

Big Animals in Sudan

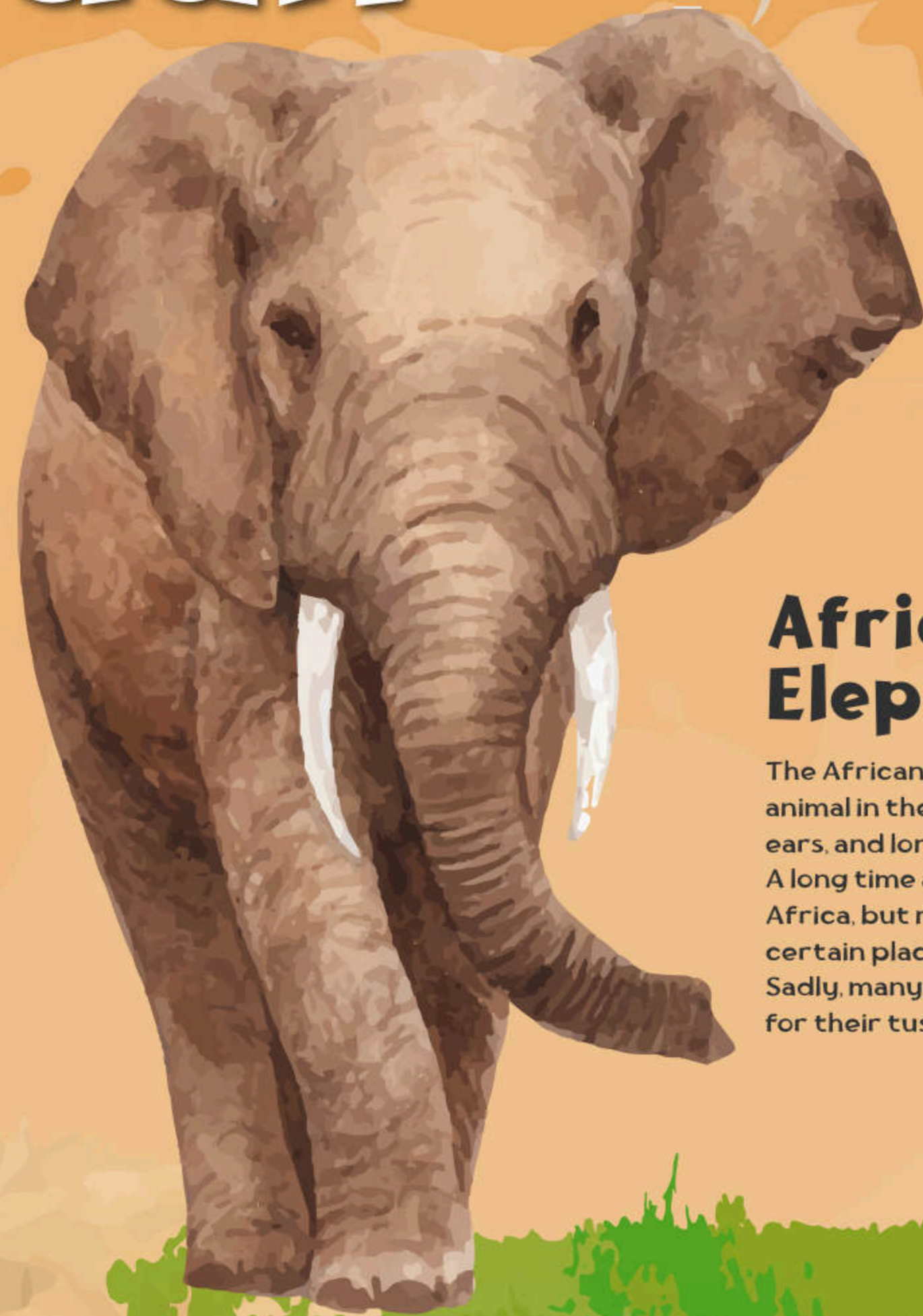
Lion

Lions are big and strong cats. They are brave hunters and used to live in many parts of Africa and even Asia. Today, most lions live in **sub-Saharan Africa**. In Sudan, lions live in grassy lands south of Khartoum. Long ago, people in ancient Kush thought lions were very special. But now, lions are in danger because of hunting and losing their homes.



African Savanna Elephant

The African Elephant is the biggest land animal in the world. It has a long trunk, big ears, and long white tusks. A long time ago, elephants lived all over Africa, but now they are found only in certain places in **sub-Saharan Africa**. Sadly, many elephants have been hunted for their tusks.



African Buffalo

The African buffalo is a strong animal that lives in the **savannas and forests of south and west Sudan**. It helps nature by eating lots of grass, which helps other plants and animals grow too. Buffaloes live in places like **Dindir National Park**. But many buffaloes have disappeared because of hunting and land loss. People are now working to protect them.



White Rhino

The white rhino is a giant animal with two big horns on its nose and very thick skin. It eats grass and has square-shaped lips made for grazing. Rhinos have been hunted for their horns, and that made them almost disappear. In Sudan, rhinos were a symbol of the country. Now they are extinct but they mostly lived in **South Sudan**. One famous rhino was named **Sudan**.



Hippo / Girintia

Hippos (or Girintia in Sudanese dialect) are big animals that love water! They have huge bodies, short legs, and long teeth. They live in rivers and lakes, spending the day in water and coming out at night to eat grass. In Sudan, hippos can be found in the **Nile River and its branches**.

Nubian Giraffe

Giraffes are the tallest animals on land! They have very long necks and legs, which help them eat leaves from tall trees. A special kind of giraffe called the Nubian giraffe used to live in many parts of Northeast Africa. Now, there are only a few left in places like **eastern Sudan, South Sudan, and Ethiopia**. Giraffes have been drawn in old rock art and are loved for their beauty.

