

Opening extract from
**The Leopard
and the Sky God**

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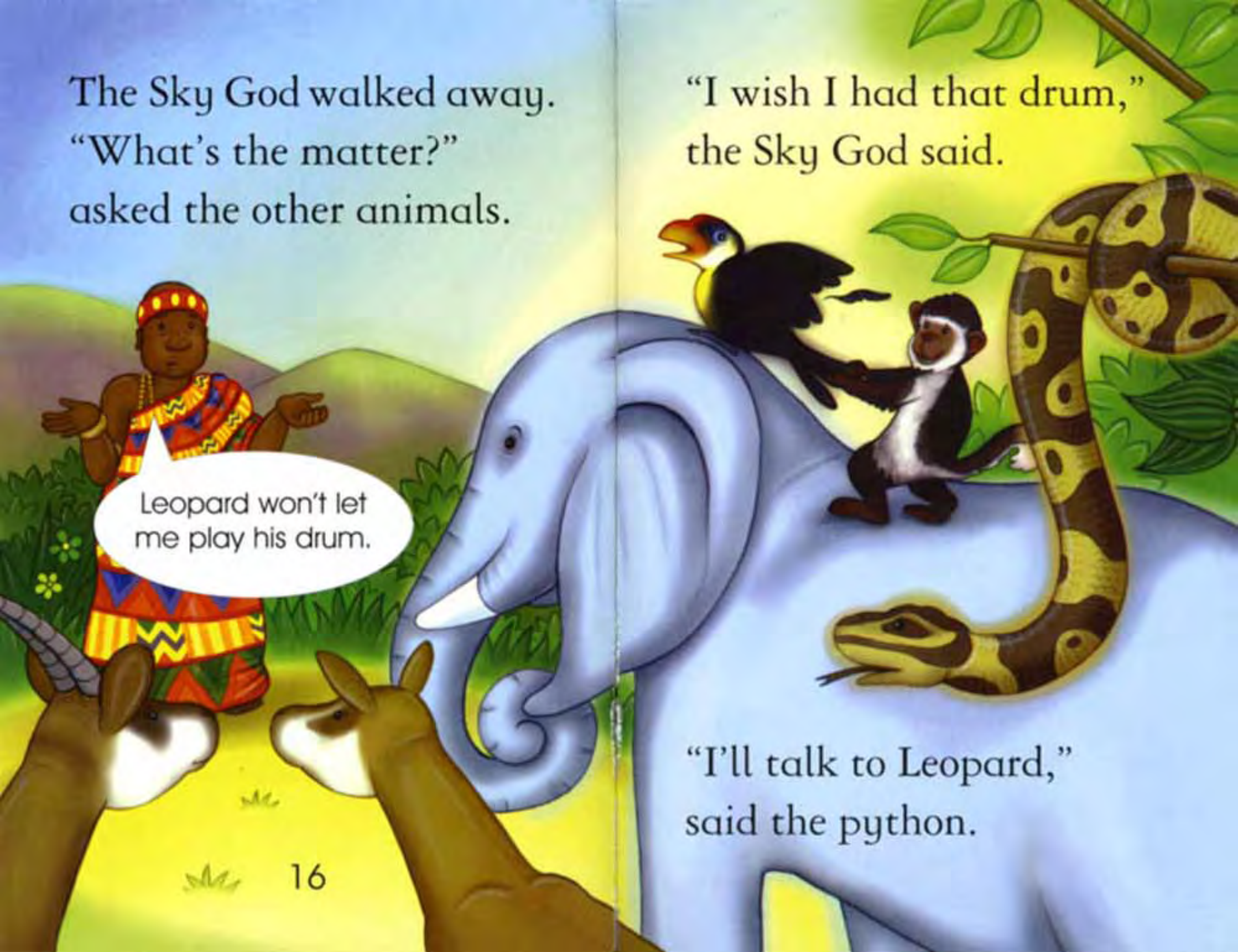
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The Sky God walked away.
“What’s the matter?”
asked the other animals.



Leopard won't let
me play his drum.

“I wish I had that drum,”
the Sky God said.

“I'll talk to Leopard,”
said the python.