



WORLD BANK GROUP





Mr Polecat loved to dress up.  
He was such a show-off.







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On Monday Mr Polecat met Miss Goat.



“You need a bath!”

Miss Goat answered, “No, brother.  
You are the one who needs a bath.”





On Tuesday Mr Polecat met Mr Warthog.



“Look at you! Aren’t you ashamed to be playing with mud at your age?” he laughed.

“Don’t insult me!” said Mr Warthog.  
“You are no better than I.”

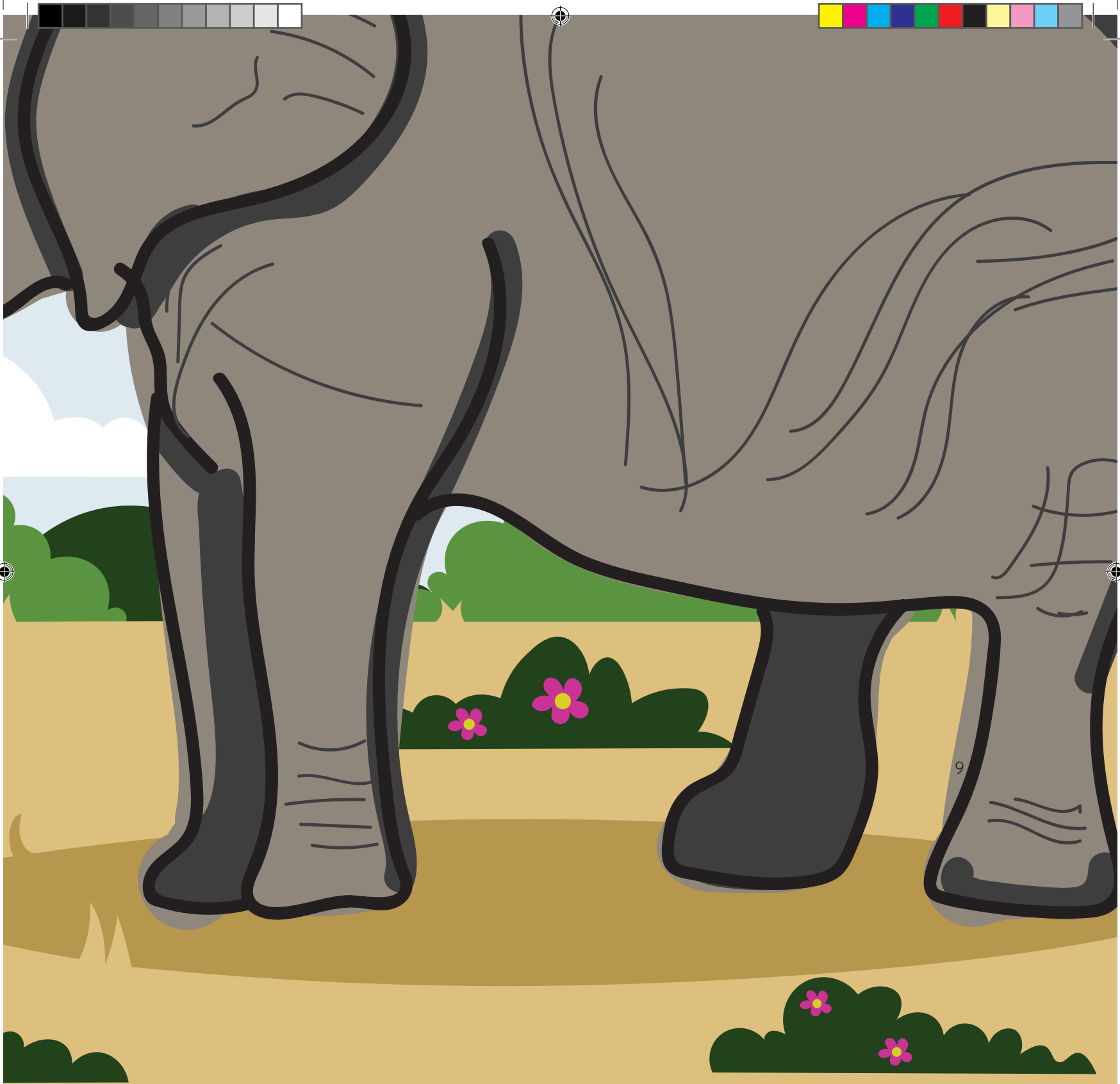




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On Wednesday Mr Polecat met Mrs Elephant.  
“You Elephants eat too much!” Mr Polecat shouted.  
“Look at your huge tummy!”  
Mrs Elephant gave him an irritated look and walked away.









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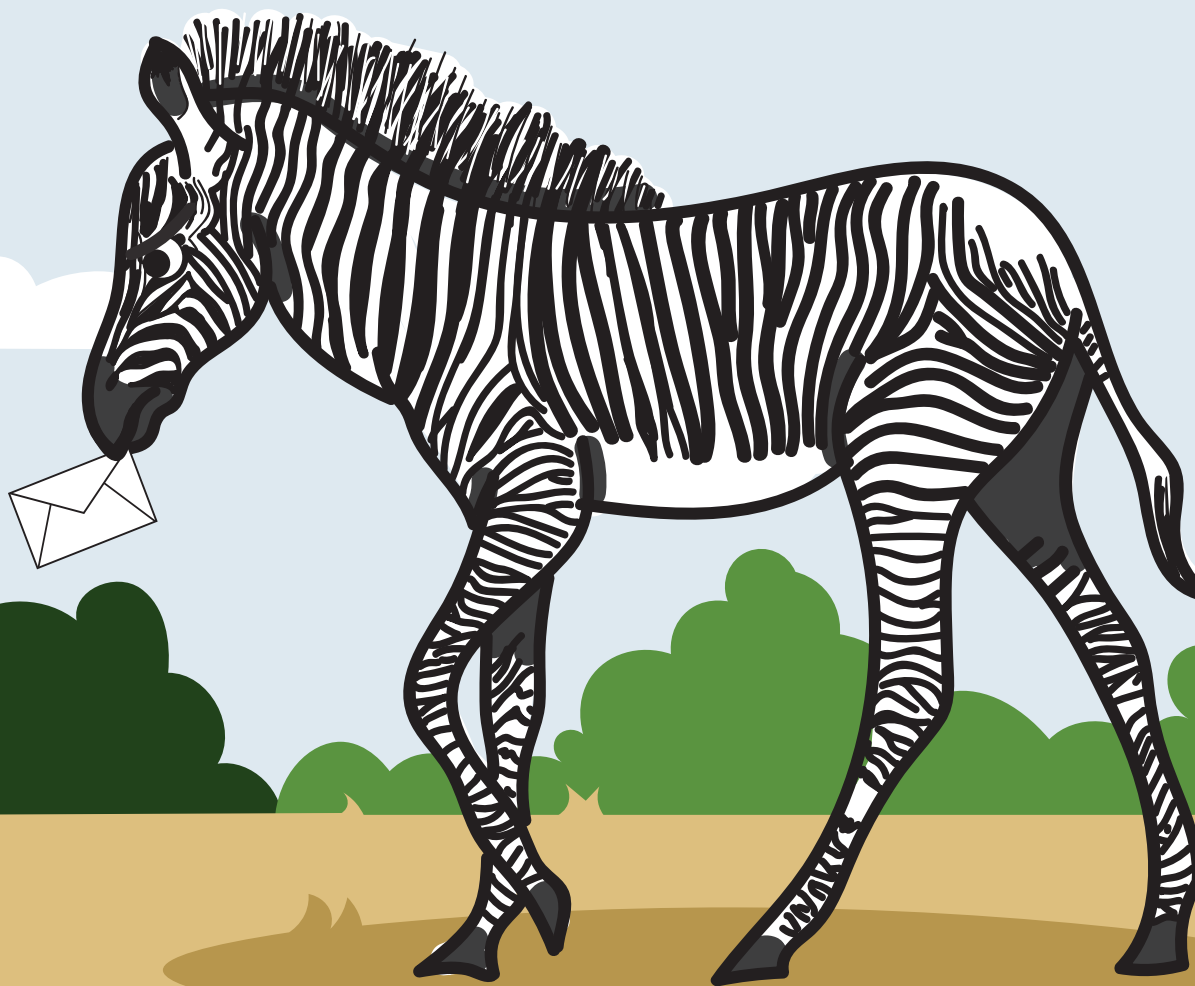
On Thursday Mr and Mrs Hoepoe sent out  
invitations to their daughter's birthday party.  
They invited all the animals.





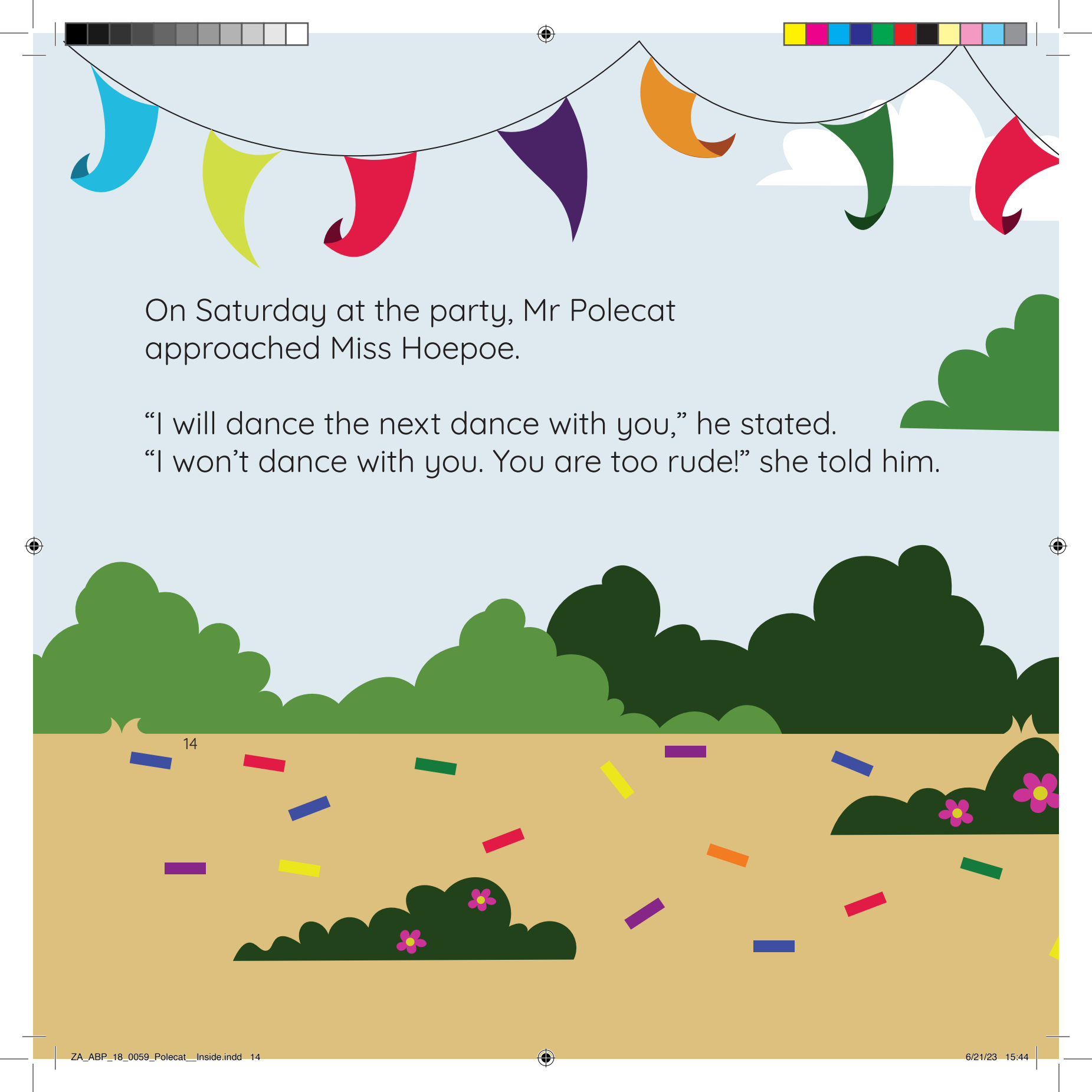
On Friday Mr Polecat met Ms Zebra.





“I know you will dance with me at the party,  
won’t you?” he asked.  
“I won’t dance with you. You stink!” she told him.





On Saturday at the party, Mr Polecat  
approached Miss Hoepoe.

“I will dance the next dance with you,” he stated.  
“I won’t dance with you. You are too rude!” she told him.





Mr Polecat was very disappointed.  
He went over to his friend Mr Caracal.





“Miss Hoepoe and Ms Zebra won’t dance with me,” he complained.

“Yes, I heard,” smiled Mr Caracal.



“Do I really stink?” Mr Polecat asked his friend.

“Well, you do have a strong smell.  
But you can’t really help that,” Mr Caracal smiled.

“Am I rude?” asked Mr Polecat.

“Yes, I’m afraid you are very rude to others,”  
his friend said.

“Oh no! I didn’t realise that,” Mr Polecat whispered,  
feeling very ashamed.

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“You can change that, however,” Mr Caracal replied.



Mr Polecat went up to Miss Goat,  
Mr Warthog and Mrs Elephant.

“I am so sorry that I was rude to you all,” he apologised.  
“I also promise to bath and brush my teeth  
every day from now on.”





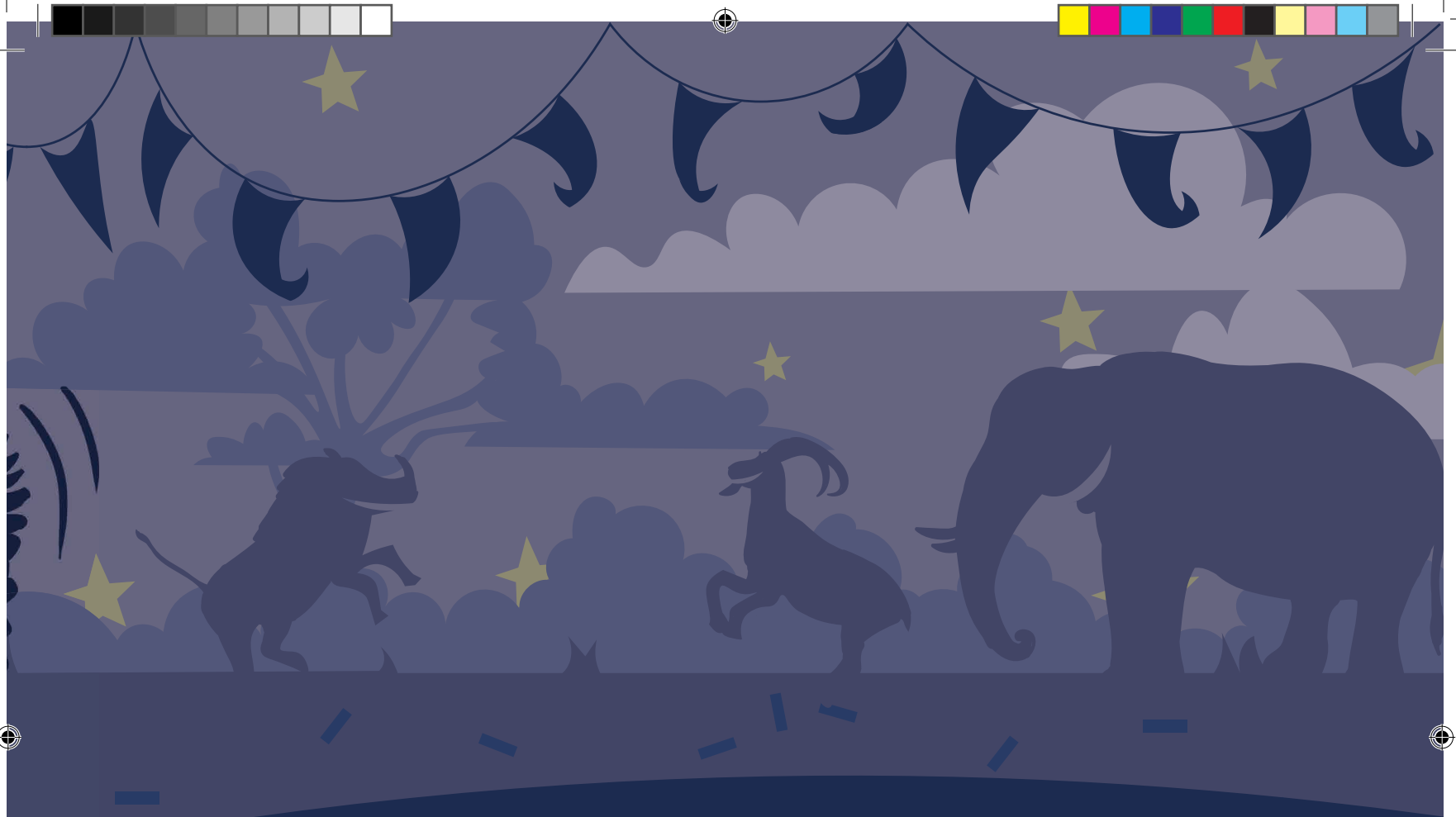
Miss Goat plucked a flower from a nearby bush.  
Mrs Elephant put it in Mr Polecat's jacket pocket.

"You will now smell sweeter," she smiled.



Mrs Hoepoe heard his apology.





She took Mr Polecat by the hand and led him  
onto the dance floor.

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All the other animals clapped as Mr Polecat and  
Miss Hoepoe danced together beautifully.



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