



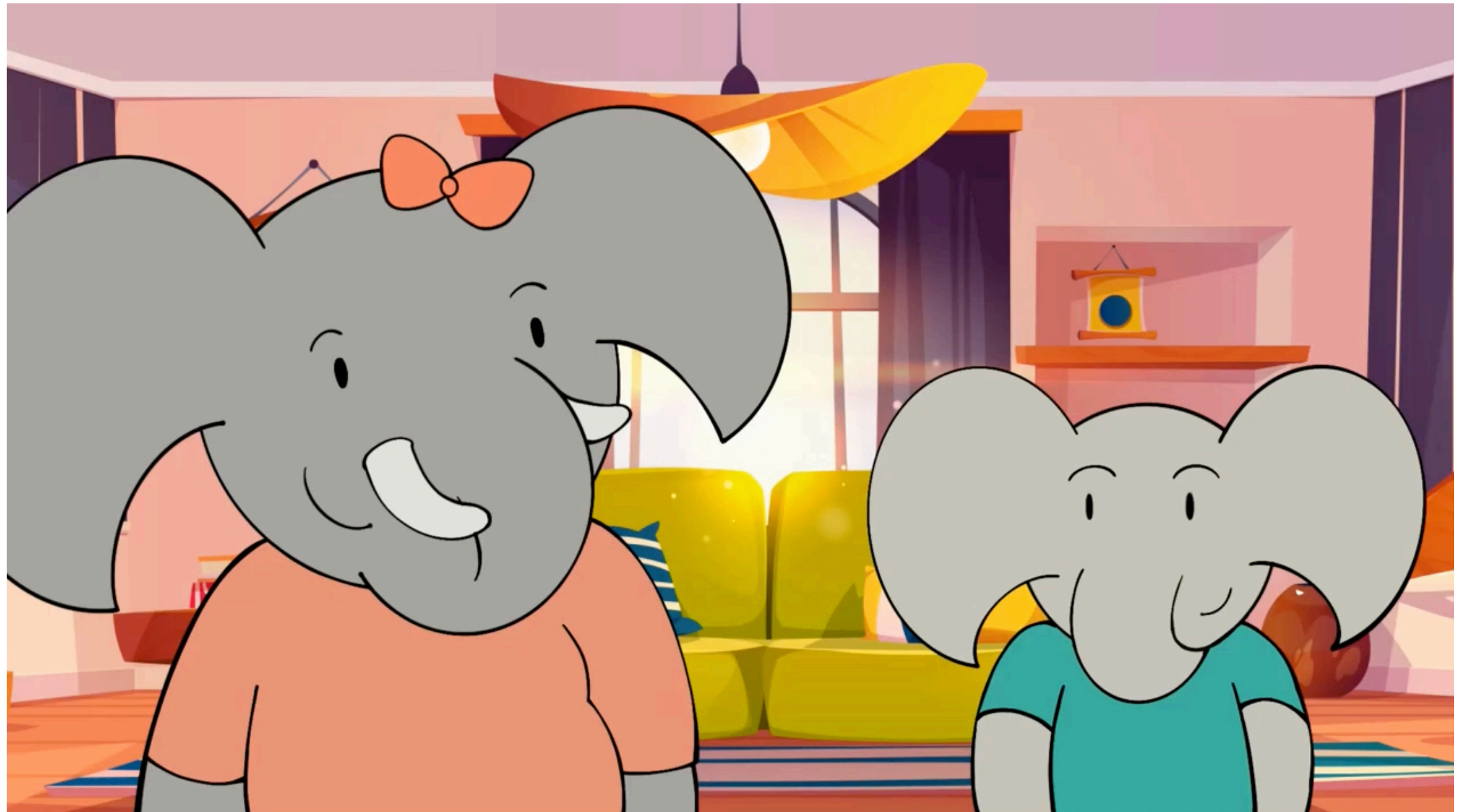


TIPS TO PREVENT ELOPEMENT

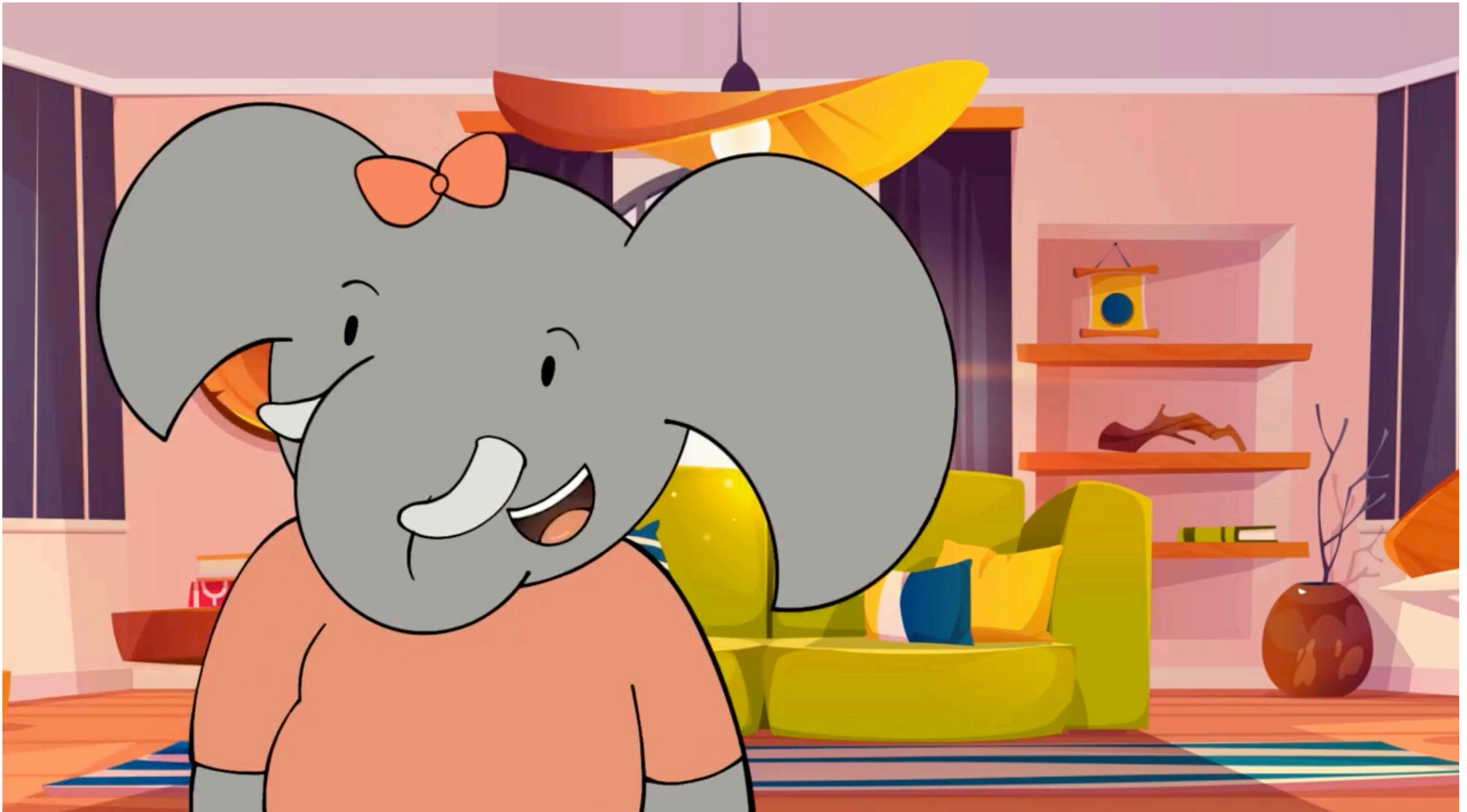
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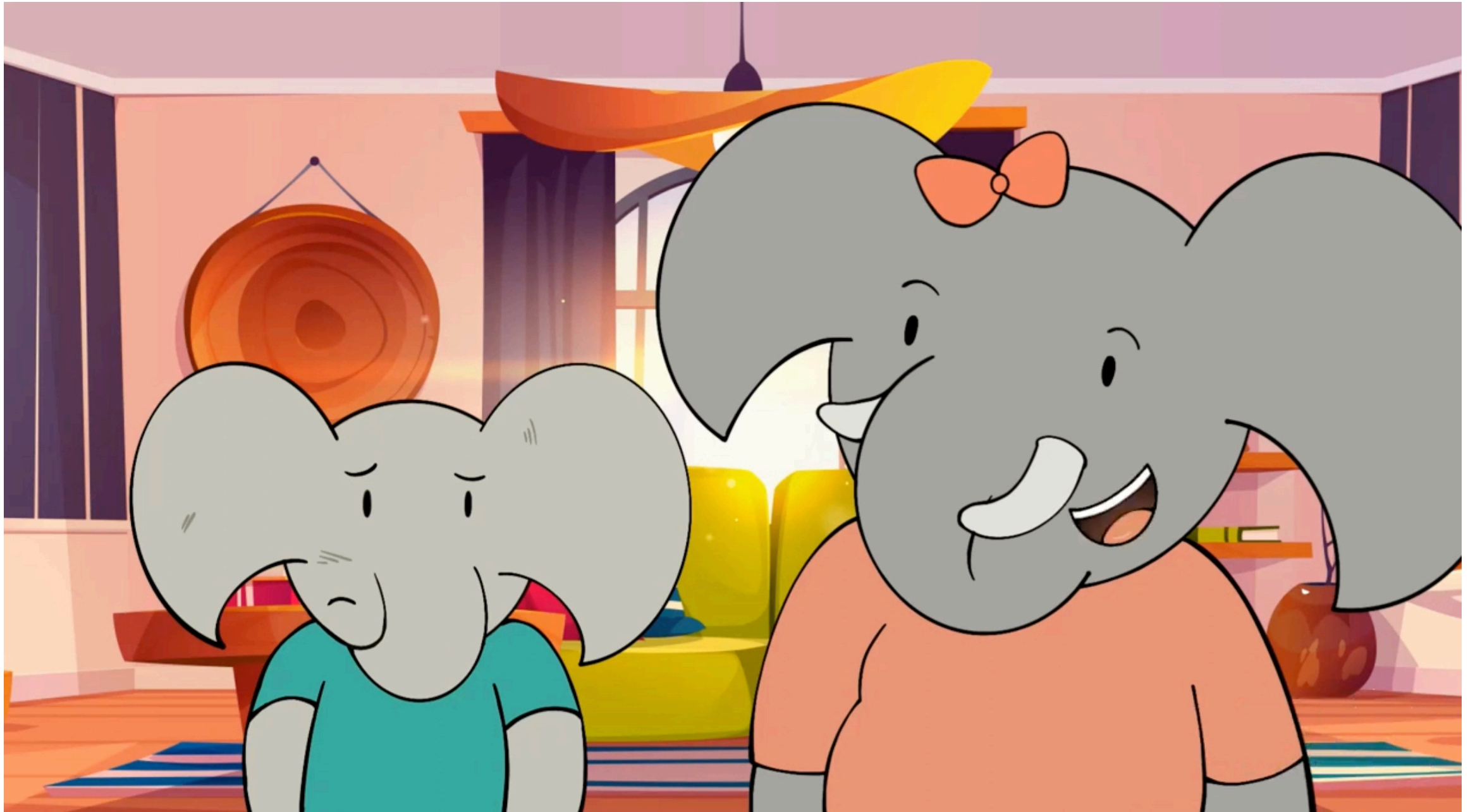
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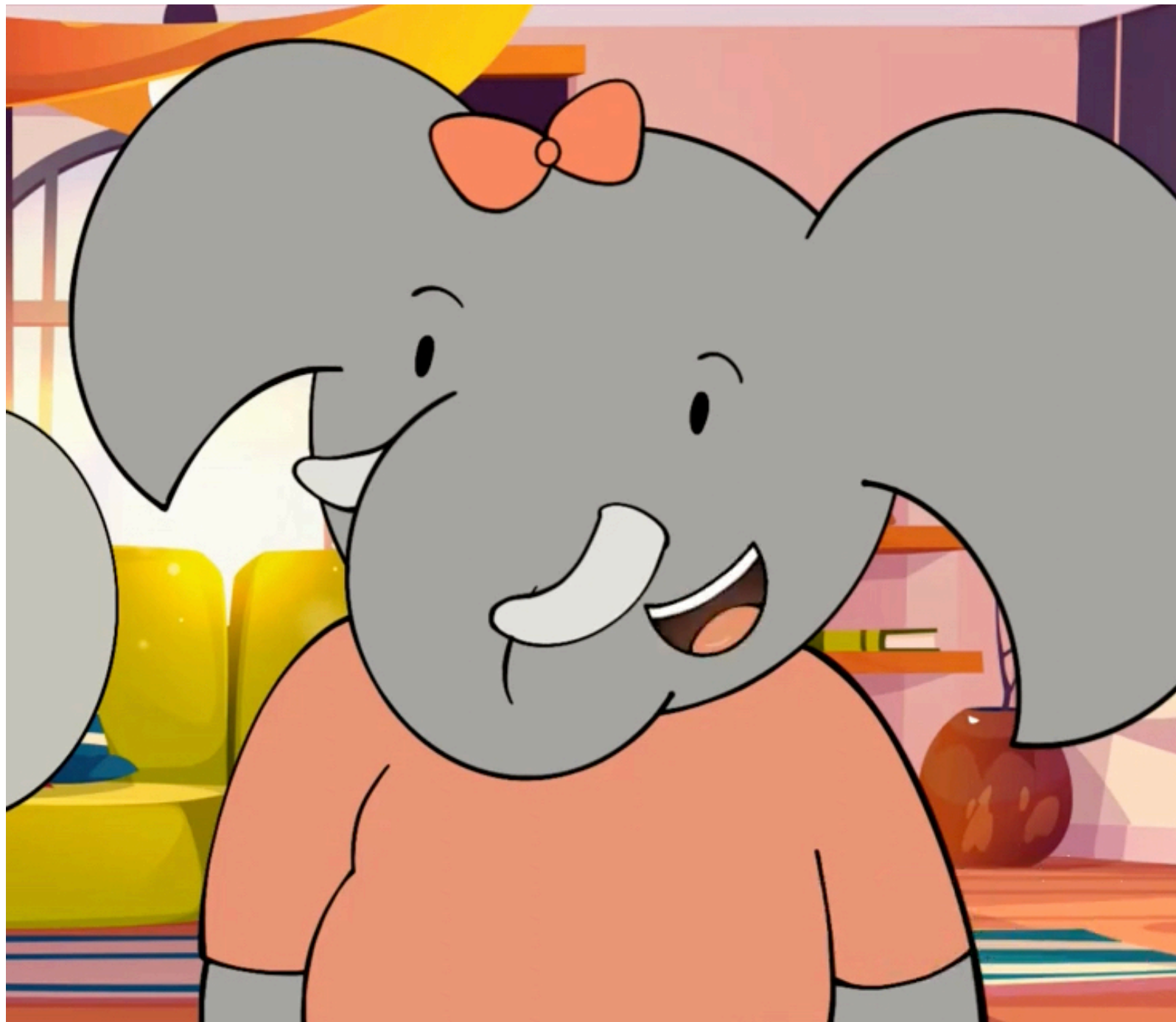
Jimmy doesn't like to scare his
mom.



Sometimes he runs out of the house and that scares her.

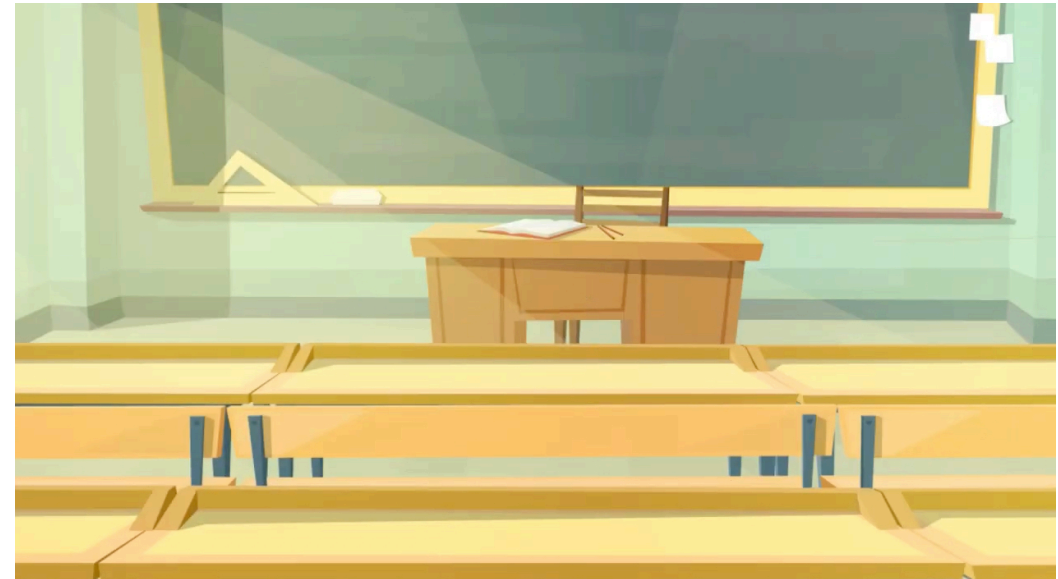
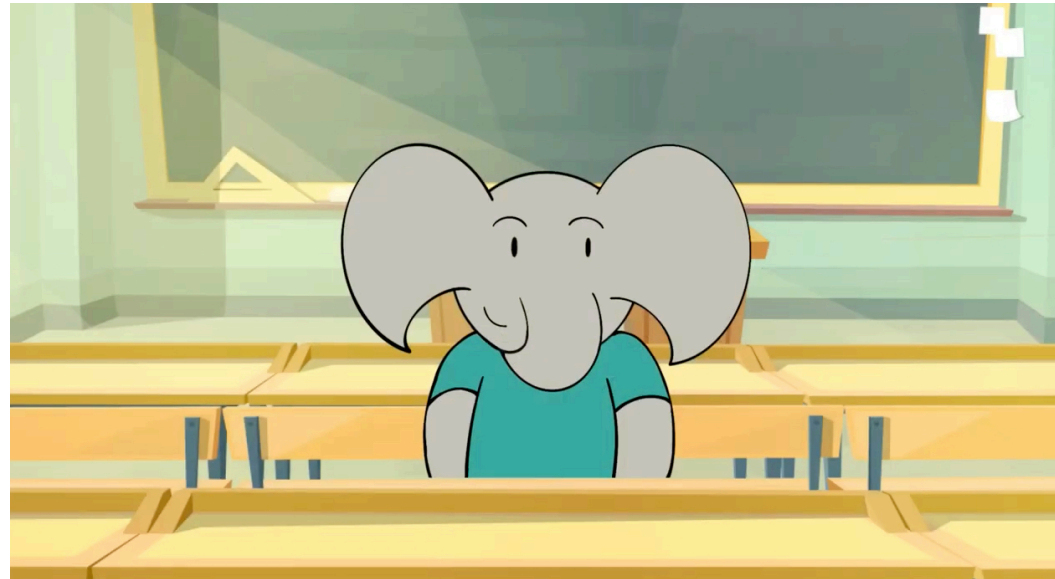


When a person leaves a safe area for an area that is unsafe or unfamiliar this is called eloping.



This is a fear that EVERY parent has.

Sadly, sometimes people that elope get injured or worse.



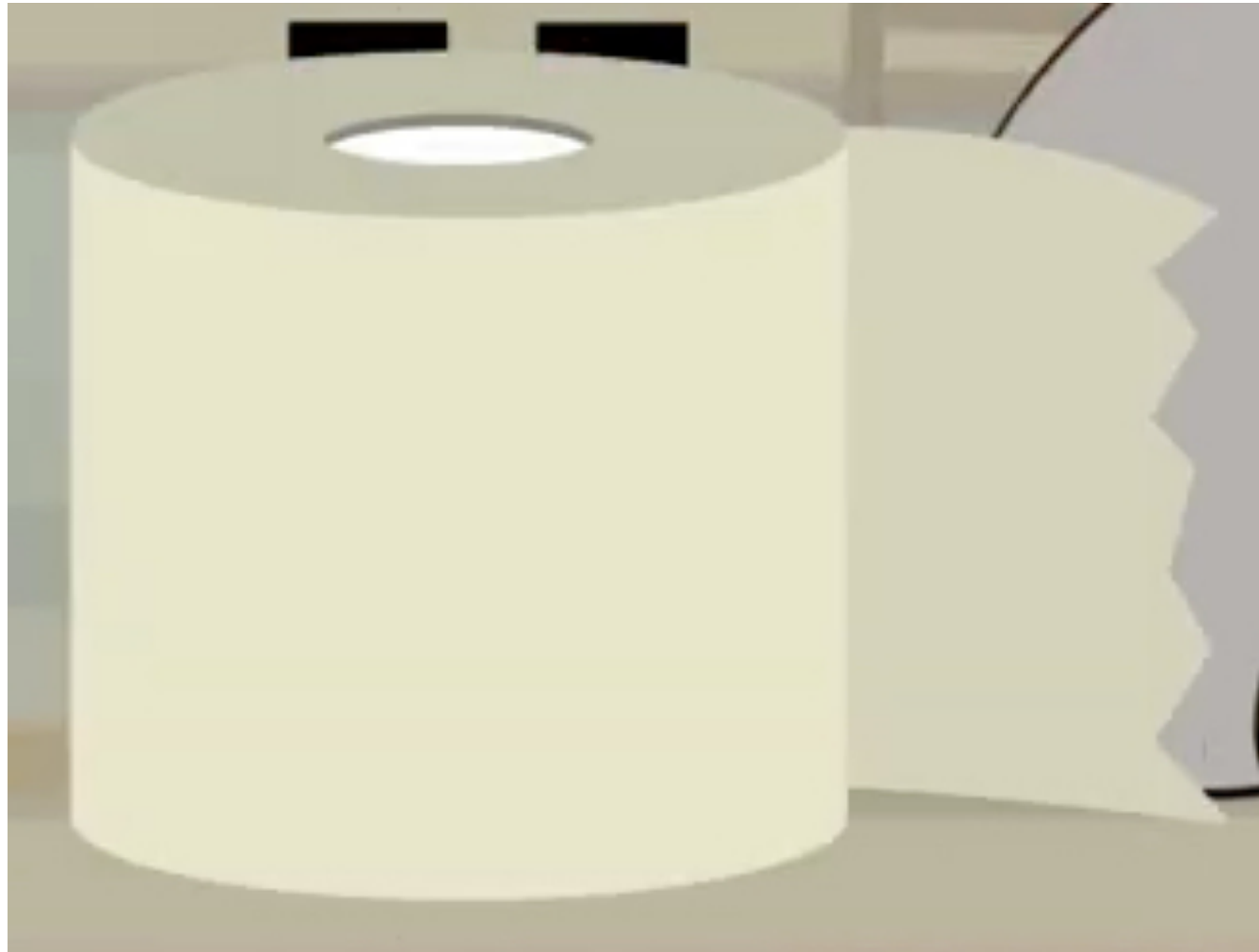
Elopement might look like someone is just running away. However, usually the person eloping is trying to communicate something.



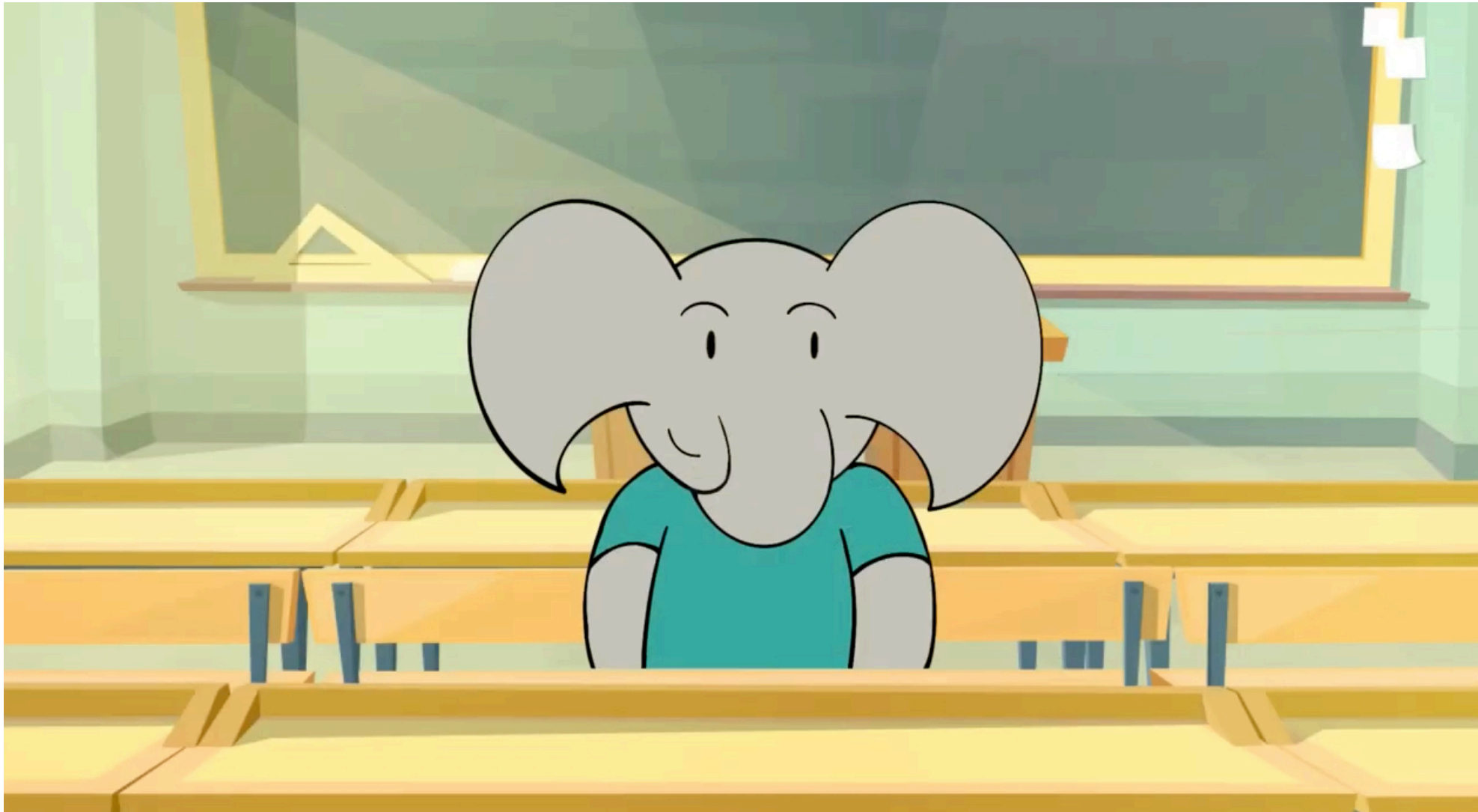
What are they trying to communicate?



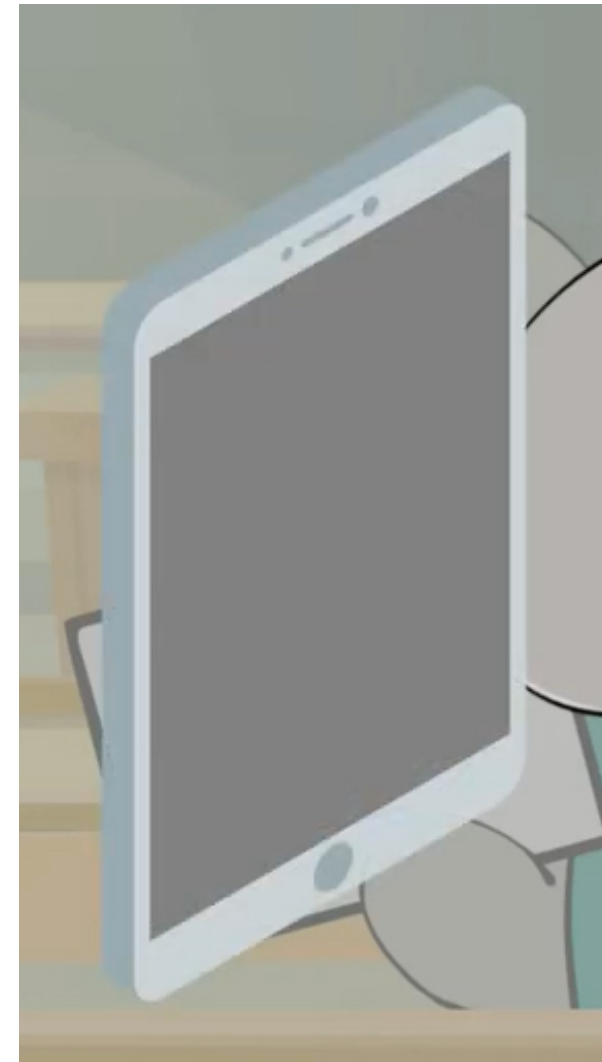
Well... the person might be hungry.



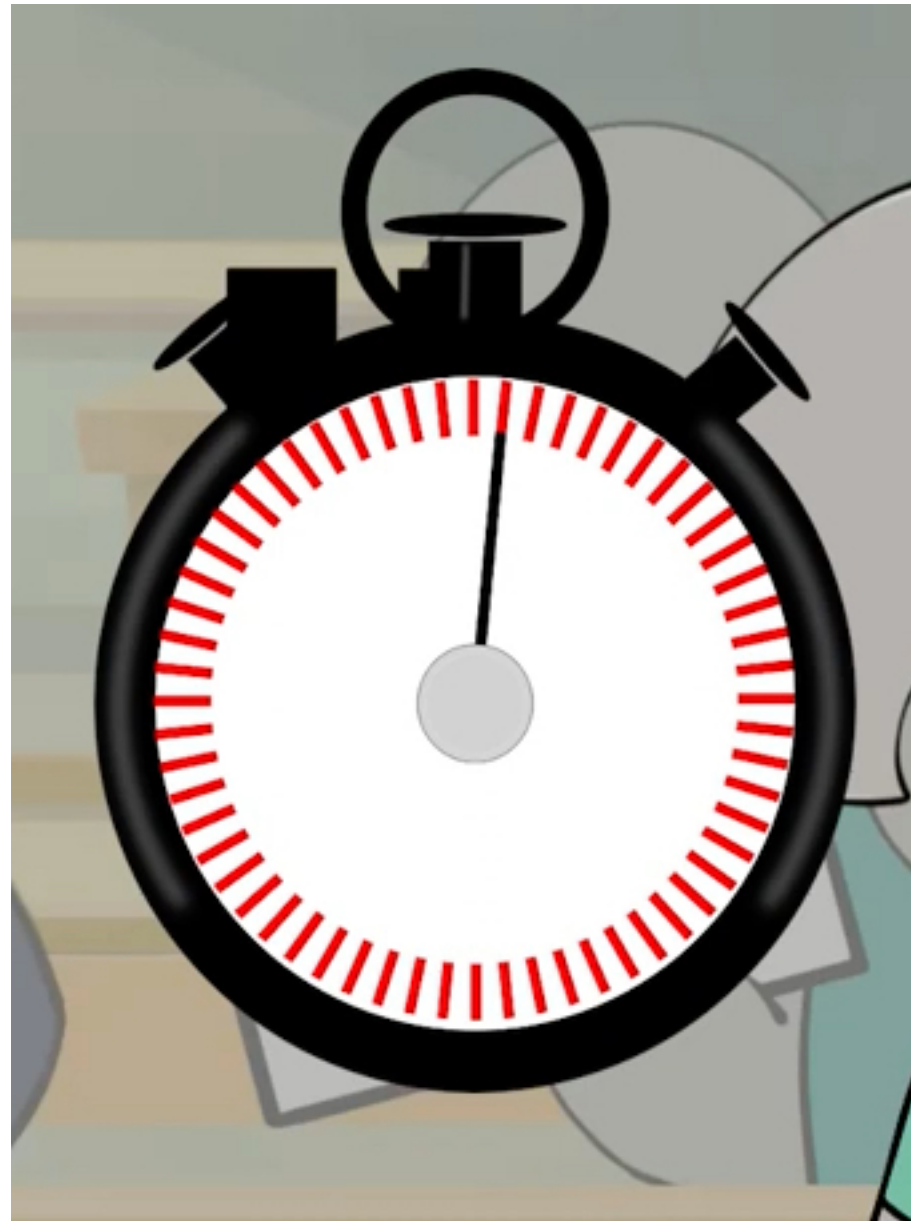
They might need to use the bathroom. Or
maybe they just need a break?



Sometimes people just need a way to communicate what they need.



If they can't do it verbally maybe they can do it with a chart? Or, assertive technology like an iPad?



Timers are also very helpful if somebody wants to leave an area. Timers let them know how long they will have to wait until they can.



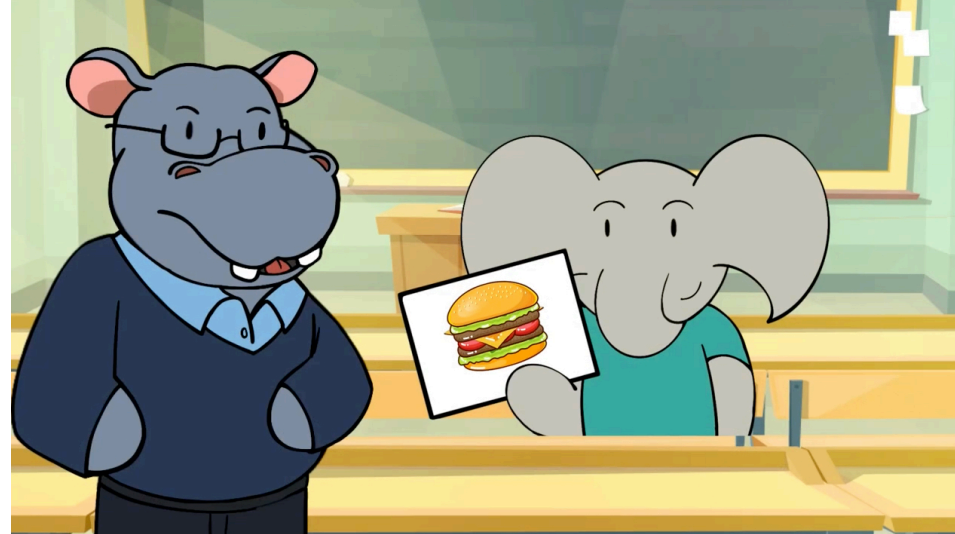
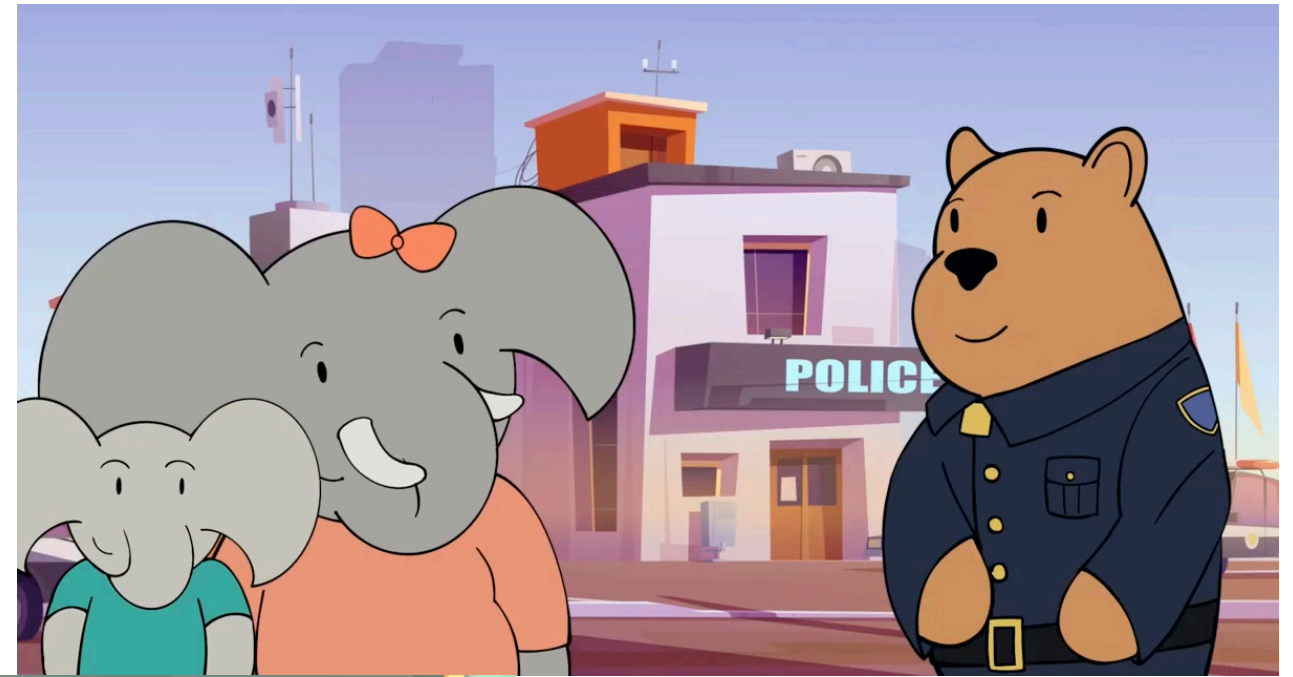
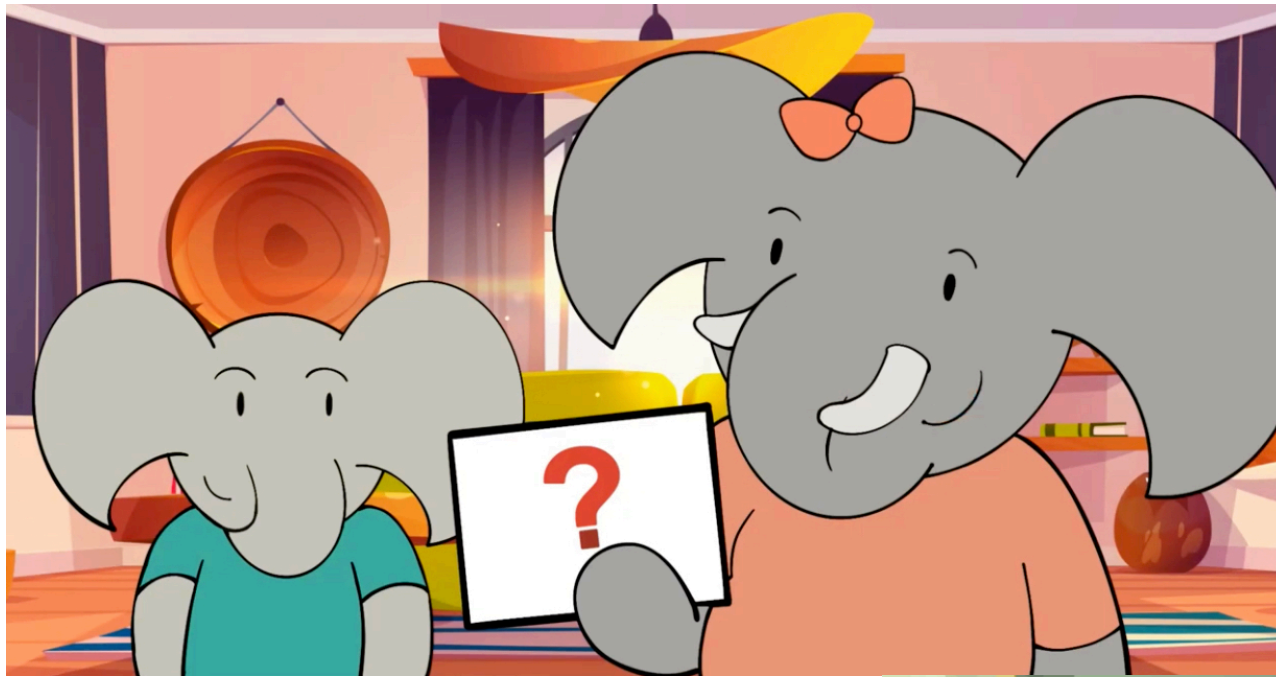
Visual aids are a great way for anyone to see what's coming or what they have to do next.



Lastly, have a plan for when elopement happens. Let neighbors and authorities know that they are an “elopement risk”.



Let them know if your child will tolerate being touched. Also, let them know possible words or phrases that might get them to stop eloping.



By helping people express what they need, practicing not eloping, and communicating with the people around us, we can make elopement, when it happens, safer for everyone.

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