





Why on Earth would Aliens talk to us?

People are always making such a fuss

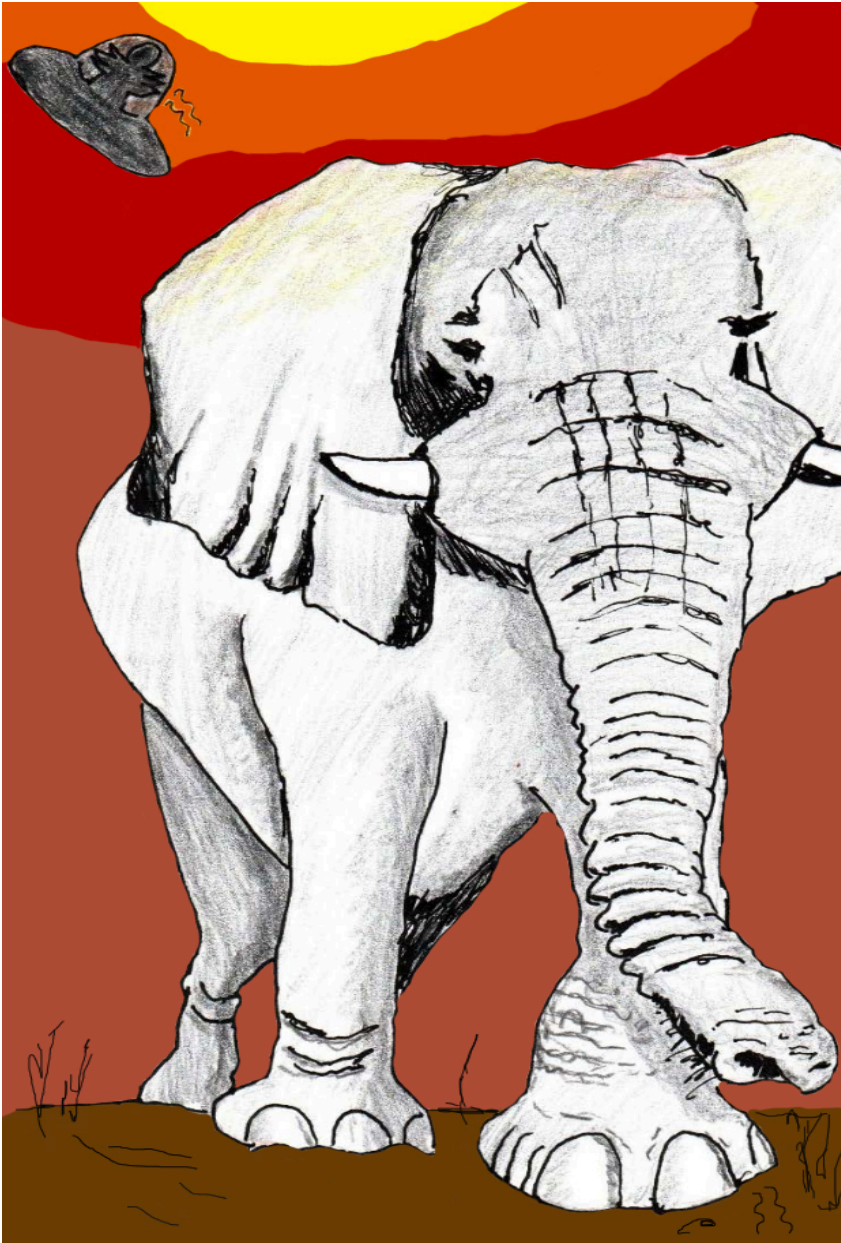
About how great we are.

But sure, they wouldn't have to go too far

For all those Alien things

To be interested in other Earthly beings

So they could have a chat.



Lots of animals talk in ways that we can't hear.

There's one – here's a hint – they have great big ears...

That's right– elephants– use something called INFRASOUND

To see if there are other elephants around.

They send INFRASONIC waves miles through the ground

So other elephants know what's going down.

Do you think they're chatting with Aliens too?



Talking to Sperm Whales, Aliens would be thrilled.

These whales make sounds at over 200 DECIBELS!

That's the loudest sound ever made by an animal on Earth!

It can be heard right across oceans by whales in a far-off place,

Kinda handy to communicate with Aliens from outer space!

People can only shout to someone across the road.

Aliens wouldn't find that helpful at all, or so I'm told.



Or how about the Greenland Shark, miles down in the cold?

Aliens should talk to her, she's 500 years old!

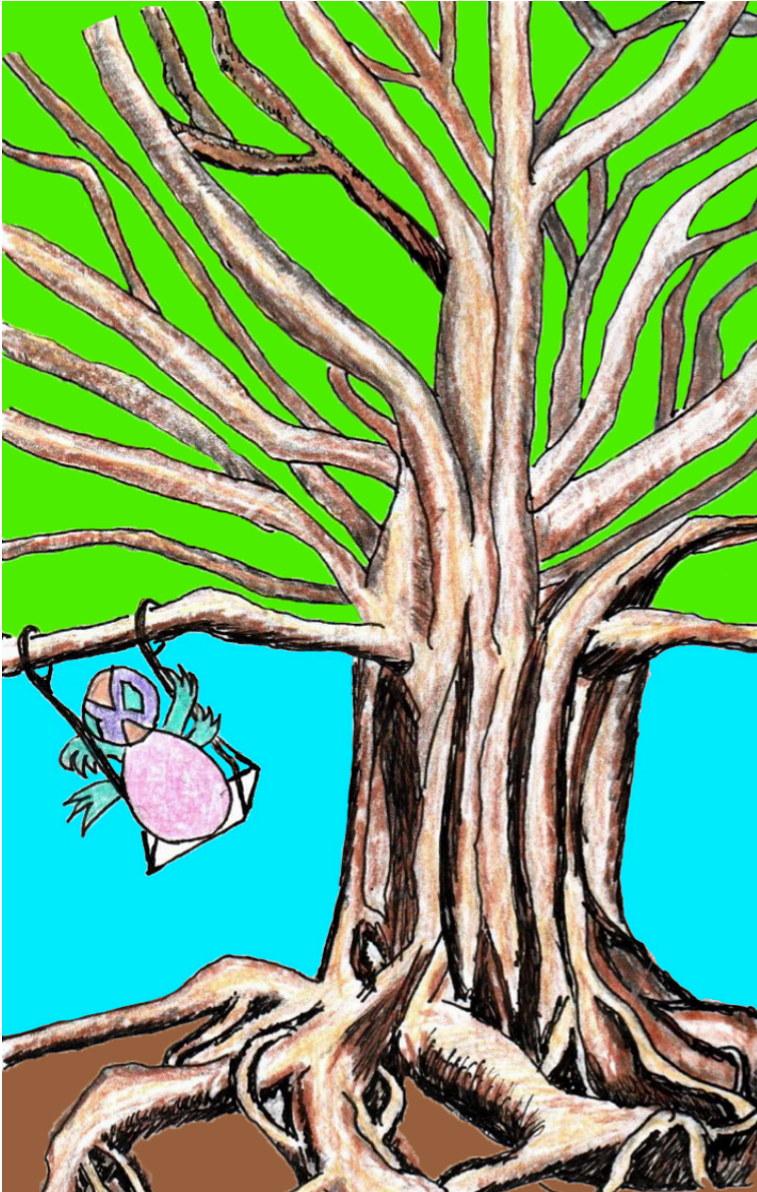
That's a whole lot of things she's felt and seen,

500 years of memories to tell those Alien things.

Like how she finds food in the dark though she really can't see

Or how come she doesn't get squished

Under miles of water is hard to believe!



Aliens might communicate with Mother Trees.

Some are 5000 years old – they're the Bees Knees!

She protects other trees, not just ones of the same kind.

If they're hurt, or sick, or if food's hard to find.

She sends them food through FUNGI-STRAWS in the ground.

She warns them if dangerous bugs are around.

SHE MAKES THE AIR THAT ALL OF US ANIMALS BREATHE!

Why would Aliens talk to us
If people are mean to other Earthly beings?
If we keep taking all of their land,
Then they can't find a home of their own.



Like the elephants of Africa
Who wander through the villages
On land where elephants used to stay,
And now they're forced to go away.
But where are they supposed to go?

They can't just fly to outer space
To get away from the human race!



How about Orangutans in Borneo

Who really have nowhere to go?

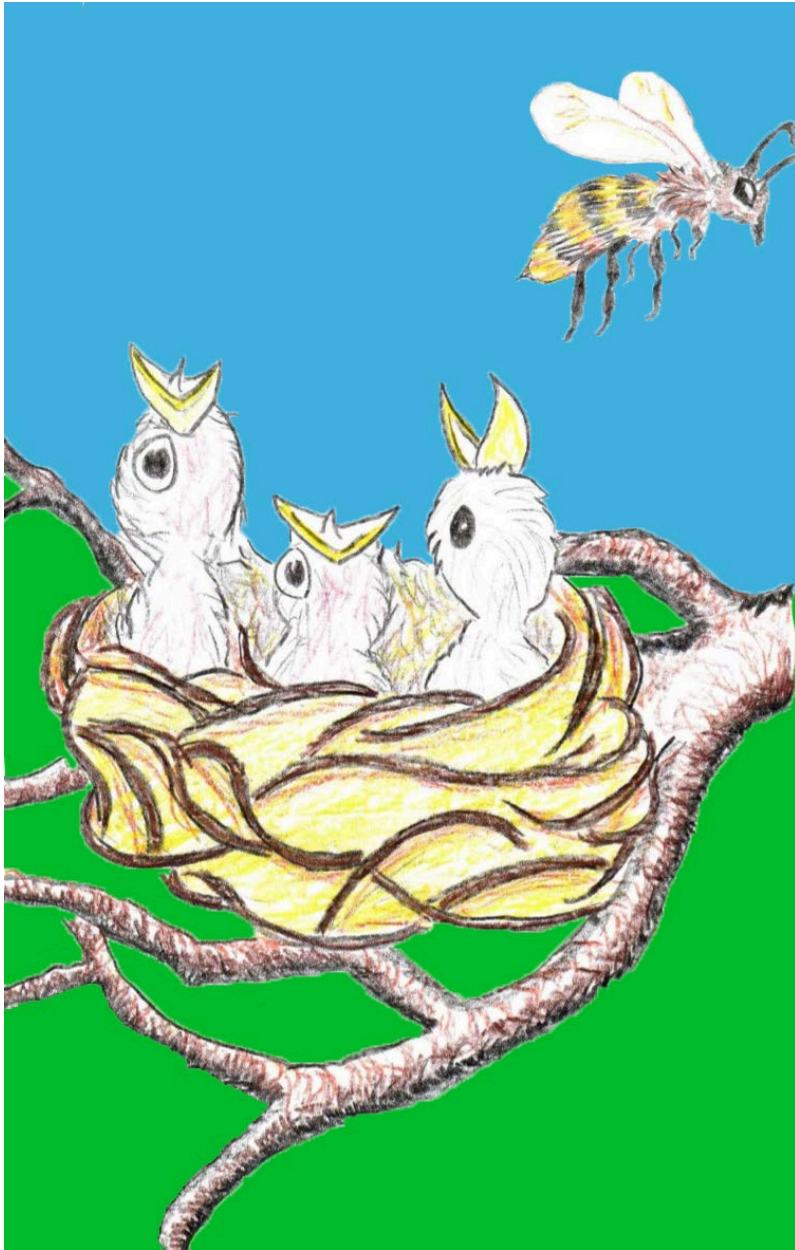
Their jungles are gone, now all they can see

Are miles and miles of Oil Palm Trees

Just so there's ICE-CREAM and DORITOS for me!

If I promise to stop eating Doritos or ice-cream cones,

Could Orangutans find more trees for their homes?



And what about right outside in the trees?

There aren't as many birds and bees

As there used to be.

The bugs or pollen they like to catch

Arrived weeks before, so when they hatch,

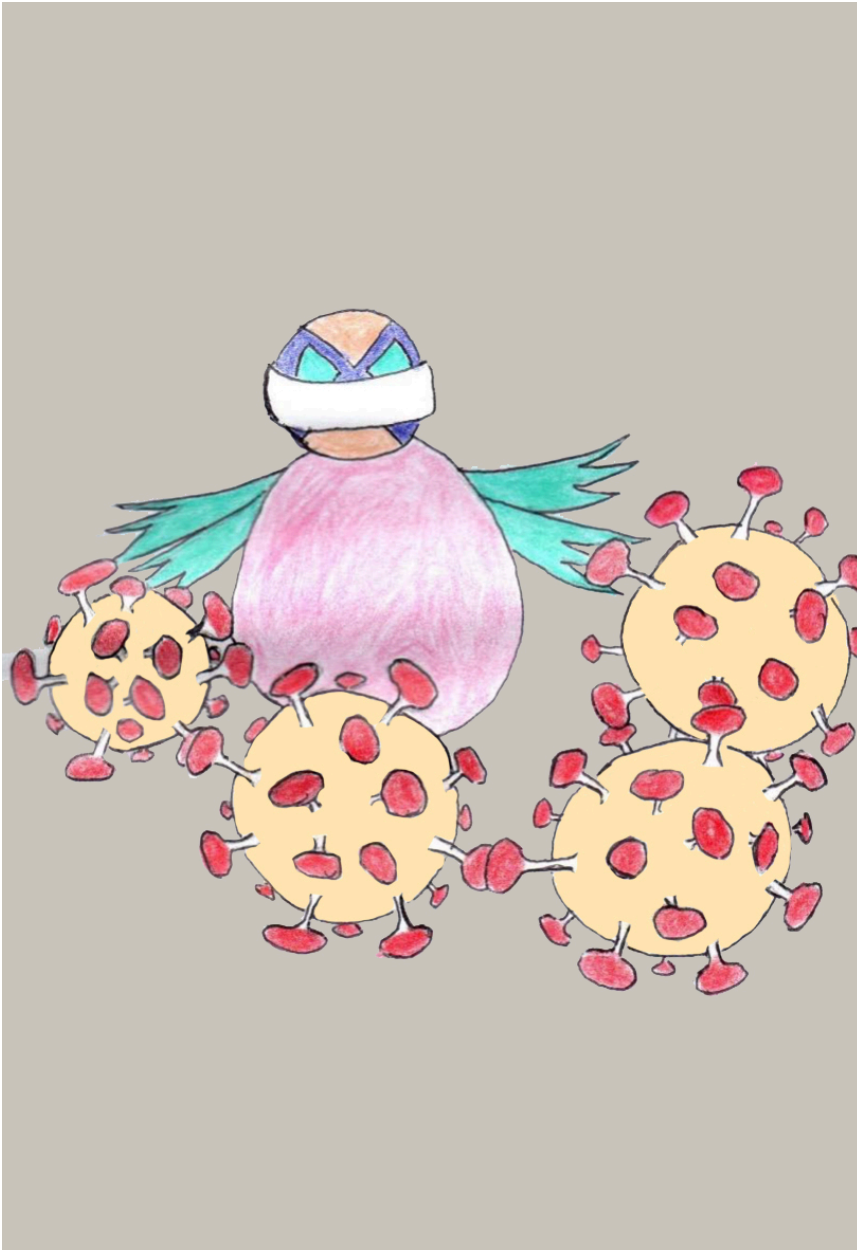
There's not enough food right when they need more.

They just need enough food like there was before...

Before people decided to make the Earth warmer.

Now the seasons have shifted, and the skies are stormier.

AND WE KNOW HOW TO FIX IT!



Maybe Aliens aren't really beings at all.

Maybe they're really very small

Like viruses.

Viruses don't make babies of their own

But they can make the whole world stay at home!

They can close the whole world down

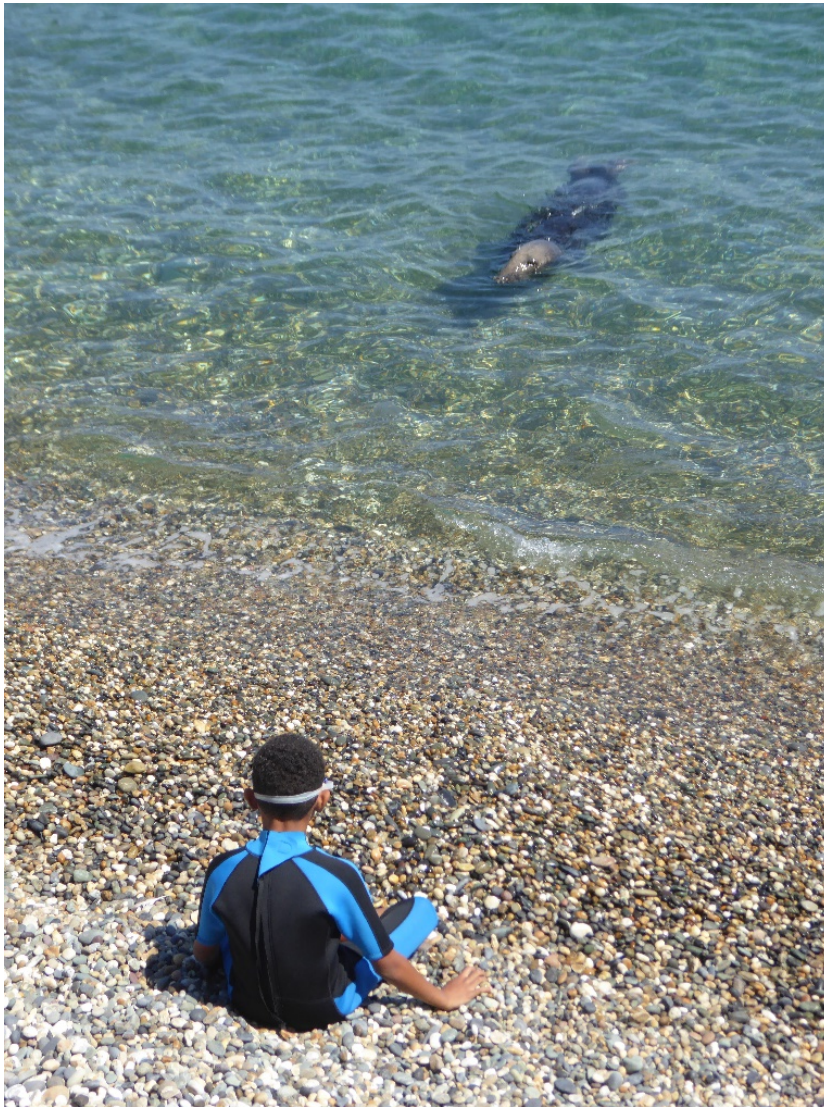
But they need people to go from town to town.

So that's why when we stay at home,

Viruses see they're all alone.

Then maybe they go back to outer space

And it's playtime again for the human race.



So, why would Aliens talk to you?

I mean, what on Earth could a little child do?

For starters, be nice to elephants, bees and bugs

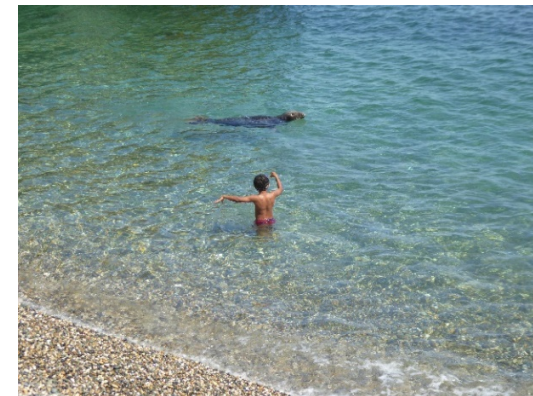
And Orangutans (who are great at hugs)

And spend some time with other Earthly beings

That might have flippers, trunks, or pretty wings.

You never know what they might do...

A seal might swim right up to you!



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Images of my kids with seals in Wicklow, Ireland (2017)

(Below, right, and overleaf)

Kids' doodle-help in designing the book ...

