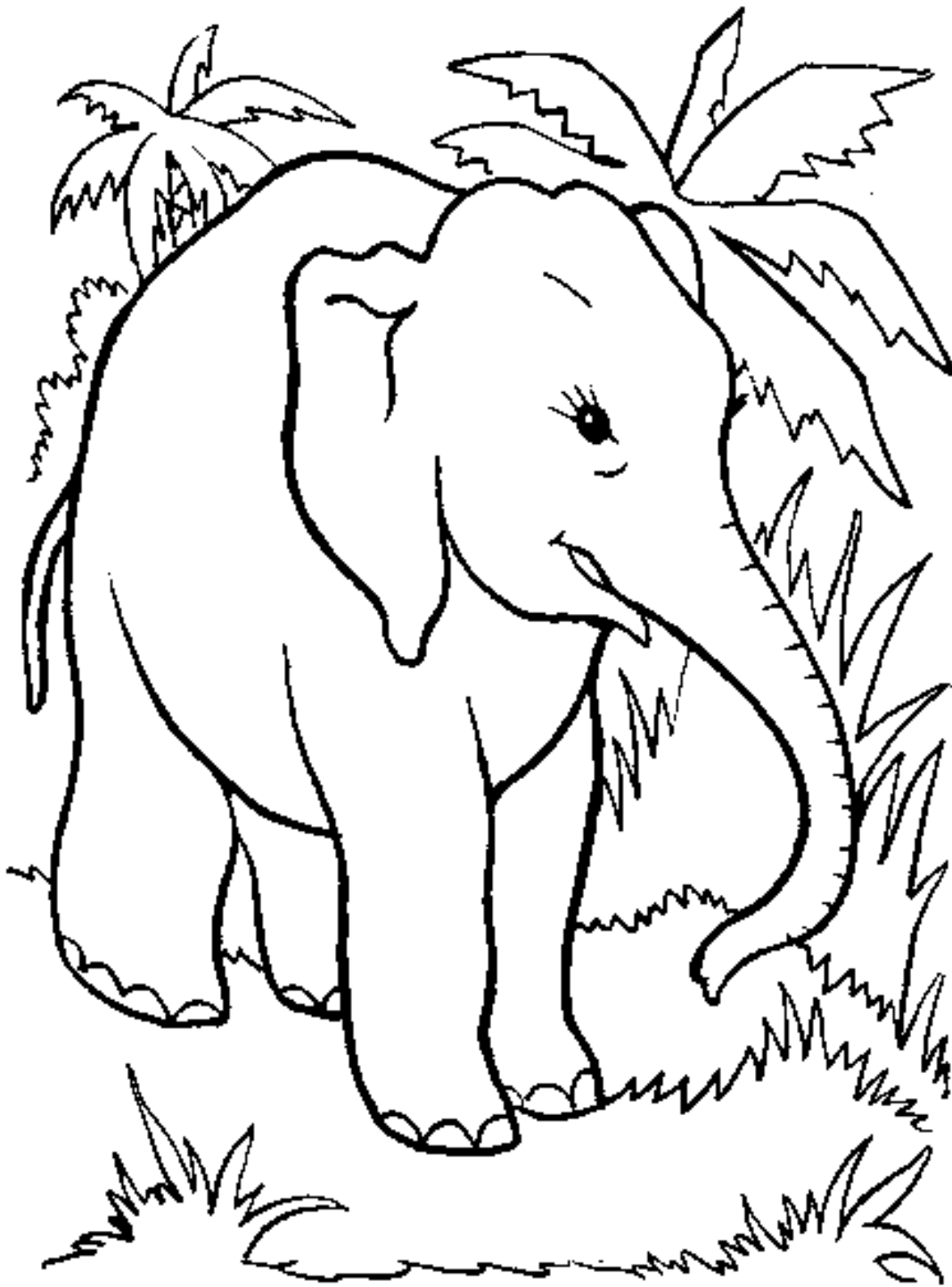


I'M IMPORTANT FOR THE ECOSYSTEM BECAUSE...

I pull down trees and break up thorny bushes, which helps create grasslands for other animals to survive.

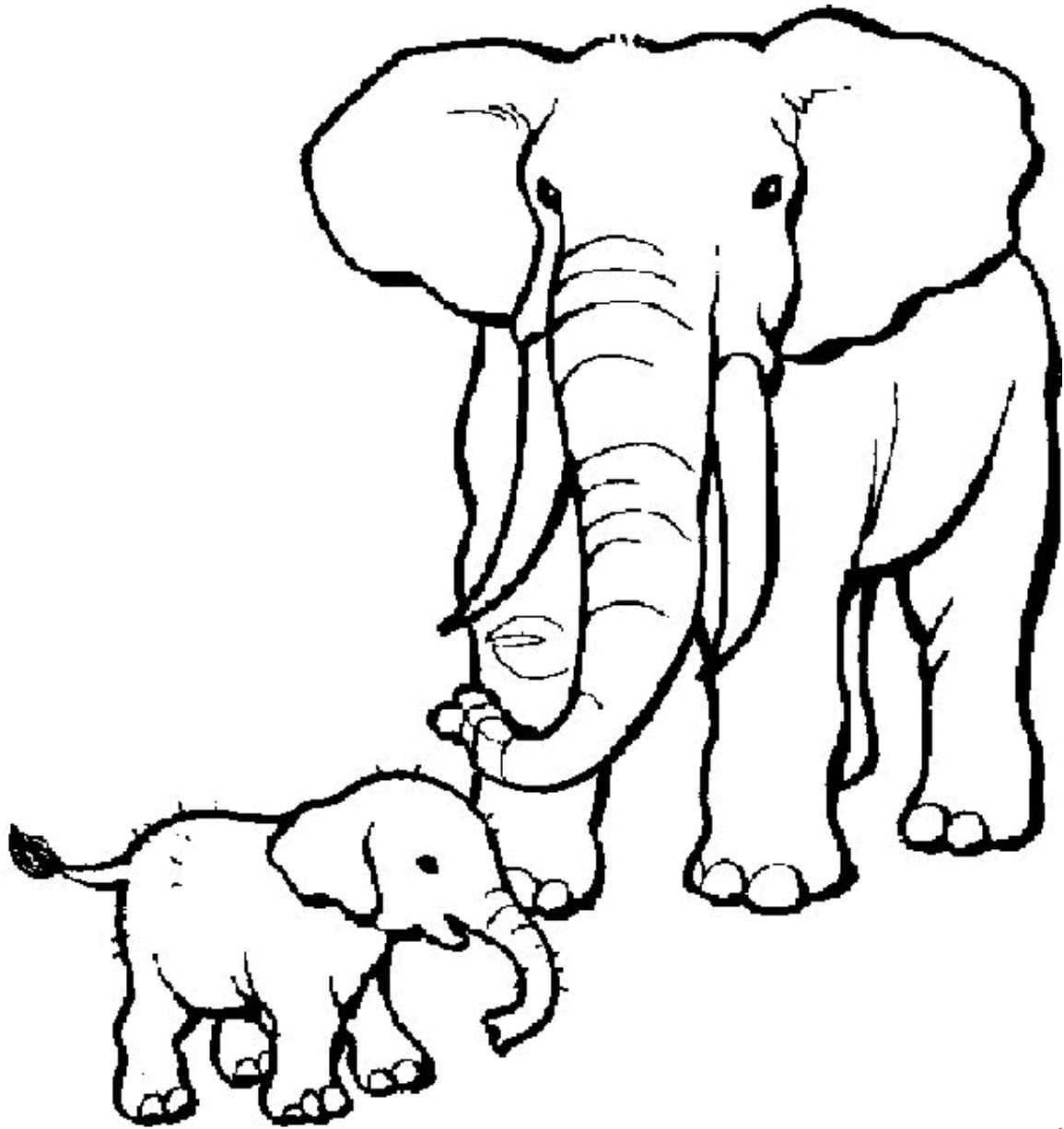




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I dig waterholes in dry riverbeds that other animals can use as a water source.

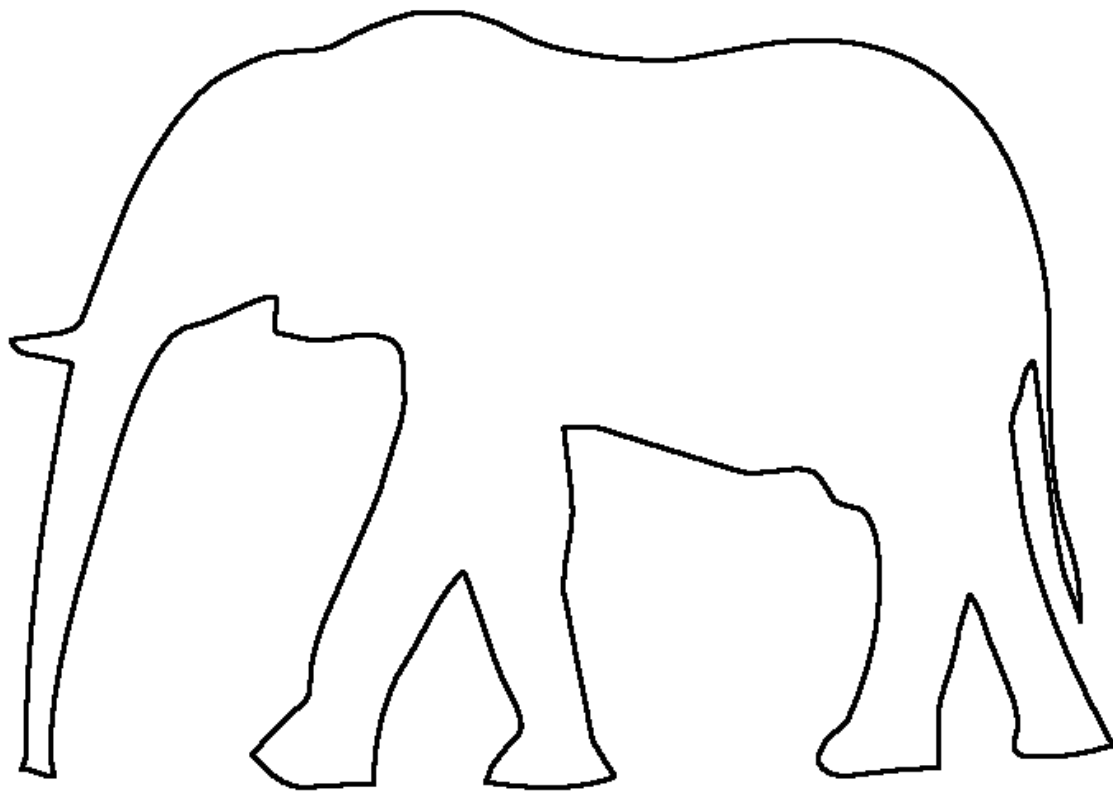




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Other animals, including humans, depend on the openings elephants create in the forest and brush and on the waterholes they dig.





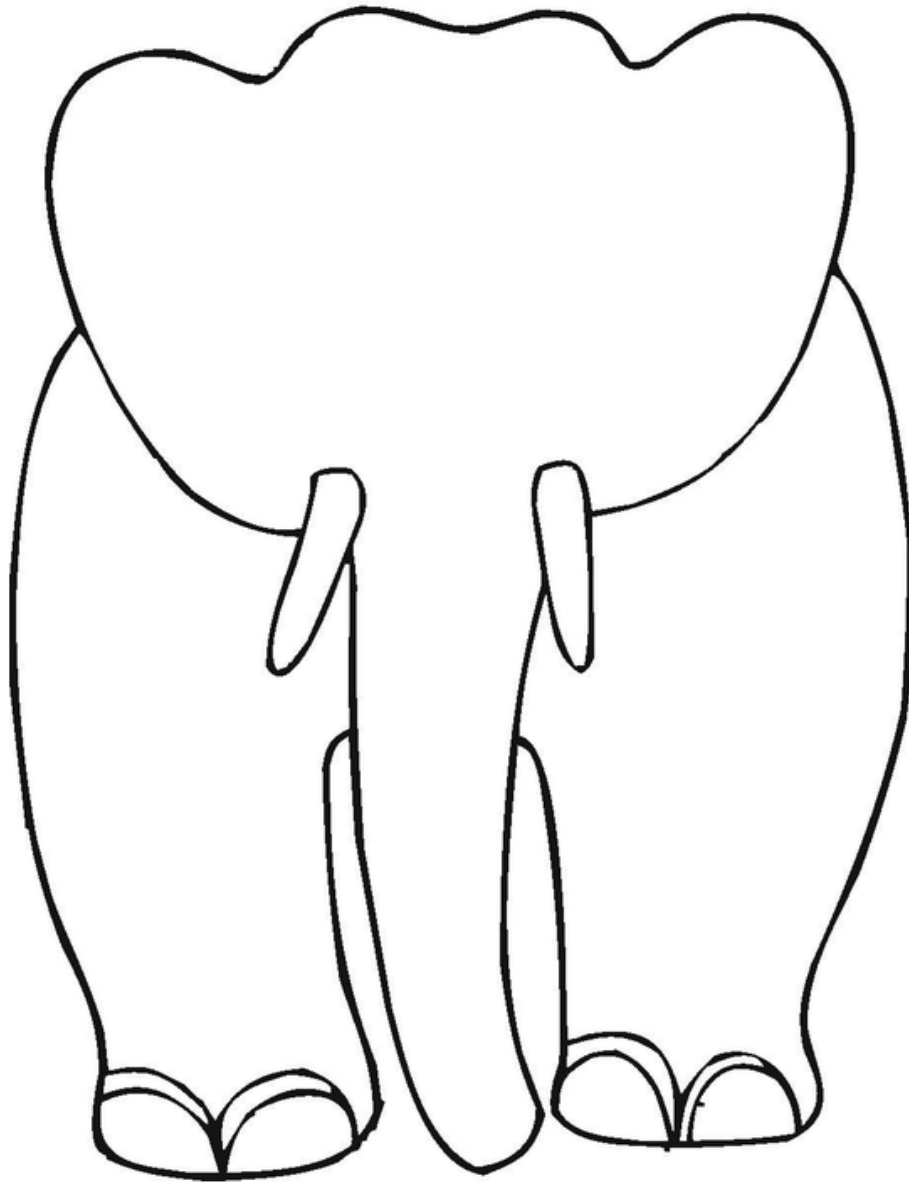
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I'M IMPORTANT FOR THE ECOSYSTEM BECAUSE...

My dung is important to the environment. The nutrient-rich manure replenishes depleted soils so humans can have a nutrient-rich soil to plant crops in.



Color the Elephant

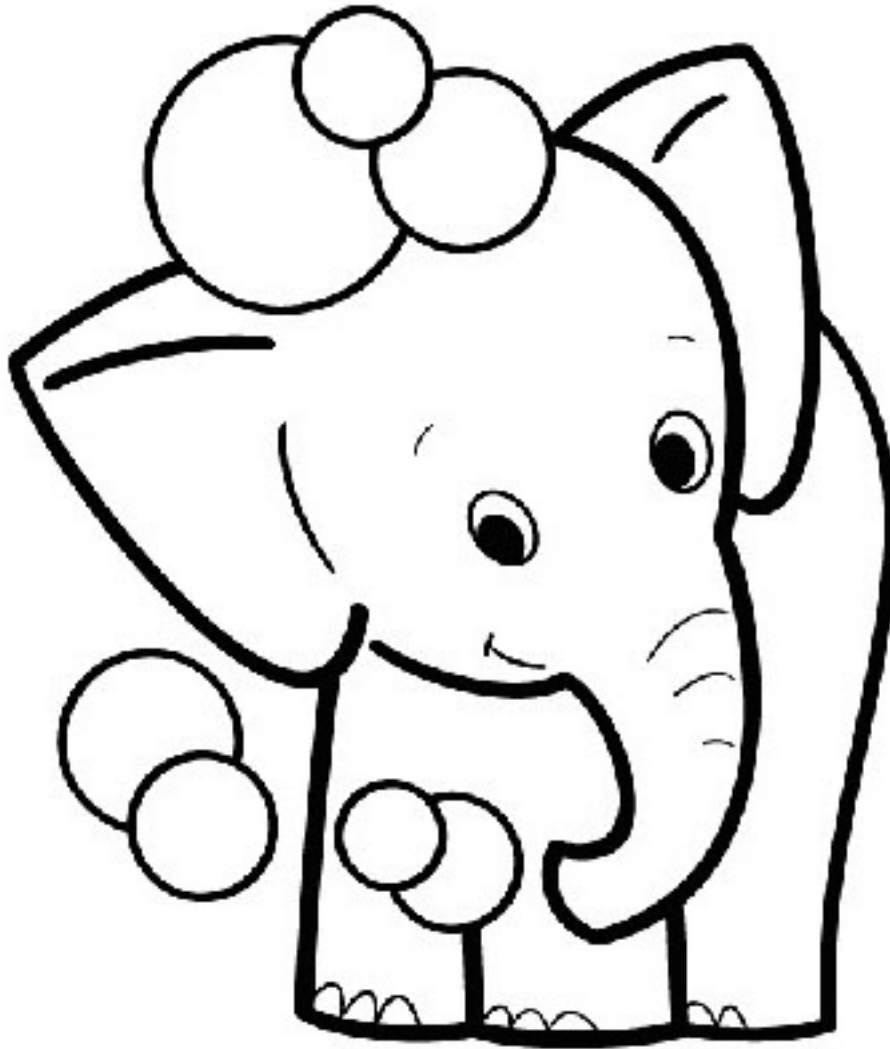


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I'M IMPORTANT FOR THE ECOSYSTEM BECAUSE...

My droppings are a vehicle for seed dispersal. Some seeds will not germinate unless they have passed through my digestive system.





I'M IMPORTANT FOR THE ECOSYSTEM BECAUSE...

I am a keystone species, which means if I were removed from the ecosystem, it would change drastically. I am responsible for maintaining the balance of all other species within the region I live.

