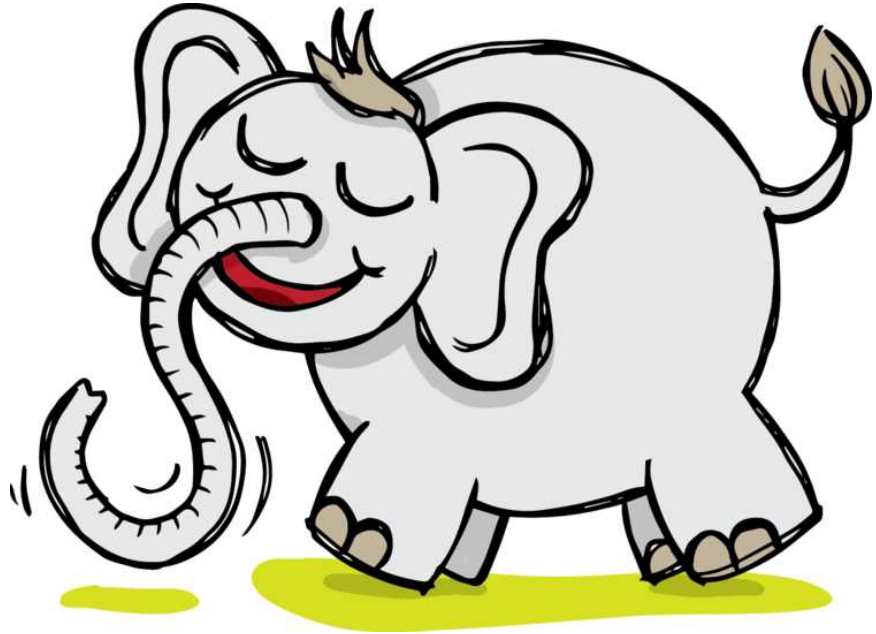


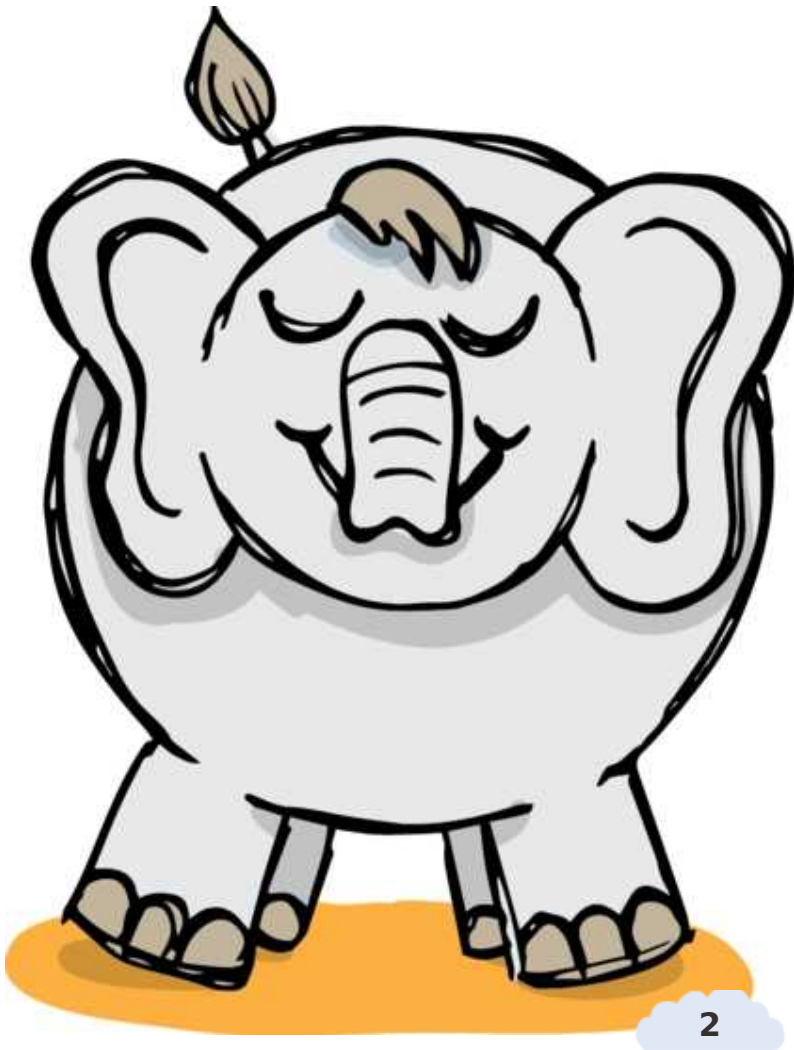
Mtoto Wa Tembo Mdadisi

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Kila mtu anafahamu
kuwa tembo ana
mkonga mrefu.





Lakini hapo kale, pua la tembo lilikuwa fupi na nono.

Lilikuwa kama kiatu kilichowekwa katikati mwa uso wake.

Siku moja tembo
akazaa mtoto aliyekuwa
mdadisi.

Alikuwa na swali kwa
kila mnyama
aliyemuona.



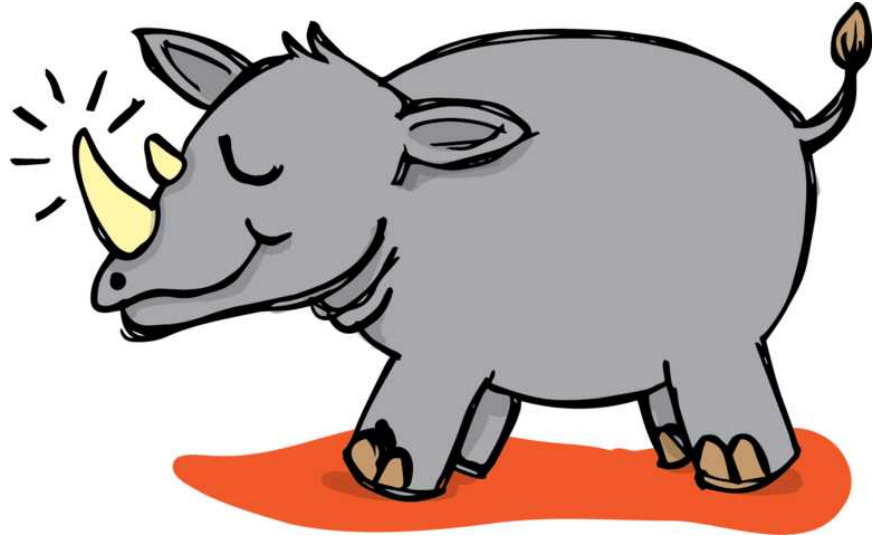


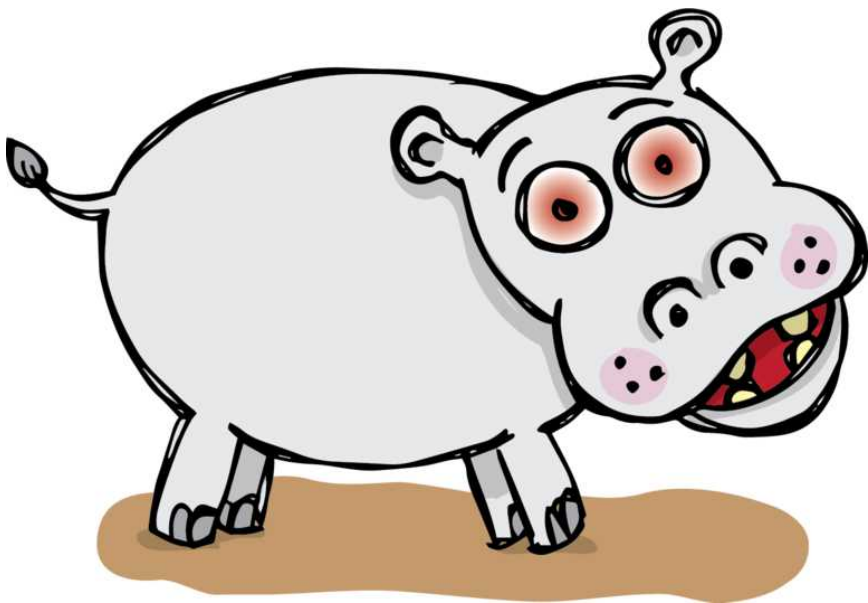
Mtoto wa tembo
alimdadisi twiga.

“Kwa nini shingo
lako ni refu?” aliuliza.

Pia alidadisi kuhusu
kifaru.

"Ni kwa nini pembe
yako ina ncha
iliyochongoka sana?"

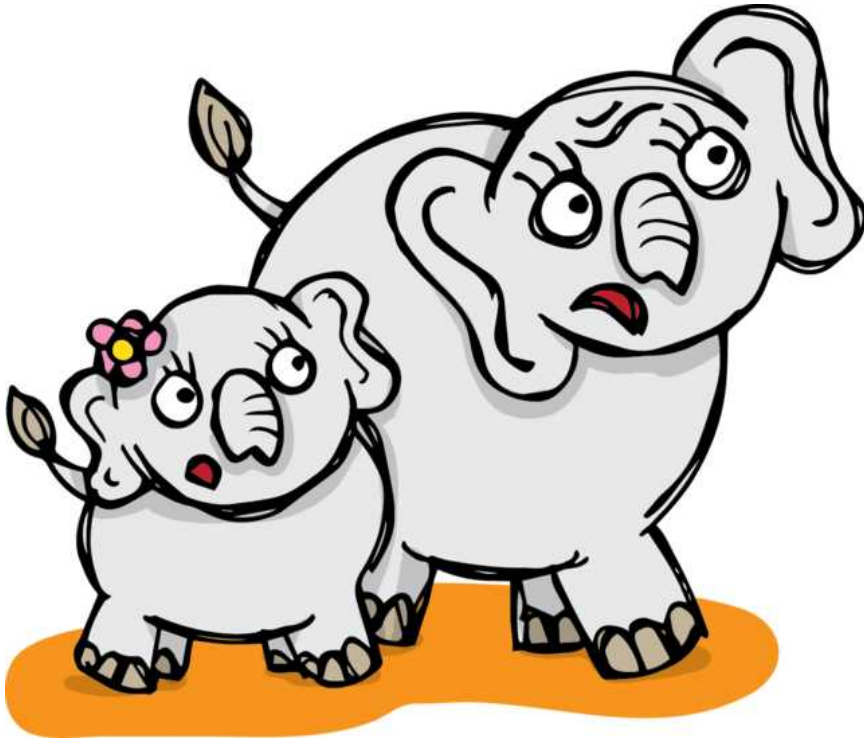




Mtoto wa tembo pia alimdadisi kiboko, "Kwa nini una macho mekundu?" alimuuliza.

“Hivi wewe huwa
unakula nini?”
Alimdadisi mamba.



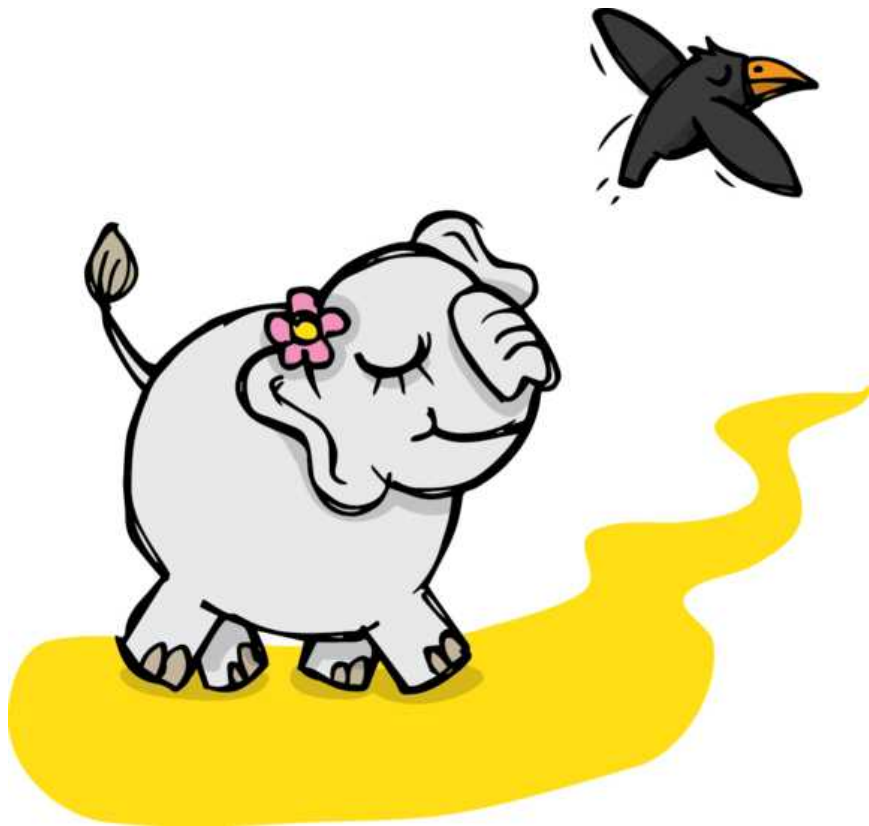


“Mwanangu usiulize wanyama maswali kama hayo,” mama yake alimwambia.

Aliondoka akiwa kanuna na kwenda kucheza.

Lakini Kunguru
mwerevu alisema upesi,
“Nifuate twende mtoni.
Kule utaona ambacho
mamba hula jioni”.



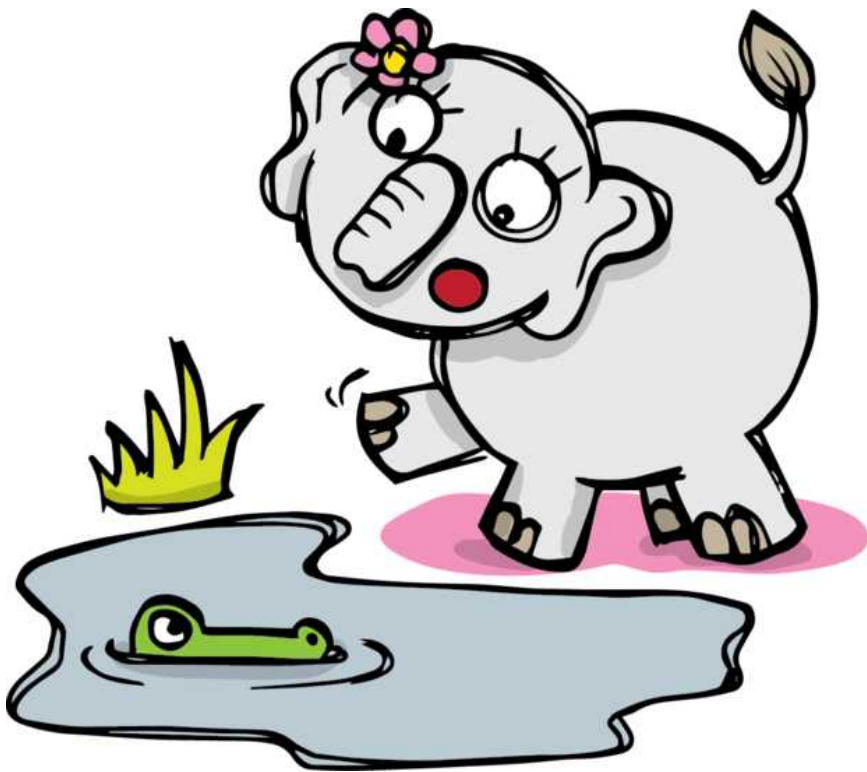


Mtoto wa Tembo
alimfuata Kunguru
mpaka mtoni.

Alijipenyeza kwenye
mianzi na kusimama
kwenye kingo ya mto.

Alitazama ndani ya maji
na kuuliza, “Mamba
mwenyewe yuko wapi?”





“Habari,” jiwe lilisema
hapo karibu na mto.

“Habari ni nzuri,” alijibu
Mtoto wa Tembo, kisha
akasema. “Labda
unaweza ukanieleza
mamba hula chakula
gani jioni?”

“Inama kidogo na
nitakwambia mamba
hula chakula gani,”
lilisema jiwe lile.

Mtoto wa tembo
aliinama chini karibu
kabisa na jiwe lile
kisha...





“Tap!” Pua ya mtoto wa mamba ilikuwa kunywani mwa mamba.

“Mamba atakula nyama yako leo,” ilisema kunguru mjanja aliyemshawishi mtoto wa tembo kwenda mtoni.

Mtoto wa tembo akakita
miguu yake yenye
nguvu chini,
akasimama imara na
akaanza kujivuta, na
kujivuta.

Mamba nae akaikamata
vema pua ya mtoto wa
tembo, hakuiachia.



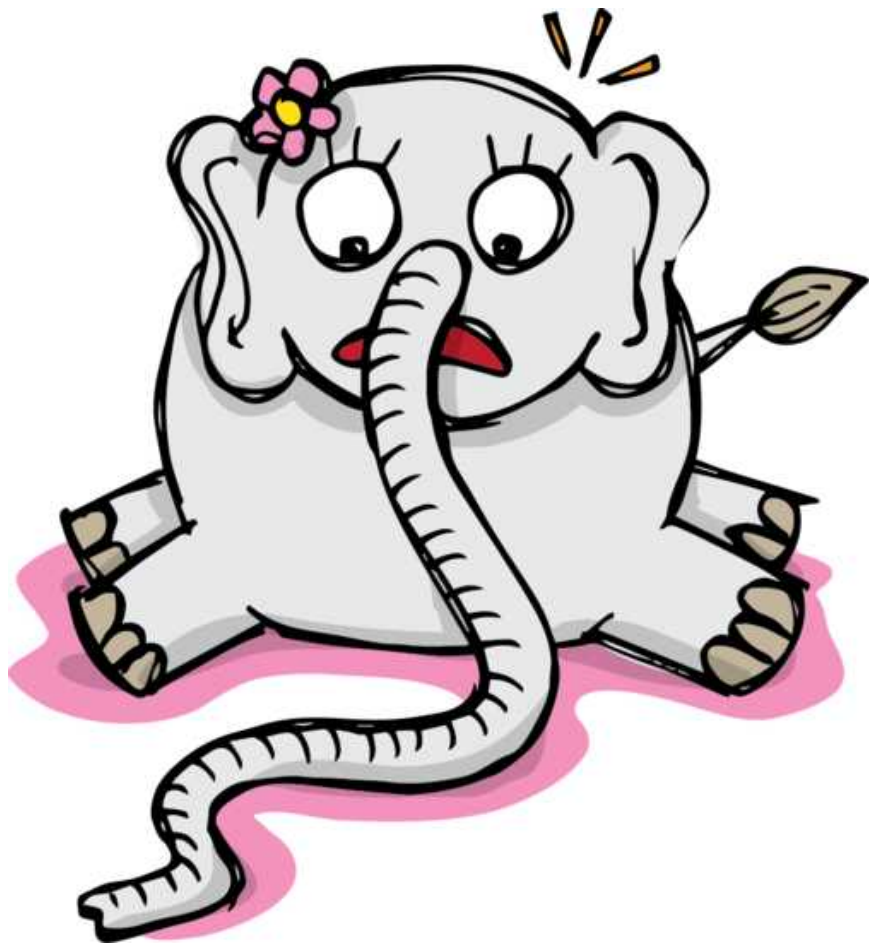


Pua ya mtoto wa
tembo, ikavutika ndefu,
ikarefuka zaidi,
mpaka....

“Puu,” akaanguka na
kufika chini kwa
mgongo.

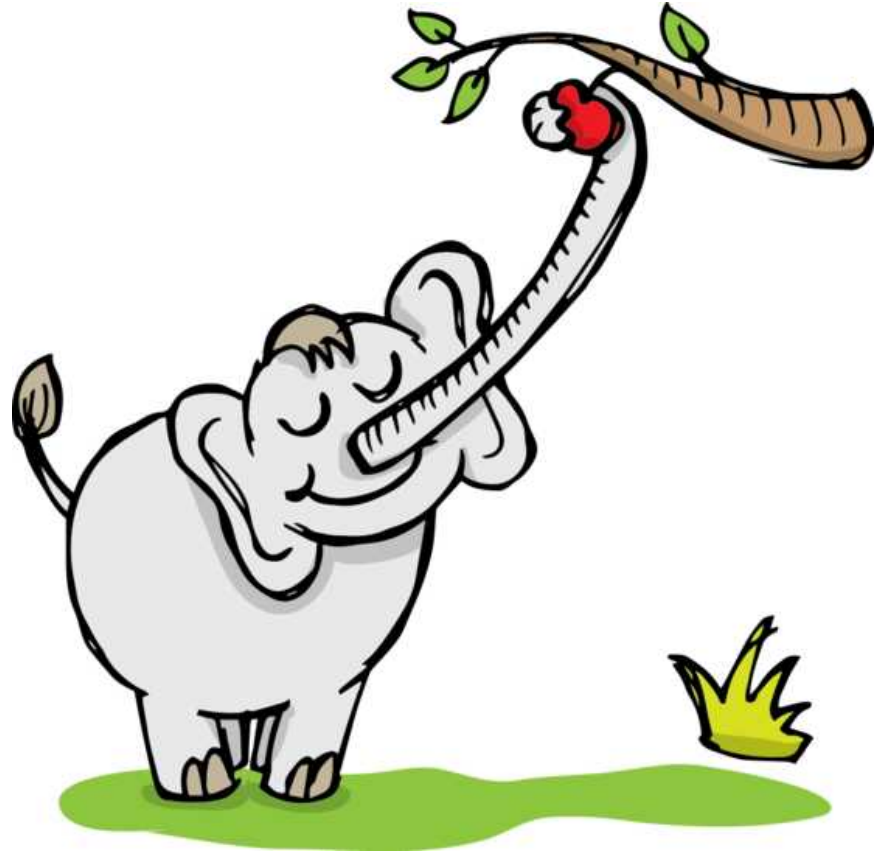
Baada ya kukosa
chakula chake, mamba
alizama na kutokomea
kwenye maji.





Mtoto wa tembo
aliangalia pua yake.
Hakuweza kuona ni
wapi iliishia kwa jinsi
ilivyokuwa ndefu.

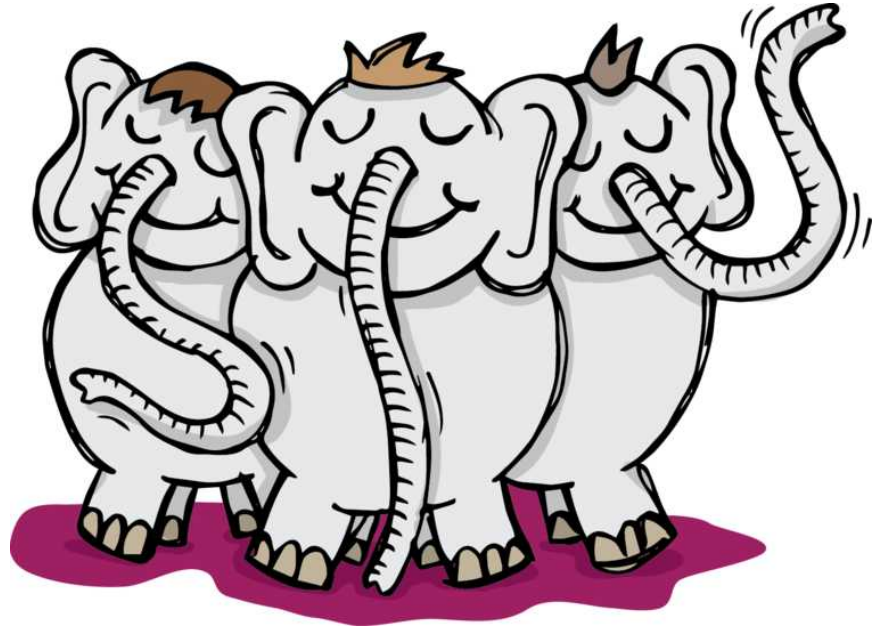
Ilirefuka sana na
kumuwezesha kuchuma
matunda yaliyokuwa
kwenye matawi ya juu
ya mti.





Pia, aliweza kuoga
kutumia pua yake
wakati wa joto.

Mpaka leo, tembo wote
wana mikonga mirefu
na yenye faida kwao.



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