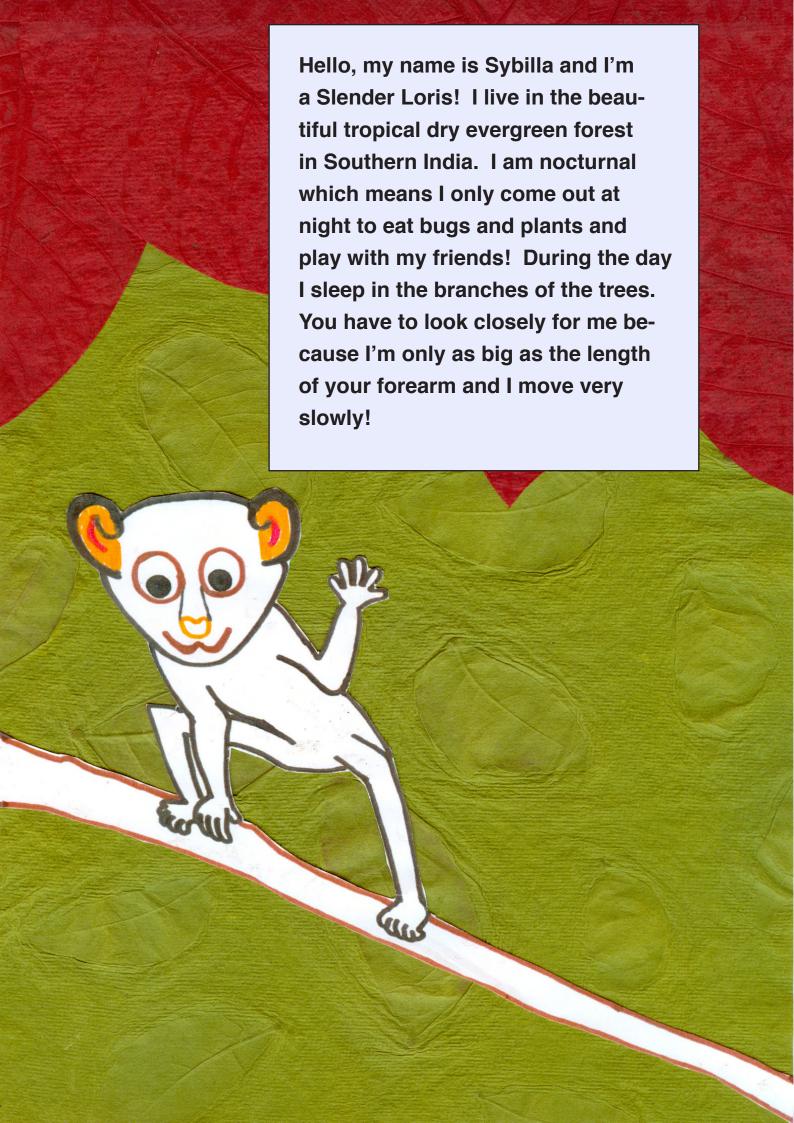
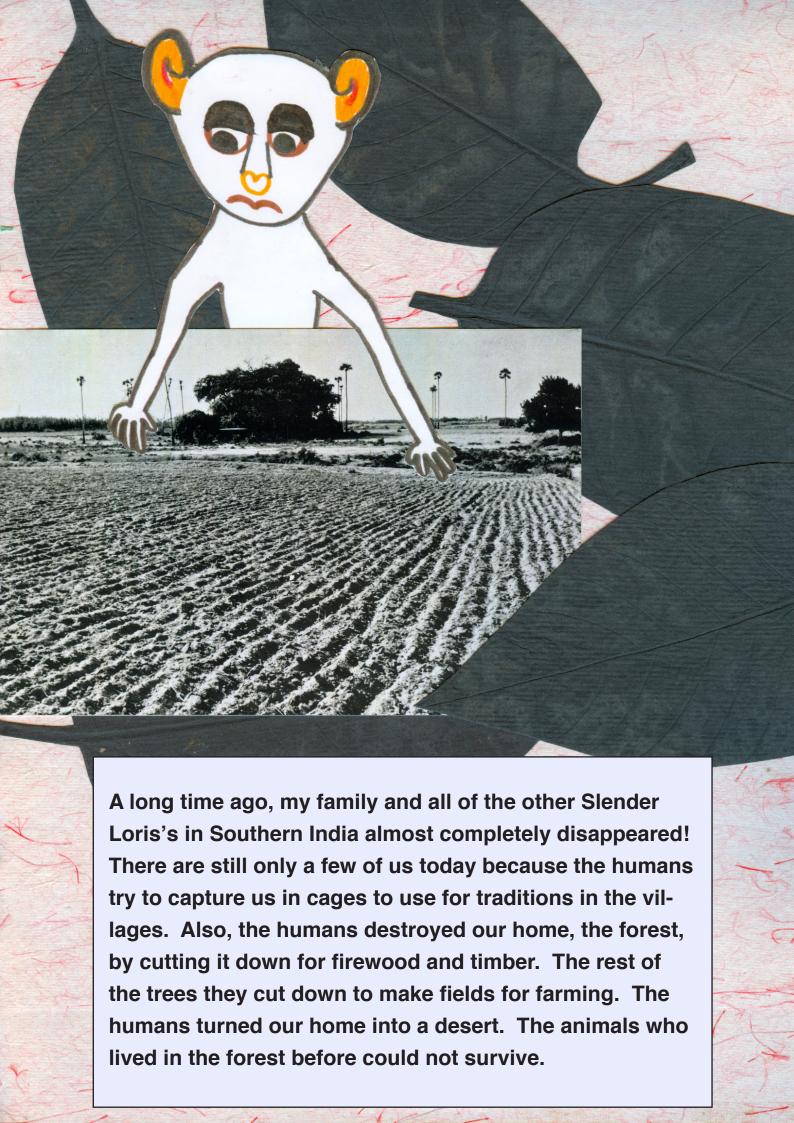
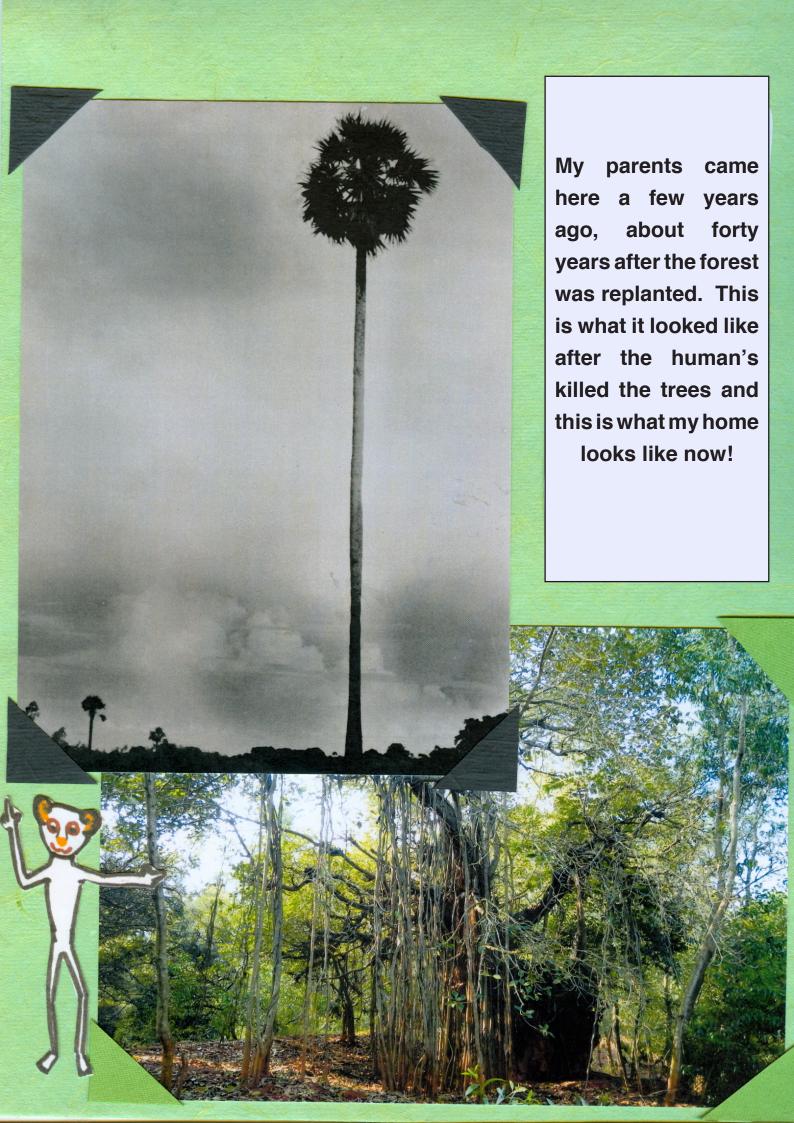
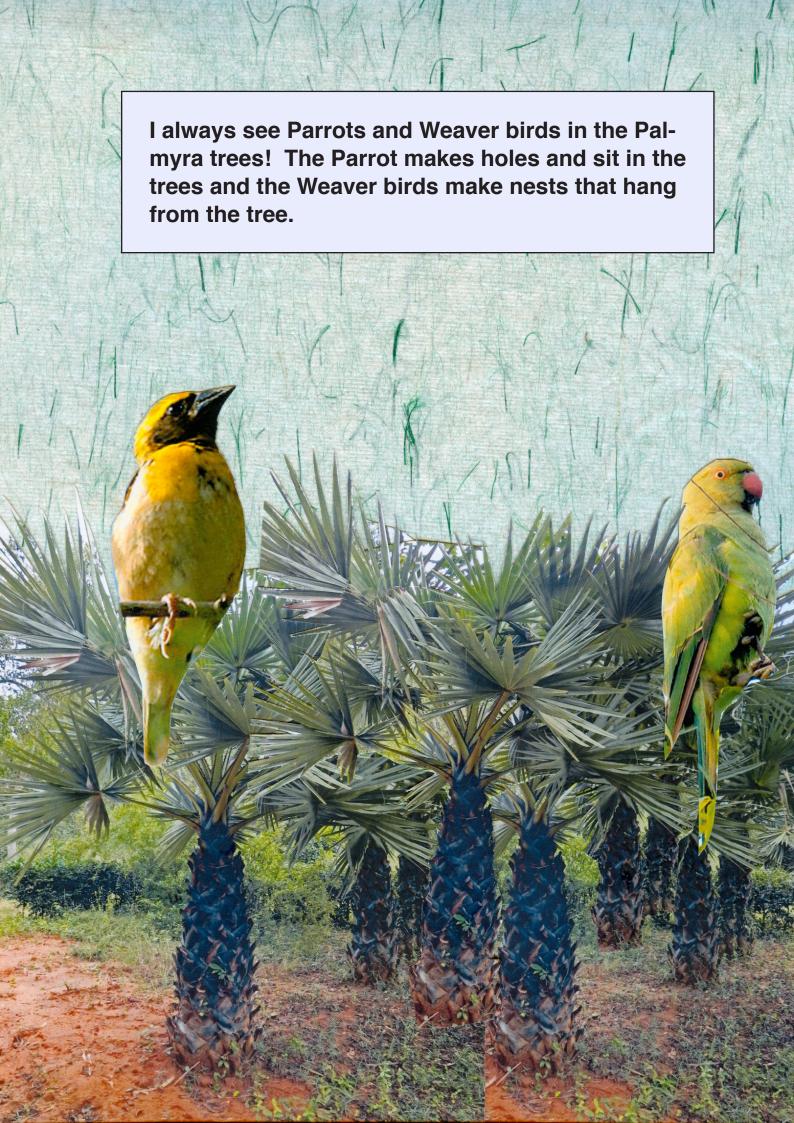
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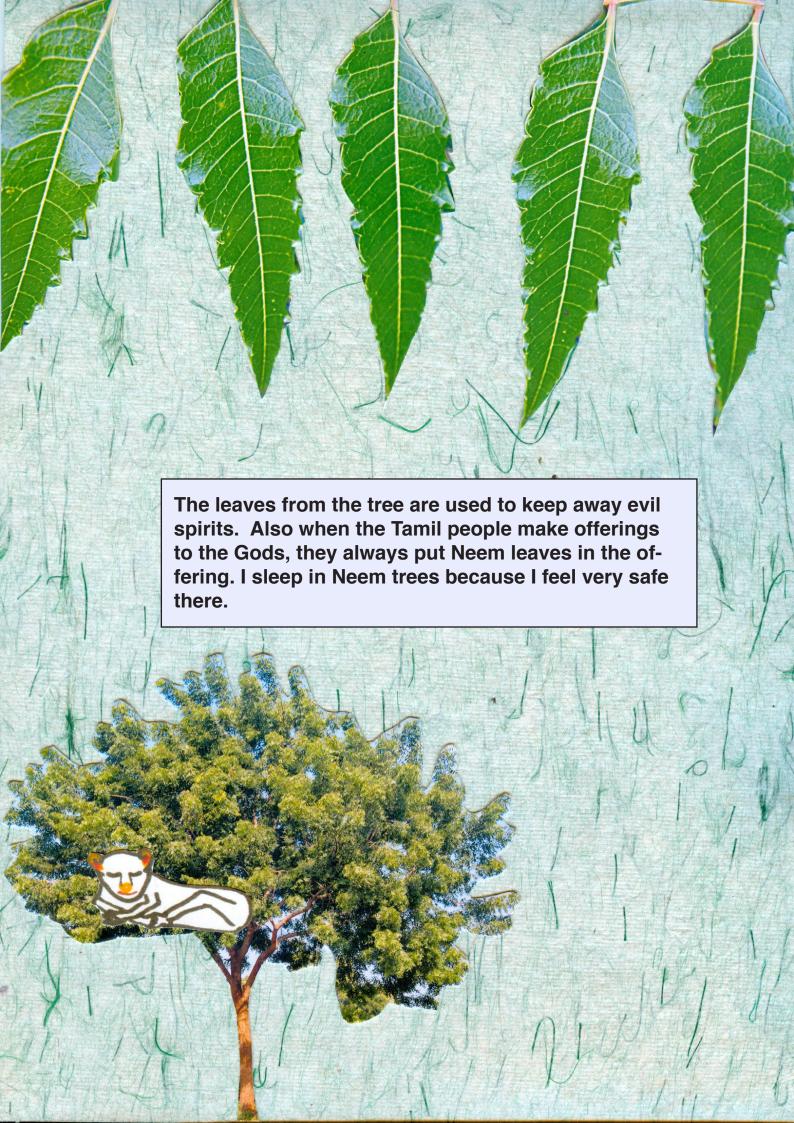














Another tree the humans planted is the Banyan tree. It grows very tall and has long, shiny, oval leaves. Its branches grow out very wide and send roots from the branches to the ground! I always play in the branches of these trees; they are also good to hide in to sneak up on bugs!

The Banyan tree is used for medicine, to make furniture, paper and ropes. Some people say that more than 10,000 people can sit in the shade under the branches of the tree! Can you find me in the crowd of people?

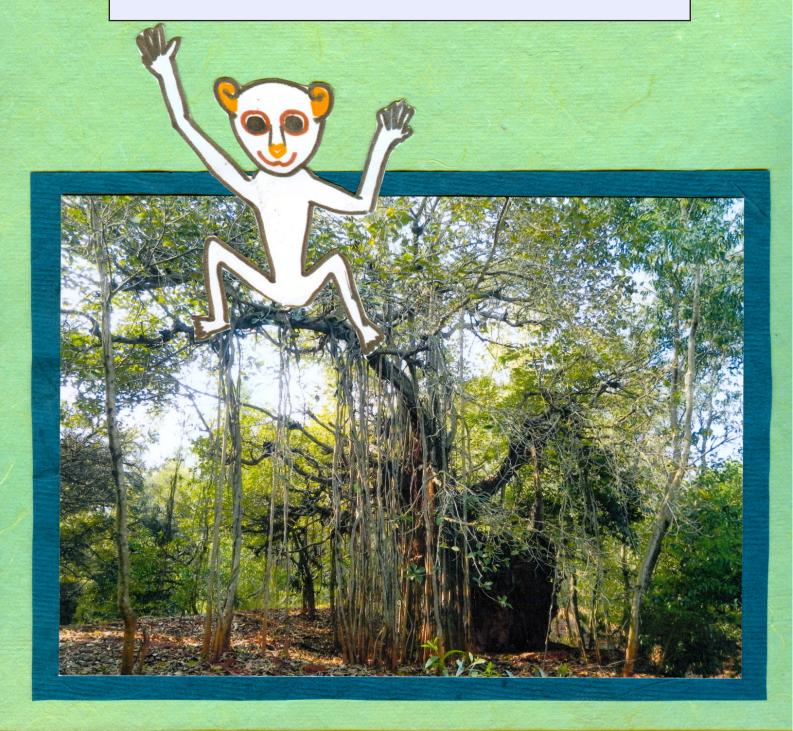


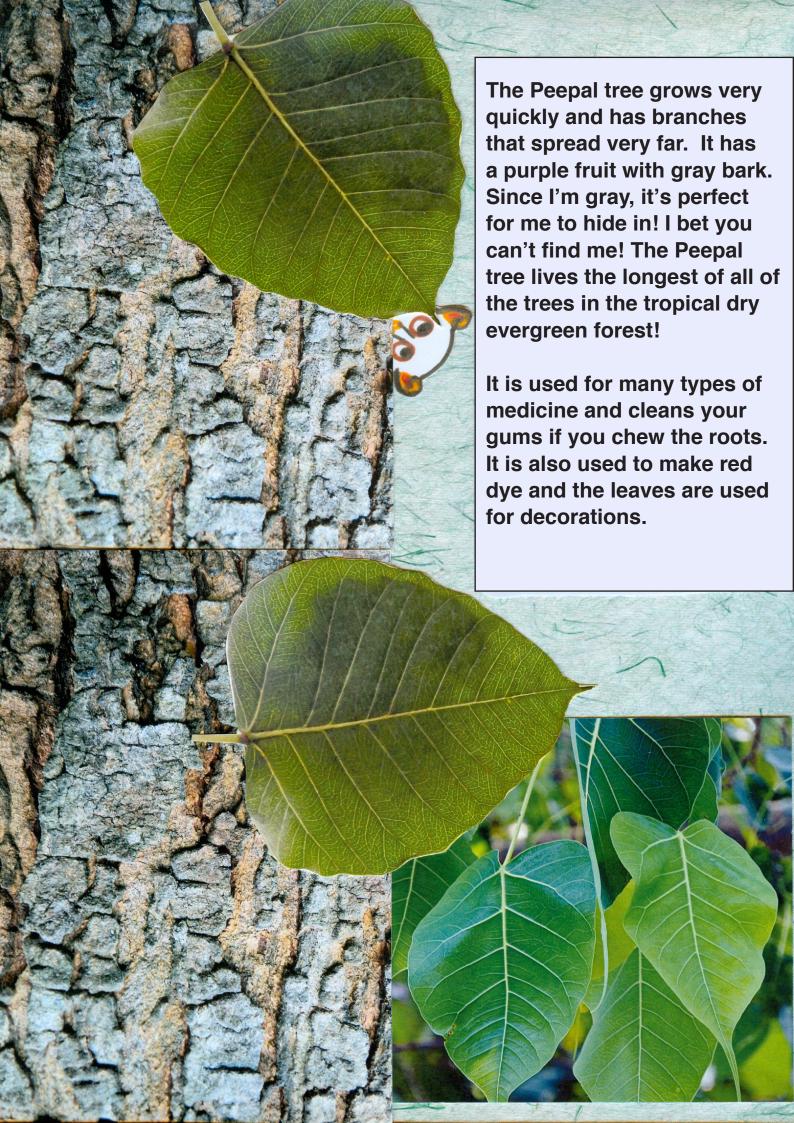
The Banyan tree is very special. It only grows when a bird eats and drops it's seed in the bark of another tree, like a Palmyra. The Banyan tree then grows around the tree the seed was dropped on.

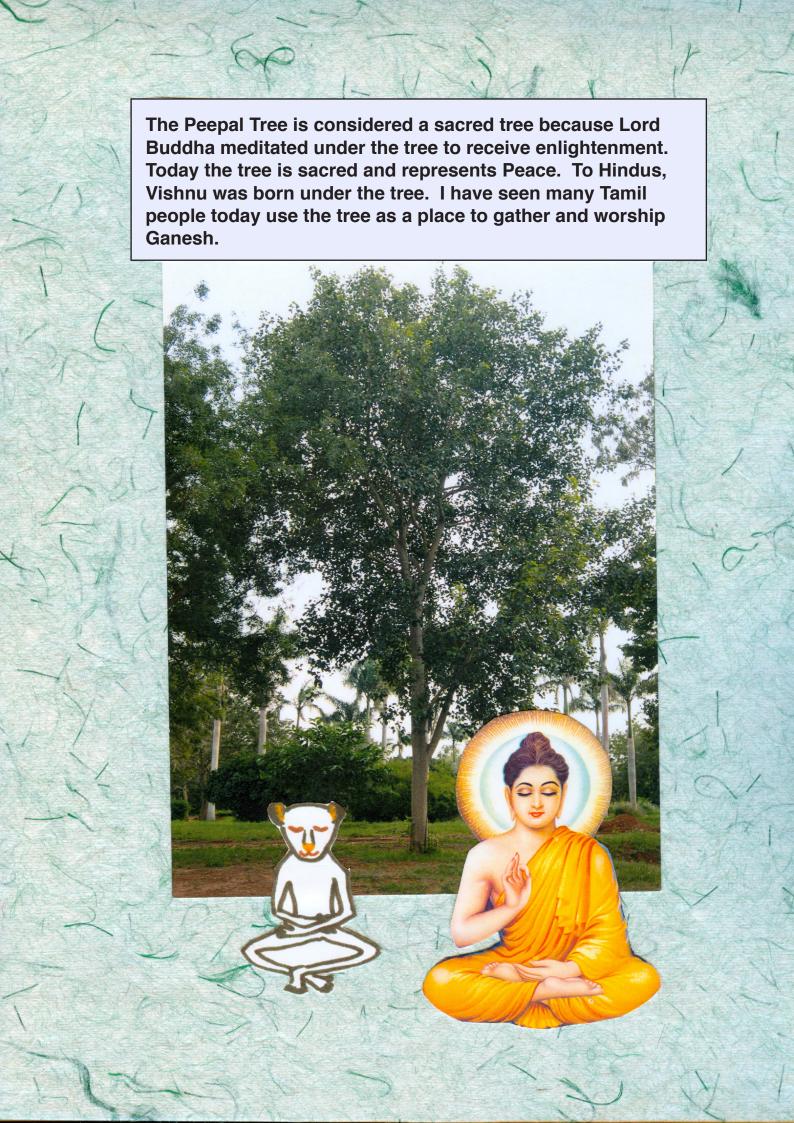
The leaves taste so good that the animals eat it before it can grow into a big tree if it grows from the ground.

The Banyan tree is the national tree of India. It is the biggest of all of the trees and known as the tree of knowledge and life! It is also known as a tree that makes wishes come true! The Banyan tree is my favorite! I sit in this tree every day and wish that the forest with never be destroyed again so that the animals in India who live in trees always have a home!

The Tamil people sometimes think the Banyan trees are haunted with evils spirits and stay away from them, but I really like the Banyan tree! When my wishes come true, sometimes I even think the Banyan trees have good spirits inside of them!







These are only some of the trees that make up my home, the Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest. It is important for the humans to live sustainably so that the animals of the forest have a place to live and humans can keep using the trees for medicine and housing in the future! Thank you for letting me show you around my home! You can visit all of the trees around the Botanical Garden!

