

NENNE and BABUH

DISCOVERING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HINDU KUSH HIMALAYAN REGION

A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE
TO UNDERSTAND NATURE AND THE PRODUCTIVITY OF OUR LAND

DEAR FRIENDS, welcome to the adventures of NENNE AND BABUH. They are two children like you, living in a village like yours. With them we will discover the world around us. With them we will see mountains, rivers, clouds, trees, flowers, tigers, snakes... With them we will meet a lot of funny, strange, good or bad people in many exciting situations.



READ this Comic Book with your teacher, **WRITE** and **DRAW** the activities, **TALK** to your friends and your family about what you read and **SEE...**

ASK others what you don't understand, **EXPLAIN** to them what you understand; give and ask for help...

Let's start now! Together we will all understand how to have better lives in **our beautiful land !**

WHEN YOU FINISH READING THIS COMIC BOOK,
YOUR TEACHER WILL GIVE YOU A **(SPECIAL PRESENT!)**

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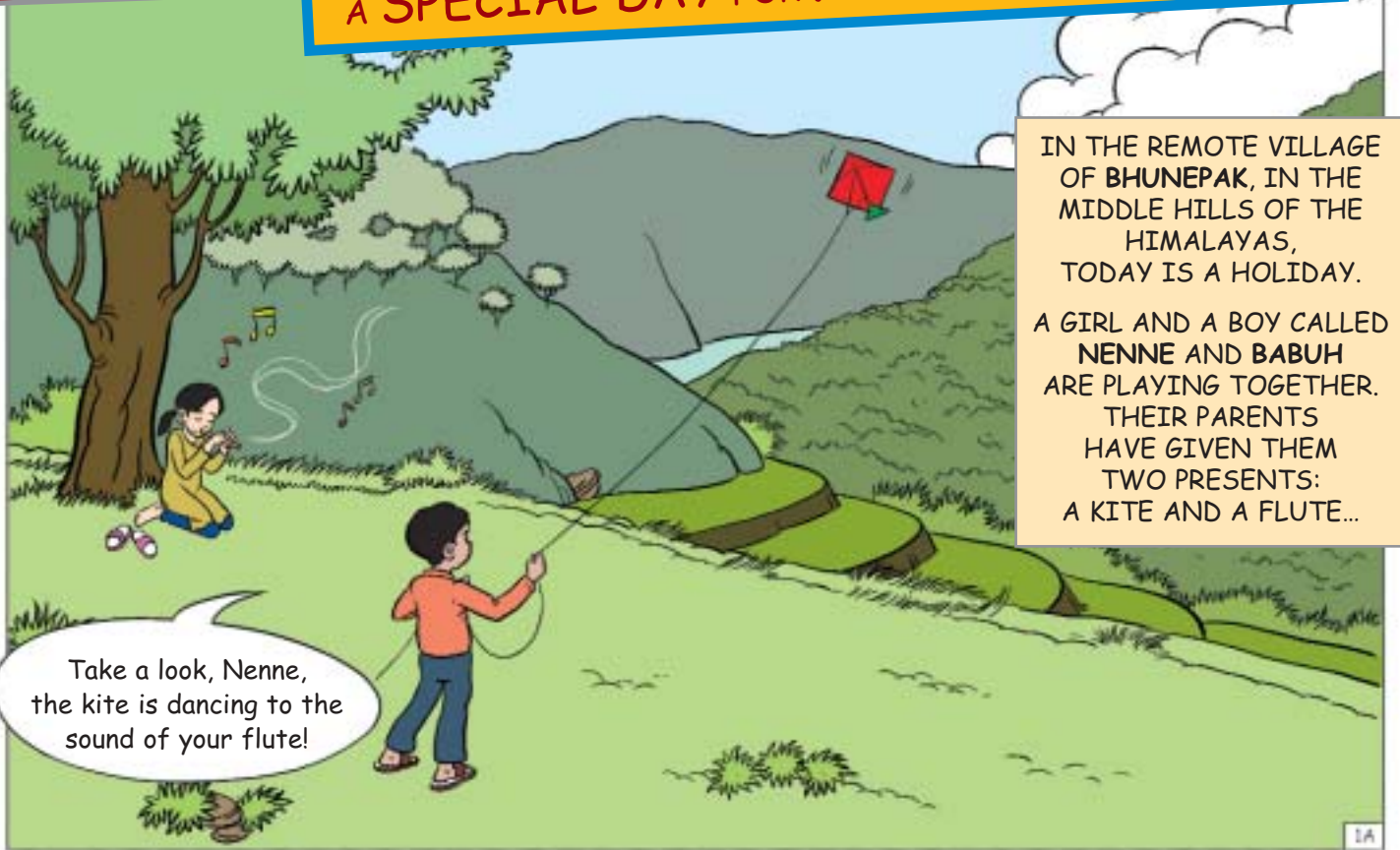
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CHAPTER 1

A SPECIAL DAY FOR NENNE AND BABUH



IN THE REMOTE VILLAGE OF BHUNEPAK, IN THE MIDDLE HILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS, TODAY IS A HOLIDAY.

A GIRL AND A BOY CALLED NENNE AND BABUH ARE PLAYING TOGETHER. THEIR PARENTS HAVE GIVEN THEM TWO PRESENTS: A KITE AND A FLUTE...

Take a look, Nenne, the kite is dancing to the sound of your flute!



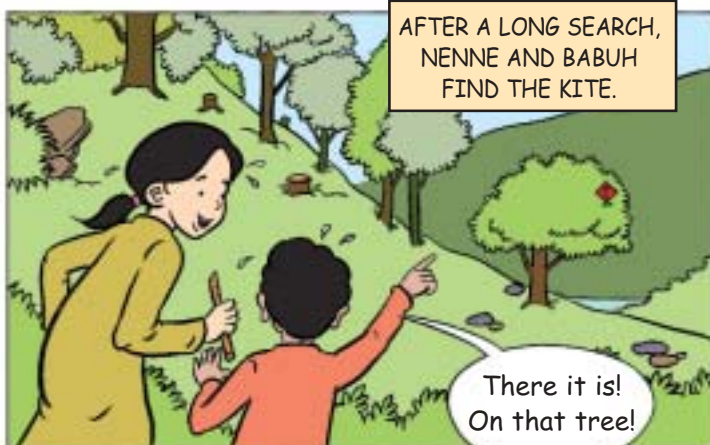
Watch out! Babuh!



Oh, no!! The kite has gone!



It's going to fall into the forest!



AFTER A LONG SEARCH, NENNE AND BABUH FIND THE KITE.

There it is! On that tree!



What's that noise, Babuh?



A landslide!
HELP!

BROOM



Thank you, tree.
You saved our lives.

Yes, but
our kite is broken.
Let's go home...

NENNE PLAYS THE FLUTE. SHE WANTS HER BROTHER TO SMILE AGAIN.



HELP!

Nenne,
your music sounds
like a moan...



HELP!



That's not
my music:
IT IS A MOAN!

It's coming
from there!



It's
a mynah!

The bird and its nest
are trapped under the
branches!



Help! Rescue me!
My tree has fallen,
My house has gone...



Thank you,
little boy and girl!
My name is **Parapara**.
You and your music
saved my life!

Nice to meet you
Parapara.



My name is **Babuh**
and this is my sister
Nenne.

How do you
speak our language
so well?

AFTER BEING RESCUED, THE BIRD INTRODUCES HIMSELF.

It's a long story:
many years ago
I was a prisoner in a cage,
in a big city.



With me there was
a wonderful **SWAN**:
the biggest swan in
the world. The people
of the city used to
come to admire him...
After that
they used
to ask me
to repeat
their words...



...Word after word
I learnt
your language,
the language
of the "Humans";
but I was still
a prisoner...



...**FINALLY**
WE
ESCAPED!!

...Then we flew
a long, long way,
until we
reached here.
This forest is
now my home.



I am wary of "Humans"
because I **DON'T WANT TO BE PUT**
IN A CAGE AGAIN! But you have
saved my life and I want to do
something for you. Your faces
look unhappy...



The landslide almost
caught us. The roots
of an old tree saved
our lives, but our kite
has been destroyed.

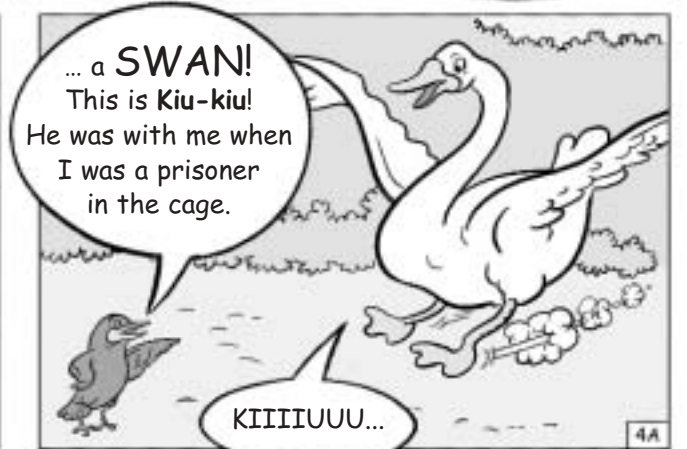
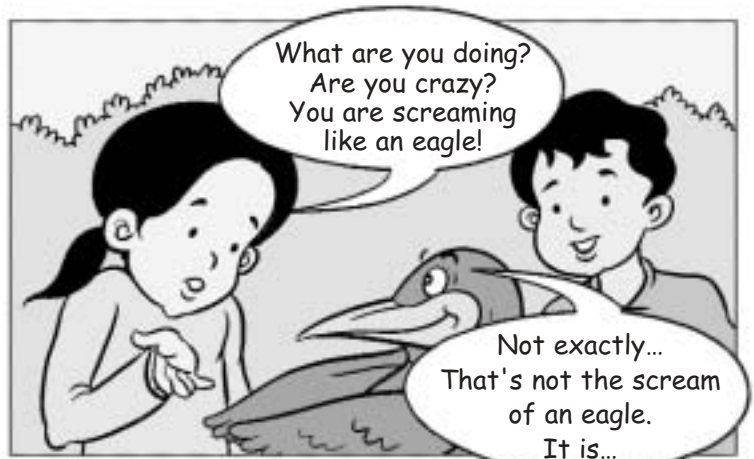


Playing with it
was like flying for us.

FLYING?

I have an idea!
In a moment your sadness
will be gone!





CHAPTER 2

EXPLORING NATURE

NENNE, BABUH AND PARAPARA START TO FLY ON KIU-KIU.



Hold on tight, childreeeen !!!



Look at our village!
Everything is so little!
It's wonderful!
It's like a dream!

It's not a dream: it's reality.
I want to show you this wonderful
land from the sky like a kite.
This will be my present to you!

Our fields!
Our paddy on the Lowlands,
the maize on the Uplands. (*)
The grazing animals...
They look like little ants!

From ants to the sky: this is NATURE!
The animals, the "Humans", the soil of your fields,
the water of the rivers, the plants, the air we
breathe, the sun... All these things are like one:
everything is connected and useful
in nature!

What
do you mean
Parapara?



I've seen
things you humans
wouldn't believe:
highest mountains,
flat deserts,
strange creatures...



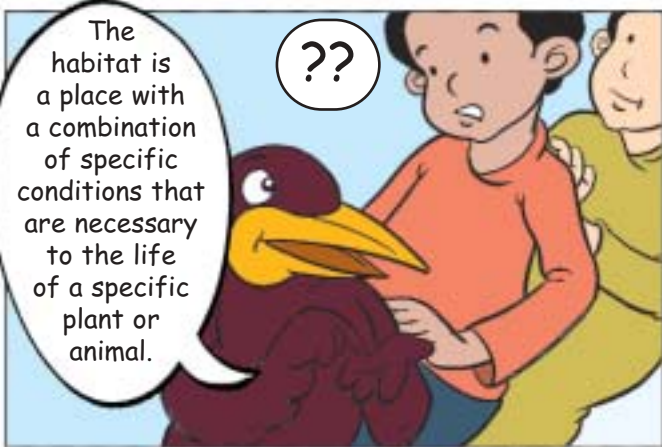
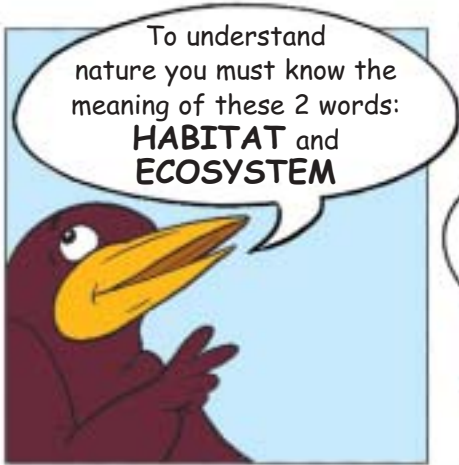
If you CAN explain,
we CAN believe
and understand...



Yes, maybe
you CAN understand, even if you are
little humans. You saved my life, I will
be your guide and Kiu-kiu will be
our vehicle...

Kiu-kiu: you are
better than
100 kites!

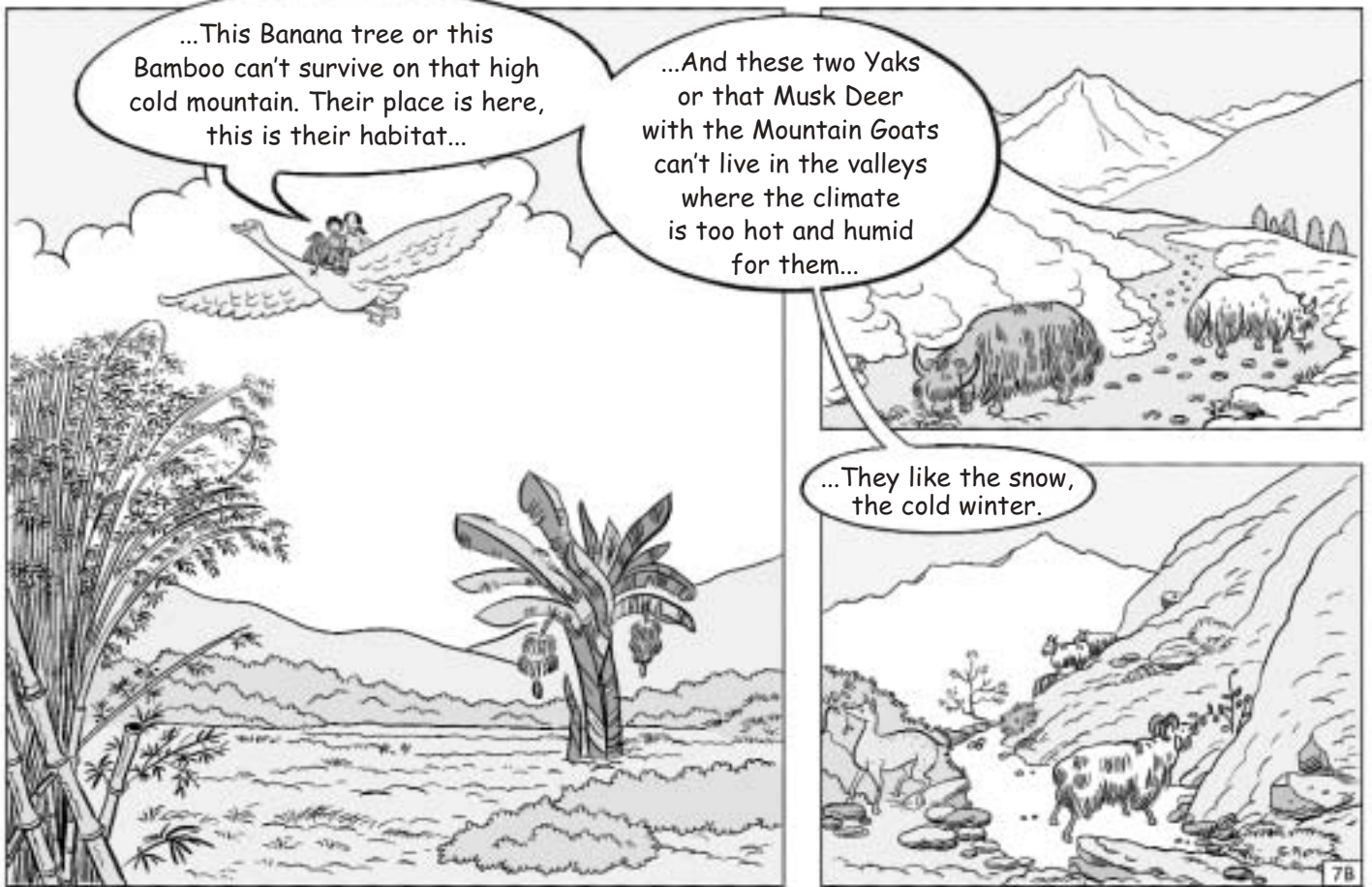
(*) **LOWLAND:** Irrigated land
where generally rice and wheat are
the main crops.
UPLAND : Not irrigated land
where generally maize and potatoes
are the main crops.





This land has **diverse** habitats, from hot and humid places to cold and dry places. Therefore we can see a lot of different habitats where many different species of plant and animals live together...

OUR FRIENDS FLY HIGHER OVER THE FOREST.



...This Banana tree or this Bamboo can't survive on that high cold mountain. Their place is here, this is their habitat...

...And these two Yaks or that Musk Deer with the Mountain Goats can't live in the valleys where the climate is too hot and humid for them...

...They like the snow, the cold winter.



Let's REFLECT TOGETHER

Activities to do with your friends, your teacher, your family...



Activity NUMBER 1

Dear children, this is the first "ACTIVITY" presented in this Comic Book. During the reading of the story of Nenne and Babuh you will find pages like this.

We hope they will help you to reflect on what you have read.

When you see a page like this, please stop reading the story and start to talk about it, ask questions and try to find answers, write and draw; enjoy yourselves as you learn with us!

🕒 Recap what you have read

Discuss with your friends and with your teacher the adventure of Nenne and Babuh. Remember words like *Lowlands*, *Uplands*, *Habitat* and talk about them...

🕒 Describe yourself

Write a short paragraph about yourself, beginning with: "My name is ..."

🕒 Draw a map of your village showing the houses, the forests, the fields, the rivers and any other features that you would like to add.

Create a "legend" using symbols to show the different features.

(one symbol for the houses, one for the water sources, one for the pasturelands, etc.).

Begin by drawing the school.

Here we show you some examples (but you can invent your own symbols!).



HOUSE (farm)



ANIMALS (pasture)



WATER SOURCE



RIVER



WATER POINT (well)



TREE (forest)



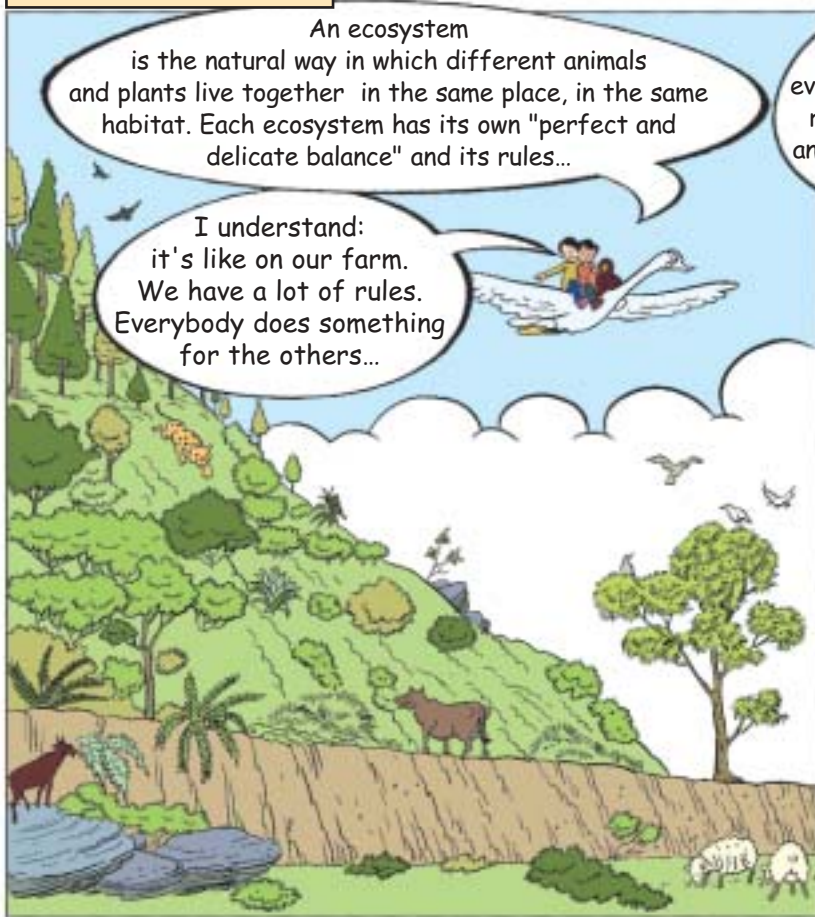
PLANTS (kitchen garden)



ROAD or PATH



TERRACES or FIELDS



An ecosystem is the natural way in which different animals and plants live together in the same place, in the same habitat. Each ecosystem has its own "perfect and delicate balance" and its rules...

I understand: it's like on our farm. We have a lot of rules. Everybody does something for the others...

Yes, Nenne. In this ecosystem everything has its special role. You can't change anything without changing all the rest.

I agree! When Nenne is sick the perfect balance is broken and I must do all her work too. It's terrible!



But that's a good way to understand how important and hard my work is at home!



You are right, Nenne. We must **understand** the role of others. We must **respect** them.

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Do you think I must respect plants and animals? Do they work so hard for us?

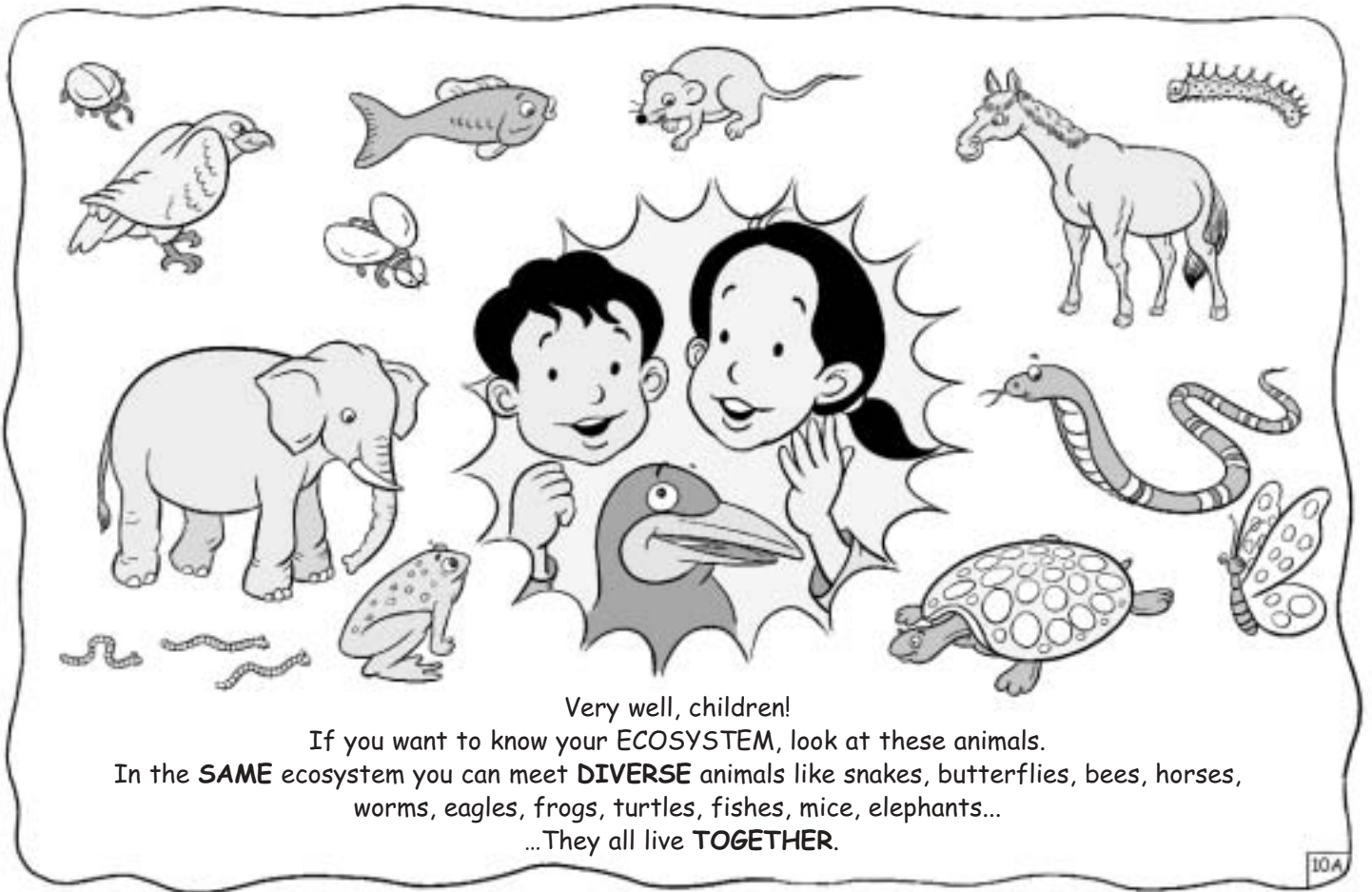
Yes. They work for you and for the entire ecosystem. Your farm is **INSIDE** this ecosystem. If this ecosystem is healthy, your farm will be healthy. You will be healthy. If you don't respect your ecosystem your farm is in danger, you are in danger...

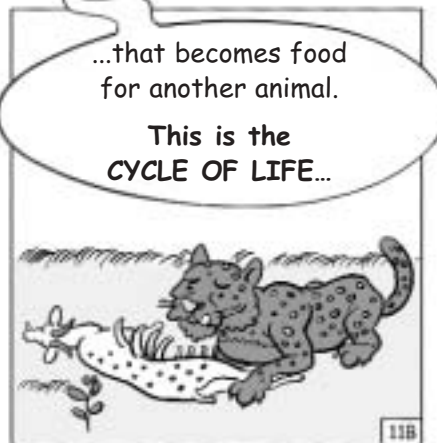
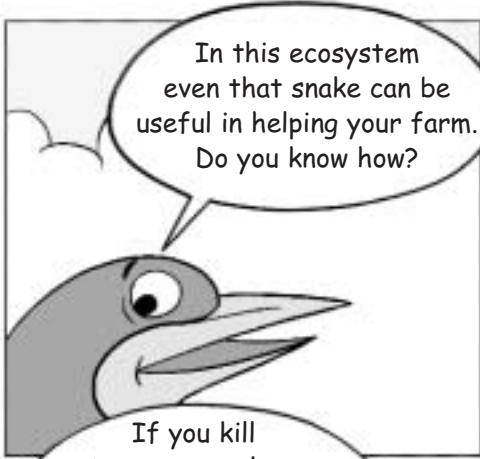
Thank you Mother nature, thank you ecosister. **SORRY!** **Ecosystem!** Be strong and healthy for us!

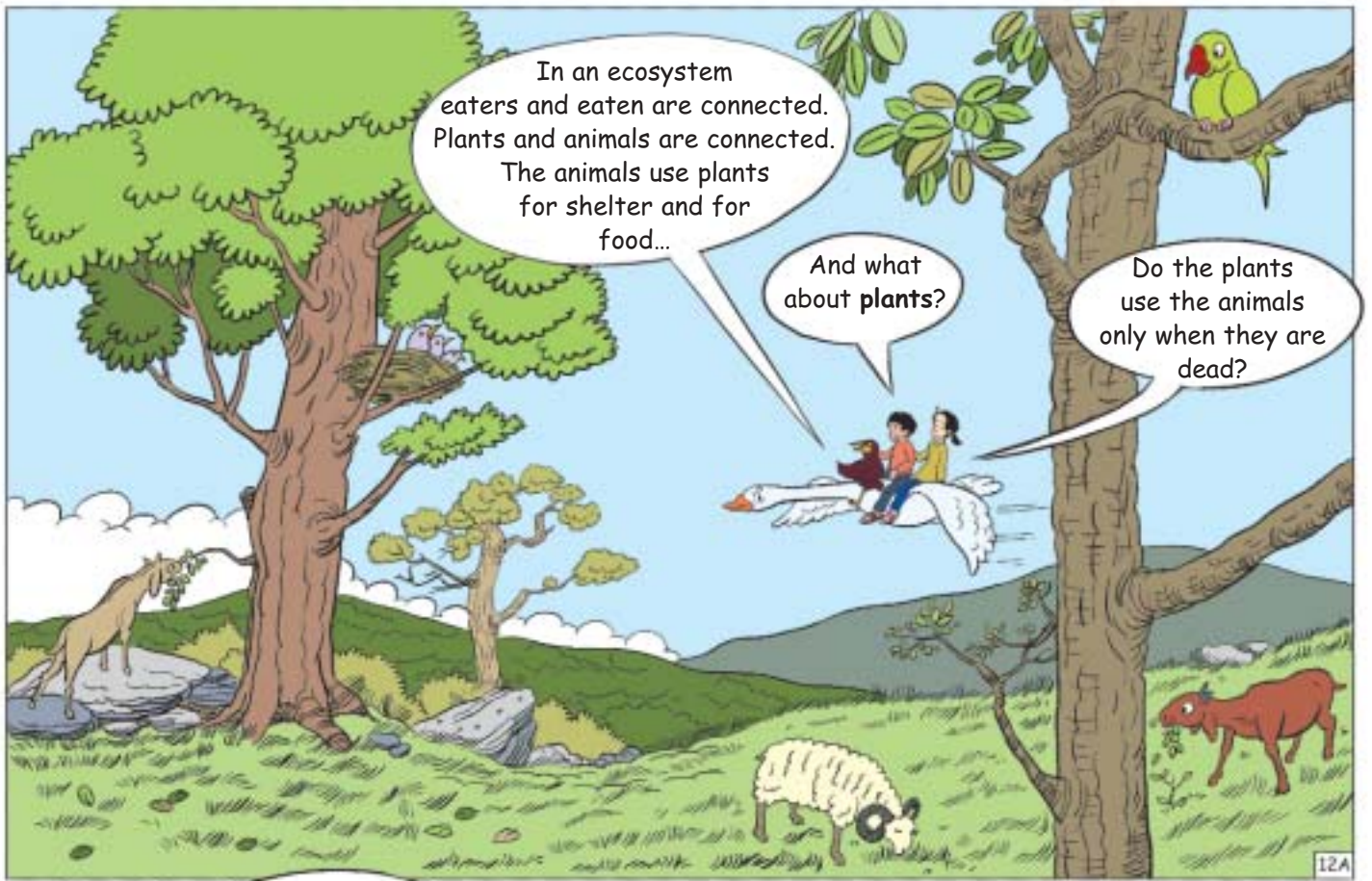


I want to know this ecosystem better!

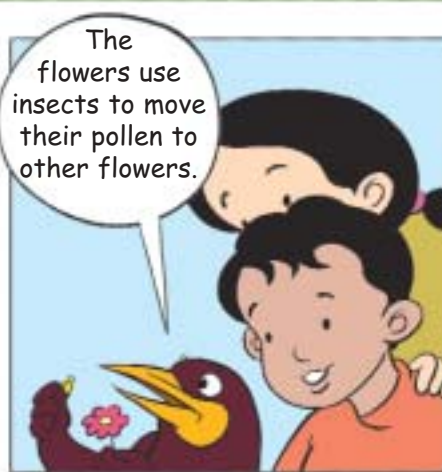
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