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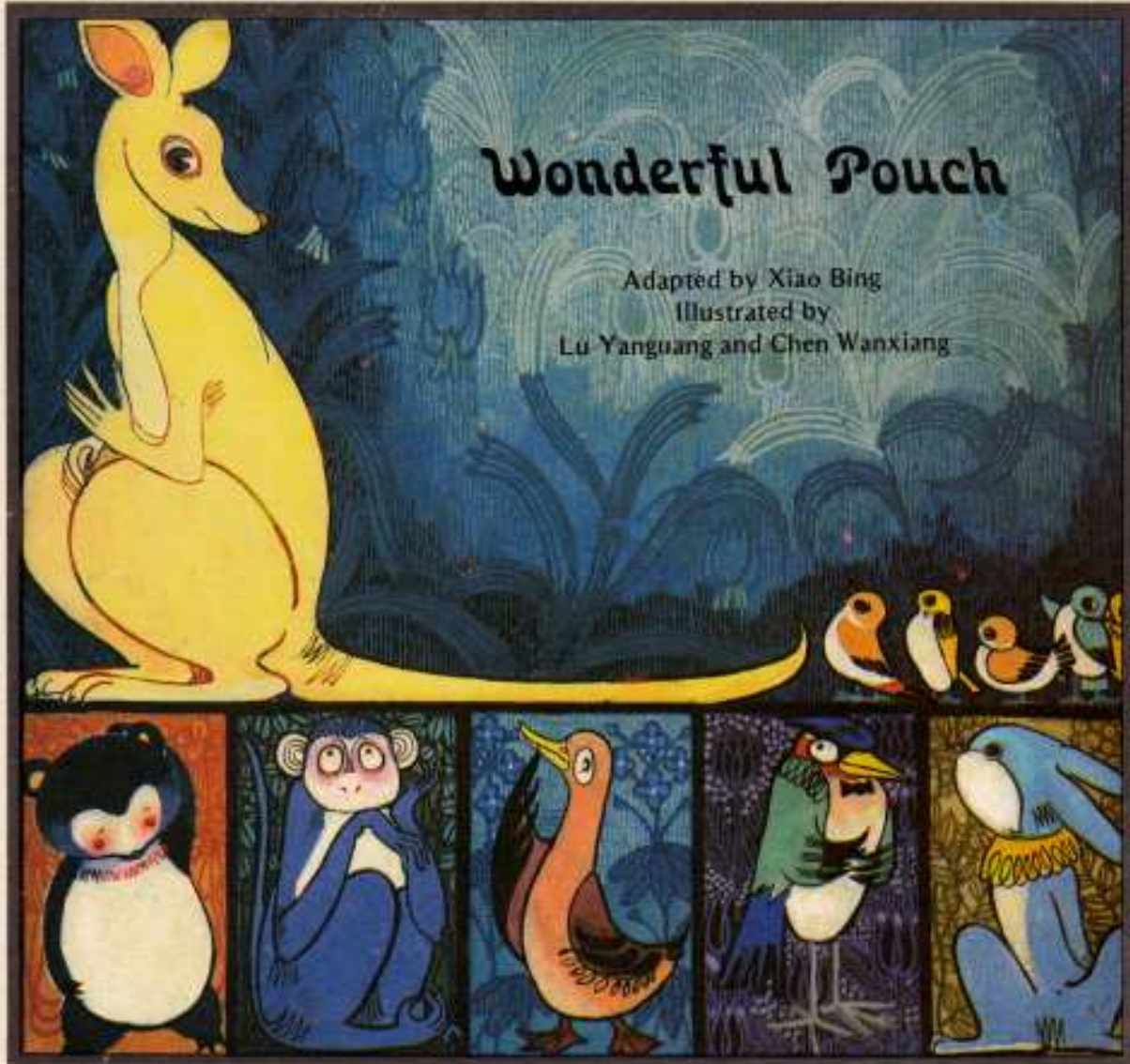
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There is a big pouch on a mother kangaroo's tummy. Who would like to guess what is in it?



A flying bird says, "There must be lots of fruit."



A duckling quacks, "There must be snails and shrimps in the pouch!"



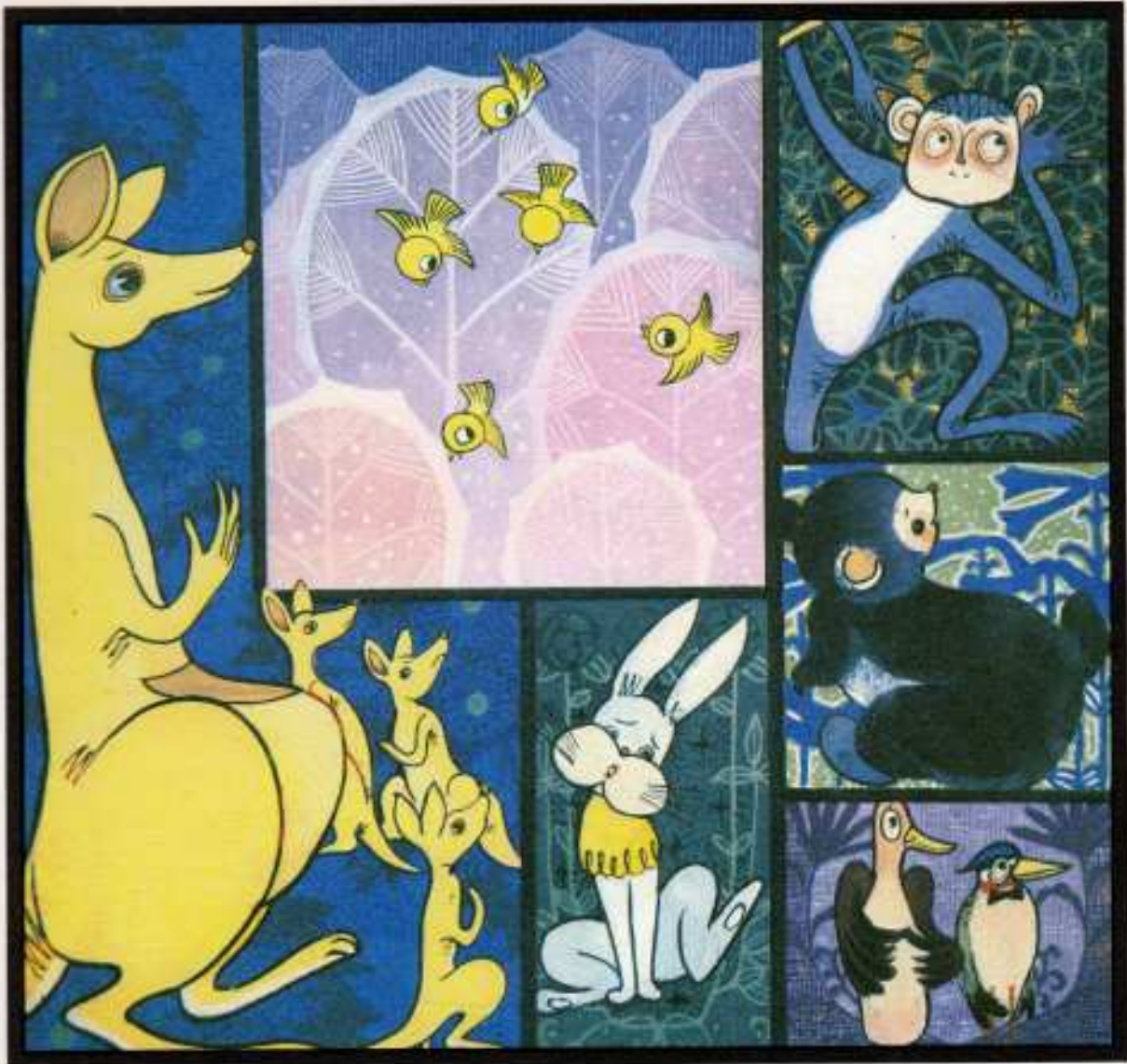
A rabbit pricks up her ears and guesses, "There must be cabbages in it!"



A brown bear says, "There must be a beehive in the pouch."



A monkey jumps to the ground from the tree, and says with a smile, "There must be big peaches in it."



The mother kangaroo wags her head and calls her babies to come out. But just as she is about to explain that the pouch is the home for her children, a lion roars.



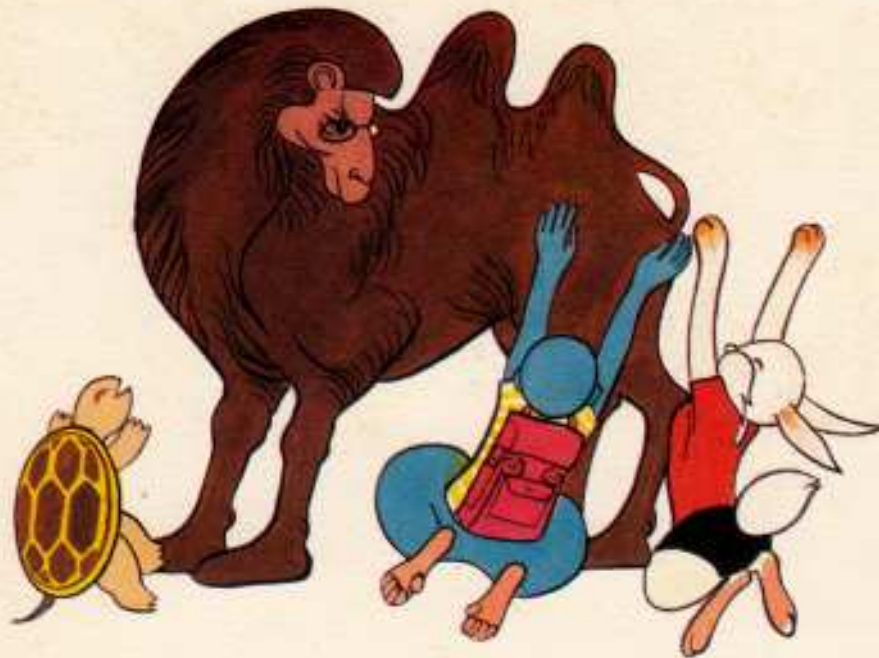
Everyone runs for their lives. The mother kangaroo quickly puts her children in the pouch and runs away too.

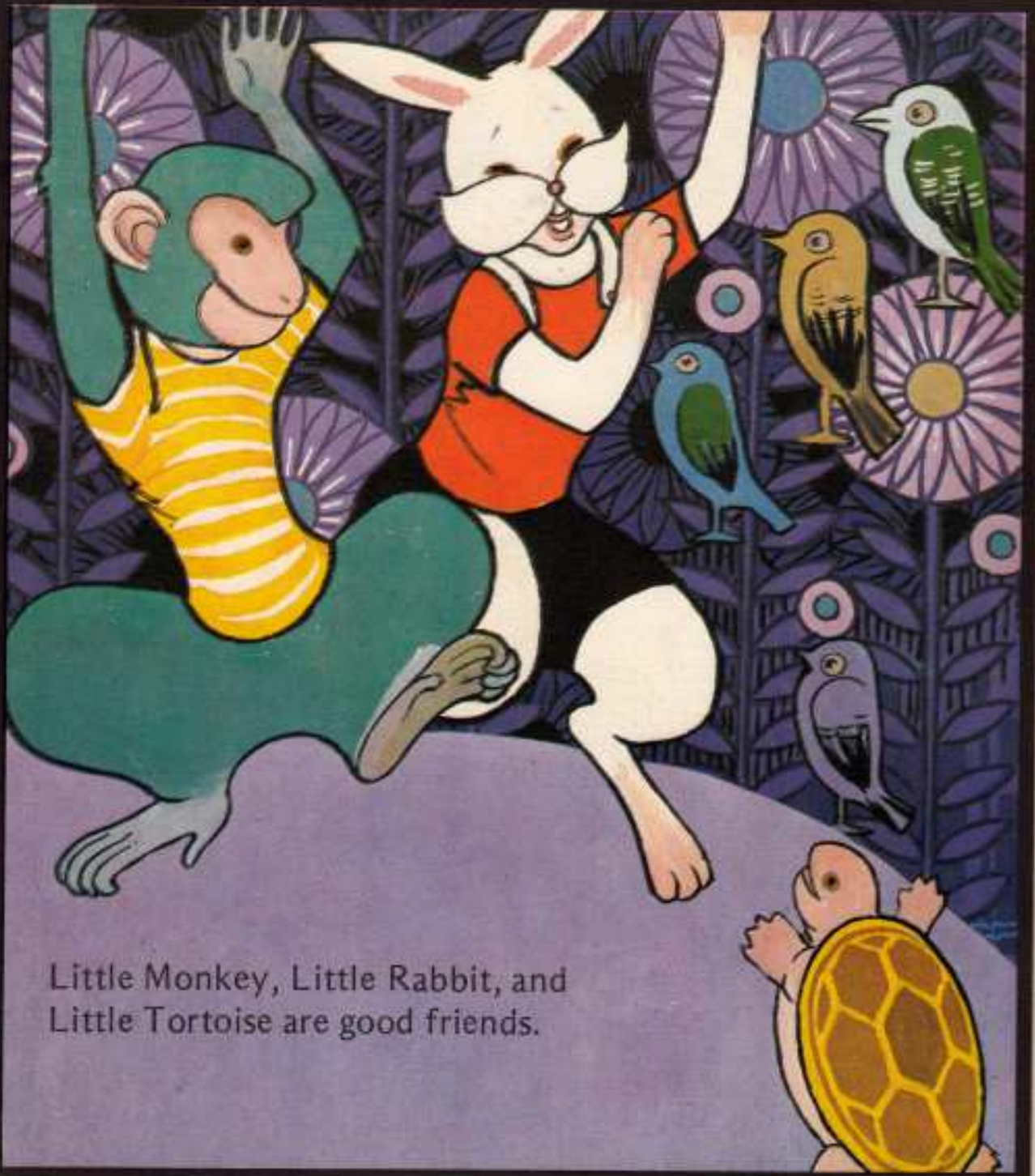


After the lion leaves, everyone comes back and circles around the kangaroo. "Ah, it is a wonderful pouch," they all say.

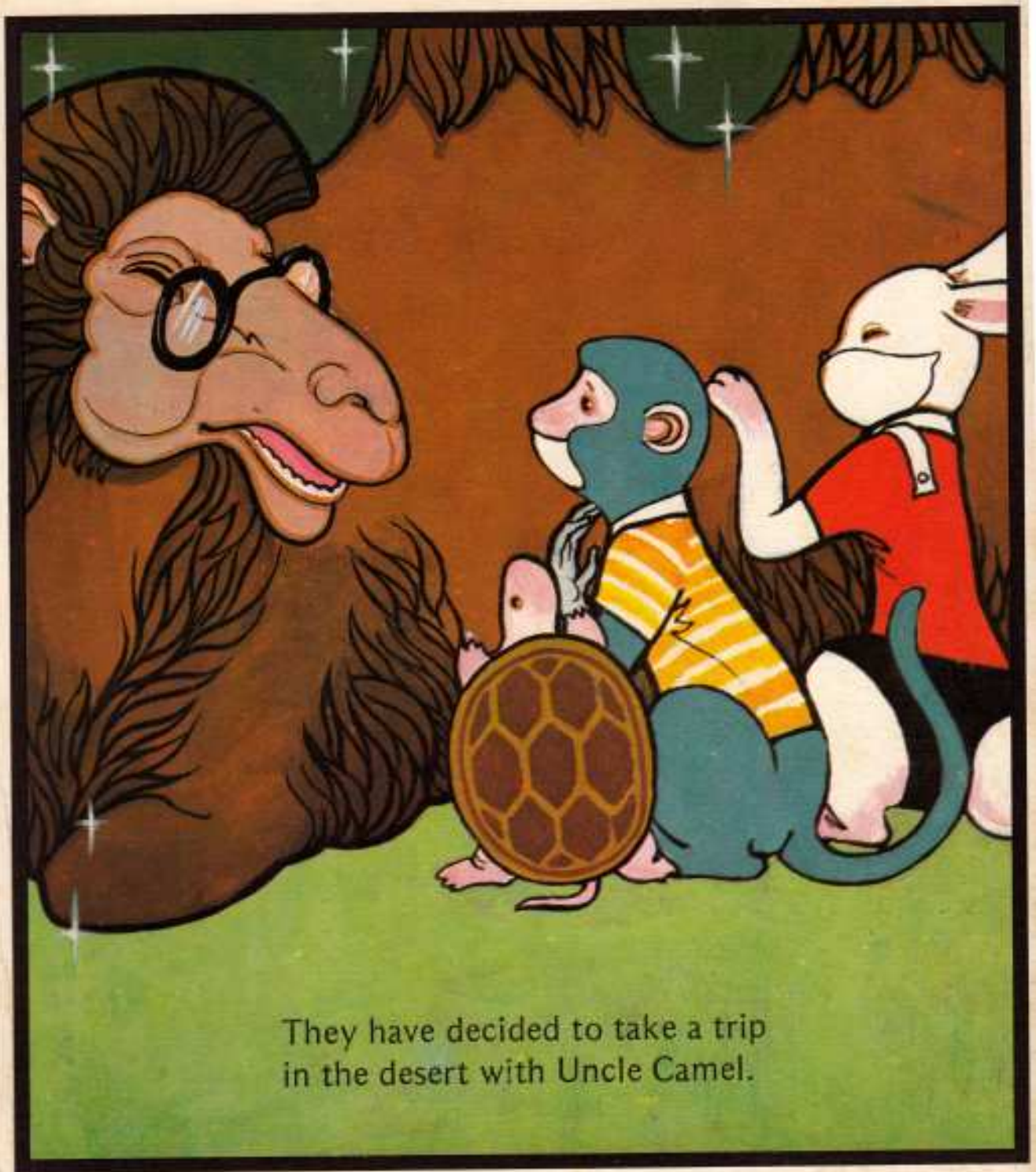
Journey in the Desert

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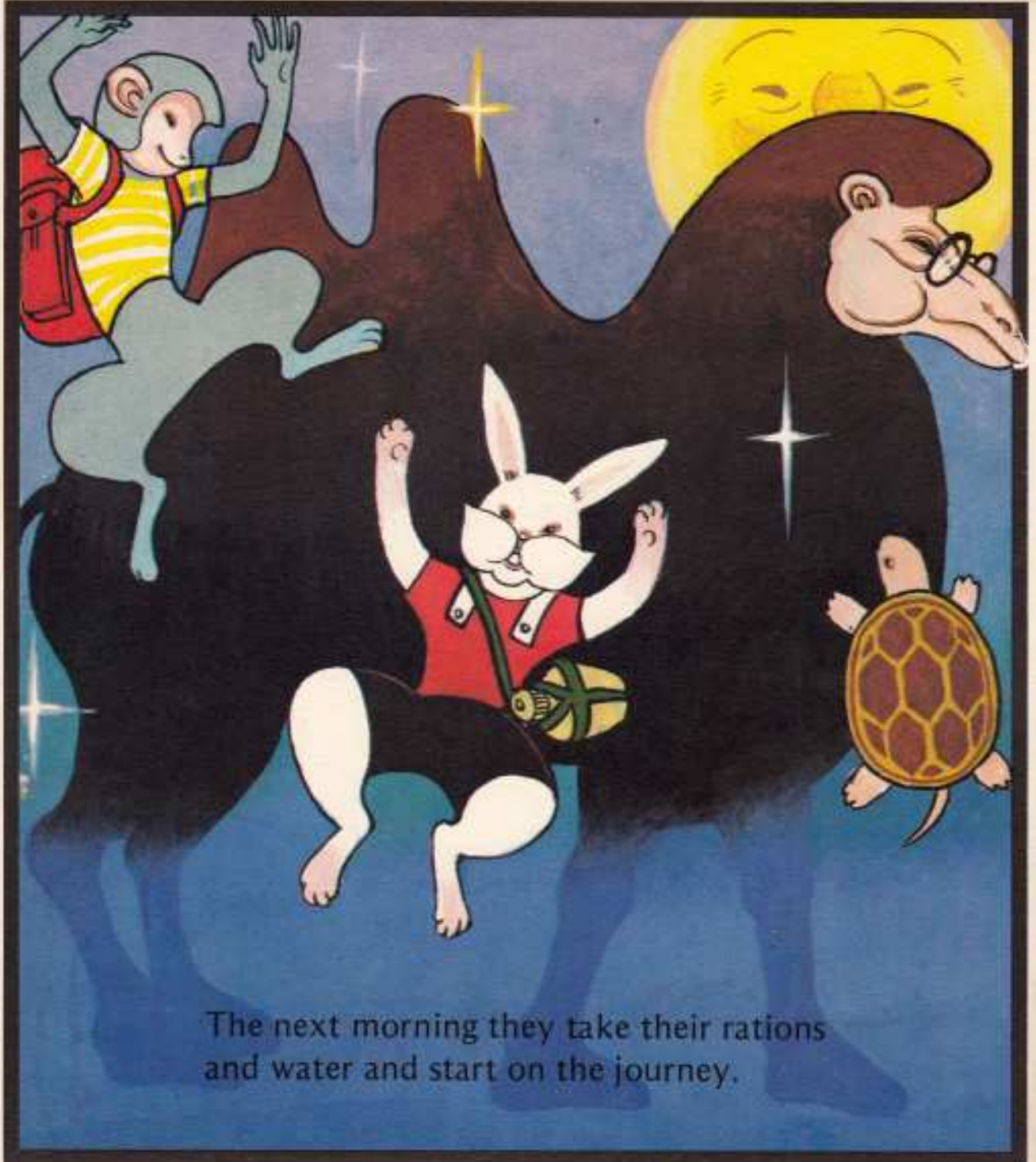




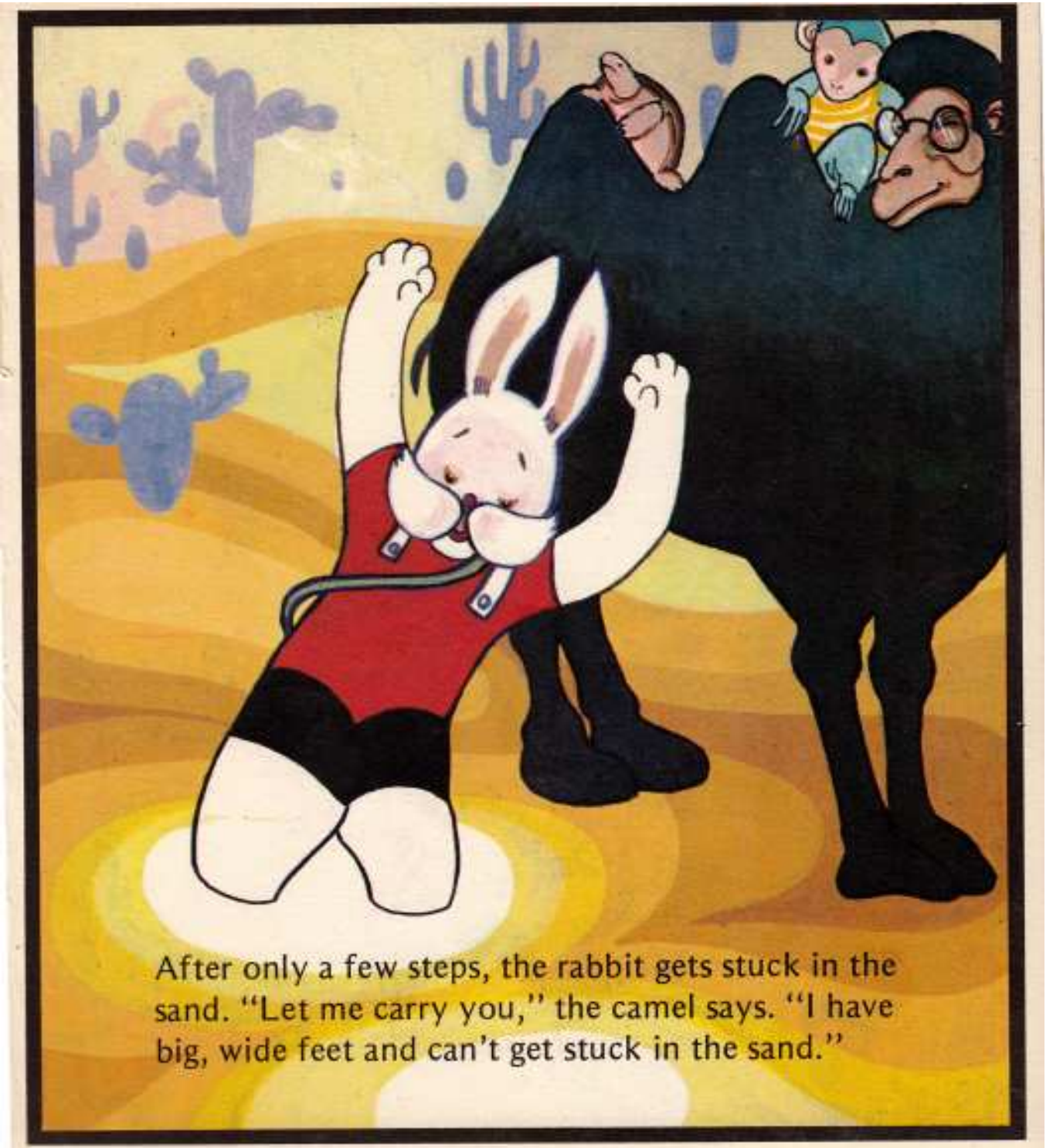
Little Monkey, Little Rabbit, and
Little Tortoise are good friends.



They have decided to take a trip
in the desert with Uncle Camel.

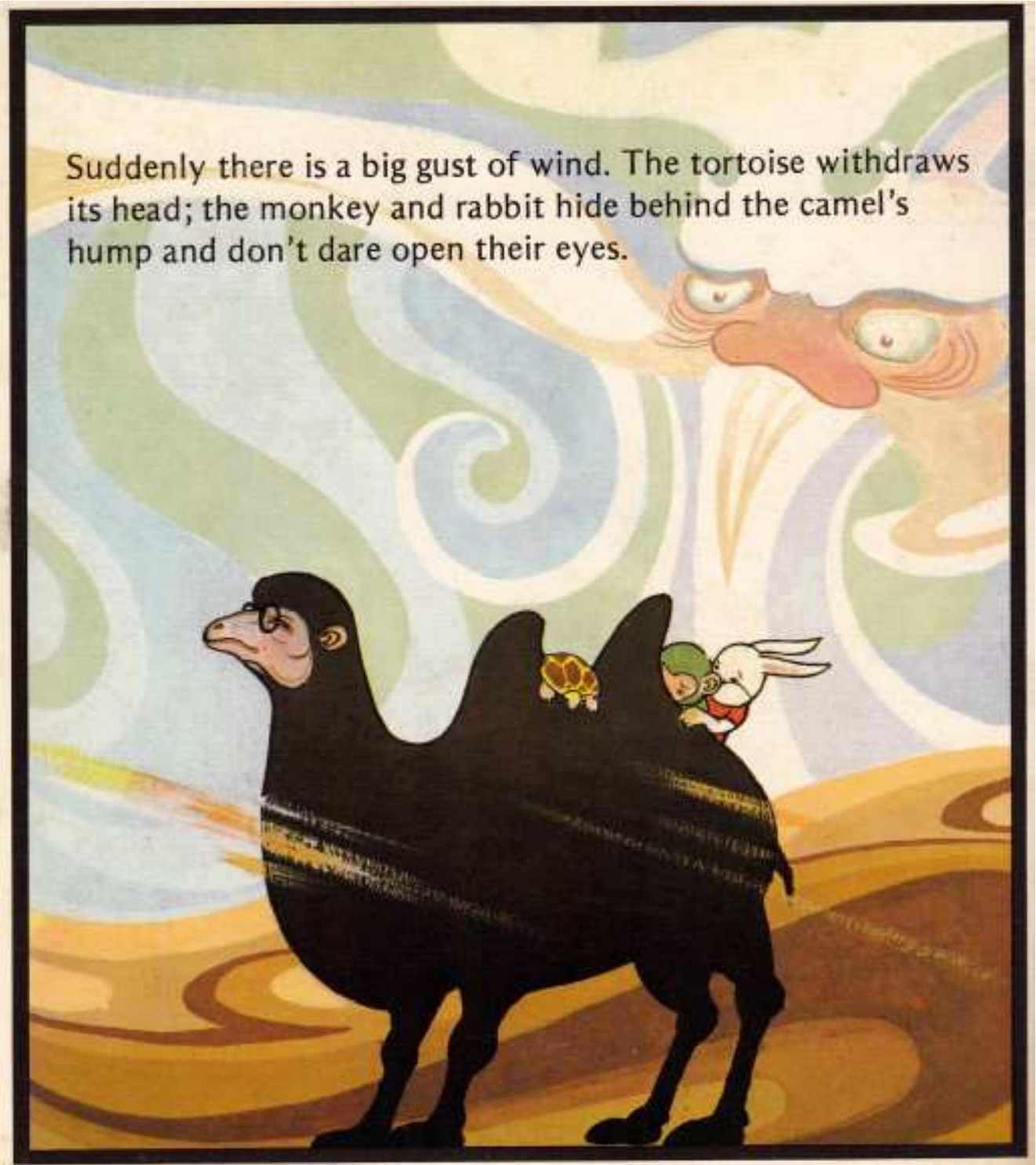


The next morning they take their rations and water and start on the journey.

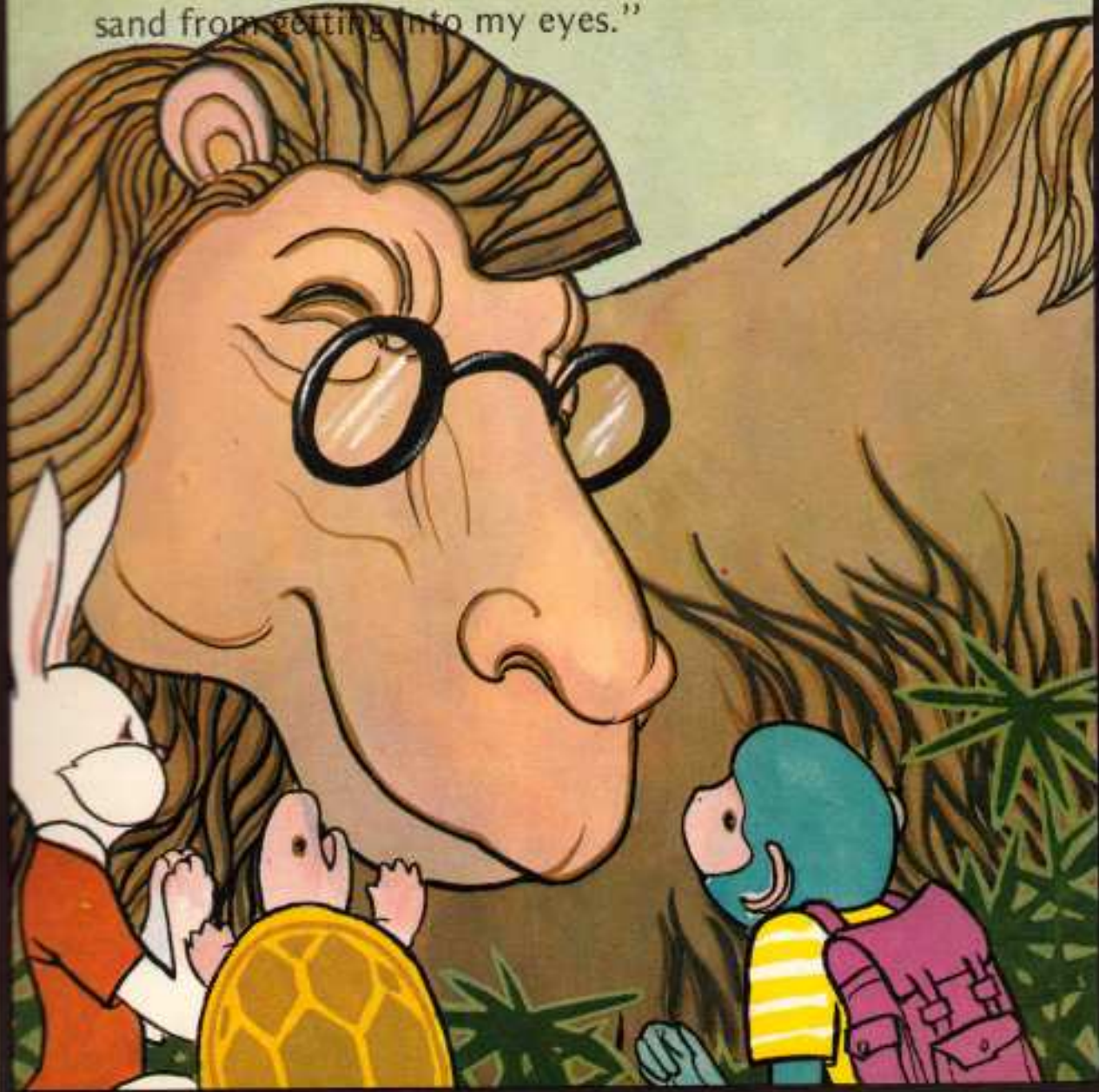


After only a few steps, the rabbit gets stuck in the sand. "Let me carry you," the camel says. "I have big, wide feet and can't get stuck in the sand."

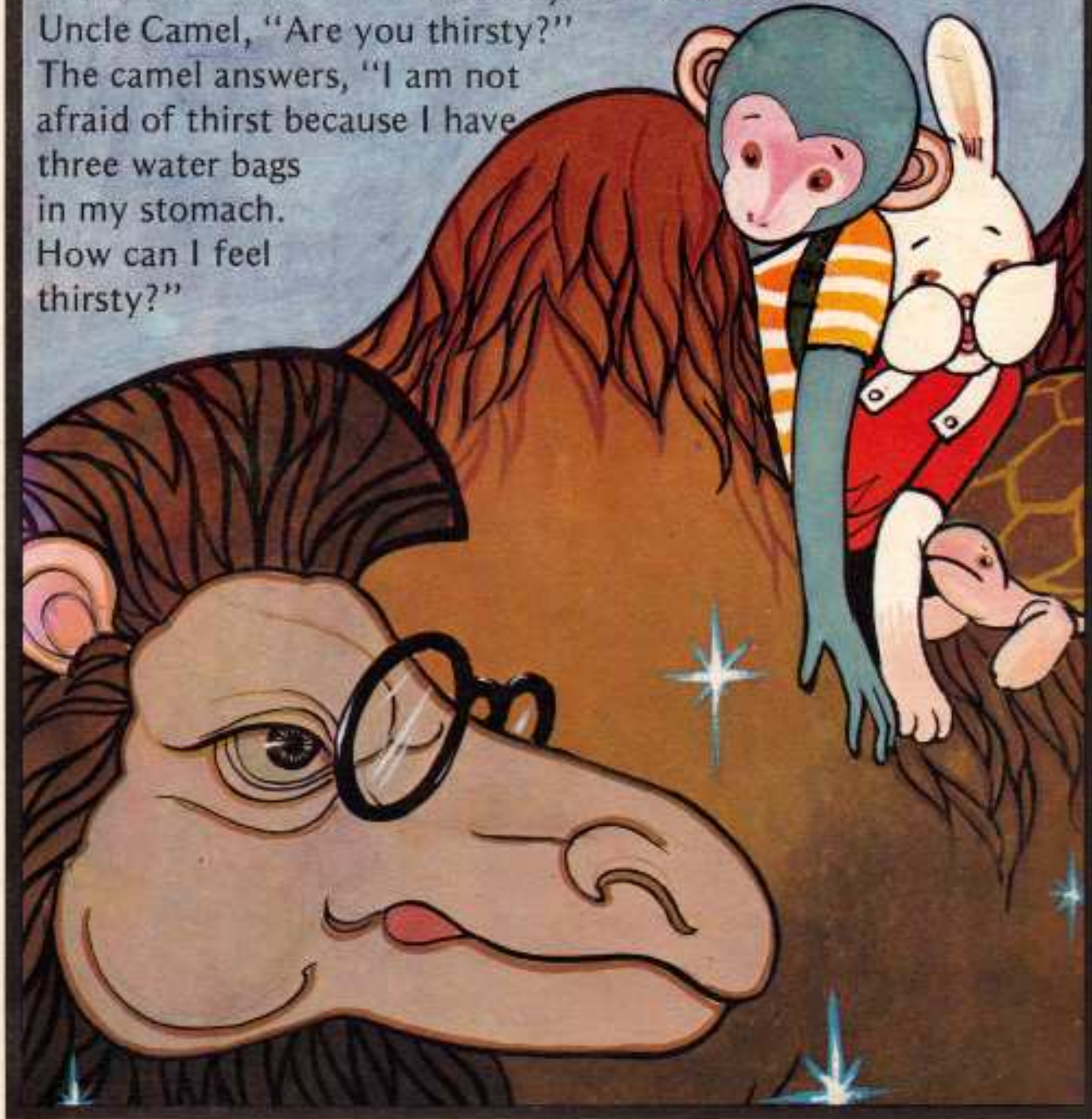
Suddenly there is a big gust of wind. The tortoise withdraws its head; the monkey and rabbit hide behind the camel's hump and don't dare open their eyes.

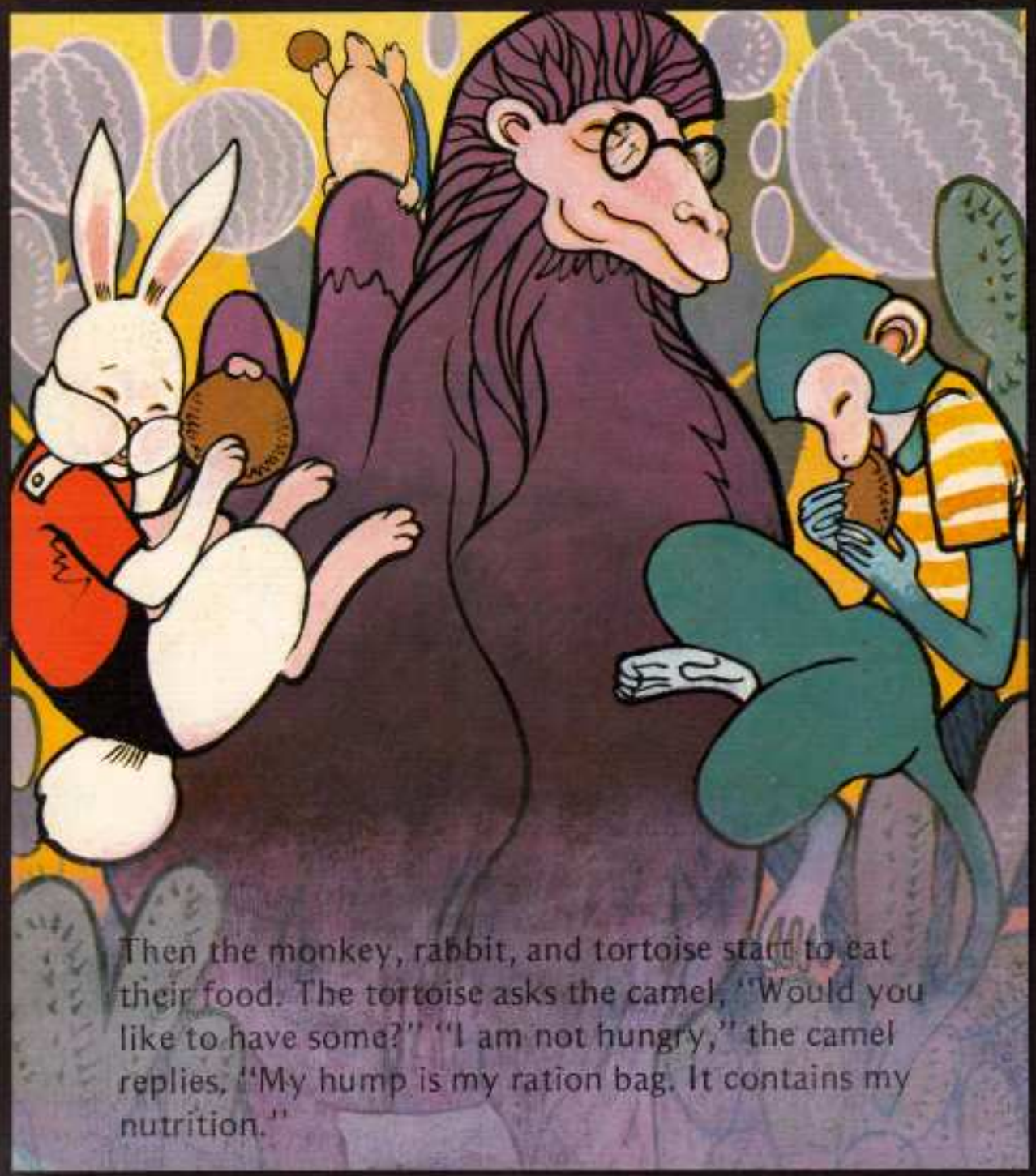


After the sand storm stops, the tortoise asks the camel why he is not afraid of the wind. The camel replies, "I can shut my nostrils, and my long eyelashes prevent sand from getting into my eyes."



It is very hot and dry in the desert. The monkey, rabbit and tortoise are all thirsty. The rabbit asks Uncle Camel, "Are you thirsty?" The camel answers, "I am not afraid of thirst because I have three water bags in my stomach. How can I feel thirsty?"





Then the monkey, rabbit, and tortoise start to eat their food. The tortoise asks the camel, "Would you like to have some?" "I am not hungry," the camel replies, "My hump is my ration bag. It contains my nutrition."

After the journey, they thank Uncle Camel, and ask him how he became so capable. The camel answers, "I have been living in the desert for a long time, and I am used to it."





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