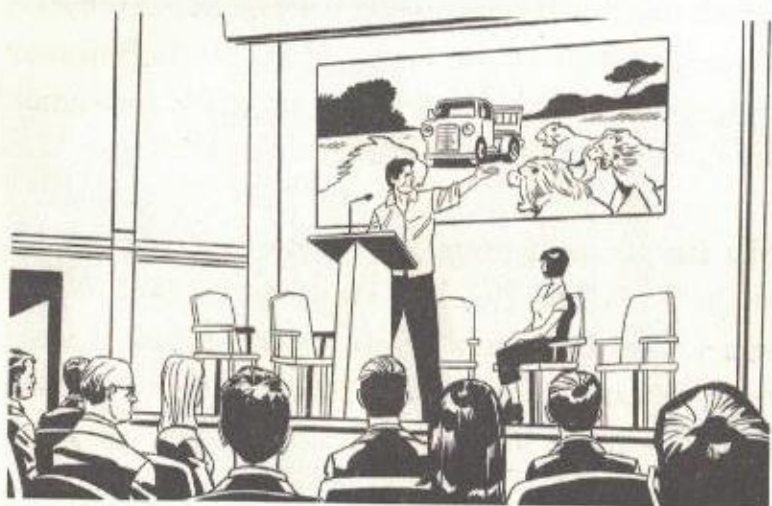


I saw your email, and I'd like to talk about things. I'll be back in New York tomorrow. I hope that you and Attila are OK."

Then Chloe and I went down to the **lobby**. A small group of scientists was waiting for us there.

I introduced Chloe to them. "These are very clever people, and they believe in HAC," I said to her, quietly. "It's great that you're here."

We all went to a meeting room, and they sat down. I stood in front of a microphone, and everyone went quiet. "Thank you for coming," I said.



"Now I want to show you something."

I stepped back and let the group watch the video. When the male lions' heads appeared in the grass, everyone started speaking loudly and excitedly.

"OK, everyone," I shouted when the film was finished. "I had a phone call earlier, and I have to go to a meeting with Senator Gardner this afternoon. So we now have evidence of HAC in lions. But why is this happening?"

We talked about lots of different ideas. Could it be something in the air? Did it travel from body to body? Or is it a change in the **environment**?

I wrote down each idea and felt happy. These people were excited and interested in my ideas. Then an email came in. The senator could not meet me that day, but he could see me tomorrow morning.

The meeting continued for another two hours. More important scientists kept coming. Everyone wanted to see the film of the lion attack.