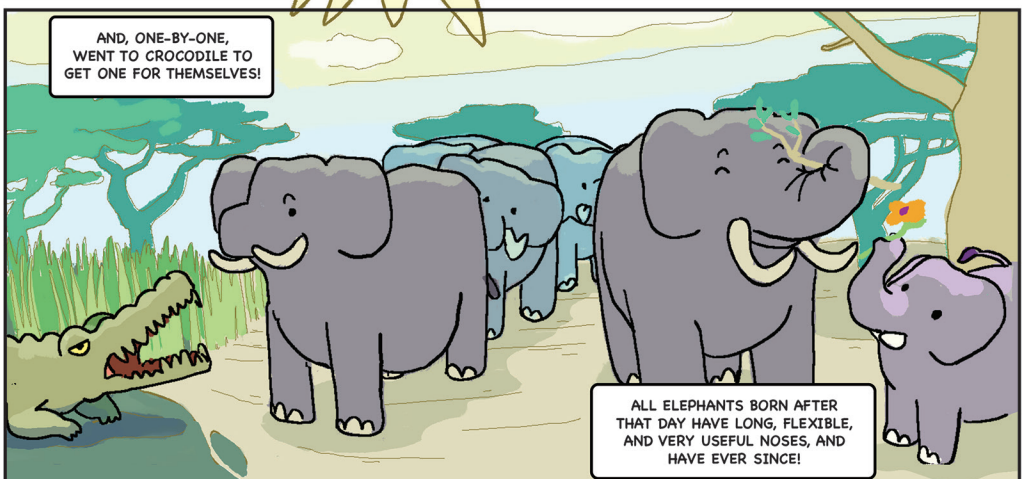
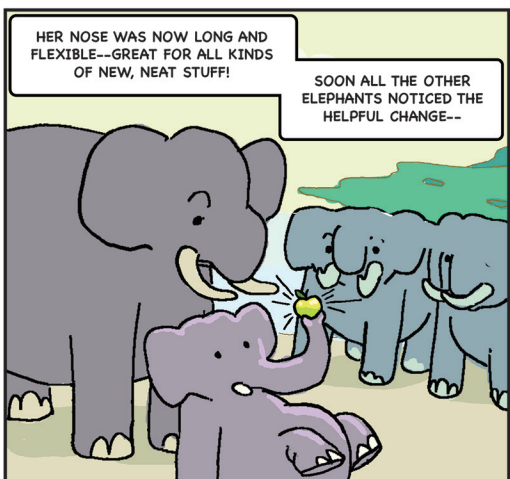
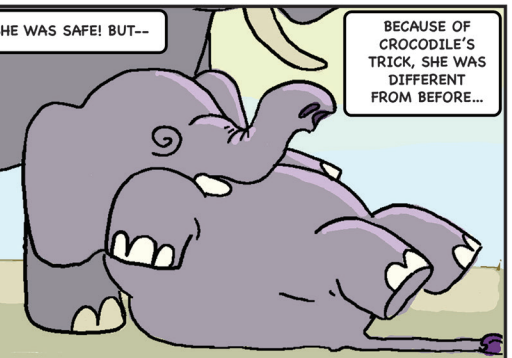
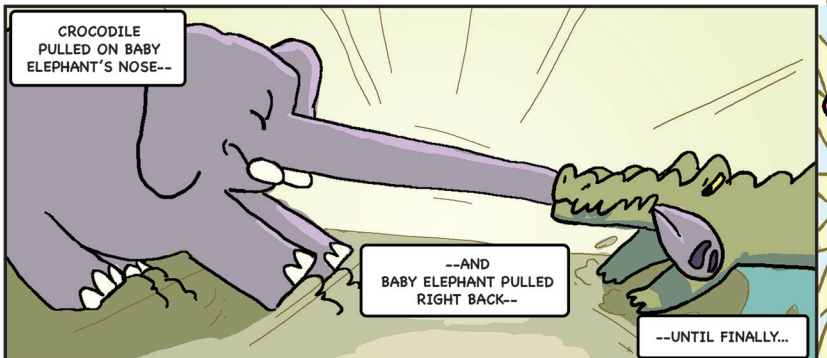
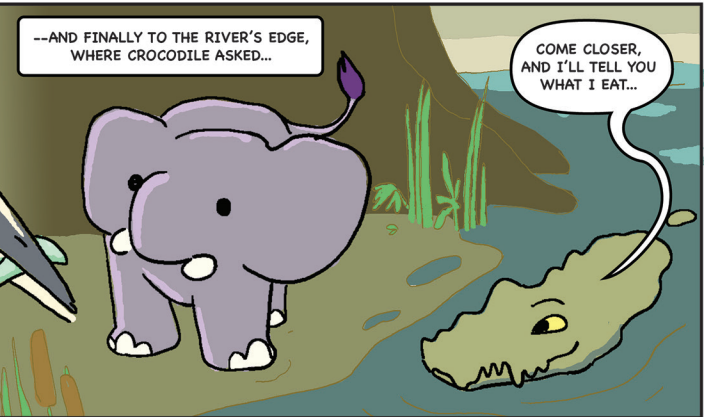
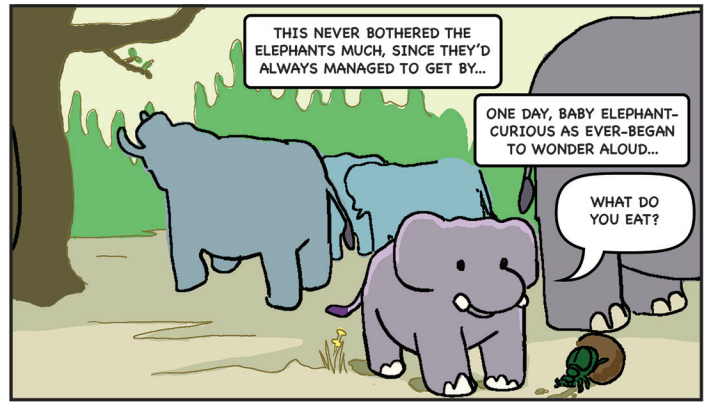
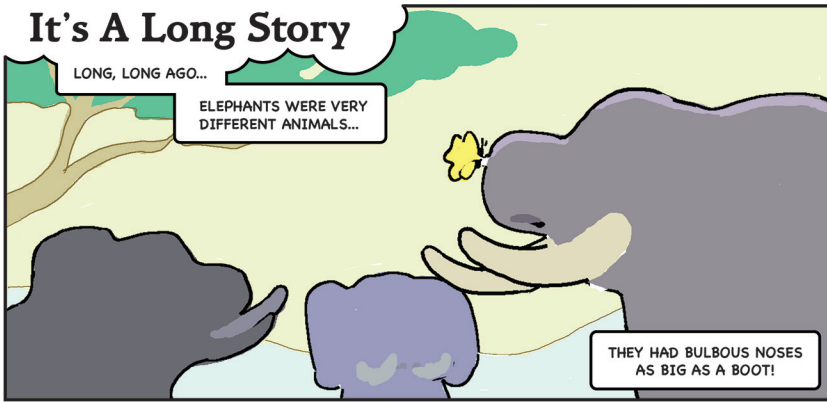


# It's A Long Story



# Nice To Run Into'Roo

LONG, LONG AGO...

KANGAROO WAS A VERY DIFFERENT ANIMAL...

SLIM-LEGGED AND SLOW-MOVING, WITH THICK GRAY WOOL, SHE HAD NO INTEREST IN RUNNING AROUND ALL DAY LONG--

BUT THAT DID NOT MATTER TO DINGO...

BECAUSE DINGO WAS VERY HUNGRY.

AFRAID, KANGAROO RAN AWAY--

--AND DINGO RAN AFTER HER.

THROUGH FORESTS...

SHE RAN!

AND DESERTS...

SHE RAN!

OVER MOUNTAINS...

SHE SCRAMBLED!

AND RIVERS...

SHE LEAPT!

ACROSS GRASSES AND SHRUBS...

SHE HOPPED!

HER HIND LEGS GROWING STRONGER...

HER WOOL BLOWN AWAY...

HER FRONT LEGS GROWING SMALLER...

WHILE HER TAIL GREW THICKER...

AND JUST WHEN IT SEEMED KANGAROO WAS DONE FOR--

SHE USED ALL HER NEW ATTRIBUTES--

LONG, STRONG FEET AND LEGS...

A THICK, POWERFUL TAIL...

AND SLEEK FUR...

AND FINALLY LEFT DINGO IN THE DUST!

AND ALL KANGAROO'S CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN TOO, HAVE BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE...

# Level Up

LONG, LONG AGO...

SOME ANIMALS DID NOT EXIST YET!

LEOPARD TRAINED CUB TO HUNT WHAT THEY COULD FIND.

TODAY, I WILL TEACH YOU TO HUNT HEDGEHOG AND TURTLE...

LEOPARD—A SKILLED HUNTER—SHARED AN ANCIENT HUNTING LESSON WITH CUB...

TOSS HEDGEHOG INTO THE WATER, AND HE WILL UNCURL...

FLIP TURTLE ON HER SHELL AND SCOOP HER OUT...

FROM THE NEARBY BUSHES, HEDGEHOG AND TURTLE OVERHEARD THE LESSON, AND FEARED THEY WOULD SOON BE CAUGHT--

THEY CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO FOOL THE CUB.

HELLO THERE, HEDGEHOG!

GOOD TO SEE YOU, TURTLE!

JUST LIKE HE HAD LEARNED, CUB TOSSED "HEDGEHOG" INTO THE WATER. BUT IT WAS TURTLE, AND SHE SWAM AWAY TO SAFETY.

THIS CONFUSED CUB GREATLY...

THEN HE TRIED TO SCOOP "TURTLE" OUT OF HER SHELL, BUT IT WAS HEDGEHOG, AND HIS SHARP PRICKLES POKED CUB'S PAW PAINFULLY!

TIRED AND DEFEATED, CUB RAN BACK HOME.

TURTLE AND HEDGEHOG HAD WON FOR NOW--

BUT THEY KNEW THIS TRICK WOULD NOT WORK AGAIN.

THEY TRAINED OVER AND OVER...

TURTLE LEARNED TO CURL SO WELL, THE PLATES OF HER SHELL BEGAN TO CHANGE...

HEDGEHOG BECAME SUCH A GOOD SWIMMER, HIS STICKY-PRICKLES CHANGED TOO...

THEY DECIDED TO LEARN EACH OTHER'S SKILLS.

DAY AND NIGHT...

BOTH COULD CURL...

TOGETHER, THEY HAD BECOME SOMETHING NEW, AND LEOPARD AND CUB NAMED IT "ARMADILLO."

AND THE ARMADILLOS, NOW LIVING ALONGSIDE THE TURTLES, HEDGEHOGS, AND LEOPARDS OF THE WORLD, HAD ARMADILLO CHILDREN--

HE FOUND NEITHER...

AND BOTH COULD SWIM...

AND ARMADILLOS HAVE EXISTED EVER SINCE.