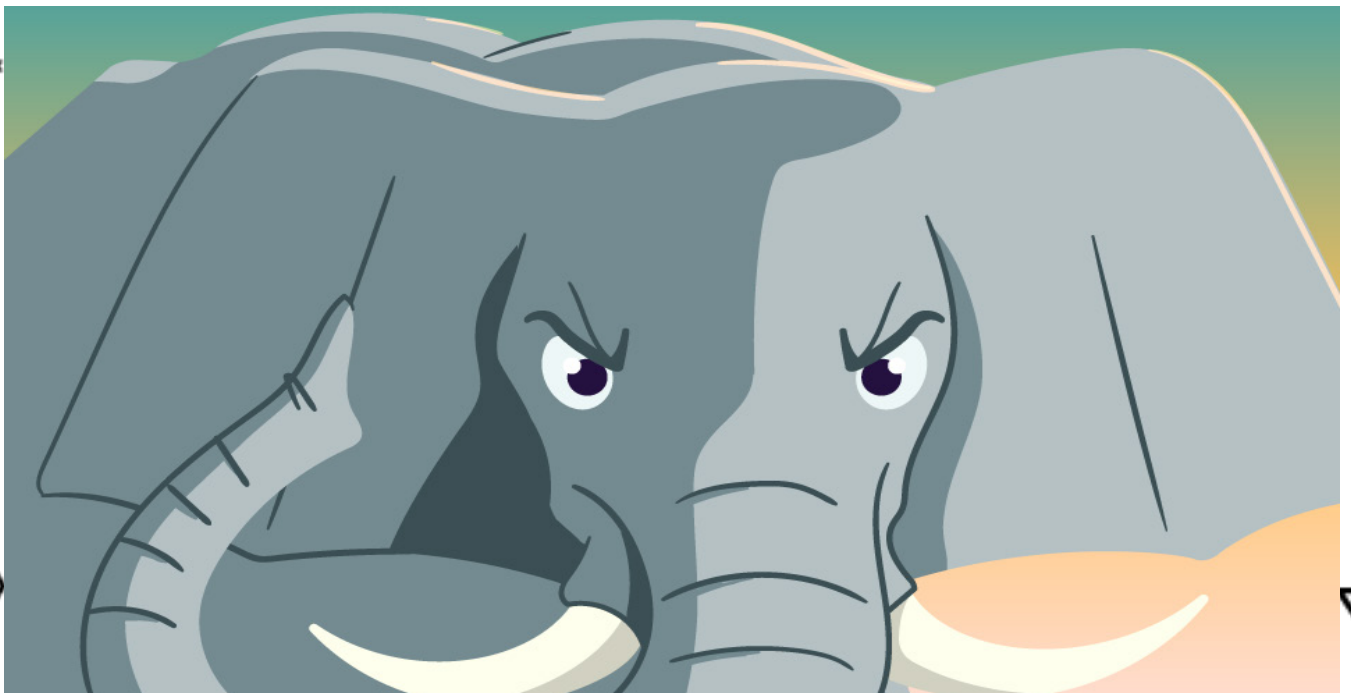


Taming the angry elephant



The Buddha was a wise monk, who had many followers who wanted to learn from him. He was someone who wanted to teach others about kindness.

Devadatta, the Buddha's cousin, was a monk too. He was jealous and didn't like it when people listened to the Buddha and not to him.



Devadatta had a horrible plan to hurt the Buddha. He had heard about a huge, dangerous elephant, called Nalagiri, who everyone was afraid of.





Devadatta brought Nalagiri to town and waited for the Buddha to walk up the street with his followers.

When he saw the Buddha coming, Devadatta started to hit the poor elephant with sticks.



Scared and in pain, the elephant began to run wildly down the street.

Everyone saw the angry elephant coming. Her ears were flapping and her trunk was waving high in the air, blowing like a trumpet. Her heavy feet thundered on the ground.

Everyone ran away to hide from the angry elephant.





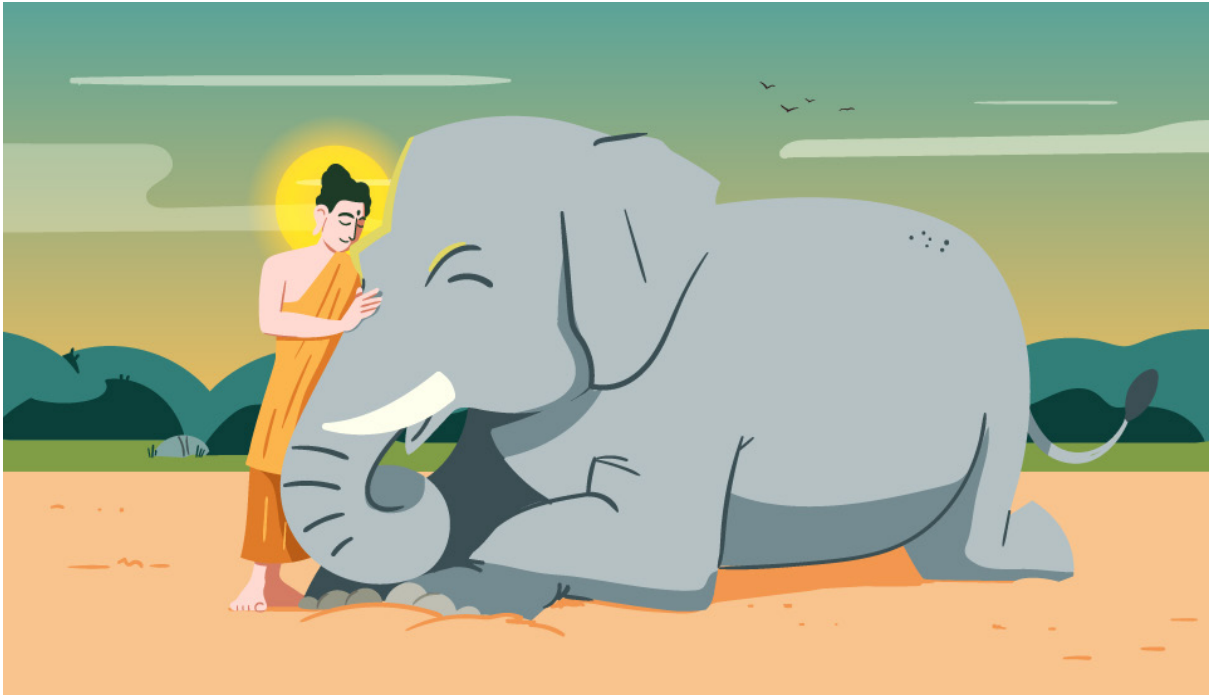
The Buddha's followers called out to him, "Get out of the way!"

But the Buddha didn't run away from the elephant like everyone else. He could see that Nalagiri was angry because she was scared.



As the angry elephant came charging down the street, the Buddha stood still and held up his hand to her.





Suddenly, the elephant stopped. Nalagiri could feel the power of the Buddha's loving kindness.

She became calm and bowed her head. The Buddha gently stroked her trunk and said kind words in her huge ear.

Because of the Buddha's loving kindness, the angry elephant was tamed.