

BEATRICE'S WILDLIFE ADVENTURE





WELCOME, WILDLIFE ADVENTURERS!

ARE YOU READY TO GO ON A JOURNEY THAT WILL TAKE US DEEP INTO THE WILD? ARE YOU PREPARED TO DISCOVER THE TRUE SECRETS OF THE NATURAL WORLD? JOIN BEATRICE AND MAGEZI ON THEIR ADVENTURE AS THEY UNCOVER THE VALUE OF NATURE AND SHOW US HOW WILD ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITATS POWER HUMAN LIFE.

THROUGHOUT THIS STORY, WE WILL FIND OUT HOW SNAKES HELP TO CONTROL PESTS AND DISEASES, WHY BEES AND WASP STINGS ARE REALLY PROTECTING OUR FOOD SOURCES, AND HOW ACTIVITIES THAT SEEM LIKE AN EASY WAY FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE A LIVING ACTUALLY END UP COSTING MUCH MORE THAN THEY MAKE.

WE TREK INTO THE JUNGLE, WHERE WE WILL HAVE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH A MULTITUDE OF INSECTS, REPTILES, BIRDS AND MAMMALS. WE WILL SEE THE MYSTERIES OF THE FOREST AT NIGHT, AND LEARN HOW OUR HERITAGE GUIDES US TO BE STEWARDS OF WILDLIFE. WE FIND OUT THE DANGERS OF LIVING IN THE WILD, AND HOW ANIMALS FEEL PAIN AND LOVE THEIR FAMILIES, JUST LIKE US.

ULTIMATELY, WE DISCOVER HOW SOME SMALL AND SIMPLE CHANGES TO THEIR LIVES HELP BEATRICE AND MAGEZI CHANGE THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES FOR THE BETTER, AND HOW WE TOO CAN PLAY A ROLE IN MAKING THE WORLD A HEALTHIER PLACE FOR US ALL.

TO MAKE THIS COMIC BOOK EVEN MORE FUN, JOIN YOUR NEAREST WILDLIFE CLUB TO UNLOCK EXTRA ACTIVITIES AND GAMES THAT YOU CAN PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

HAPPY ADVENTURING! WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TELL BEATRICE OR MAGEZI, OR ANY OF THEIR FRIENDS, YOU CAN CONTACT THEM ON beatrice@wildaid.org



KAMPALA CITY

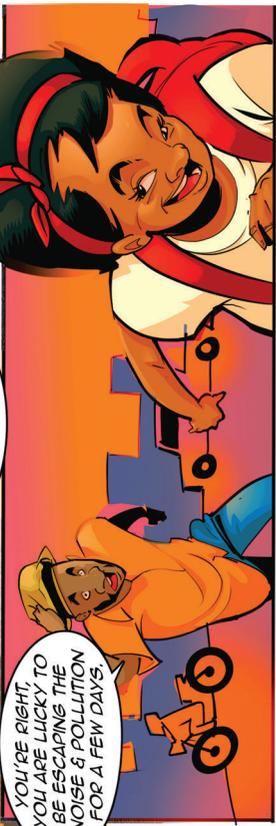
BEATRICE,
SLOW DOWN, YOU
MIGHT GET KNOCKED
BY A VEHICLE!

DAD, I DON'T
WANT TO MISS
THE BUS!

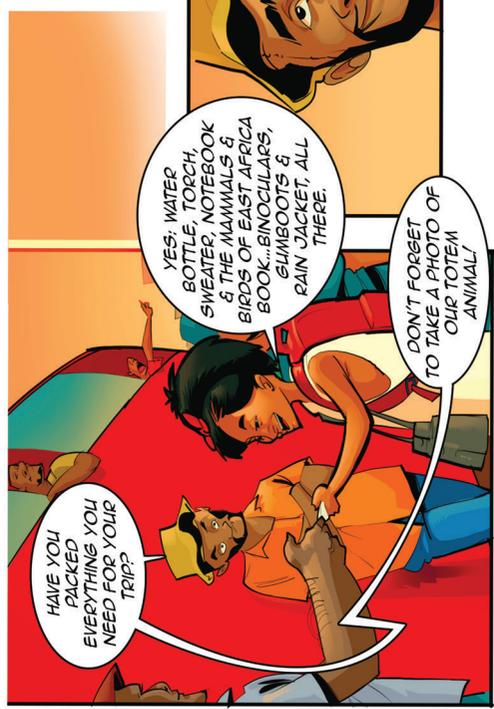
<COUGH! COUGH!>
I DID NOT
KNOW YOU WOULD
BE THIS EXCITED
TO LEAVE TOWN.



DAD, I WANT
TO KNOW WHAT IS
OUTSIDE
OF THE CITY.



YOU'RE RIGHT,
YOU ARE LUCKY TO
BE ESCAPING THE
NOISE & POLLUTION
FOR A FEW DAYS.



HAVE YOU
PACKED
EVERYTHING YOU
NEED FOR YOUR
TRIP?

YES: WATER
BOTTLE, TORCH,
SWEATER, NOTEBOOK
& THE MAMMALS &
BIRDS OF EAST AFRICA
BOOK, BINOCULARS,
SLIMBOOTS &
RAIN JACKET, ALL
THERE.

DON'T FORGET
TO TAKE A PHOTO OF
OUR TOTEM
ANIMAL!



BYE,
DAD!



A FEW MINUTES LATER.



YOU SEEM EXCITED YOUNG GIRL?

YES I AM SIR. I AM GOING TO SEE WILDLIFE IN THE NATIONAL PARK.

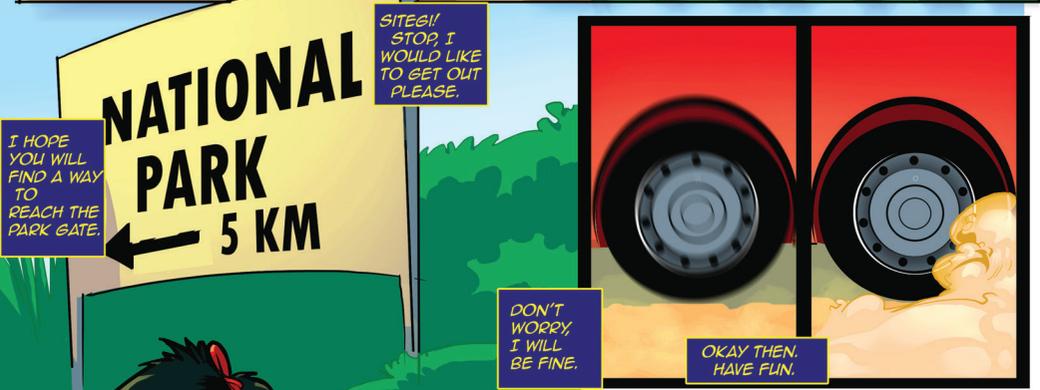
HOW DID YOU BECOME SO INTERESTED IN WILDLIFE?



FROM WATCHING NATURE MOVIES & HEARING STORIES FROM THE ELDERS, MY JAJJA USED TO TELL US THE TALE OF HOW THE HIPPO DEFECATES IN THE LAKE AS PROOF TO THE CROCODILE THAT HE DOES NOT EAT FISH.

HAHA, THAT IS A GOOD ONE!

YOU WILL LEARN A LOT FROM ASKING QUESTIONS & VISITING NEW PLACES.



I HOPE YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO REACH THE PARK GATE.

NATIONAL PARK
← 5 KM

SITESH! STOP, I WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT PLEASE.

DON'T WORRY, I WILL BE FINE.

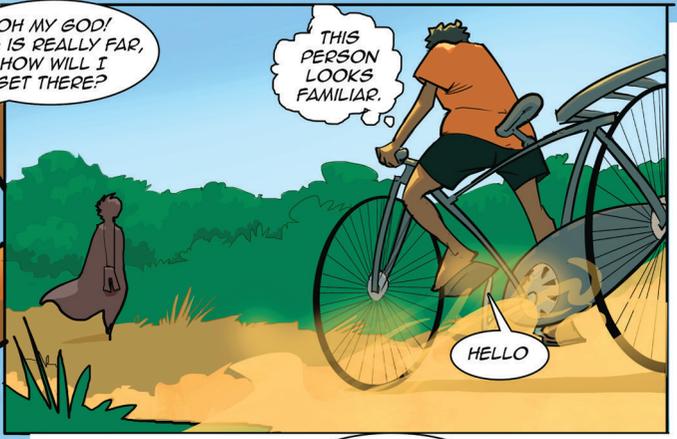
OKAY THEN. HAVE FUN.



IT IS SO GREEN & QUIET, THERE ARE NO PEOPLE OR VEHICLES AROUND.



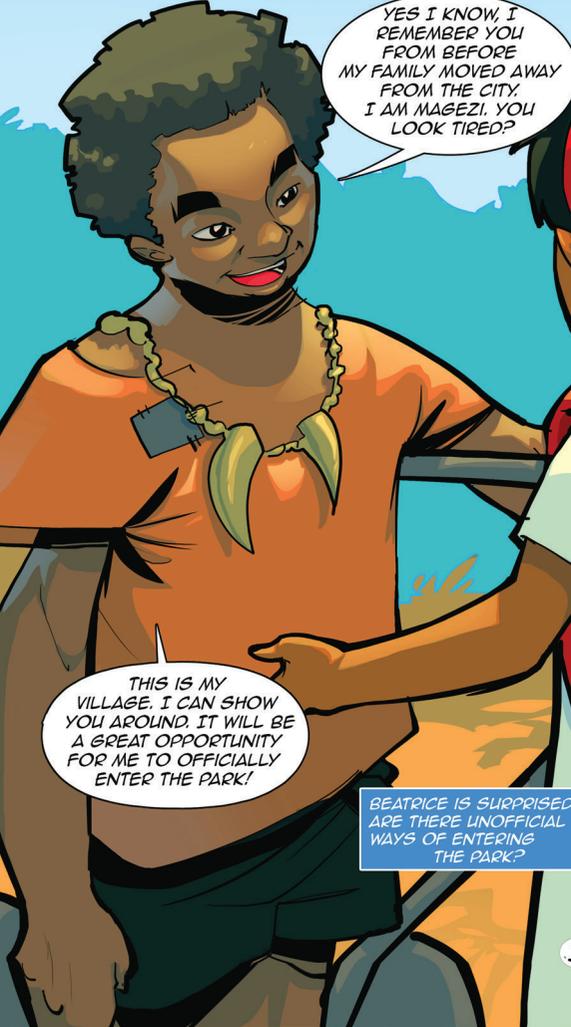
OH MY GOD!
THIS IS REALLY FAR,
HOW WILL I
GET THERE?



THIS
PERSON
LOOKS
FAMILIAR.

HELLO

HELLO,
I AM BEATRICE.



YES I KNOW, I
REMEMBER YOU
FROM BEFORE
MY FAMILY MOVED
AWAY
FROM THE CITY.
I AM MAGEZI. YOU
LOOK TIRED?



YES, I AM
TRYING TO GET
TO THE
NATIONAL PARK
BUT IT
IS FAR!

THIS IS MY
VILLAGE. I CAN SHOW
YOU AROUND. IT WILL BE
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
FOR ME TO OFFICIALLY
ENTER THE PARK!

BEATRICE IS SURPRISED.
ARE THERE UNOFFICIAL
WAYS OF ENTERING
THE PARK?



GREAT! LET
US EXPLORE
THE PARK
TOGETHER.

TEN MINUTES LATER.

OH, THERE IS EVEN WILDLIFE OUTSIDE THE PARK?

YES, WILD ANIMALS CAN LIVE IN ANY NATURAL HABITAT.

I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW BOUNDARIES!

HERE WE ARE.

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL PARK.

EAST AFRICANS:
Students - 5000/-
WCU Members - 2000/-
Adults - 20,000/-
Non East Africans \$40

DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS

WOW, ARE YOU COMING INSIDE WITH ME?

NO, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL PARK

EAST AFRICANS:
Students - 5000/-
WCU Members - 2000/-
Adults - 20,000/-
Non East Africans \$40

DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS

OH, I HAVE SAVED ENOUGH TO PAY FOR US BOTH. PLUS STUDENTS PAY 5,000 SHILLINGS ONLY.

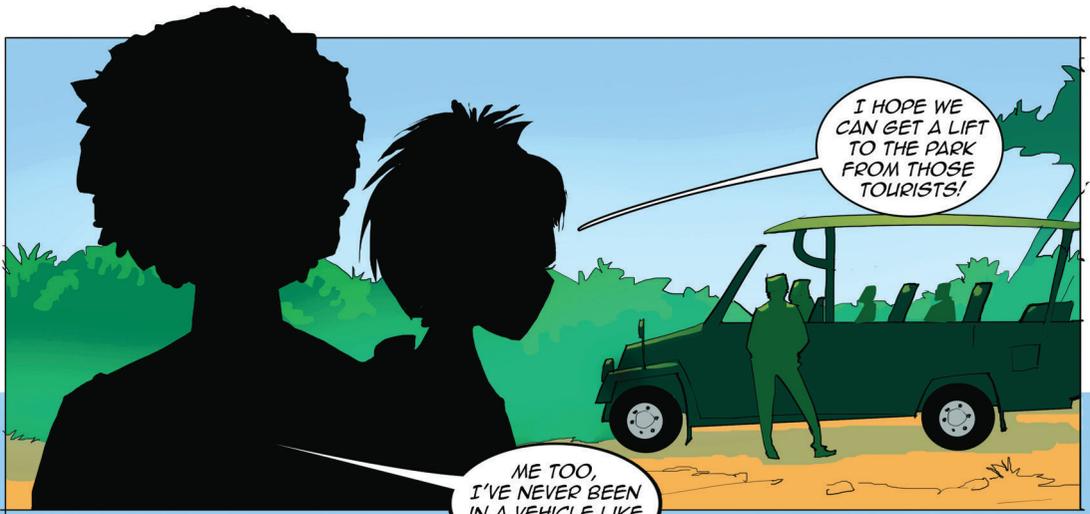
EH! I ALWAYS IMAGINED IT COSTS A LOT.

HELLO VISITORS, YOU ARE WELCOME.

TICKET

THANK YOU, AFANDE.

SORRY BUT YOU CANNOT ENTER THE PARK WITH THE BICYCLE. THERE IS A TOURIST CAR COMING I CAN ASK THEM TO HELP YOU.



I HOPE WE CAN GET A LIFT TO THE PARK FROM THOSE TOURISTS!

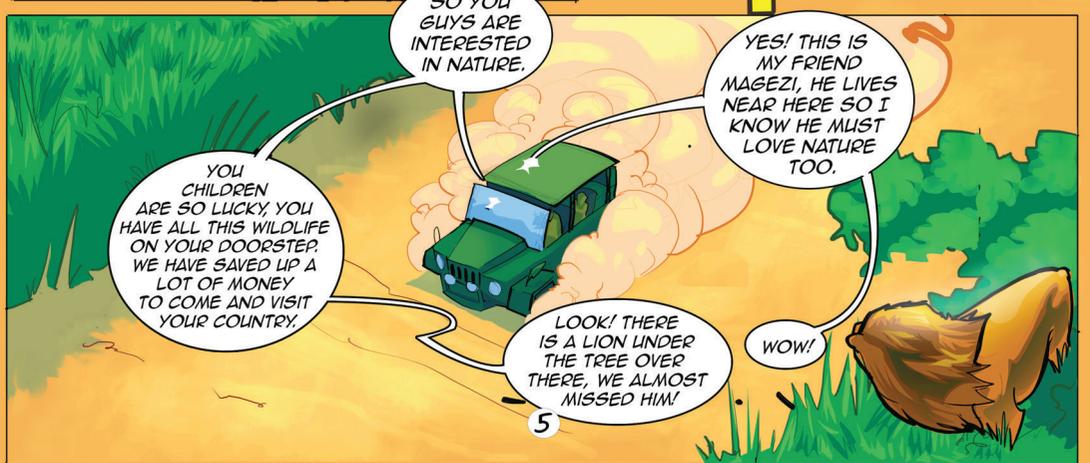
ME TOO, I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A VEHICLE LIKE THAT BEFORE.



COME & JUMP IN, SAFARI NJEMA!



SPEED LIMIT 40km/hr



SO YOU GUYS ARE INTERESTED IN NATURE.

YES! THIS IS MY FRIEND MAGEZI, HE LIVES NEAR HERE SO I KNOW HE MUST LOVE NATURE TOO.

YOU CHILDREN ARE SO LUCKY, YOU HAVE ALL THIS WILDLIFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP, WE HAVE SAVED UP A LOT OF MONEY TO COME AND VISIT YOUR COUNTRY.

LOOK! THERE IS A LION UNDER THE TREE OVER THERE, WE ALMOST MISSED HIM!

WOW!

AN HOUR LATER.

MAGEZI,
PLEASE HELP
ME WORK OUT WHAT
THE PROBLEM IS.
EVERYONE ELSE,
PLEASE STAY IN THE
VEHICLE FOR YOUR
SAFETY.

THERE
COULD BE
MORE LIONS
AROUND!



IT IS SO
HOT SITTING
IN THE
VEHICLE...



LET ME MOVE
TO THE EDGE OF THE
FOREST TO SIT UNDER
THE SHADE OF THOSE
TREES.





HUH! WHAT IS THAT MOVING IN THE GRASS?



GHDJH!



HISSESSSS!!!



WAAAAH!



AHH, AN AFRICAN ROCK PYTHON! HE IS NOT VENOMOUS BUT CATCHES HIS FOOD BY SQUEEZING & SWALLOWING. HE MUST BE ON THE MOVE TO FIND A MEAL.

I WONDER WHAT ELSE I CAN SPOT FROM HERE.



FRUIT BAT.



FIG TREE.



CHIMPANZEE.

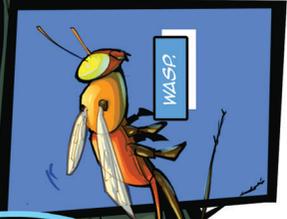
WOOOOOWWWW!!!!

SO MANY CREATURES IN SUCH A SMALL AREA. IF I WAS NOT LOOKING WELL, I MIGHT HAVE MISSED THEM.

BUTTERFLY.



HORNBILL.



OUCH, A WASP! THAT WASP! THAT HURTS, NOW WHY HAVE YOU STUNG ME?



PHEW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE PYTHON IS GONE. I HOPE MY BOOK ISN'T DAMAGED.



OH IT'S OKAY.



IS THAT A CHIMPANZEE OR MONKEY?

THAT MUST BE SUCH A STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE & HAVE A BABY TO TAKE CARE OF WITH THAT INJURY!

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SEE ON THE GROUND?

DUNG BEETLES! THE BOOK SAYS THAT THE MALE BEETLE ROLLS THE DUNG TO A FEMALE BEETLE SO SHE CAN LAY HER EGGS IN IT.



THIS IS ELEPHANT DUNG. THAT MEANS THAT THEY MUST LIVE AROUND HERE TOO.

NOW I CAN SEE HOW SOMETHING AS SMALL AS A BEETLE RELIES ON SOMETHING AS BIG AS AN ELEPHANT TO LIVE.



OH DEAR, I THINK I AM LOST, AND NOW THE SUN IS SETTING.



I AM NOT SURE I CAN FIND MY WAY BACK BUT I'LL TRY.

GLURP!

HOLD ON! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?



EHH! MY JAJJA TOLD ME ABOUT THESE CREATURES THAT EAT TERMITES WITH THEIR LONG STICKY TONGUE AND ROLL THEMSELVES INTO A BALL FOR SELF-DEFENSE. IT IS MY TOTEM, "OLUGAVE"! I SHOULD TRY TO TAKE A PHOTO FOR DAD!



I CANNOT FIND MY WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE TONIGHT, I HAD BETTER FIND SOMEWHERE TO REST.



OH! A GENET. IT'S A TYPE OF WILD CAT, SO AT LEAST IF SHE IS AROUND THERE MAY NOT BE SCORPIONS THAT CAN STING ME.

I CAN EAT SOME OF MY BISCUITS & USE THE BAG AS A PILLOW.

ALL THESE EYES GLOWING IN THE BUSHES ARE A BIT SCARY! LET ME TRY TO FIND A PLACE AWAY FROM THEM.



"OWLS REALLY CAN MOVE THEIR HEADS ALL THE WAY AROUND! I'M SURE SHE MUST BE HUNTING FOR MICE."



AAEEEE!!!

"A CUTE BUSH BABY! THE SOUND IT MAKES REALLY DOES SOUND LIKE A BABY BUT HE SHOULD BE SURE TO STAY OUT OF THE WAY OF THE GENET AS HE MAY GET EATEN!"



THIS LOOKS LIKE A SAFE ENOUGH PLACE TO REST.

MORNING.

OH, I HAVE OVERSLEPT SINCE IT'S SO PEACEFUL HERE & THERE ARE NO CARS OR FACTORY NOISE TO WAKE ME UP.

NOW I AM HUNGRY.

I AM SURE I CAN FIND SOMETHING TO EAT HERE.

FIBS! PERFECT, THESE ARE EDIBLE.

I ALSO SEE WASPS AROUND THE FLOWERS. I HOPE I DON'T GET STUNG AGAIN! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE THE ONES POLLINATING THIS PLANT, CREATING FOOD FOR OTHER ANIMALS, BIRDS & ME!

SO DESPITE THEIR STING, WASPS ARE ACTUALLY HELPFUL INSECTS.

IT IS AMAZING TO THINK THAT ALL OF THE CREATURES I HAVE SEEN SO FAR ARE INTERLINKED IN SOME WAY. THE ELEPHANTS, THE DUNG BEETLES, THE WASPS, EVEN ME! WE ARE ALL PLAYING A PART IN A LARGER SYSTEM, SO TAKING AWAY ONE PIECE WOULD DAMAGE IT ALL...

THERE ARE SO MANY ANIMALS IN THIS AREA!

AND THEY ARE ALL COEXISTING.

THE WORLD WOULD BE SUCH A BETTER PLACE IF WE ALL LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER LIKE THE WILDLIFE.

LOOK AT THAT ELEPHANT'S TRUNK! IT'S SO SHORT & LOOKS LIKE IT IS WOUNDED!



HOW MANY
CREATURES
CAN YOU
SPOT &
NAME?





THUCK!

I WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAP! THESE WIRE SNARES CAN CATCH ANYTHING, INCLUDING ME!



OUCH!



OUCH!



OUCH!

OH MY GOSH, MY LEG IS SO PAINFUL!



LET ME TEAR A PIECE OF MY DRESS & TIE IT AROUND THE WOUND I HOPE I CAN STOP THE BLEEDING.



I THINK THESE TRAPS MUST HAVE BEEN WHAT INJURED THE ELEPHANT & THE MOTHER CHIMPANZEE.



HLIH!



OH NO! THIS IS BAD!

LET'S HURRY BEFORE WE ARE CAUGHT.



IT'S HIGH TIME WE GET OUT OF THIS RISKY BUSINESS.



THIS FOREST THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE & ANIMALS DEPEND ON FOR FOOD & SHELTER IS BEING CLEARED SO THAT A FEW CAN MAKE MONEY. IT MAY NEVER GROW BACK.



THESE ARE THE SAME KIND OF PEOPLE WHO DRAINED THE WETLANDS AROUND OUR VILLAGE & MADE LIFE SO HARD.



WE COULD NOT GET WATER FOR OUR ANIMALS & OURSELVES. SOME OF OUR NEIGHBOURS HAD TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES TO FIND NEW PLACES TO LIVE.

I SHOULD MOVE AWAY FROM HERE QUICKLY. THIS MUST BE ILLEGAL. I NEED TO REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT'S THAT SMELL? IT'S LIKE ROASTED MEAT.

HOW CAN IT BE?







WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

INTRUDER!

YOU ARE FINISHED IF WE GET YOU!!

STOP RUNNING & MAYBE WE WILL SHOW MERCY!



GOT YOU!

RELEASE HER THIS INSTANT!



ALL OF YOU...

...ARE UNDER ARREST!

BEATRICE!

PLEASE FORGIVE US!

MAGEZI!

WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IS AGAINST THE LAW.



WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM?

THEY WILL BE TRIED IN COURT & MAY FACE PRISON, A MONETARY FINE, OR BOTH.



PRISON!



WILD ANIMALS ARE PROTECTED BY LAW BECAUSE THEY ARE VITAL TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF OUR COUNTRY.



BEATRICE, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I'M SO SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET LOST.

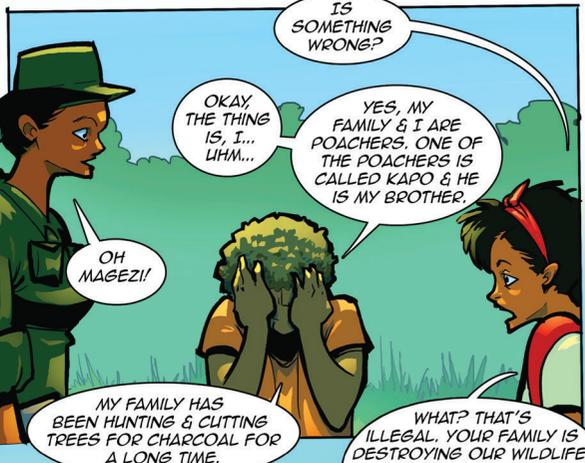
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE FINE & THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FIND THESE POACHERS. NOW LET'S GO BACK TO THE RANGER CAMP.

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT THE VEHICLE. THE PARK IS BEAUTIFUL BUT HAS WILD ANIMALS. THEY CAN BE DANGEROUS.



ABBO, CAN I TALK TO YOU?

OF COURSE, WHAT IS IT?



IS SOMETHING WRONG?

OKAY, THE THING IS, I... UHM...

YES, MY FAMILY & I ARE POACHERS. ONE OF THE POACHERS IS CALLED KAPO & HE IS MY BROTHER.

OH MAGEZI!

MY FAMILY HAS BEEN HUNTING & CUTTING TREES FOR CHARCOAL FOR A LONG TIME.

WHAT? THAT'S ILLEGAL. YOUR FAMILY IS DESTROYING OUR WILDLIFE, ECONOMY, HERITAGE & ALL THE VALUE THAT COMES WITH CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.



I KNOW THAT NOW, IN THE TIME I SPENT WITH ABBO & THE TOURISTS, THEY TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE ECOSYSTEM & HOW ALL THE ANIMALS ARE CONNECTED AND HELP ONE ANOTHER TO LIVE, INCLUDING HUMANS.

THEY TOLD ME OF HOW HIPPOS COOL THEIR BODIES AND DUMP THEIR DUNG INTO WATER, PROVIDING NUTRIENTS THAT FISH FEED ON. THIS INCREASES THE FISH POPULATION IN THE LAKE AND PEOPLE CATCH THE FISH TO EAT & FEED THEIR FAMILIES. SO EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED. WITHOUT THE HIPPOS, THE FISH WILL REDUCE!



TOURISTS WILL ALSO NOT COME TO SEE THESE WILD ANIMALS, & THEN WHO WILL BUY THE BASKETS WE WEAVE OR EAT IN THE RESTAURANTS THAT WE SELL OUR VEGETABLES TO? PEOPLE WILL HAVE NO EMPLOYMENT & THEIR FAMILIES WILL SUFFER.

IF WE KILL THE HIPPOS, FISH STOCKS WILL REDUCE & SO WILL INCOMES OF FISHERMEN.



I HAVE REALIZED THAT MY FAMILY DOES SO MUCH DAMAGE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES & I REALLY WANT TO CHANGE. MY BROTHER IS LIKE I WAS BEFORE I LEARNT;



HE DID NOT HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSITIVE BENEFITS THAT NATURE GIVES US. I KNOW HE CAN CHANGE IF YOU GIVE HIM A CHANCE.



FINE, BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER IS UNDER AGE, WE SHALL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT BY CHANGING HIS WAYS.



HMM...



THANK YOU SO MUCH, I PROMISE THAT WE WILL BECOME GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR WILDLIFE.



YOU HAVE SAVED MY FAMILY FROM SUFFERING. IF I HAD BEEN SENT TO JAIL, WHO WOULD HAVE HELPED MY ELDERLY PARENTS & YOUNGER SISTERS & BROTHERS?



THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT MY FAMILY.

...AND THANKS FOR PROTECTING THE ANIMALS.

WE TRY TO CARE ABOUT BOTH PEOPLE & WILDLIFE, THAT'S WHAT CONSERVATION IS ABOUT.

NOW LET'S GET YOU ALL HOME.



SO WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE?

A BIG SNAKE, IT WAS SCARY.

YES, SNAKES CAN BE SCARY BUT THEY HELP US TO NATURALLY CONTROL THE POPULATION OF VERMIN, LIKE RATS, BY EATING THEM SO THEY DO NOT DESTROY CROPS OR SPREAD DISEASES.

WOW, I HAD NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT!



BEATRICE!



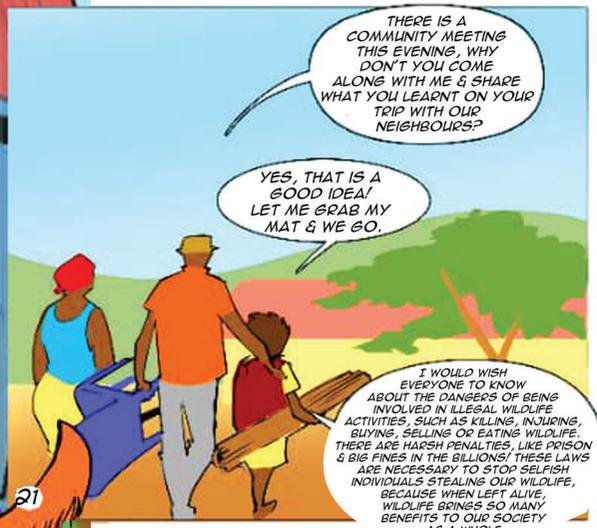
MAMA, PAPA! I AM SO HAPPY TO BE HOME!



DID YOU ENJOY THE PARK?

HOW WAS YOUR TRIP?

YES! I HAD SUCH AN EXCITING TIME. I REALLY WISH THAT OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ONE DAY GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT & ESCAPE THE POLLUTION IN THE CITY.



THERE IS A COMMUNITY MEETING THIS EVENING, WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG WITH ME & SHARE WHAT YOU LEARNT ON YOUR TRIP WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS?

YES, THAT IS A GOOD IDEA! LET ME GRAB MY MAT & WE GO.

I WOULD WISH EVERYONE TO KNOW ABOUT THE DANGERS OF BEING INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS KILLING, INJURING, BUYING, SELLING OR EATING WILDLIFE. THERE ARE HARSH PENALTIES, LIKE PRISON & BIG FINES IN THE BILLIONS! THESE LAWS ARE NECESSARY TO STOP SELFISH INDIVIDUALS STEALING OUR WILDLIFE, BECAUSE WHEN LEFT ALIVE, WILDLIFE BRINGS SO MANY BENEFITS TO OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

THAT EVENING, A COMMUNITY MEETING TAKES PLACE...

I FOUND OUT THAT IT IS REALLY DANGEROUS BEING A WILD ANIMAL BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY THREATS THAT HUMANS POSE.

OH! NOW I KNOW WHY THEY PUT THE GOPILLA ON OUR BIGGEST NOTE, BECAUSE THEY ARE SO VALUABLE!



PEOPLE KILL ANIMALS FOR BUSH MEAT & TRAP THEM TO KEEP AS PETS. I AM WORRIED THAT SOON, UGANDA MAY HAVE NO MORE ANIMALS, AND WE AS HUMANS REALLY NEED THESE ANIMALS TO SURVIVE. THEY ATTRACT TOURISTS WHO SPEND MONEY IN OUR COUNTRY & CREATE JOBS.

THEY EAT PESTS LIKE TERMITES TO KEEP SOIL HEALTHY, AND THEY POLLINATE FOODS THAT WE EAT. IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROTECT THEM & WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY.

YOU CAN HELP!

DO NOT EAT,
BUY OR
SELL WILD MEAT.

BUILD AND USE ENERGY
SAVING STOVES TO REDUCE THE
NEED TO CUT DOWN
TREES FOR FIREWOOD OR
CHARCOAL.



USE BASKETS OR
BAGS MADE FROM SISAL,
BANANA LEAVES AND OTHER
NATURAL MATERIALS
FOR SHOPPING;

REFUSE
POLYTHENE
BAGS THAT
POLLUTE THE
ENVIRONMENT



EVERY CREATURE
HAS AN
IMPORTANT ROLE
TO PLAY IN THE
ENVIROMENT. WE
NEED THEM.

MOVE WITH
YOUR OWN
FOOD CONTAINER
FROM HOME TO BUY
A ROLEX OR
CHIPS!

ENCOURAGE PEOPLE
TO VISIT THE
PARK & LEARN MORE
ABOUT ANIMALS,
VEGETATION &
LANDSCAPES.



HELP TO CLEAN
UP PUBLIC PLACES &
IMPROVE THEIR HYGIENE
BY REMOVING LITTER &
OTHER OBJECTS THAT
CAN HURT HUMANS &
ANIMALS.

CONSERVING NATURE IS CONSERVING OUR HERITAGE.

FOLLOWING A PROLONGED DROUGHT, THE LION, KING OF THE ANIMALS, INSTRUCTED ALL CREATURES TO GO AND BRING WATER TO IRRIGATE CROPS, DRINK AND SUPPORT OTHERS THAT COULD NOT MOVE VERY FAST, LIKE THE TORTOISE. THEY EACH TRIED TO SEARCH FOR WATER, BUT ALL THE SPRINGS WERE DRY. THE ANIMALS WERE SCARED THAT THEY WOULD DIE OF THIRST AND STARVATION SINCE ALL THE CROPS HAD DRIED.

THE CRANE FLEW UP TO THE SKIES AND TOUCHED THE CLOUDS, CAUSING RAIN TO FALL DOWN ON THE EARTH.

AFTER RAINFALL, THE PLANTS BECAME GREEN, THE HERBIVORES GOT THEIR FOOD (GRASS), CARNIVORES COULD NOW FIND PREY (OTHER ANIMALS), THE BUFFALOES STARTED WALLOWING IN MUD, AND THE BEETLES STARTED ROLLING DUNGS. THE HORNBILLS CONTINUED ASKING FOR MORE RAINFALL, MAN GOT A GOOD CROP HARVEST LEARNED TO CARE FOR HIS ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER CREATURES.

FINALLY, THERE WAS LIFE IN THE VILLAGE. THE KING WAS SO HAPPY THAT THE CRESTED CRANE WAS AWARDED A CROWN AND MADE UGANDA'S NATIONAL BIRD! SHE FLEW TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO PLANT TREES, STOP KILLING OTHER ANIMALS, STOP POLLUTING THE LAKES, RIVERS, OCEANS AND WHERE THEY LIVE!

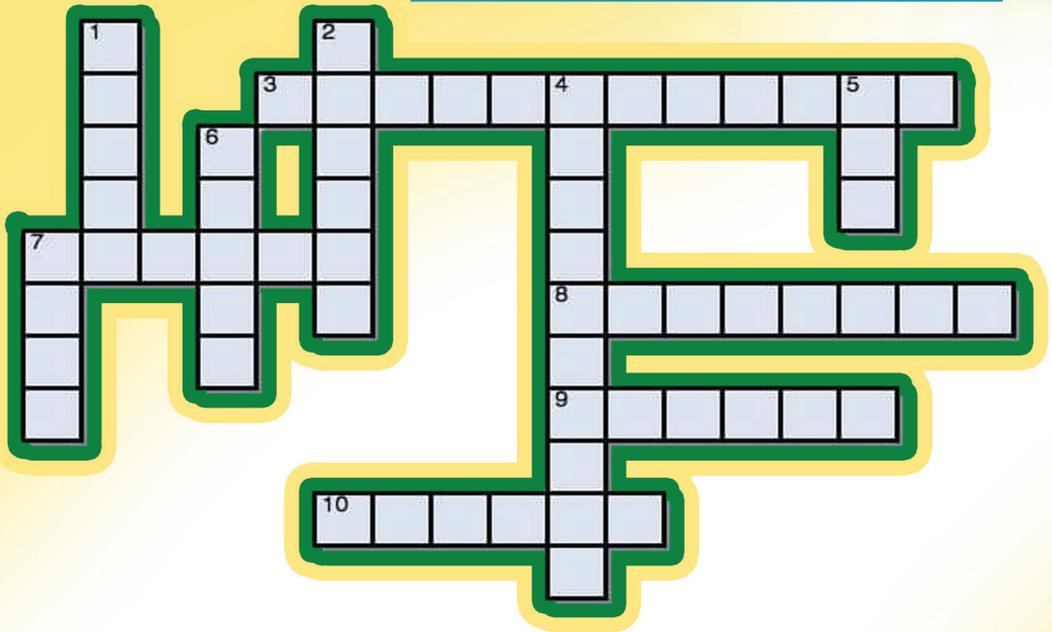
IN UGANDA WE HAVE VERY MANY DIFFERENT TRIBES & ETHNIC GROUPS, & EACH HAS TABOOS & TOTEMS. MANY OF THESE TOTEMS ARE ANIMALS & PLANTS AND THIS IS TRUE IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF AFRICA TOO.

THESE BELIEFS WERE CREATED TO HELP US CONSERVE NATURE, WHICH IN THE END ONLY BENEFITS US, WHEN WE KILL OR DESTROY WILDLIFE WE ARE ALSO DESTROYING OUR TRADITIONS, HERITAGE & IDENTITY!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AND FILL THEM INTO THE WHITE SQUARES IN THE GRID. YOU CAN FIND CLUES THROUGHOUT BEATRICE'S WILDLIFE ADVENTURE.



DOWN

1. NATIONAL BIRD OF UGANDA WHO FLEW UP TO THE CLOUDS TO CAUSE RAINFALL (5 LETTERS)
2. A TYPE OF PRIMATE FOUND COMMONLY IN UGANDA (6 LETTERS)
4. THE GIANT SNAKE THAT SENT BEATRICE CLIMBING UP THE FIG TREE (10 LETTERS)
5. A NOCTURNAL (NIGHT) BIRD CAPABLE OF MOVING ITS HEAD AROUND AS IT LOOKS FOR PREY (3 LETTERS)
6. CATEGORY OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED TO TAKE CONSERVATION ACTION TO SAVE NATURE (5 LETTERS)
7. PART OF A PLANT THAT IS USED FOR WATER ABSORPTION (4 LETTERS)

ACROSS

3. ACT OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT OR CULTURES FROM HARM OR DESTRUCTION (12 LETTERS)
7. ACT OF SAYING NO TO THE USE OF PLASTICS (6 LETTERS)
8. THE ACT OF KILLING WILD ANIMALS ILLEGALLY (8 LETTERS)
9. ANIMALS OR OBJECTS THAT ARE ADOPTED AS SYMBOLS OR MASCOTS BY DIFFERENT TRIBES (6 LETTERS)
10. PLACE FOR HOLDING PEOPLE WHO COMMIT CRIMES, SUCH AS ILLEGALLY KILLING OR TRADING WILD ANIMALS (6 LETTERS)

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO: _____

A FEW YEARS LATER...



BEATRICE GOES ON TO STUDY LAW AT UNIVERSITY. SHE BECOMES A LAWYER AND AN ANIMAL ACTIVIST. SHE NOW GOES TO COURT TO ARGUE CASES FOR WILDLIFE, ENSURING THAT THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW GET THE RIGHT PUNISHMENT.

MAGEZI COMPLETES SECONDARY SCHOOL AND GETS A JOB AS A DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT OFFICER. HE MOBILIZES PEOPLE TO CARE FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOP ECO-TOURISM PROJECTS SO THAT THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM WILDLIFE.



KAPO JOINS THE EX-POACHERS' ASSOCIATION, WHERE HE HAS HELPED MANY POACHERS CHANGE THEIR WAYS, AND PROMOTES ACTIVITIES THAT MINIMIZE CONFLICTS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE.

WILDAID

