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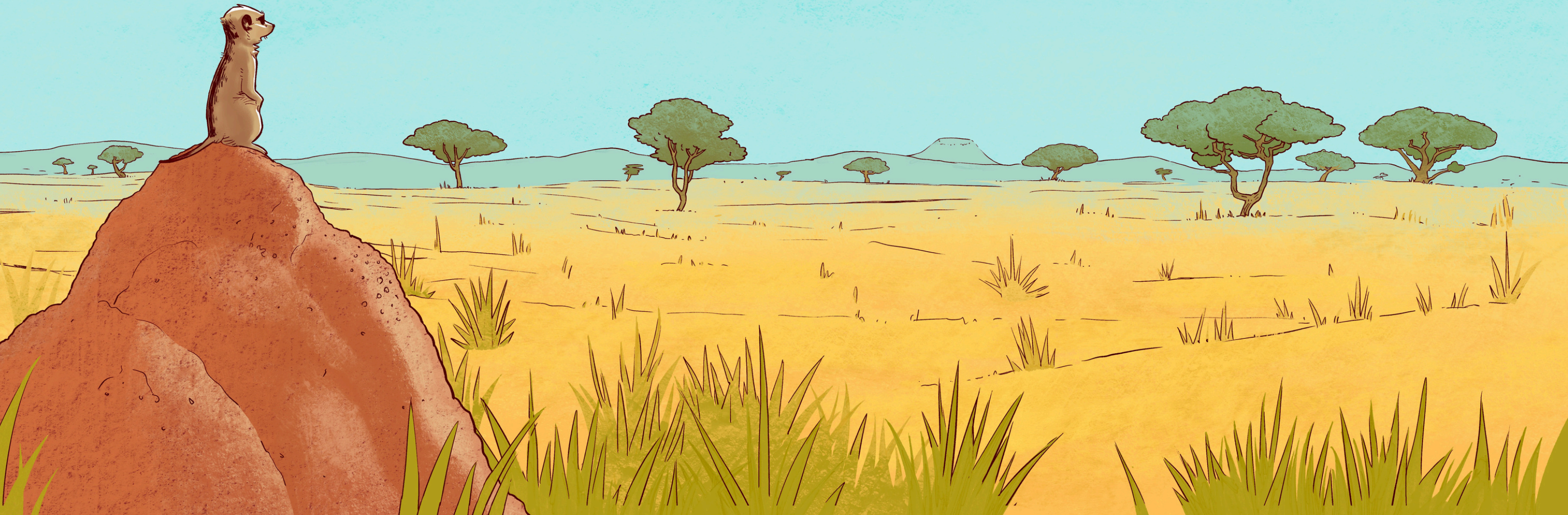
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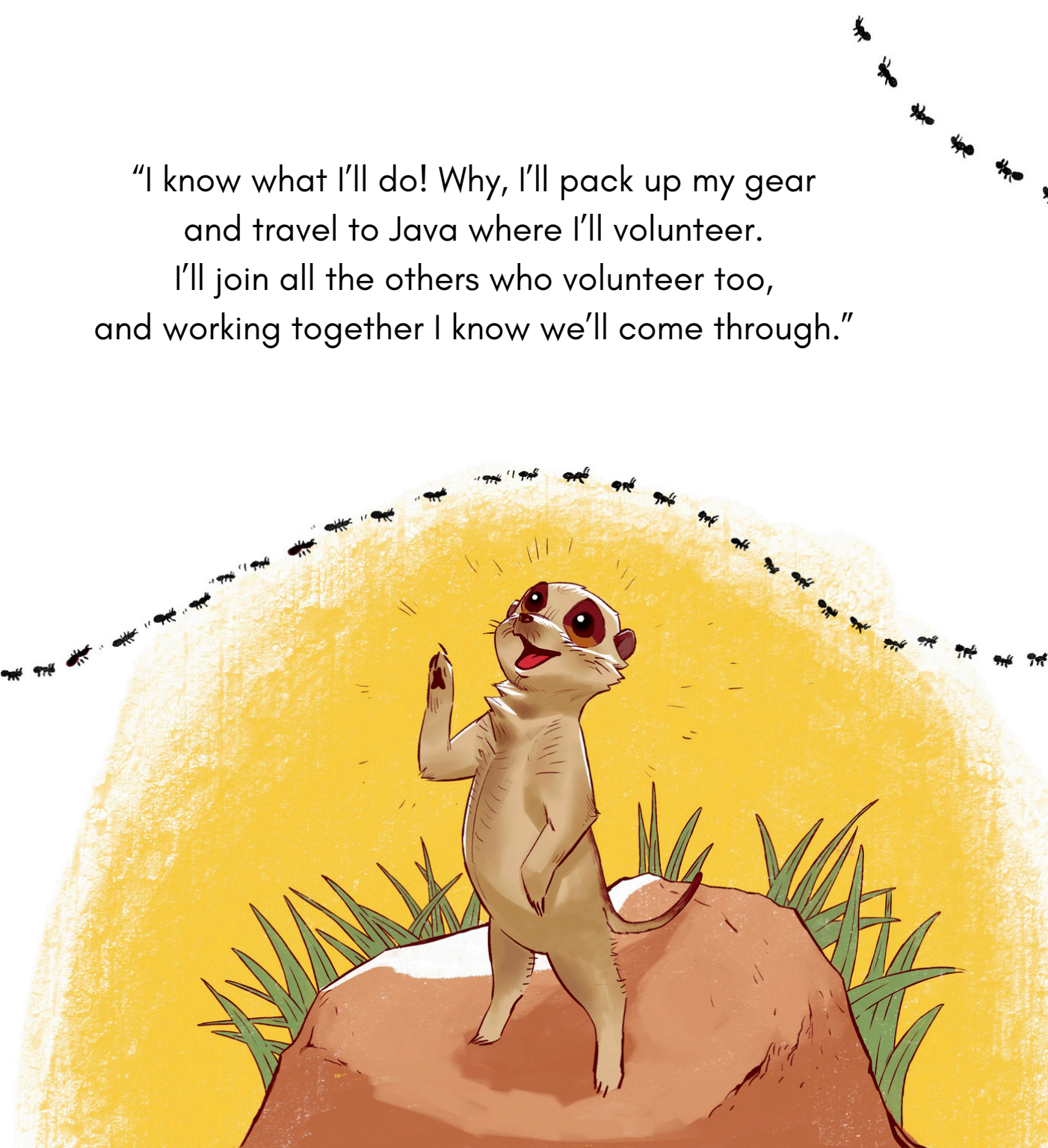
The news going round was really quite bad.
It made Max the Meerkat frustrated and sad.
The Javan rhinos were all disappearing
from poachers and traps and from habitat clearing.





"I know what I'll do! Why, I'll pack up my gear
and travel to Java where I'll volunteer.
I'll join all the others who volunteer too,
and working together I know we'll come through."

Max thought,
"What can I do? How can I find a way?
The problem's so big and I'm so far away.
Is there some way to help? I'll bet that I can.
I just need to think and come up with a plan."







Riley the Javan Rhino was working that day
and was happy to see Max had come all that way.
“We’re so glad to see you!” Riley said full of cheer.
“Let me show you the work that we do around here.”



"The heart of the problem that causes our woes is because of the horn on the front of our nose. Some people think that our horns contain magic. But that just isn't true and it really is tragic."

"We can't roam the trails where we used to run free when there could be a trap hidden in the next tree."



"So we go on patrol to keep poachers away and clear out their snares so that it's safe to play."



"The invasive palm species that like to intrude make it harder and harder for us to find food."

"So wherever we can, we try to create a forest of plants that we'd like on our plate."



"And last but not least we provide education
so folks understand it's a dire situation.
Not just for rhinos, but civets and lorises
and all sorts of creatures who live in the forest."

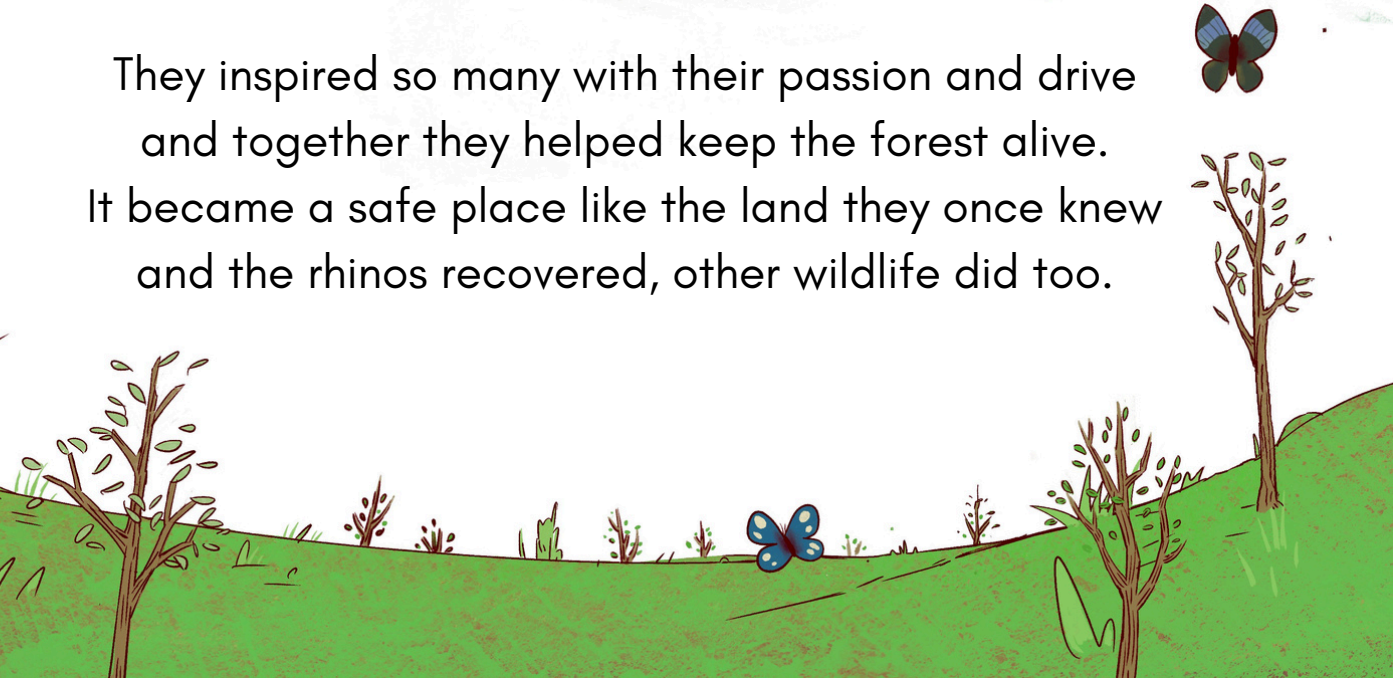


"But there are solutions that help all of us —
animals and people! There's lots to discuss."

They worked day and night and through all kinds of weather
but they didn't lose heart cause they did it together.
They removed all the snares, stopped the palms from encroaching,
and taught people the reasons they should not be poaching.

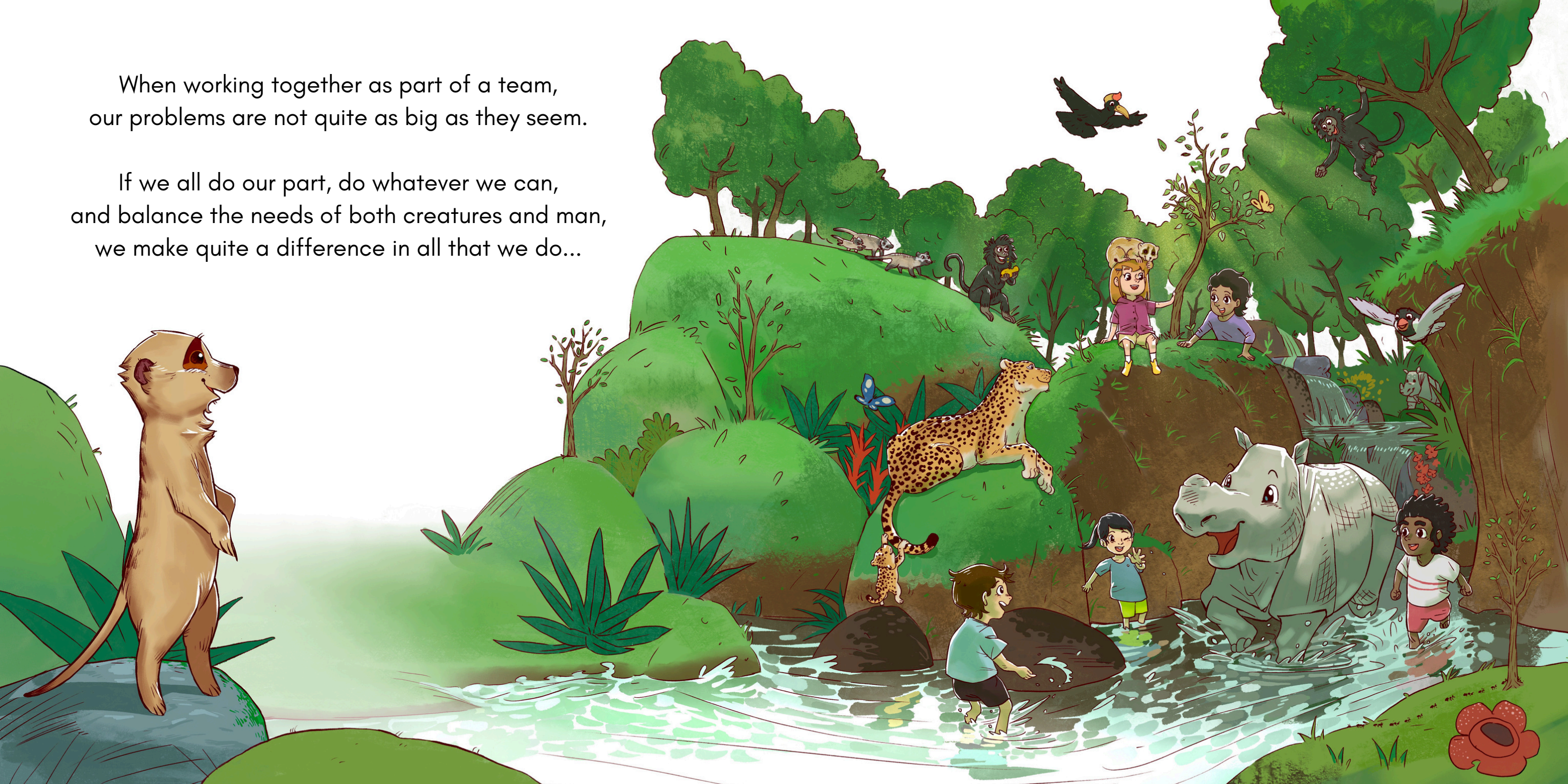


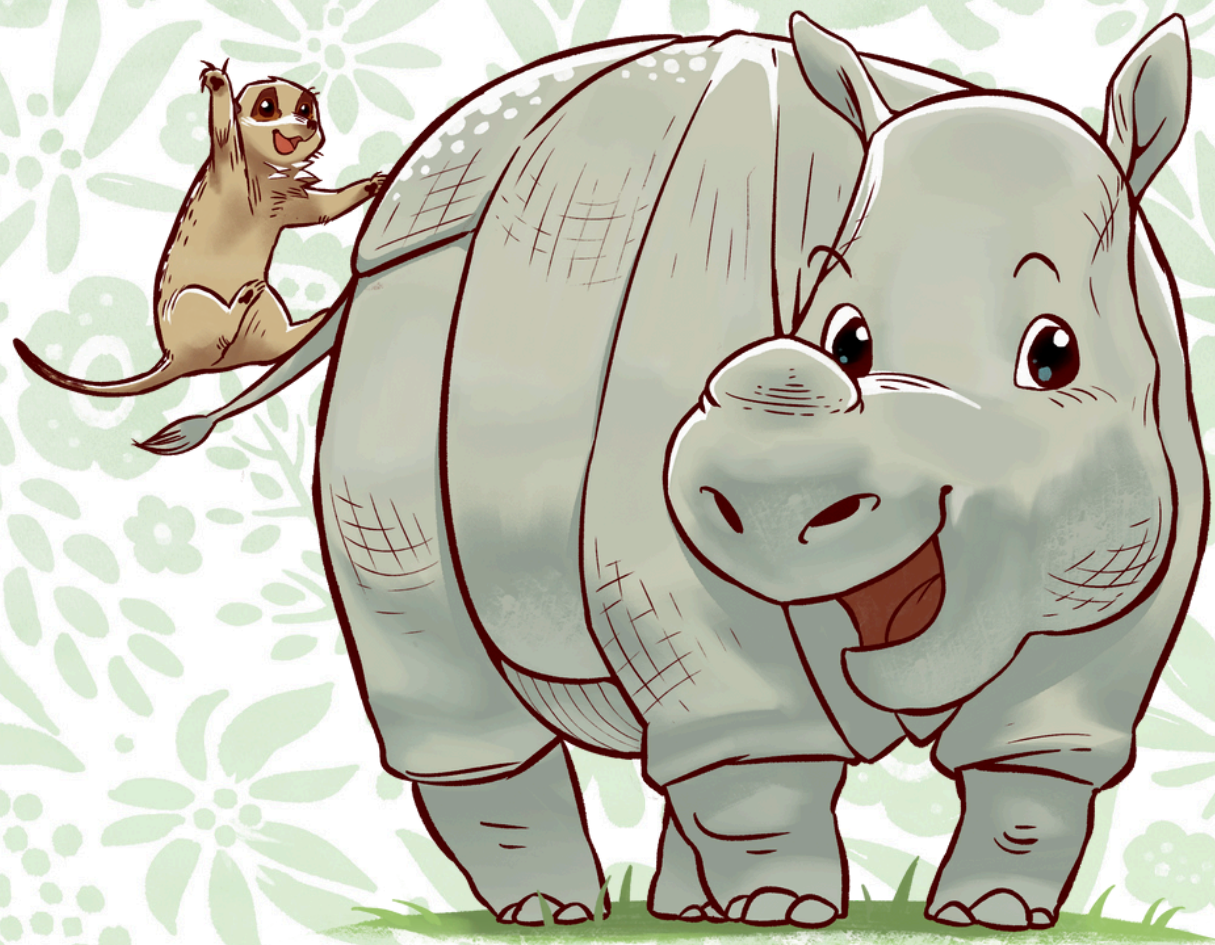
They inspired so many with their passion and drive
and together they helped keep the forest alive.
It became a safe place like the land they once knew
and the rhinos recovered, other wildlife did too.



When working together as part of a team,
our problems are not quite as big as they seem.

If we all do our part, do whatever we can,
and balance the needs of both creatures and man,
we make quite a difference in all that we do...





We're ready to help.
Can we count on YOU too?

This story is inspired by the real Javan rhinos and everyone who works to protect them.



There are 5 species of rhinoceroses in the world:

1. African Black Rhino
2. African White Rhino
3. Indian Greater One-Horned Rhino
4. Sumatran Rhino
5. Javan Rhino

All rhino species are endangered. There are fewer than 100 Javan rhinos in the world. They live only in Ujung Kulon National Park on the island of Java in Indonesia.

The main threats to Javan rhinos are habitat loss and poaching. Poachers target the rhinos for their horns since people believe they have healing properties. They turn the horn into supplements and medicines to treat all sorts of health problems. But the truth is, rhino horn doesn't heal people. That is a myth.

Javan rhinos need as many people as possible helping to protect them. Even you!

Here are some things you can do to help Javan rhinos and other animals all over the world:

- learn more about wildlife and why they are threatened
- learn more about people who protect wildlife
- tell people about the rare species who live on Java
- spread the word that rhino horn is not medicine
- always say no to products that come from poaching
- support organizations working to protect wildlife
- always think about how you can positively affect the animals around you
- show your love for wildlife in any way you can — teach, draw, write, explore!

What will YOU do to help protect wildlife?



Follow Riley and Max
on their next adventure.

Where are they off to now?

**Join best friends Riley the Javan Rhino and Max the Meerkat
as they travel the world protecting wildlife and their habitats!**

The land of Java, Indonesia, has long been a beautiful home for many animals. But, as poaching and invasive species take over the island, the Javan rhinos are no longer safe. None of the animals are. Riley, Max, and many others who love and rely on the forest set out to protect it. It's hard work, but they realize when it comes to helping wildlife, everyone has something to contribute, and together, they can make quite a difference.

Look out for the rest of the series to follow along on all of
Riley and Max's Wildlife Adventures!



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