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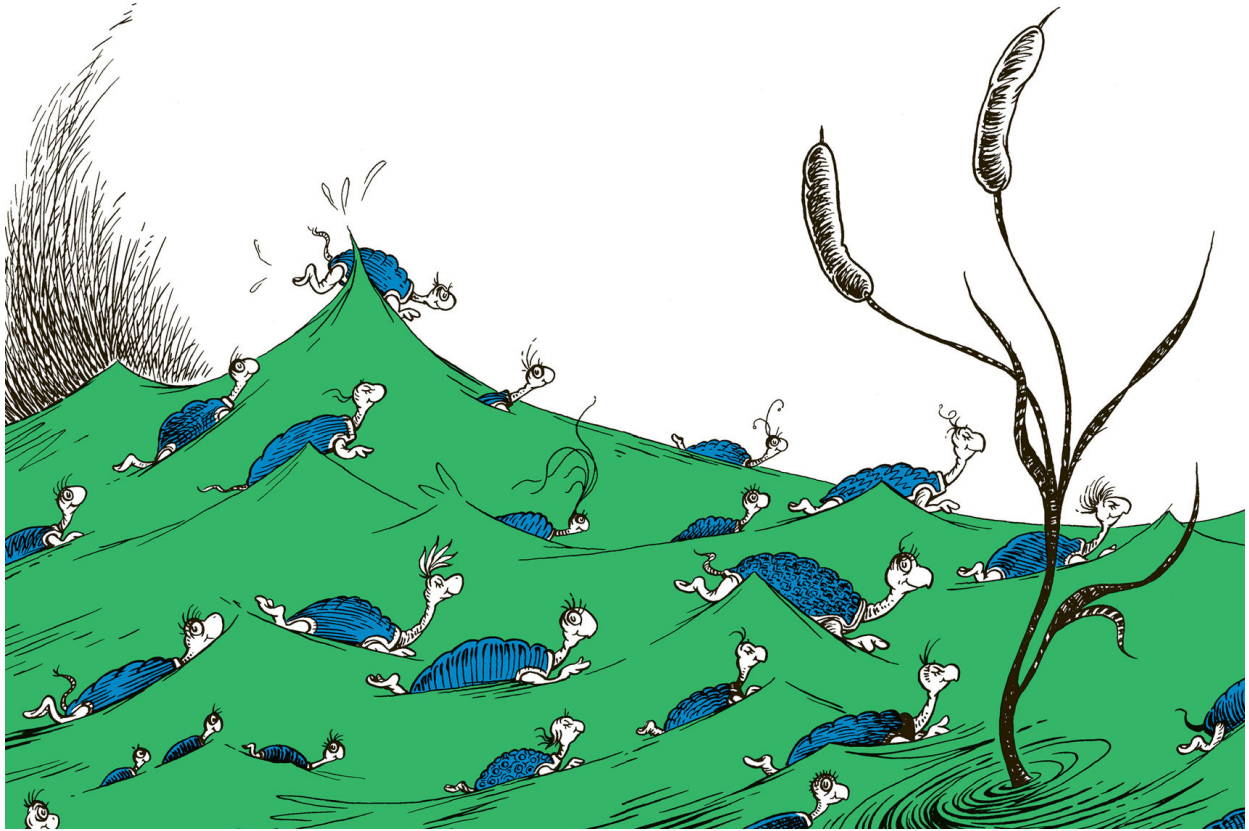
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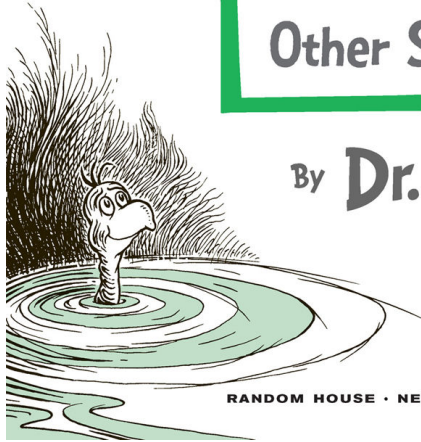




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On the far-away Island of Sala-ma-Sond,
Yertle the Turtle was king of the pond.
A nice little pond. It was clean. It was neat.
The water was warm. There was plenty to eat.
The turtles had grown up

They *were* . . . until Yertle, the king of them
all,
Decided the kingdom he ruled was too
small.
“I’m ruler,” said Yertle, “of all that I see.
But I don’t see *enough*. That’s the trouble
with me.
With this stone for a throne, I look down on
my pond
But I cannot look down on the places
beyond.
This throne that I sit on is too, too low
down.
It ought to be *higher!*” he said with a frown.
“If I could sit high, how much greater I’d
be!”





So Yertle, the Turtle King, lifted his hand
And Yertle, the Turtle King, gave a
command.

He ordered nine turtles to swim to his
stone

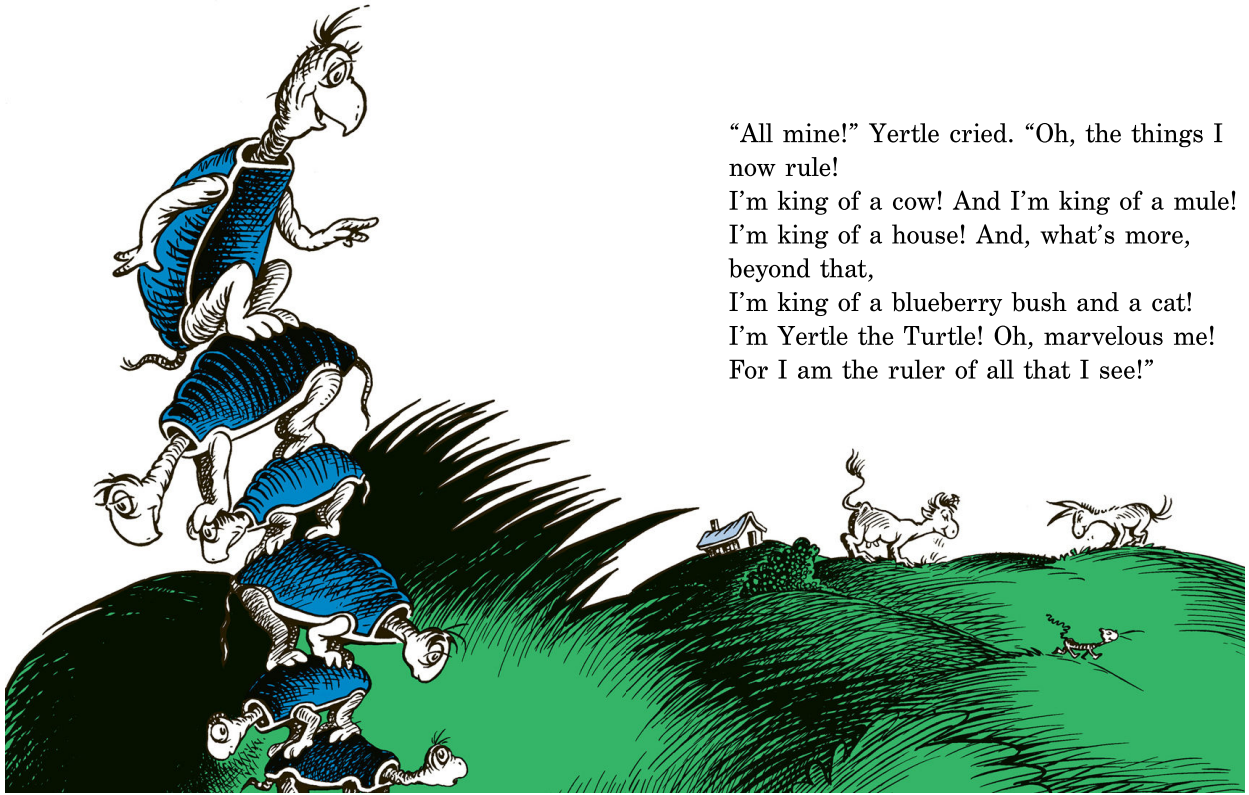
And, using these turtles, he built a *new*
throne.

He made each turtle stand on another
one's back

And he piled them all up in a nine-turtle
stack.

And then Yertle climbed up. He sat down
on the pile.

What a wonderful view! He could see 'most
a mile!



“All mine!” Yertle cried. “Oh, the things I now rule!
I’m king of a cow! And I’m king of a mule!
I’m king of a house! And, what’s more, beyond that,
I’m king of a blueberry bush and a cat!
I’m Yertle the Turtle! Oh, marvelous me!
For I am the ruler of all that I see!”