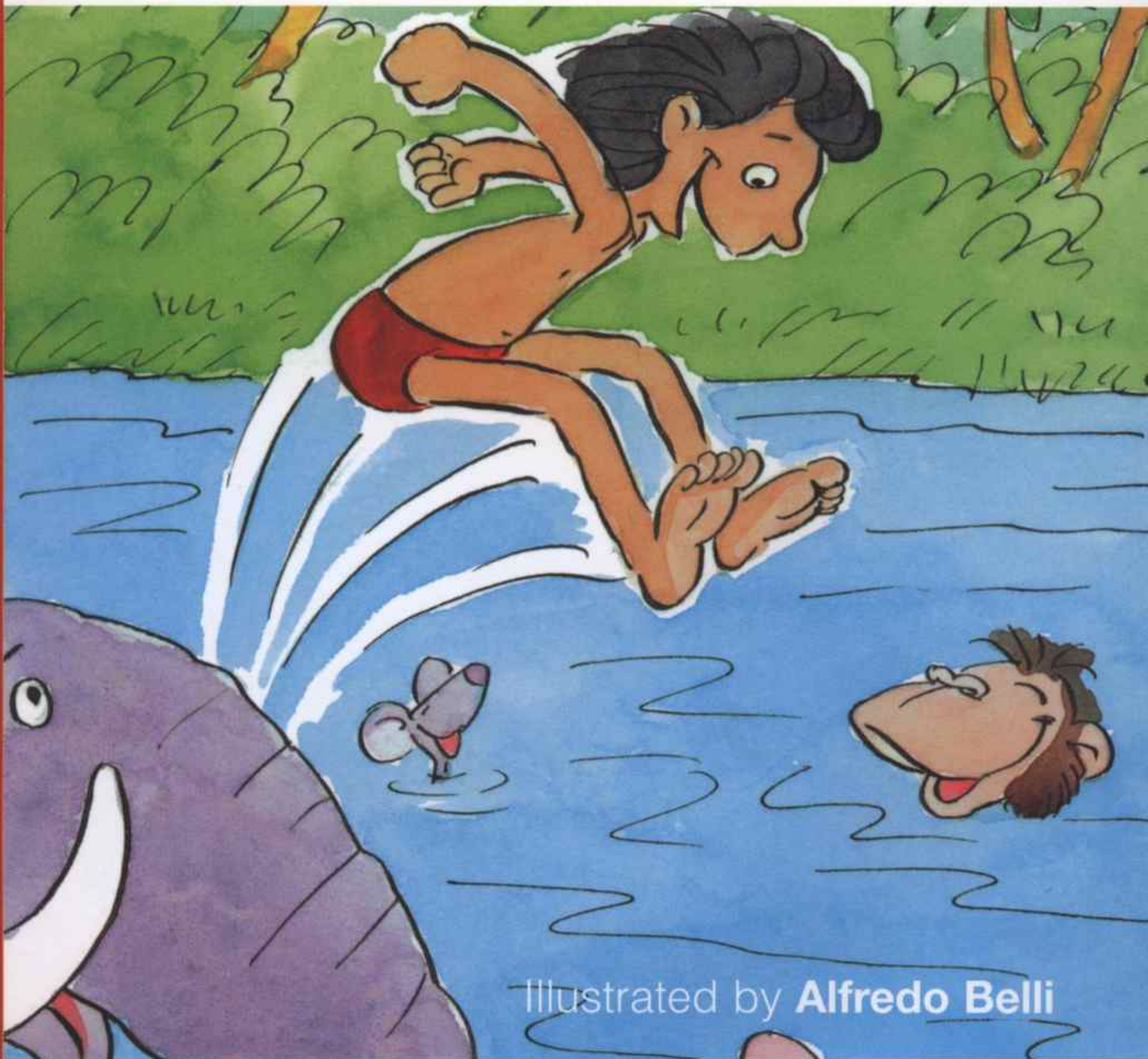


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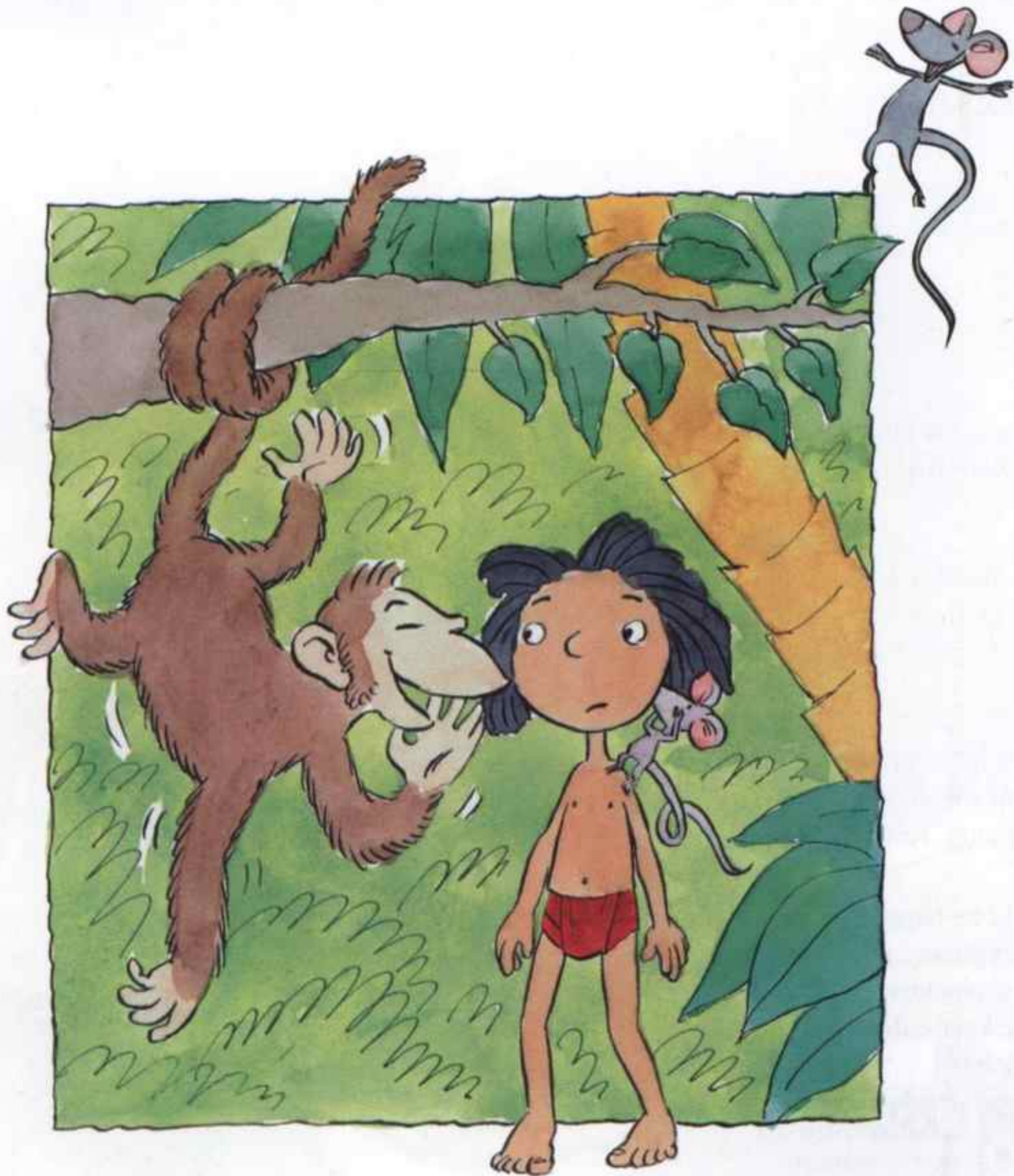
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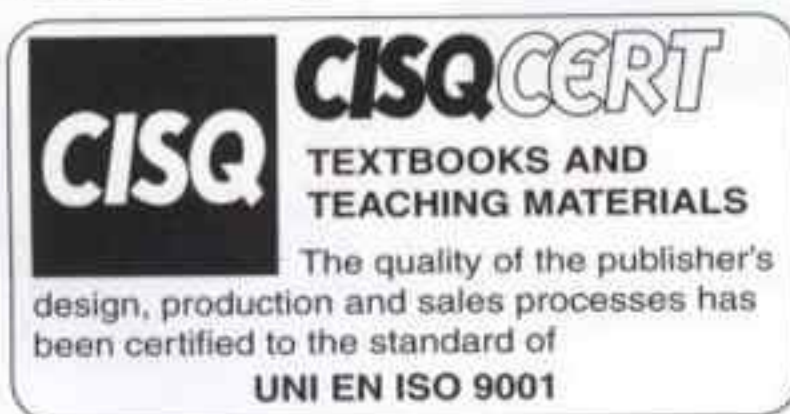


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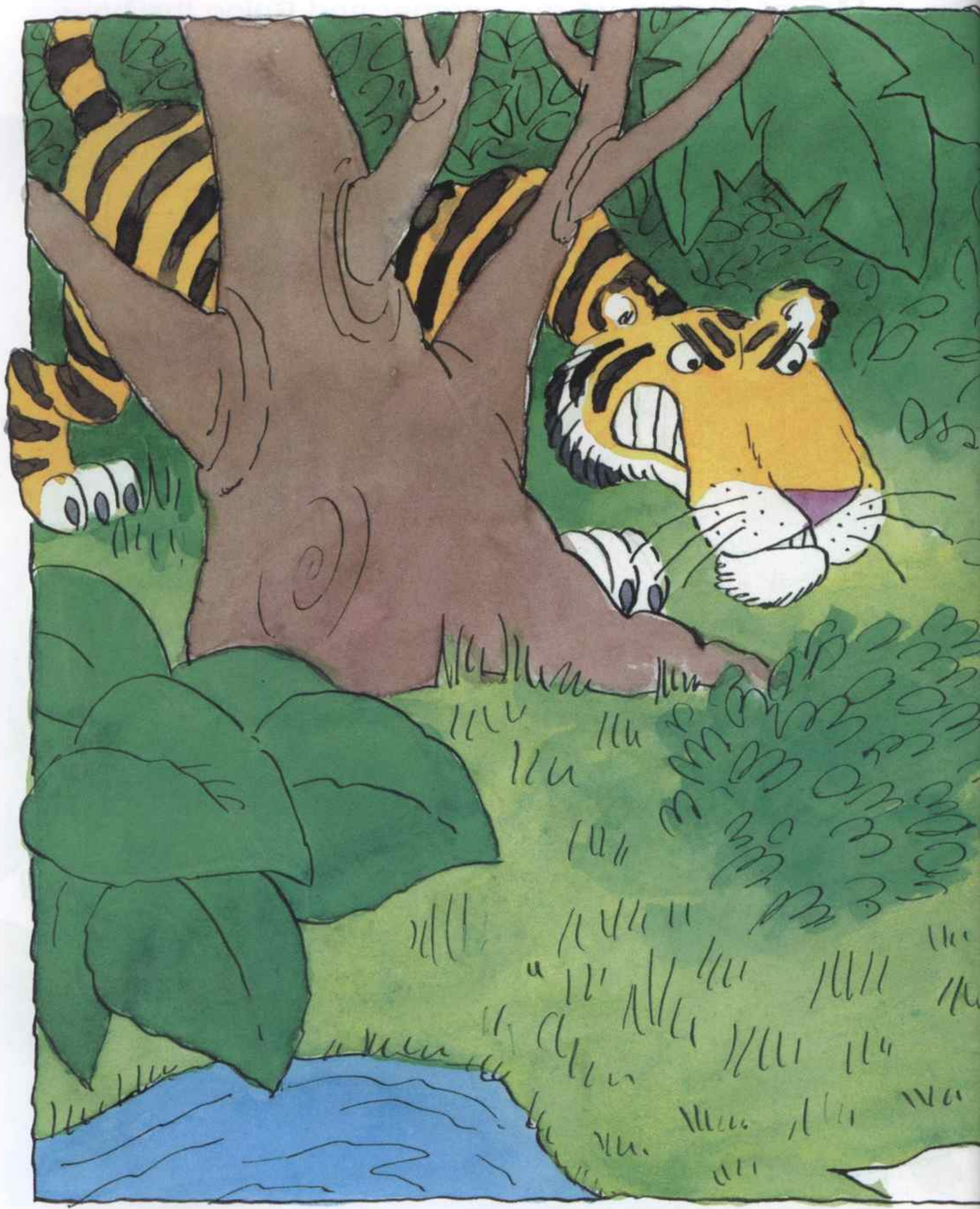


Part One

Mowgli, Bagheera the panther and Baloo the bear are having a picnic near the river.



A big tiger growls!
GRRRRRRRRR!



The tiger is behind the tree!



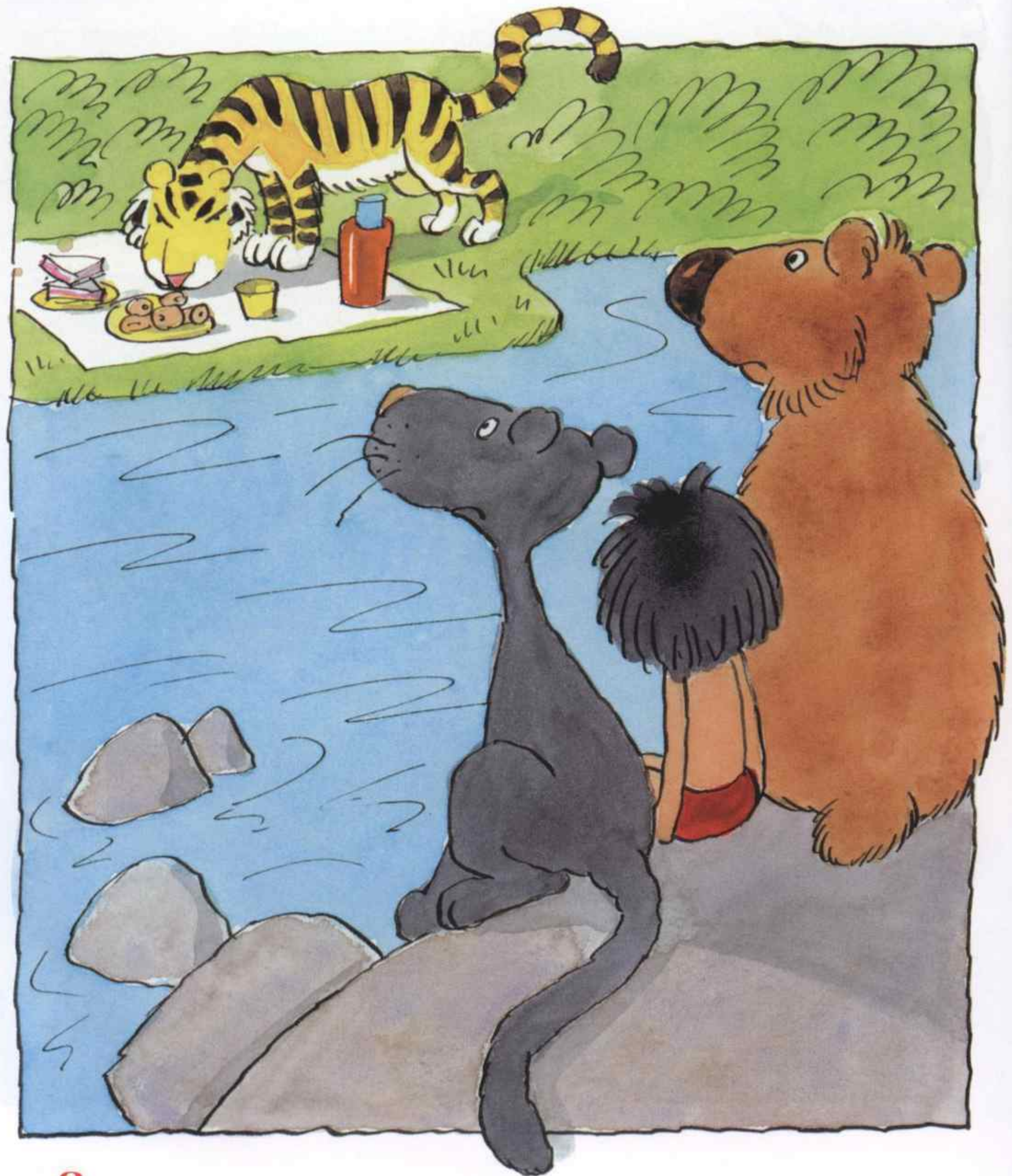
Bagheera and Baloo jump into the river.
The water is cold!
'Jump in! Jump into the river, Mowgli!' they shout.



'No! No! I can't swim! I can't swim!' says Mowgli.
'Jump onto my back!' shouts Bagheera.
Mowgli jumps onto Bagheera's back.
Bagheera, Baloo and Mowgli swim across the river.



Bagheera and Baloo are tired!
They sit on a rock to rest.
'Who is he?' asks Baloo.
'His name is Shere Khan the tiger,' answers
Bagheera.



'Look at Shere Khan!' says Bagheera.

'He *must not* eat the picnic!'

'Yum! Yum! I'm hungry!' says the tiger.

'Delicious ham sandwiches! Fantastic sausage rolls and orange juice... Yum! Yum! Yum!'



ACTIVITY 1

Complete the sentences.

1. Baloo is a
 - a. panther
 - b. bear
 - c. tiger
2. The tiger is
 - a. under the tree
 - b. in front of the tree
 - c. behind the tree
3. Mowgli jumps onto Bagheera's
 - a. back
 - b. head
 - c. hand
4. The ham sandwiches are!
 - a. good
 - b. fantastic
 - c. delicious



ACTIVITY 2

Answer YES or NO.

1. Are Mowgli and his friends having a picnic?

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2. Is the tiger Mowgli's friend?

.....

3. Can Baloo and Bagheera swim?

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4. Is the tiger's name Shere Khan?

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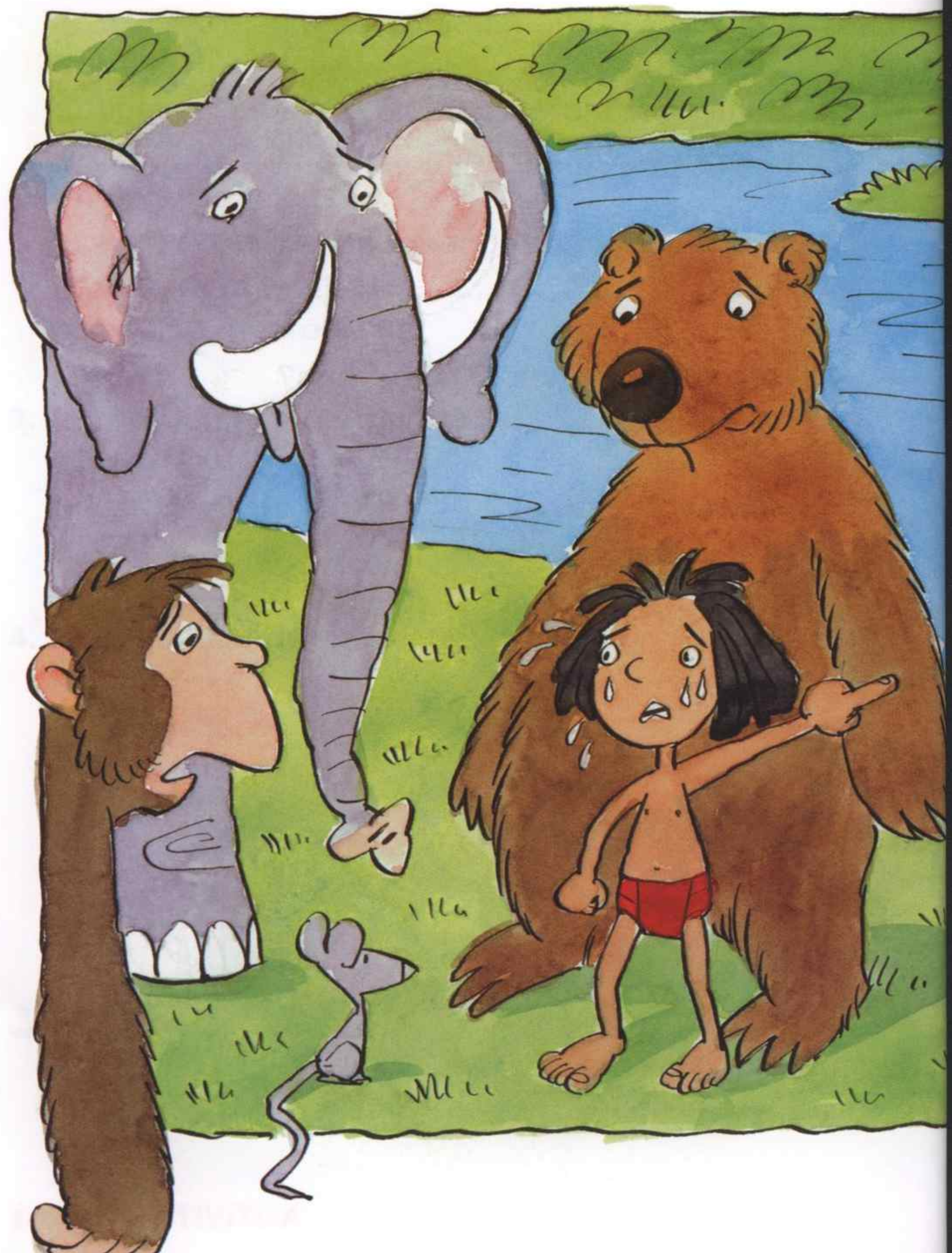
5. Is the tiger hungry?

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Part Two

Mowgli, Bagheera and Baloo are very sad.
The picnic is in the tiger's tummy!



'What's the matter?' asks Hathi, the elephant.
'Look at the greedy tiger!' says Mowgli.
'My delicious picnic is in the tiger's tummy!'

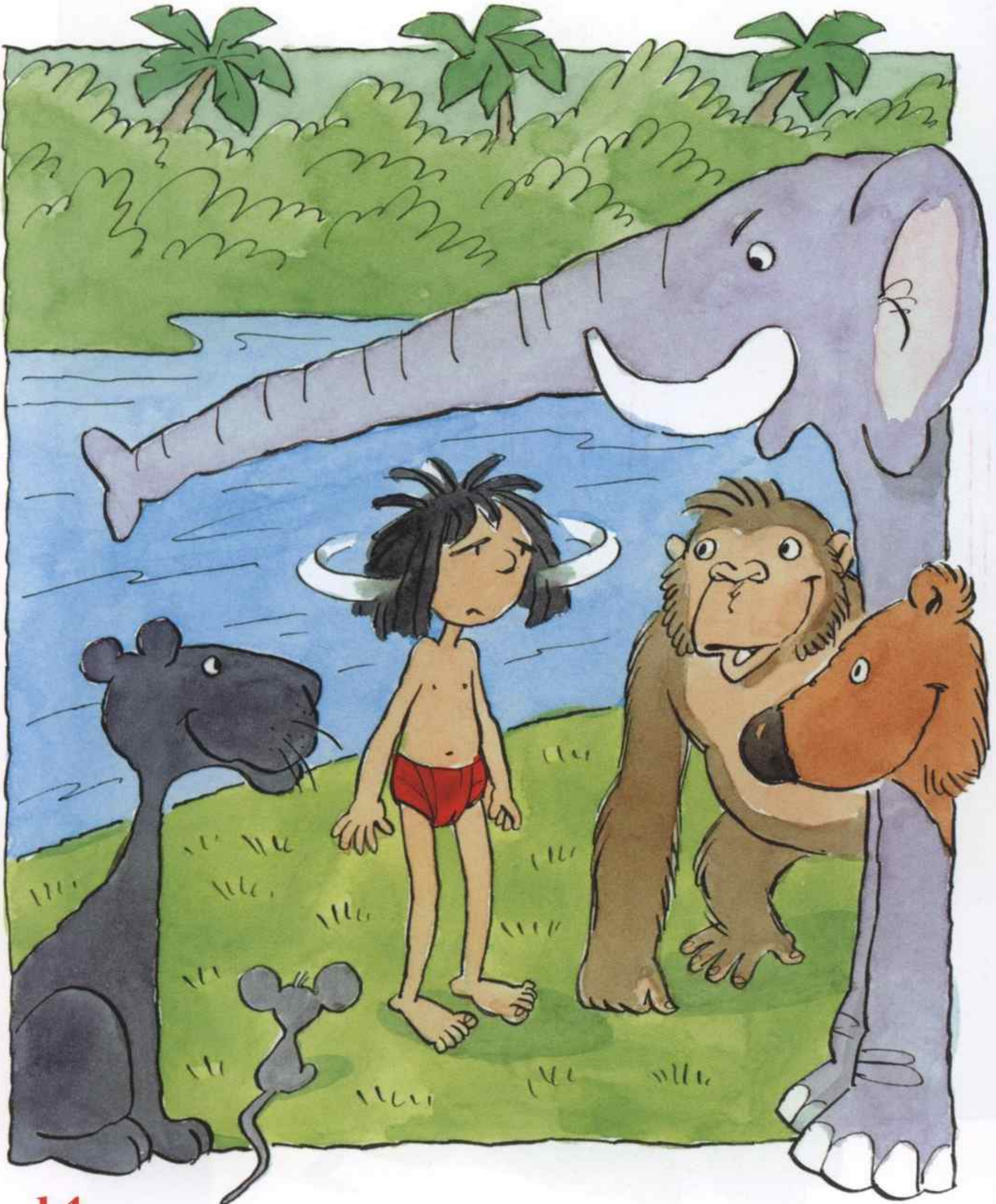


'Go back across the river!' says Hathi.

'Go back to the tiger and say: Naughty, naughty tiger! You *must not* eat the picnics any more!'

'No, I can't go back! I can't go back!' says Mowgli.

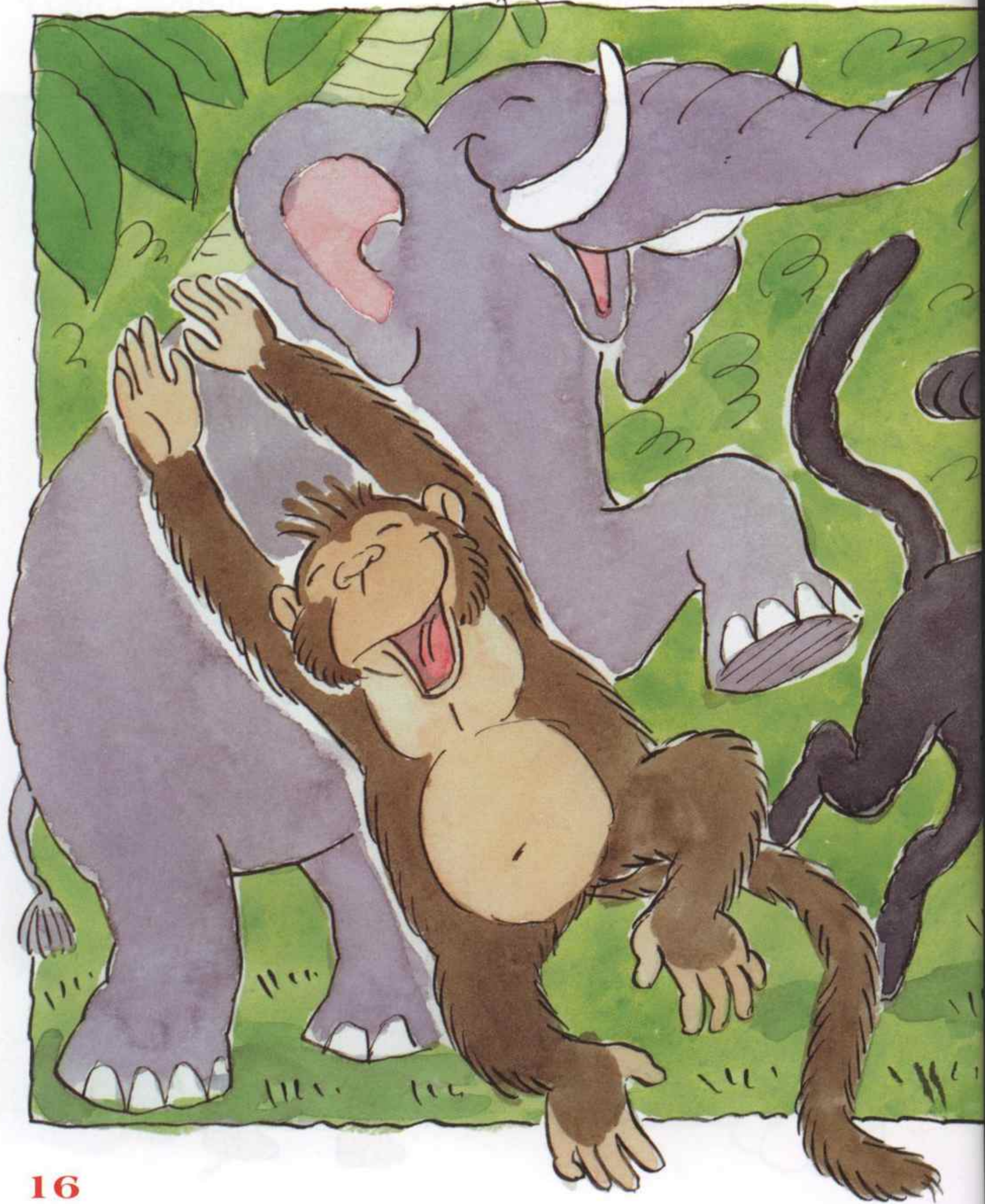
'I can't swim!!!'



'How old are you, Mowgli?' asks Jo the monkey.
'I'm 8, I think,' says Mowgli. 'Yes, I am. I'm 8!'
'You are a big boy, Mowgli. Boys of 8 can swim,'
says Mandy the mouse.
'I can't swim!' says Mowgli.



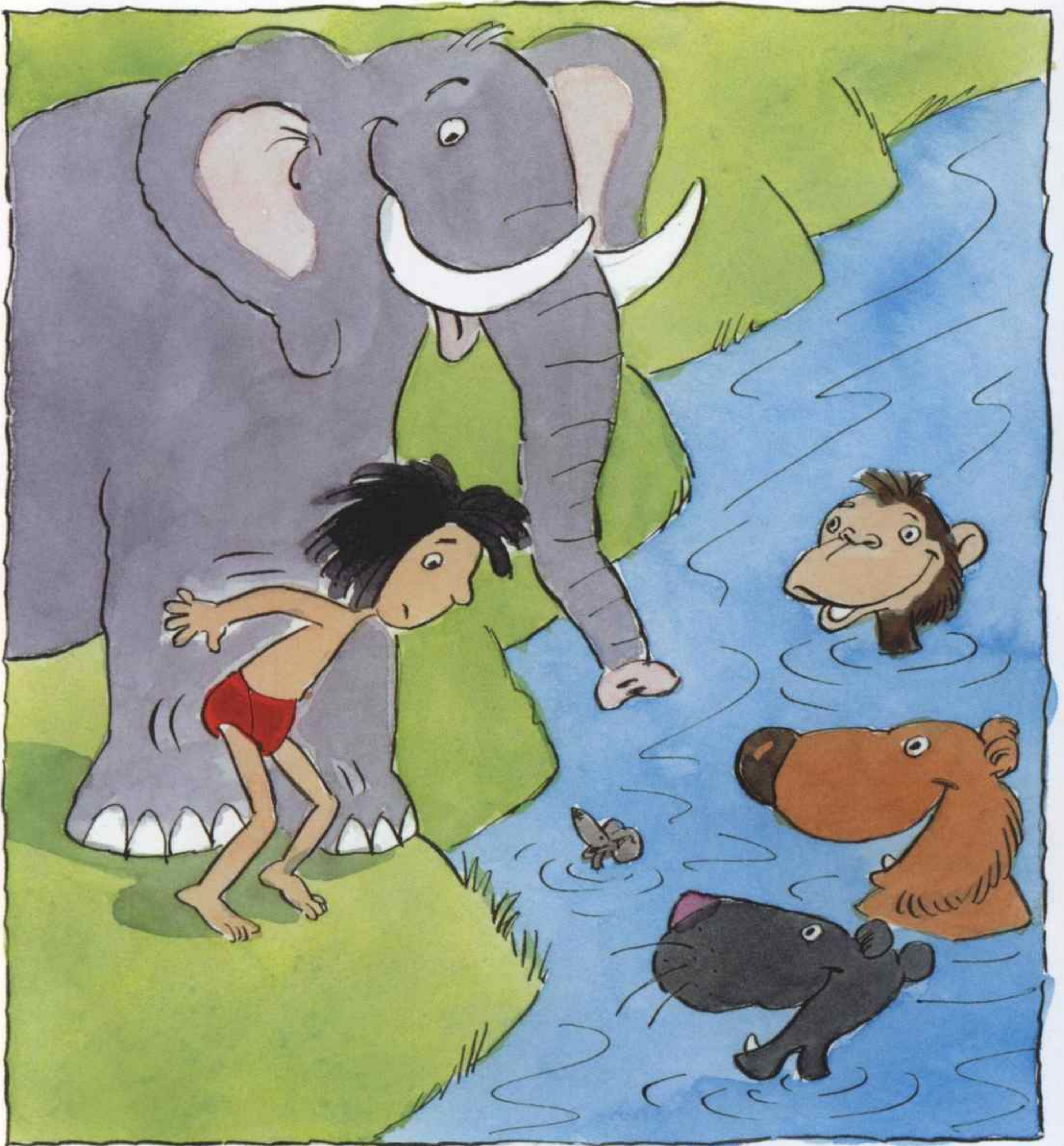
'I can teach you to swim!' says Hathi.
'I can teach you to swim!' says Jo the monkey.
'I can teach you to swim!' says Bagheera.



'I can teach you to swim!' says Baloo.
'I can teach you to swim!' says Mandy the mouse.
'Thank you! Thank you!' says Mowgli.



Baloo, Bagheera, Jo and Mandy jump into the river!
'Are you ready, Mowgli?' they shout.
'Are you ready to jump into the river?'
One! Two! Three! Ready, steady GO!!!
Splash! Mowgli jumps into the river!



ACTIVITY 3

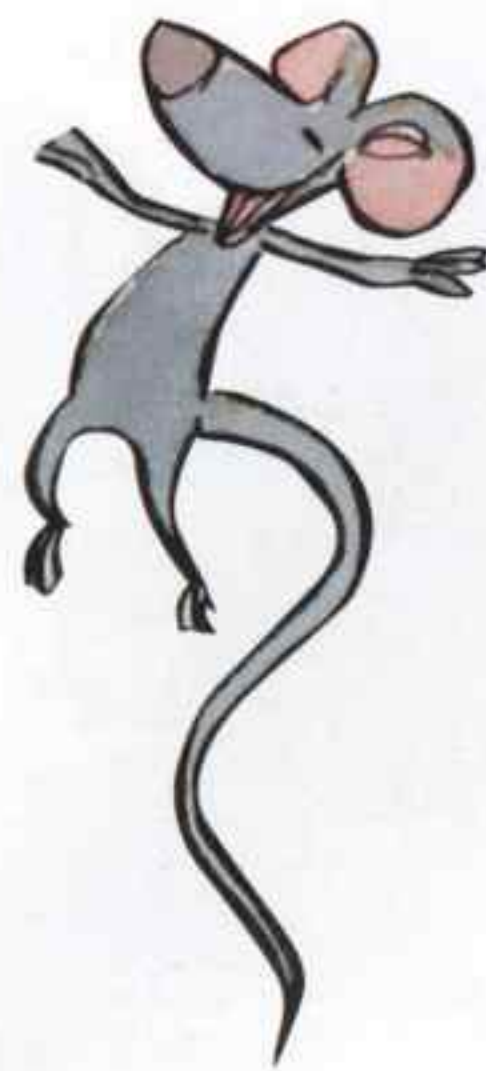
Complete the sentences.

1. Mowgli, Bagheera and Baloo are very
 - a. happy
 - b. sad
 - c. thirsty

2. Mowgli is
 - a. seven
 - b. six
 - c. eight

3. Jo is
 - a. a mouse
 - b. an elephant
 - c. a monkey

4. Mowgli into the river.
 - a. jumps
 - b. runs
 - c. walks



ACTIVITY 4

Answer True or False.

1. The picnic is in the tiger's tummy.

.....

2. The tiger is good.

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3. Mowgli can swim.

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4. The animals can teach Mowgli to swim.

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5. The animals jump into the trees.

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Part Three

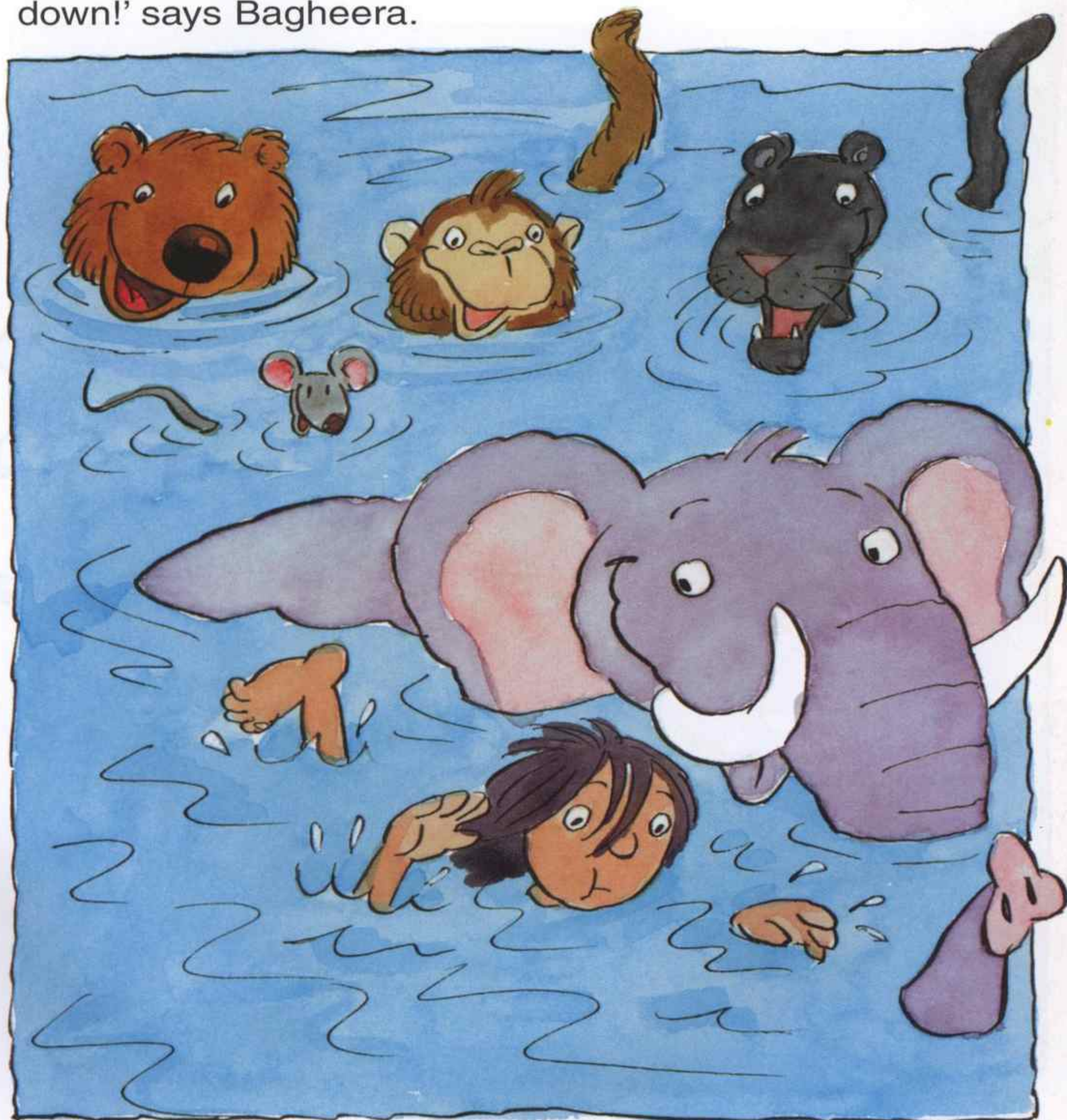
'Good! Good boy, Mowgli!' say the animals.

'Move your legs up and down, up and down!' says Jo.

'Move your arms in and out, in and out!' says Mandy.

'Close your mouth and open your eyes!' says Baloo.

'Move your arms and legs in and out and up and down!' says Bagheera.



'Help!' shouts Mowgli. 'Help! I can't swim!'

'Climb onto my trunk,' Hathi tells Mowgli.

Mowgli is on Hathi's trunk!

'Ha! Ha! Ha!' laugh Baloo, Bagheera, Mandy and Jo! 'How are you Mowgli?' they ask.

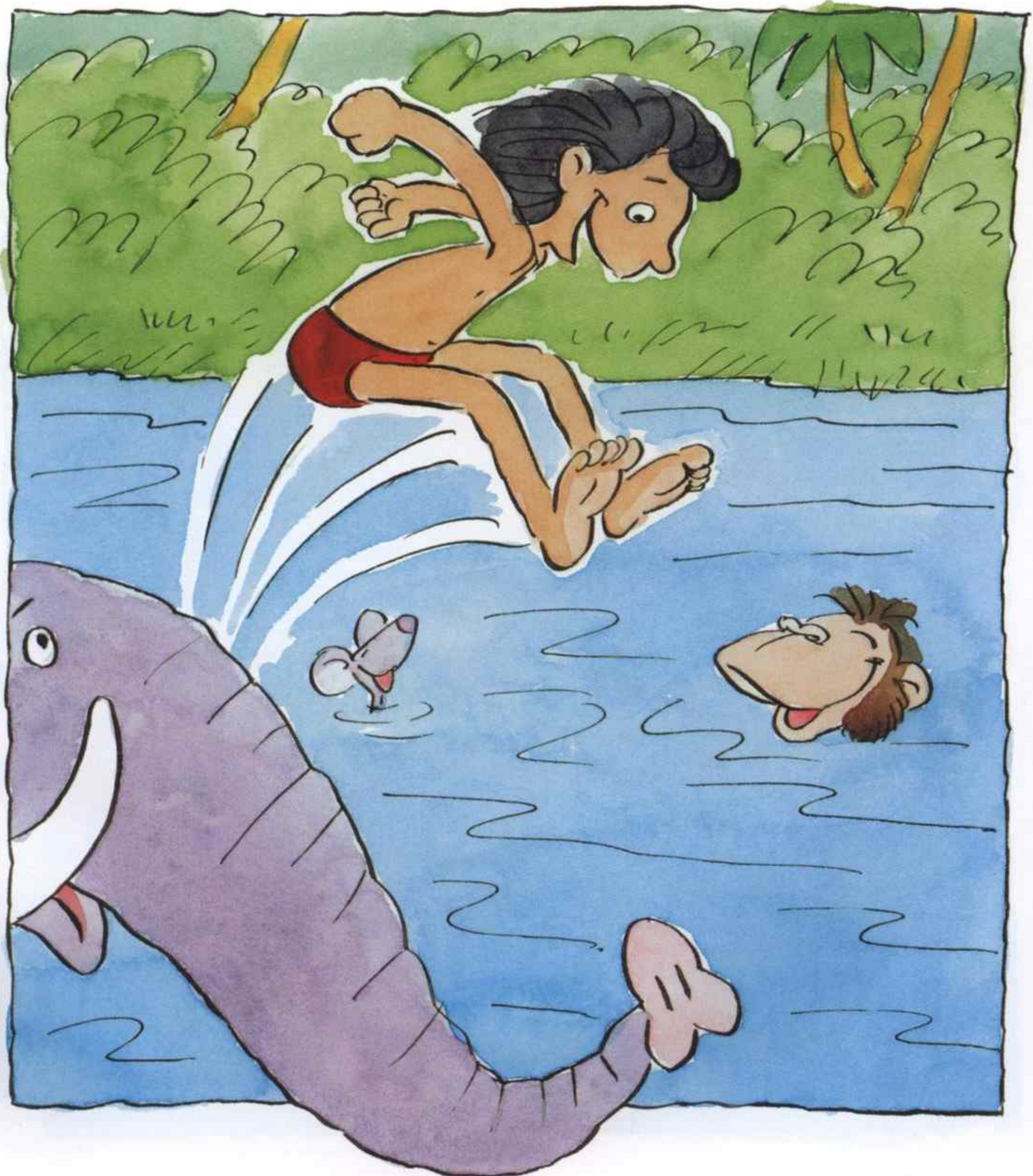
'I'm fine!' shouts Mowgli. 'I think I can swim, but not very well!'



'Jump into the water. Jump into the water and swim!' says Hathi.

'Yes! Look!' says Mowgli. 'I can jump into the water and I can swim!'

'Let's sing a song!' shout Mandy and Jo.



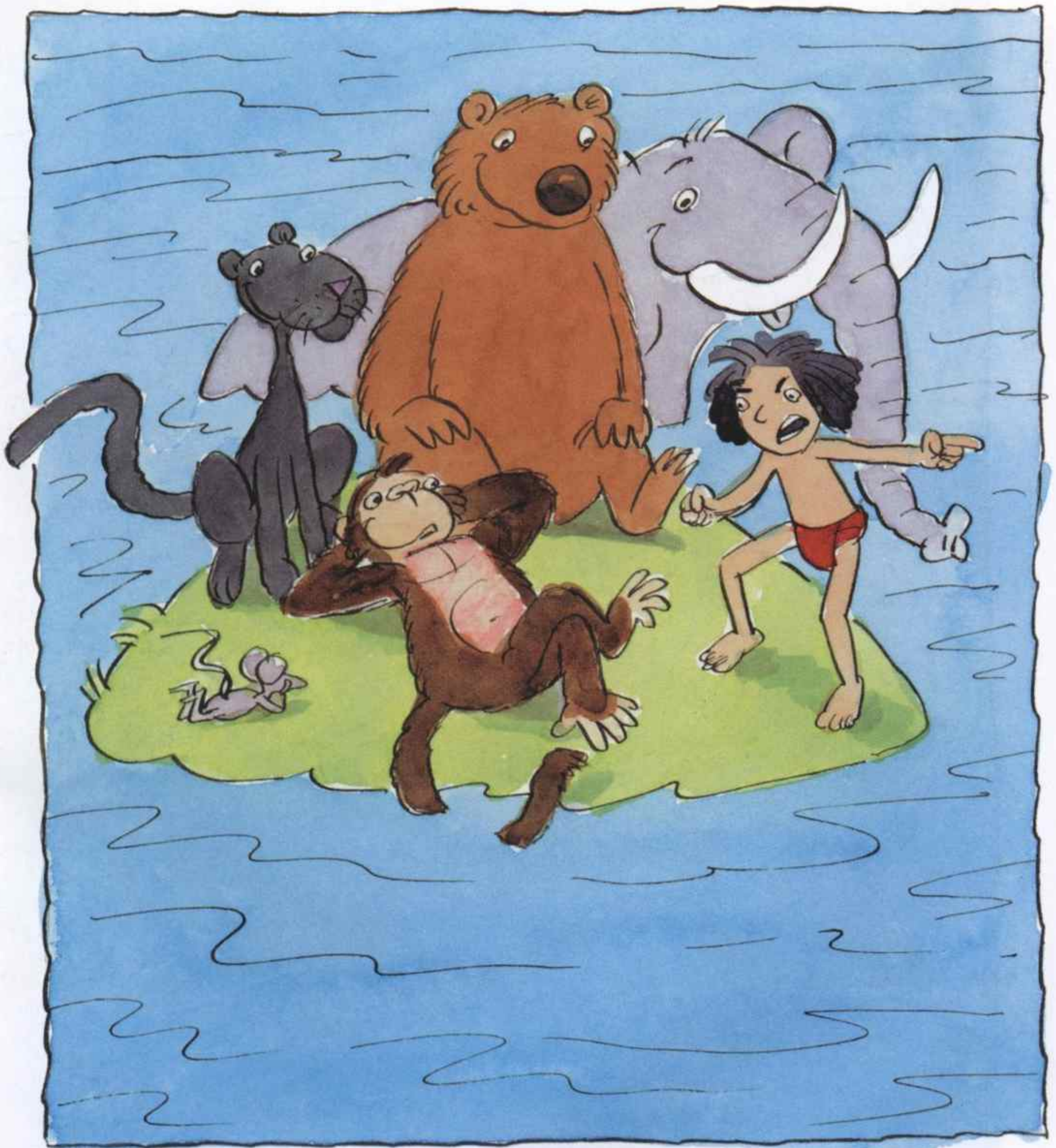
Baloo sings with the other animals.
'You can swim, you can swim!
Yes you can, yes you can!
Jump into the river, jump into the river!
Splash! Splash! Splash!
Splash! Splash! Splash!'



'Let's swim back to the naughty tiger!' shouts Mowgli.
'The naughty tiger *must not* eat the picnics any more!'

'Yes!' shouts Baloo.

'Let's go back!' says Bagheera.



'Hooray! Hooray!' shout the monkeys, zebras, giraffes, lions and elephants.
They all clap and clap.
'Very good Mowgli. You can swim now!!!'

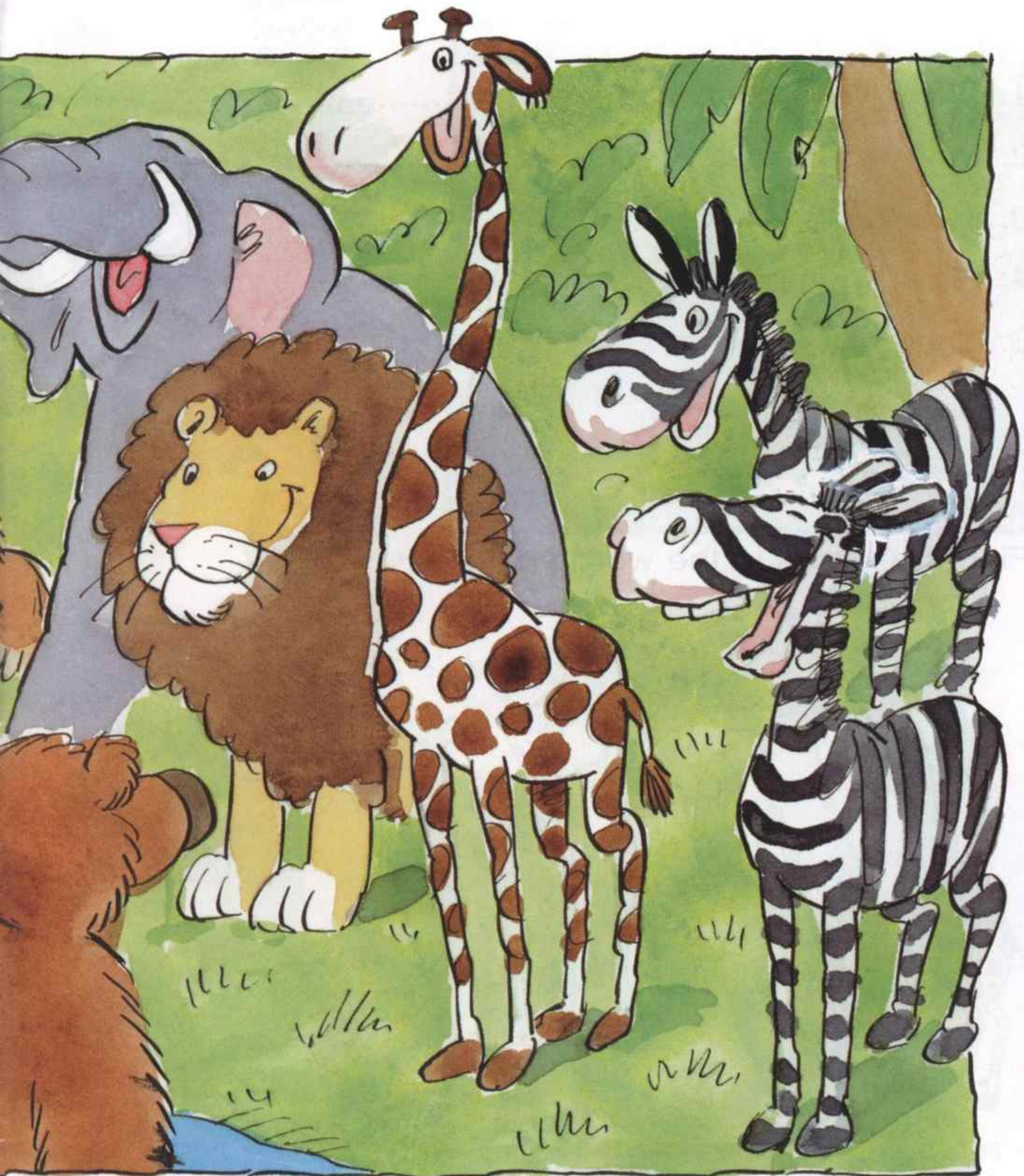


'Where is the tiger?' asks Mowgli.

'The naughty tiger is in the forest,' say the animals.

'Let's have a party!' says a lion.

'We have a lovely picnic for you!' says a giraffe.



ACTIVITY 5

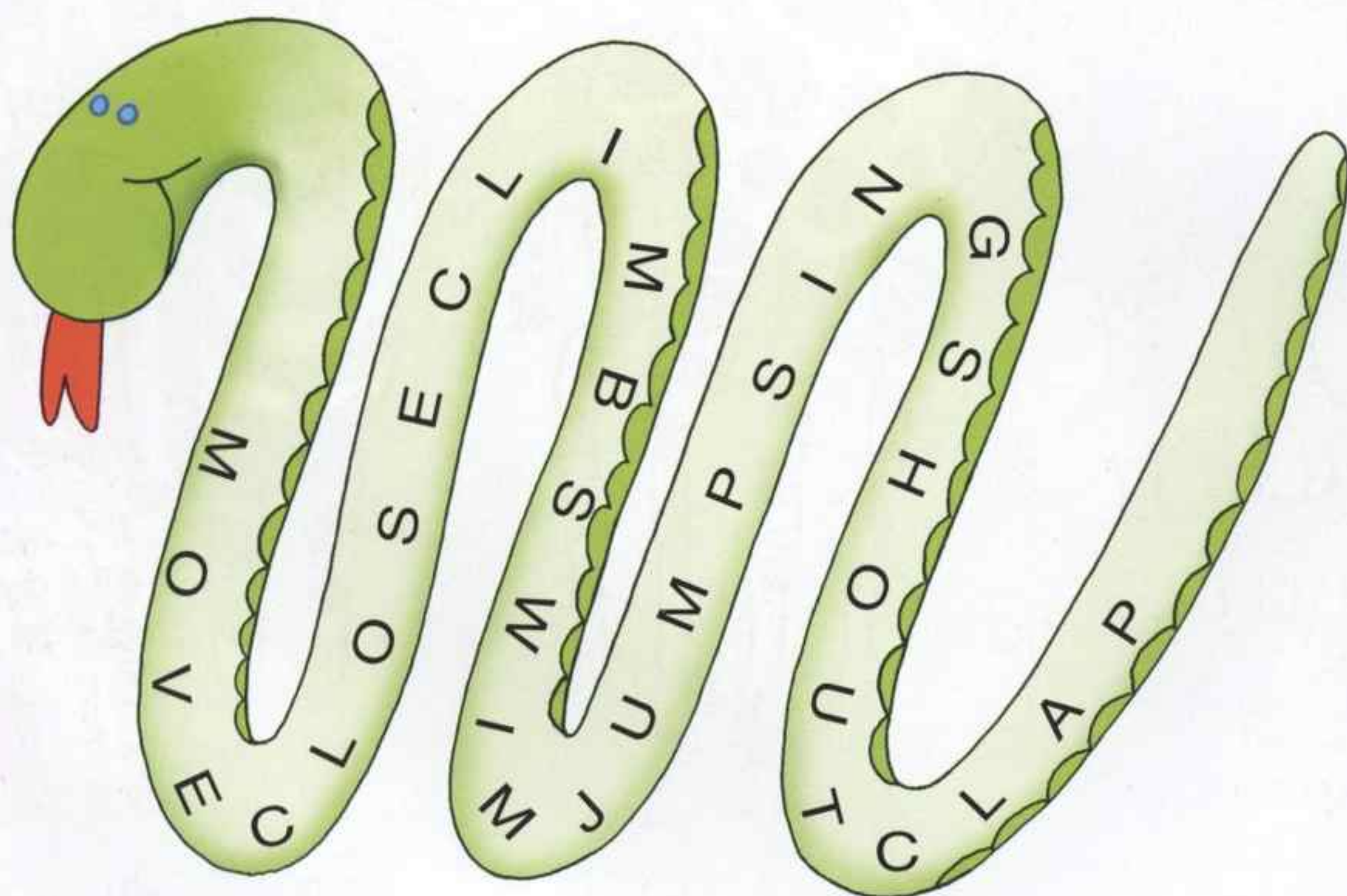
Write the correct word.

in open up into
across out down

1. Mowgli's arms go and
2. Mowgli's legs go and
3. Mowgli's eyes are
4. Mowgli jumps the river.
5. The animals swim river.

ACTIVITY 6

Find the words in the word snake.

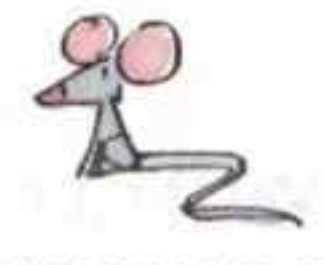


ACTIVITY 7

Find the words in the word square.



Mowgli



mouse



Baloo



monkey

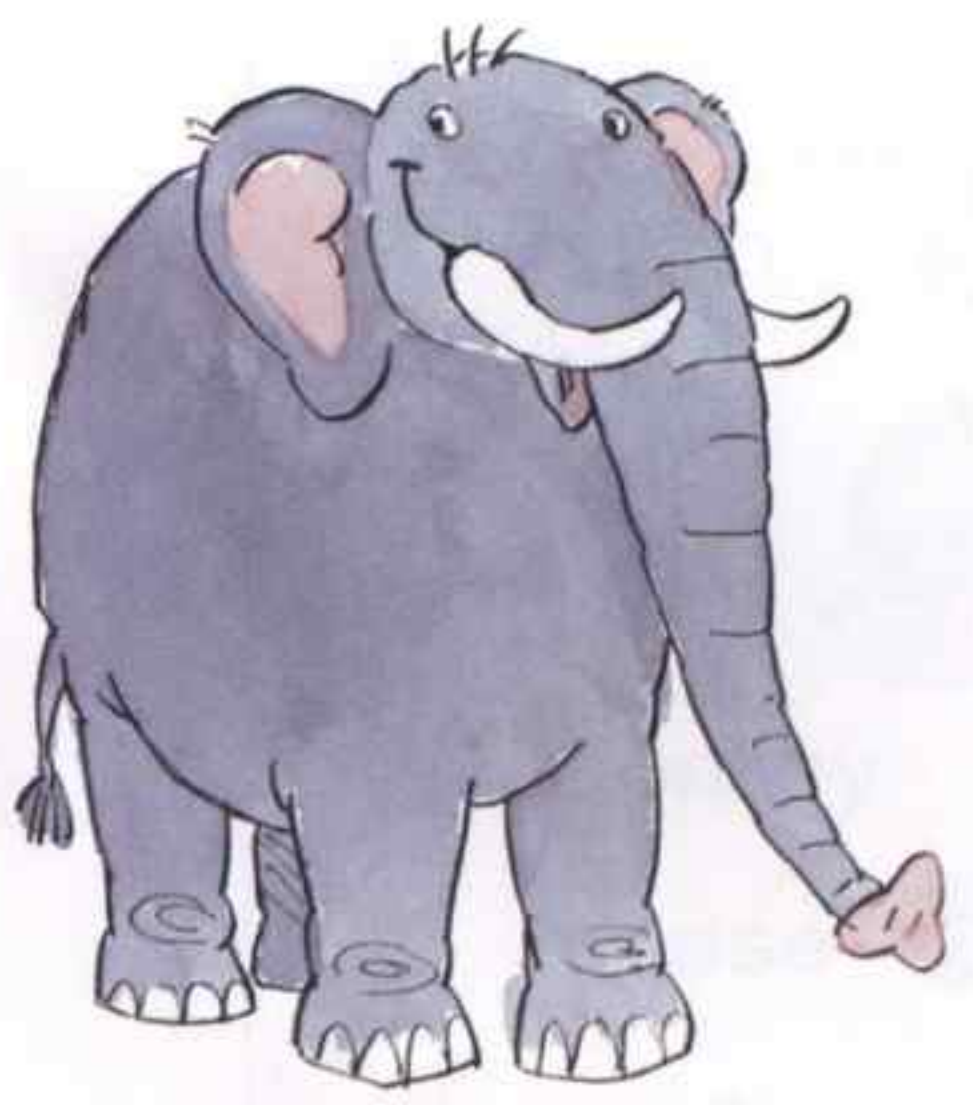


lion



Bagheera

B	A	G	H	E	E	R	A	Z	W
A	C	I	Q	T	E	M	B	O	P
L	U	R	L	M	O	W	G	L	I
O	M	A	L	I	F	H	J	K	N
O	O	F	Y	W	O	U	S	M	Q
E	U	F	G	Z	I	N	L	O	M
P	S	E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T
R	E	T	V	B	X	S	B	K	U
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elephant



tiger



zebra

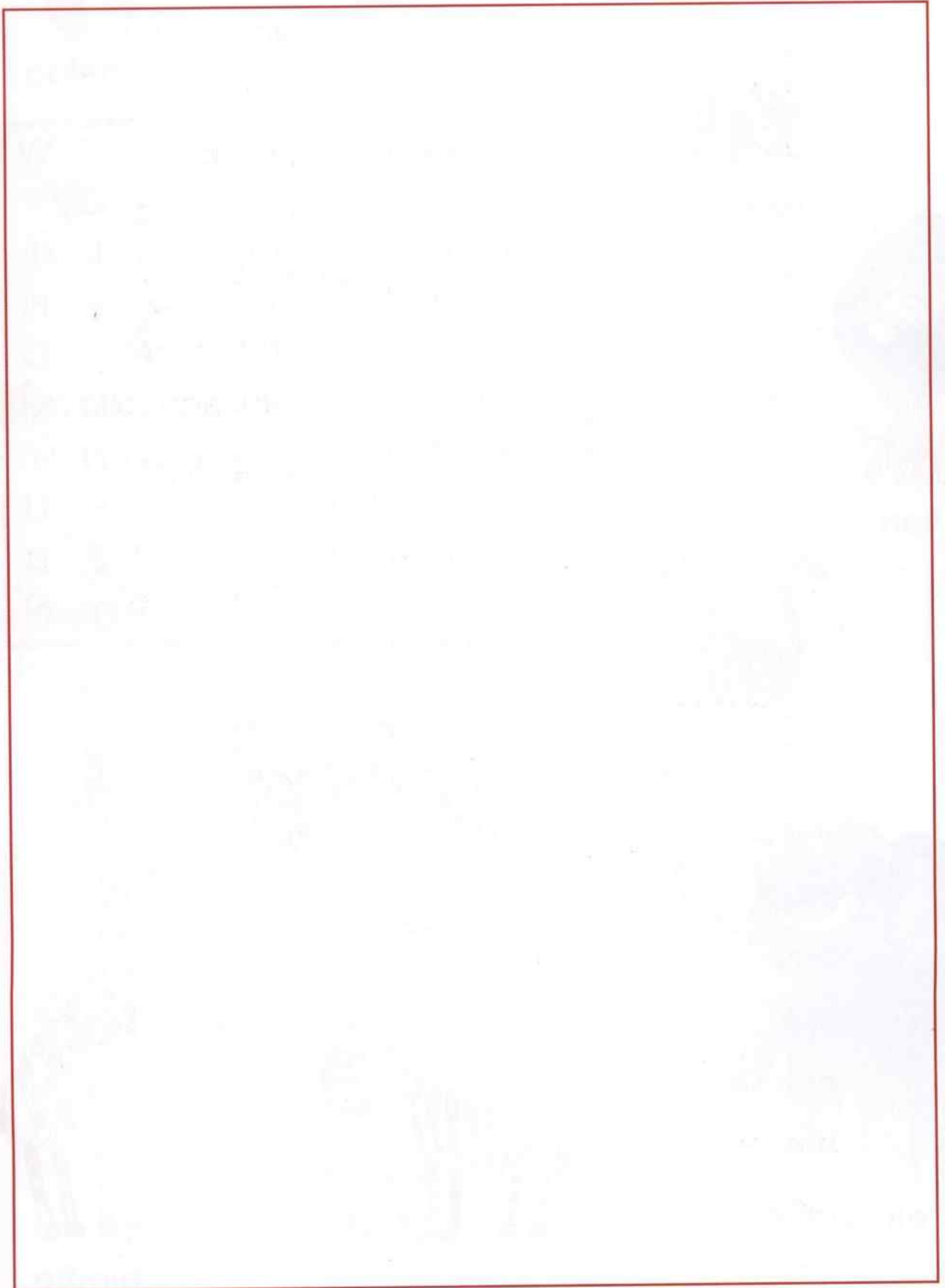


giraffe

ACTIVITY 8

Mowgli can swim now.

Draw a picture of Mowgli in the river.



Pictionary

animals		onto		on	
arms		orange juice		panther	
back		picnic		river	
bear		rock		sad	
behind		sausage rolls		sing	
boy		sit		Splash!	
clap		swim		three	
down		tiger		tired	
elephant		tree		trunk	
eyes		tummy		two	
forest		up		yum!	
giraffe		zebra			
growls/grrr					
ham sandwiches					
jump					
laugh					
legs					
lion					
monkey					
mouse					
mouth					
one					

Key

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. False

ACTIVITY 4

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1. sad
2. eight
3. a monkey
4. jumps

ACTIVITY 3

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1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes

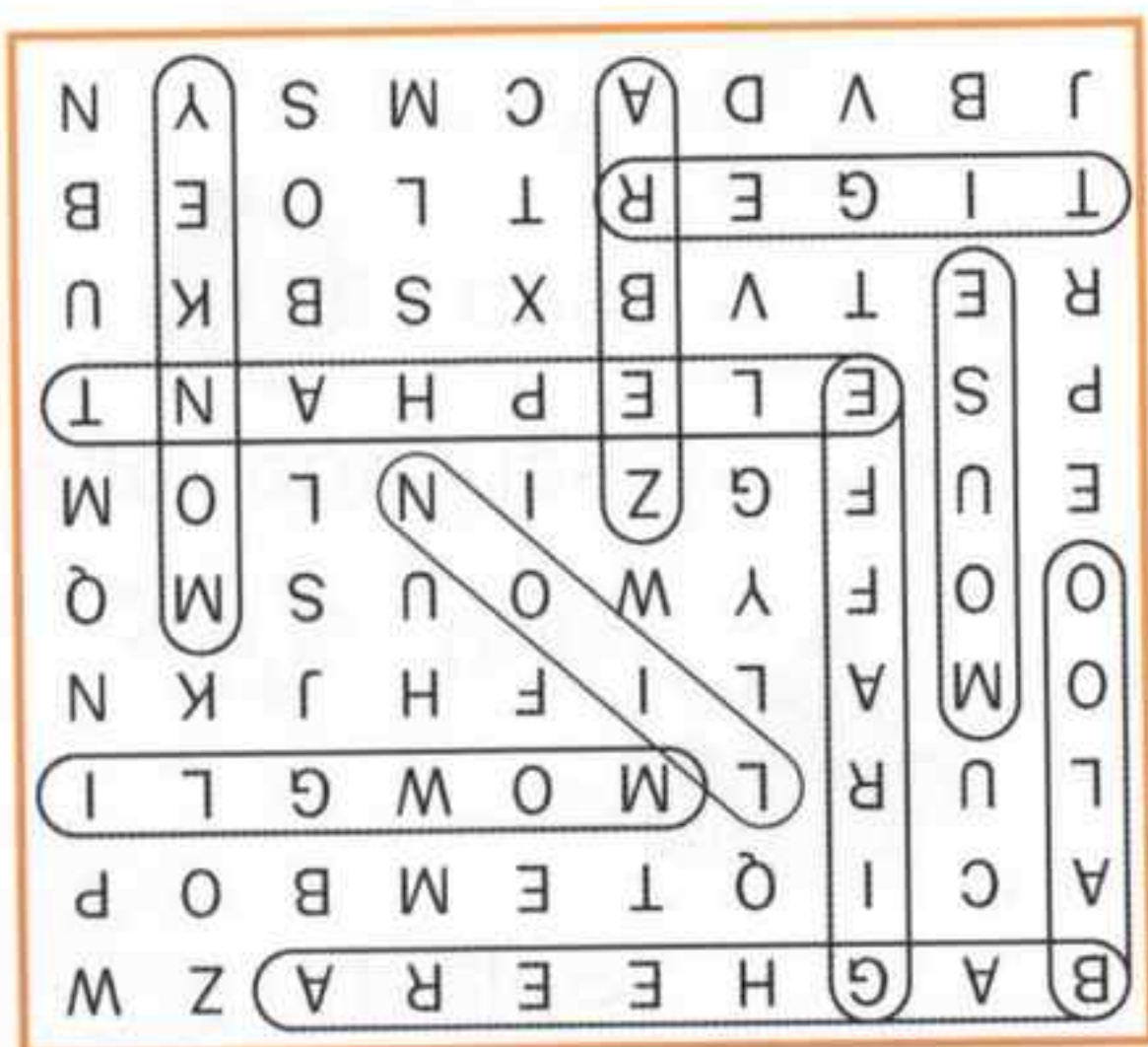
ACTIVITY 2

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1. bear
2. behind the tree
3. back
4. delicious

ACTIVITY 1

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ACTIVITY 7

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- swim, jump, sing, shout, clap.
move, close, climb,

ACTIVITY 6

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1. in / out
2. up / down
3. open

ACTIVITY 5

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When Mowgli meets Shere Khan the tiger, and isn't able to escape across the river on his own, he realises he has to learn to swim. With a little help from his friends Baloo, Bagheera, Hathi and the others, Mowgli finds that swimming isn't so difficult after all! Beautifully illustrated, this book will delight and motivate young readers.

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