Ages 5–7

Rhino: The Missing Pair

A small repair changes the rest.

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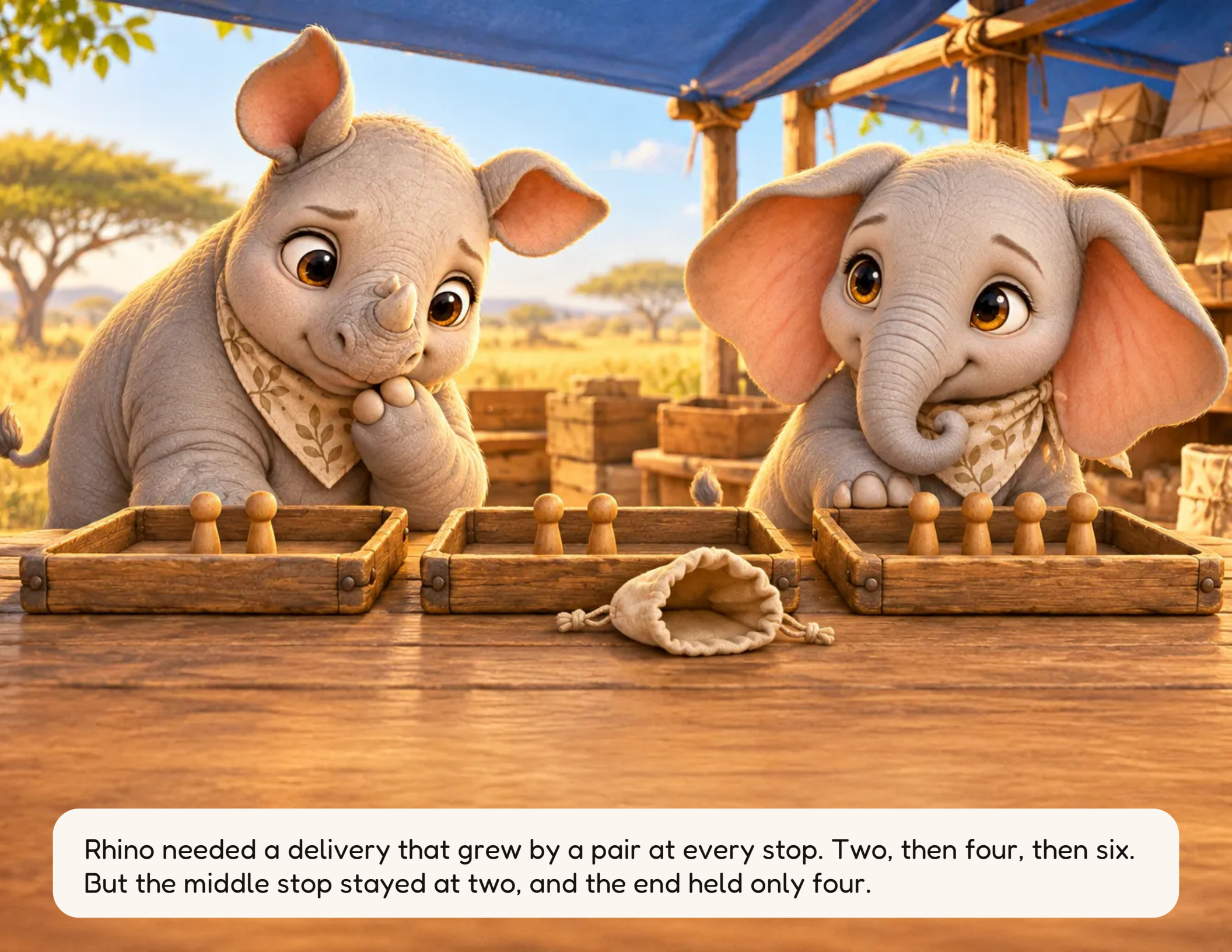
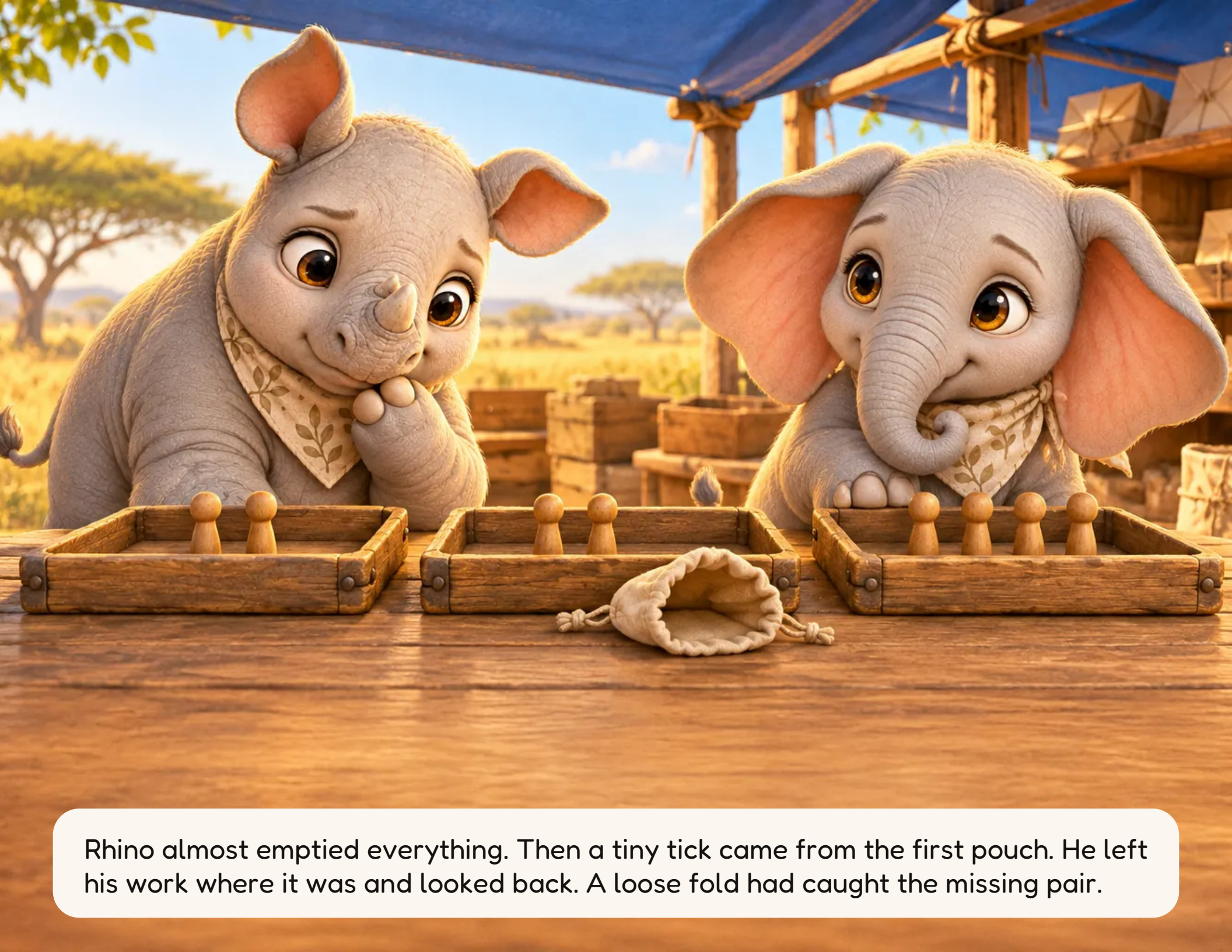


Rhino needed a delivery that grew by a pair at every stop. Two, then four, then six. But the middle stop stayed at two, and the end held only four.



Rhino put a spare pair at the end. Now the last stop held six. “I fixed it!” he said. Elephant asked, “What happened at the middle?” The middle still held two.



Rhino almost emptied everything. Then a tiny tick came from the first pouch. He left his work where it was and looked back. A loose fold had caught the missing pair.



Rhino took back the extra pair at the end. He put the missing pair where it belonged, before the middle stop. Two became four. The next pair made six.



“Two. Four. Six. Every stop fits!” Rhino said. Elephant held the cloth while Rhino tied the loose seam. They tested the same delivery once more, slowly.



Rhino and Elephant shared a quiet high-five. “Next time, I will check every stop,” Rhino said. The letters were ready before the shade reached the porch.



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When the end looks right but something still does not fit, pause and follow the changes from the beginning.

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