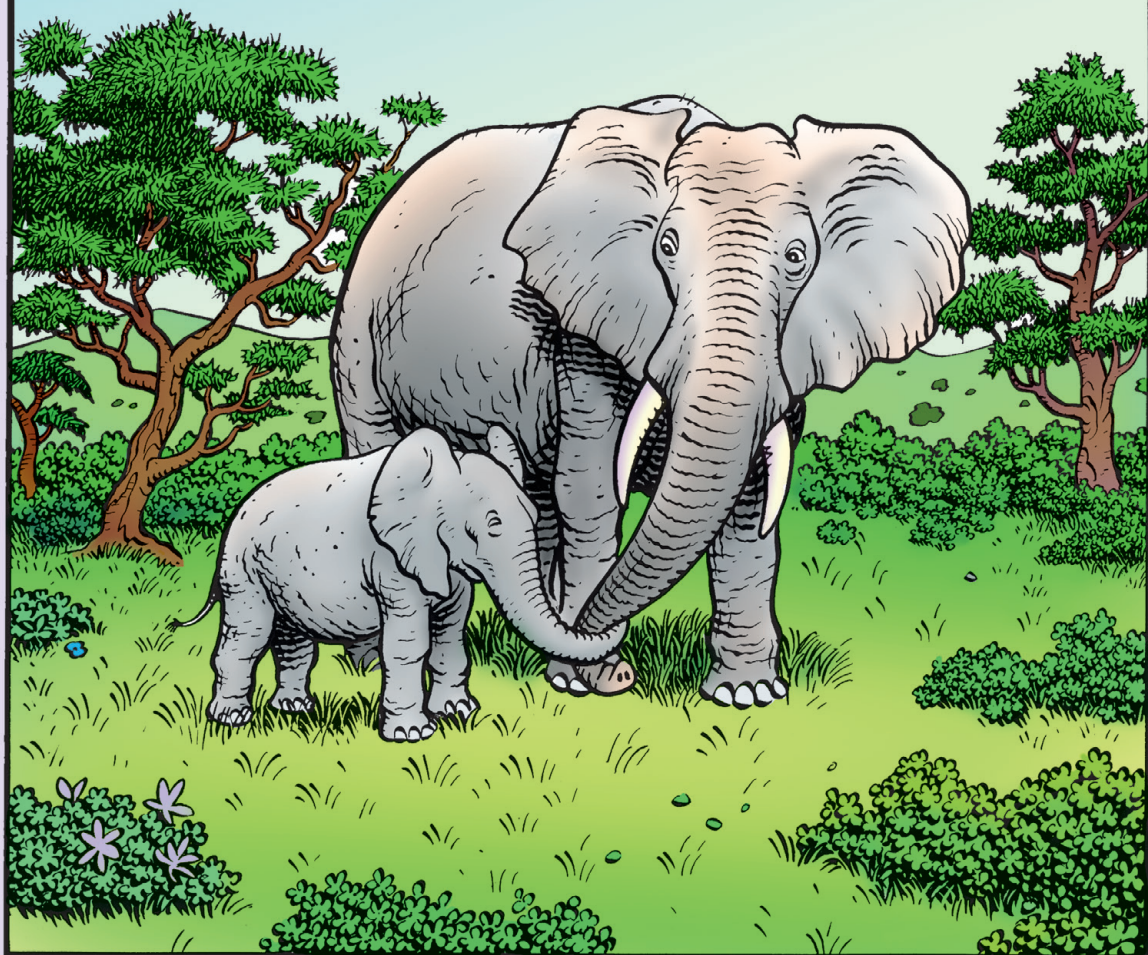


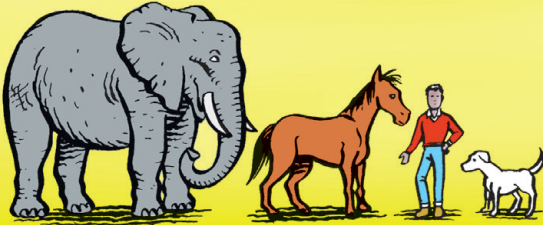
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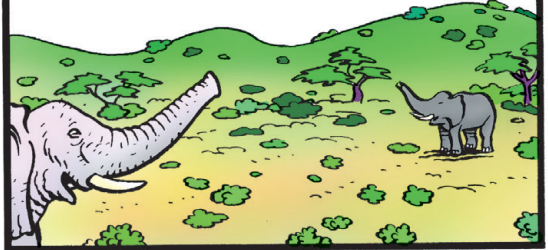
AWESOME ELEPHANTS!

ELEPHANTS ARE FASCINATING ANIMALS! DID YOU KNOW ...

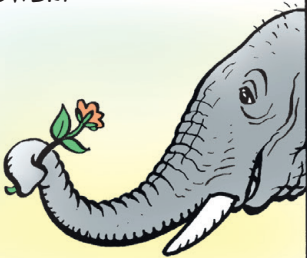
ELEPHANTS ARE THE LARGEST LAND ANIMALS ON EARTH. THEY HAVE THE LARGEST BRAINS OF ANY ANIMAL.



ELEPHANTS TALK TO EACH OTHER. RESEARCHERS HAVE DISCOVERED 70 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CALLS THAT ELEPHANTS USE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.



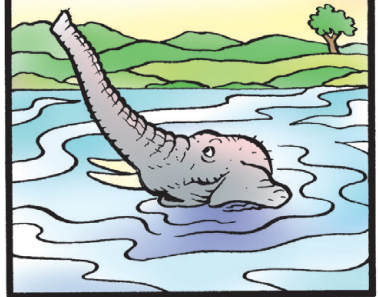
ELEPHANTS' TRUNKS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO PICK UP TREES BUT SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO PICK A FLOWER.



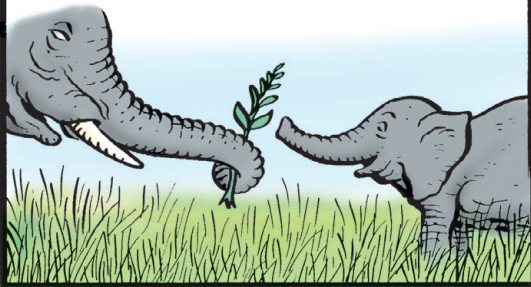
ELEPHANTS USE STICKS AS TOOLS TO SWEEP PATHS, TO SCRATCH THEMSELVES, TO SWAT FLIES, AND TO DRAW IN THE DIRT.



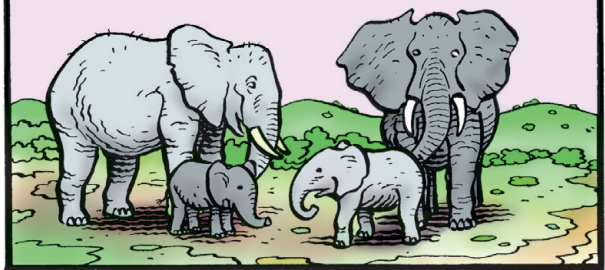
ELEPHANTS ARE GOOD SWIMMERS AND USE THEIR TRUNKS LIKE SNORKELS.



ELEPHANTS USE PLANTS AND MINERALS TO KEEP THEMSELVES HEALTHY. SOME USE THEIR TUSKS TO MINE MINERALS IN CAVES TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR DIETS.



ELEPHANTS LIVE TOGETHER IN FAMILY GROUPS. THEY HELP EACH OTHER WHEN THEY'RE IN TROUBLE AND JOIN TOGETHER TO CARE FOR AND RESCUE THEIR YOUNG.

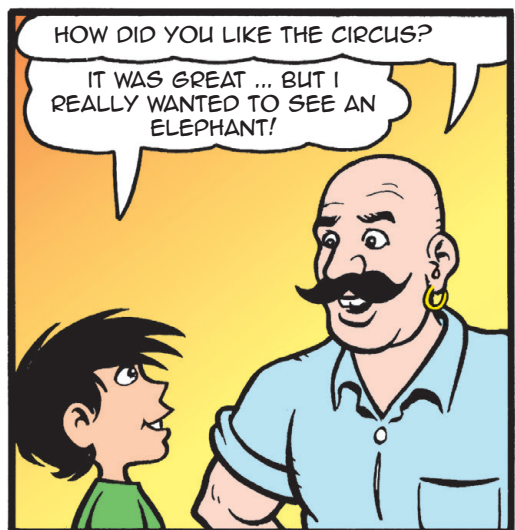
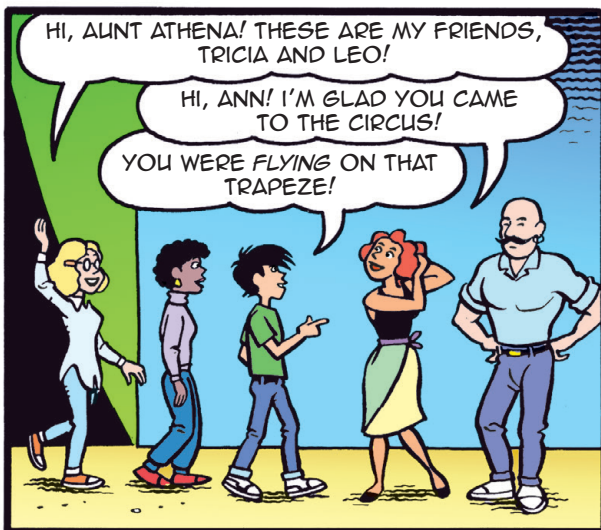
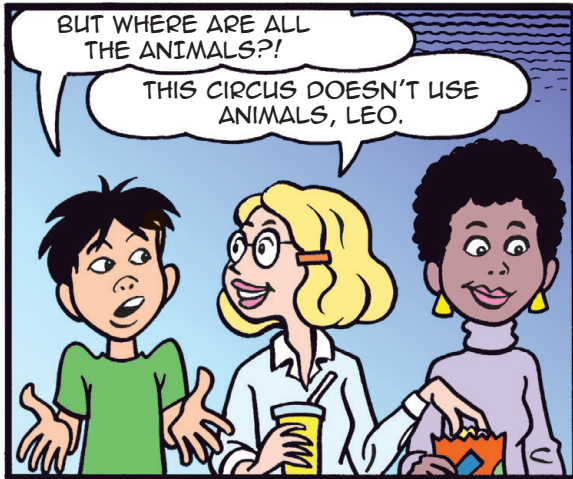
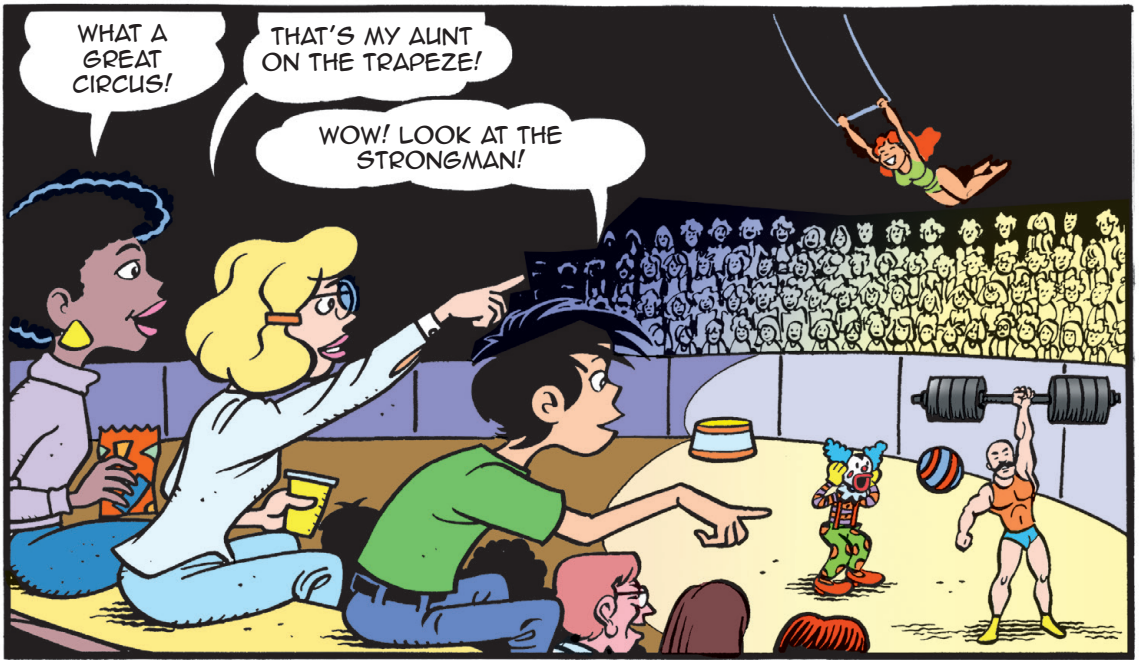


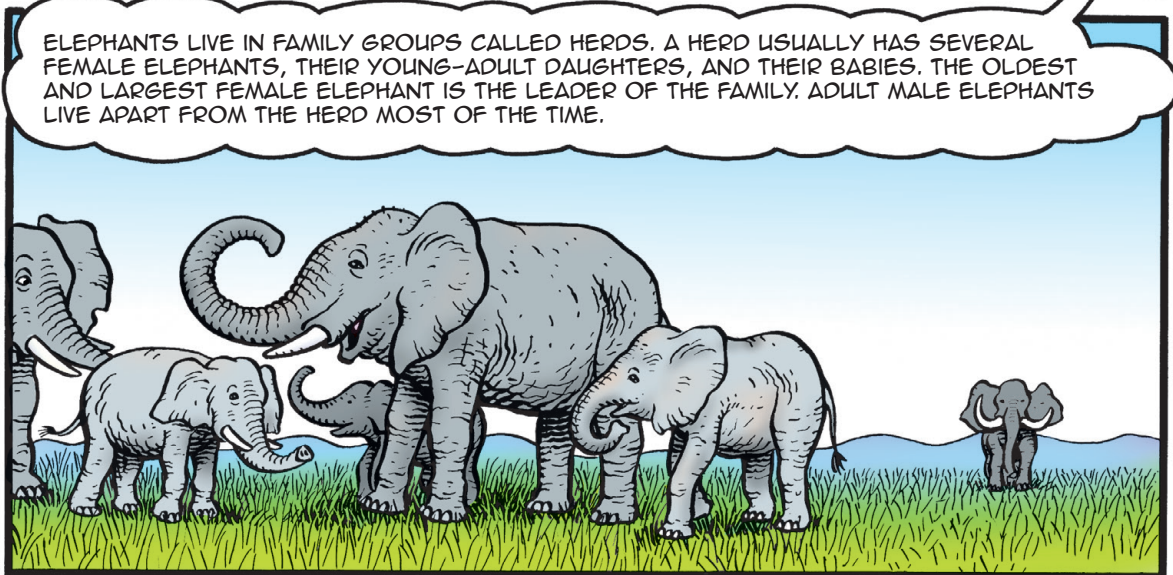
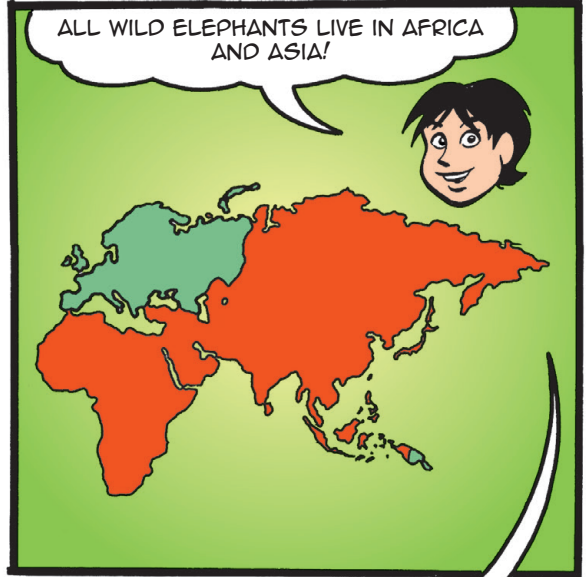
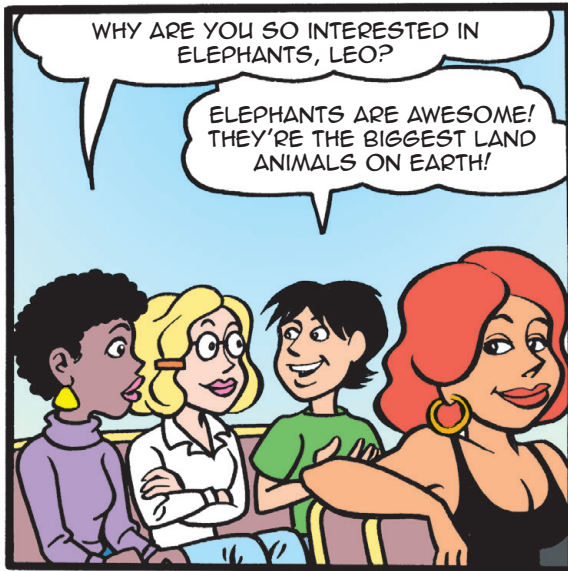
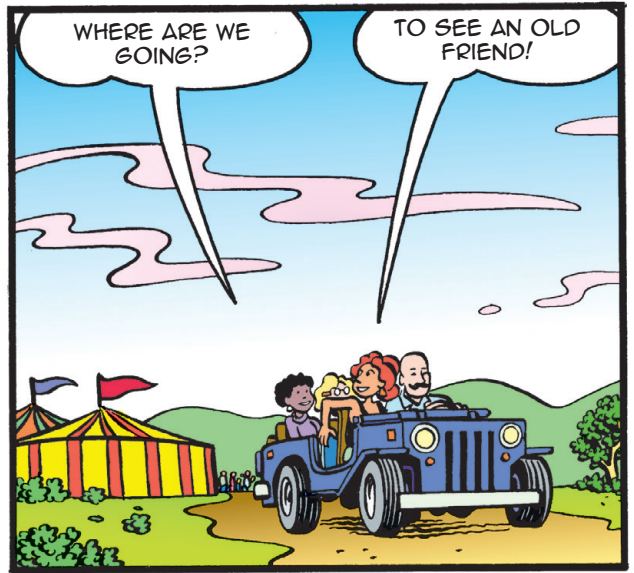
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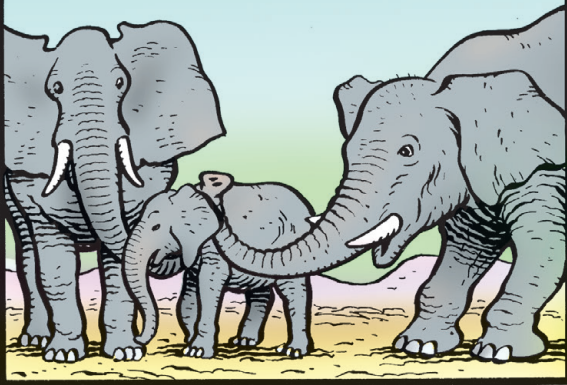
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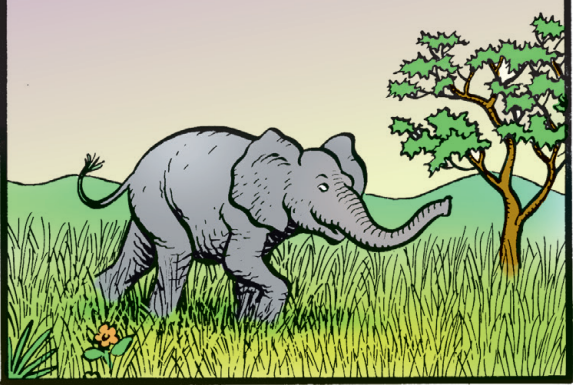




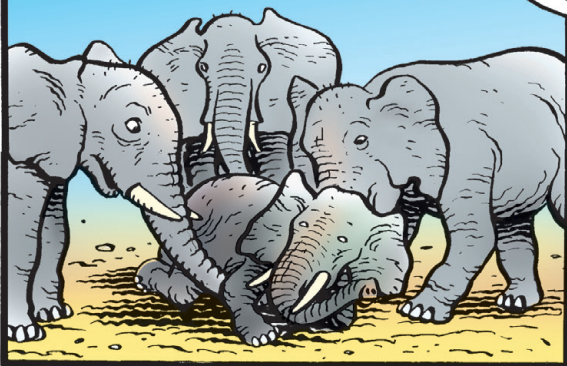
THE BABY ELEPHANTS ARE CARED FOR BY THEIR MOTHERS, AUNTS, COUSINS, AND SISTERS. ALSO HELP TAKE CARE OF THE BABIES.



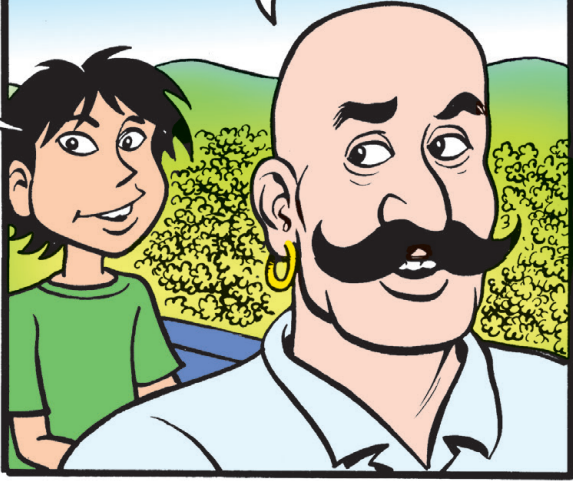
BABY ELEPHANTS SPEND MUCH OF THEIR TIME WALKING, PLAYING, AND DRINKING THEIR MOTHER'S MILK.



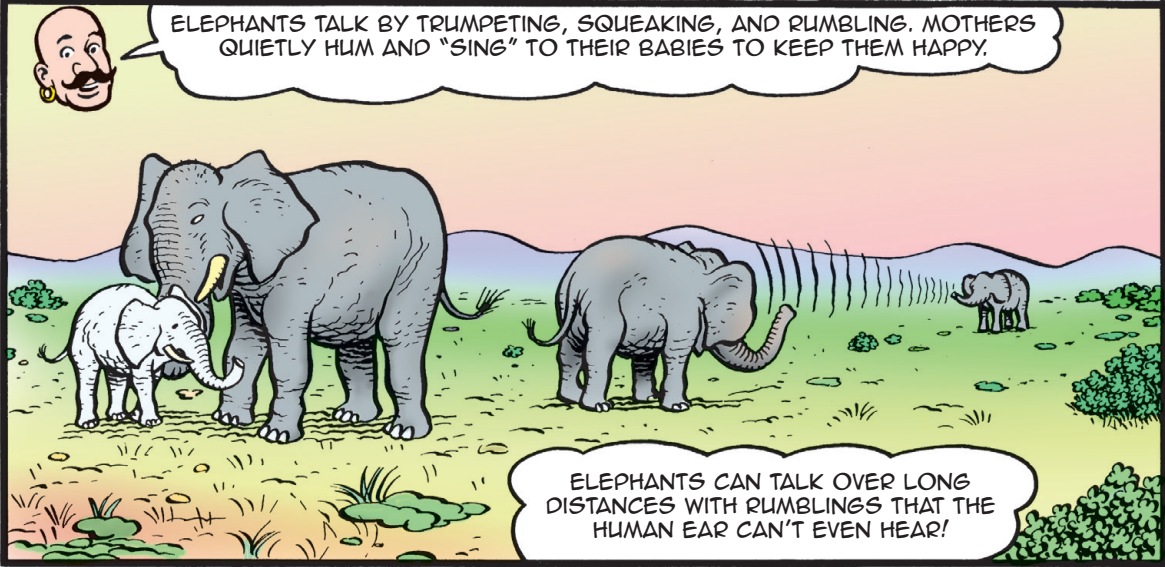
ELEPHANTS CARE FOR SICK OR INJURED FAMILY MEMBERS. WHEN ELEPHANTS DIE, THEIR FAMILIES MOAN, CRY, AND BURY THEM UNDER BRANCHES, GRASS, AND EARTH.



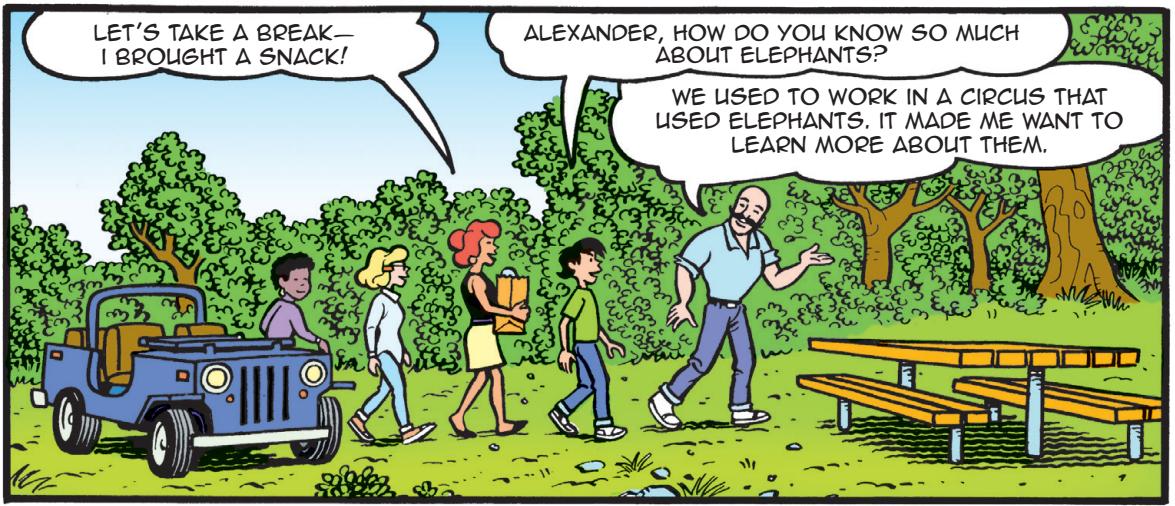
DID YOU KNOW THAT ELEPHANTS CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER?



ELEPHANTS TALK BY TRUMPETING, SQUEAKING, AND RUMBLING. MOTHERS QUIETLY HUM AND "SING" TO THEIR BABIES TO KEEP THEM HAPPY.



ELEPHANTS CAN TALK OVER LONG DISTANCES WITH RUMBLINGS THAT THE HUMAN EAR CAN'T EVEN HEAR!



LET'S TAKE A BREAK—
I BROUGHT A SNACK!

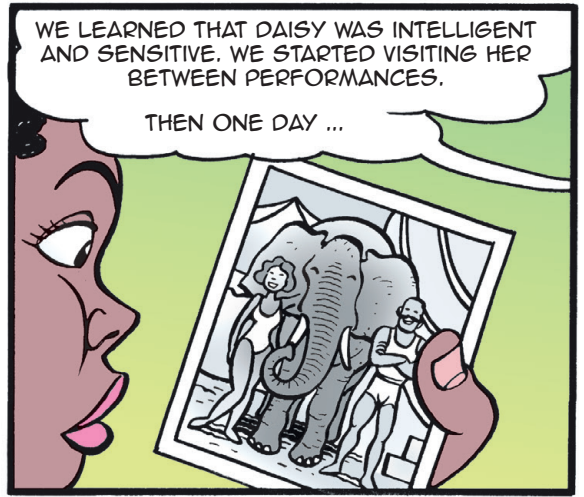
ALEXANDER, HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH
ABOUT ELEPHANTS?

WE USED TO WORK IN A CIRCUS THAT
USED ELEPHANTS. IT MADE ME WANT TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM.



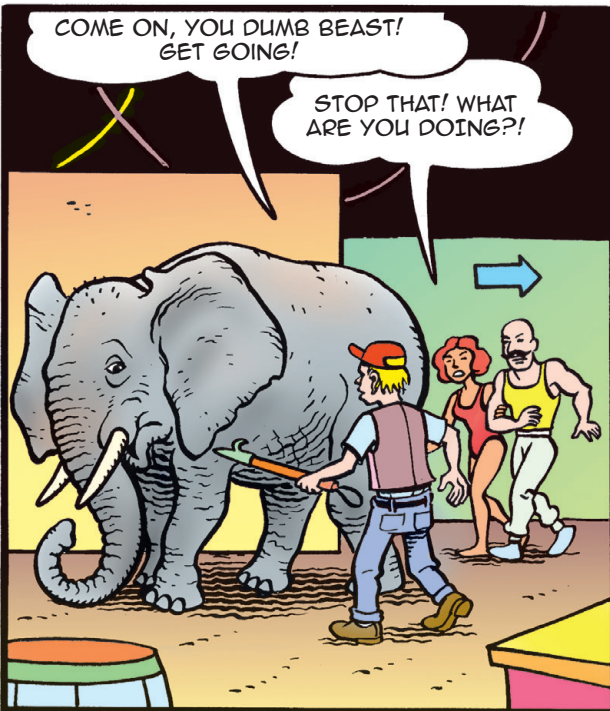
WE EVEN BECAME FRIENDS WITH
ONE ELEPHANT.

HER NAME WAS DAISY. HERE'S
HER PICTURE!



WE LEARNED THAT DAISY WAS INTELLIGENT
AND SENSITIVE. WE STARTED VISITING HER
BETWEEN PERFORMANCES.

THEN ONE DAY ...



COME ON, YOU DUMB BEAST!
GET GOING!

STOP THAT! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING?!



WE GOT A SHOW TO PUT ON! I GOTTA
MAKE HER MOVE!

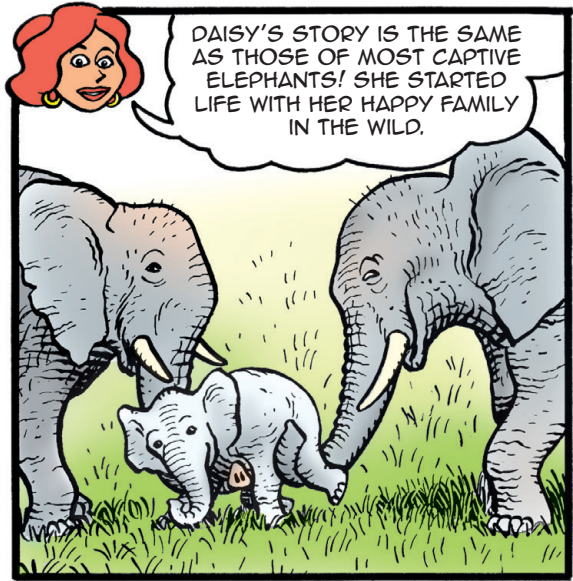
TAKE IT EASY! THAT BULLHOOK
HURTS HER! I'LL BE WATCHING YOU!



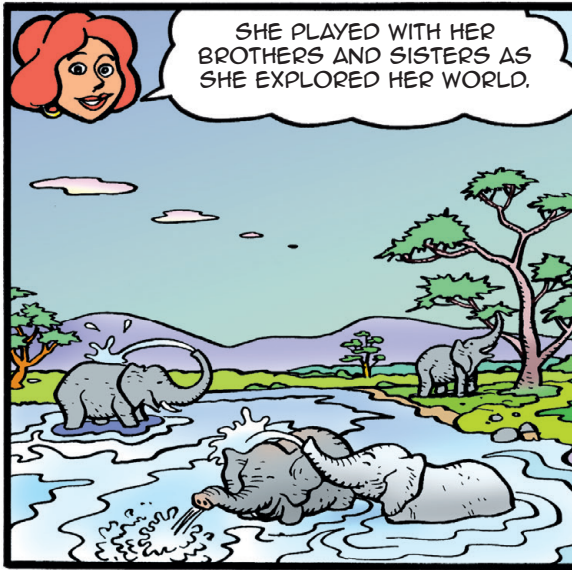
WE DECIDED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DAISY AND HOW SHE GOT TO THE CIRCUS.

TELL US, AUNT ATHENA!

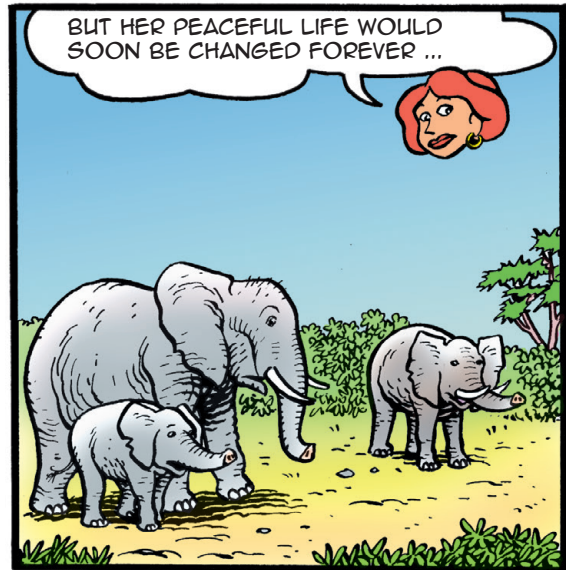
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHERE ELEPHANTS IN CIRCUSES CAME FROM.



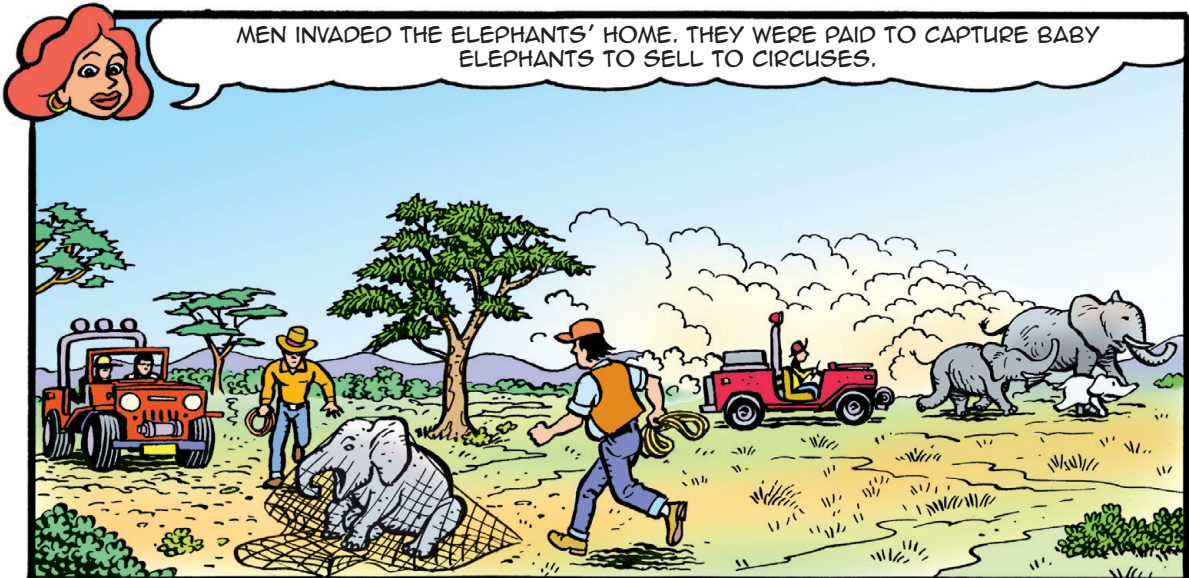
DAISY'S STORY IS THE SAME AS THOSE OF MOST CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS! SHE STARTED LIFE WITH HER HAPPY FAMILY IN THE WILD.



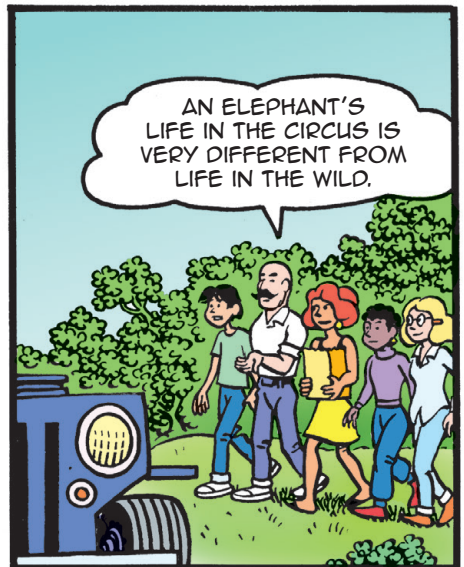
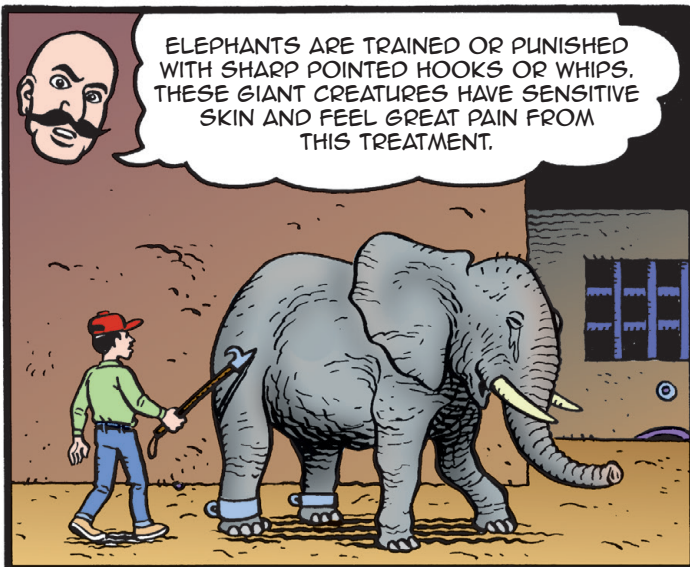
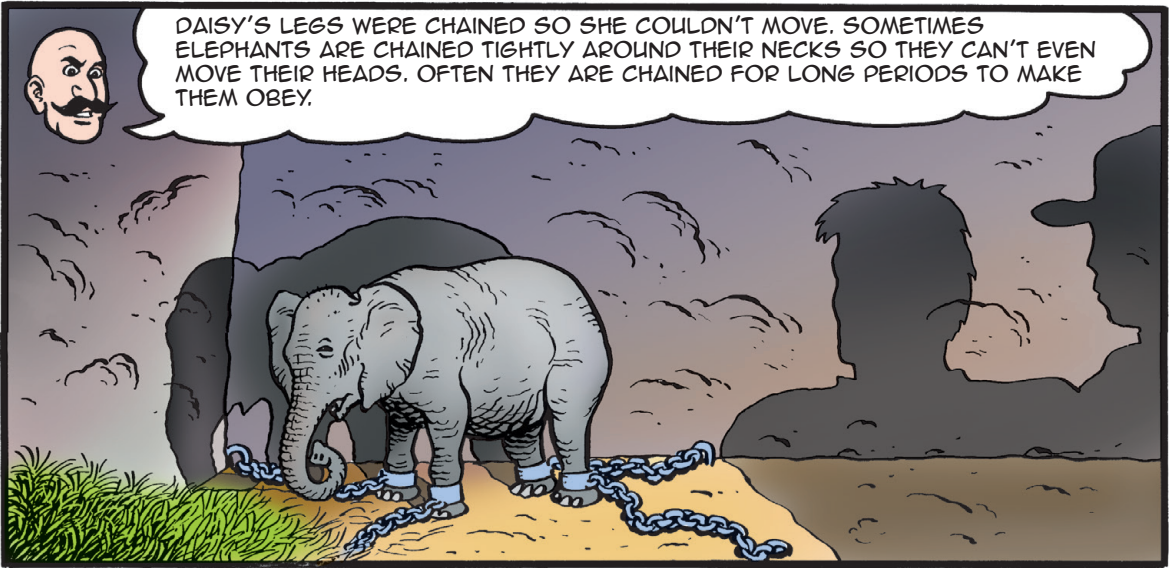
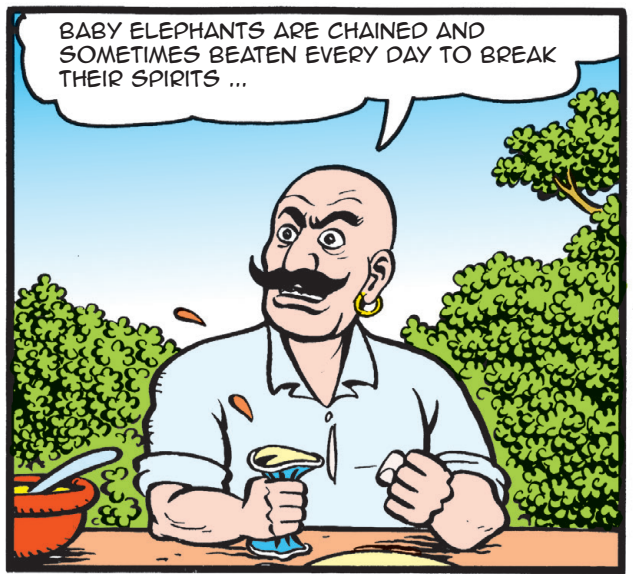
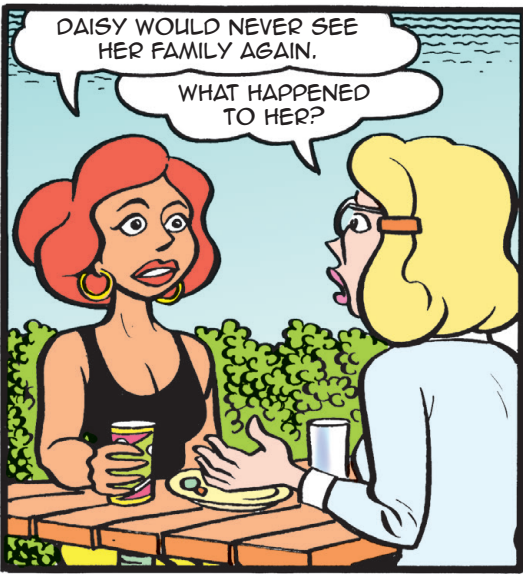
SHE PLAYED WITH HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS SHE EXPLORED HER WORLD.



BUT HER PEACEFUL LIFE WOULD SOON BE CHANGED FOREVER ...

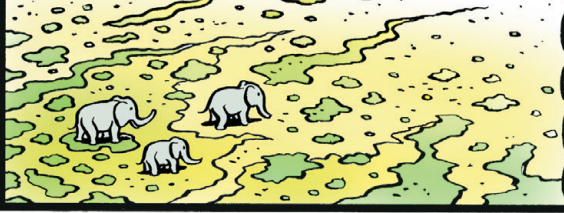


MEN INVADDED THE ELEPHANTS' HOME. THEY WERE PAID TO CAPTURE BABY ELEPHANTS TO SELL TO CIRCUSES.



IN THE WILD

ELEPHANTS CAN WALK UP TO 30 MILES A DAY AND MAY HAVE UP TO 140 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY.

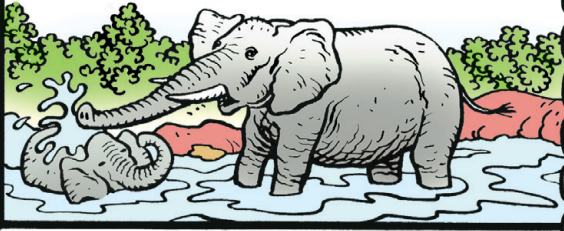


IN CAPTIVITY

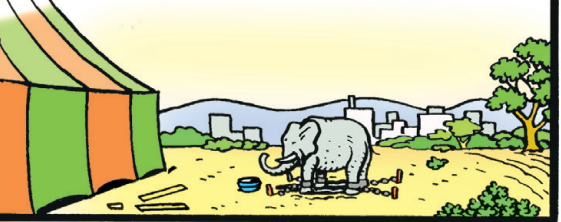
ELEPHANTS ARE CHAINED IN PLACE AND KEPT IN SMALL LIVING AREAS. THEY ARE MOVED LONG DISTANCES IN CRAMPED TRAIN CARS OR TRUCKS WITH LITTLE EXERCISE, AND THEY GET LEG PAIN AND FOOT INJURIES.



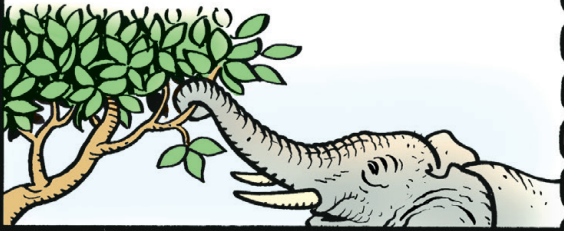
ELEPHANTS USE LEAVES AND MUD TO KEEP THEIR BODIES COOL AND PREVENT SUNBURN.



ELEPHANTS ARE OFTEN CHAINED IN THE SUN OR ON HOT TRAIN CARS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.



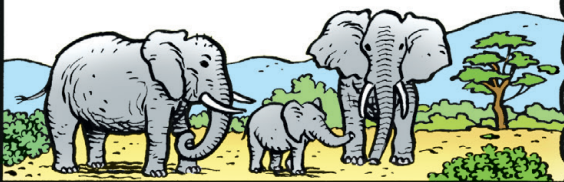
ELEPHANTS EAT A VARIETY OF FRESH GRASSES, LEAVES, FRUIT, BARK, AND AQUATIC PLANTS.



ELEPHANTS ARE USUALLY FED ONLY DRIED HAY AND GRAINS.



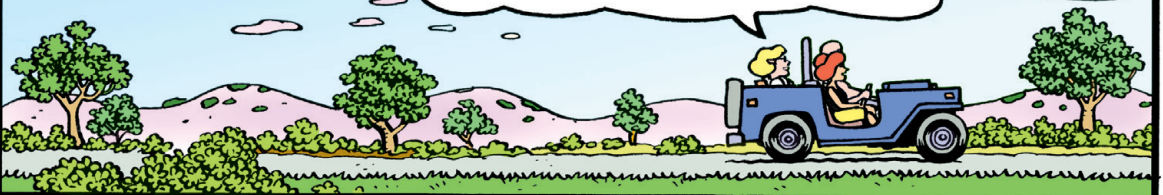
FEMALE ELEPHANTS STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES ALL THEIR LIVES. MALE ELEPHANTS STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOR 10 TO 15 YEARS.

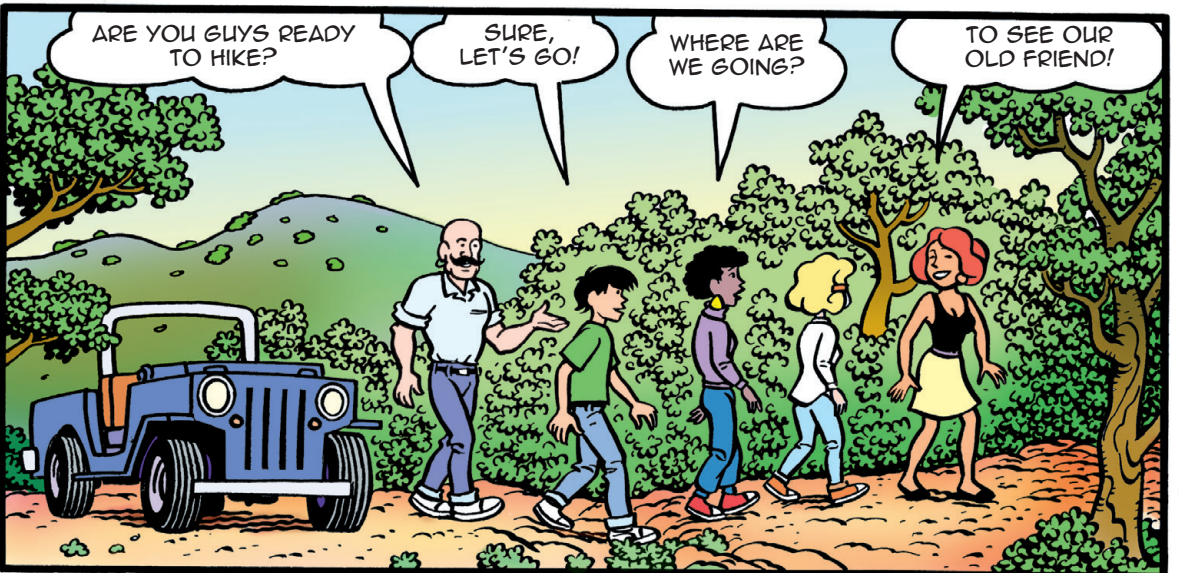
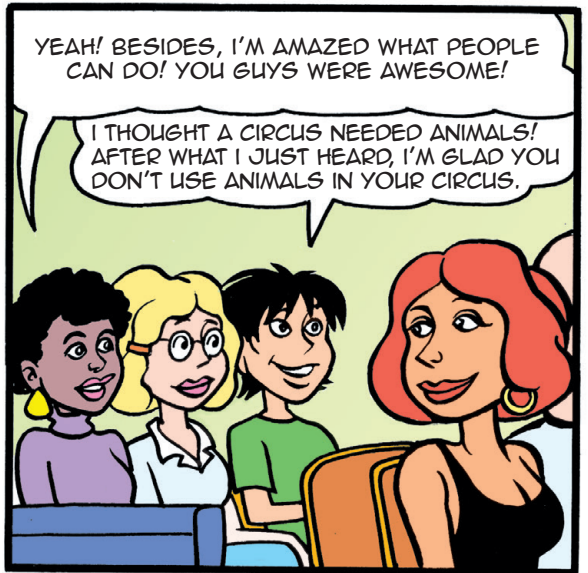
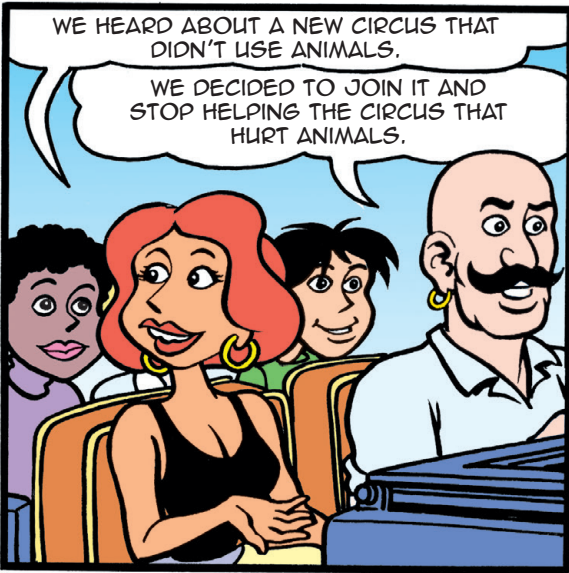
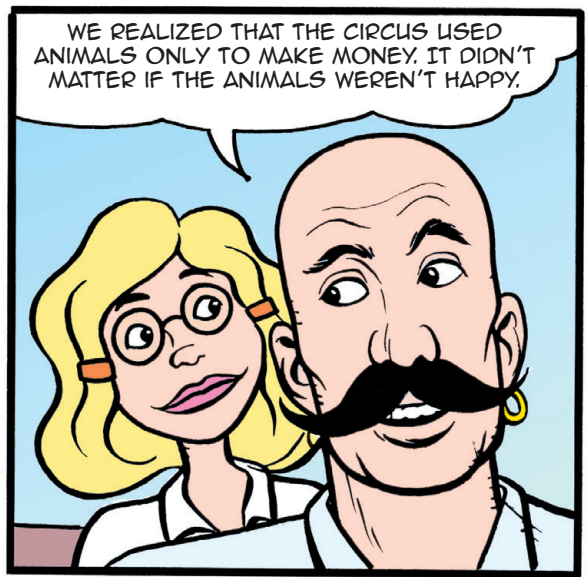
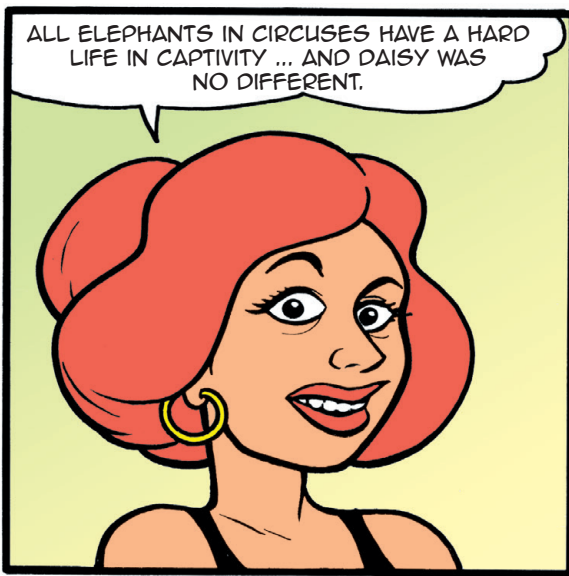


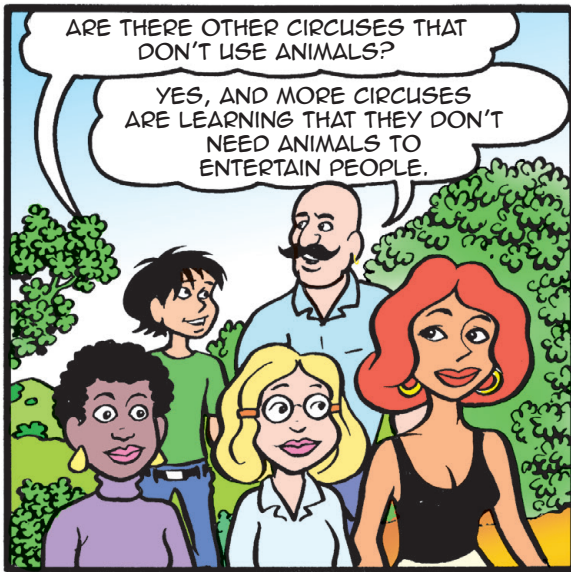
ELEPHANTS ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEY'RE VERY YOUNG.



ELEPHANTS CAN LIVE UP TO 70 YEARS IN THE WILD. WITH SUCH UNNATURAL TREATMENT, CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS USUALLY LIVE ONLY ABOUT HALF THAT LONG.





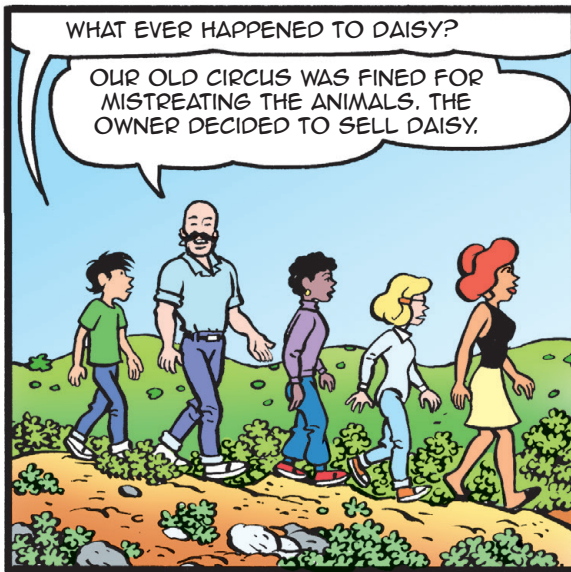


ARE THERE OTHER CIRCUSES THAT DON'T USE ANIMALS?

YES, AND MORE CIRCUSES ARE LEARNING THAT THEY DON'T NEED ANIMALS TO ENTERTAIN PEOPLE.

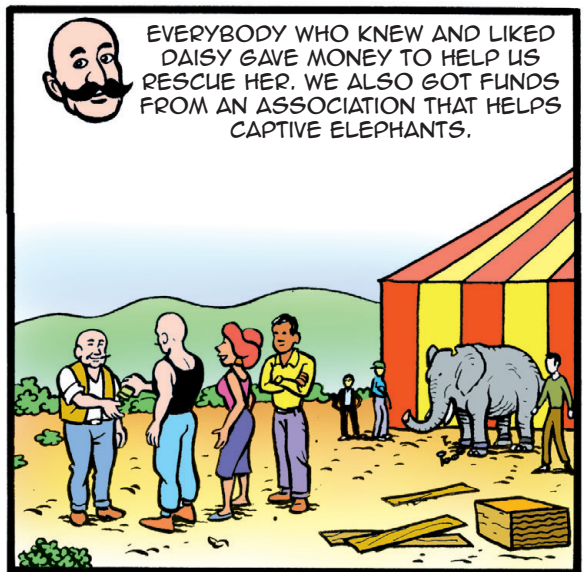


IN FACT, SOME TOWNS HAVE BANNED CIRCUSES WITH CAPTIVE ANIMALS BECAUSE THEY ARE DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE. SOMETIMES ELEPHANTS CRACK UNDER STRESS, TRY TO RUN AWAY ... AND ARE SHOT!

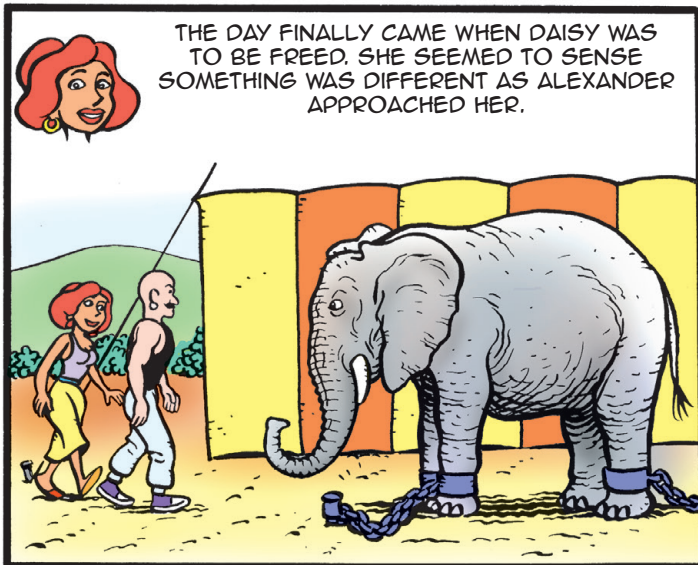


WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO DAISY?

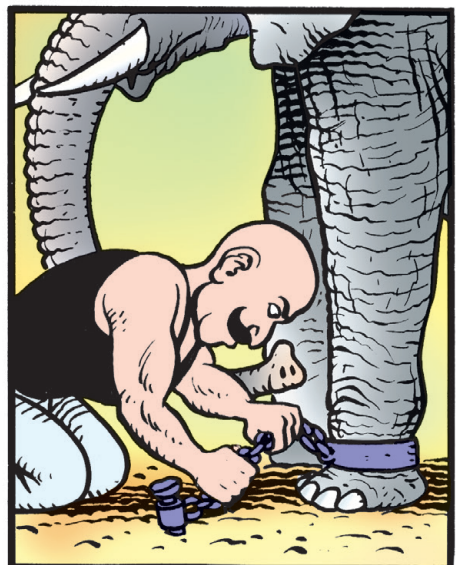
OUR OLD CIRCUS WAS FINED FOR MISTREATING THE ANIMALS. THE OWNER DECIDED TO SELL DAISY.



EVERYBODY WHO KNEW AND LIKED DAISY GAVE MONEY TO HELP US RESCUE HER. WE ALSO GOT FUNDS FROM AN ASSOCIATION THAT HELPS CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS.



THE DAY FINALLY CAME WHEN DAISY WAS TO BE FREED. SHE SEEMED TO SENSE SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT AS ALEXANDER APPROACHED HER.

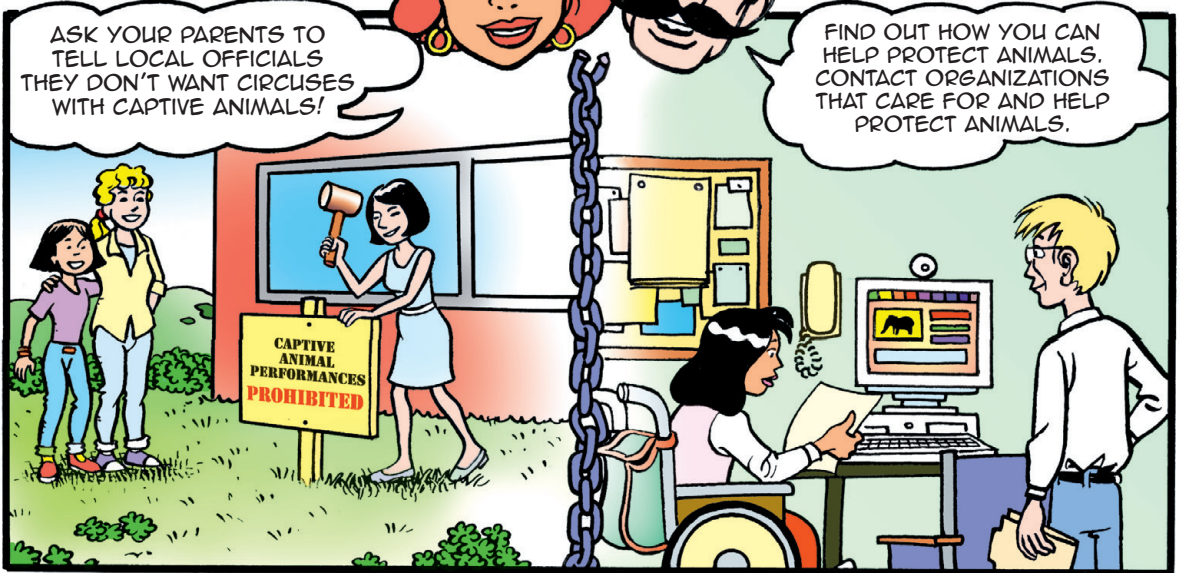
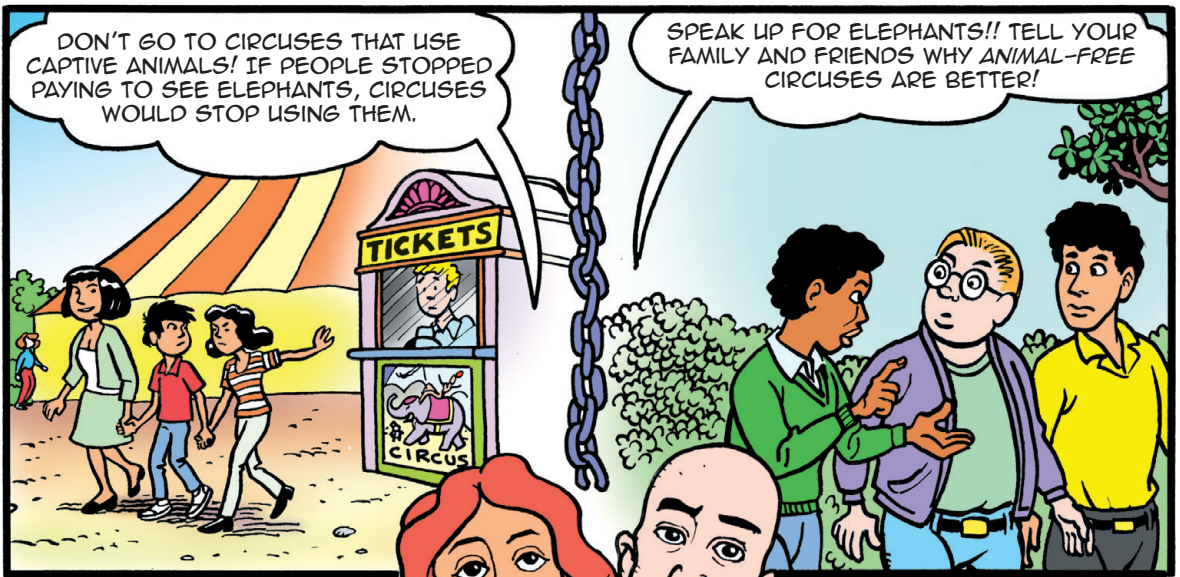


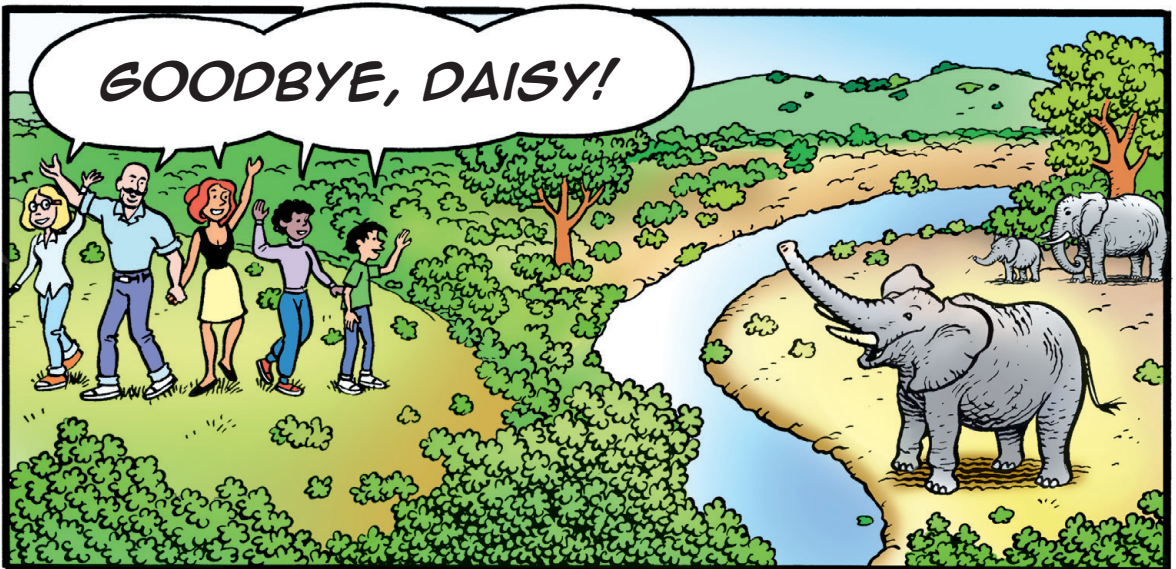
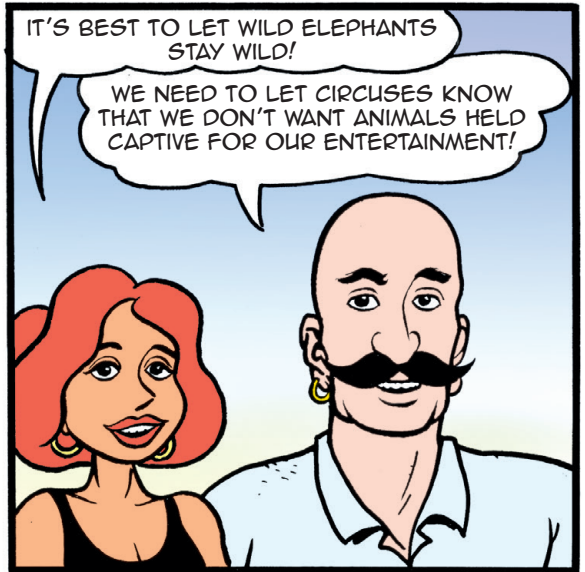
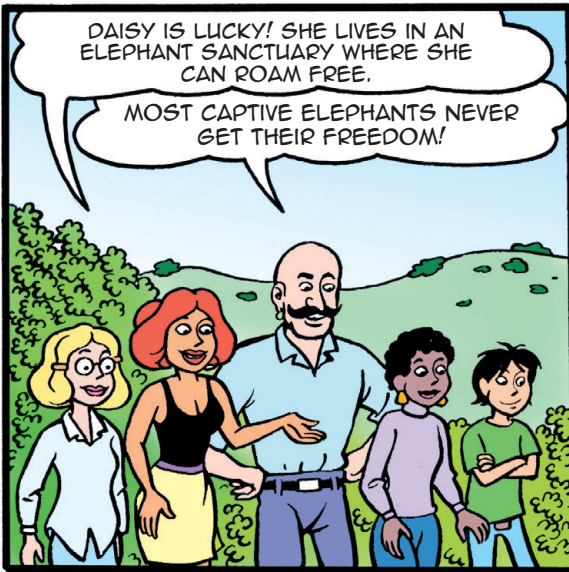
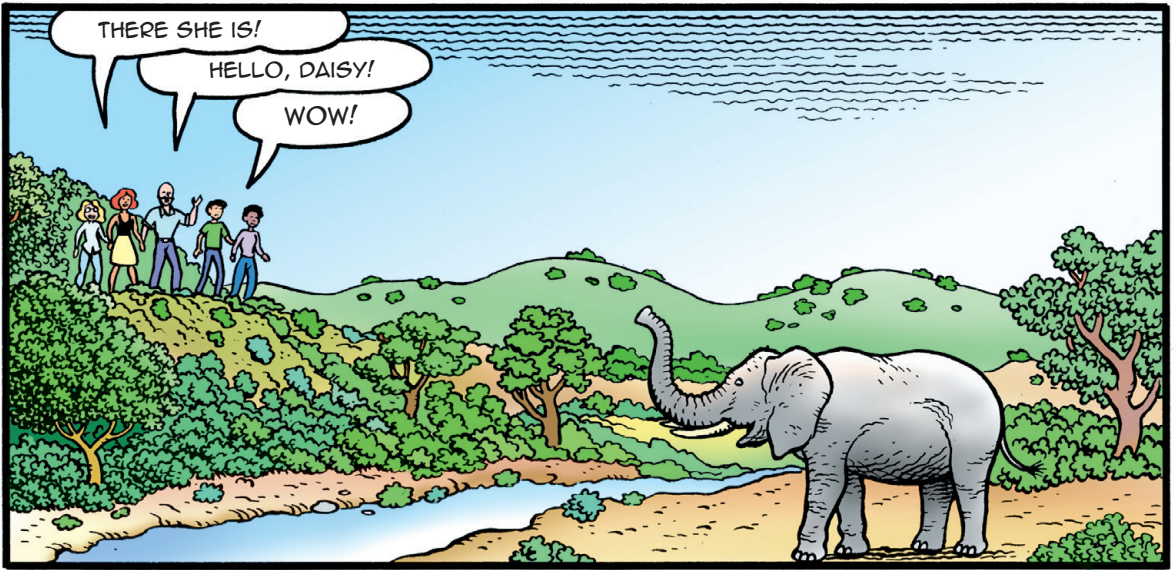


IT FELT GREAT TO BREAK DAISY'S CHAINS.

WE CAN ALL HELP BREAK THE CHAINS OF OTHER ELEPHANTS IN CIRCUSES, TOO!

HOW CAN WE HELP?!

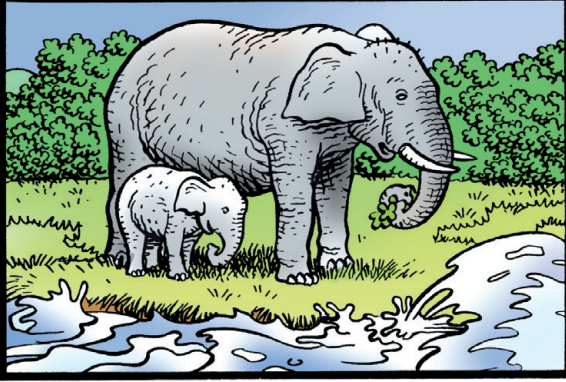




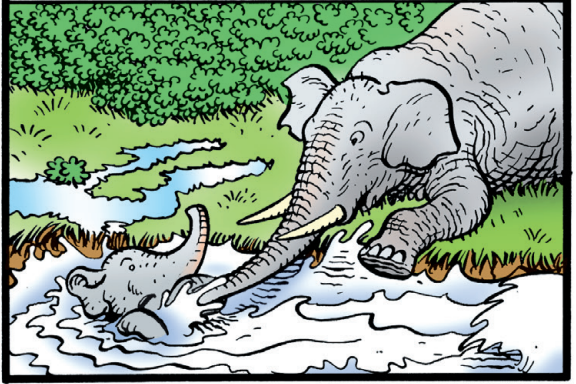
ELEPHANT RESCUE!

A TRUE STORY

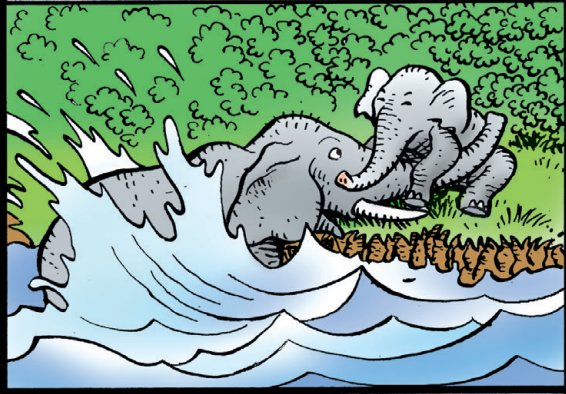
A MOTHER ELEPHANT NAMED MA SHWE LIVED WITH HER BABY BY A RIVER IN INDIA. ONE DAY, AFTER HEAVY RAINS, THE RIVER BEGAN TO RISE.



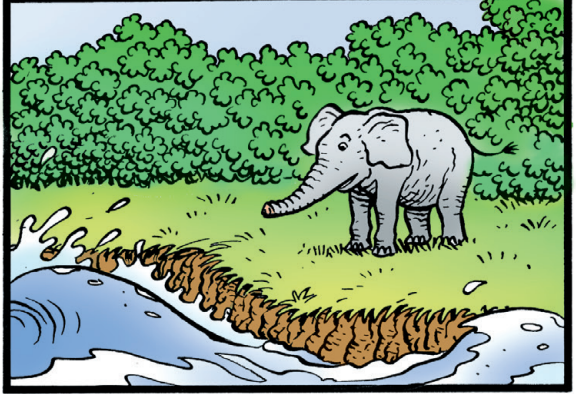
THE FLOODWATERS CARRIED THE BABY DOWNSTREAM. MA SHWE TRIED TO HOLD ON TO HER BABY, BUT THE WATERS WASHED THE BABY AWAY.



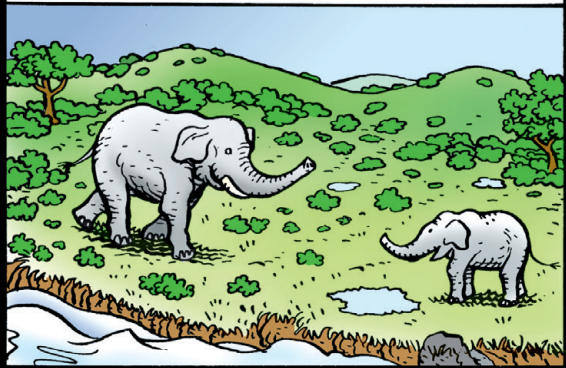
MA SHWE RUSHED DOWNSTREAM AND PLUNGED INTO THE RAGING RIVER. SHE GRABBED HER BABY AND SET HER ON A LEDGE.



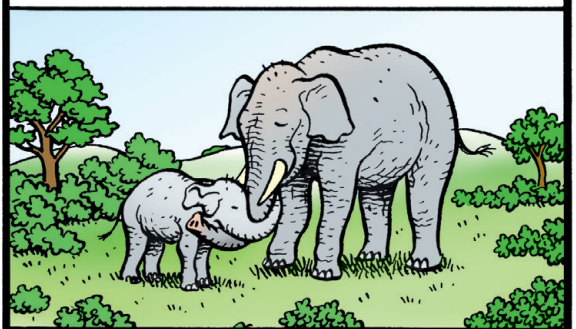
THEN SHE FELL BACK INTO THE WATER. HER BABY STAYED ON THE LEDGE, SHIVERING AND AFRAID.

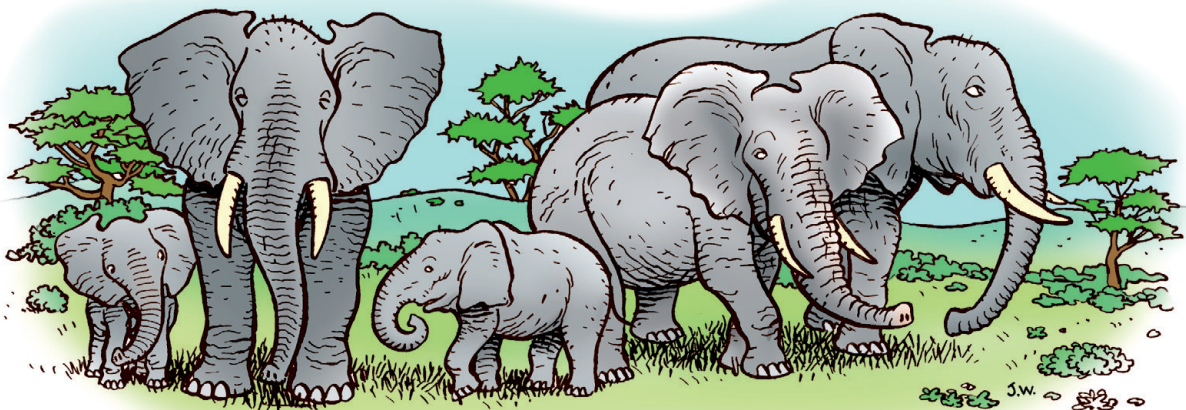


THE BABY HEARD A TRUMPETING SOUND—IT WAS HER MOTHER! MA SHWE HAD ESCAPED THE RIVER AND WAS RUNNING BACK TO HER CHILD!



AS THE WATERS WENT DOWN, MA SHWE MADE SOFT HUMMING NOISES TO CALM THE LITTLE ELEPHANT. JUST LIKE ANY FAMILY, THEY WERE GLAD TO BE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.





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