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WORDS USED IN THIS BOOK

High-utility words:

1-100 the, I, was, for, to, you, said, on, and, it, his, they, he, of, that, a, in, at, had, look, out, we, him, as, with, be, then, there, have, little, all, some, down, do, what, get, them, could, see, like, when, not, one, were, big, now, very, long, into, are, no, over, just, from, want, don't, too, got, any, about, take, around

101-200 away, saw, ran, old, let, by, help, their, think, six, two, today, who, before, tell, black, try, white, ten, only, us, fast, both, many, because

T words:

tiny, tiger(s), Tuesday, twin(s), Tony, Toby('s), triangles, turquoise, top, tip, tail, true, told, terribly, truly, teasing, type, time, teased, teeth, talk, totally, tree(s), tiptoed, Tark, trapped, terrible, trouble, trick, tough, twisted, trailed, twenty, tight, tied, trunk, trap, terrifying, tripped, tumbled, telling, Tobias

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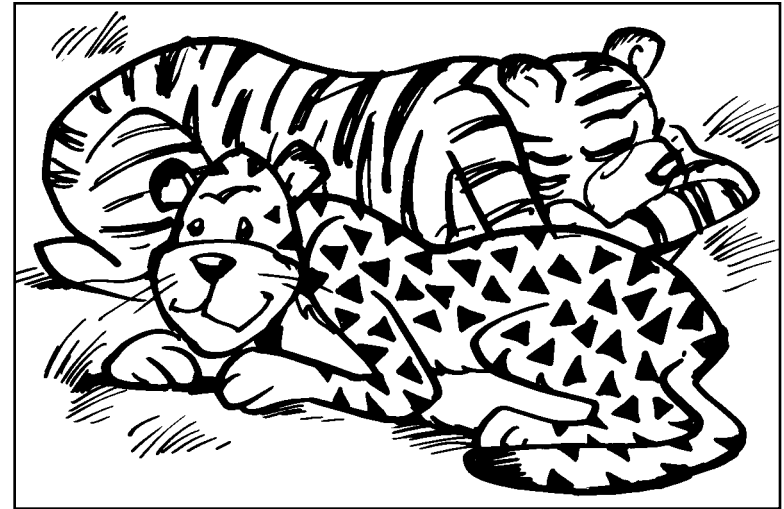
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Two tiny tigers were born on the same day. It was a Tuesday. The tigers were twins. One tiny tiger was called Tony, and the other was called Toby.



Ten months later, the tigers were no longer tiny. Tony was completely covered with stripes. They were orange and black stripes. Toby was different. Instead of stripes, he was completely covered with triangles. They were turquoise triangles. On Toby's fur was a pattern of turquoise triangles on a white background. There were triangles from the top of his head to the tip of his tail.



“You’re not a true tiger,” the other tigers told Toby. “Tigers don’t have turquoise triangles.”

Toby was terribly sad. He knew he was truly a tiger. Tony, his twin, was also sad. He didn’t like the other tigers teasing Toby.

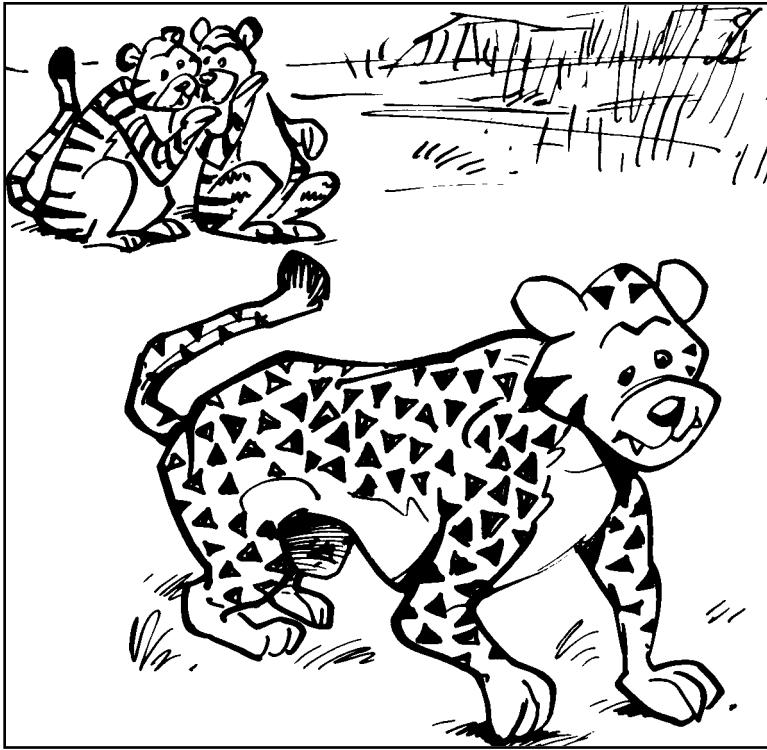


“Don’t take any notice of them.” said Tony.

“You are a true tiger—you’re just different. You have a different type of fur, that’s all.”

“I don’t want to be different,” said Toby.

“I want to be the same as the other tigers.”



Time passed. Tony and Toby became two years old. Toby remained the same. He was still covered with turquoise triangles. The other tigers no longer teased Toby. Toby had big, sharp teeth. None of the tigers wanted to be bitten by Toby's sharp teeth.



Toby was still unhappy. The other tigers didn't talk to Toby because he was different. He was still totally covered with turquoise triangles.



One day, Toby was walking alone in the jungle. He heard some noise in the trees ahead of him. He quietly tiptoed through the undergrowth. When he looked through the leaves, he saw that Tark, the leader of the tigers, was trapped by a group of hunters.



Tark was in terrible trouble. Toby had to try to rescue him. There was no time to get help. Toby took a little time to think. There were too many hunters for him to just charge in. He needed to trick the men. He had a plan.



Toby took some long, tough vines and twisted one end around a big tree. He trailed the other end to another big tree twenty meters away. He pulled the vine tight and tied it to the trunk of the tree. The hunters and Tark were on one side of Toby's trap. On the other side was a steep bank leading down to a river.



Toby then circled around to the other side of the hunters. He took a deep breath, let out the most terrifying roar, and charged at the hunters. All the hunters saw was huge, sharp teeth and a flash of turquoise and white. They all ran as fast as they could toward Toby's trap.



Toby's plan worked perfectly.

All six hunters tripped over the trap and tumbled down the bank toward the river. One by one, they splashed into the cold water.

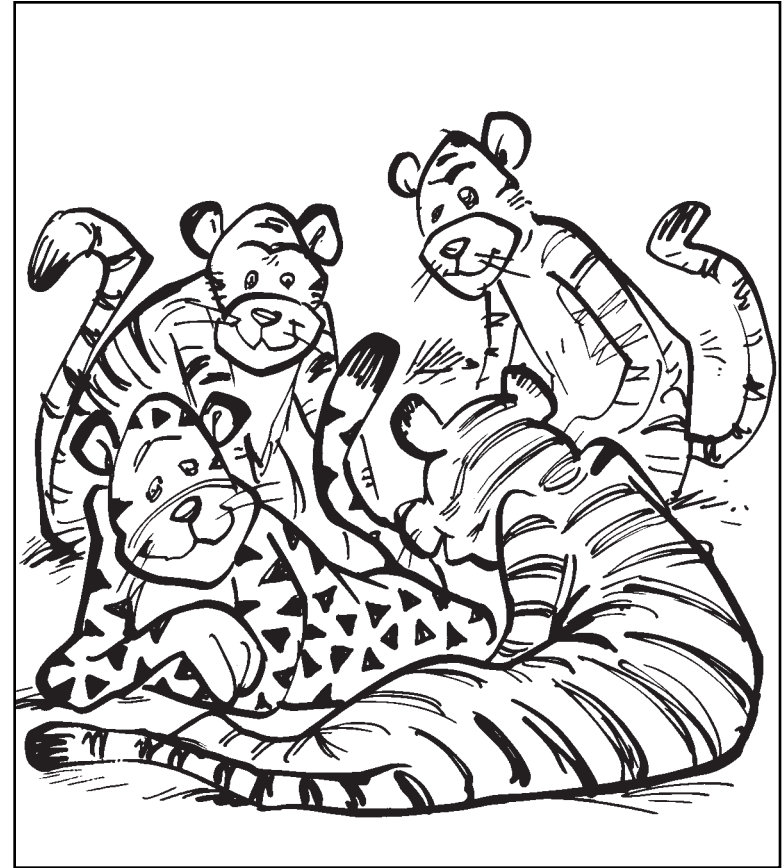
Toby quickly untied Tark, and they both ran through the jungle and back to their home.



When they got back, Tark wasted no time in telling the tigers about Toby's bravery.



“Today, I was rescued by a very clever and brave tiger,” said Tark. “I also want to tell you that many years ago, before any of us were born, there was a leader of the tigers called Tobias. He was the bravest and cleverest tiger that ever lived. Tobias was the only tiger ever to have turquoise triangles on his fur instead of orange and black stripes. Tobias was special, and now we have another special tiger in Toby.”



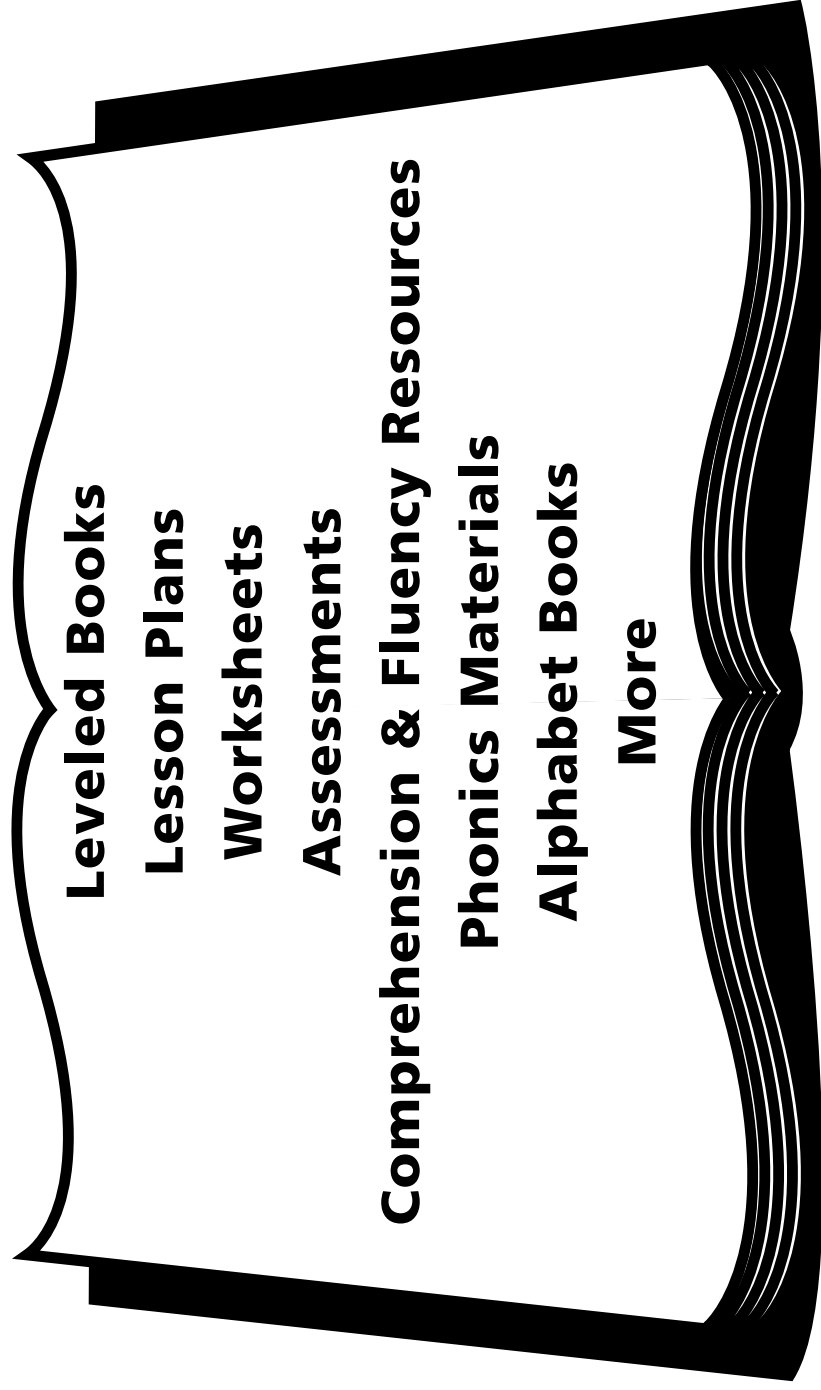
From that day on, Toby was very popular with all the other tigers.

Tony said to Toby, “You see, it really matters who you are and what you do, not what you look like.”

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