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King Pong is the bravest, strongest animal in the jungle. He's also the smelliest. Can the other animals finally convince King Pong to have a bath?

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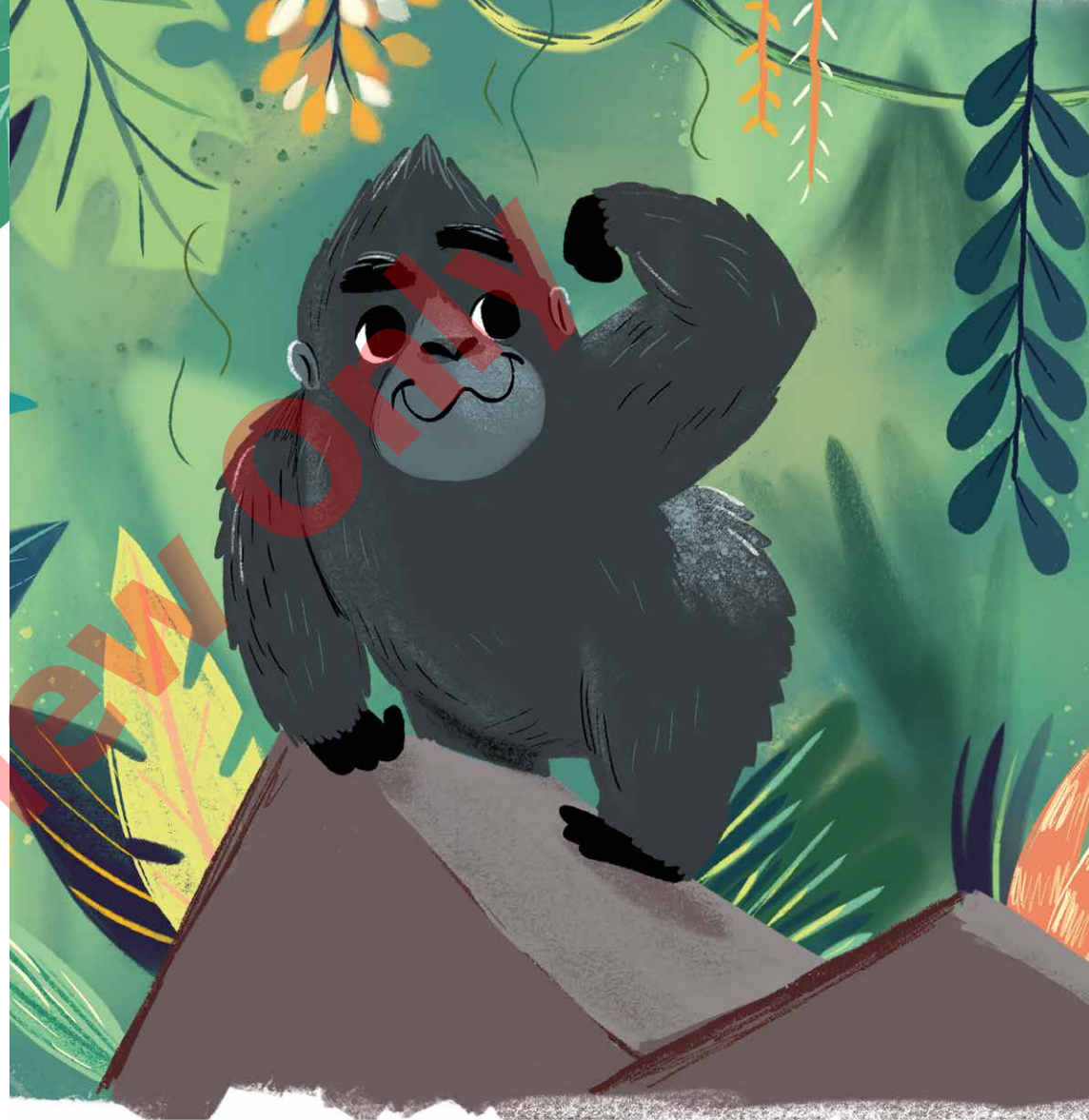
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Chapter 1

In a hot, green jungle a long, long way from here, lived a gorilla.

He had kind eyes and his body was covered in jet black hair, except his back which was spattered with silver. He was stronger and braver than any other gorilla before him. He was stronger and braver than any other animal in the whole of the jungle!



But he was also smelly, which was why they called him... King Pong!



“Watch out, here comes Pong!” the colourful parrots cawed.

“Knot your trunks and take cover!” the jolly elephants trumpeted.

“Eurgh! He smells worse than he did yesterday,” the lazy crocodiles complained.

“If that’s even possible!”

But King Pong didn’t know his armpits smelt like week old bananas... and no one told him. Not even the monkeys dangling in the trees.

He didn’t know his feet smelt like dung balls... and no one explained.

Not even the snakes slithering across the floor.

He didn't know his fur smelt worse than anything anyone had ever smelt before. And no one mentioned it, not even the fruit flies.

All the animals loved King Pong and no one wanted to hurt his feelings. So King Pong merrily went about his day, chasing ants and finding leaves to make nests with.



Chapter 2

But one sunny, summer's day, King Pong's stink became unbearable! The jungle air was hot and sticky and there was no breeze to blow away bad smells. Whilst King Pong napped, the jungle animals gathered in a clearing for an emergency meeting.

"When was the last time that big, hairy lump had a wash?" they asked each other.