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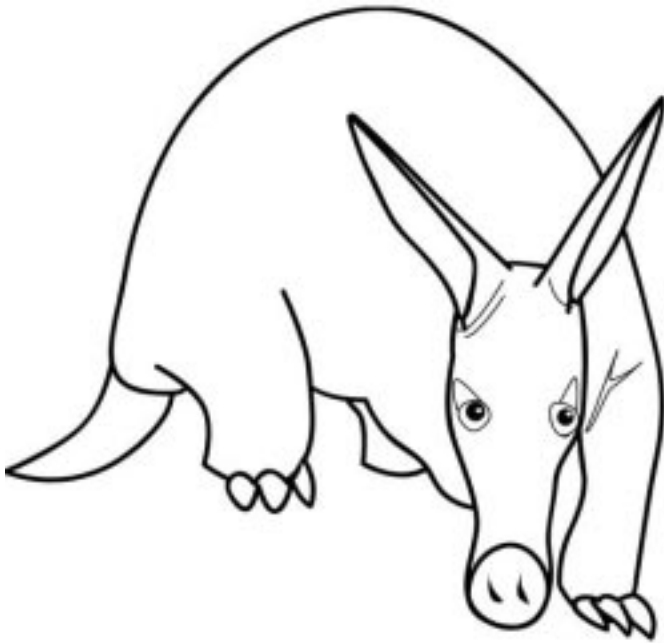
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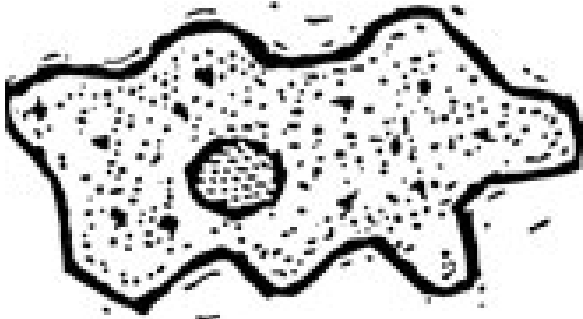
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The Aardvark isn't swift, or large or even very strong
But he survives on ants because his nose is very long
But he really comes in before animals that are speedier
In any English language encyclopedia



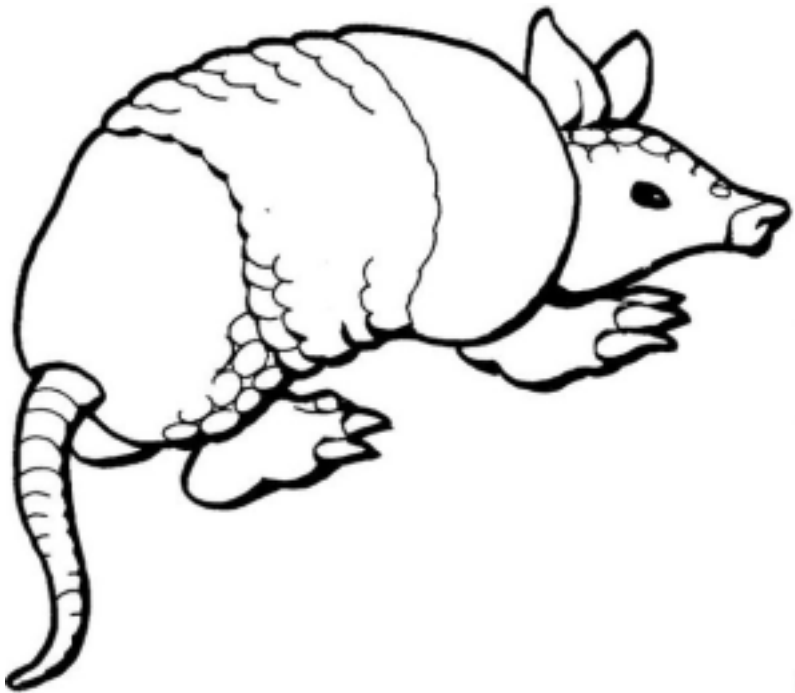


Arthur Amoeba got lonely one day
So he split himself in two
It may not seem romantic to us
But it's what amoebas do

It's a different way of fulfilling
The procreative urge
Amoeba's always want to split
While humans like to merge

No frustrations, no hassles, no jealousy
No lying, no crying, no fuss
And remember: there are more of them
Than there are of us

The Armadillo's endangered, you know
'cause they cross the freeway too damned slow



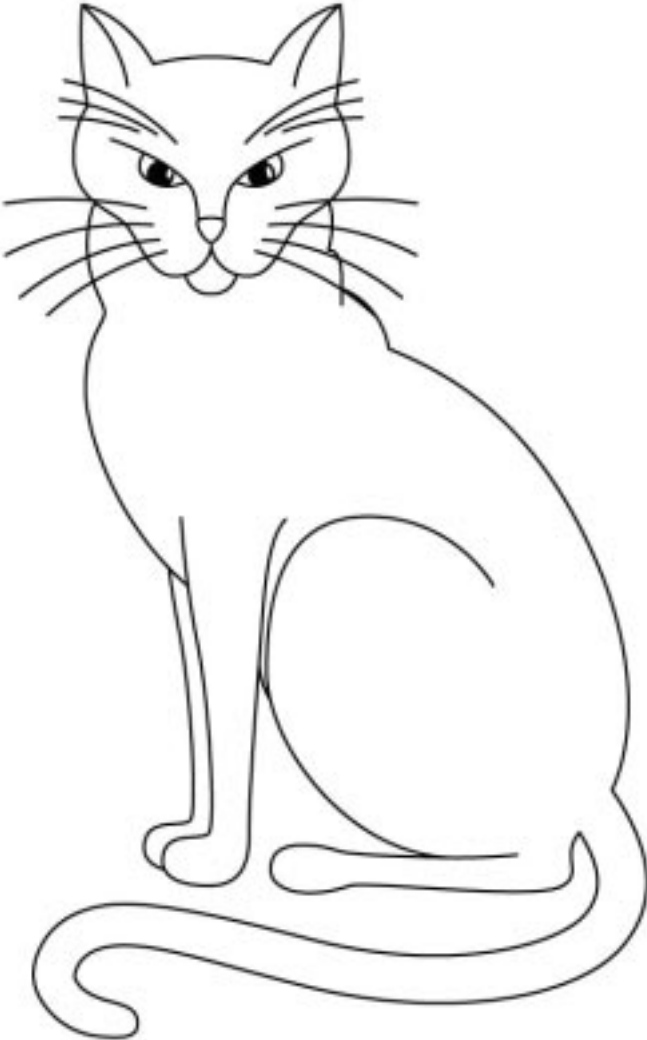


The image that we have of bats
Is that of scary, flying rats
They live in caves, they fly by night
And they can give us quite a fright
But like their namesake, played by Adam West
They rid the world of many evil pests

In cartoons, it's understood
That cats are bad and mice are good
The prey defeats the predator
And that is what cartoons are for



A cat is not impressed, as much,
as dogs are by the human touch
It's ironic that people want to own
an animal that just wants to be left alone



If dinosaurs had never disappeared
Life on earth would be a little weird
We complain about traffic, rain and taxes
But we don't have to deal with Tyrannosaurus
Rexes



I look out from my balcony
The snow is falling through the trees
Softly, softly as you please
The day is still, there is no breeze

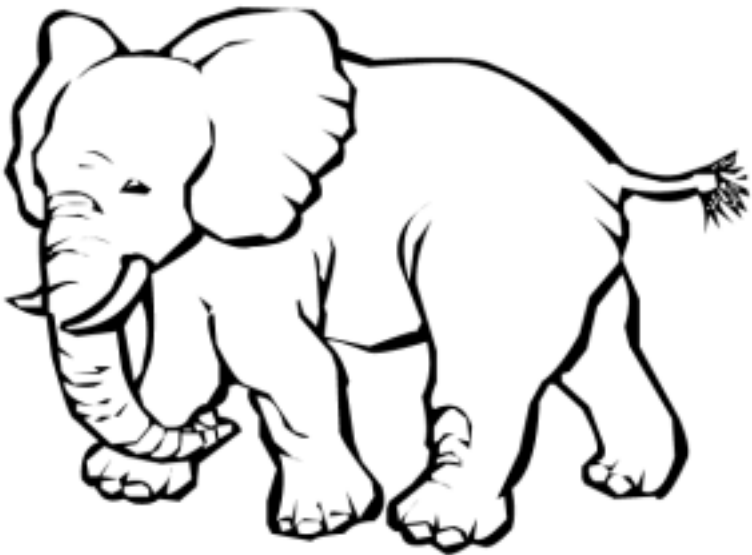
A puppy's playing in the snow
Jumping, running to and fro
He is small, but he will grow
And that's a pleasing thing to know

His parents also like to play
And as they swiftly run away
He gamely follows, in his way
Although he's not as big as they

As I watch them, I can see
A little bit of you and me
And just the way things ought to be
Pure and gentle, wild and free



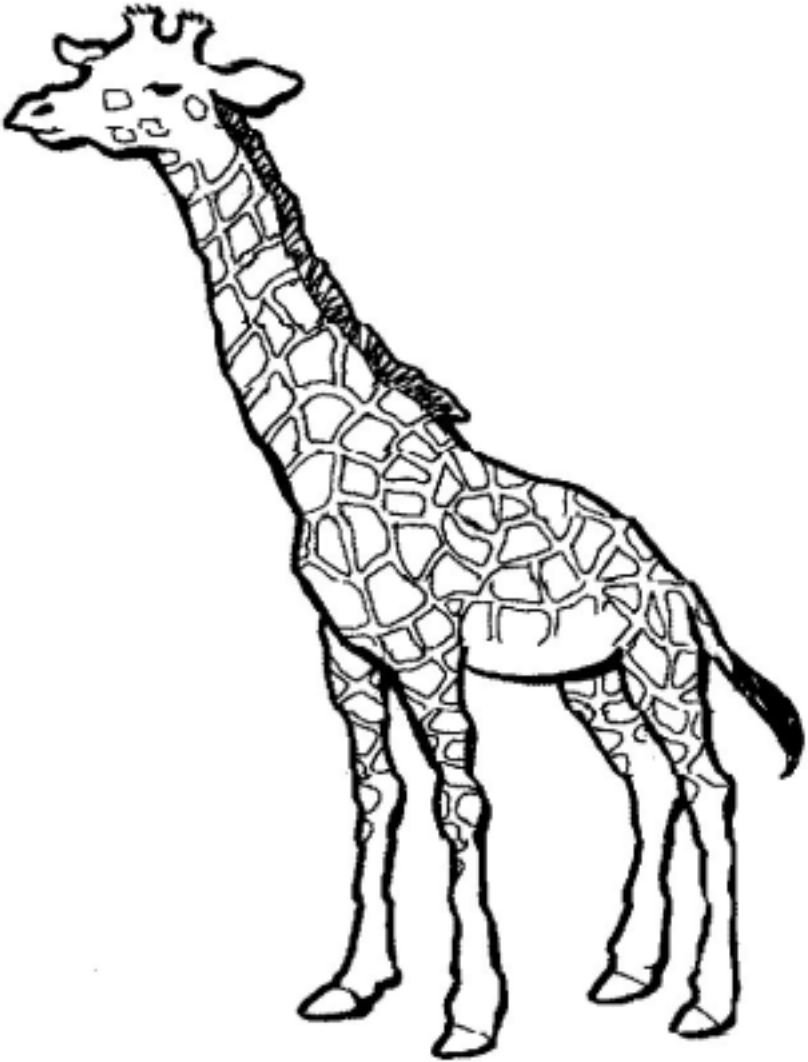
The elephant's nose
Is the finest that grows
They can use it as a trumpet
They can use it as a hose
They can use it for grabbing and carrying stuff
As a snorkel underwater and if that's not enough
When elephants meet, from different lands
They shake trunks, like we shake hands



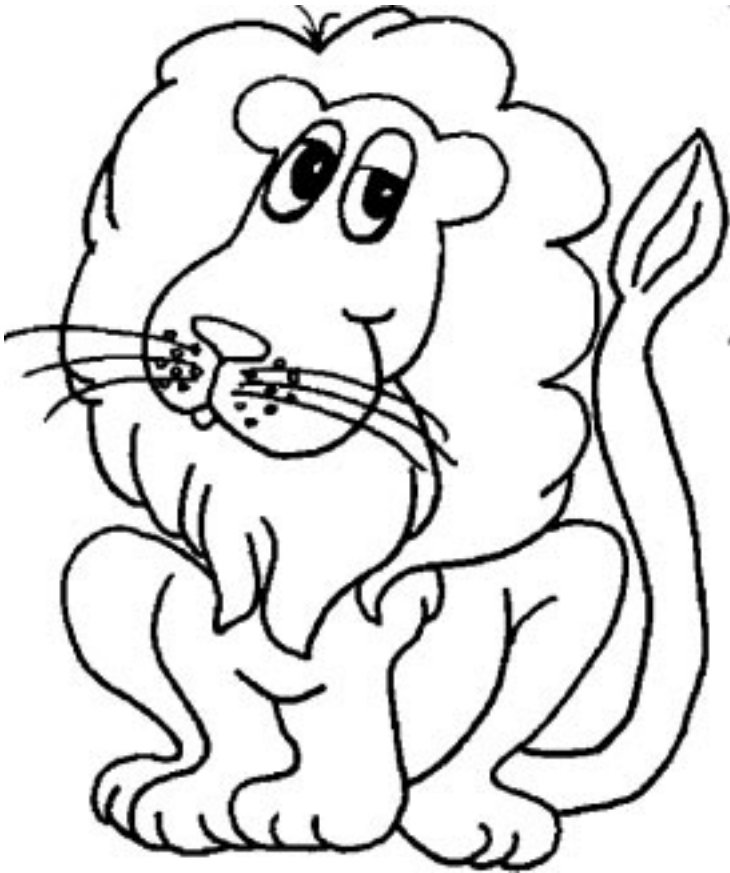
Flamingoes have such very long legs
I wonder how they don't break their eggs



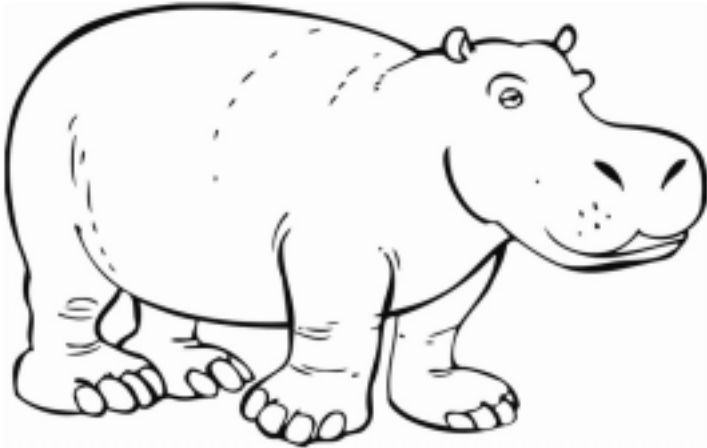
People must look funny
If you happen to be a giraffe
I'm guessing that they look at us
And laugh and laugh and laugh



Giraffes are tall and elegant
They browse upon the leaves
On the African Savannah
Blowing gently in the breeze
They are certainly well suited
To live in these environs
With just one little problem:
They taste real good to lions



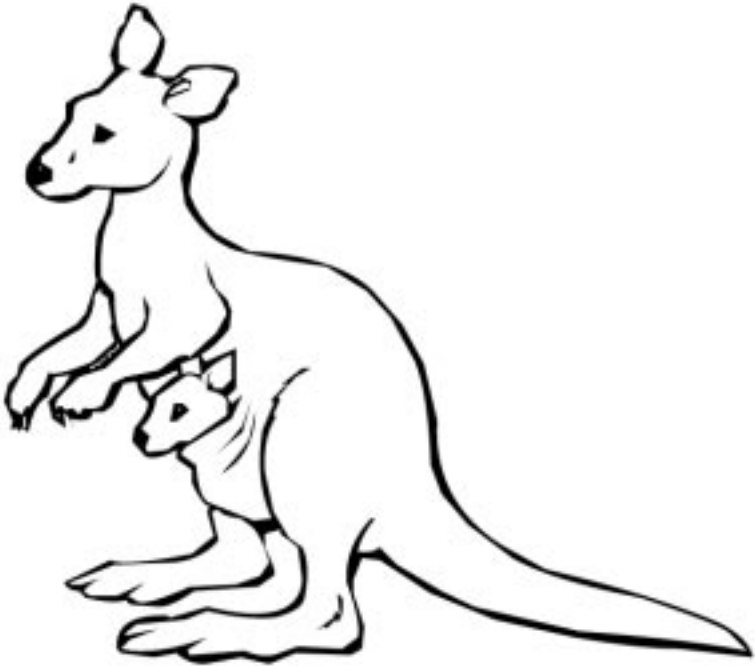
Hippopotamus, of course,
is from the Greek for River Horse
In the water, they feel great
Because it helps support their weight
(Which also explains why our heavier lasses
Like the aqua aerobics classes)



The Ibex is a mountain goat
Of whom the ancient folks took note
As a symbol of fertility
Because of its virility
Half goat and half man
Like the great god Pan



A Joey is a baby kangaroo
I don't know why we call them that but,
Nonetheless, we do



Koala Bears are very cute
And Panda Bears are too
One lives on Eucalyptus leaves
The other on bamboo
This is just to let you know
If you were unaware
The loveable Koala
Is not, in fact, a bear



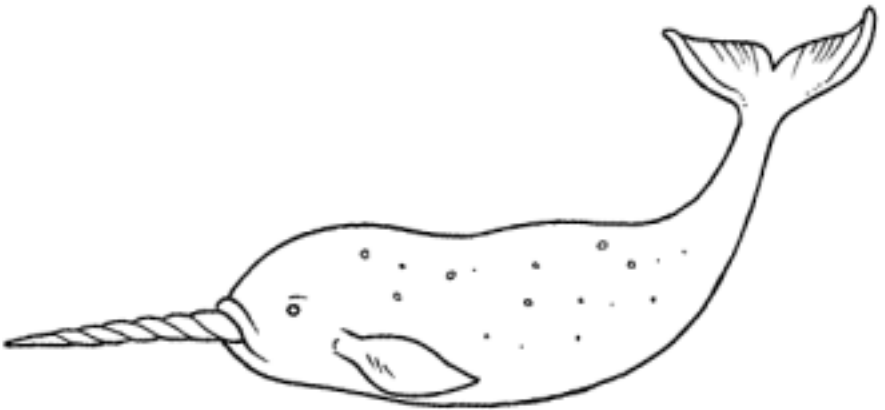
It wasn't leopards, lice or loons
Lemmings, larks or lynxes
But the noble Lion, king of beasts
Who inspired the sphinxes



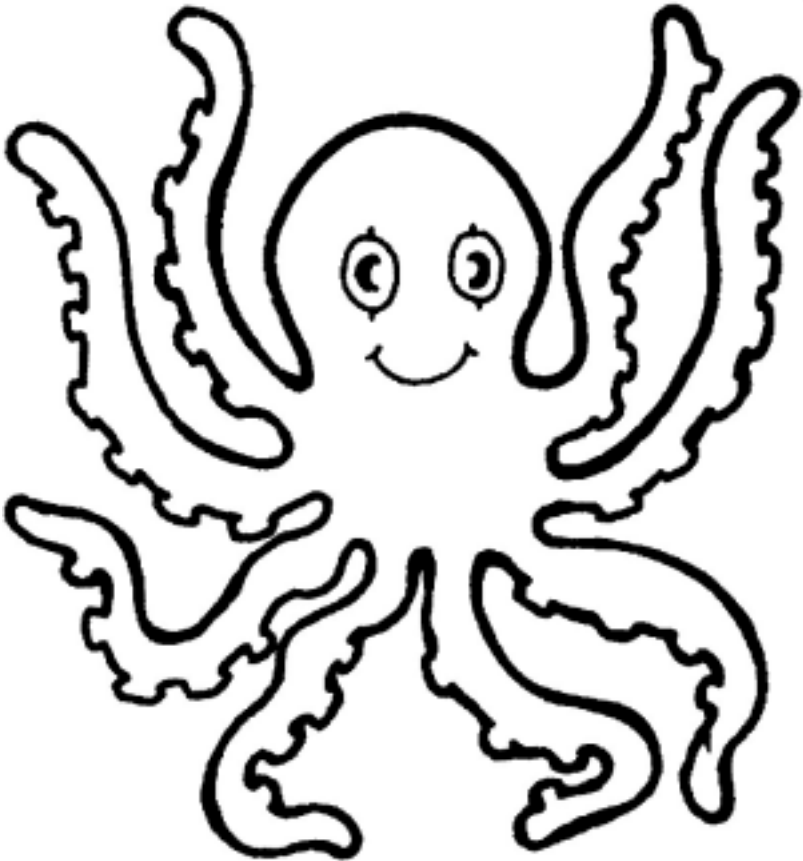
Cows and Horses, Dogs and Cats,
People, Sheep and Camels
All feed their babies on Mamma's milk,
and thus are known as mammals.



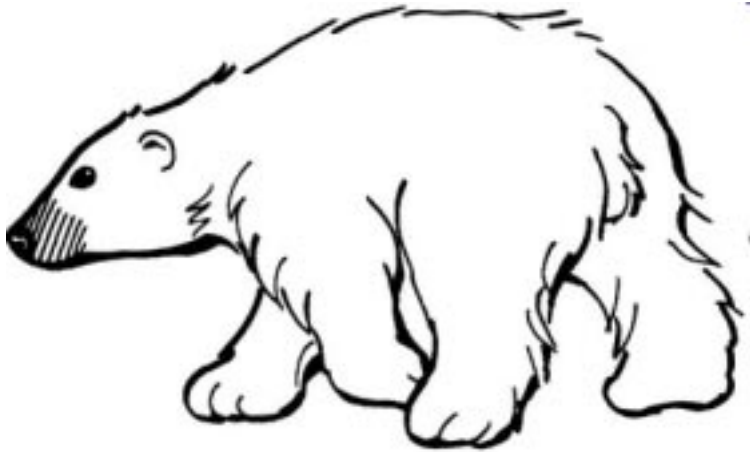
The Narwhal may be the strangest creature
that has ever been born
It swims in the Arctic ocean, and has a single horn
Which is , of course, the definition of a unicorn



Octopuses, octopodes or even octopi
Are very unusual creatures,
there are several reasons why
They have no bones so when they need to,
they can be quite small
but among invertebrates,
they're the smartest of them all
They wave their tentacles around
and have a fine old time
And they give birth to two hundred thousand eggs
at a single time
But after having given birth to so many octopi
Both octopodial parents
may grow very weak and die



The Polar Bears are in a desperate state
Their shrinking environment makes it hard
For them to find a mate
As the weather changes from blizzardy to drizzly
Sometimes the Polar Bear's fate is a little grizzly



Everybody loves penguins
They're inherently adorable
Which makes the destruction of their habitat
All the more deplorable



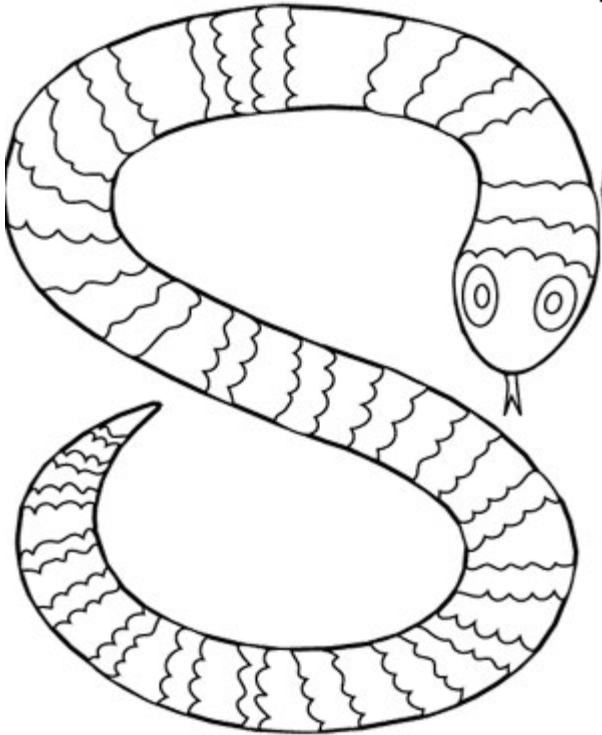
The Quail is a common sort of bird
It gives the hunters a thrill
They're fat, and slow and not too bright
And exceptionally easy to kill



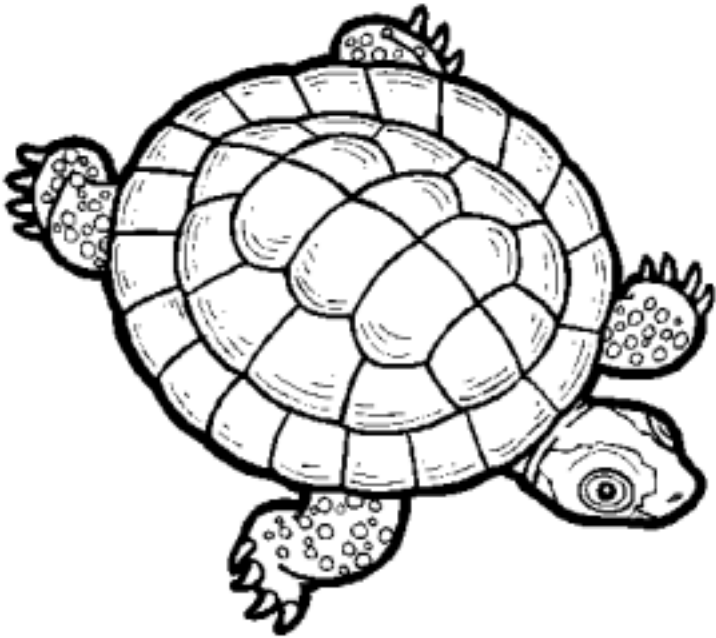
The rhinoceros is enormous
And he has a wicked horn
If you cross him, you will rue
The day that you were born
Personally, I think that it's a riot
This frightening beast
Should have a vegan diet



Things that crawl across the ground,
Stealthily, without a sound
They move by day, they move by night
With poison in their savage bite
And just one bite is all it takes
To kill a child
Evil Snakes



Turtles and tortoises
Rabbits and hares
Who knows the difference, and who really cares?
Like most people, I'm in the habit
Of simply referring to turtles and rabbits



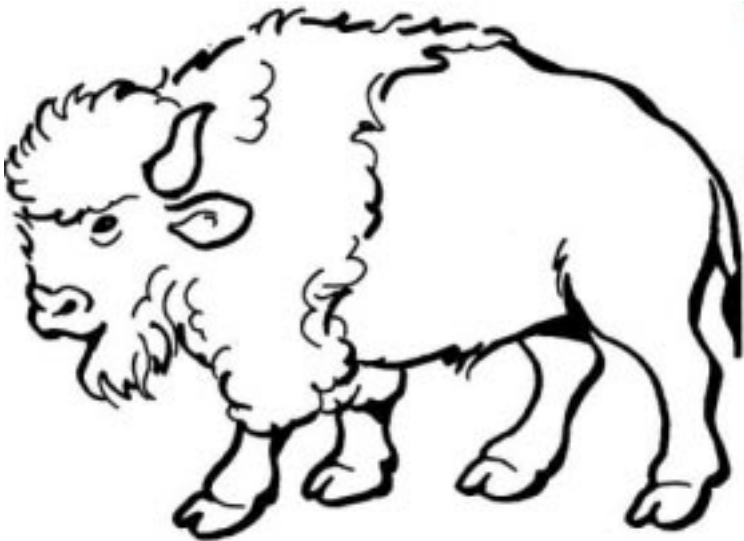
The uakari's tails are rather short,
and they have bright red faces
They behave quite differently,
when in different places
In zoos, they're very quiet and rather lazy
But in their jungle home they jump like crazy



Vultures aren't so stupid.
They use their ugly head.
Just like human beings,
they prefer to eat what's dead



Behold the Water Buffalo
Big and ugly, dumb and slow
They thrive in hot and humid weather
They give us meat, they give us leather
Their horns are curved and very long
Their milk is rich, their backs are strong
Their somewhat bigger than a cow
And often used to pull a plow
Which is an important economic factor
For farmers who cannot afford a tractor



The xenops is a tiny bird
In Central and South America
It feeds on the insects in the bark of the trees
Throughout the forested area



Roses are red, Yaks milk is pink
Swear to God, some people drink it



Zebras coats are black and white
They're proper and they're neat
That's why we think of zebras
Every time we cross the street

