

Giraffe:
Open the Comparison Gate

The Gate That Needed Another Look

An abridged picture-book story

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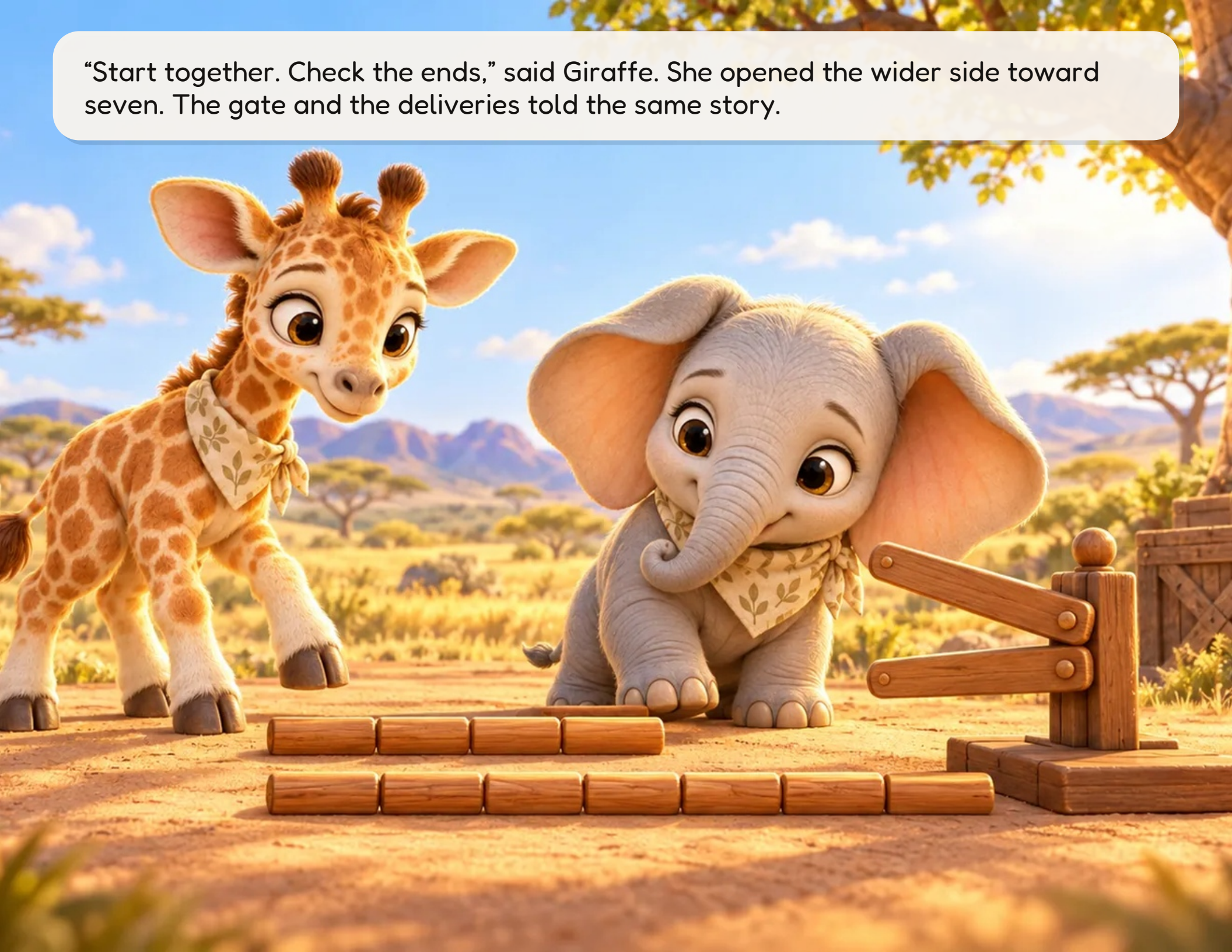
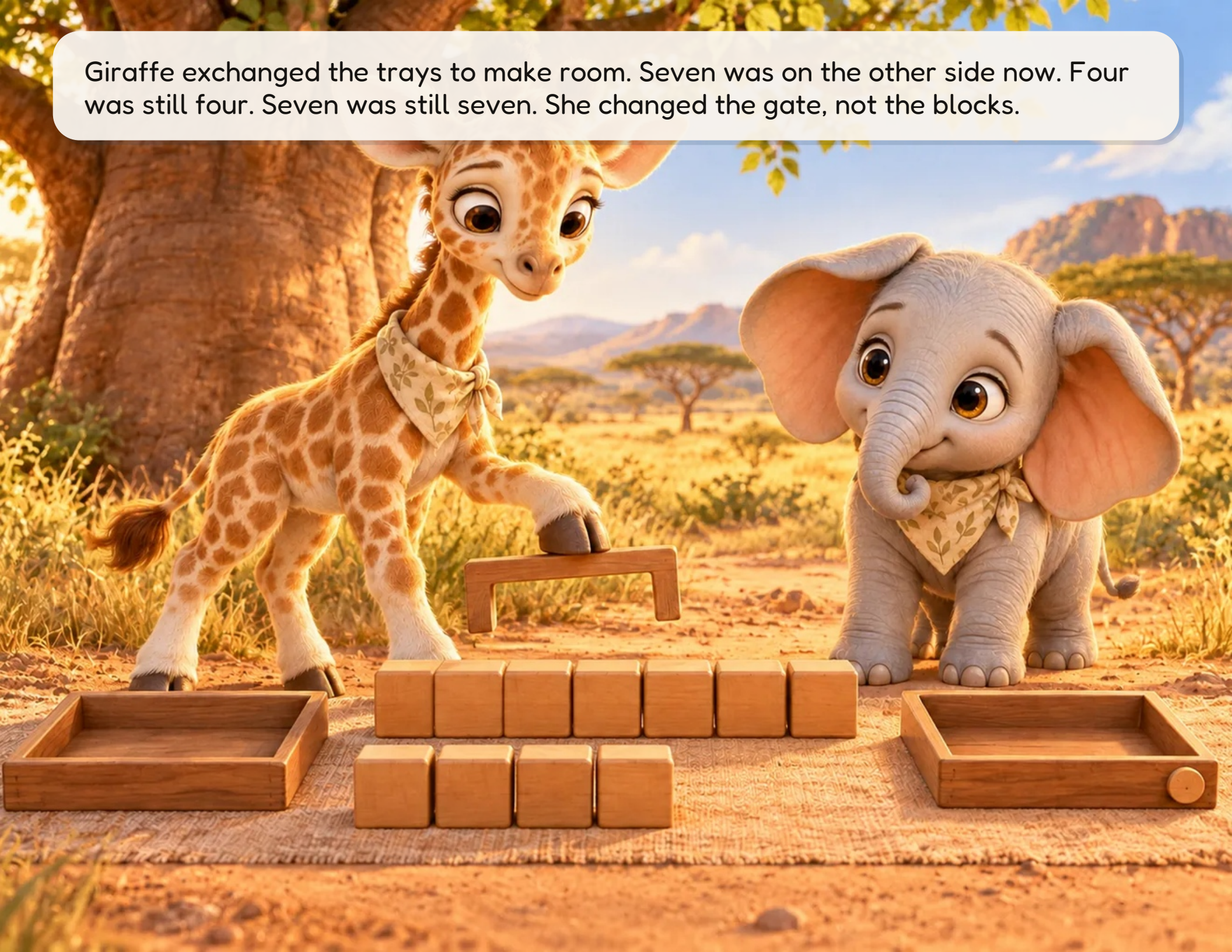
Giraffe wanted her new gate to help her friends. She set out four blocks and seven blocks. But the shorter row began farther along the table. Its end looked farther away.


Turning the gate did not change a single block. Giraffe slid both rows to one starting post. Four met four. Three more blocks reached past the end.

“Start together. Check the ends,” said Giraffe. She opened the wider side toward seven. The gate and the deliveries told the same story.




Giraffe exchanged the trays to make room. Seven was on the other side now. Four was still four. Seven was still seven. She changed the gate, not the blocks.



Elephant brought three more packages for the shorter delivery. Four and three made seven. Both rows now ended together. Giraffe made the gate openings equal.



“Your turn. I'll hold the trays,” said Giraffe. They shared a gentle high five. Looking again had made a place for both of them to help.

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A fact can stay the same while your idea changes.

Start together. Check the ends.

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