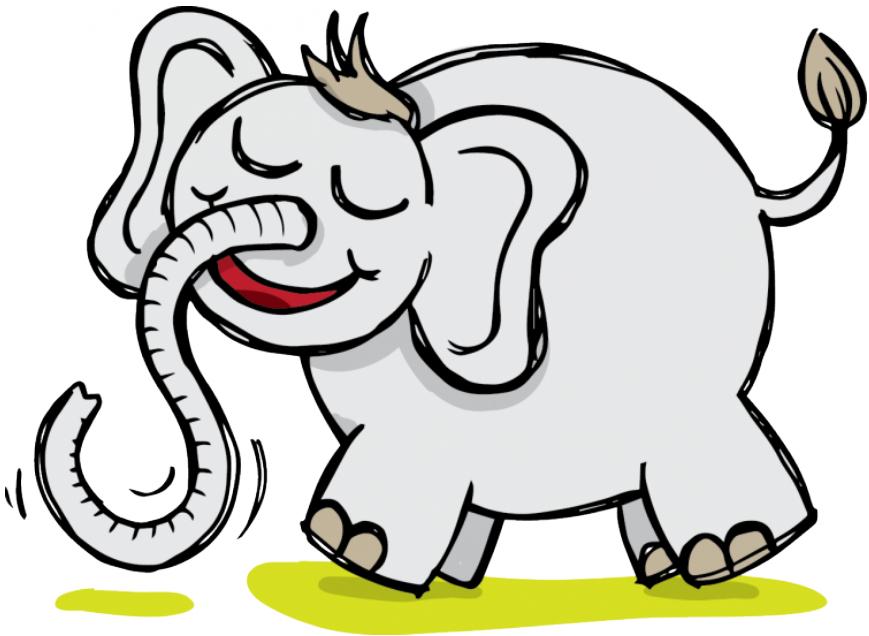


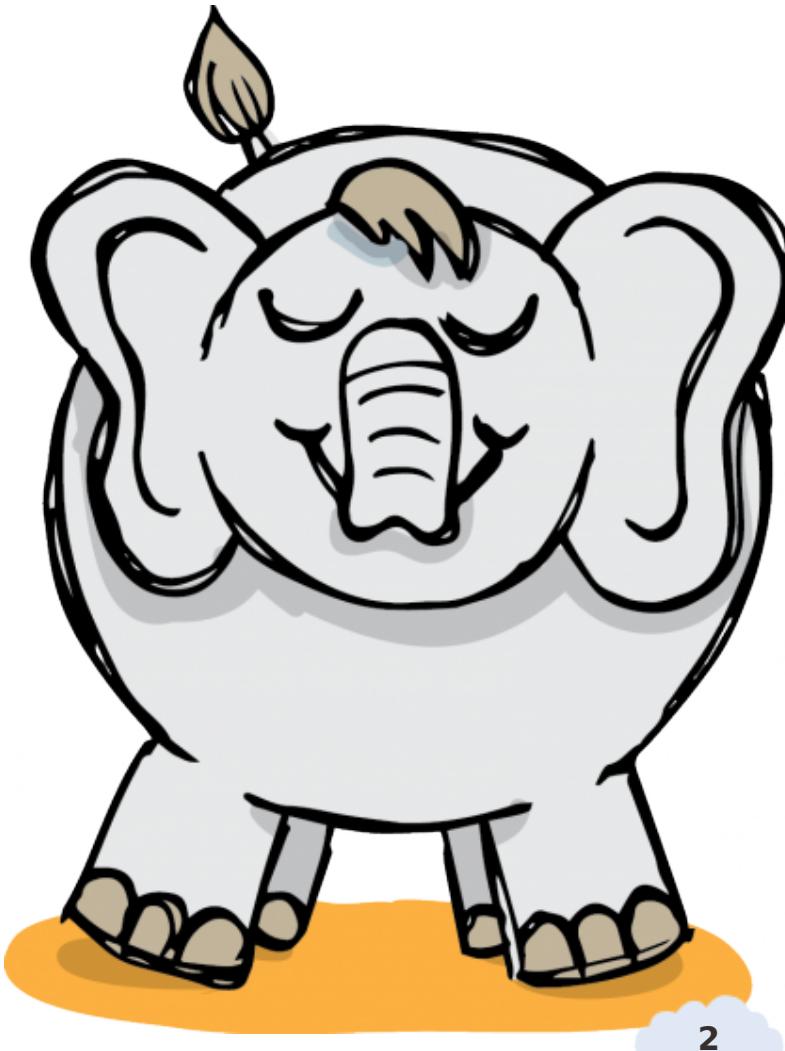
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Kila mtu anafahamu
kuwa tembo ana
mkonga mrefu.





Lakini hapo kale, pua ya tembo ilikuwa fupi na iliyonona. Ilikuwa kama kiatu kilichowekwa katikati ya sura yake.

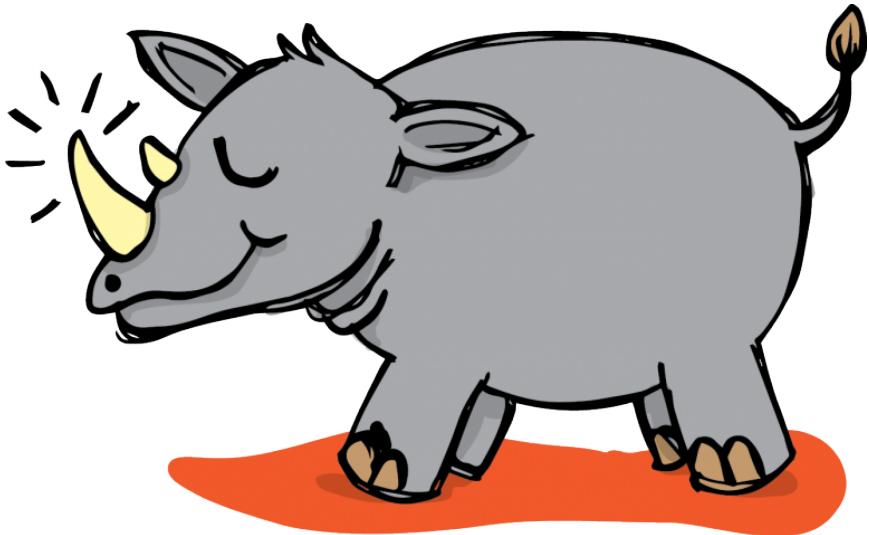
Siku moja tembo
akazaa mtoto aliyekuwa
mdadisi,
alikuwa na swalii kwa
kila mnyama
aliyemuona.

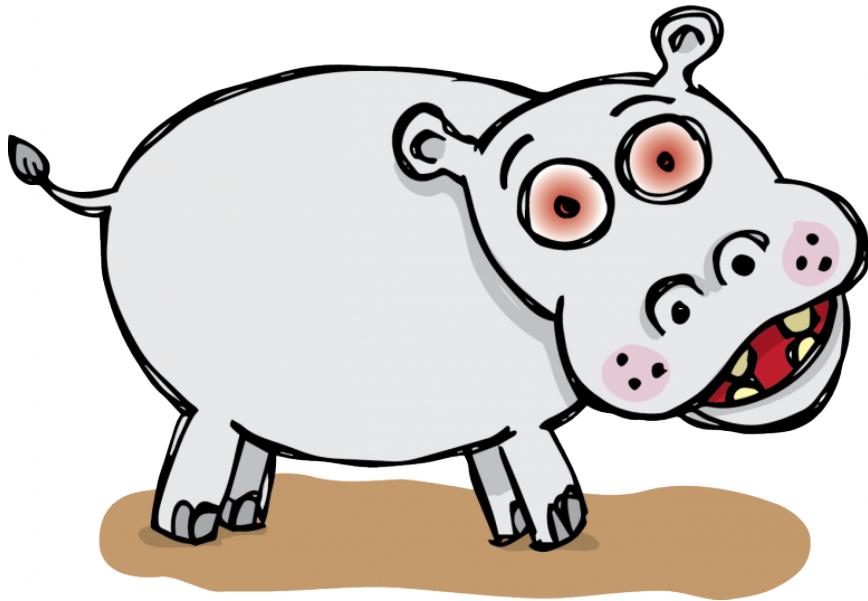




Mtoto wa tembo
alimdadisi twiga. "Kwa
nini shingo
yako ni ndefu," aliuliza.

Pia alidadisi kuhusu
kifaru. "Ni kwa nini
pembe yako ina ncha
iliyochongoka sana?"

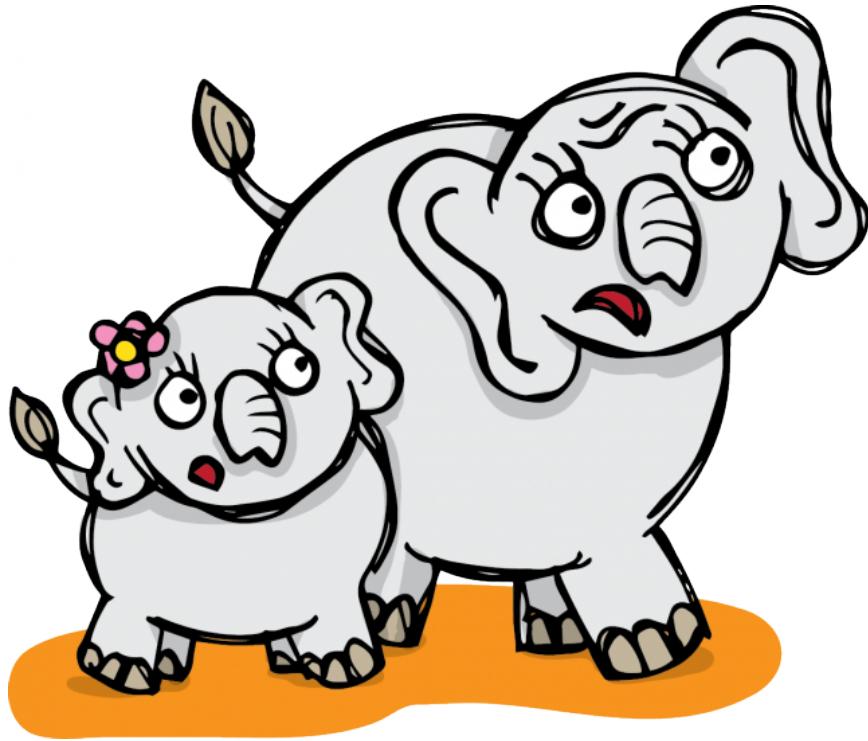




Mtoto wa tembo pia
alimdadisi kiboko, "Kwa
nini una macho
mekundu?" alimuuliza.

“Hivi wewe huwa
unakula nini?”
Alimdadisi mamba.

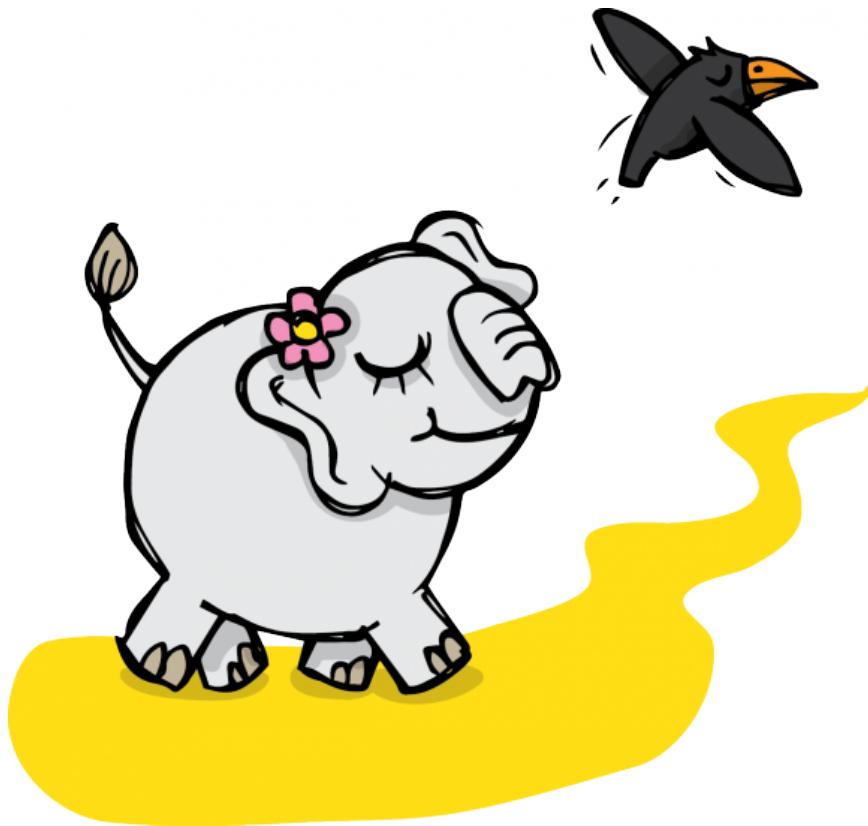




“Mwanangu usiulize wanyama maswali kama hayo,” mama yake alimwambia. Aliondoka akiwa kanuna na kwenda kucheza.

Kunguru mjanja
alimfuata mtoto wa
tembo, "Twende mtoni
nikakuoneshe chakula
cha mamba," kunguru
alimwambia mtot wa
mamba.





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,” ilisikika sauti ikimsalimia mtoto wa tembo kutoka kwenye kitu mfano wa jiwe kilichokuwa karibu na mto.

“Habari nzuri,” alijibu mtoto wa tembo, kisha akasema. “Labda unaweza ukanieleza mamba hula chakula gani?”

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

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





“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 yenyе
nguvu chini,
akasimama imara na
akaanza kujivuta, na
kujivuta.

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



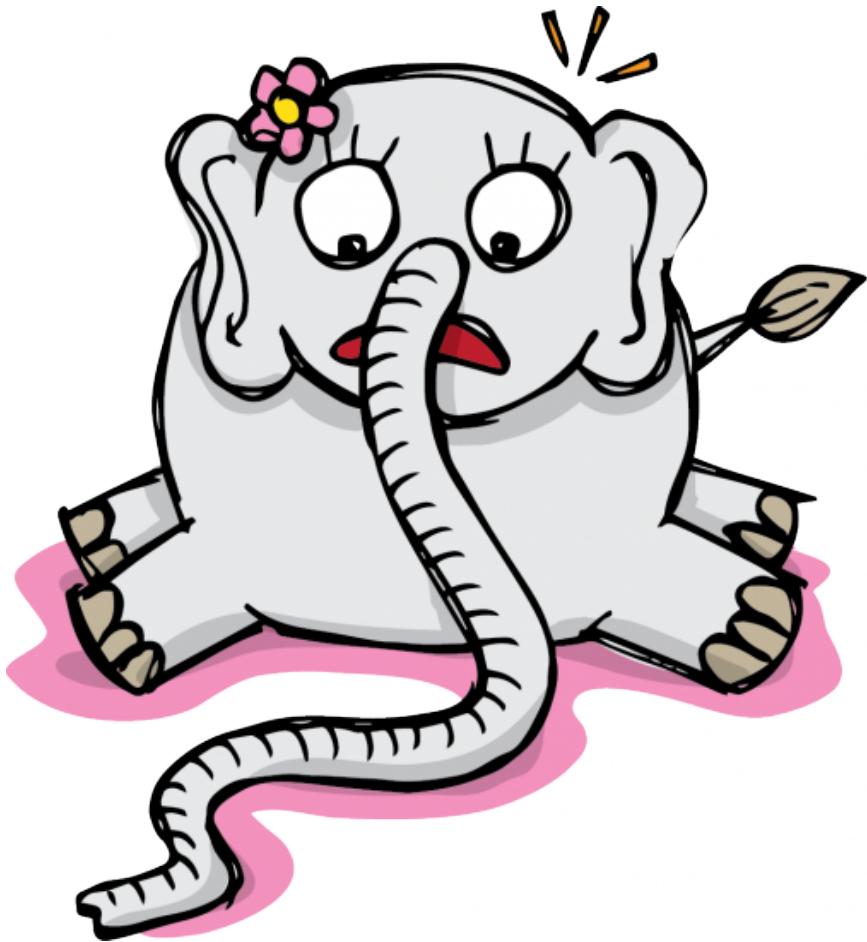


Pua ya mtoto wa
tembo, ikavutika ndefu,
ikarefuka zaidi,
mpaka....

“Puu,” akaanguka na
kufika chini kwa
mgongo.

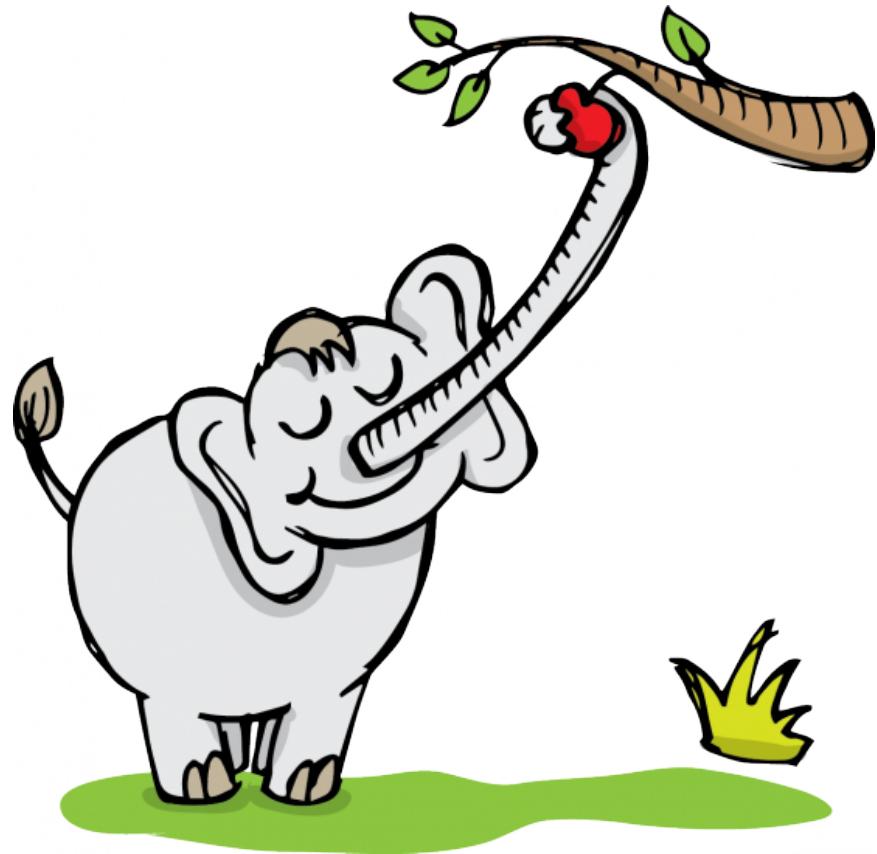
Baada ya kukosa
chakula chake, mamba
alizama na kutokomea
kwenye maji.





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

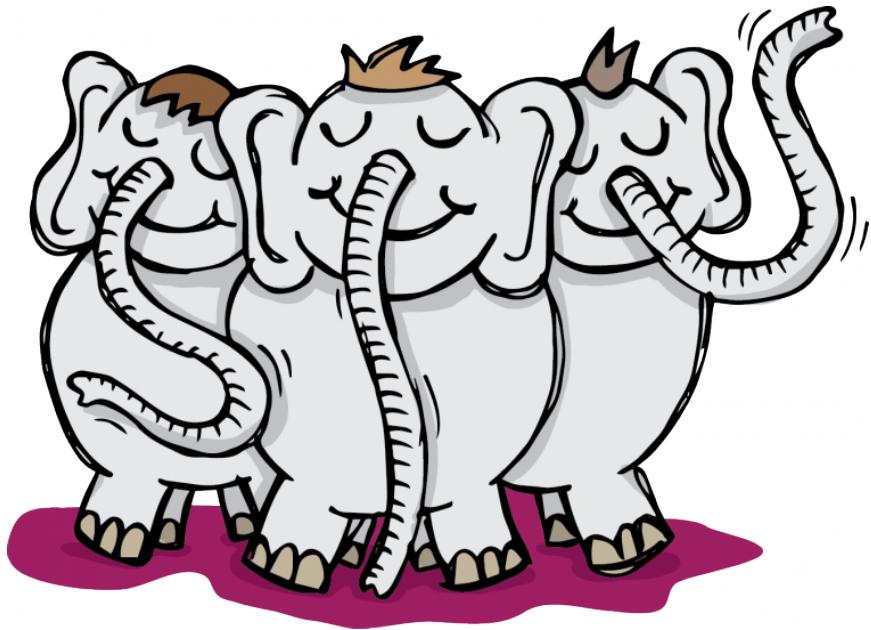
Ilirefuka sana na
kumuwezesha kuchuma
matunda yaliyokuwa
kwenye matawi ya juu
ya mti.





Pia, aliweza kuoga
kutumia pua yake
wakati wa joto.

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



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