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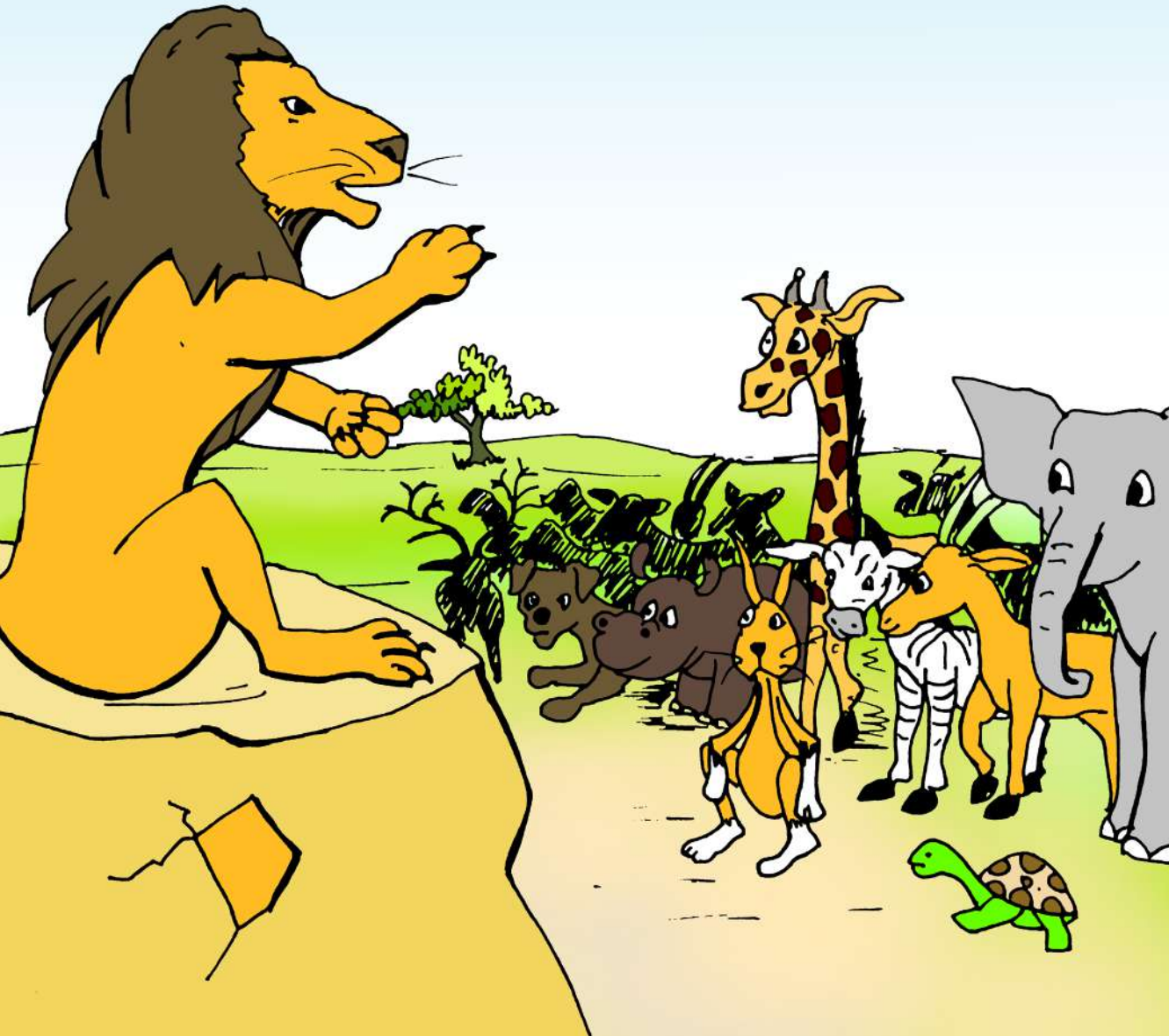
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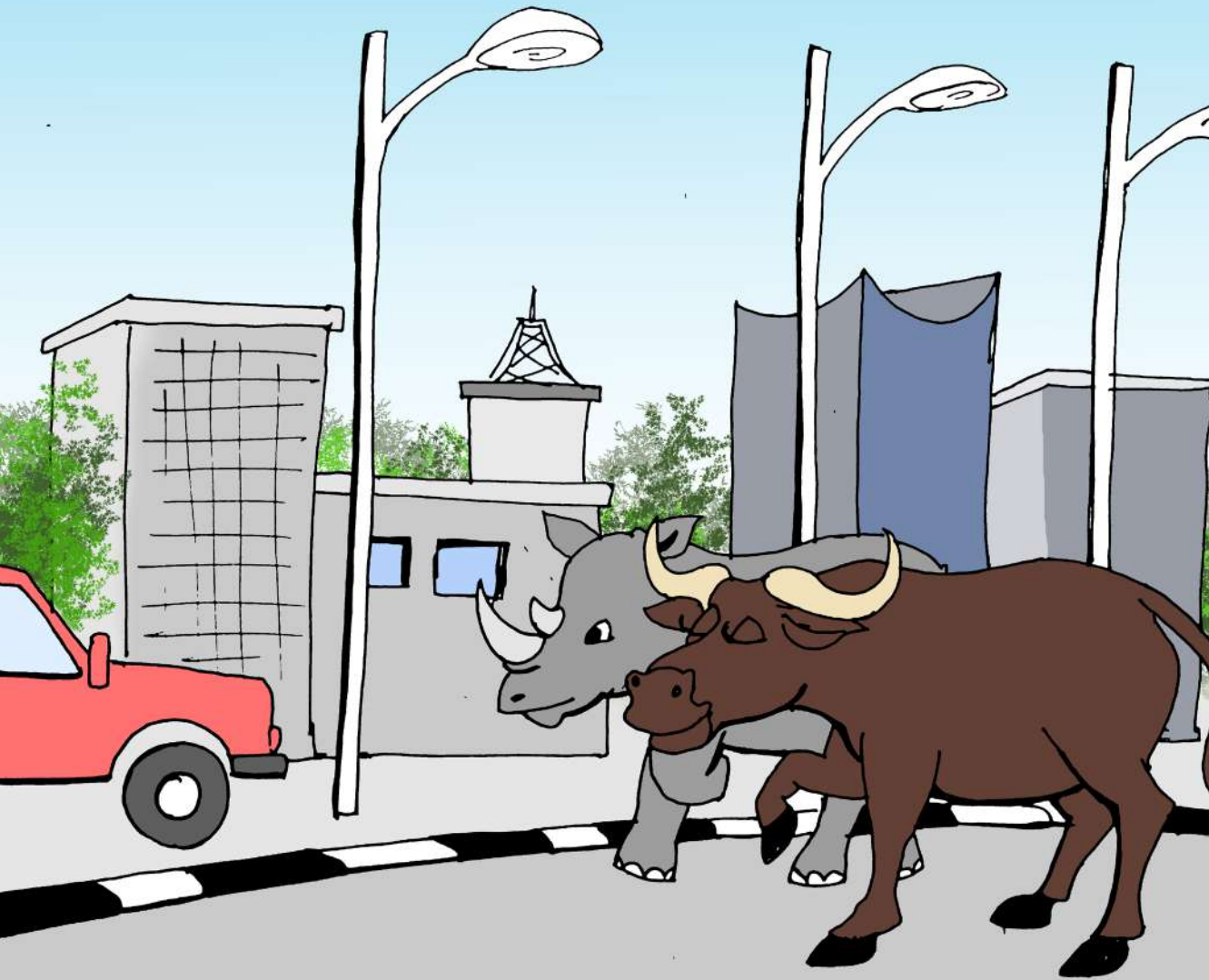
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In Akagera National Park, the dry season was approaching. The animals met and agreed to store water and food for the dry season.



They agreed to dig a well and started building granaries for the food. They agreed that no one would eat that food or drink that water without contributing.



The buffalo and the rhinoceros were fond of roaming around. When the meeting took place, they had gone to town. They walked in the middle of the road and vehicles had to give them way.



When they went back, the zebra told them what had happened, “All animals agreed to store their own food for the dry season.” “No, we can not store food now. We will eat yours,” said the buffalo and the rhinoceros. The zebra was astonished.



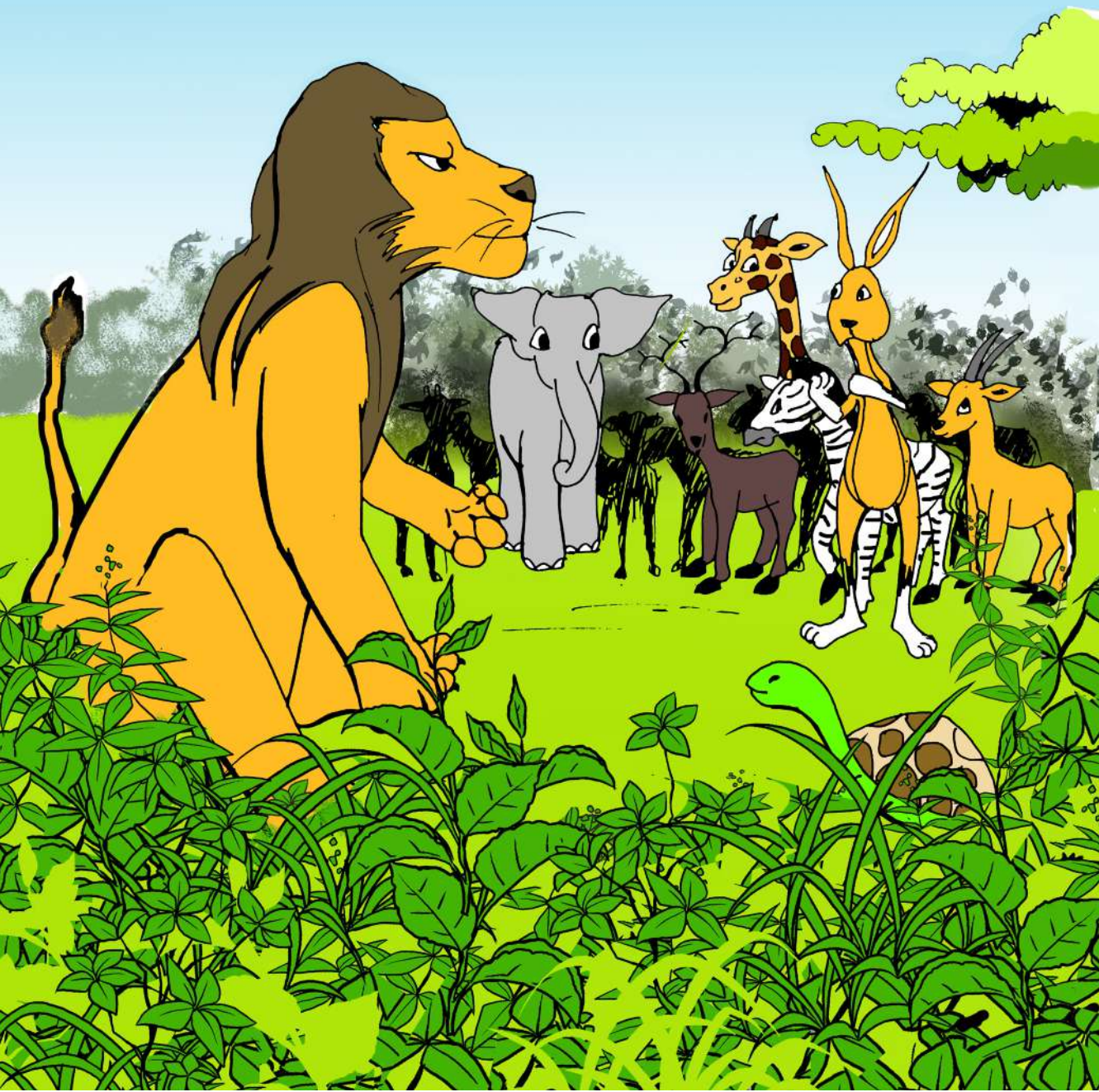
When the dry season came, there was a water and food shortage. Animals started eating what they had reserved. The buffalo and the rhinoceros started stealing as they had not reserved any food or water.



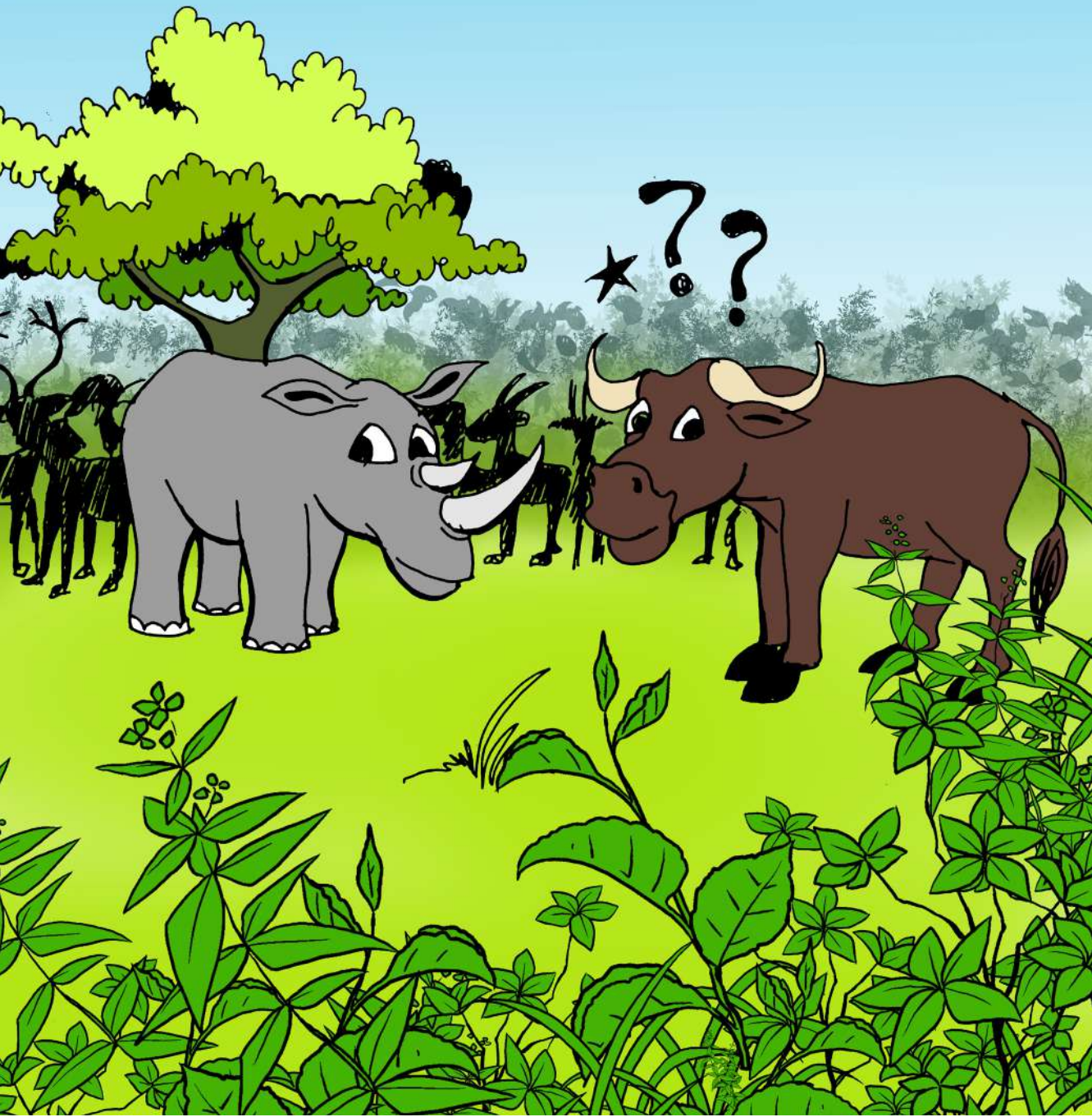
The next day, the other animals found their food missing. “Who stole our food?” they all wondered.



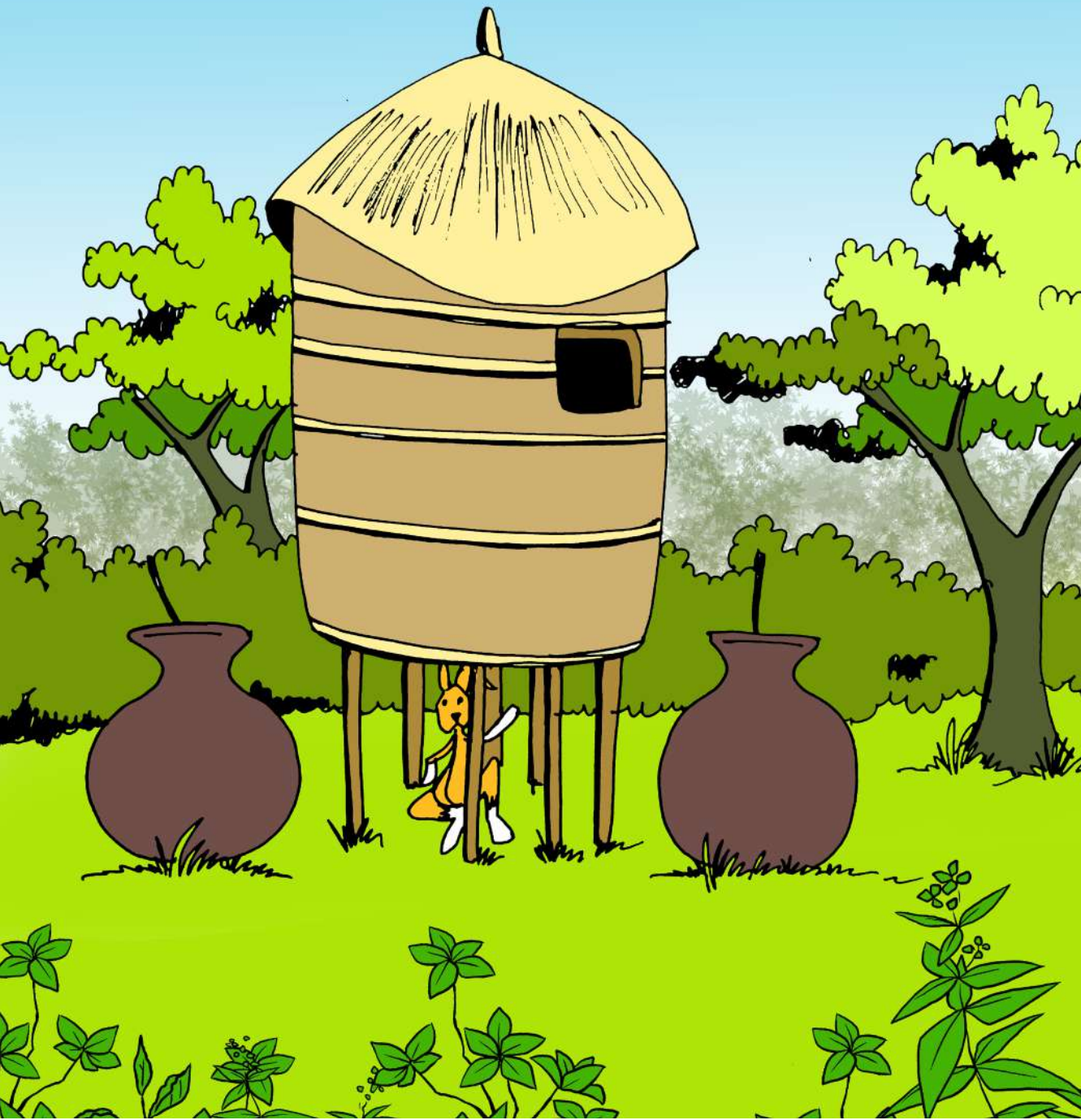
“Where did you get your food from?” the lion asked the buffalo and the rhinoceros. “We got our food from town,” lied the buffalo and the rhinoceros.



The hare said, “I will catch this thief.”
“Please, do it for us. Whoever is caught,
shall be cast into the valley of death,”
declared the lion.



The buffalo and the rhinoceros were scared. “They want to scare us away from their food,” The buffalo said. “Those are mere threats,” said the rhinoceros.



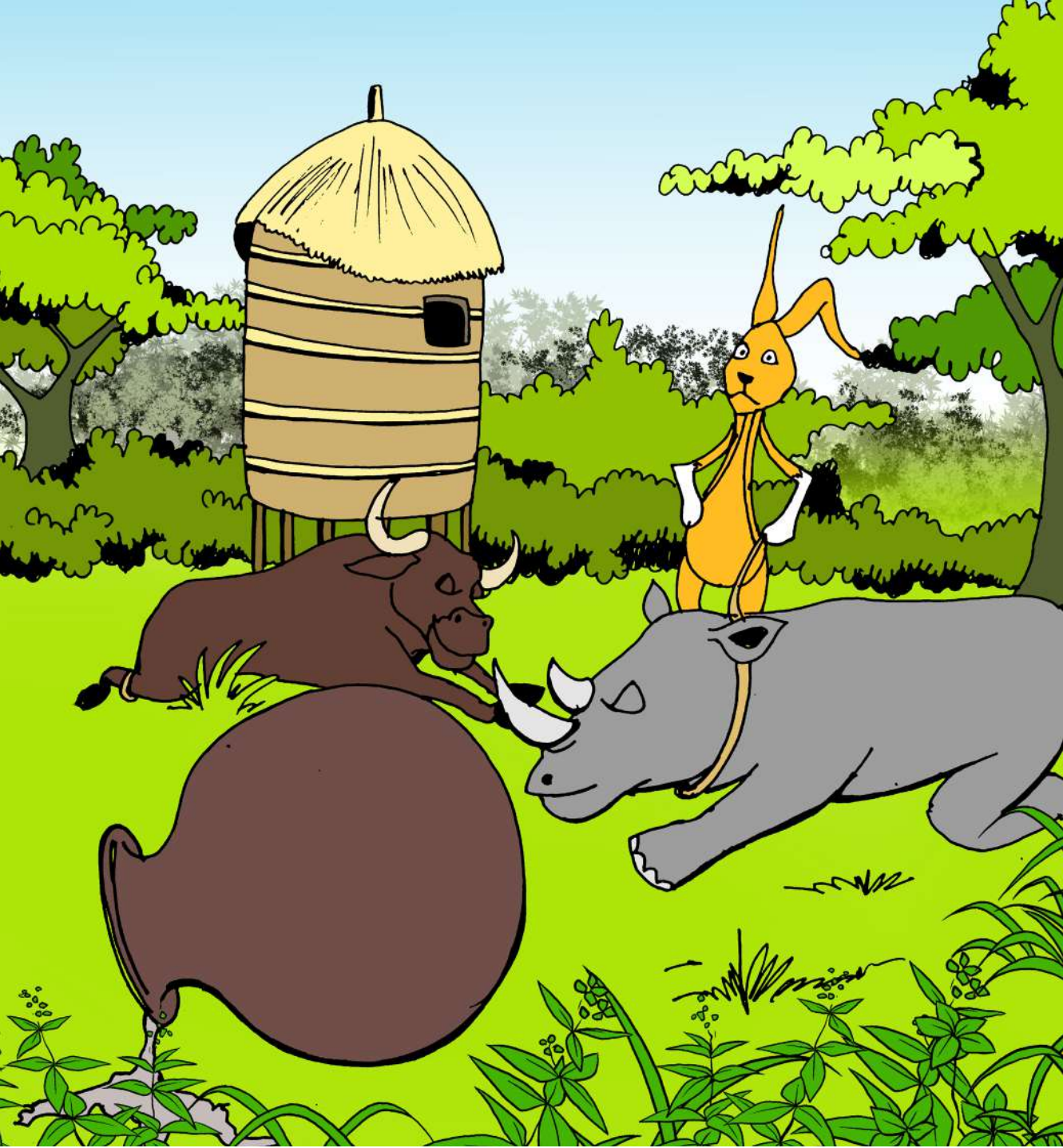
The hare made some juice and put it near the food granary. It hid under the granary to watch over the thief.



When evening came, the buffalo and the rhinoceros were hungry. “Let us go and steal some food,” said the rhinoceros. “I am hungry too. Let us go,” replied the buffalo.



The buffalo and the rhinoceros arrived at the food granary. They ate all the food. They drank all the juice. The hare witnessed everything.



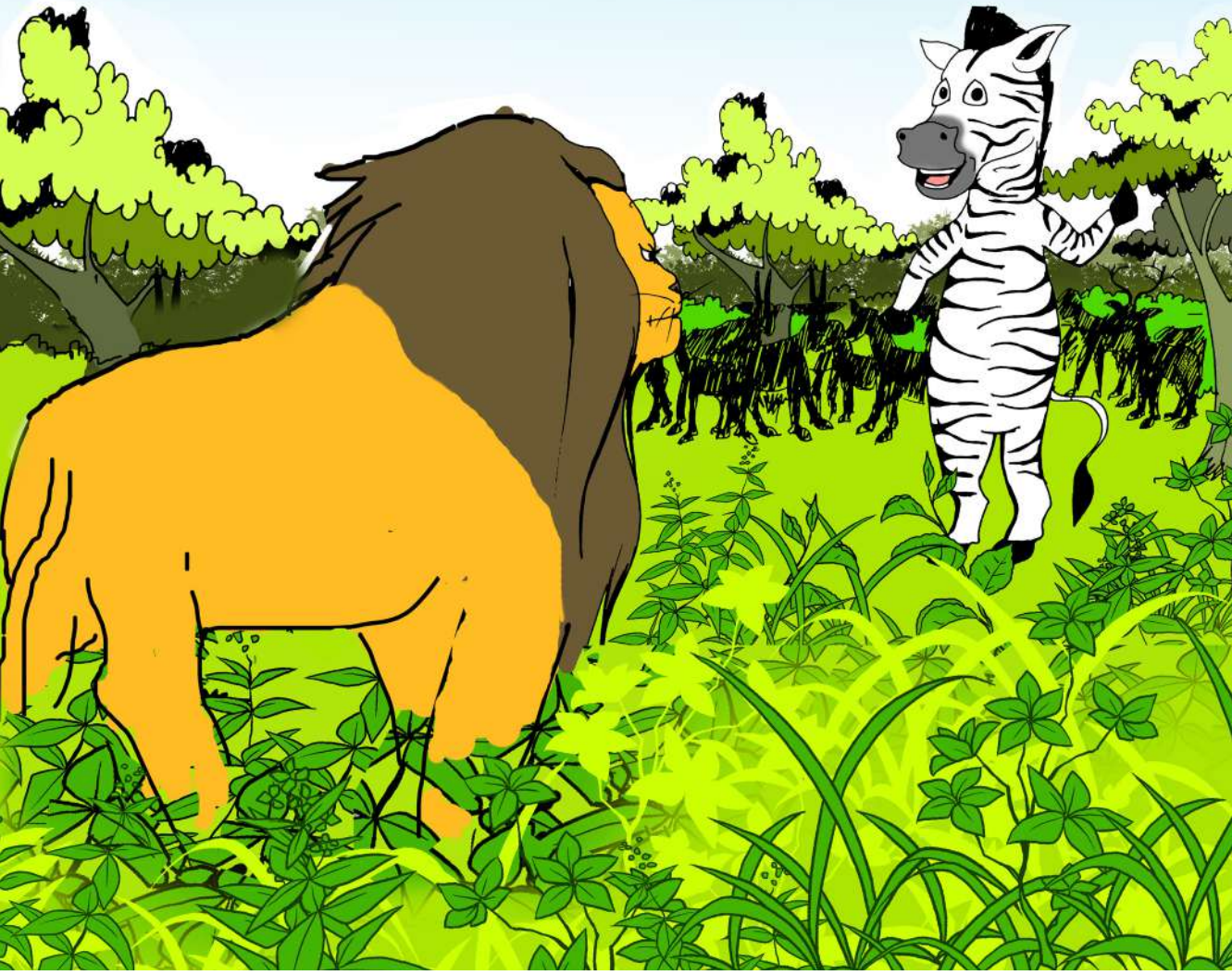
The buffalo and the rhinoceros fell asleep. The hare grabbed ropes. He tied them up. “Look at our town dwellers! Shame on you,” said the hare.



The next day, the hare invited all animals. “Here are our thieves,” said the hare. “Shame on you.” All animals shouted. “Cast them into the valley of death,” ordered the lion.

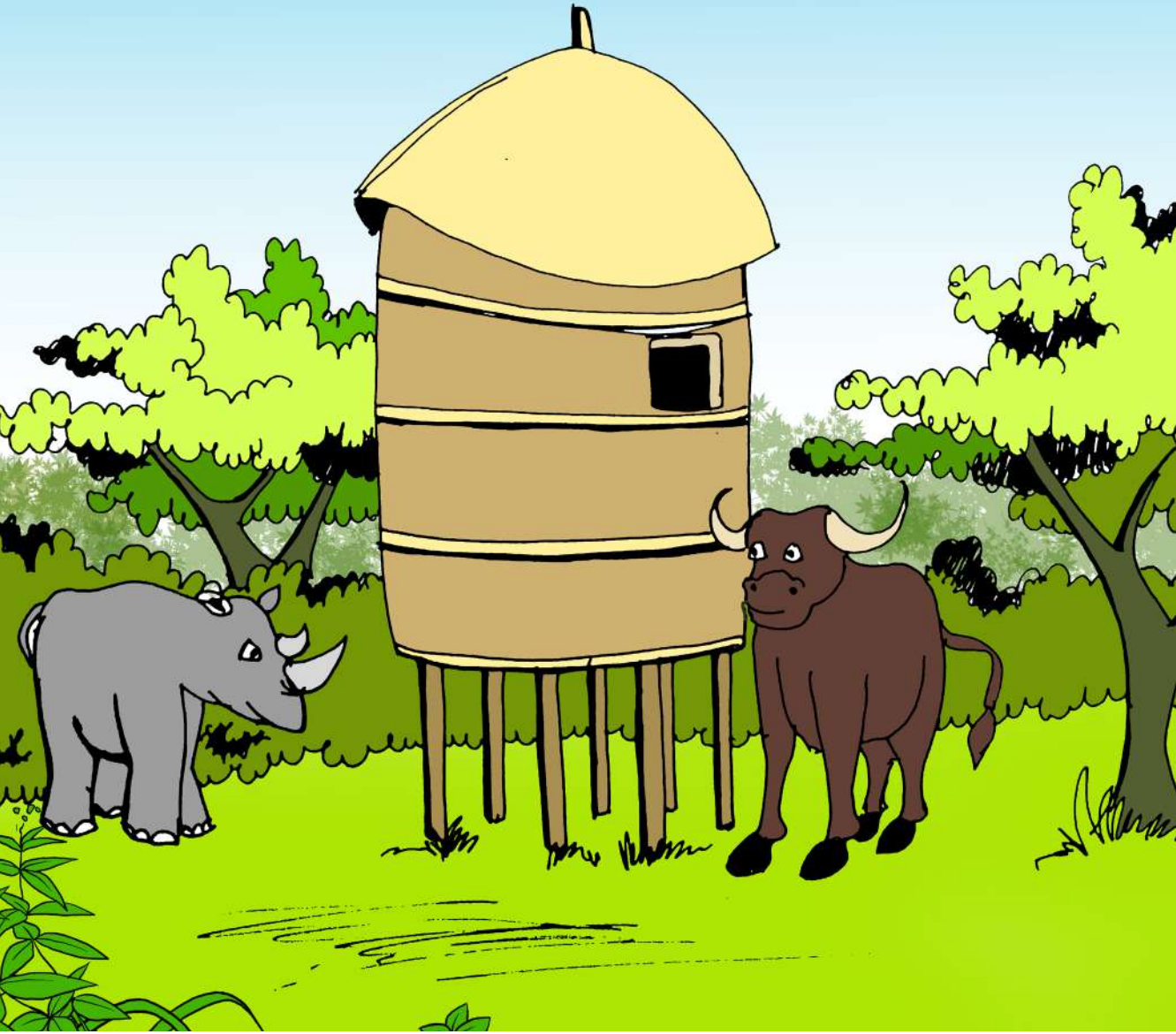


“Have mercy dear king!” begged the buffalo and the rhinoceros. “I want to make an example of you,” said the lion.



Zebra, their friend, asked for mercy for them too.

“This should be the last time,” said the lion and forgave them.



The buffalo and the rhinoceros were happy. They started reserving their own food. They even stopped the habit of roaming around.

This is the story of the buffalo and the rhinoceros learning the importance of saving their own food.

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