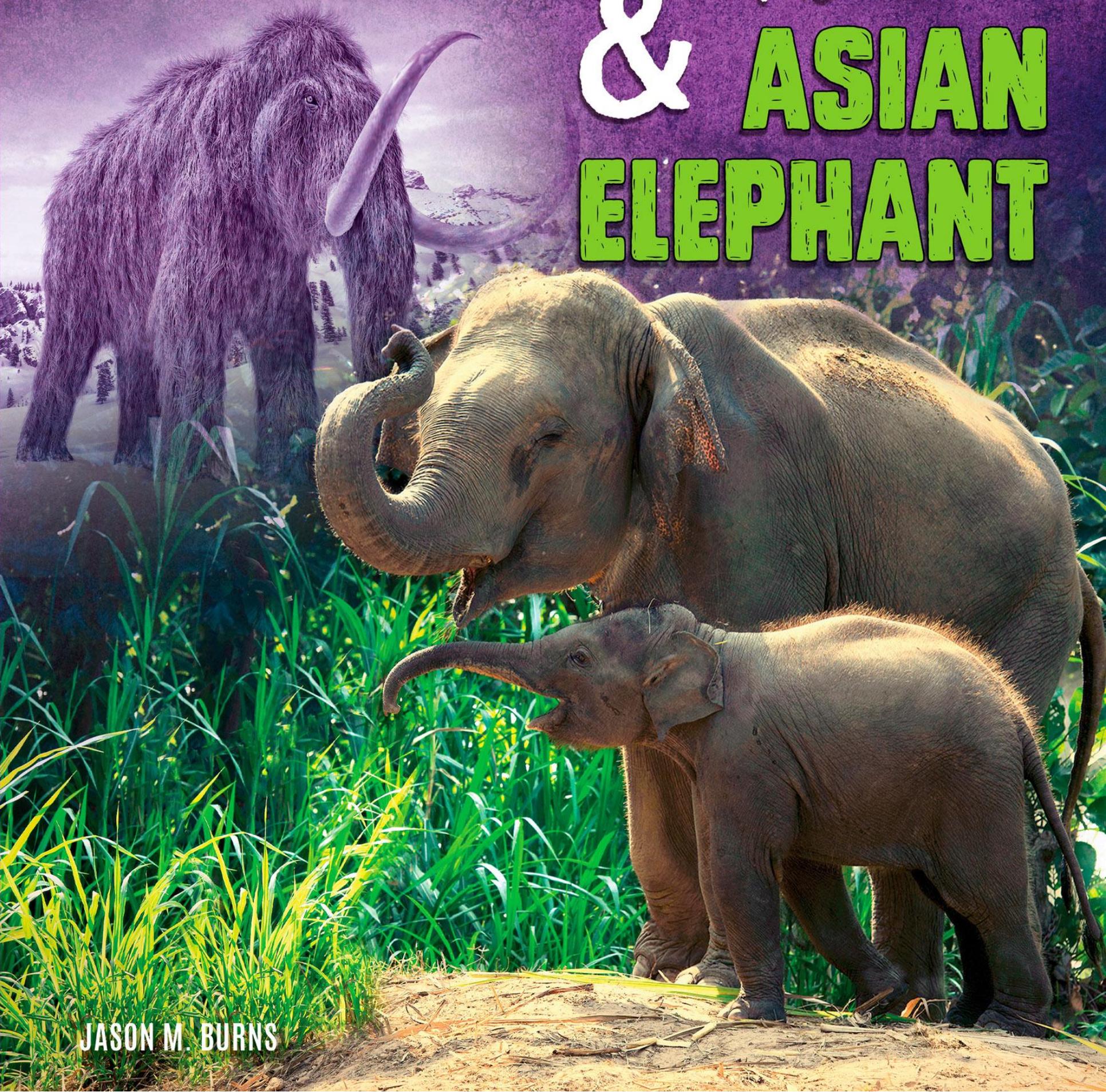


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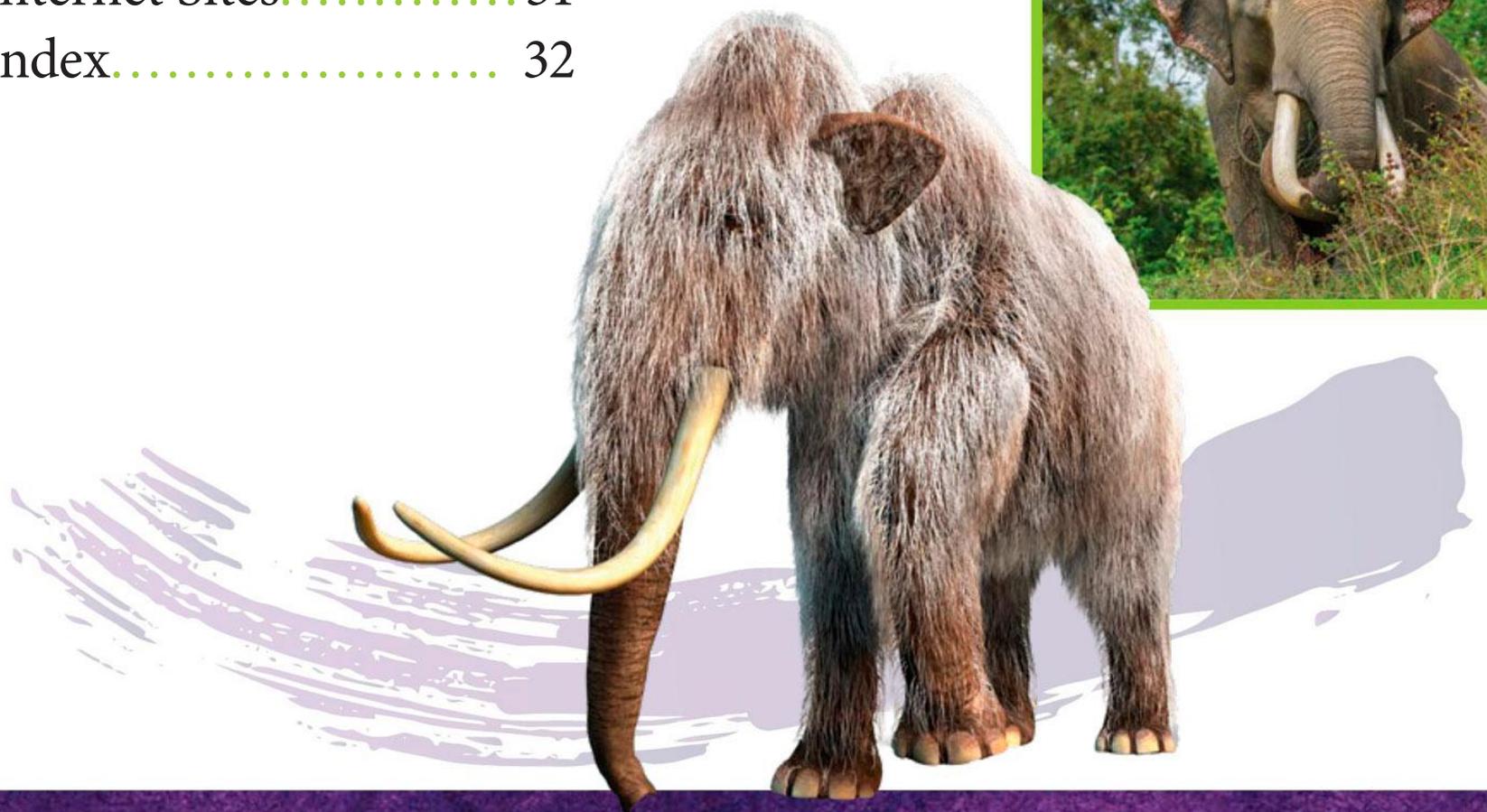
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INTRODUCTION

Imagine an animal so massive that the ground shakes as it walks. It's twice as tall as a human and has **evolved** to live in extreme conditions. And it's not alone. It travels in herds made up of close family members. Is it an elephant from today, or a mammoth from thousands, or even hundreds of thousands, of years ago?

The woolly mammoth is gone, but their bones, fur, and fossils remain. By learning as much as possible about the animals of the past, we can help save their cousins who are still alive today. One of those ancestors is the Asian elephant.

evolve: to change gradually to fit an environment

TUSK TRUTHS

Woolly mammoths were still alive 1,000 years after the Pyramids at Giza were built in Egypt.





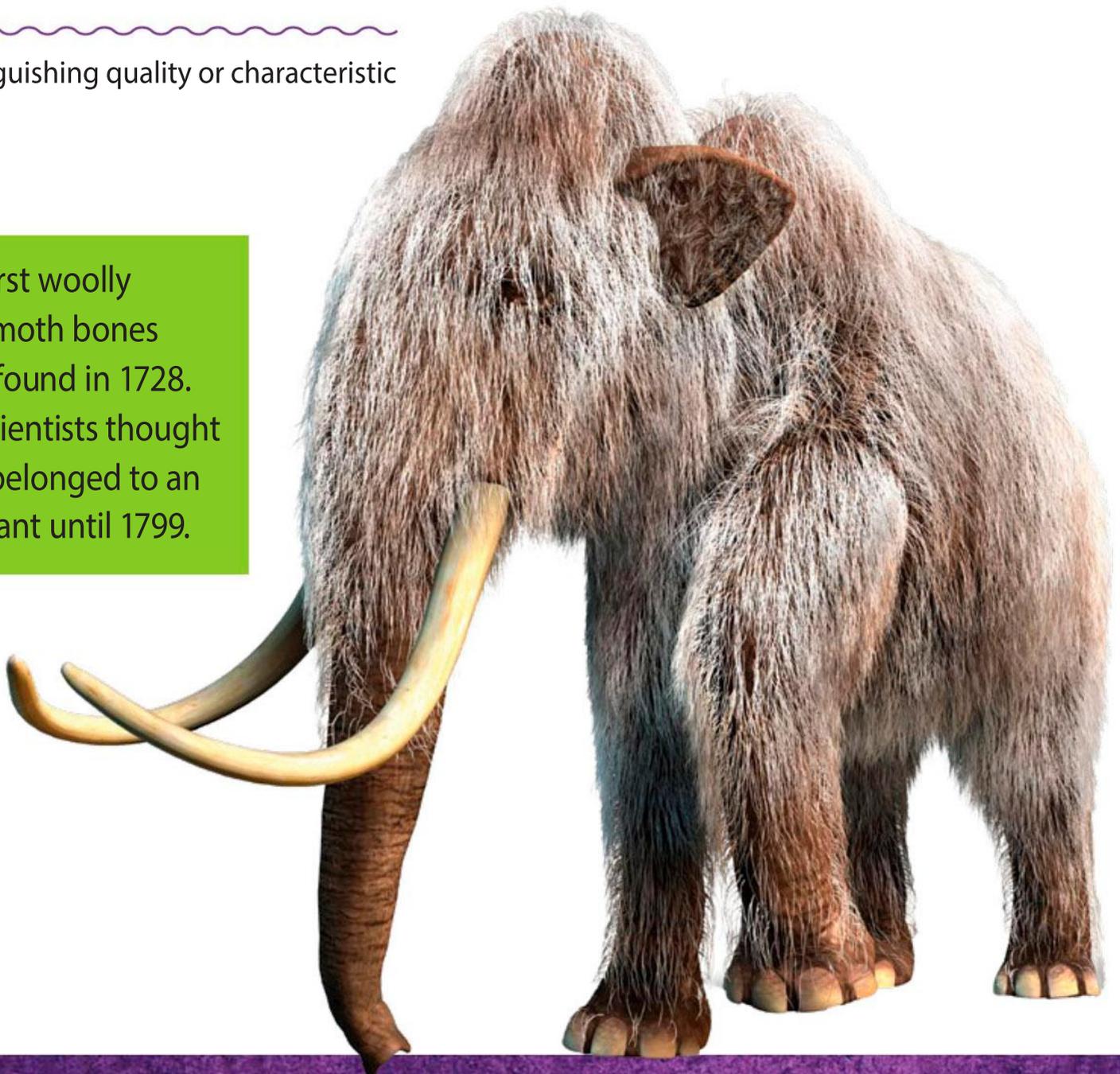
MAMMOTH VS. ELEPHANT

Asian elephants and mammoths look alike. They also share a lot of the same **traits**.

Woolly mammoths were social creatures that lived in herds. Staying in a group was important to their survival. Mammoths worked together to raise their young and protect each other. Asian elephants live in similar family groups.

trait: a distinguishing quality or characteristic

The first woolly mammoth bones were found in 1728. But scientists thought they belonged to an elephant until 1799.



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