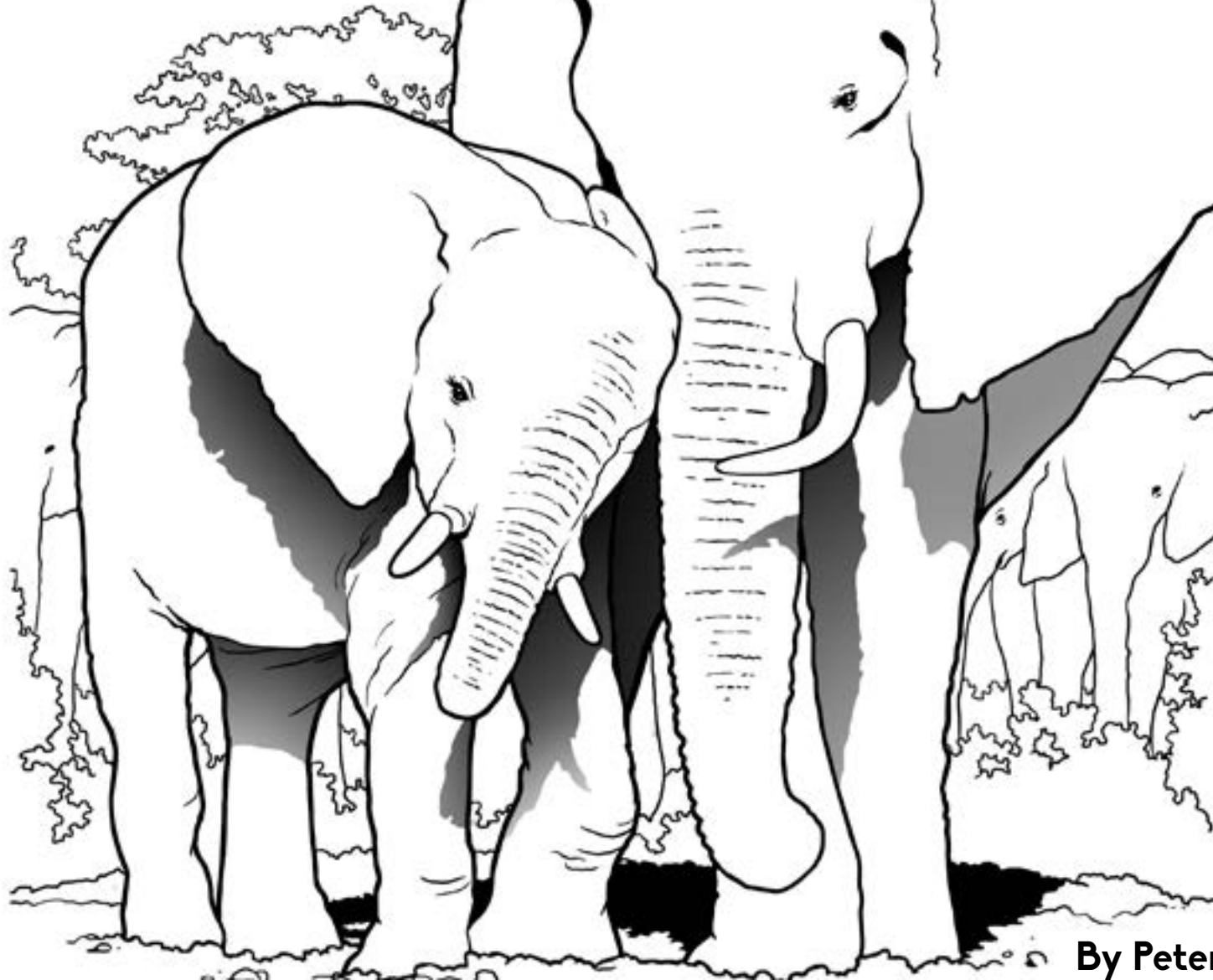


If elephants could speak



By Peter Burford



Imagine our horror and our dismay
When we arrived at the water hole today.

So many animals have been slain
I can see from their faces they died in pain.

Poachers used poison and not their guns
Killed mothers and daughters, fathers and sons.

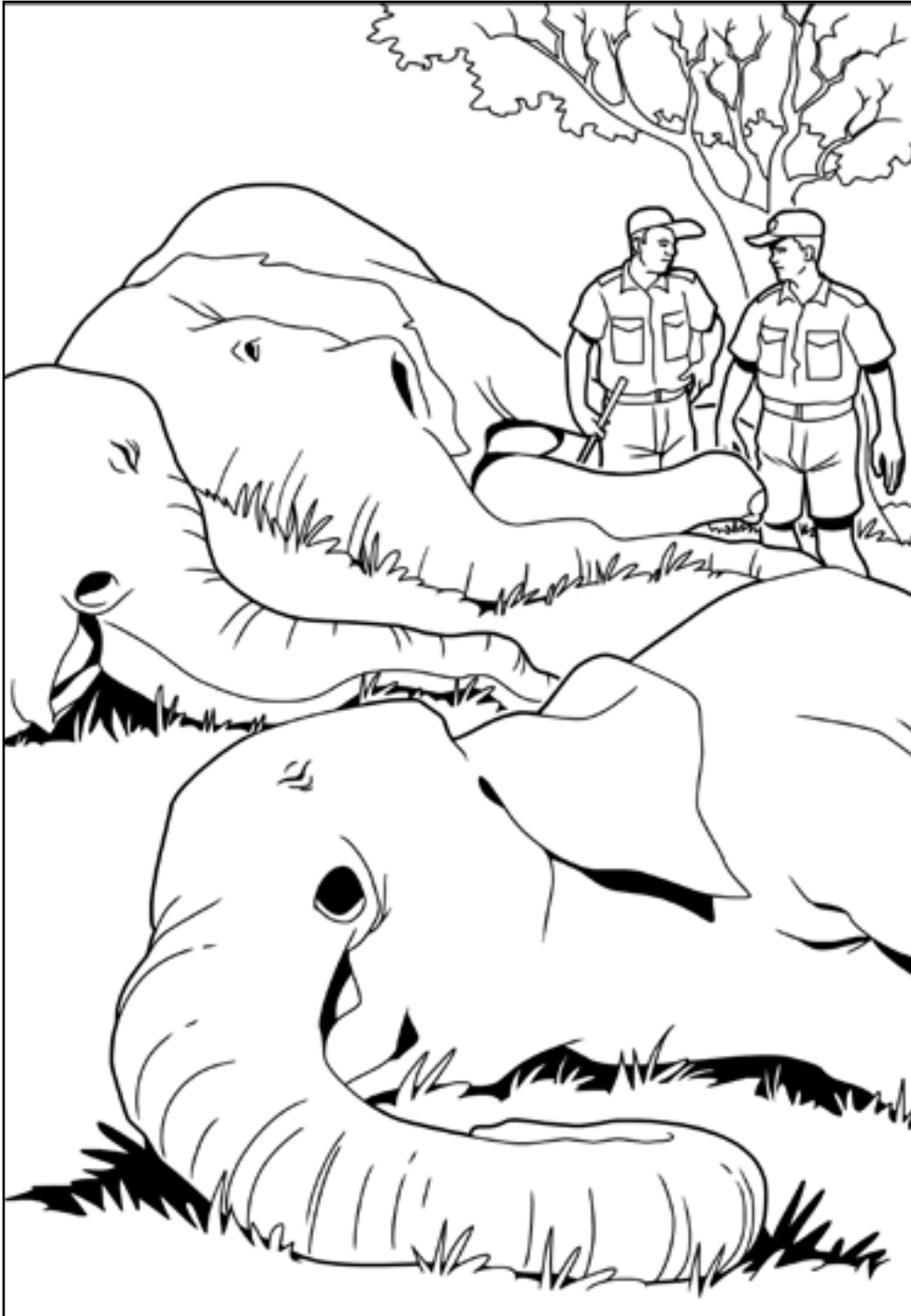
I couldn't believe it, I cried and cried
Kept asking myself 'Oh why, oh why?'

FACT FILE

Poaching is thought to be a major contributor to the decline in the elephant population in Kenya's Tsavo National Park.

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/determining-elephant-populations-tsavo>



Look! Elephants are lying all around
Twisted in pain upon the ground.

They suffered horribly before they died
Victims of poacher's cyanide.

They were my friends, I saw them each day
Now never again, they've passed away.

Now see over there, one baby's alive
It's trying to see if its mother survived.

FACT FILE

Ever wondered what happens to orphaned baby elephants? A Zambian organisation does wonderful work caring for them.

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/who-cares-orphaned-african-elephant-calves-left-motherless-poachers>



You can't imagine my pain and my grief
They've killed my family just for their teeth.

No uncles or aunts, no father or mother
No cousins, no friends, no sister or brother.

There's no family or herd to take care of me
I'm alone and I'm scared, can't you see?

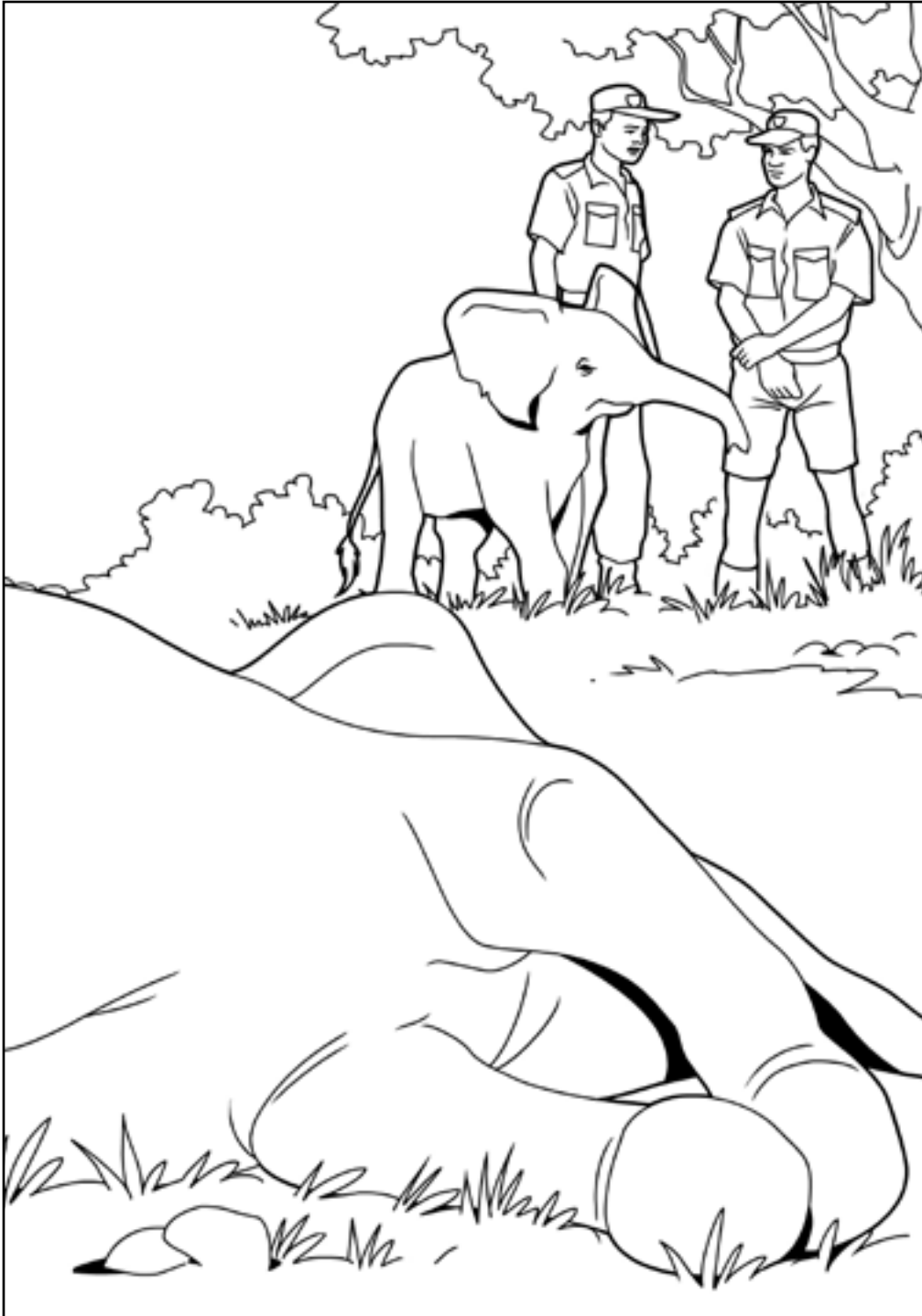
Where will I go now, what will I do?
Where would you go if it happened to you?

FACT FILE

IFAW has praised the positive measures taken in the UK to protect wildlife from illegal trade.

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/international-summit-illegal-wildlife-trade-makes-positive-pledges-protect-animals>



We can't do a thing when the poachers come
How can we compete with poison or gun?

We can't and you know it, it's not a fair fight
There's nowhere to hide, not even at night.

We cannot escape, there's nowhere to run
But you know how to save us, what must be done?

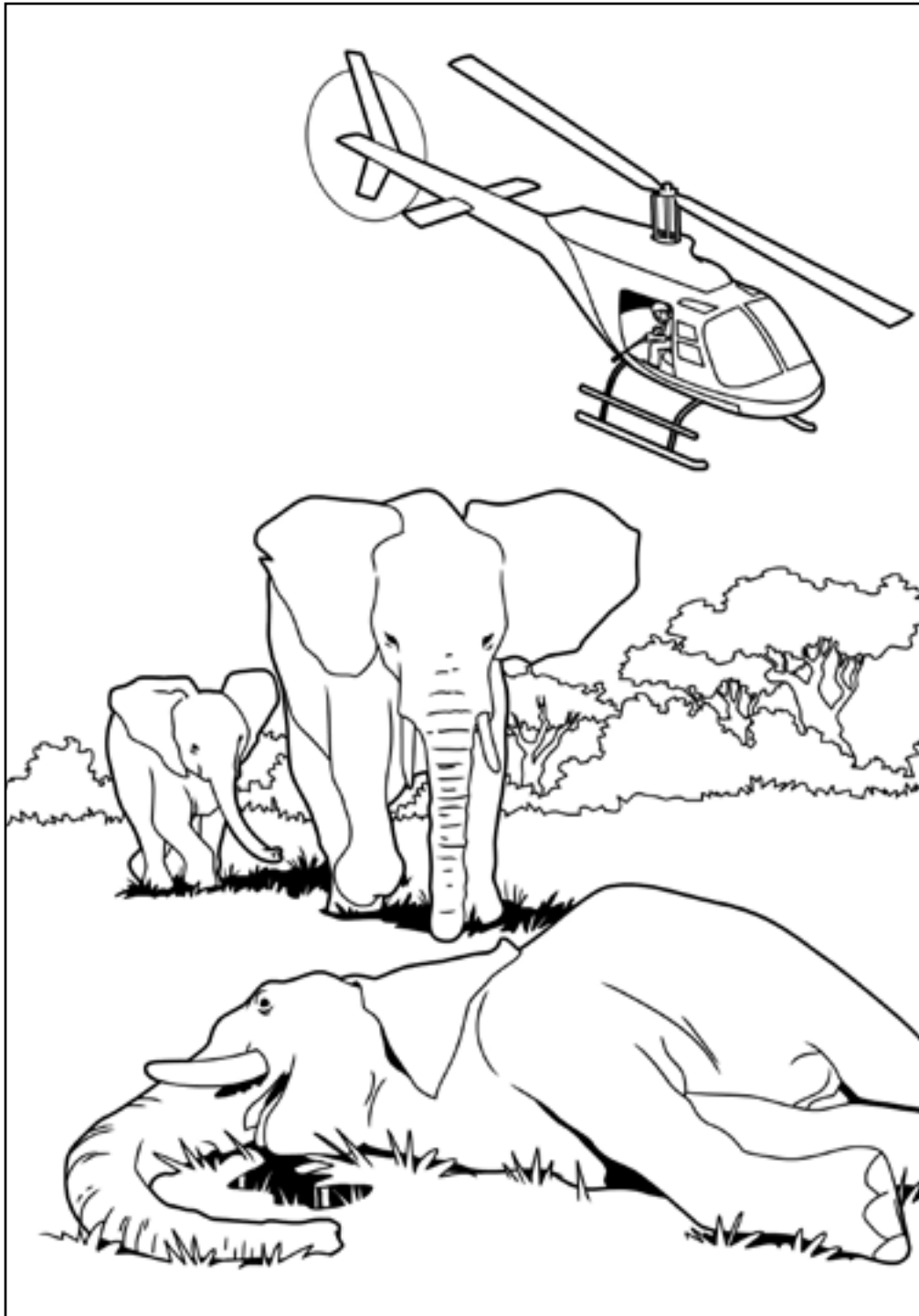
You must stop the poachers! It's us or it's them
Once we are gone, we can't start again.

FACT FILE

IFAW helped count elephants in Kenya's Tsavo National Park -
11,000 elephants in five days!

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/11000-elephants-five-days>



A ranger told me that he had heard
There's a new way that poachers attack a herd.

They come in helicopters, shoot from the air
Swoop down on the animals before they can hear.

Trucks waiting not far away
Can be at the slaughter site in less than a day.

The killing is over as quick as a flash
And the poachers successfully increase their stash.

FACT FILE

IFAW's ivory surrender invites members of the public to donate their unwanted ivory to show their support for elephant conservation.

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/droves-supporters-readily-give-their-ivory-over-crushing>



The poachers and carvers call ivory 'white gold'
I wonder to whom this lot will be sold?

Will the money they get be spent on their sons?
Or will it be spent on buying more guns?

And with more guns, then what will they do?
Will they come and kill me, and maybe you too?

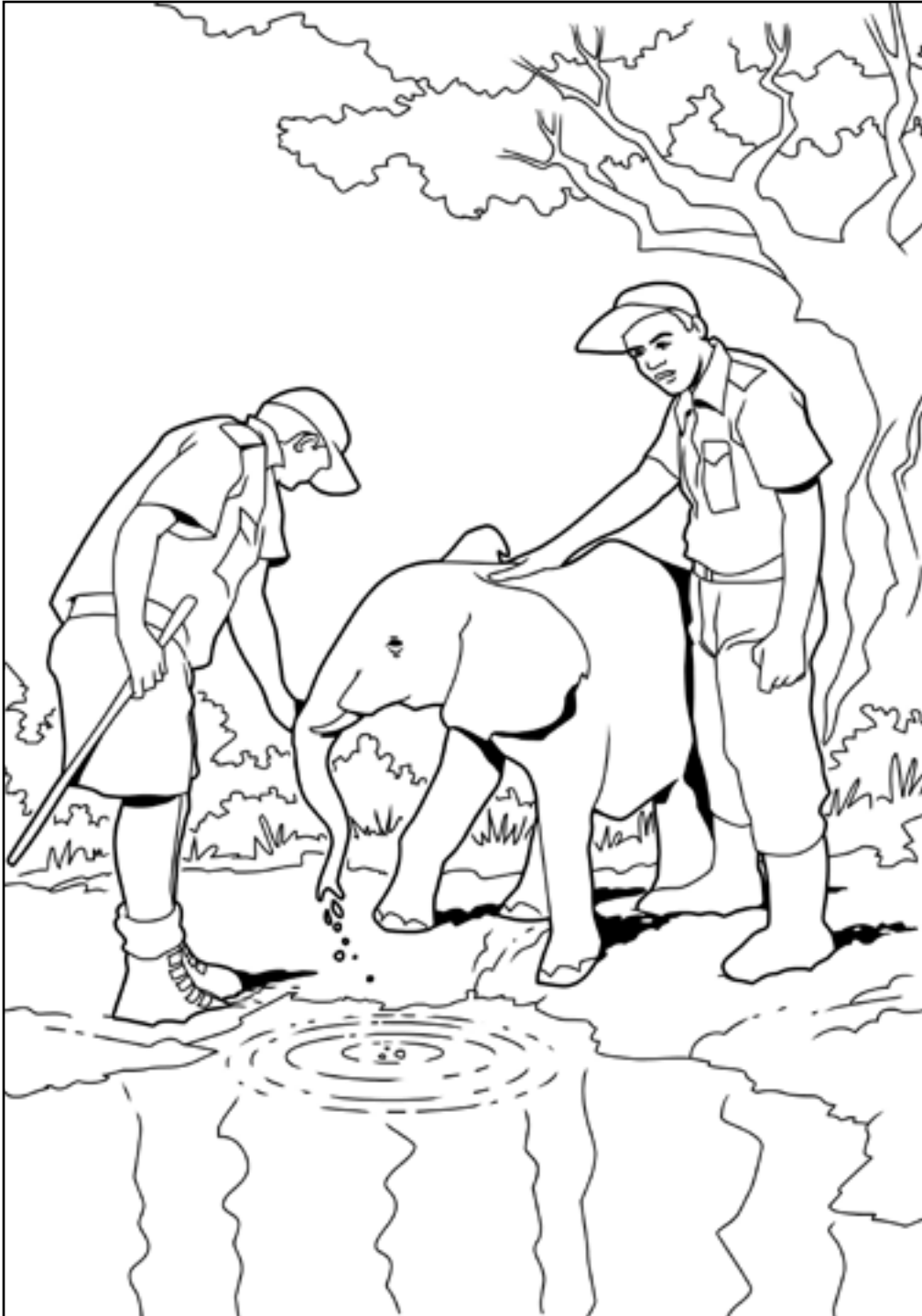
They don't use the cash to buy goods anymore
Some of them use it so they can wage war.

FACT FILE

IFAW know that children are the key to a better future for animals and offer extensive education programmes.

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/our-work/education>



I know that I've said this to you before
We can't take all this killing any more.

You're clever, so why can't you work out a way
To keep us safe from poachers, both night and day?

It won't be easy, but please do your best
From every animal, that's an earnest request.

No ivory or horn can be worth this strife
Please cut out the slaughter and save our lives.

FACT FILE

IFAW was one of the first organisations to start monitoring and exposing the sale of elephant ivory on the internet.

Read more . . .

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/continued-auction-site-partner-efforts-will-help-end-online-wildlife-crime>



Yesterday the rangers called for a lorry
Put me on it and told me not to worry.

Said that they'd look for a new family
Who would love, nurture and take care of me.

We drove and drove through the African bush
The trees were green and the grass was lush.

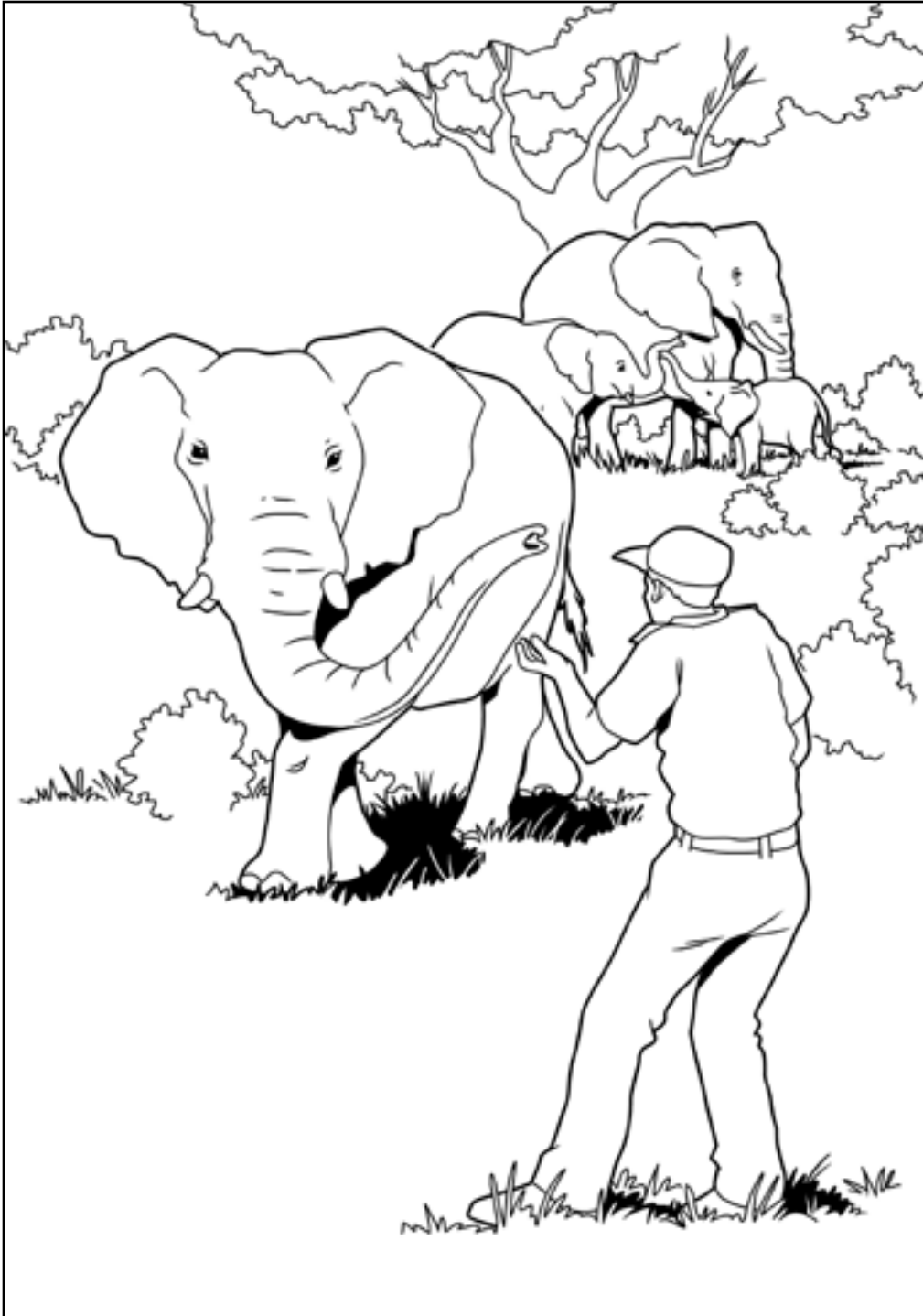
At last we stopped, and I was able to see
Elephants under an Acacia tree.

FACT FILE

IFAW moved a herd of displaced forest elephants that have been in conflict with humans in Daloa, Ivory Coast.

Read more...

<http://www.ifaw.org/africa/news/cote-divoire-african-forest-elephant-move-news-round>



The ranger called and the mother came near
She trusted the ranger, she showed no fear.

The ranger asked if she would agree
To adopt and take special care of me.

With her trunk raised high she sniffed my ear
I knew right then my future was here.

So I left the lorry and joined the others
The rangers had found me a loving mother.

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