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Why hippos have no hair

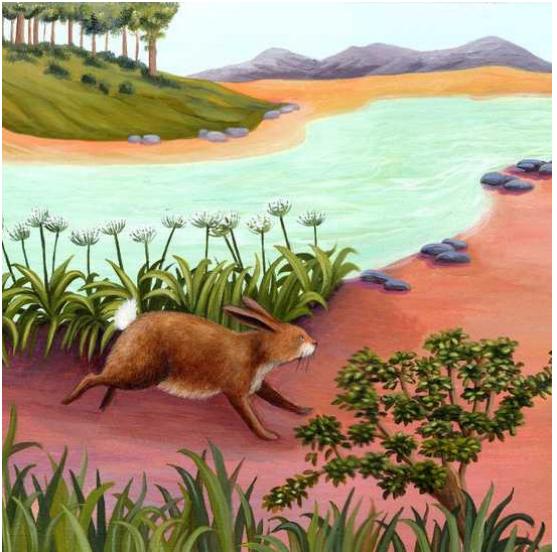
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Maalin maalmaha ka mid ah, Bakayle
ayaa socday wabiga qarkiisa.

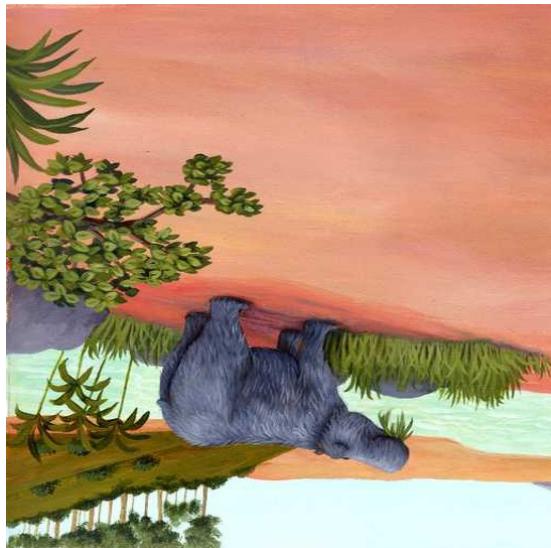
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One day, Rabbit was walking by the
riverside.

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

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Jeerfa na waay jooqtaay, ayadoo u
socoto damashaad iyo cuunida xogaan
caaws fiican oo cagaaran.





Jeerta ma aysan arkayn bakaylaha in uu
joogo meeshaas waxayna si kama ah
ayey ugu istaagtay cagti bakaylaha.
Bakaylihi wuxuu bilaabay inuu ku
qayliyo jeerta, "Adiga Jeer! Miyaadan
arag in aad ku taagantahay cagtayda?"

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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?"



Bakayluhu wuxuu ku faraxsanaa timaha
Jeerta ee gubtay. Ilaa maantadan la
joogo, cabsi dabka ay kaqabto, Jeerta
marna kama fogaato biyaha.

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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.

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!"

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"Waan ka xumahay, kuma aanan arkaynii, Fadlan i caifi!" Lakkiin bakiyilhii ma dhageysan oo waxuu ku deyliyay jeeriti, "Waxaad u sameyay kas! Maalin, un waa'd arki doontaa, in aad guddo!"



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!"

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"Jeeriti waxay bilowday in ay oo yodo oo u orado biyaha. Dhamaan timaheedi waxaa gubay dabki. Jeeriti waay siil wadaay oo yintaa, "Timahaygi waxaa ay ku qubteen dabka! Timahaygi dhamaan way tageneen, timahaygi qurux sanaa!"

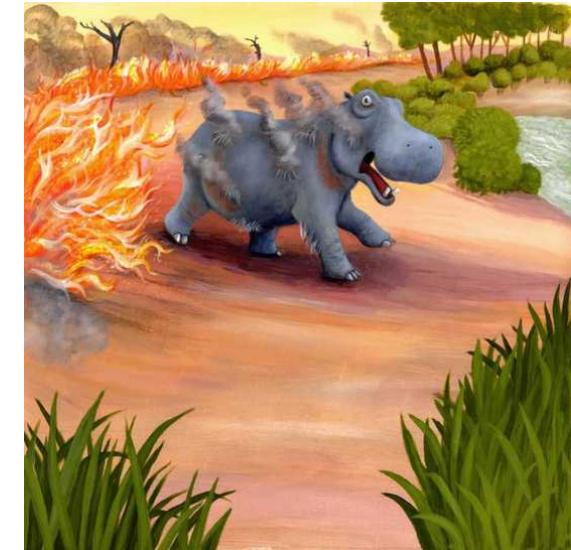




Bakaylihi waxuu raadiyay dab,
wuxuuna ku yidhi, "Orod, soo gub Jeerta
marka ay banaanka uga soo baxdo
biyaha si ay u cunto caws. Way igu
istaagtay!" Dabka ayaa ku jawaabay,
"Dhib malaha, Bakayle, saaxiibkay.
Waxaan sameyn doonaa waxaad i
weydiisay."

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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."



Xoga kadib, Jeertii waxay ka cunaysay
caws meel ka fog webiga marki, "bul!"
Dab holac isku badalay. Dabkii waxuu
bilaabay in uu gubo timihii Jeerta.

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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.