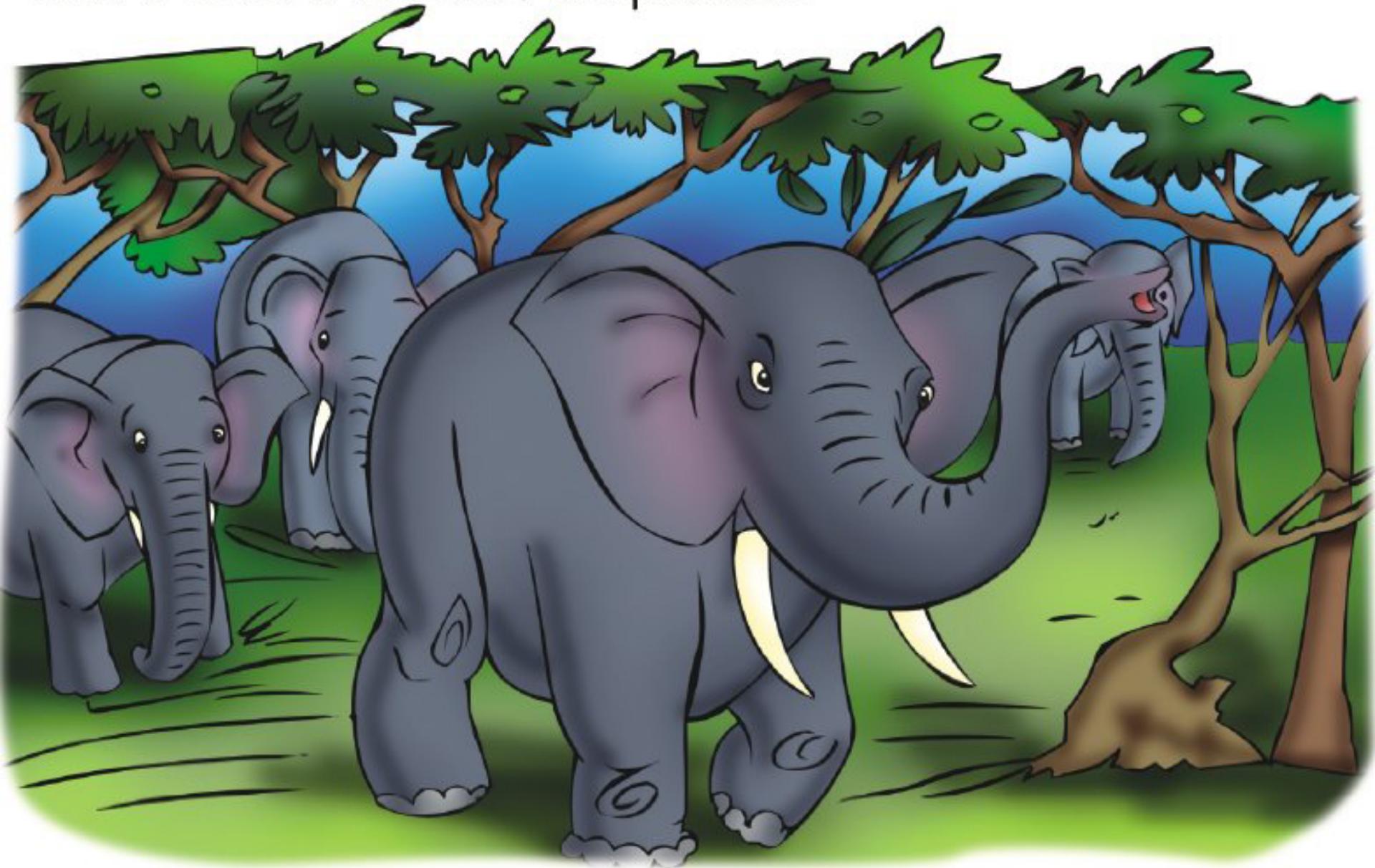


The Mice And The Elephant

Long, long ago there was a broken down palace hidden in a jungle. Some mice had begun living there. They were happy there.



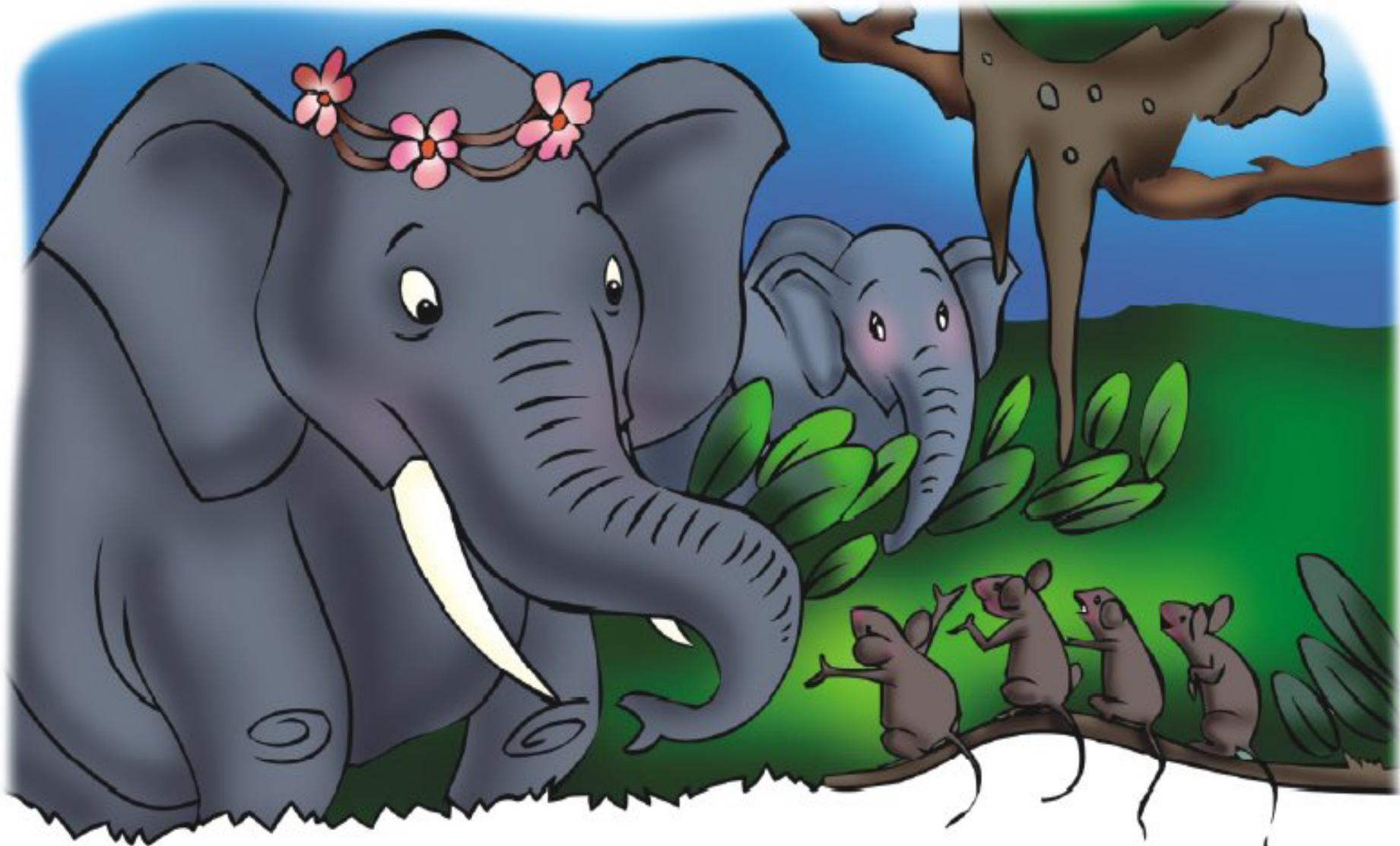
In the same forest, a little further away,
there lived a herd of elephants.





One day a fire broke out in that part of the jungle. In fear the elephants came running to the palace, and sadly they stamped over many mice killing them.





The mice went to the king elephant and told him to stop hurting them. The king elephant felt sad and stopped hurting the mice at once.



"We will not forget your kindness," said the mice, "let us be friends." So the elephants and the mice became very good friends.

After a few months loud and sad howls filled the jungle. The king elephant had been trapped. A hunter had come to catch them so none of the elephants could go there.



The mice said, "It's time to prove our friendship, we will free the elephant." So they quietly went to the king elephant and chewed through the ropes that tied him up.



As they were small no one saw them there. At last the king elephant was free, and he ran home with the mice.



The mice and elephants in that jungle have helped each other often ever since. They are good friends.

