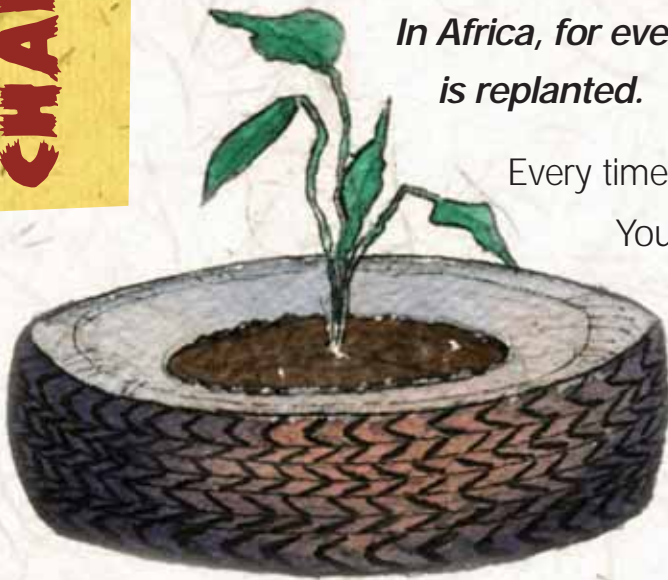


PLANT YOUR OWN TREE

All children, every one, plant a tree! We have seen how useful trees are. We can all plant our own trees. One reason people do not plant trees is because they cannot always provide a crop or resource or service straight away. . All people naturally tend to be attracted to activities which bring immediate rewards. A tree may take ten, twenty, perhaps fifty years to provide wood, fruit or shelter. We must change the way we think, because the more trees we plant now, the safer the world will be for us and for our children into the future.

In Africa, for every 28 trees cut down, only one tree is replanted.



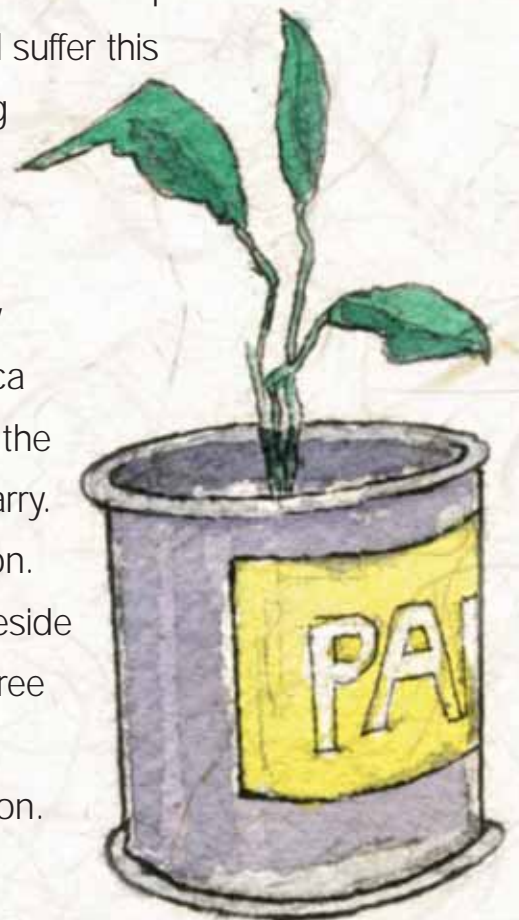
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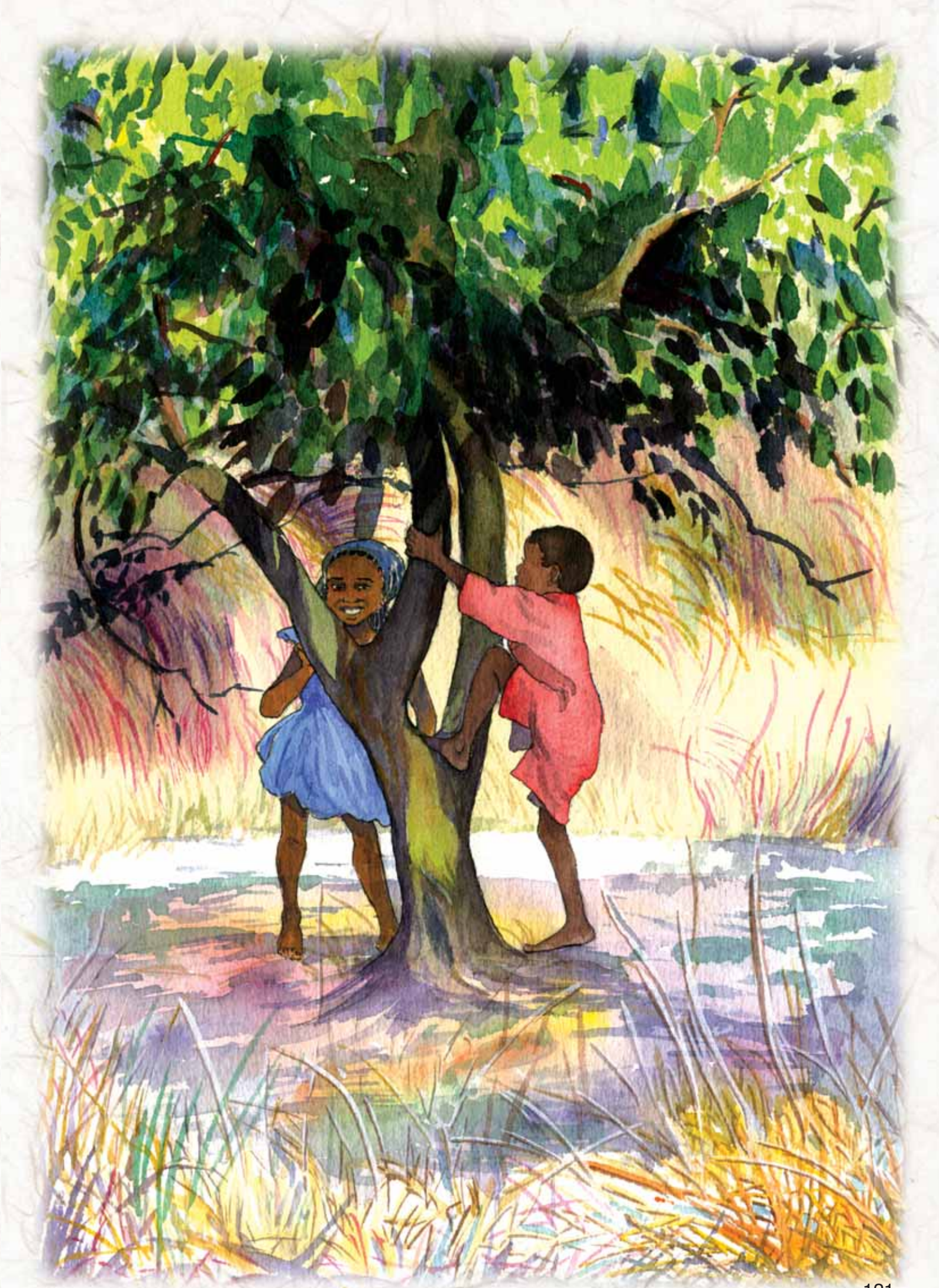
Young trees need to be nurtured. They need care and attention, food, water and sometimes, if they die, they need to be replaced. Foresters expect up to two thirds of all trees in a plantation to die.

Far fewer will suffer this

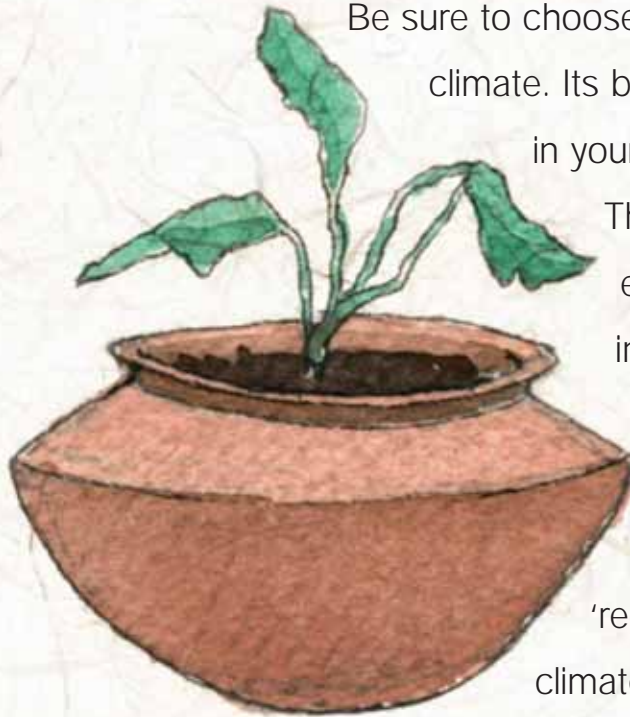
fate if we give the young trees some tender loving care.

Plant a tree when your brother or sister is born and they can eat the fruit when they are grown! The **Oubangui** of Central Africa believe that when the tree begins to fruit, the time will have come for that person to marry. Gifts for the tree help to nurture the person. When someone dies their spirit goes to reside in their personal "birthright" tree. Plant a tree on your mother's birthday, plant a tree in memory or to celebrate a special occasion.





PLANT A TREE



Be sure to choose trees which flourish in your climate. Its best to plant a tree which evolved in your country – an indigenous tree.

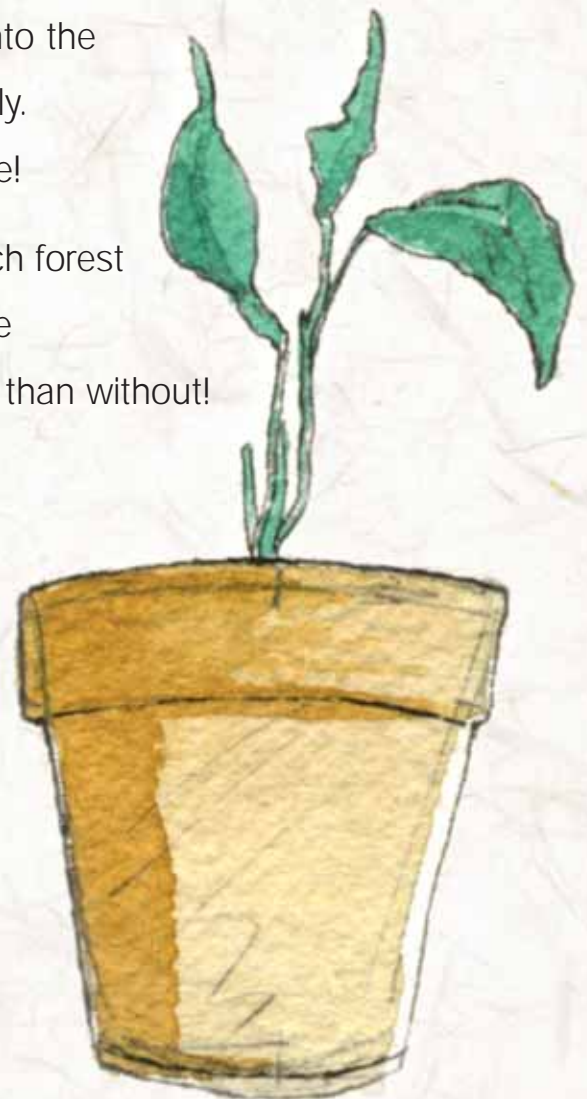
That way the animals which evolved alongside it – including insects which may pollinate it, will hopefully be around. Another way to let trees flourish is simply to allow land to ‘regenerate’. In many, but not all

climates, left to its own devices nature usually finds a way to spring back. Land,

which is not too damaged, or polluted, which is fenced and where the vegetation is not cut back by humans, will gradually, very slowly, develop into the ecosystem which was there originally.

Leave it alone and it will come home!

You will not be alone. Although much forest is being destroyed, many people are seeing that we are better with trees than without!



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