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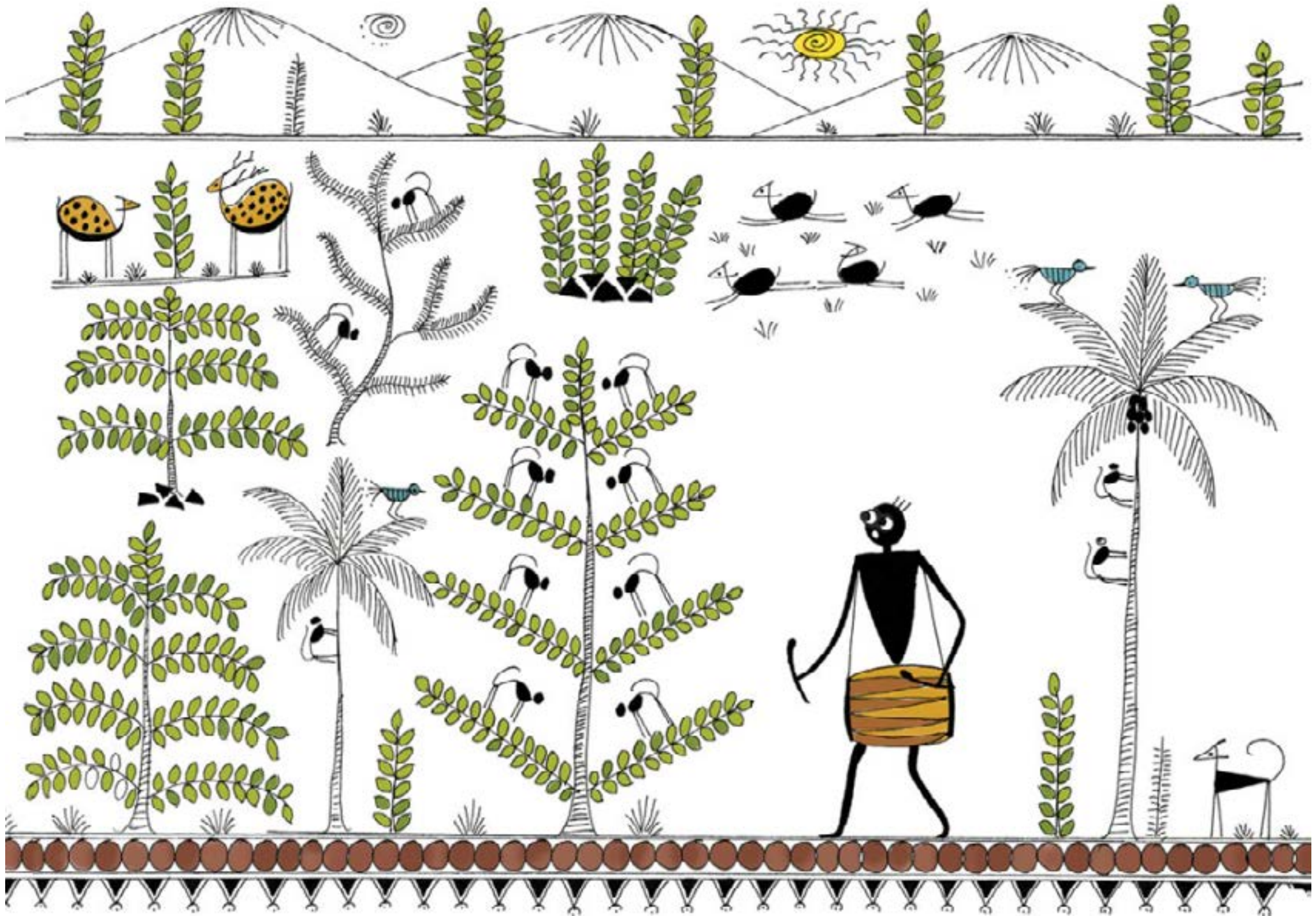
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Bapi was a little boy who loved to play the dhol.

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!

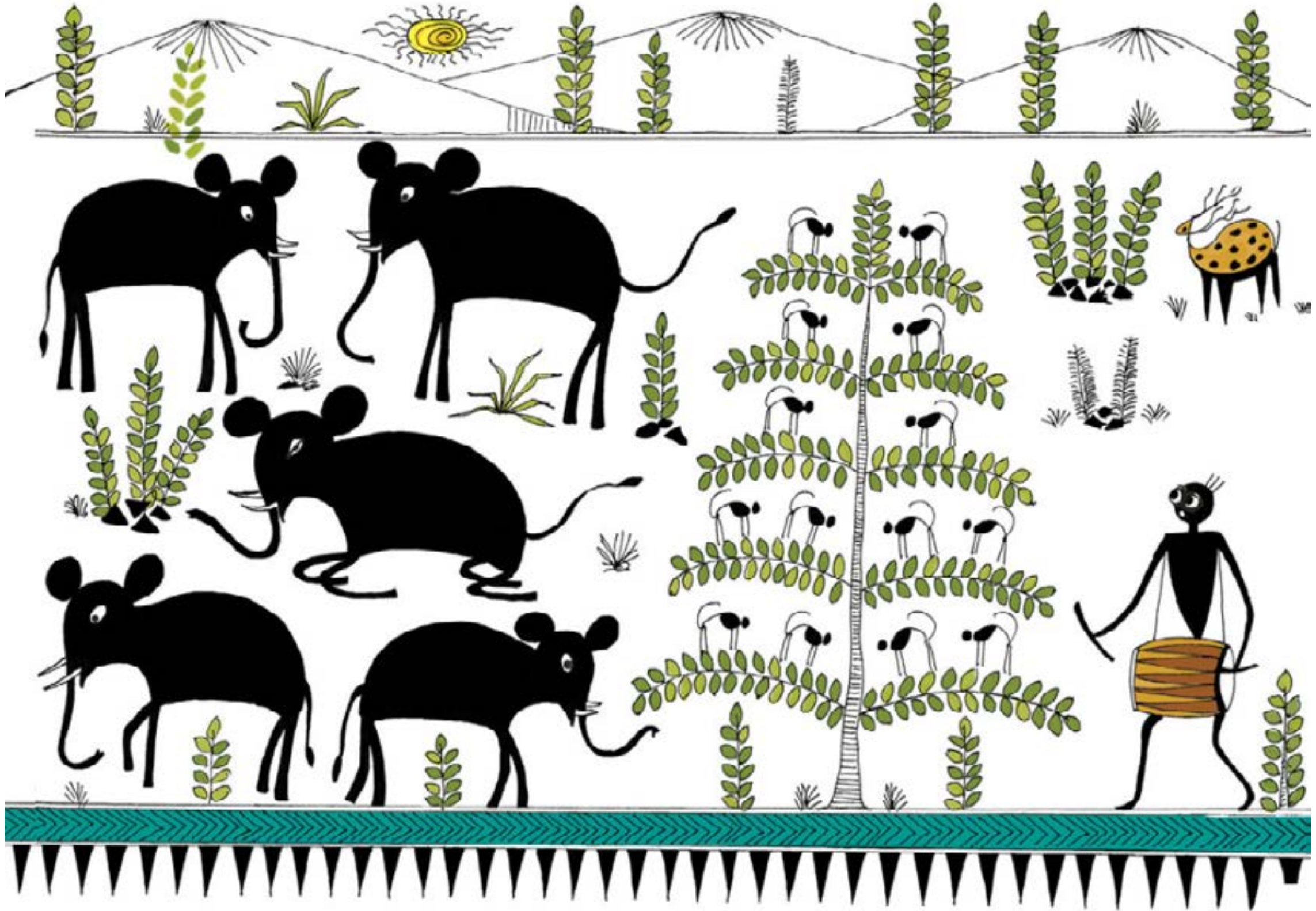




One day Bapi had to go to the village on the other side of the hill.

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.





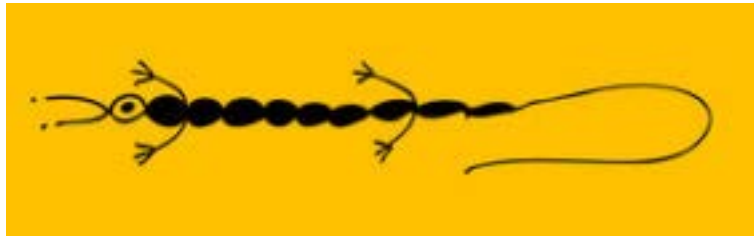
As he walked along, he ran into...

A HERD OF ELEPHANTS!

Bapi was so scared!

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

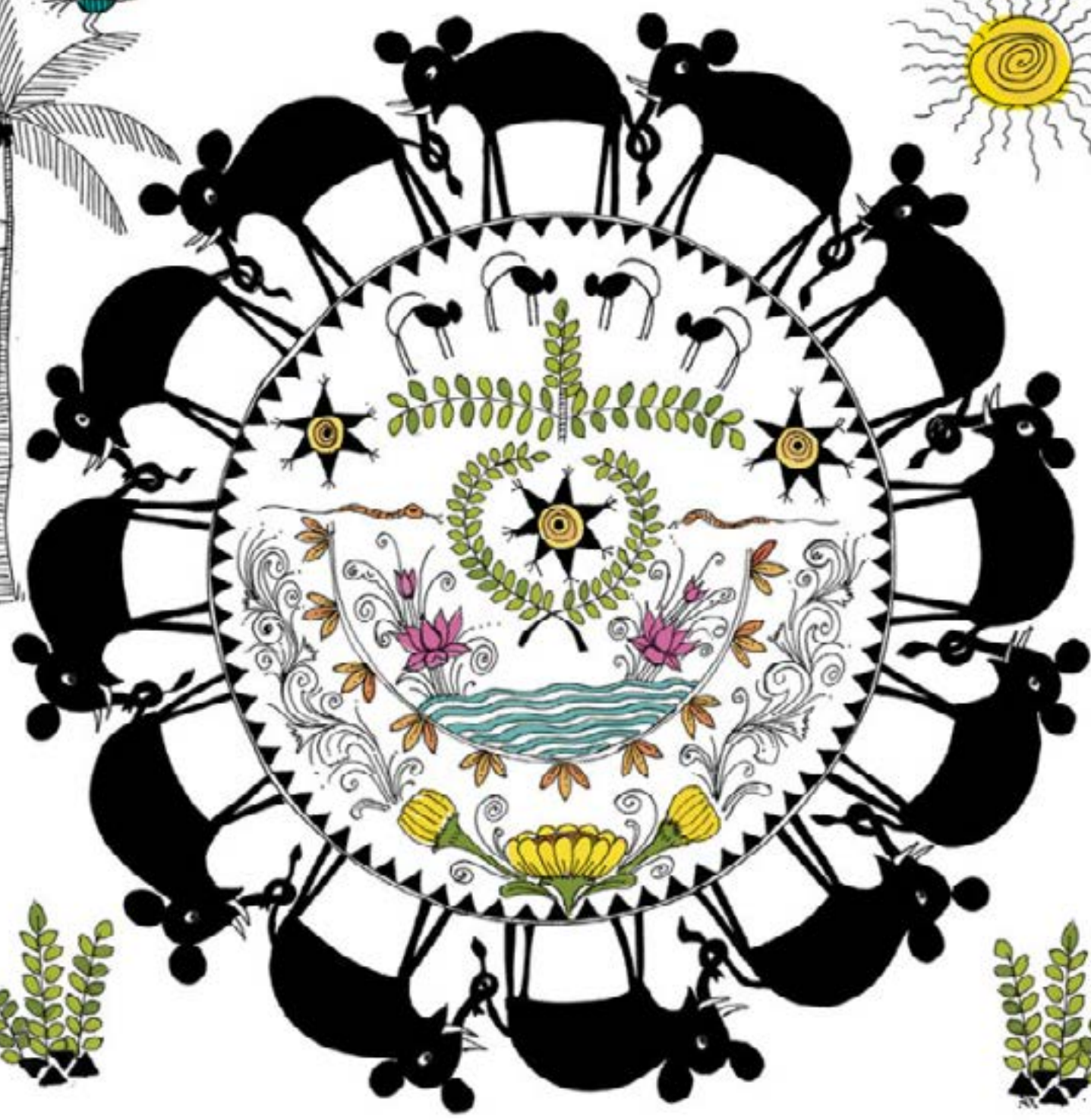




He started beating his dhol loudly.

He thought the elephants would get scared of the noise.

But what do you think happened?





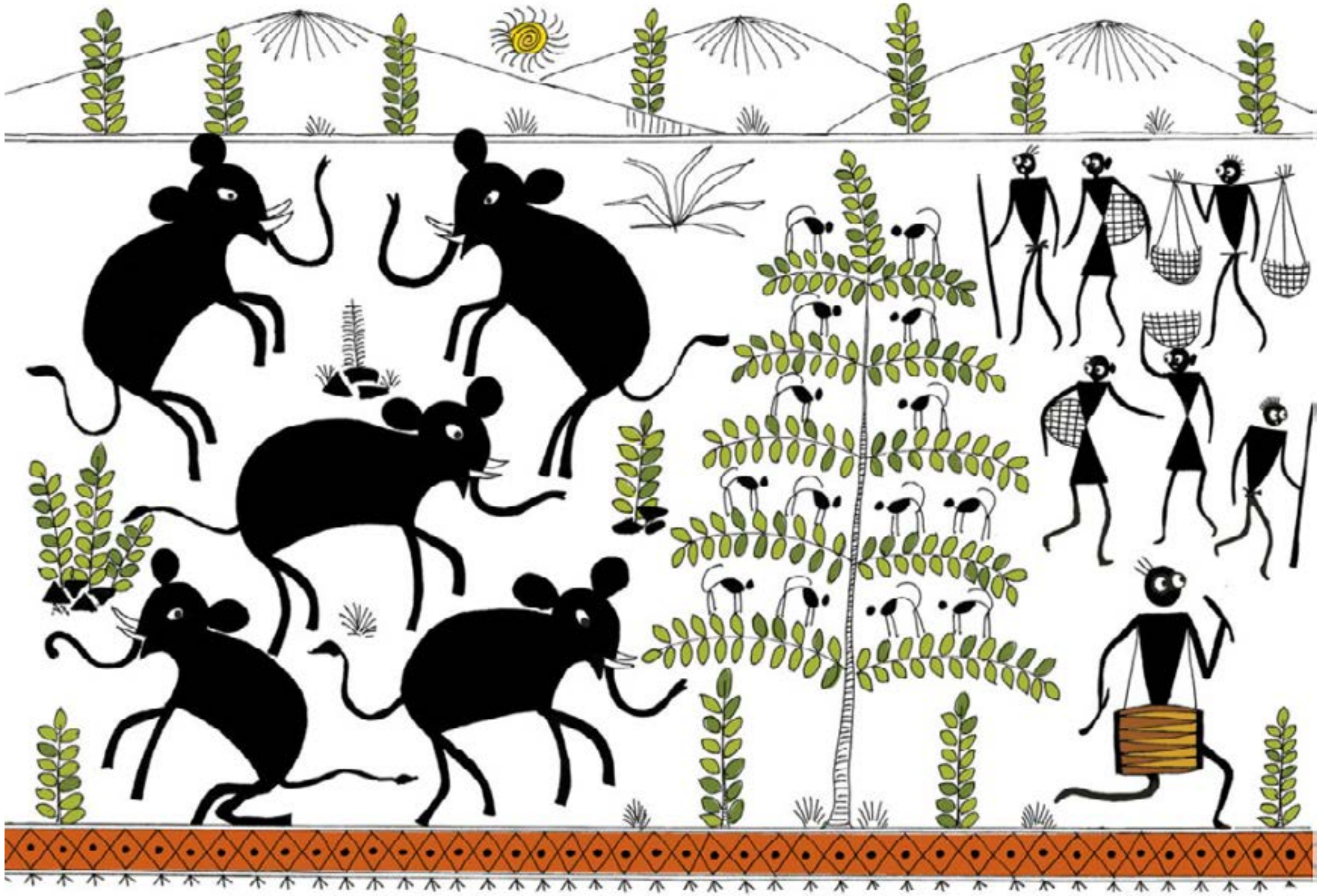
The elephants were delighted to hear the dhol!

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?

