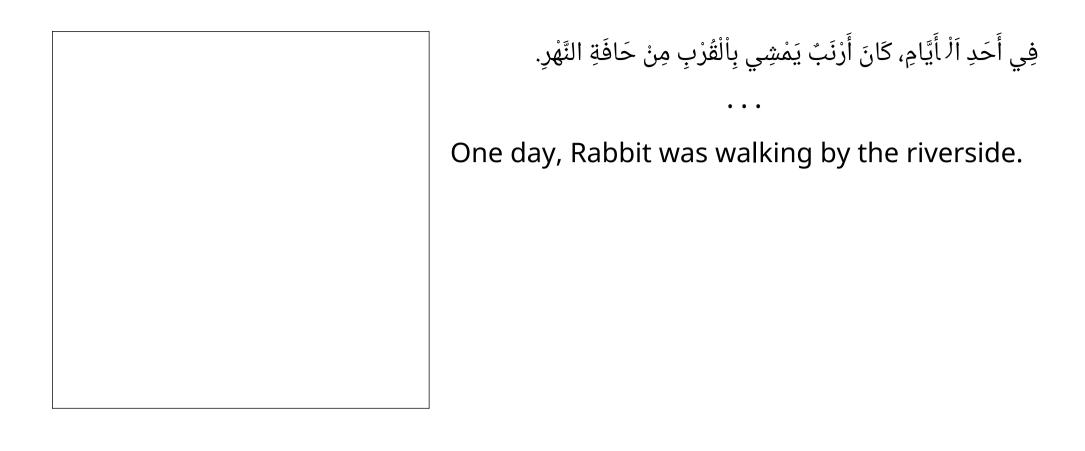
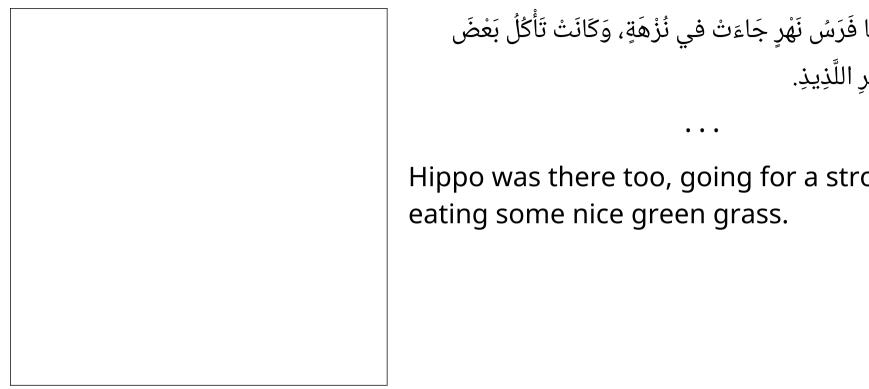
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## Why hippos have no hair

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كَانَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا فَرَسُ نَهْرِ جَاءَتْ في نُزْهَةٍ، وَكَانَتْ تَأْكُلُ بَعْضَ العُشْبِ الأَخْضَرِ اللَّذِيذِ.

Hippo was there too, going for a stroll and

لَمْ تَكُنْ اَلْفَرَسُ تَعْرِفُ بِوُجُودِ اَلأَرْنَبِ فَدَاسَتْ بِطَرِيقِ اَلْخَطَأَ عَلَى قَدَمِهِ. صَرَخَ الأَرْنَبُ بِوَجْهِ فَرَسِ اَلْنَّهْر، "أَنْتِ يَا فَرَسَ اَلْنَّهْرِ! أَلاَ تَرَيْنَ أَنَّكِ دُسْتِ عَلَى قَدَمِي؟"

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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?"

اِعْتَذَرَتْ فَرَسُ اَلْنَّهْرِ، وَقَالَتْ، "أَنَا آسِفةٌ يَا صَدِيقِي، فَأَنَا لَمْ أَرَكَ ... أَرْجُوكَ سَامِحْنِي". لَكِنَّ الأَرْنَبَ لَمْ يَسْمَعْ كَلَمَهَا وَصَرَخَ بِهَا، "أَنْتِ قَصَدْتِ هَذَا وَسَتَدْفَعِينَ اَلثَّمَنَ"!

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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!"

ذَهَبَ اَلأَرْنَبُ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ النّارِ وَقَالَ، "اِذْهَبِي وَاَحْرِقِي فَرَسَ اَلْنَّهْرِ عِنْدَمَا تَأْتِ إِلَى المَاءِ لِتَأْكُلَ اَلْعُشْبَ لِ أَنَّهَا دَاسَتْ عَلَيَّ". أَجَابَتْهُ النَّارُ، "سَأَفْعَلُ مَا طَلَبتَ مِنِّي يَا صَدِيقِي".

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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." وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ بَيْنَمَا كَانَتْ فَرَسُ اَلنَّهْرِ تَأْكُلُ اَلْعُشْبَ، اِنْدَلَعَتِ النِّيرَانُ وَبَدَأَتْ بِحَرْقِ شَعْرِ فَرَسِ اَلنَّهْرِ.

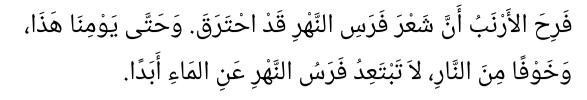
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Later, Hippo was eating grass far from the river when, "Whoosh!" Fire burst into flame. The flames began to burn Hippo's hair.

بَدَأَتْ فَرَسُ النَّهْرِ بِالبُكَاءِ ثُمَّ رَكَضَتْ إِلَى اَلْمَاءِ. لَقَدْ أَحْرَقَتْ اَلنَّارُ كُلَّ شَعْرِهَا. ظَلَّت فَرَسُ اَلنَّهْرِ تَبْكِي، "لَقَدْ اِحْتَرَقَ كُلُّ شَعْرِي بِالنَّارِ، لَقَدْ أَحْرَقْتِ كُلُّ شَعْرِي إِالنَّارِ، لَقَدْ أَحْرَقْتِ كُلُّ شَعْرِي! شَعْرِي! شَعْرِي اَلجَمِيلُ، شَعْرِي أَلْجَمِيلُ، شَعْرِي اَلْجَمِيلُ، شَعْرِي اَلْجَمِيلُ، شَعْرِي اَلْجَمِيلُ، اللَّهُ الْجَمِيلُ، اللَّهُ الْجَمِيلُ، اللَّهُ الْمَاتِي الْجَمِيلُ، اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمَاتِي الْجَمِيلُ، اللَّهُ اللللْمُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْلِي اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ الْمُلْمُ الللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّه

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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!"



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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.



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