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It was a sunny day in the jungle.

All the animals were out playing.

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“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.”

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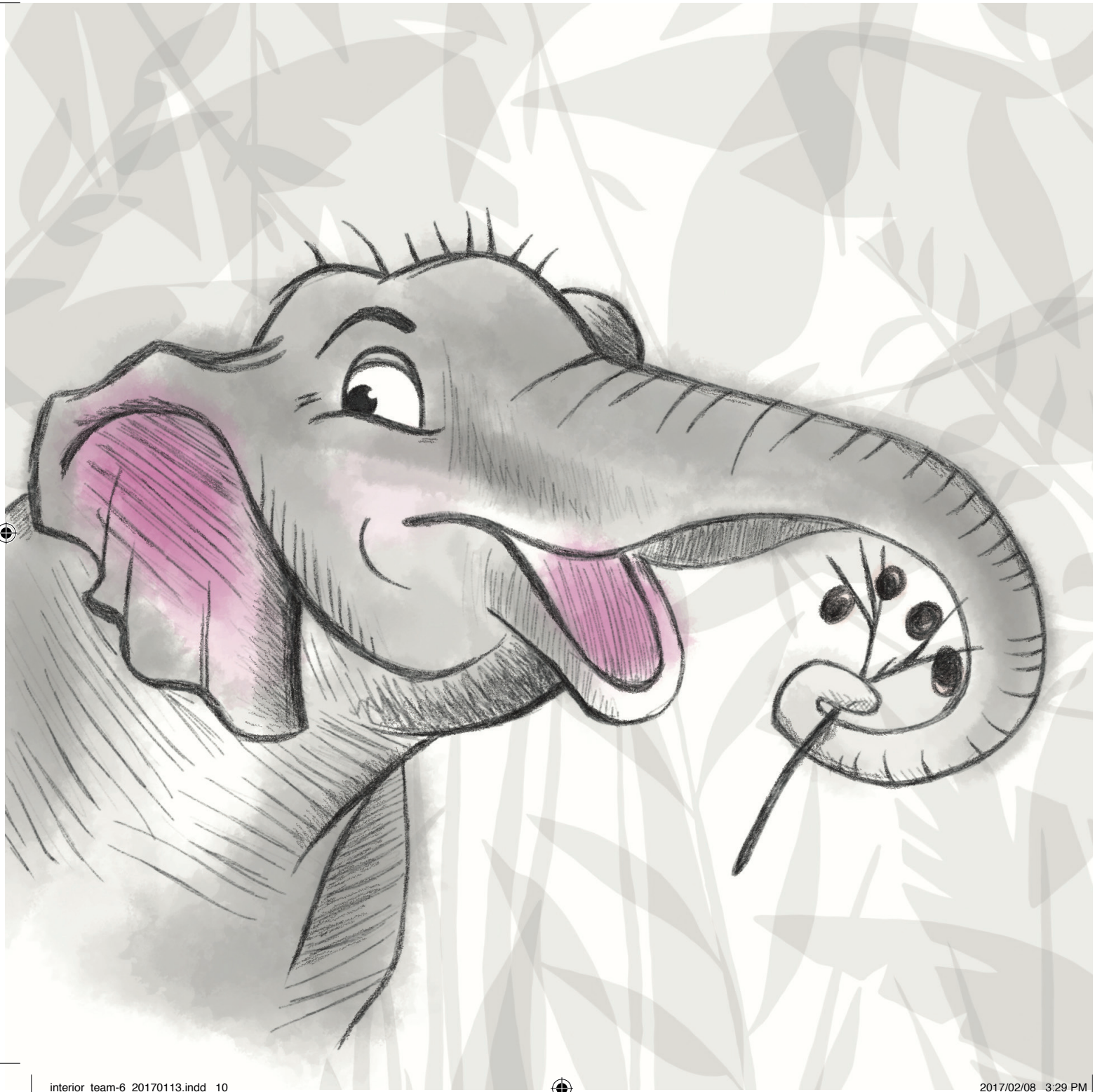

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"Come play with me, Lion," said Elephant. "We can throw rocks!"

KA-POW! KA-POW! went Elephant.

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

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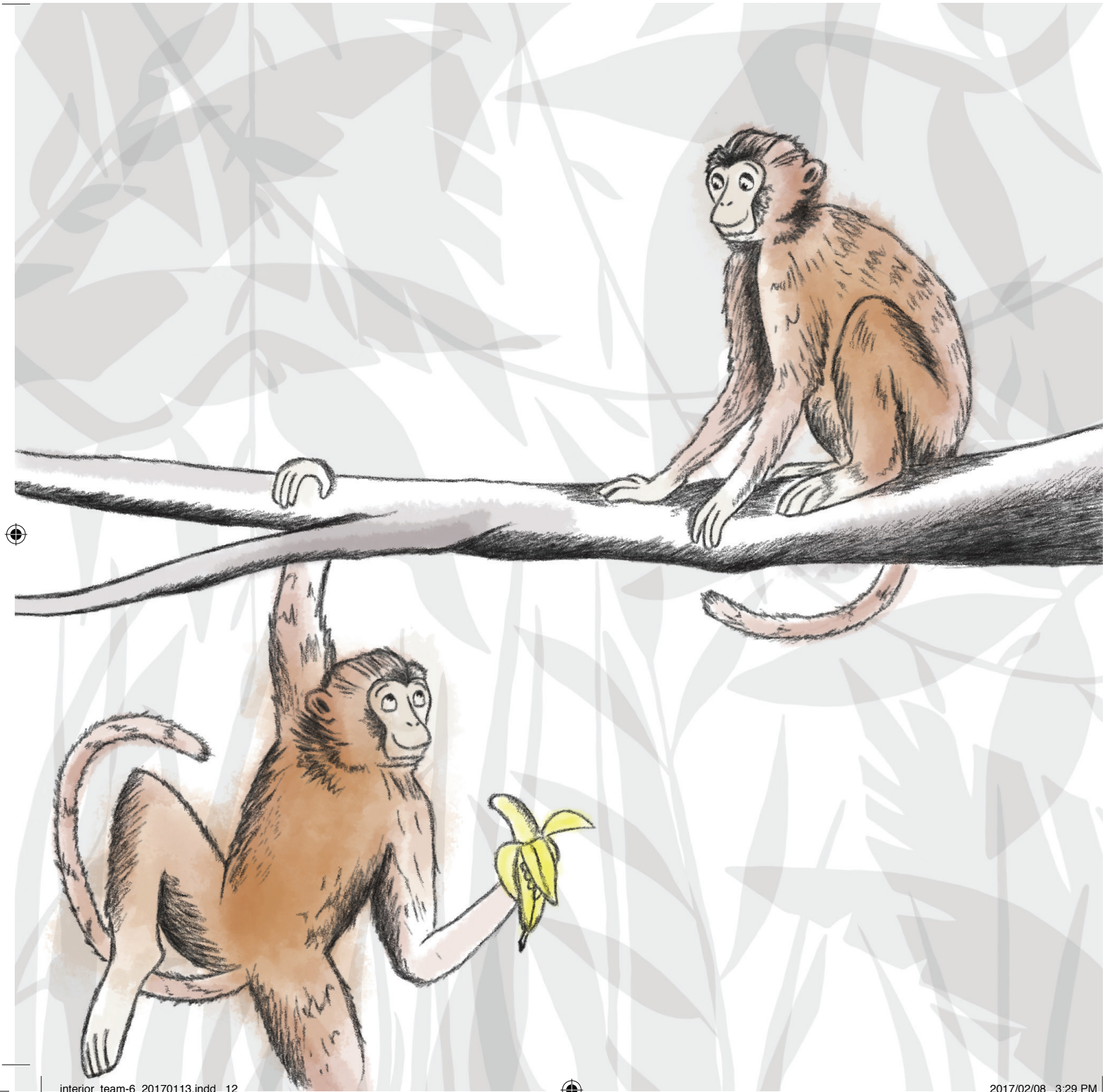

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"Come play with us, Lion!" said the monkeys. "Who can eat the most bananas?"

POP! POP! POP! went the monkeys.

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

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“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.”

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"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."

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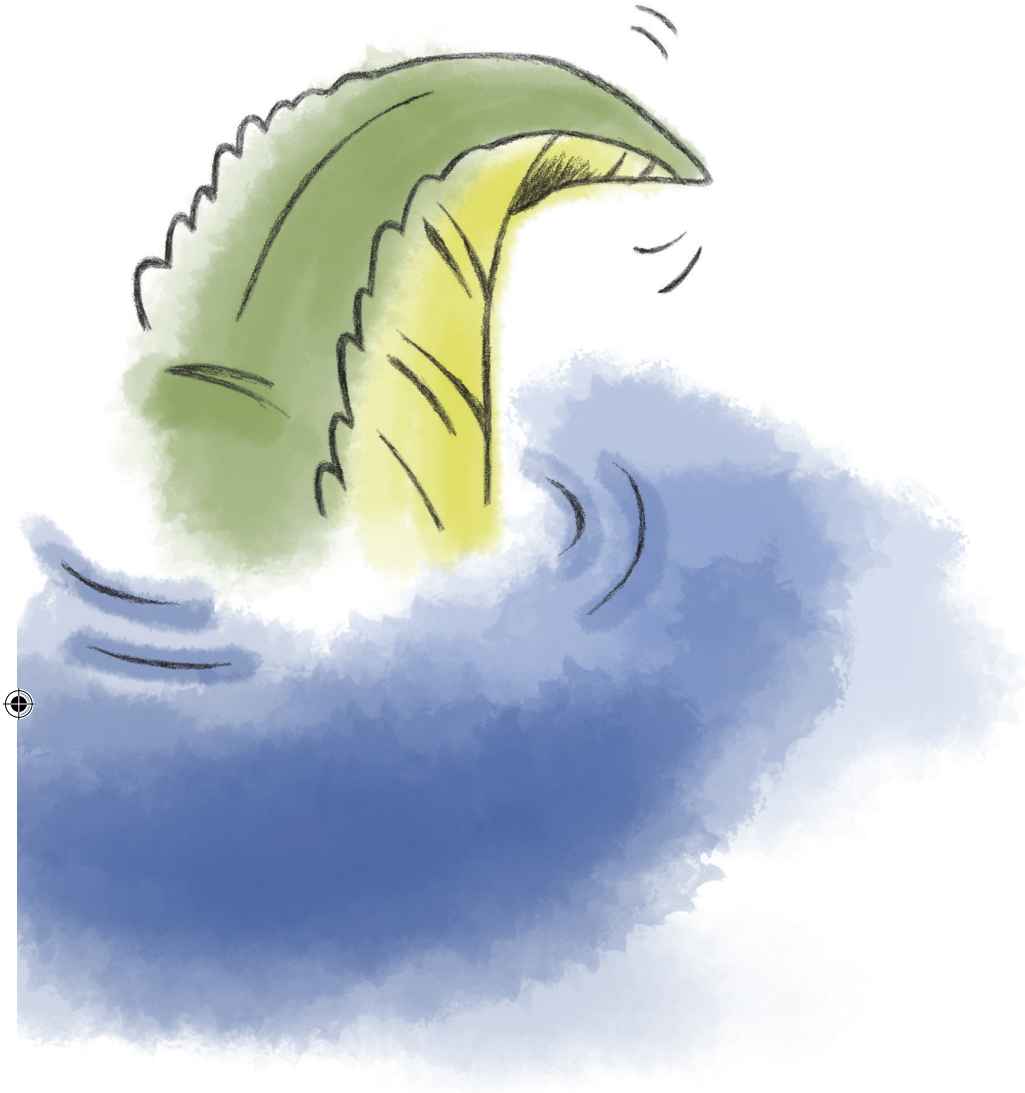

Elephant and Crocodile had the swimming competition without Lion.

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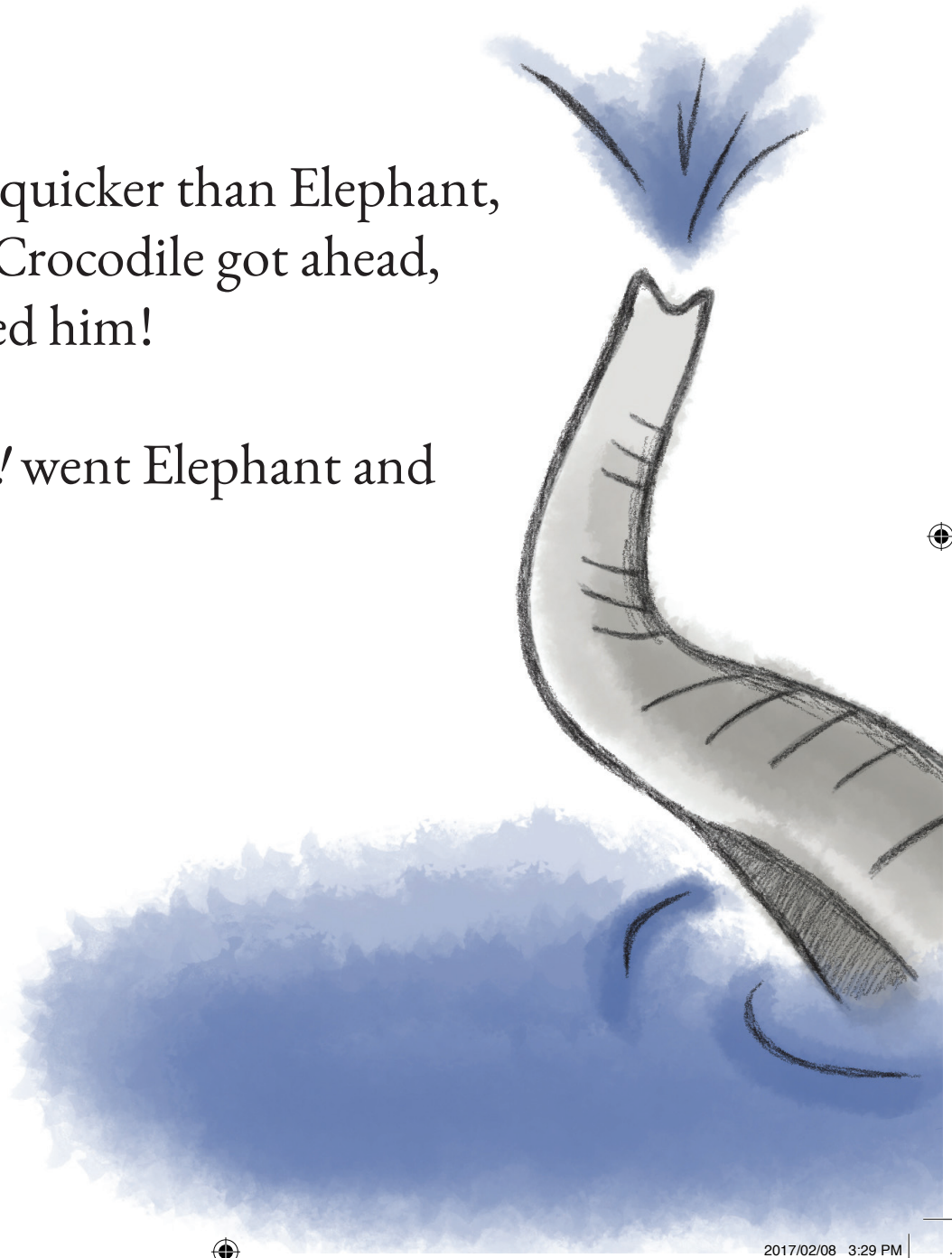
Crocodile was quicker than Elephant, but each time Crocodile got ahead, Elephant tickled him!

TEE-HEE-HEE! went Elephant and Crocodile.



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

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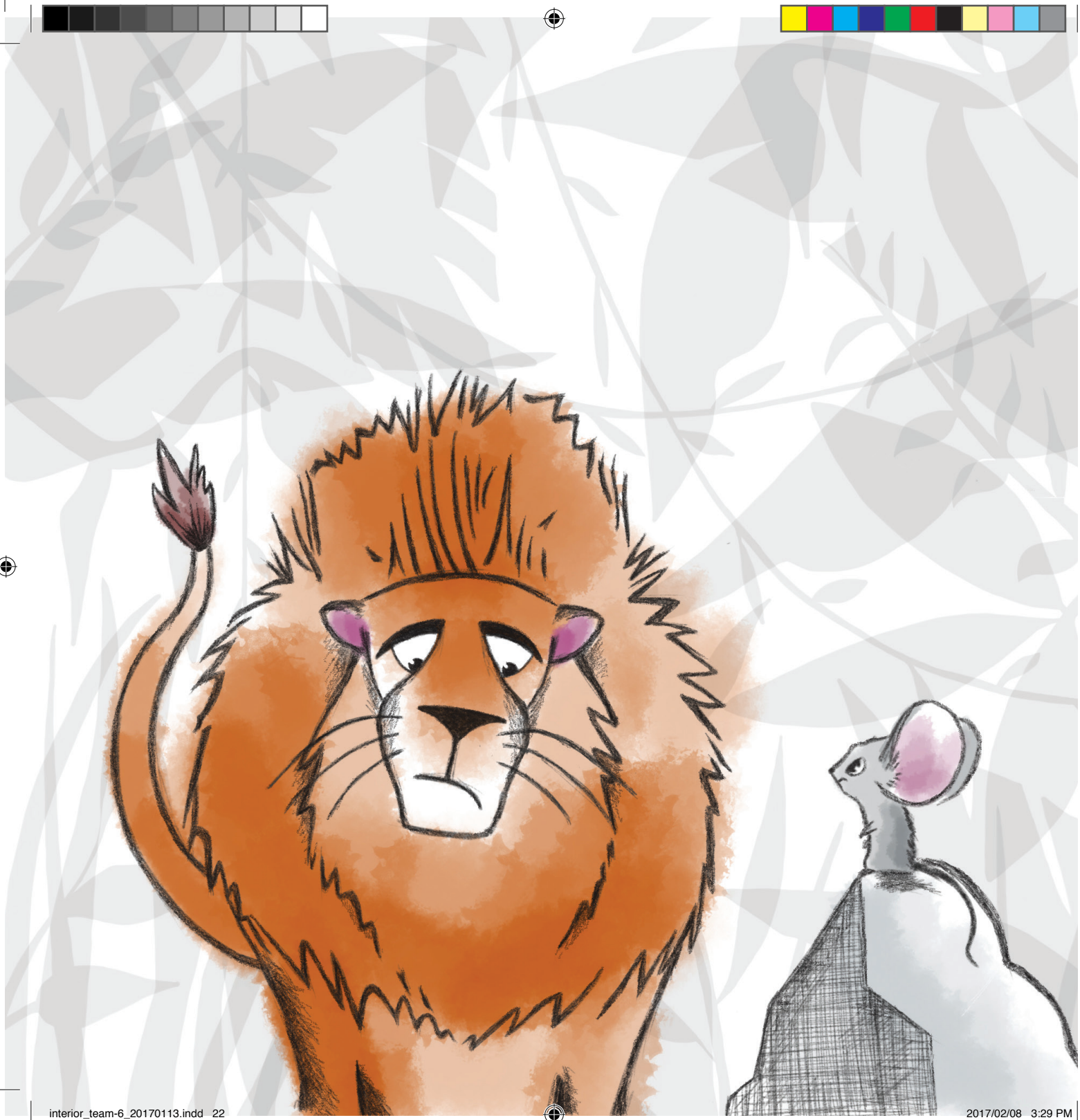

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“Why are you sad, Lion?” asked Mouse.

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

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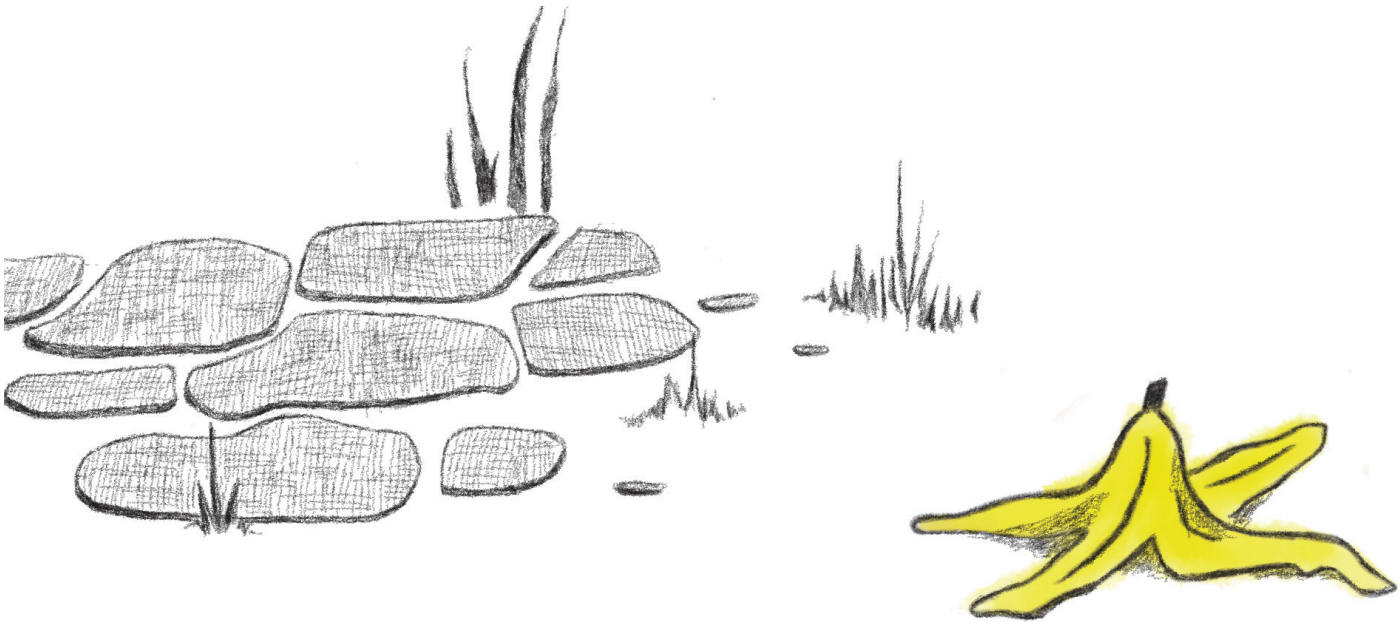

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Lion slipped on a banana peel!

WHEEEEEE! went Lion.

"That looks like fun!" said all the other animals.

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Lion played,
and he was happy.

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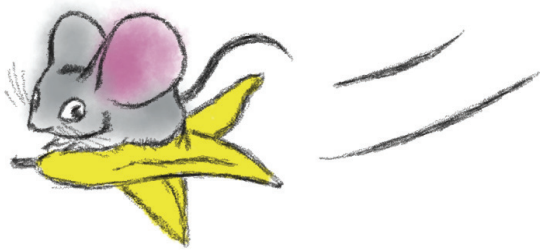

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