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All my love to A.B. and our little monkeys...

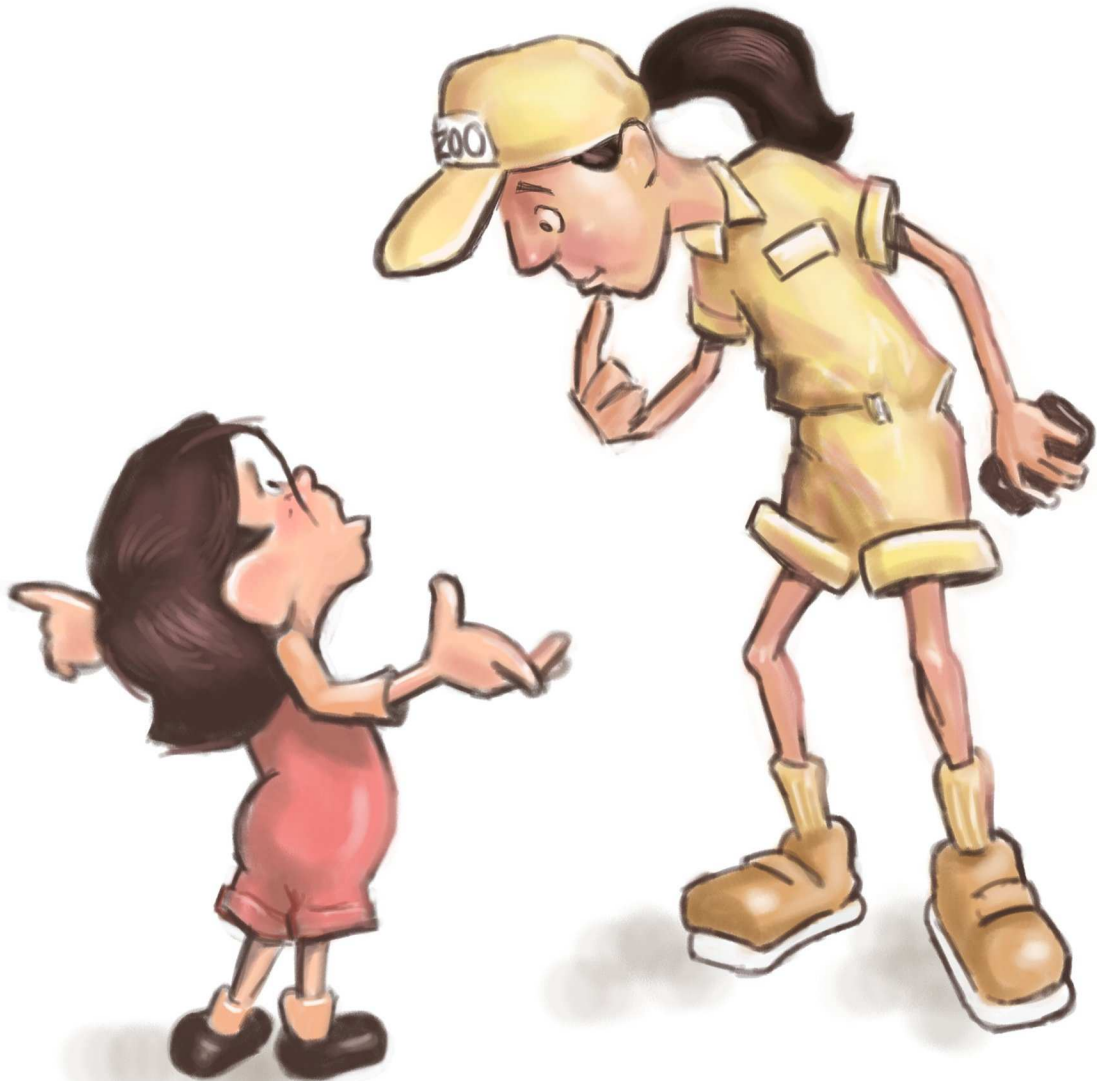
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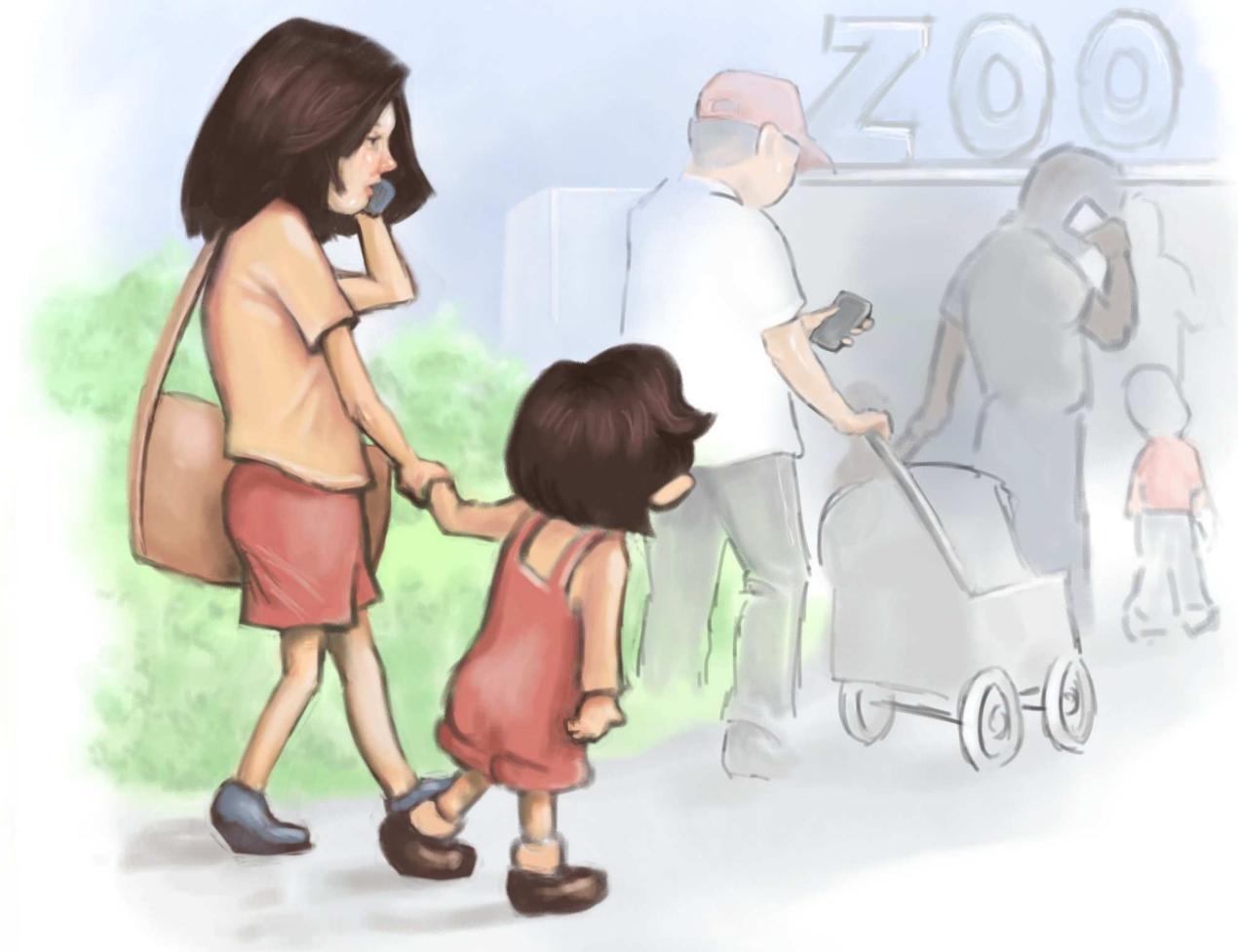


Emma knew that there were times when a phone was really needed, but she thought grown-ups needed them too much! When her parents were on their phone, she could never get their attention. Grown-ups could be so annoying.

She tried waving her hands in the air. She tried jumping in front of them. She even tried to tug at their clothes, in hopes that they would notice her. Grown-ups were so, so frustrating.



Most times, Emma just wanted to say, "Put away your phone!"



Today was a good day. Emma and her family were at the zoo. The sun was shining. The air smelled like fresh popcorn and Emma felt very excited to see the animals. As she stood in the ticket line, Emma noticed that a lot of grown-ups were looking into their phones.