



Keeper and his nursery

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This is the story of Keeper
and his nursery for
orphaned animals.

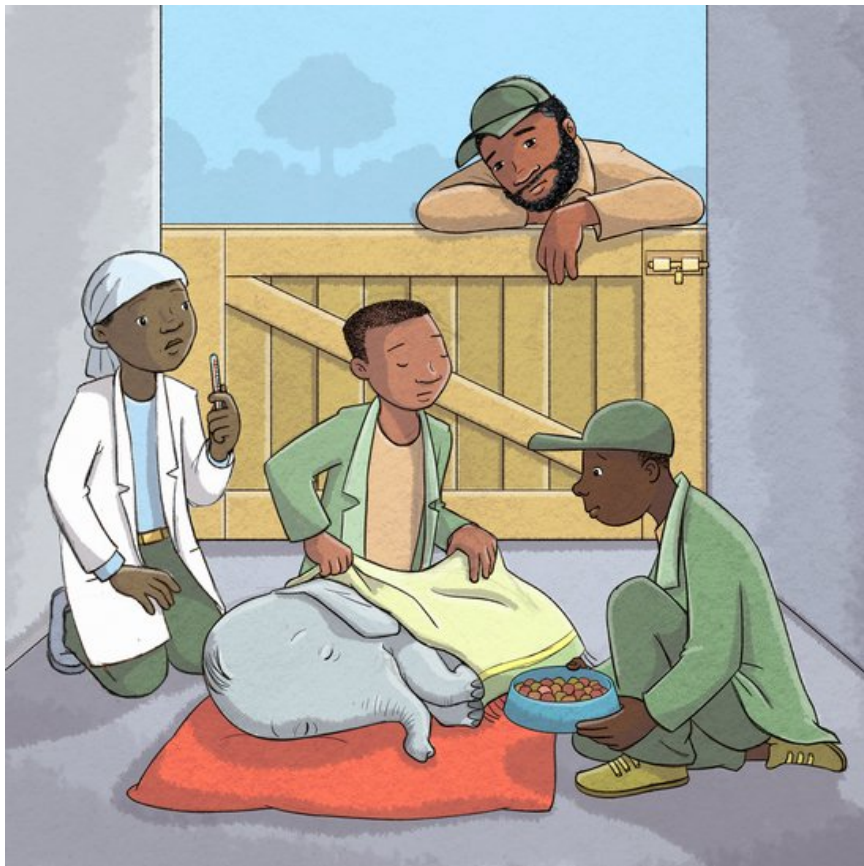




August was a busy month
for Keeper and his helpers
at the nursery.

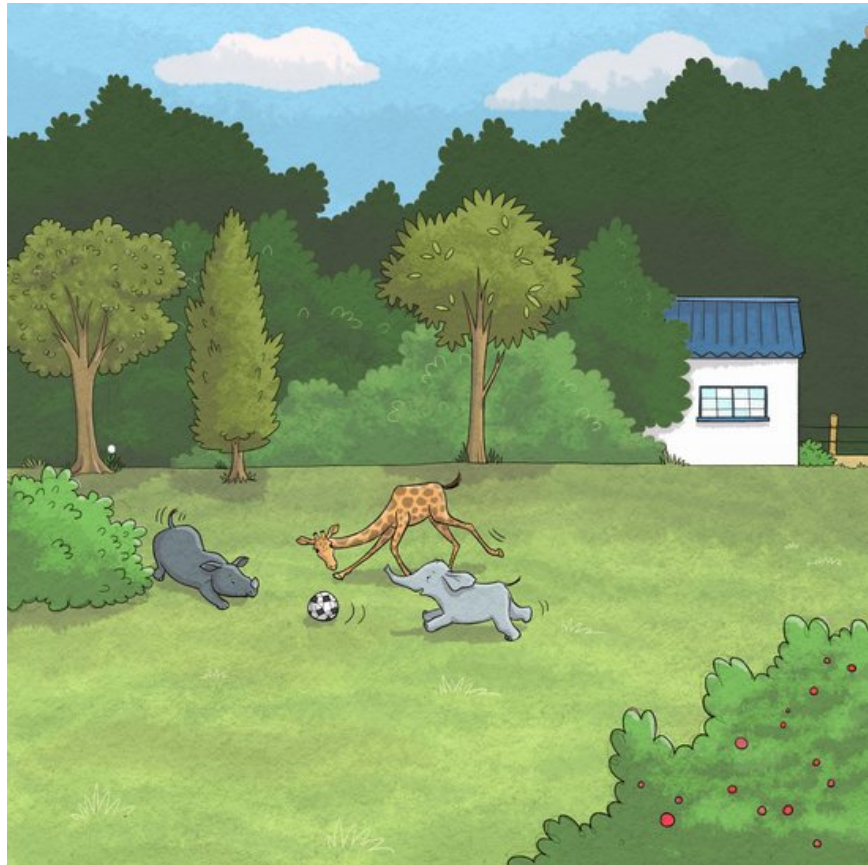
One year old Mkite
arrived first. She came
in an old green truck.

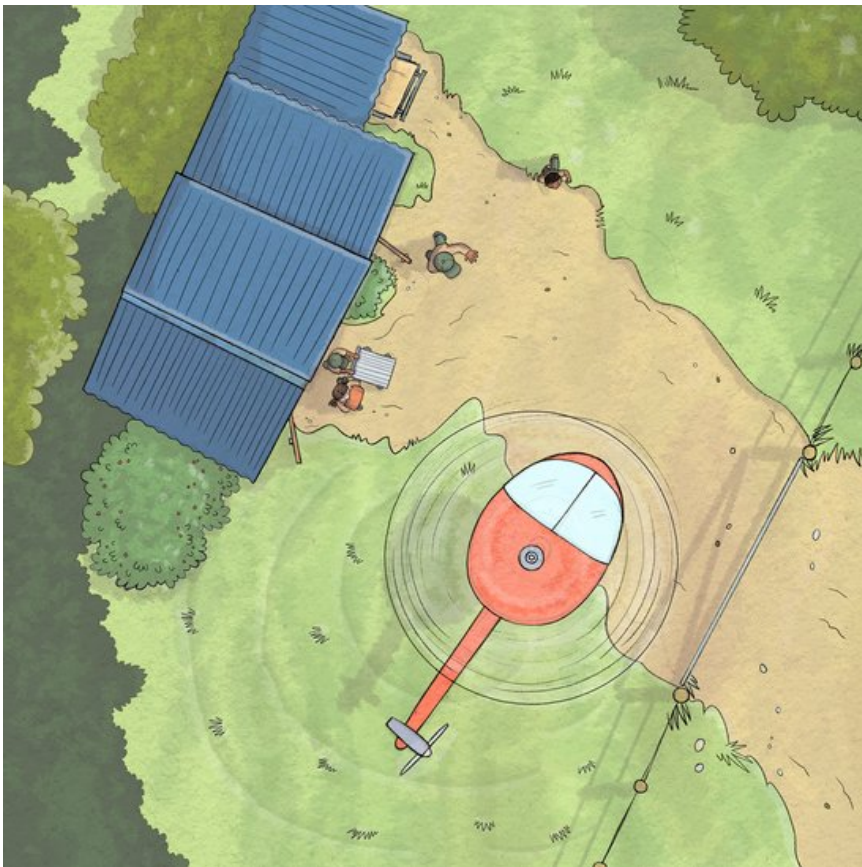




Keeper and his helpers
were very sorry for Mkite.
She was so thin and sad.

But soon, Mkite got stronger.
She began to play with the
other animals at the nursery.





On another day in August,
a helicopter landed at the
nursery.

Keeper and his helpers rushed outside.

In the helicopter was a small elephant covered with a blanket.





It was Ndiwa. He was five days' old.
Keeper fed Ndiwa with a bottle.

The third orphan that month was Malea. She arrived at the nursery on a red tractor. She was six months' old.





Malea the rhinoceros soon became close friends with Enkare, a baby buffalo. They went everywhere together.

One night, everybody was woken up by the arrival of Ambia.





Ambia was five months' old.
She was weak after her long
journey.

Because of her long neck,
Keeper held the bottle high
to feed Ambia.





Tiny twins Abei and Moit arrived in the middle of August.

These antelopes were only a few hours' old. They were very sick.

Everyone was sad when Abei died a week after he arrived at the nursery.

But Keeper and his helpers saved Moit.





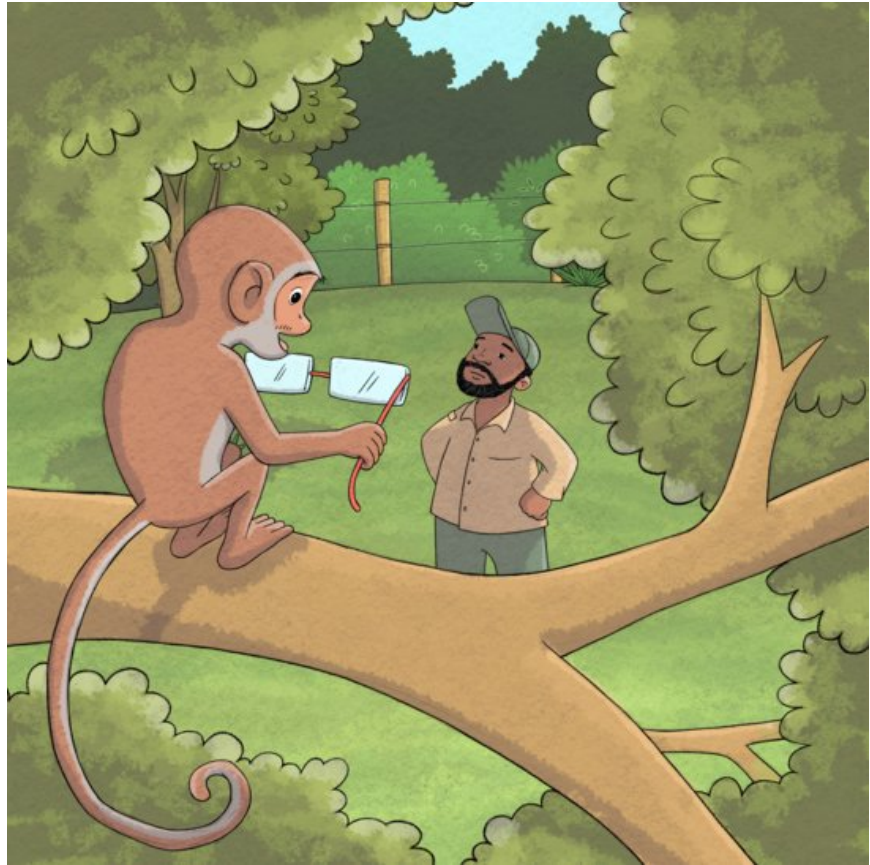
The last orphans to arrive in August were Kopi, Kepi and Keji. These cubs were two weeks' old.

They were very hungry when they arrived.



Keeper and his helpers love
all of the animals, even the naughty
ones.

The naughtiest baby was Lobolia. Lobolia liked to hide Keeper's glasses.



The people at the nursery
work hard to look after
the baby animals.

They hope that one day
the orphans can look after
themselves.

Then they can return to the wild.



How old and how many?

Read the story again and then answer these questions.

1. How many animals arrived at the nursery in the month of August?
2. Who arrived first that month?
3. How old was this animal?
4. Who arrived last? How old were these animals?
5. Who were the youngest animals to arrive in August?
6. How old were they?
7. Who was the oldest animal to arrive in August?

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