

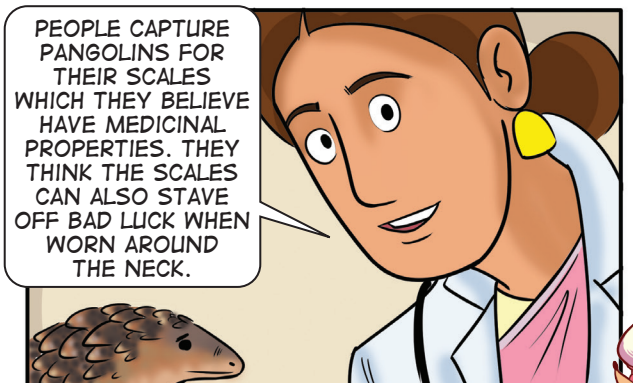
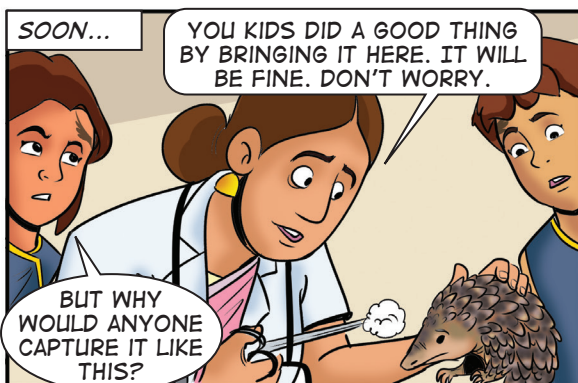
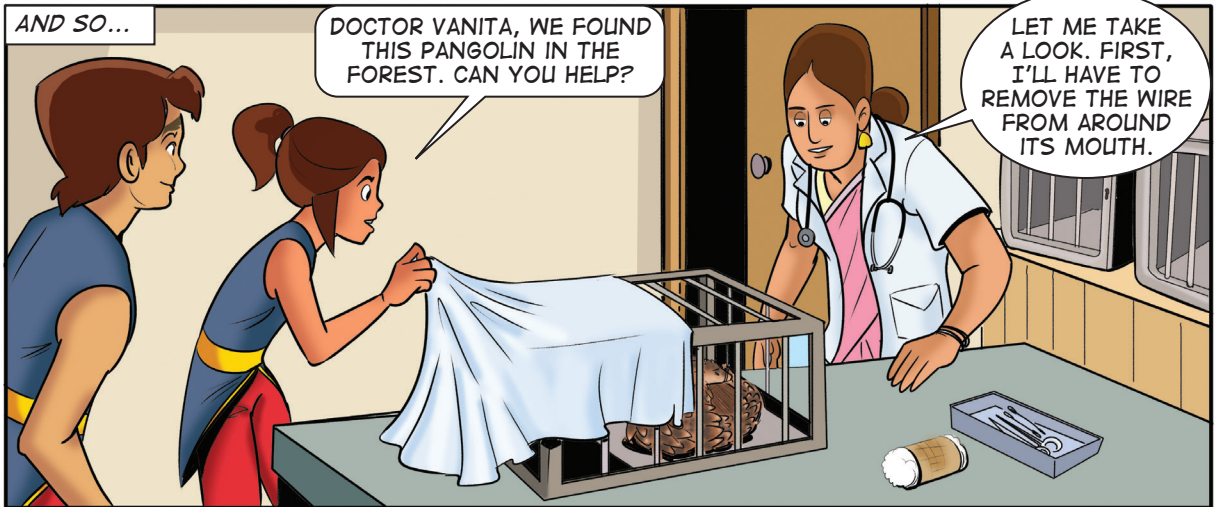
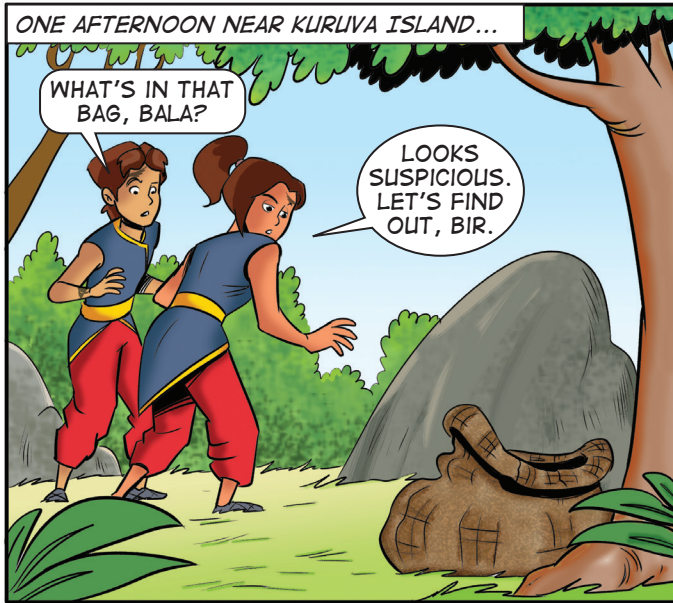
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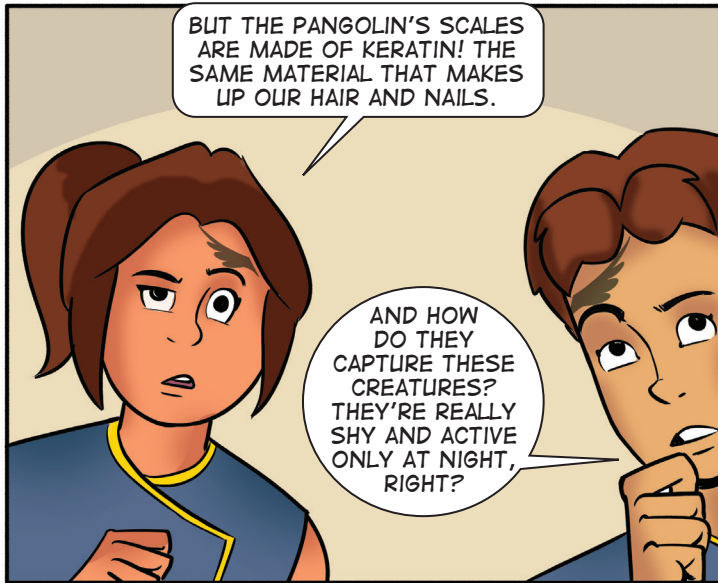
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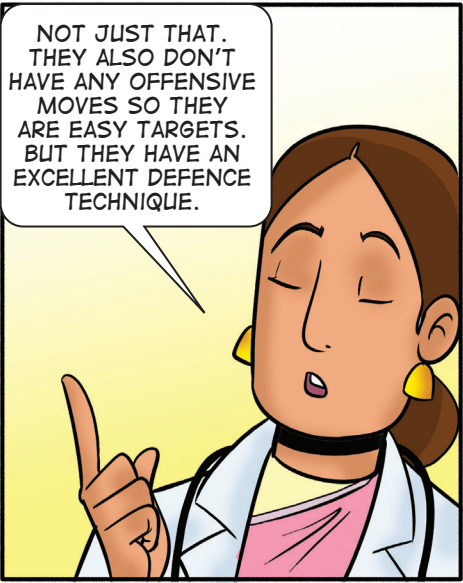
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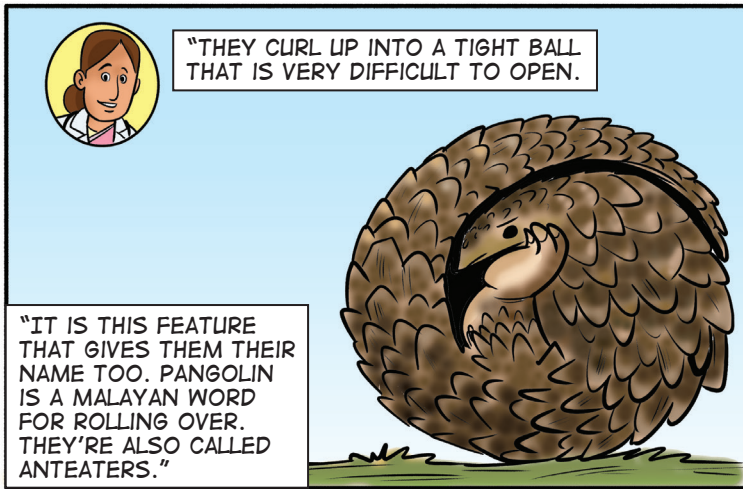


BUT THE PANGOLIN'S SCALES ARE MADE OF KERATIN! THE SAME MATERIAL THAT MAKES UP OUR HAIR AND NAILS.

AND HOW DO THEY CAPTURE THESE CREATURES? THEY'RE REALLY SHY AND ACTIVE ONLY AT NIGHT, RIGHT?

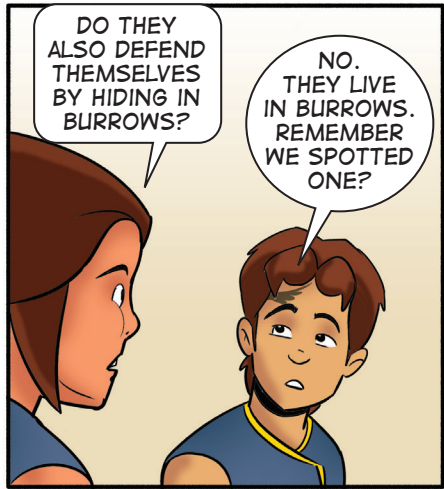


NOT JUST THAT. THEY ALSO DON'T HAVE ANY OFFENSIVE MOVES SO THEY ARE EASY TARGETS. BUT THEY HAVE AN EXCELLENT DEFENCE TECHNIQUE.



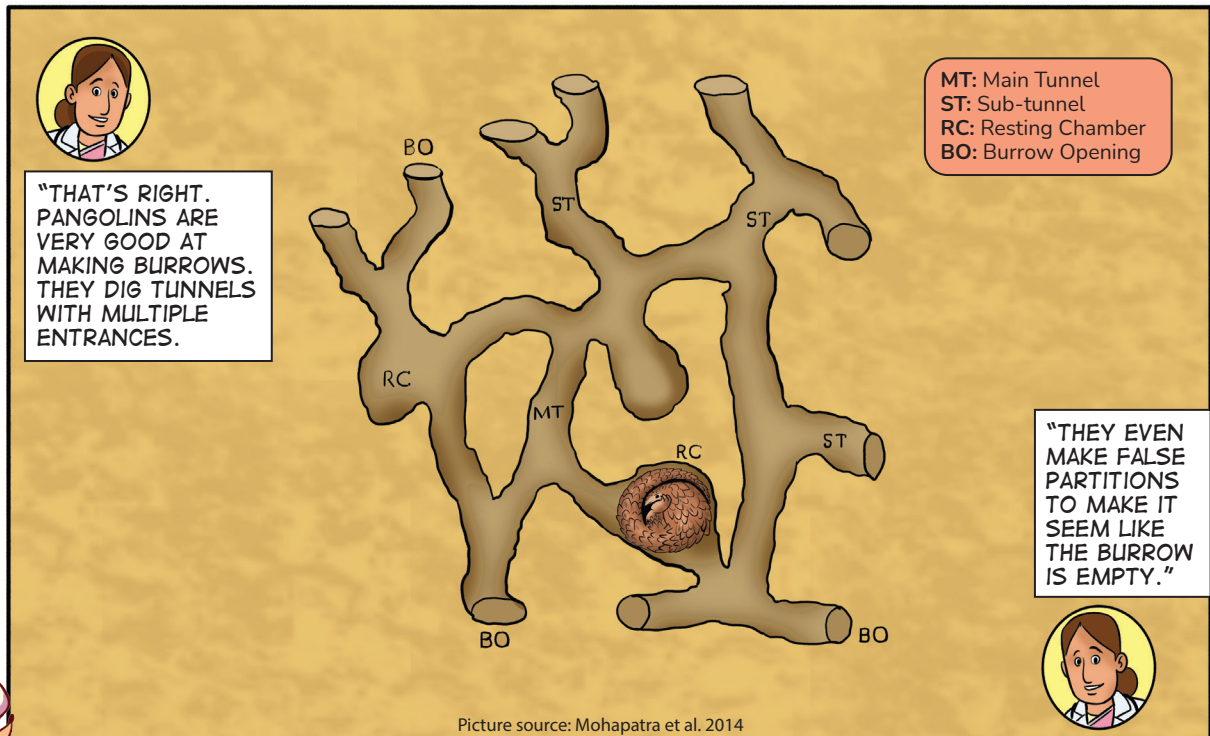
"THEY CURL UP INTO A TIGHT BALL THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OPEN."

"IT IS THIS FEATURE THAT GIVES THEM THEIR NAME TOO. PANGOLIN IS A MALAYAN WORD FOR ROLLING OVER. THEY'RE ALSO CALLED ANTEATERS."



DO THEY ALSO DEFEND THEMSELVES BY HIDING IN BURROWS?

NO. THEY LIVE IN BURROWS. REMEMBER WE SPOTTED ONE?



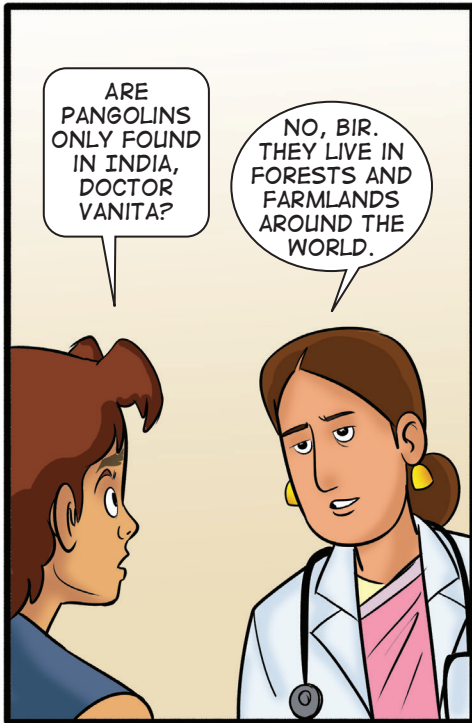
"THAT'S RIGHT. PANGOLINS ARE VERY GOOD AT MAKING BURROWS. THEY DIG TUNNELS WITH MULTIPLE ENTRANCES."

MT: Main Tunnel  
ST: Sub-tunnel  
RC: Resting Chamber  
BO: Burrow Opening

"THEY EVEN MAKE FALSE PARTITIONS TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THE BURROW IS EMPTY."

Picture source: Mohapatra et al. 2014

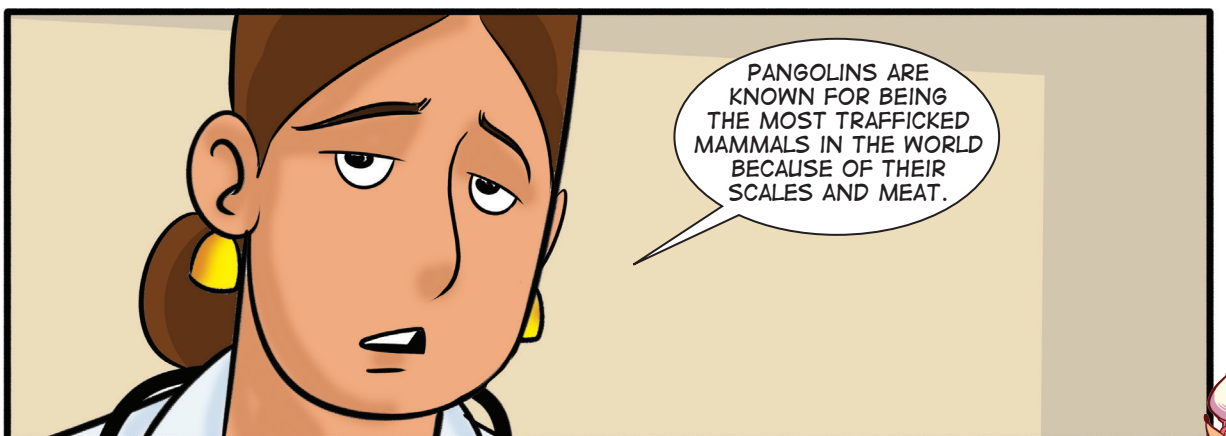
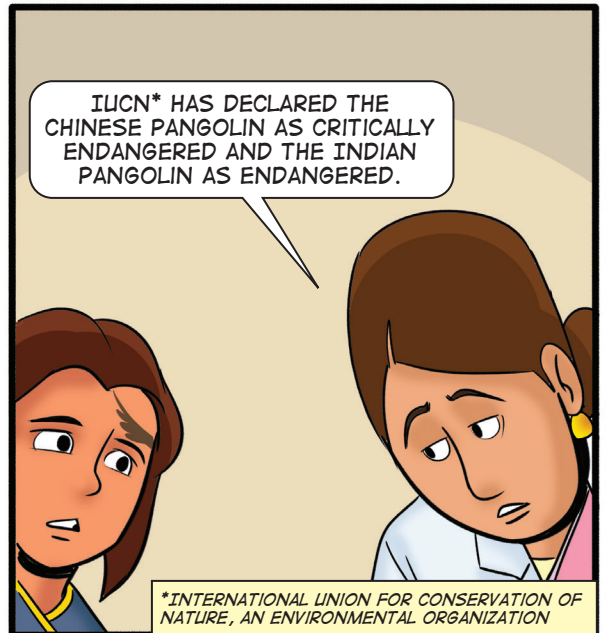
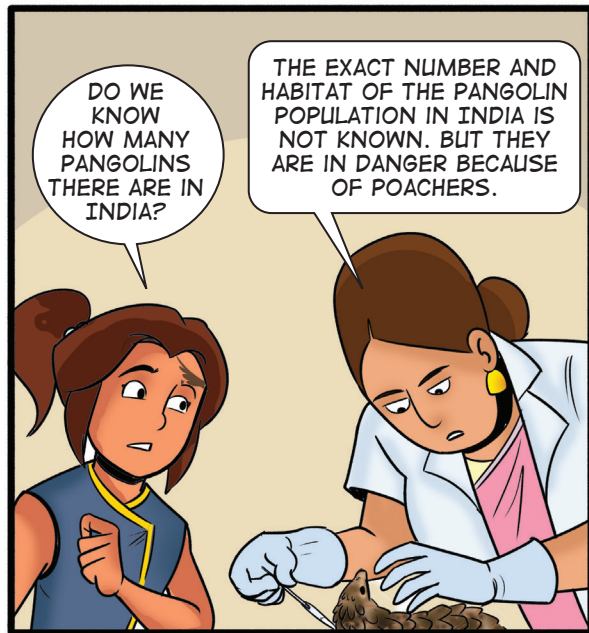


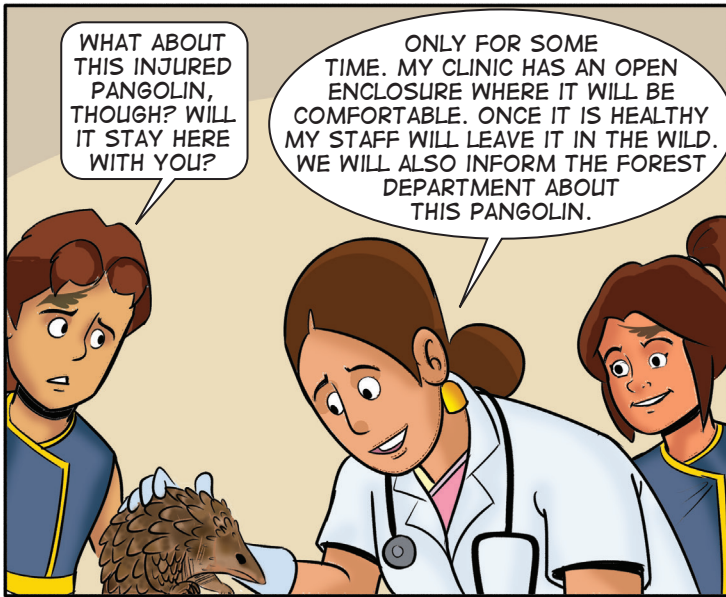


"SOME SPECIES OF PANGOLIN ARE FOUND IN PARTS OF AFRICA, THE PHILIPPINES, CHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA."

Chinese Pangolin	Philippine Pangolin	Sunda Pangolin	Indian Pangolin
Ground Pangolin	Black-bellied Pangolin	White-bellied Pangolin	

"CHINESE AND INDIAN PANGOLINS ARE FOUND IN PARTS OF INDIA."





WHAT ABOUT THIS INJURED PANGOLIN, THOUGH? WILL IT STAY HERE WITH YOU?

ONLY FOR SOME TIME. MY CLINIC HAS AN OPEN ENCLOSURE WHERE IT WILL BE COMFORTABLE. ONCE IT IS HEALTHY MY STAFF WILL LEAVE IT IN THE WILD. WE WILL ALSO INFORM THE FOREST DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS PANGOLIN.



WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP SAVE THIS ANIMAL, DOCTOR?



PANGOLINS BREED AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR BABIES IN UNDISTURBED AGROFORESTS\* AND OTHER SIMILAR HABITATS. WE NEED MORE SUCH SAFE HOMES FOR THEM.

\*REGIONS THAT SUPPORT FORESTS AND AGRICULTURAL LAND



IF YOU SPOT THEM, BE HAPPY THAT YOU DID AND LEAVE THEM ALONE. REPORT THE SIGHTING TO YOUR LOCAL FOREST OFFICIAL. NOT DISTURBING THEM IS THE EASIEST WAY TO HELP THEM.



THANK YOU, DOCTOR!

TAKE CARE, LITTLE ONE! GET WELL SOON!