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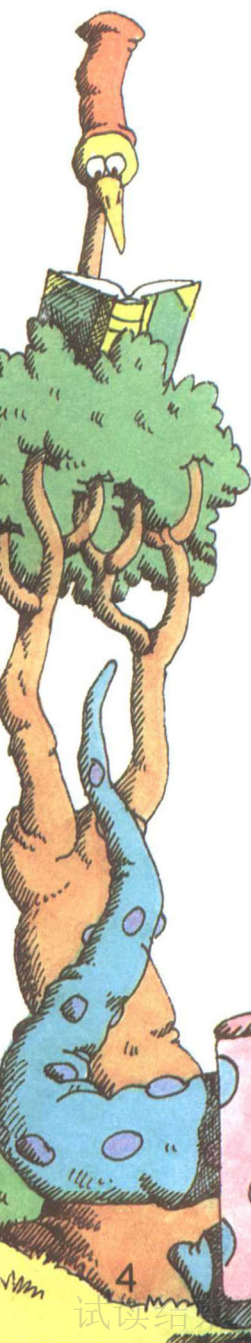
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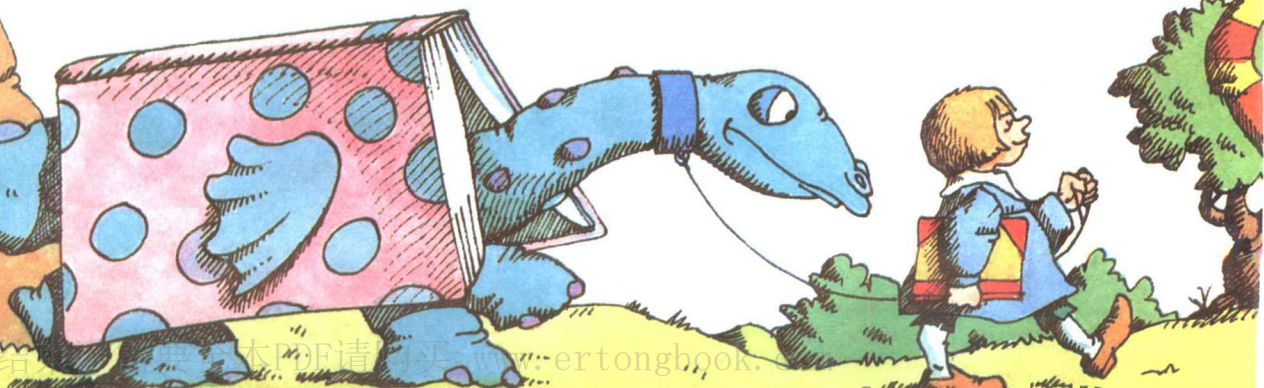


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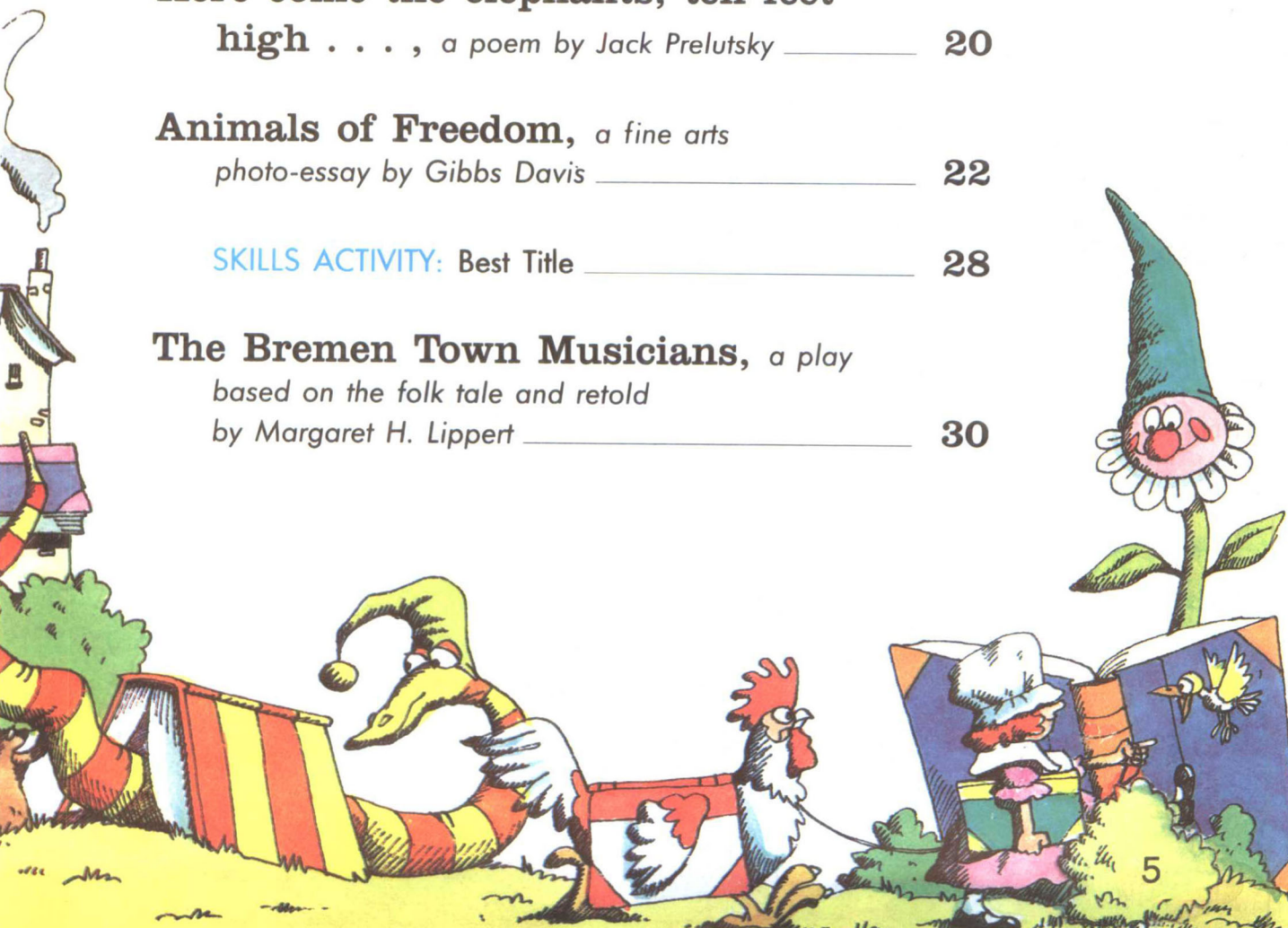
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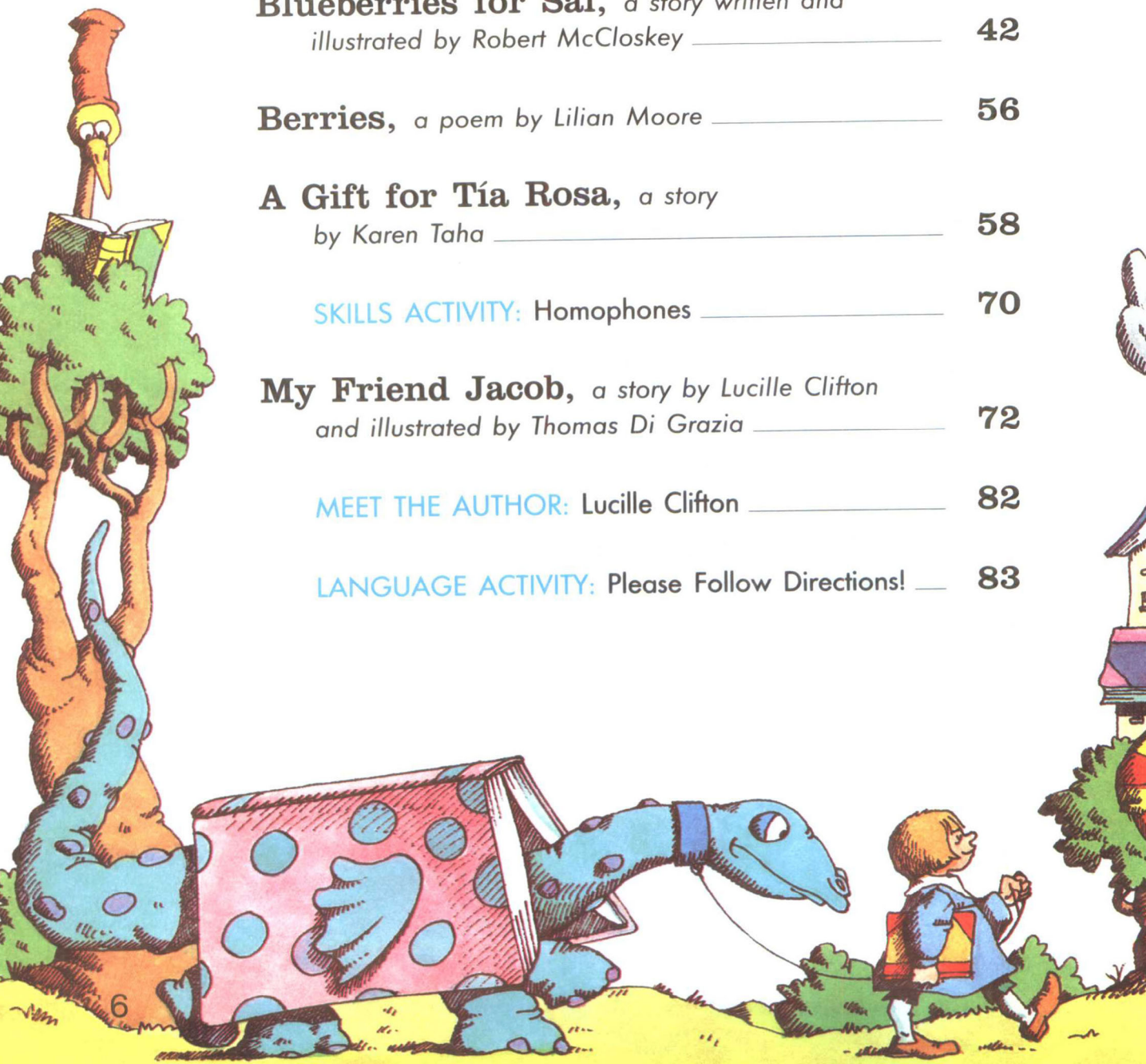
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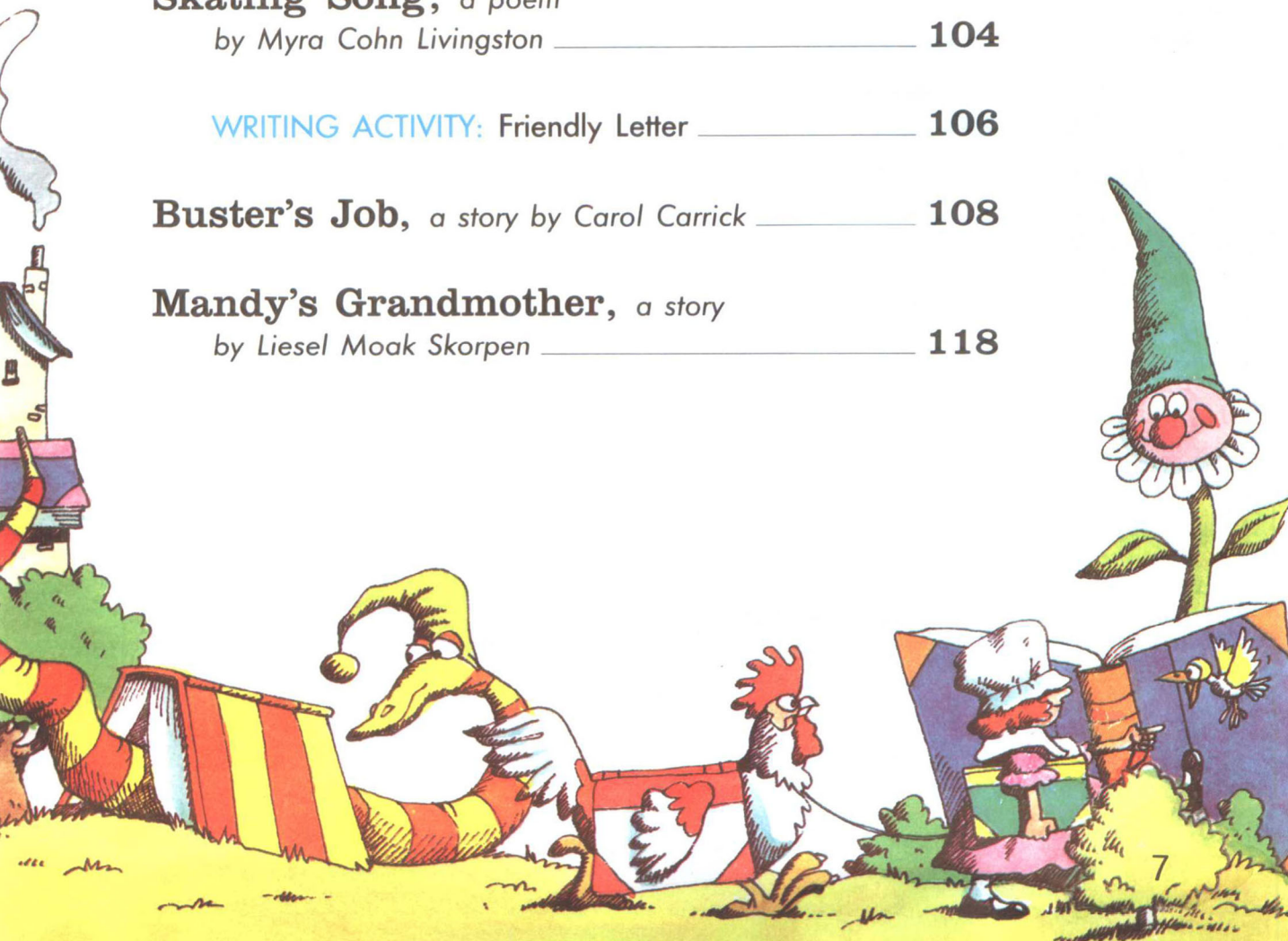
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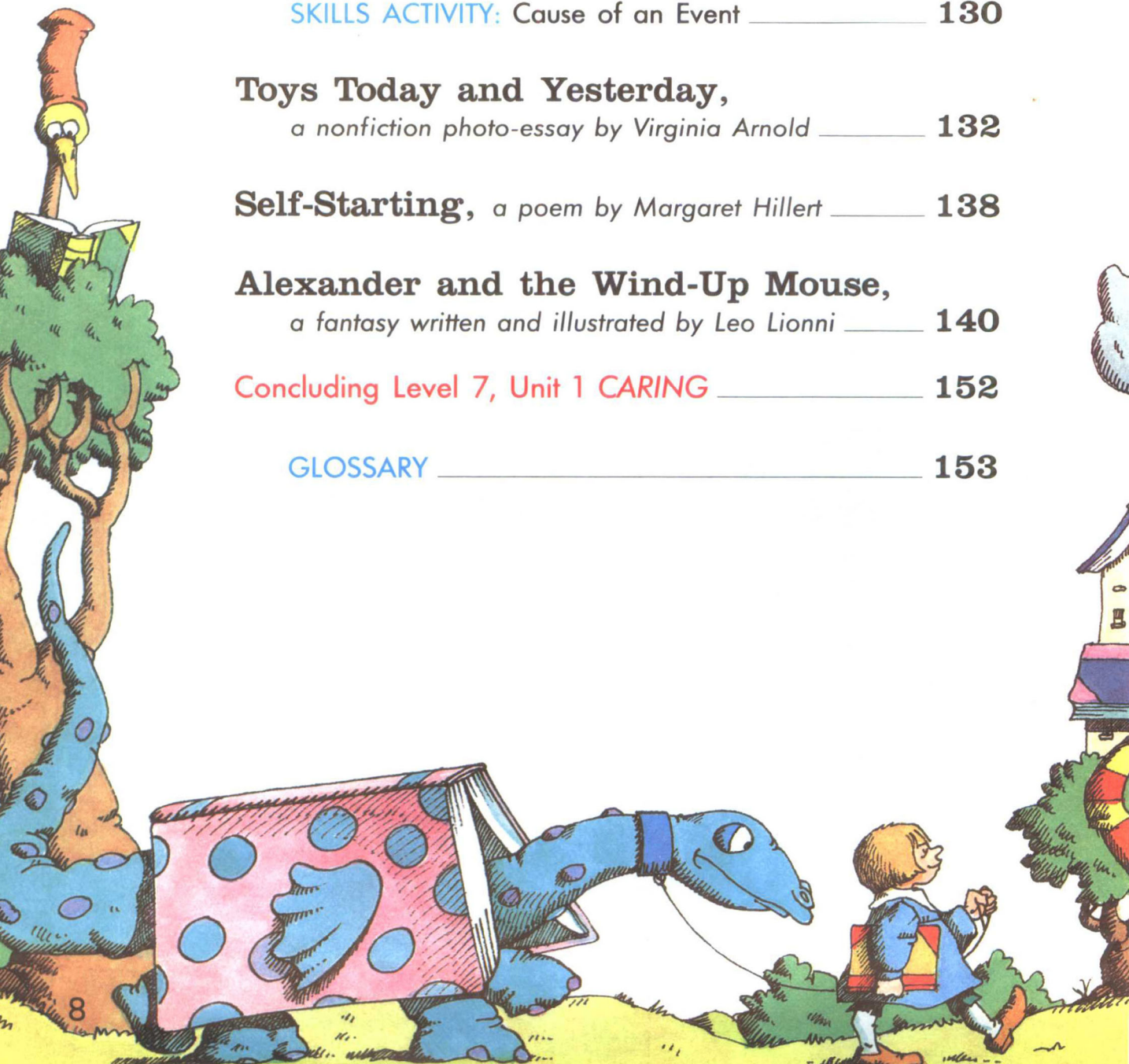
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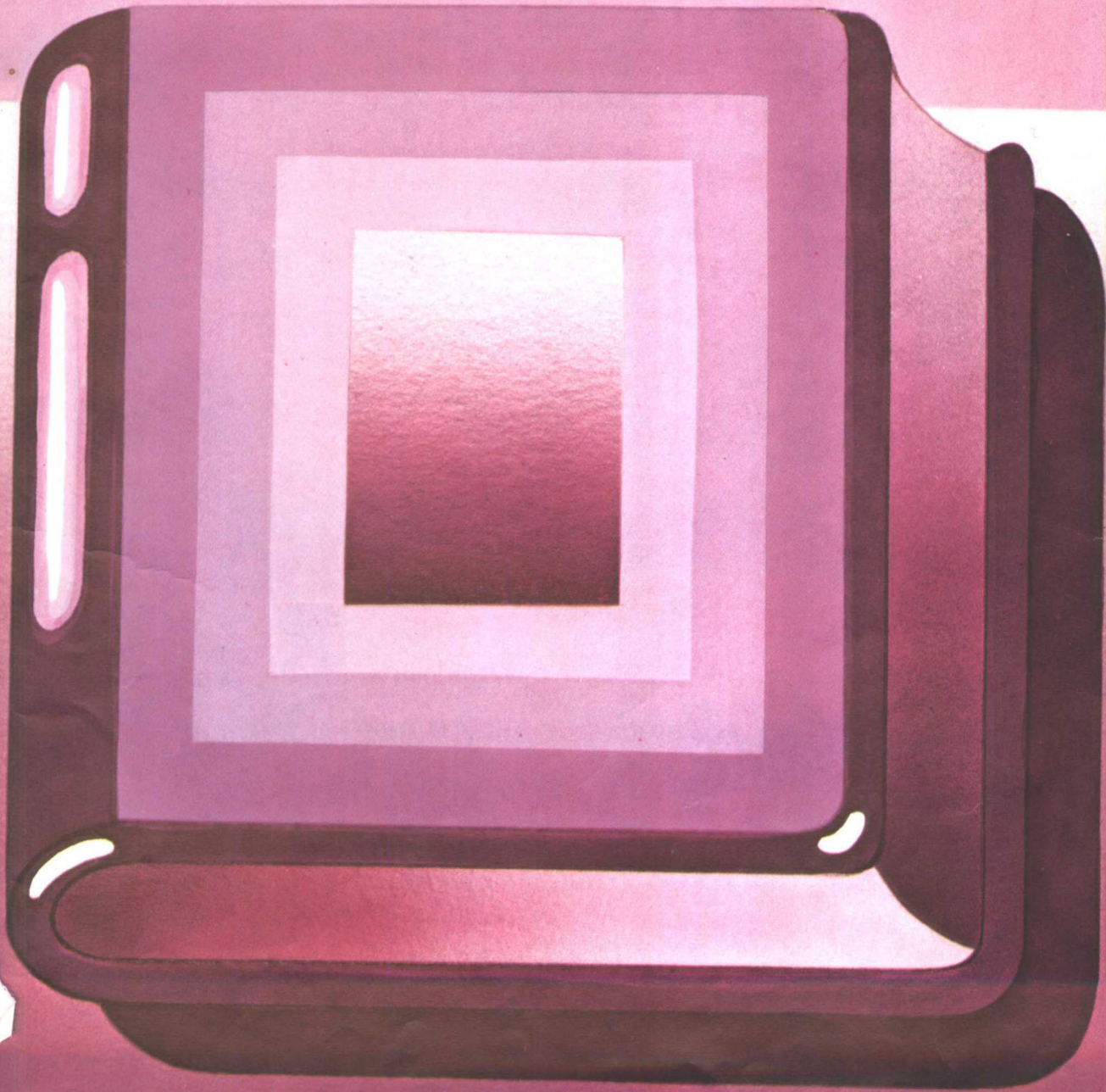
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# That's What Friends Are For

Florence Parry Heide  
and  
Sylvia Worth Van Clief

*Everyone needs friends. You usually play with your friends. You may work with them, too. Can friends do other things for you? Theodore thinks so. He asks his friends for advice. To their surprise, not only Theodore but also his friends get some good advice about what friends are for.*



Theodore, the elephant, is sitting in the middle of the forest. He has hurt his leg.

What a pity! Today Theodore was going to meet his cousin at the end of the forest.

"What can I do?" Theodore says. "My cousin is at the end of the forest, and here I am in the middle of the forest. And I have a bad leg, and I can't walk."

"I know what I'll do," Theodore says. "I'll ask my friends for advice. That's what friends are for."







Along comes Theodore's friend, the bird.

"Why are you sitting here in the middle of the forest?" asks the bird.

"Because I have a bad leg, and I can't walk. And I can't meet my cousin at the end of the forest," says Theodore.

"If I had a bad leg, I would fly to the end of the forest," says the bird to Theodore.

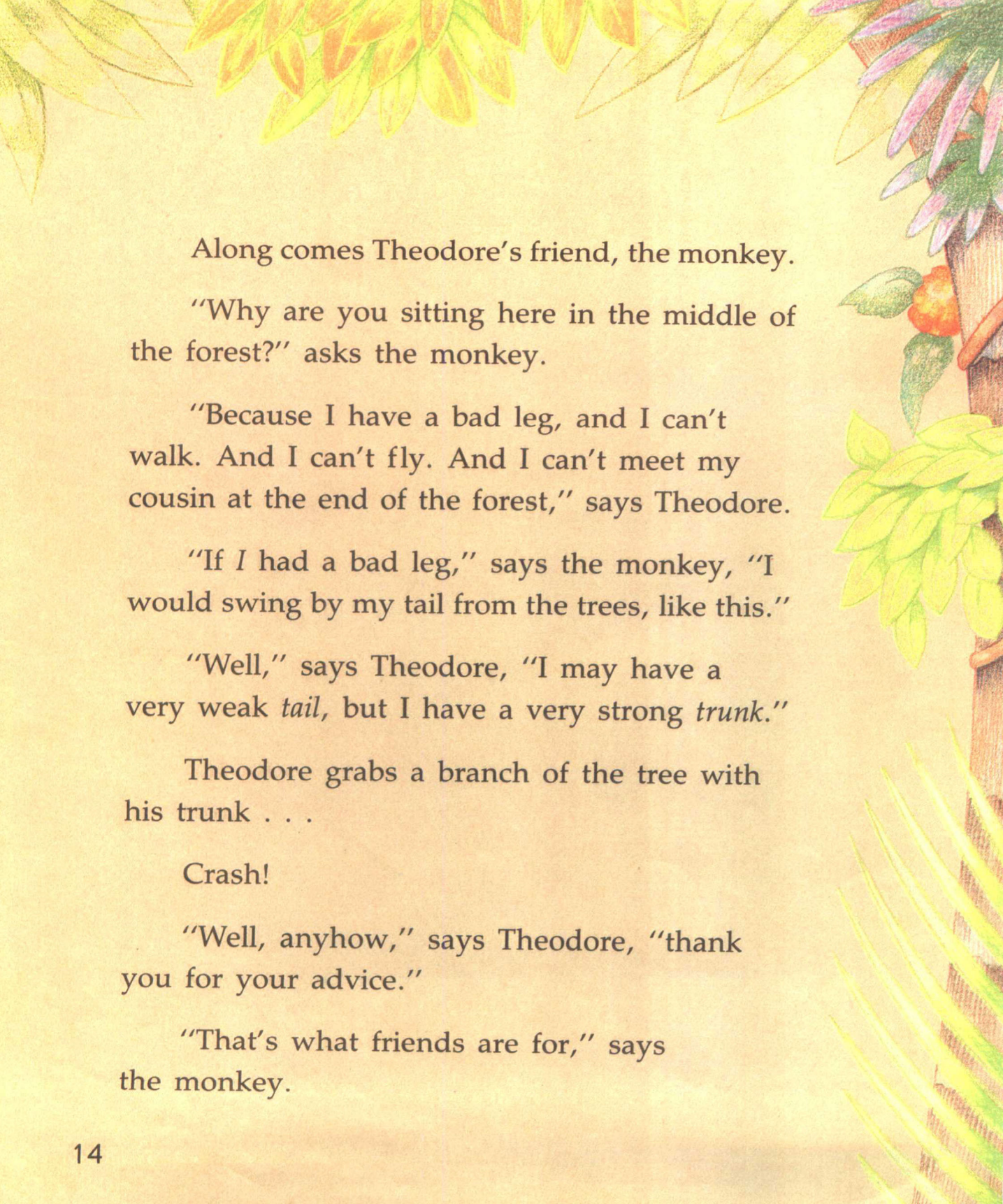
"It's nice of you to give advice," says Theodore to the bird.

"That's what friends are for," says the bird.









Along comes Theodore's friend, the monkey.

"Why are you sitting here in the middle of the forest?" asks the monkey.

"Because I have a bad leg, and I can't walk. And I can't fly. And I can't meet my cousin at the end of the forest," says Theodore.

"If I had a bad leg," says the monkey, "I would swing by my tail from the trees, like this."

"Well," says Theodore, "I may have a very weak *tail*, but I have a very strong *trunk*."

Theodore grabs a branch of the tree with his trunk . . .

Crash!

"Well, anyhow," says Theodore, "thank you for your advice."

"That's what friends are for," says the monkey.







Along comes Theodore's friend, the lion.

"Why are you sitting here in the middle of the forest?" asks the lion.

"Because I have a bad leg, and I can't walk. And I can't fly. And I can't swing from the trees by my tail (OR my trunk). And I can't meet my cousin at the end of the forest," says Theodore.

"If I had a bad leg," says the lion, "I would roar so loud that everyone in the whole forest would hear me, and come running to see what was the matter."

And he roars.

