

I've learned that forests are important to everyone.

But I haven't learned what the problem is.

Well, Sky, forests are under a lot of pressure. My old buddy Woody will tell you about it. Let's hear about

# WOODY'S WORRIES

Meet my old buddy Woody. He has lived in the centre of this forest for hundreds of years.

Good morning, Mr. Woody. You look worried!

Well, Sky, I have a million things on my mind.

My plant friends and I want to help people but it is so complicated! Our limbs are pulled in every direction!

I've been doing a great job since I was a sapling. It is so much more difficult these days. So much more pressure.

That sounds very serious, Woody!

It is! First, money is always a concern.

Forests are very valuable.

Forest products have been traded for thousands of years.

I work for the Government. We make money by selling things from the forests. For us, forests are a real resource.

We take care of families everywhere.

You do?

See for yourself.

I got firewood, medicines, fruit and meat from the forest.

I built my house with things from the forest.

I even got food like nuts and oils. Things we cannot afford to buy!

I dine in the forest myself!



I'm also responsible for local employment!

You can't be!

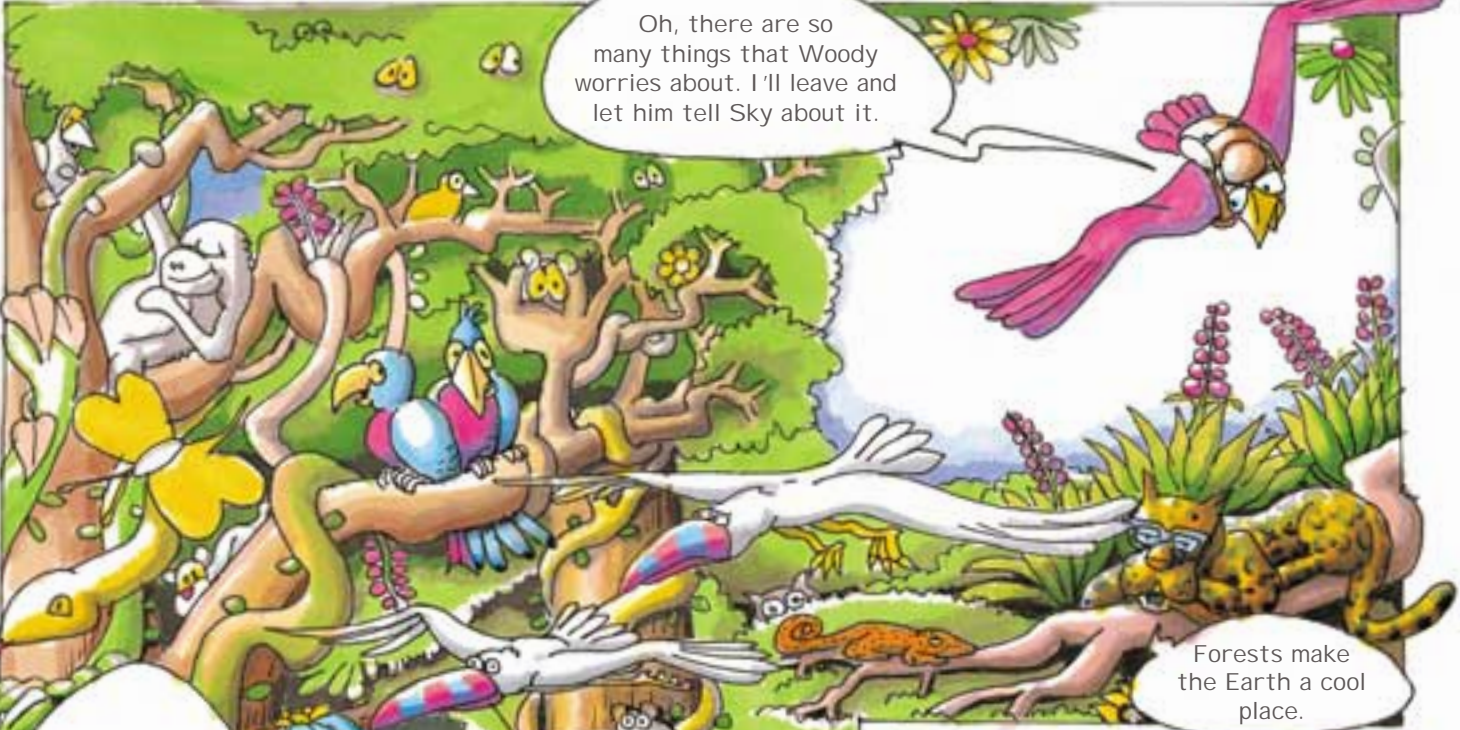
Woody's right! My salary comes from the sawmill.

And I'm paid to work at the rubber factory.

I live by collecting and selling medicinal plants.

My little shop sells food to the forest workers.

VILLAGE



Oh, there are so many things that Woody worries about. I'll leave and let him tell Sky about it.

Forests make the Earth a cool place.

You do more than I thought, Mr. Woody!

Few people know that, while forests provide for them, we must also provide for millions of animals and plants.

Can you understand why I'm so worried? So many people depend on me. There will certainly be more challenges in the future! We forests can't do it alone.

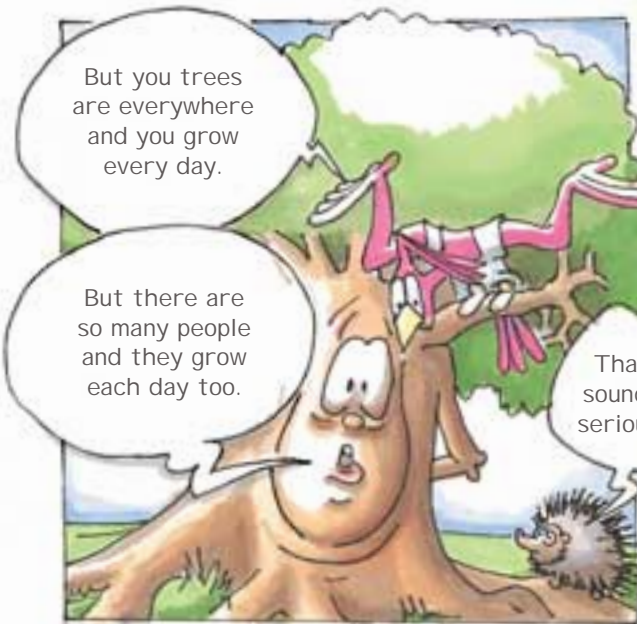
I'll help you, Woody!

I love this place.

The forest is full of tasty food.

That was right on the tip of his tongue.



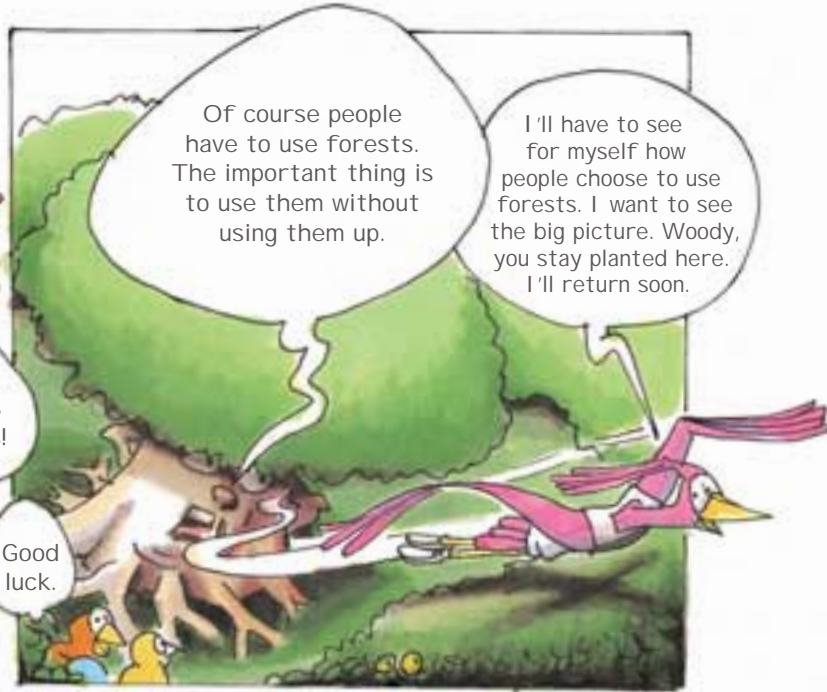


But you trees are everywhere and you grow every day.

But there are so many people and they grow each day too.

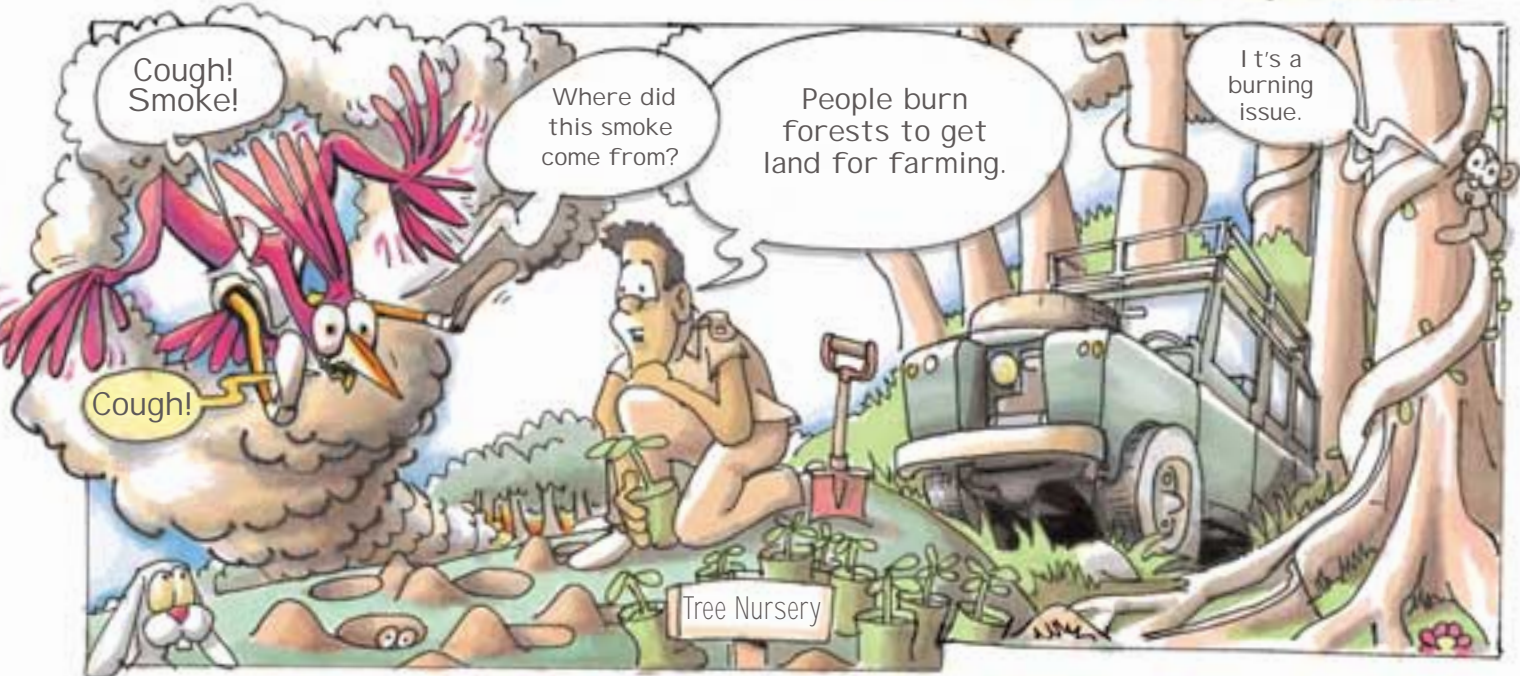
That sounds serious!

Good luck.



Of course people have to use forests. The important thing is to use them without using them up.

I'll have to see for myself how people choose to use forests. I want to see the big picture. Woody, you stay planted here. I'll return soon.



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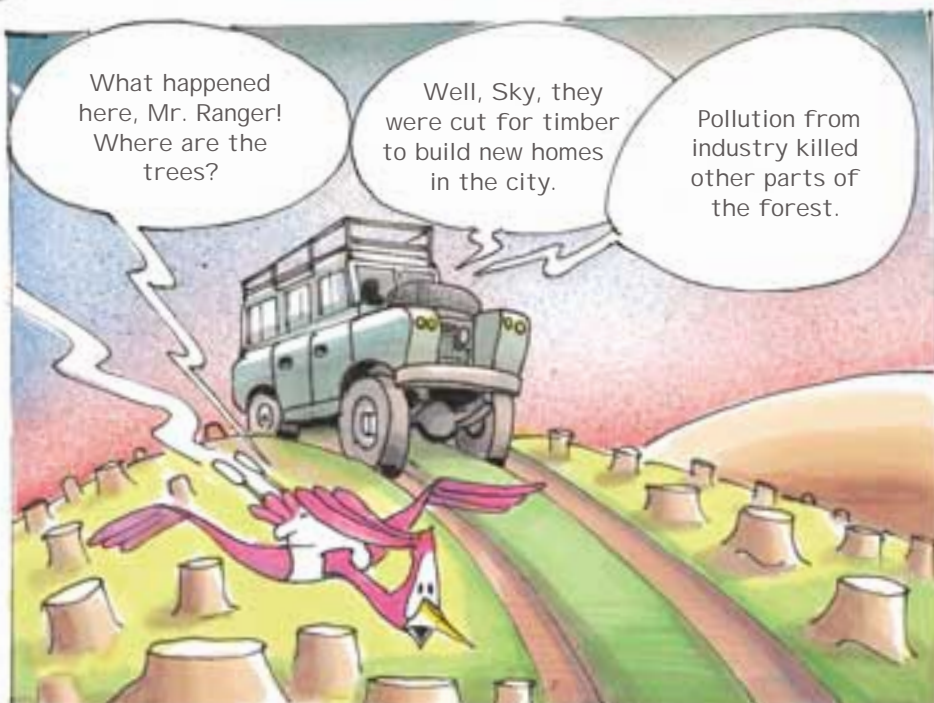
Cough!

Where did this smoke come from?

People burn forests to get land for farming.

It's a burning issue.

Tree Nursery



What happened here, Mr. Ranger! Where are the trees?

Well, Sky, they were cut for timber to build new homes in the city.

Pollution from industry killed other parts of the forest.



Why don't you protect the forest?

It is not so simple, Sky. We need a balance so we can protect the forest and use it at the same time.

