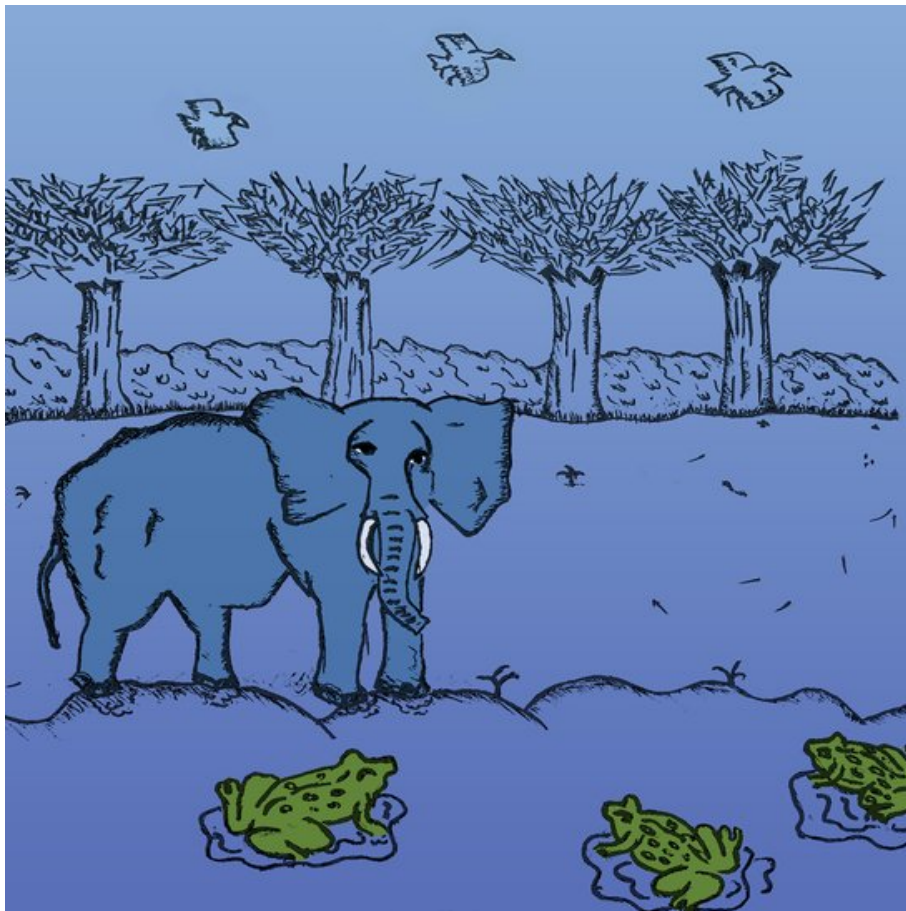
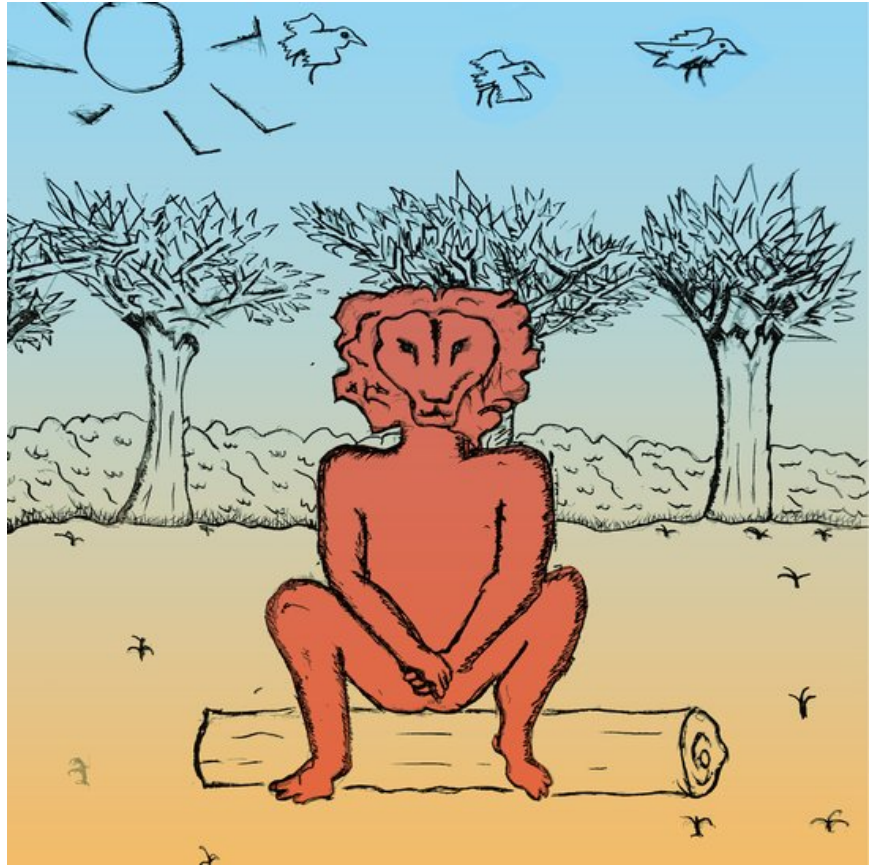


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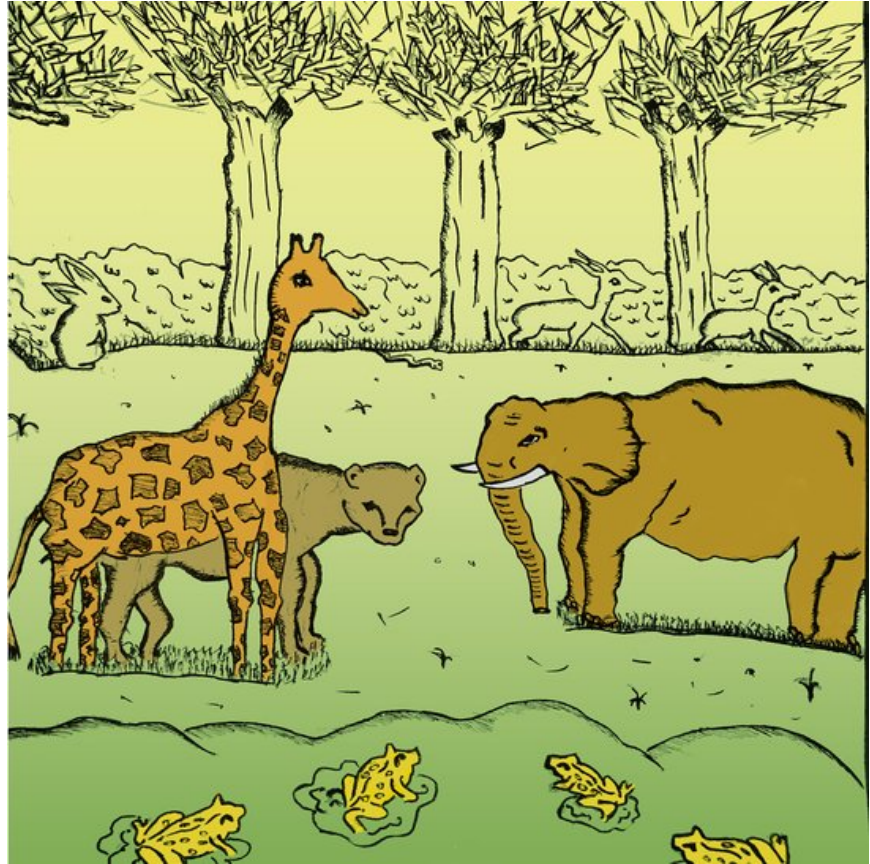
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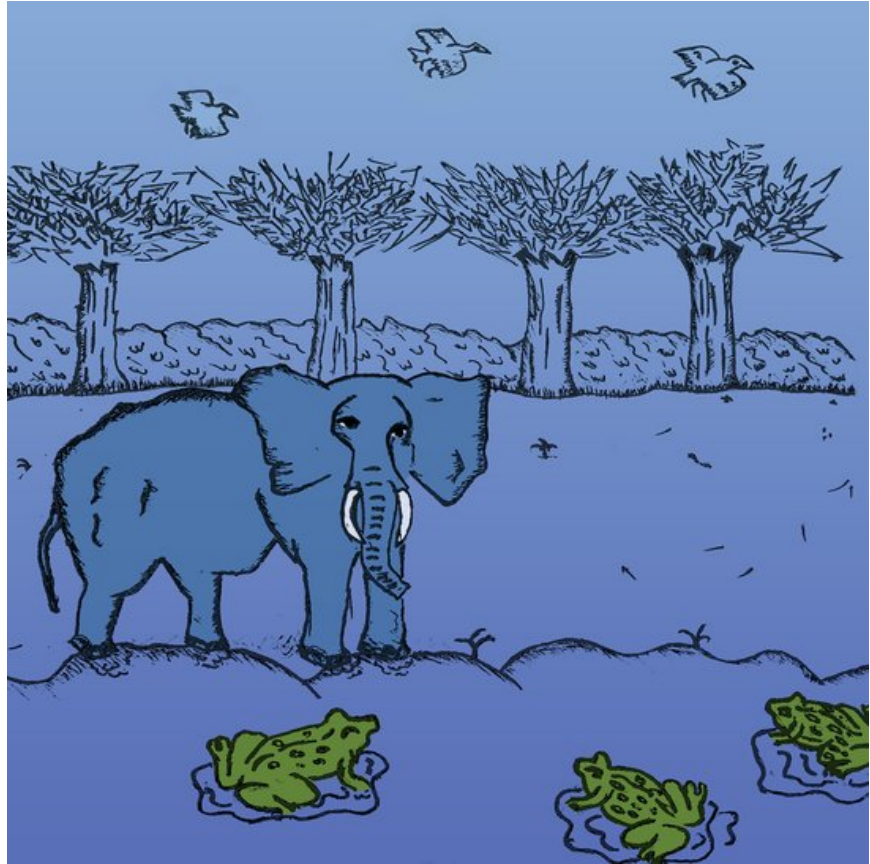
A long time ago, the  
king of the bush was  
Mr. Lion.



He sent his animals to stop the noise coming from a small lake in the bush. But they did not succeed!

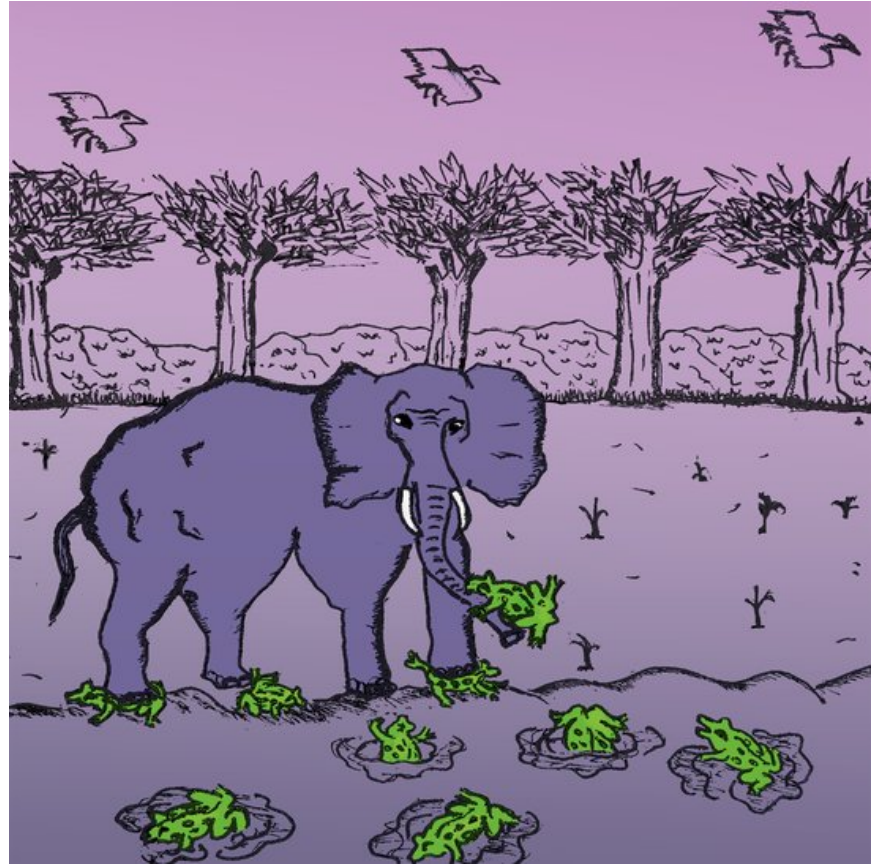


An elephant volunteered to  
stop it.  
The elephant was sent out  
as a guard.





At midnight the noise began and the elephant started killing the frogs. He did the same thing the next day.



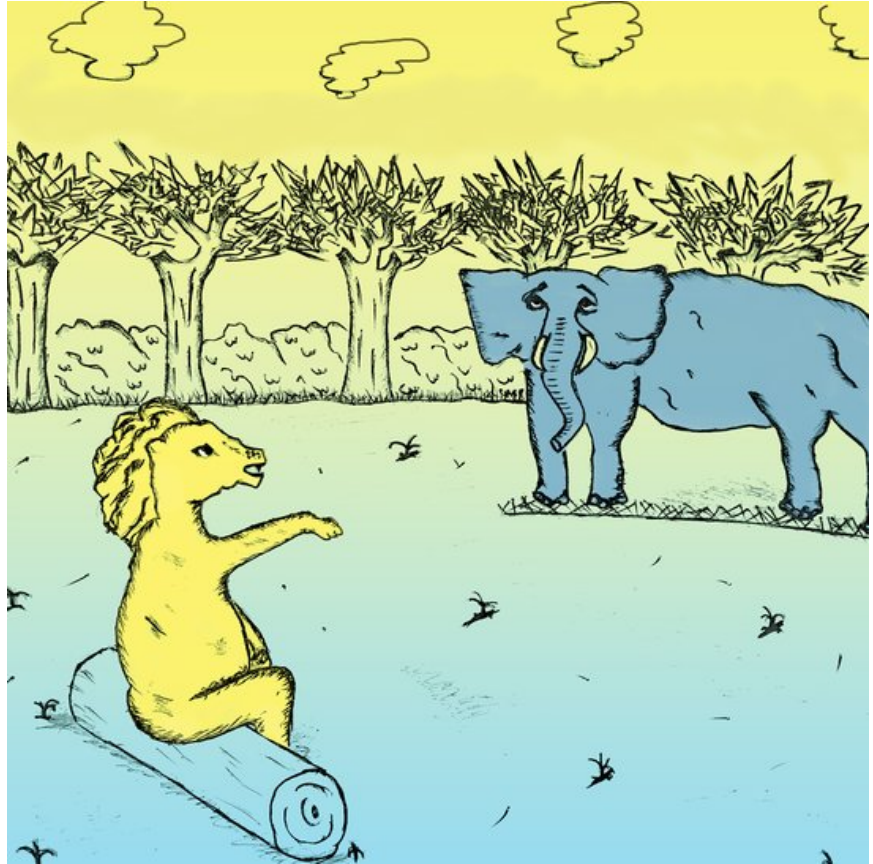
After a couple of weeks,  
King Lion was happy  
because the elephant had  
stopped the noise.



But about a month later, they saw a lot of insects on their farm.

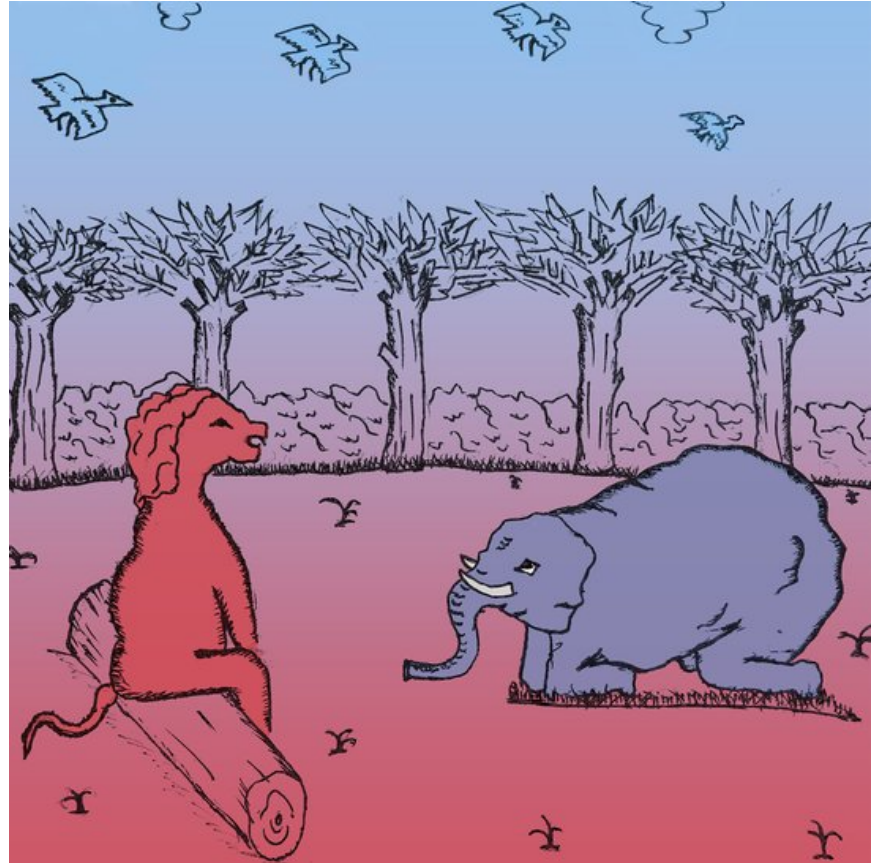


King Lion asked the elephant to call the frogs to come and eat the insects.





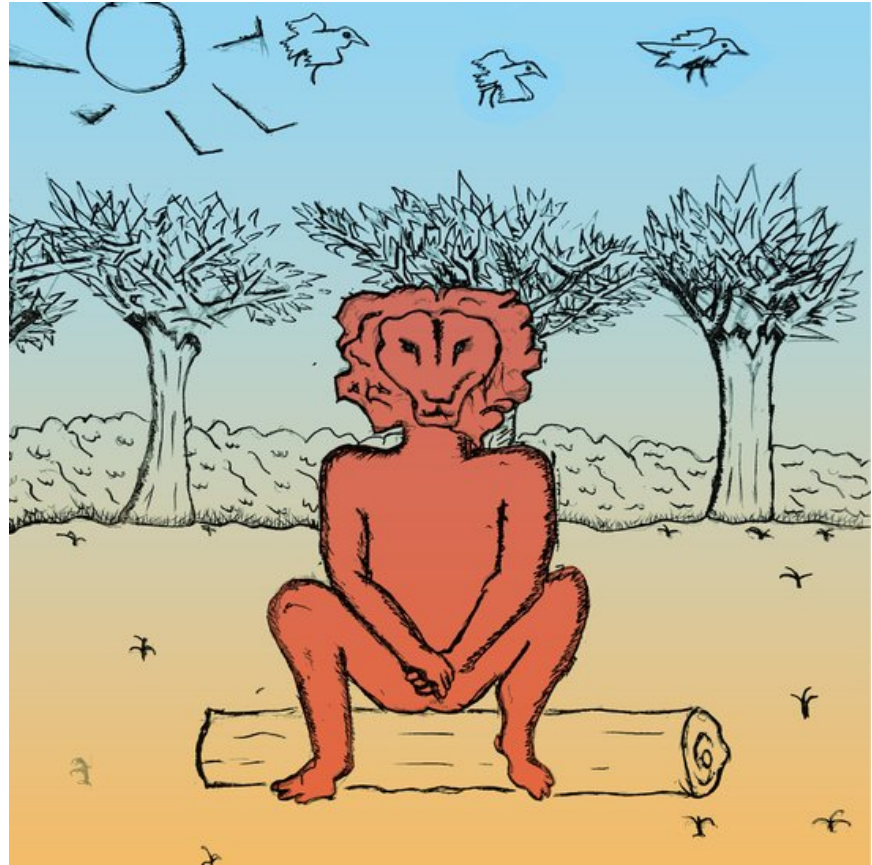
The elephant was very nervous because he had killed all of them. He said, "Sorry, sorry, I k- k- k- killed them!"



Then King Lion said:  
Elephant, I asked you  
to stop the noise, not  
to kill the frogs. And the  
elephant was put in  
prison for many years!



And the king told all the animals to always do exactly what he said.



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