

SLOW CROSSING



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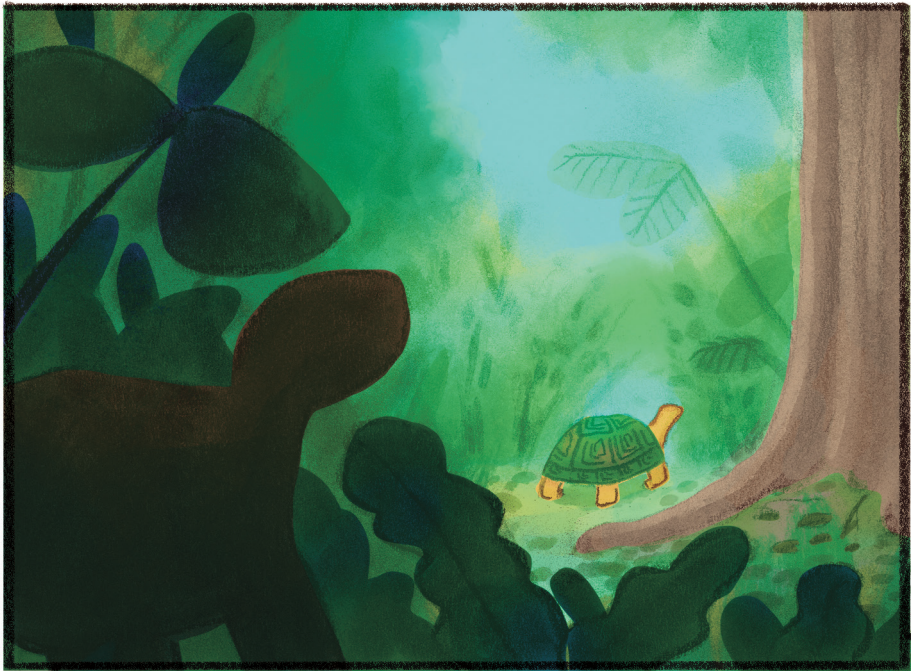
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I'm a Furrowed Wood Turtle.

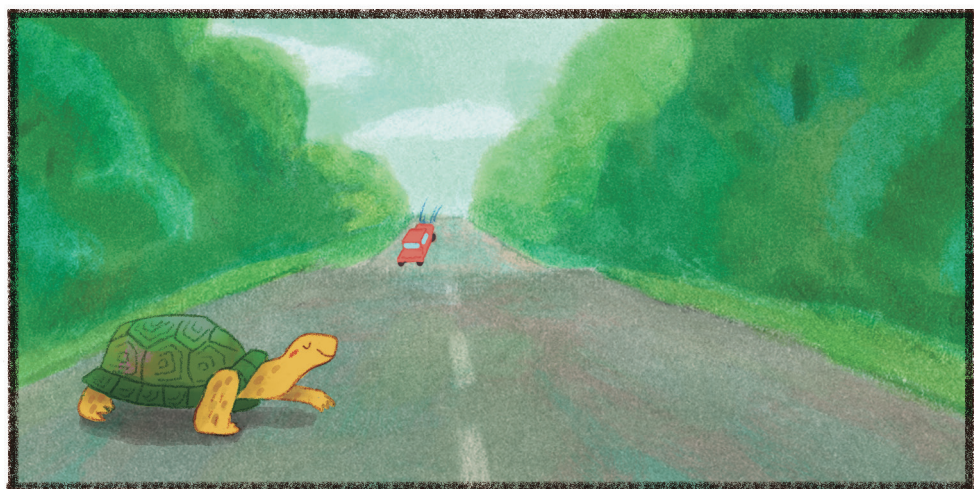


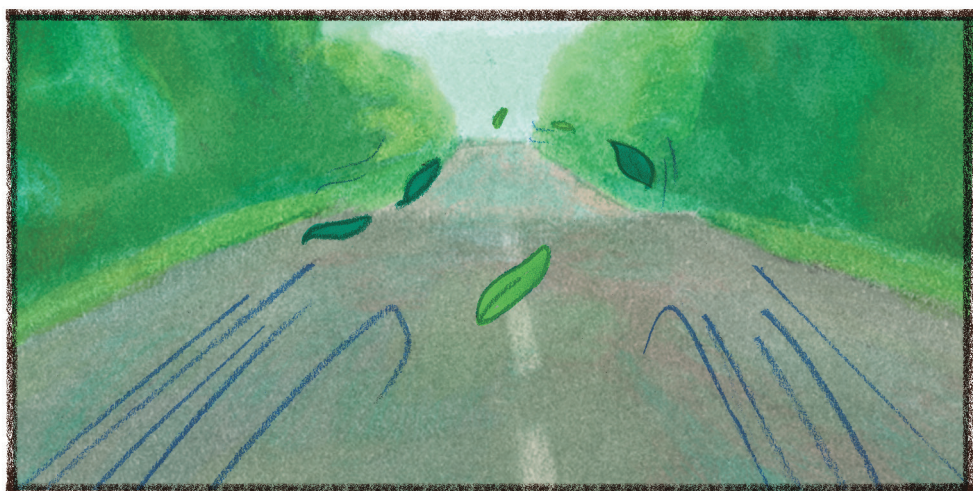
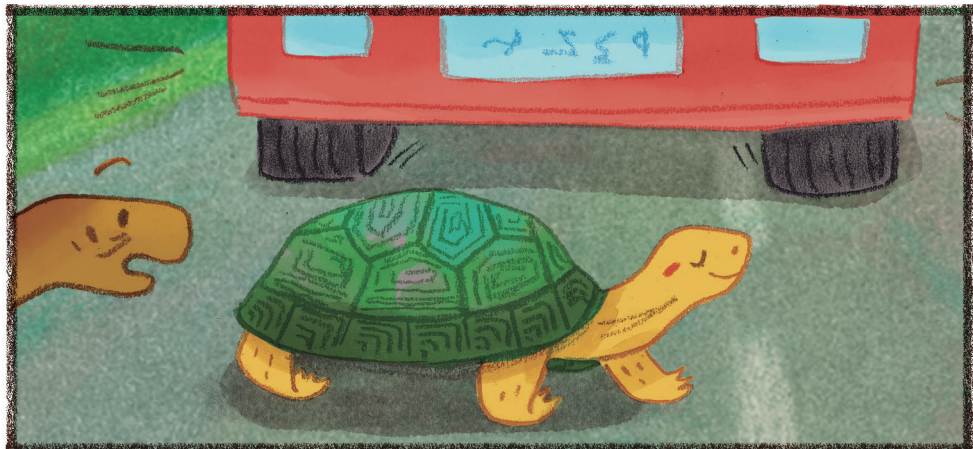
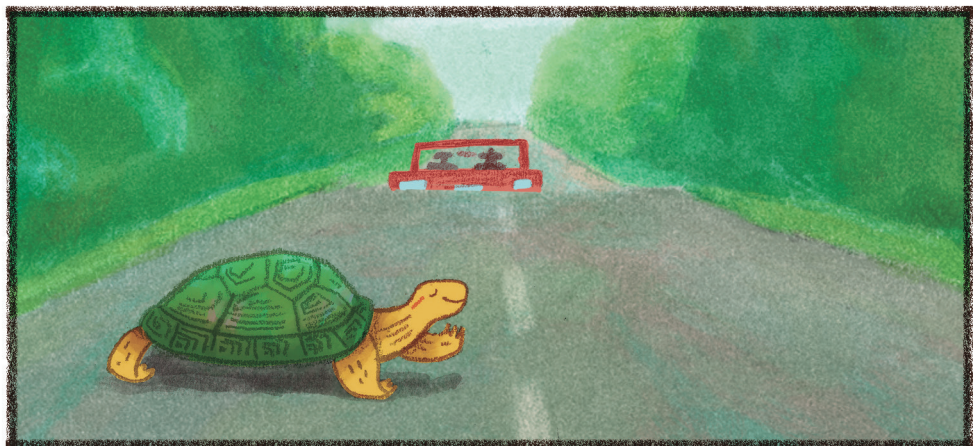
Since the day I hatched, I've wandered freely through the jungle, looking for food, water, and shelter.

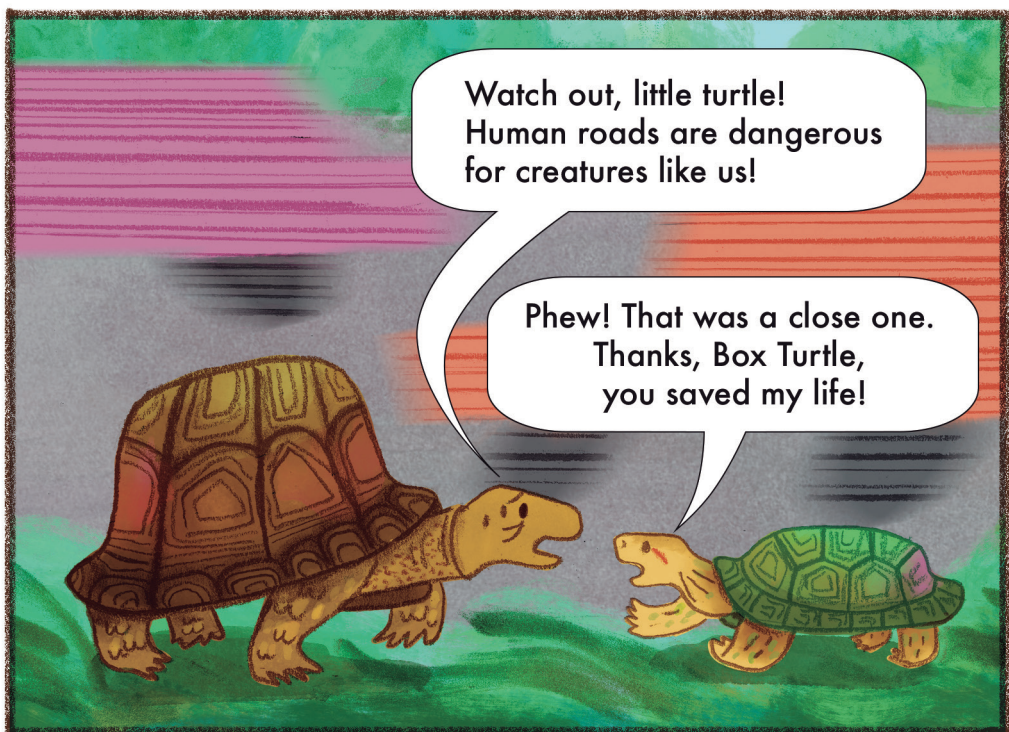
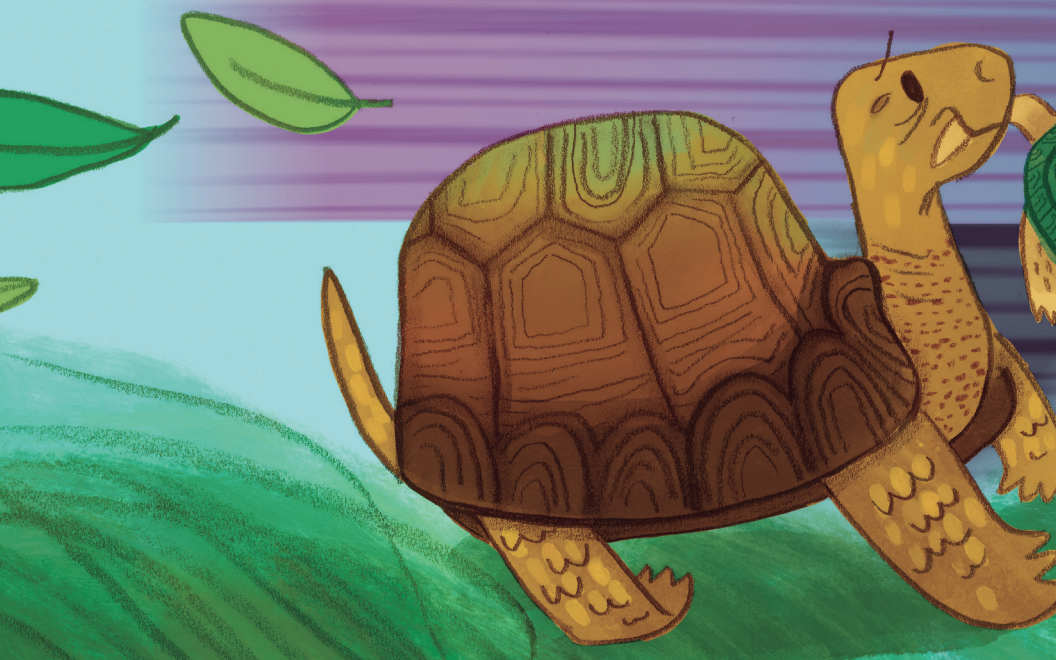


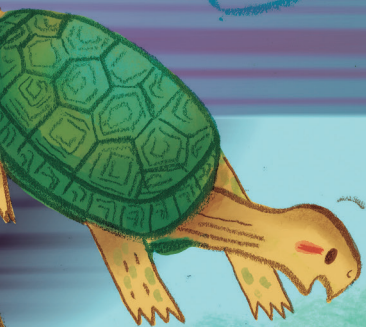
One day, I came across something that didn't
belong in the jungle.

It cut right through my home.







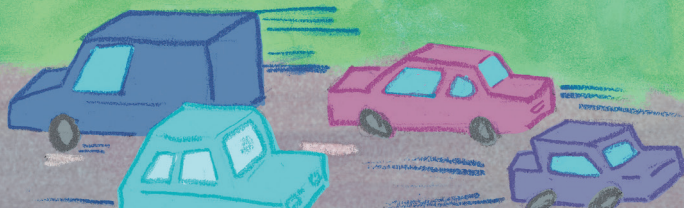


Some animals are fast, so they can escape human vehicles more easily. But slow walkers like us, or animals that crawl close to the ground, like snakes...



We're more likely to get run over.

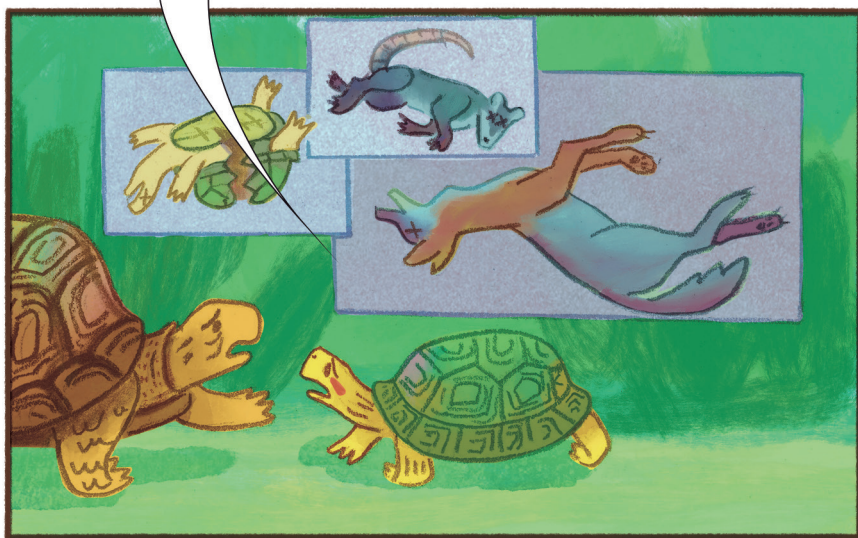




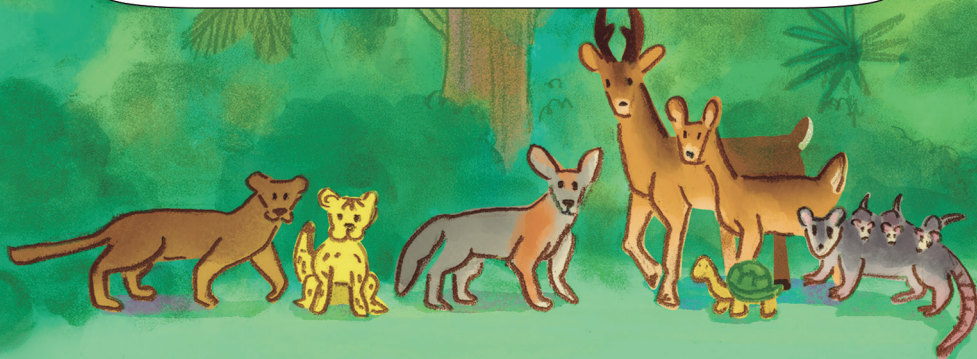
I've lived in the jungle for many years, and I've seen human roads stretch deeper and deeper into our home.



Thousands of animals are run over because humans drive too fast.



Many animal families lose their young, or their parents. But these tragedies don't have to happen!



Many people are working to prevent this by putting up road signs and speed limits.



Speed bumps can also help to slow vehicles down.



You can do
your part.



Slow down! It gives us time to
get out of the way.





Help save countless animals and
prevent accidents with other
drivers, too!

If you see a turtle on the road,
please wait for it to cross. If it isn't
moving, help it cross the road safely
in the direction it was headed.

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TURTLES



FURROWED WOOD
TURTLE
(*Rhinoclemmys
areolata*)



YUCATAN BOX
TURTLE
(*Terrapene
yucatana*)

