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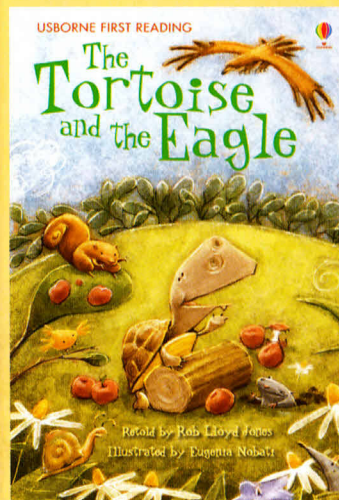
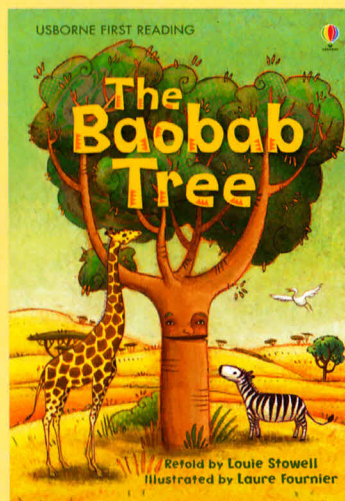
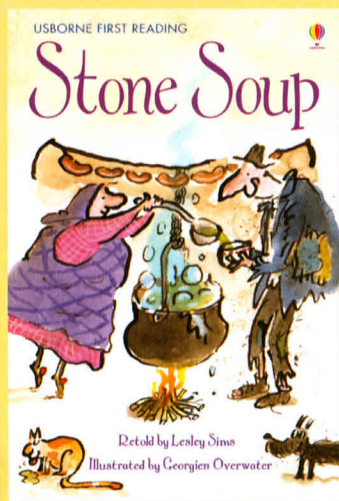
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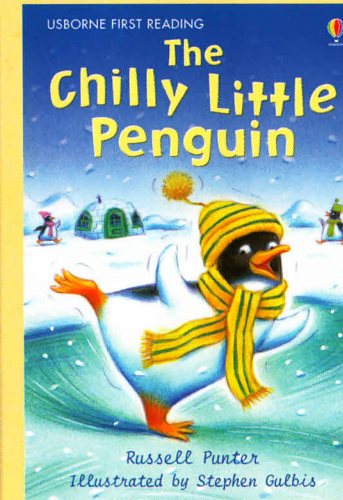
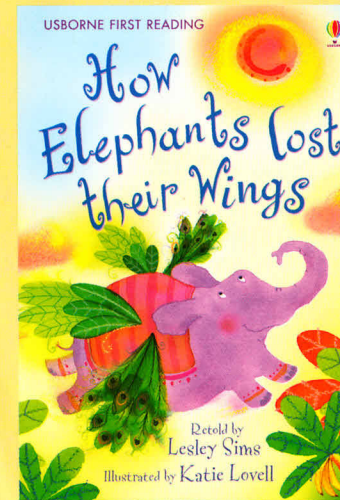
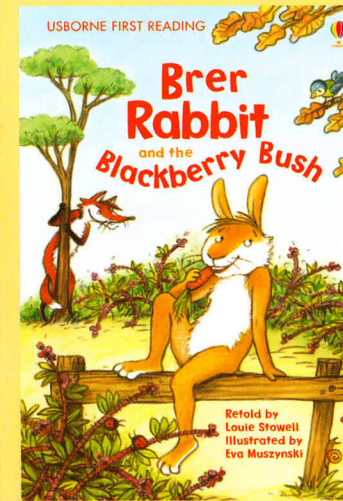
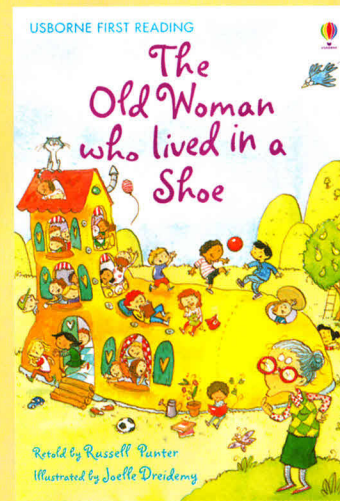
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How Zebras Got Their Stripes

A tale from Africa

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This story is about

a greedy
baboon,

a pond,



a giraffe,

an elephant

and the
very first
zebra.

Long ago, there was a
greedy baboon.



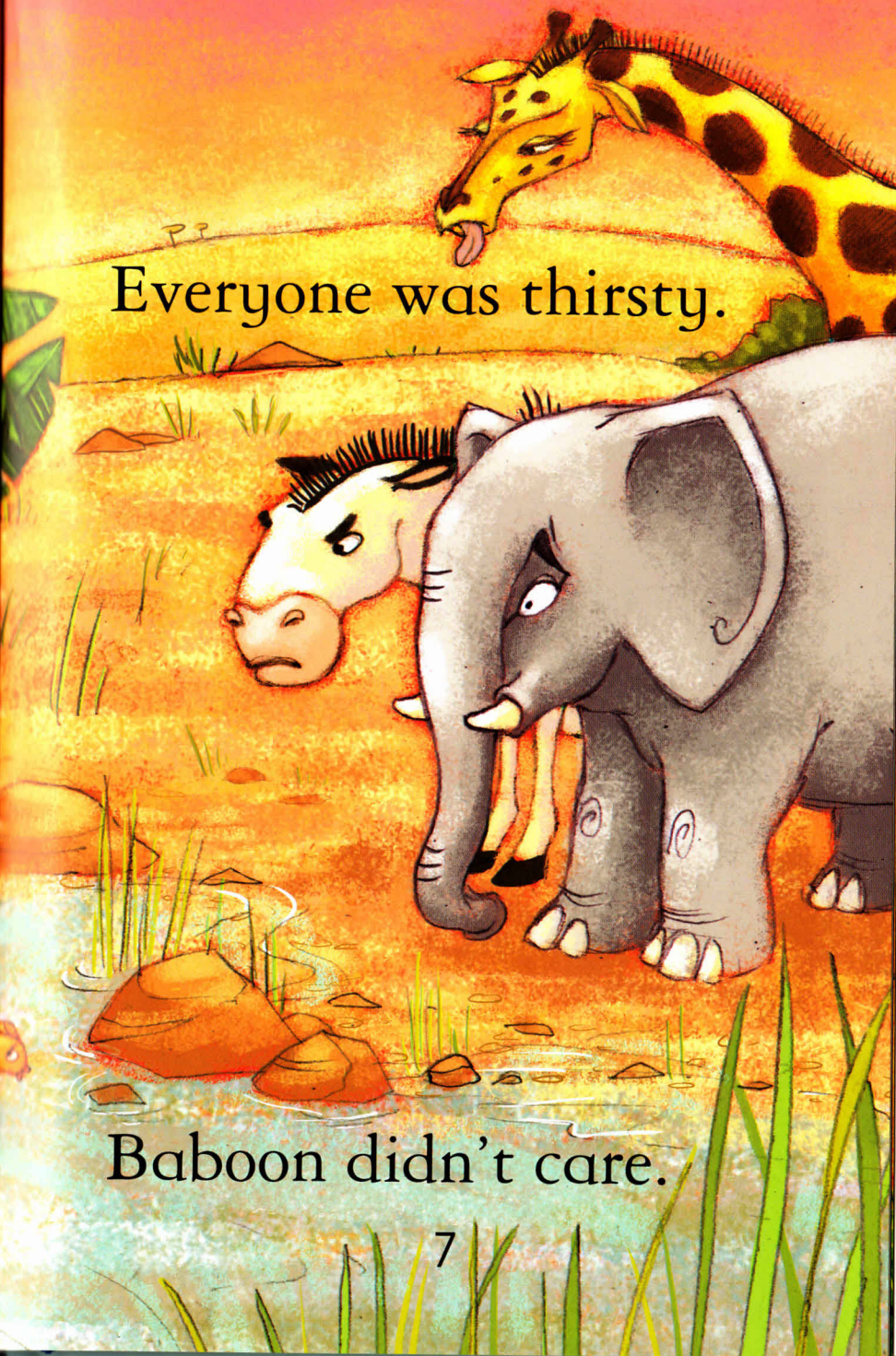
He lived by a pond.



He wanted the pond all
to himself.



Everyone was thirsty.



Baboon didn't care.

Giraffe crept to
the pond.



Baboon roared.
He waved his arms and
jumped up and down.



Giraffe fled.

Elephant went to
the pond.



Baboon roared. He
jumped up and down
and waved his arms.

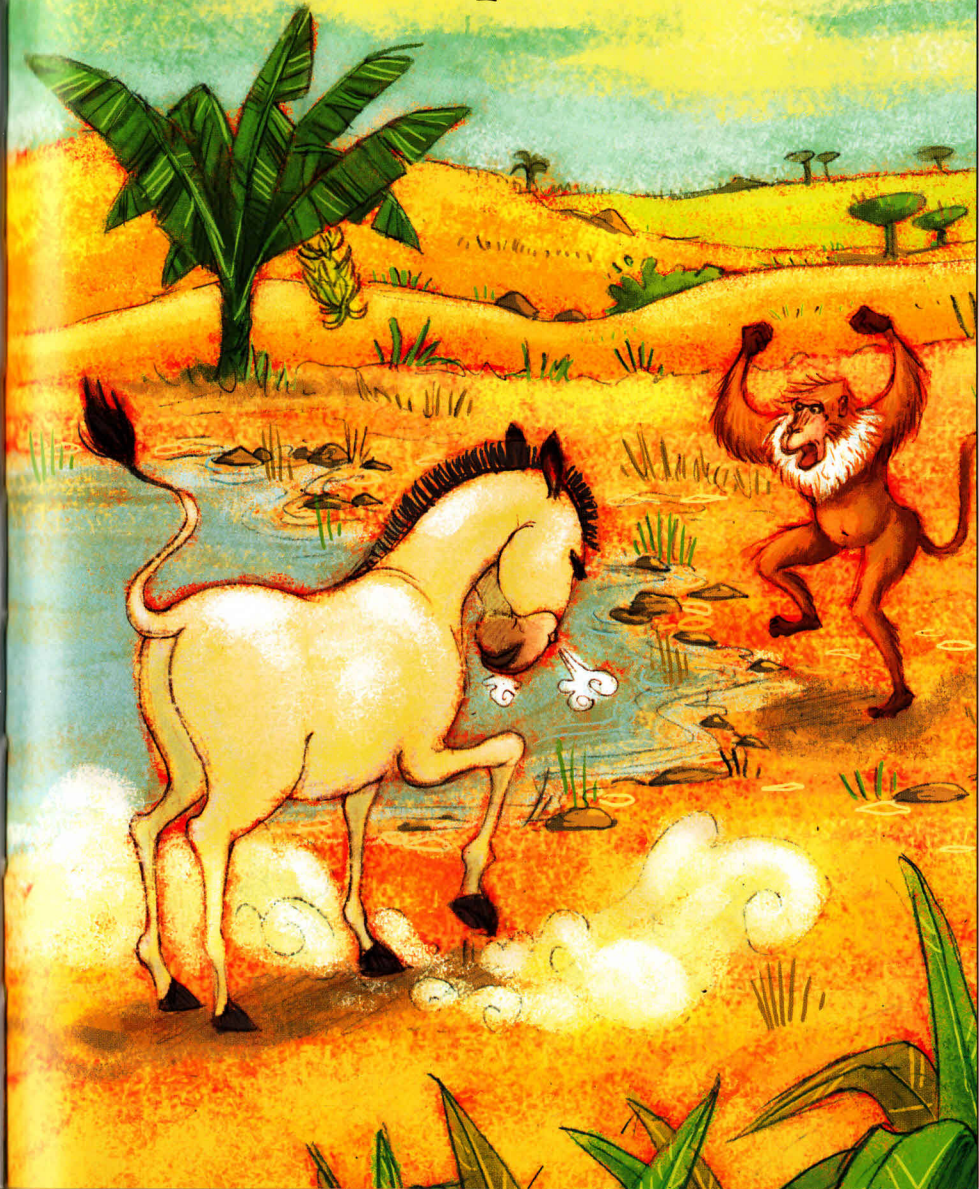


Elephant fled.

Zebra walked up.



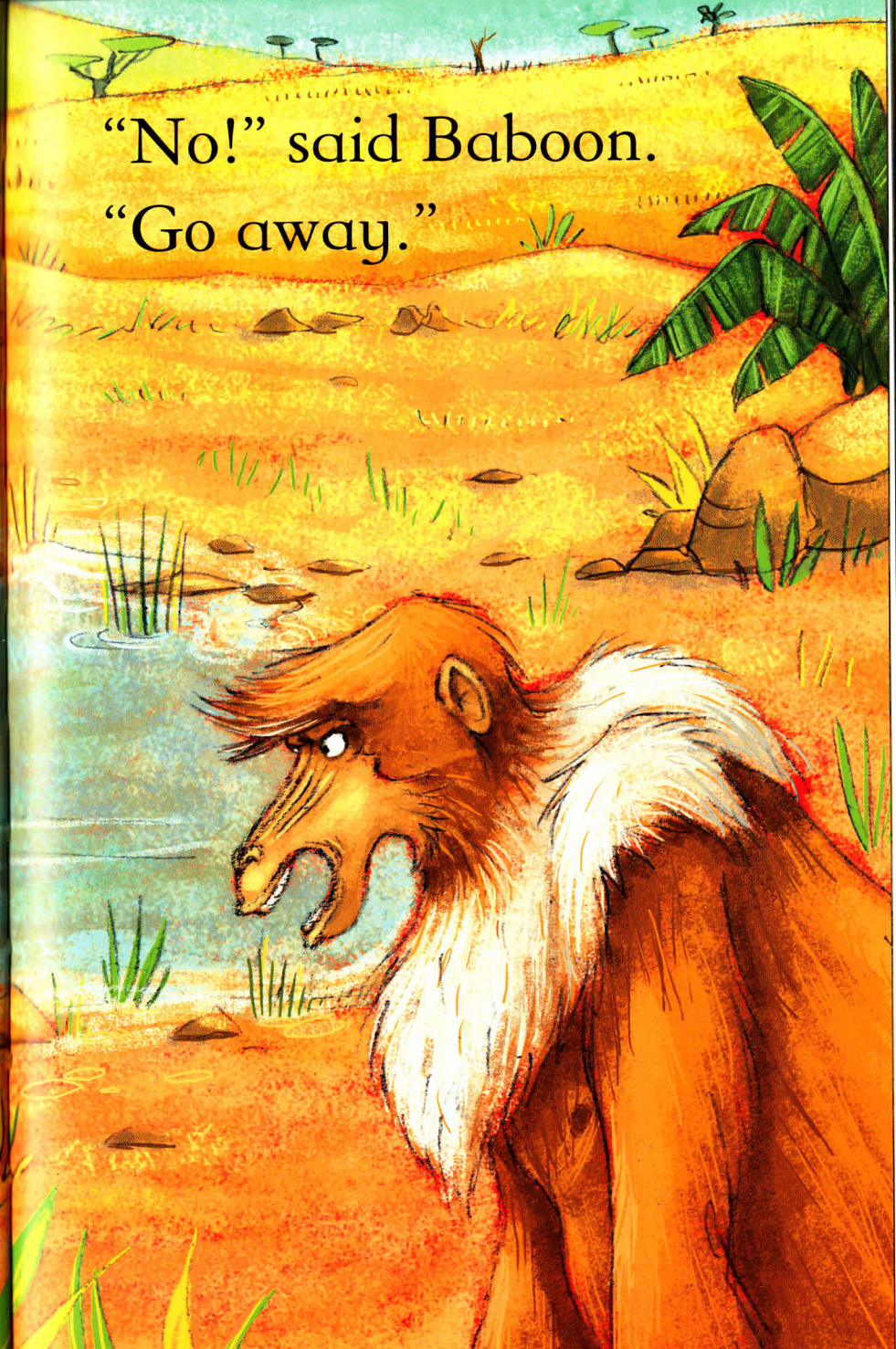
Baboon roared.
Zebra stamped his hoof.



"It's not your pond,"
he said. "You must
share it."



"No!" said Baboon.
"Go away."



Baboon got lots of sticks.



He piled them by
the pond.



Then he lit a big fire.



Now everyone
will stay away!

Zebra wasn't scared.



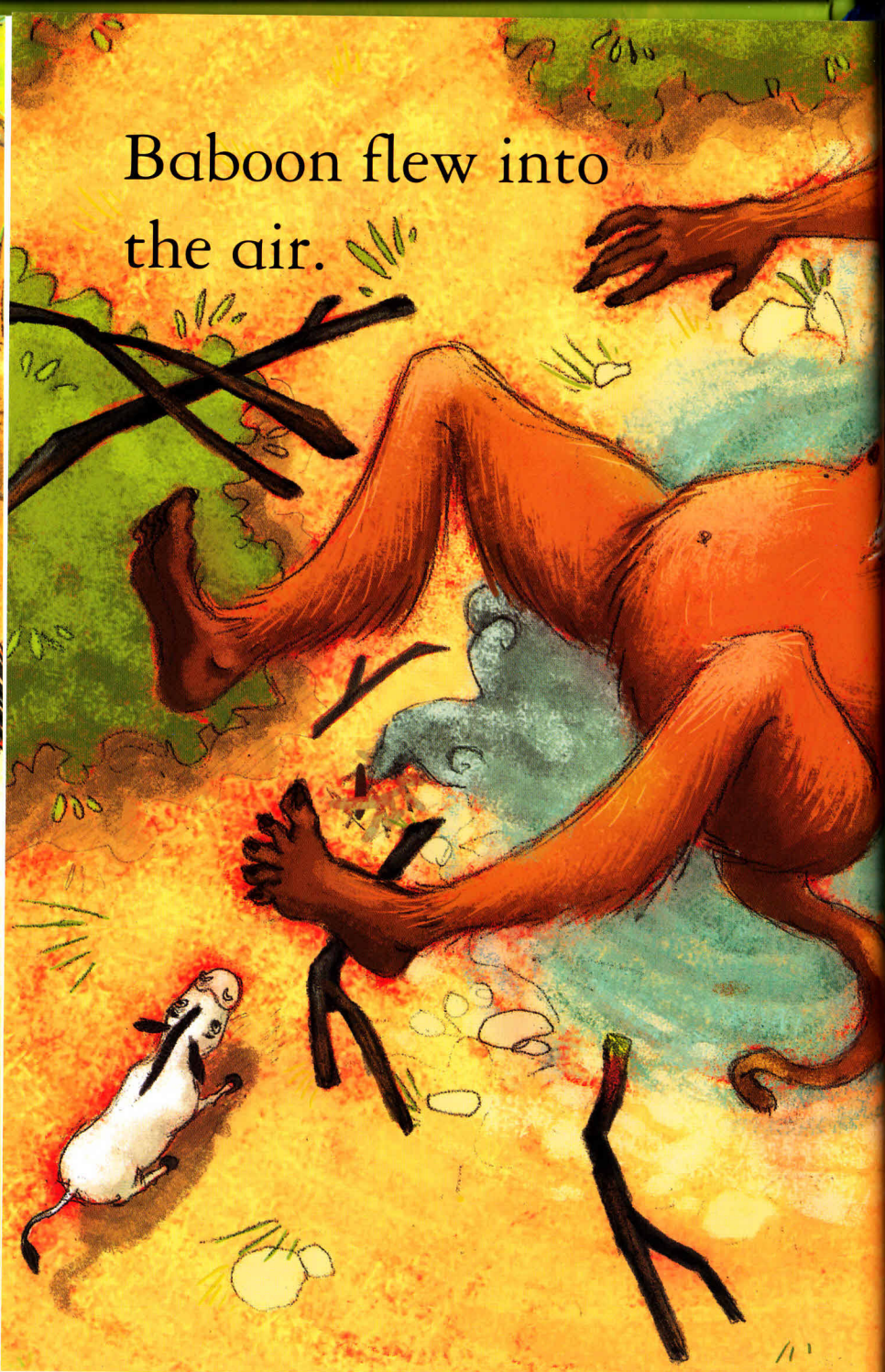
He ran at Baboon.



He kicked out his legs.

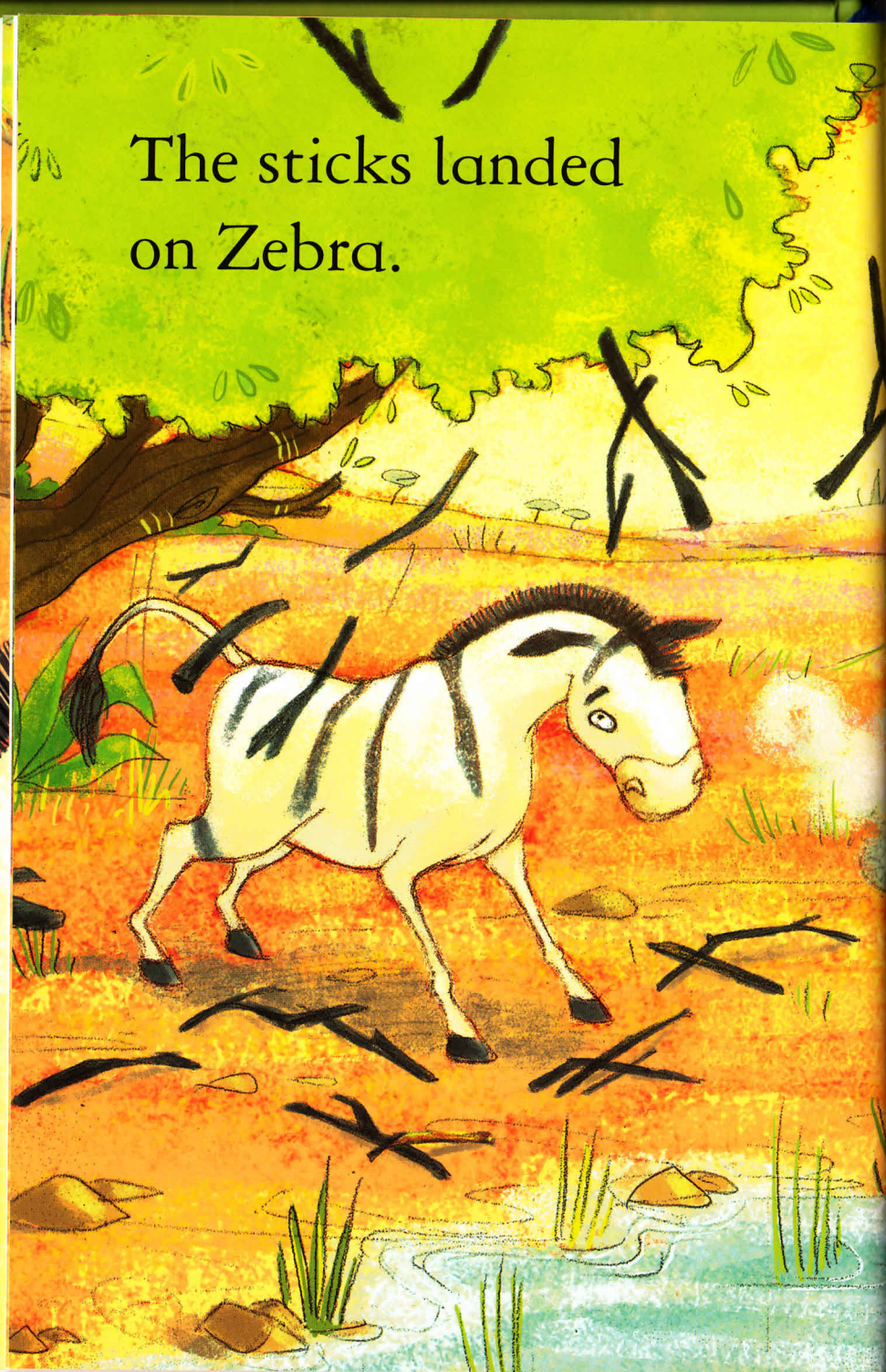


Baboon flew into
the air.

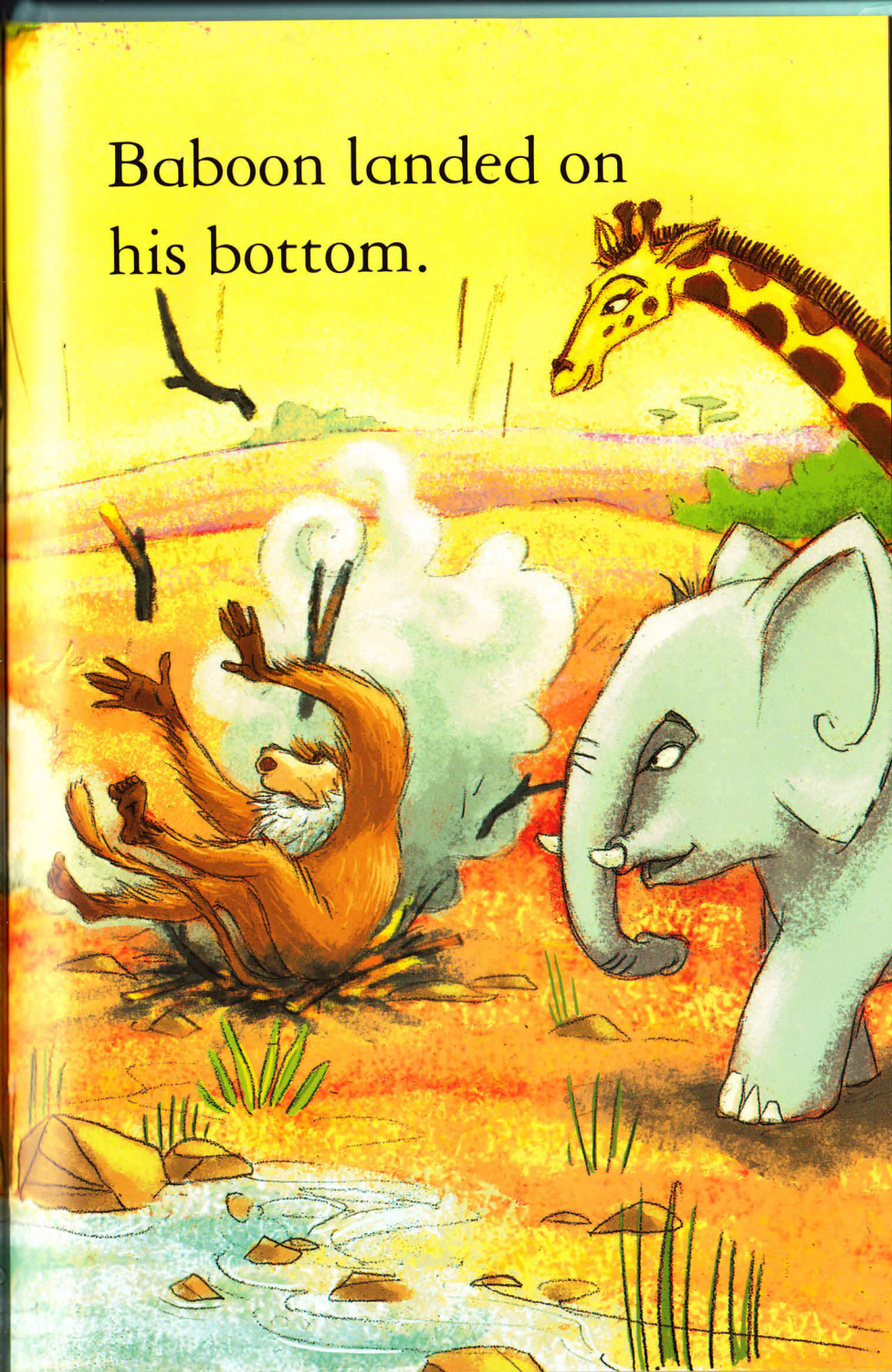


So did the
sooty sticks
from the fire.

The sticks landed
on Zebra.



Baboon landed on
his bottom.



Ever since then, zebras
have had black stripes.



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And baboons have had
red bottoms.



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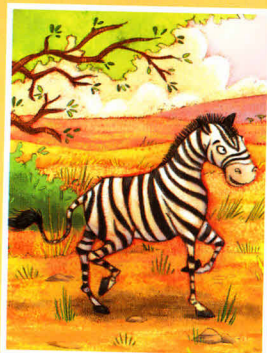
PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Put the pictures in order.



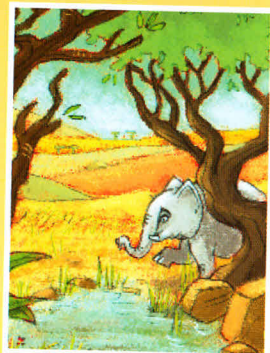
A



B



C



D



E



F

Puzzle 2

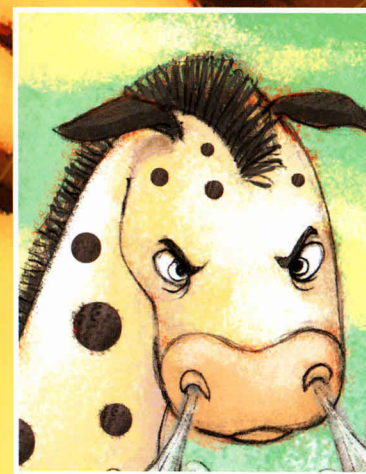
A



C



B



Can you spot the mistake in each picture?

Puzzle 3

Choose the best sentence.

A



Giraffe has spots!

Giraffe has stripes!

B



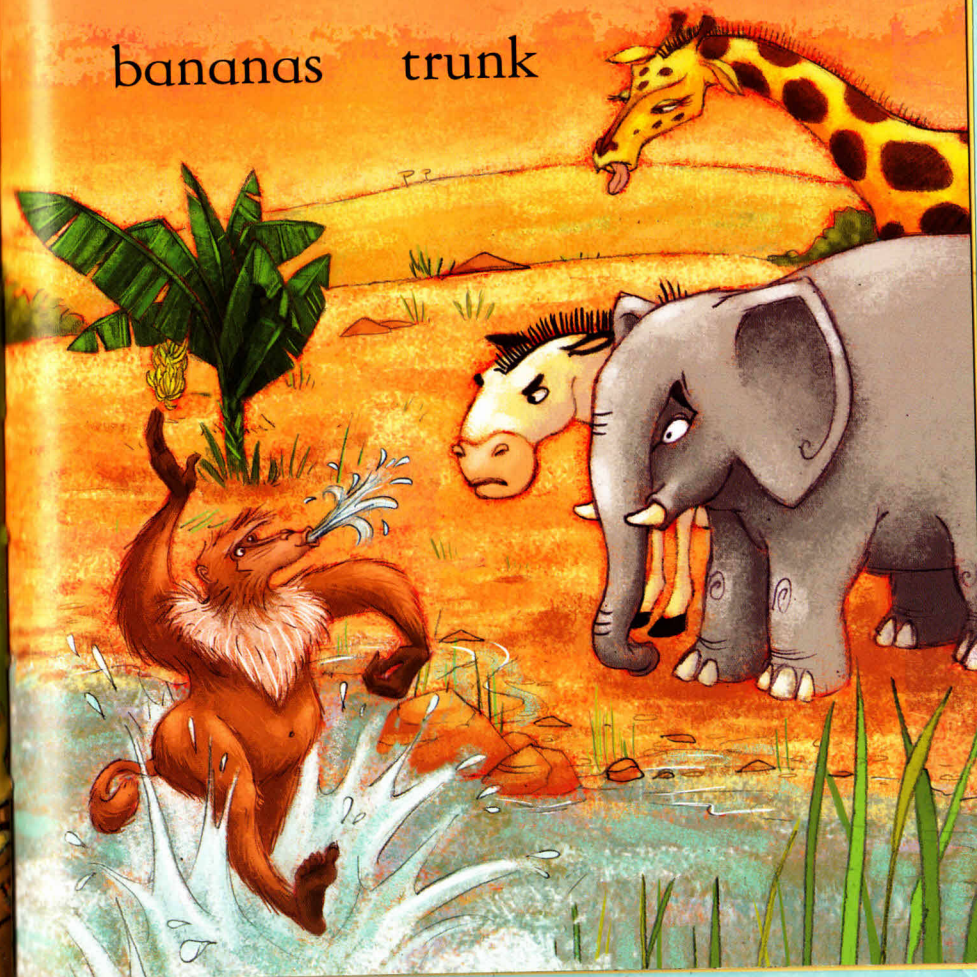
Baboon is greedy!

Baboon is green!

Puzzle 4

Can you find these things in the picture?

Elephant Giraffe pond
Zebra Baboon tail
bananas trunk



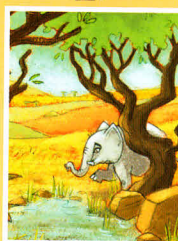
Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1

E



D



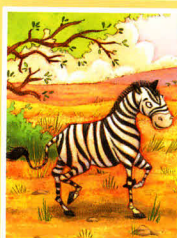
F



C



A



B

Puzzle 2

A



Blue snake

B

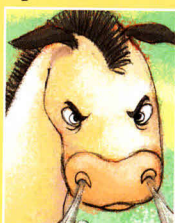


Spots on Zebra

C

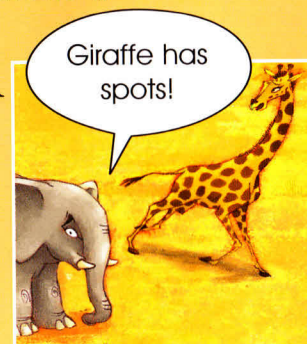


Different fruit



Puzzle 3

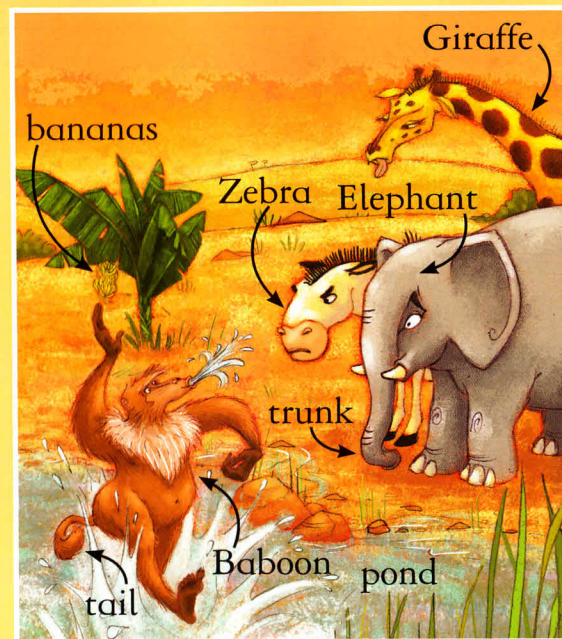
A



B



Puzzle 4



About the story

This story is based on an old folk tale from Namibia in Africa.

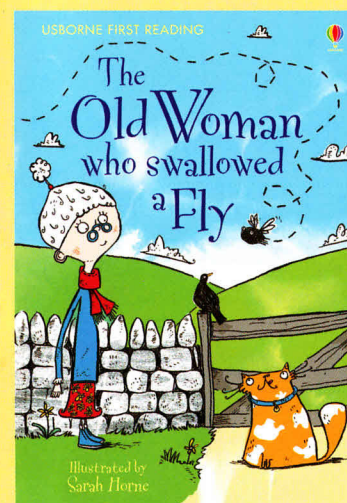
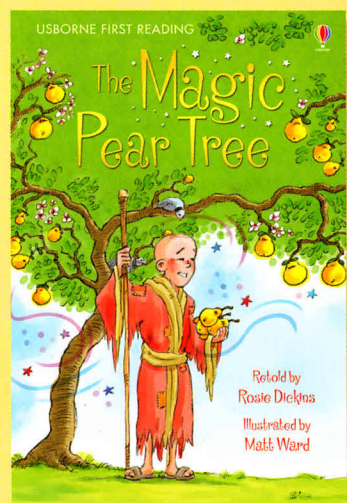
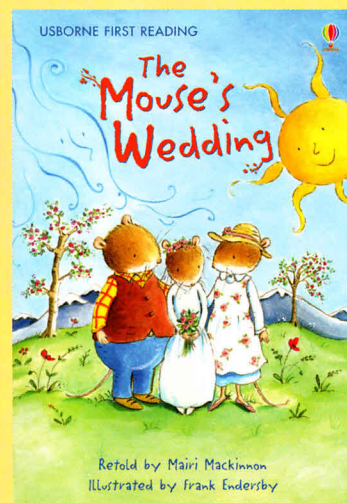
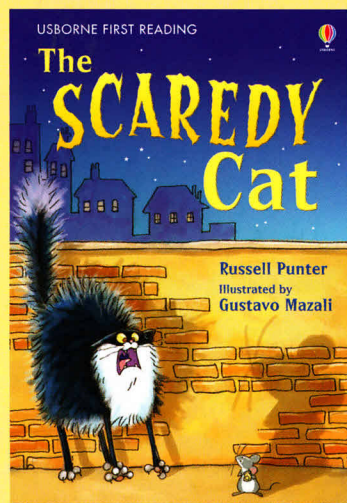


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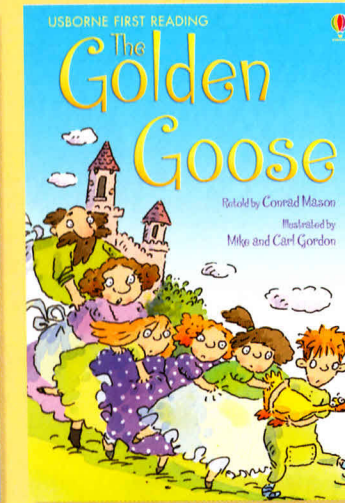
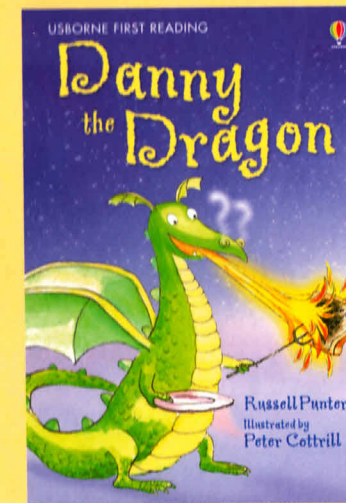
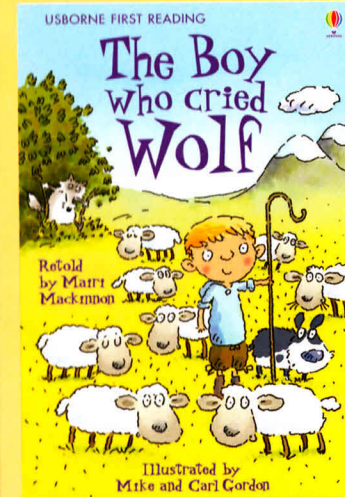
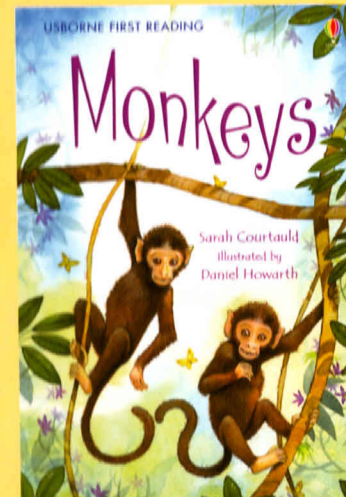
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