The Lion Who Wouldn't Try

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Level 2

It was a sunny day in the jungle.

All the animals were out playing.

“Come play with me, Lion,” said Cheetah. “Catch me if you can!”

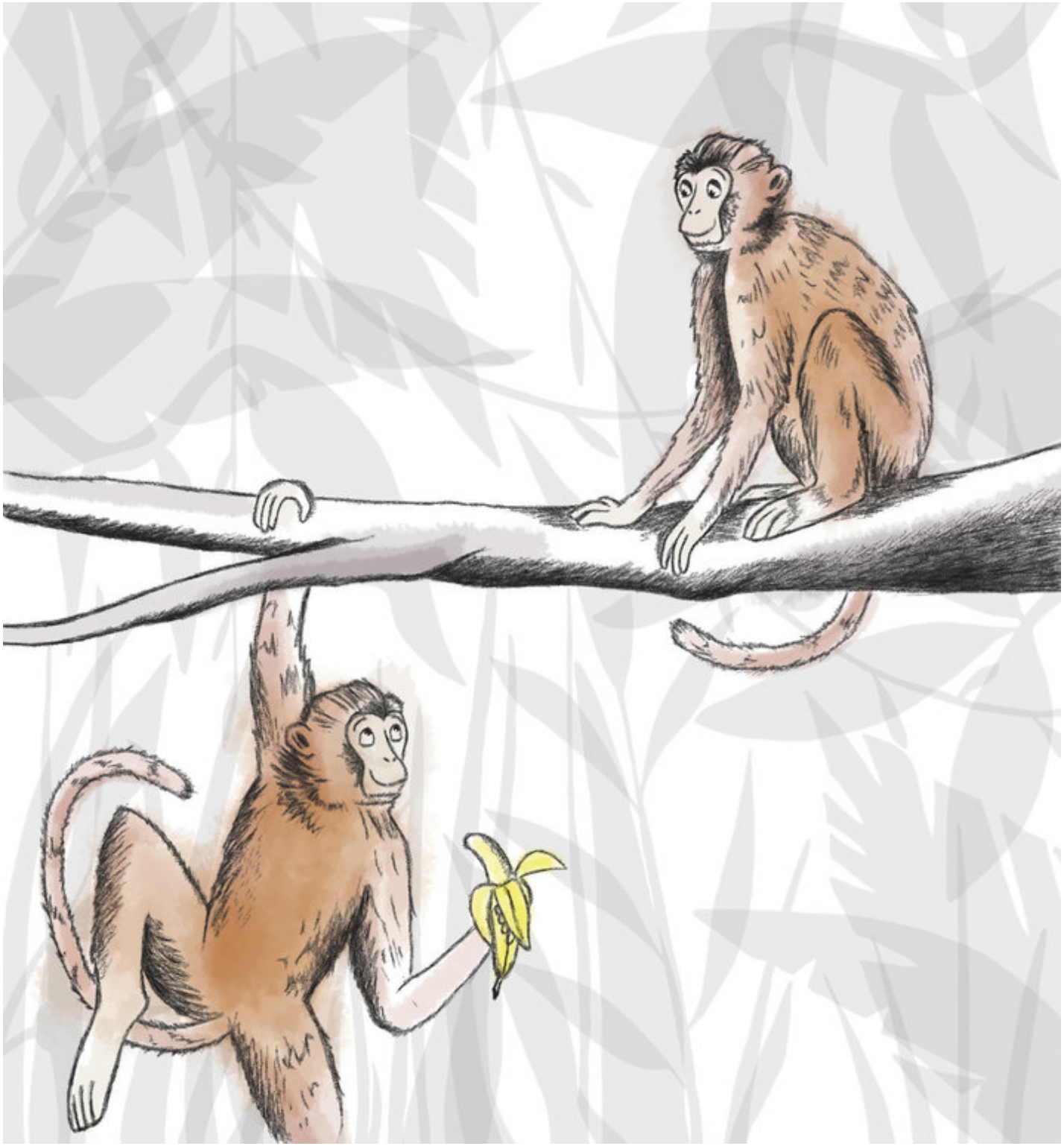
ZOOM-ZOOM! went Cheetah.

“I don’t want to play,” said Lion. “I’ll lose.”

“Come play with me, Lion,” said Elephant. “We can throw rocks!

”KA-POW! KA-POW! went Elephant.

“I don’t want to play,” said Lion. “I’ll lose.”



“Come play with us, Lion!” said the monkeys. “Who can eat the most bananas?”

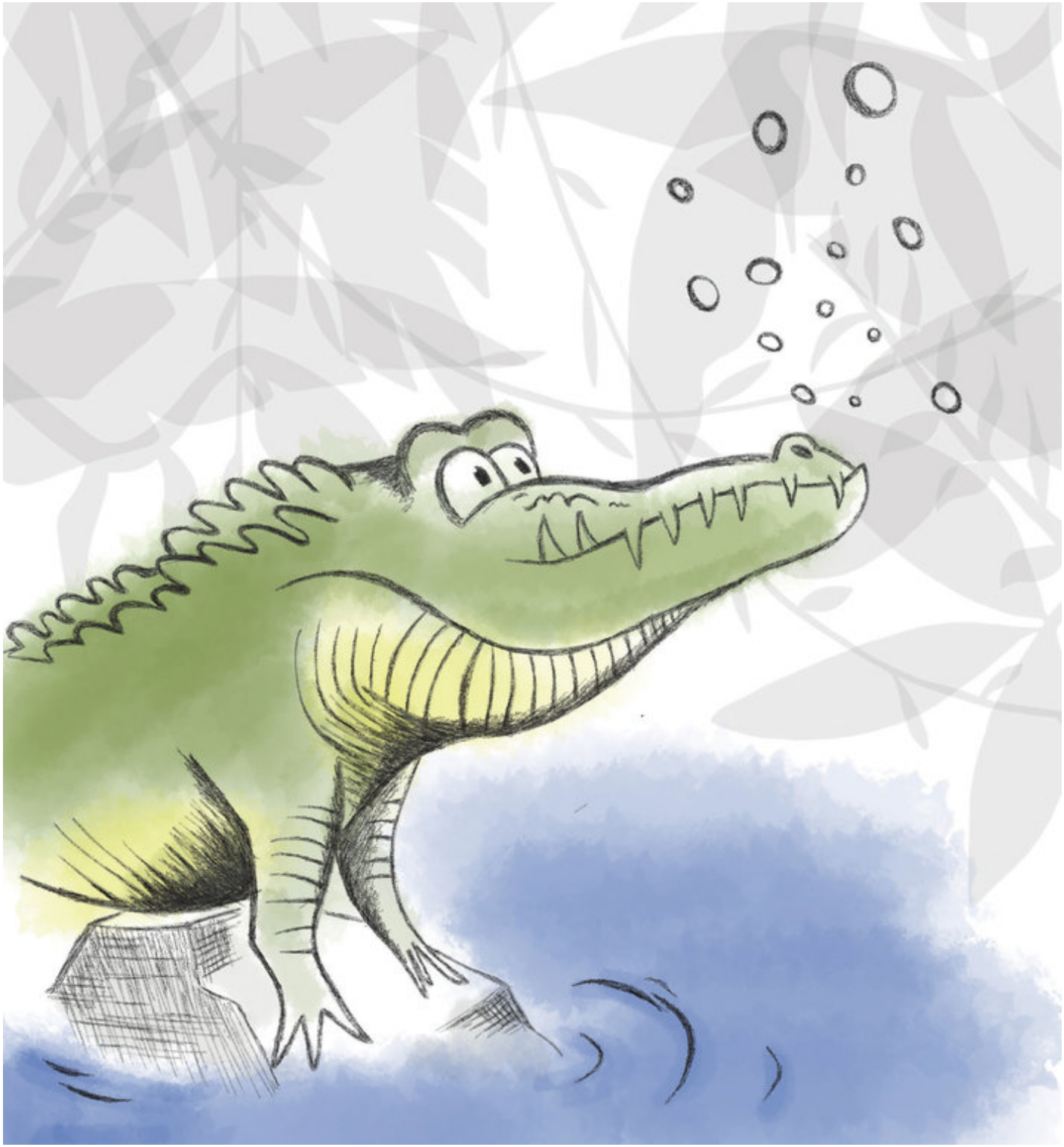
POP! POP! POP! went the monkeys.

“I don’t want to play,” said Lion. “I’ll lose.”

“Come play with me, Lion," said Springbok. “Let’s jump high!”

ZOOP! ZOOP! ZOOP! went Springbok.

“I don’t want to play,” said Lion. “I’ll lose.”



“Come play with me, Lion,” said Crocodile. “It’s a swimming competition!”

SPLASH! SPLASH! went Crocodile.

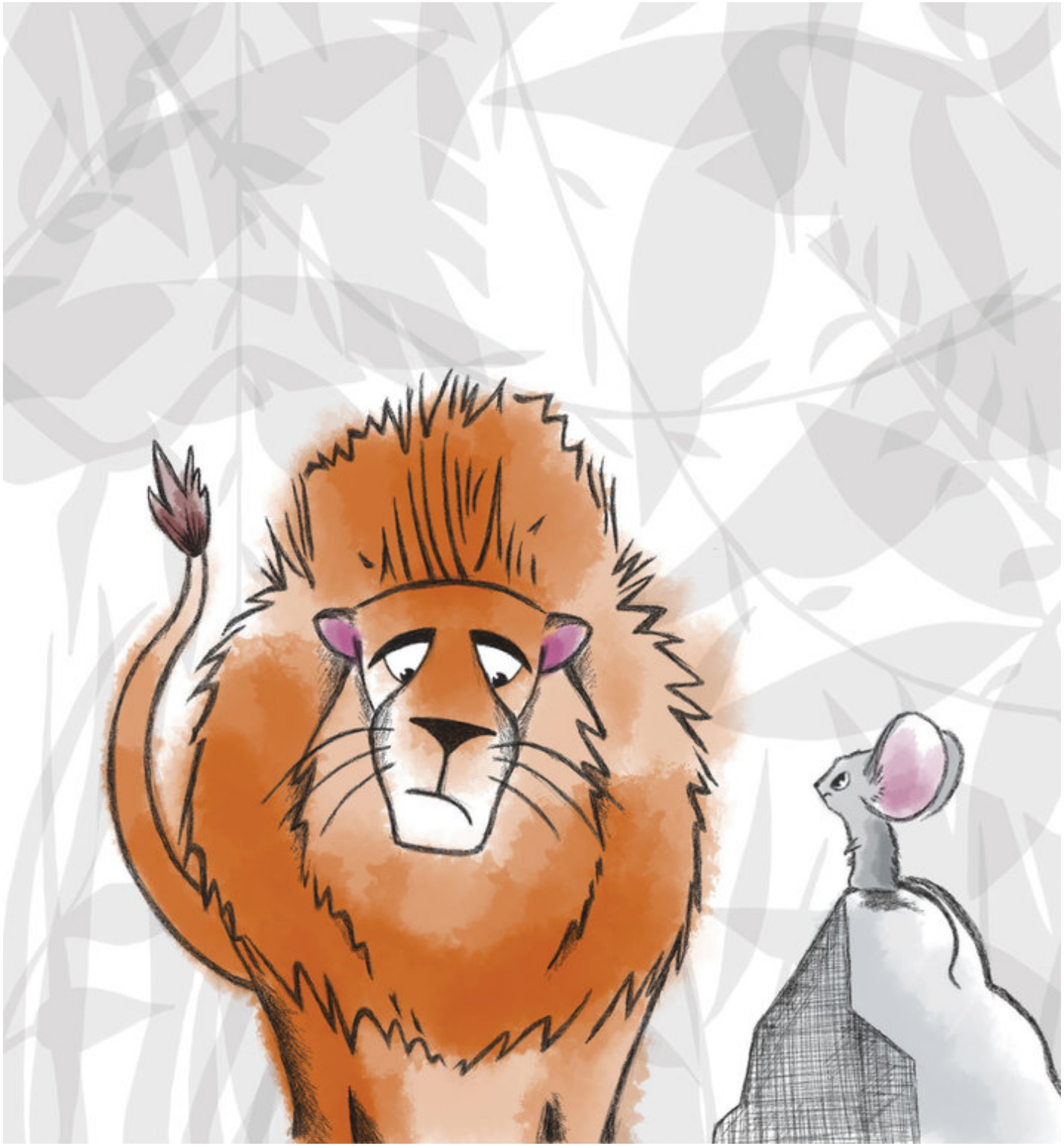
“I don’t want to play,” said Lion. “I’ll lose.”

Elephant and Crocodile had
the swimming competition without Lion.

Crocodile was quicker than Elephant, but each time Crocodile got ahead, Elephant tickled him!

TEE-HEE-HEE! went Elephant and Crocodile.

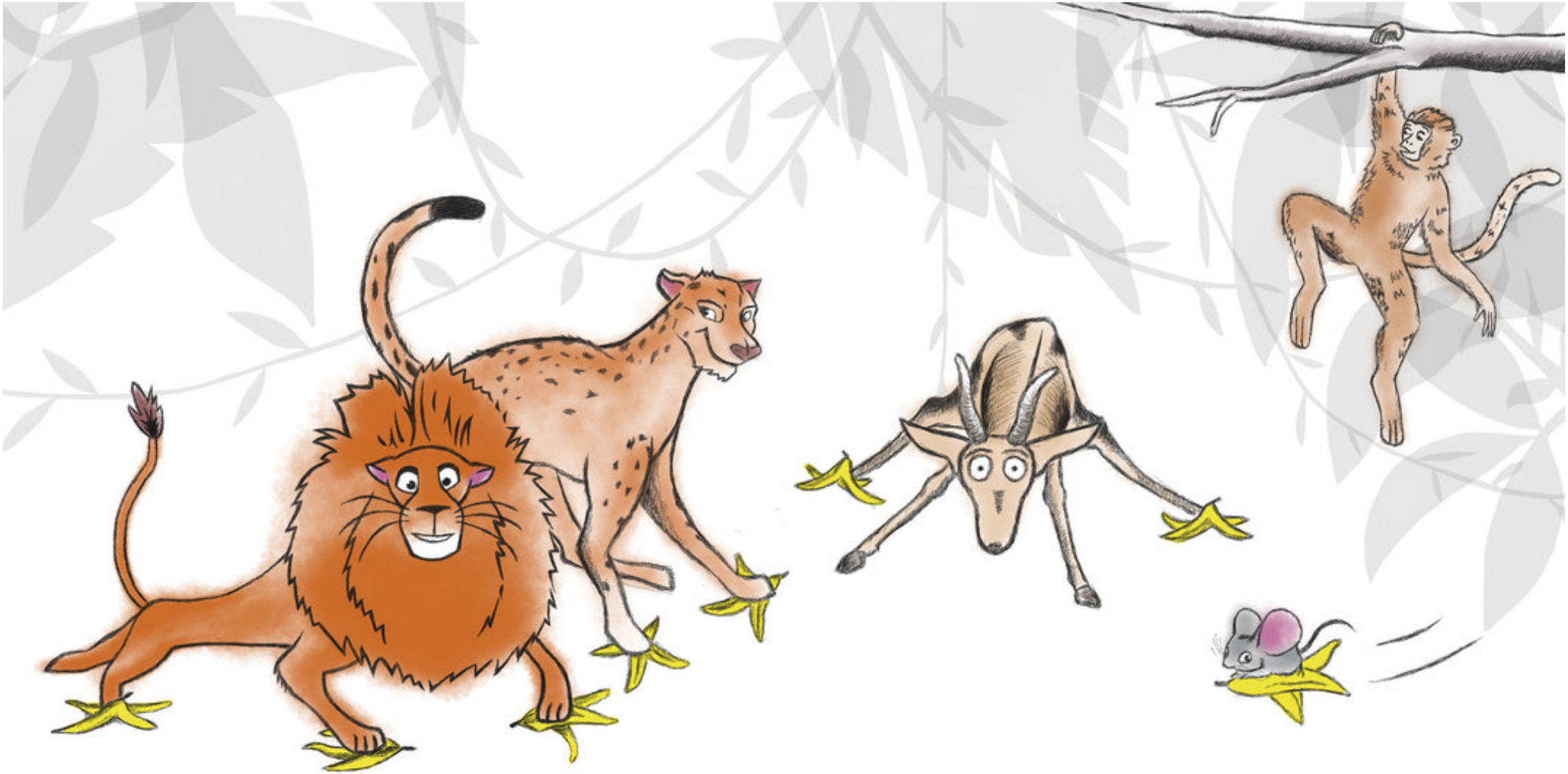
Lion sat sadly by himself, watching Crocodile and Elephant swim.



“Why are you sad, Lion?” asked Mouse.

“Because I don't want to play,” said Lion. “I'll lose."

Lion slipped on a banana peel!
WHEEEEEE! went Lion.



“That looks like fun!” said all the other animals.
Lion played, and he was happy.

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(English)

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This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.

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