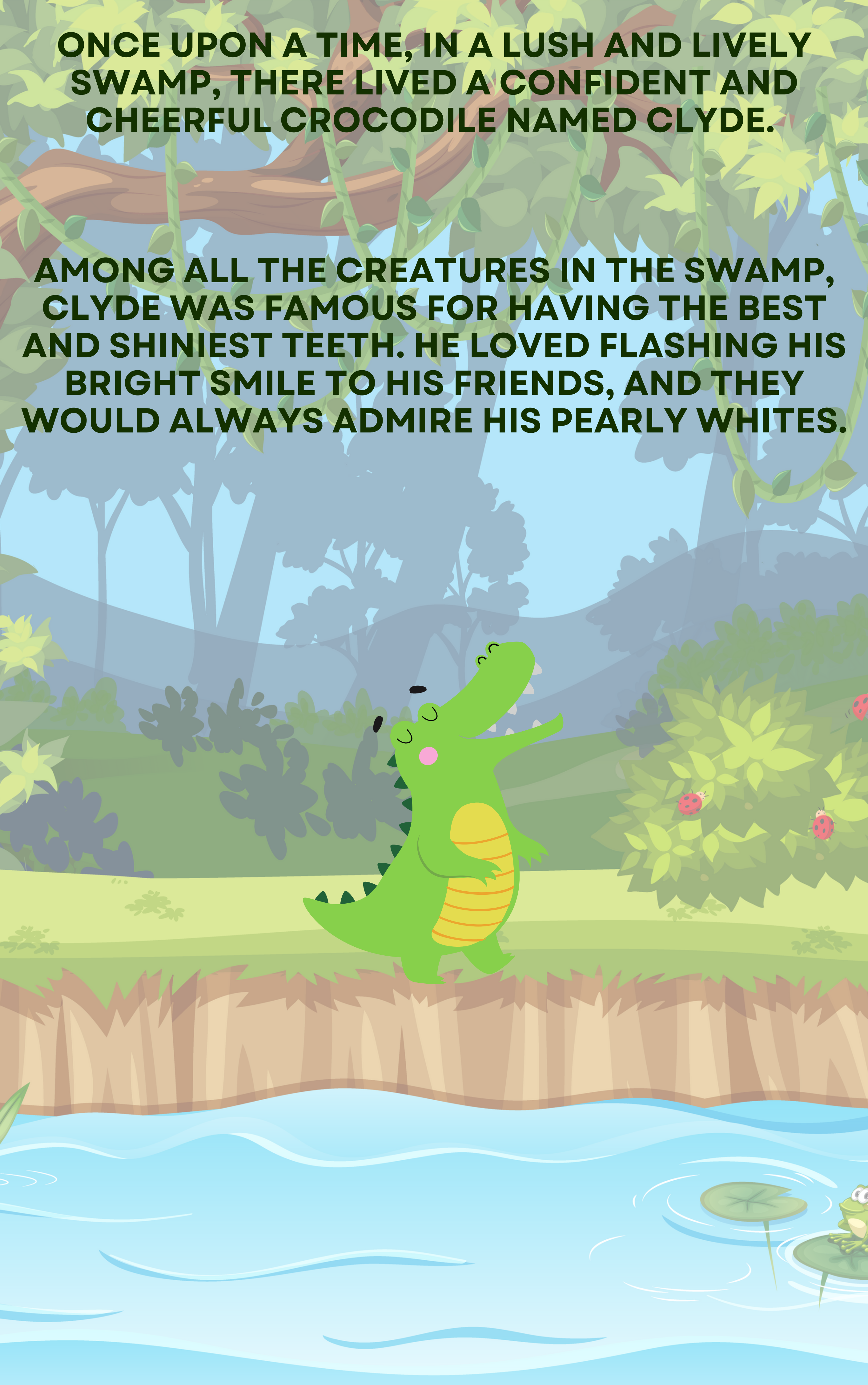


# CLYDE'S COURAGEOUS SMILE



**ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A LUSH AND LIVELY SWAMP, THERE LIVED A CONFIDENT AND CHEERFUL CROCODILE NAMED CLYDE.**

**AMONG ALL THE CREATURES IN THE SWAMP, CLYDE WAS FAMOUS FOR HAVING THE BEST AND SHINIEST TEETH. HE LOVED FLASHING HIS BRIGHT SMILE TO HIS FRIENDS, AND THEY WOULD ALWAYS ADMIRE HIS PEARLY WHITES.**



**ONE SUNNY MORNING, AS CLYDE WAS HAVING BAND PRACTICE WITH HIS FRIENDS, HE FELT A STRANGE SENSATION IN HIS MOUTH. AS HE OPENED HIS MOUTH, HE MOVED HIS CLAW AROUND HIS MOUTH AND GASPED, "OH NO! MY TOOTH IS LOOSE!"**



**WORRIED, CLYDE WENT TO FIND HIS BEST FRIEND, A WISE OLD HERON NAMED HARRY, TO SEEK ADVICE.**

**"HARRY, MY TOOTH IS LOOSE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?", CLYDE ASKED, TRYING TO HOLD BACK HIS TEARS.**



**HARRY LOOKED AT CLYDE AND SAID, "LOSING A TOOTH CAN BE A LITTLE SCARY, MY DEAR FRIEND. BUT REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT ALONE, AND IT'S A NATURAL PART OF GROWING UP."**

**"BUT MY TEETH MAKE ME SPECIAL HARRY. WHAT IF I'M NOT THE SAME WITHOUT IT?", CLYDE SAID, FEELING A LUMP IN HIS THROAT.**



**HARRY GENTLY REASSURED HIM, "YOUR TEETH ARE PART OF WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE, CLYDE, BUT THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY THING THAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT YOU.**

**YOU'RE BRAVE, KIND, AND A GREAT FRIEND TO ALL OF US."**



**AS THE DAYS PASSED, CLYDE'S TOOTH  
CONTINUED TO WIGGLE, AND ONE DAY, IT  
FINALLY FELL OUT.**

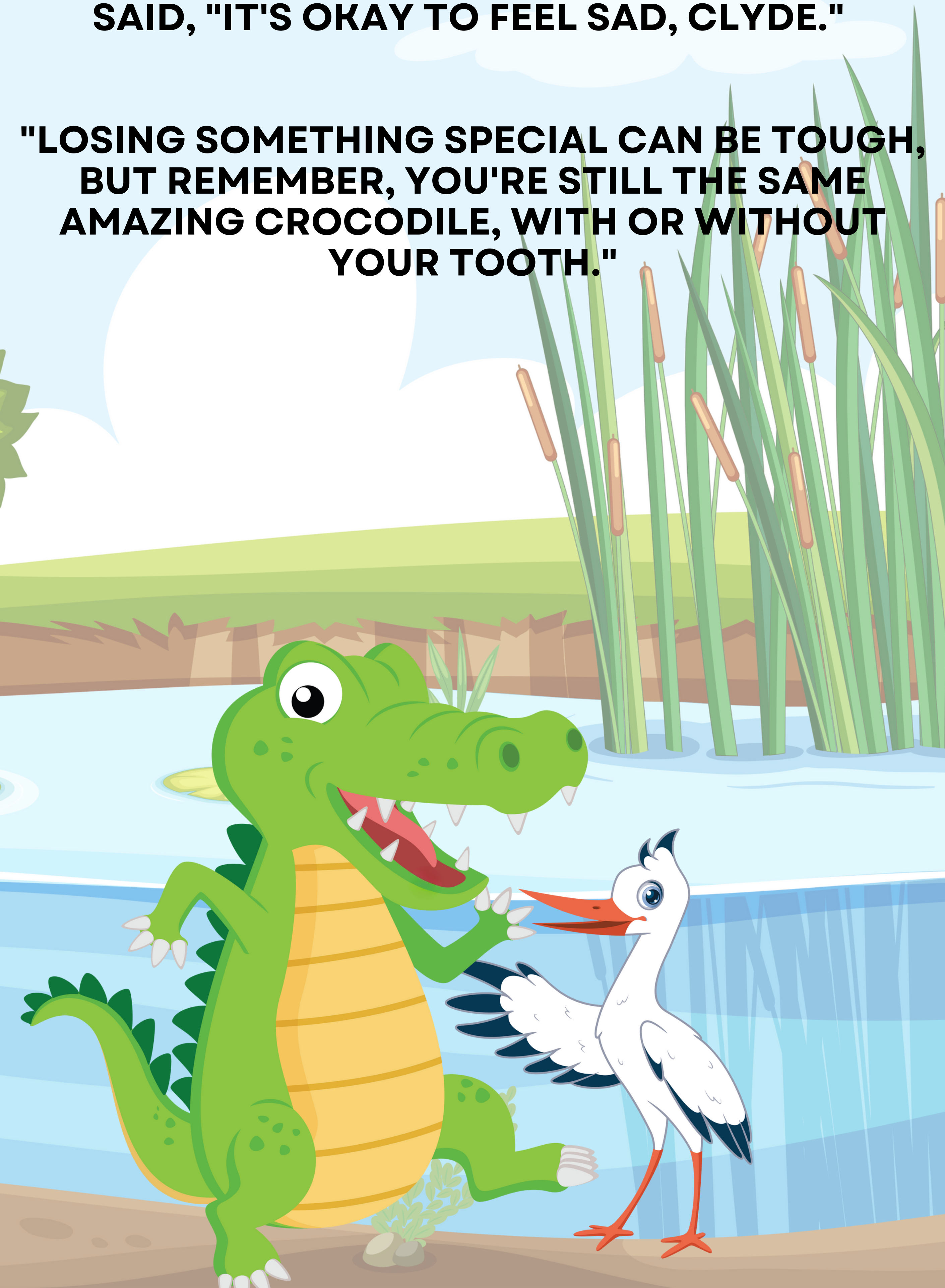
**CLYDE HELD HIS LOST TOOTH IN HIS CLAW AND  
COULDN'T HELP FEELING A BIT SAD.**



**"I MISS MY TOOTH", CLYDE SIGHED.**

**HARRY PUT HIS WING AROUND CLYDE AND SAID, "IT'S OKAY TO FEEL SAD, CLYDE."**

**"LOSING SOMETHING SPECIAL CAN BE TOUGH, BUT REMEMBER, YOU'RE STILL THE SAME AMAZING CROCODILE, WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR TOOTH."**





**CLYDE TRIED TO SMILE BUT WORRIED ABOUT THE GAP IN HIS TEETH. HE STAYED AWAY FROM HIS FRIENDS FOR A WHILE, WORRIED THAT THEY WOULD LAUGH AT HIM.**

**ONE DAY, WHILE SITTING ALONE BY THE WATER, CLYDE NOTICED SOMETHING HEARTWARMING.**

**A LITTLE FISH WHO HAD HURT ITS FIN WAS FEELING SAD AND LONELY. CLYDE SWAM OVER AND OFFERED A KIND SMILE, TELLING THE FISH THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE OKAY.**

**AS HE COMFORTED THE FISH, CLYDE REALISED THAT HIS SMILE, WITH OR WITHOUT HIS BEST TOOTH, COULD STILL BRING COMFORT AND HAPPINESS TO OTHERS.**



**FEELING A NEWFOUND SENSE OF COURAGE,  
CLYDE DECIDED TO JOIN HIS FRIENDS AGAIN.**

**TO HIS SURPRISE, THEY WELCOMED HIM WITH  
WARM SMILES AND OPEN ARMS.**

**"CLYDE, YOU'RE BACK! WE MISSED YOU", SAID  
HIS FRIEND ELLA, THE ENERGETIC OTTER.**



**CLYDE BEAMED, FEELING HAPPY AND ACCEPTED. "THANK YOU, EVERYONE."**

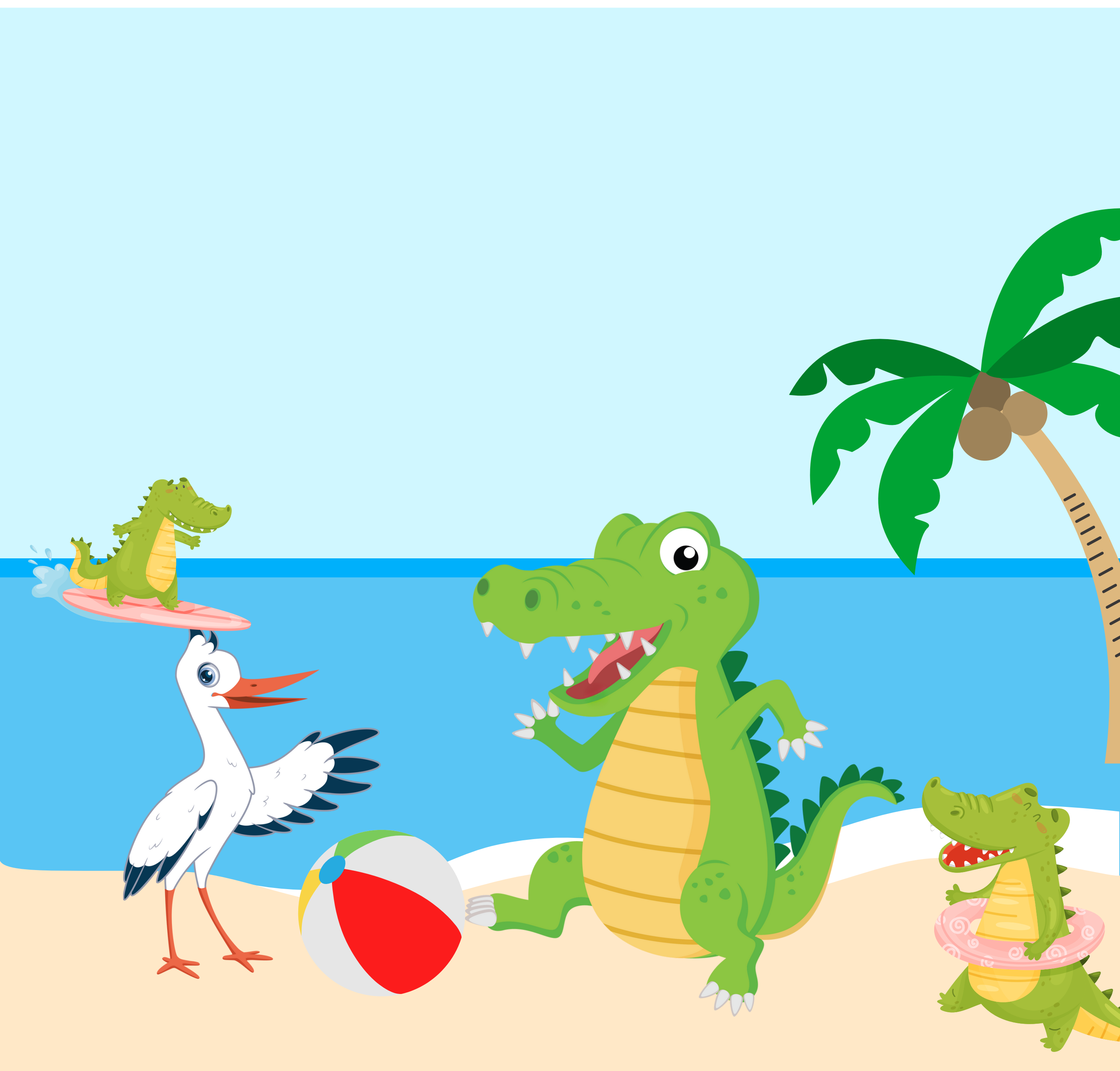
**"I MAY HAVE LOST A TOOTH, BUT I GAINED SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE, YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND MY COURAGE TO SMILE."**



**FROM THAT DAY ON, CLYDE EMBRACED HIS UNIQUE SMILE AND CONTINUED TO BE THE CONFIDENT AND CHEERFUL CROCODILE HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN.**

**HE LEARNED THAT EVEN WITH A LITTLE CHANGE, HE COULD STILL BE LOVED AND APPRECIATED FOR WHO HE WAS.**

**AND SO, IN THE HEART OF THE LIVELY SWAMP, CLYDE'S COURAGEOUS SMILE BECAME A SYMBOL OF ACCEPTANCE, KINDNESS, AND THE BEAUTY OF EMBRACING ONESELF, FLAWS AND ALL.**



**IN THIS THERAPEUTIC STORY, CHILDREN CAN EXPLORE THE THEME OF LOSS AND SELF-ACCEPTANCE.**

**THE STORY ENCOURAGES THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT LOSING SOMETHING SPECIAL DOESN'T DIMINISH THEIR WORTH OR THE LOVE THEY RECEIVE FROM OTHERS.**

**IT PROMOTES THE IDEA THAT TRUE BEAUTY LIES IN EMBRACING ONE'S UNIQUENESS AND HAVING THE COURAGE TO SMILE, EVEN IN THE FACE OF CHANGE.**

