

ANIMAL ANTICS A TO Z



Alexander Anteater's Amazing Act



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“**A**lexander Anteater, you do not look happy. In fact, you look rather sad,” said Alexander’s dad.

Alexander began to wail.

“Next Saturday is the talent show at Alpha Betty’s school.

All the other kids have amazing acts.

But I can’t do *anything!*”

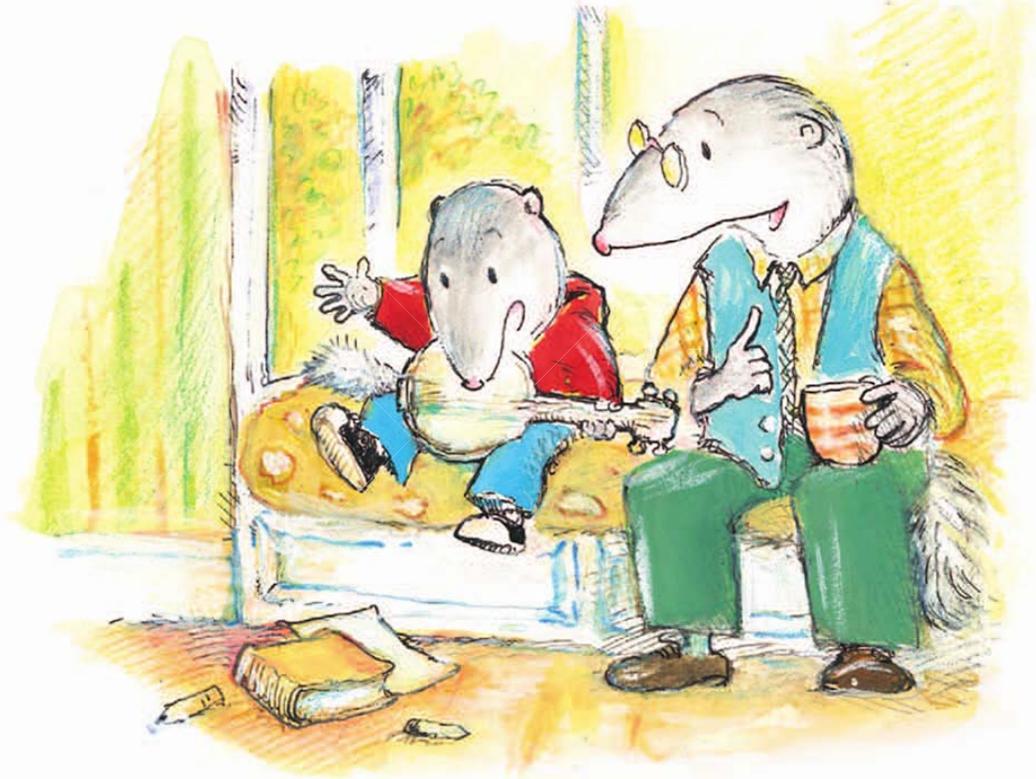


“You could tap dance!” said Dad.

“But I can’t dance *fast!*” said Alexander.

“You could play your banjo!” said Dad.

“But I can’t play *fast!*” said Alexander.



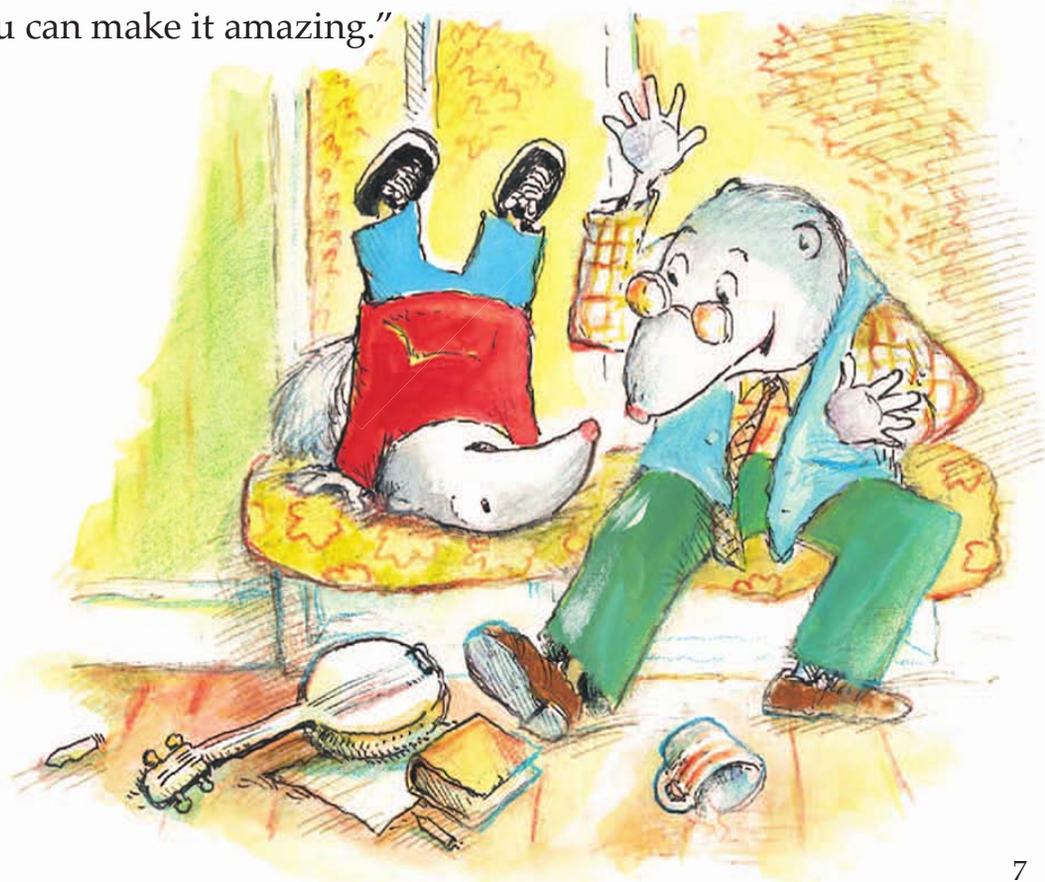
“Well, I happen to know you can stand on your hands,” said Dad.

“Yes, I can do that,” said Alexander.

“But that’s not *amazing*.”

“Use your imagination,” said Dad.

“Maybe you can make it amazing.”



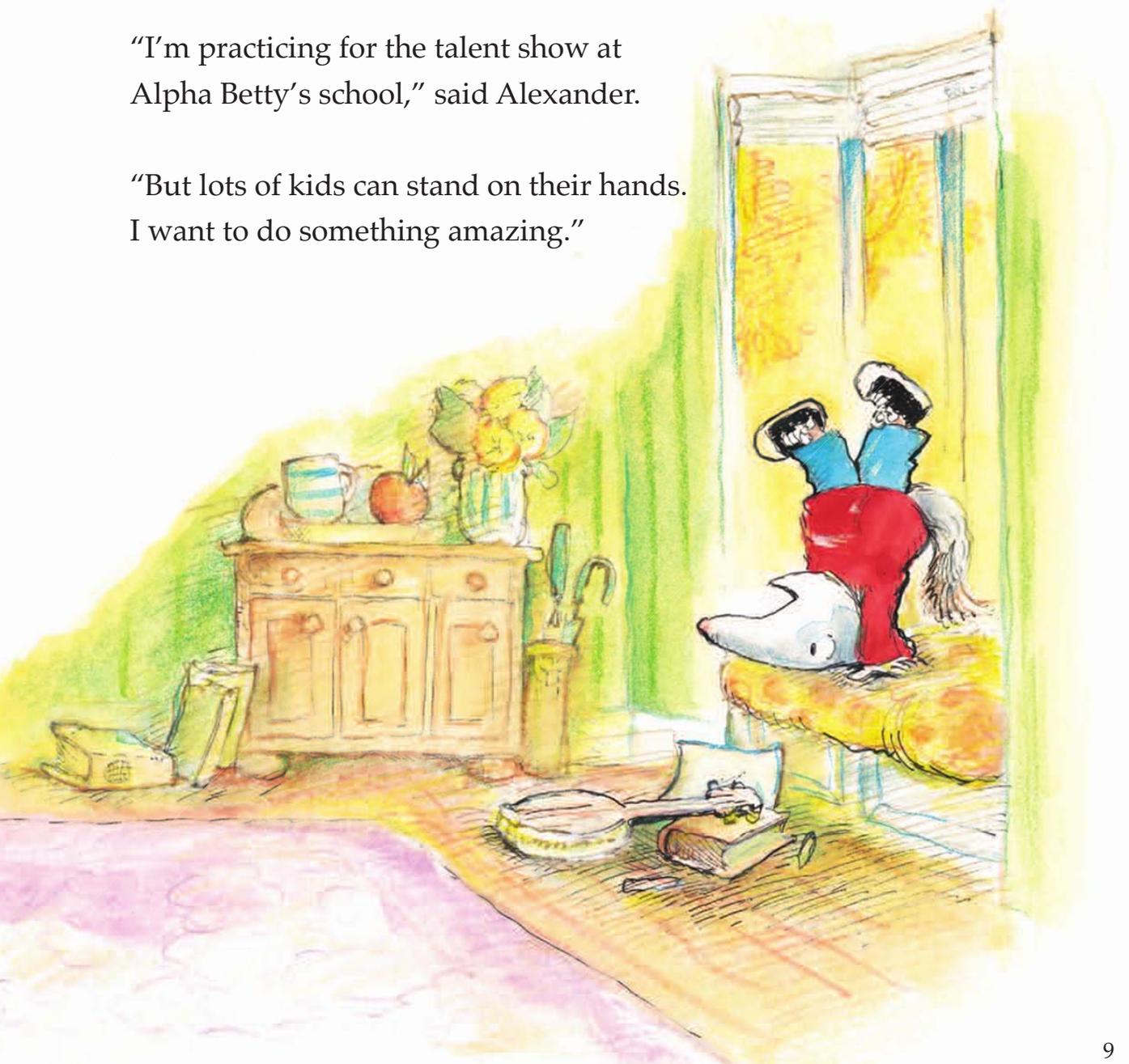
Just then the doorbell rang.
It was Anna Anaconda.

“Wow!” she said when she saw
Alexander standing on his hands.
“You are an acrobat, Alexander!”



"I'm practicing for the talent show at Alpha Betty's school," said Alexander.

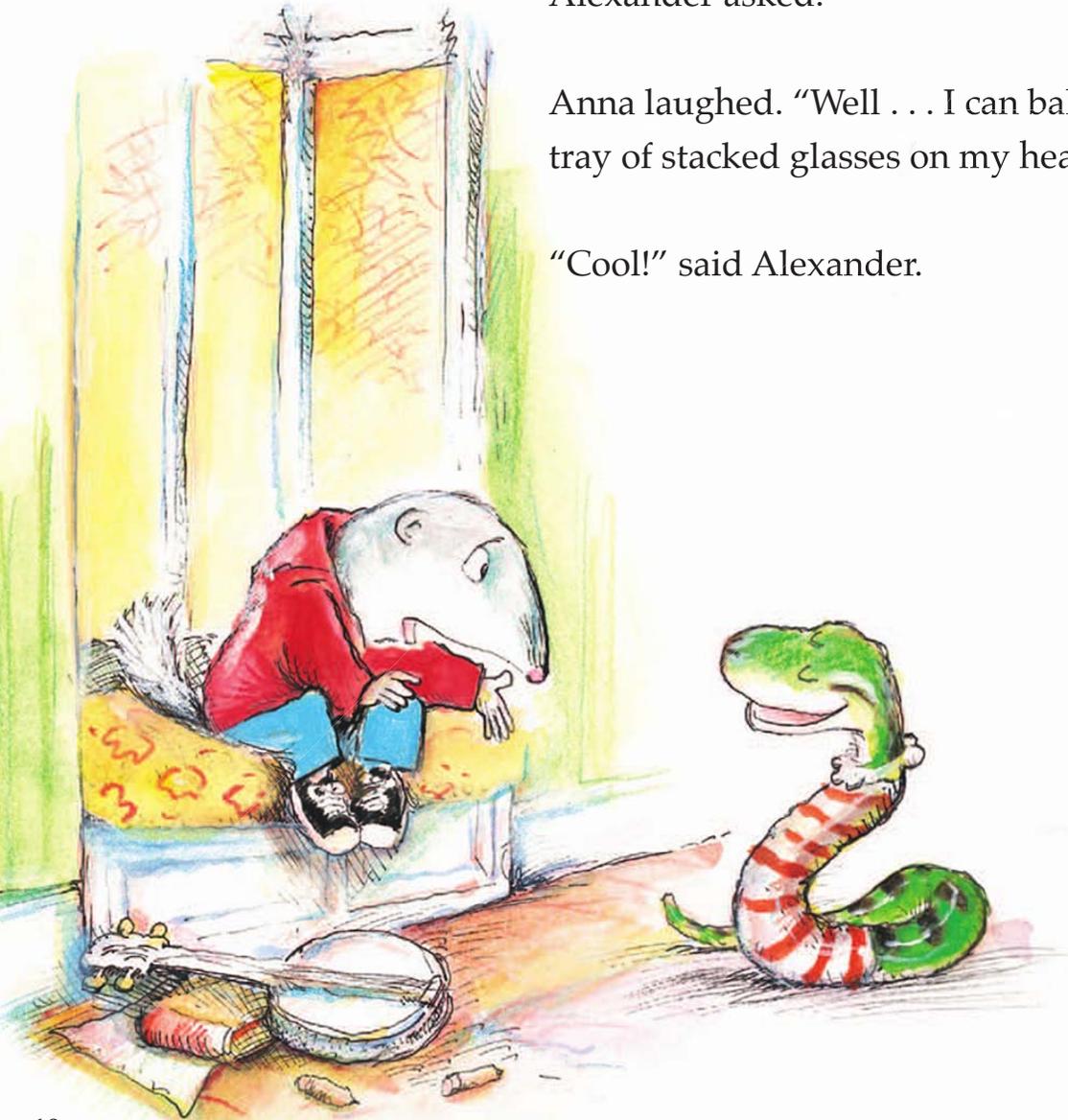
"But lots of kids can stand on their hands. I want to do something amazing."



“Can you do any acrobatic tricks, Anna?”
Alexander asked.

Anna laughed. “Well . . . I can balance a
tray of stacked glasses on my head!”

“Cool!” said Alexander.



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