

# A Rhinoceros Grows Up



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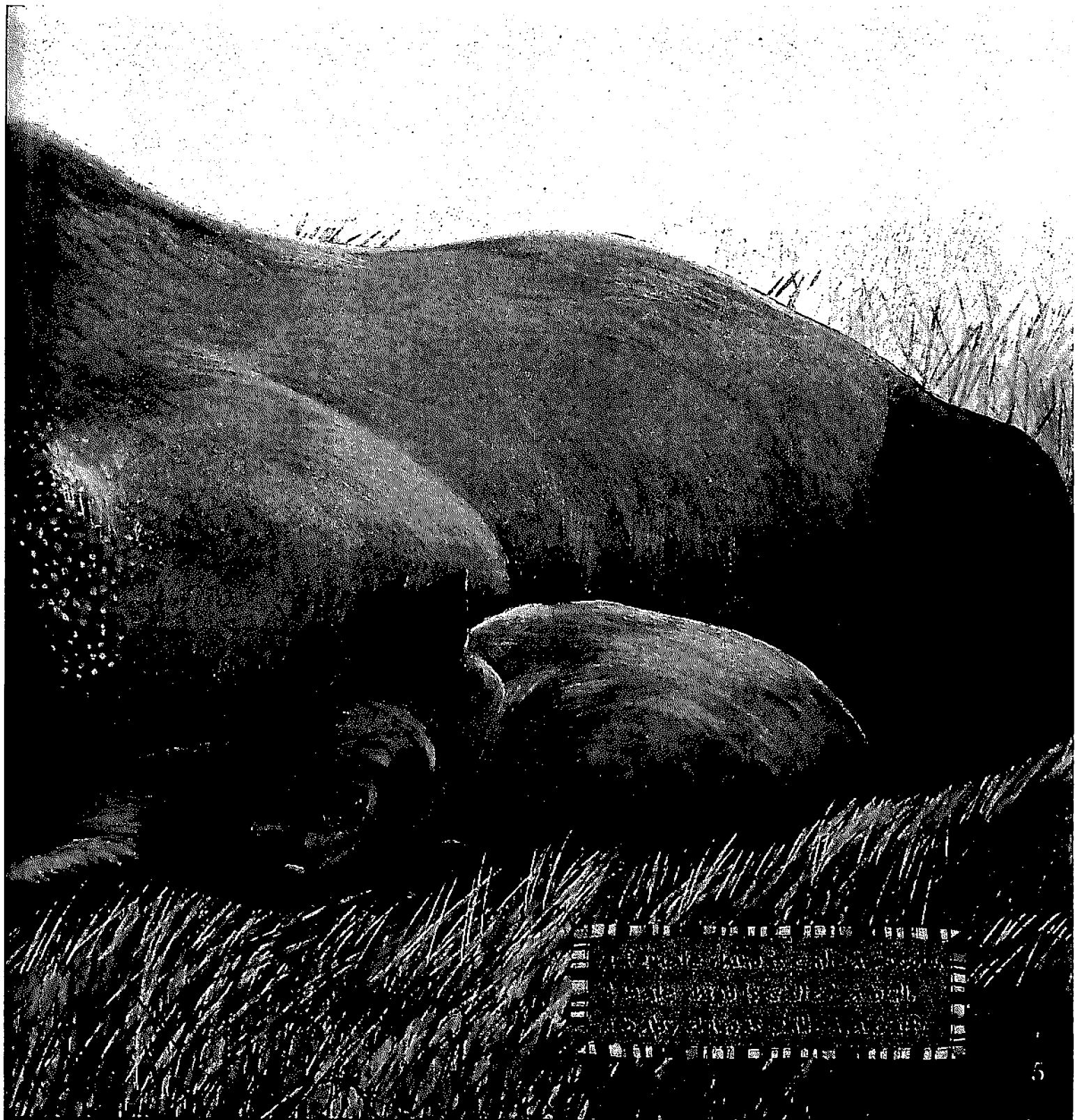
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Welcome to the world of wild animals!  
Follow a white rhino as she grows up in  
Africa. Observe her as she eats, naps,  
cools off in the mud, and starts a  
family of her own.



**In the tall African grass, a baby  
rhino is born. The calf snuggles  
up to her mother.  
She has two small  
bumps for horns.  
As she grows older,  
her horns will grow**





Up she goes! The calf stands up shortly after birth. In a few hours, she can walk by herself.



The calf stays close to her mother.  
She is not strong enough to walk very far.



**Munch, munch, munch.**  
**The calf begins to eat grass when**  
**she is a few weeks old.**

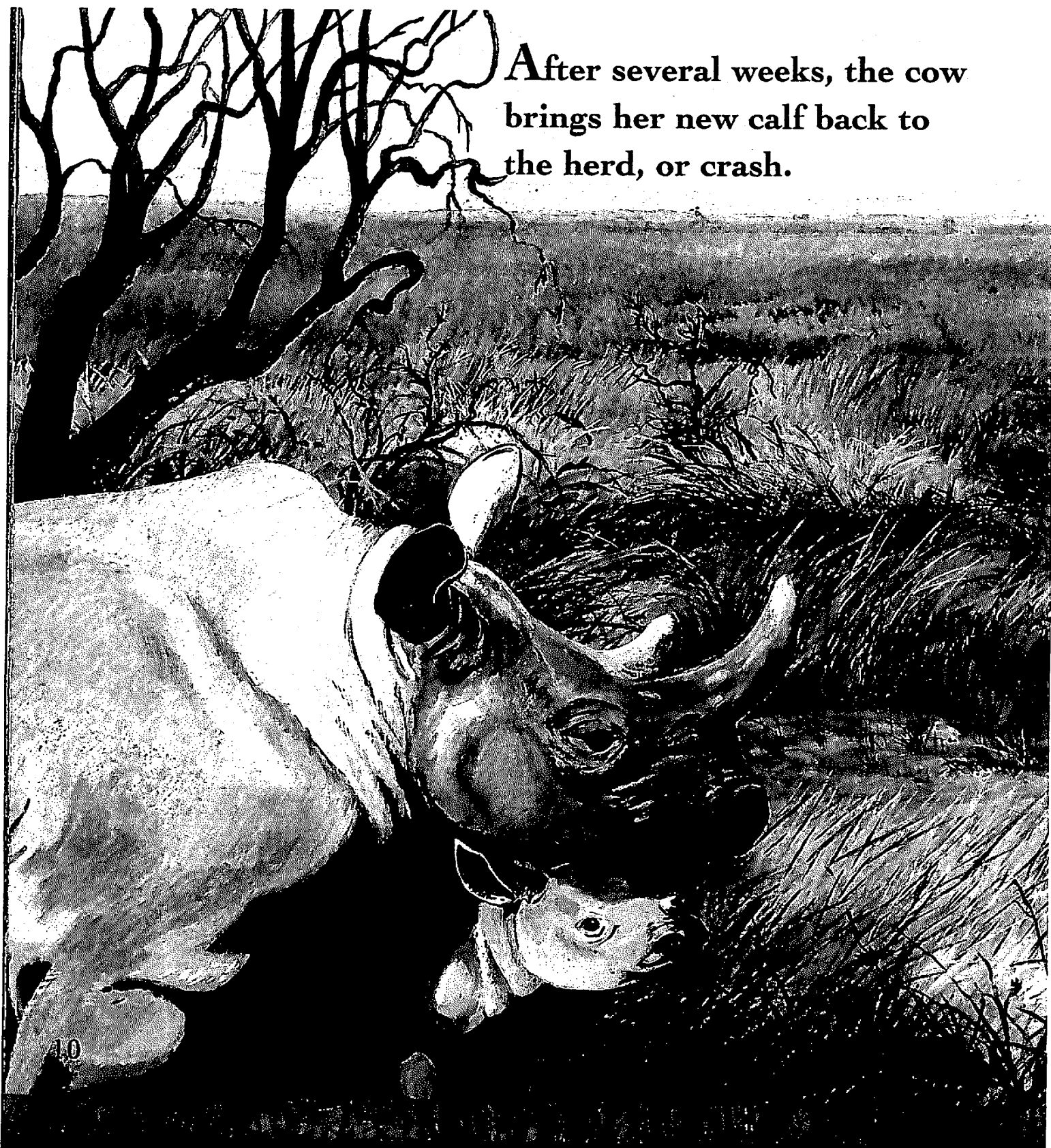




**The calf drinks milk from her mother  
for about one to two years.**



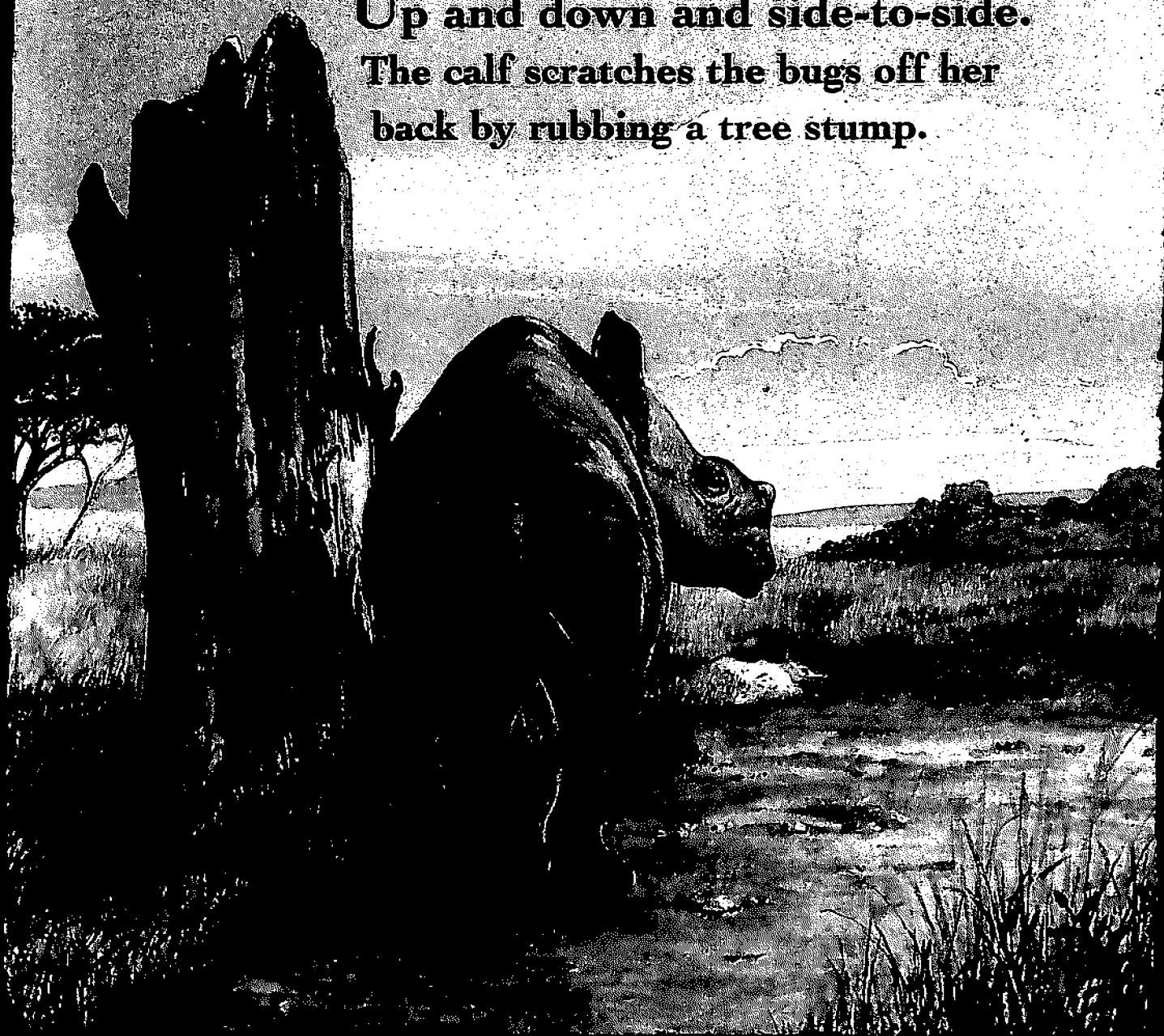
After several weeks, the cow  
brings her new calf back to  
the herd, or crash.



Two other cows and their calves come out to greet them. The calf does not meet her father. Male rhinos live alone.

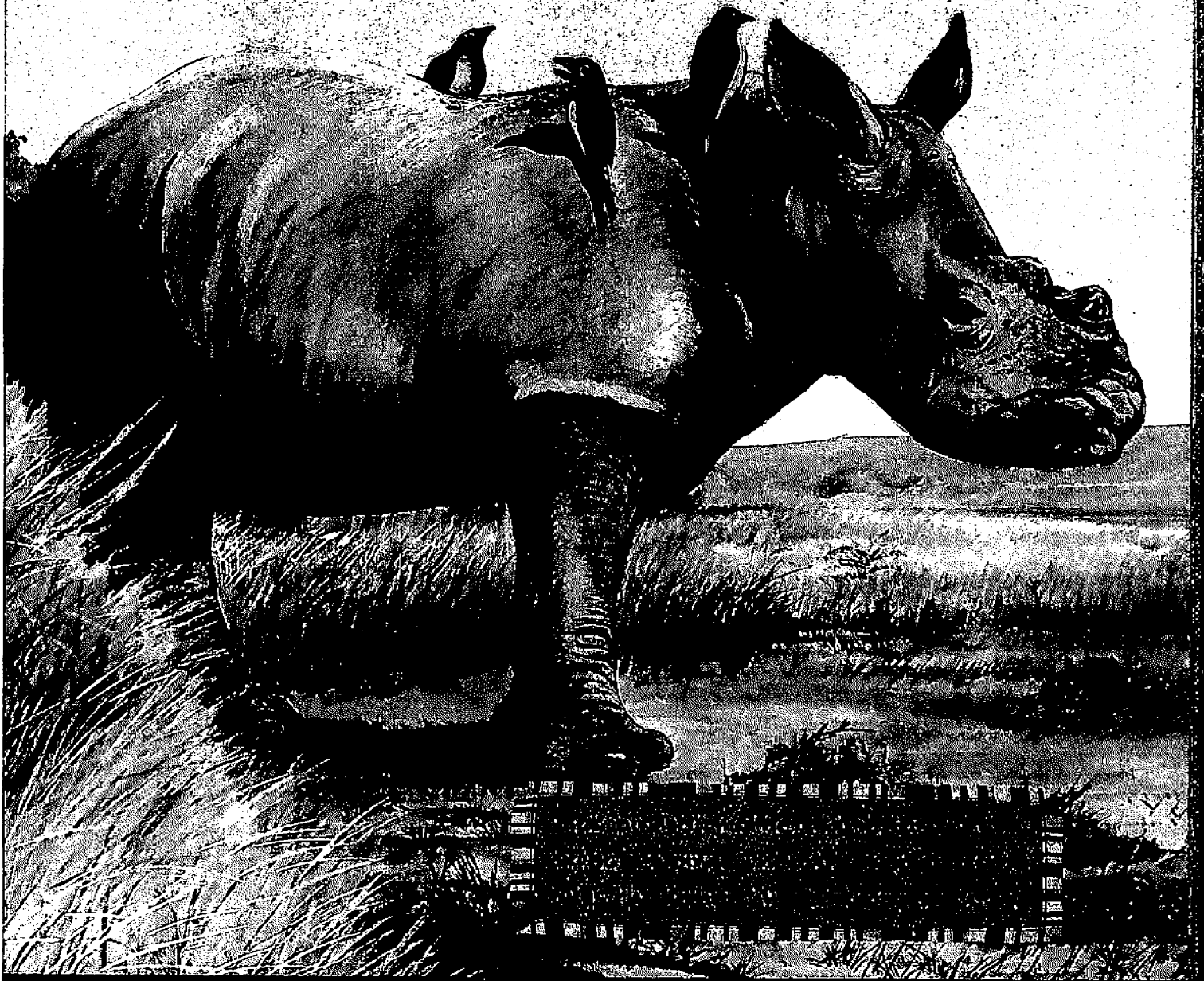


**Up and down and side-to-side.  
The calf scratches the bugs off her  
back by rubbing a tree stump.**

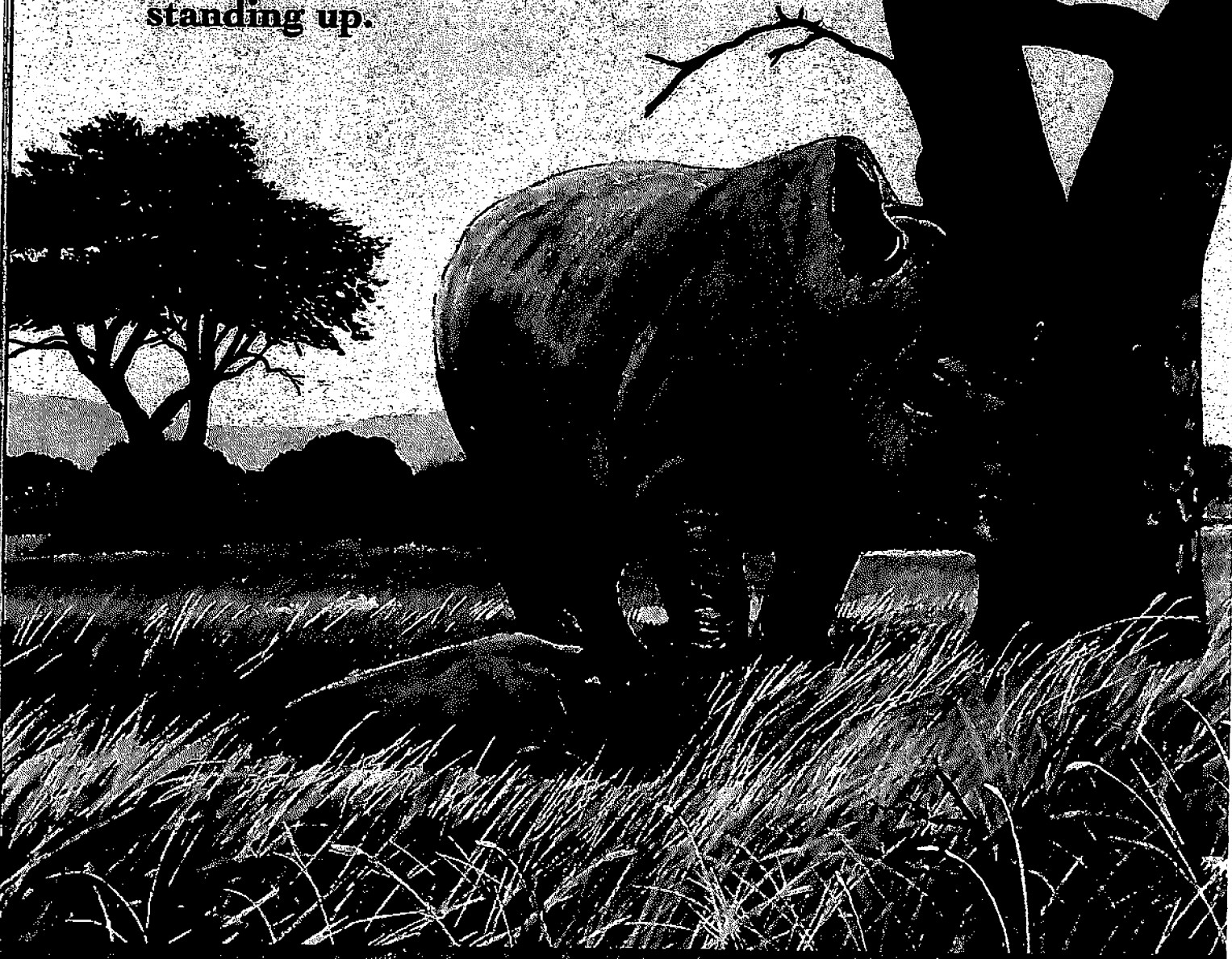




**A tick bird flies down and lands on the calf's back. The tick bird eats the ticks and other bugs that land on her.**



**Nap time! It's too hot to eat at noon, so the young rhino naps in the shade. Her mother looks like she is awake, but she naps while standing up.**



In the late afternoon, the calf will wake up  
and start eating again. Then she will go to  
the water hole for a drink.



After the calf drinks at the water hole, she follows her mother to the mud wallows. The cow rolls in the wallow at the edge of the water hole and covers herself with mud.





**When her mother finishes, the calf rolls in the mud, too. The calf rolls and rolls until she is covered with mud from head to toe.**



The young calf is now three years old and all grown up. She is ready to leave her mother. She is also ready to mate and have calves of her own.



The young cow forms a herd with several other young cows. They eat and go to the water hole together every day.





...is later, her baby is born. When  
her calf is strong enough,



When the new calf grows up, he will be one of the largest animals in the world. He will mate, and a new calf will be born in the African savanna.



And white rhino bulls are 6 feet  
(180 centimeters) tall and can  
weigh as much as 6,500 pounds  
(2,950 kilograms).

## Rhinoceros Diagram



① **FEET** Rhinos have three toes on each hoofed foot. They walk on the middle toe.

② **NOSE** Adult rhinos rely on their sense of smell to tell them where they are going.

③ **HORNS** A rhino's horn is made of keratin, just like your fingernails.

④ **SKIN** The skin of a rhino can be about 56 to 75 inches (1.4 to 1.9 centimeters) thick.

## Map

There are five types of rhinos. They live in Africa and Asia.  
The rhinos in this book are white rhinos. They live in Africa.



## Glossary

bull—an adult male rhino

calf—a young rhino

cow—an adult female rhino

crash—a group, or herd, of rhinos that live together

territory—the place an animal claims as its own

wallows—the mud at the edge of the water hole

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