

Le cycle de la vie

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Sur une falaise, vivaient une maman vautour et son bébé.



Lorsque son poussin fut assez grand, la maman vautour l'emmena voler dans les airs avec elle.

Ils décrivirent des cercles, tout en observant la Terre, en contrebas.

— Je veux te montrer quelque chose de magnifique, dit la maman vautour à son fils.



Ils aperçurent un oryx qui titubait dans la chaleur.

— Tu vois, fit la maman vautour, cet oryx n'en a plus pour très longtemps.



Bientôt, en effet, l'oryx s'écroula sur le sol et mourut. Les deux vautours se posèrent près de lui.

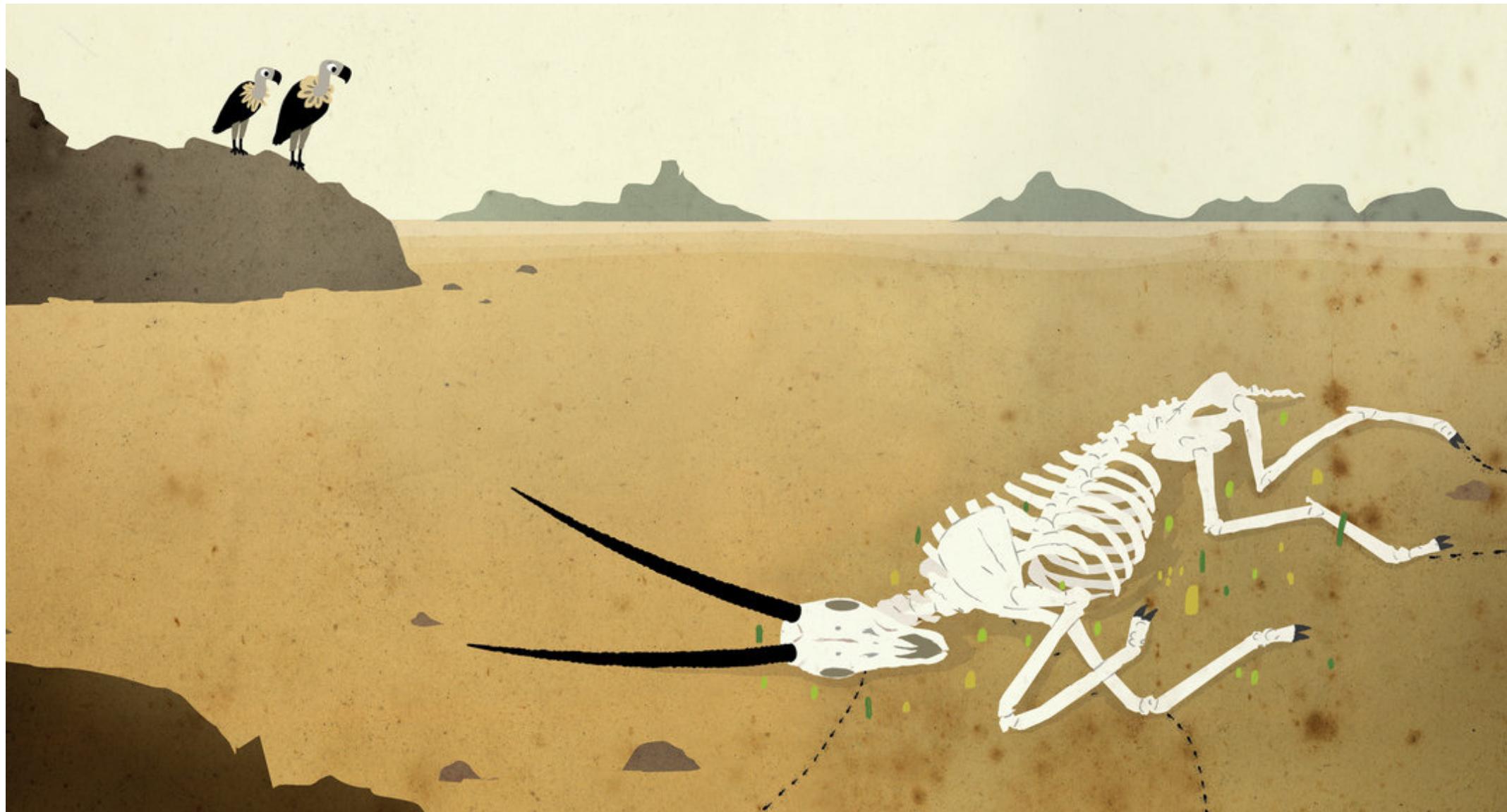
— Ça n'a rien de magnifique, Maman, dit le jeune vautour. C'est horrible.

- Je sais, répondit sa maman, la mort est très triste et difficile à accepter. Mais elle peut aussi être magnifique.
- N'importe quoi, s'écria le jeune vautour. Beurk !



— Attends, indiqua la maman vautour, on reviendra dans quelques temps et tu verras.





La semaine d'après, ils revinrent voir l'oryx mort.

Son squelette était parfaitement nettoyé, et de petites plantes avaient commencé à pousser tout autour.



Une semaine après, les jeunes pousses avaient grandi et fleuri.

Un papillon butinait les fleurs et un serpent se reposait dans leur ombre.



Une semaine après, deux tisserands cueillaient des feuilles pour construire leur nid, des abeilles récoltaient le pollen des fleurs et une araignée fabriquait sa toile entre les cornes de l'oryx.



Et la semaine d'après, un jeune oryx se régala des jeunes pousses.



— Tu vois tout ce que la mort d'un oryx a engendré ? dit la maman vautour. Elle a permis à une araignée et à des tisserands de construire leur maison, à des abeilles et à des papillons de se nourrir, à un serpent de s'abriter du soleil, et à la future génération d'oryxes de prendre des forces.

Le jeune vautour sourit.



Ils retournèrent à leur nid situé très haut sur la falaise.



— Lorsque nous mourons, nous ne laissons pas seulement un corps, expliqua la maman vautour à son fils. Nous laissons aussi aux autres des leçons de vie, de l'amour et des souvenirs.



- Mais où laissons-nous toutes ces choses, Maman ?
- Nous les laissons dans le cœur de nos enfants, de nos familles et de nos amis, mon Chéri. Tu es déjà mon petit coin de verdure sur Terre, et tu le seras toujours.







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(French)

Une maman vautour emmène son fils effectuer son premier vol. Dans les airs, ils aperçoivent un oryx en train de mourir. La maman vautour explique alors à son fils que la fin de la vie d'un être peut aussi constituer le début de la vie pour d'autres.

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