

CHARMING FOREST



Meso-predator release hypothesis

It postulates that the removal of top-level predators results in the release of population growth of the animals they were eating. That might create an imbalance in the ecosystem.

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A STORY BOOK FOR
KIDS OF AGE 6 TO 12

The kids were going out with their granny and were enjoying in the bus.



Colour the bus



Granny was narrating a story of the forest to the children.



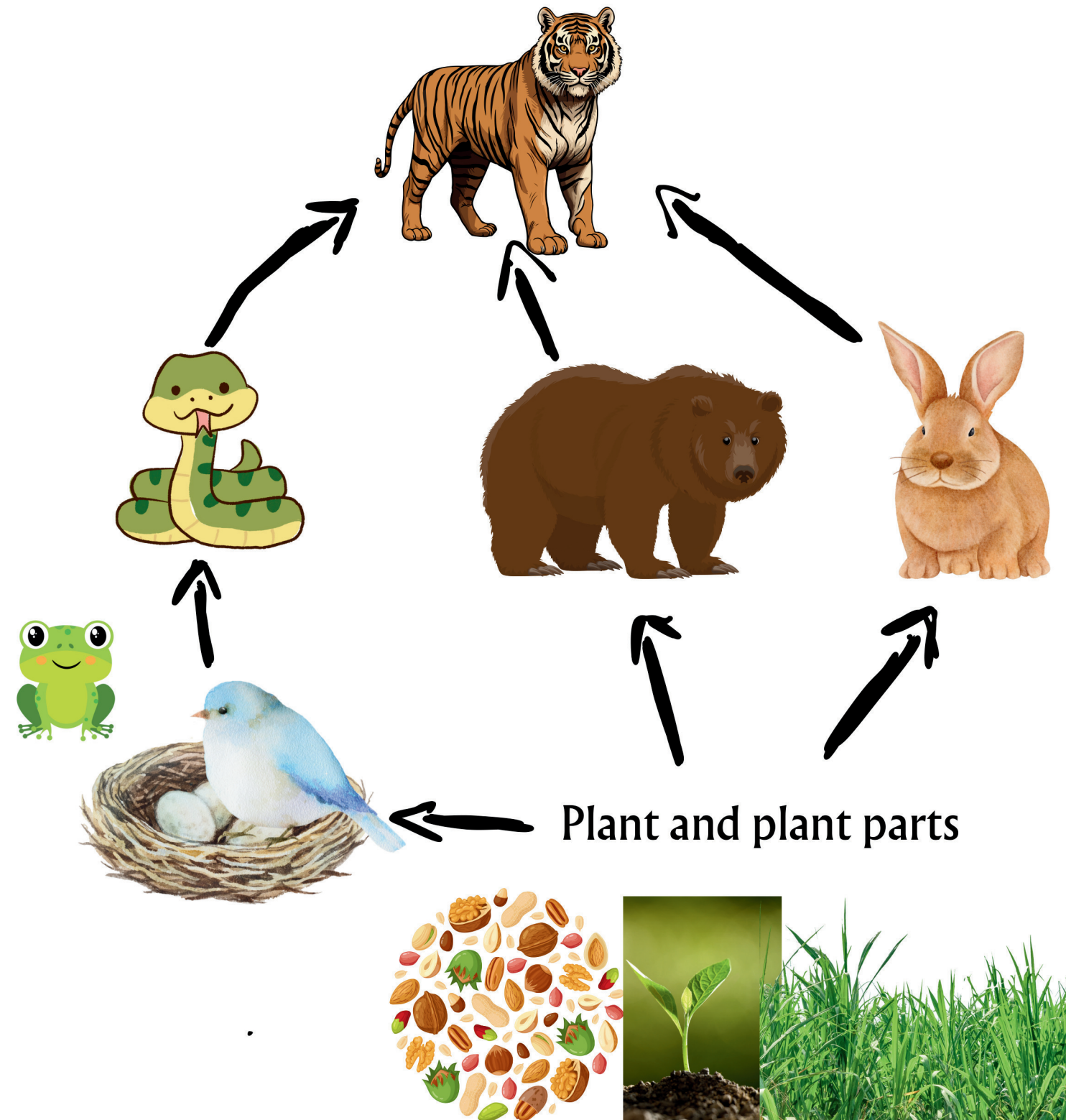
It was an enchanted forest, with many animals living together.





The tigers used to eat bears, snakes, rabbits; these animals used to feed on birds, butterflies, plants and fruits.

But still, all animals had enough food and were living in harmony.



One day a hunter came in with his guns and traps.

He hunt the tigers for their skin and sold it in the market.



Due to the hunter there were hardly any tigers left .

Now, they allow people to visit the forest as there is no threat of tigers.



Granny ended the story and said, “ Children look around this forest .The story I narrated is about this forest”.



The kids got down and started to go around.

Granny called them -
“Children, come here. Don’t go anywhere alone , always stay in the group and do not disturb any animals”.
So, the kids left to explore.



Here comes our girl Nina.
Everyone else were excited to see the
animals and observe them.

Nina was disappointed as granny
mentioned there were many animals,
birds and butterflies, but she couldn't
spot a single bird and tigers around.



Her friends called her to join them but she refused. So, she was waiting for them to go back to their granny together.

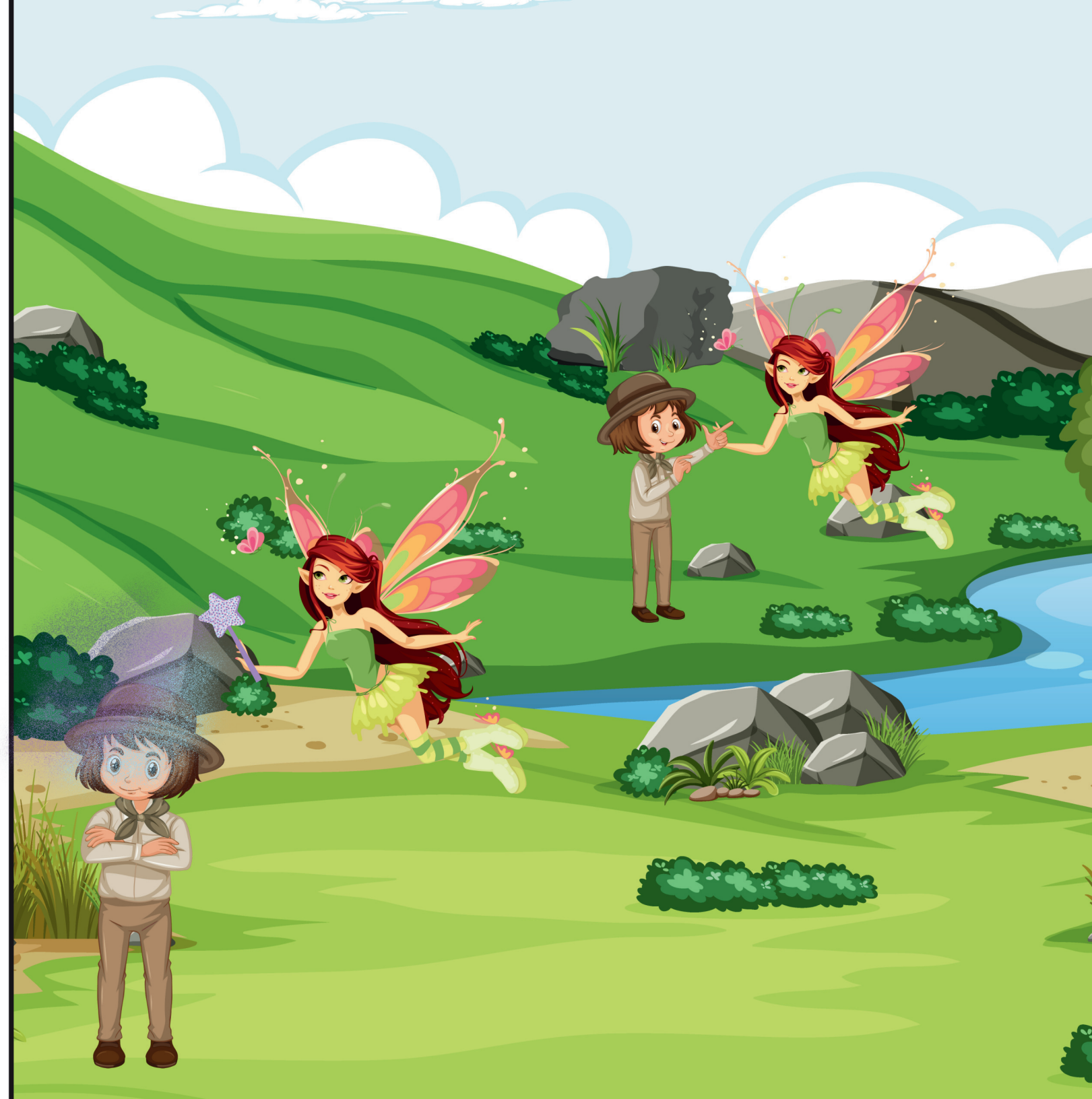


Then she saw something sparkling and followed it.



It was a fairy. Nina was very curious and asked, “Do you know anything about the birds in this forest?”.

The fairy said, “I certainly do but I know someone better you could talk to. This fairy dust will help you to understand animals language ” and the fairy left.



Nina couldn't find anyone. So, she decided to go back to her friends.

As she was on the way back she could hear someone calling her. She stopped and saw a monkey on a tree but not a person.



So, she moved on but again she heard the same voice.

This time she stopped for a while and saw the monkey walking towards her.



Nina was scared but also brave so she sat down and the monkey came towards her .

She didn't realize what was happening, later she tried to give a fruit to the monkey.



The monkey took it and said,
“Thank you”.

Nina couldn't believe it!

She spoke after a while and asked,
“Is the story about this forest
true? Are there no tigers here and
what happened to all the birds?”



The monkey said, “Yes what ever granny said is true but I can tell you more about what happened here in the forest and the birds”.

Nina was very interested and said, “Yes yes! Please tell me the story. I love listening to stories” .



The monkey said, “Until the hunter came in all the animals were living happily and had enough food for everyone.

Once the hunter killed all the tigers, the number of bears, snakes and rabbits became more and more”.

Nina said, “Isn’t it good that there were no tigers and now all these animals are safe”.



Monkey said, “No Nina. That is not true” and explained what happened. As these snakes became more they started to eat lot of birds and their eggs. The bears and rabbits ate all the greens, fruits and seeds.

So, the birds were left with few food to survive.



That is not all, the number of snakes and rabbits reduced as there was less food for them to eat and the other animals also suffered.

They started to fight with each other for food.

He said “If this continues then there will be no forest with different animals”.



Nina felt sad after hearing the story.
By then her friends were back and she
could hear them calling .

So, she thanked the monkey and said
she'll never forget him and the story.



She along with her friends went back to granny. Everyone were excited to tell what they saw.

Granny asked,” did anyone see a bird?”

“They said noooooooooooooooooo”.

Then granny told the same story as what monkey told Nina.



Nina was surprised after hearing the same story.

Then granny added
-- We should never try to
destroy or kill anything.
Everything on this earth has a
role to play and we have to
respect it.

Let's follow this simple rule.



If we want a happier
planet.



