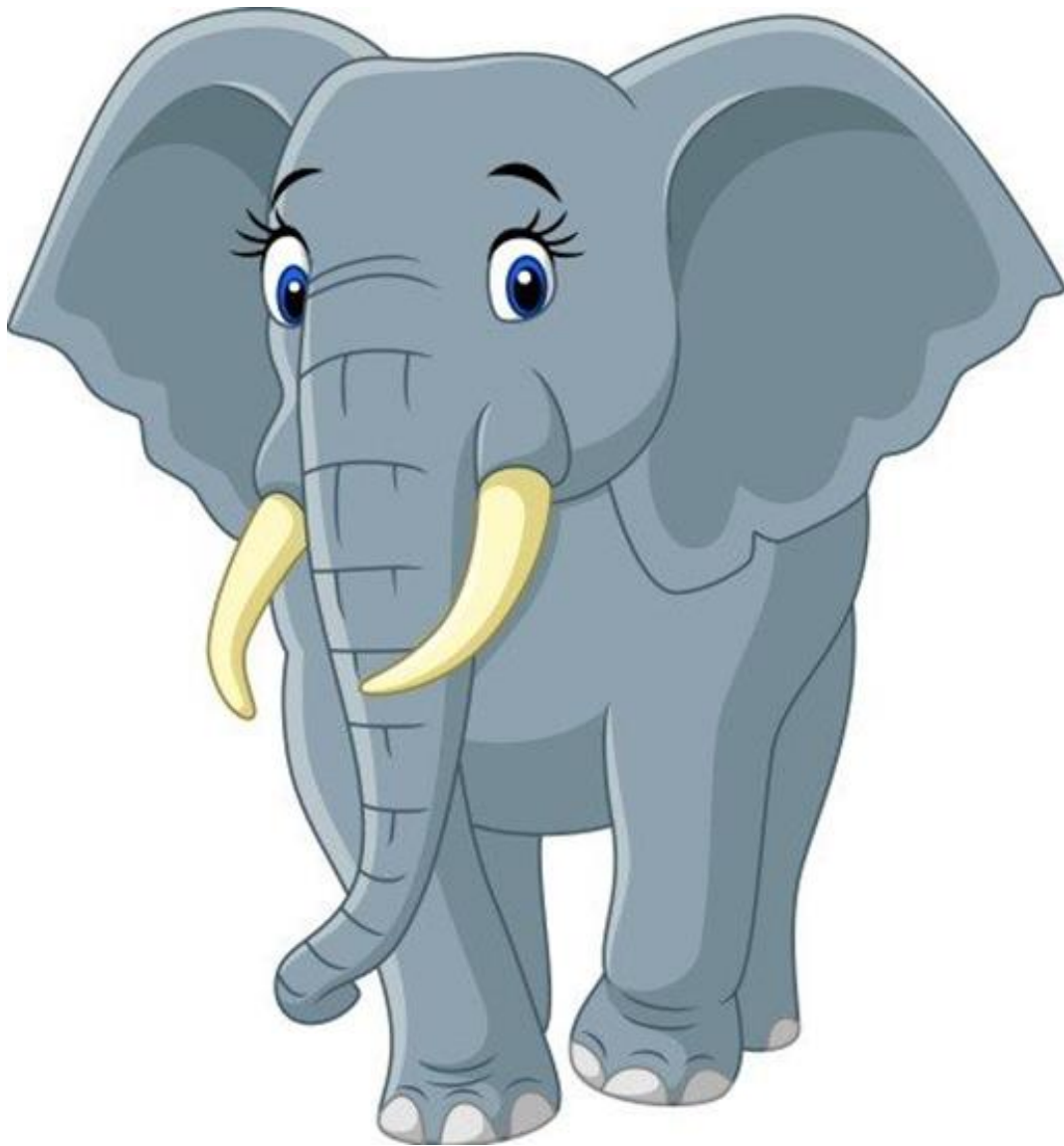


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## **The elephant and the arrogant bird**

The little elephant was, looking in the forest for food for him and his affectionate mother. He was very happy, she told him that she is satisfied with him, he takes care of her and tries to compensate her for the days of misery and fatigue in his upbringing.



He was moving from place to place, searching for herbs, leaves, fruits and seeds of plants, and he had a big smile on his face; everyone loves him and likes his company, he is a vegetarian animal,

does not eat meat, he is a sociable, loving, does not like to hurt anyone.

That morning, while the elephant was passing by the trees, he heard a faint voice, calling for help, rushed to him, and that's when he saw a bird on the ground, fallen from its nest.



He raised the bird with his proboscis doing the work of fingers to man, gently put it in his nest, and then asked him:

- How did you fall to the ground?

The bird said:

- I was trying to fly.

The elephant said:



- You should wait until the feathers of your tail and wings grow, and then try to fly.

The bird said arrogantly:

- I Can Fly, look.

He tried to fly again, but this time he also failed, and he almost fell to the ground, if not for the elephant grabbing him and bringing him back to his nest with his siblings, and then angrily told him:

- You are a naughty bird, you will get yourself into trouble.



Moments later, the mother of the bird came to the nest, and when she saw the elephant angry, she greeted him. The elephant greeted back and told her what her little bird did.



She said in sadness:

- The problems of this bird of mine are endless, he does not listen to me, like his brothers, I'm afraid that something will happen to him.

She turned to her son and said:

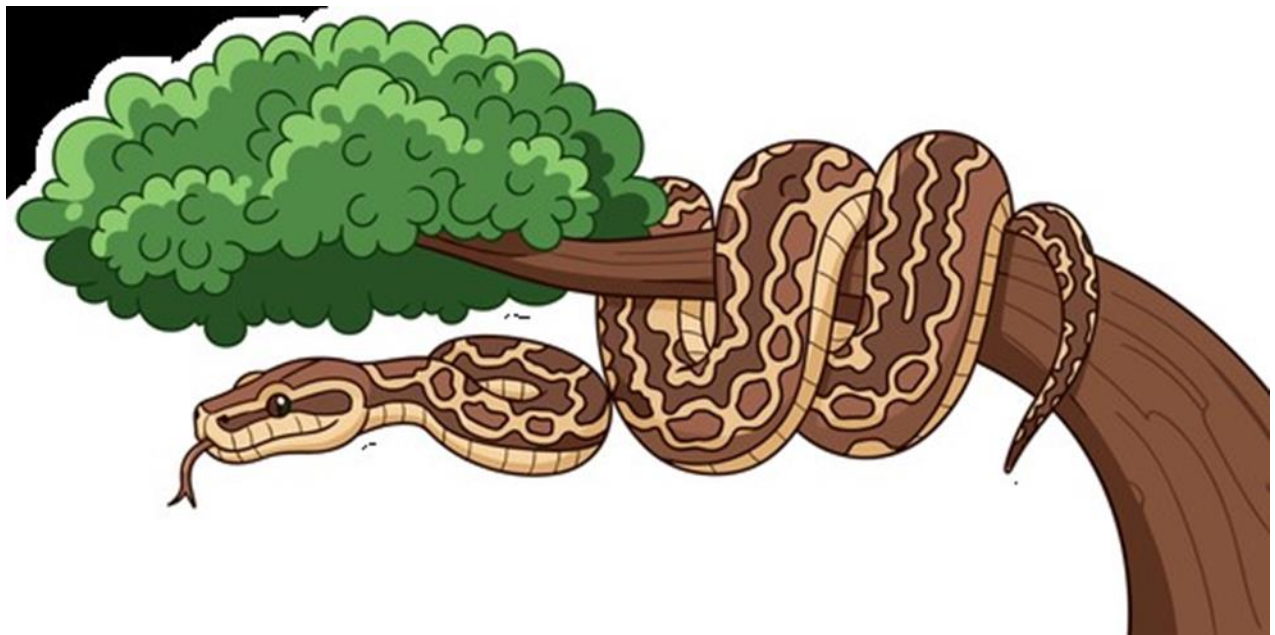
- Why don't you listen to me, my son! I am your mother and I know people for your good, you are still young, unable to fly.

The bird said:

- But I can fly, mom.

Mother said:

- I know what is best for you.



The elephant went on his way, but he didn't get very far away, when he heard the bird's voice calling for help again. He came running and saw the bird on the ground, trembling in fear, there



was a snake trying to hunt him, and a panicked nation was distraught.

The elephant attacked the snake, and a terrible battle took place between them, in which the elephant overcame the snake and so the bird escaped its evil.

The elephant lifted the bird and put it in the nest with its mother.

The mother of the bird said:

- Thank you, good elephant, you saved my son's life again.



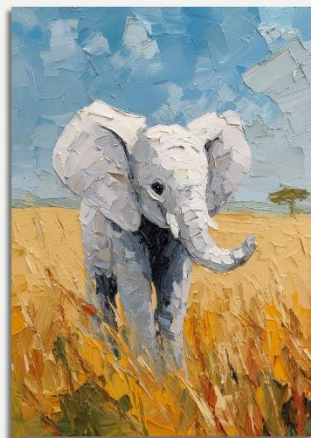
Then she angrily told her son:

- See, you fell down again because you tried to fly and you're not ready for it, the snake almost devoured you, if not for our friend the elephant.

The bird lowered his eyes shyly and said:

- I'm sorry, Mom, I promise I won't disagree with you anymore, I'll stay in the nest until my feathers grow and I can fly.

She tenderly hugged him to her, and the kind-hearted elephant walked into the forest, happy with the good he had done, to continue the search for food, intending to tell his mother what happened to him with the bird.



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