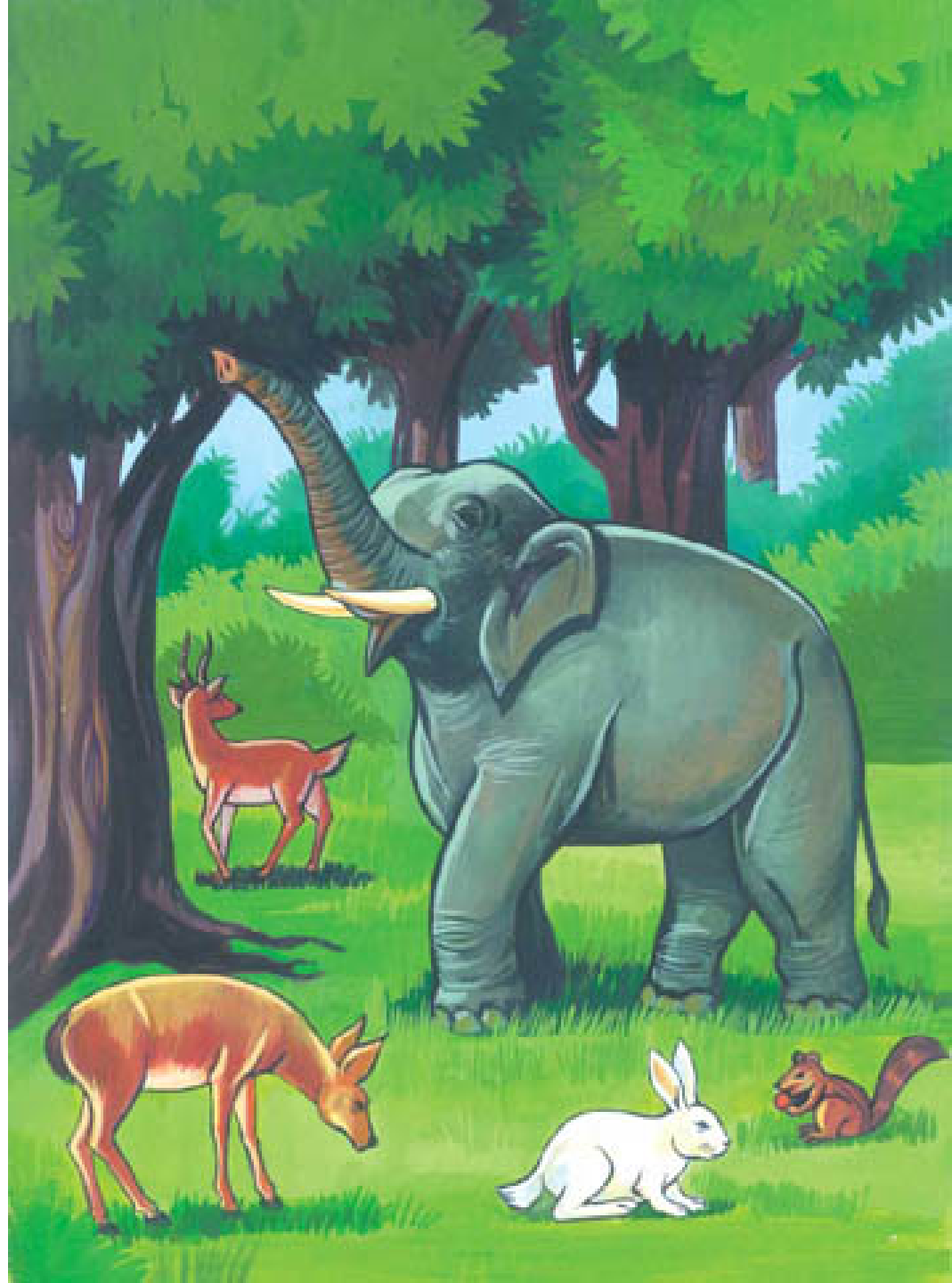


The  
Compassion  
Of The  
Elephant

Once upon a time, there was a forest where there were many animals. An elephant used to live with them.





One day  
a big, wild fire  
broke out in  
the forest.

To save  
themselves,  
all the animals  
as well as the  
elephant ran  
to a safe place.

Soon,  
the area got  
very  
crowded  
with the  
animals.

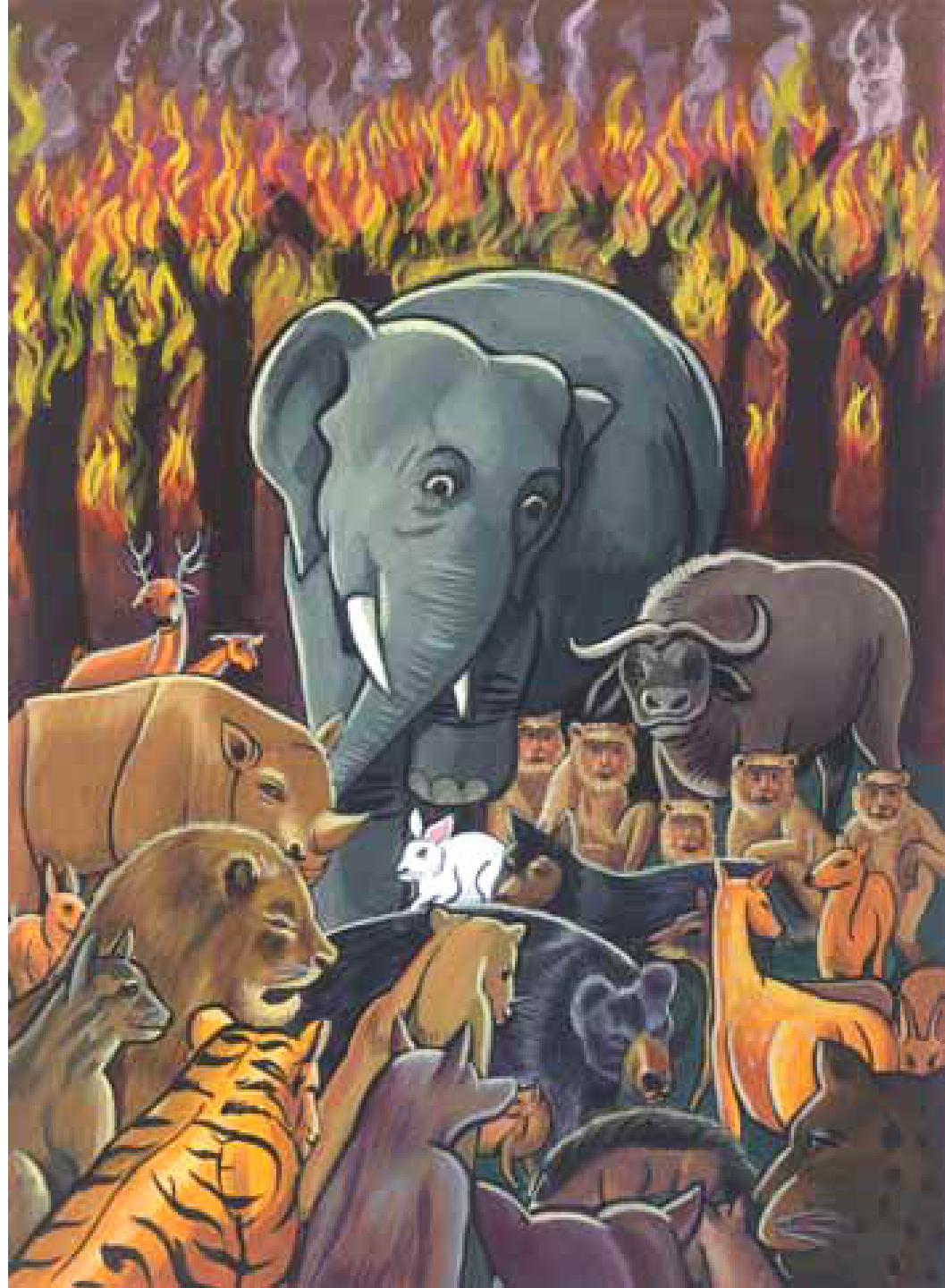




ash was getting into his skin the elephant wanted to scratch his leg. He raised his leg to scratch the other leg.

A rabbit suddenly jumped under his raised

The elephant did not see this, and when he went to put his leg down, he felt something. He noticed the rabbit sitting there.





He did not want to crush or hurt the rabbit so he held his leg up.

The fire lasted for three long days.



All the three  
days the  
elephant kept  
his leg up, as the  
rabbit  
was hiding  
under his leg.  
Finally the fire  
stopped and  
all the animals  
and even the  
rabbit left.

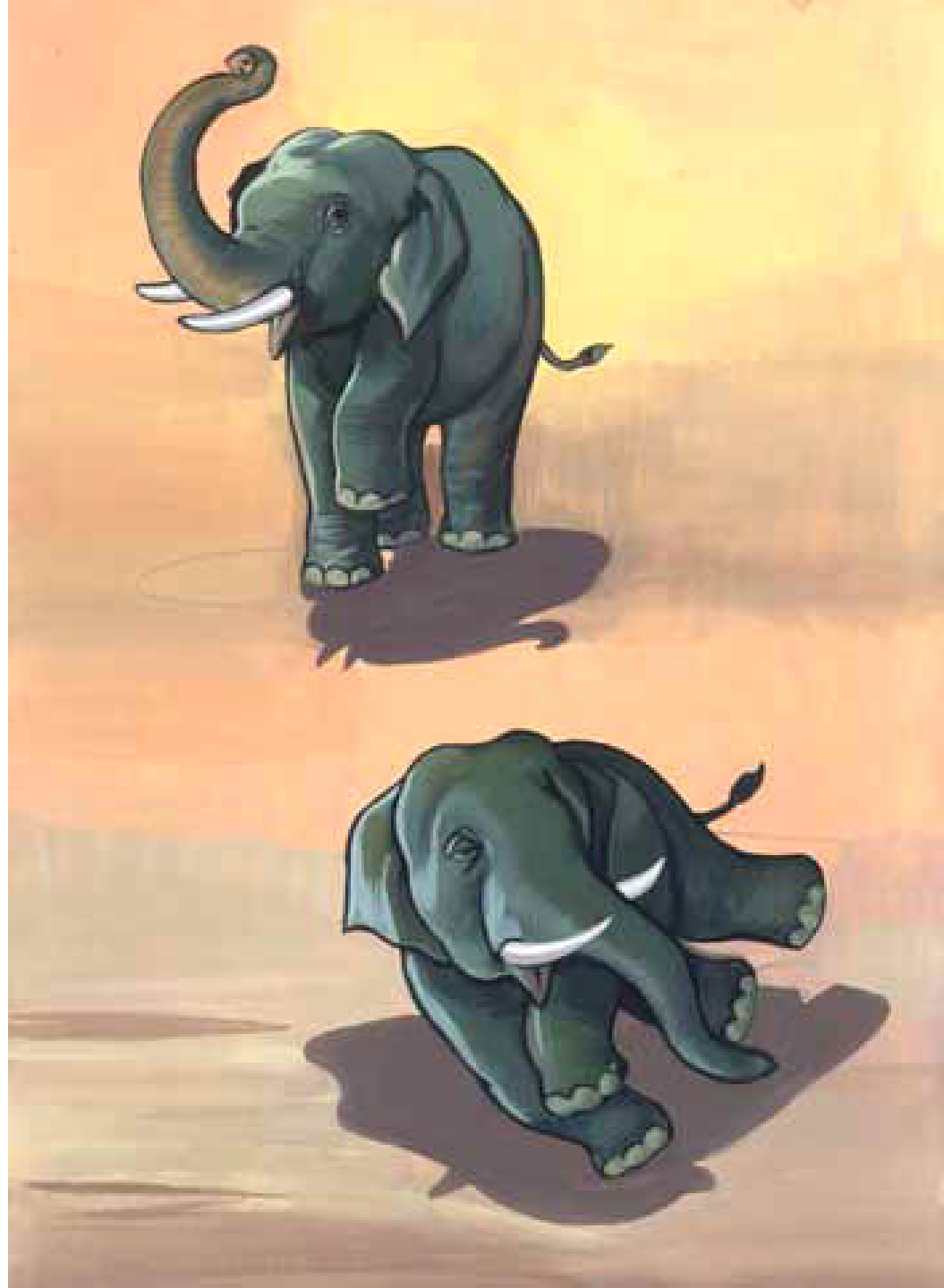






The elephant  
felt happy  
that he  
saved the  
rabbit's life.

Then, the elephant tried to put down his foot, but he could not because his body had become stiff. Instead, he fell down and died.





As a result of his kindness, the elephant was reborn as Prince Meghkumar in his next life.