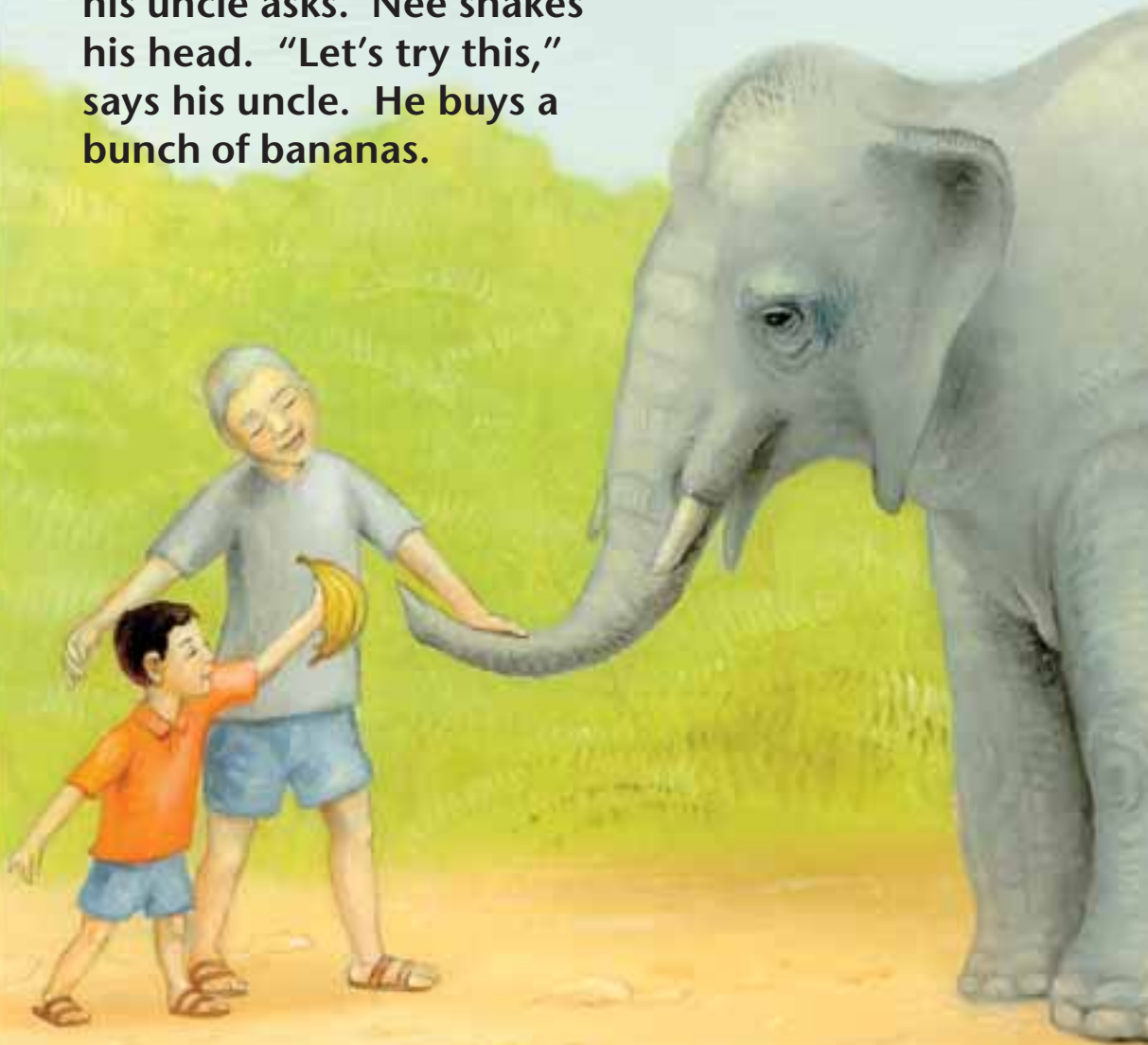


**“You don’t like elephants?”  
his uncle asks. Nee shakes  
his head. “Let’s try this,”  
says his uncle. He buys a  
bunch of bananas.**



**“Try feeding the elephant first before riding it.”  
He gives the bananas to Nee. Nee walks toward the  
elephant.**



**He sees the elephant's huge eyes. The elephant looks kind and gentle. Nee holds the bananas out. The elephant takes them with its trunk. The end of the trunk is soft. It tickles Nee and he starts to giggle.**