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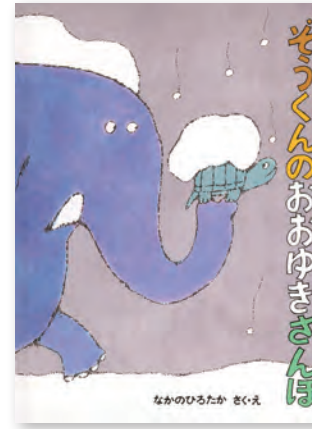
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## ELEPHANT'S SNOWY DAY'S WALK

by Hirotaka Nakano

It's snowing today!

Mr. Elephant is happy to see the snow.

"Well, I think I'm going out for a walk".

Snow falls on Mr. Elephant's back while he is walking and...look! He has a pile of snow on him.

"Well, I think my friends will like it". Mr. Hippopotamus,

Mr. Alligator and Mr. Tortoise are all

happy to see Mr. Elephant and his snow,

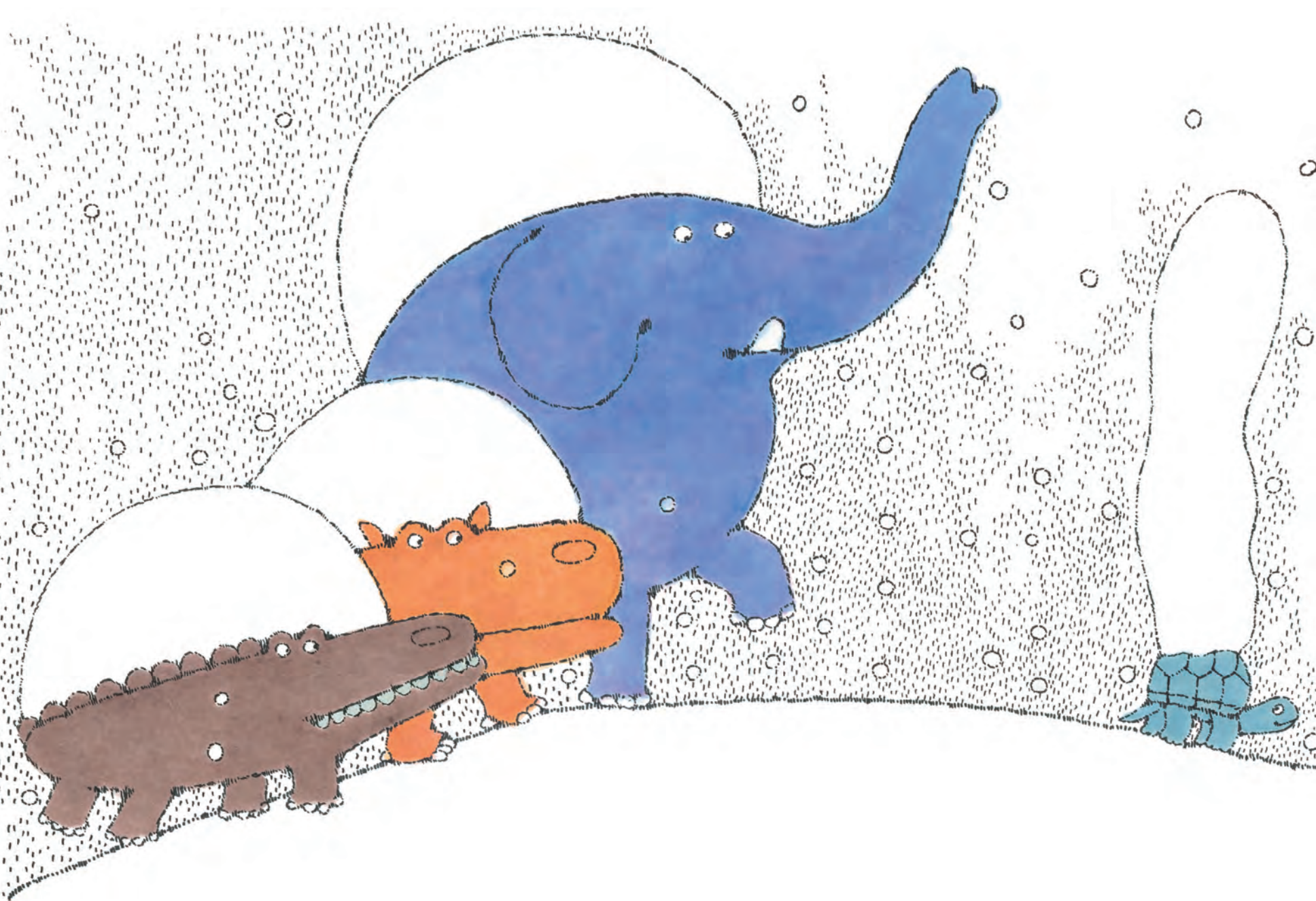
and at the same time they are happy to show off the snow on their own backs.

Together they set out for a walk, and....

Beloved Mr. Elephant and his friends take yet another walk, this time, in the snow!

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## MR. BARBAR AND THE MONKEY

text by Eriko Inui

illustrations by Toshio Nishimura

Beloved Mr. Barbar is back!

In the third book, he finds himself hiring a monkey as his assistant. One morning, a Monkey came to Mr. Barbar's barbar shop and started working for him, sweeping, polishing and washing. The Monkey kept coming and now he is Mr. Barbar's assistant and apprentice. One day, Mr. Barbar told the Monkey, "You've had enough practice, so try cutting my hair...". How will it turn out? Enjoy the heartwarming story and expressive illustrations, and find out why, in the first place, the Monkey decided to work for Mr. Barbar.







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## WHO HAS COME TO MY HOUSE?

text by Yukihsa Tokuda

illustrations by Mako Taruishi

Ding dong! The door bell rang. I got the door and found a duck there asking me if I would like to take a bath with it. While we were soaking, ding dong, the door went again. It was a giant panda. "Let's get into our jammies together!" it said. One after another, animals rang the door bell. The dreadful good-night-sleep-tight rituals would be so much fun if something like this had really happened!





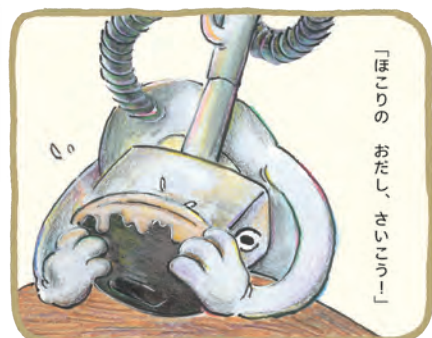
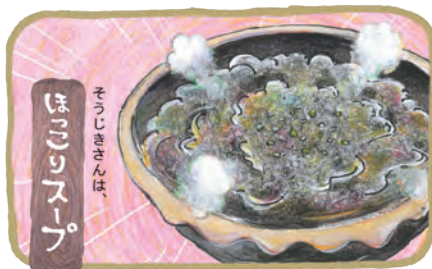
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## MONSIEUR BAGUETTE

by Kazuko Masuda

Meet Monsieur Baguette!  
Originally from France, he uses the term “pain” for “bread,” which is pronounced [pahn] in French. So here comes Monsieur Baguette. “Pain, pain, gentlepain, trot along in merry steps”. With this rhythmic tune, he strolled along the street with his fancy hat and stick. That was when he knocked into Don Choco-Cornet. The collision was bad, and they both lost their heads! Finally setting their heads on again, the two start going in opposite directions. But what do you know, they had the wrong heads on! Can this be fixed?





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## URAMESHIYA

by Noriaki Tanimura

It's almost midnight; it's the time when "Mononoke" or little monsters start moving about in your house.... Open the book and find out who eats what at "Urameshiya", the special diner for those monsters. Remote Controller munches battery-sushi, Vacuum gulps dust-soup, Laundry Basket noshes on sun-dried socks.... Enjoy the first picture book by world famous author-illustrator N. Tanimura, and fall in love with various "Mononoke" around you!





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## THE CLOCKWORK BUS

by Shigeru Tamura

Mr. Worm spots a toy bus in the yard. He winds it up and sets out for a ride. He picks up some friends along the way and with their help, the toy bus “leaps” and “digs” its way forward. That was when they ran into Mr. Bear. He said he wanted to join the ride, too, but that somehow seemed impossible. Will they all fit in after all?







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## THE GREAT MARATHON

by Yutaka Nakagaki

It's the day for the Great Marathon! Usao and Kamekichi are good rivals and are both going to enter. Usao, known as a swift runner, dashes off taking a big lead. Kamekichi, on the contrary, keeps his own pace following. Oh, is Usao feeling weary already? Is he pulling an evil trick? Who will win the race? Enjoy the elaborate depiction of the participants in this marathon!







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## AKAKY & THE SNACK THIEVES

by Yui Abe

Akaky couldn't believe her eyes! Mom was enjoying a midnight snack all by herself! When Mom saw Akaky out of bed, she so skillfully hid the cake in the fridge and said THE words, "It's past your bedtime". Mom tucked Akaky in the bed, but who could fall asleep after such a revelation? When Akaky went out of bed (again) to check the fridge, she saw tiny creatures in banding pattern outfits. They were about to snatch Mom's snack! Akaky lost no time in following those banding bandits and went through the mysterious door that opened inside the fridge. Can Akaky safely retrieve the cake? Let's join Akaky and explore the mysterious world, where hidden snacks end up.







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## A CHARM TO CUT A GOOD TOOTH

by Ayako Maruyama

Yuto, a boy whose baby tooth has just fallen off, visits his Grandma and asks her what he should do. There he meets a cute little “lucky” mouse that lives in Grandma’s house. The mouse looks after everybody’s fallen baby tooth and helps the adult tooth grow straight and strong, just like mice’s teeth that can gnaw hard walnuts. Enjoy the fantastic story, cute illustrations, and when your tooth “cuts teeth” as an adult tooth, remember the charm Yuto learned!







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## TOM AND MOMO

by Akiko Miyakoshi

Tom and his family have just moved into this condominium. Momo and her family also moved in quite recently. Though they live closeby, they don't know each other yet. There are several chances they could have met but they miss those chances. Could they be friends? Beautiful and cleverly angled illustrations show how close they have been. So the expectation builds up as you read on. Another wonderful Christmas book has joined the rank!







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## SHOE CABINET APARTMENT

by Yoko Mori

The girl wakes up in the middle of night to the voice coming from the shoe cabinet. In one apartment, high heel twins are wondering when they last had enough cream for their skin. In another apartment, the rain boots family are busy cleaning their floor because the little boots came home soaked wet. From the upper room, the girl's red shoes have something to ask her.... In the morning the girl mends and tends to all the "residents" in the apartment and goes out for a special mission for the little red shoes.



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## STAYING HOME ALONE

by Yoko Mori

A phone call informed that Acchan's Grandma wasn't well. Mother asked Acchan if she could stay home alone. She wanted to visit Grandma and check on her condition. This was the very first time to stay home alone for Acchan. The evening fell and the room became dark adding a sense of insecurity. While the wait, Acchan finds out a secret of the kitchen utensils and things!



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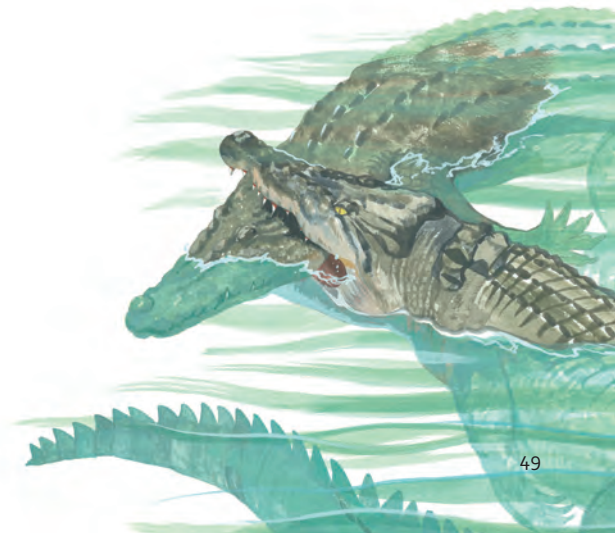


## SALTWATER CROCODILE

text by Yusuke Fukuda

illustrations by Shunichi Seki

Saltwater crocodiles are the largest crocodiles living on the planet. During their early years, they face many challenges and only a small percentage of them survive to adulthood. Once fully grown, however, they become massive, heavy, and powerful with no predators to fear. They are inherently aggressive, carnivorous, and have 66 sharp teeth that continuously regrow. They have unique hunting techniques and are highly territorial. This rare book about these creatures is enriched with beautiful illustrations.







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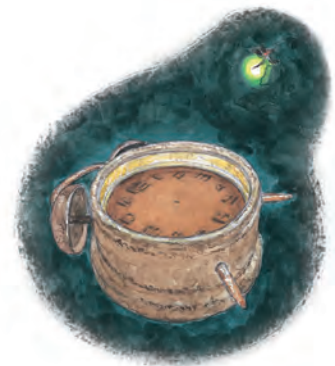
## DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM IN THE LIFE OF FIREFLIES

text by Shinichi Fukuoka

illustrations by Daisuke Igarashi

Fireflies are known to have been around on this planet for more than 100 million years. That is 500 times longer than us, human beings.

So how have they connected their lives for such a long span of time? The author, Mr. Fukuoka is a biologist and explains how a number of factors affect each other to keep a certain condition in proper balance. It is called dynamic equilibrium. A huge power exists within Mother Nature that functions to revive what has been lost. Let's watch it happen through the lives of fireflies.







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## TSUKUSHI AND SHOOTING STAR

text by Miku Ito  
illustrations by Yoko Tanji

Beloved Tsukushi is back! As a 2nd grader in an elementary school, Tsukushi has her own worries and sorrows as well as joy and happiness. Episodes of her everyday life may not be too exciting, but each day is eventful enough for a growing girl. Enjoy the sensitive and heart-warming stories by an award winning storyteller, along with cute illustrations.

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## MR. NEKOYAMA, THE WILDCAT, IS A MYSTERIOUS REAL ESTATE AGENT

text by Hikaru Fujishige  
illustrations by Moe Higuchi

Wildcat, people say, are untrustworthy. Wouldn't it be awkward to buy a house through a mysterious real estate agent with an "untrustworthy" name? Awkward and mysterious their experiences may be, the three clients in the book are all happy in the end. Open the book and find out how things turned out. The attractive text along with expressive illustrations make you keep turning the pages, and you may find yourself wondering, perhaps your neighbors are more than they seem to be!





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## Series



## YERBY AND THE WINTER BEAST

text by Kaho Nashiki

illustrations by Sakae Ozawa

In the serene lake-and-marsh district of Mudguide Water, winter had arrived once again. For the Yerbies, the small creatures living there, it was time for hibernation. However, Yerby felt quite restless. He was worried about his friend Yong, the drone fly, who lived in the hollow of a tree. Yerby stepped out of his bed and into the snow to check on Yong. Meanwhile, Ms. Blackbird, the teacher supervising the empty dormitory, was troubled by the ghosts that lingered. Unexpected and intertwined incidents between Yerby and the others unfold an exciting adventure.



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