



## Eyi dha pirera mvu ghuhuki

### Why hippos have no hair

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Diyuwa dimweya, Kadimba gha yendaghure  
kumbadi dho rware.

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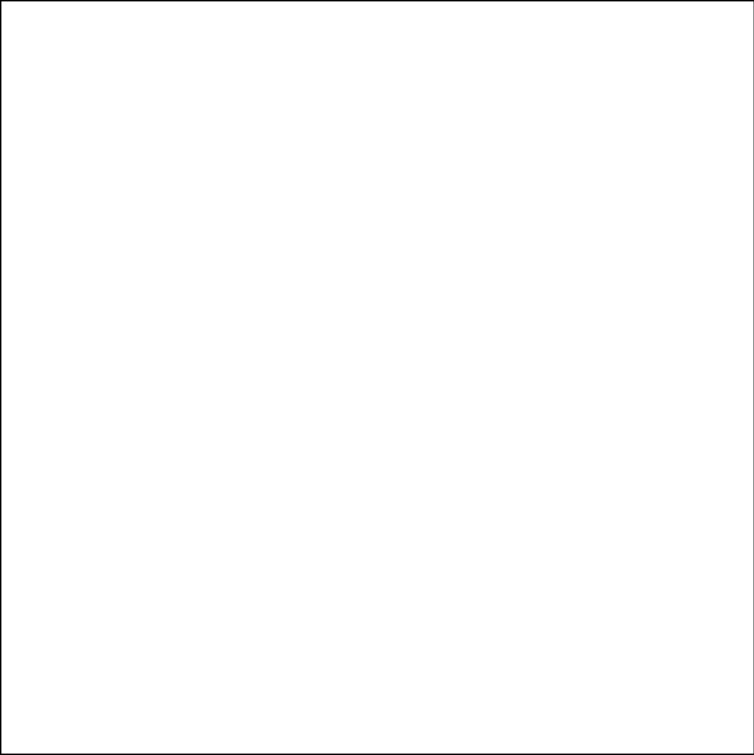
One day, Rabbit was walking by the riverside.



Mvu ko gha karire naye koko, ghayendaghurire  
ghudya muhonyi gho ghutowi.

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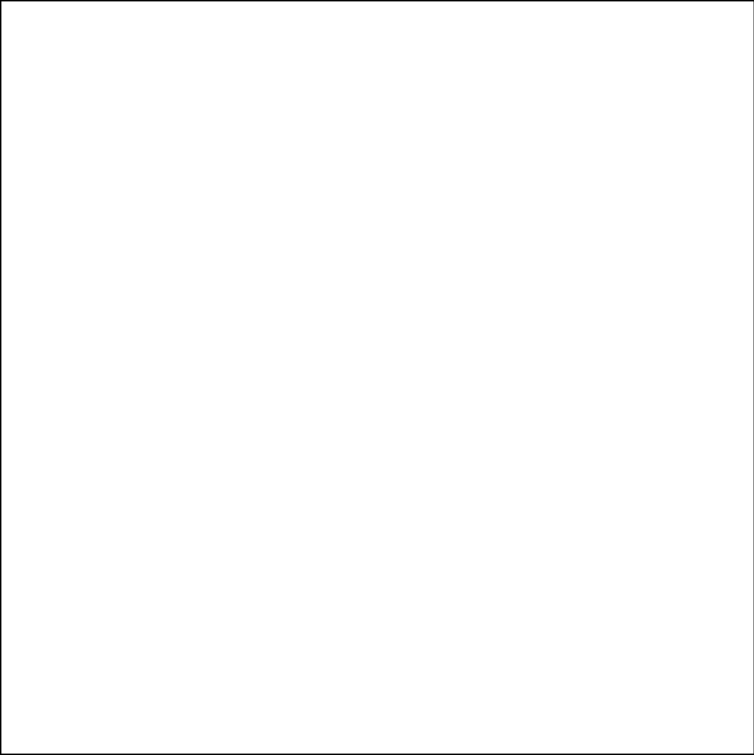
Hippo was there too, going for a stroll and eating  
some nice green grass.



Mvu mbadi gha monine eshi Kadimba naye ko gha karire no pa dihudhi gha djatire pa dipadhi dyaKadimba. Kadimba gha kugherire kwa Mvu, "Owe Mvu! Mbadi wa kumona eshi padipadhi dyange ghuna djata?"

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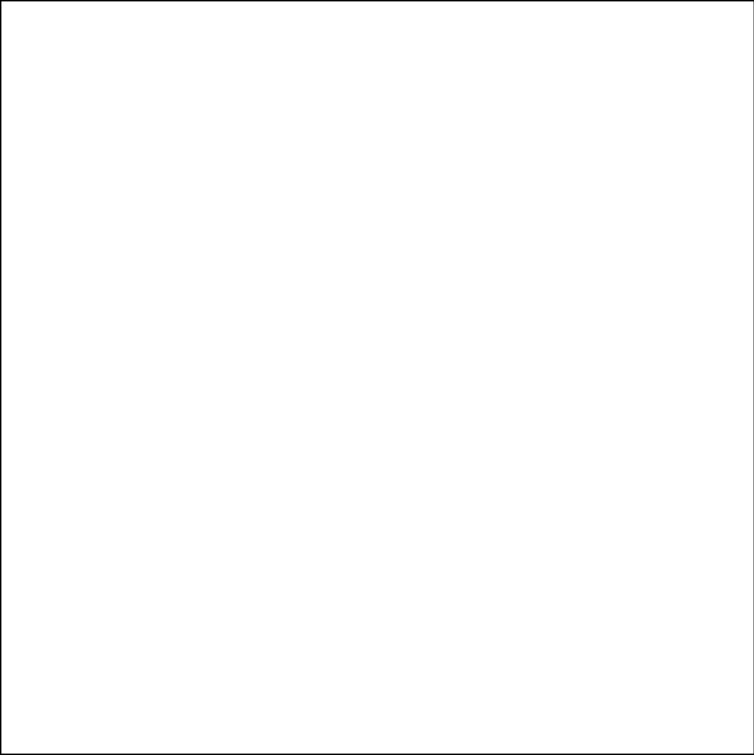
Hippo didn't see that Rabbit was there and she accidentally stepped on Rabbit's foot. Rabbit started screaming at Hippo, "You Hippo! Can't you see that you're stepping on my foot?"



Mvu gha rombire mathiyerero kwaKadimba,  
“Dishesha. Mbadi na kumono. Nakanderera  
nithiyererepo!” Ene Kadimba mbadi gha  
tegherere kwaMvu nogha ghakugherere kwaMvu,  
“Wina ghuna yitendera! Diyuwa dimweya, nanyi  
wa kumone! Nanyi wa kuyifute!”

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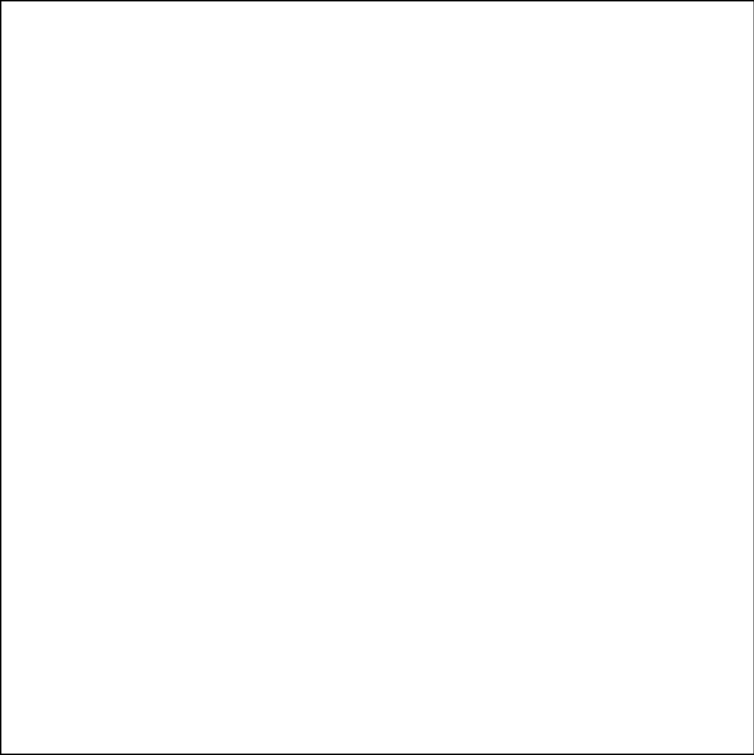
Hippo apologised to Rabbit, “I’m so sorry. I didn’t  
see you. Please forgive me!” But Rabbit wouldn’t  
listen and he shouted at Hippo, “You did that on  
purpose! Someday, you’ll see! You’re going to  
pay!”



Kadimba gha yendire mukushana Mudiro no gha mutongwere, “Yende ghu katumeke Mvu apa sho gha shwaye mumeyu no ghadye muhonyi. Ghana nidjata!” Mudiro gha huthire, Mbadipo ghukukutu, Kadimba mushere wange. Nanyi nitende eyi ghuna nikumbera.”

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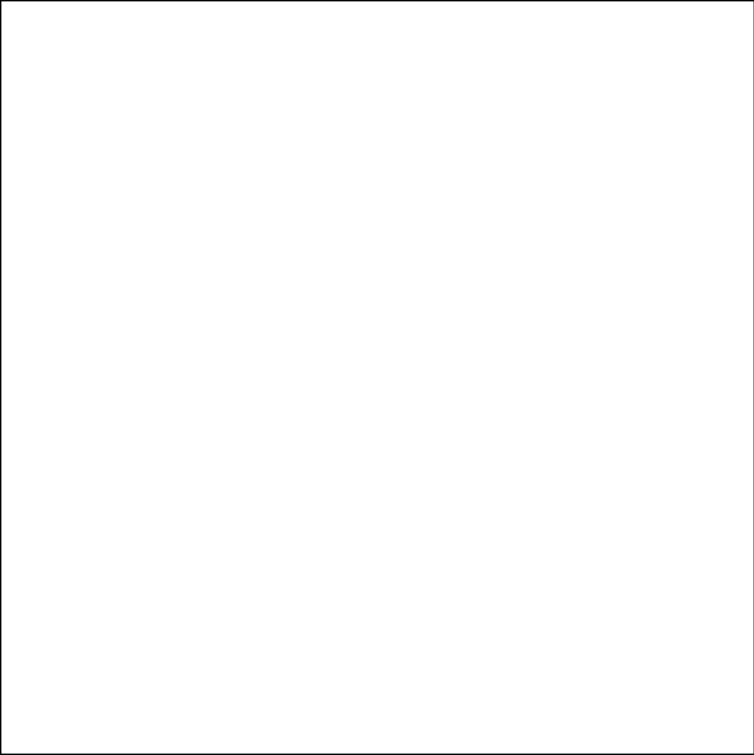
Rabbit went to find Fire and said, “Go, burn Hippo when she comes out of the water to eat grass. She stepped on me!” Fire answered, “No problem, Rabbit, my friend. I’ll do just what you ask.”



Munyima, Mvu gha ka dyerere muhonyi  
kokayenda norware. Mudiroweyire no kutumeka  
huki dhaMvu.

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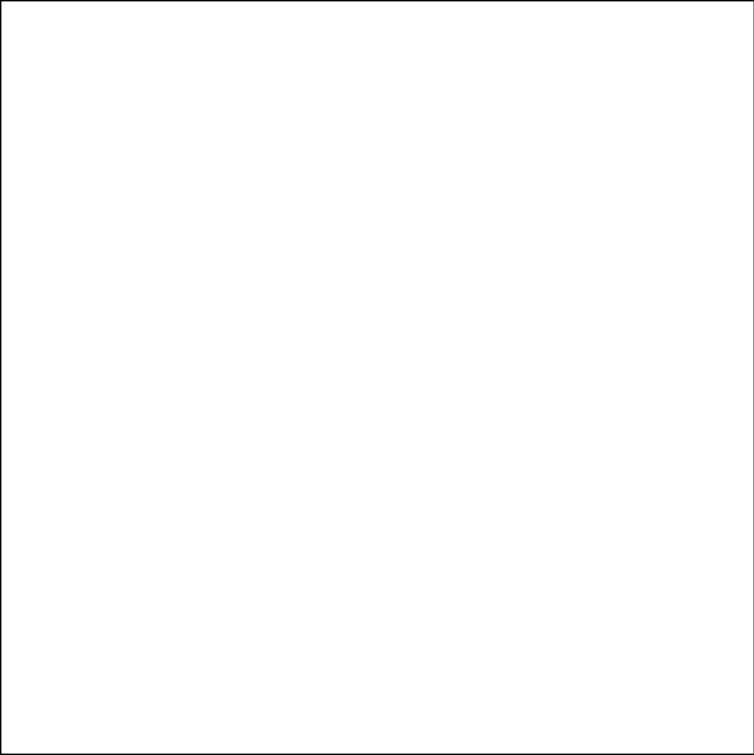
Later, Hippo was eating grass far from the river  
when, "Whoosh!" Fire burst into flame. The flames  
began to burn Hippo's hair.



Mvu gha dirire no gha tjirere mumeyu. Ghuhuki wendi dhodhiheya dha pire kumudiro. Mvu gha dirire, “Ghuhuki dhange dhina pi kumudiro! Ghuhuki wange ghuna piti! Ghuhuki wange ghu shaghuwa!”

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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!”



Kadimba gha shamberere eshi ghuhuki waMvu wa pire. Kate no dyarero, pamurandu gho woma no mudiro, Mvu mbadi gha yendanga kokayenda no meyu.

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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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