An autobiography of an antelope Hi! I am a female Blackbuck antelope that is found in India. You might have heard the story of the proud antelope. I was born and brought up in the plains near the coast of Orissa and Lower Bengal. The forest where I lived was lush and green with fragments of flagstones, fertile soil and trees laden with ripe fruits. I used to pass my time happily with my parents and siblings enjoying the fresh air and the greenery of the forest. I was often taken by my playmates in the deep areas of the forest, in spite of me being scared of eaten by any wild animal. It was such a good feeling to be staying with people who I could have trusted so much. It was all well, until one day hunters came for hunting animals in our forest.

They caught some animals and took them home. Luckily, my family was not one of them, but, they had no choice, they had to run away or my siblings would have been caught. I was grievously crestfallen when I got to know that they had left me One of those hunters saw me, as a toddler antelope and picked me up. He took me to his house where his son used to torcher me a lot. Luckily one day the cage I was shut in was not locked. I did not lose that opportunity to run. I ran and ran until I reached a zoo. Before I could take any chance of doing anything, I was picked up by a zookeeper and put in a large cage. I was still unhappy because I used to miss my family. I was also starving! Then the zookeeper came inside the cage.

I was frightened whether the zookeeper would have harmed me. He put his hand inside a bag he was holding and took out some fresh grass. He fed me like he was my parent. I was so happy indeed. He raised me up until I became a grown up female Blackbuck antelope. The zookeeper smiled at me and led me out of the cage to the forest where I was born. Everything was the same!. And then suddenly, I noticed my parents and my siblings! Everyone was there. I ran as fast as I could and leaped before my parents. They were astonished how grown I was! My siblings licked me with love. All thanks to the zookeeper who made my life so happy by raising me with love and care and after all , He bought me back to my family! I couldn’t keep away from him. He was the one who gave me a happy life. I can never forget his affection for me.