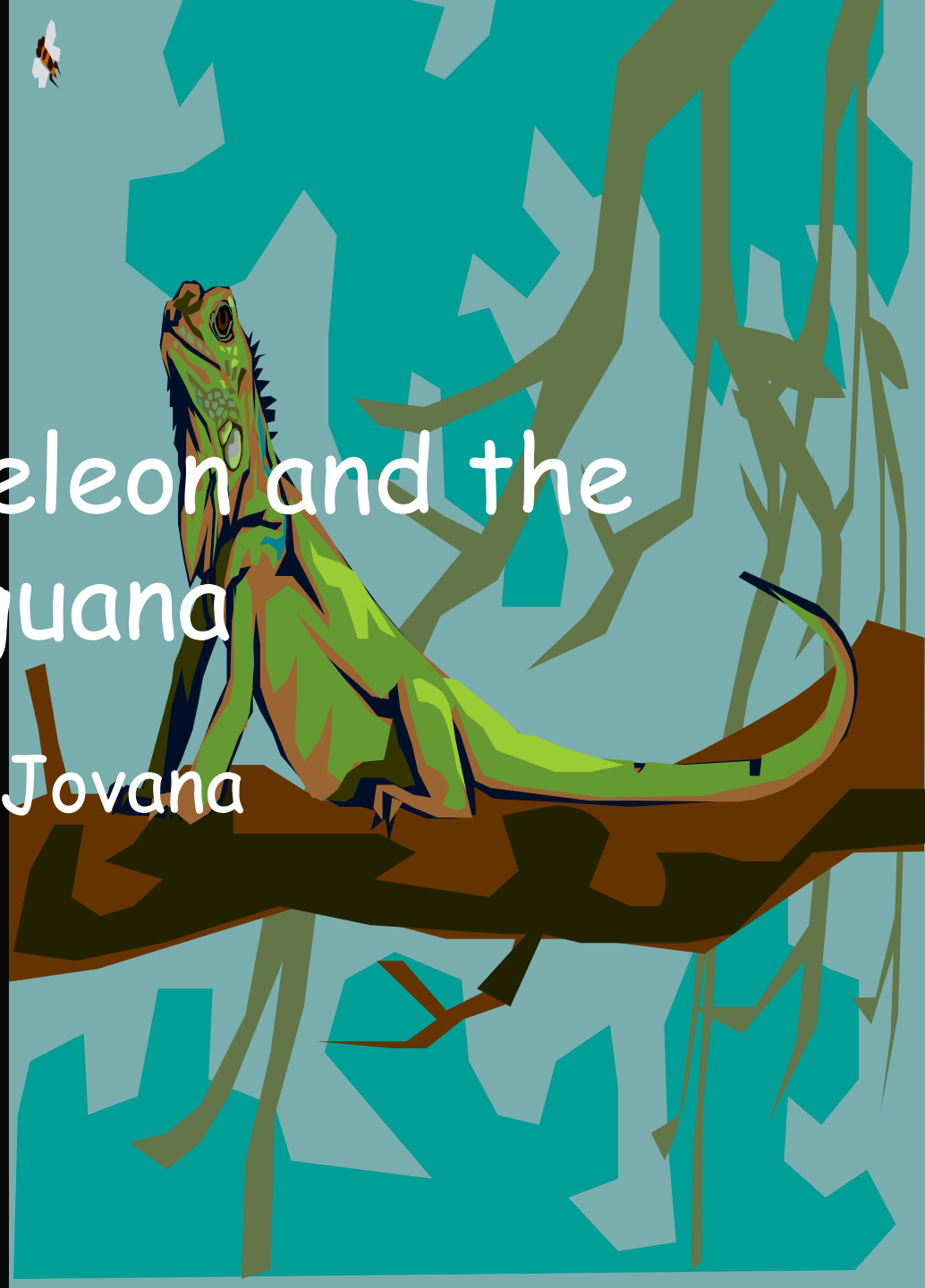




The Chameleon and the Iguana

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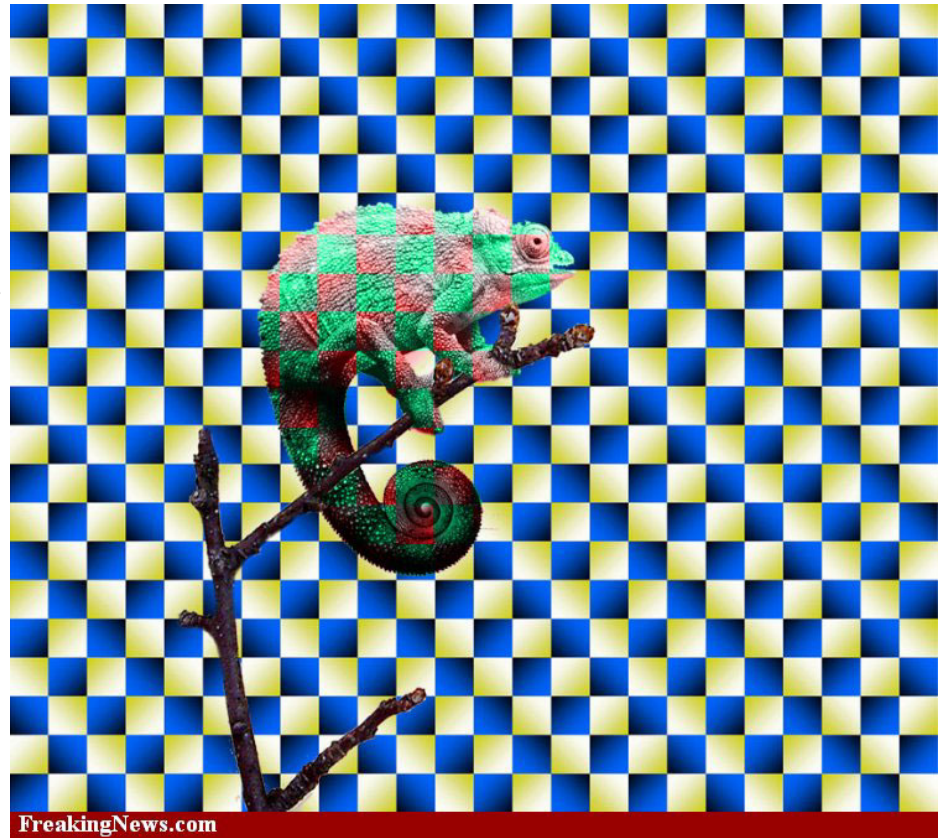
One day Pascal, the chameleon, was in his tree resting. It was a beautiful day. Then Iggie, the iguana, came up to Pascal and asked him, "Do you want to play hide and seek?"

Pascal said, "No because you won't be good at it."



Iggie said, "How am I not good at it?"

Pascal said, "Because you don't change colors like me! I'm great at this game, because I blend in. You will never find me, so don't even try." Pascal gave a dirty look to Iggie and left.



Iggie felt betrayed. He really wanted to become friends with Pascal. Then he went to visit Pascal again. This time he had a trick that would make him change colors just like Pascal.



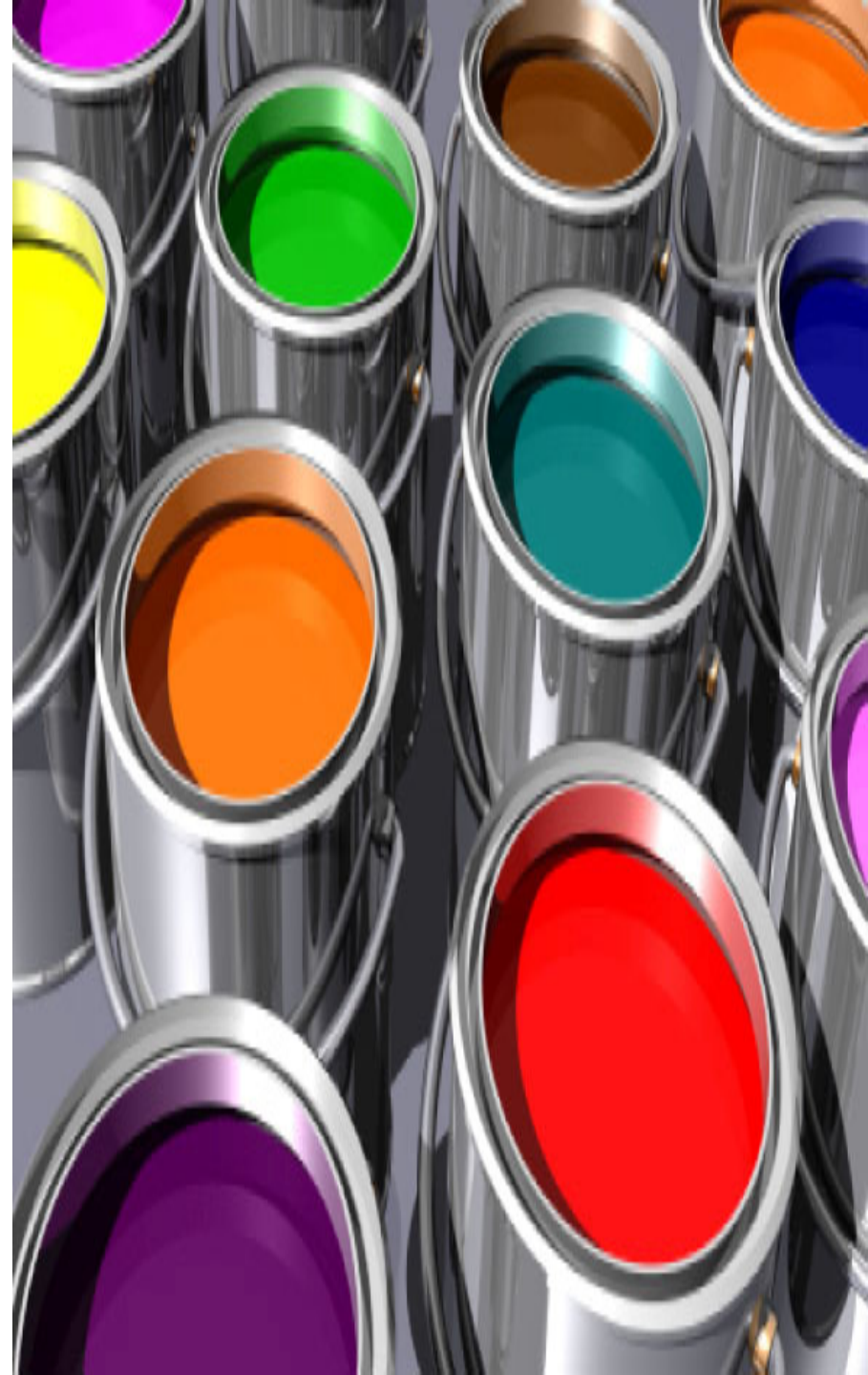
The next day, Iggy saw Pascal up in his tree. He immediately put the paint in his little bag that he brought with him. Next, Iggy climbed up the tree and said to Pascal, "Hey Pascal, Do you want to play hide and seek?"

"Didn't I tell you to leave me alone yesterday," Pascal said.

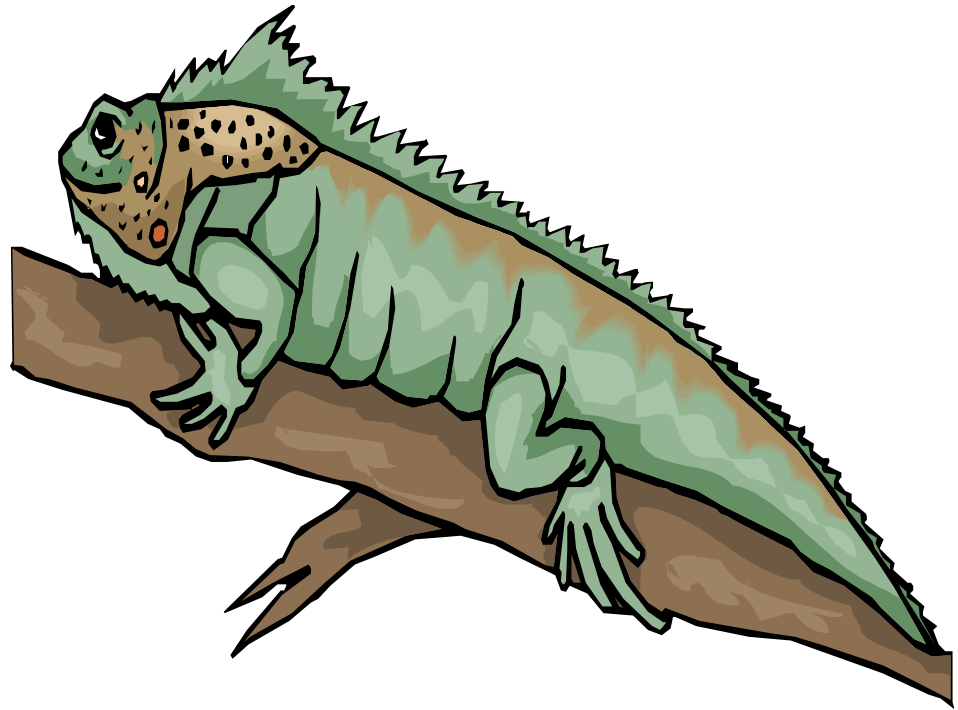
"Yes but I will be as good as you in hide and seek."

"Oh yea, what makes you think that?"

Iggy told him with a smirk on his face, "You'll see."



Iggie and Pascal started playing hide and seek. Pascal was counting, and he knew that Iggie was changing because he wanted to be just like him. He felt like he was in power. When Pascal was done counting, he went to look for Iggie. He easily found him lying on a branch with brown paint splattered all over him. The paint was dropping and fading away. Pascal said, "Hey, I can see you!"



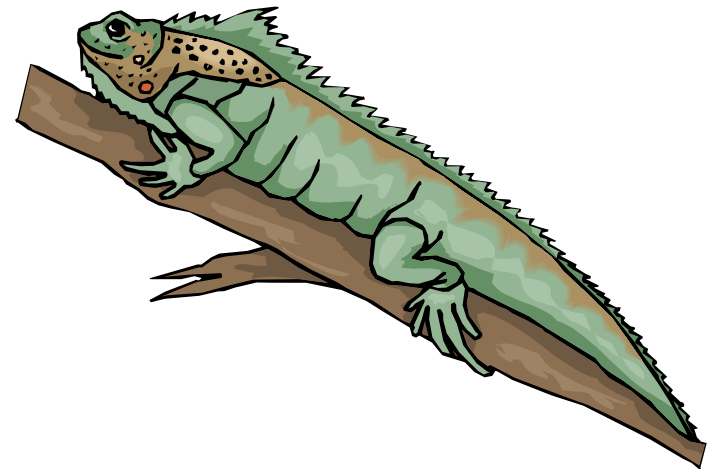
Iggie knew he failed to be his friend, but then a little bumble bee flew over him and asked him, "What's wrong?"

Iggie said, "I want to be Pascal's friend, but he won't be my friend because I don't change colors like him. I even changed myself to be his friend."

"Well, don't change yourself just to be Pascal's friend. One day there will be a friend that will like you for who you are."

"Thanks for the advice, Beezy."

"No problem, Iggie." Then he flew away.



MORAL

Don't change yourself just to be friends
with some one else; be yourself.