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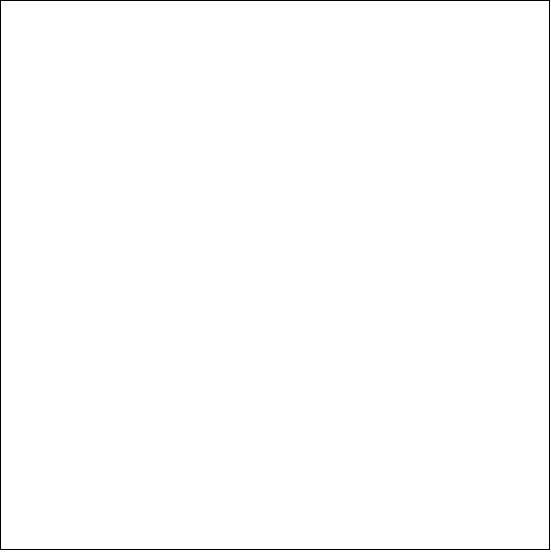
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Bushiku bumo, kalulu aile aleenda  
mululamba lwamumana

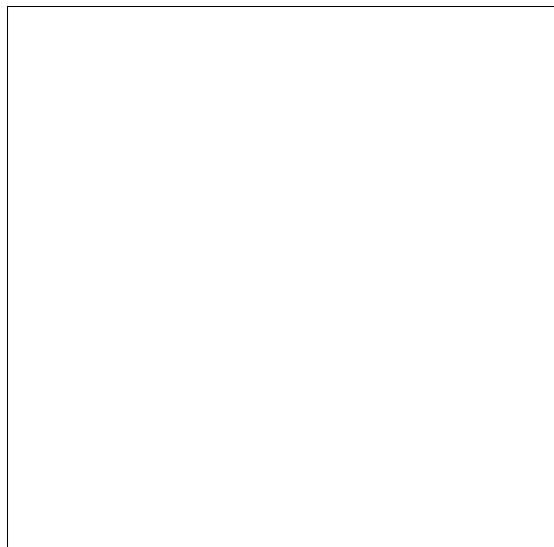
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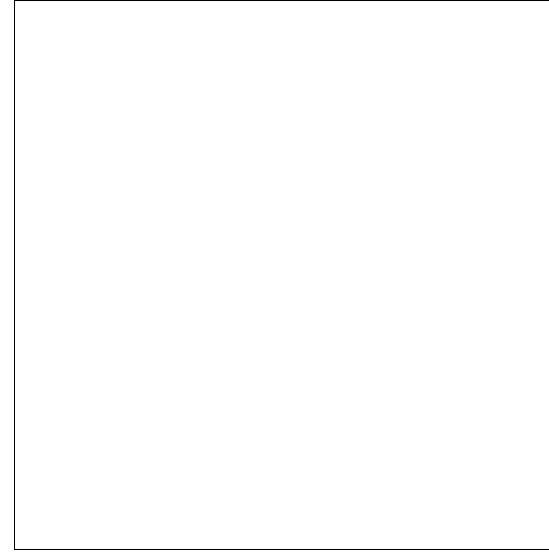
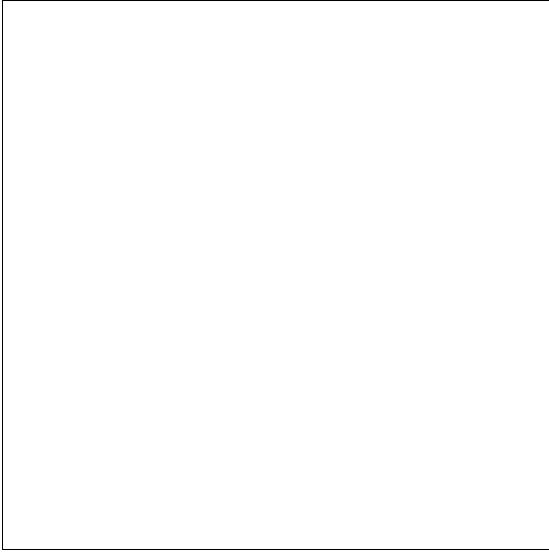
One day, Rabbit was walking by the  
riverside.

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

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Infuwu nayo ekoyali, yaletanndala  
nokulwa umulenewe ussuma sana





Infubu tayamwene ukuti Kalulu nao ekoali, epakumunyanta pakulu. Kalulu ayambile ukupundilila infubu. "Wenfubu iwe! Taulemona ukuti naunyanta pakulu?"

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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 alitemwa ukuti umushishi wanfubu walipyga. Mpaka nalelo, mukutina umulilo, infubu taiya kutali namenshi.

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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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Infuwu epakwamba ukulla  
nokubutukila kumenshi. Umushishi  
waiko onse ukuya kumulilo. Infubu  
yakonkeyepo ukulla, "Umushishi  
wandiwapyaya kumulilo! Umushishi  
wandionse waya! Umushishi wandi  
ubusuma!"

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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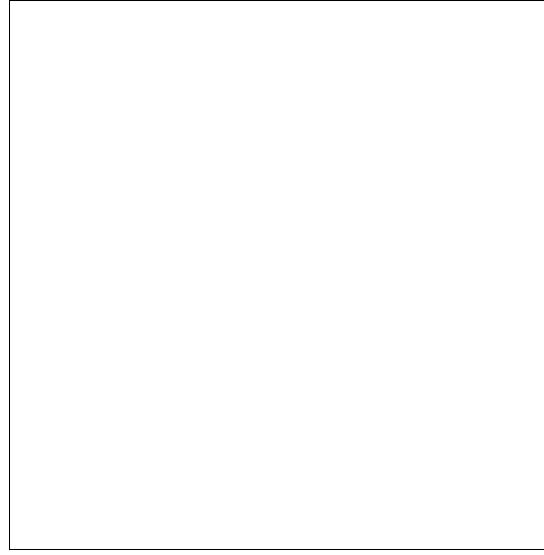
Infubu epakwamba ubwelelo kuli  
kaliu. "Njelako, nsachikuma.  
Napapatana njelako!" Nomba kaliu  
talefwaya kunfwa, epakukalipila infubu  
ati, "wacicitilafye umufilo! bushiku  
bumo ukacimona, nakakulimuna!



Kalulu epakuya mukufwaya umulilo  
nokuweba ati, "kabiyeoce infubu  
ngayafuma mumenshi mukulya icani.  
Acinyanta! Umuliolo epakwasuka ati,  
"takuli bwafya mune kalulu, nalacita  
ifyofine."

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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."



Panuma yakakshita, infubu yalelya icani  
ukutali nomumana, "mutule!" umulilo  
wabilimuka mulubingu, ulubingu  
epakwamba ukoca umushishi wanfubu.

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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.