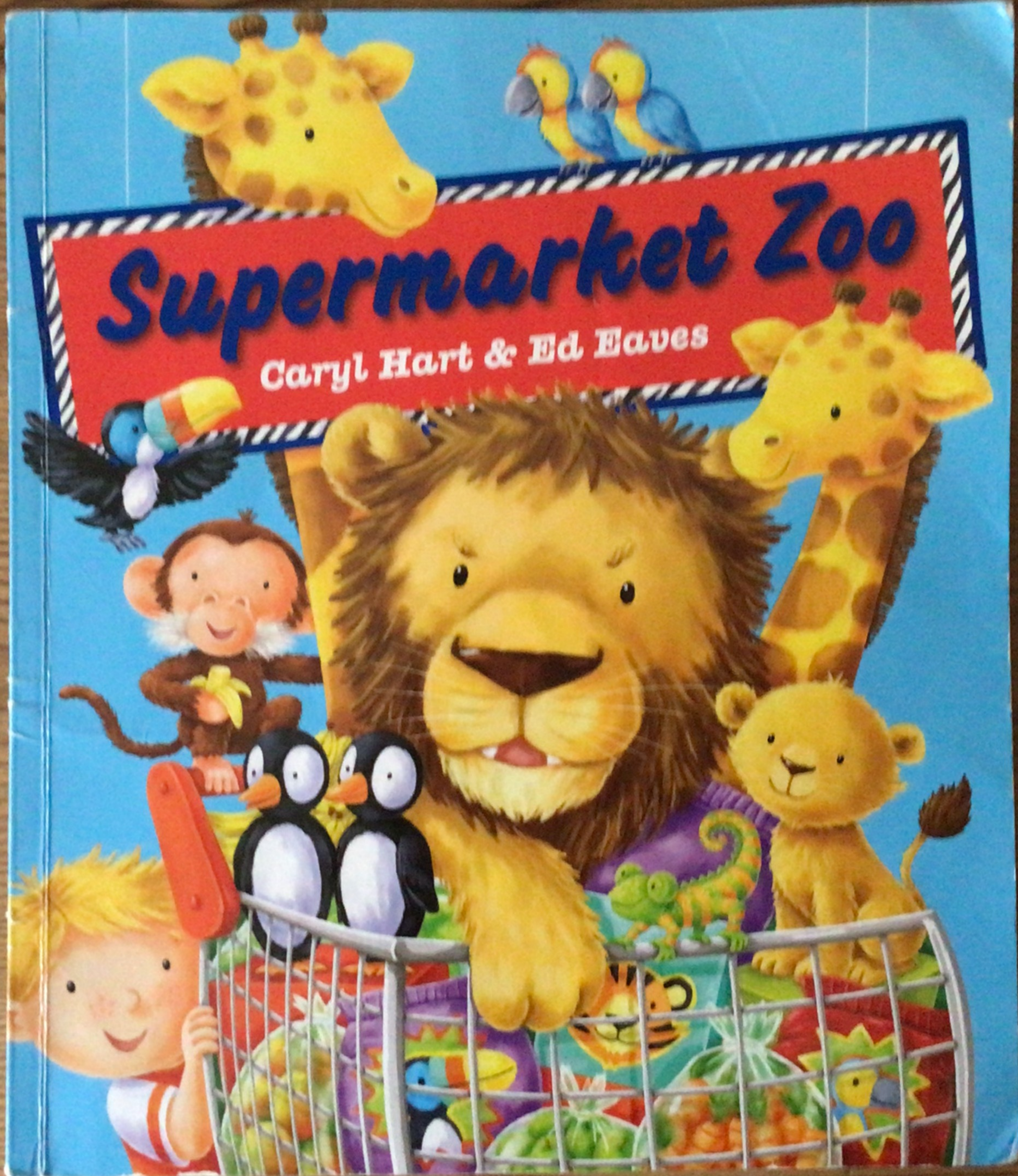


Supermarket Zoo

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The minute I wake up, I know something is different, but I can't quite figure out what.

It's probably nothing.



So I pick up my ball and I am just going out to play when . . .



“Albie!”

It's Mum. She has her car keys in one hand and a pile of bags in the other.
This can only mean one thing - shopping!

DISASTER!

I HATE shopping!



But Mum has me trapped and there's nothing I can do.



At the supermarket, the first thing
I notice is our trolley. It's **enormous** –
I can't even reach the handle.
And there's a really **funny** smell.



Mum doesn't seem to notice,
she just hands me the
shopping list and sets off.

6 monkeys
2 giraffes
Fresh lizards
3 kilos tortoises
27 parrots (give or take)
Pride of lions
2 bales of hay
5 tins of lion food
vegetables, fruit, nuts
Tyr



"Right," says Mum. "Reptiles first.
Chameleons or iguanas? We'll need two."



This is **mad!**
But Mum seems to think it's completely normal.



I pick out two green-and-orange chameleons and
place them in the trolley. Mum says, "Gently now,
don't bruise them!"

We hurry past the rattlesnakes and cobras,
to the tortoises. I spot a sign saying:

**FREE SALAD
WITH EVERY TORTOISE.**

So we take three.



Next we pass the cool cabinets. I say, "Can we get a penguin?" Mum sighs, "OK, but get one from the back because it'll be fresher."

Then this polar bear smiles at me.

"Pleeeeeease,"

I say.

But Mum is cross.

"No, not today."



At the giraffes, we pick a
Mother-and-Baby Special.

Then we head off to find some parrots.



I've never heard such **screeching** and **squawking**.
I like the toucans best but Mum says, "It's parrots
or nothing."



People say it's good luck if a bird poops
on your head, but I don't think Mum agrees!

Next on the list are the monkeys.
Now everyone knows monkeys are tricky,
but have you ever tried getting six of them
to sit in a trolley full of pecking parrots?

It's impossible!



In the end, I have to open a packet
of nuts to keep them all quiet.



Then we get to the lions.
Now, I love watching big cats on TV, but to look straight into
the wide eyes of a hungry lion, well that's something else!



Mum chooses one of the meanest looking beasts I've
ever seen. "I'll go and find the lion food," I say. Not
that I'm scared or anything.

We pile in bags of carrots, monkey nuts, bananas, seeds and mangoes. By the time we get to the check-out the trolley is so **heavy** I can hardly push it.



Mum heaves our shopping onto the conveyor belt while I start to pack.

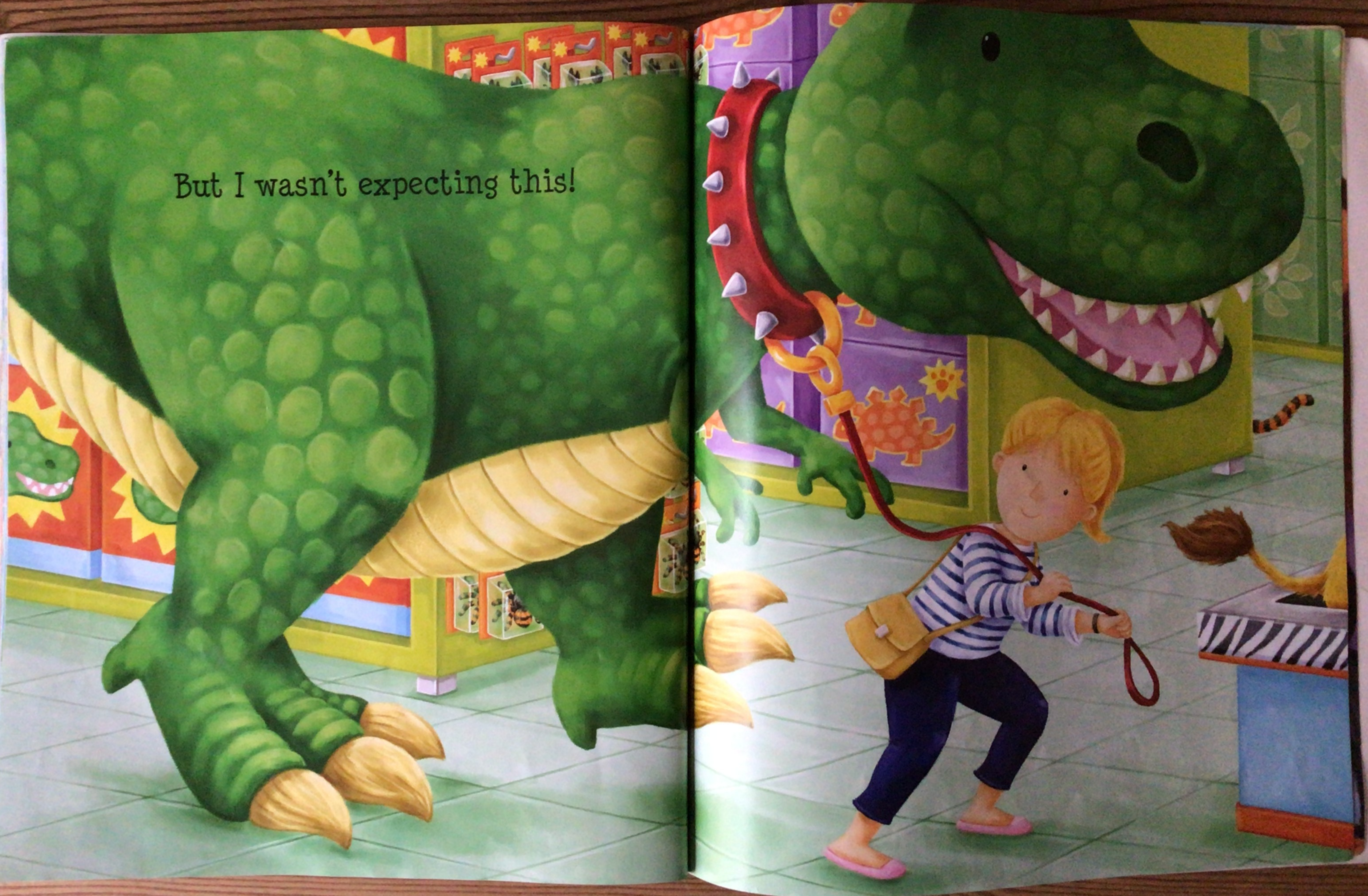


It's a big job.



We are nearly done when Mum rushes off shouting, "Keep going, I won't be a minute!" She always forgets something . . .

But I wasn't expecting this!





Outside, we open the car. It looks so small.
It's lucky that mums are so good at packing
or we'd have never got everything in.



Well, I told you this morning that I thought something
was different – and it turns out I was right!
This has been the best shopping trip ever.
Just look at all my new friends!
I wonder what we'll buy next week . . .



Everyone knows that going shopping with Mum can be the most boring thing in the world. But, for Albie, one trip to the supermarket opens up a whole new world of fun . . .

Because this isn't just any supermarket, it's the supermarket zoo – and with a whole trolley-load of animals on his list, Albie is having a great time in the aisles!

Kids will love making lots of new animal friends in this noisy, colourful picture book. Shopping has never been so much fun!



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