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Animals Slurp,  
Chomp and  
Gulp

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**Heather Wilson**



# What if you ate like an animal?

## **ANIMALS EAT AND DRINK IN SURPRISING, AMAZING AND DOWNRIGHT WEIRD WAYS.**

Bearded vultures throw their food on the ground. Dogs slurp when they're thirsty. Amazon horned toads swallow their meals whole. You should definitely NOT copy their behavior at the dinner table. It wouldn't be funny at all. In fact it could be disastrous. So mind your manners and learn how NOT to eat and drink like an animal.

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- A unique, fun and fact-filled STEM picture book that introduces younger readers to animal behaviors.
- Back matter includes additional information about each animal featured, including mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles.
- This book uses humor to compare the ways animals eat and drink with the ways children eat and drink.
- This interactive book features a phrase on each spread to encourage the reader to turn the page and discover the next animal behavior they shouldn't mimic.
- Illustrations depict the realistic eating and drinking behaviors of animals and how funny young people look trying to copy those behaviors.
- Etta Kaner is an award-winning author of more than 30 nonfiction titles for kids, including *Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate* (Owl Kids) and *Wild Buildings and Bridges* (Kids Can Press).



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When your mom calls,

**LUNCHTIME!**

**DO NOT...**







Mommy! Kenny is sticking out his tongue at me!

**...stick out your tongue like a snake  
to smell what's on the menu.**

Why? Because you're not a snake! But if you were, your flicking tongue would be smelling prey or sensing a nearby predator. It could even help you track down a mate. No need to worry about a stuffy nose. Your tongue would smell it all!



**And never...**



...taste your salad with your  
feet like a butterfly.



Salad dressing between your toes. Yuck! But if you were a butterfly, stomping on food would make sense. That's because butterflies have taste buds on their feet. Female butterflies use those taste buds to check out leaves before laying eggs on them. Why? The caterpillars that hatch need to have leaves that are healthy to eat.



Don't you dare  
track salad  
dressing all over  
the house!



And don't even  
think about...



**...slurping your soup with  
your tongue like a dog.**



You can slurp all day. But you'd still be hungry. That's because—unlike a dog's—your tongue can't bend backward to form a J shape. To drink, a dog dips its tongue into the water and quickly brings it up. This creates a column of water that the dog then bites and swallows. Gulp!

That sounds  
disgusting!

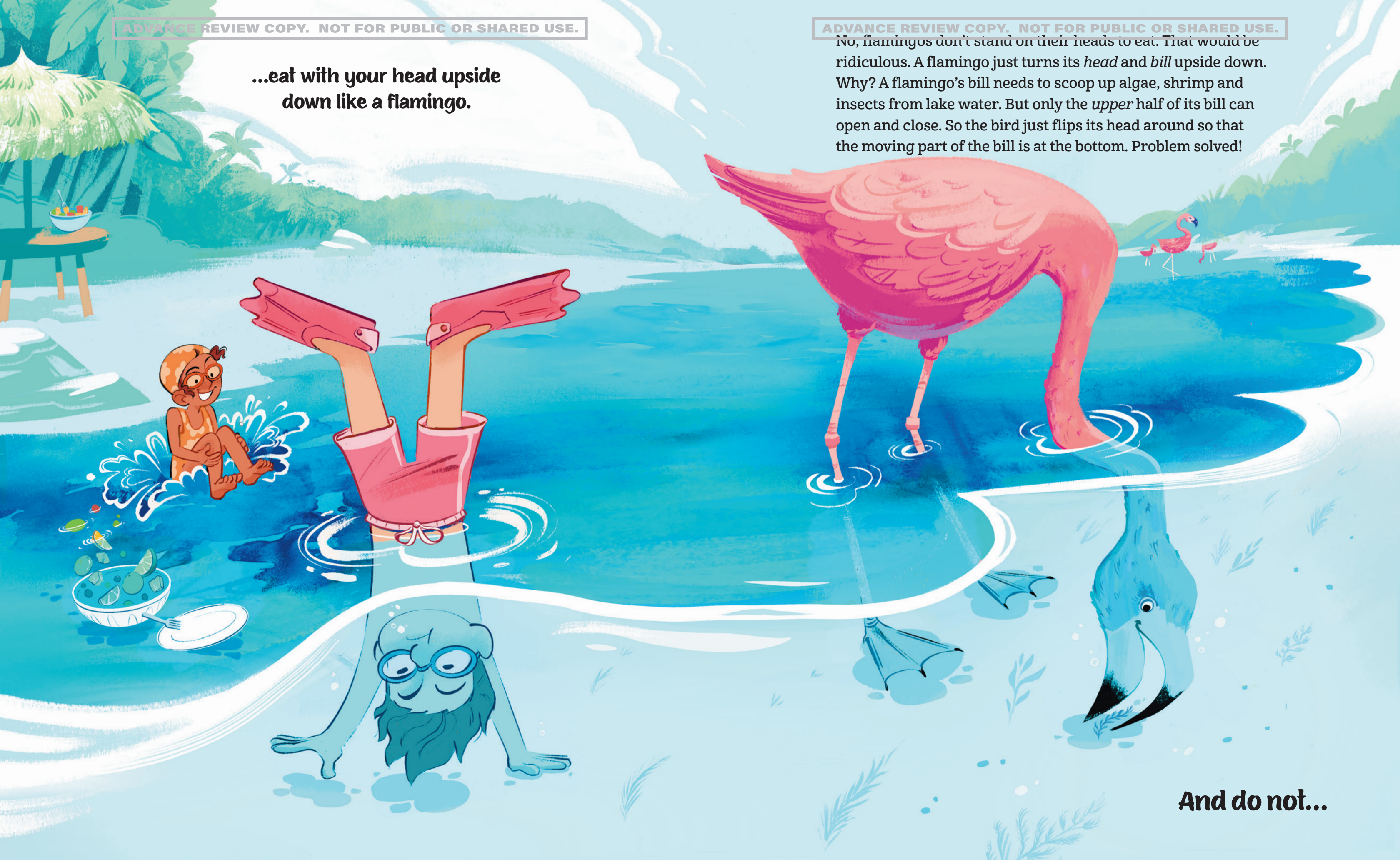


**And it's not a  
good idea to...**



...eat with your head upside  
down like a flamingo.

No, flamingos don't stand on their heads to eat. That would be ridiculous. A flamingo just turns its *head* and *bill* upside down. Why? A flamingo's bill needs to scoop up algae, shrimp and insects from lake water. But only the *upper* half of its bill can open and close. So the bird just flips its head around so that the moving part of the bill is at the bottom. Problem solved!



And do not...



...gulp down your food like a  
Tasmanian devil.

Stop eating  
like an  
animal!

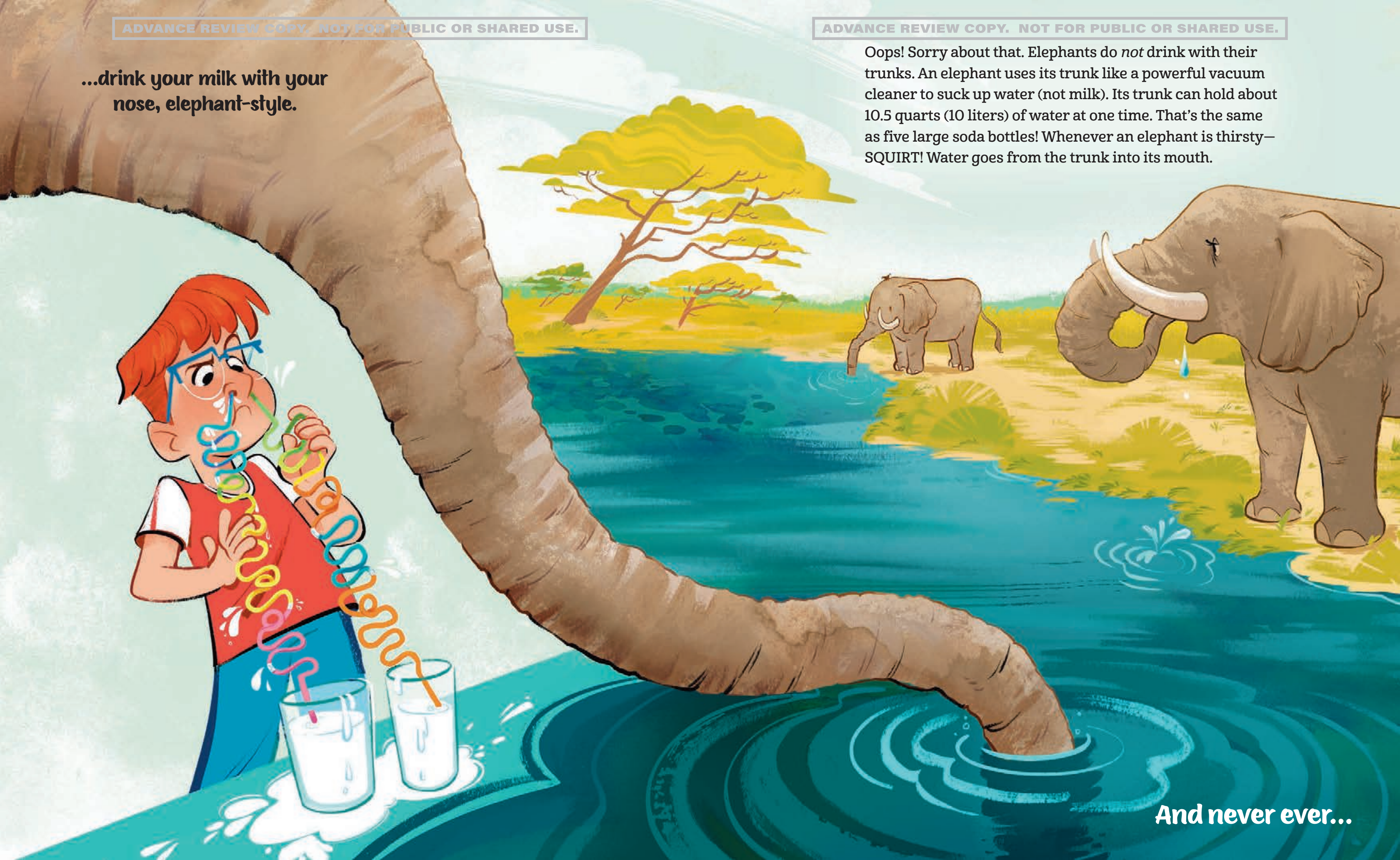
favorite activity for Tasmanian devils? Tearing into rotting  
dead animals (carrion) with their strong jaws. Mmm...dead  
meat! As if that's not bad enough, a Tasmanian devil likes to  
fall asleep inside the carrion so that it can continue eating  
when it wakes up. Eww!

And please don't...



...drink your milk with your nose, elephant-style.

Oops! Sorry about that. Elephants do *not* drink with their trunks. An elephant uses its trunk like a powerful vacuum cleaner to suck up water (not milk). Its trunk can hold about 10.5 quarts (10 liters) of water at one time. That's the same as five large soda bottles! Whenever an elephant is thirsty—SQUIRT! Water goes from the trunk into its mouth.



And never ever...





...swallow your food  
whole like an Amazon  
horned frog.

I can't believe  
he ate the  
whole thing!

You might choke! But  
swallowing prey whole is a  
no-brainer for *this* frog.  
Anything that will fit into  
its giant mouth will do—snails,  
lizards, mice, snakes, birds and  
even other frogs. Why doesn't  
it choke? It pulls its bulging eyes  
downward into its mouth to help  
push food down its throat.

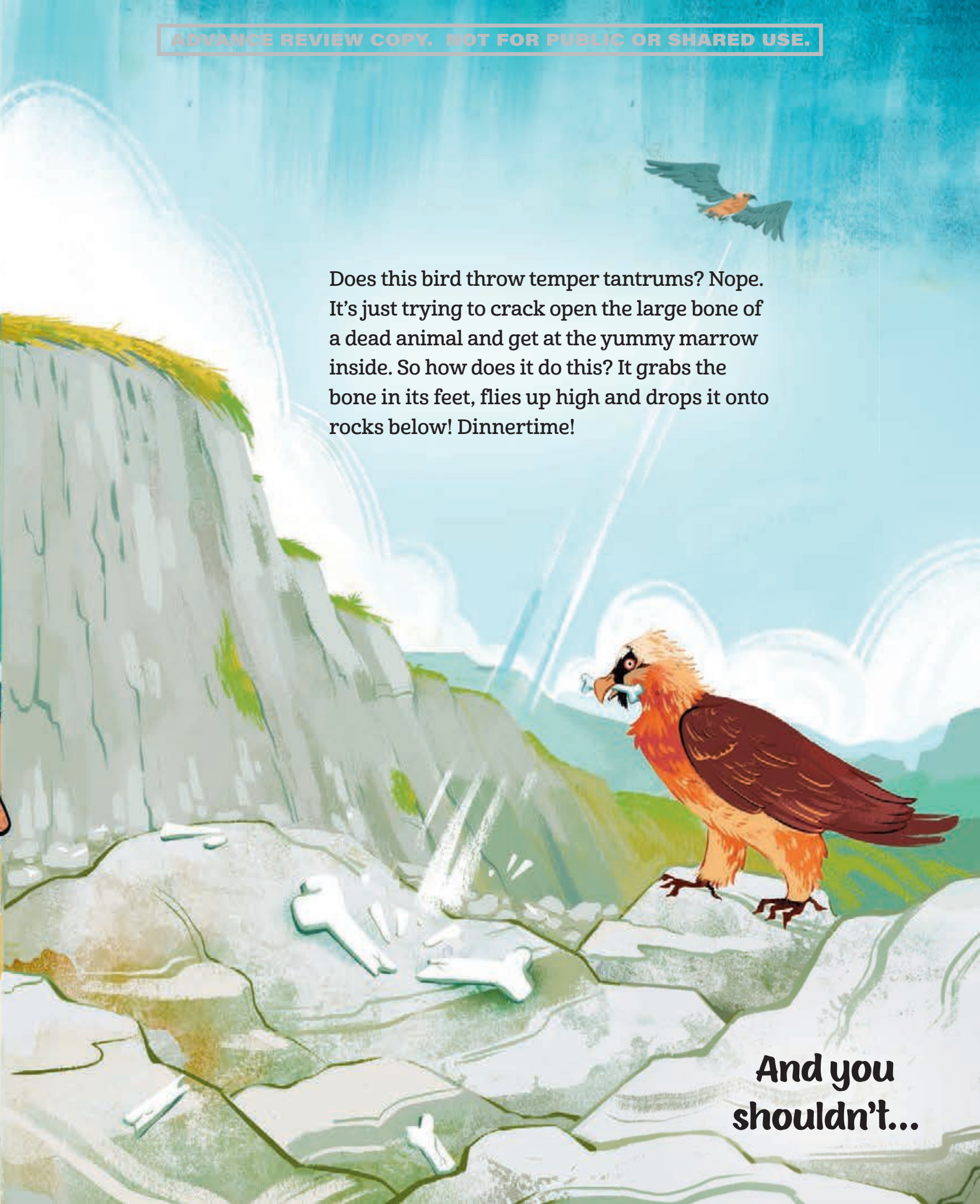
And be sure not to...



...throw your food on the floor  
like a bearded vulture.



Does this bird throw temper tantrums? Nope. It's just trying to crack open the large bone of a dead animal and get at the yummy marrow inside. So how does it do this? It grabs the bone in its feet, flies up high and drops it onto rocks below! Dinnertime!



And you  
shouldn't...



**...stuff your cheeks with dessert like a guenon.**



Greedy monkey? No! A guenon just wants to eat in safety. So it stuffs its cheek pouches with food. (They can hold almost as much as its stomach!) With cheeks full of fruits and seeds, a guenon has its hands and feet free to escape to the safety of a tree. There it can enjoy its meal without being bothered by predators.



Hey, leave some cake for us!

**And forget about...**





...eating your plate, cutlery and glass like a tiger shark.

Okay, okay. You're right. A tiger shark would rather eat fish, seabirds, turtles and sea snakes. But if it happens to come across rubber boots, purses, car tires, license plates, bottles and other trash people dump into the water—down the hatch it goes. No wonder tiger sharks are called "garbage cans of the sea."

Sigh. I guess it cuts down on dish washing.

And it's a big no-no to...



...hide your food around the house like  
a black-capped chickadee.



Black-capped chickadees are no birdbrains. In winter, a part of the bird's brain called the *hippocampus* gets bigger. This helps the chickadee remember exactly where it hid seeds in the fall so that it has food during the winter. In spring, the same part of the brain shrinks back to its normal size!

What are these  
cupcakes doing  
in my underwear  
drawer?



And it's bad  
manners to...



...burp like a cow while  
you're eating.

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it is gross. But cows can't help burping. That's the way their stomachs  
work. The grass they eat makes gas inside their stomachs. When the  
gases build up, it really hurts. So how does a cow get rid of the gas?



And ALWAYS...



...say “thank you” before leaving the table.  
Because you are a person, and that’s what people do!





## More Fascinating Facts

### Snakes

Wonder why a snake's tongue is forked? The forks allow the snake to know which direction a scent is coming from—the left or the right.

### Butterflies

Butterflies also have taste buds on the knobs of their antennae. They pick up scents from the air, which tell the butterflies where to find food or a mate.

### Dogs

Dogs also use their tongues to eat, groom their fur, explore their world and cool down when they're too hot.

### Flamingos

A flamingo's mouth acts like a sieve. The bird fills its bill with water, algae, shrimp and insects. The tongue pushes the water out through tiny comb-like ridges along the edges of the bill. The food stays inside.

### Tasmanian devils

If it's *really* hungry, a Tasmanian devil can eat up to 40 percent of its body weight in half an hour. That's like you eating about 60 apples in one meal!

### Elephants

An elephant's trunk is all muscle. Actually, more than 40,000 muscles! To eat, an elephant uses its trunk to crush leaves, fruit and roots into a solid clump that can be picked up easily.

### Amazon horned frogs

To catch prey, this sneaky frog hides in leaf litter, where its colors blend right in. Passing prey never suspect that there's a frog nearby, ready to pounce on it for lunch.

### Bearded vultures

Once a bearded vulture has enjoyed the marrow inside a bone, it swallows the bone. Doesn't it get a stomach ache? No! Its stomach acids break down bones quickly.

### Guenons

The Allen's swamp monkey is a type of guenon that goes fishing. It places leaves or grass on the water's surface. When a fish hides underneath, the monkey grabs it.

### Tiger sharks

Tiger sharks are really aggressive. Most animals don't eat their own species, but tiger sharks do! Adults will eat juveniles (young tiger sharks).

### Black-capped chickadees

To make sure it will have enough food during the winter, the black-capped chickadee hides seeds. About one thousand of them. Each in its own place. And it remembers where it hid every one!

### Cows

Cow burps aren't just smelly. They produce methane, a gas that contributes to global warming. Scientists hope that getting cows to eat garlic, charcoal or seaweed will reduce the methane in their burps.



**For Yael and Zion, with love.**

**—E.K.**

**Mom and Dad—  
thank you for the endless support and  
tolerating my weird antics.**

**—H.W.**

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