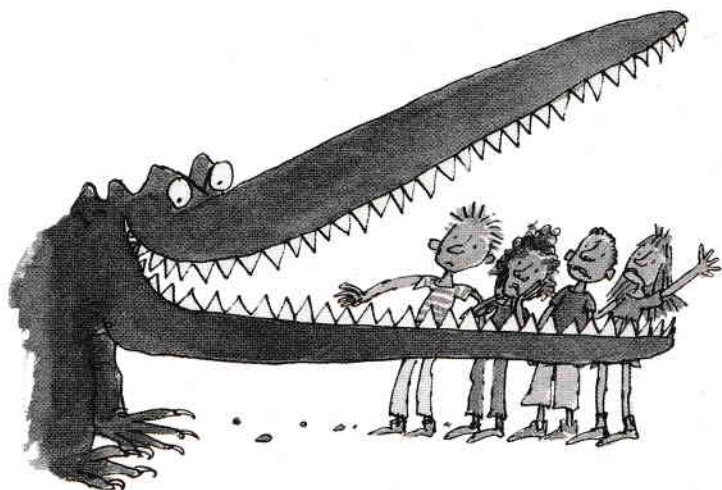


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THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE

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In the biggest brownest muddiest river in Africa, two crocodiles lay with their heads just above the water. One of the crocodiles was

ENORMOUS.

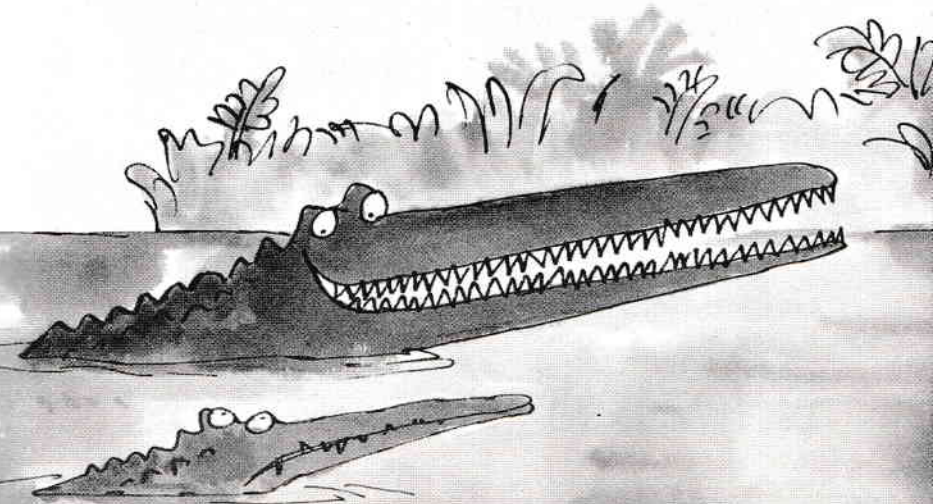
The other was not so big.

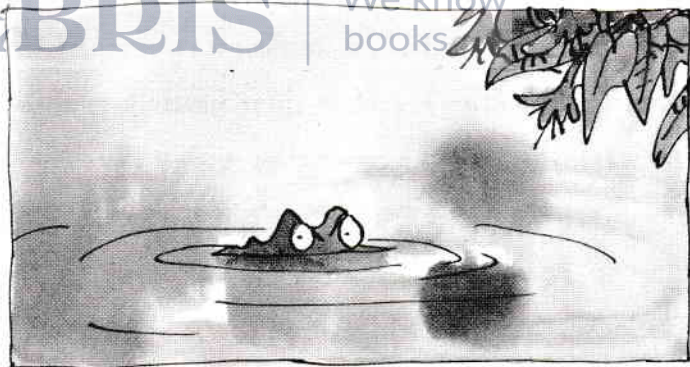
‘Do you know what I would like for my lunch today?’ the Enormous Crocodile asked.

‘No,’ the Notsobig One said. ‘What?’

The Enormous Crocodile grinned, showing hundreds of sharp white teeth. ‘For my lunch today,’ he said, ‘I would like a nice juicy little child.’

‘I never eat children,’ the Notsobig One said. ‘Only fish.’





'HO, HO, HO!' cried the Enormous Crocodile. 'I'll bet if you saw a juicy little child paddling in the water over there at this very moment, you'd gulp them up in one gollop!'

'No, I wouldn't,' the Notsobig One said. 'Children are too tough and chewy. They are tough and chewy and nasty and bitter.'

'TOUGH and CHEWY!' cried the Enormous Crocodile. **'NASTY and BITTER!'** What awful tommyrot you talk! They are juicy and yummy!'

'They taste so bitter,' the Notsobig One said, 'you have to cover them with sugar before you can eat them.'

'Children are bigger than fish,' said the Enormous Crocodile. 'You get bigger helpings.'

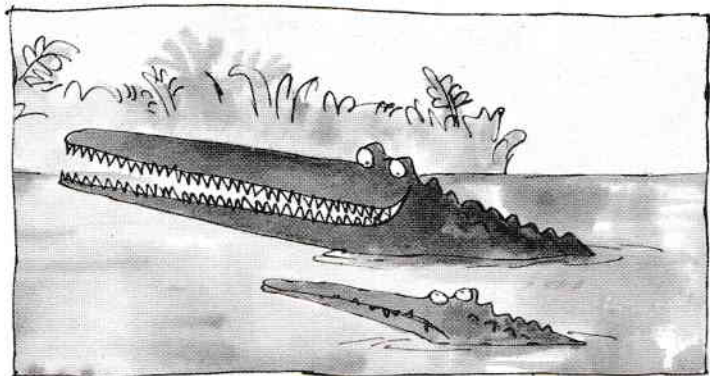
'You are greedy,' the Notsobig One said.
'You're the greediest croc in the whole river.'

'I'm the bravest croc in the whole river,' said the Enormous Crocodile. 'I'm the only one who dares to leave the water and go through the jungle to the town to look for little children to eat.'

'You've only done that once,' snorted the Notsobig One. 'And what happened then? They all saw you coming and ran away.'

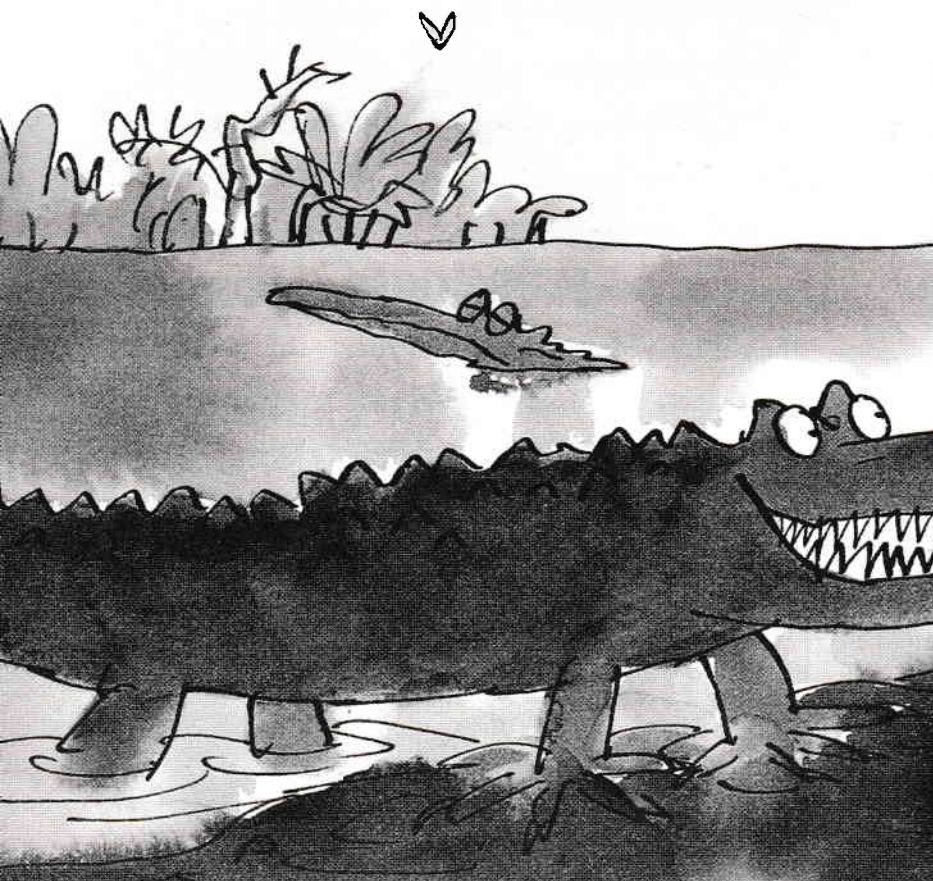
'Ah, but today when I go, they won't see me at all,' said the Enormous Crocodile.

'Of course they'll see you,' the Notsobig One said. 'You're so **ENORMOUS** and **HORRID**, they'll see you from miles away.'



The Enormous Crocodile grinned again, and his terrible sharp teeth sparkled like knives in the sun. ‘Nobody will see me,’ he said, ‘because this time I’ve thought up secret plans and clever tricks.’

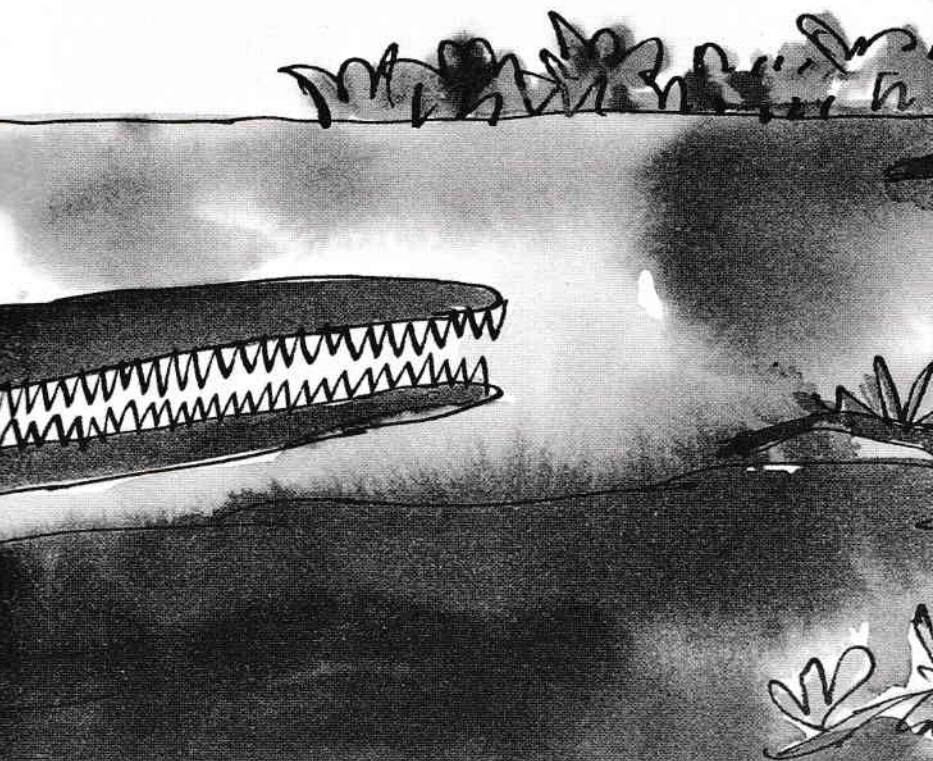
‘CLEVER TRICKS?’ cried the Notsobig One. ‘You’ve never done anything clever in your life! You’re the stupidest croc on the whole river!’





‘I’m the cleverest croc on the whole river,’ the Enormous Crocodile answered. ‘For my lunch today I shall feast upon a **JUICY LITTLE CHILD** while you lie here in the river feeling hungry. Goodbye.’

The Enormous Crocodile swam to the side of the river, and crawled out of the water.

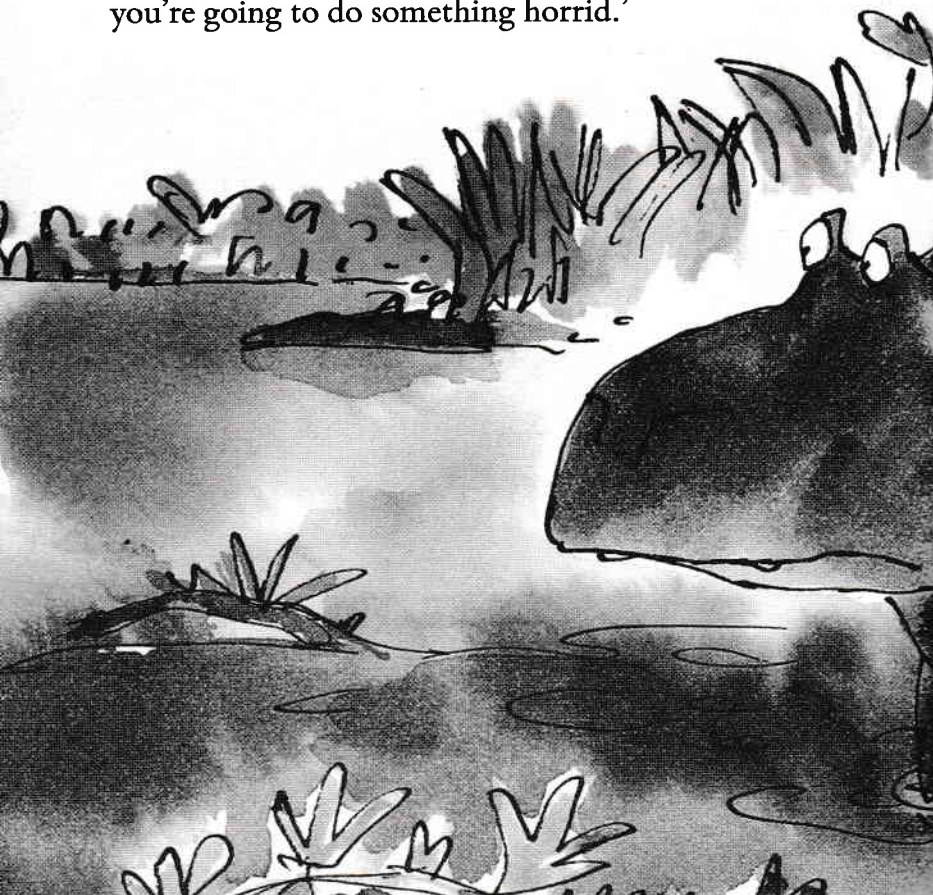


A **GIGANTIC** creature was standing in the slimy oozy mud on the riverbank. It was Humpy-Rumpy, the Hippopotamus.

‘Hello, hello,’ said Humpy-Rumpy. ‘Where on earth are you off to at this time of day?’

‘I have secret plans and clever tricks,’ said the Crocodile.

‘Oh dear,’ said Humpy-Rumpy. ‘I’ll bet you’re going to do something horrid.’



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The Enormous Crocodile grinned
at Humpy-Rumpy and said:

*'I'm going to fill my
hungry empty tummy
With something yummy
YUMMY YUMMY
YUMMY!'*

