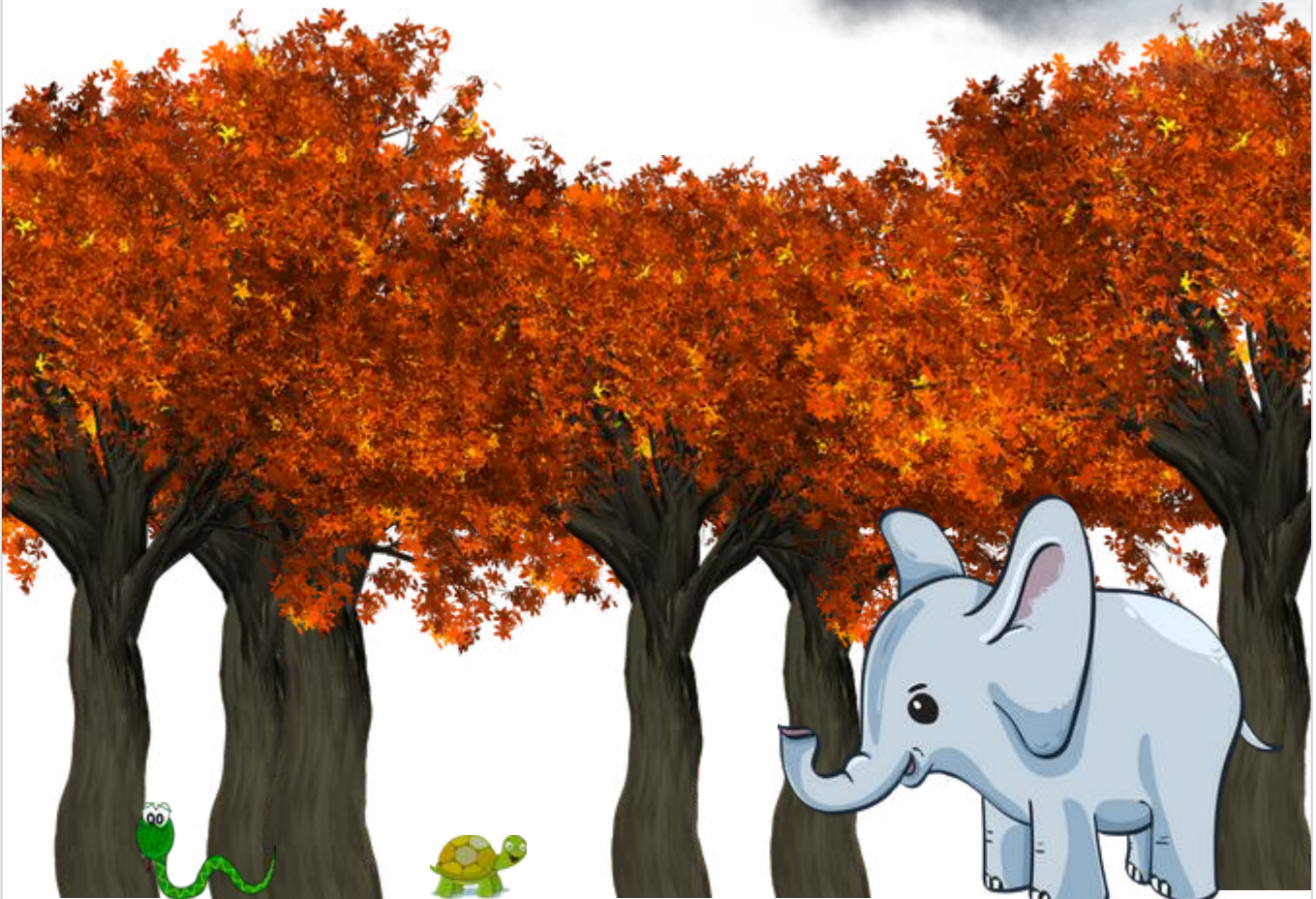


*The sad truth behind deforestation.*



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*The forest was calm...as usual.  
The animals were thriving  
and the sun was out.*







*When suddenly they  
heard an engine running  
and machinery clanking....*



*The snake felt the vibrations  
and knew something was  
coming so he fled in fear.*



*The turtle and elephant  
were both frozen with fear.  
They didn't know whether  
to run or stay near.*



As the machines  
grew closer the  
suspense built  
further.





*The animals all fled in terror, as  
the sound of engines grew closer.*

*Leaving their home vulnerable...  
and alone.*

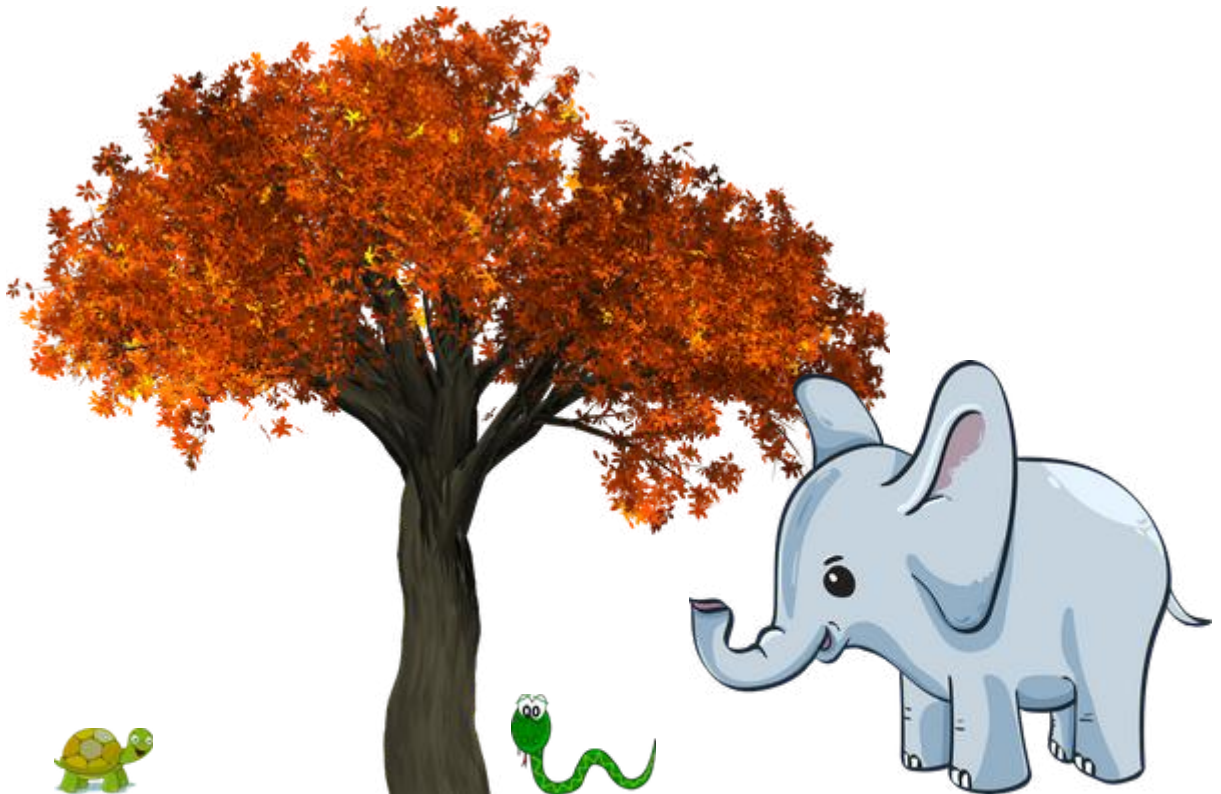


*The machines came and starting  
destroying all of the trees,  
diminishing the forest piece by piece.*





The turtle and elephant ended up reaching a single tree on a hill—keeping a watch over the forest and where the snake had lain in fear, watching the machines grow closer and closer...



The animals had one last  
glimmer of hope for their  
home- THE TREE!





*But deep down they all  
knew...*

*There's no happy ending.*

