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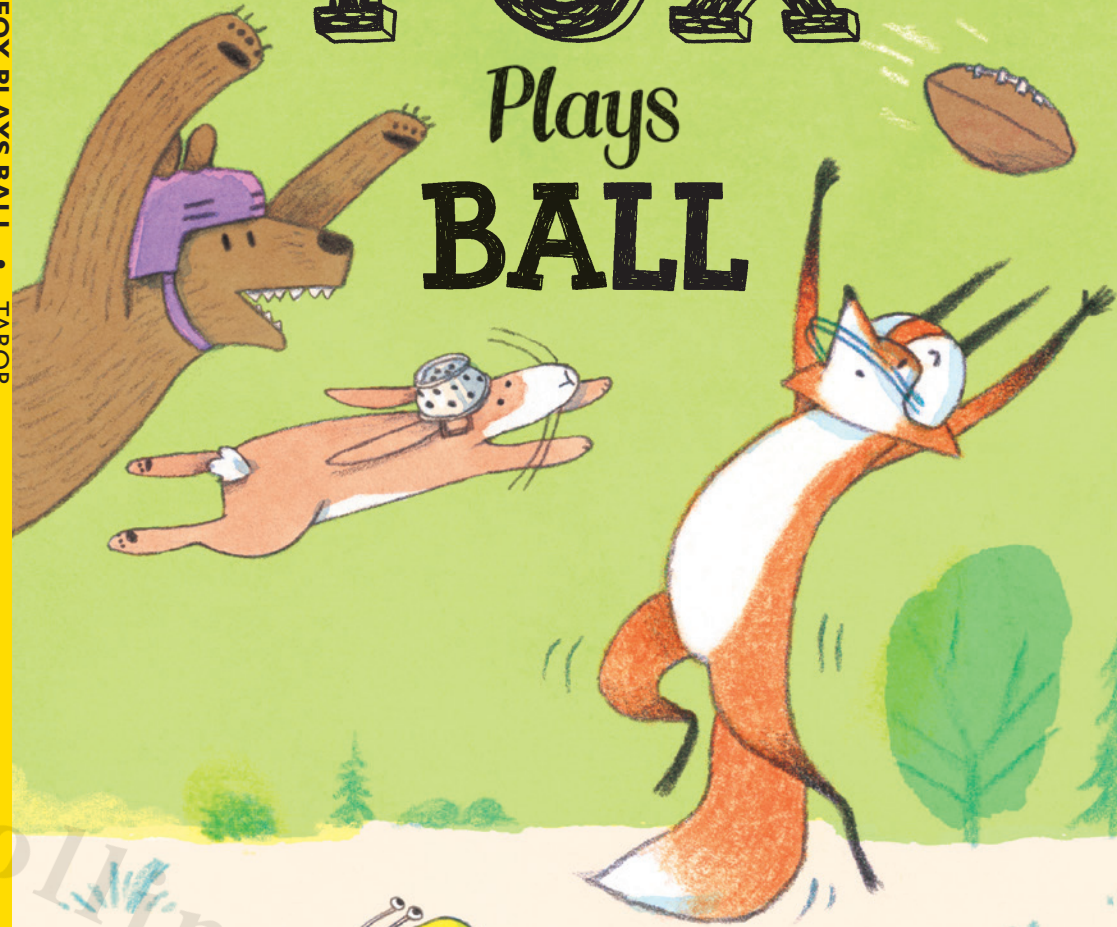
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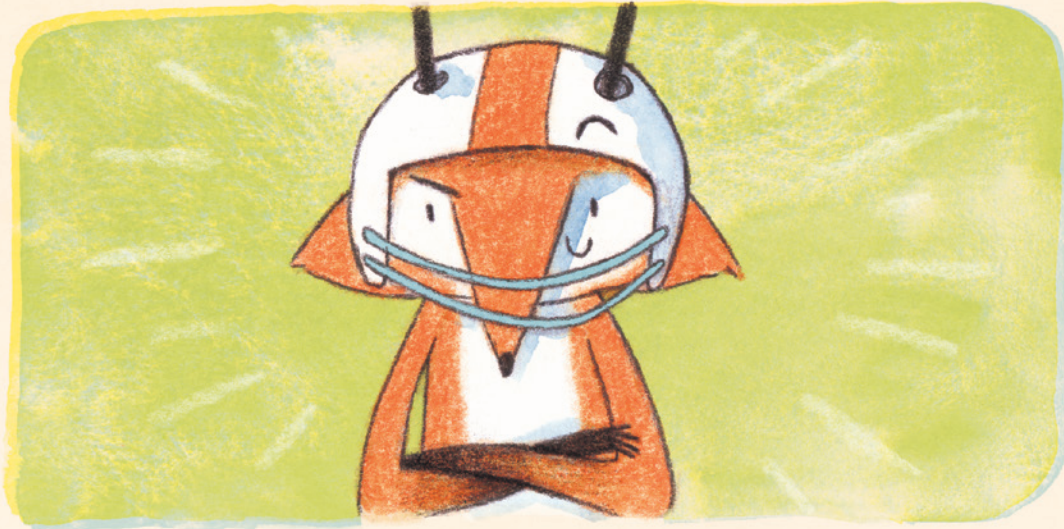
Elephant, Rabbit, and Bear  
are ready to play ball.



Snail is ready to play ball too.

Fox wants to win.

Elephant, Rabbit, and Bear want to win.



And Snail?

Snail wants to win too.

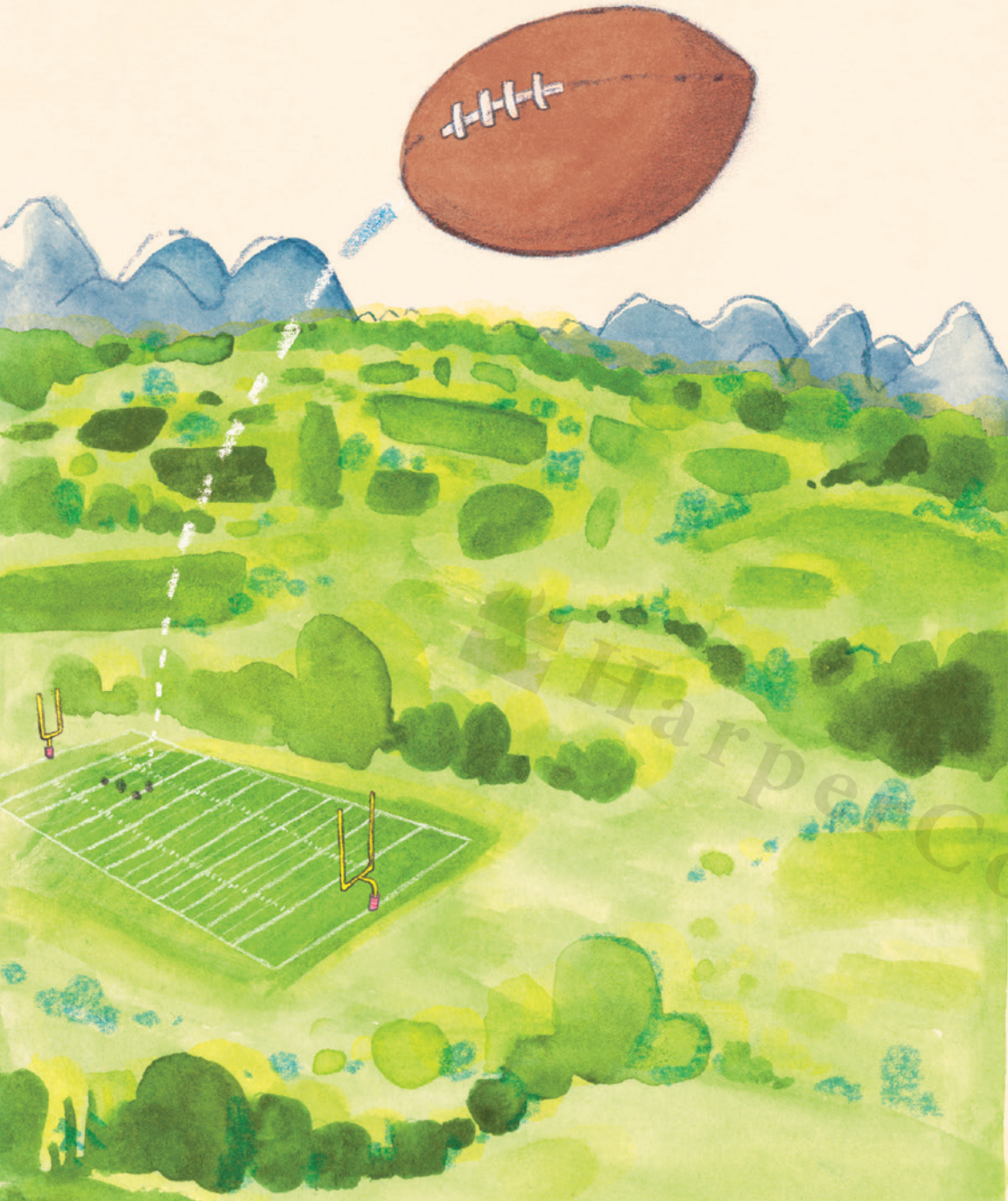
Penguin blows the whistle.



Elephant kicks the ball.



Elephant kicks the ball far.



Elephant kicks the ball *very* far.





Fox chases the ball.



Elephant, Bear, and Rabbit chase the ball.



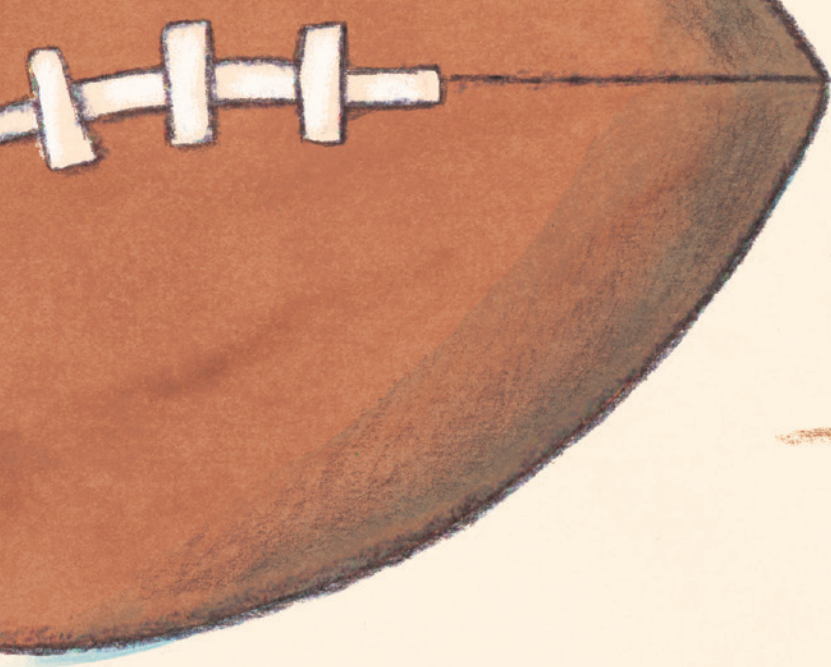
Snail chases the ball too.





Fox misses the ball.

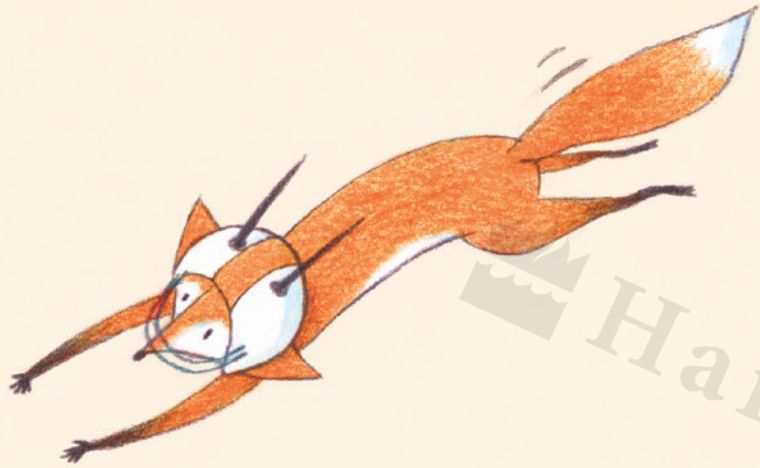
Rabbit, Bear, and Elephant miss the ball.



Snail misses the ball too.



Fox dives for the ball.



Elephant, Rabbit, and Bear  
dive for the ball.

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Snail does not dive for the ball.

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Hey look! Fox wins!



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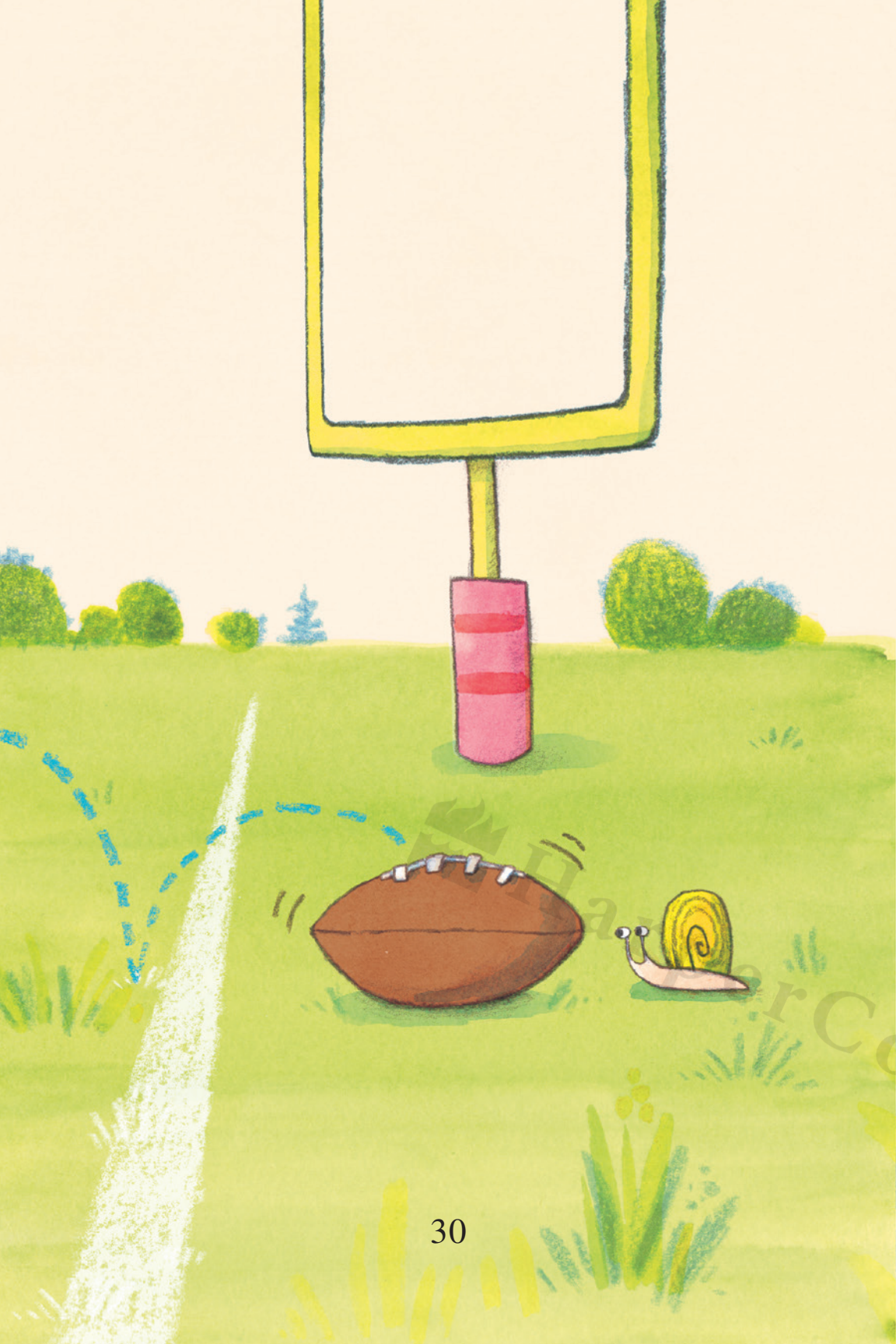


Elephant, Bear, and Rabbit win!

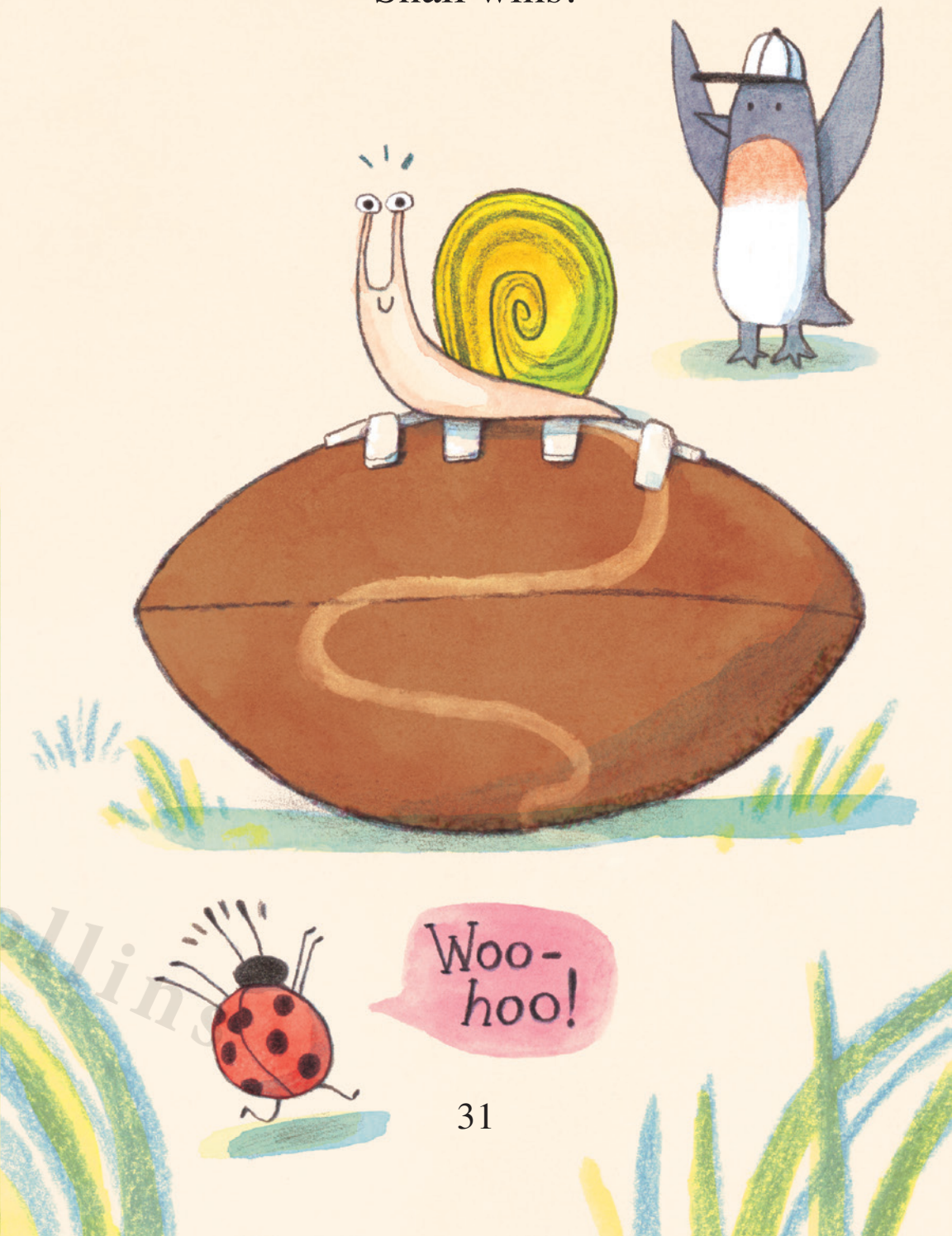
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Snail wins!



“Good game!” says Fox.

