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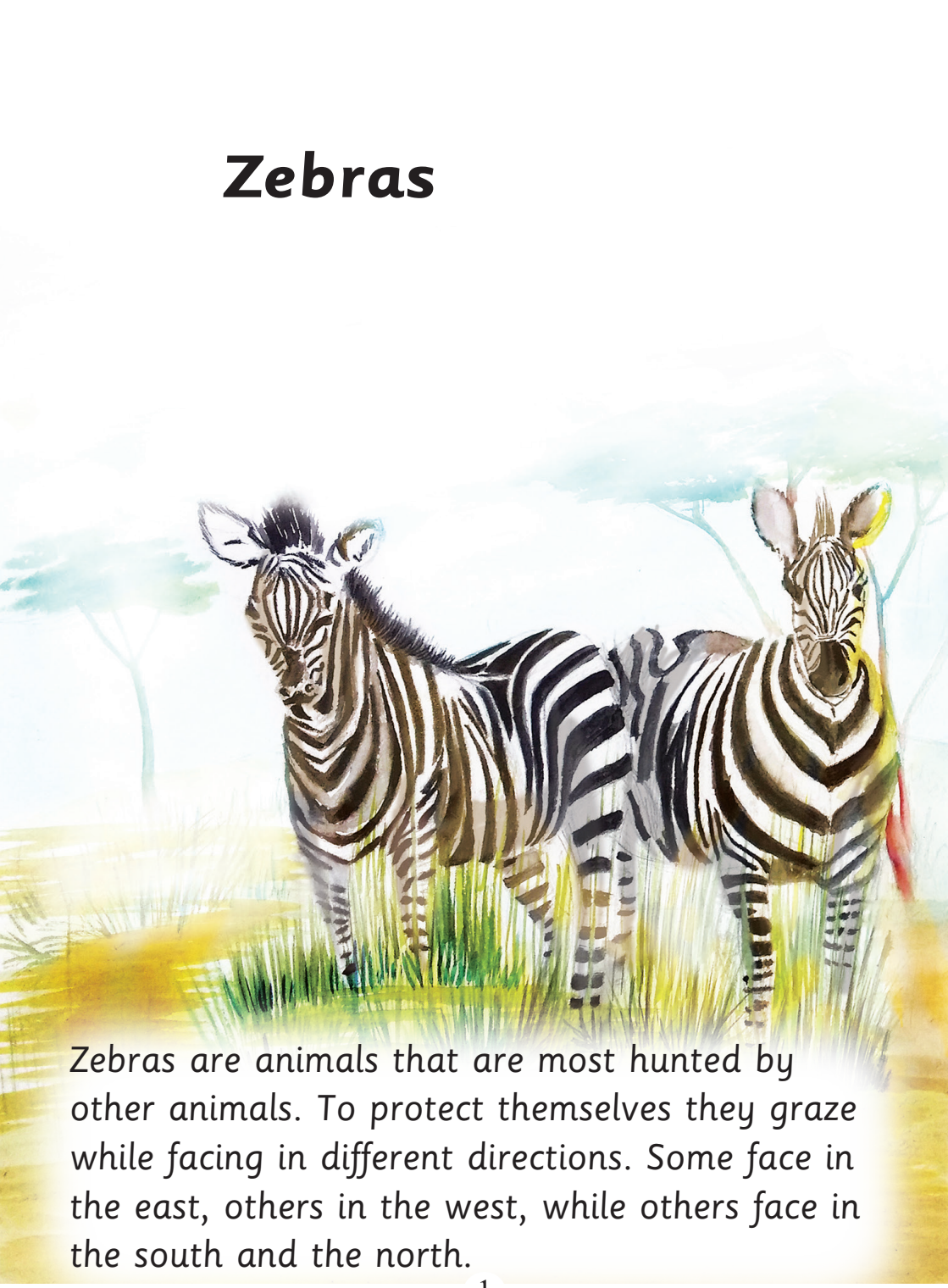
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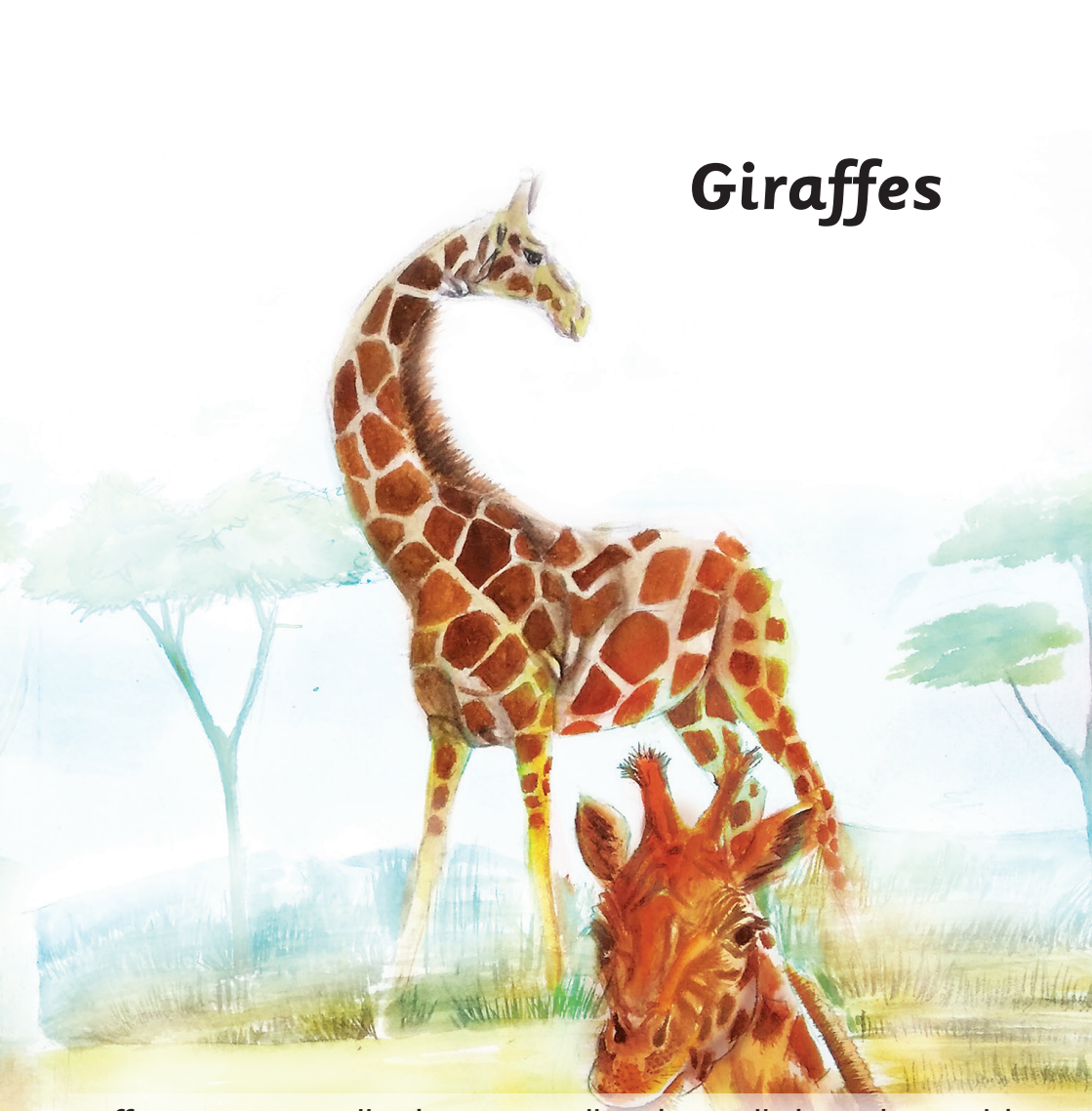
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Zebras



Zebras are animals that are most hunted by other animals. To protect themselves they graze while facing in different directions. Some face in the east, others in the west, while others face in the south and the north.

Giraffes



Giraffes are very tall. They are taller than all the other wild animals. A giraffe's heart weighs eleven kilograms. The giraffe can run up to sixty kilometers an hour. When giraffes are sleeping, they don't put down their heads as they have poor blood circulation. Giraffes eat leaves from treetops. They fight using their necks and legs.

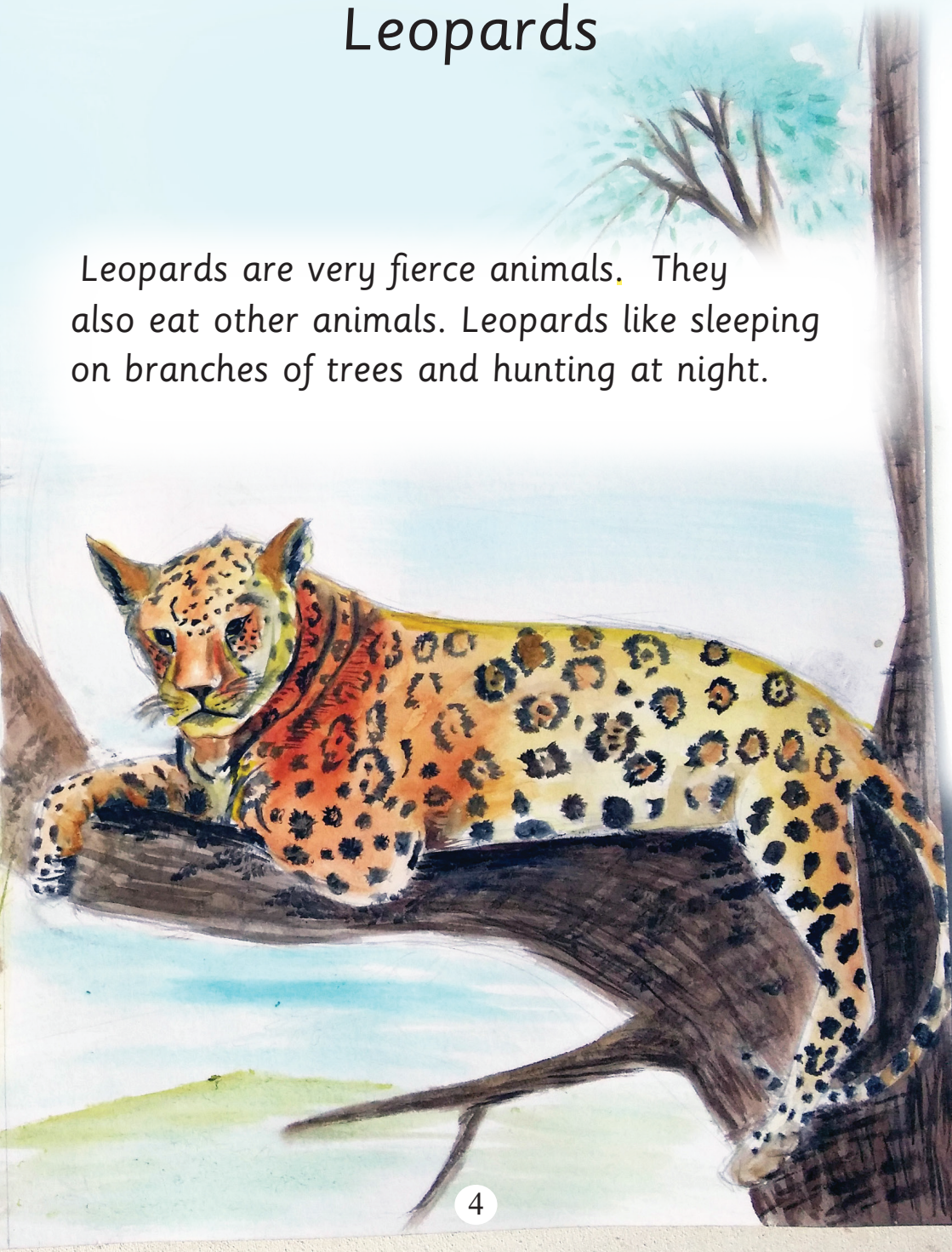
Lions



Lions are the kings of the jungle. Lions hunt and feed on other animals. Female lions are the ones that hunt. Lions don't eat meat of animals that they haven't killed themselves.

Leopards

Leopards are very fierce animals. They also eat other animals. Leopards like sleeping on branches of trees and hunting at night.



Elephants

Elephants' pregnancies last 22 months. They love their babies. When elephants are moving around, they put their babies in the middle to protect them.
Elephants are the biggest animals in the world.
Elephants don't easily forget what they have seen.



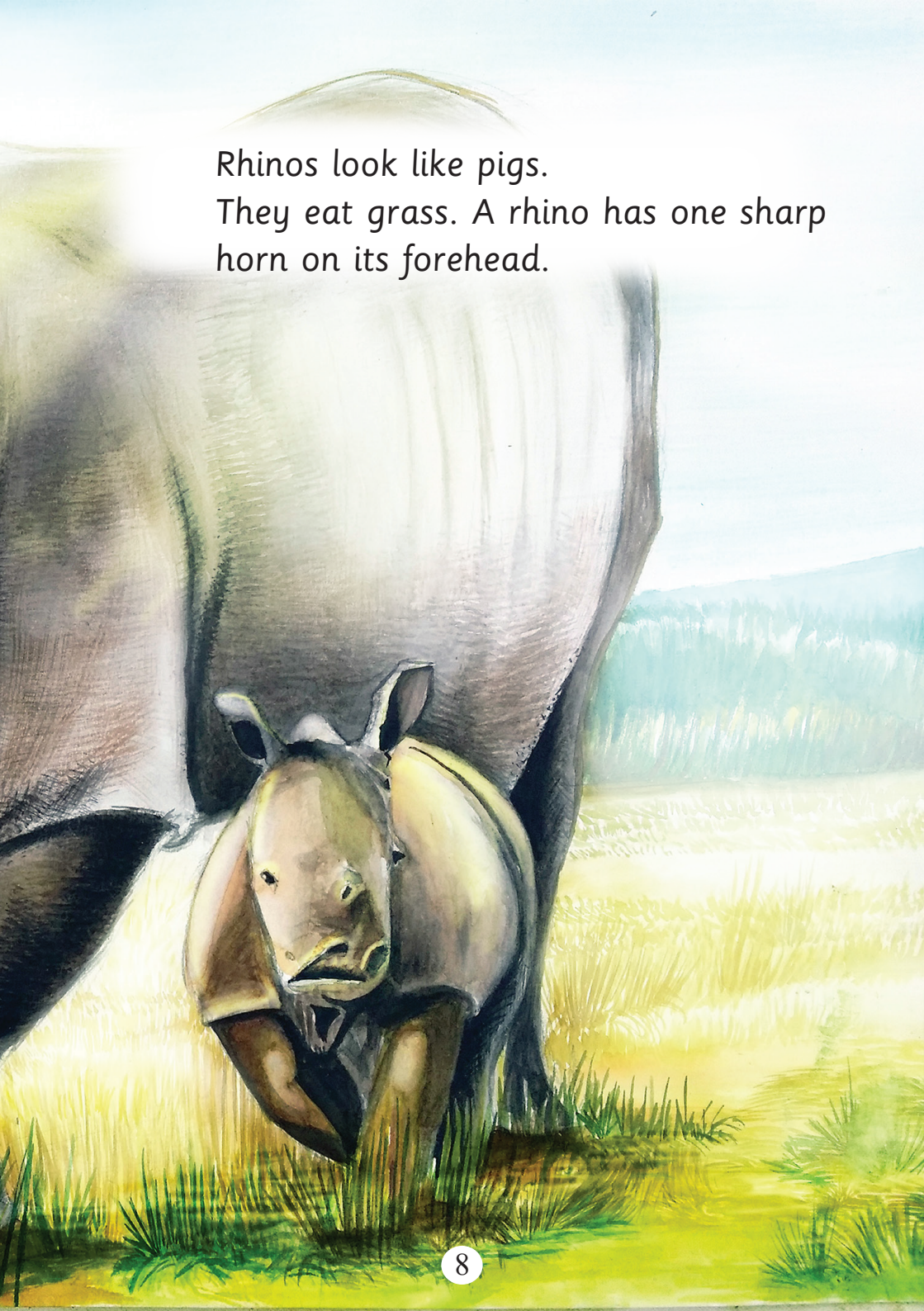
Buffalos

Buffalos look like cows. They eat grass like cows and drink water like cows.



Rhinos





Rhinos look like pigs.
They eat grass. A rhino has one sharp horn on its forehead.

Antelopes

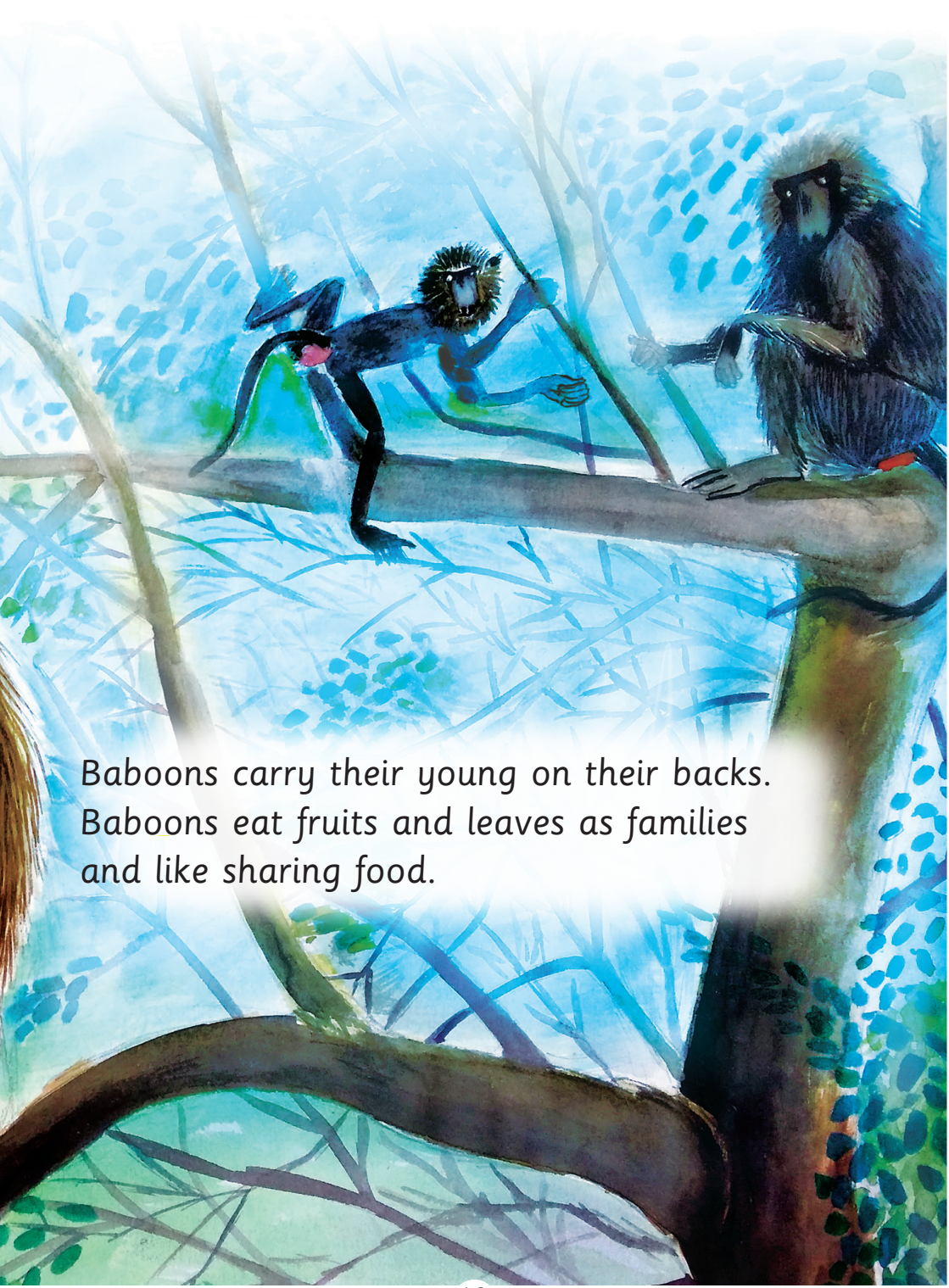


Male antelopes are always fighting.
They fight to see which one is stronger.
The stronger antelope becomes the leader
of the rest.



Baboons





Baboons carry their young on their backs.
Baboons eat fruits and leaves as families
and like sharing food.

Birds



There are many types of birds in Akagera National park. There are eagles and other birds. An eagle lives with its partner for life.

Eagles



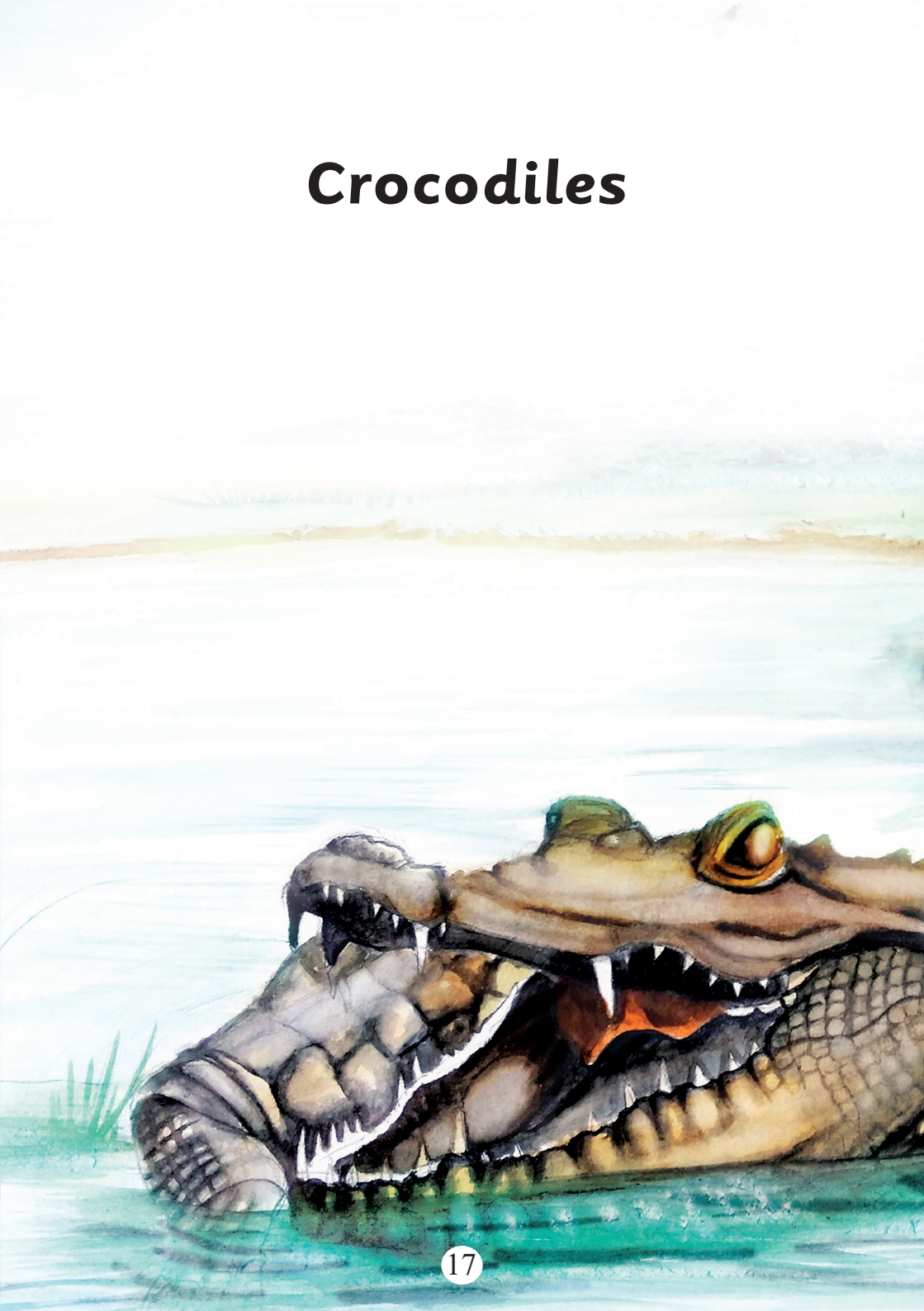
Hippos



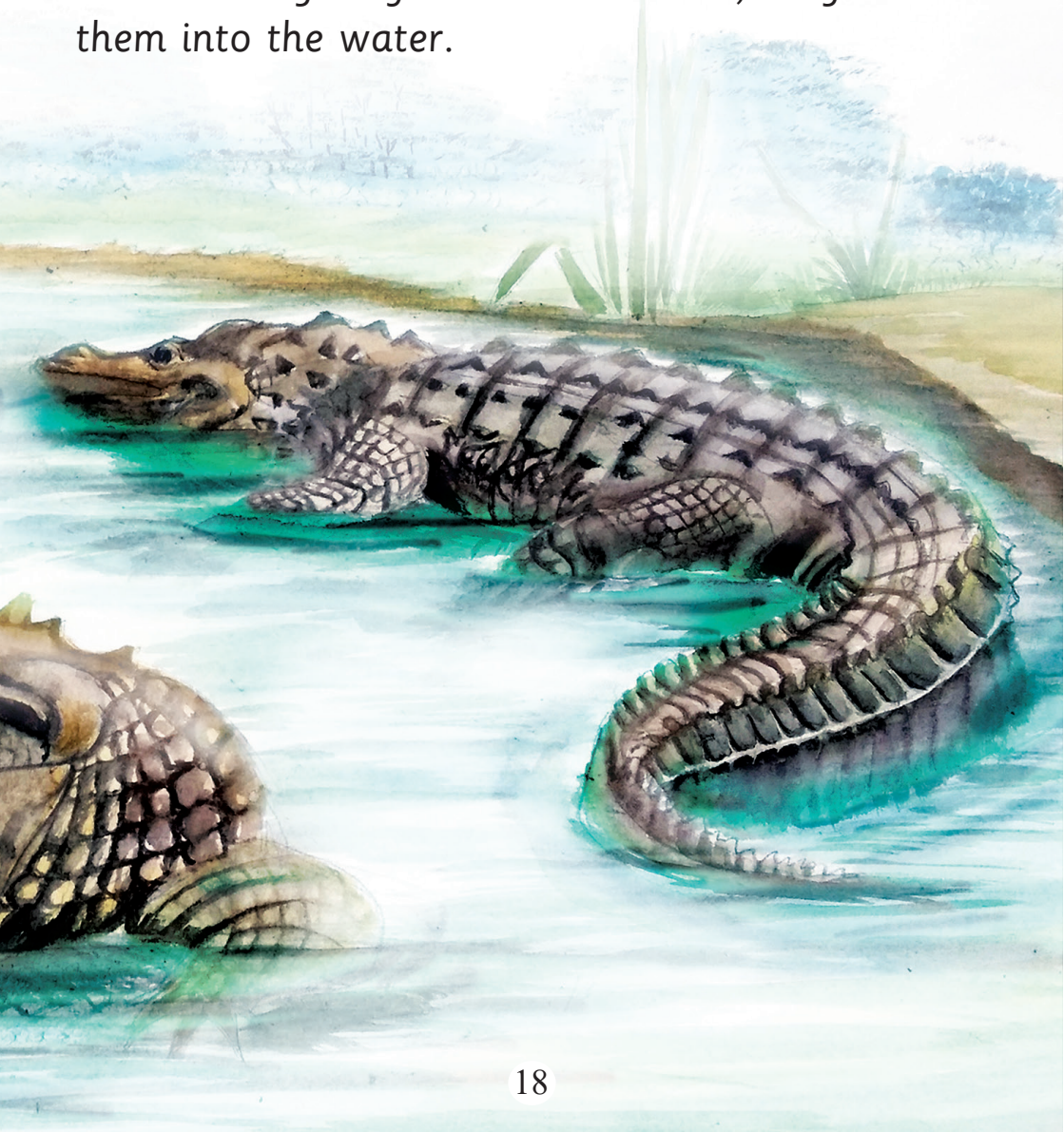
Hippos live in water. At night, hippos come out of the water to graze. During the day, they stay under water in lakes and rivers to protect their skin from the heat of the sun.



Crocodiles



Crocodiles spend most of their time in water. They lay their eggs in the sand on the shores of lakes and rivers. They cover their eggs with sand. When their young ones are hatched, they take them into the water.



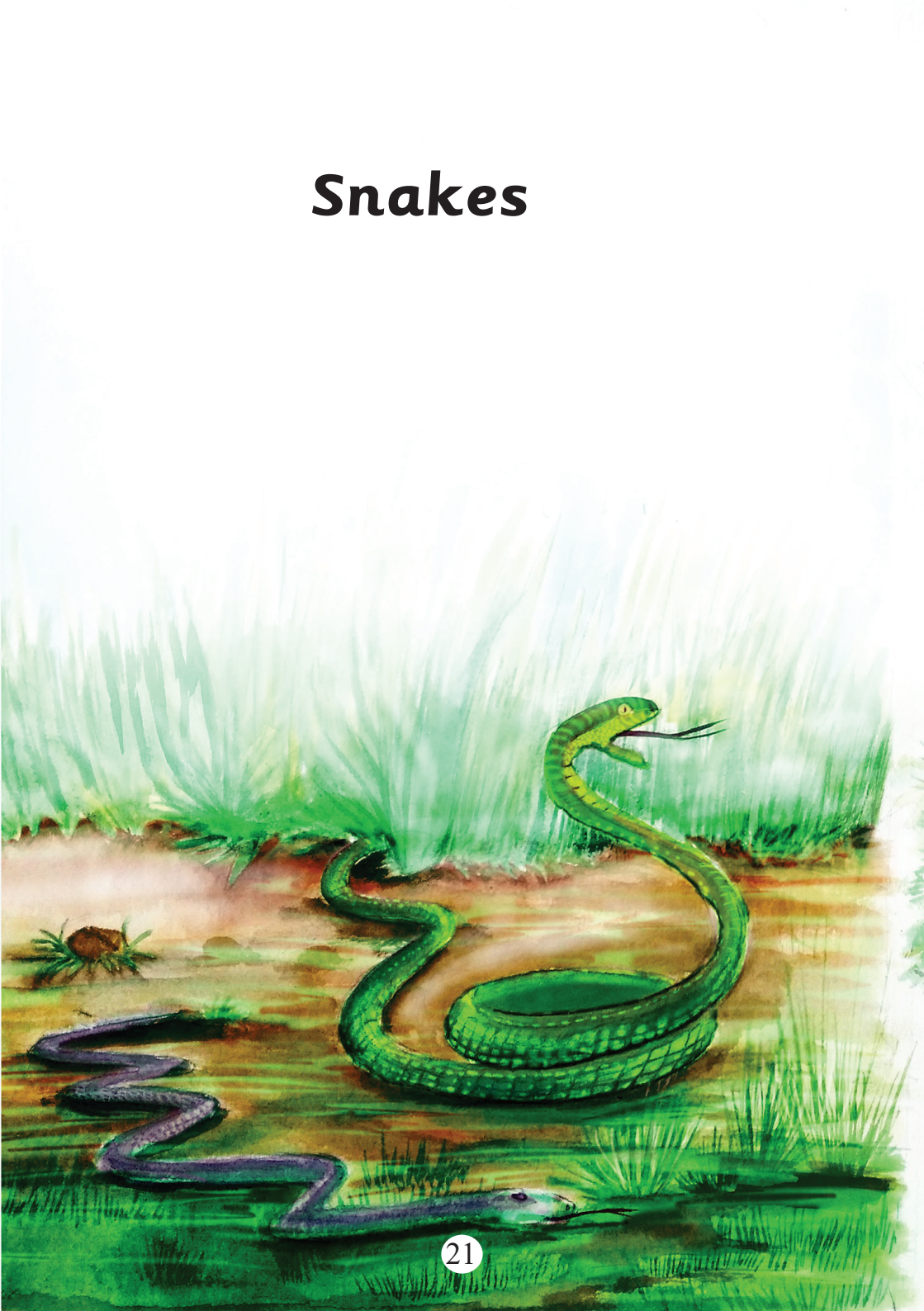
Hyenas

Hyenas look like dogs,
but they are very fierce animals.
They like following the lions.
They like eating leftovers from the lions.





Snakes



Snakes move on their bellies. In Akagera National park there are very many types of snakes such as: The black mamba, the puff adder and others.



Monkeys





Monkeys like living in trees. They like playing in trees. They normally stay together. Monkeys fear people. They like sharing things.

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This book talks about animals in the parks and teaches children the names of the animals.

