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Airball



Mudball



Treeball



Sunny



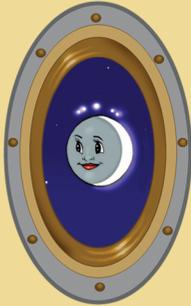
Petball



Iball



Mother Nature



Moony

Life in the Animal Kingdom has become unbearable. Despite many complaints to people about the lack of freedom and protection of their habitats and families, little is done. The frustrated animals go on strike to protest against their living conditions. Will people finally listen to the animals?

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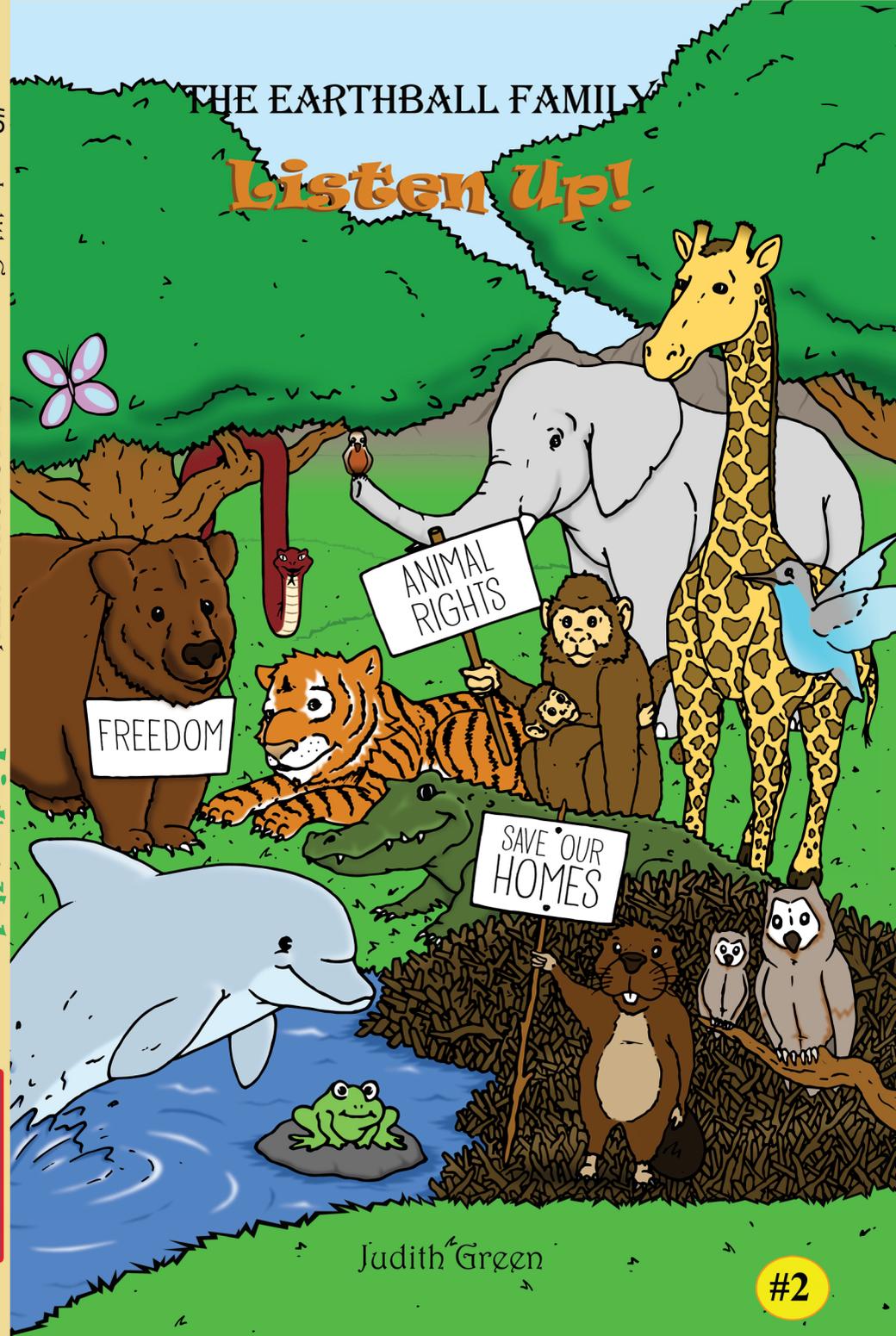
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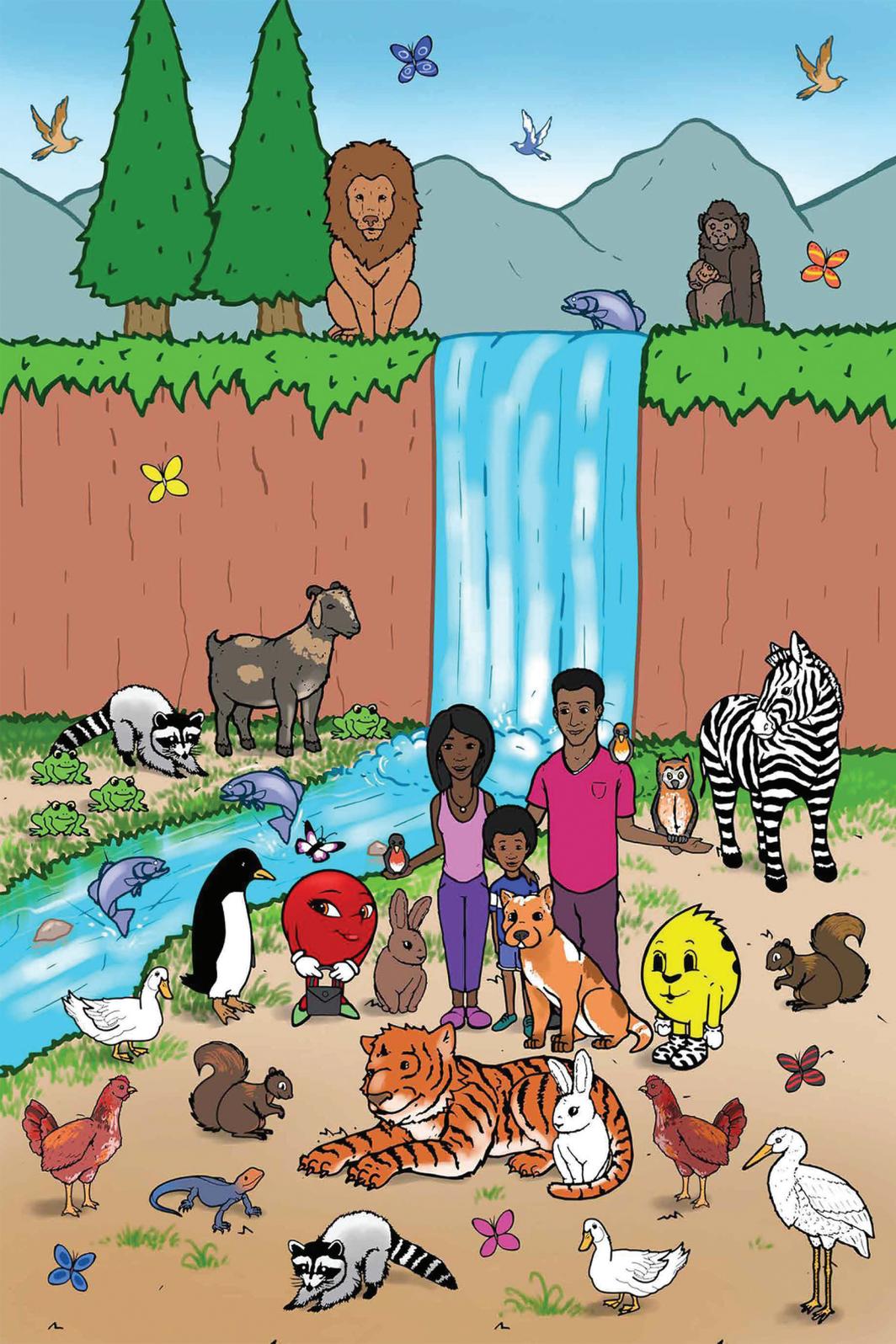
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People and animals got along well and had always lived together peacefully on Earth. The Animal Kingdom had zillions of animals. The land had thick forests, dense jungles, and endless open spaces.

Over time, things started to change. The number of people increased rapidly and they needed more space to live in. People cut down trees and replaced them with buildings,



highways and farms, leaving many animals without homes or food.

Many animals became extinct. Some wild animals were killed for their body parts. Others were injured or killed for entertainment. Some were kept as pets though they wanted to be free. It was feared that endangered animals like elephants, whales, gorillas, and pandas would become extinct.

Anger and frustration were stirring up inside of the animals on Safari Island. They had complained about people destroying their homes

and families for a long time. The animals felt very unsafe. Despite their complaints to people, not much had changed.

Animals all over the world were facing similar problems, but the threats to their lives were the worst on Safari Island. Petball, leader of the Animal Kingdom, and his sister Iball, leader of the People Kingdom, went to Safari Island to check out the situation.

Petball and Iball met with leaders from their own kingdoms on Safari Island and afterwards, they talked as

they strolled across a pasture. It was dusk and crickets started to chirp. Ladybirds hid under droopy leaves, while busy butterflies floated above the low-lying plants as they prepared to settle down for the night.

Petball said, “I am very concerned about the animals’ feelings. I want their problems to end soon, so that they can be free, safe and happy.”

Iball said, “I’m here to see the things that the animals have been complaining about. I too love animals very much and I want them to be

happy. You know Monarch means everything to me,” referring to her much-loved pet butterfly.

Petball said, “Animals know how to defend themselves against their natural predators, but not against people’s actions. They are suffering more from injuries, deaths, and the destruction of their homes by people. It is causing the break-up of animals’ families.”

Iball said, “There is more land, water, and air on Earth than people and animals would ever need. We just have to share our space, that way both

people and animals can find food,
build homes and take care of their
families.”



The next morning, Petball and Iball went to the beach for a swim in the ocean to check out conditions there. On their way to the beach, they saw many beautiful houses that lined the seashore.

On the beach, some people were having fun playing while others were relaxing. Many other people were swimming in the calm blue sea.

Further out to sea, there were many sailboats, small fishing boats and

Mama Doe said, “The sun is hot and there’s not much shade. I am thirsty already.”

“Me too,” Wally said.

Mama Doe said, “We’ll have to go to the waterhole on the other side of the forest.”

Petball and Iball continued to check out the forest. Then Petball decided to go to the treetops where he could see the forest from above.

He said, “I’ll go to the treetop and see what’s happening there.”

Petball instantly changed into an eagle, a strong bird with great eyesight.

He flew to the top of a tall tree and perched on a branch. He could hear only a few birds chirping.

Petball asked a lonely finch, “Where are all of the other birds?”

The finch told Petball, “Some of the birds now live near people’s houses. They stay there to get food because there aren’t many insects or seeds around. As you can see, some trees are dying. Many birds live in a sanctuary now.”

Petball could see the new houses

not far away. Below, he could see a lot of bare ground and then Mama Doe and Wally came into his view. They were walking towards the road. He watched them. Iball had made her way close to the road and could see them too.

Lanes of noisy trucks and cars zoomed by. Wally stayed close to his mother's side. Mama Doe stepped forward carefully. When there wasn't any traffic coming, Mama Doe and Wally started to cross the road.

