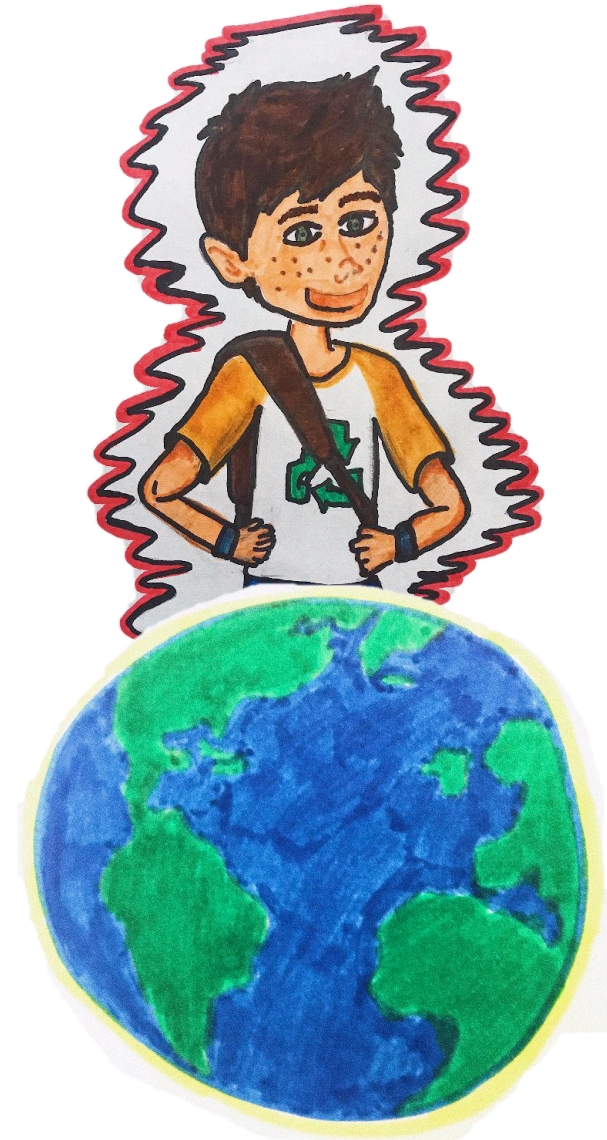


Stewart's Travels

*~A story about protecting keystone
animals~*



Part One: The Elephant

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Hi, I'm Stewart! I look out for keystone animals – the protectors of nature!



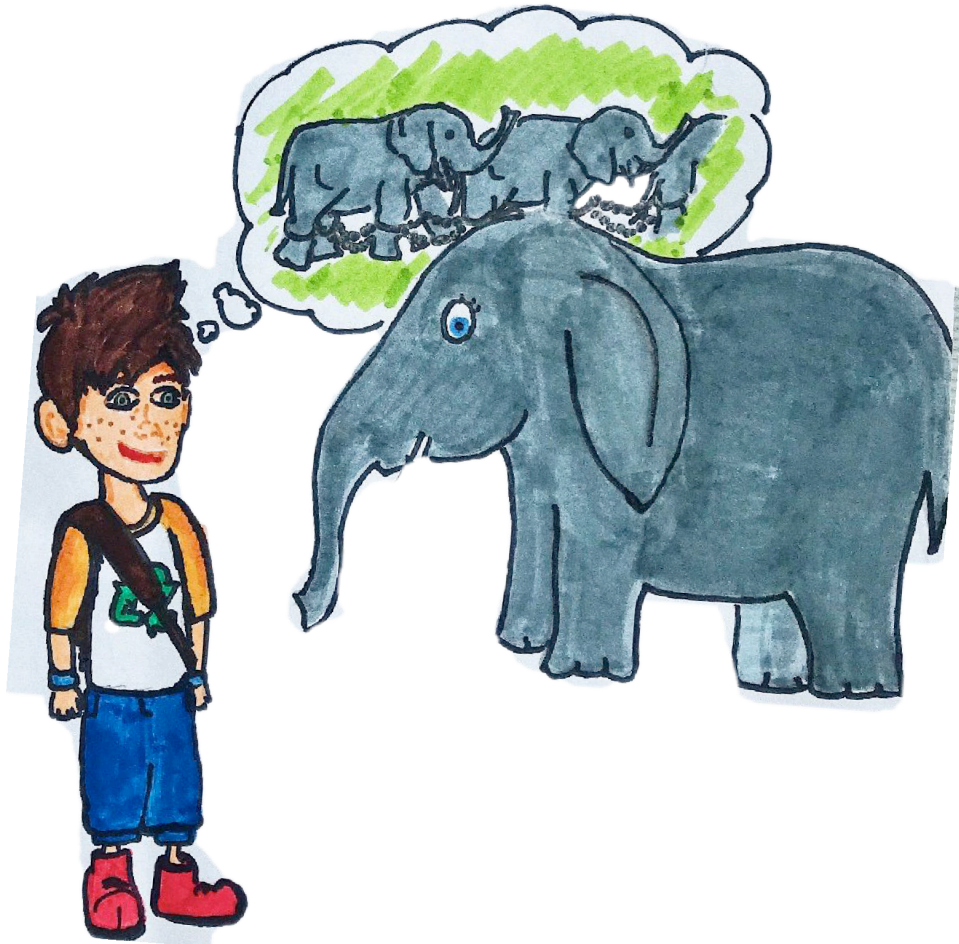
Look up in my treehouse! The red flag is calling for our help! Let's go look in my telescope to see what's wrong!



Oh no! Through the telescope, I see an Elephant crying. She must be in trouble!



We'll have to visit her and see how we can help.
To the Elephant!



“Stewart! Thank goodness you came. So many elephants are disappearing, and that’s leading to so many more problems!” says the Elephant.



“Without as many elephants feeding the grass with their poop, the grass is dying so the other animals don’t have anything to eat,” she explains.



“Also, we elephants make water holes with our digging, and now, with so few elephants around, the other animals are getting thirsty because there aren’t enough water holes,” she says.



Elephants do seem to be very important around here, that must be why they are keystone animals! So, we have to stop the elephants from disappearing - then they can make everything right again!



Let's make some signs so that everyone knows why it is so important that the elephants stay here.



Now that the signs are everywhere, people will know why we need the elephants and why we should stop them from disappearing!



That's all my
work for today!
Time to go home!



“Stewart, honey, welcome back home! Some mail just came for you.

Take a look!”