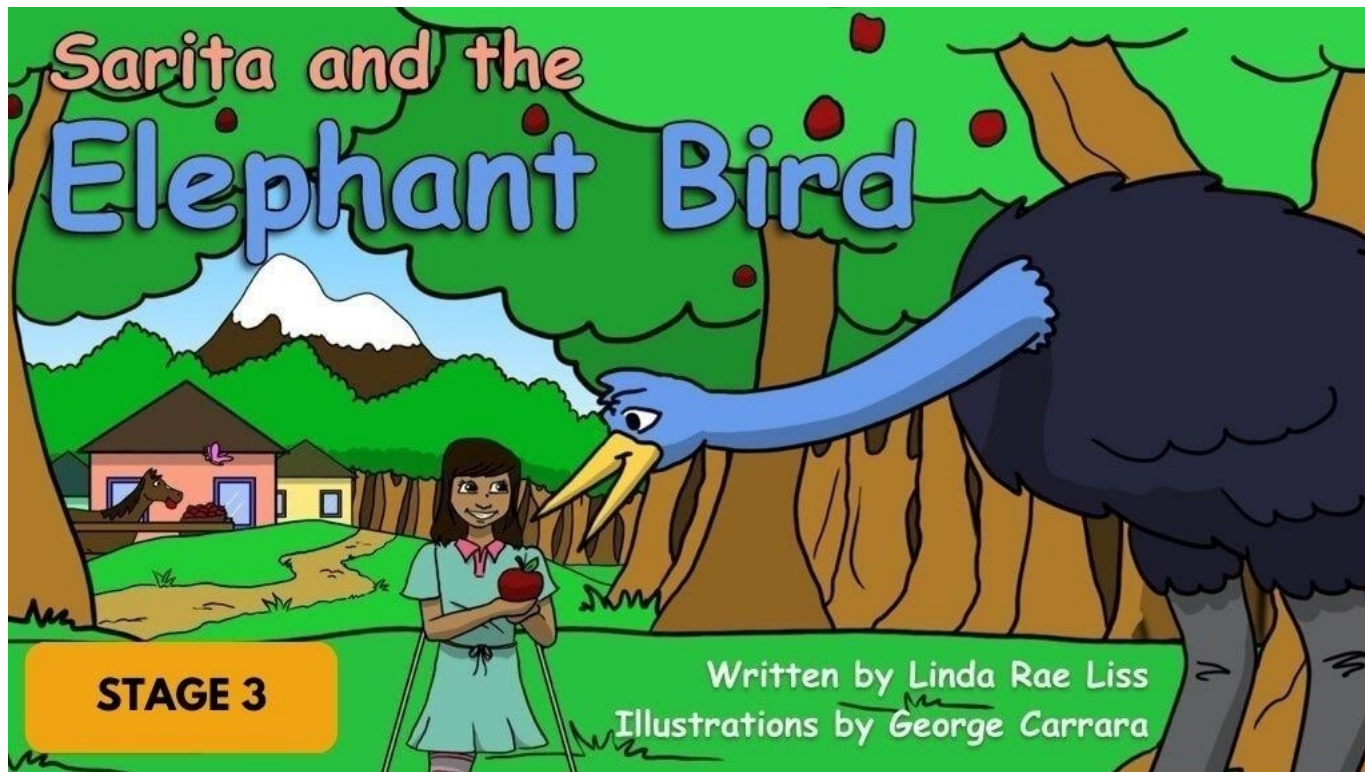




Sarita and the Elephant Bird



Sarita

Characters



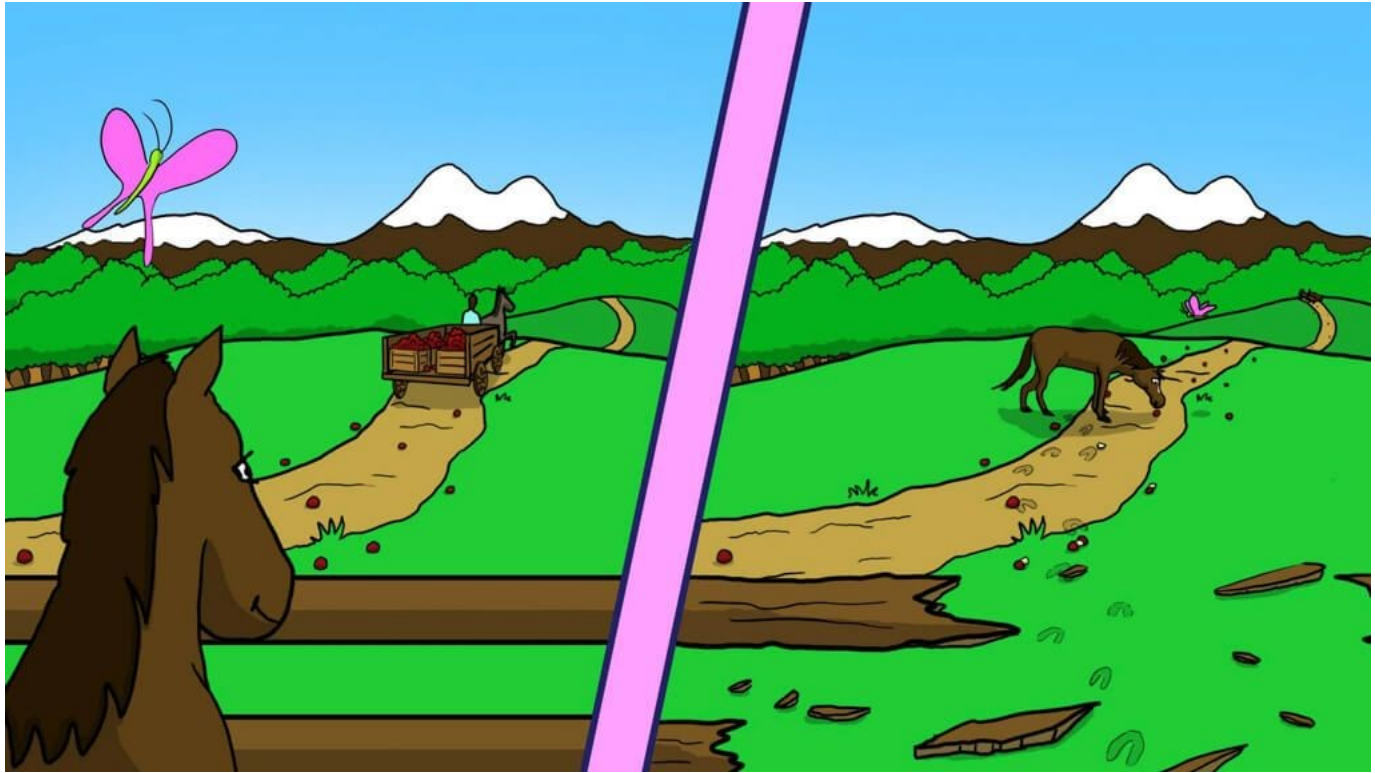
Sarita wants to play with other kids, but she has only one leg.



Sarita has a pal“”Anvi, the Elephant Bird. Sarita’s mom thinks Anvi is a bad bird. She tells Sarita, “Do not go to the forest because that big, bad bird will get you.” But Anvi is good and kind, so Sarita keeps Anvi a secret.



Sarita and Anvi pick apples in the forest.



One day, a horse sees apples fall from a cart. The horse bashes down the gate to get the apples. He walks far from town.



“The Elephant Bird ate the horse!” says a man.
Sarita yells, “No!” But her mom tells her, “Shhh!”



The men look for Anvi. Sarita has a plan. She will find Anvi first.



Sarita finds Anvi in her nest.
“Come with me!” she tells Anvi.



Sarita and Anvi look for the horse.



Finally, they see the horse!



The men come. They are mad. But Sarita tells them, "STOP!"



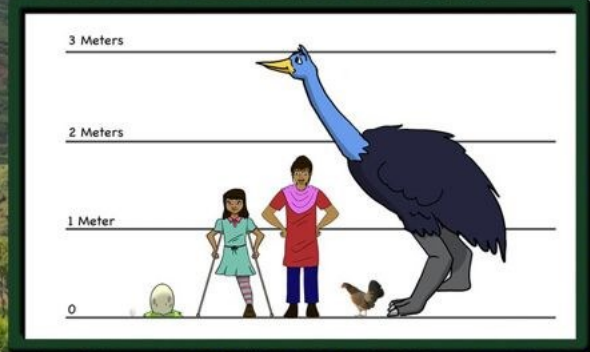
The men see the horse. An old man says, “The elephant bird is not scary. He eats apples, not horses!”



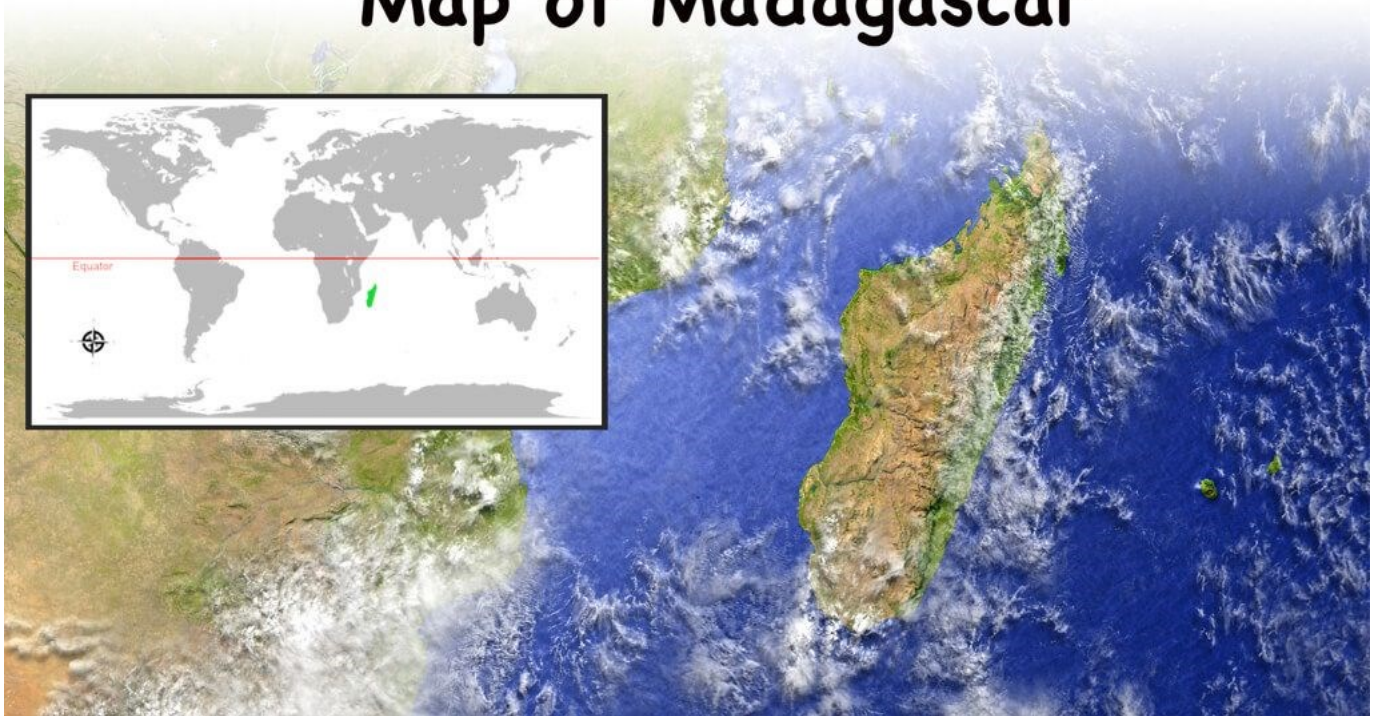
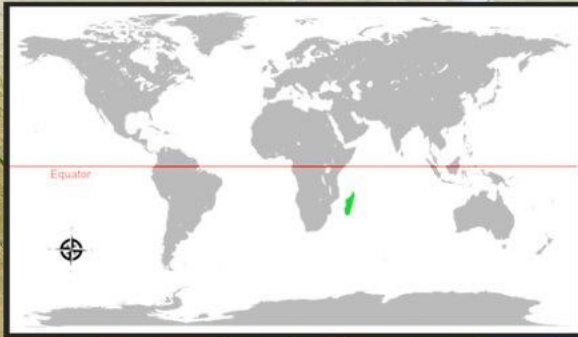
After that, Sarita and Anvi had lots of pals. Smart Sarita helps her pals win.

Elephant Bird Facts

- Lived in Madagascar off the coast of East Africa
- Became extinct in the 1600's
- Closest living relative is the Kiwi bird of New Zealand
- Weighed 500 KG (1,100 lbs)
- 3 Meters Tall (9.8 Feet)
- Their eggs were bigger than a human head



Map of Madagascar

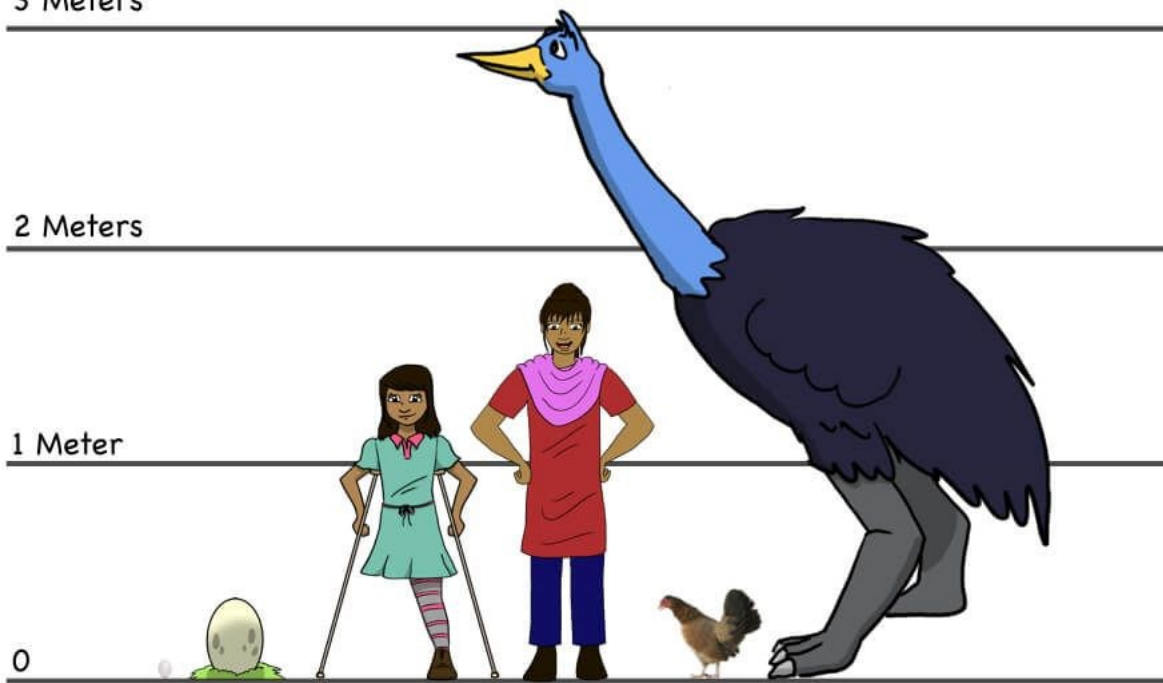


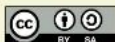
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