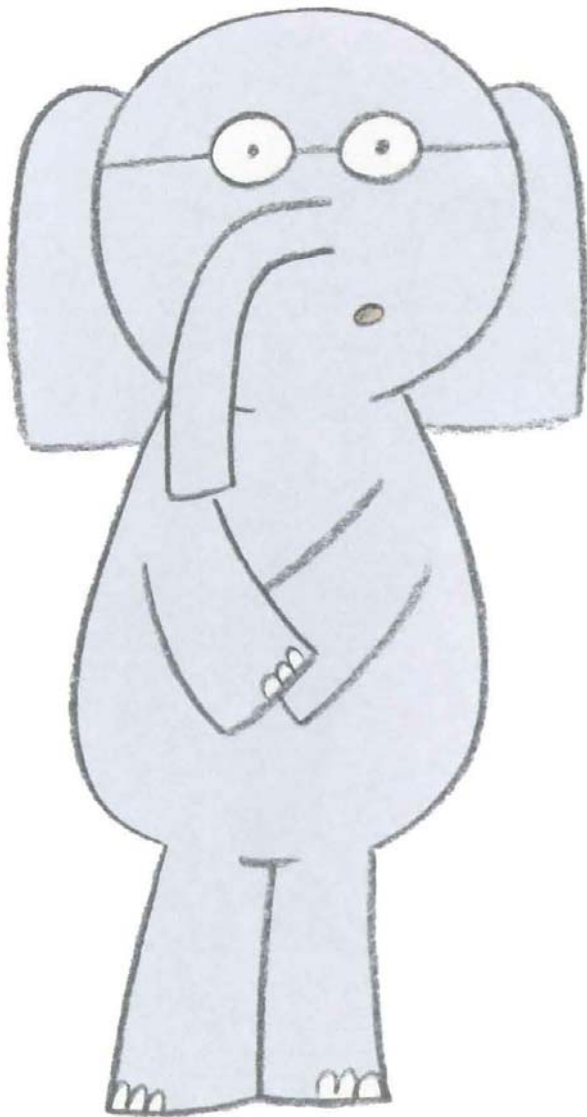


You are going  
to eat lunch?

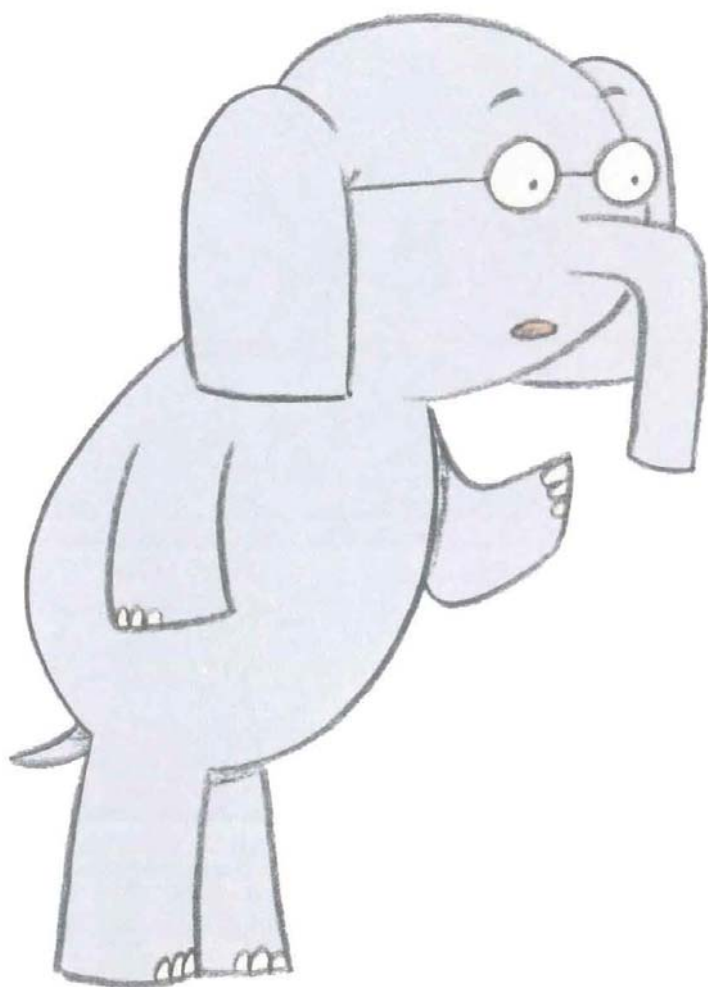
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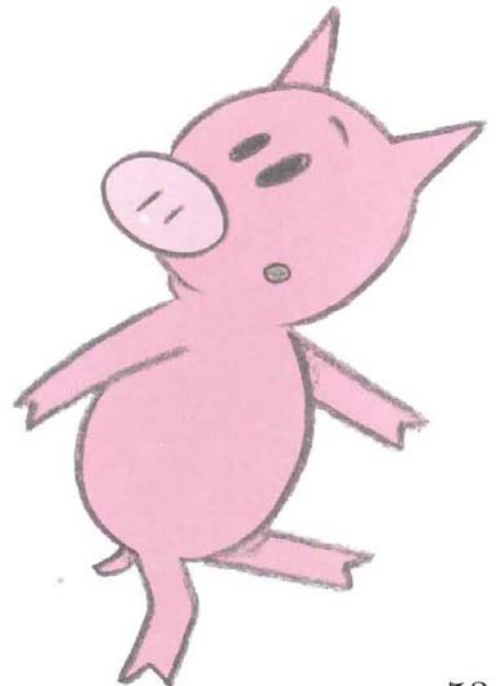
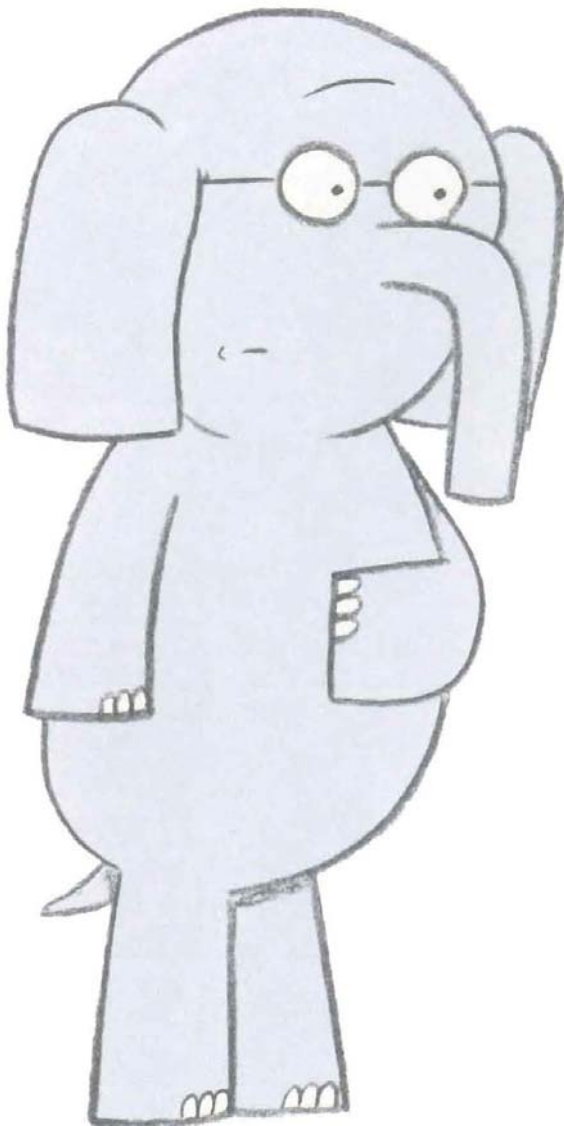
Oh.



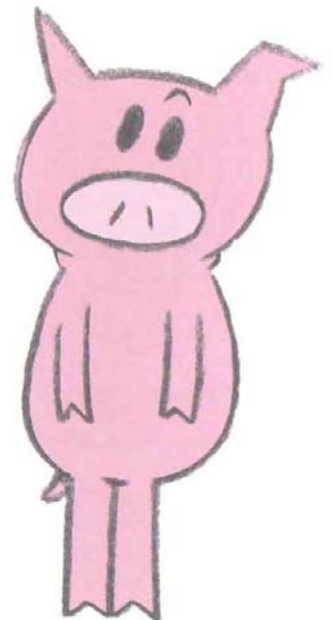
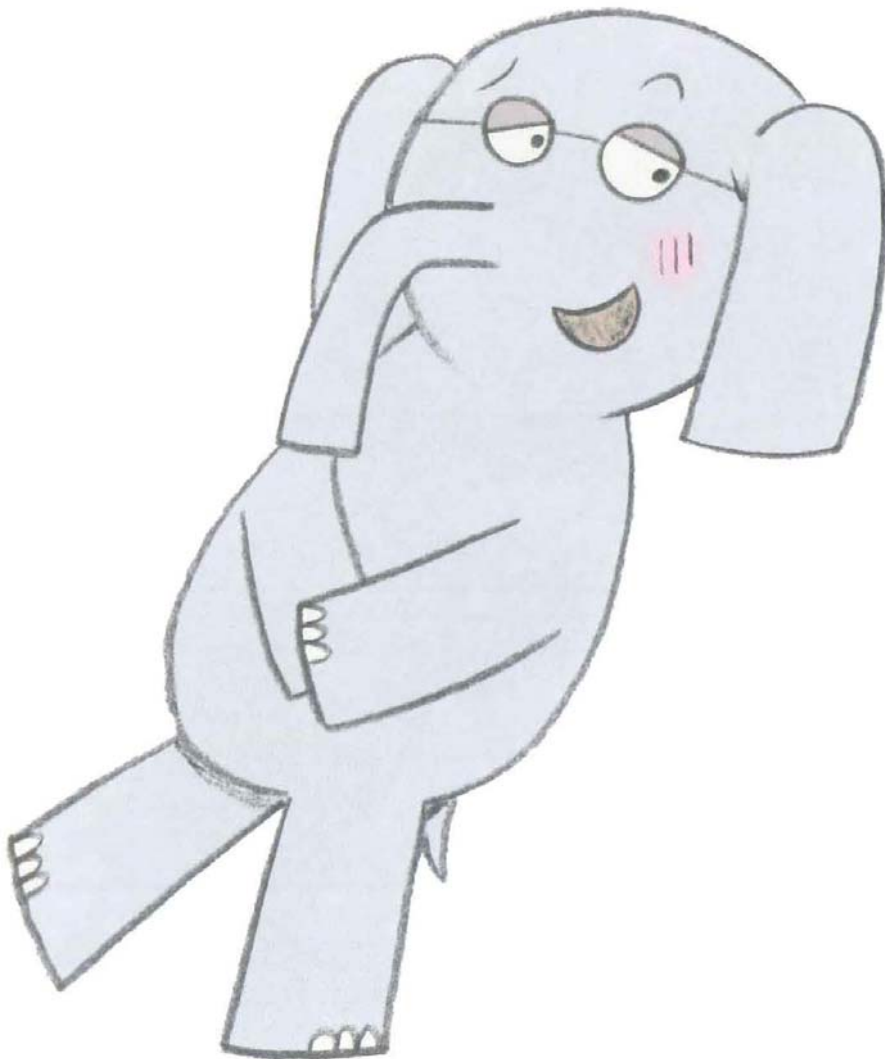
Piggie?



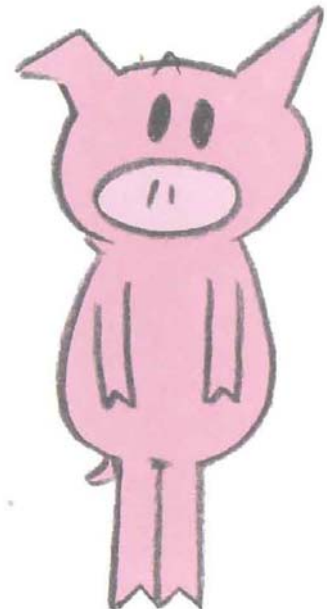
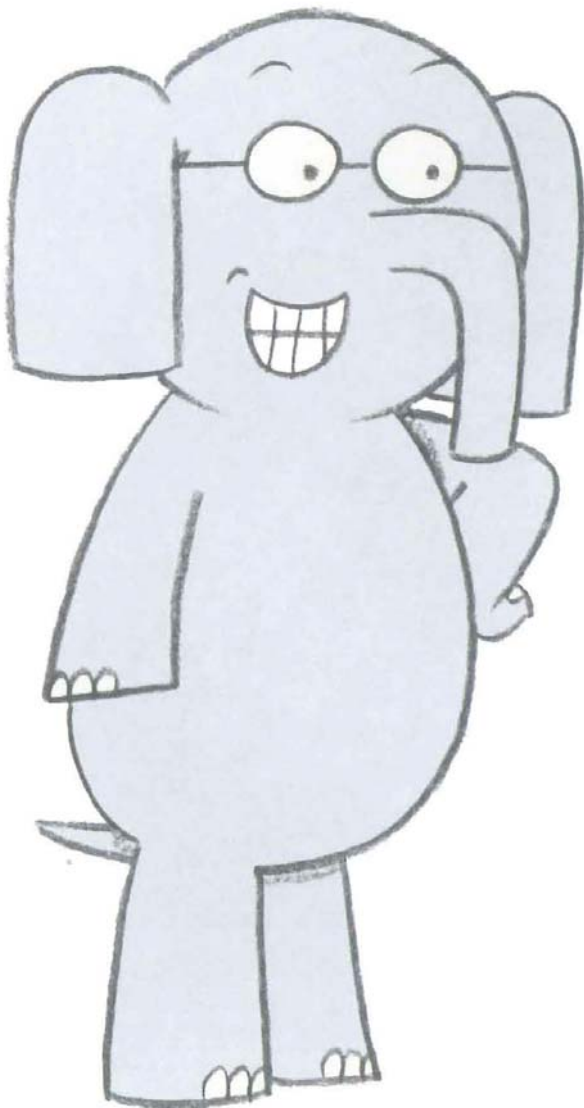
Yes,  
Gerald?



Is it a  
*big* lunch?



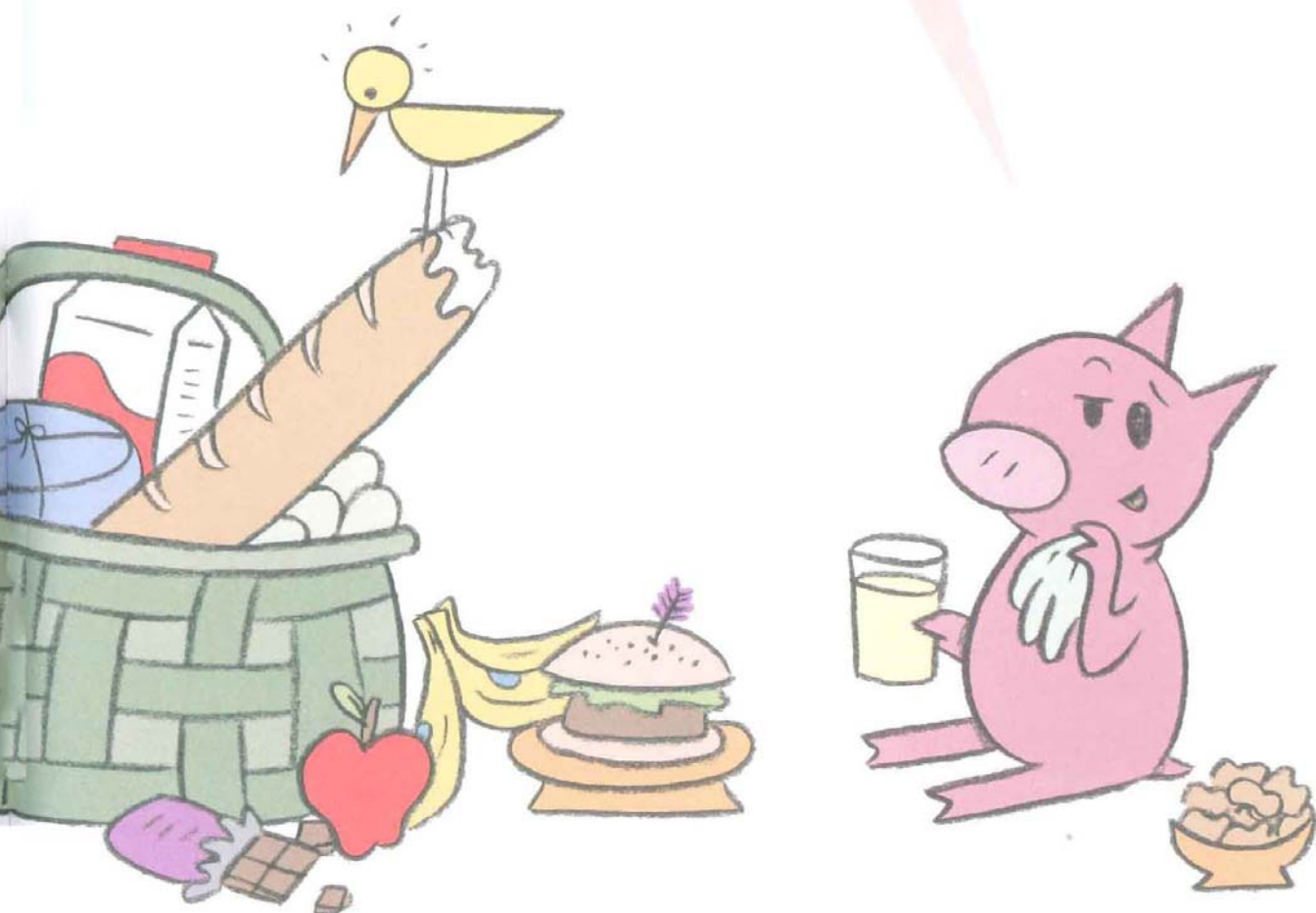




This is a  
good day.



Just like  
yesterday...



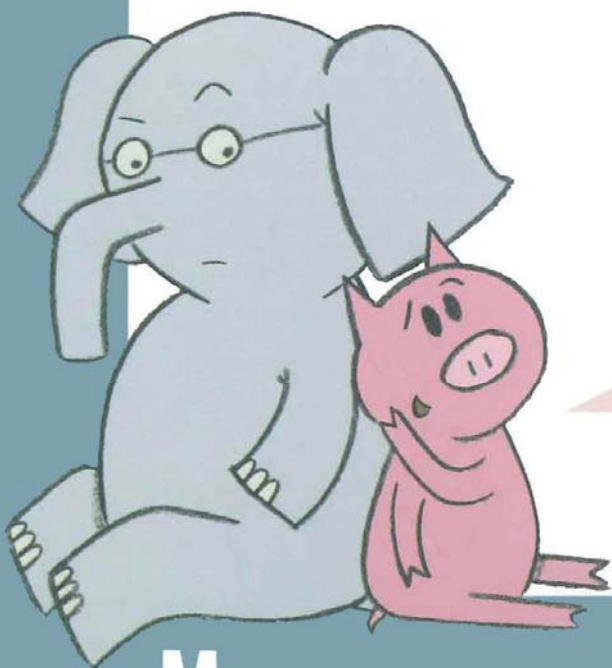
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