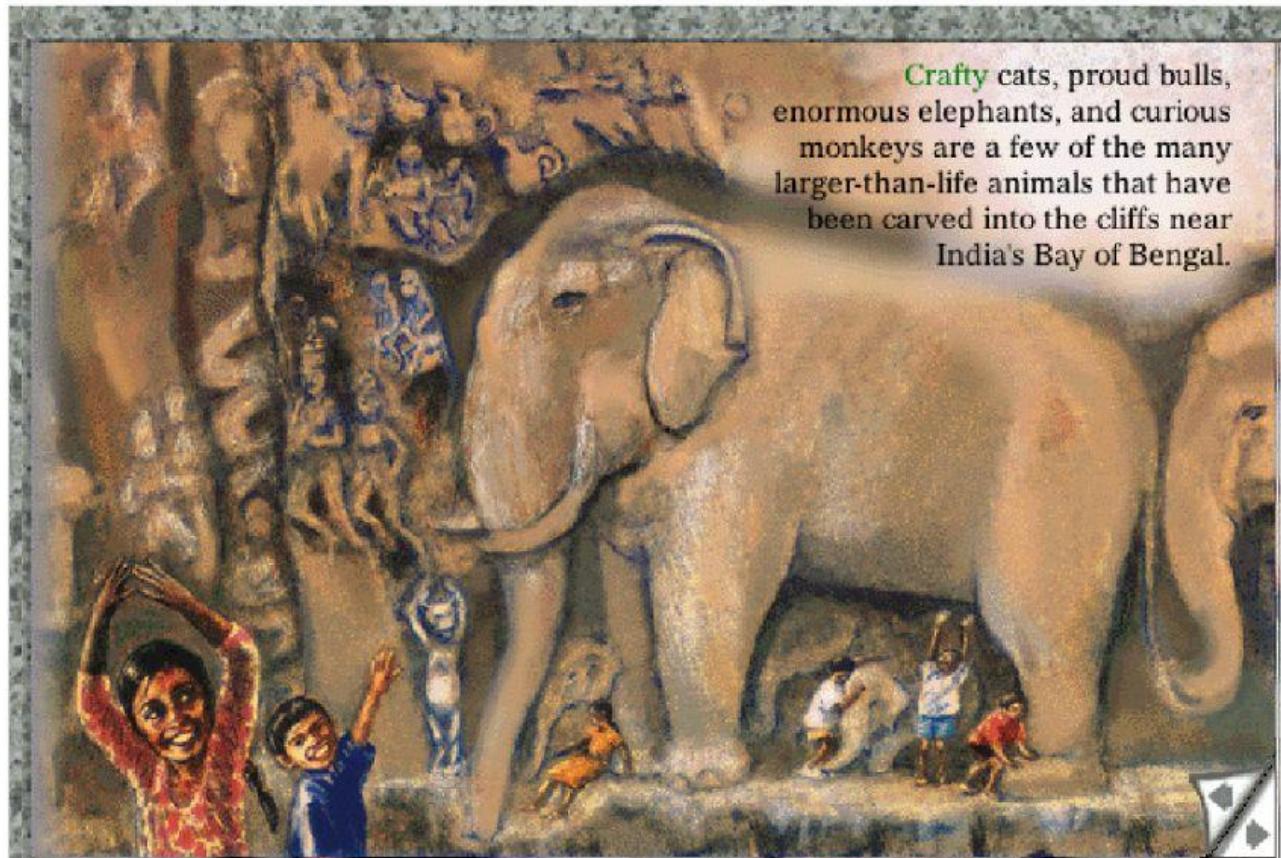
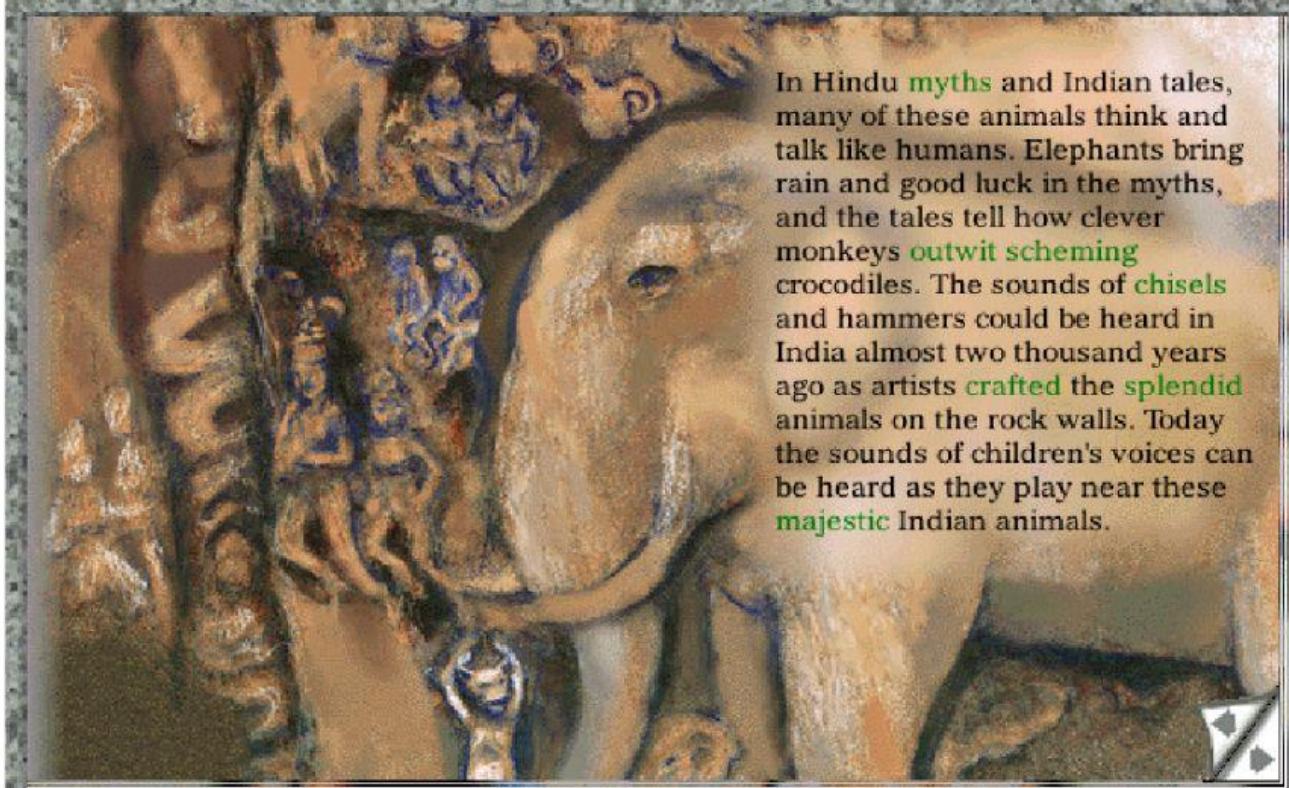


Animals Carvings, India



Crafty cats, proud bulls, enormous elephants, and curious monkeys are a few of the many larger-than-life animals that have been carved into the cliffs near India's Bay of Bengal.

1. Which animals have been carved into the cliffs near India's Bay of Bengal?



In Hindu **myths** and Indian tales, many of these animals think and talk like humans. Elephants bring rain and good luck in the myths, and the tales tell how clever monkeys **outwit scheming** crocodiles. The sounds of **chisels** and hammers could be heard in India almost two thousand years ago as artists **crafted** the **splendid** animals on the rock walls. Today the sounds of children's voices can be heard as they play near these **majestic** Indian animals.

2. In Hindu myths and Indian tales, what could these animals do like humans?

3. According to the myths, what could elephants bring to people?

4. What sounds could be heard two thousand years ago in India?

5. What sounds can be heard near these majestic Indian animals?