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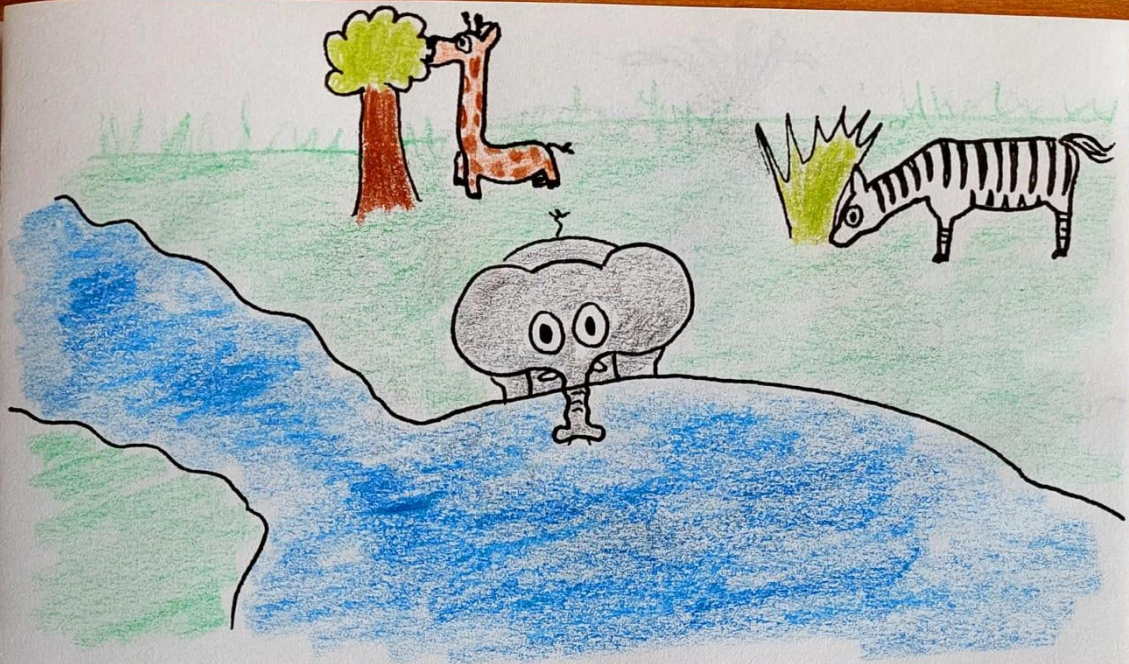
Darebin

started a movement
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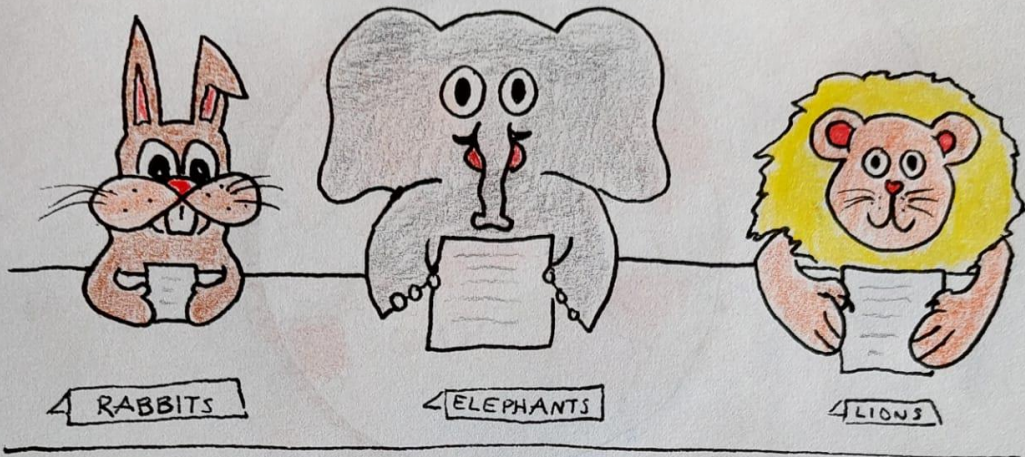
A long time ago, when all the animals started to settle down and set up their homes in the different forests, savannas, and all the beautiful places all over the world, no one of them could ever imagine that their peaceful homes would ever be in danger...



The animals lived happily in their homes. They ate a lot of grass, fruit, nuts, and everything they could find, and drank from all the lakes and streams they saw. The animals built their homes as big as they could and used everything they discovered for themselves...



Years passed and suddenly, there was not as much food, water, or space as there used to be. The animals realised that if they continued living that way, it would not be possible for their future animal children to live as happily and fearlessly as they did...



So the animals decided to talk about the things they could do to keep nature alive and met once a year. One animal per forest, savanna or whatever home they lived in was sent to these meetings where they tried to find solutions all the animals could be happy with...



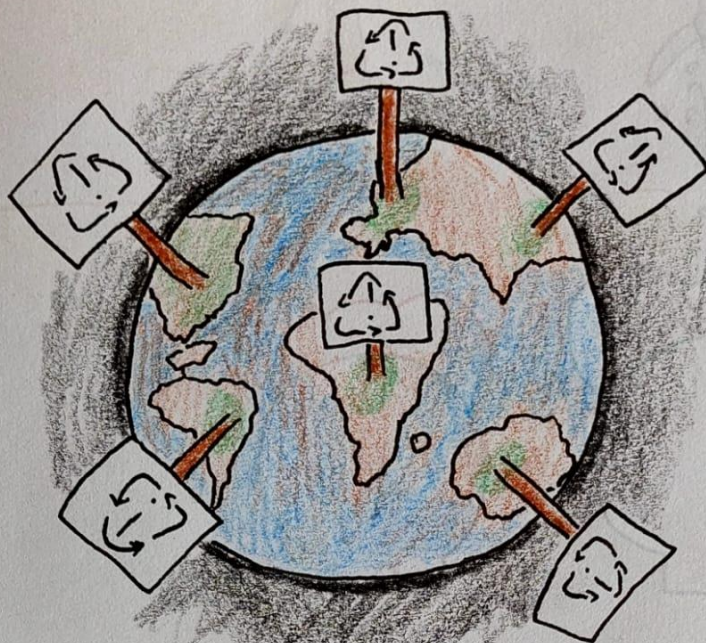
Unfortunately, these meetings did not help the nature as the animals hoped, because it was very hard to agree on what should be done. As a result, not much was done after all and the danger of their beloved homes was still there...



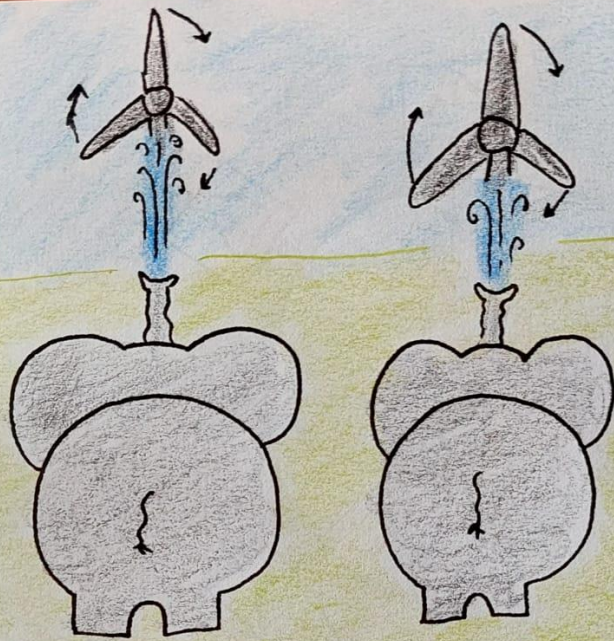
Frustrated with this, the ants of the Darebin Forest decided that they would simply try themselves to do whatever they could to make sure that their future ant children could enjoy the same nature as they did. The ants decided to only use old cedar tree needles instead of taking fresh ones. They developed a recycling system for their rubbish and started to only use the space they actually needed to build their homes...



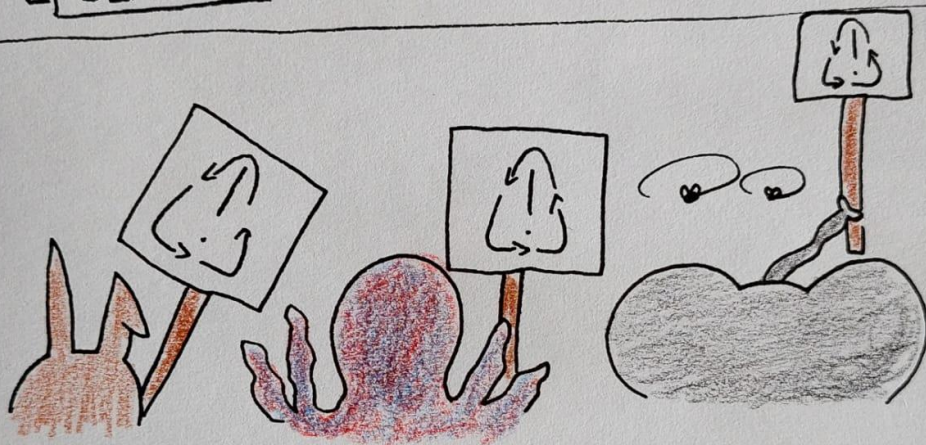
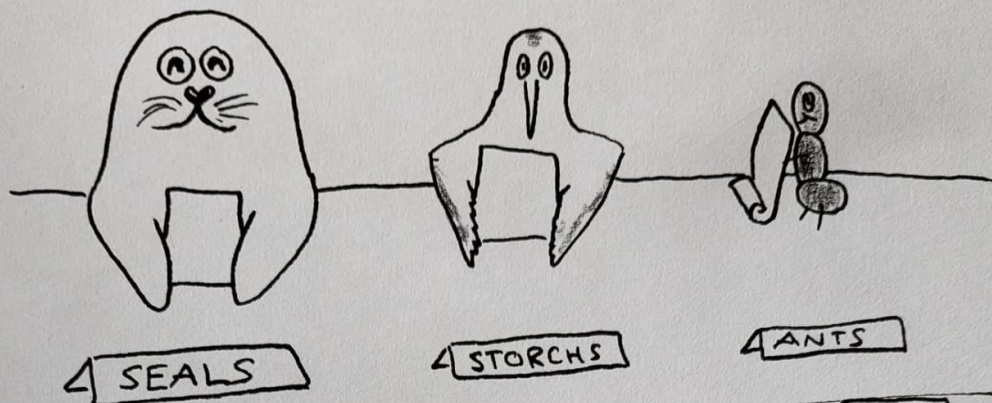
To show the other animals of Darebin Forest what they did, they put up a sign in front of their home. Shortly after, many animals saw that sign. They too were unhappy with the yearly meetings and decided that they for themselves would want to do something just like the ants and act at their homes...



After a while, a lot of animals had their own signs and tried to live in a way that wasn't too bad for the nature. They only took the food they needed, nothing more. The animals changed their way of living so their future animal children could have a happy life as well ...



But it was very important that the animals did not simply put up a sign without changing their behaviour! This would not help but make it more difficult for other animals to follow, as they would not believe in the personal commitments being better than the yearly meetings...



Even though the animals tried to do what they could, the yearly meetings still took place. It was a good first step to change the personal behaviour, but more animals need to follow. Only if animals all over the world try to change, the nature can be saved for the future animal children...