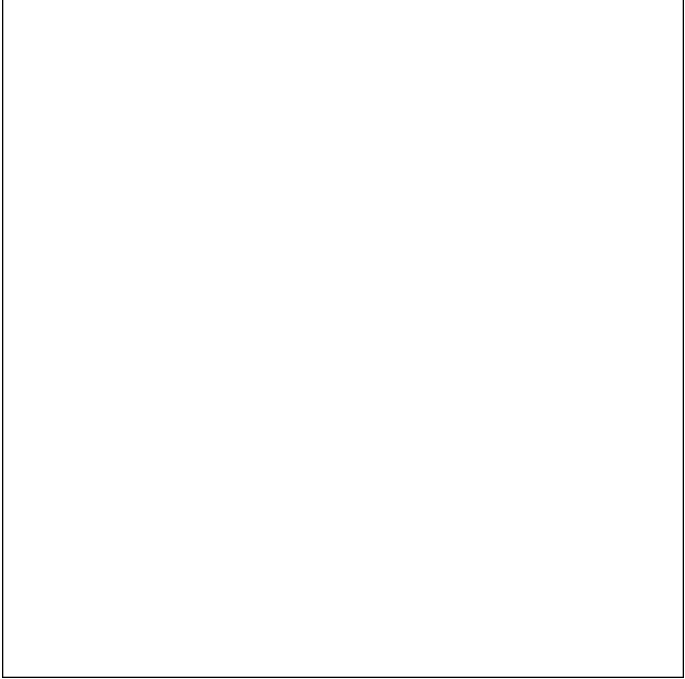


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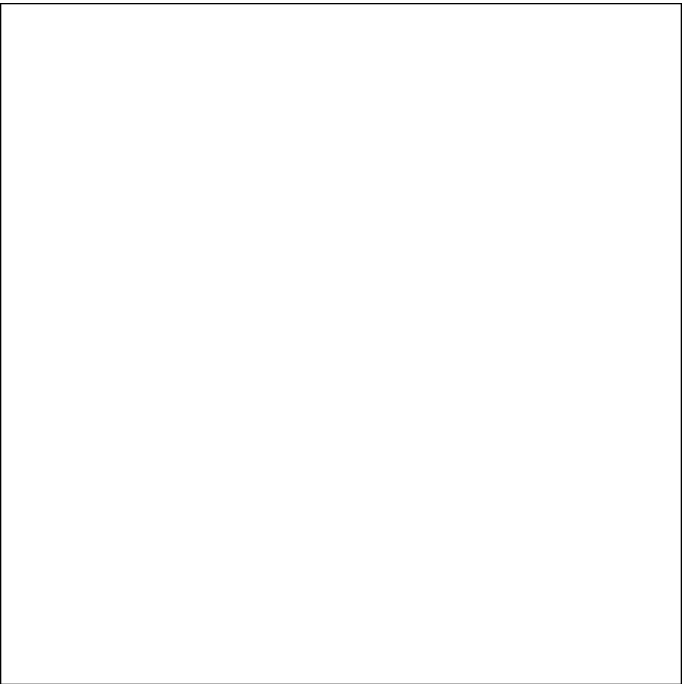
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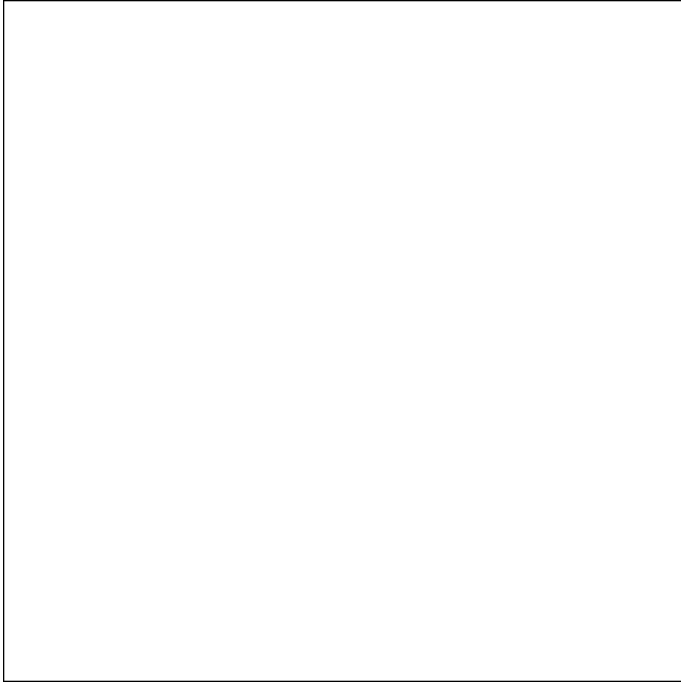




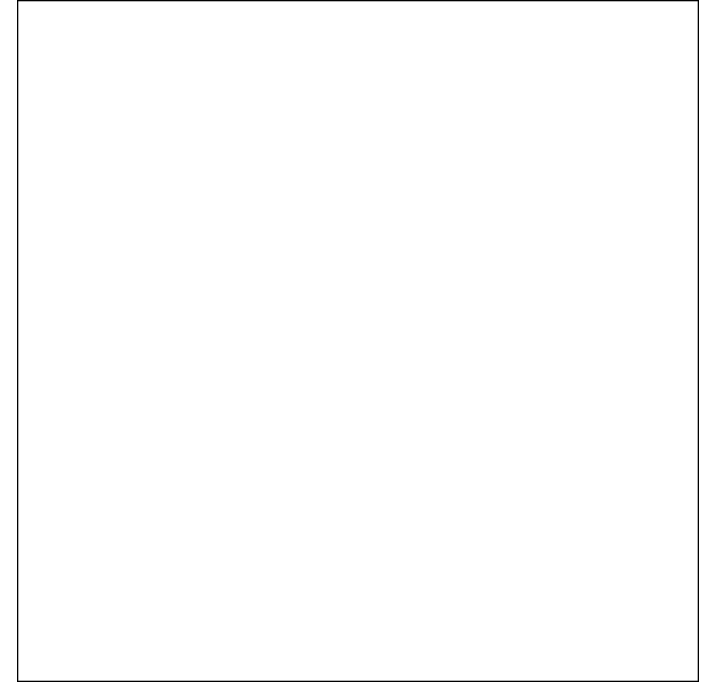
One day, Rabbit was walking  
by the riverside.

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



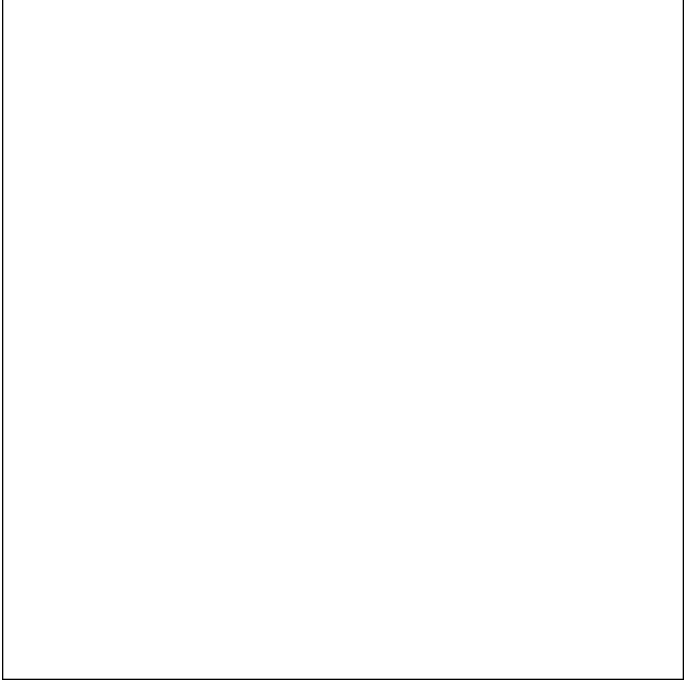


Hippo didn't see that Rabbit was there and she accidentally stepped on Rabbit's foot. Rabbit started screaming at Hippo, "You Hippo! Can't you see that you're stepping on my foot?"

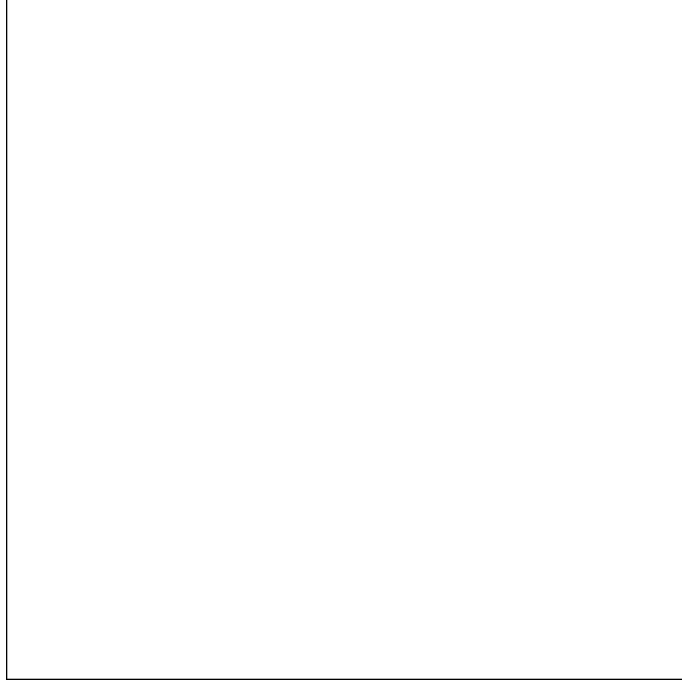


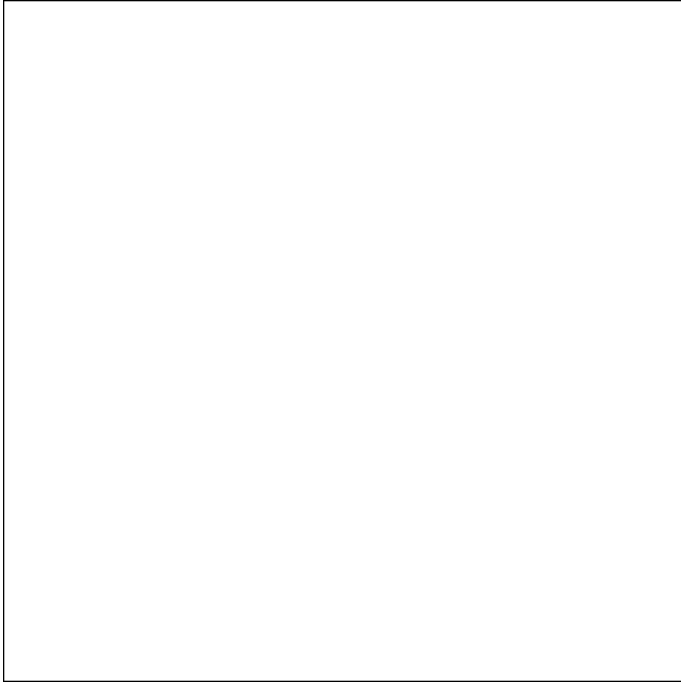
Rabbit was happy that Hippo's hair was burned. And to this day, for fear of fire, the hippo never goes far from the water.

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!"

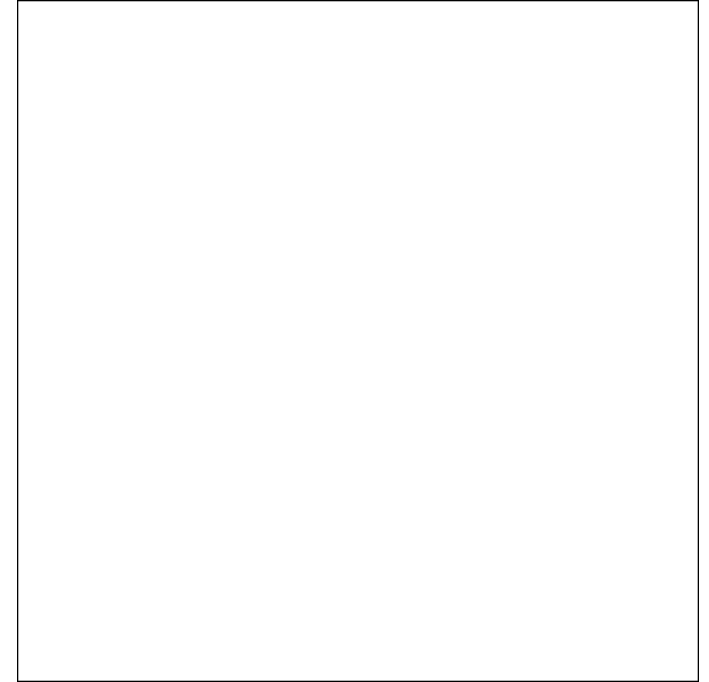


Hippo started to cry and ran  
for the water. All her hair was  
burned off by the fire. Hippo  
kept crying, "My hair has  
burned in the fire! My hair is all  
gone! My beautiful hair!"





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."



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