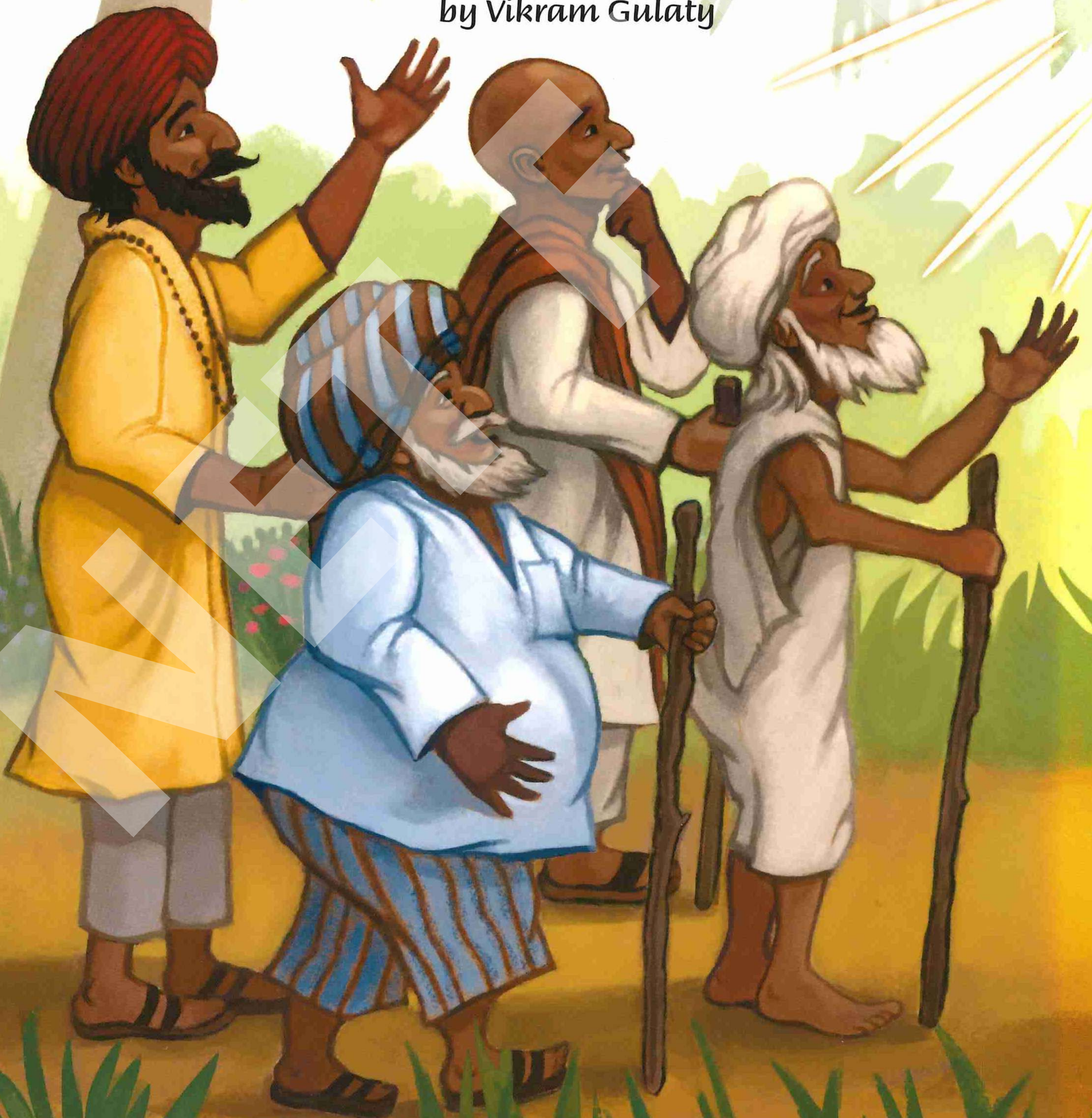




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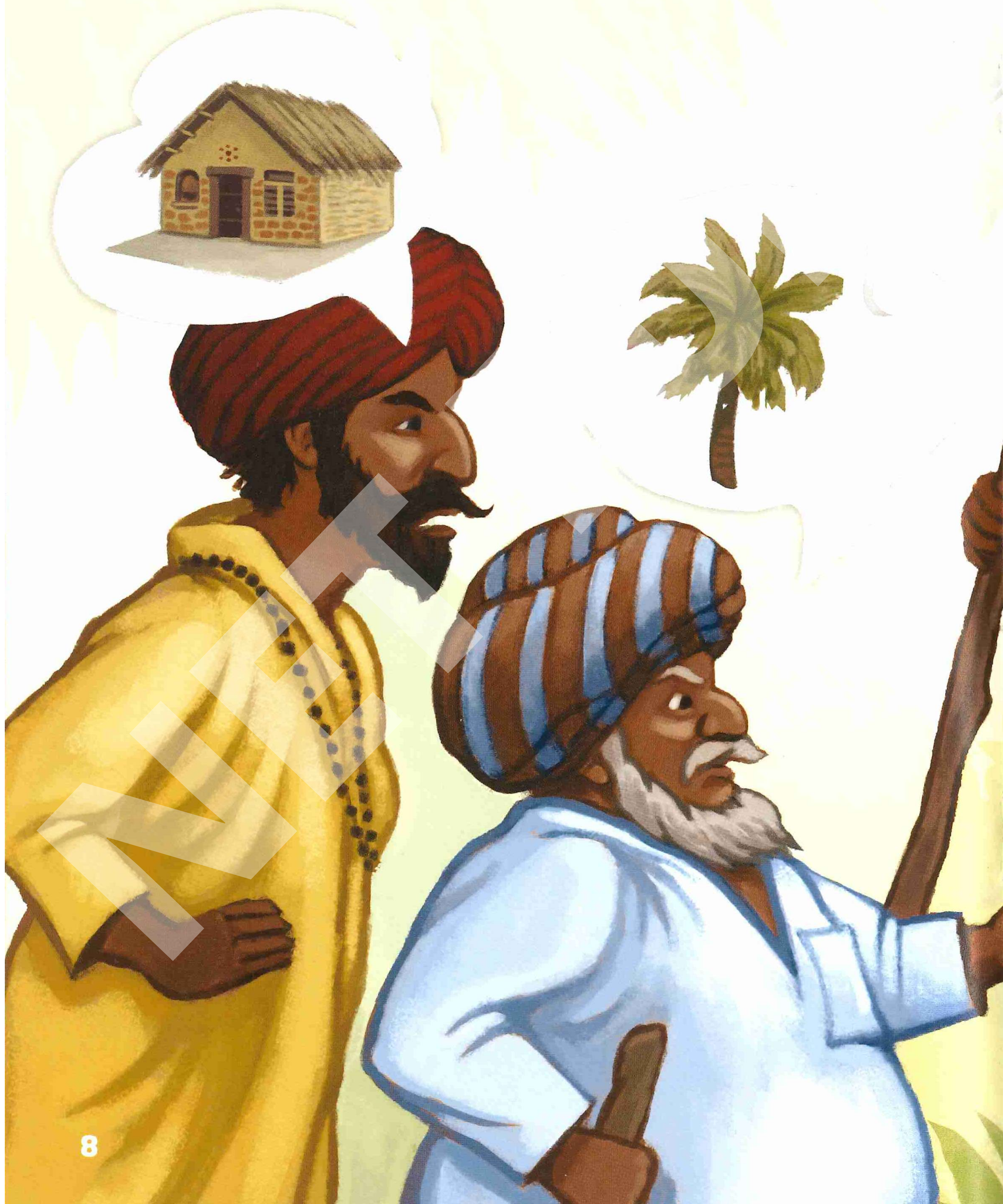
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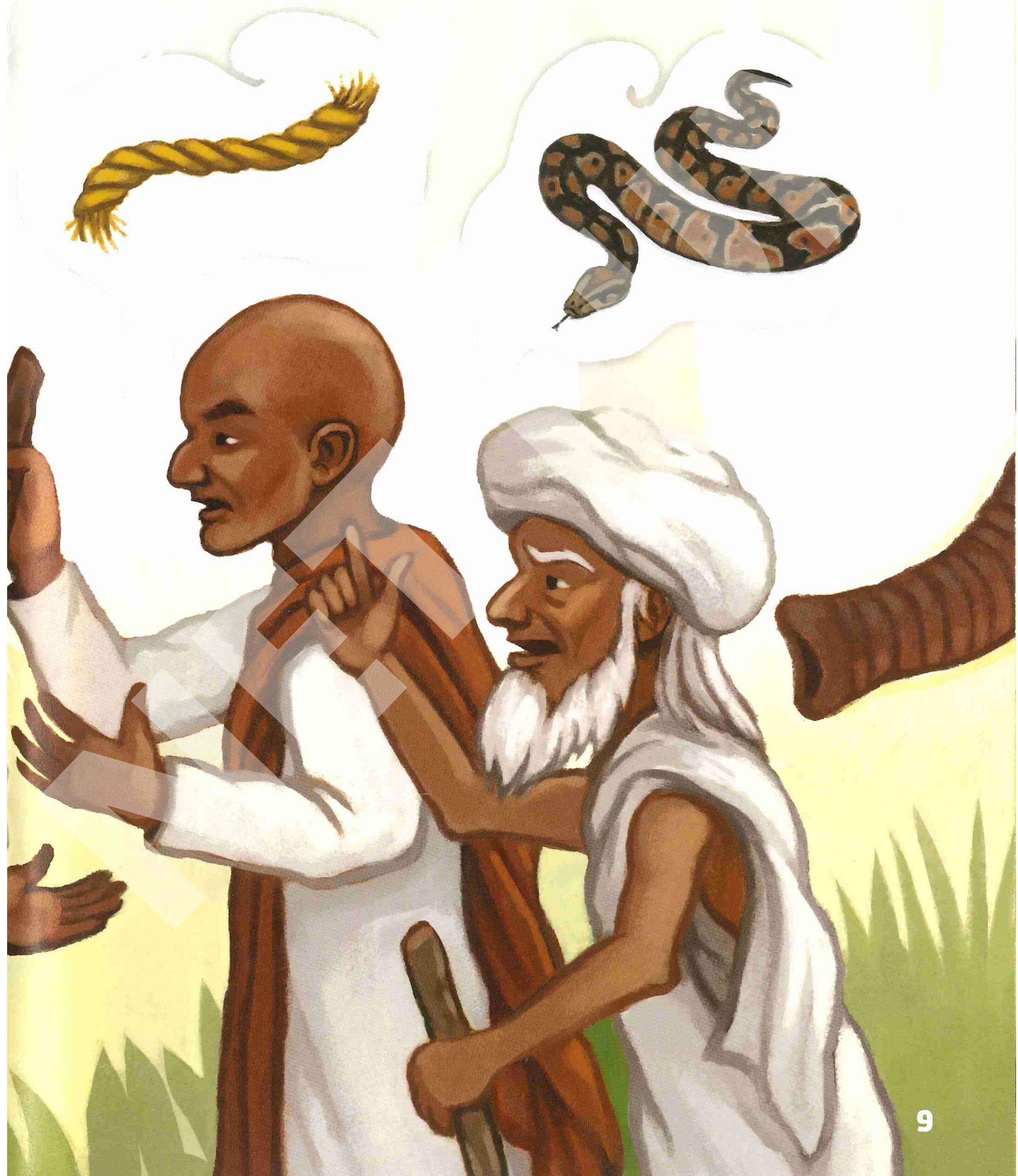


The blind men start to argue.  
"It is a snake!" says the first blind man.  
"No, it's a rope!" says the second blind man.





"You are both wrong," says the third blind man.  
"It is a tree!"  
"It's a house!" says the fourth blind man.  
"What is it?" ask all the blind men.





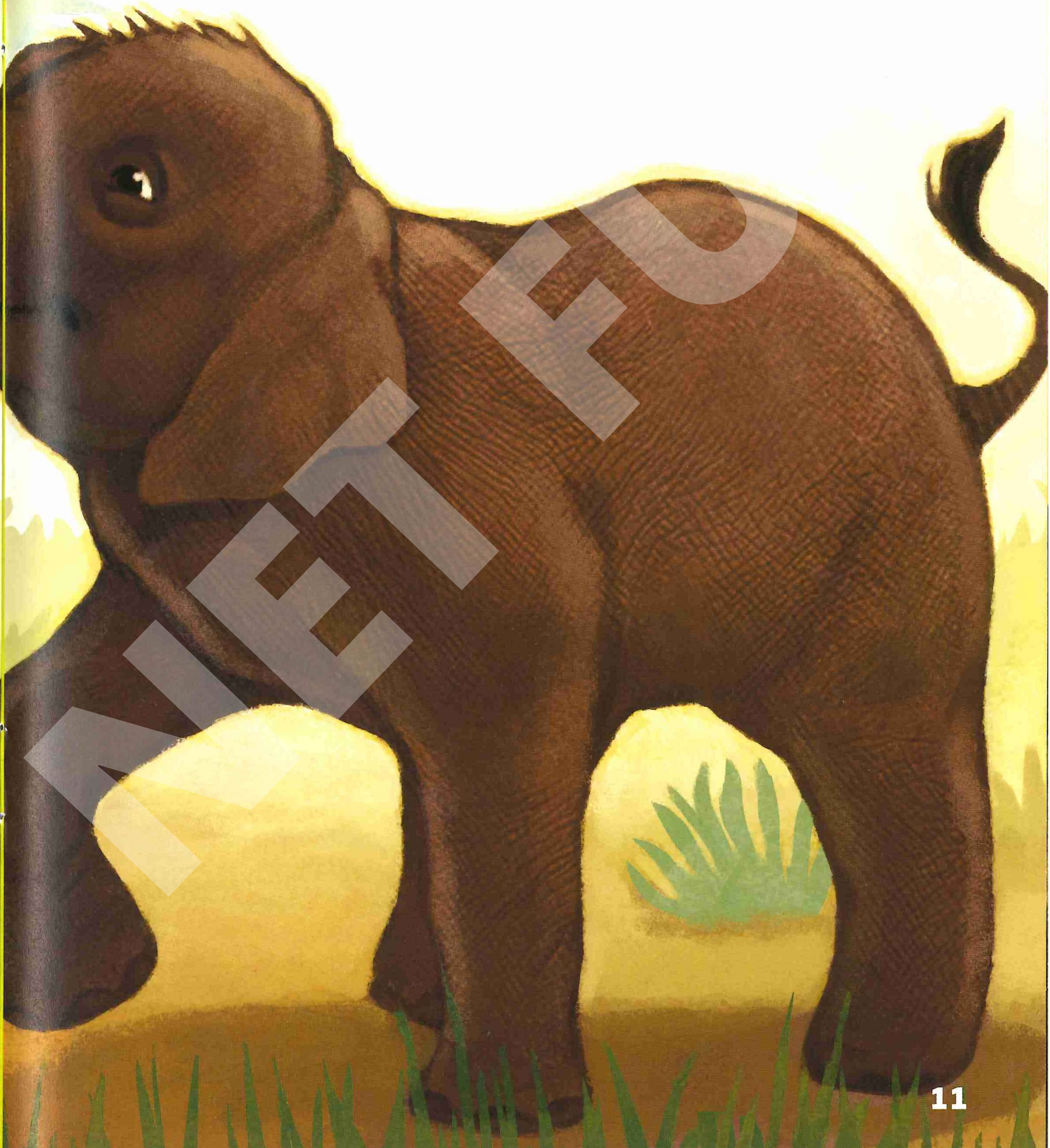
Suddenly, the four blind men hear a loud sound.  
"Aha!" they all say. "We know that sound. It sounds  
like an elephant."





"It *is* an elephant!" the blind men say. "We were all wrong!"

They know now that four people can "see" the same thing in different ways.





# Facts About Animal Senses

Some animals have amazing senses.



◀ Butterflies taste with their feet. If flowers and plants taste sweet to a butterfly's feet, the butterfly knows the flowers and plants are good to eat.



Two-thirds of a shark's brain focuses on smell. It can smell the tiniest drop of blood from more than a mile away. ▼





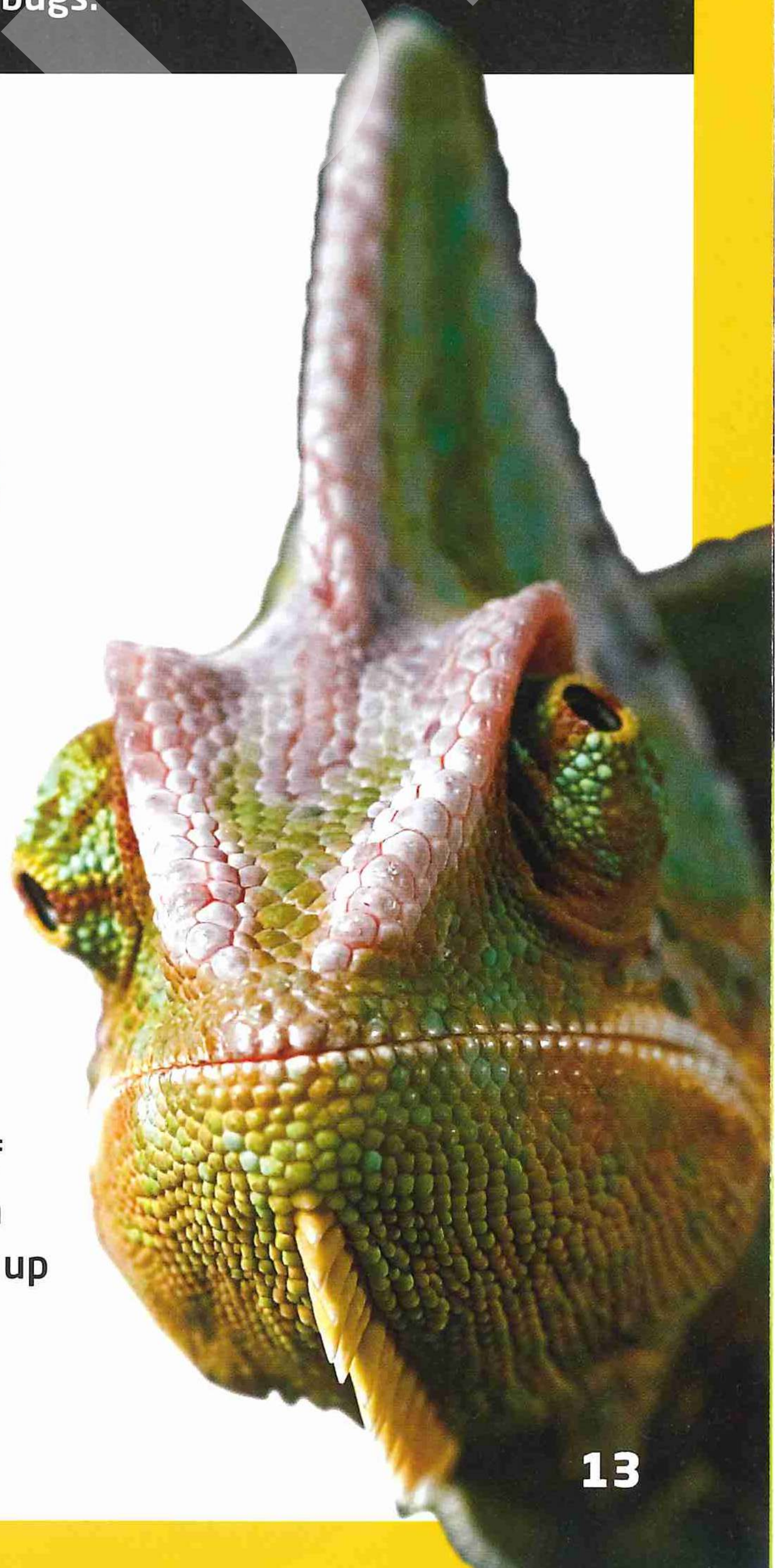


◀ A bat has a special sense of hearing. This helps it hunt. The bat bounces sounds off bugs. Then it hears these sounds. The sounds help the bat find bugs.



▲ The star-nosed mole's sense of touch is five times stronger than people's sense of touch. It uses its funny-looking nose to feel.

Chameleons have a special kind of sight. They can move their eyes in different directions. They can see up and down at the same time! ▶





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