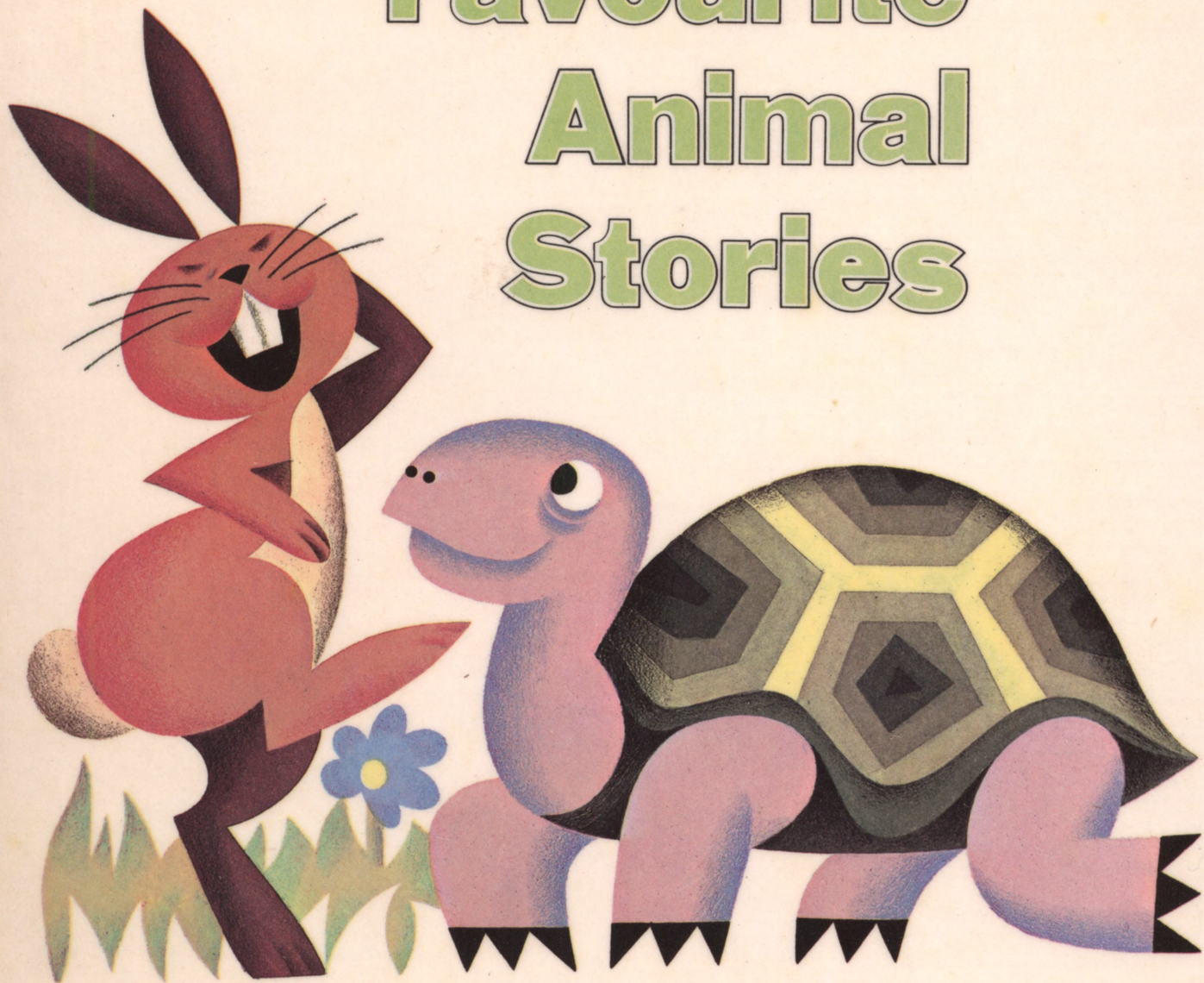



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The Fox, the Monkey and the Animals

One day, the lion died. The lion was the king of all the animals and so the animals had a meeting to choose a new king.

They decided that whoever could wear the king's crown would become the new king. They all tried the crown on, but it would fit no-one. Some were too big, some were too small and some had horns and couldn't wear a crown at all.

At last the monkey picked up the crown. He played such silly tricks with it that he made all the animals laugh and they chose him to be their king.

The fox was not pleased that the monkey had been chosen so he went to him and slyly said, "I know where a great treasure is buried. As you are king it belongs to you." He told the monkey where to go and the greedy monkey rushed away to find it. He was running so fast that he fell into a trap (which the cunning fox had placed in his way).

When the other animals saw this they took the crown away from the monkey. "If you cannot look after yourself," they said, "then you certainly cannot rule us." And they chased him from the throne.

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