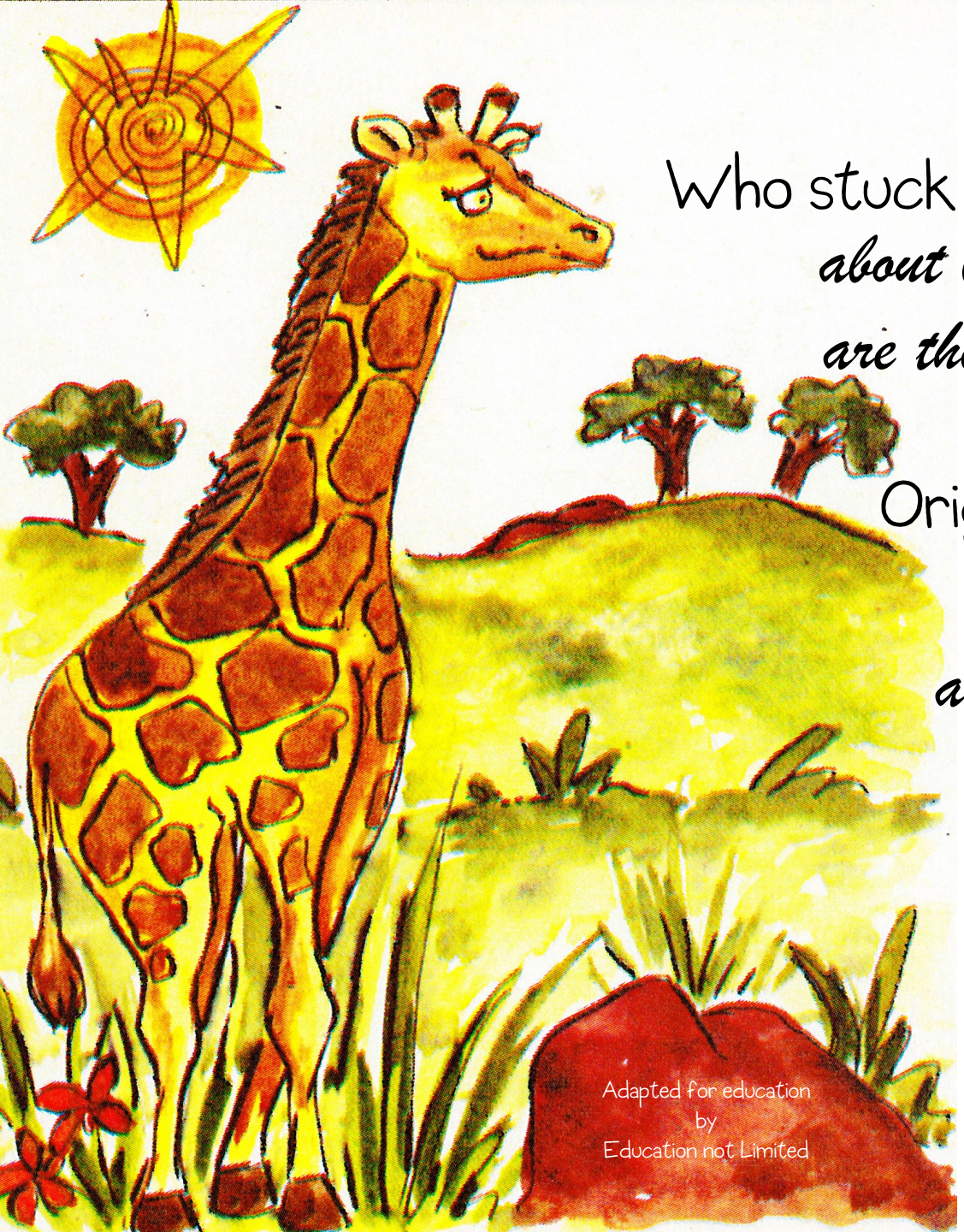



# Giraffe
# Who stuck his neck out too far
## *about learning that rules are there to keep us safe*

## Original Children's stories from Africa
## *all about things that matter*

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# Giraffe

## *Who stuck his neck too far out*

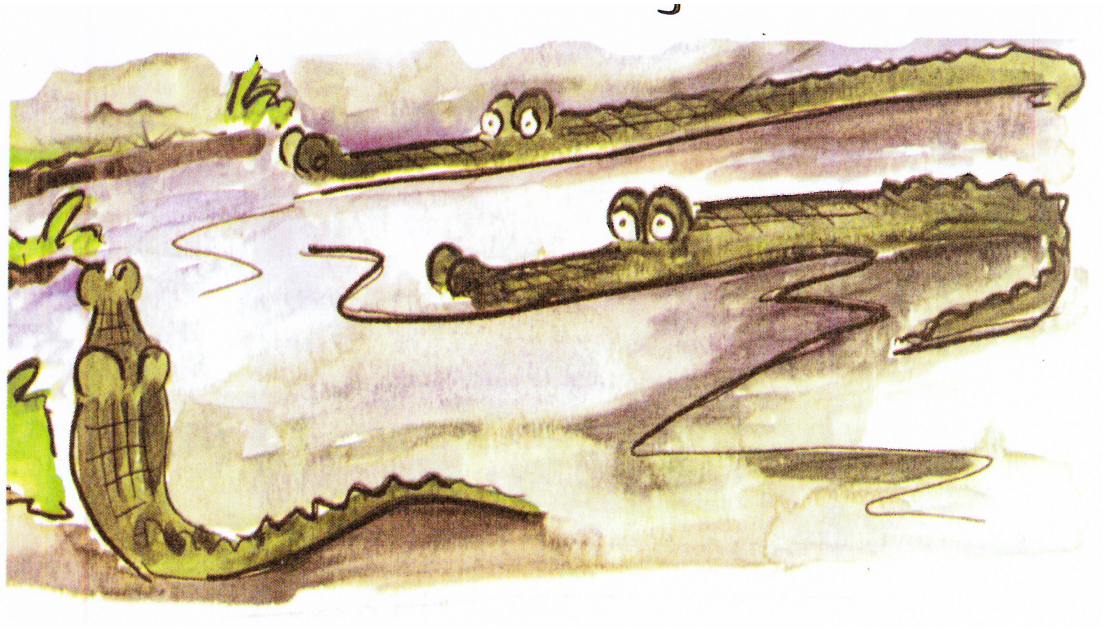


Now in the Bushview
you really must know
How to quietly
go with the flow

Not to stamp and shout
and thrash about
But to glide through the bush
as quiet as can be
Not to attract attention
you see

There are Lions and Leopards
that can catch you
Cheetahs and Wild Dogs
that can snatch you

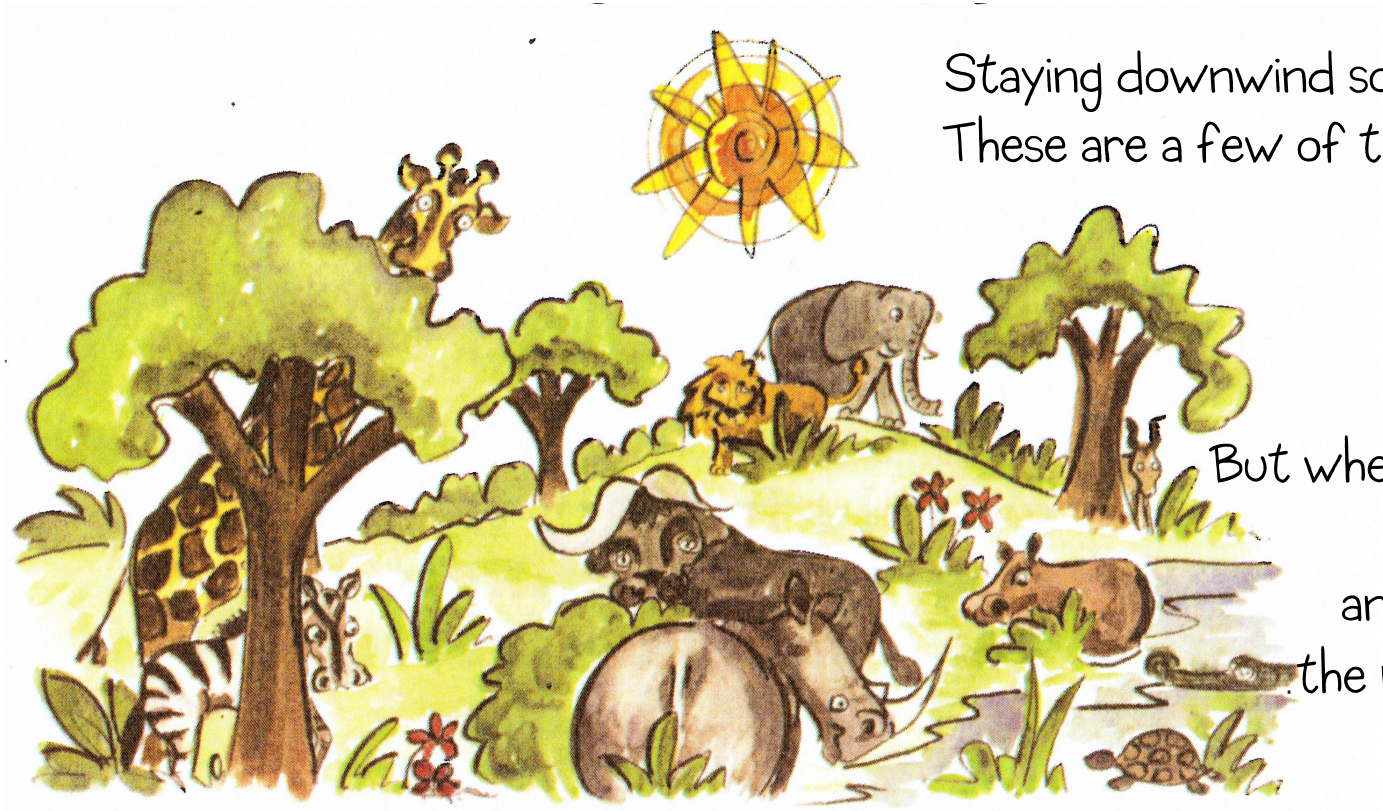
And in the murky waters deep
Crocodiles lie half asleep



Always watching who goes by
quietly in wait they lie
For the unsuspecting stranger
who isn't careful
of the danger

So there are some rules
that help you melt
into the bush
of the African Veld...

Like keeping away from open spaces
Rather hiding in bushy places

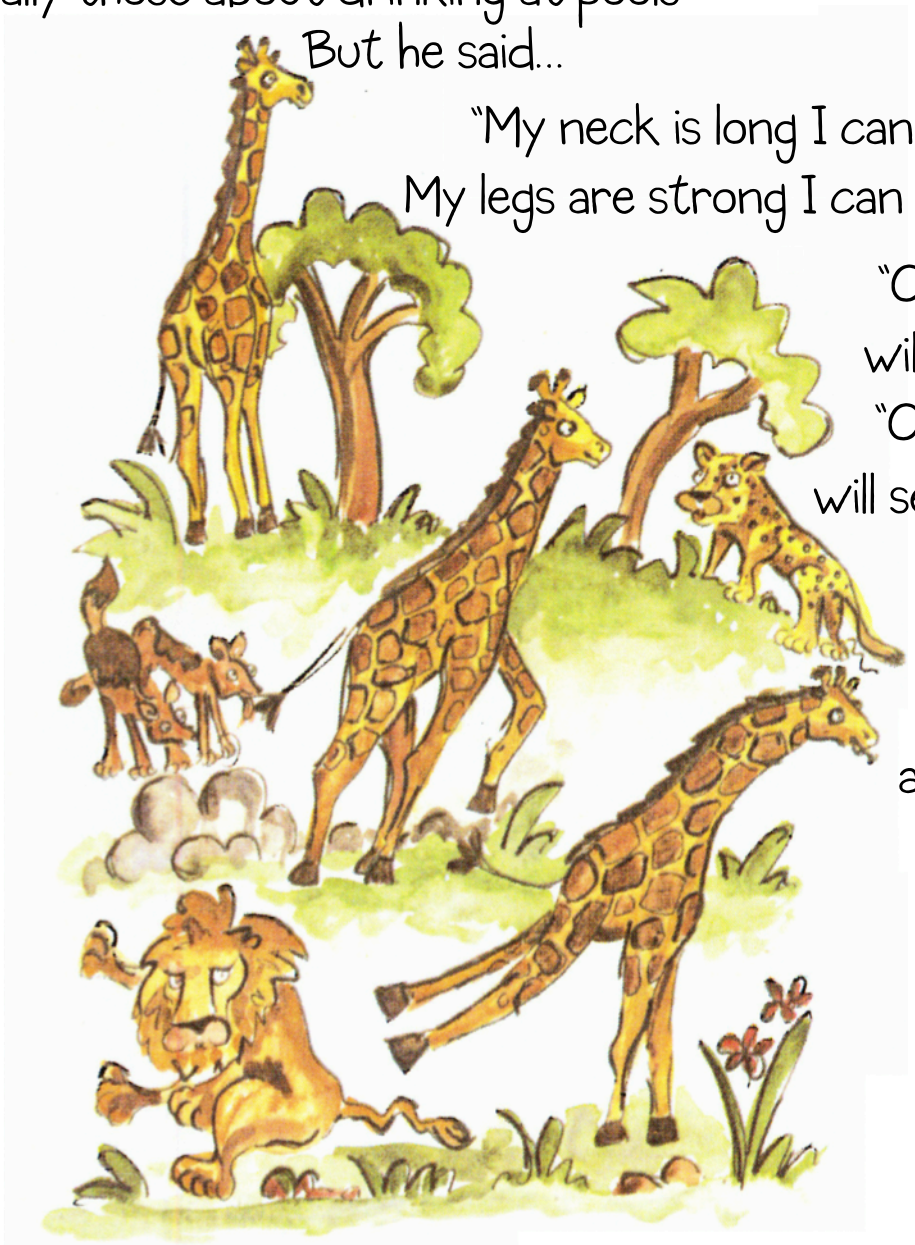


Staying downwind so Lion can't smell you
These are a few of the rules I can tell you

But when you go down to drink
Be careful
and always think of
the most important rule

**Do not drink too far into the pool**

Now young Giraffe was taught the rules
Especially those about drinking at pools
But he said...



"My neck is long I can see danger coming
My legs are strong I can beat them by running"

"One kick from me
will send them flying"
"On knock from me
will send them off crying"

"I can stamp
and shout
and thrash about"

"No-one can catch me
No one can scold me"

"No-one can match me
No one can hold me"

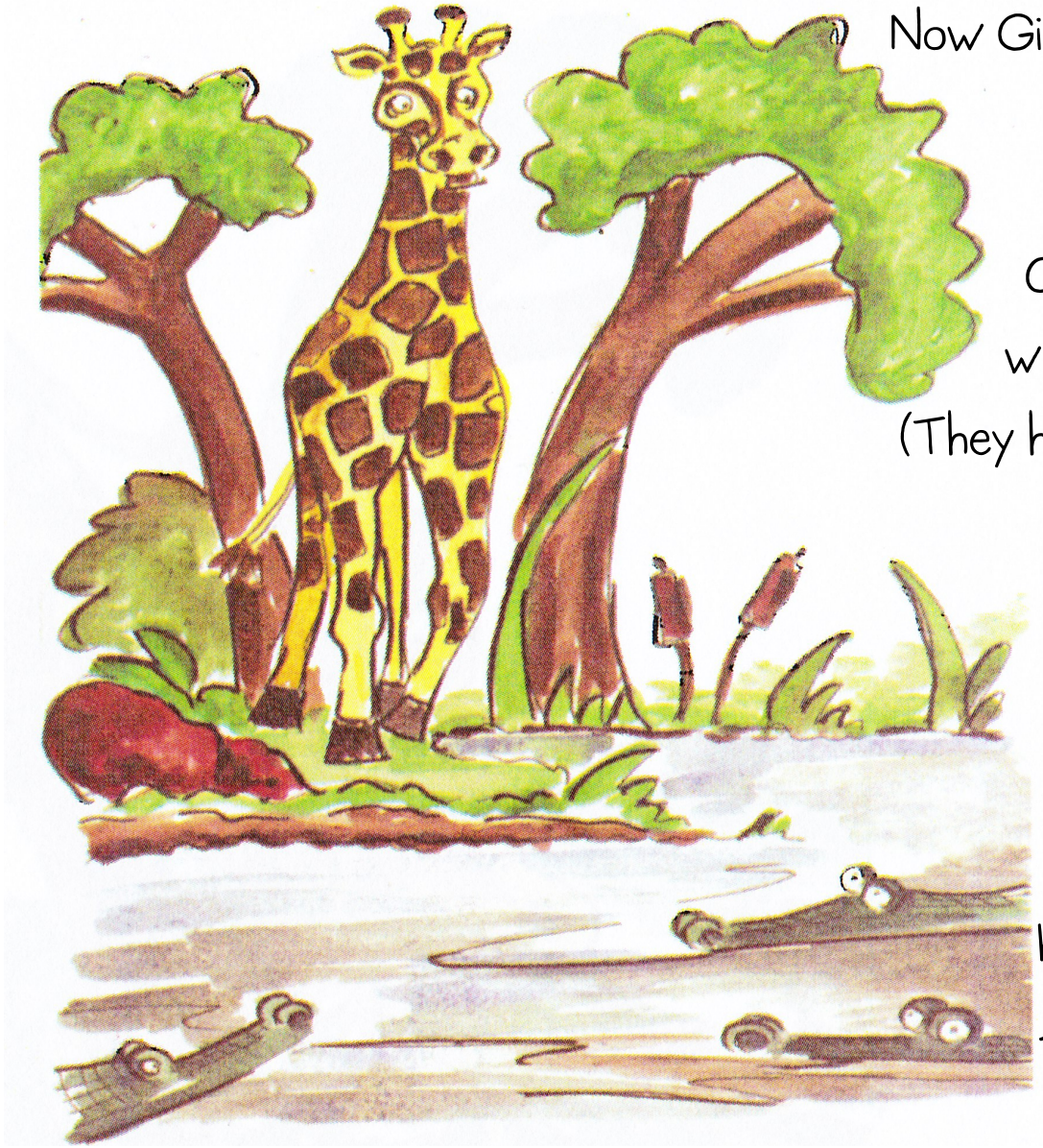
But he had forgotten the Crocodiles

Half asleep in the murky deep




anyone who had forgotten the rule

**Do not drink too far into the pool**

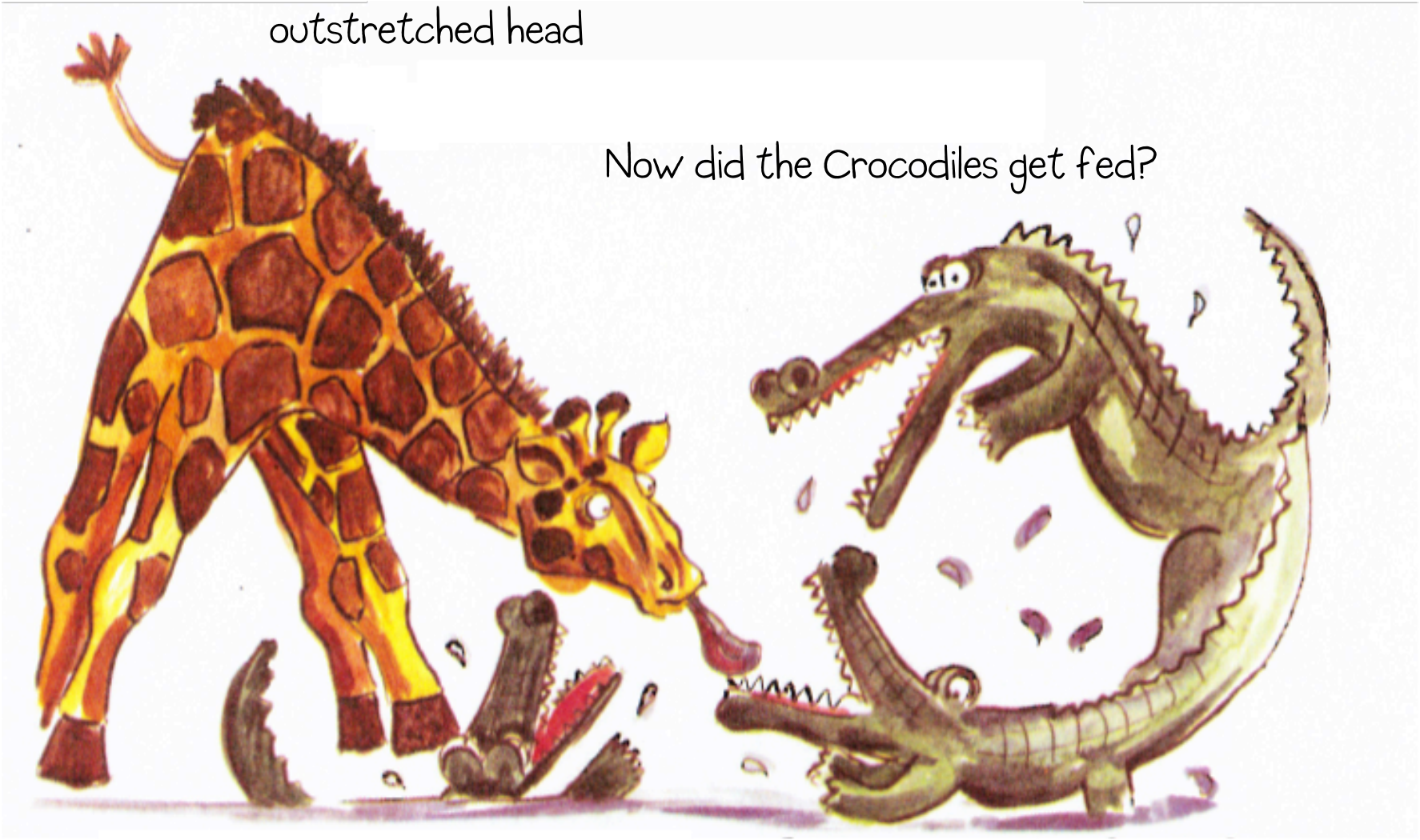


Now Giraffe felt he needed a drink
And crashed his way
to the very brink
Of the very waterhole
where the Crocodiles lay
(They had not had a meal that day)

Hungry, they waited in the cool
for someone to forget the rule

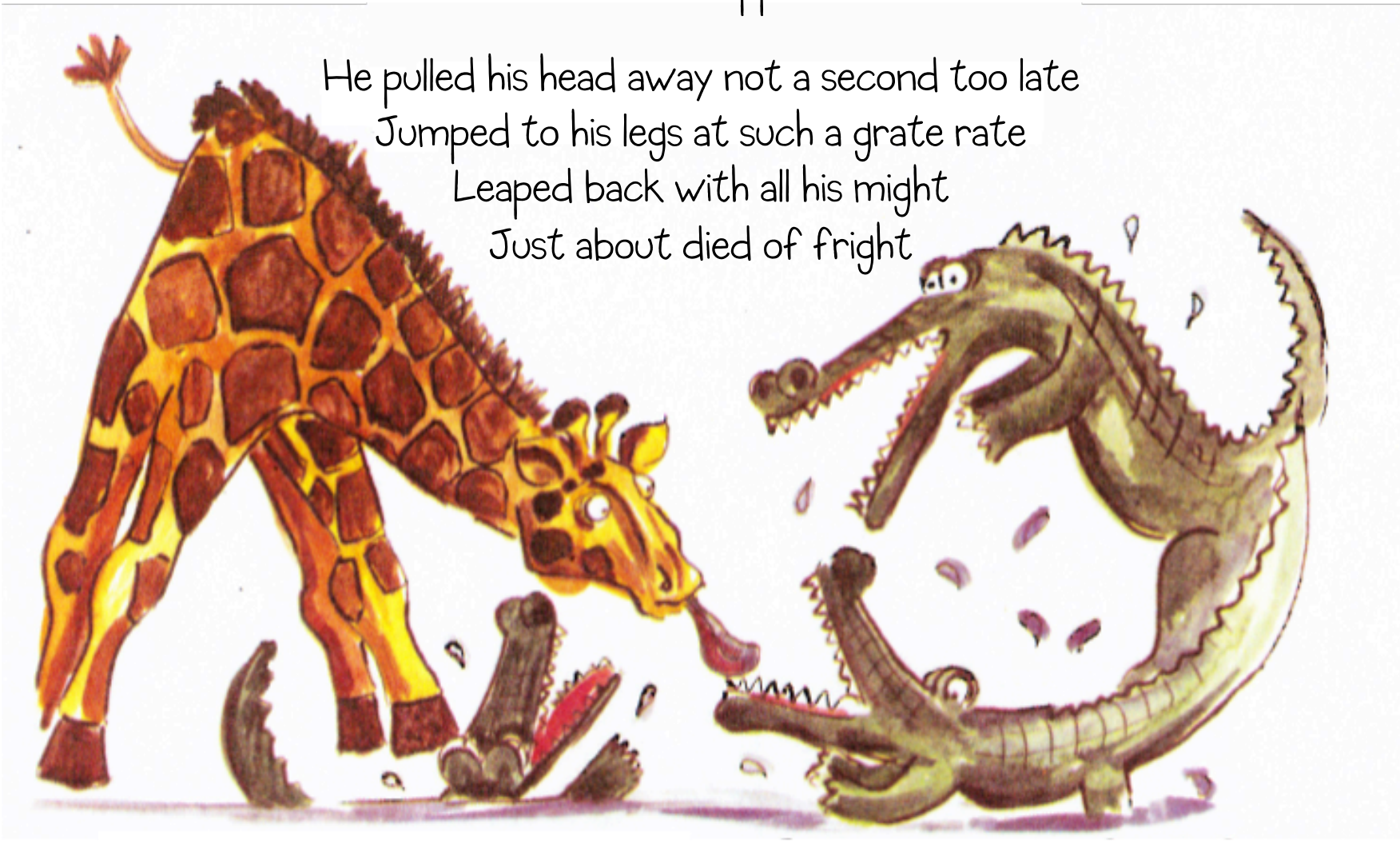
Do not drink too far into the pool

Quick as a flash
the Crocodile plunged
towards Giraffe's
outstretched head

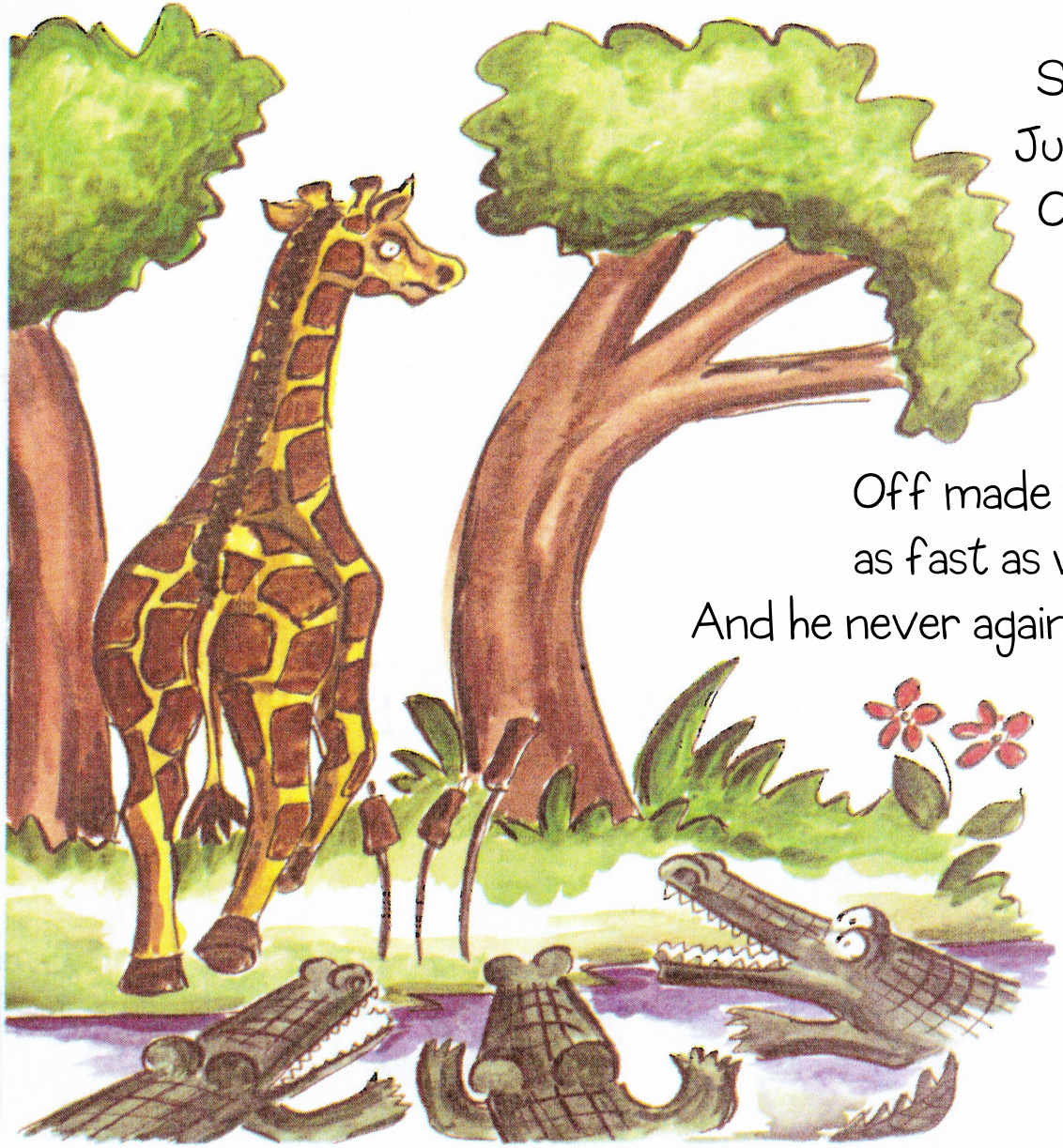


Now did the Crocodiles get fed?

Well just at that moment
Giraffe lifted his head
saw the Crocs
and his heart stopped dead



He pulled his head away not a second too late
Jumped to his legs at such a grate rate
Leaped back with all his might
Just about died of fright



So just, just in the nick of time
Just before the Crocs could dine
On tasty Giraffe at their table

Off made Giraffe
as fast as was able
And he never again forgot the rule

Do not drink too far into the pool

He avoided water
as much as he could
Just incase the Crocs made good
and finally caught him
for their lunch
(The were a very persistent bunch)
They would snap their jaws
when he walked near
and as he ran off you could hear them jeer



"There's Giraffe
who stuck his neck
too far out
and learnt a big lesson
all about
following the most important rule"

**"Do not drink too far into the pool"**

# What is this story about?
# What does it say?

There are many important rules
Like how to behave around
swimming pools
How to cross roads
and tie our shoe laces
and how to behave
in different places

And when we act bolder
than bold
and just like Giraffe
we don't do as we're told
We stick our necks
a bit too far out
and learn what danger's
all about

So safety first
and always stay calm
Rules are there
to keep us from harm
And if there is an emergency
Call an adult
to come and see

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