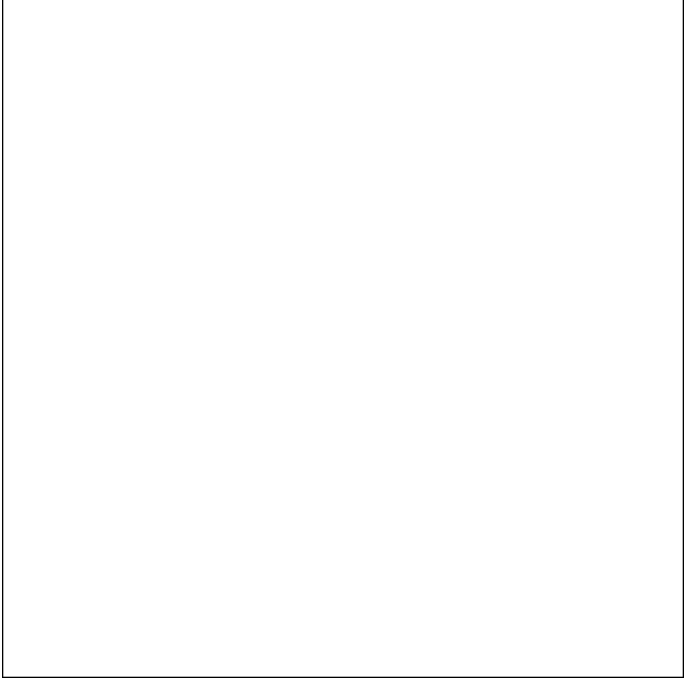




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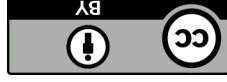
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Wan die, Rabbit did a waak nier di riva.

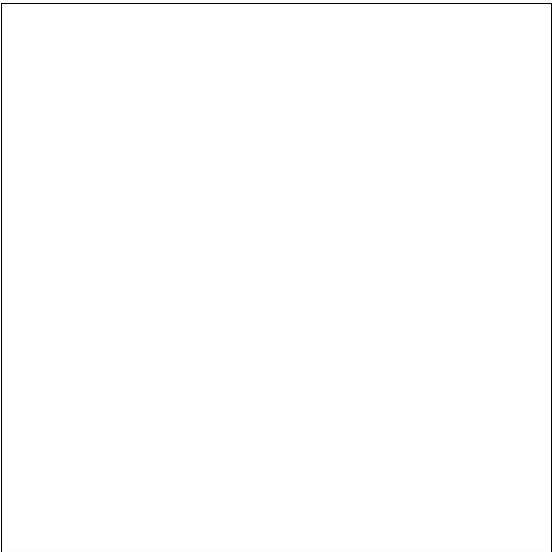
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One day, Rabbit was walking by the
riverside.

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

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Ipo did de-de tu, a tek taim waak an a
nyam som grin graas.

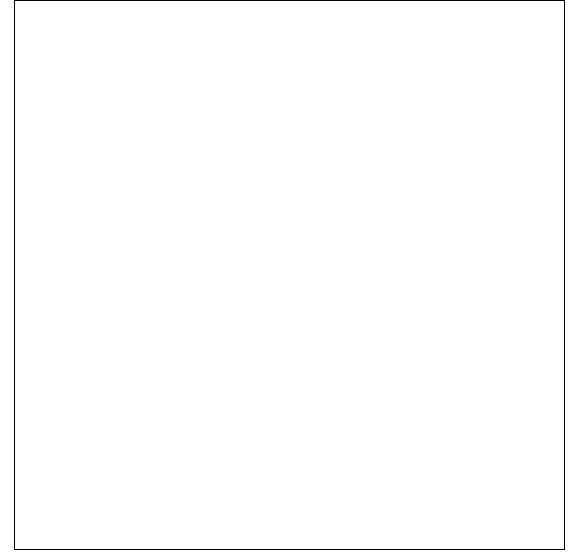




Ipo neva si se Rabbit di de-de an step pan Rabbit fut bai aksident. Rabbit staat baal aaf Ipo an se, "Yu Ipo! Yu no si se yu a step pan mi fut?"

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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?"



Rabbit did glad se Ipo ier get bon aaf. An tu dis die, chuu fried fi faiya, Ipo neva stie faar fram waata.

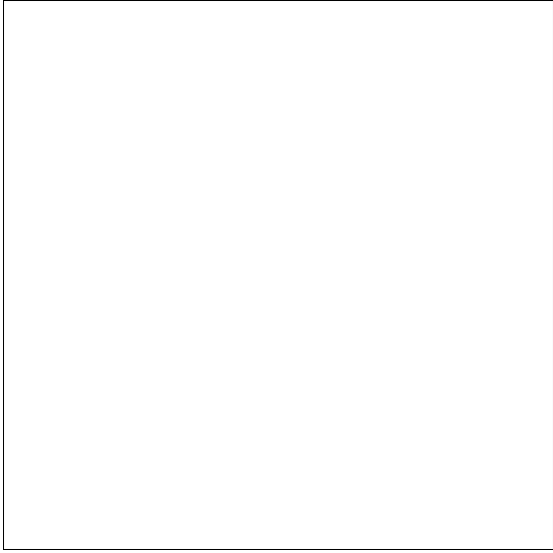
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Rabbit was happy that Hippo's hair was burned. And to this day, for fear of fire, the hippo never goes far from the water.

Ipo se sari tu Rabbit, "Mi rilli sari. Mi neva si yu. Du beg yu paadn!" Bot Rabbit udn lisen an im baal aafa Ipo, "Yu dwit fi spaiti Wan die, yu wi si! Yu gwain pie!"

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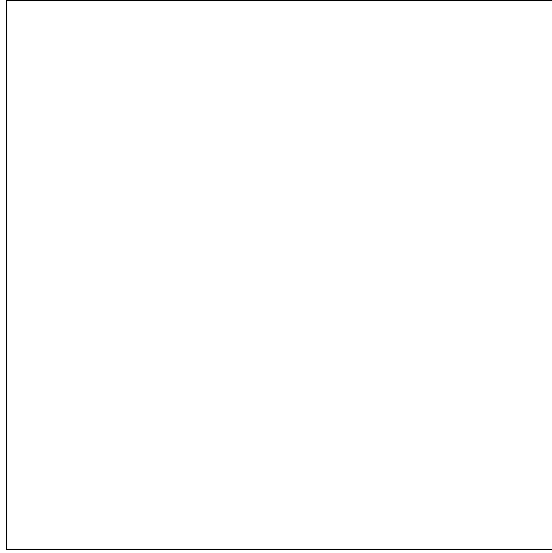
Hippo apologised to Rabbit, "I'm so sorry. I didn't see you. Please forgive me!" But Rabbit wouldn't listen and he shouted at Hippo, "You did that on purpose! Someday, you'll see! You're going to pay!"



Ipo staat fi baal an ron go inna di waata. Di faiya bon aaf aal a ar ier dem. Ipo no stap baal, "Mi ier get bon aaf inna di faiyai! Aal a mi ier gaani! Mi priti ier!"

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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!"

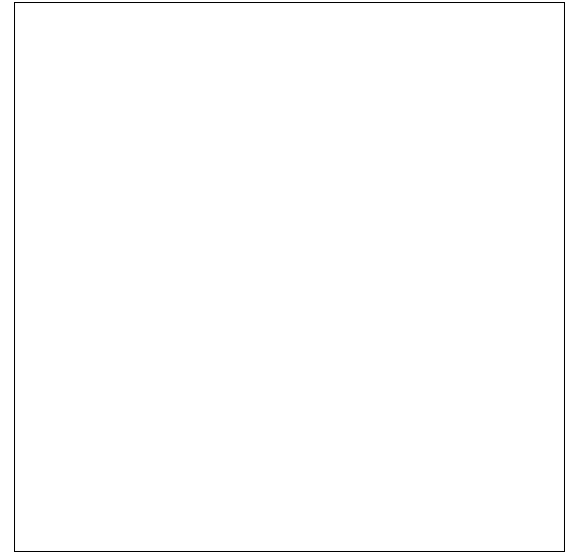




Rabit go luk fi Faiya an tel im se,
“Gwaan, bon op Ipo wen shi kom outa
di waata fi nyam graas. Shi did step pan
mi! Faiya ansa se, “No prablem, Rabit,
mi fren. Mi wi du we yu aks.”

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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.”



Lieta, Ipo did a nyam graas faar fram di
riva wen, “Wush!” Faiya ton inna wahn
big faiyabaal. Di faiya staat bon aaf Ipo
ier.

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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.