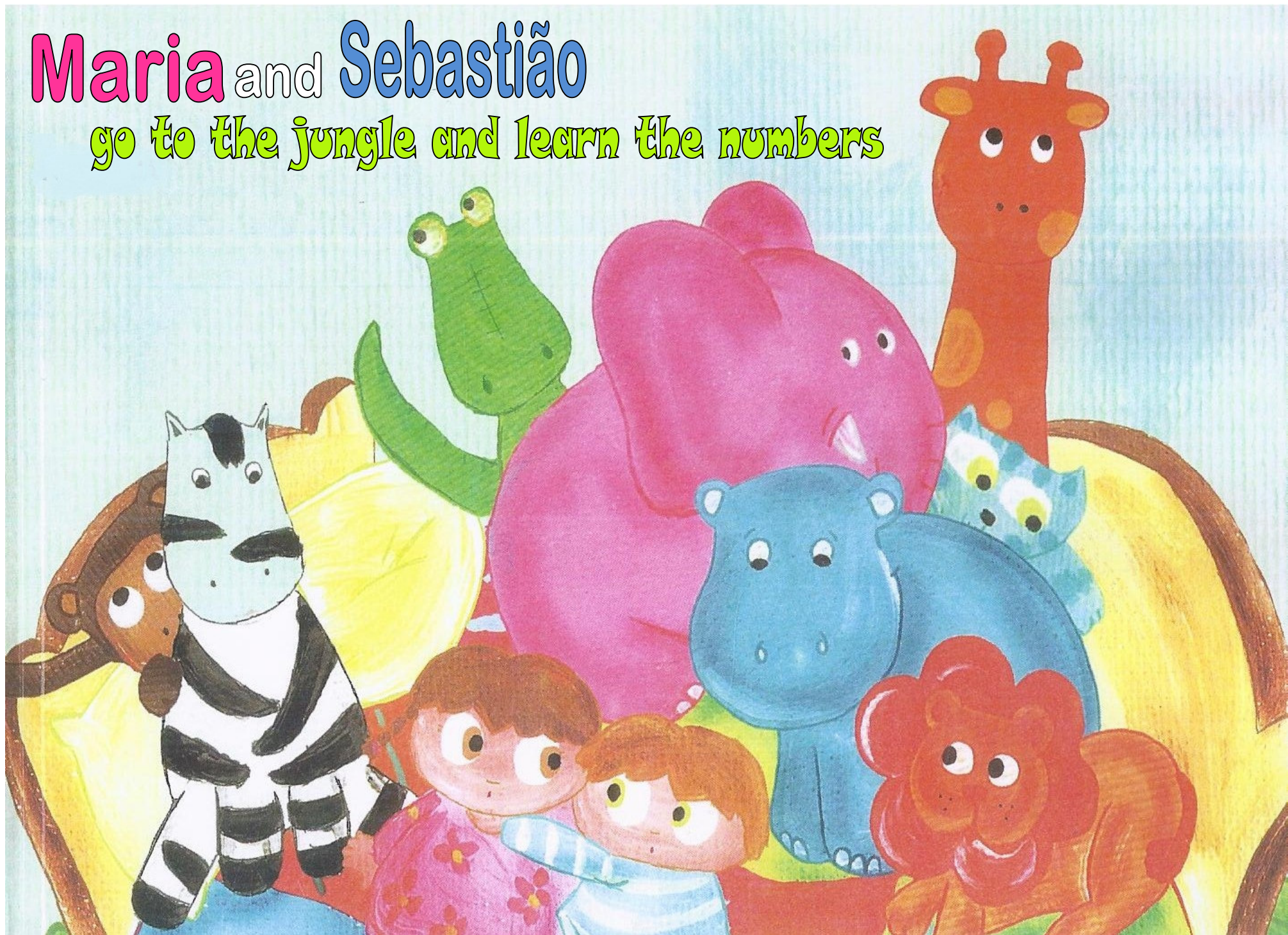


# Maria and Sebastião

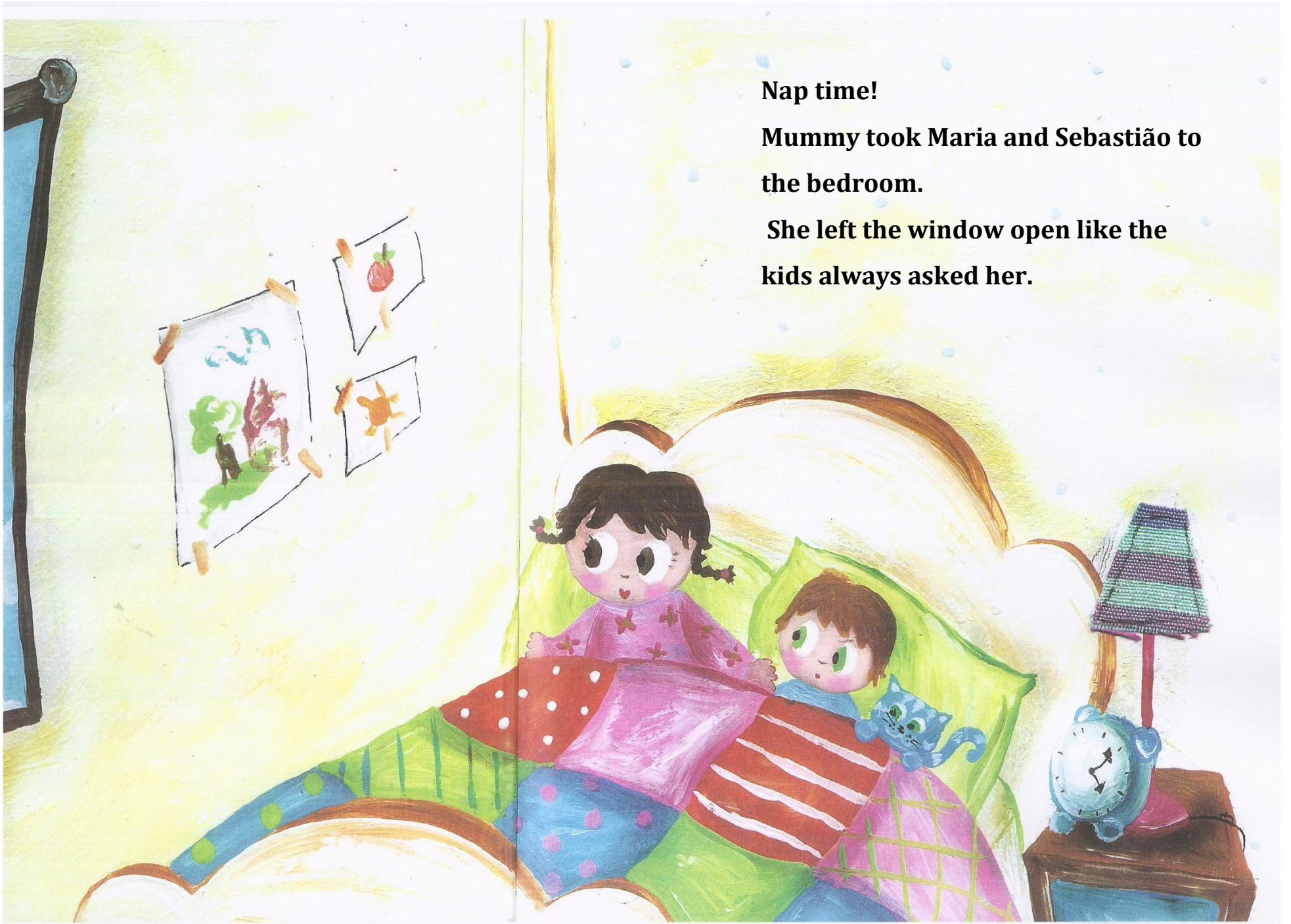
go to the jungle and learn the numbers



**Nap time!**

**Mummy took Maria and Sebastião to  
the bedroom.**

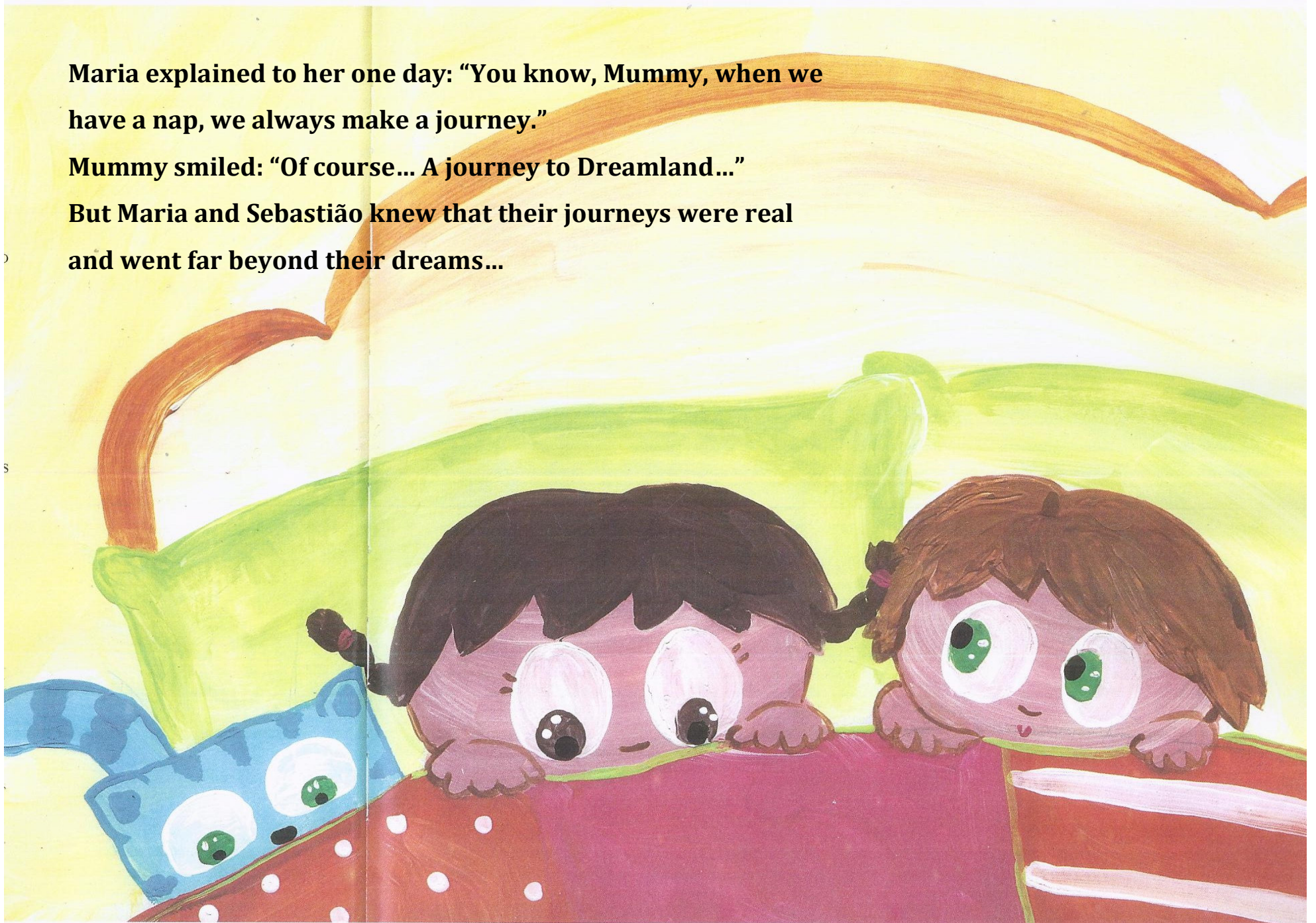
**She left the window open like the  
kids always asked her.**

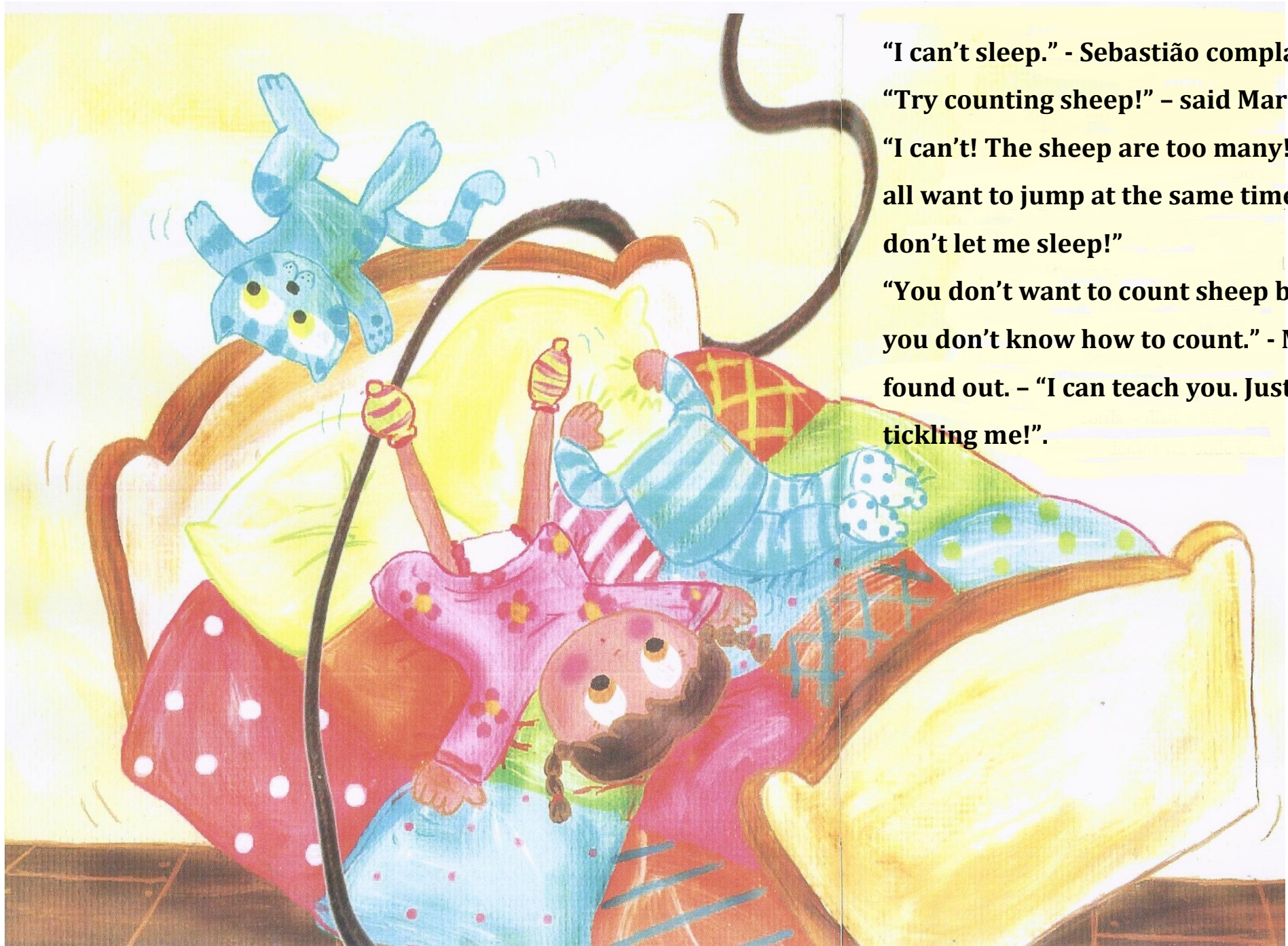


**Maria explained to her one day: "You know, Mummy, when we have a nap, we always make a journey."**

**Mummy smiled: "Of course... A journey to Dreamland..."**

**But Maria and Sebastião knew that their journeys were real and went far beyond their dreams...**



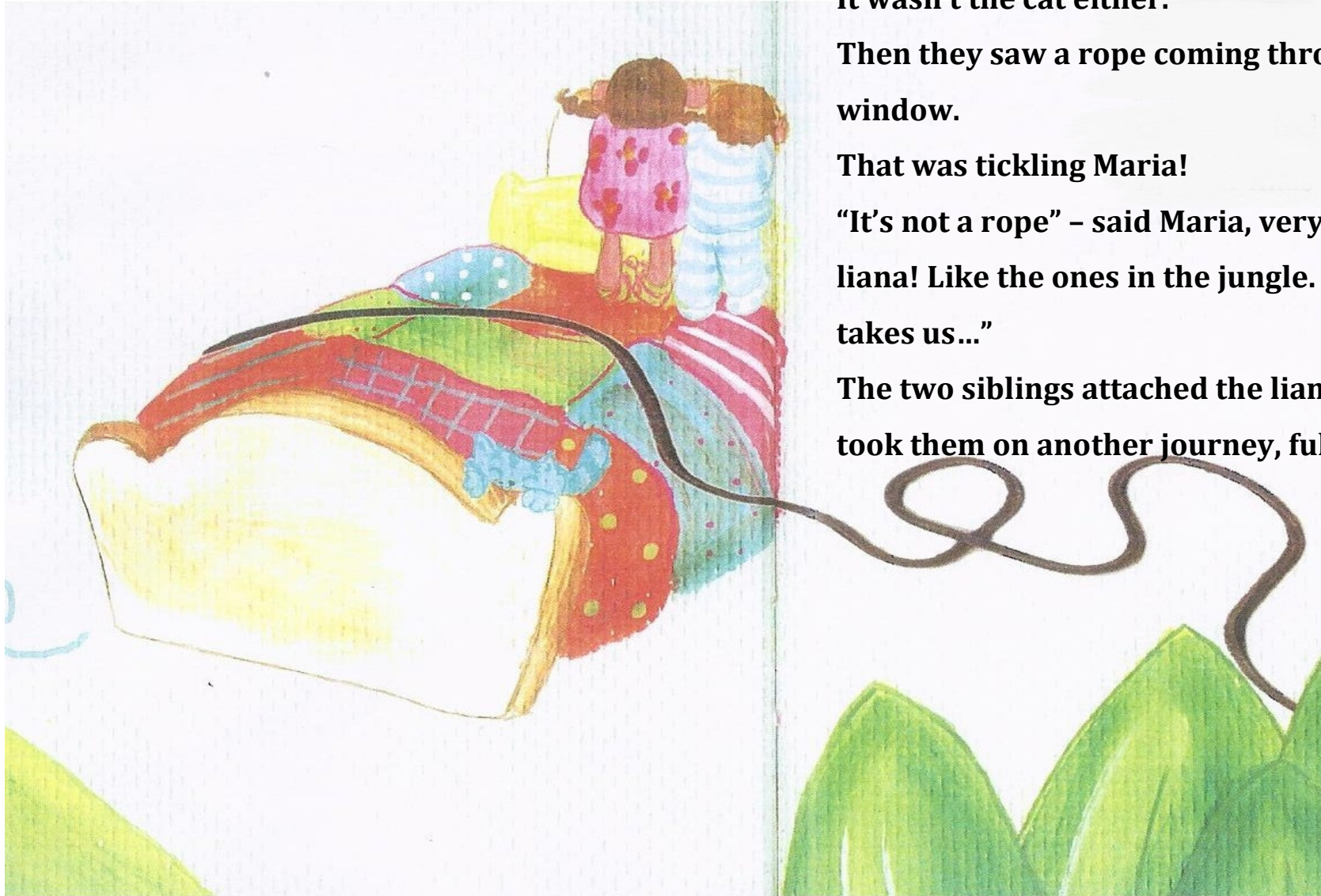


**“I can’t sleep.” - Sebastião complained.**

**“Try counting sheep!” - said Maria.**

**“I can’t! The sheep are too many! They all want to jump at the same time. They don’t let me sleep!”**

**“You don’t want to count sheep because you don’t know how to count.” - Maria found out. - “I can teach you. Just stop tickling me!”.**



**But Sebastião wasn't tickling his sister.**

**Maria asked the cat, Blue: "Are you tickling me?"**

**It wasn't the cat either.**

**Then they saw a rope coming through the open window.**

**That was tickling Maria!**

**"It's not a rope" - said Maria, very excited. - "It's a liana! Like the ones in the jungle. Let's see where it takes us..."**

**The two siblings attached the liana to the bed. It took them on another journey, full of adventure...**



**“We are already three in our bed” – said Sebastião. – “Me, Maria and our cat, Blue.”**

**“Four with me!” – said the monkey. – “We can all squeeze in.”**

**And with the monkey on board, they went into the jungle.**

**This time they went to the jungle.**

**They almost bumped against a monkey.**

**He was bouncing in another liana.**

**Maria said: “I’m sorry! Sometimes our bed doesn’t know where it’s going.”**

**“It should be fun!” – said the monkey looking naughty. – “Let me travel with you and I will show you the jungle”.**





**“I had never seen little kids over here...” -  
said the crocodile, as he saw the flying  
bed.**

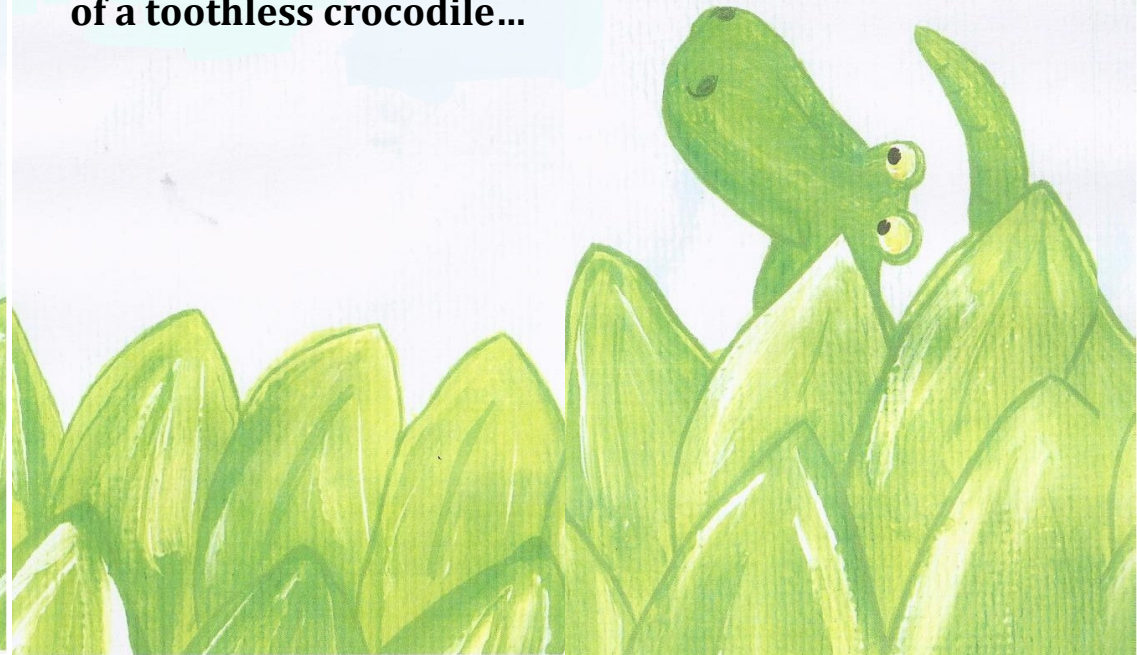
**Maria, Sebastião and the cat Blue got  
scared. But they didn’t have to be afraid.**

**“It’s a toothless crocodile” - explained the monkey. - “He  
ate lots of candy and he lost all his teeth. He can’t harm  
anyone”.**

**The crocodile was sad and said: “Everybody runs away  
from me...”**

**“We won’t run. Right, Sebastião?” - asked Maria.**

**And Sebastião said no right away. He wouldn’t be scared  
of a toothless crocodile...**



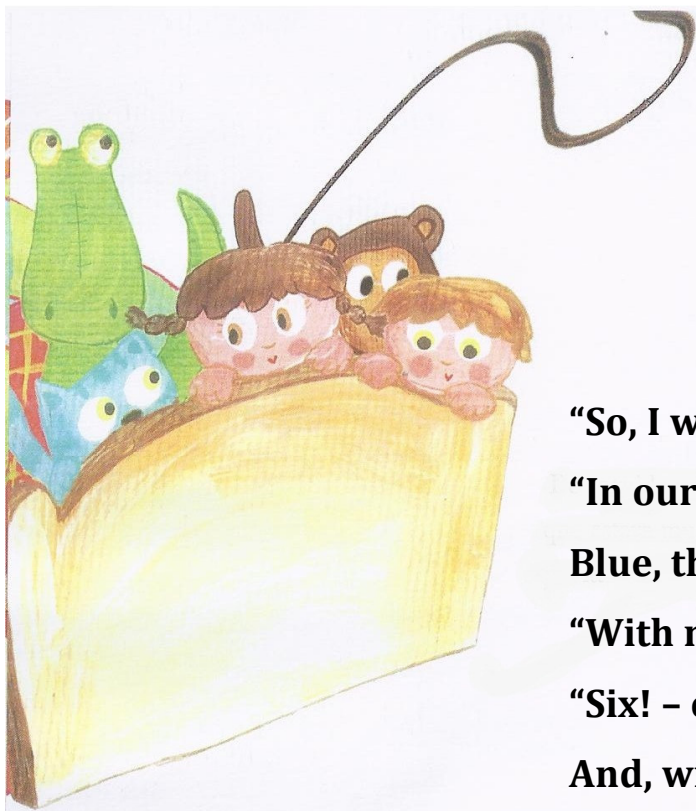


**“So, can I travel with you?” - asked the crocodile.**

**“In our bed?” - asked Sebastião - “But we are already four.  
Me, Maria, the cat, Blue, and the monkey.”**

**“Five with me!” - said the crocodile - “We can all squeeze in.”  
And with the crocodile on board, they went into the jungle.**





Next, they saw a striped zebra. She was very angry because she didn't know how many stripes she had.

She didn't know how to count...

Maria said: "Maybe Sebastião can help you. He came to the jungle to learn the numbers."

"So, I will travel with you... "- said the zebra.

"In our bed?" - asked Sebastião. - "But we are already five. Me, Maria, the cat, Blue, the monkey and the crocodile.

"With me it's..."

"Six! - exclaimed Maria, to help the zebra. - "We can all squeeze in."

And, with the zebra on board, they went into the jungle.





**“Look, over there... it’s a lion!” – said Sebastião, frightened.**

**The zebra explained him:**

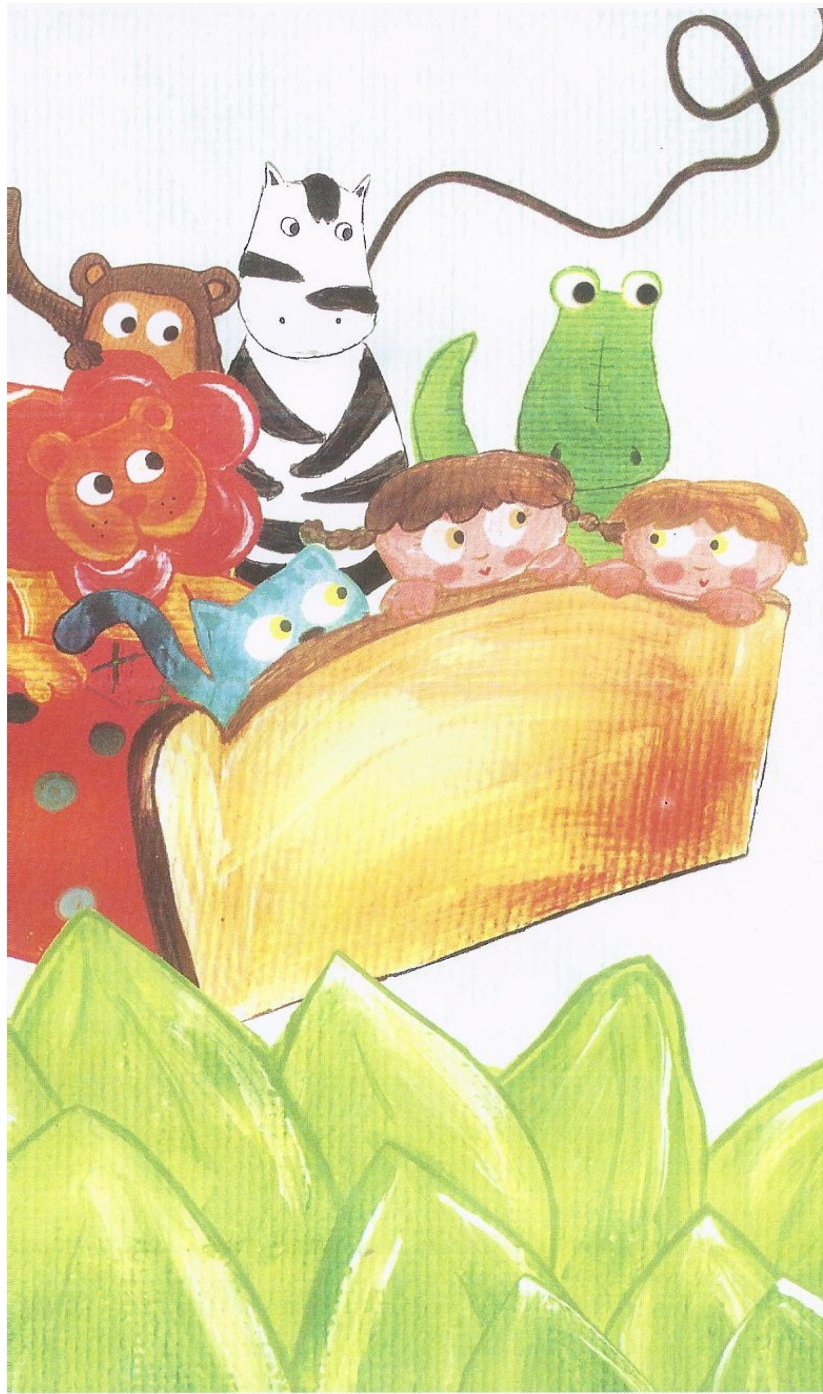
**“It’s a good lion. One day he ate too much and he had a terrible stomach ache. Now he just eats herbs and fruit. It’s a vegetarian lion.”**

**“Hello, Mr Lion! – said Maria, waving.**

**“Little kids over here? The jungle is dangerous. It has crocodiles and lions...”**

**“We met a toothless crocodile. And we know that you will not hurt us.”**



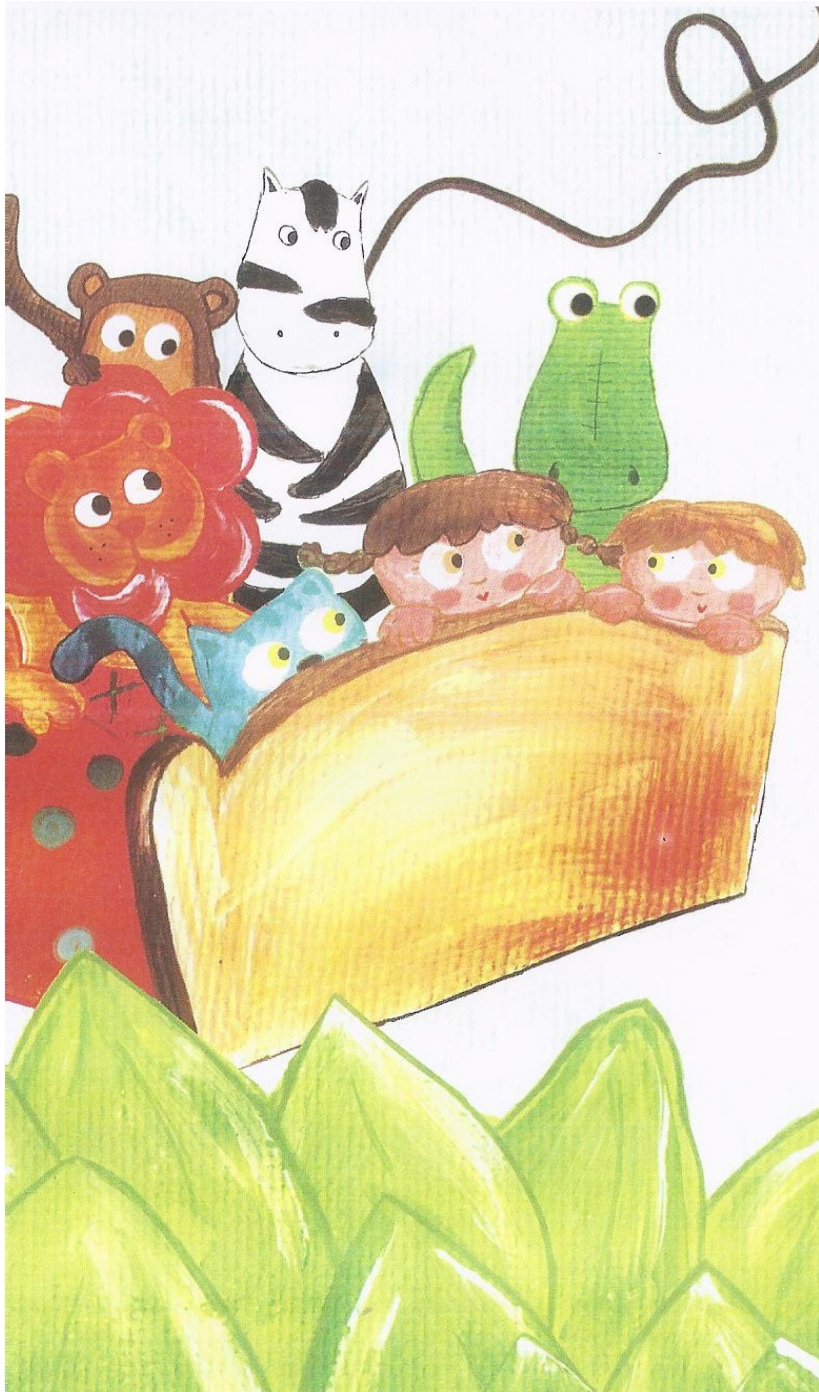


**“Can I travel with you?” - asked the lion, smiling.**

**“In our bed?” - asked Sebastião - “But we are already six. Me, Maria, the cat, Blue, the monkey, the crocodile and the zebra.”**

**“Seven with me!” - said the lion - “We can all squeeze in.”**

**And with the lion on board, they went into the jungle.**



**Having a bath in a river, there was a fat hippo.**

**“The jungle is very hot. It must be nice to have a cool bath.”**

**- imagined Sebastião.**

**“Do you like to have a bath, Mr. Hippo?” - asked Maria.**

**The hippo answered: “Yes, I do. To be fresh and clean. Let me fly in your bed. You’ll see how nice I smell.”**

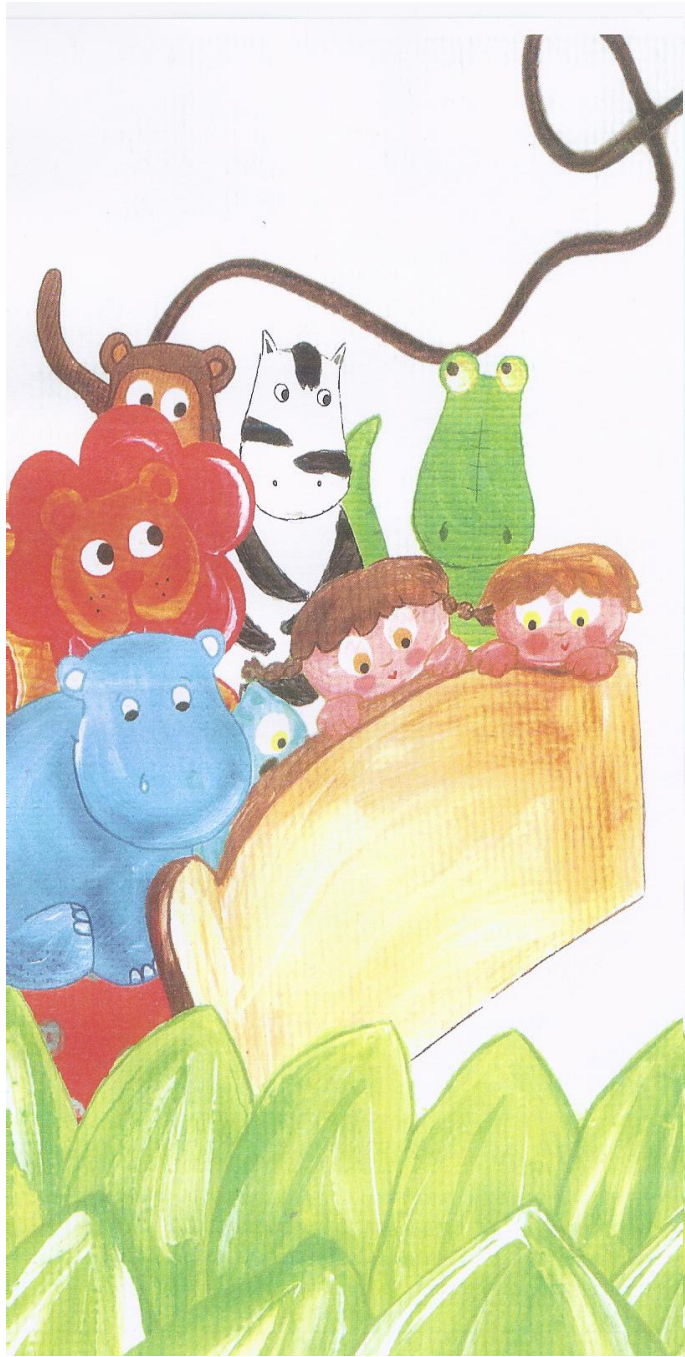
**“But we are already seven in our bed” - said Sebastião. -**

**“Me, Maria, the cat, Blue, the monkey, the crocodile, the zebra and the lion.”**

**“Eight with me!” - said the hippo. - “We can squeeze all in.”**

**And with the hippo on board, they went into the jungle.**



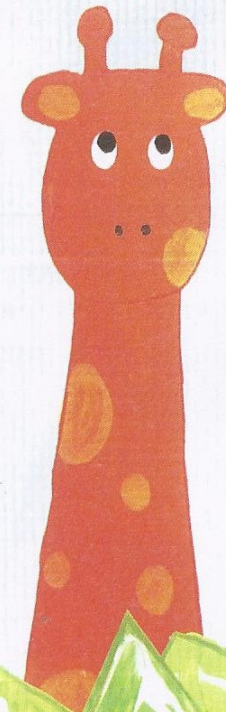


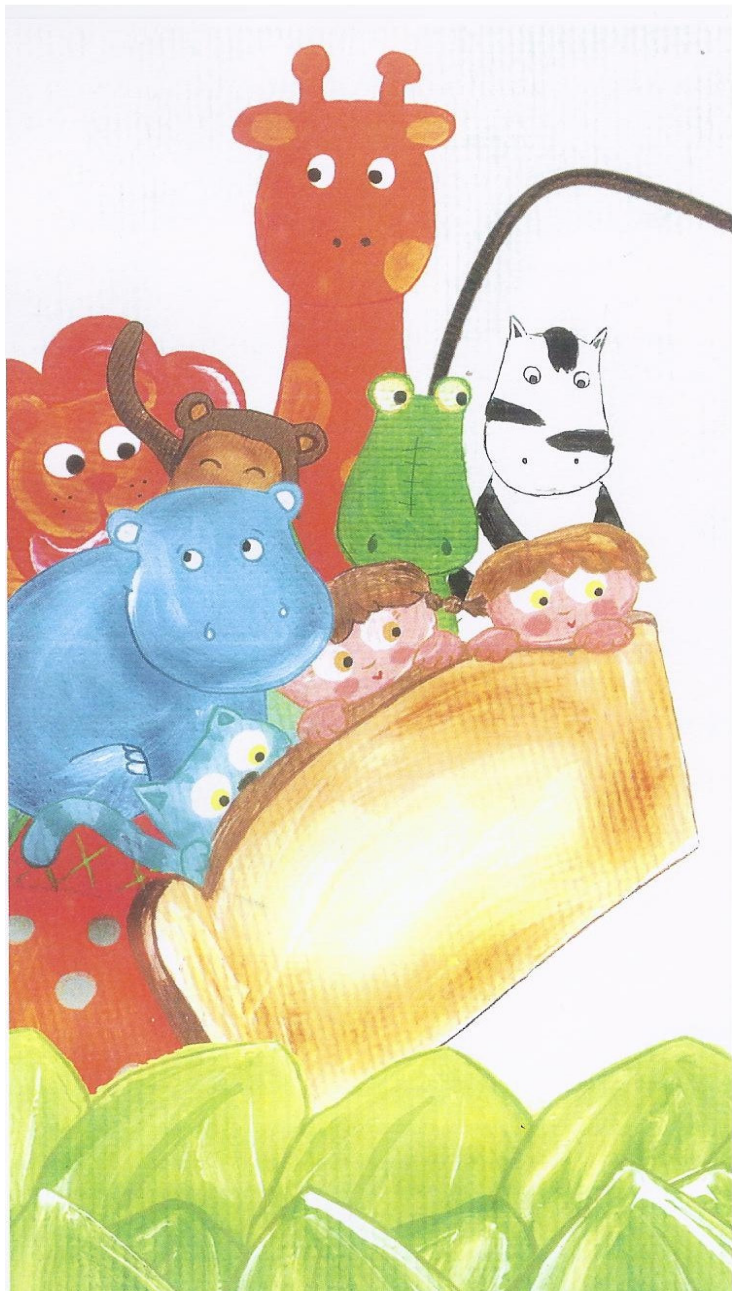
**“Peekaboo!” – said a giraffe.**

**She had such a long neck that it got  
up to the bed.**

**Sebastião said: “You’re so big, Ms  
Giraffe, you might even taste the  
clouds.”**

**“I do stretch my neck, but I never  
bit any. Let me climb up to your  
bed and I may find out what they  
taste like...”**





**But we are already eight in our bed” - said Sebastião. - “Me, Maria, the cat, Blue, the monkey, the crocodile, the zebra, the lion and the hippo.”**  
**“Nine with me!” - said the giraffe. - “We can all squeeze in.”**

**And with the giraffe on board, they went into the jungle.**



**And the last was a very old elephant.**

**He walked very slowly and he saw very badly, so he got lost from his herd.**

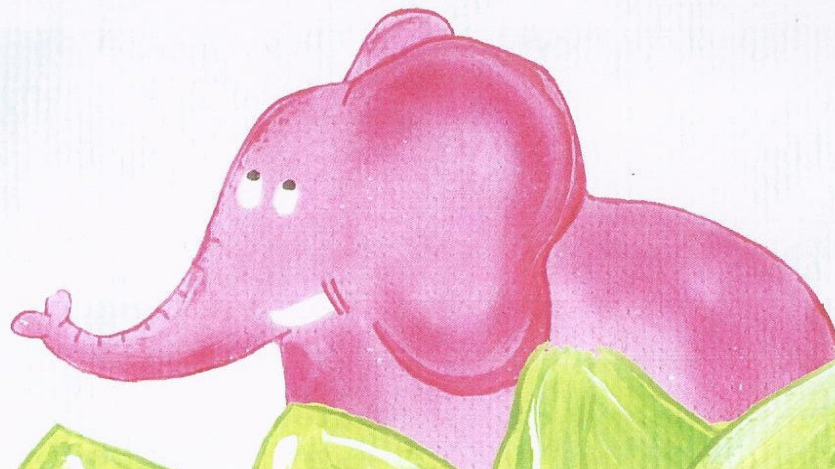
**“Maybe from up here you can find your friends” – said Maria.**

**“Can I travel with you?” – asked the elephant.**

**“In our bed?” - asked Sebastião. – “But we are already nine. Me, Maria, the cat, Blue, the monkey, the crocodile, the zebra, the lion, the hippo and the giraffe.”**

**“Ten with me!” – said the elephant. – “We can all squeeze in.”**

**And with the elephant on board, they went into the jungle.**





**The bed was really heavy, with the ten friends on board. It started to swing, from one side to the other, tumbling over here and there, until it fell on the ground.**

**The ten friends had a heavy fall.**

**Maria remembered:**

**“The monkey showed us the jungle. The crocodile made friends! The zebra can count her stripes because she knows the numbers. The lion is good and the hippo smells nice. The giraffe tasted the clouds and the elephant...”**

**“I found my friends! They’re over there!” – shouted the elephant, seeing his herd.**

**“It’s time to go home!” – said Maria and Sebastião at the same time.**

**“If Mummy knows that we came to the jungle, she will never leave the window open again...”**



**Maria and Sebastião said goodbye to their new friends and climbed up the bed, that came back home with the help of the magic liana.**

**“And now, Sebastião? You learned the numbers. You can go to sleep and count sheep.”**

**“I prefer counting the animals of the jungle... One Maria, two Sebastãos, three cats Blue, four monkeys, five crocodiles, six zebras, seven lions, eight hippos, nine giraffes and ten elephants.**



**Mummy opened the door and said- “Hi, kids! Have you slept?”**

**“We didn’t sleep today, Mummy. We went on a journey” – said Maria, winking at her brother.**

**“Sure, sure...” - said Mummy - “A fabulous journey to Dreamland...”**

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