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Did you know that there are many endangered animals in the world?  
What's that? You've never heard of the word "endangered"?  
Well then, let's start by explaining what an endangered animal is,  
and how many types there are in the world.

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## Mammals

Roughly one out  
of five species



Endangered

Mammals discovered by humans

**5,501** species

Endangered species

**1,140** species



## Birds

Roughly one out  
of eight species



Endangered

Birds discovered by humans

**10,064** species

Endangered species

**1,313** species

## Amphibians

Roughly one out  
of three species



Endangered

Amphibians discovered by humans

**6,771** species

Endangered species

**1,931** species



# **Why should we protect animals that are on the brink of extinction?**

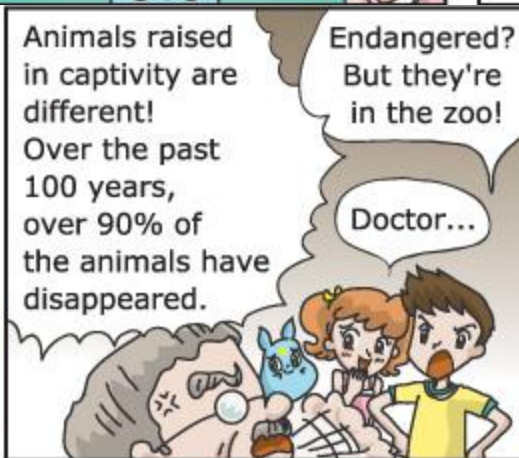
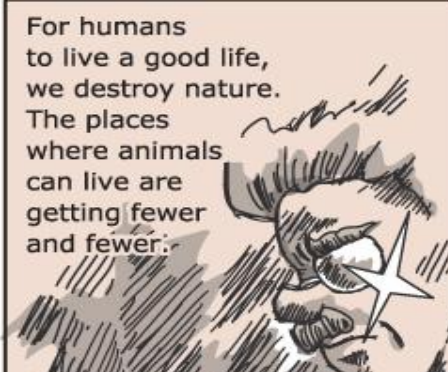
**For instance, plants produce the oxygen that we need to breathe. The life of a plant relies on pollen carried by insects and minerals found in animal carcasses. In other words, the earth has many life forms whose lives depend on one another. This is called biodiversity. When an animal or other life form becomes extinct, it breaks its link with other life forms, and threatens our lives as well.**











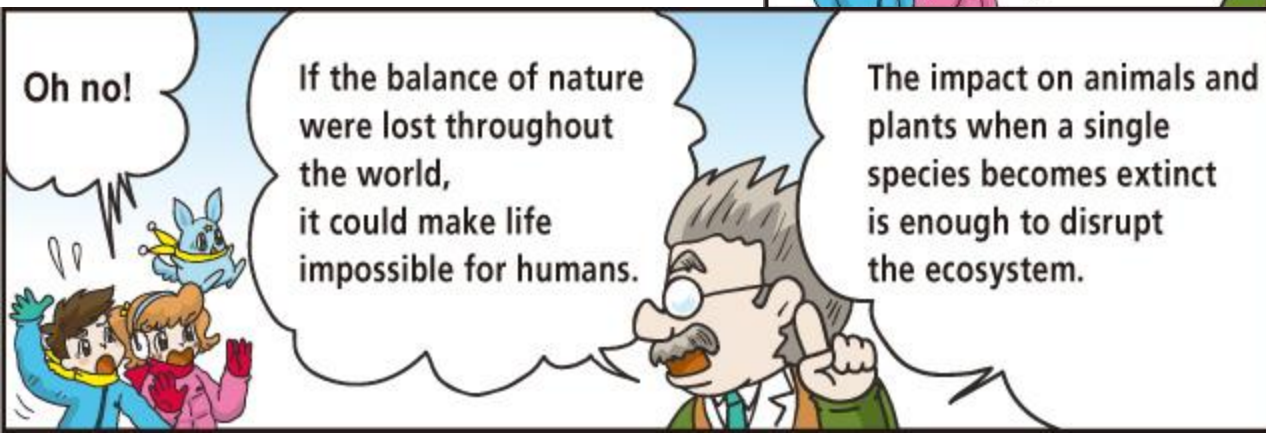
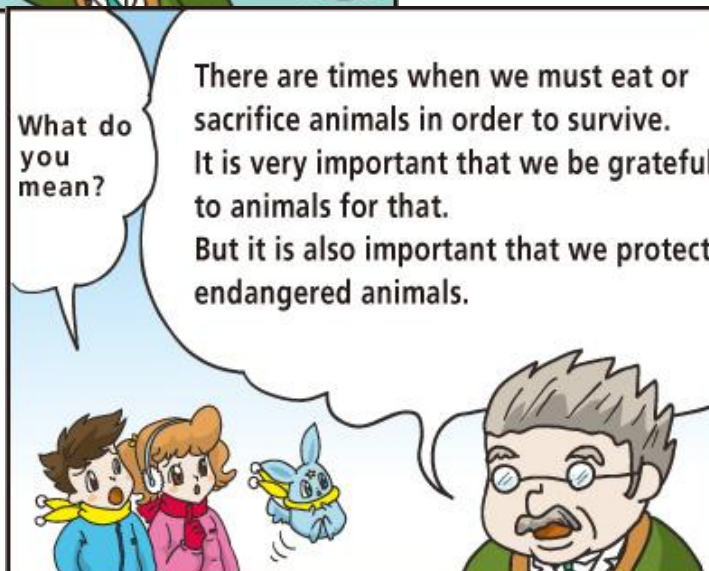




That's the spirit.

The first step is to know more, understand more, and investigate more.

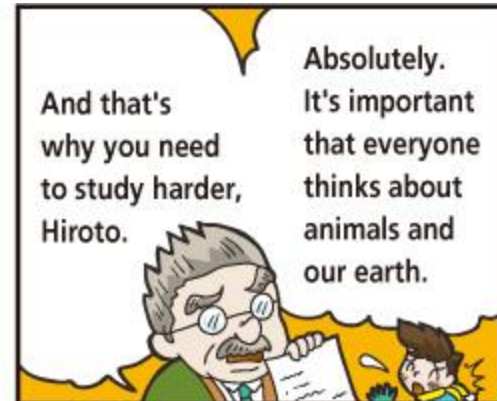
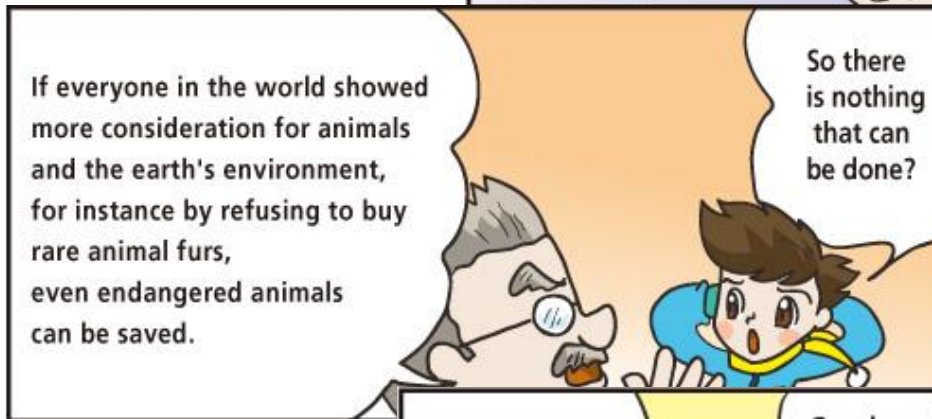
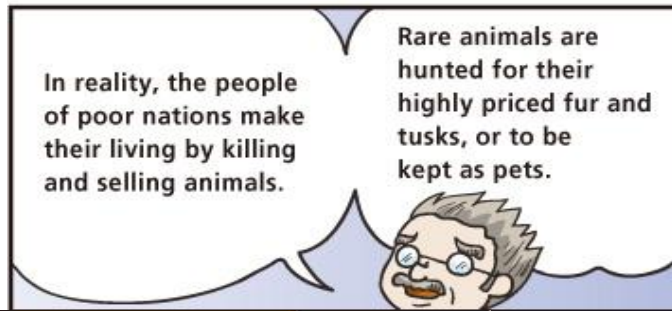








That's why various countries conduct activities to protect endangered animals. There is even a promise amongst the world's countries to prevent acts like poaching called the Washington Convention.



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