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Big Cuddle

Olly is a cheerful little elephant who is so happy to have all his friends that he wants to give each one of them a big cuddle. But not everybody is happy with this. Olly keeps on looking for someone to cuddle, until one day he gets hugged himself...

Big Cuddle is a delightful children's book produced by father and daughter team Marjolein and Len Munnik. **Len Munnik** is a successful graphic novelist, whose drawings speak louder than a thousand words. The secret of his success is the clarity with which he brings a situation to life with drawings in a way that words could never do. Len has been a graphic novelist all his life. He creates drawings for animal rights organisations and war protest movements, but also draws for banks, *Opzij* (a feminist magazine), Dutch national daily newspaper *Trouw* and the government.

His earlier work consists of two graphic novels *Paradiso* (2006) and *Cat & Mouse* (2008).

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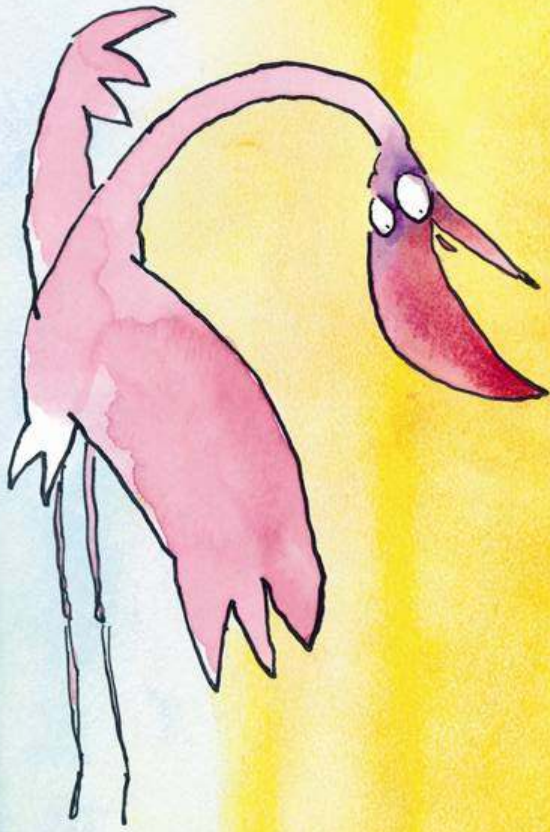
Olly is a happy young elephant.
He likes to stroll around the woodland
Look, there he goes.
'I'm going to give all my friends a big cuddle,
because I'm so glad to have them,' thinks Olly.



There's his first friend already. Bird.



Hey, big guy!' calls Olly to Bird.
'I'm going to give all my friends a big cuddle today, and you're first.'
Olle swings his trunk tightly around Bird.



‘Take off’, squawks Bird, panting for breath.
He doesn’t like the cuddle one little bit.
And off he flies.



‘Okay, no hard feelings,
Right, then,’ says Olly.
‘I’ll go to Turtle next’.