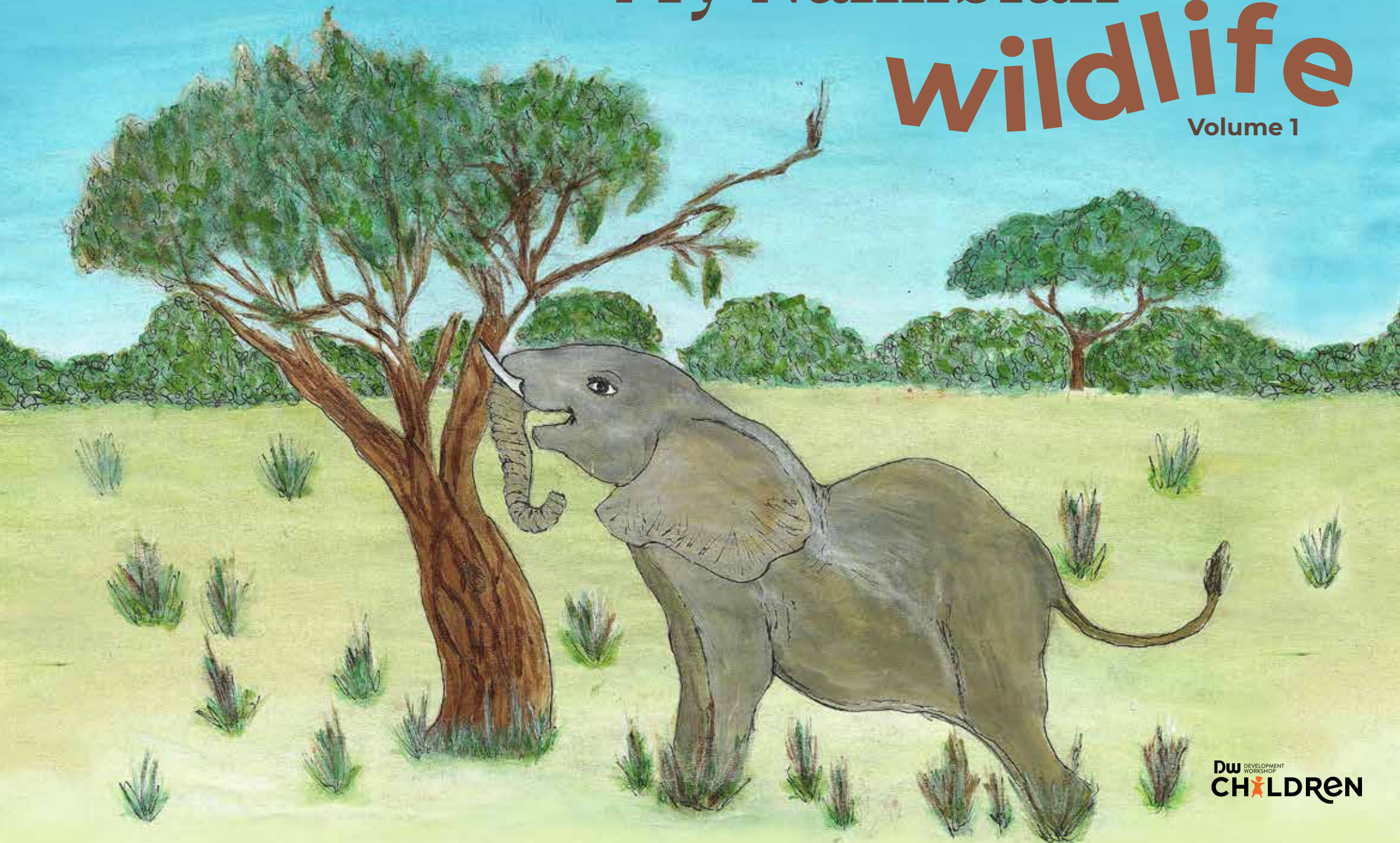


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Elephant

I am **big** and **strong** but I'm a very peaceful and loving animal. That is why I am sometimes called a gentle giant. My family and I live in a group called a **herd**. Our family leader is called a Matriarch, and in most cases she is our grandmother. She is loving and caring. She guides and protects the family. She makes sure that everyone is safe.

Fun facts about my family:

We are the **largest land animal**.

Male elephants can reach up to 3 metres tall, the same height as a tall tree, and weigh about 7,500 kilograms. That is big. It is the size of a small truck.

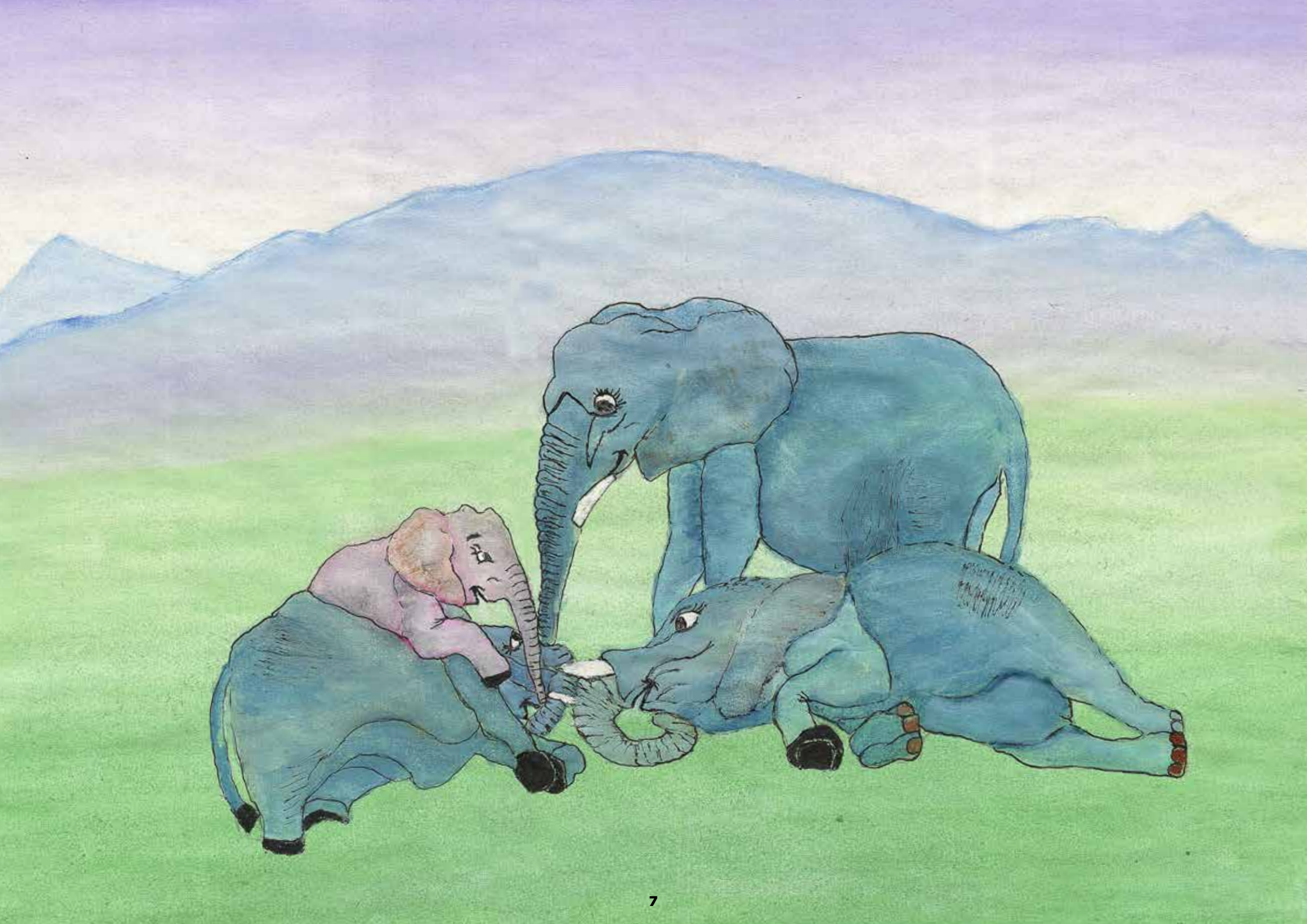
We eat grass, plants and fruits ... so so yummy!

We spend 12-18 hours a day eating. Do you know why?

Because we are so big, we need lots of food.

Our long trunks help us to smell our food and lift it up into our mouths.

And **we love mud** on our skin. With the African sun being so hot, mud is our suntan lotion to protect us from sunburn.





Lion

1... 2. ..3... **Roooooaaar!** -Did you hear that roar? That's me.
Yes, me, **the King of the Jungle.**

I am majestic and like to wonder out and about in the bush.

My family and I live in groups called **prides**. Our cousins are other cats. Do you know them?

Leopards and cheetahs are our cousins. We are all part of the big family of cats.

Did you know?

We love meat ... hmm ... yum!

The best hunting time is at **dusk and dawn** – when the sun is going down or when it is rising.

We like to hunt zebras, wildebeests and other animals too.

Rhino

I am **big, bulky** and **brilliant**.

My full name is **rhinoceros**.

My family and I are well known for our awesome giant horns.

We are among the biggest animals in the world.

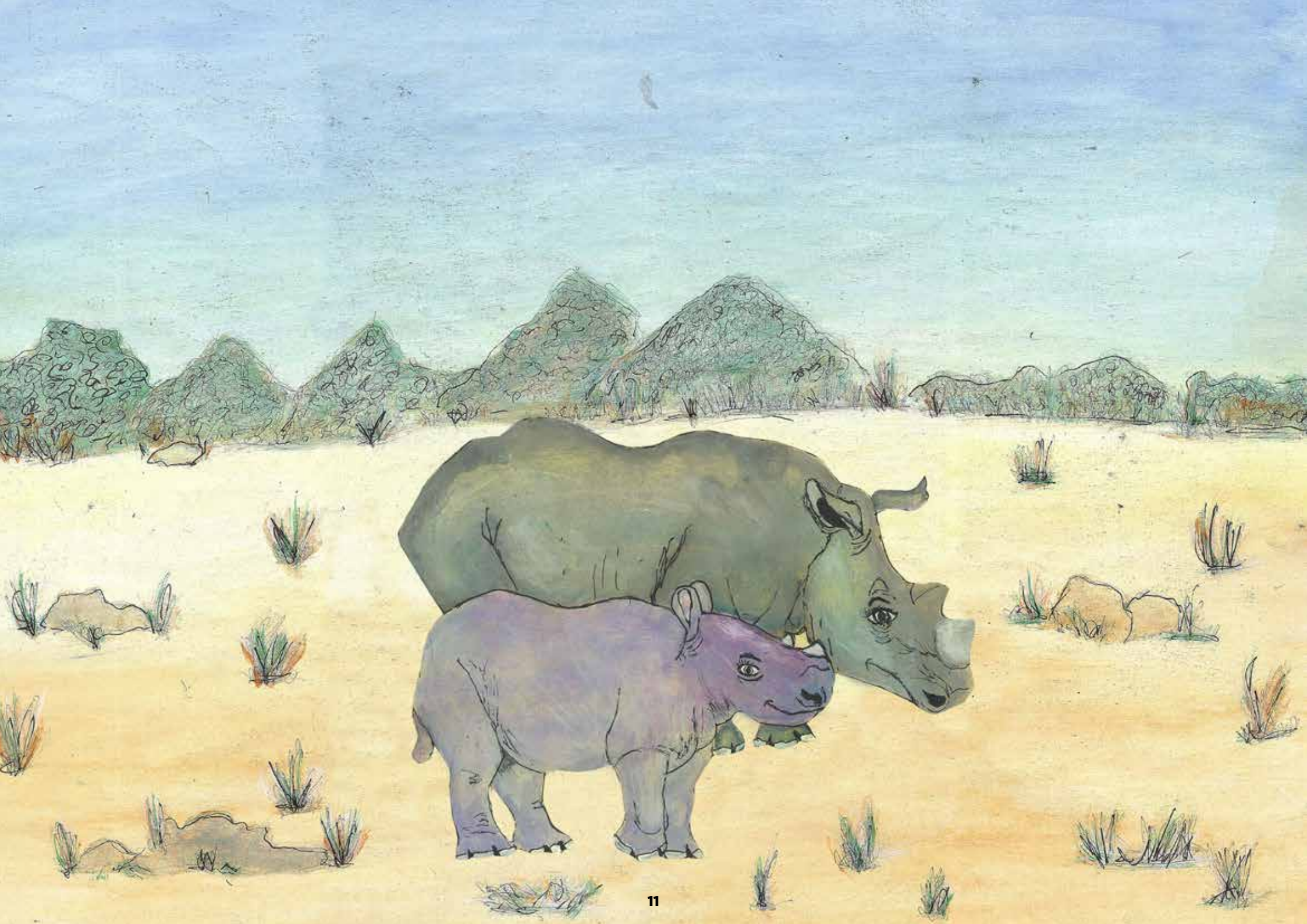
We love to munch and crunch on **grass or plants**. We usually like feeding at dawn and dusk. That means very early in the mornings and evenings. During the day we like sleeping in the shade or wallowing in muddy pools to cool off. Mud protects our skin from the sun.

We do not really like to live in groups like most other animals.

We are solitary animals.

Did you know?

We are **endangered animals**. **We need special protection** so we can live longer.



Giraffe

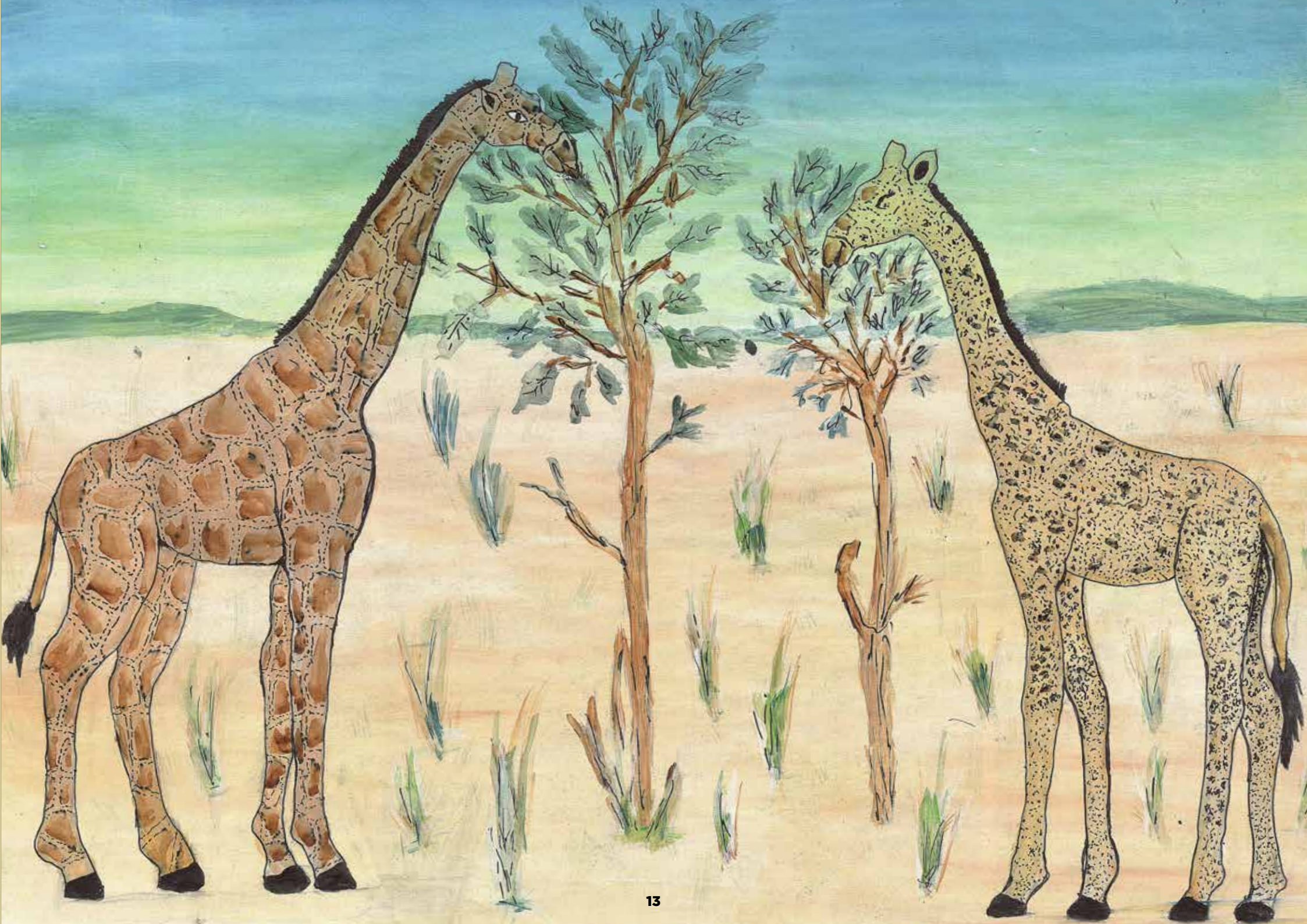
Have you seen such a tall animal like me before? I move **elegantly on my long legs.**

My family and I are very sociable animals. We live in groups called **towers.** Our beautiful spots are unique to each of us. No two giraffes are the same, just like humans, where no two fingerprints are the same.

Do you know what we eat? Maybe you give it a try and guess?

Our favourite food is leaves from the Acacia trees. We can reach up to the top of the trees with our very long necks. The thorns are not a problem at all, because we have a special sticky purple tongue that helps us to eat leaves without getting hurt by the sharp thorns.

And we have a **secret:** because we eat so many leaves, **we do not need water every day.**





Oryx

I am a fast-running hoofed mammal. Sometimes I am also called **gemsbok**. My family and I are part of the **large antelopes family**. We live in groups called **herds**.

We live in dry places in Africa and Asia. Our long straight horns are beautiful and interesting. Our colour is light brown with some black and white, which helps us to keep cool in the hot climate.

Our much-loved thing to do is swishing out tails ... **swish ... swish ... swish**.
Our favourite food is grass and shrubs.

And you know what?

Because we are desert adapted animals, we can go for **many days without drinking water**.

Can you see an animal with **very long horns?**
What is its name?

Do Rhinos live **in groups?**

Do you see an animal with a **very long neck?** do you know its name?

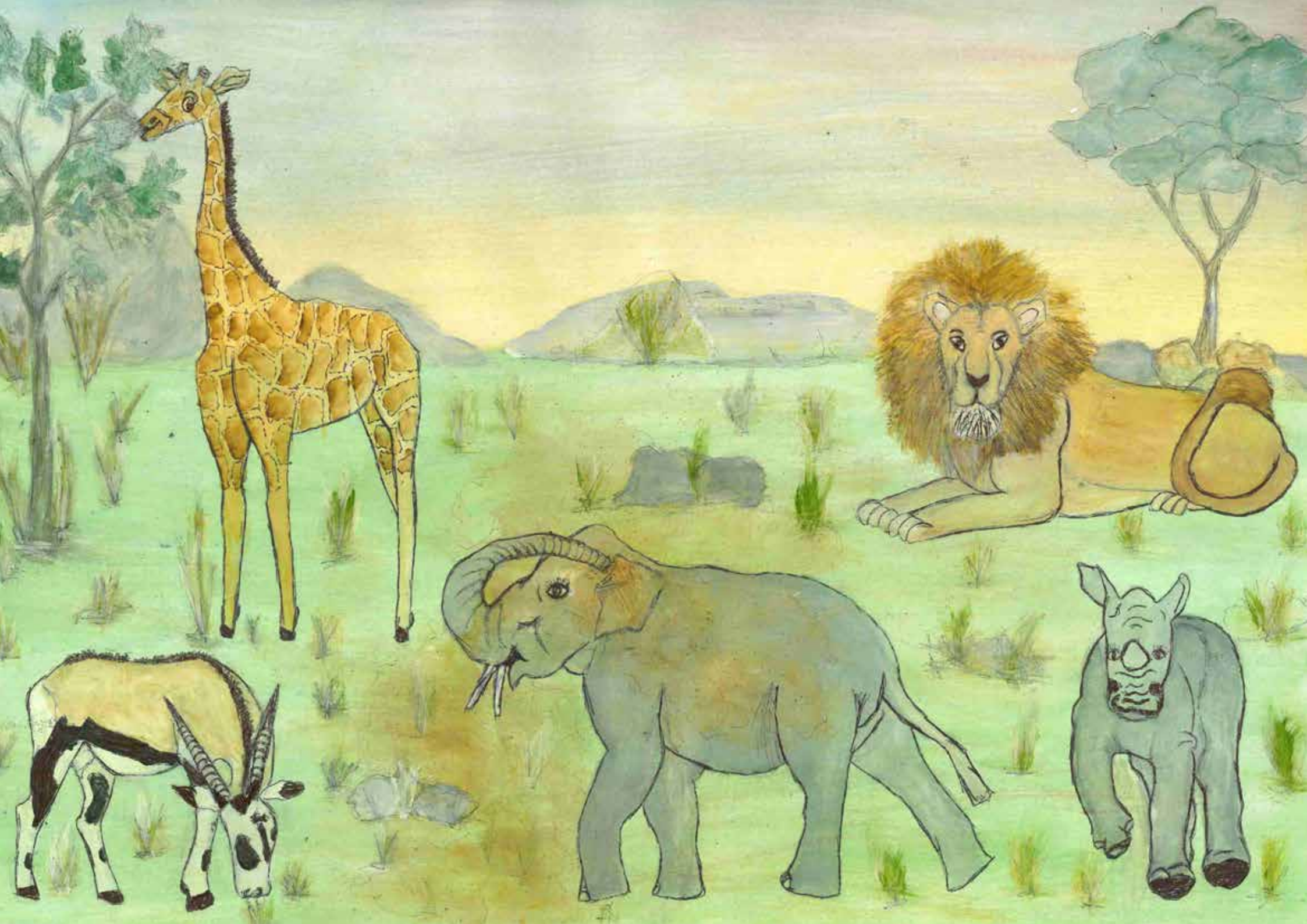
Let's explore the jungle:

Which animal is the **largest land animal?**

What does an **elephant do** with its trunk?

Which animal is called the **king of the jungle** and what does he like to eat?

How many animals do you see? Let us count them together.





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