

The Elephant and The Blind Men



Once upon a time, in one village lived six blind men. One day the villagers told them,

"Hey, there is an elephant in the village today."

The men had no idea what an elephant was, so they decided,

"Even though we would not be able to see it, let us go and feel it anyway."



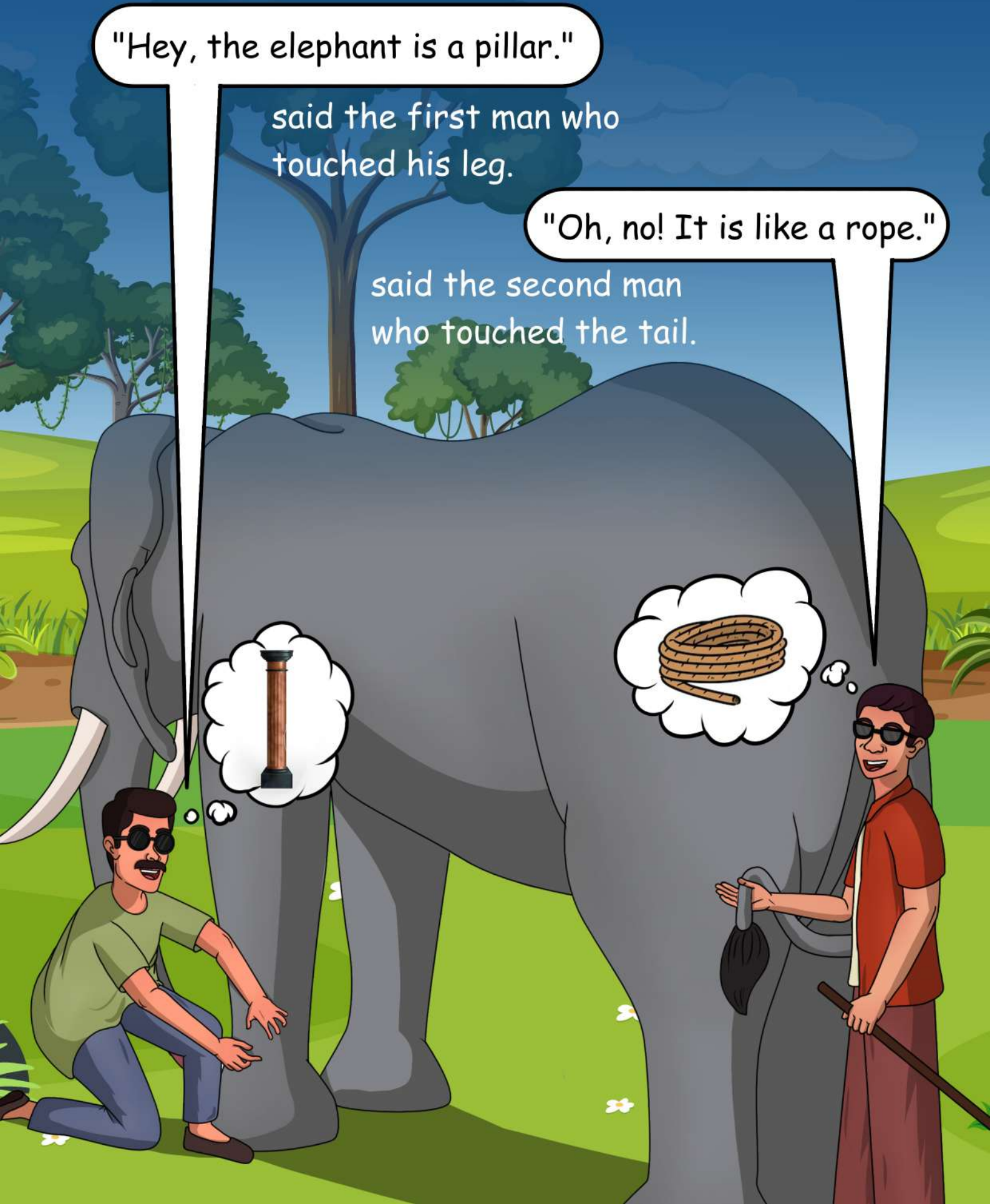
All of them went where the elephant was, and each one of them touched it.

"Hey, the elephant is a pillar."

said the first man who touched his leg.

"Oh, no! It is like a rope."

said the second man who touched the tail.

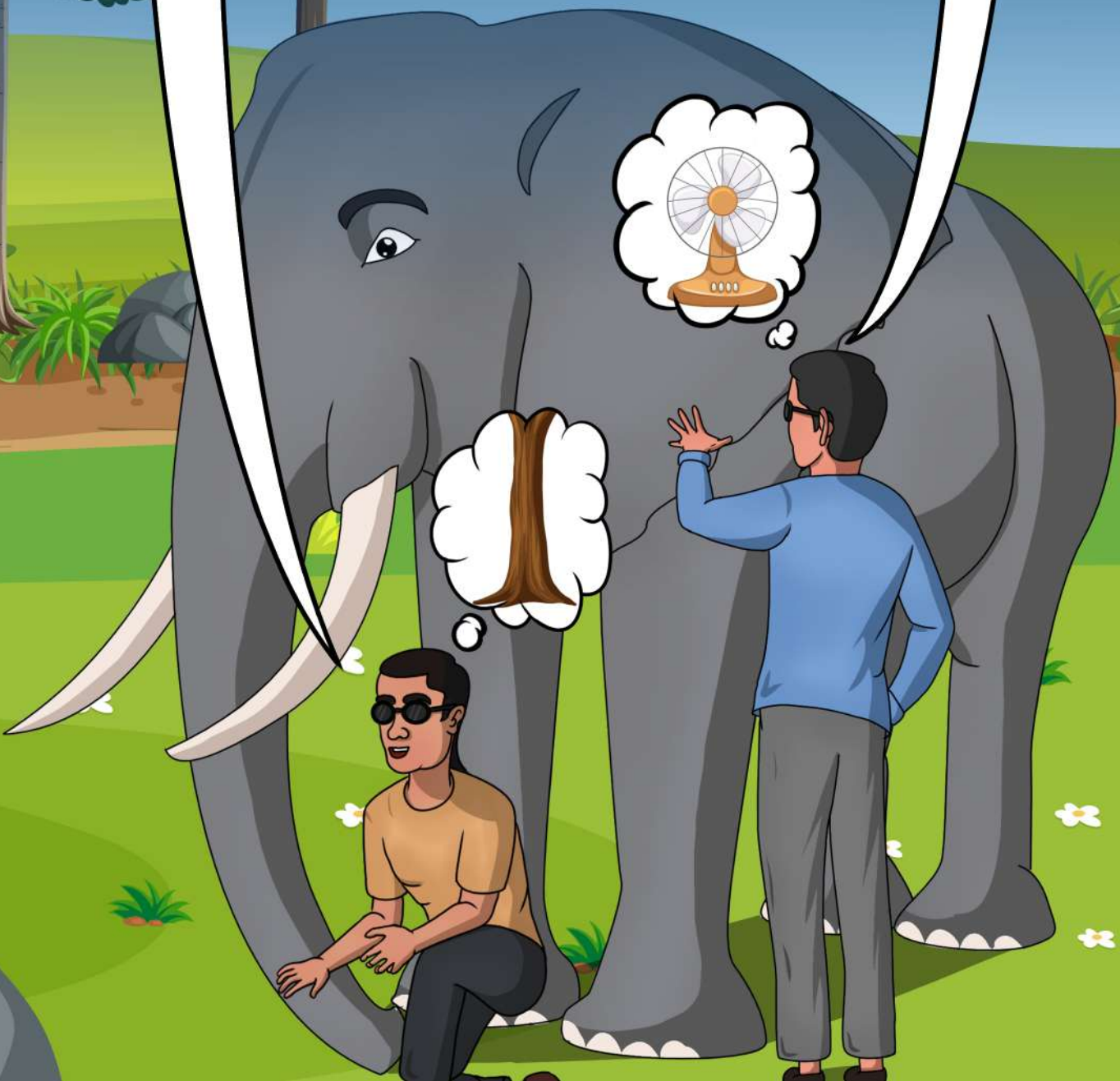


"Oh, no! It is like a thick branch of a tree."

said the third man who touched the trunk.

"It is like a big fan!"

said the fourth man who touched the ear of the elephant.

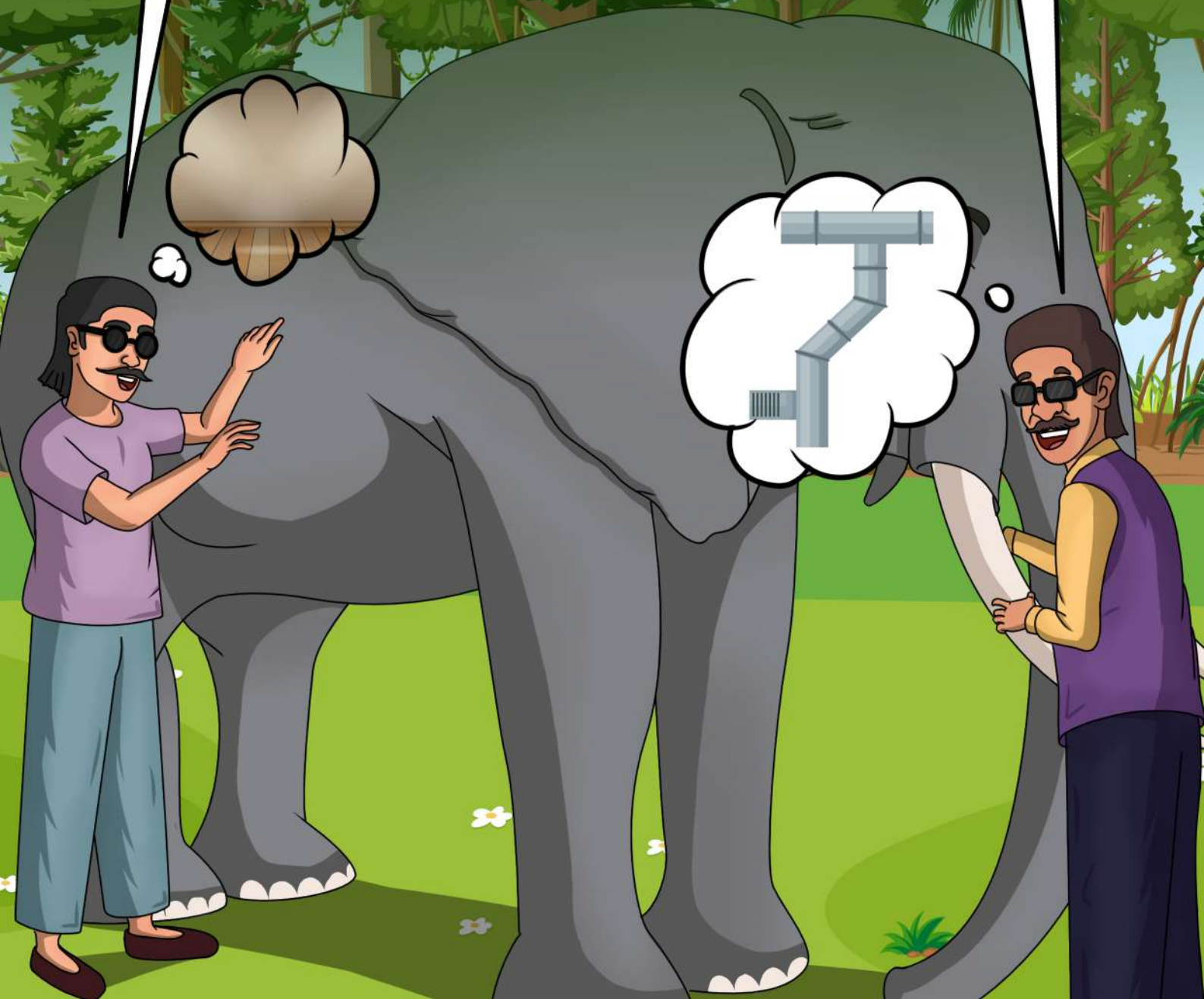


"It is like a huge wall!"

said the fifth man who touched the belly.

"It is like a solid pipe."

said the sixth man who touched the tusk of the elephant.



They began to argue about it, and every one of them insisted that they were right. A wise man, passing by, stopped and asked them,

"What is the matter?"

They replied,

"We cannot agree to what the elephant looks like."



Each one of them told their view of the elephant, and the wise man calmly explained to them,

"All of you are right. The reason you are all thinking differently is that you all touched a different part of the elephant. The elephant has all of the features you all said."

said the blind men.

"Oh!"



They were no longer fighting and felt happy that they were all right. The moral of the story is that there may be some truth to what someone says. Sometimes we can see that truth, and sometimes we cannot. So, rather than arguing like the blind men, we should try to understand the other person and end the matter. This way, we are not fighting and can live in harmony with the people of different thinking

