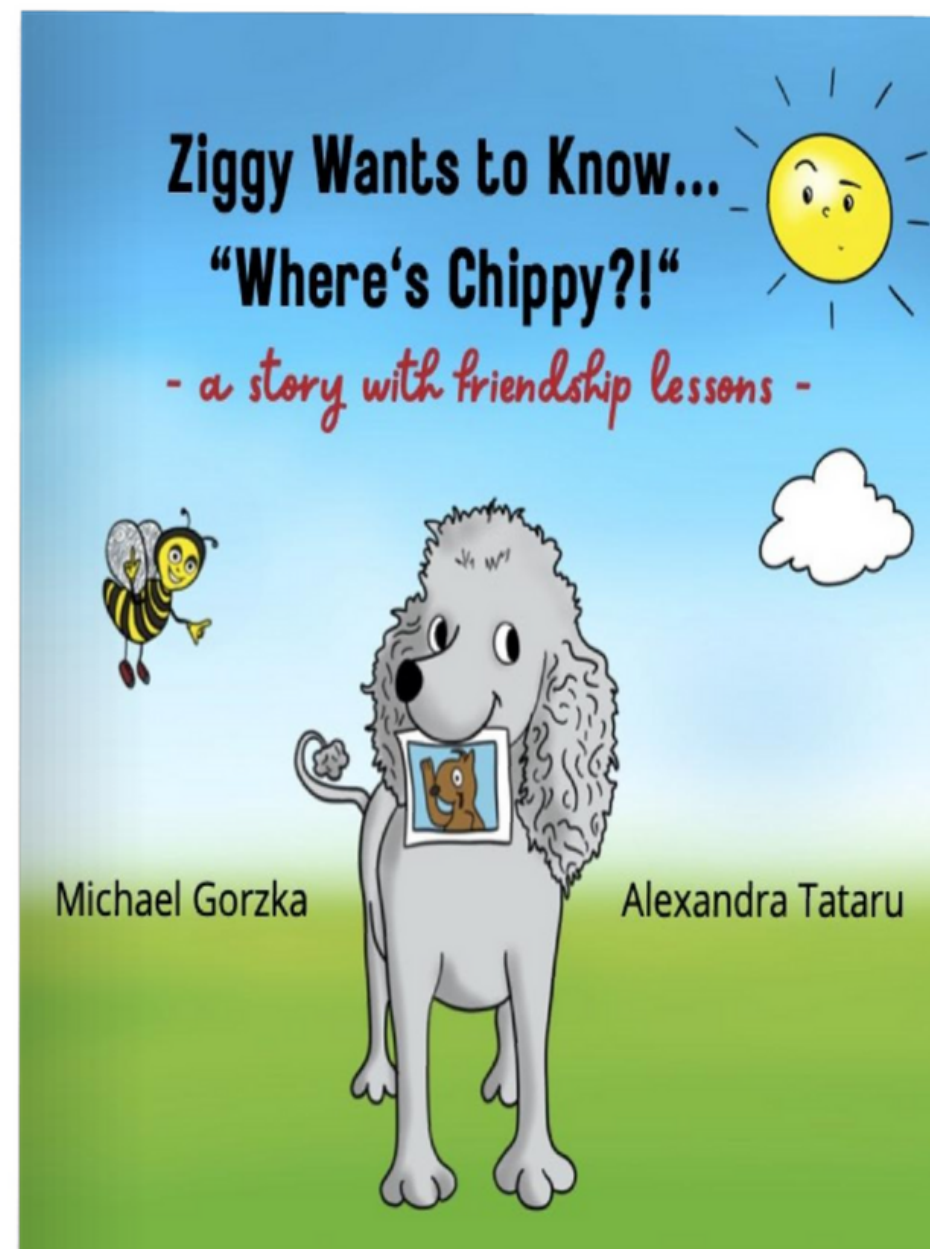
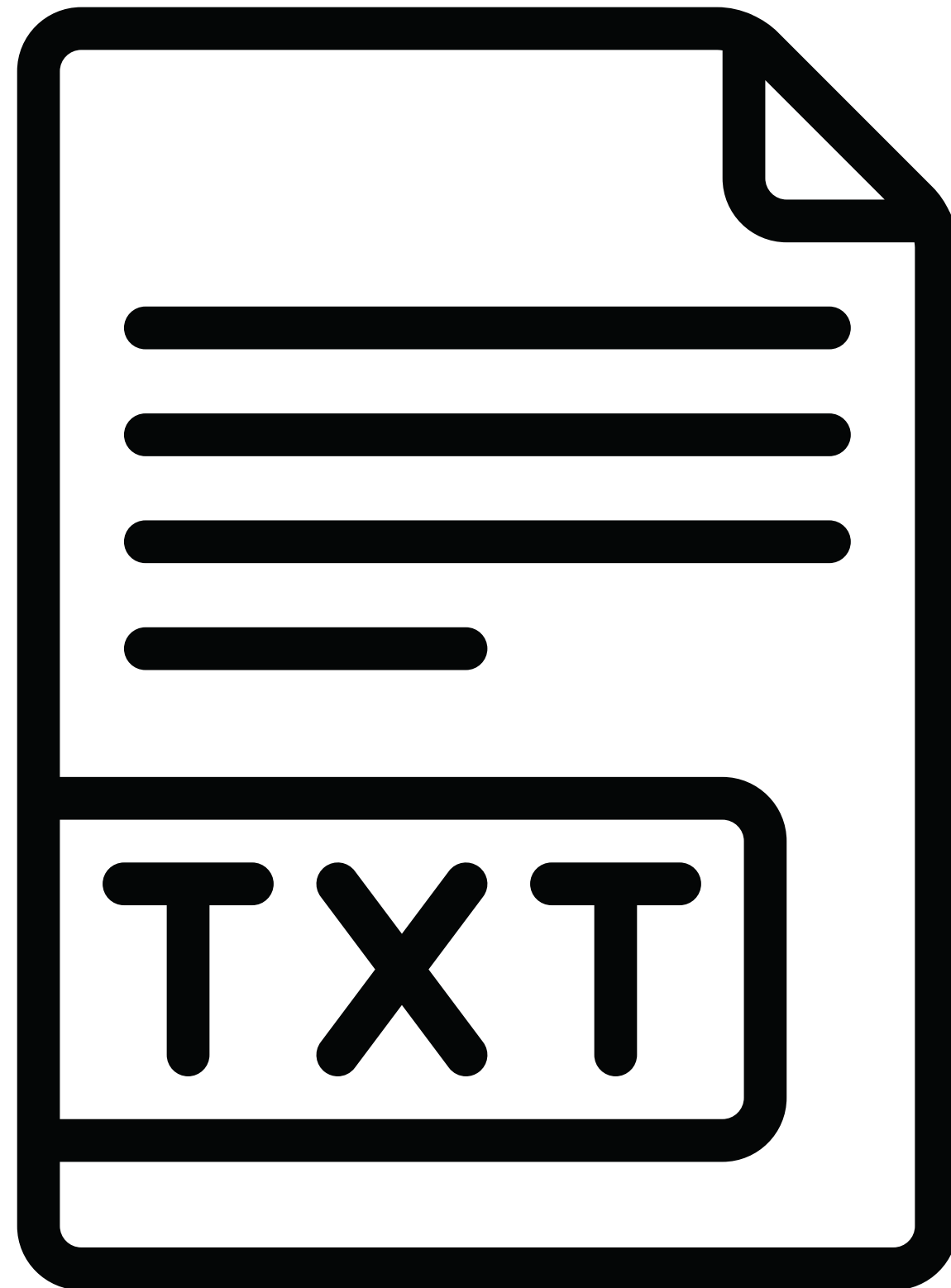


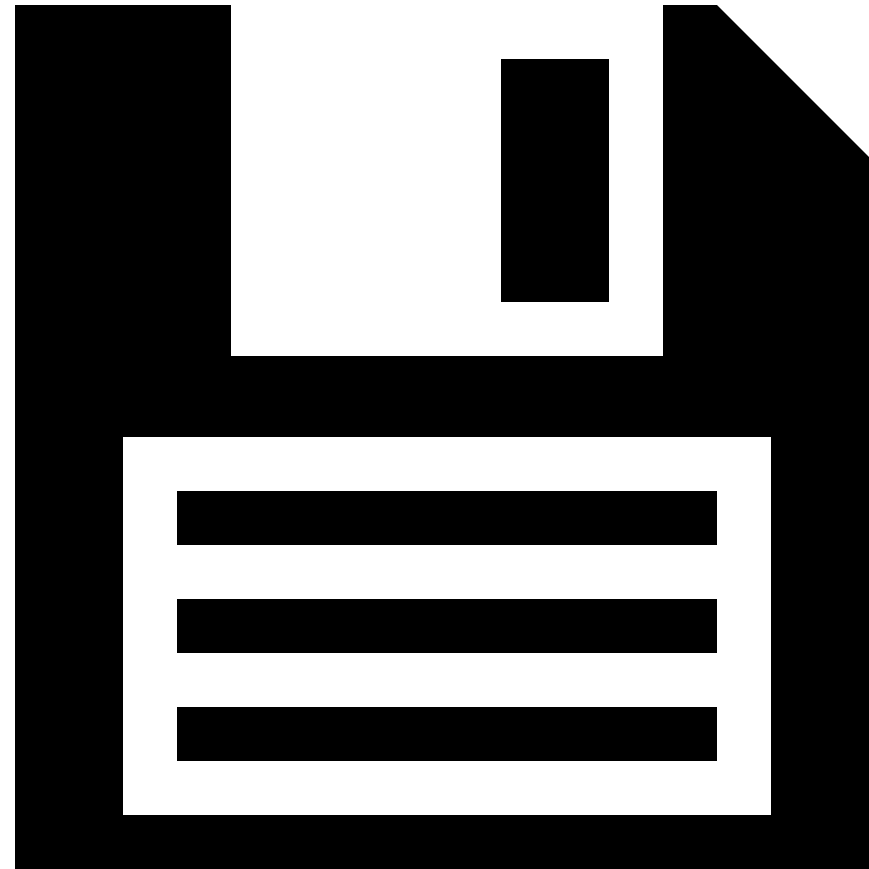
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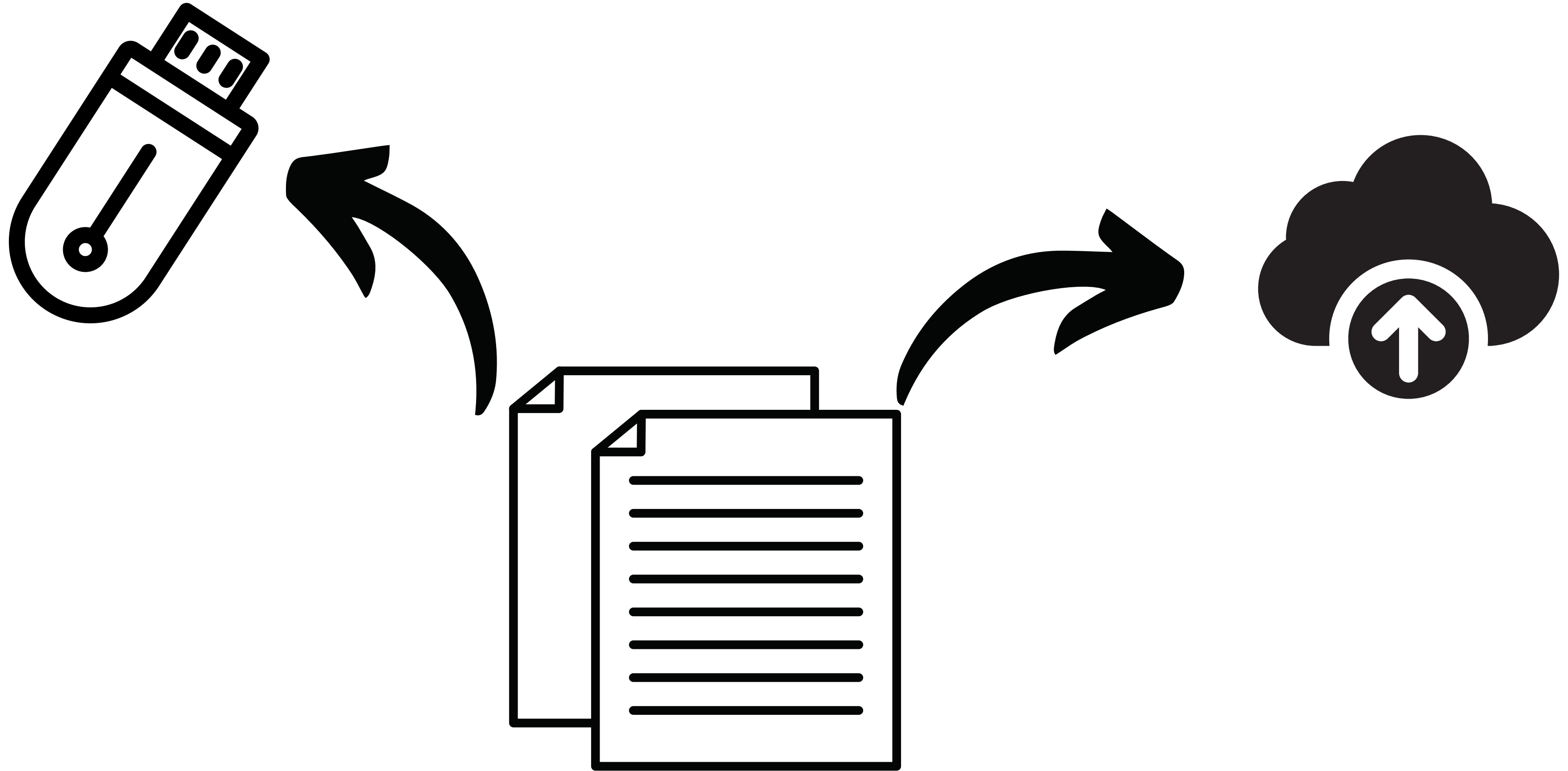
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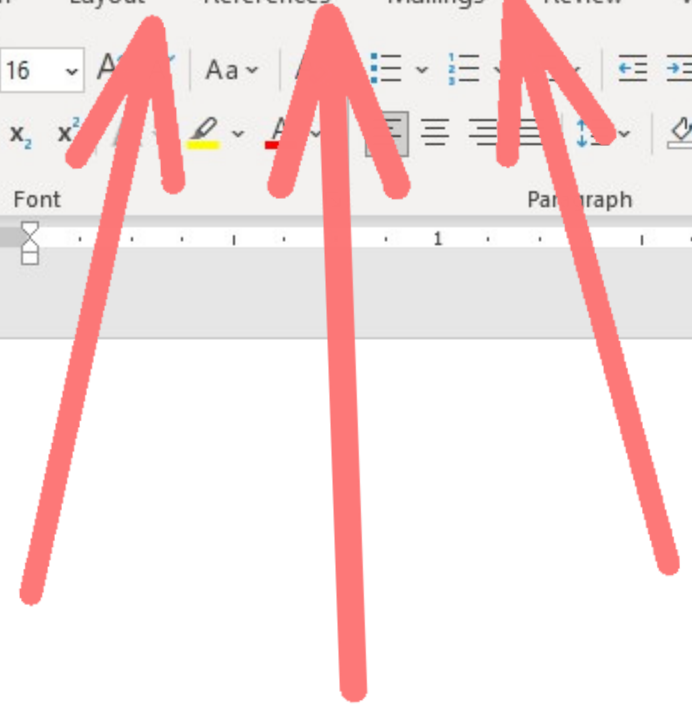


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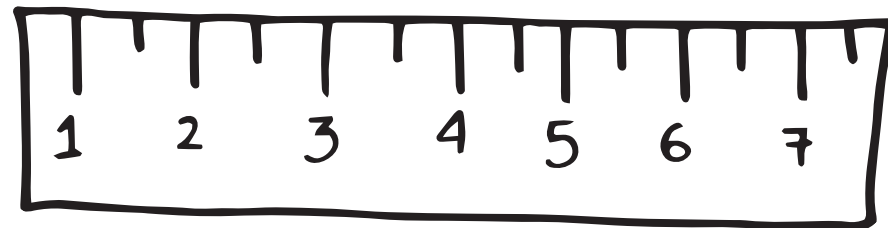
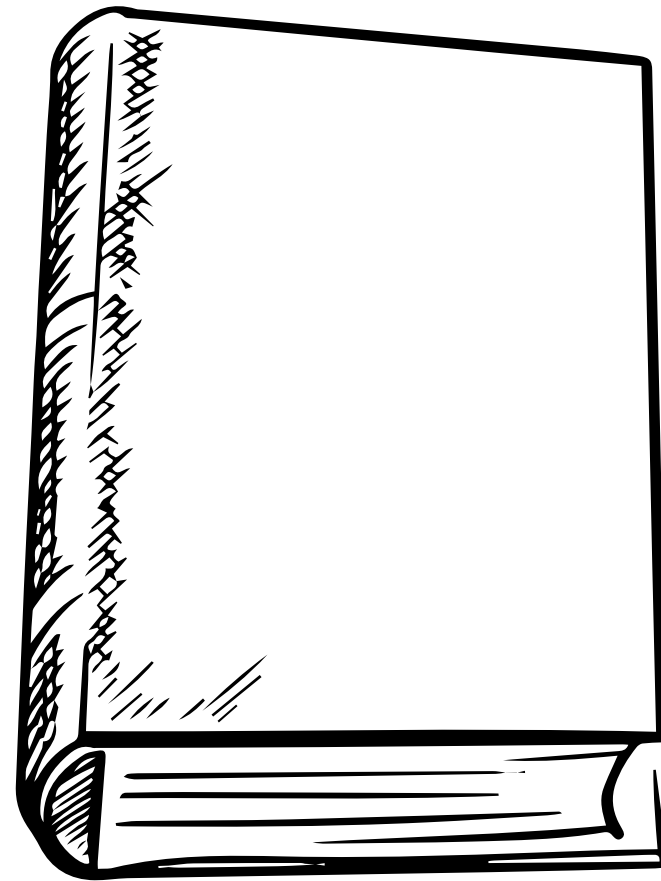
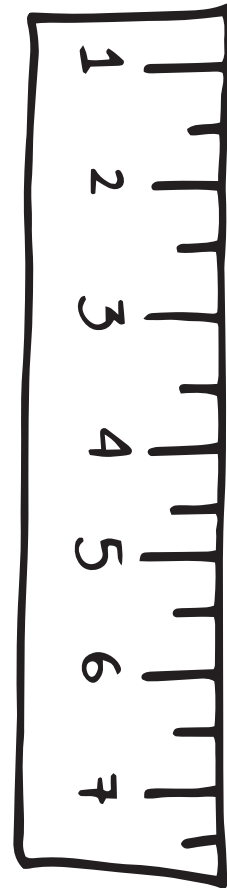
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5.5" x 8.5" (13.97 x 21.59 cm)	24 - 828	24 - 776	72 - 600	24 - 828
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8.25" x 6" (20.96 x 15.24 cm)	24 - 800	24 - 750	72 - 600	24 - 800
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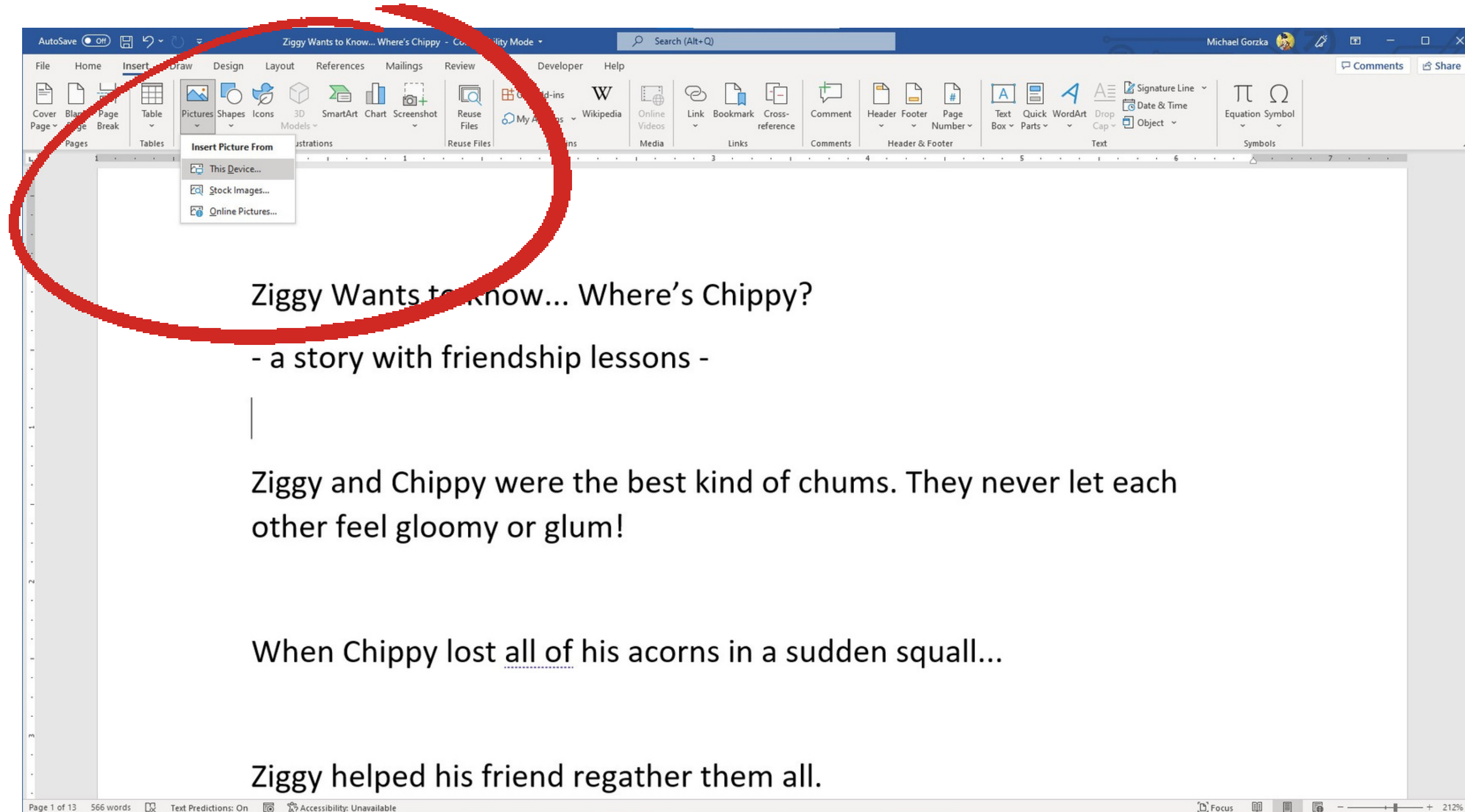
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Insert images

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When Chippy lost all of his acorns in a sudden squall...

Ziggy helped his friend regather them all.

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File name: title page

Tools: Insert Cancel

Ziggy and Chippy were the best kind of chums. They never let each other feel gloomy or glum!

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Position images on page

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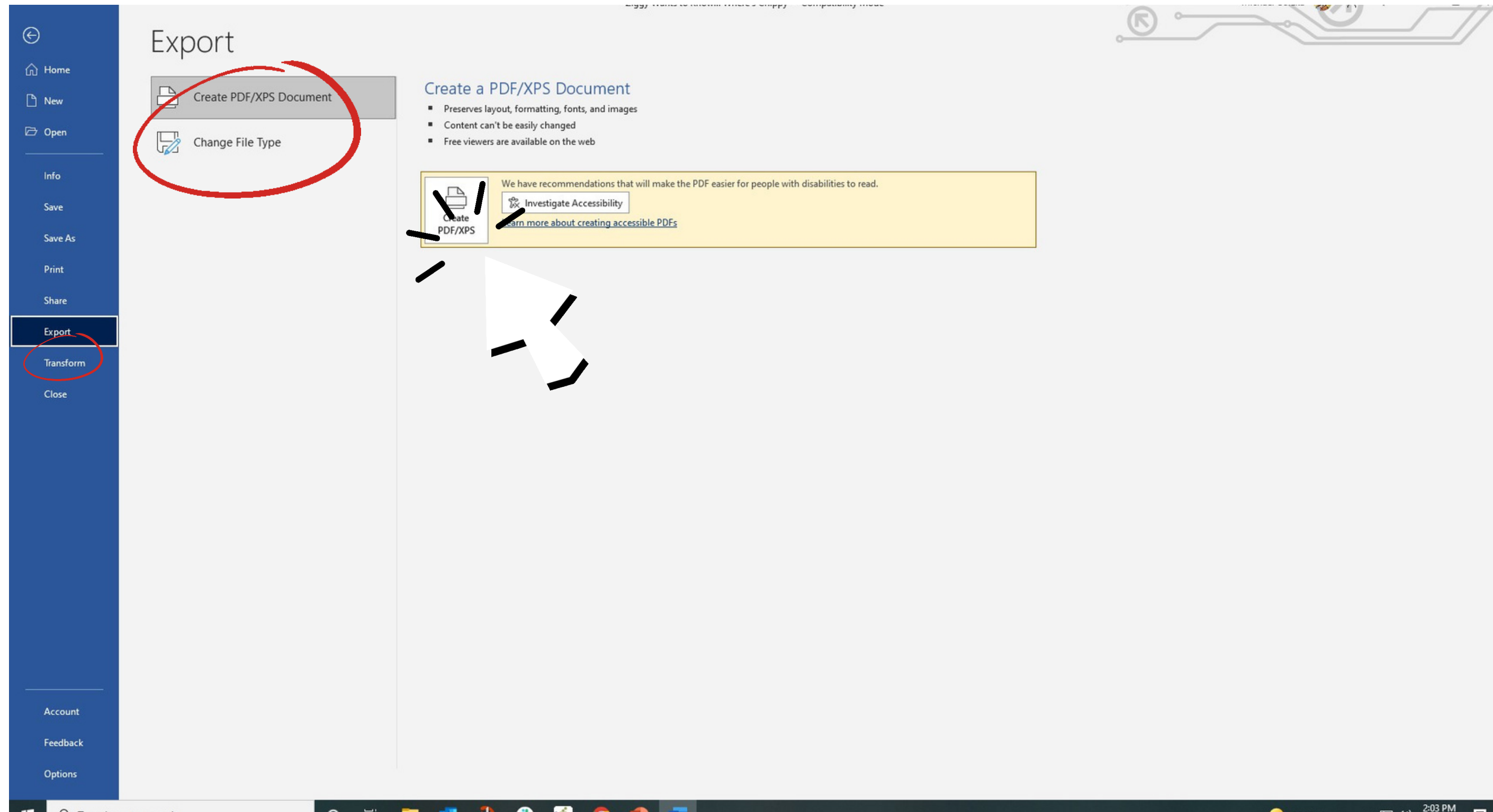
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Ziggy Wants to Know... Where's Chippy?
- *a story with friendship lessons* -

Below the text is a colorful illustration of a dog character named Ziggy. Ziggy is a grey dog wearing a green beanie, red jacket, blue scarf, and green pants. He is riding a blue scooter on a yellow path through a green field with small red flowers under a blue sky with a white cloud.

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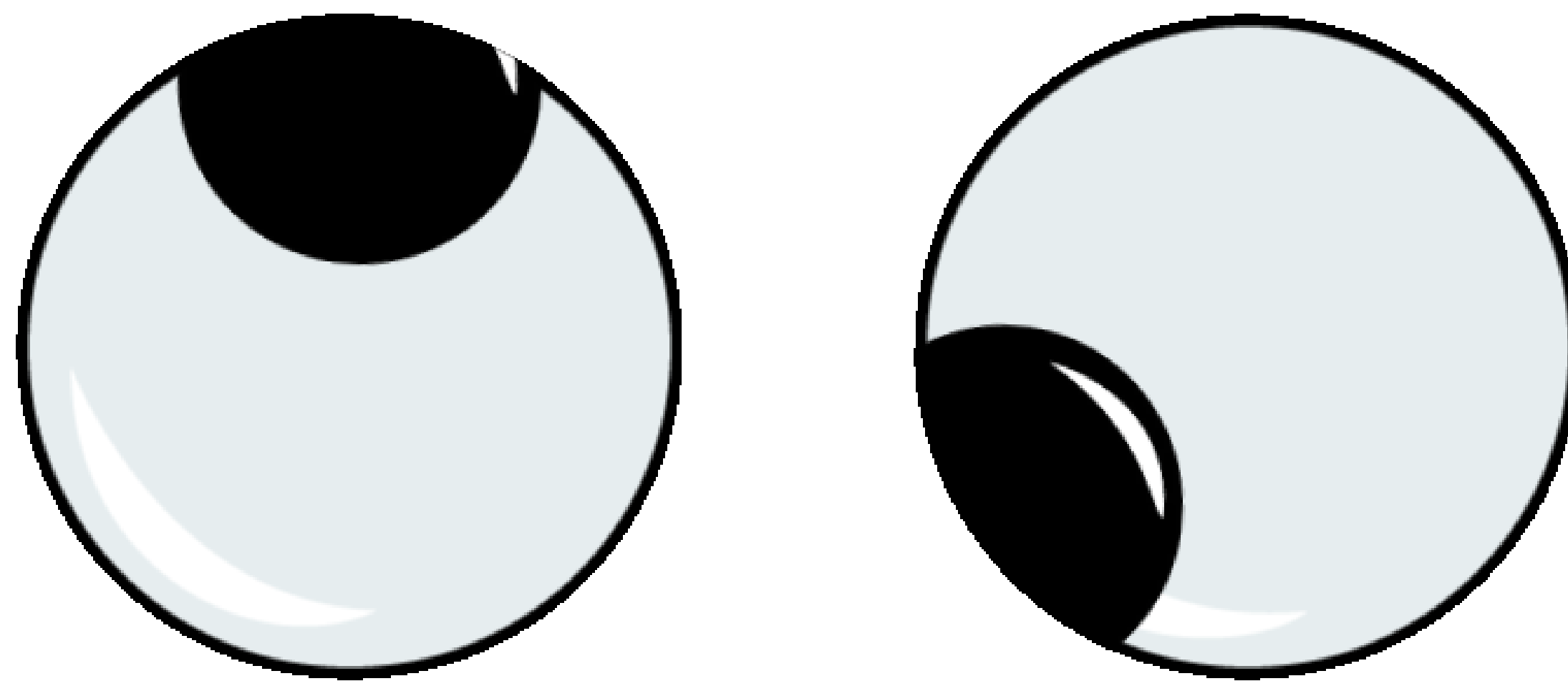


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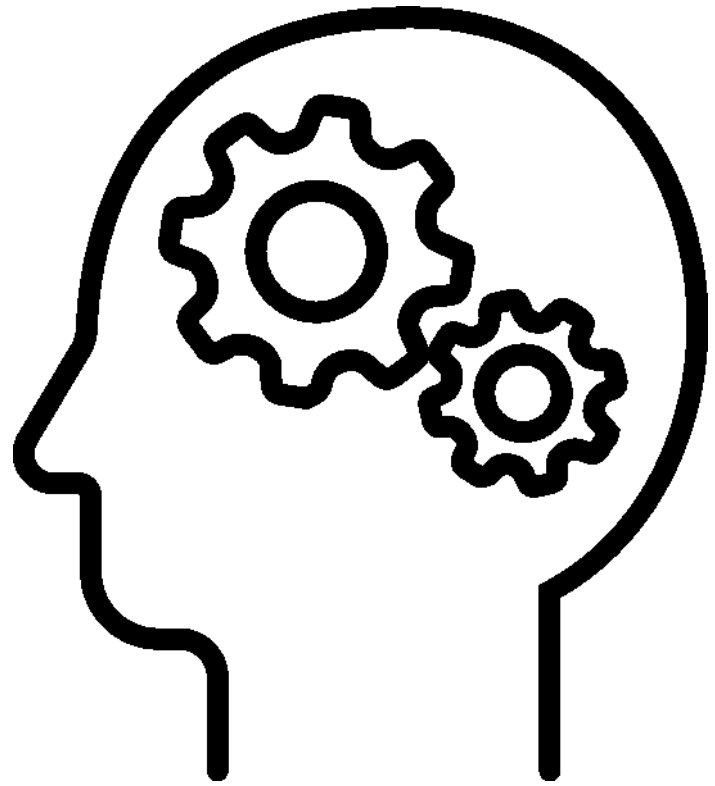
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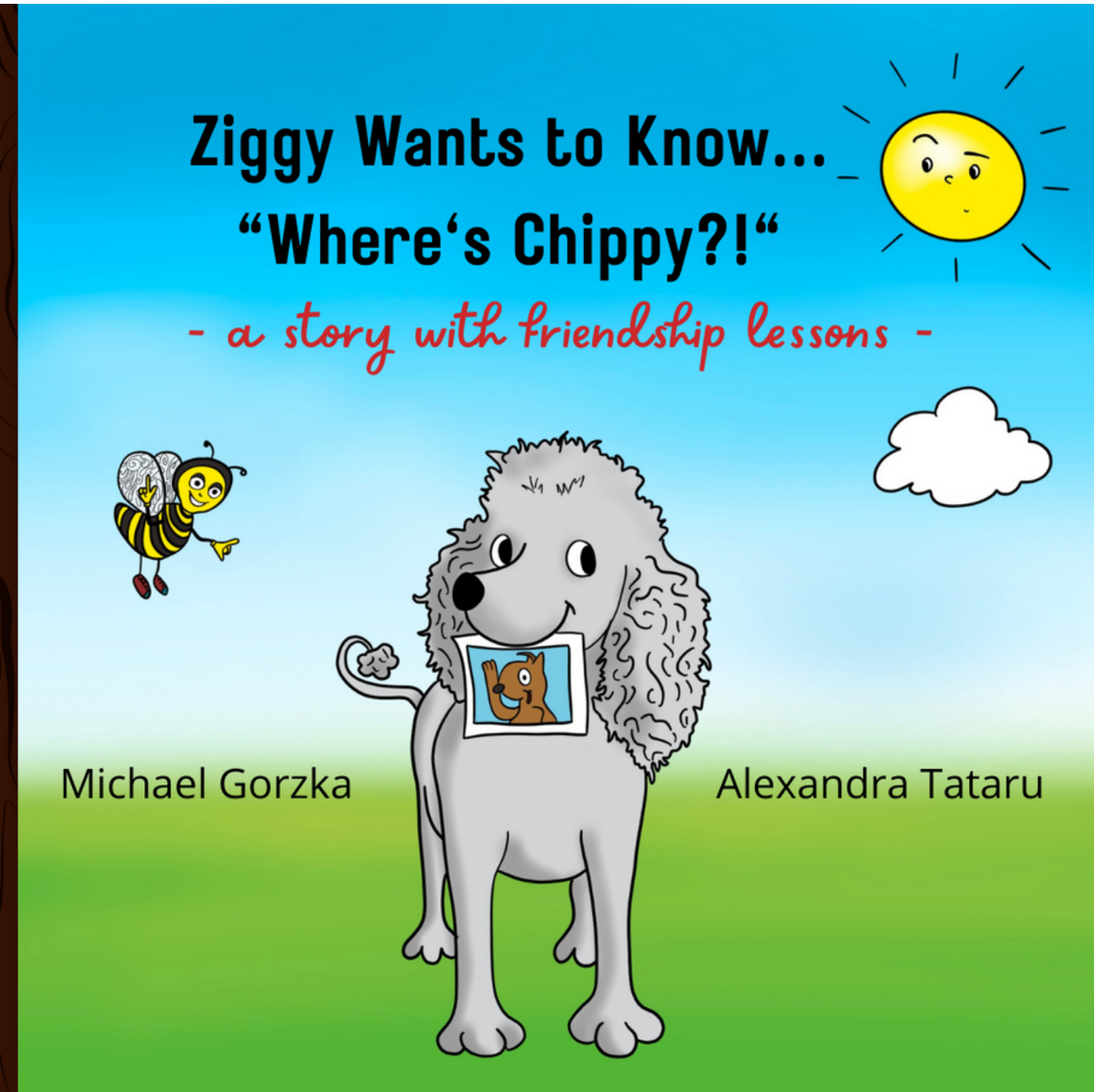


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**Think about what you want to do and then
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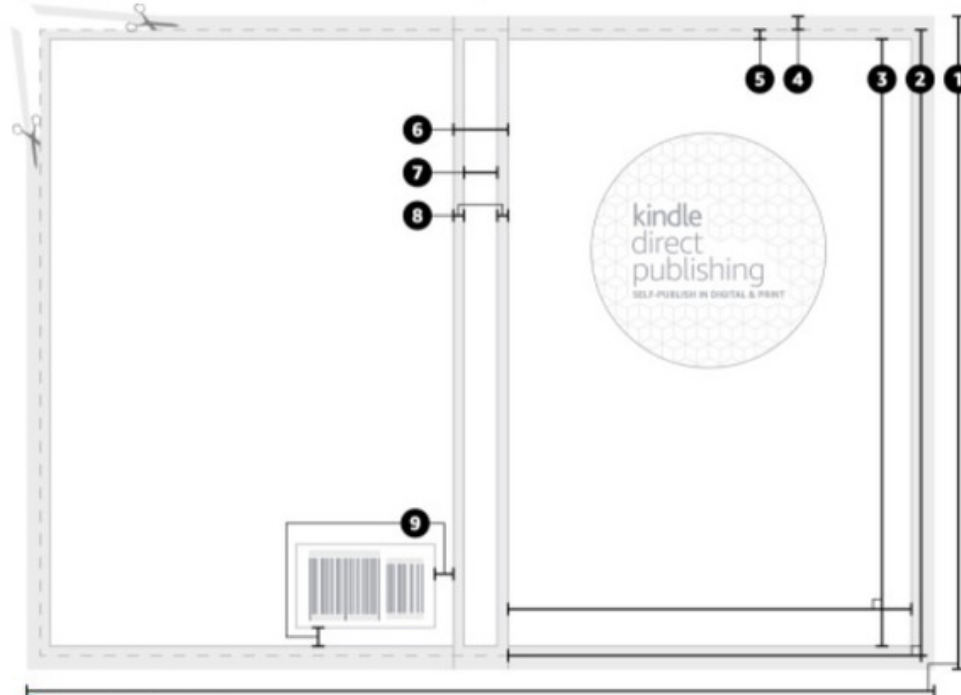


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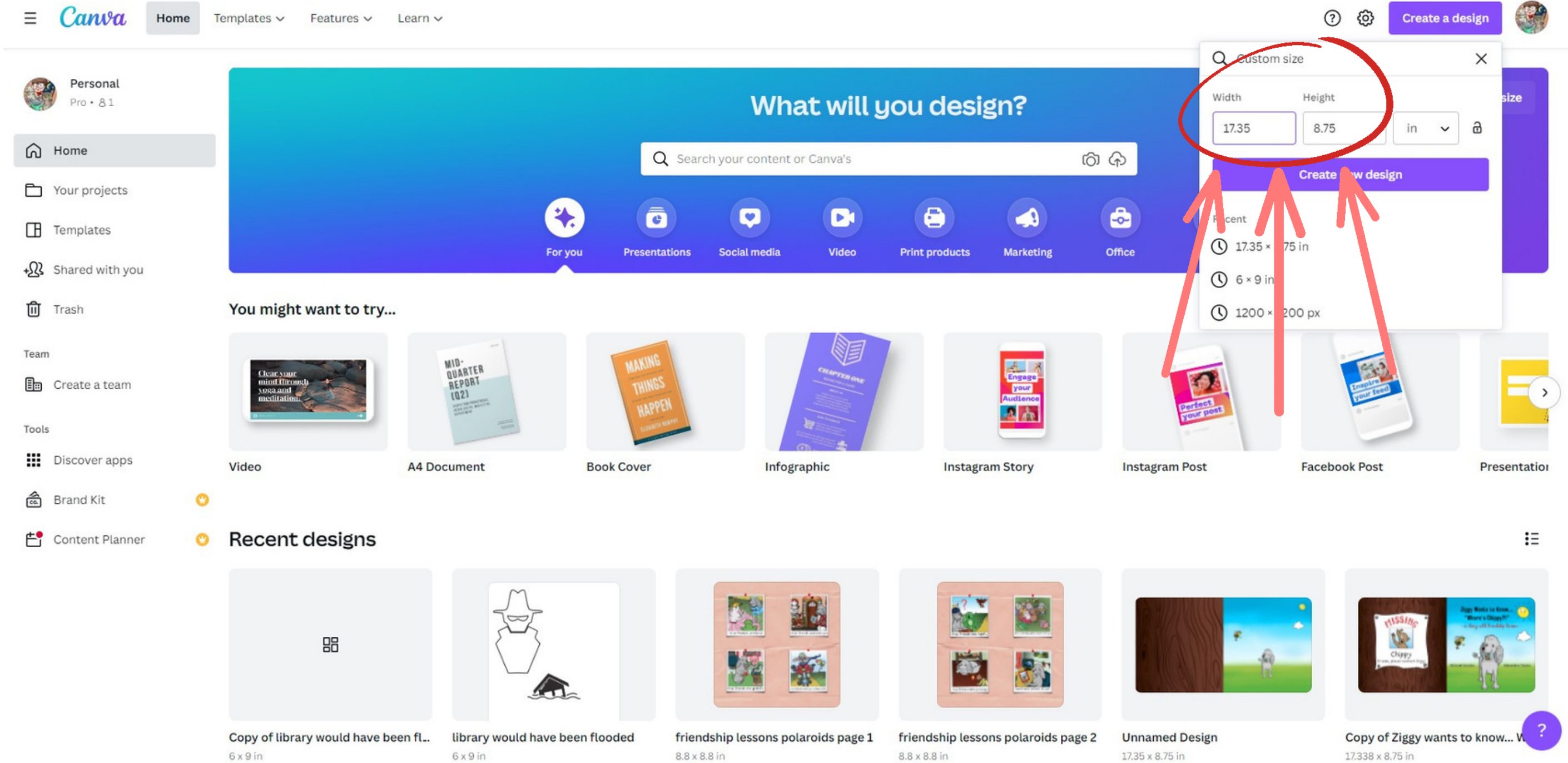
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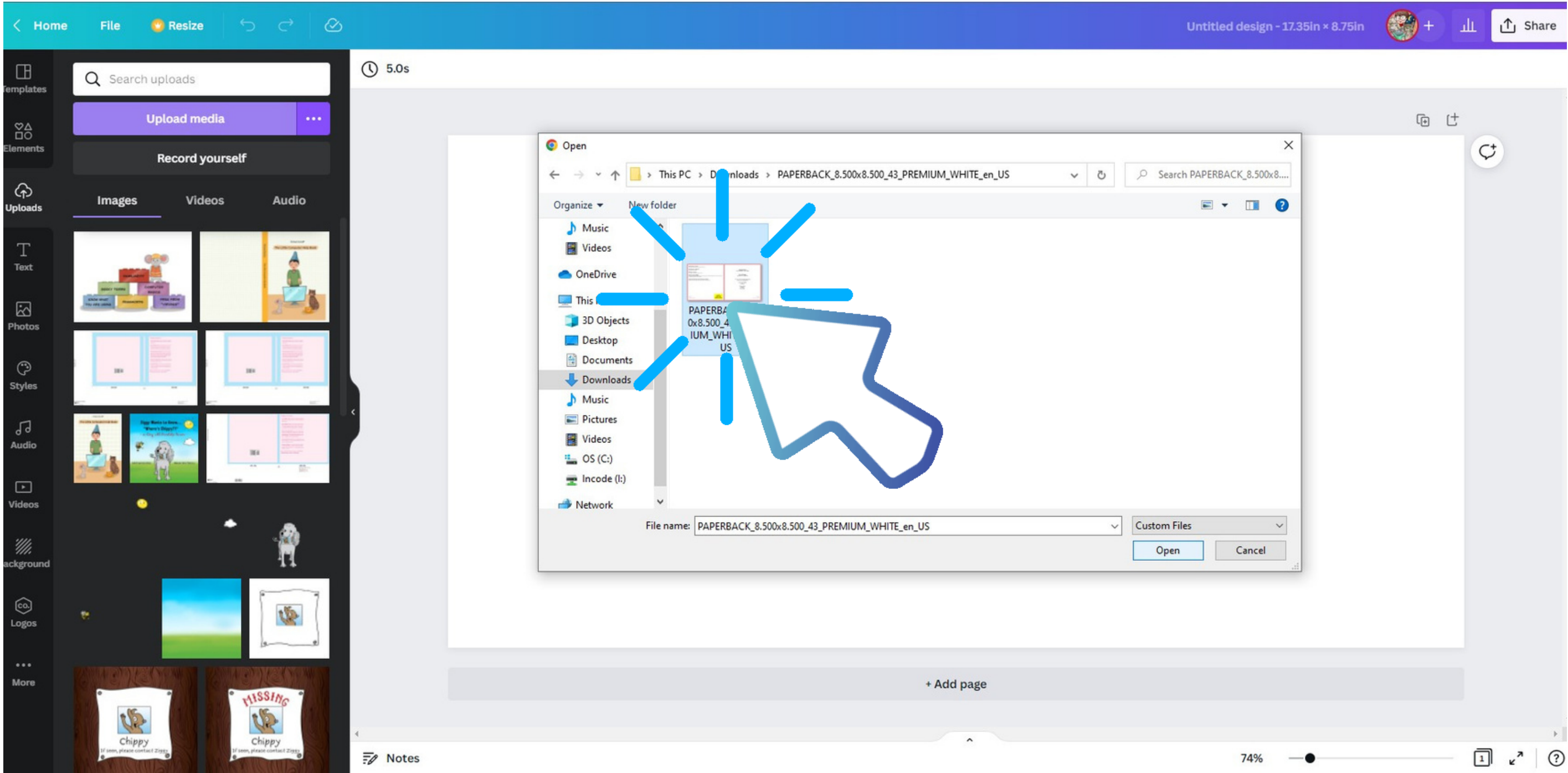
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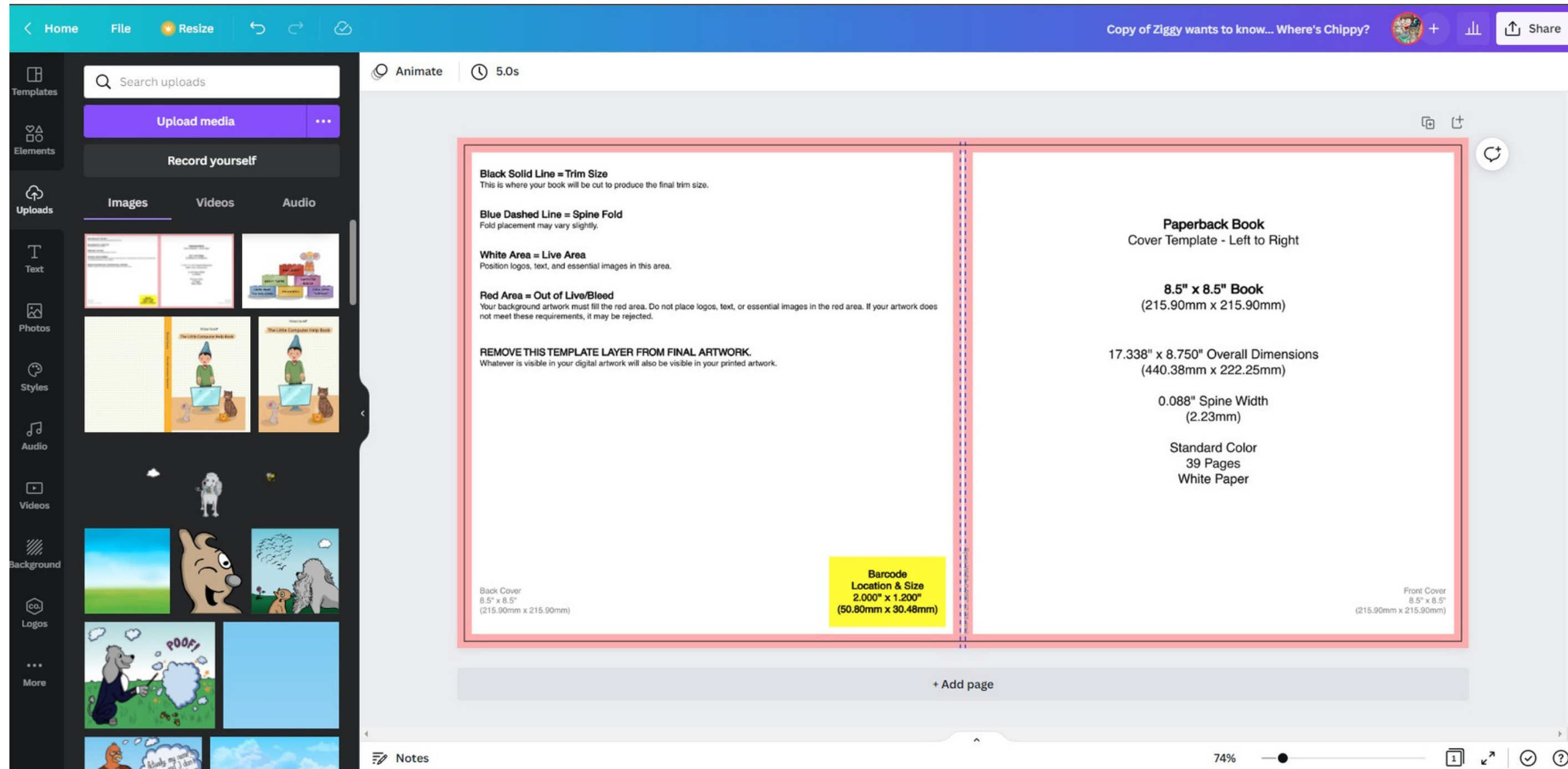
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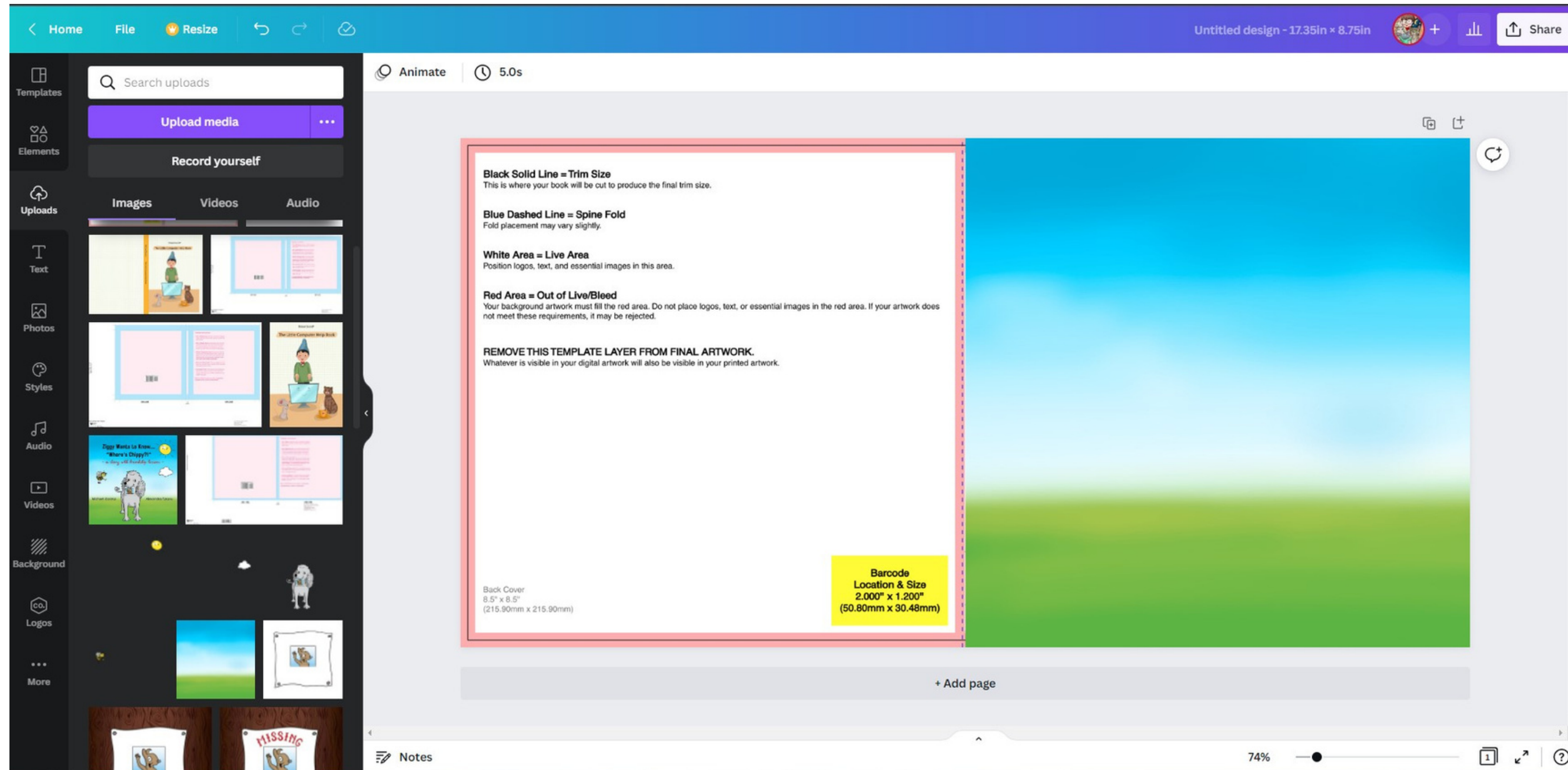
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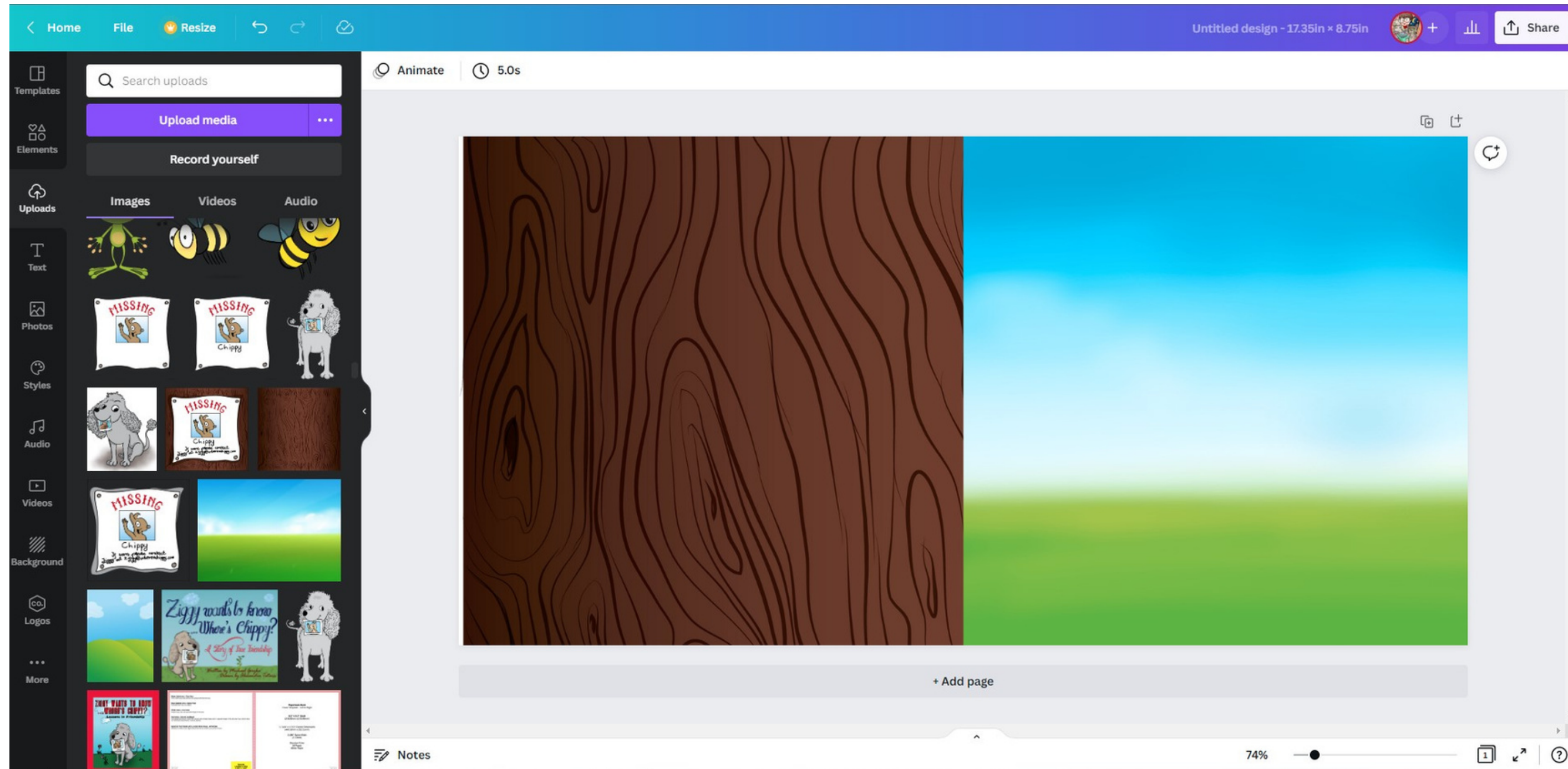
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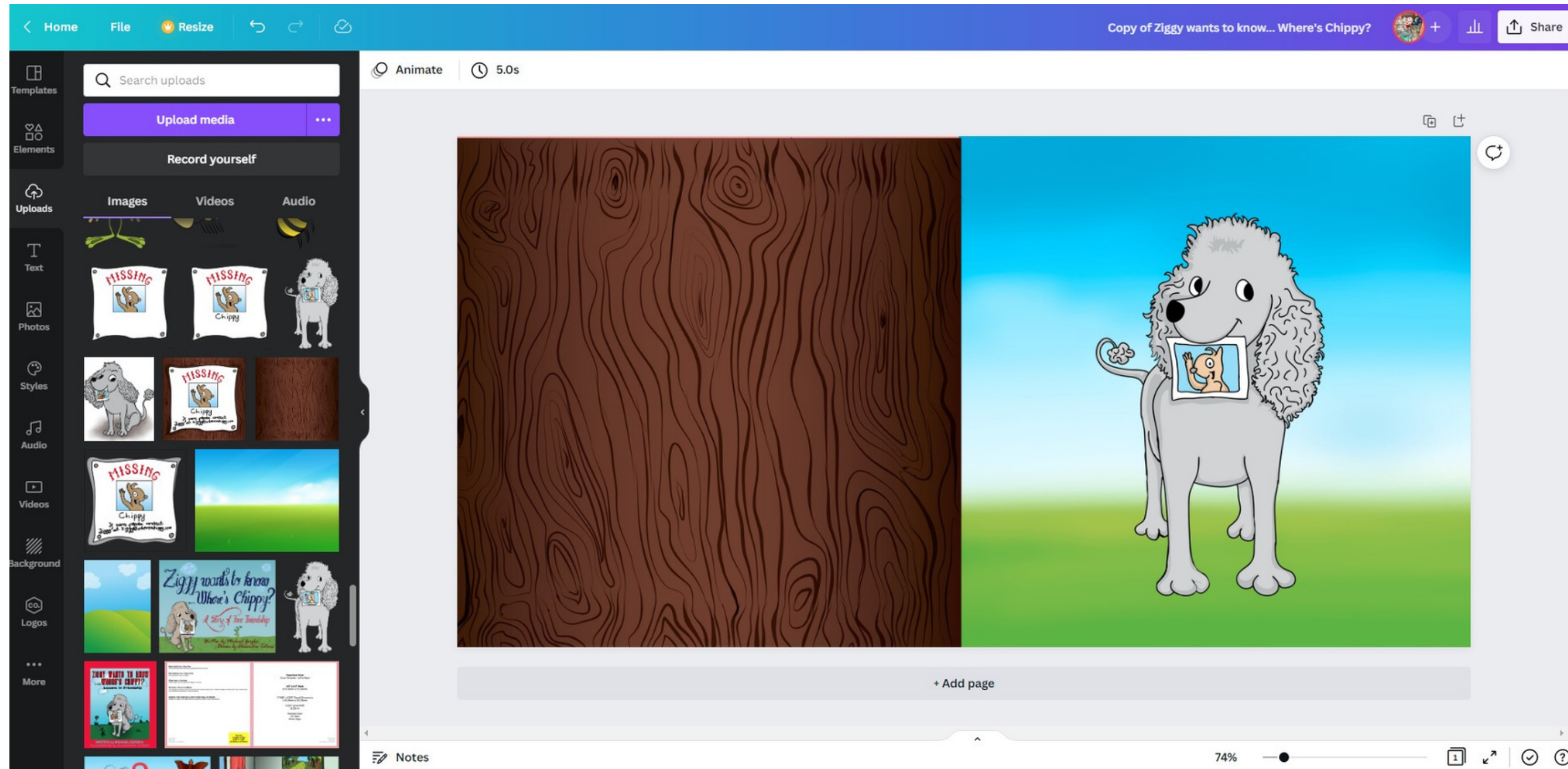
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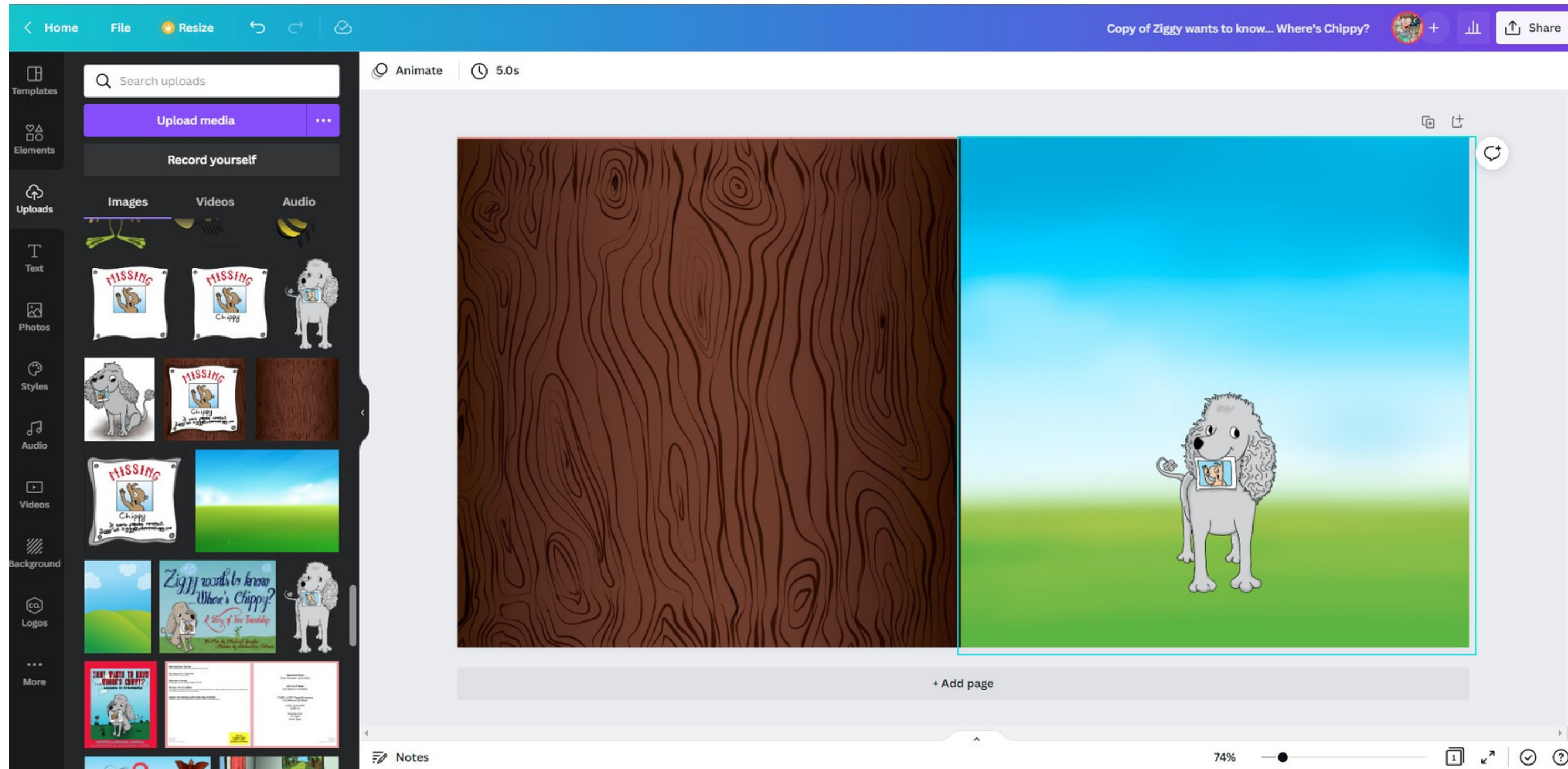
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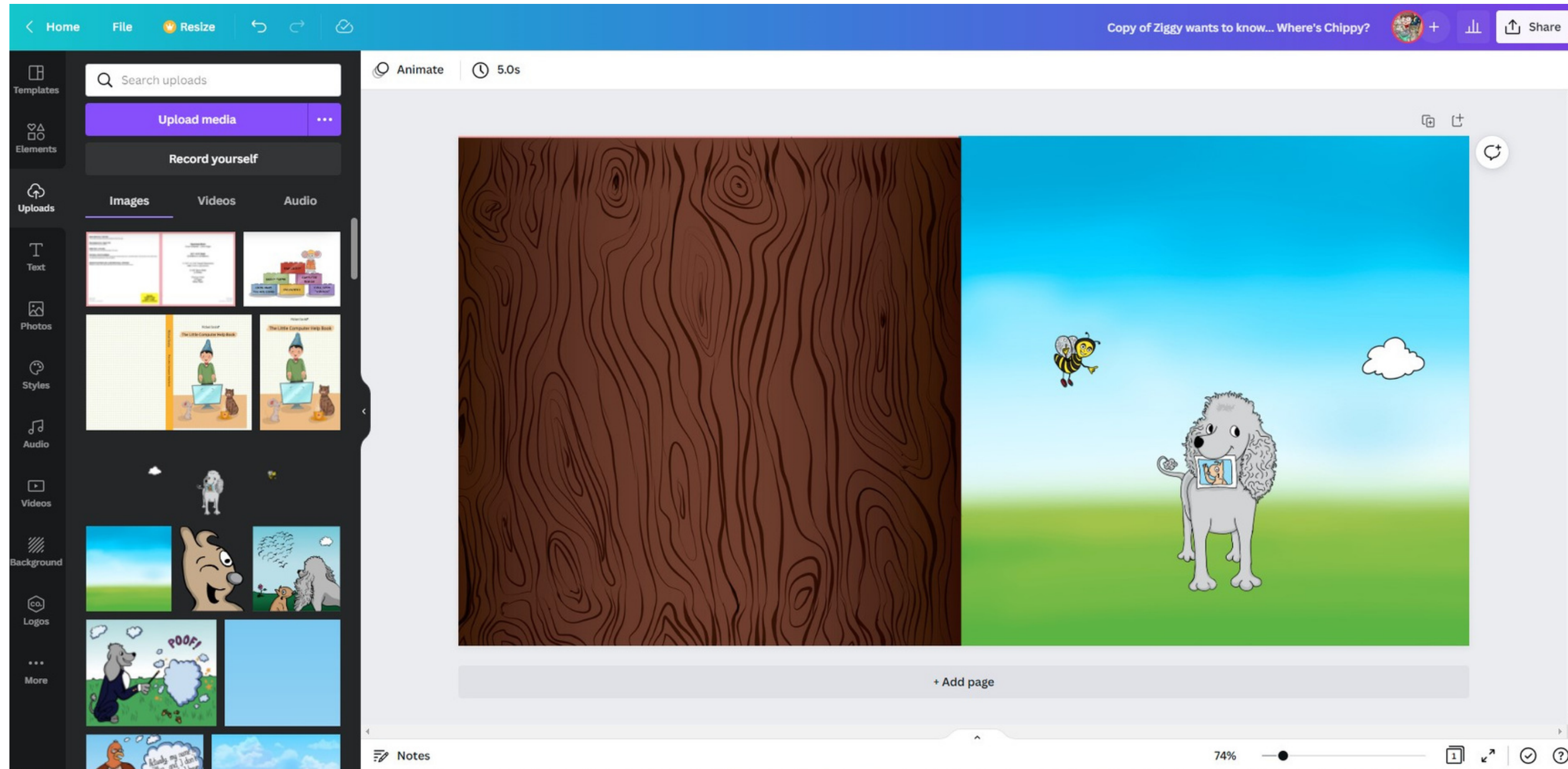
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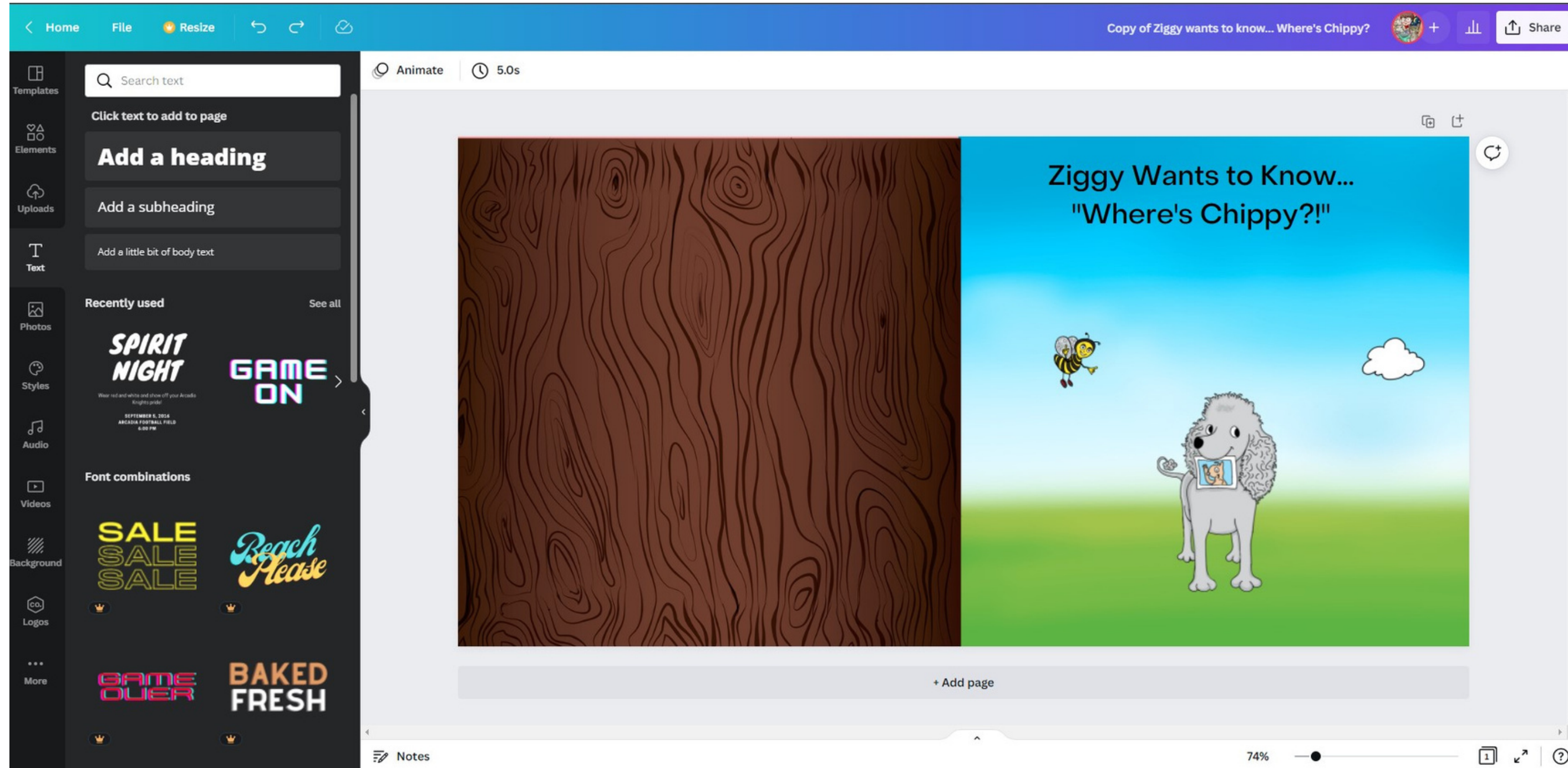
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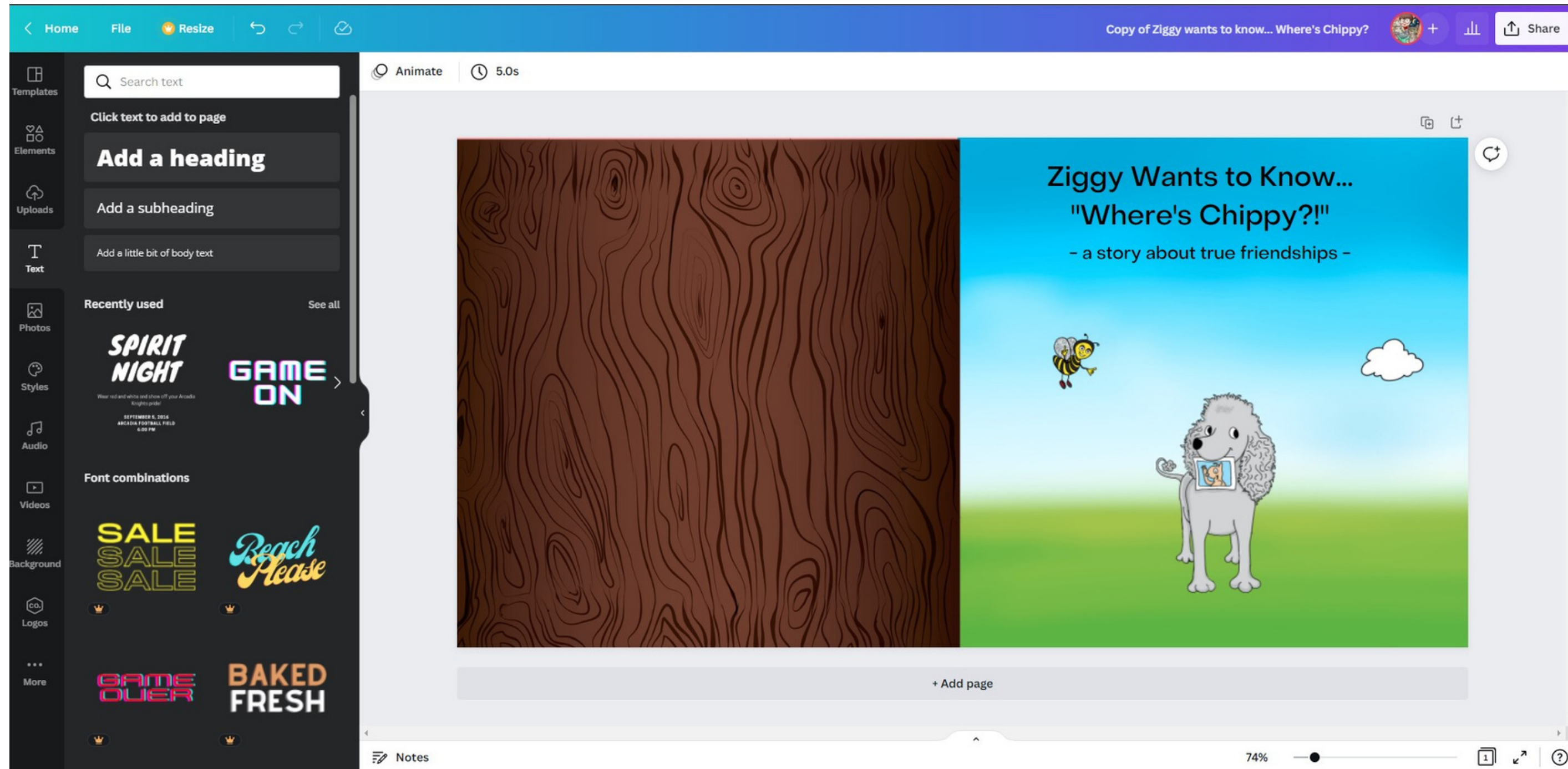
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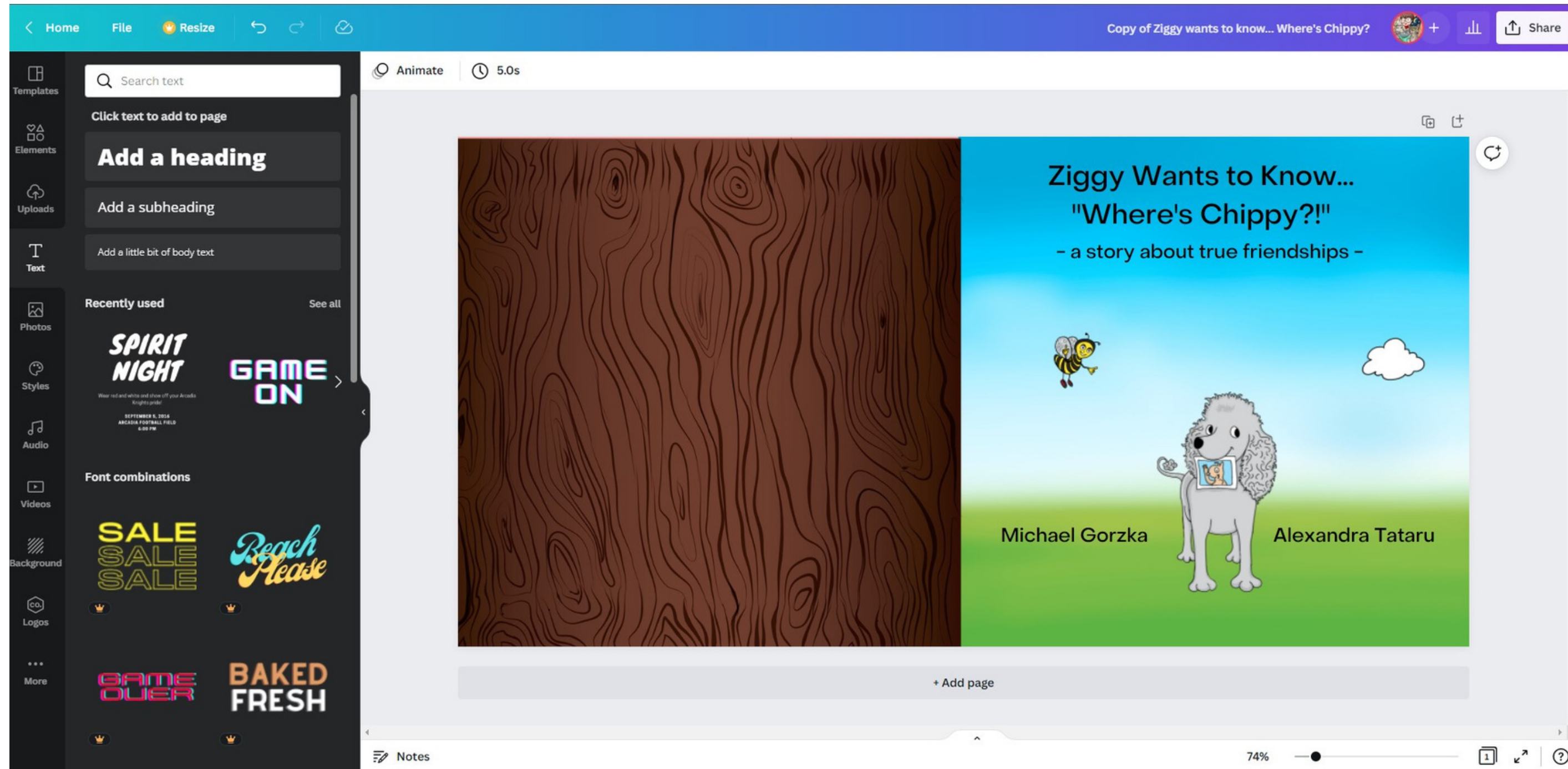
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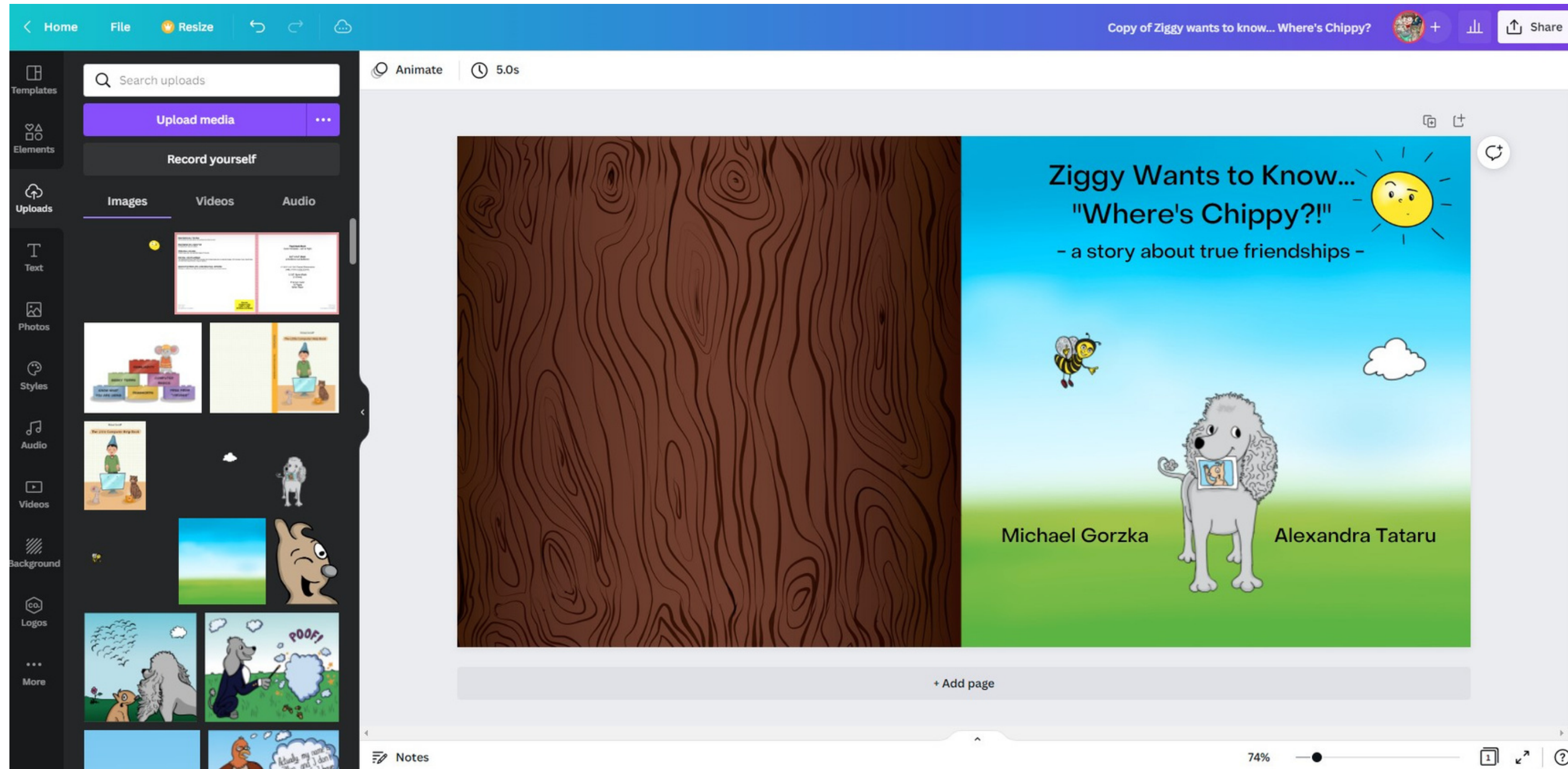
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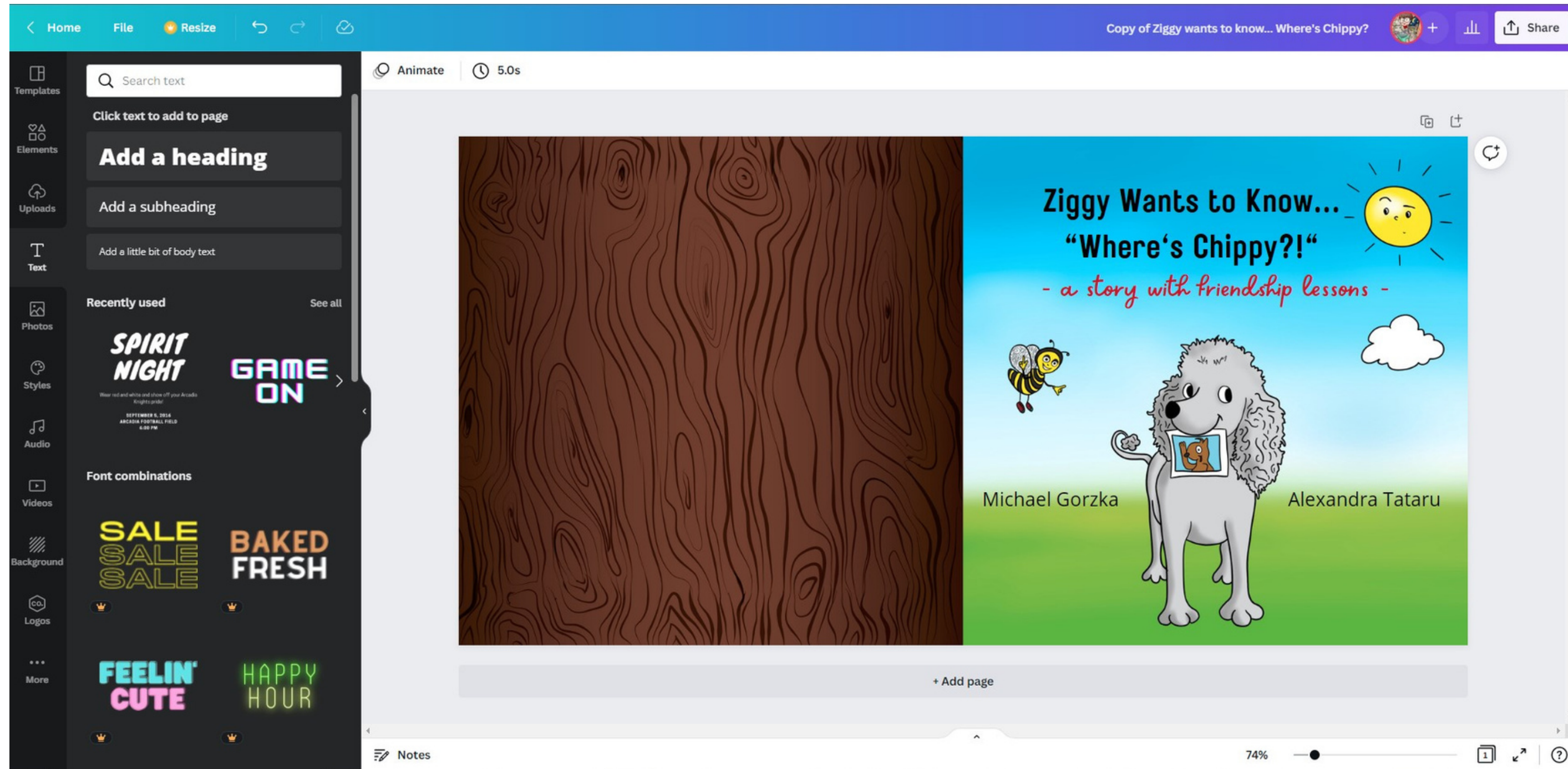
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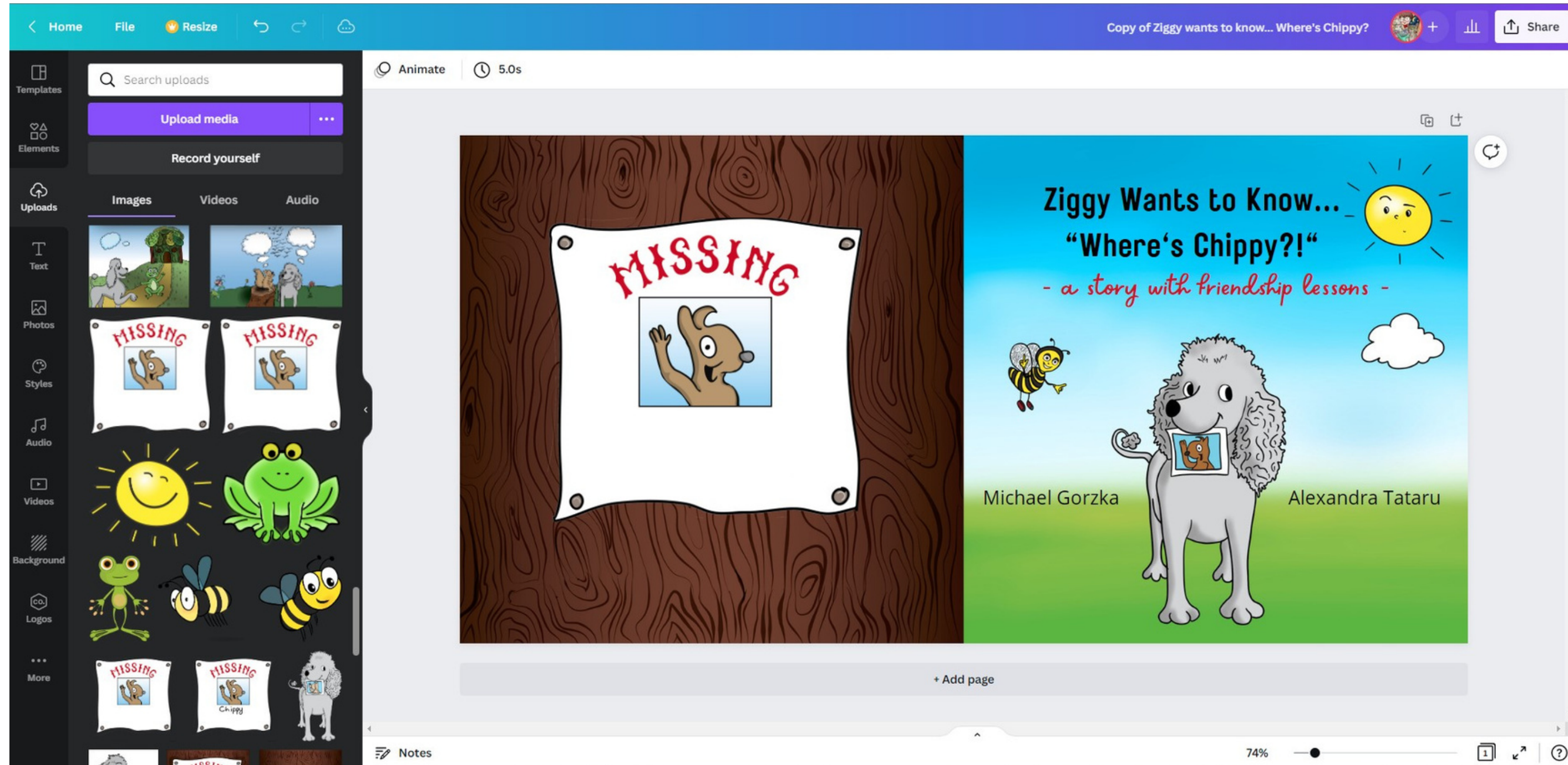
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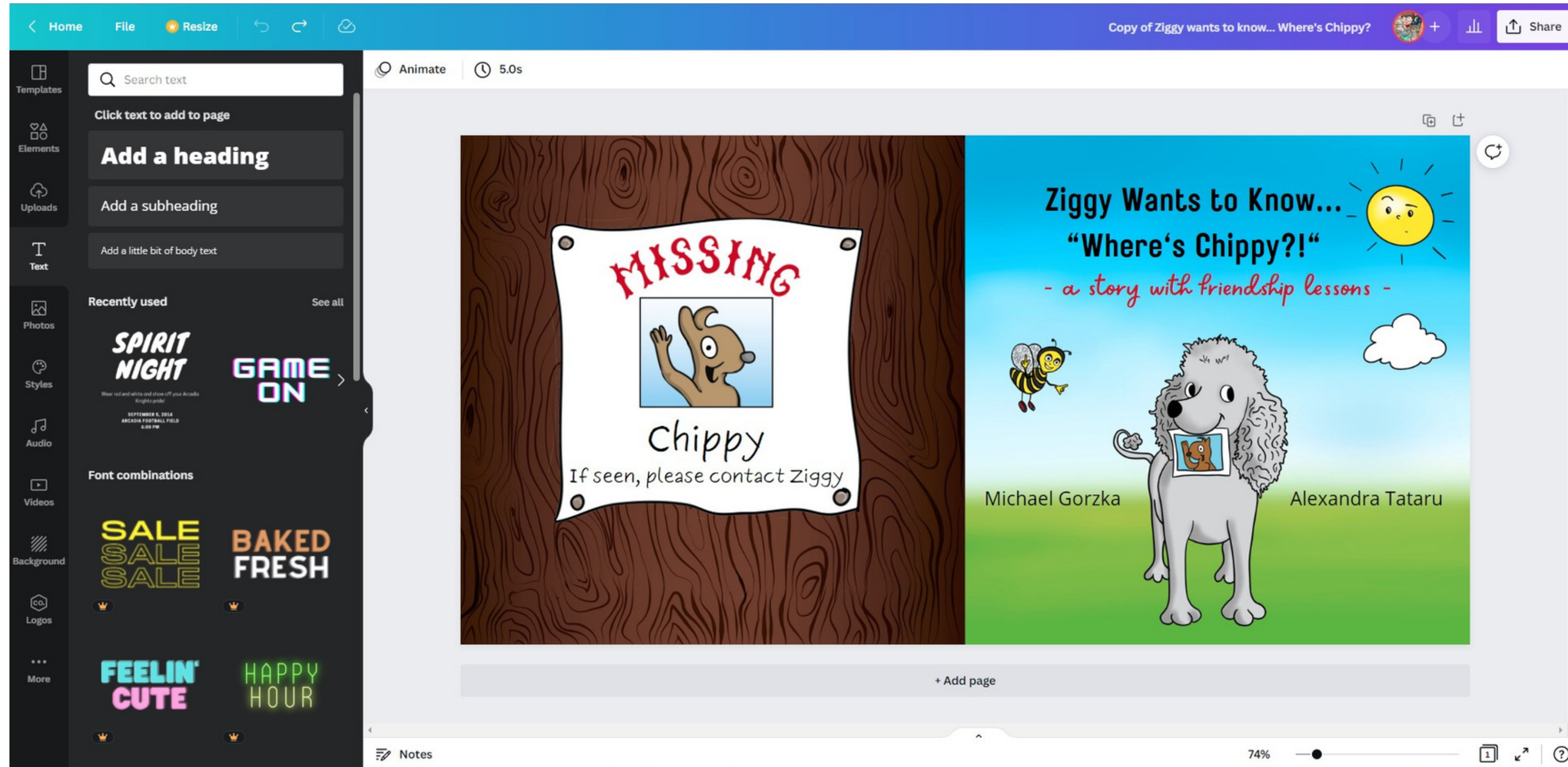
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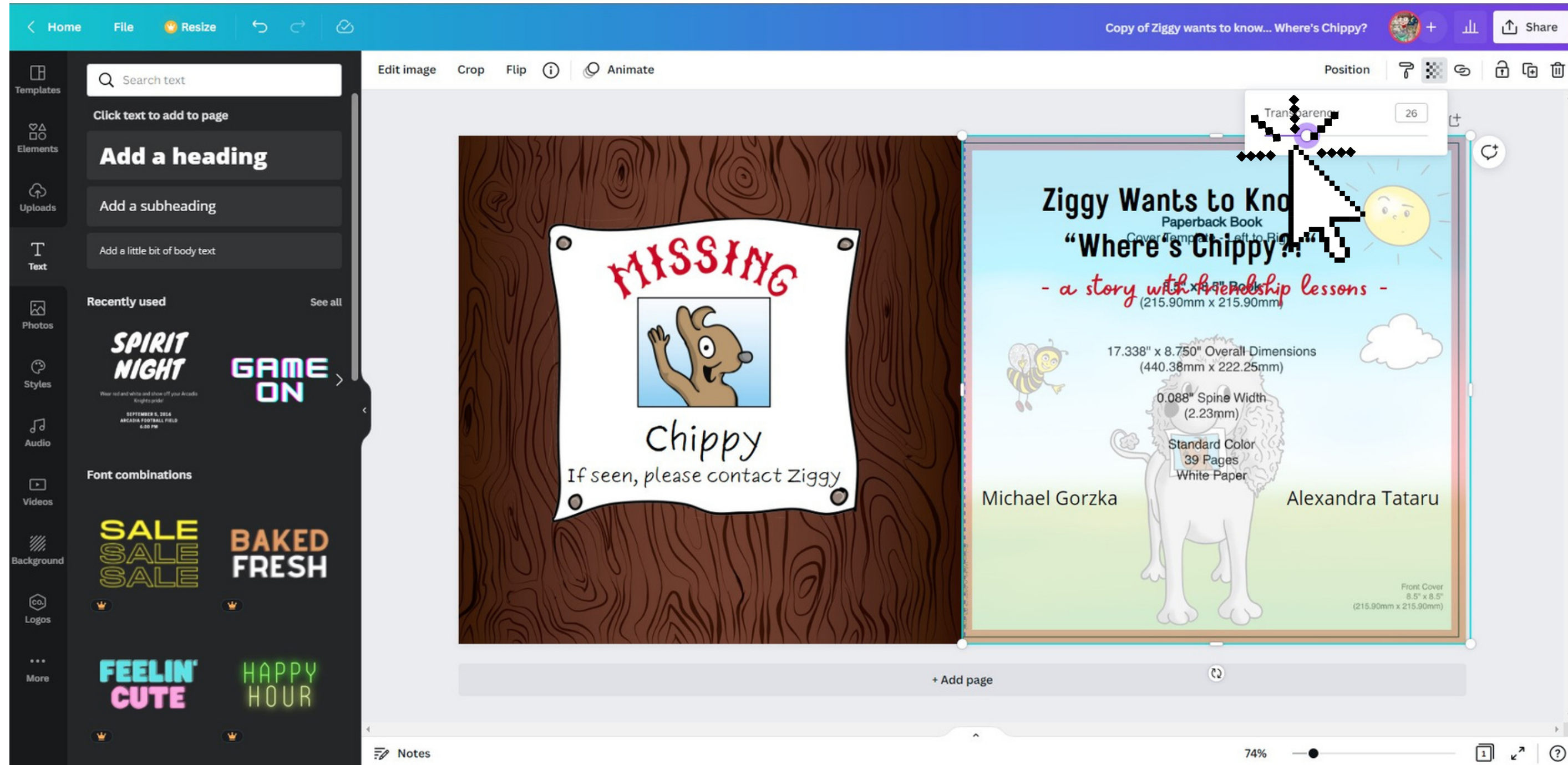
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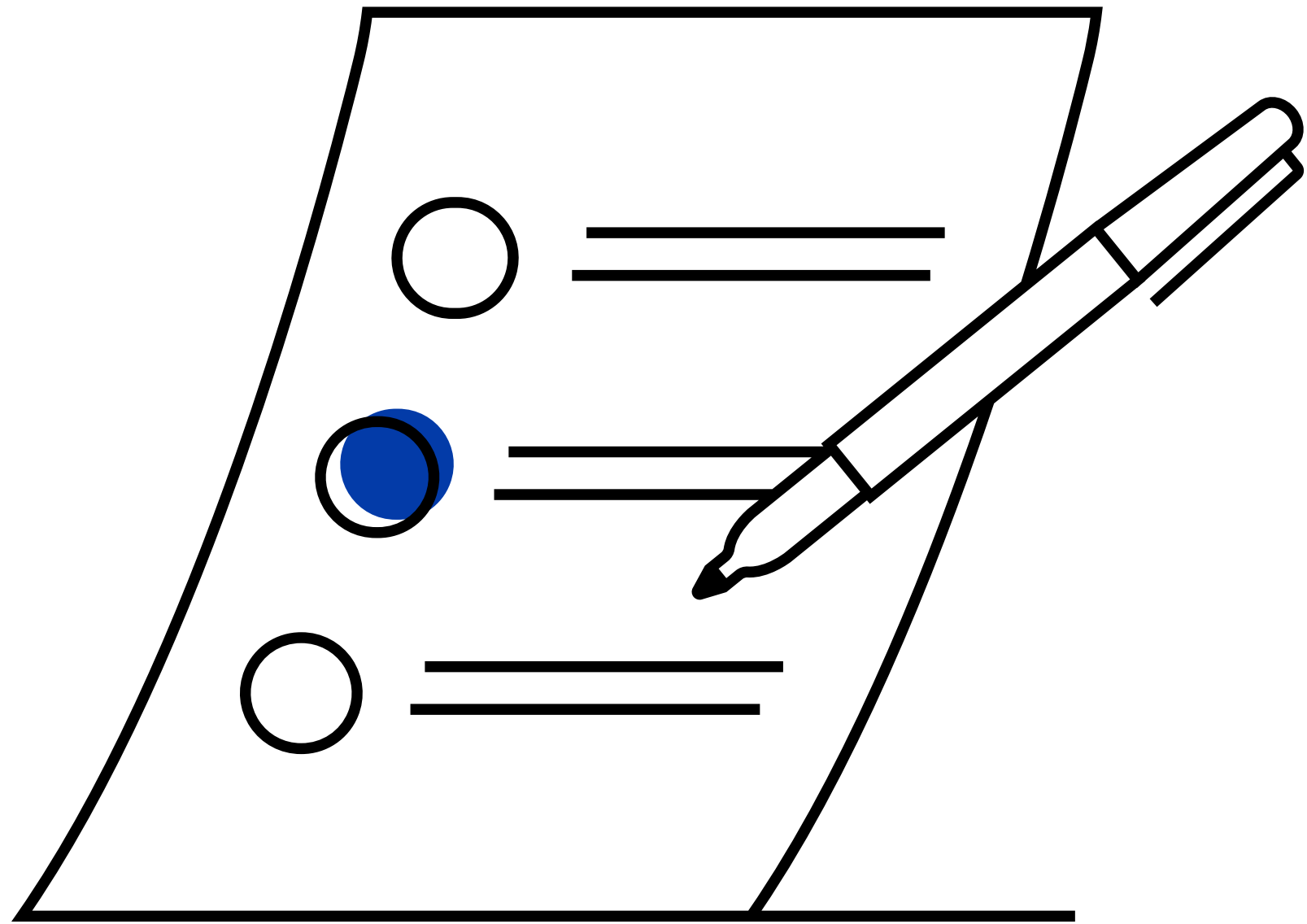
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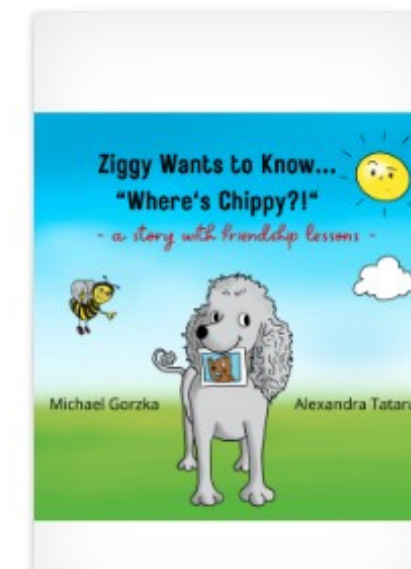
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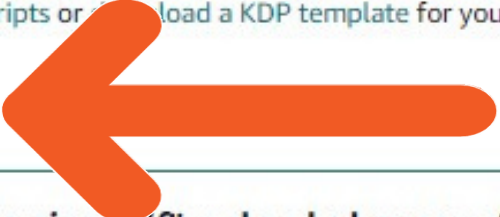
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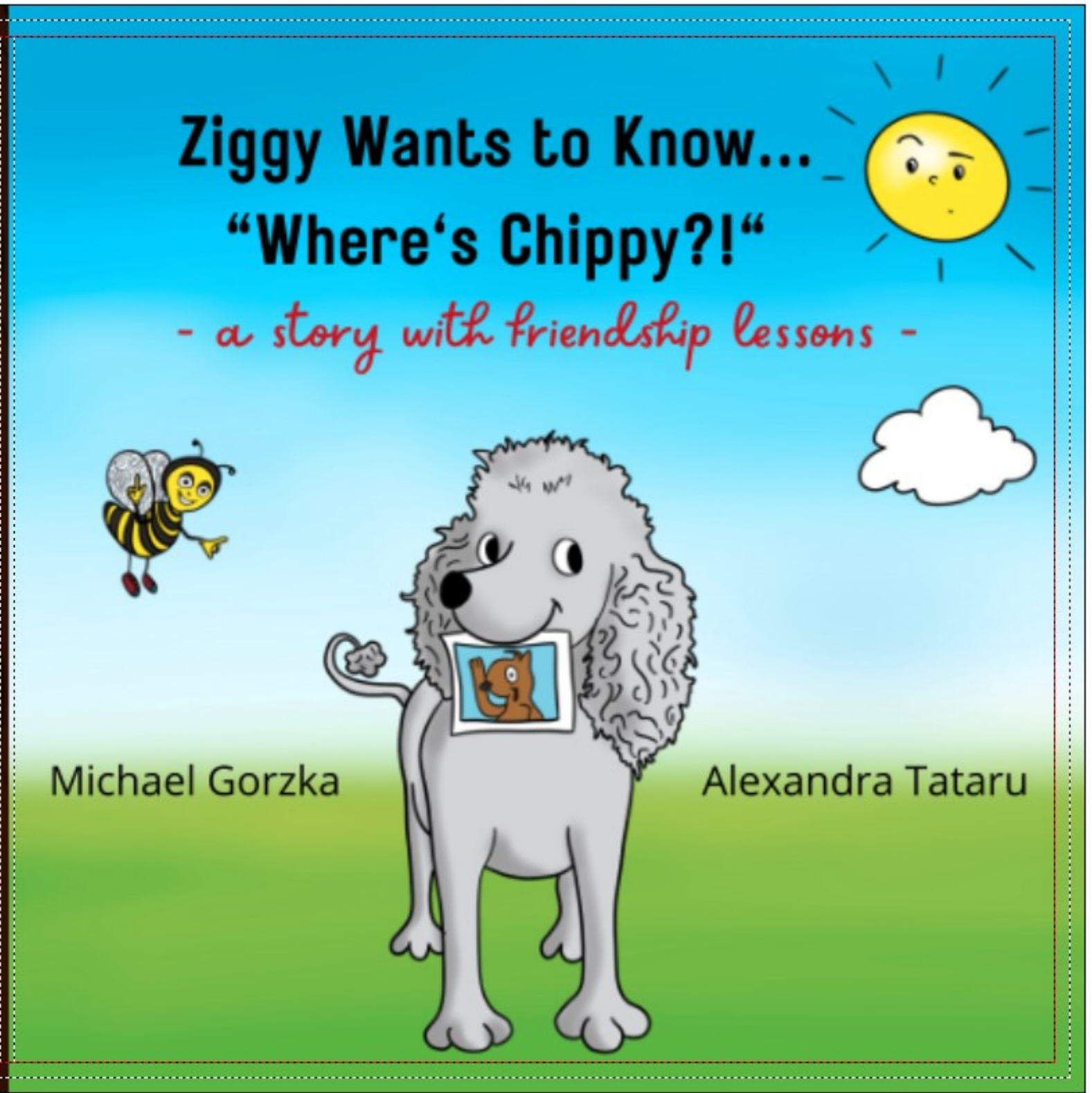
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