

# WARNING!

I'm a **STRANGLER** fig.

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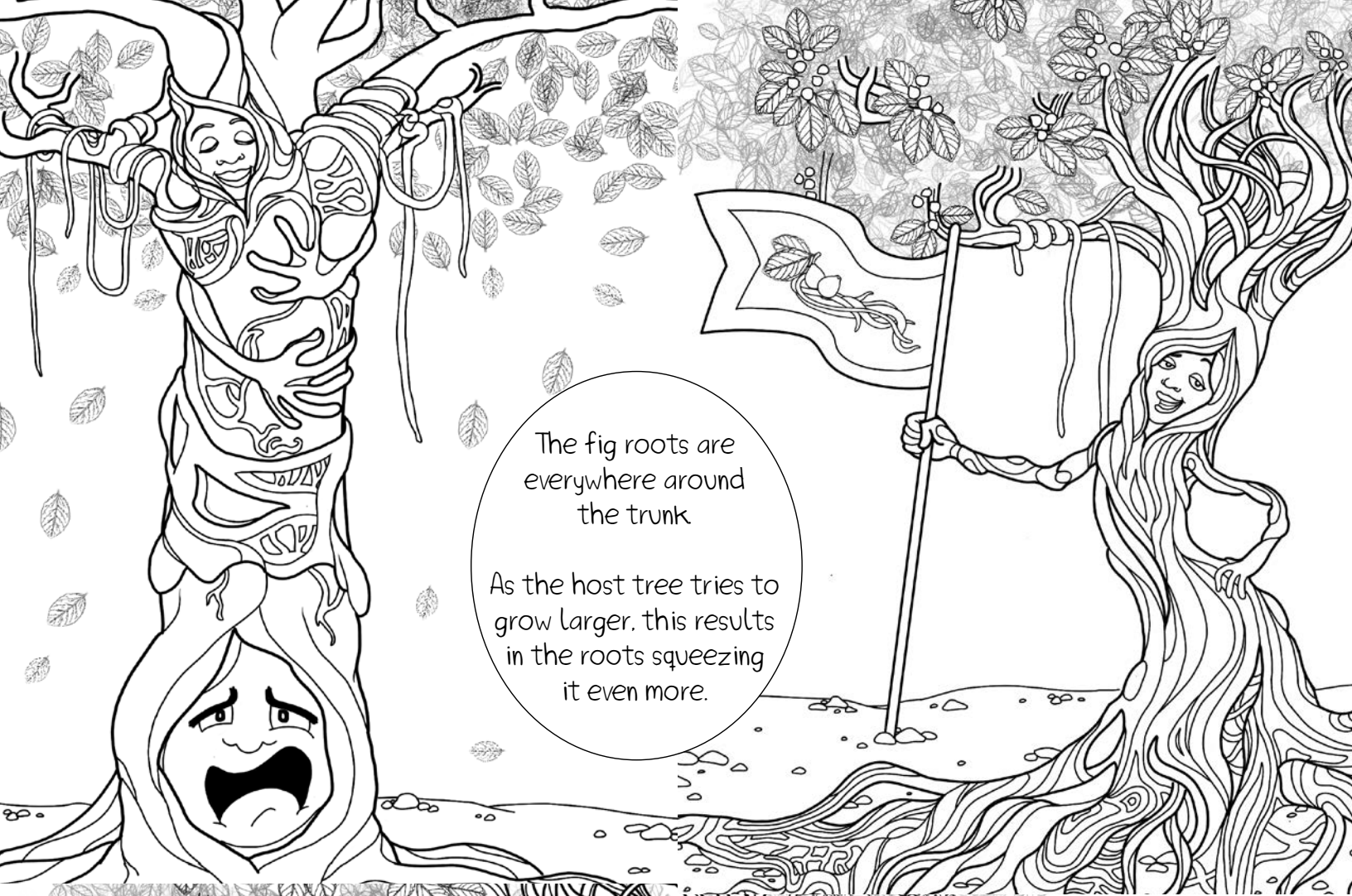






I  
**strangle** the  
trunk and branches of  
unfortunate host  
trees.

The bigger I get, the  
more popular I am  
with animals who get  
nourishment from my  
fruits.



The fig roots are everywhere around the trunk.

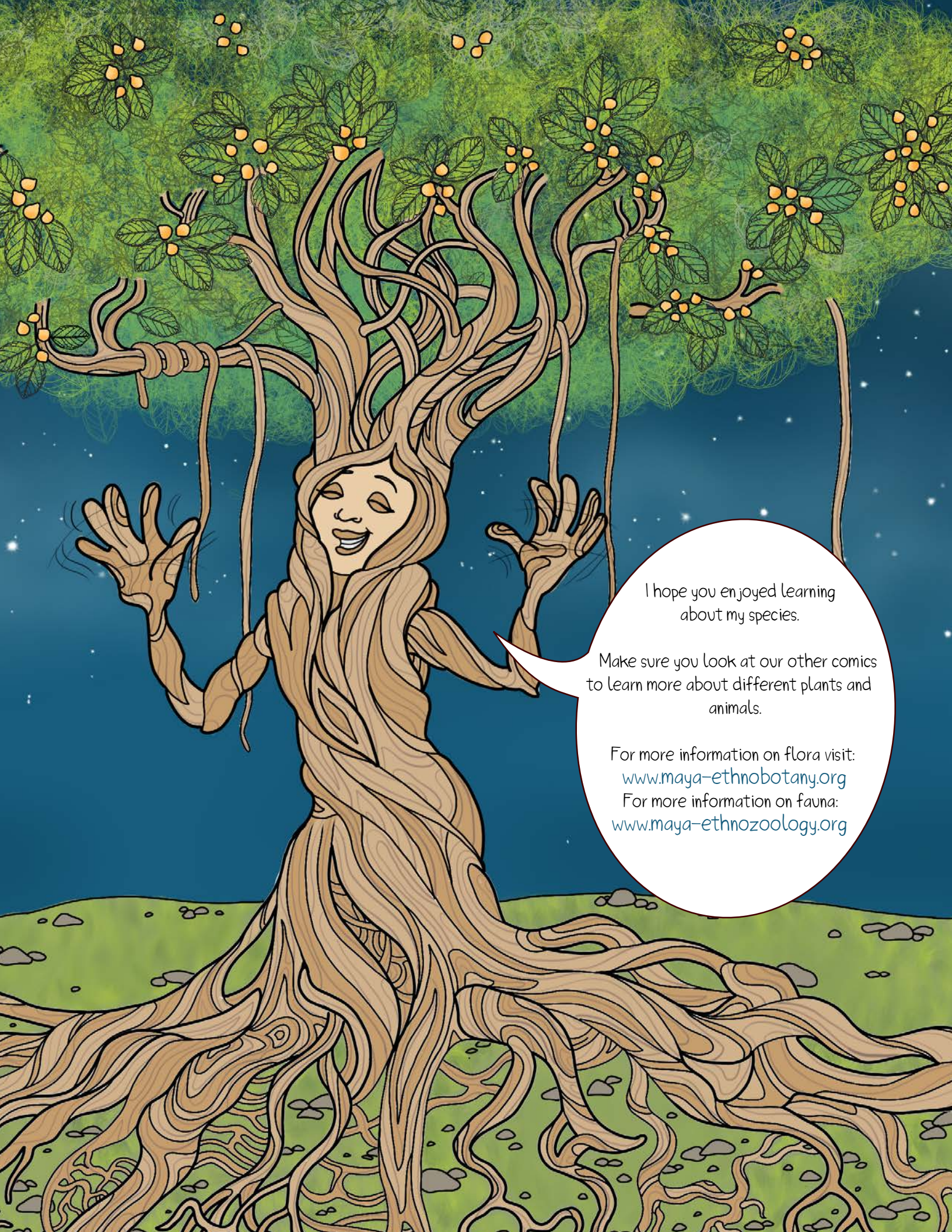
As the host tree tries to grow larger, this results in the roots squeezing it even more.



The host tree is now dead, and it may take several years for it to rot.

In the meantime the strangler fig now develops its own trunk.





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about my species.

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