

Aesop's

The Lion & the Mouse

storytime

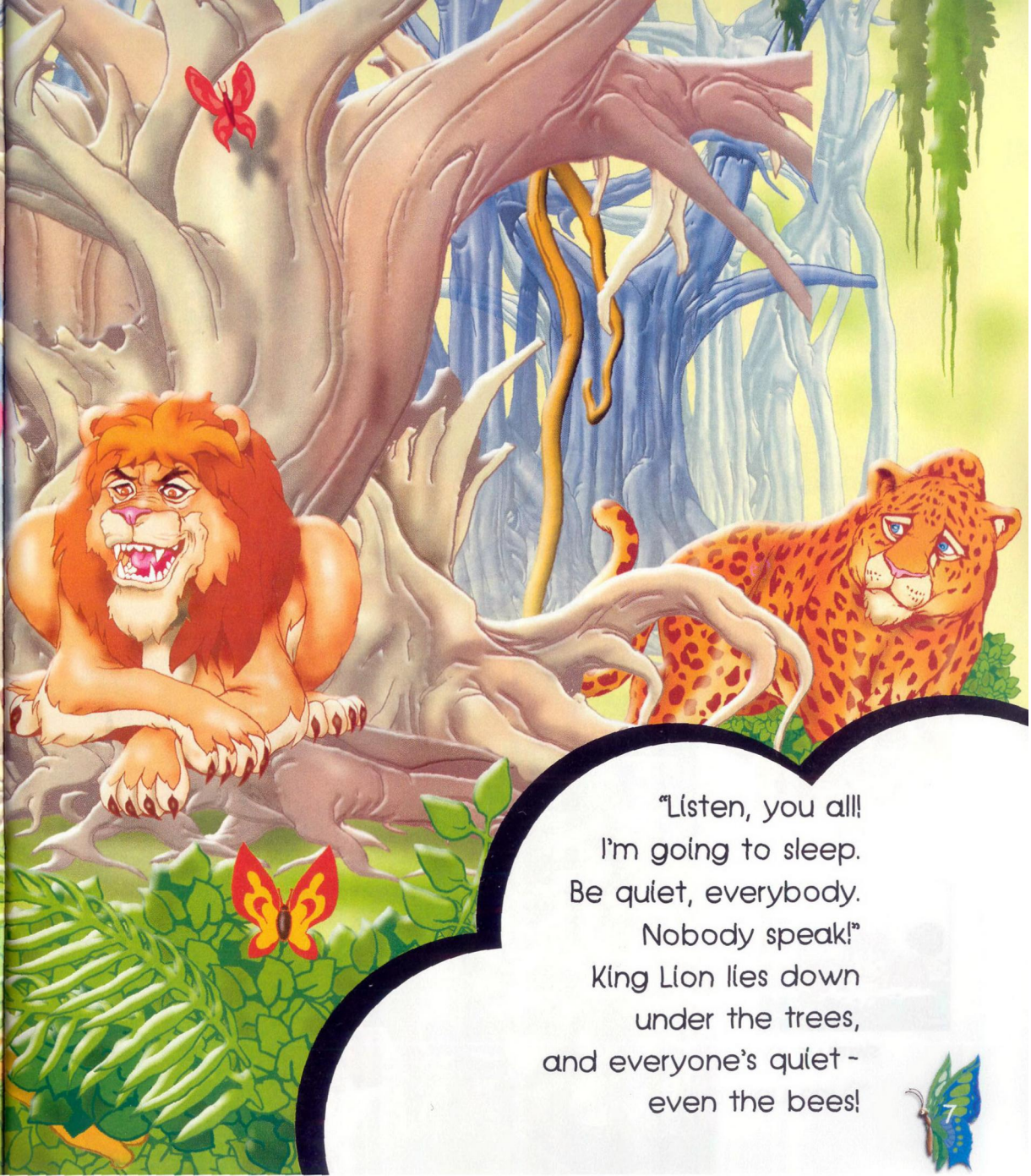
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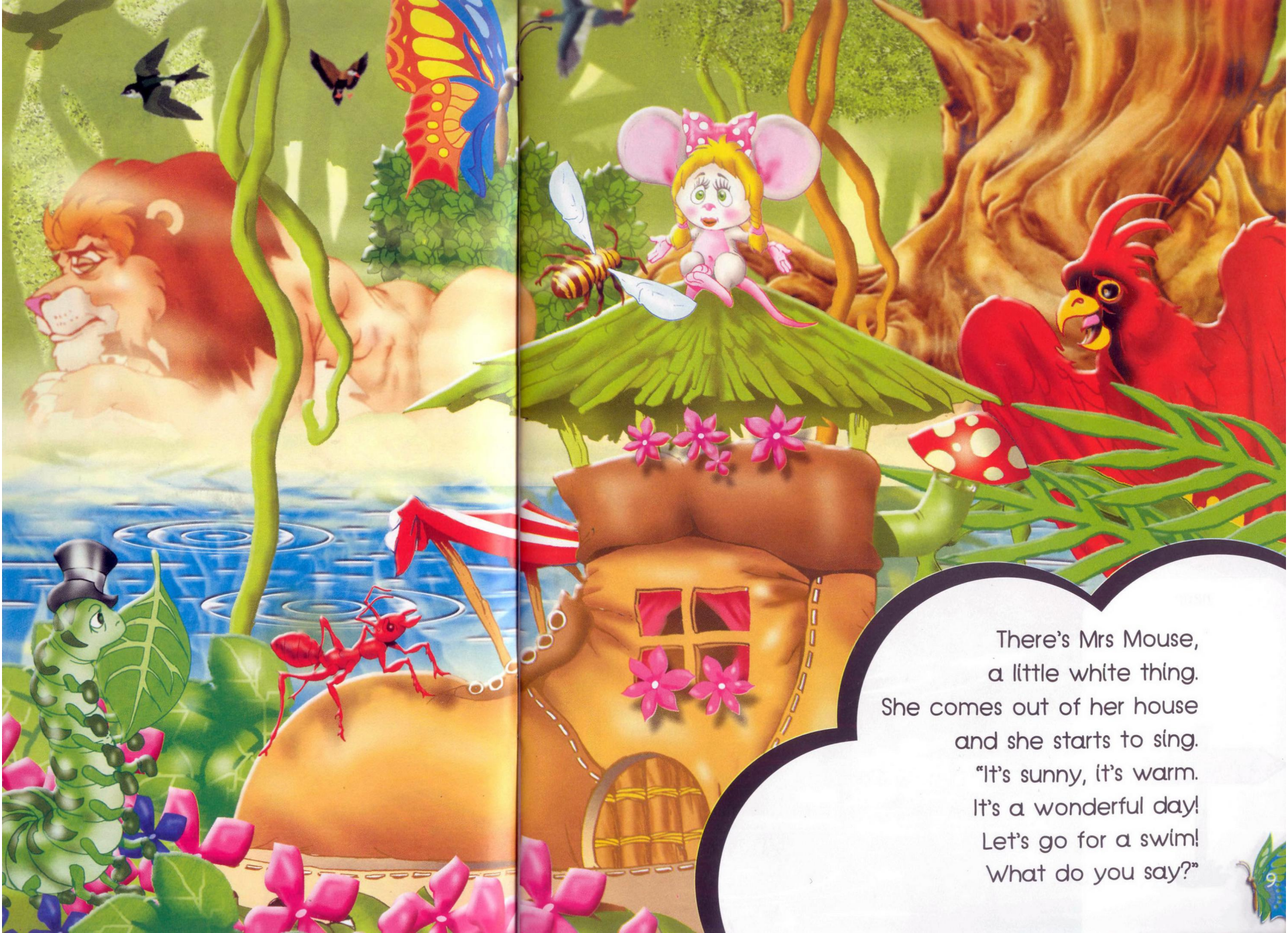


"It's hot and it's sunny
this summer's day,"
deep in the jungle
the animals say.
Here comes the lion,
the King of this land.
He's big and he's strong
and proudly he stands.



"Listen, you all!
I'm going to sleep.
Be quiet, everybody.
Nobody speak!"
King Lion lies down
under the trees,
and everyone's quiet -
even the bees!





There's Mrs Mouse,
a little white thing.
She comes out of her house
and she starts to sing.
"It's sunny, it's warm.
It's a wonderful day!
Let's go for a swim!
What do you say?"



"Be quiet, Mrs Mouse!
Do not stay here!
Go back to your house!
King Lion is near!"
"Don't worry, he's sleeping.
Don't worry, I say.
I'm going to be careful.
I'll swim far away."





So away she goes.
She counts 1-2-3
and splashes her toes
where he cannot see.
But soon she forgets
the lion is there.
She swims very close
to the lion's hair!



“What’s that? What’s the matter?
A noise I hear.
My eyes tell me a mouse is near.”
“I’m sorry, O Lion! I’m sorry, My King.
But this summer day is good for a swim.”



"Don't eat me, dear Lion.
I'll help you one day.
Please let me go.
What do you say?"
"Ha-ha! That is funny.
You'll help me one day?
You're too small for me.
Just go far away!"





A long time later,
on another hot day,
a noise much greater
the mouse hears far away.
She runs to the lion
and what does she see?
He is in a net,
hanging under a tree!

Activities D-F



The lion is sad.
He roars and he cries.
This is so bad.
There are tears in his eyes.
“Don’t worry, my friend.
Don’t worry, My King.
Your troubles will end
when I bite through this thing.”



So she starts to bite the ropes of the net, and soon he falls through and lands on his head. "Thank you, my friend. I won't forget you. We'll always be friends and I'll protect you."



"You're welcome, dear Lion.
Now you can see,
no matter how small,
a good friend I'll be."

Activities G-N





Friends



People who help us
are always there.
We may not know it,
but still they care.

The mouse helps the lion
escape from the net.
Now they are friends
and glad that they met.

Chorus: We have friends who are big.
We have friends who are strong.
We have friends who are small.
Bring them along!

When you meet a person,
help them - In the end,
you may find out
that you've got a new friend.

Repeat Chorus

So everyone here
can see it is true
that we need all our friends
and that means YOU!

