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The mouse was listening to a radio show about wild animals. This radio show was about the lifestyle of the lion, leopard and hyena.

"Where do these wild animals get food from?" the mouse wondered.

The mouse decided to take a trip to the national park to ask the wild animals where they get food from. "I have to know it," said the mouse.



The mouse told the sheep about his trip.

"Your trip is very important but wild animals are fierce. They eat small animals," said the sheep.

"That is horrible. I am going to Akagera National Park to turn carnivores into herbivores," replied the mouse.

The sheep gave the mouse glasses, a notebook and a pen.



The mouse met a frog. "Where are you going?" asked the frog. "I am going to Akagera National Park to turn carnivores into herbivores," replied the mouse.

"May I accompany you?" asked the frog. "Yes, you may," replied the mouse. On the way, they met a mole. "I am going to eat you. Where are you going?" asked the mole.

Immediately, the mouse put on glasses, gave a notebook and a pen to the frog. "We are looking for wild animals that destroy vegetables," the mouse and the frog replied.

After hearing that, the mole run away to hide itself.



The mouse and the frog continued their trip.

On the road they met a bat. "Where are you going?" asked the bat.

"We are going to Akagera National Park to turn carnivores into herbivores. The lion, the leopard and the hyena must learn how to feed on grass," replied the mouse and the frog.

The bat gave them water and bananas as food for the trip.



They kept going. When they reached the valley in the evening, they met an ibis. "Where are you going?" asked the ibis.

"We are going to Akagera National Park to turn carnivores into herbivores," replied the mouse and the frog.

The ibis welcomed them at home to spend the night with him. The following day, the ibis took the mouse and the frog to Akagera National Park.



They were welcomed by the antelope, the buffalo and the rhinoceros.

"Why are you here?" they asked .

"We are here to turn carnivores into herbivores," replied the mouse and the frog.

"That is good news. If you convince the carnivores to be herbivores, then we will live in peace," they replied.



The mouse, ibis and the frog continued their trip. They met a hare and a giraffe.

"Where are you going?" asked the hare and the giraffe.

"We want to meet a lion, leopard and hyena because we want to vaccinate them. We are here to turn carnivores into herbivores. Where can we find them?" asked the mouse, frog and ibis.

The giraffe looked into the distance and said, "See them over the hills."

"Let us go. We must be courageous to meet our objectives," said the mouse.

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"What are you doing here?" asked the lion, the hyena and the leopard.

"There is a pandemic killing many animals. We are here to vaccinate you. But first, what do you eat?" The mouse and the frog asked. "If you lie, you will be killed by that pandemic," they added.

The carnivores started to get scared.



"We hunt and eat other animals every day and night," replied the lion and the leopard.

"I eat the leftovers from the lion and the leopard," said the hyena.

The frog was writing everything down quickly. "Let us go back home. This is a waste of time. These are carnivorous animals!" said the mouse.

"Why do you refuse to vaccinate us?" asked the lion.



"The vaccine does not work for carivorous animals. You need to switch and eat grass. If not, you will be killed by the pandemic," replied the mouse.

"Please vaccinate us. We will do anything you want," begged the hyena.

"Let us do it slowly. From now on, we will hunt and eat meat in the night. During the daytime, we will learn to eat grass," said the lion. "Yes, we agree," said the leopard and hyena.

The mouse gave each of them a ripe banana. "This is your vaccine," said the mouse. "This vaccine is sweet," replied the lion, the leopard and the hyena.

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The mouse, the frog and the ibis returned to the herbivorous animals. On their way going home, they met their fellow herbivores.

"What happened? Did they agree?" the giraffe, the buffalo and the rhinoceros asked.

"Not yet. But there is hope. The carnivores agreed to hunt for meat at night only. During the day, they will eat grass. Stay in hiding during the night," said the mouse.



All the herbivorous animals clapped for the mouse, the frog and the ibis. "That is a good start," said the giraffe.

When other herbivores such as a hare and an antelope heard the noise of the clap, they came nearby and asked what had happened.

"Please, go and ask the giraffe. You will get all the information," said the mouse. "So, it is getting late. We have to return home," said the mouse.

"Have a safe journey back home. Bye," all the herbivorous animals said.



The ibis took them back home.

"Thank you for the adventure. It was amazing," said the mouse to the ibis.

You are welcome, my friend," replied the ibis.

Both the mouse and the frog went to thank the bat for the support. Afterwards, both the mouse and the frog went back to their homes.



The mouse returned home and gave the report to the sheep. "Thank you for supporting me," said the mouse.

"I thank you for your courage too. At least you tried," said the sheep.

Until now, the lion, the leopard and the hyena hunt during the night because they failed to feed on grass.

Also, the mouse still listens to the radio if carnivores have become herbivores.

## Glossary

**Carnivore:** Animal that eats meat, or the flesh of animals.

Herbivore: Animal that eats plants or grass.

This is a story about a mouse that tried to turn carnivores into herbivores.



