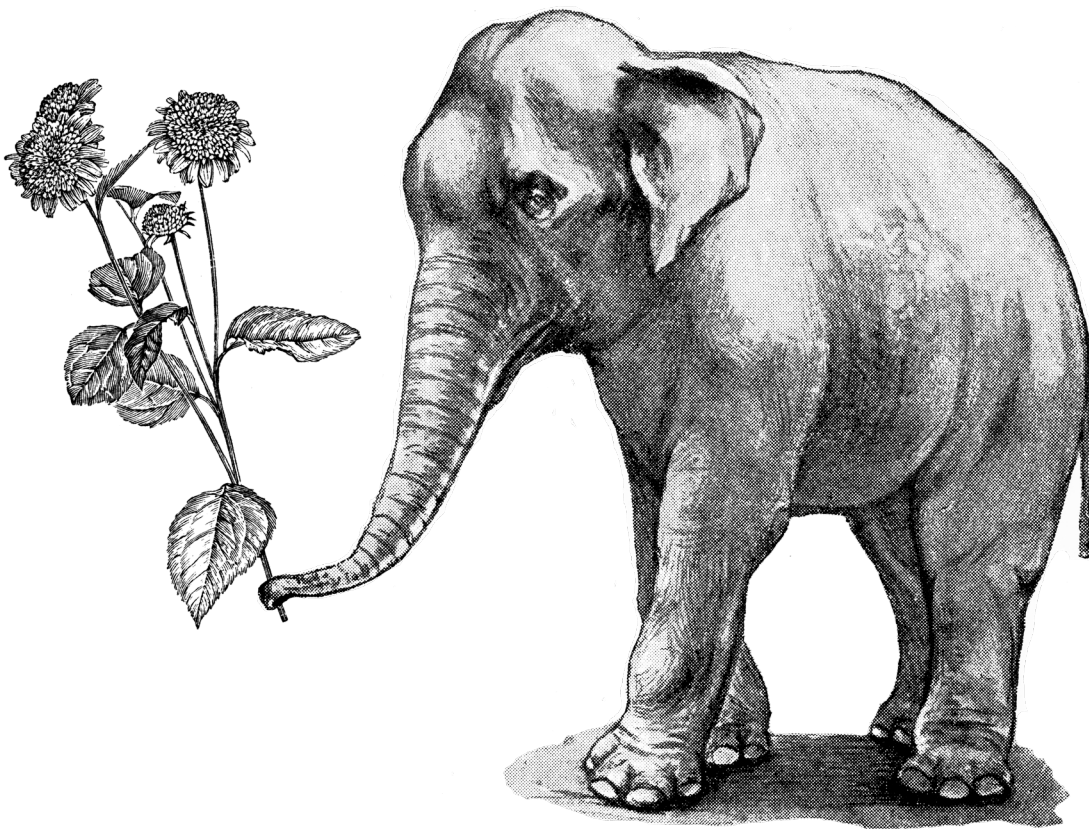


A TALE MAGNOLIOUS



ACTIVITY KIT

FOR LIBRARIANS, EDUCATORS & BOOK CLUBS



A TALE MAGNOLIOUS FROOZLE FLOWER SEEDS

Planting Story:

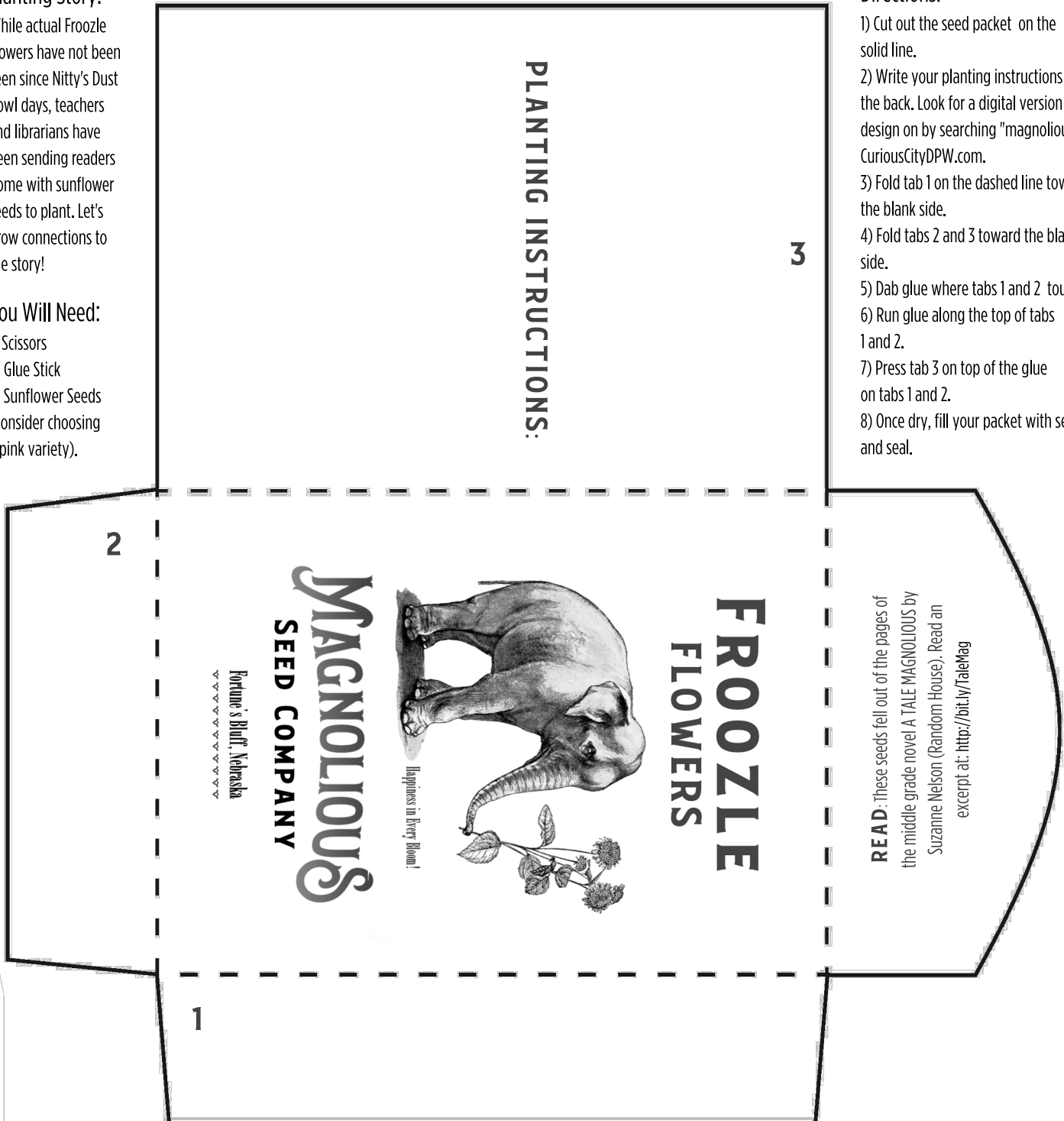
While actual Froozle Flowers have not been seen since Nitty's Dust Bowl days, teachers and librarians have been sending readers home with sunflower seeds to plant. Let's grow connections to the story!

You Will Need:

- 1) Scissors
- 2) Glue Stick
- 3) Sunflower Seeds
(Consider choosing a pink variety).

Directions:

- 1) Cut out the seed packet on the solid line.
- 2) Write your planting instructions on the back. Look for a digital version to design on by searching "magnolious" at CuriousCityDPW.com.
- 3) Fold tab 1 on the dashed line toward the blank side.
- 4) Fold tabs 2 and 3 toward the blank side.
- 5) Dab glue where tabs 1 and 2 touch.
- 6) Run glue along the top of tabs 1 and 2.
- 7) Press tab 3 on top of the glue on tabs 1 and 2.
- 8) Once dry, fill your packet with seeds and seal.



READ: These seeds fell out of the pages of the middle grade novel *A TALE MAGNOLIOUS* by Suzanne Nelson (Random House). Read an excerpt at: <http://bit.ly/TaleMag>

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FROOZLE GARDEN MARKERS

Want to plant Froozle Flowers in your home or community garden? Create a literacy connection between your garden and the novel by making garden markers. The URL points to a book excerpt.

These reversed images make a perfect transfer onto a 6" x 3/4" wooden Tongue Depressor. You can transfer the text on the paper strips to the wood with a dry, hot iron. Find a step-by-step slideshow by searching "magnolious" at CuriousCityDPW.com.

Share your garden with #TaleMagnolious.

"She whispered her memories to the juddering seeds, and they dug in and broke open. Their roots, tiny tendrils fine as angel hair, curled into the damp earth. The seeds began to grow."

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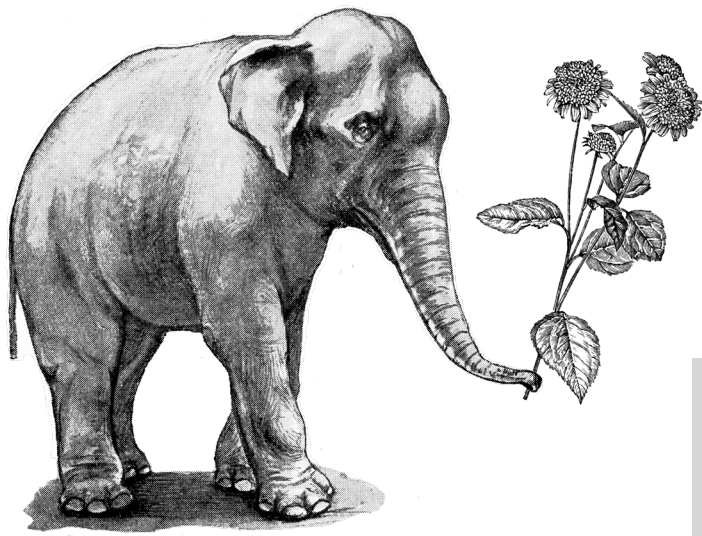
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EDUCATION, EMPATHY & ELEPHANTS

"It was pleasant to be out from under that big top, which blocked the sky and snuffed the breeze. It was lovely to be far from her trainer's angry bark and bull hook. Here, alongside this girl, she could see bright blue overhead and feel soft dirt underfoot. Here, alongside this girl, she could move without being commanded; she could do as she pleased without obeying."

—A TALE MAGNOLIOUS

Nitty rescues the elephant Magnolious from an abusive circus owner and in turn "Mag" rescues Nitty from her lonely street life. Readers may share Nitty's instant empathic response to Mag's captivity and admire the trust and friendship that grows between the two orphans.

Can a reading of **A Tale Magnolious** inspire a unit on elephants? Will readers develop curiosity and/or empathy for captive elephants in today's entertainment and exhibition industry? Is there a service learning project that raises awareness and/or funds for elephants retired from zoos and circuses or elephants in the wild?

If Nitty were a student today with compassion for elephants in the wild and in captivity, she would be fascinated by the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. This astonishing organization offers countless educational connections to Nitty's story. We recommend visiting them at Elephants.com to:

- Learn More About Elephants in General
- Meet the Sanctuary's Elephants / Watch the Elecam
- Skype with Elephant Discovery Center Staff
- Discover Other Sanctuaries, Conservation & Advocacy Efforts
- Create Online Fundraisers or Adopt an Elephant

Search for "magnolious" on CuriousCityDPW.com to find templates to hold a Magnolious Move-a-Thon to raise funds and awareness!

THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY IN TENNESSEE

exists to provide captive elephants with individualized care, the companionship of a herd, and the opportunity to live out their lives in a safe haven dedicated to their well-being, and to raise public awareness of the complex needs of elephants in captivity, and the crisis facing elephants in the wild.

Since 1995, The Sanctuary has provided refuge for 28 elephants who are retired from zoos and circuses. There are currently 10 elephant residents with room for more. The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee began on 110 acres and has grown to three separate and protected natural habitats, spanning over more than 2,700 acres.

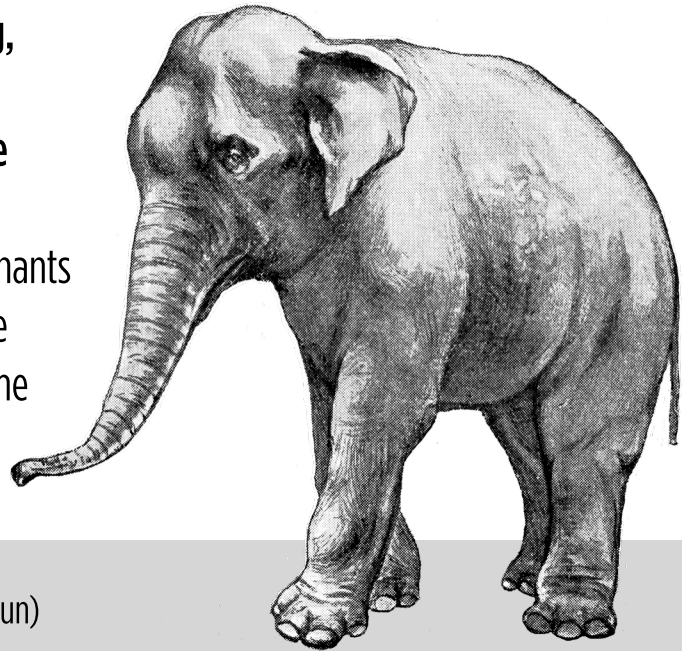
The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee provides elephants retired from entertainment and exhibition with herd, home, and individualized veterinary and husbandry care for life. Elephants that have lived their lives in captivity have an opportunity at The Sanctuary to live in an expansive habitat that allows for a range of natural behaviors. Many of the elephants suffer long-term health and complex behavioral issues common to elephants that have spent their lives in captivity, such as tuberculosis, osteomyelitis, obesity, arthritis, and aggression. Because elephants have complex physical and social needs, successful outcomes are measured not only by the elephant's physical health, but also their social, behavioral and psychological well-being.

Education is a very important part of The Sanctuary's mission. Through Distance Learning, The Sanctuary teaches hundreds of school and community groups around the world a respect for wildlife while learning about the crisis facing Asian and African elephants in captivity and in the wild.

In the wild, elephants are migratory, walking miles each day. They form intricate family structures and grieve for their dead in a more-than-instinctive way. They show humor and express compassion. The Elephant Sanctuary's mission is to give elephants the freedom they deserve. **Explore more at Elephants.com.**

MAGNOLIOUS MOVE-A-THON

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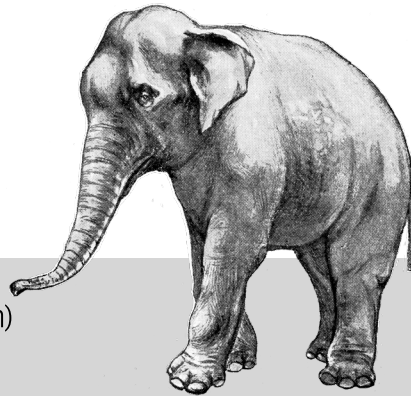
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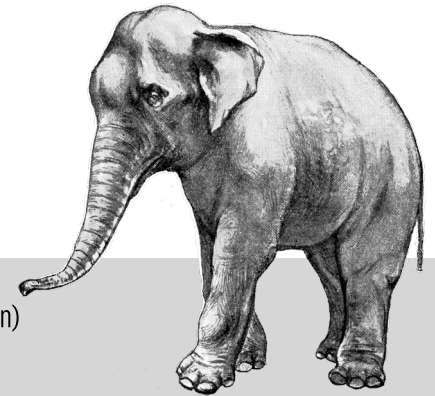
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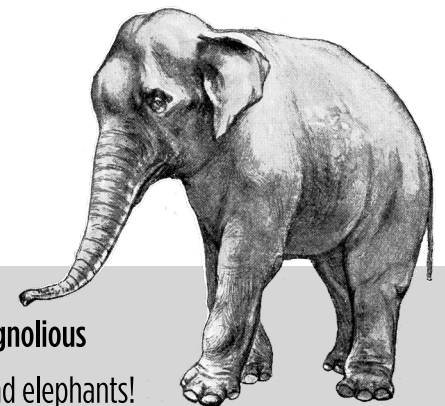


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MAKE A GLEAM JAR



"The light bounced off the objects in the jar, sending flecks of blue, yellow, and red spinning about the room. Blue, yellow, red; ribbon, button, marble. These three objects—so small—to a stranger might've seemed unremarkable. To Nitty, though, they were her only link to family, and to a world brimming with color that she'd never seen."

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MAGNOLIOUS

Each of the items in Nitty's Glean Jar represents a family member or memory she wants to hold onto. When she makes a new family and creates real, enduring memories, she is able to give away the items in the Glean Jar. That giving has a magic all of its own.

What can you draw in this Glean Jar to help you hold onto your memories? If the items were magical, what might the objects do? How might they help someone you care about?

Consider making a real Glean Jar to hold your memories.

A TALE MAGNOLIOUS MUSTACHE MAKER



“Ah . . . just so! An unworthy scallywag can ruin the effect of a respectable British upper lip, while a respectable gentleman might never live up to the pointed shiftiness of a scallywag’s pencil.”

—A TALE
MAGNOLIOUS

Whether a customer is a scallywag or a respectable gentleman, Mr. Klempt of Schnurrbart Emporium is ready to craft the perfect mustache.

You can decide for yourself whether this man pictured is a scallywag or a gentleman. Design a series of mustaches for him out of materials in the craft cupboard or recycling bin.

Get inspired by playing this astounding slideshow of vintage mustaches: <http://bit.ly/VintageMustache>

Share photos of your creations online with **#TaleMagnolious**. Twitch would remind you to protect your privacy like an undercover detective.