



**The elephants
who liked dance**

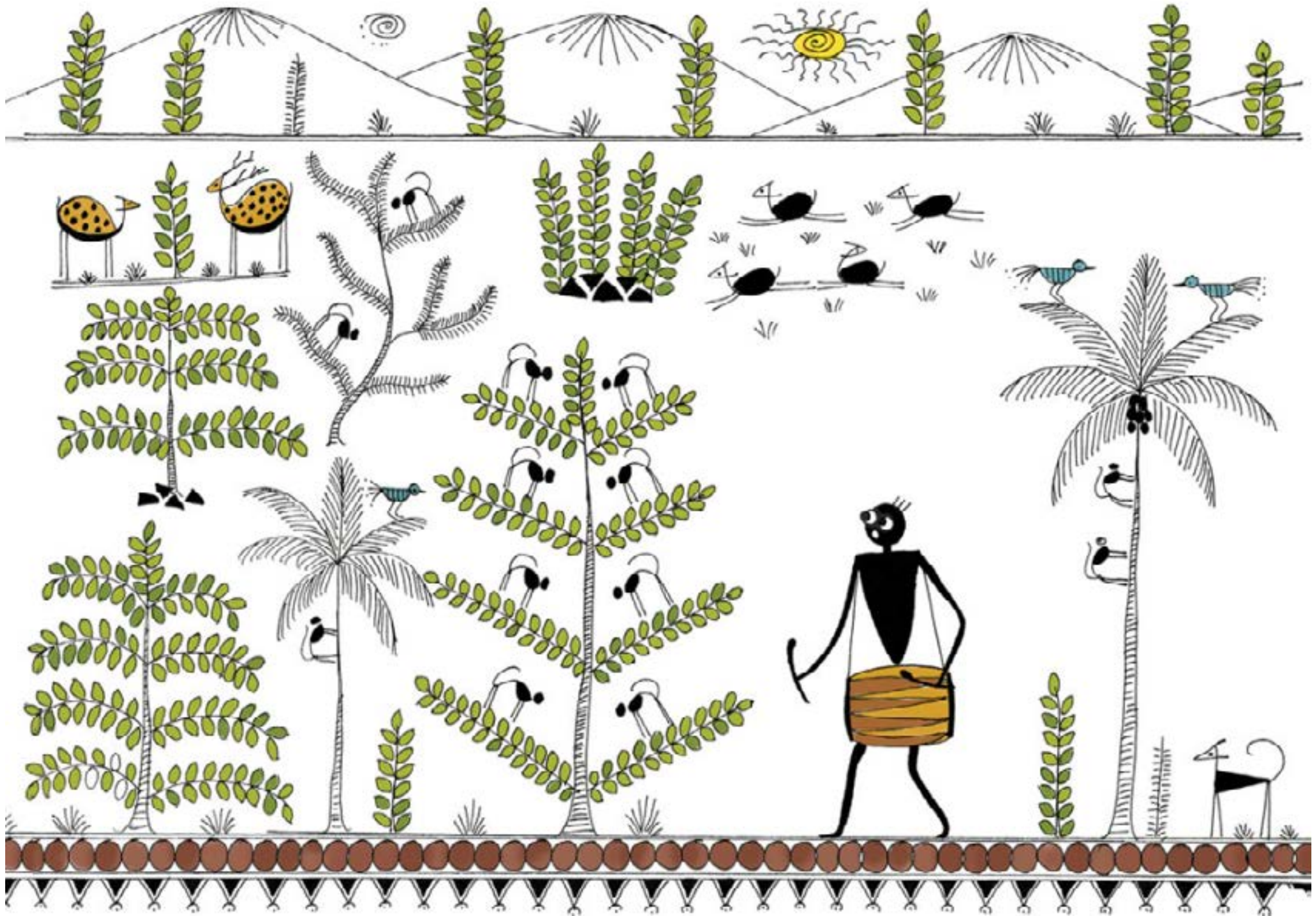
The elephants who liked dance



Author : Munda Writers' Group
Illustrators : Pradip Kumar Sahoo,
Sou Kimsan, Sugrib Kumar Juanga
Traduction : Amrit Mishra

published by Pratham Books (© Pratham
Books, 2014) under a CC BY 4.0 license on
StoryWeaver

Adaptation réalisée par Marie-Laure Besson





Bapi was a little boy who loved to play
the dhol.

Dhum Dhum Dhuma Dhum...

Bapi would beat the dhol with his eyes
closed and his hands moving fast.

This would make you want to dance!

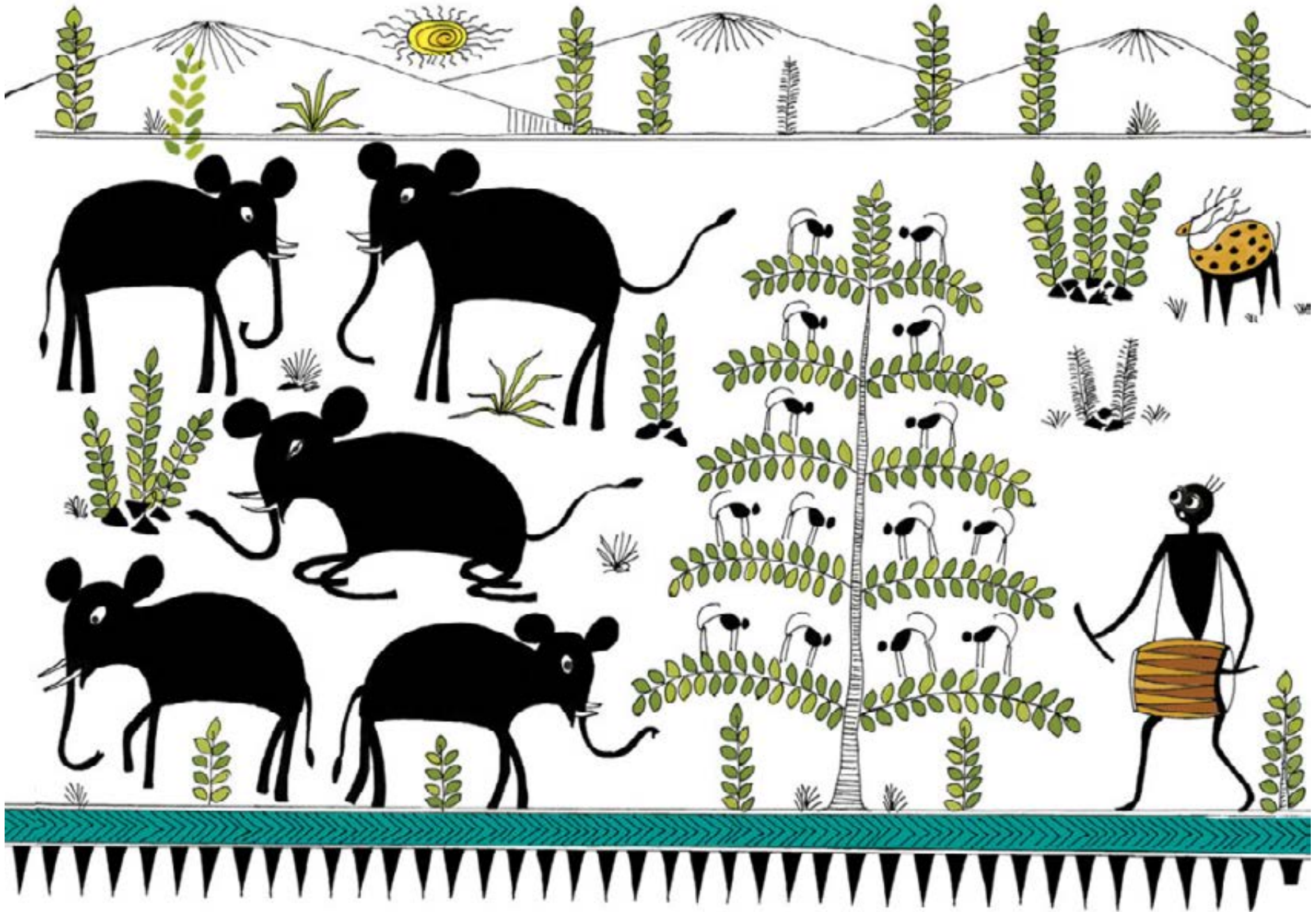




One day Bapi had to go to the village on
the other side of the hill.

He was very happy because he had been
asked to play the dhol there.

To reach that village he had to cross a
dense forest.





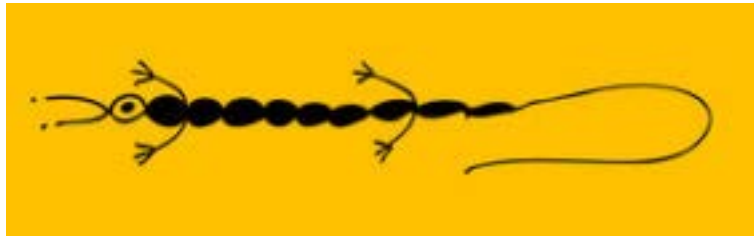
As he walked along, he ran into...

A HERD OF ELEPHANTS!

Bapi was so scared!

You would be scared too if you saw how
big the elephants were.

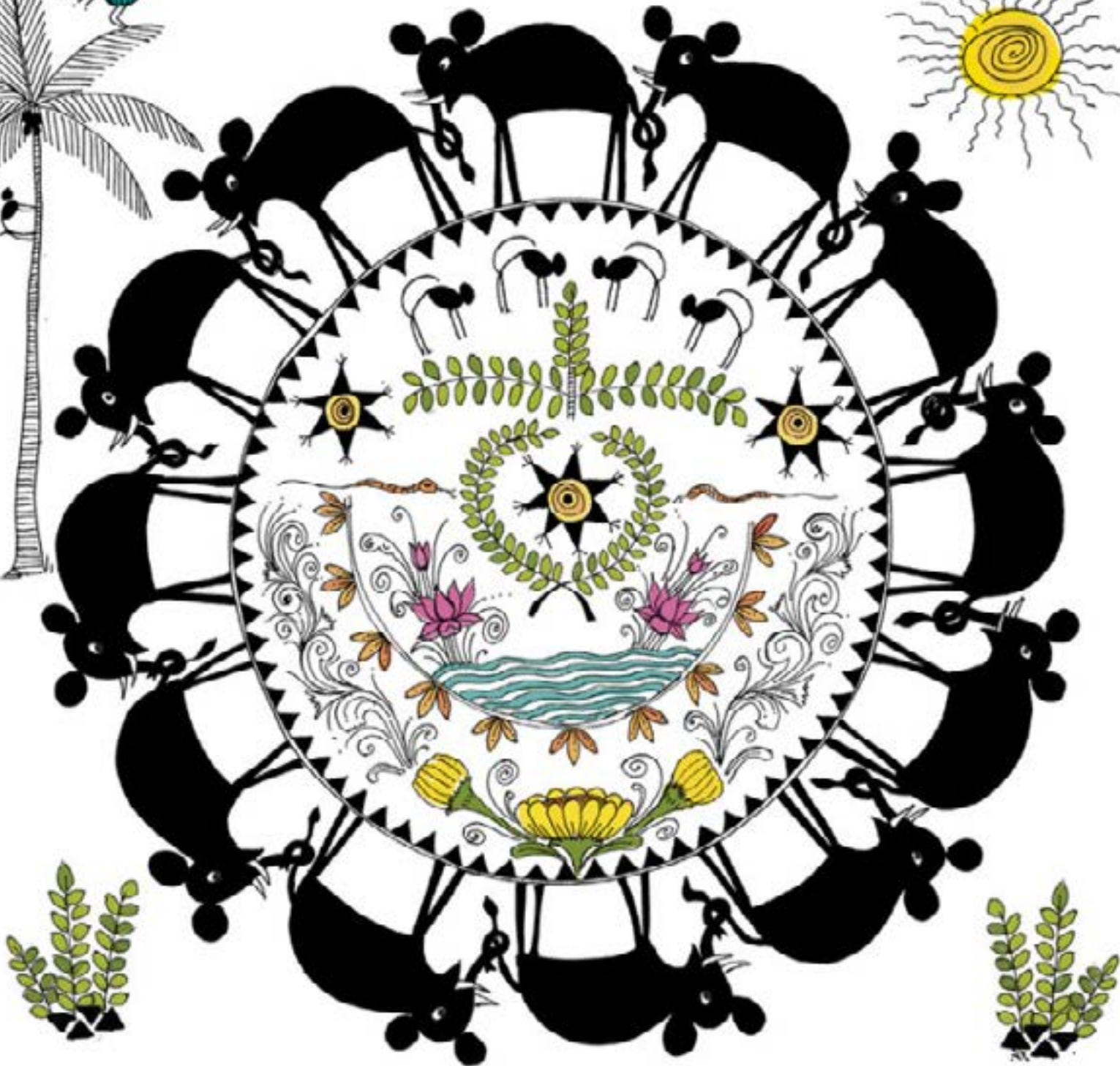
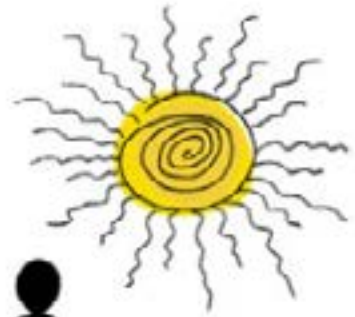




He started beating his dhol loudly.

He thought the elephants would get
scared of the noise.

But what do you think happened?





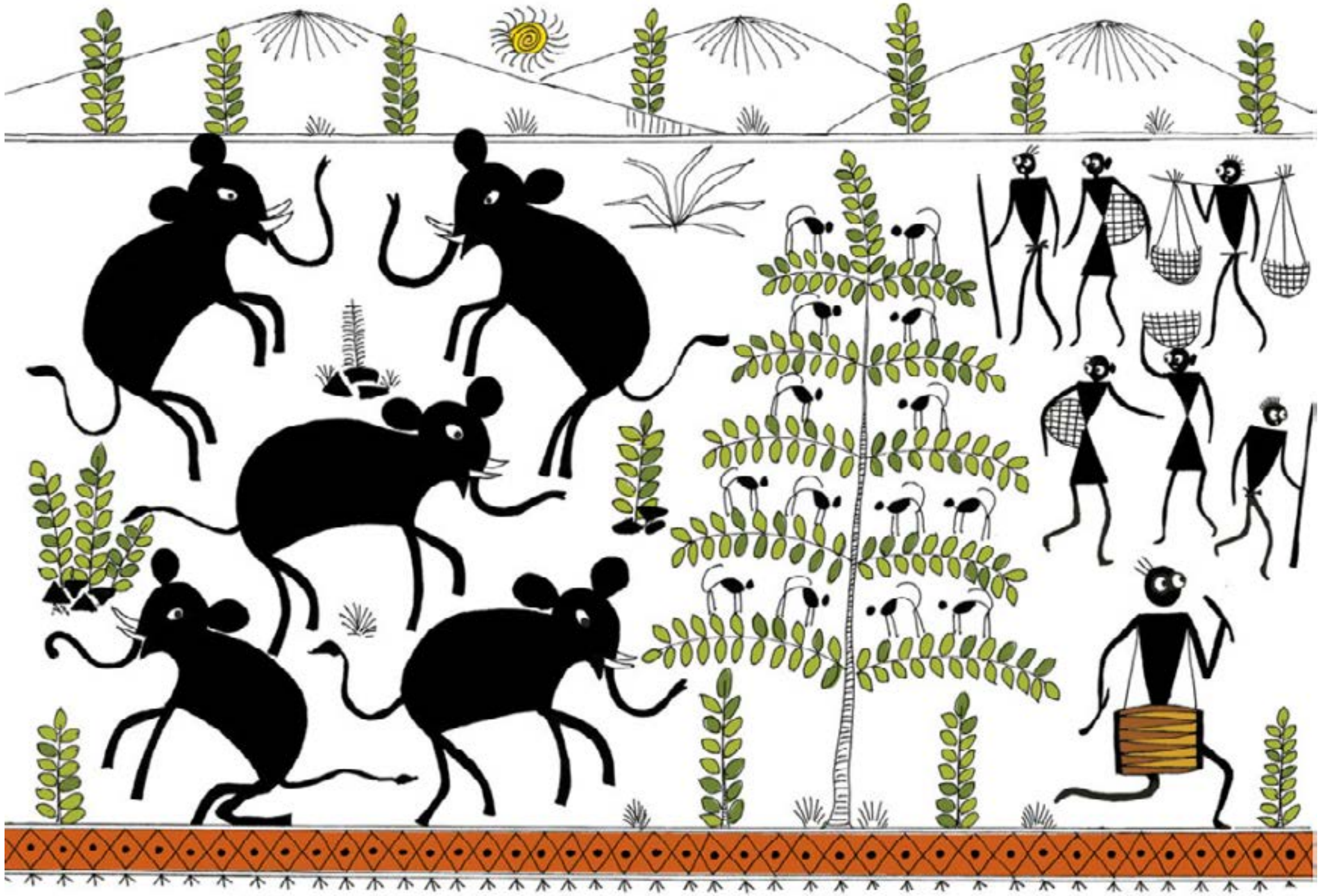
The elephants were delighted to hear the
dhol!

They started dancing happily.

They forgot about Bapi as they simply
loved to dance.

Seeing his chance to escape, Bapi ran
home.

He told the villagers about everything
that had happened.





The next day, the boys and girls from the village went to pick mohua flowers.

They were shocked to see that the elephants were still dancing!

They ran back to the village and told everyone about the dancing elephants.



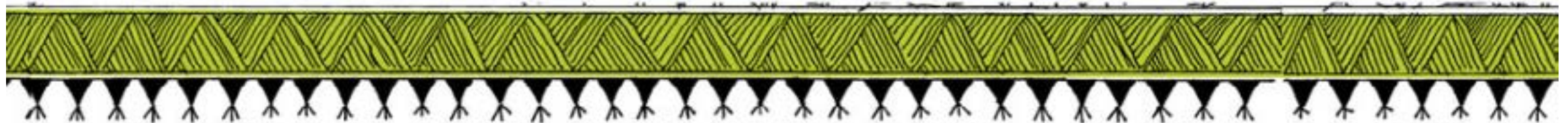


The villagers brought many different kinds of drums and went to the forest beating them loudly.

The dancing elephants were still dancing to the beat of Bapi's dhol.

When they heard so many different kinds of drums their feet lost the wonderful rhythm of Bapi's beat.

The confused elephants turned and ran away into the forest!





Would you like to play the dhol like Bapi?

