

# The Toothless Lion

about standing together and caring for each other

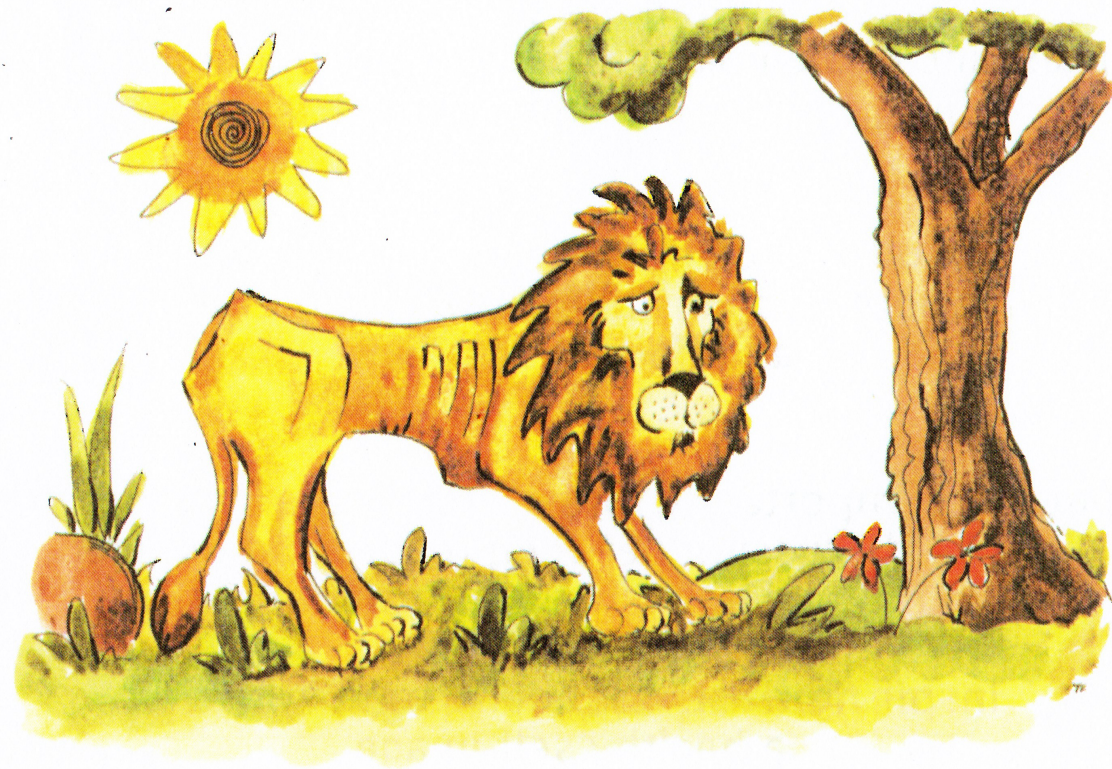


all about things that matter  
Original Children's stories from Africa

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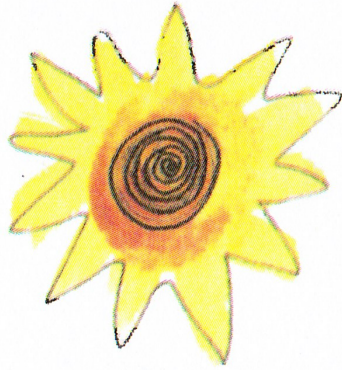
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Mavimba was a Lion,  
I'm told  
Who was not as wise,  
as he was bold

He had lost all his teeth  
in a fearsome battle  
His skin and bone body  
had begun to rattle

As he lay down in the shade to rest  
A Hoopo bird spoke from up high in her nest



"Mavimba is old  
and not very strong  
I must stay here and make sure  
nothing goes wrong..."

"...For if Sheevah finds him here  
I am afraid  
He'll not last the day  
his fate will be made"

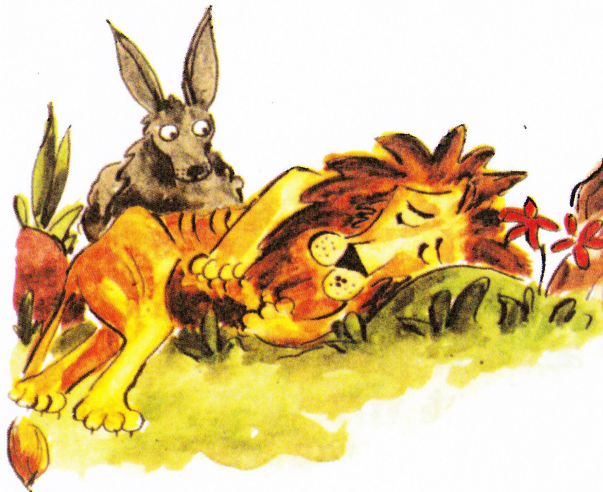


Along came  
Lumka  
the jungle Hare

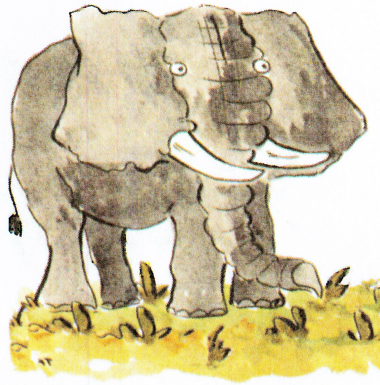
He came  
to see  
Mavimba  
as close  
as he dare

He watched  
his old friend  
breathing  
in and out  
His old friend  
the Lion  
no longer stout

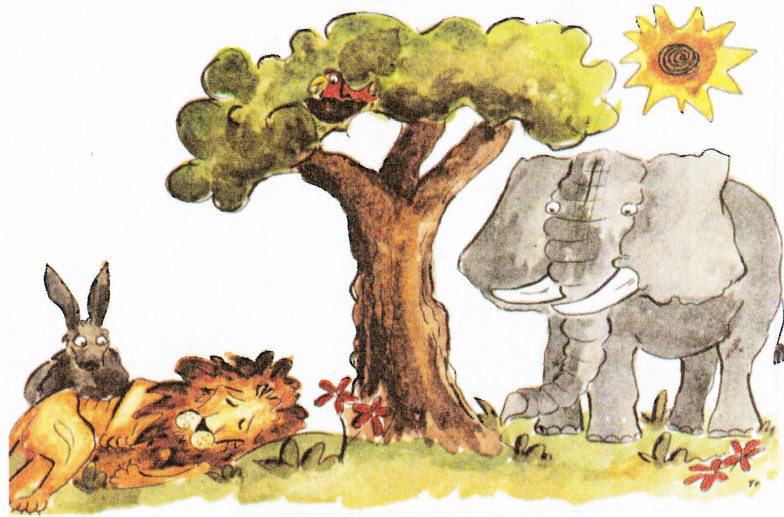
"I must stay by his side  
in case he must hide"



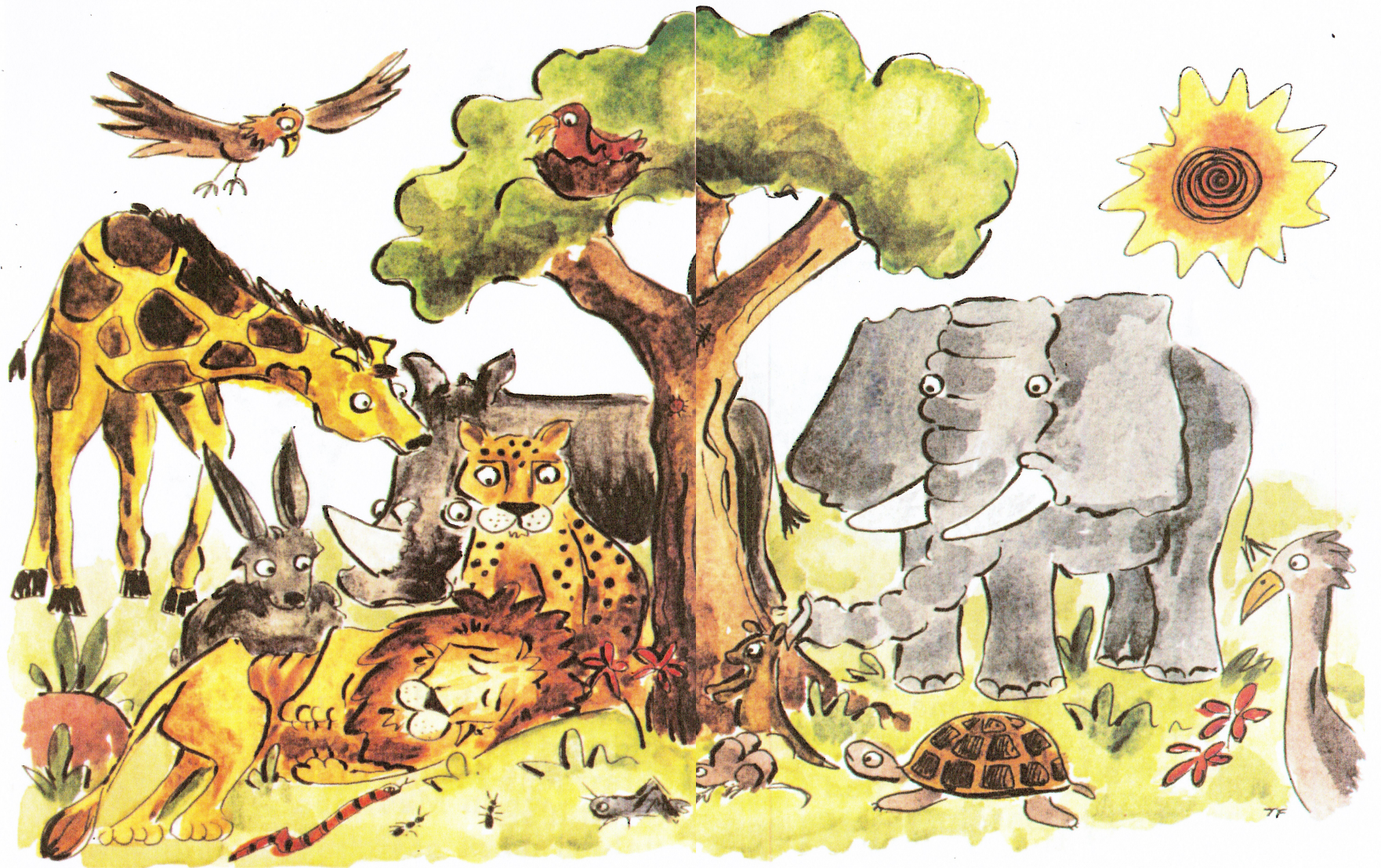
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finds him here  
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Along came the  
old Elephant  
Andukha's  
his name  
With gigantic  
white tusks  
that speak of  
his fame



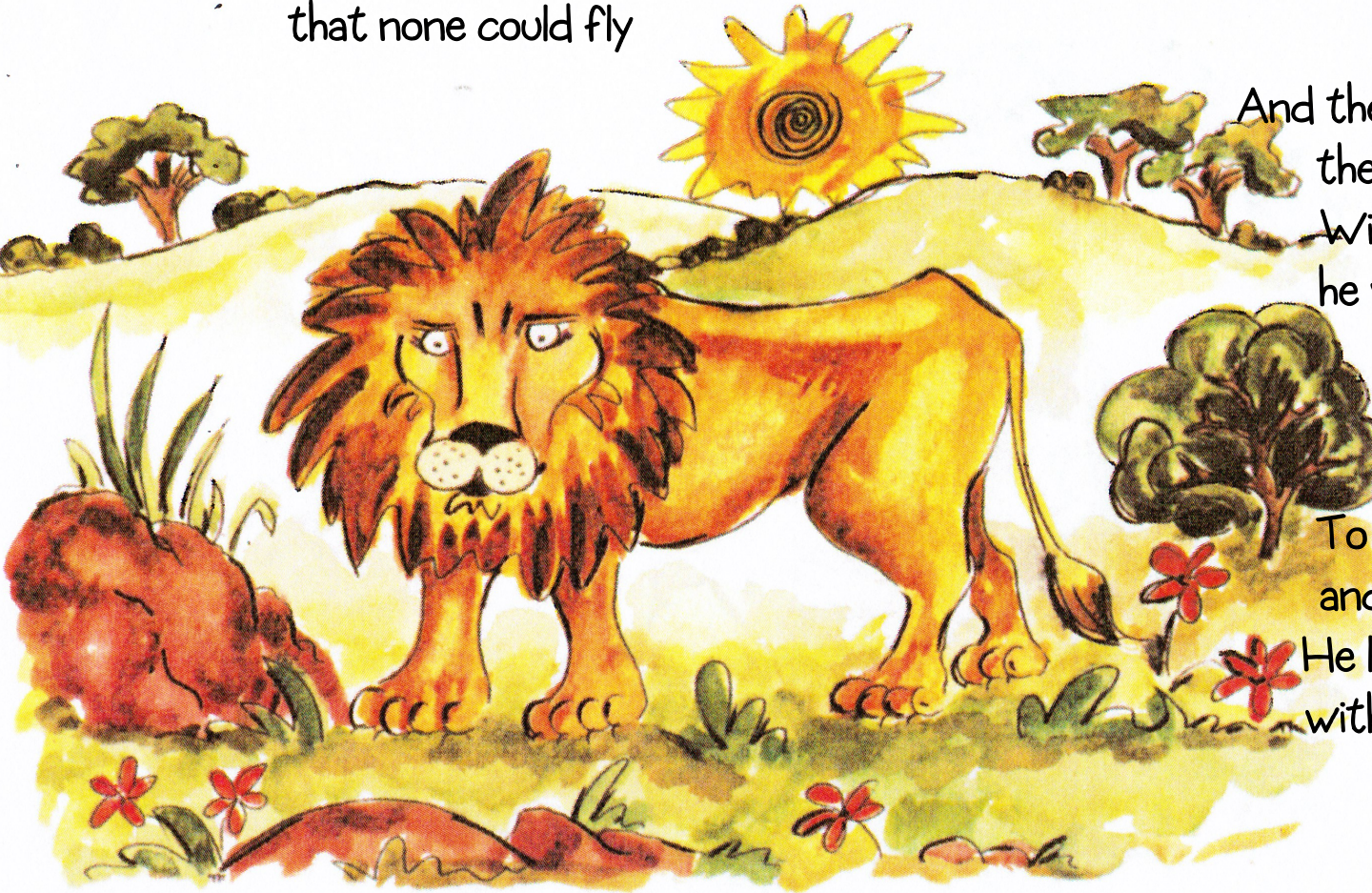
He looked down at Mavimba  
all tattered and worn  
He remembered the day  
when Mavimba was born  
"I must stand over Mavimba  
and give him more shade  
Till the heat of day  
begins to fade"



And many a Bird,  
Animal and insect

Gathered near Mavimba  
to watch and protect

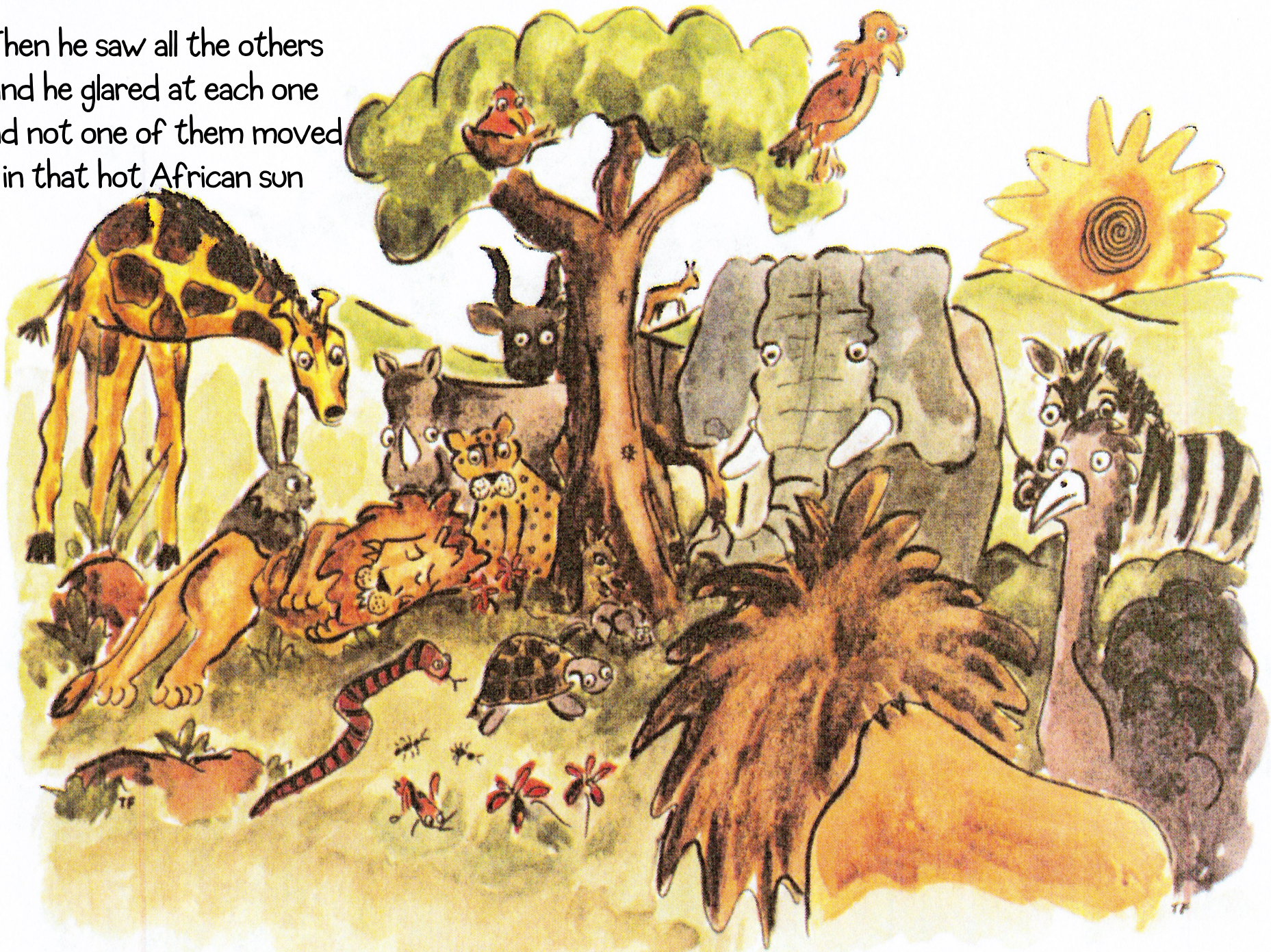
So when Sheevah arrived  
with a glint in his eye  
So many were there  
that none could fly



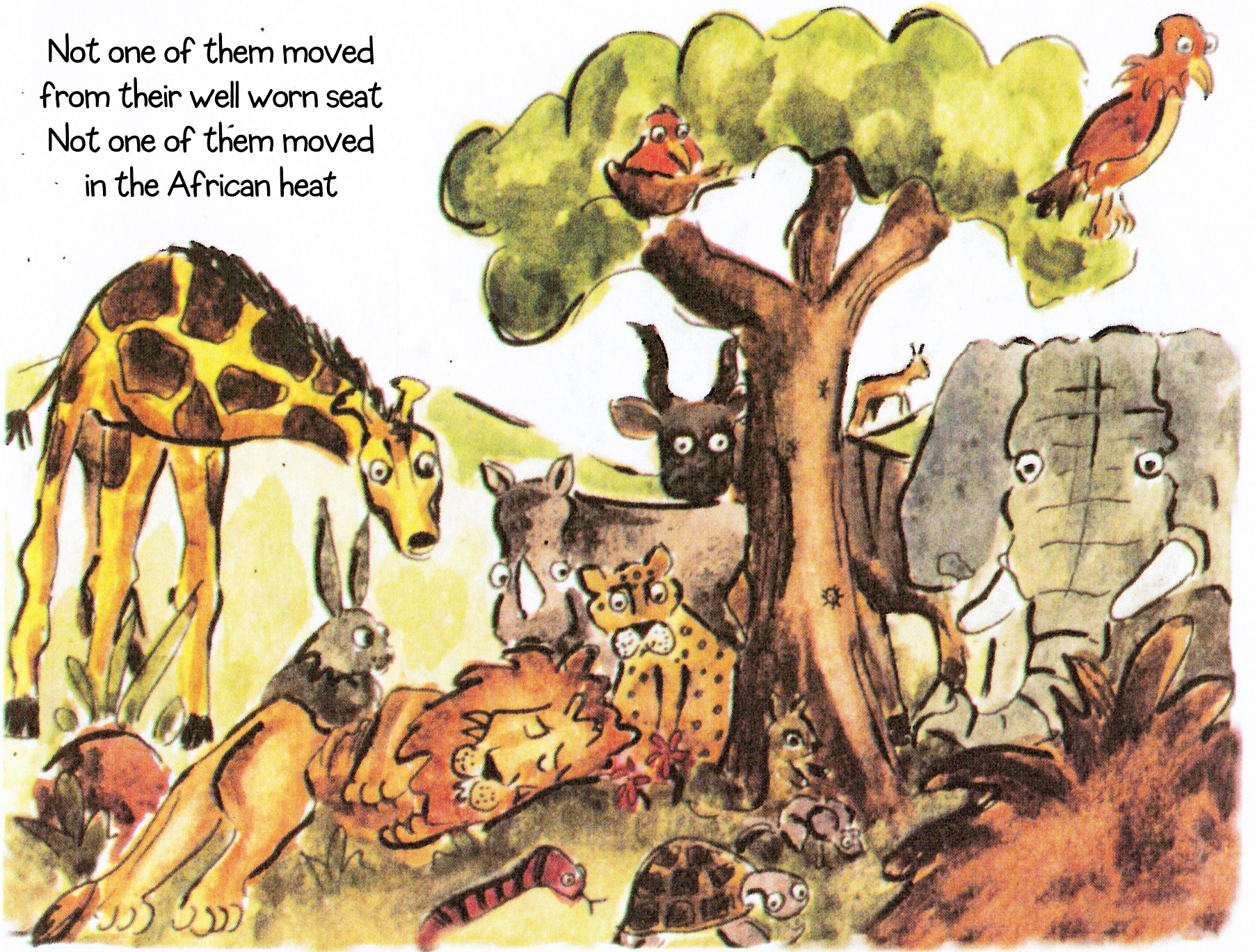
And they stood and watched  
the big Lion come up  
With a lick of his lips  
he was keen as a pup

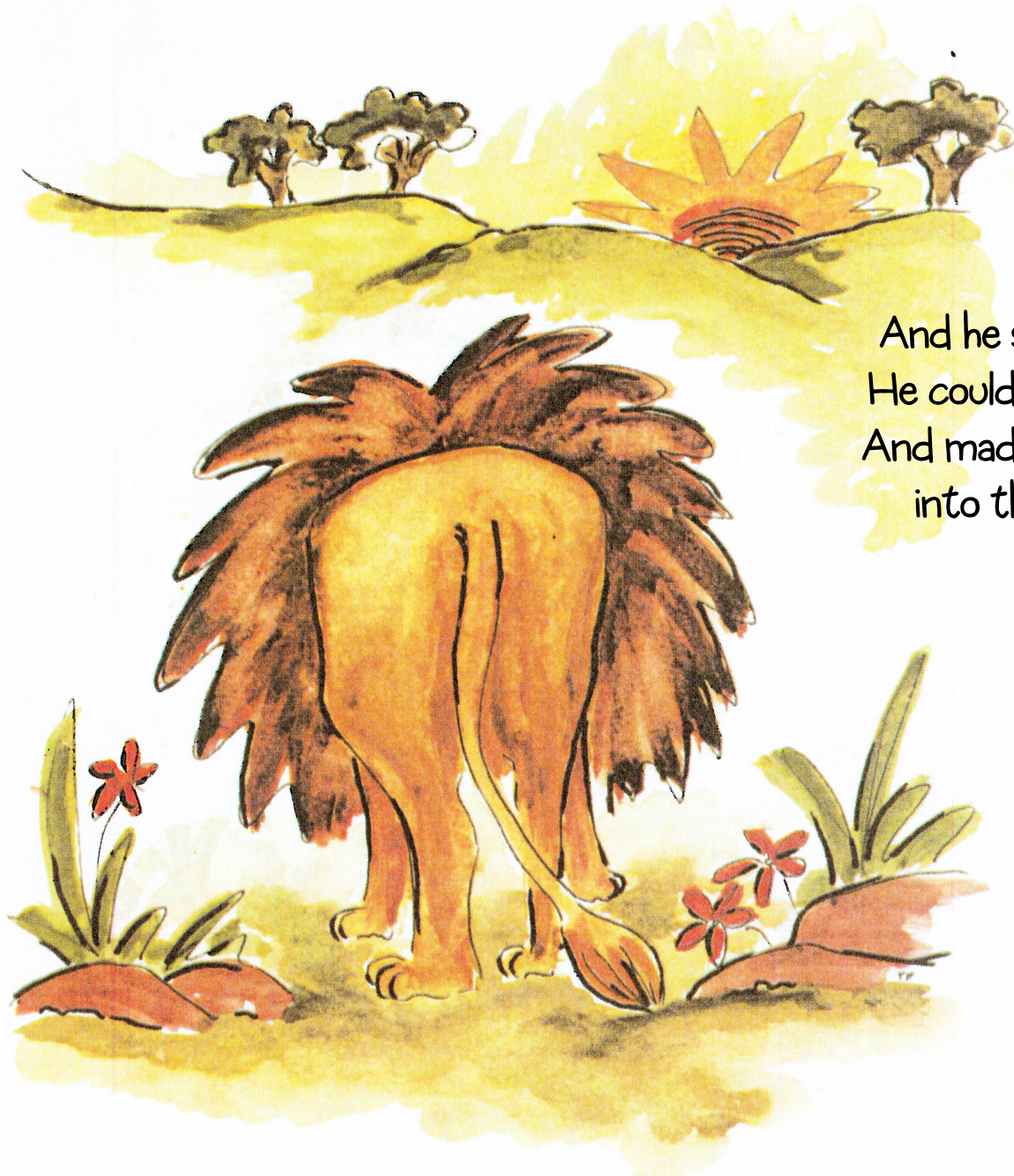
To fight the old Lion  
and to take his place  
He looked at Mavimba  
with a grin on his face

Then he saw all the others  
and he glared at each one  
And not one of them moved  
in that hot African sun



Not one of them moved  
from their well worn seat  
Not one of them moved  
in the African heat





And he saw in their faces  
He could not win this fight  
And made off with a growl  
into the coming night

With the cheers and the songs  
of each Bird, Animal and insect  
Who had come to Mavimba  
to watch and protect



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

Be sure always to  
care for each other  
our friends  
our grandparents  
our sister and brother  
our aunts and uncles  
our father and mother

Stand together in unity  
Together as one  
community  
No problems or worries  
will ever be  
too big or too small  
too much, you will see

If you  
stand together,  
yes stand as one  
You will All  
be winners  
when the day is done



# Teach and Learn Stories

A guide for Parents, Grandparents  
and Teachers to teach children  
life skills including  
love, kindness,  
compassion and respect

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be the winner  
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