

A fun and funny buddy comedy about finding friendship in unexpected places!

♪ Fee Boor  
♪ Fee Boor



Ally the alligator is perfectly happy being alone . . . until one day a noisy bird named Beak lands on her snout and **won't stop bugging her!** Much to Ally's annoyance, this super talkative bird likes to sing **all the time**, and has chosen a nearby tree to build his new nest. Even worse, Beak insists he and Ally will be **best friends**. In fact, he has all kinds of friendship goals in mind, and it seems nothing Ally says will convince him that she'd rather be alone.

Nothing beats peace and quiet . . . except for maybe a new best friend?



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To all my friends, likely or otherwise.



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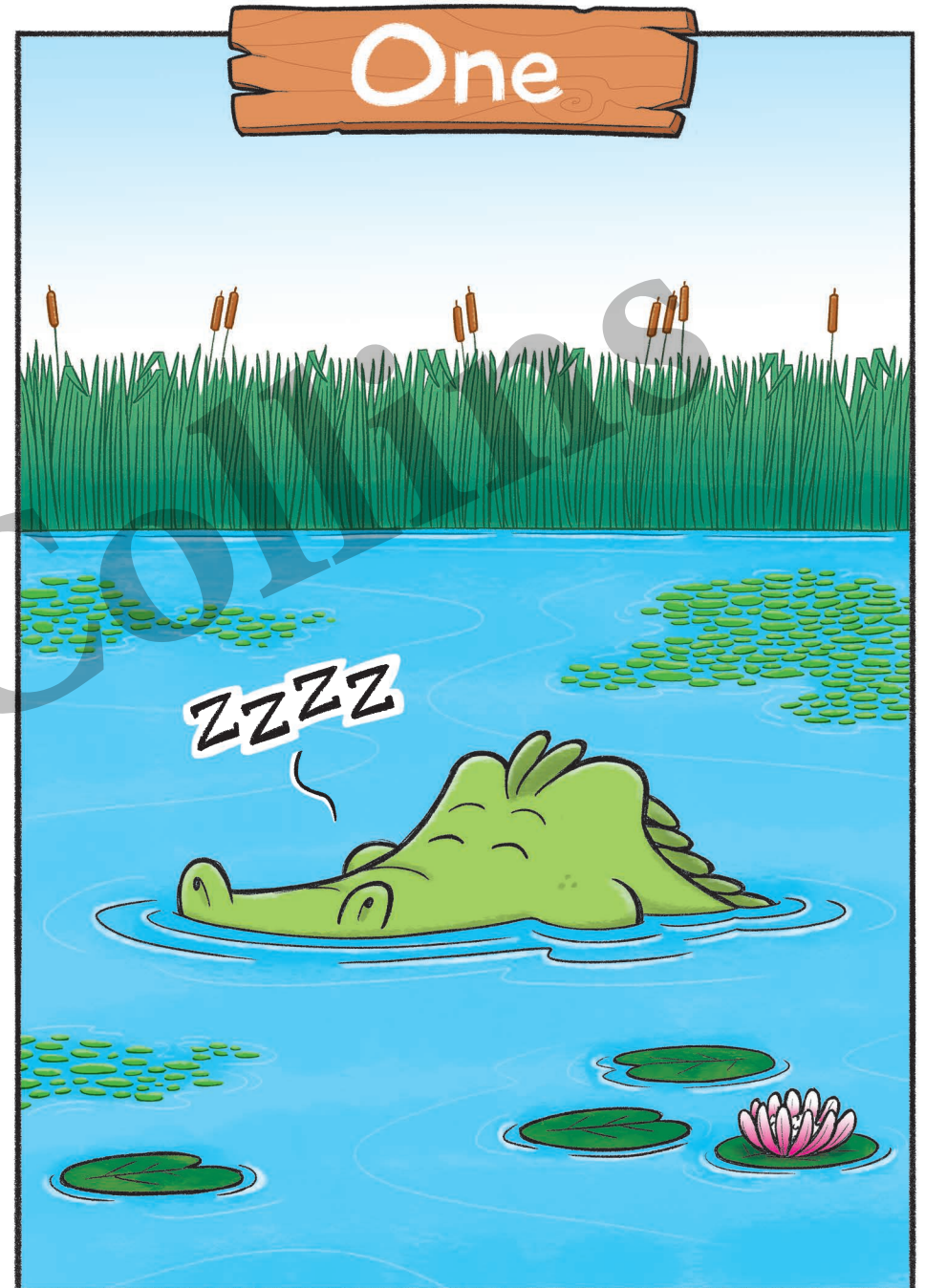
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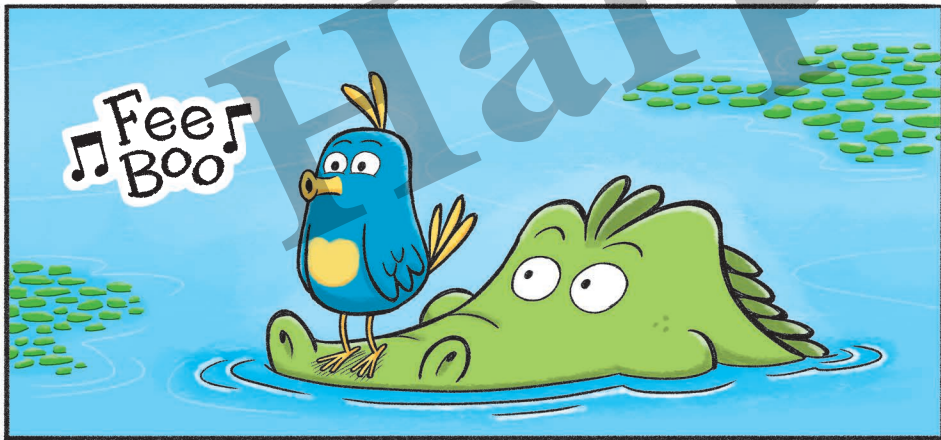
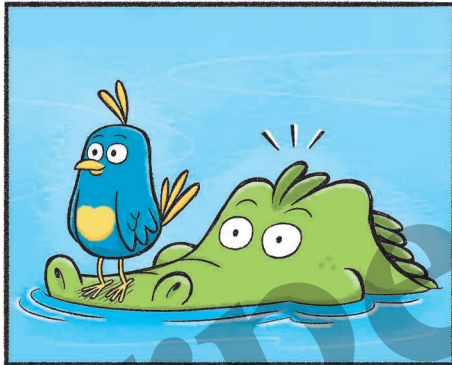
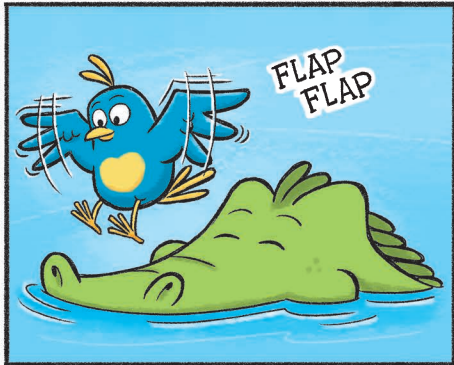
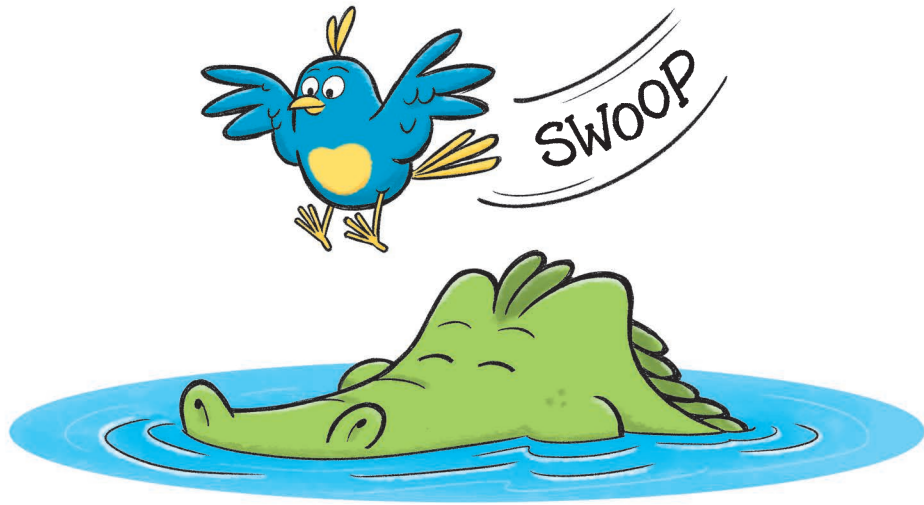
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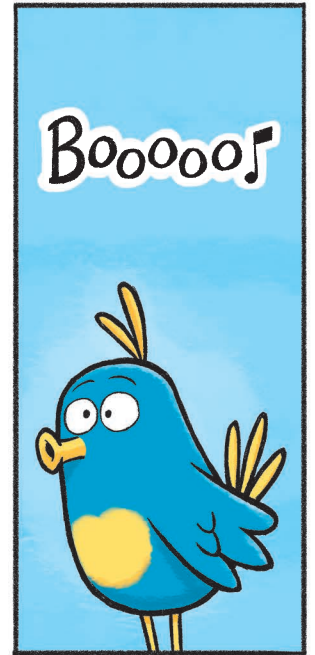
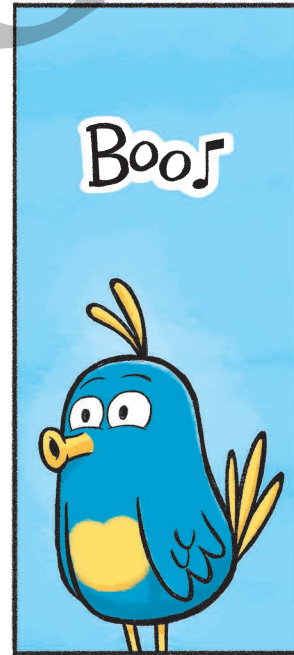
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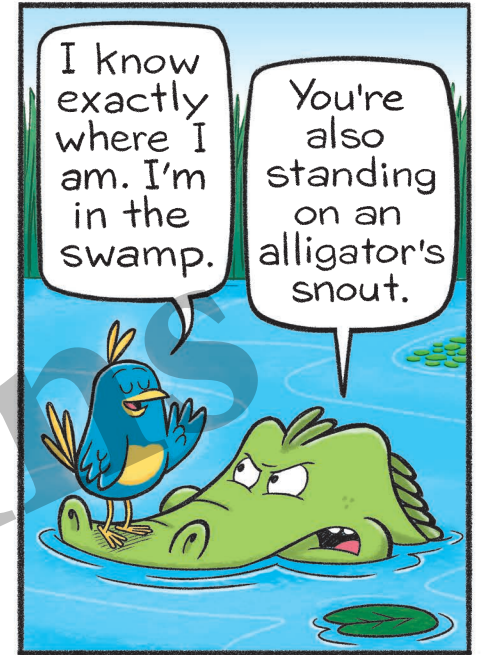


May I help you?



With what?

You don't seem to know where you are.



I know exactly where I am. I'm in the swamp.

You're also standing on an alligator's snout.



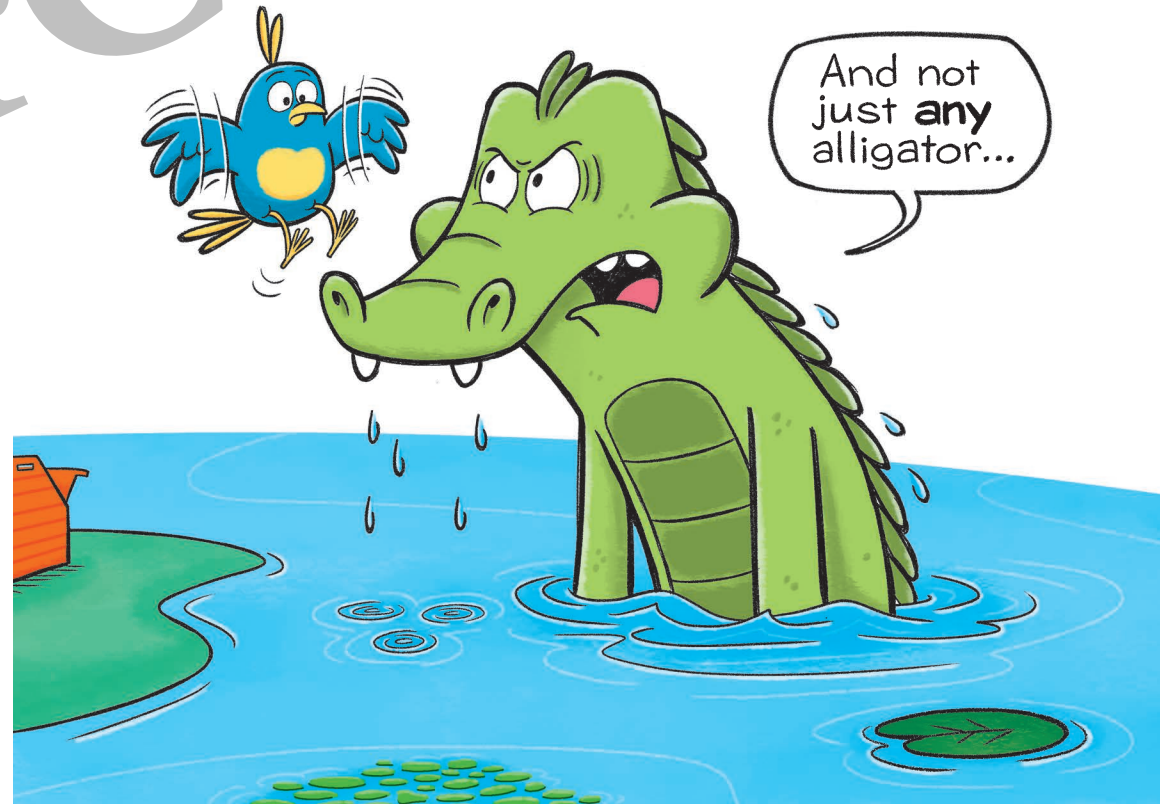
Oh! I didn't see you there.

Clearly.

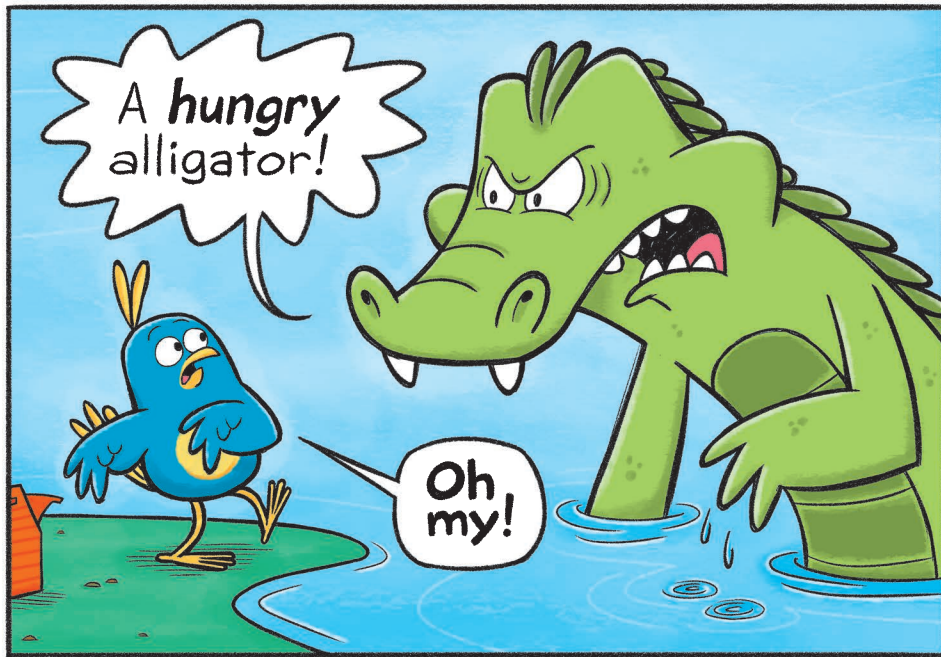


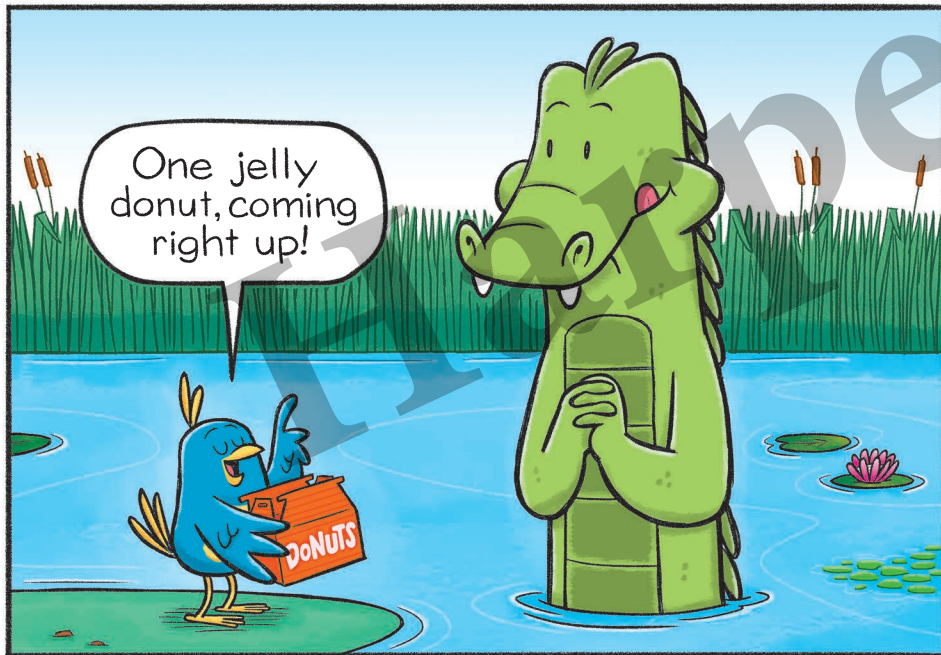
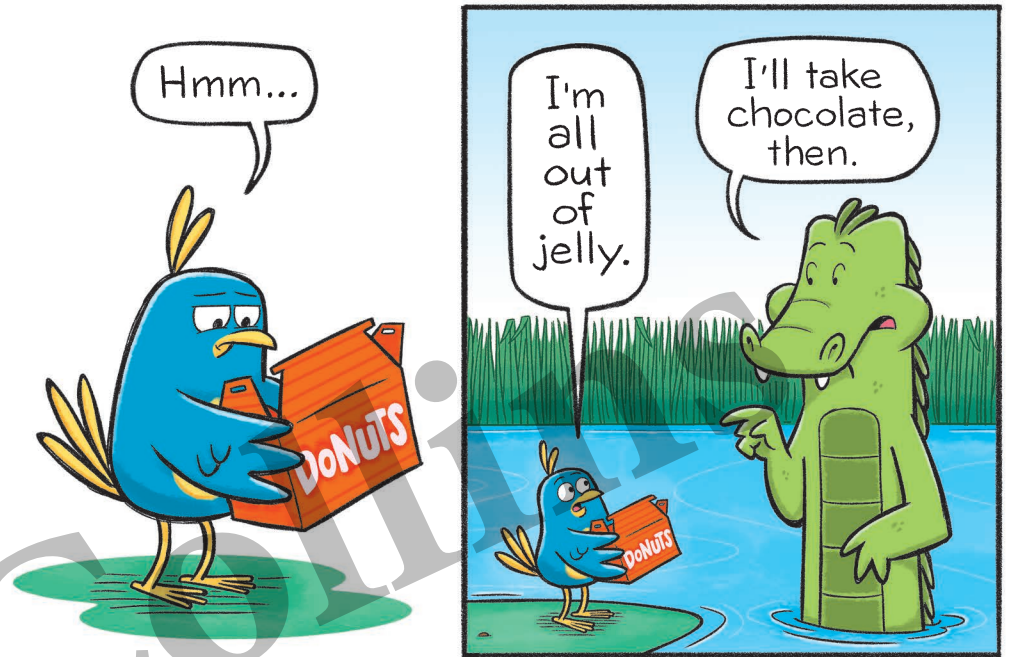
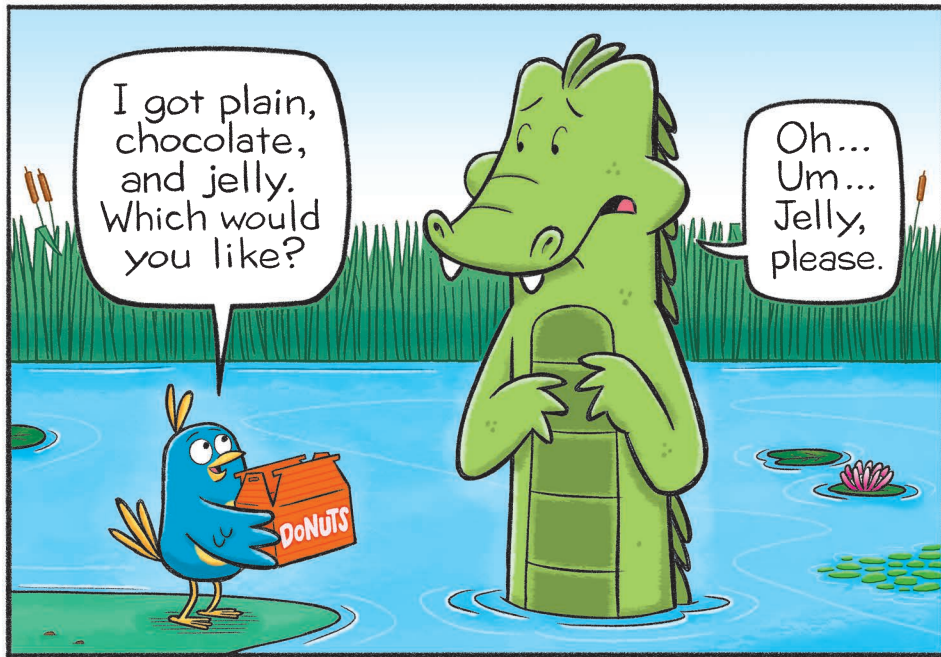
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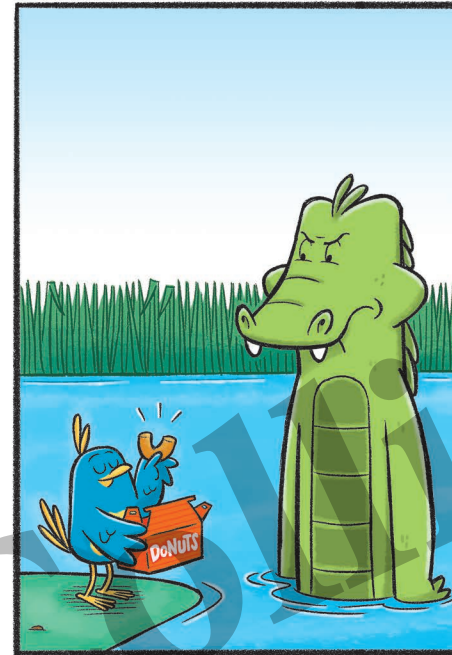
I said, "May I help you?"



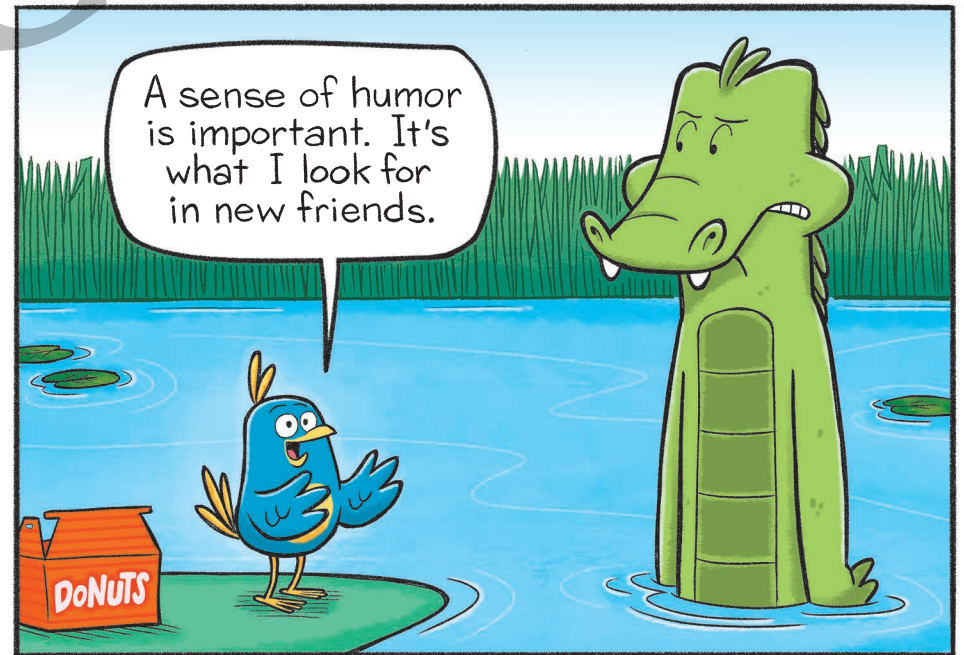
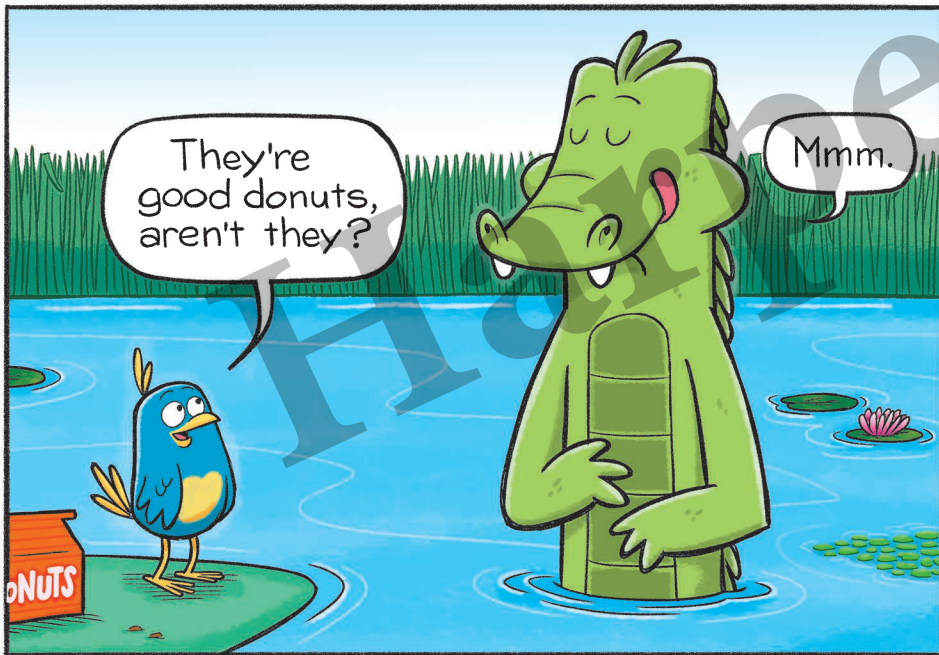
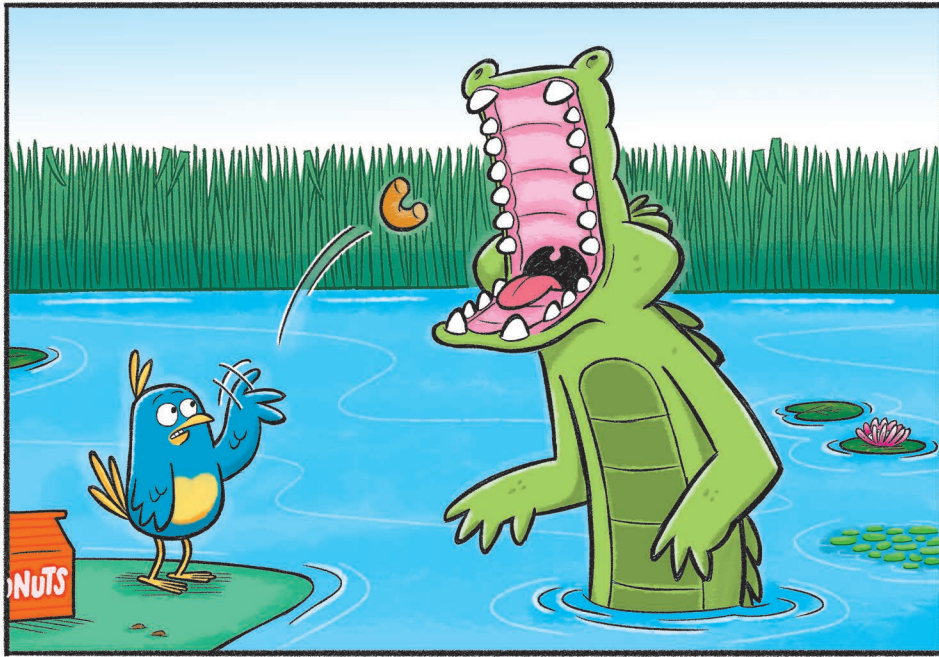
And not just any alligator...











I used to live next to a bird with no sense of humor.

I didn't give up, though. I kept trying, day after day.

What do you get when you cross an elephant with a centipede?



Knock knock!



Please stop.



I told him jokes all the time, but he never laughed.

Until he moved away suddenly.

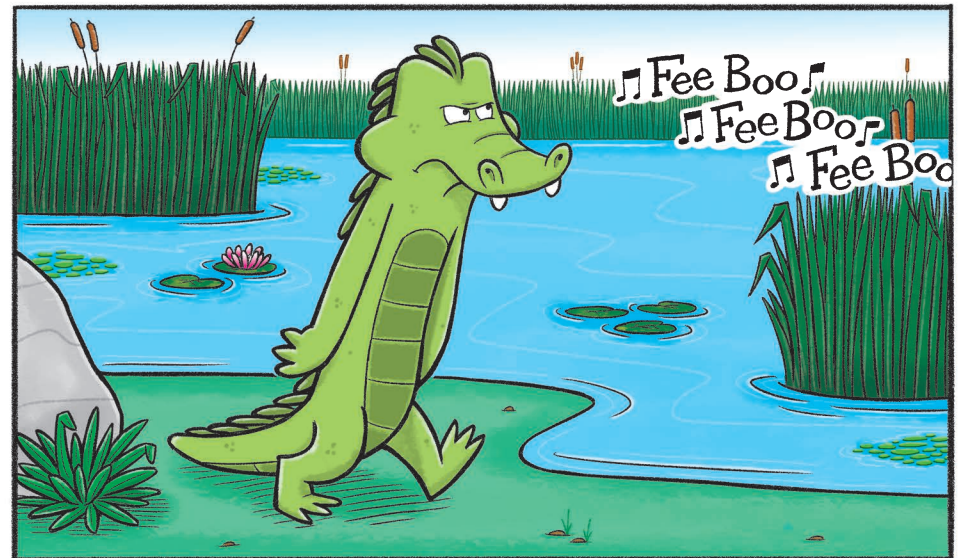
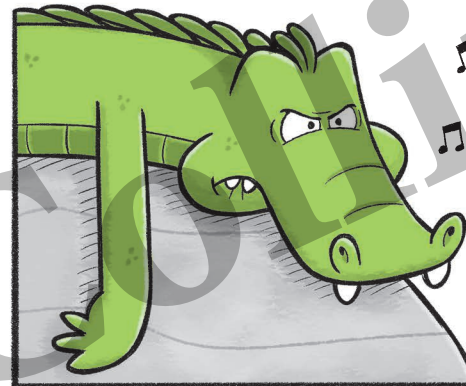
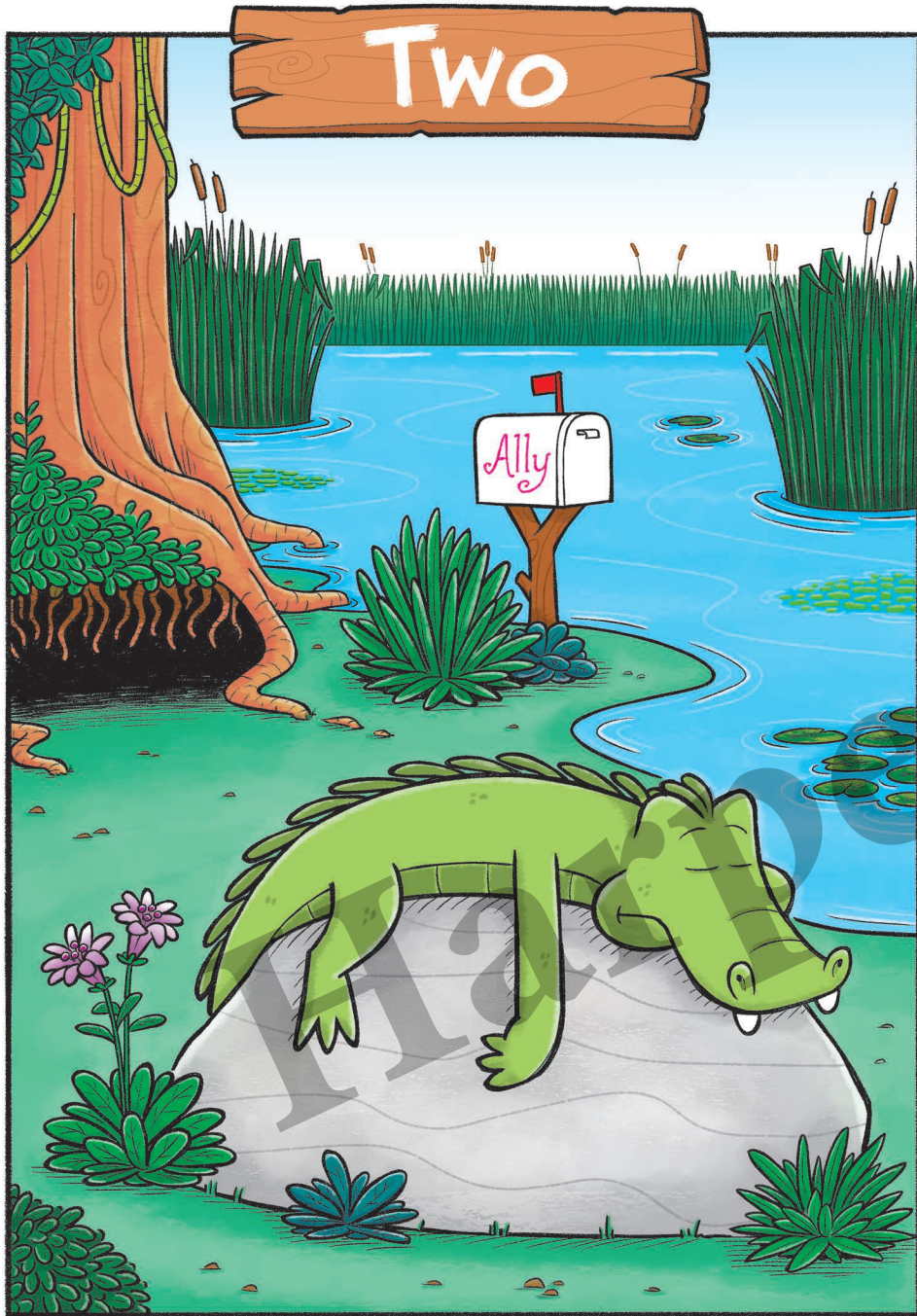
A monster! Ha ha ha!



Weird.









♪ Fee Boo ♪  
♪ Fee Boo ♪



What are you doing?



Building a nest. We're going to be neighbors!

Great.



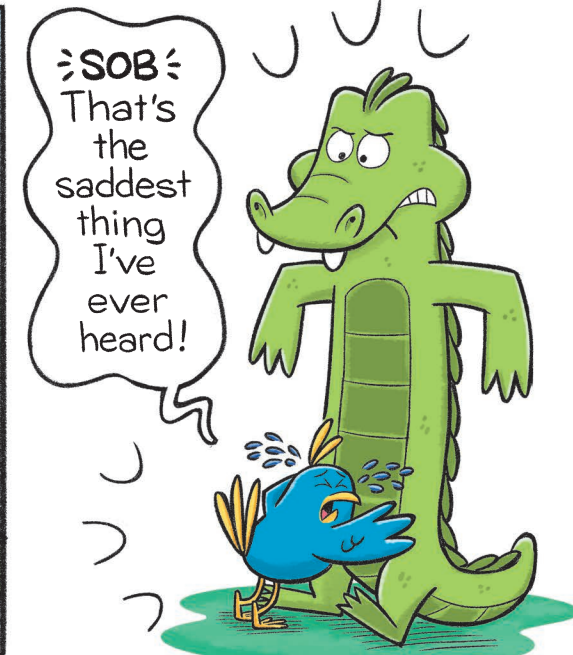
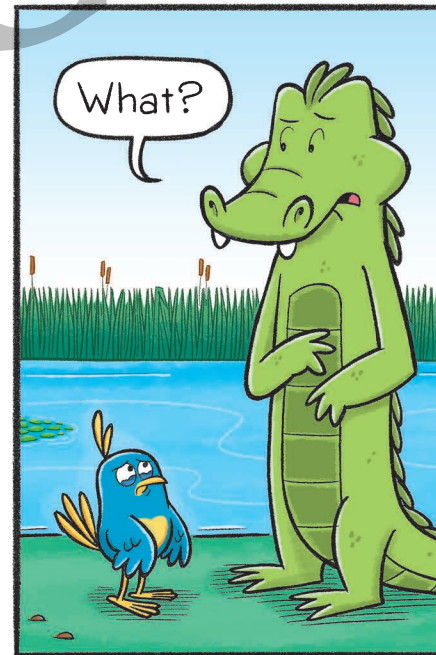
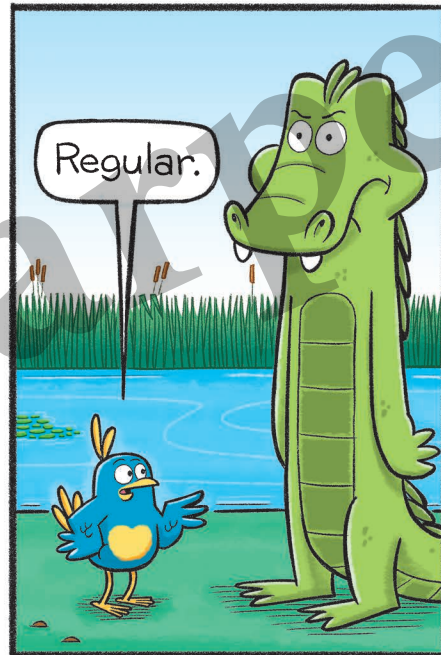
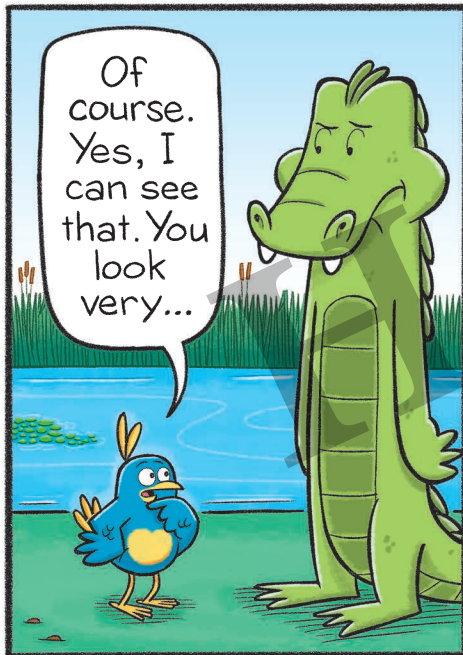
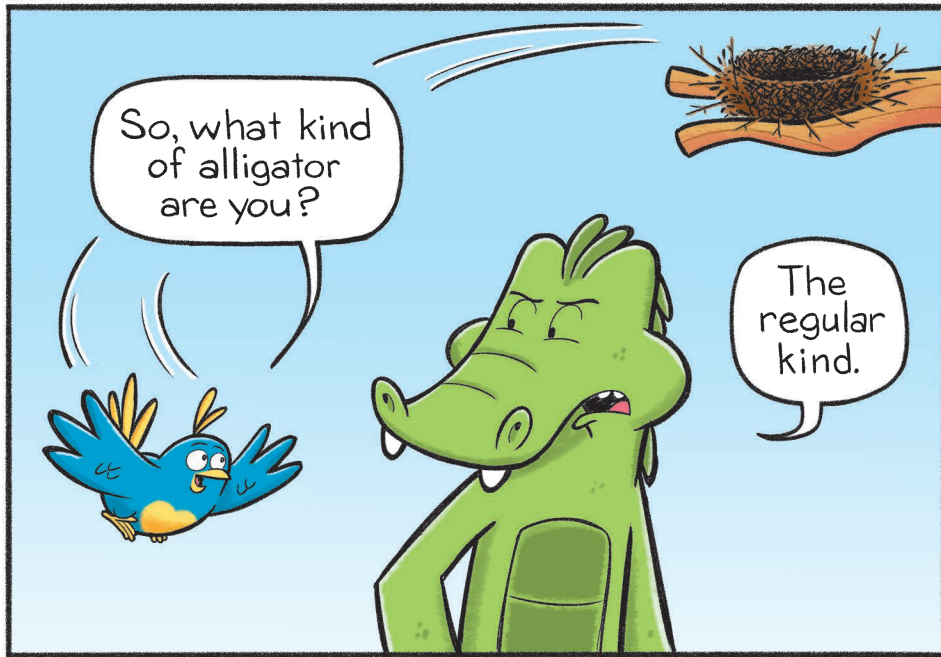
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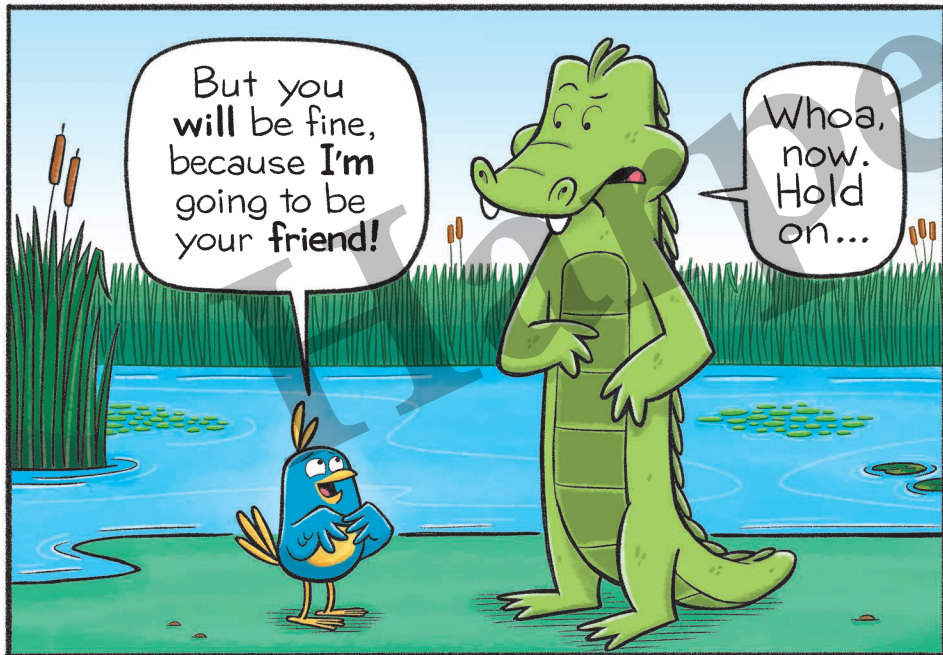
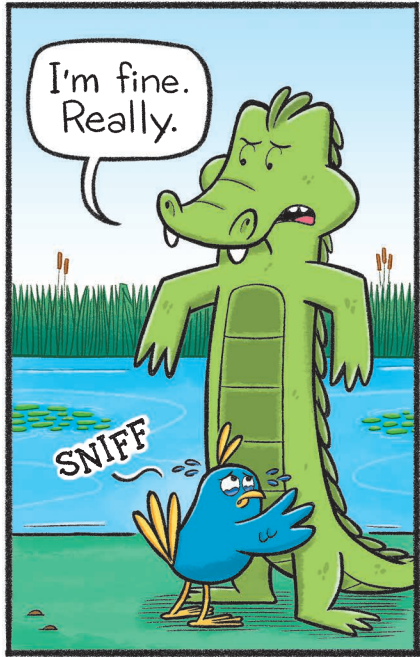


Why do you keep singing that song?

I was born to sing!

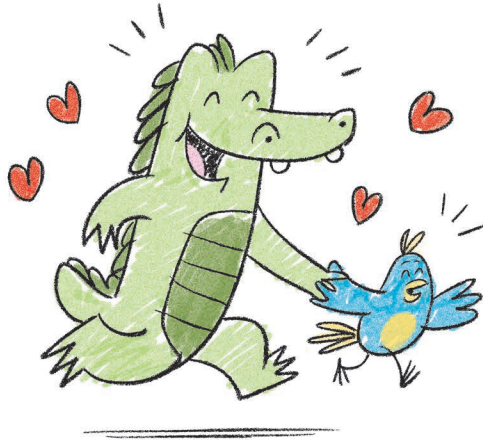




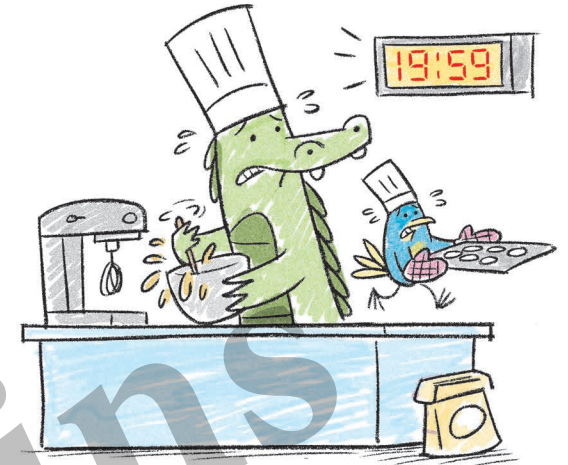




We'll do every thing together!



We'll go on one of those baking shows!



We'll go bike riding!



We'll form a rock band!



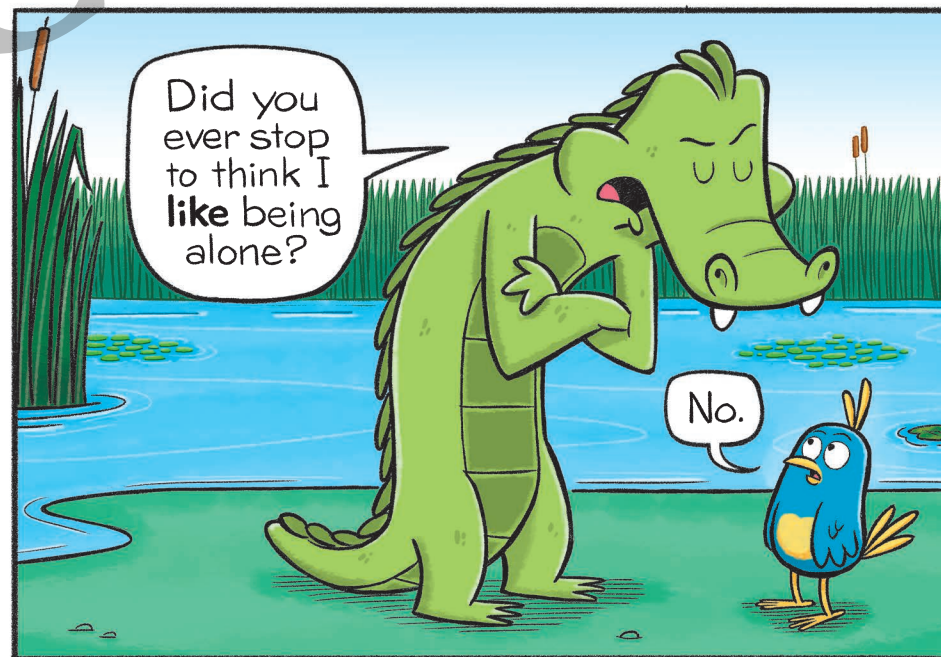
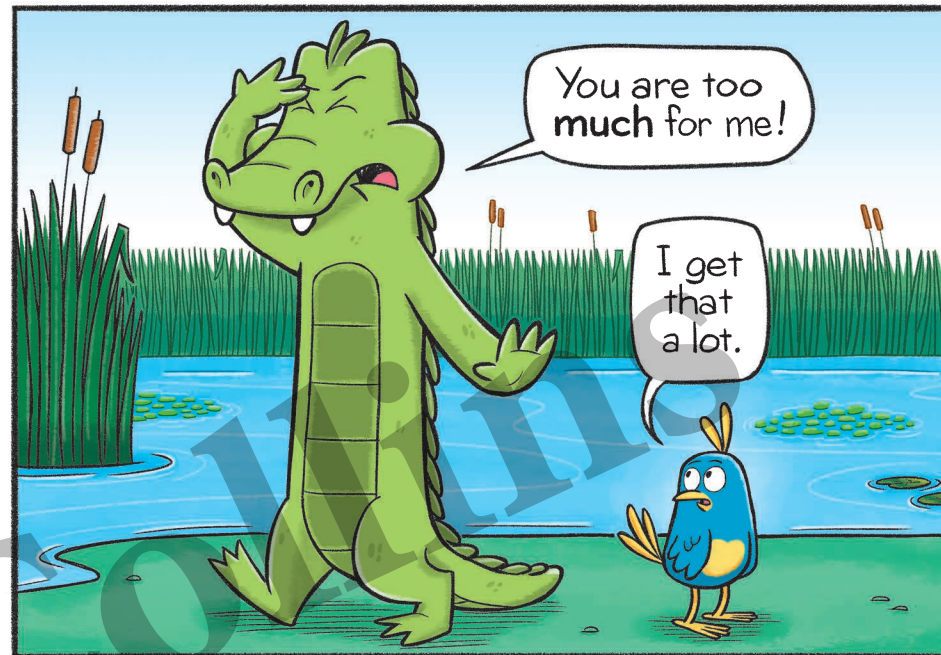
We'll go to the movies!

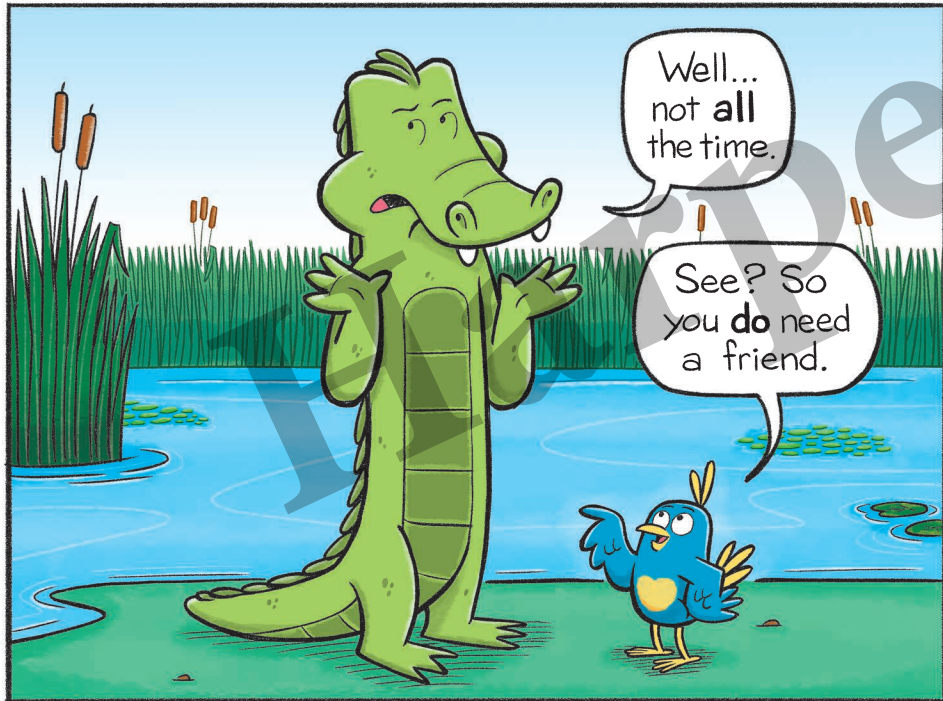
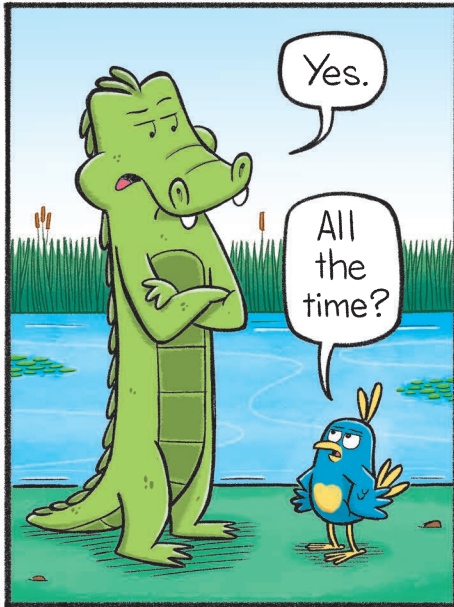


We'll solve mysteries!

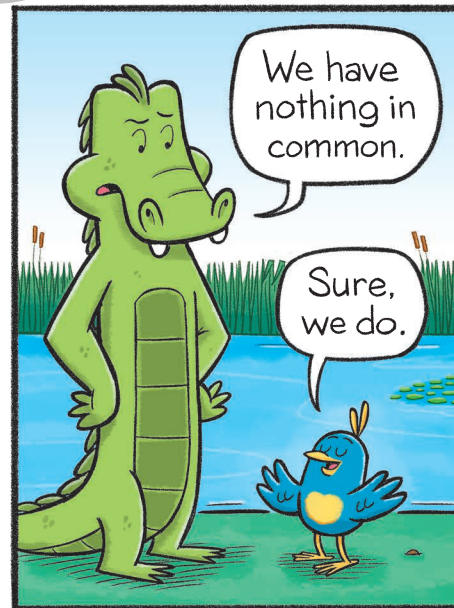
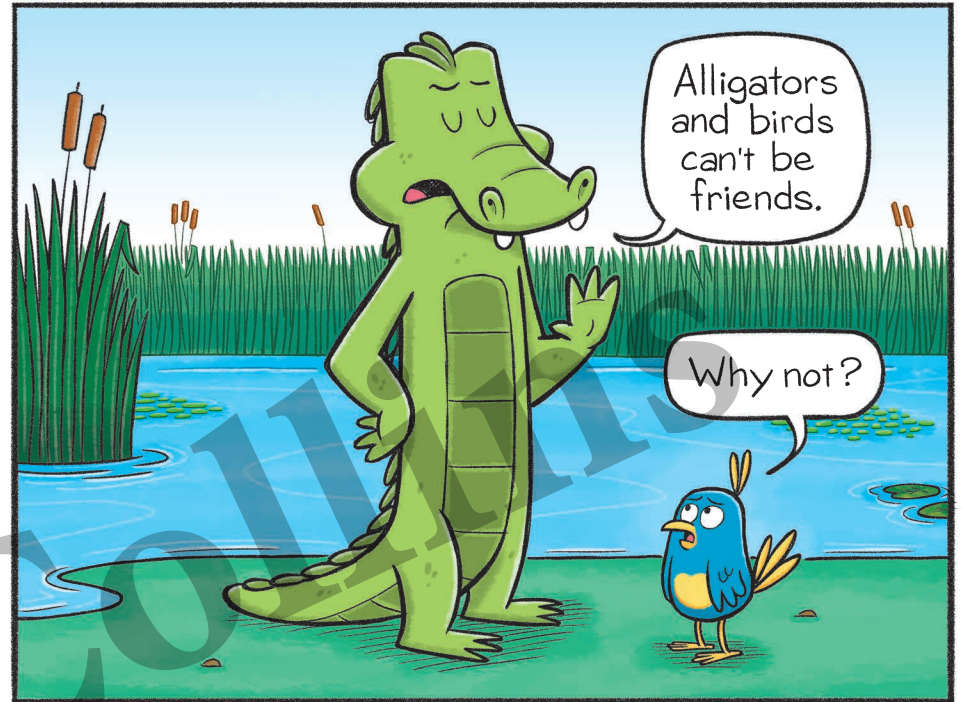


Stop! Stop! Stop!

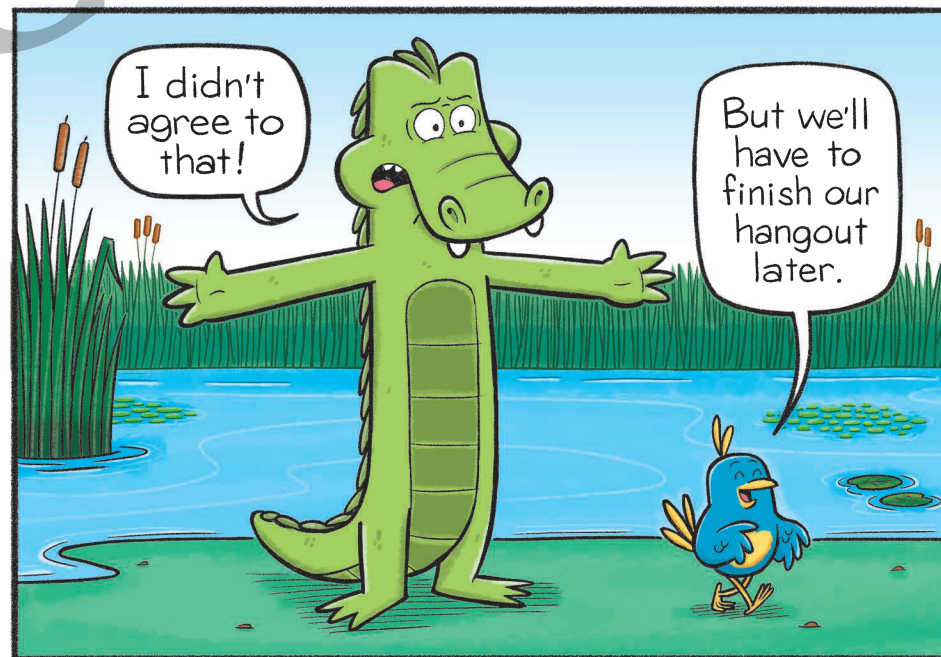
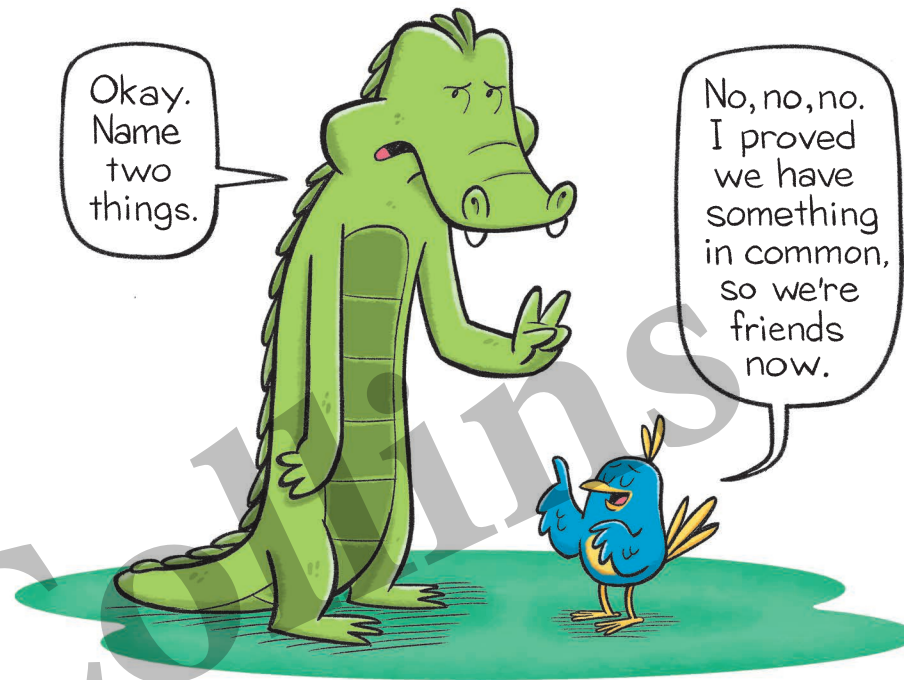
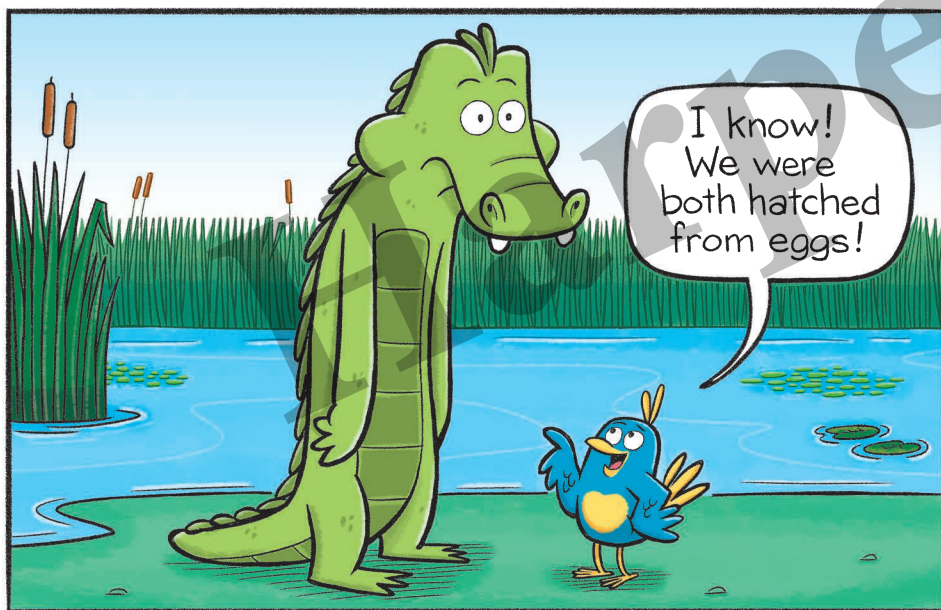
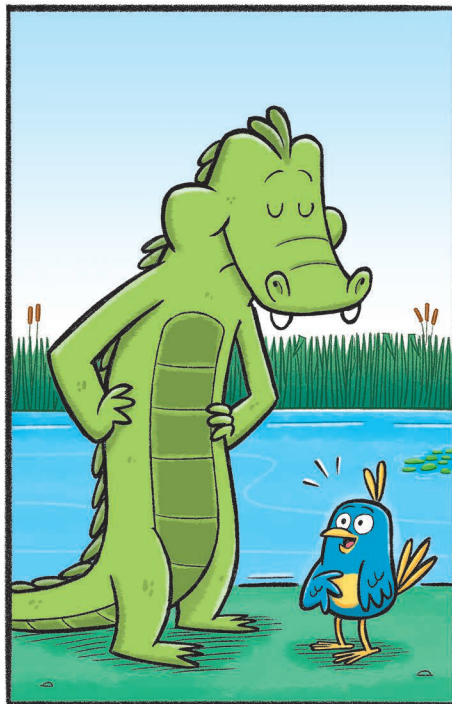
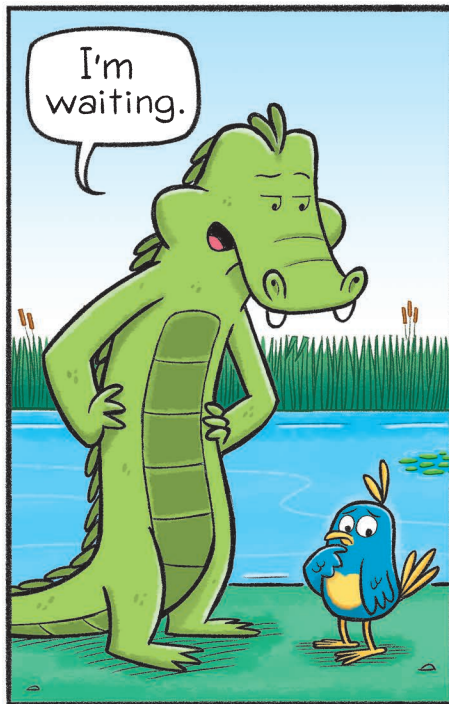




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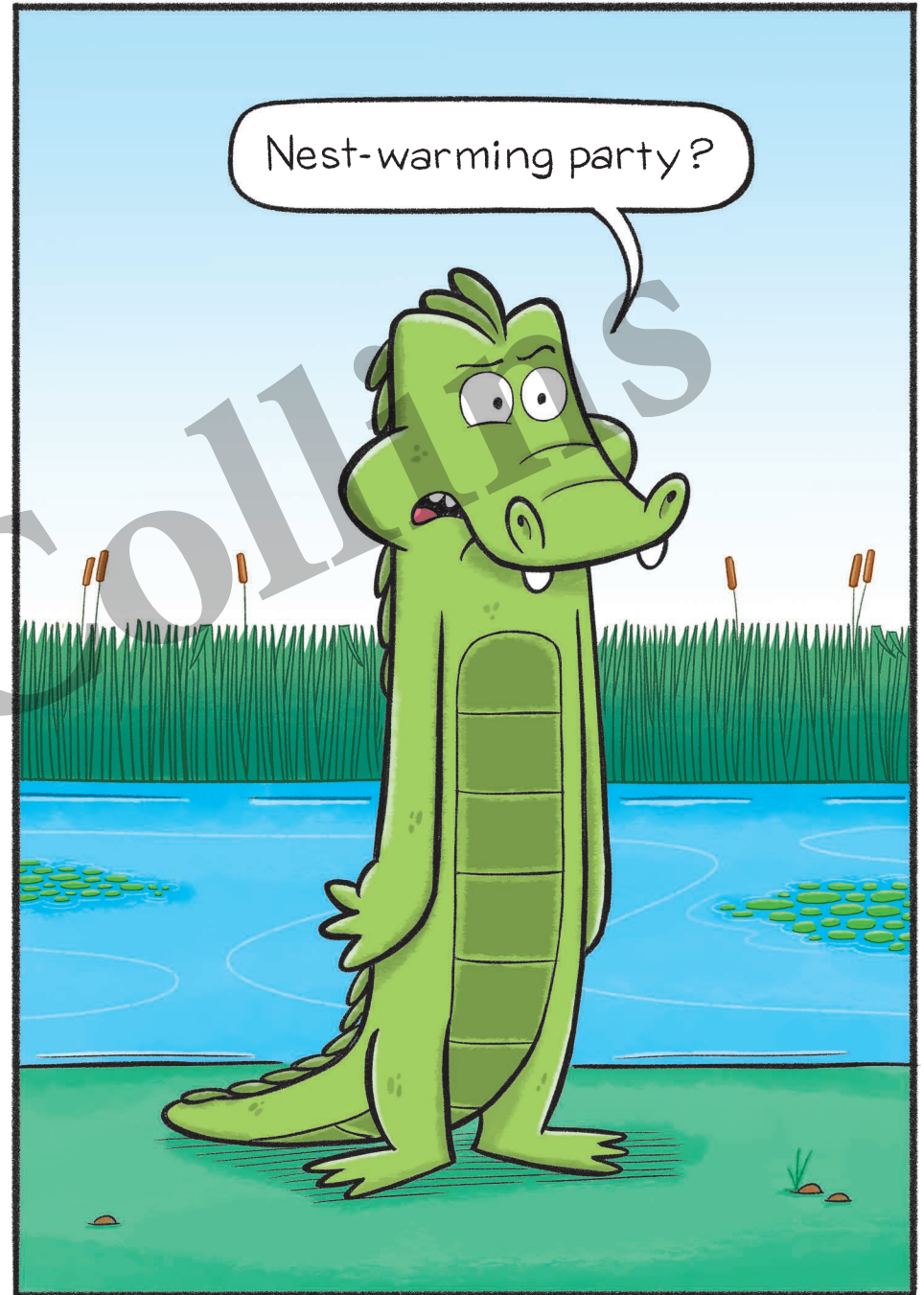


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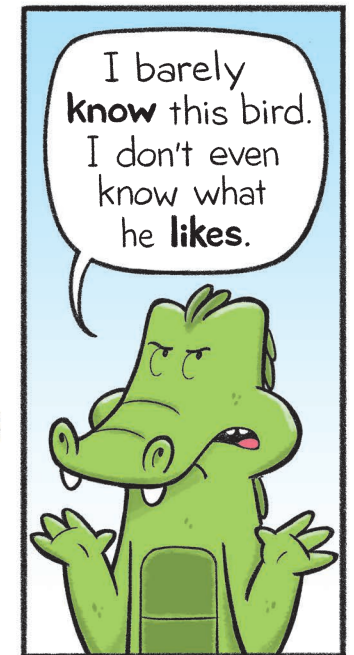
HOWDY, NEIGHBOR!

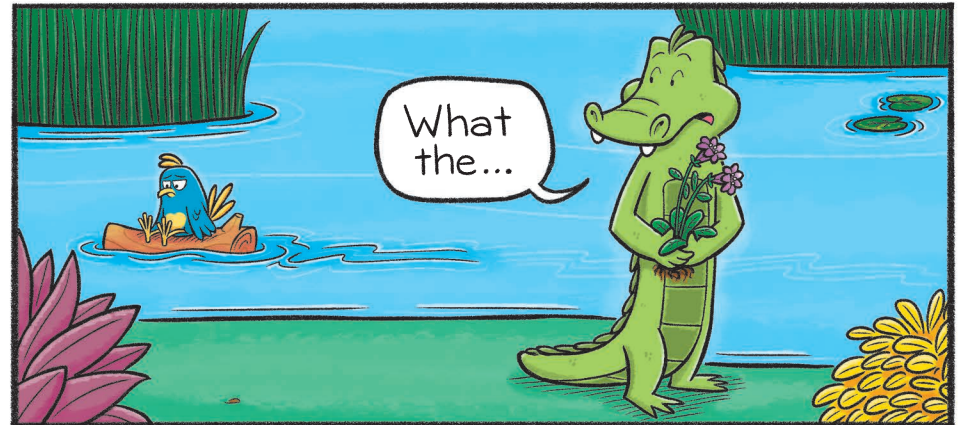
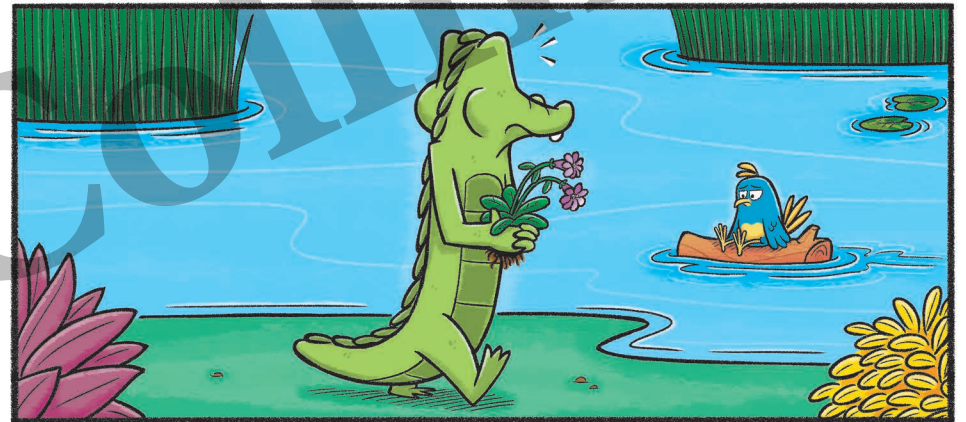
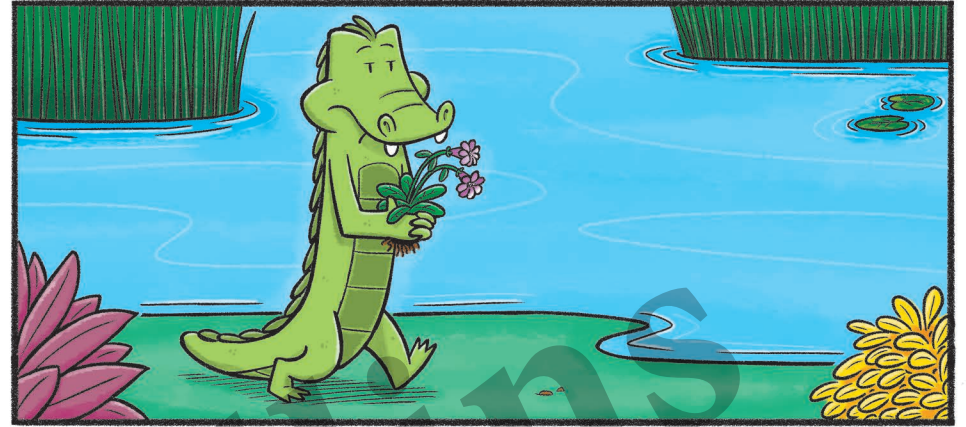
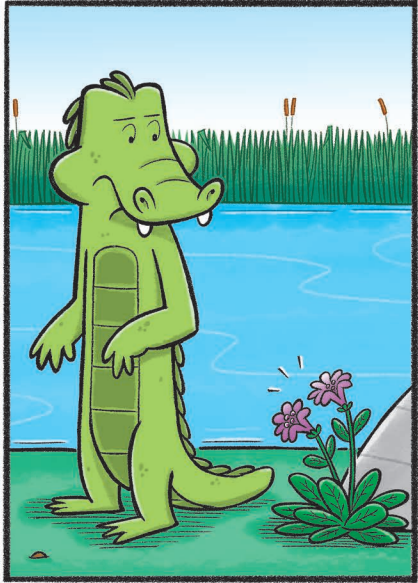
YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A PARTY AT  
MY NEW NEST!



IT'S A NEST-  
WARMING PARTY!

WHEN?: **TODAY!**

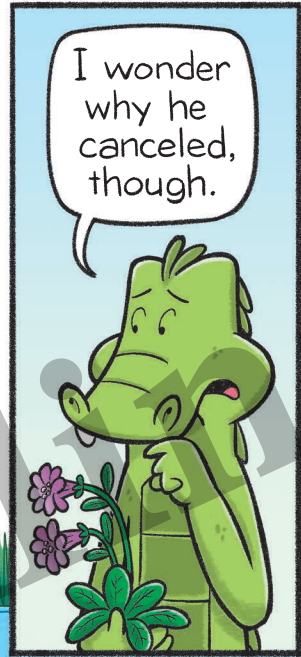
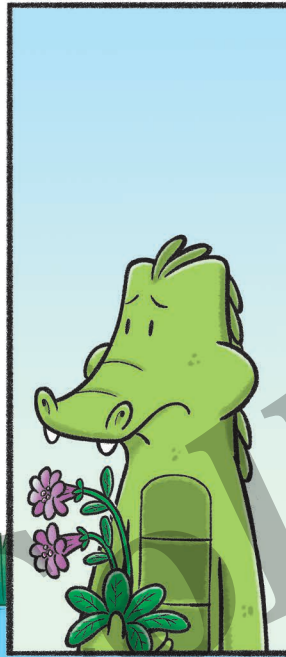




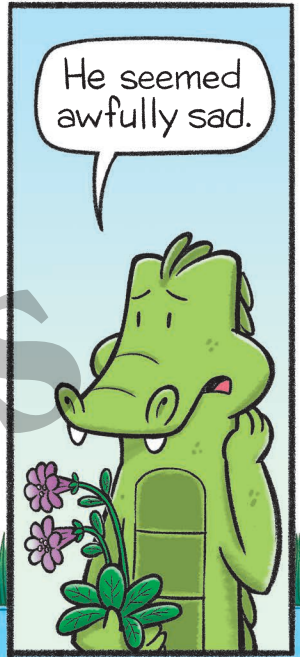


Bird! Where are you going? Isn't your party today?

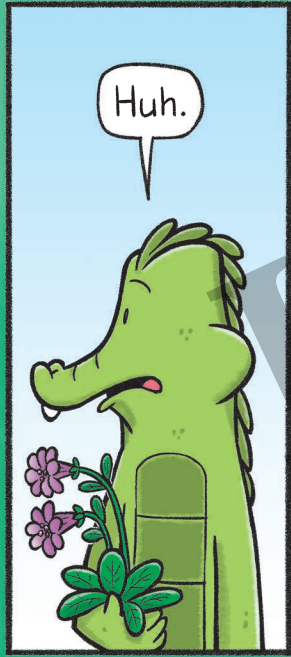
It's been canceled.



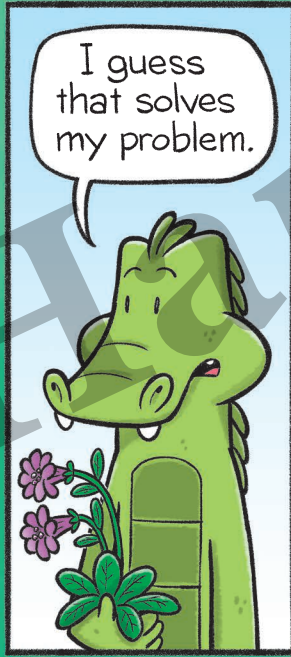
I wonder why he canceled, though.



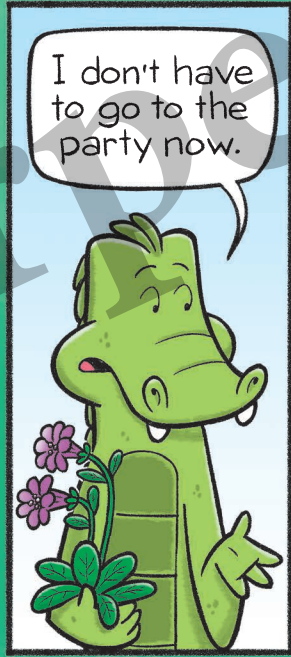
He seemed awfully sad.



Huh.



I guess that solves my problem.

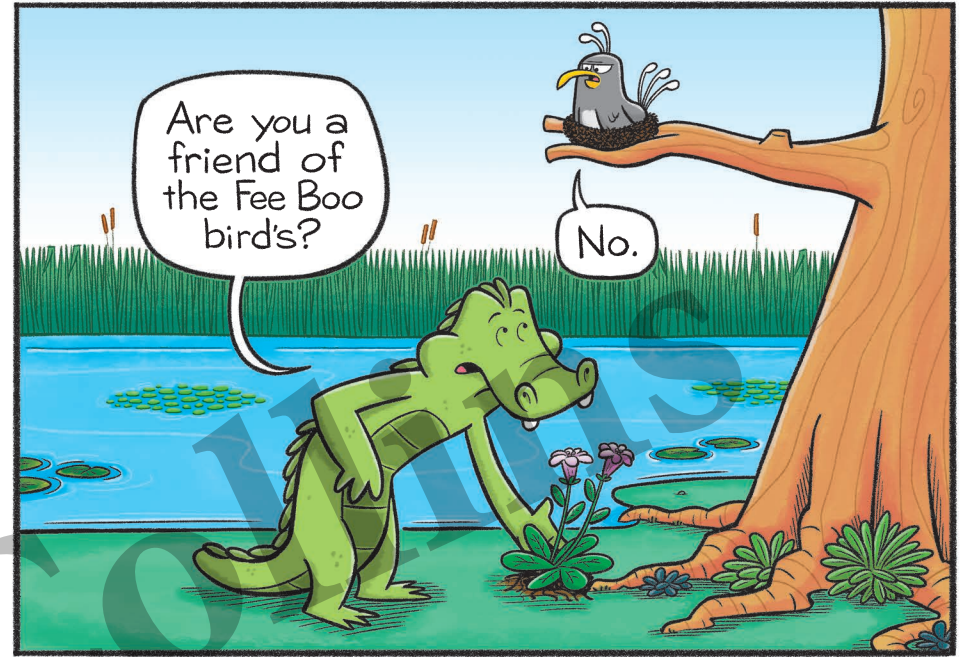


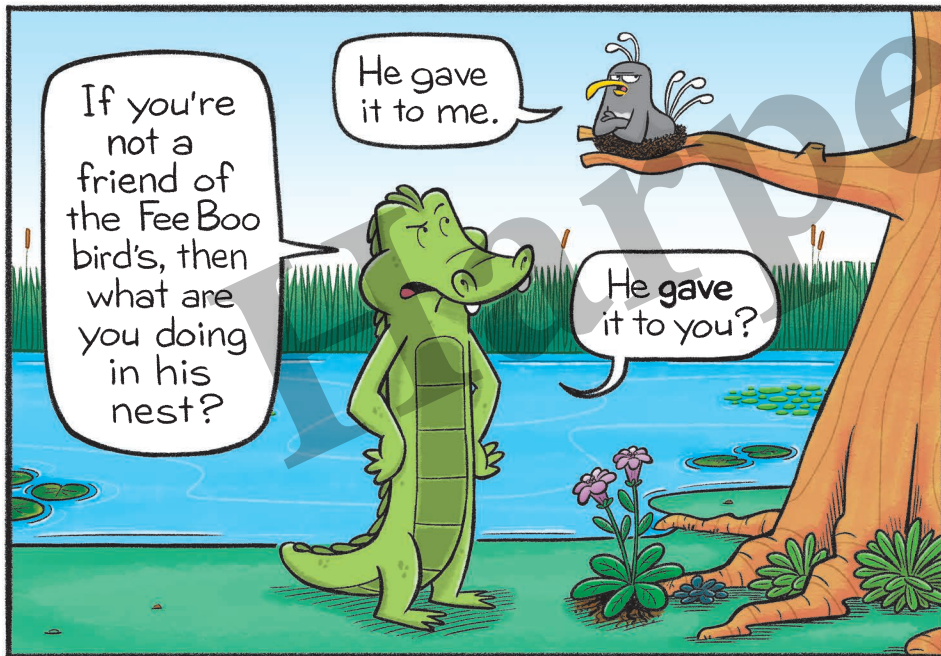
I don't have to go to the party now.



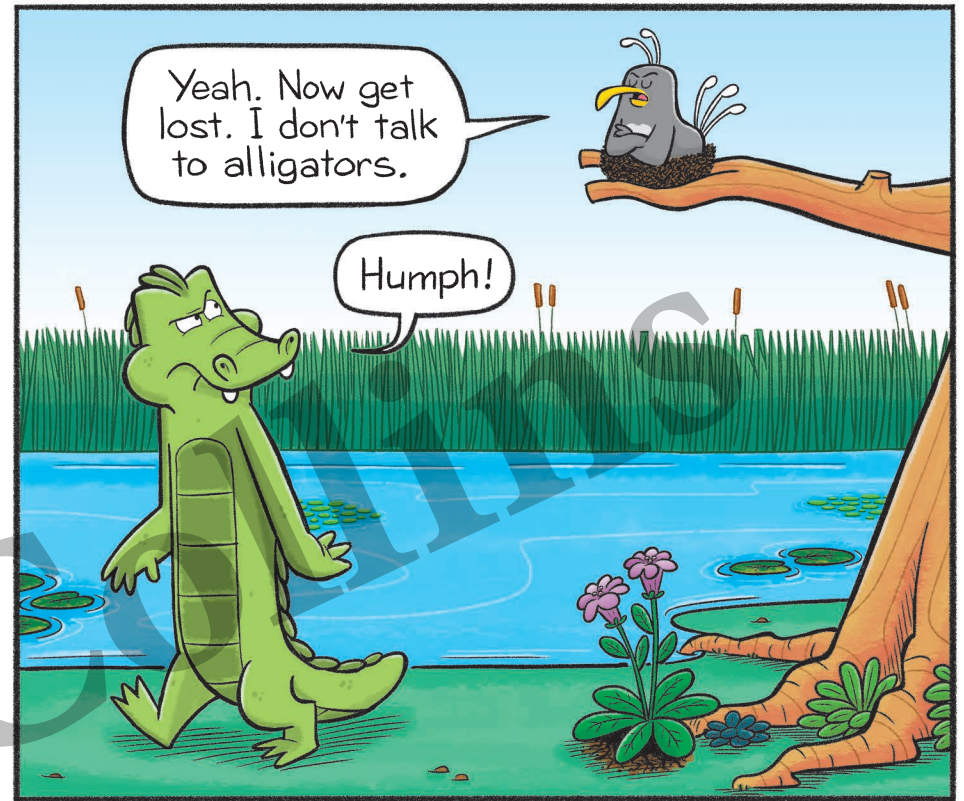
Well, it's none of my business. I'll just leave this by his nest and go back to my day.



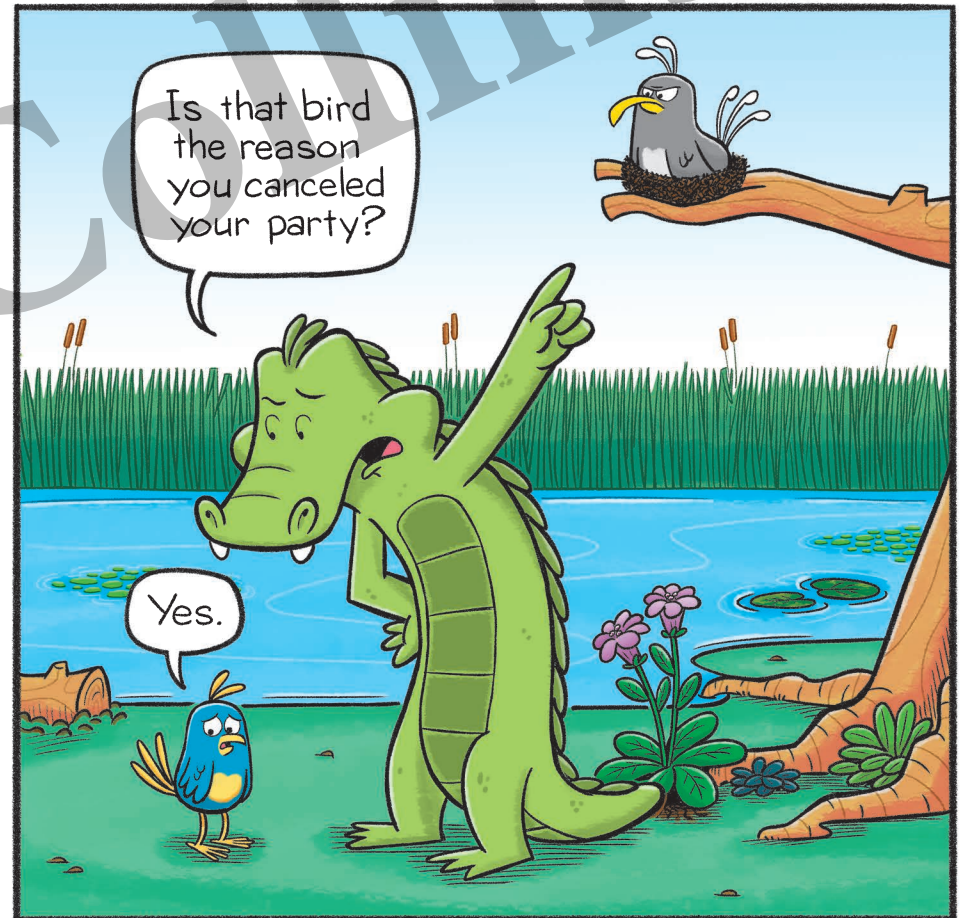
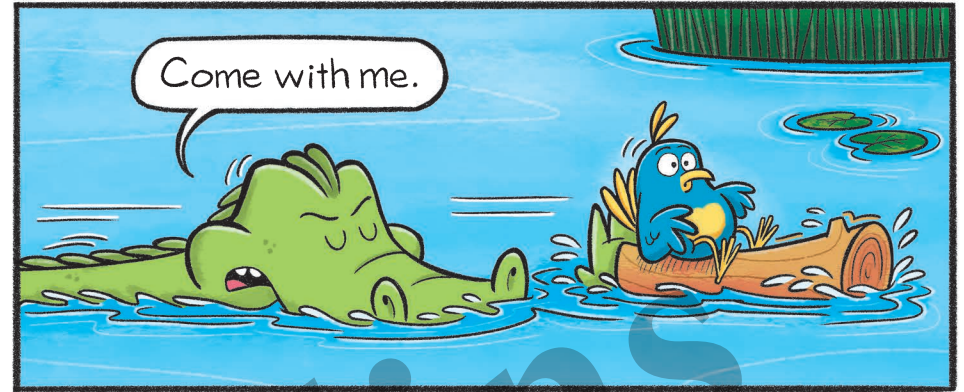
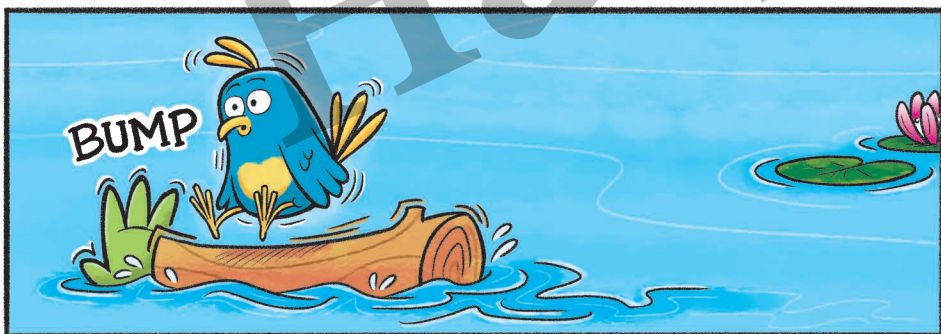




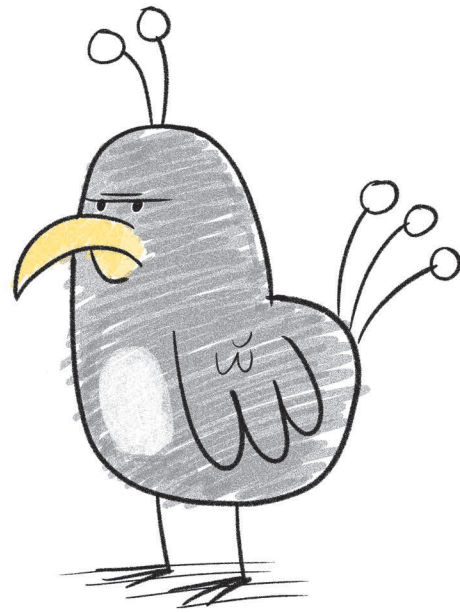
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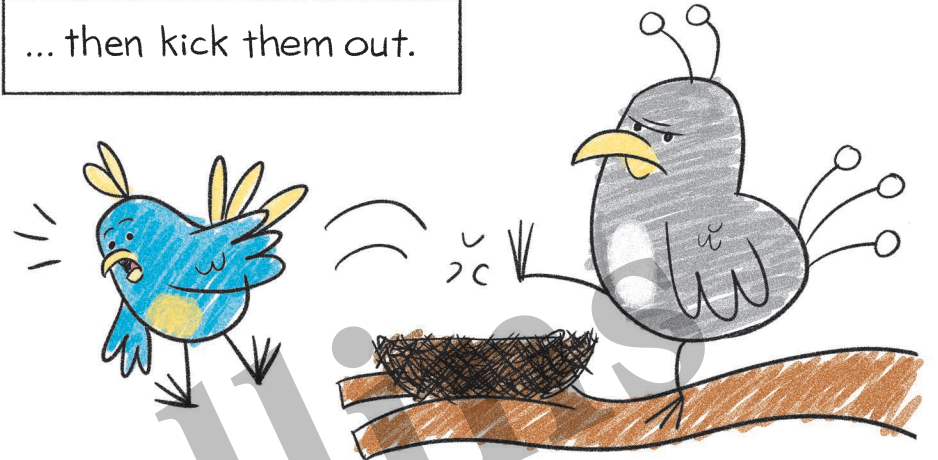
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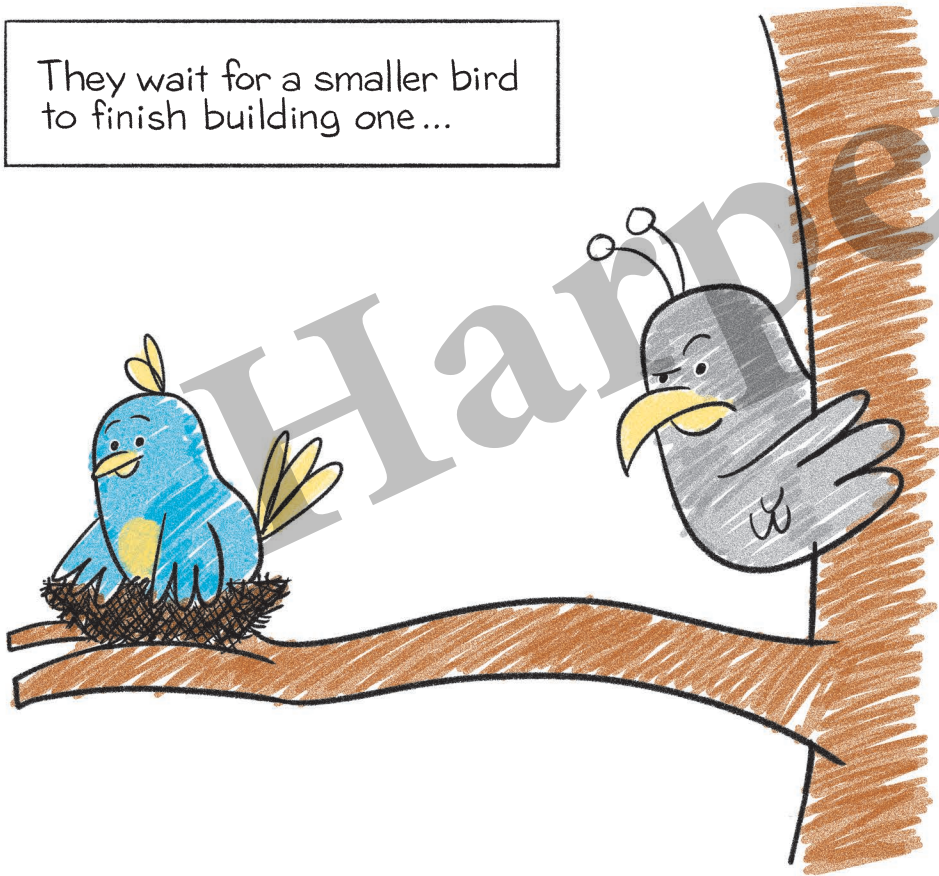
That bird is  
a Long-Billed  
Party Pooper.  
They don't  
build their  
own nests.



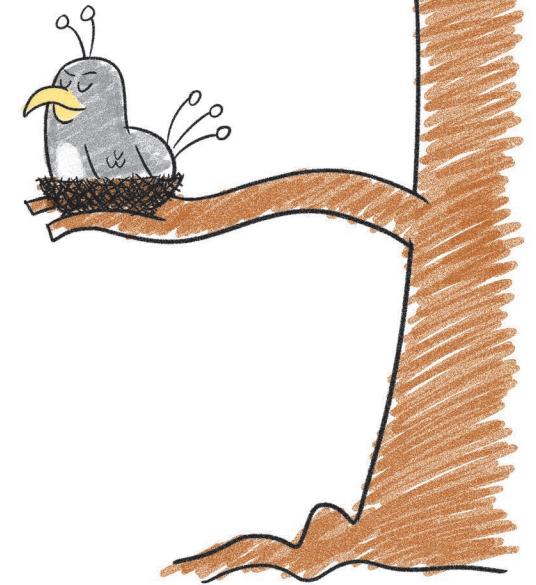
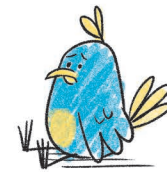
... then kick them out.

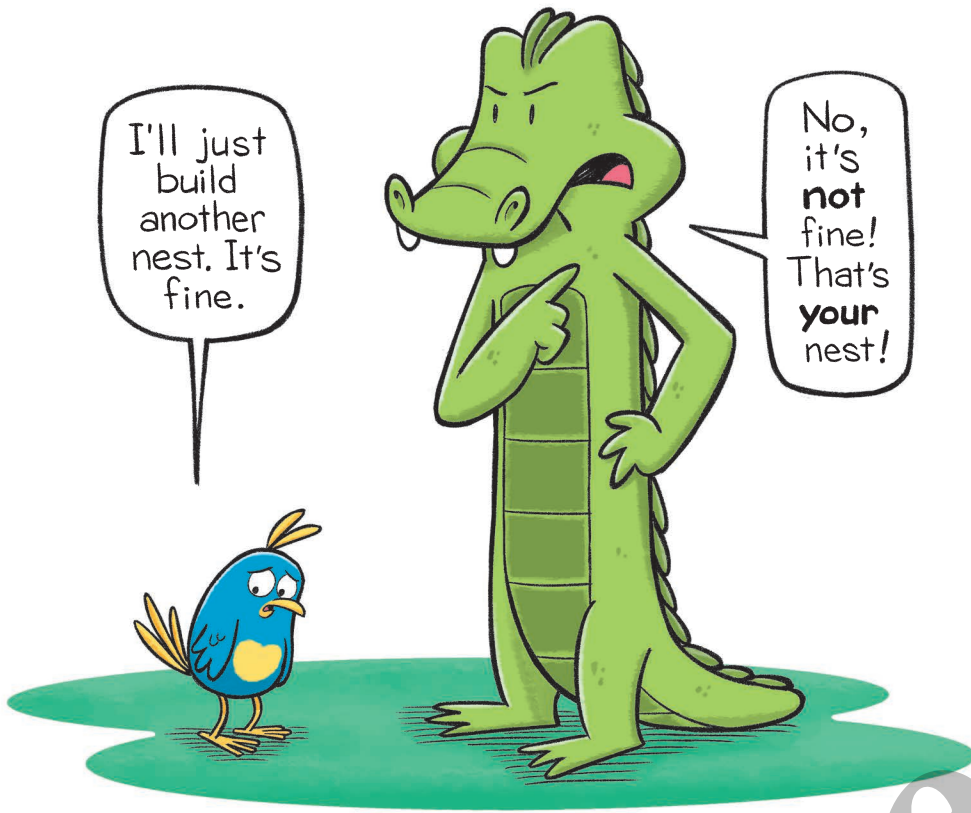


They wait for a smaller bird  
to finish building one...

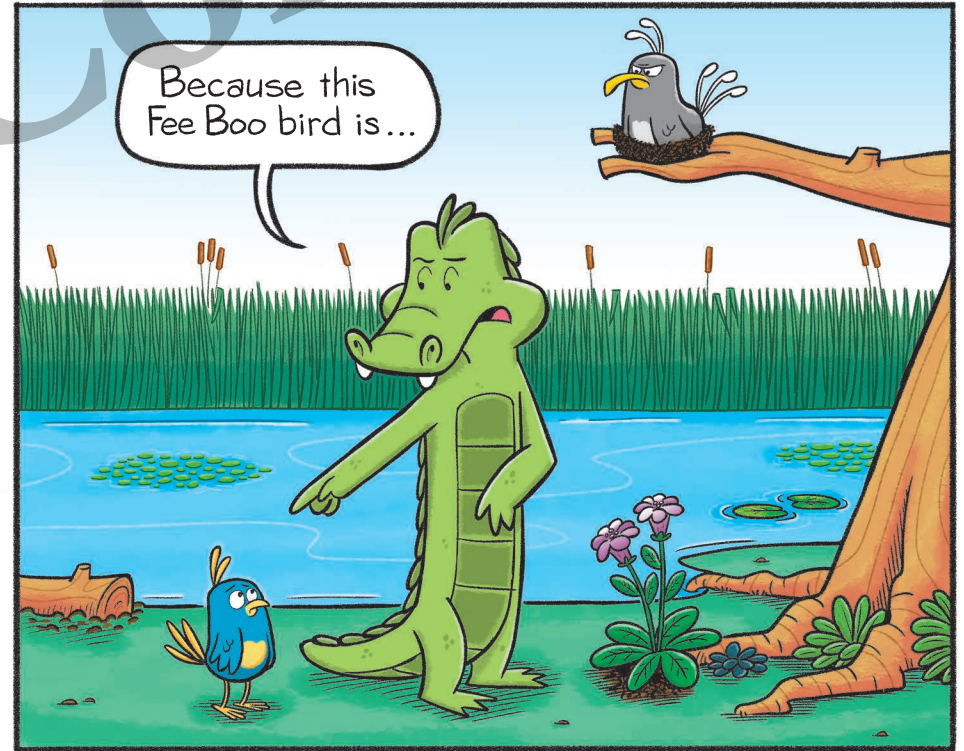


Leaving that bird's nest-warming  
party officially pooped.





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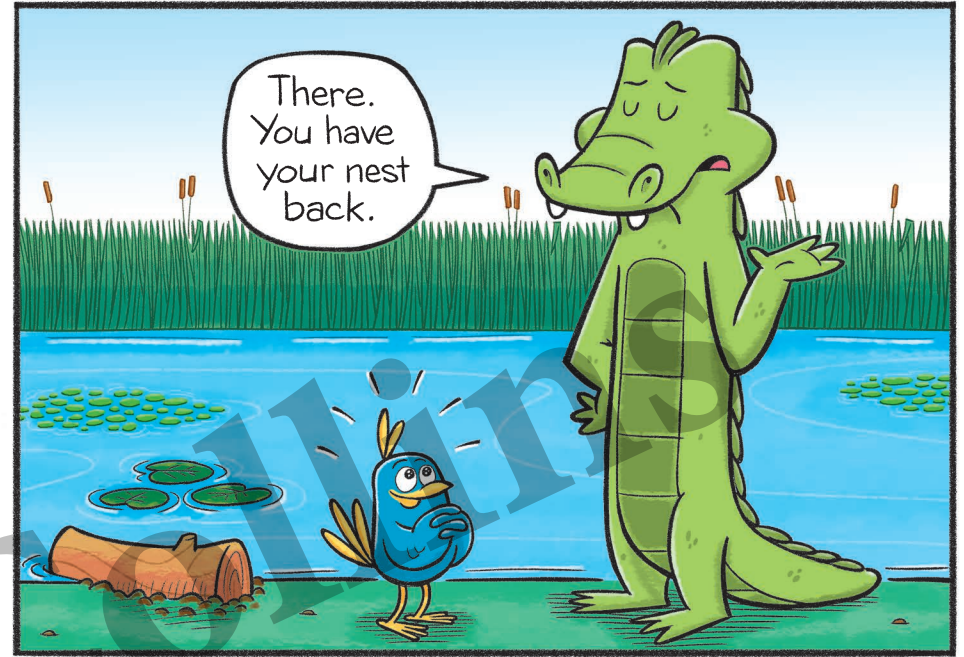
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You know what?  
This is a stinky  
nest, anyway. I  
don't even want  
it, it's so bad.



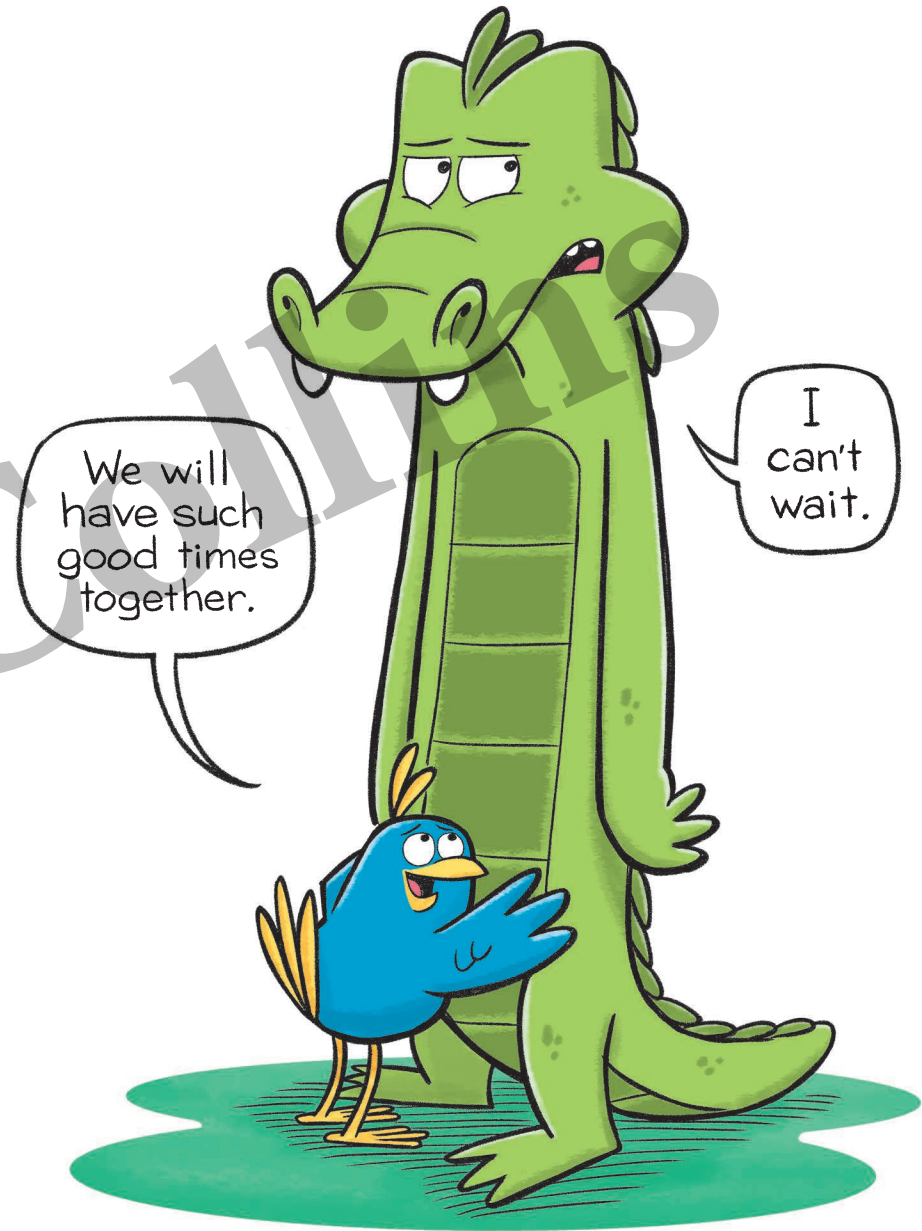
As a matter of  
fact, this whole  
swamp is stinky!  
I'm outta here!



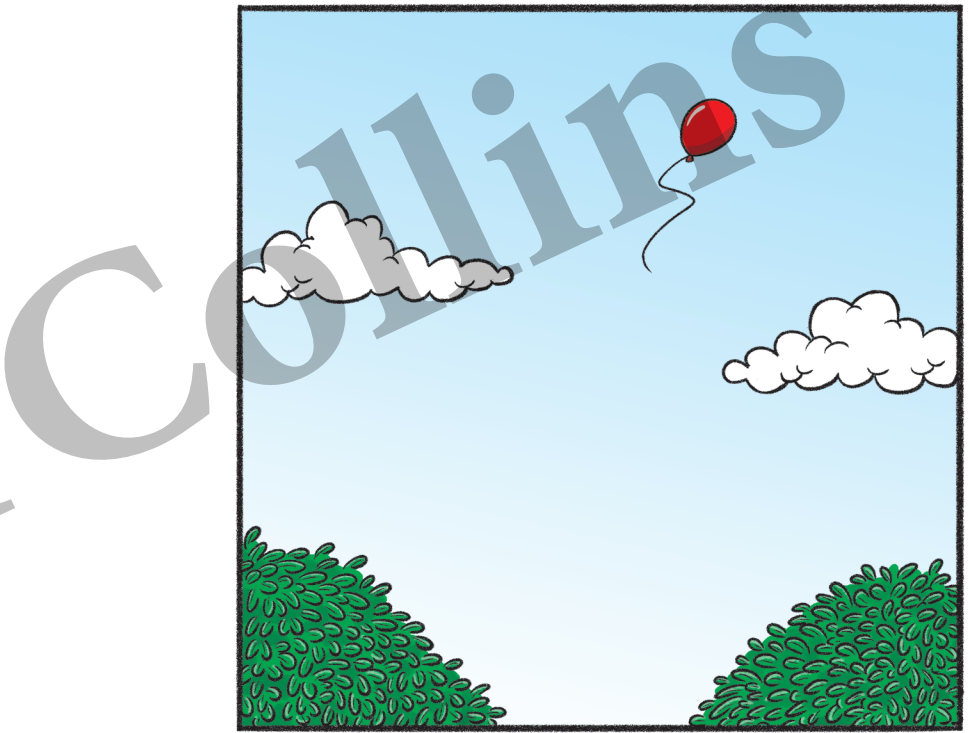
There.  
You have  
your nest  
back.



I knew  
we would  
be best  
friends!







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