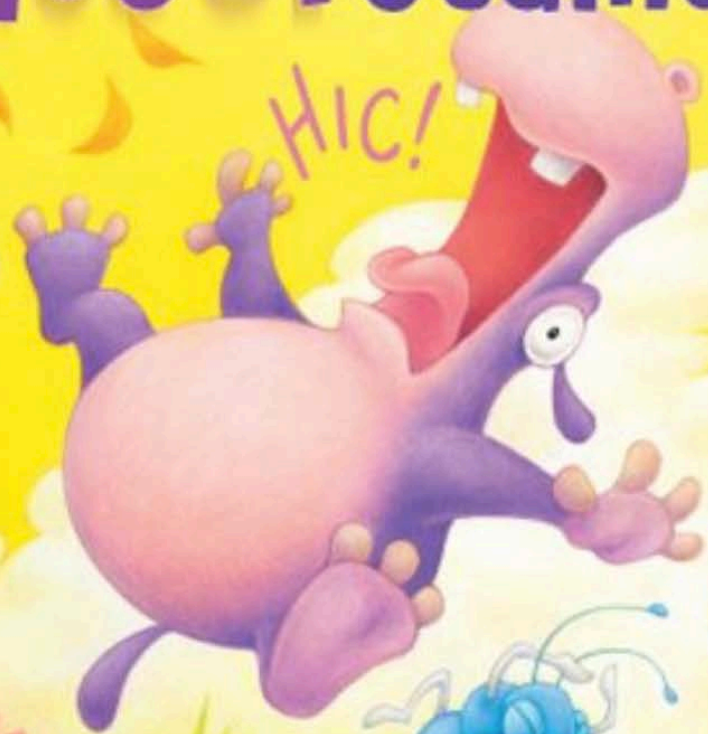


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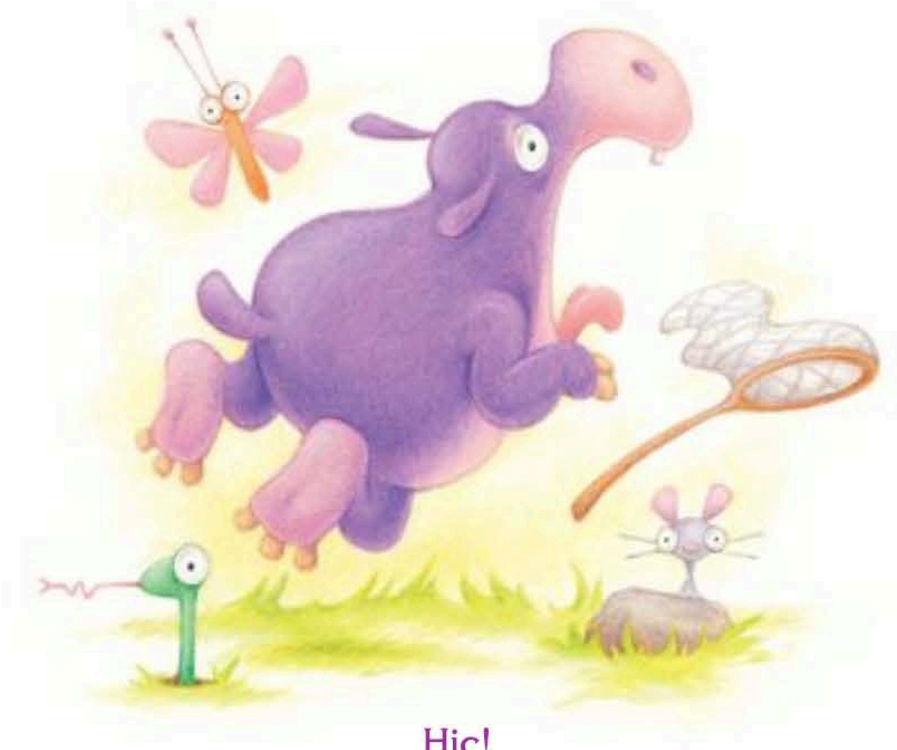


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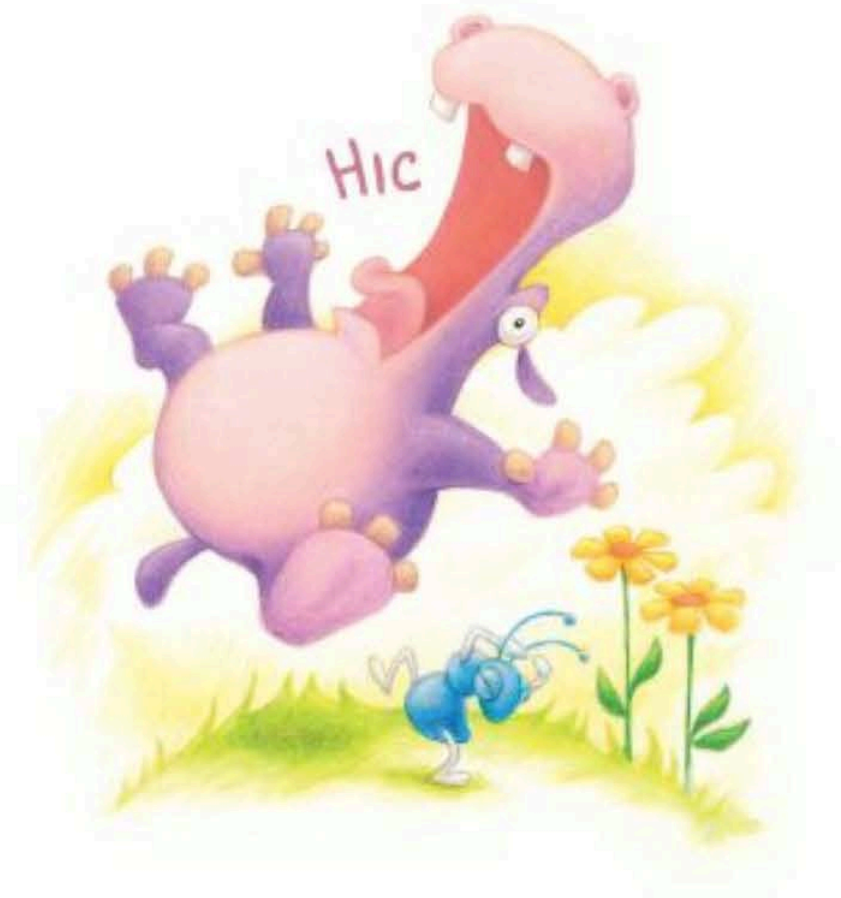
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There was a hippopotamus
Who hiccupped quite-a-lotamus
And every time he got'emus . . .



. . . He'd fall upon his bottomus.

One day he saw an elephant
With cakes of green and yellowphant.



He tried to tell her "hellophant" . . .



. . . But it didn't go so wellephant.

She chased him toward a centipede
Pouring new cementipede.



He hic'ed by accidentipede . . .



. . . And tripped the elephantipede.

They ran near a rhinoceros
With minty dental flosserous.



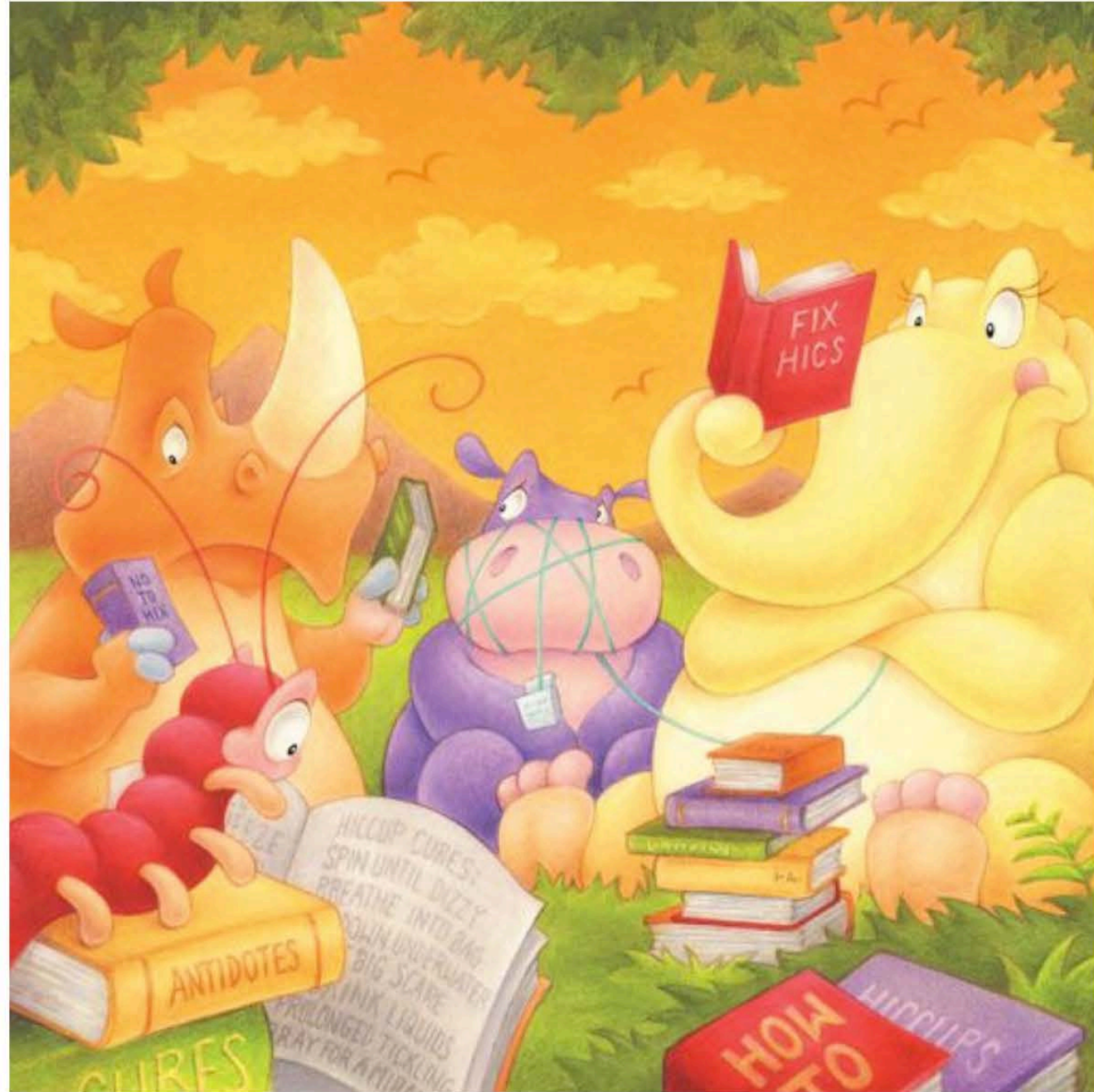
His string went all criss-crosserous . . .



. . . And *that* was the last strawcerous.

They tried to find a therapy –
Some cure which they could shareapy,
A what or why or whereapy
To stop this long nightmareapy.

So . . .





They wrapped him 'round with licorice
And spun him very quickerish.



They secured him to a buffalo
And made him huff and puffalo.





They acquired an aquarium
And flashed him something scaryum.



They poured him tubs of vinegar
And tickled his chinny-chin-chinigar.



And then at last – a miracle!
His hiccups, so severeacle,
Just didn't reappearacle!
He grinned from ear to earacle.

Until . . .







Cast Bios



The part of the Hiccupotamus was played by veteran hippo actor Hank Polowski. Due to a paralyzing fear of fish, some of his scenes in this book were performed by a crew of stunt doubles.

Bartholomew Poppins has appeared in over 100 roles in his picture book career. He still dreams of landing a leading part, but is proud of his work in *The Hiccupotamus* and his cameo as “something squishy” in *Mr. Binkers Steps in Something Squishy*.



Many considered it a risk casting an unknown in the significant elephant role. But it would appear that pachyderm Katie McMurphy has a promising career ahead of her. Following a serious allergic reaction, however, she is currently turning down all parts that involve the use of frosting.

Samu Ti speaks no English, which created occasional confusion during his work on *The Hiccupotamus*. Author Aaron Zenz recalls the time the script called for the centipede to pour cement, but instead Samu began purring like a cat. “The more I shouted ‘Pour! Pour!’ the louder he’d purr!”



This is the final role for Dennis Flott. He is retiring to a small bee-keeping community in North Western Idaho. Good luck, Dennis! We wish you all the best.

The part of the buffalo was played by a ground squirrel named Arlo. It took 14 hours in the make-up chair to get him ready each day. Unfortunately, that continually made for a very short window of opportunity to use him in costume.



