

How to weigh an elephant?

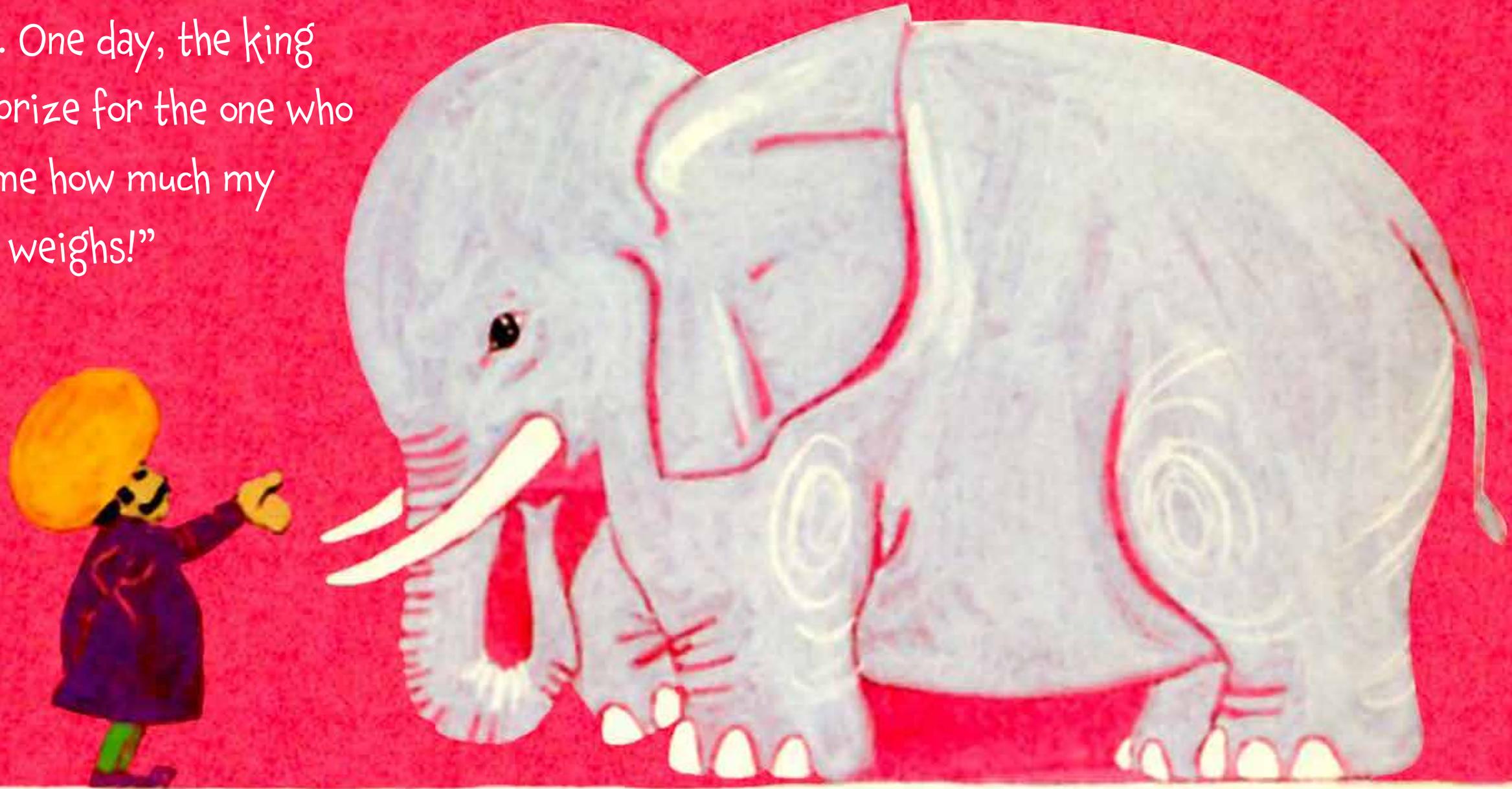
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The king of assam had a pet elephant. One day, the king said, "A prize for the one who can tell me how much my elephant weighs!"



The king's minister tried to find out.
The king's pundits tried.



Vegetable sellers tried.

Rope makers tried.

Jewellers tried.





At last a little girl had an idea.
She took the elephant to the
river. They got into a boat.

The boat sank and sank. When it sank no more, the girl made a mark. Then ...



... she filled the boat with stones. When the water came up to the mark, she said, "Stop! now, weigh the stones." This is how they found out the weight of the elephant!



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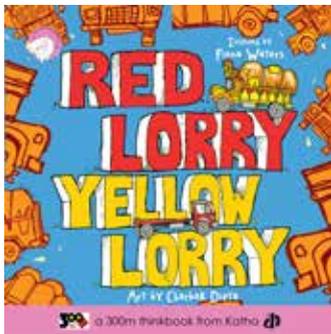
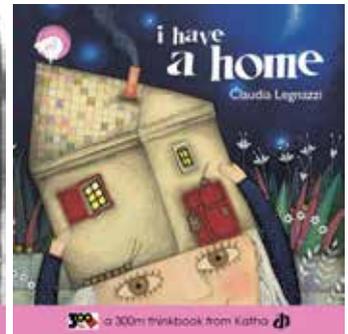
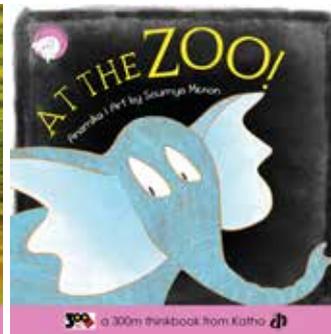
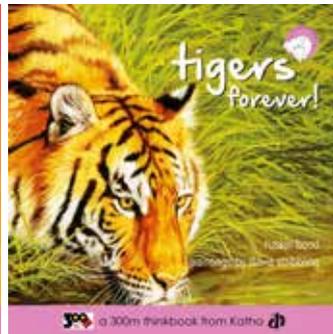
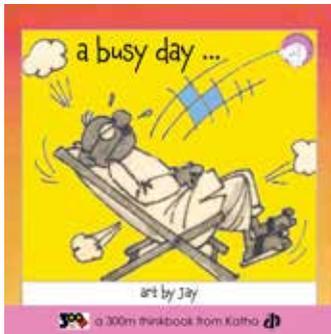
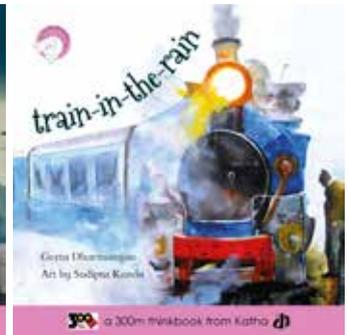
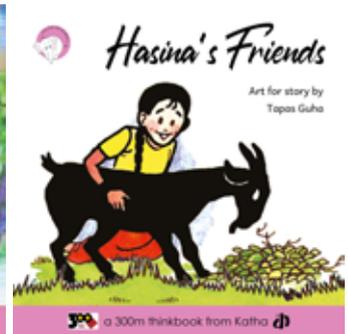
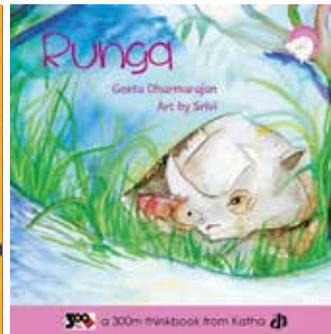
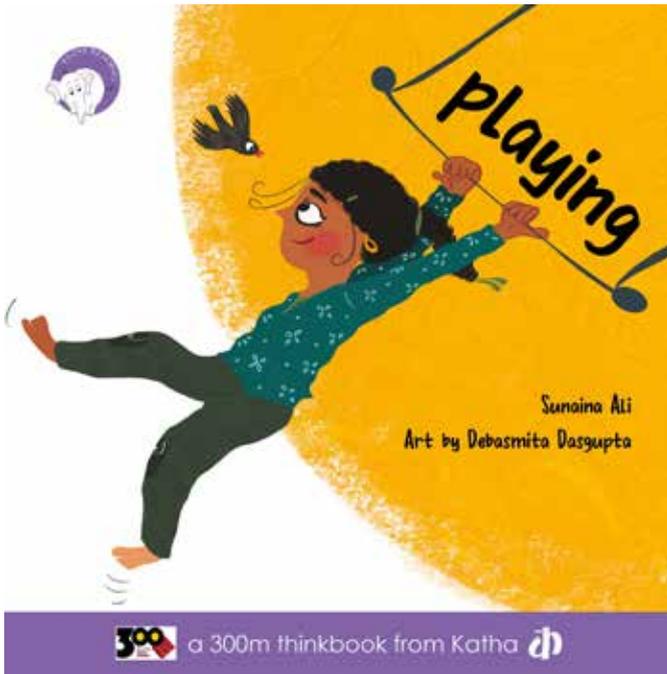
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