REALLY, RHINOS!

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UPDATE
to "On the Brink of Extinction" (Spring, 1989):

South Africa is now the primary entrepot for rhino horn and ivory. North Yemen has long since ceased to be the largest rhino horn market (dagger handles). South Africa with one of the few convertible currencies in Africa (gold standard) and a large arms industry, has now become the African villain. Poaching for hard currency is a way to maximize profits via the black market. According to the *Monitor* (Washington, D.C.), African guerilla armies are financing their civil wars, using hard currency earned thru proaching. Example: Jonas Savimbi's Unita forces in Angola. Taiwan has also become the leading importer of rhino horn and ivory, with direct commercial flights from South Africa. North Yemen's economy was hard hit by the oil slump due to the war between Iraq and Iran. North Yemen oil workers were sent home and the high wages cease to exist.

[per letter from G.F. Roosz, May 10, 1989]

African Animal Sayings

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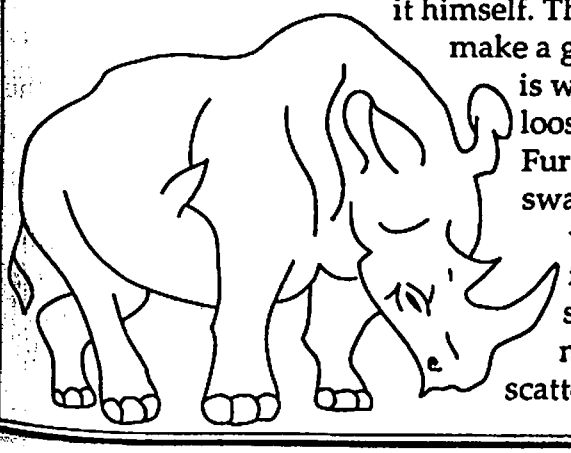
God sewed skins on all his animals with a big needle and becoming tired, asked the Rhinoceros, which was last, to do it himself. The Rhino did not make a good job of it, which is why it has so many loose folds and wrinkles. Furthermore, it had swallowed the needle with the job half-finished. This is why, still searching for the needle, it keeps on scattering its dung.



Adopt a Rhino

Ever thought about owning a pet but don't want to feed it, walk it, clean up after it, or take it to the vet? Are you tempted to have children but are afraid of the responsiblity and expense? Have I got a deal for you! Wildlife Safari has animal adoptions available. For only $1200 you can be the parent of your very own rhino. Parents receive a certificate of adoption, photo of your animal, bumper sticker, information about your animal, a letter of appreciation and your name added to the Adopt-An-Animal Board. For only $50 a year you could be its aunt or uncle. Wildlife Safari is a designated breeder of white rhinos by the Species Survival Plan. You may pick Jack or Mshuara (males) or Neva (female). The gift shop also offers some rhinos in the form of myrtlewood ornaments ($4), stamps (50¢), erasers (25¢) and various stone carvings ($9 & $13). For more information about the adoption program, contact Sally Lawson, Public Relations, Wildlife Safari, Box 1600, Wiston, Oregon 97496. If you want to purchase rhinos, write directly to the gift shop at the same address. (I can hear the patter of little feet now...)