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"A baby rhino," pleaded Chetan. "I want a baby rhino, dad."

His father was a warden at the Kaziranga rhino game sanctuary.

"Go away," he said irritably,
"I'm busy."



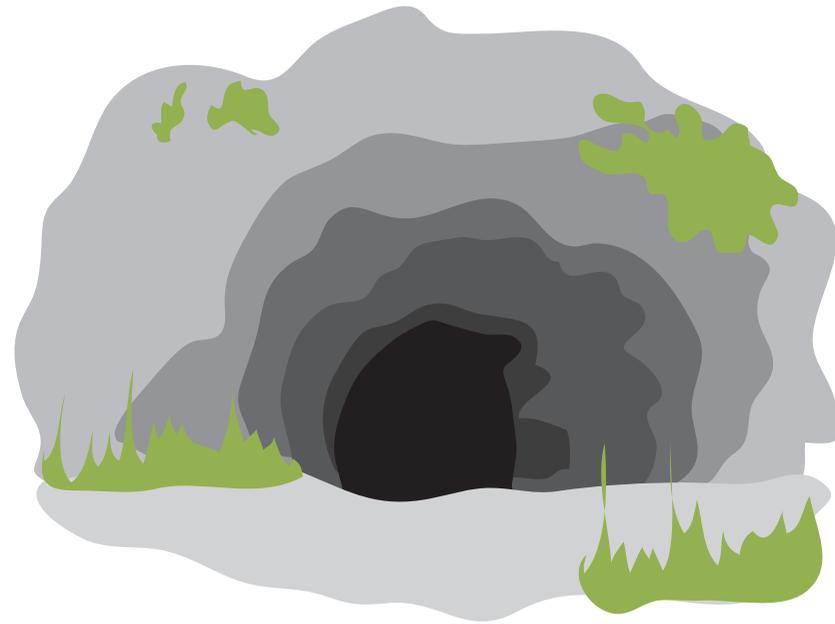
Chetan left, frowning slightly, hands in pockets, feet dragging, disappointed but determined.

He had been inside the sanctuary before.

It started raining as he walked deep in thought, and he looked for shelter.

He stumbled upon a cave.

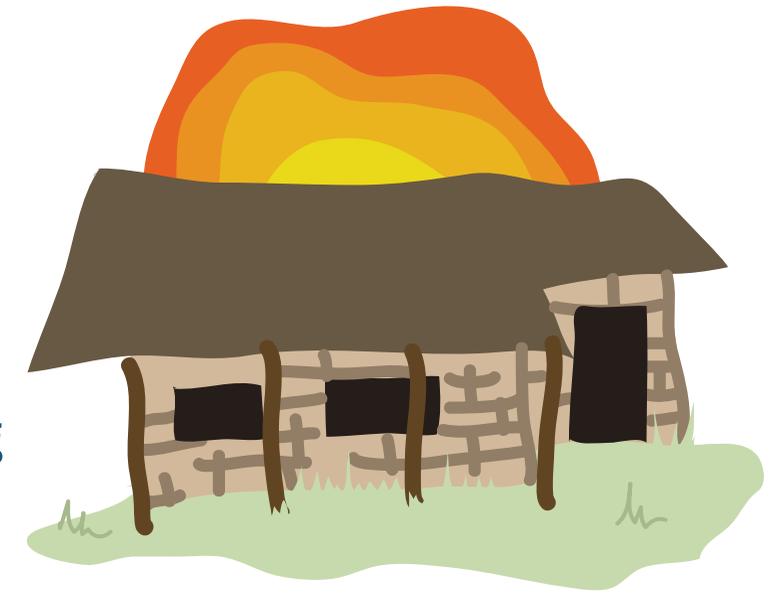




He saw something moving inside,
and heard strange sounds.

It was a tiny, scared baby rhino!

He talked to it softly, patted
it and hugged it. It stood still.
He decided to take it home.
He couldn't lift it, so he had to
prod, push and pull it.



The sun was setting
by the time they
reached the house.

"So you did get your baby rhino, eh?"
growled dad, hands on hips. "Where did you
find it?"

"Alone in a cave in the forest," blurted
Chetan hesitatingly.

"So what do we do with it?"

"We'll call it Lollipop, dad."
said Chetan.

"I asked what we should do
with it. Call it what you will."

"Keep it," said Chetan.





He was in the yard, trying to make the baby drink milk from a bottle when he suddenly heard a frightening bellow, and saw a huge rhino come charging out of the bush. He panicked, and ran, shouting wildly:-
"Help! Dad. Help!"



His father came fast, grabbed him, pushed him inside, and shut the door just in time.

They watched from the window as the mother nosed her baby, and it squealed in delight.



She then walked back towards the forest, the baby following slowly.

Just as they were about to enter the canopy of trees, Lollipop turned towards the house, and hesitated a moment, as if saying goodbye and thank you to Chetan.



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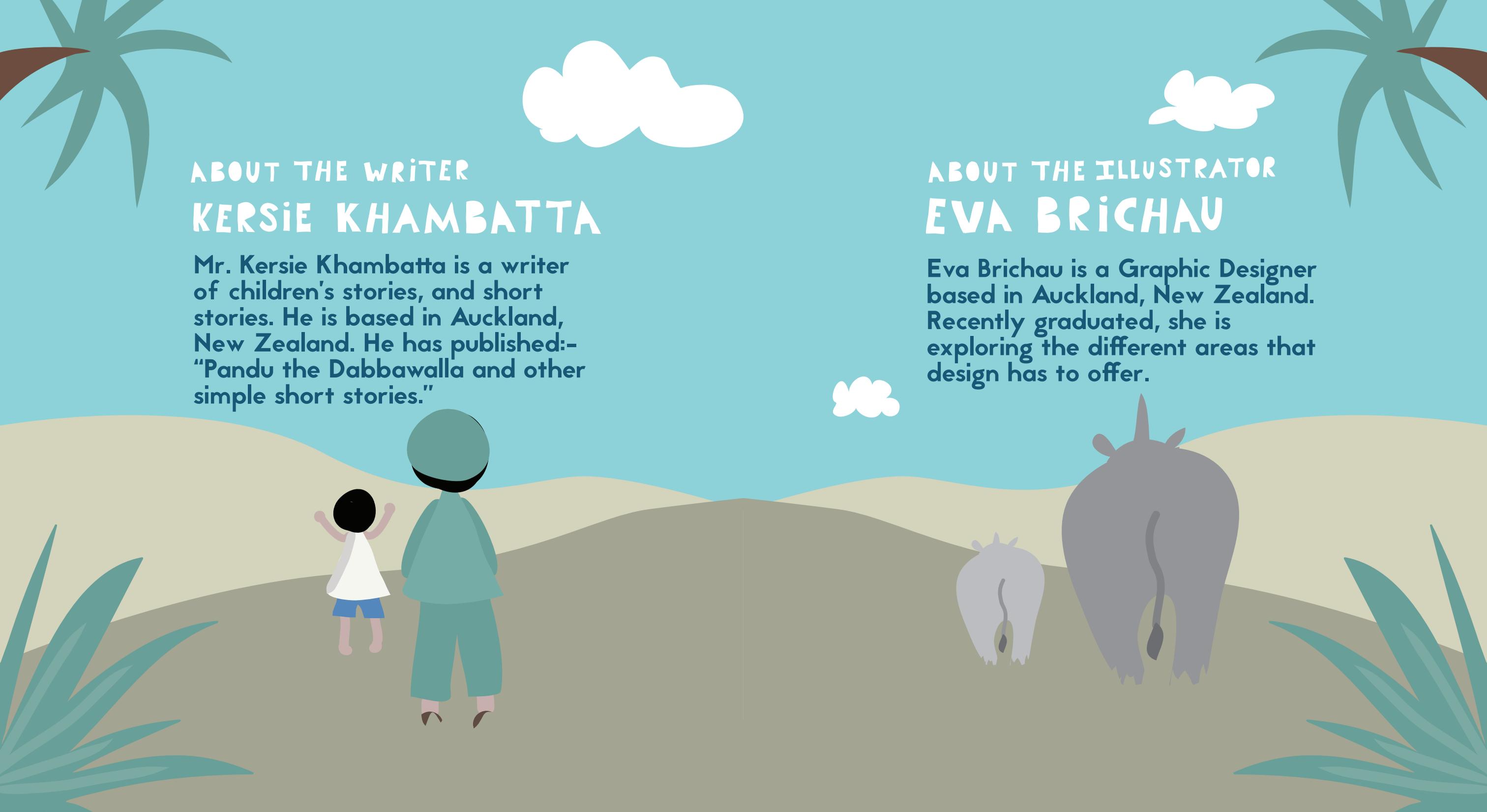
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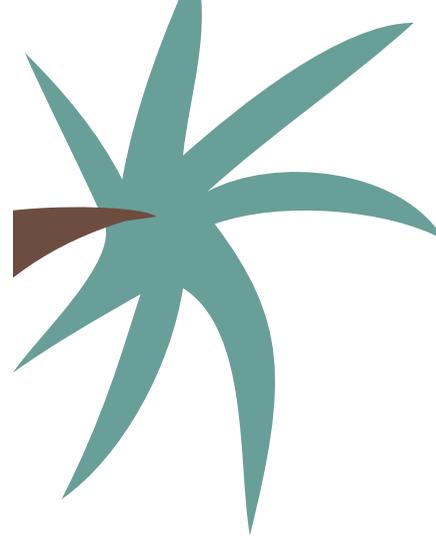
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