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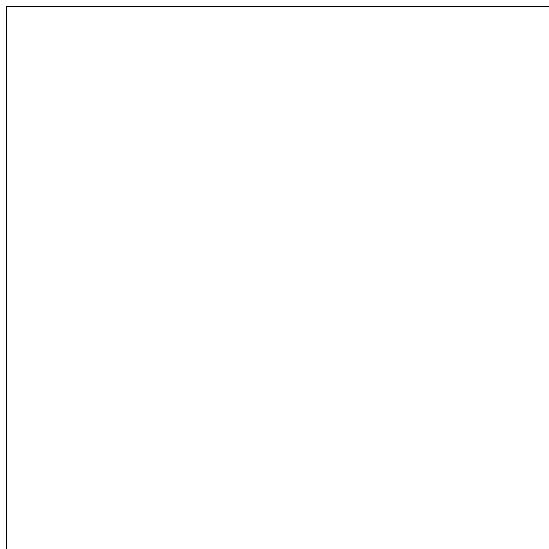
Enn zour, Lapin ti pe mars-marse bor  
larivier.

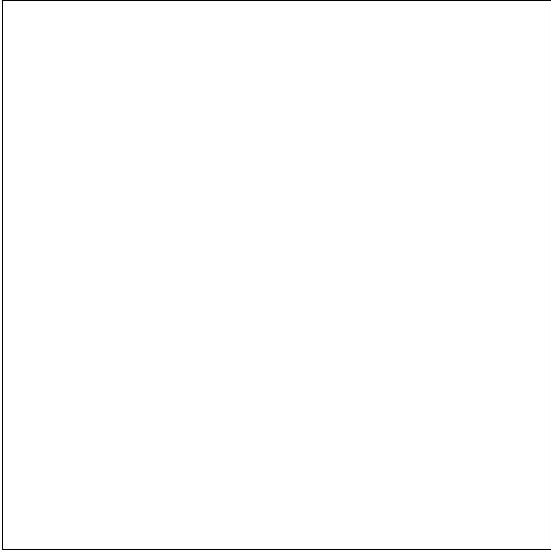
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One day, Rabbit was walking by the  
riverside.

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

Ipo ou si ti pe promne par laba li ek li ti  
pe manz lerb ver.  
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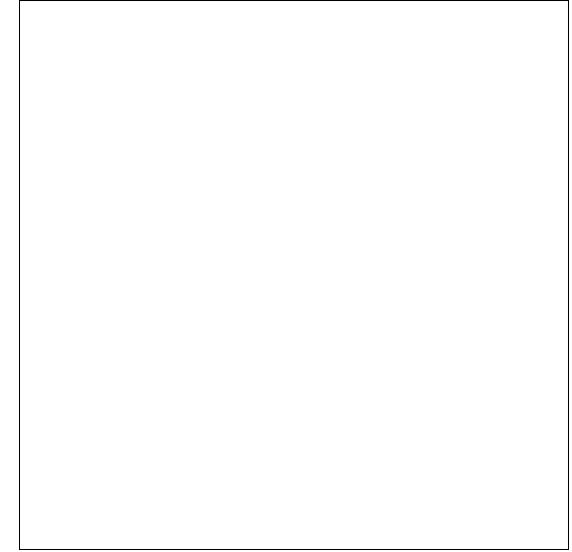




Ipo pa finn trouve si Lapin ti la ek li'nn al kraz so lipie. Lapin finn kriye for « Ayo ! Ipo ! To pa pe trouve ki to pe kraz mo lipie ? »

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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?"



Lapin ti bien kontan ki Ipo so bann pwal inn brile ek ziska sa zour-la, bann ipopotam zame al lwin ek delo akoz zot per dife.

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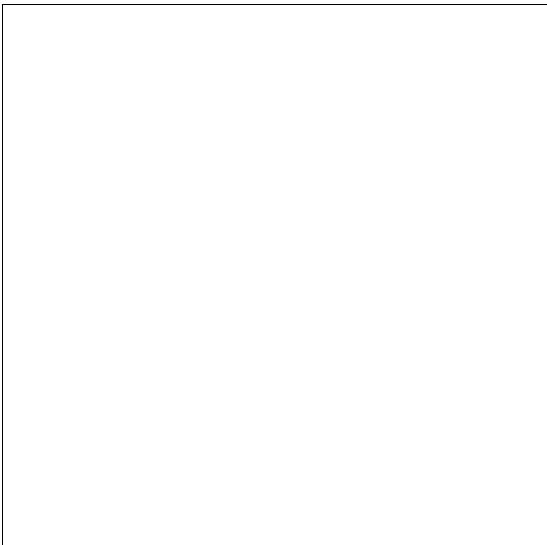
Rabbit was happy that Hippo's hair was burned. And to this day, for fear of fire, the hippo never goes far from the water.

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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pou peye pou sa ! »

Ipo demaan Lapin pardon ; « Sorry mo kamwad. Mo pa finn remark twa. Ekkiz mwa, siltepble ! » Me Lapin pa ti pe ekoute ek li'nn kriy ar Ipo ; « To'nn fer sa par expre ! Enn zour to pou kone ! To finn bril mo banan pwall ! Mo banan pwall plore : « Mo banan pwall finn brile ! To delo. Diffe bril tou so pwall. Ipo kontigun ipo koumans plore ek li al kasiet dan

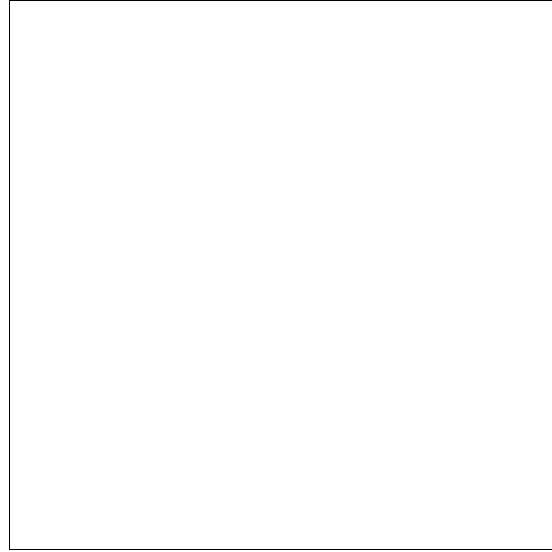
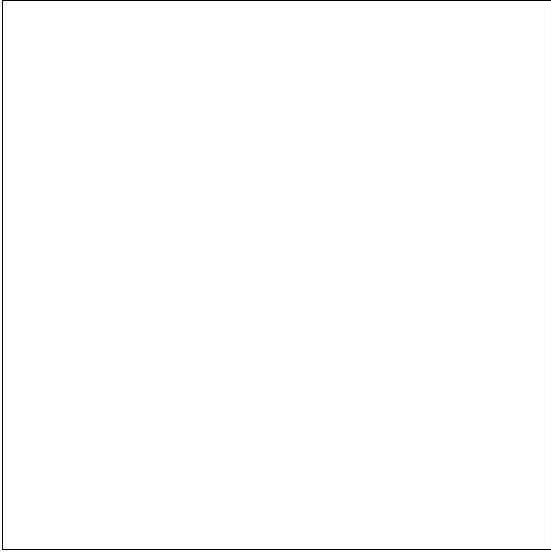


Hippo started to cry and ran for the water. All her hair was burned off by the fire. Hippo kept crying, "My hair has burned in the fire! My hair is all gone! My beautiful hair!"

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finn bril mo banan pwall ! Mo banan pwall in disparat ! Mo banan zoli pwall ! »





Apre Lapin finn ale rod Dife ek inn dir li :  
« Al bril Ipo kan li sorti depi dan delo  
pou manz lerb. Li'nn kraz mo lipie ! »  
Dife reponn li : « Pa gagn traka mo  
kamarad Lapin. Mo pou fer seki to finn  
demann mwa ».

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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."

Plitar, Ipo ti pe manz lerb lwin ar larivier  
kan enn sel kout, « Zoum ! » dife pran.  
Bann laflam koumans bril Ipo so bann  
pwal.

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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.