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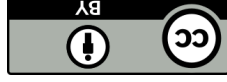


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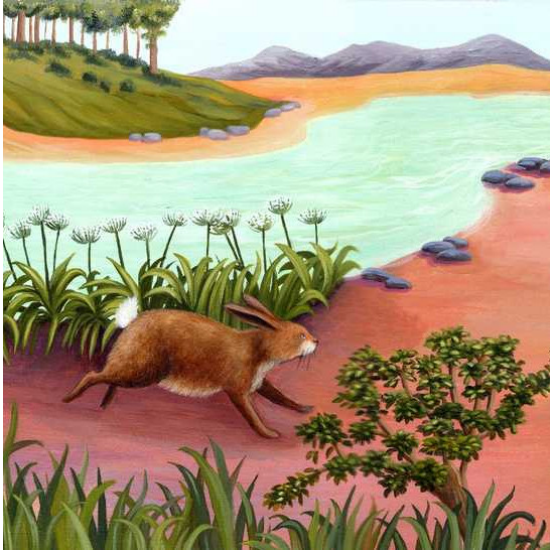
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Tsiku limodzi, Kalulu analikuyenda  
mumbali mwamtsinje.

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One day, Rabbit was walking by the  
riverside.

Hippo was there too, going for a stroll  
and eating some nice green grass.

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Mvwu naye analiko kusowera,  
kuyenda-yenda ndi kudya mazi.





Mvuwu sanaone kuti kalulu naye alipo ndiponso mosadziwa, anadyaka pakwendo yakalulu. Kalulu anayamba kupunda nakukalipila Mvuwu, "Iwe Mvuwu! suona kuti wanidyaka pakwendo?"

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Hippo didn't see that Rabbit was there and she accidentally stepped on Rabbit's foot. Rabbit started screaming at Hippo, "You Hippo! Can't you see that you're stepping on my foot?"



Kalulu anakondwela kuwona sisi la Mvuwu lanya. Nipaka lelo, kuyopa moto, Mvuwu samayenda kutali ndi manzi.

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Rabbit was happy that Hippo's hair was burned. And to this day, for fear of fire, the hippo never goes far from the water.



Mvuwu anaphepetsa kwa kalulu  
 "Phepani. Sindinakuneni.  
 Mundikhululukile!" koma kalulu sana  
 mvera phepetso nakalipila Mvuwu "Iwe  
 wacitila dalai Tsiku limodzi uzaona  
 ndizabwzera!"

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Hippo apologised to Rabbit, "I'm so  
 sorry. I didn't see you. Please forgive  
 me!" But Rabbit wouldn't listen and he  
 shouted at Hippo, "You did that on  
 purpose! Someday, you'll see! You're  
 going to pay!"



Mvuwu anayamba kulila  
 nakuthamangila mumanzi. Sisi lake  
 lonse linapya ndi moto. Mvuwu  
 anapitiliza kulira, "Sisi langa lapya ku  
 moto! Sisi langa lonse layenda! Sisi  
 langa labwino!"

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Hippo started to cry and ran for the  
 water. All her hair was burned off by the  
 fire. Hippo kept crying, "My hair has  
 burned in the fire! My hair is all gone!  
 My beautiful hair!"



Kalulu anayenda kusakila moto ndiponso anati “Yenda, kamushoke Mvuwu akacoka mumanzi pakudya mauzu. Anandidyaka!” Moto unayankha, “Palibe bvuto kalulu munzanga. Ndizacita motere”.

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Rabbit went to find Fire and said, “Go, burn Hippo when she comes out of the water to eat grass. She stepped on me!” Fire answered, “No problem, Rabbit, my friend. I’ll do just what you ask.”



Pambuyo pache, Mvuwu analikudya mauzu patali ndi manzi pamene “whoosh!” moto unayamba. Moto unayamba kushoka sisi la Mvuwu.

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Later, Hippo was eating grass far from the river when, “Whoosh!” Fire burst into flame. The flames began to burn Hippo’s hair.