

Farrah and her family have to decide where they want to go for summer vacation. Together with her Baba, Mama, and brother, Malik, the family decide to go on a safari trip, where they see a baby elephant in trouble. They learn new things about the animals they see and have a great family trip.



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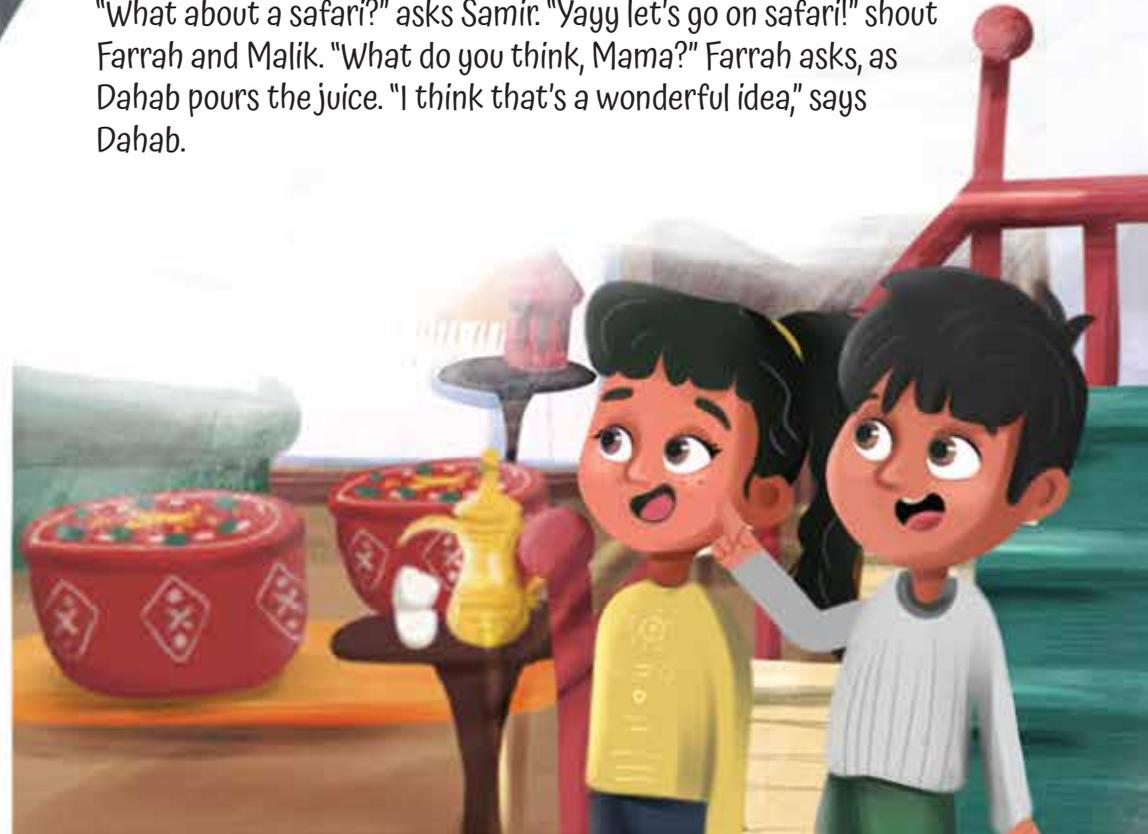
"The zoo?" asked Samir. "No Baba," said Farrah, "we should go see them in their homes. I want to see where they come from."

"What about a safari?" asks Samir. "Yayy let's go on safari!" shout Farrah and Malik. "What do you think, Mama?" Farrah asks, as Dahab pours the juice. "I think that's a wonderful idea," says Dahab.



"It's officially summer vacation, kids!" Samir says to Farrah and Malik as they are coming down the stairs to have breakfast. "Where do you want to go?"

"I want to go somewhere where we can see elephants, tigers, leopards and many other animals!" Malik said very excitedly because he loves animals.



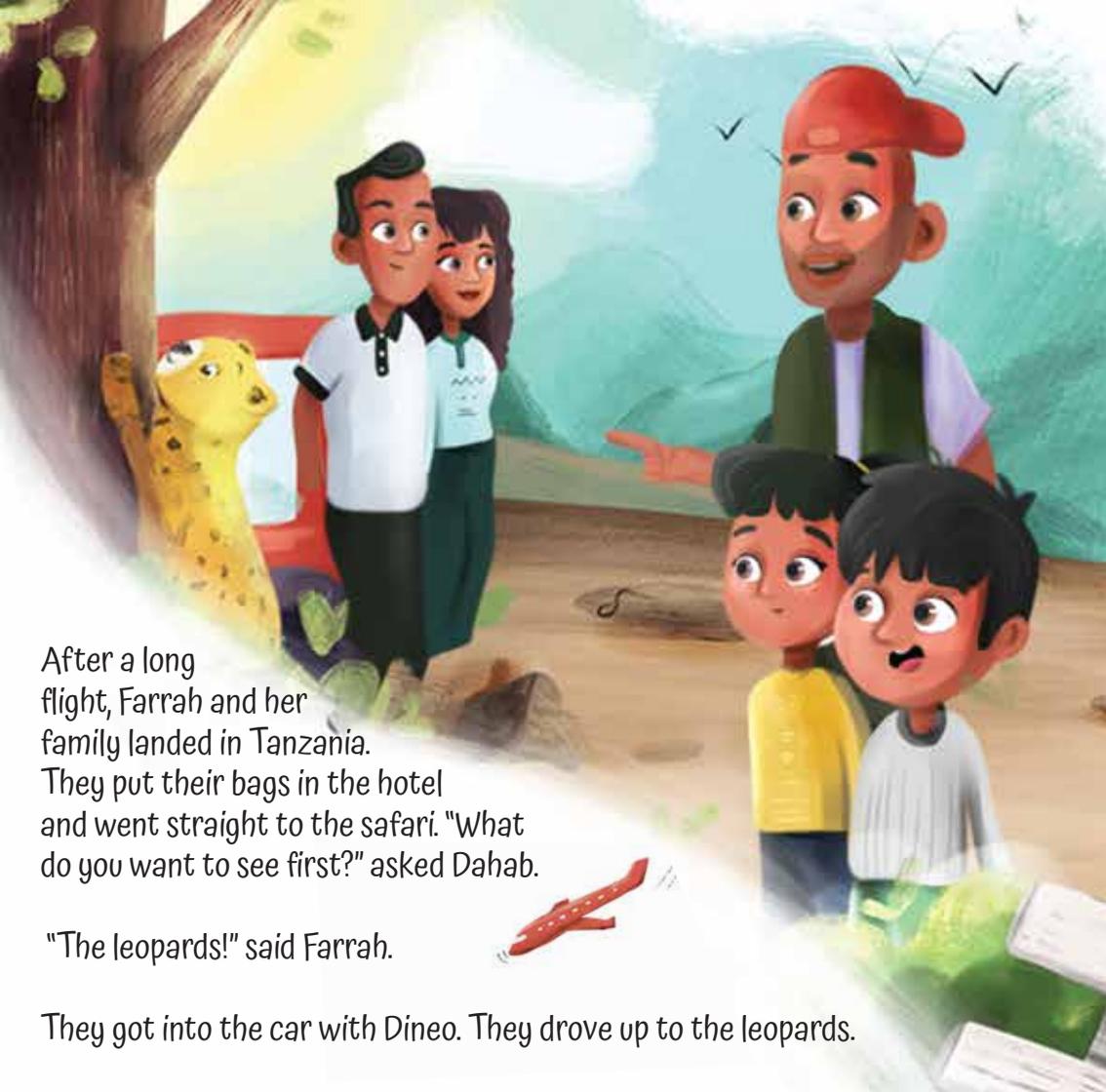
"Where should we go?" asks Dahab.

Malik replies, "Dennis and Troy go to Tanzania every summer to see their family..."

...They always seem to enjoy it."

"Tanzania is a great idea! Let me call Yvonne to ask which safari is the best one to go to."





After a long flight, Farrah and her family landed in Tanzania. They put their bags in the hotel and went straight to the safari. "What do you want to see first?" asked Dahab.

"The leopards!" said Farrah.

They got into the car with Dineo. They drove up to the leopards.

"Wow!" expressed Malik.

"They look so fierce and soft at the same time" Said Farrah.

"They're beautiful" said Dahab.

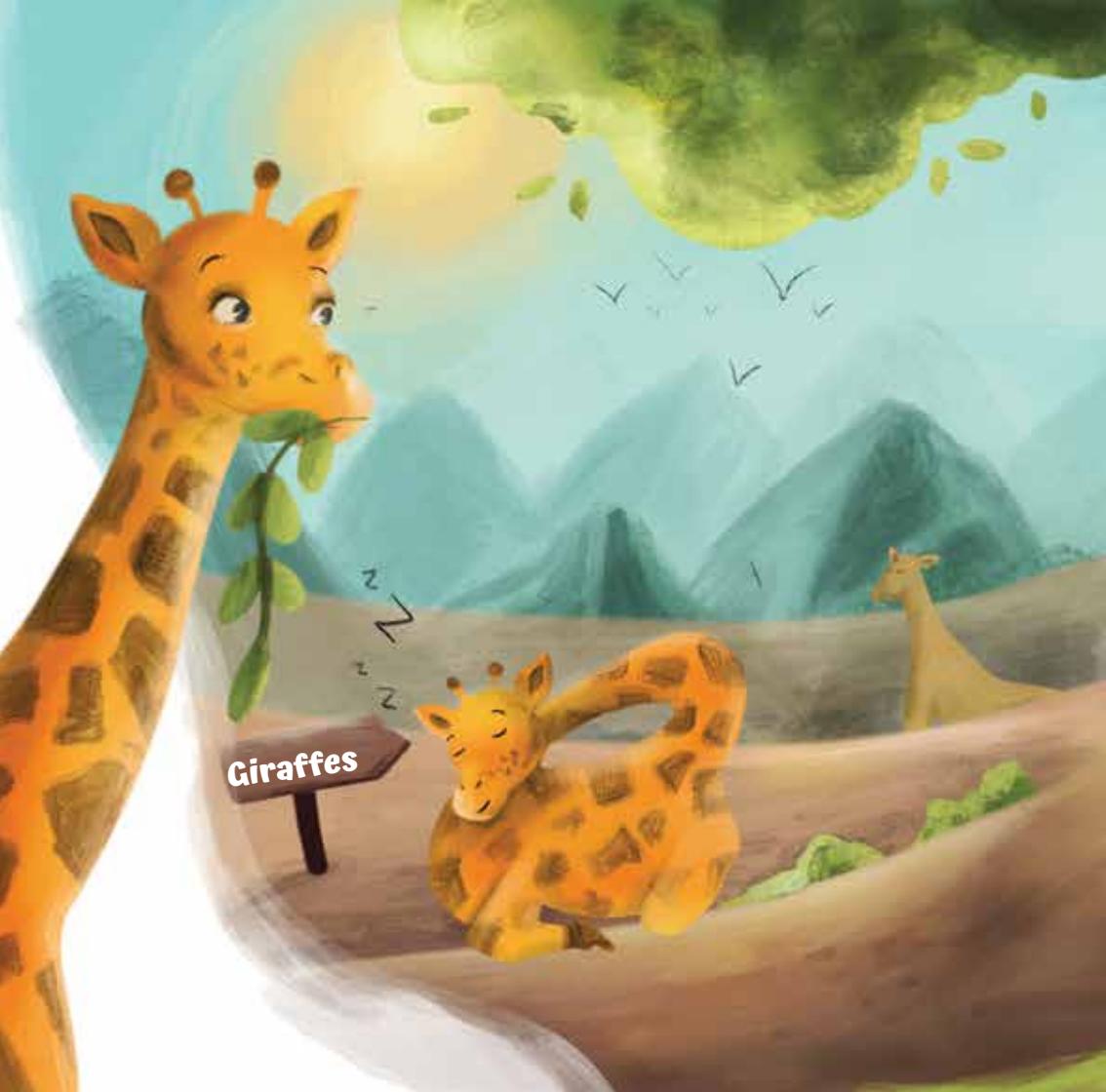
"The leopards are by the river drinking water." said Dineo.

"What is that one doing?" asked Smair.

"He is climbing a tree. Leopards can climb trees." replied Dineo.

"I did not know that." said Farrah.





Next they went to see the giraffes. "The giraffes eat leaves from trees," said Dineo.

"Their necks are so long." Said Malik.

"How do they sleep?" asked Farrah.

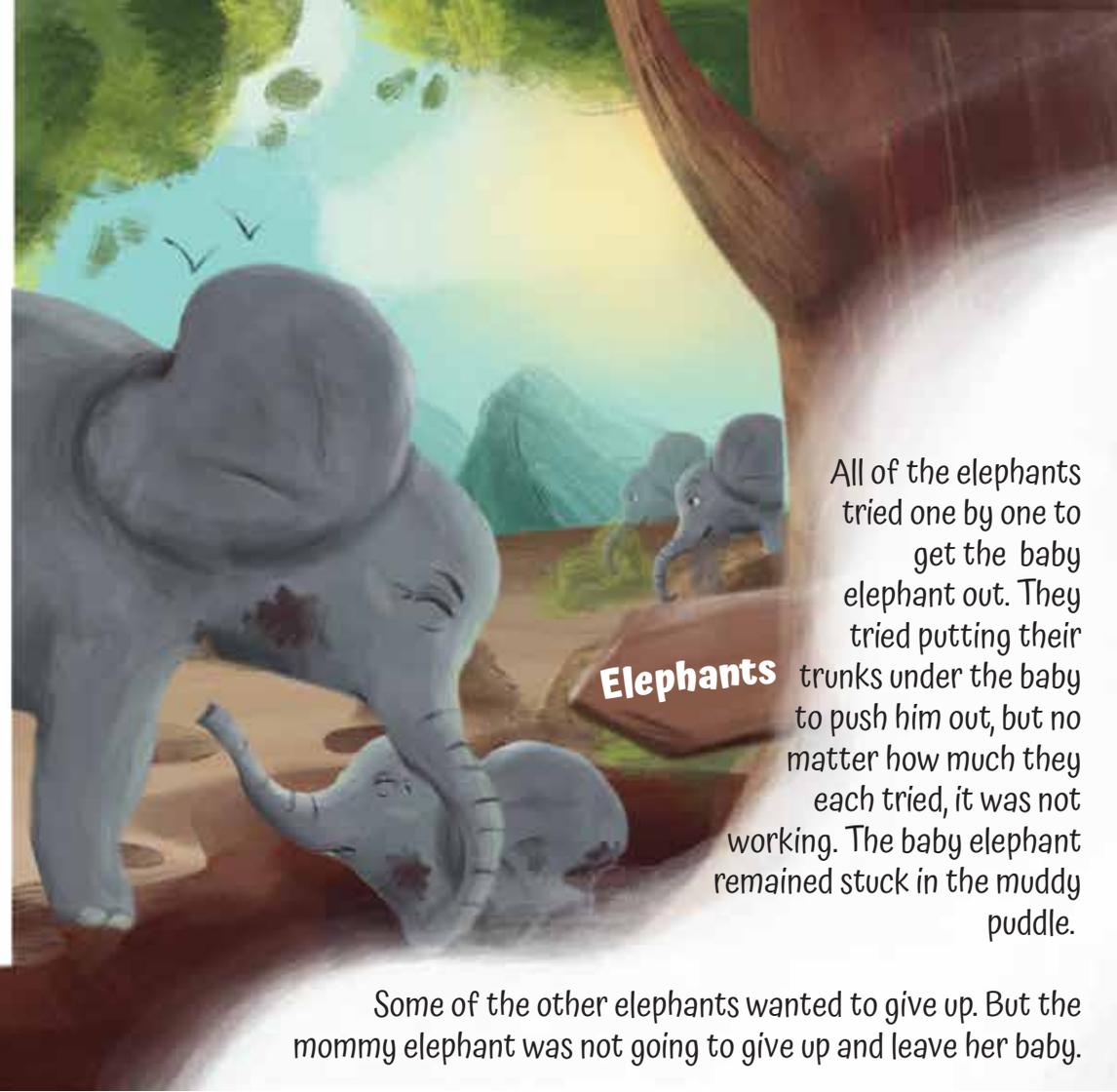
"With their feet tucked underneath them and with their heads curled up and rested. Giraffes only sleep for two hours a day."

"Well, that's not a lot." said Dahab.



After that, they went to see the elephants. When they got there, the baby elephant was stuck in a very very muddy puddle. The baby elephant was sinking more and more, as if he was in quicksand.

The other elephants were trying to help him out. Mommy elephant was very worried and wanted to get her son out of the puddle any way she could. The baby elephant was trumpeting, "Help me mommy."



Elephants

All of the elephants tried one by one to get the baby elephant out. They tried putting their trunks under the baby to push him out, but no matter how much they each tried, it was not working. The baby elephant remained stuck in the muddy puddle.

Some of the other elephants wanted to give up. But the mommy elephant was not going to give up and leave her baby.