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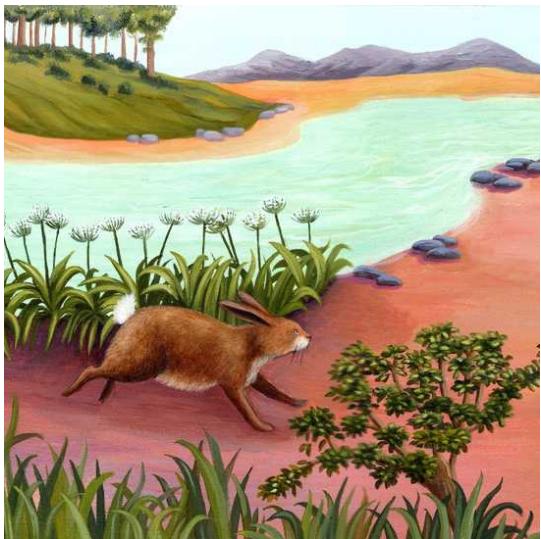
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Ka letsatsi lengwe Mmutla o ne a
tsamaya fa thoko ga noka.

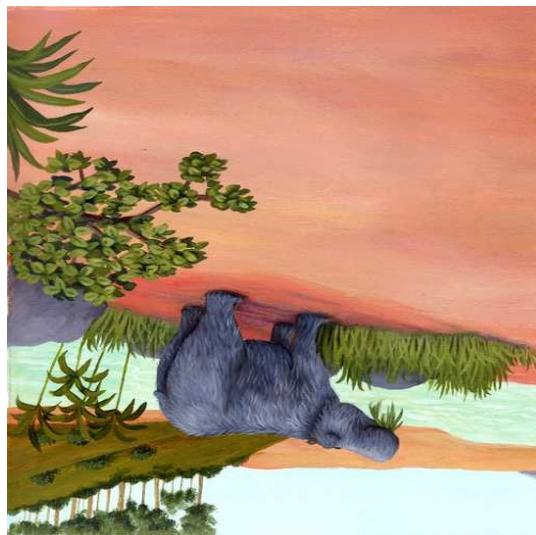
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One day, Rabbit was walking by the
riverside.

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

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Kubu le ena o ne a le koo, a itsamalea
fela ebile a ijela bojang jo botala bo bo
monate.





Kubu o ne a sa lemoge gore Mmutla o
teng fao mme a gata leoto la gagwe ka
phoso. Mmutla o ne a goa mme a
simoloa go omanya Kubu, "Wena Kubu!
Ga o bone gore o gata leoto la me?"

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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?"



Ke ka moo Kubu a sa tsamaeleng kgakala
le metsi ka ntlha ya fa a tshaba gore o tla
fisiwa ke molelo. Mmutla o ne a itumetse
thata fa Kubu a fisitwe ke molelo, a goa a
re, "Ke mo tshwere!"

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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 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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Kubu o ne a tsimolola go lela mme a tabooela kwa metising. Moriri wa gagwe otthe o ne o fisitswe ke molelo. Kubu o ne a tswelela go lela, "Moriri wa ka o fisitswe ke molelo! O fisitswe moriri wa ka otthe! Moriri wa ka otthe o ilie! Moriri wa ka o montle! Moriri wa ka o montle! Montle! Montle! Montle! Montle! Montle! Montle!"

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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Kubu o ne a kopa maitshwarelo mo go Mmutla, "Intshwarele tsala ya me. Ke ne ke sa go bone. Ka kopo tlhe intshwarele!" Mmutla o ne a sa batle go reetsa mme a tswelela ka go omanyaka bantu, O dirile se ka bomo! ka letstasi lengwe, o tlie go bona! O tlie go duela!"

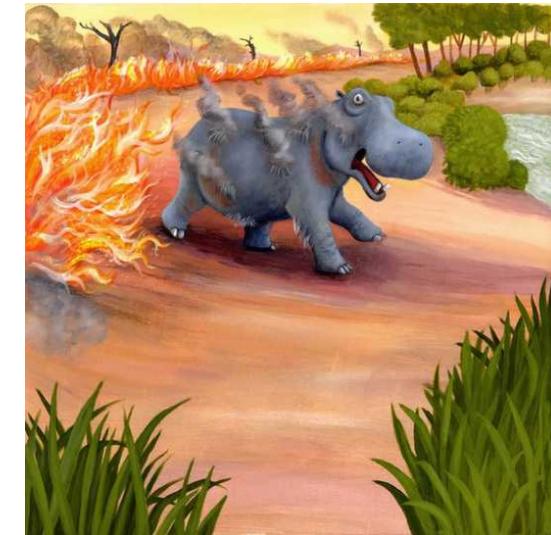




Jaanong mmutla a ya go batla Molelo
mme a re, "Tsamaya o ye go fisa Kubu fa
a tswa mo metsing a ya go fula bojang. O
nkqatile leoto!" "Ga gona bothata,
Mmutla tsala ya me. Ke tla dira se o se
kopang," ga araba Molelo.

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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."



Fa Kubu a ntse a fula bojang kgakajana le
metsi, o ne a utlwa "shuuuu!" Molelo o ne
a ntsha malakabe a gagwe mme a
simolola go fisa moriri wa ga Kubu otlhe.

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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.