Rhino: Two Equal Shelves

A story about sharing and making a careful change.

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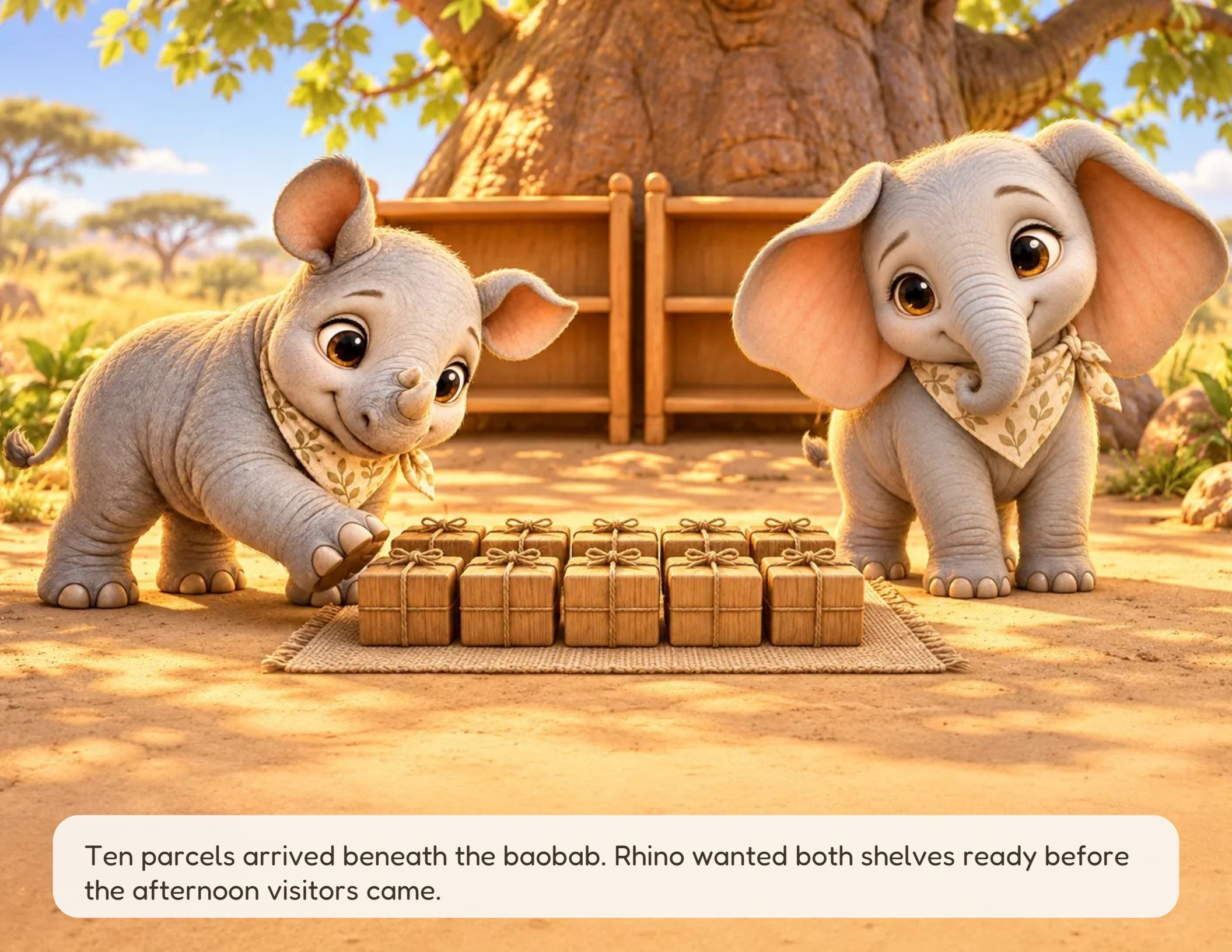

Ten parcels arrived beneath the baobab. Rhino wanted both shelves ready before the afternoon visitors came.



He made two groups of five. The rope lay loose between them. Opening a bundle had not made one extra parcel.



But on the shelves, Rhino counted six and four. He stopped. Moving one parcel would change both shelves.



One moved across. Six became five; four became five. Rhino had changed his plan without losing a single parcel.



Then one more arrived. Five and five still matched. Rhino kept the last parcel safely beside the shelves.



Eleven parcels were all accounted for: five here, five there, and one beside them.
The visitors would find a store ready to share.



When a plan does not fit, look at what changed. One careful move can help both sides.