



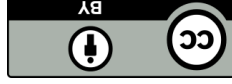
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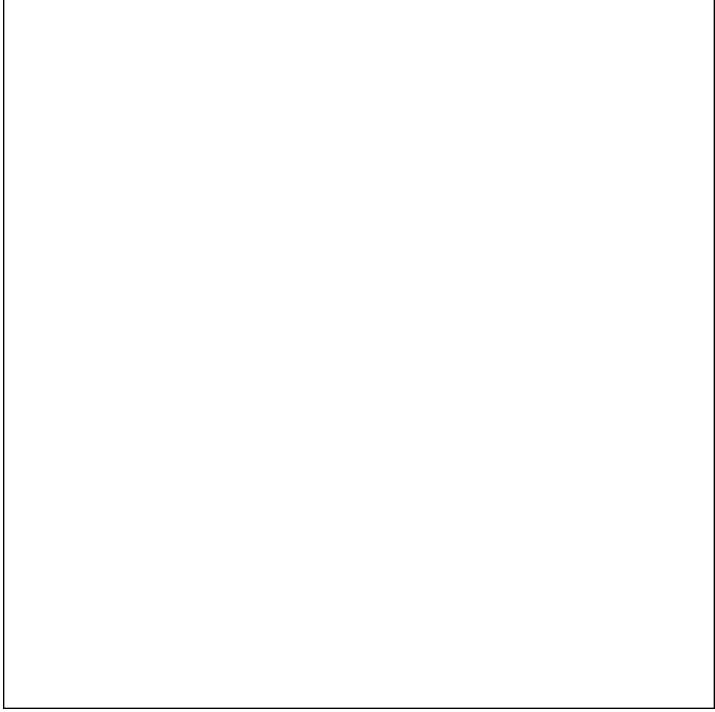


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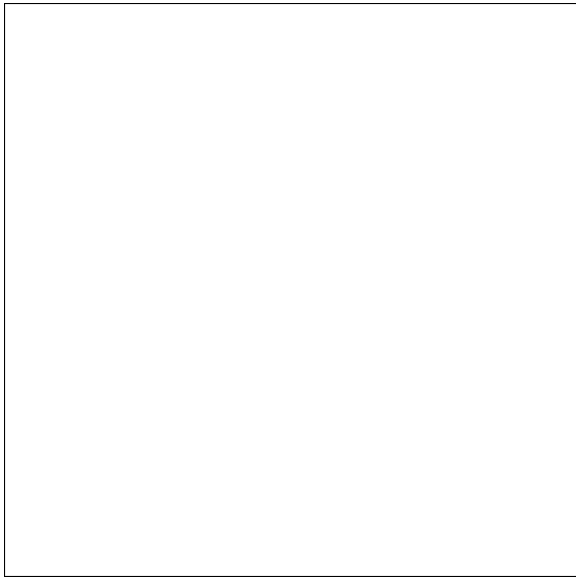


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Isang araw, naglalakad si Kuneho sa may tabing-ilog.

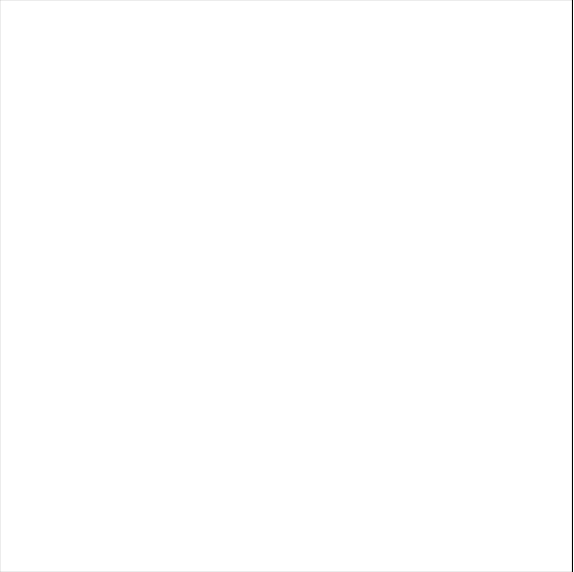
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One day, Rabbit was walking by the riverside.

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

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Nandoon din si Hipo, namamasyal at kumakain ng masarap na luntiang damo.

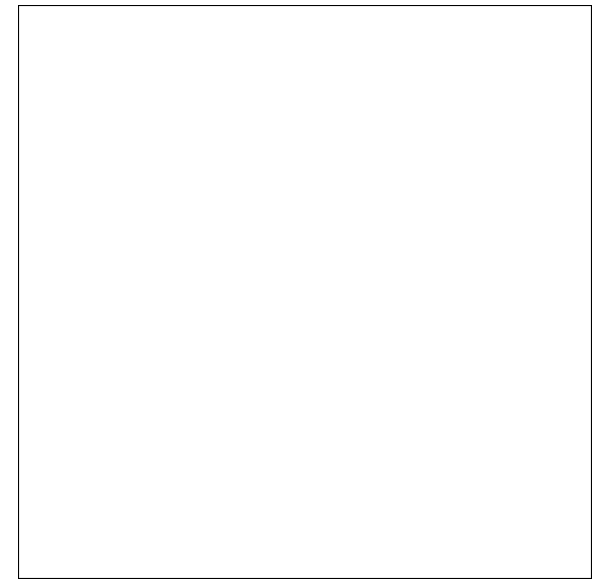




Hindi napansin ni Hipo na nandoon si Kuneho at aksidente niyang natapakan ang paa nito. Napatili si Kuneho at sinigawan si Hipo, “Hoy ikaw, Hipo! Hindi mo ba nakitang inapakan mo ang paa ko?”

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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?”



Natuwa ang kuneho nang masunog ang buhok ni Hipo. At hanggang ngayon, dahil sa takot sa apoy, ang hipo ay hindi na malalayo sa tubig kailanman.

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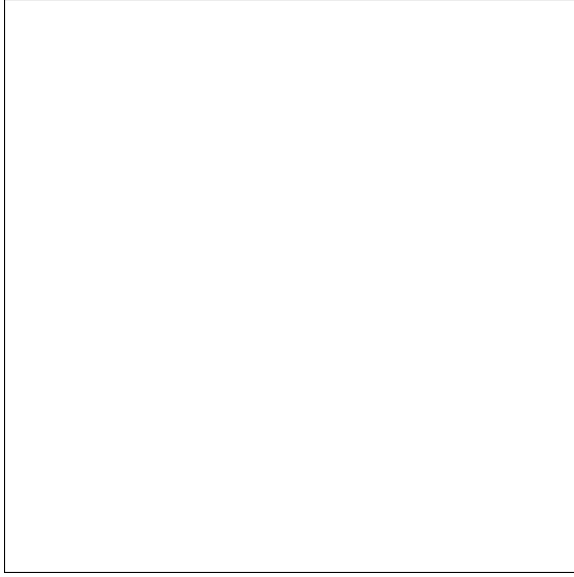
Rabbit was happy that Hippo's hair was burned. And to this day, for fear of fire, the hippo never goes far from the water.



Humingi ng paumanhin si Hipo kay Kuneho. "Pasensiya ka na, kaibigan. Hindi kita nakita. Sana mapatawad mo ako!" Ngunit hindi ito pinakinggan ni Kuneho at sinigawan niya si Hipo. "Sinadya mo 'yan! Magbabayad ka balang araw! Makikita mo!"

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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!"



Napayak si Hipo at tumakbo siya pabalik sa ilog. Nasunog lahat ng buhok niya. Iyak ni Hipo, "Nasunog ang buhok ko! Sinunog mo ang buhok ko! Wala na ang buhok ko! Ang maganda, ang napakaganda kong buhok!"

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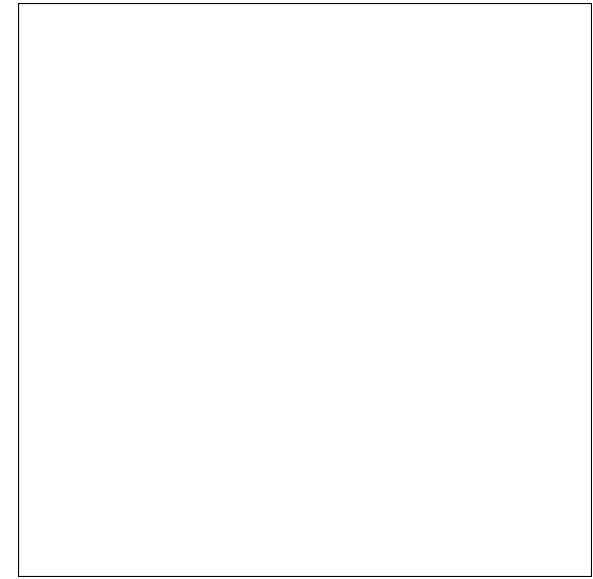
Hippo started to cry and ran for the water. All her hair was burned off by the fire. Hippo kept crying, "My hair has burned in the fire! My hair is all gone! My beautiful hair!"



Pagkatapos, hinanap ni Kuneho si Apoy at sinabi, "Sunugin mo si Hipo kapag umahon siya sa ilog para kumain ng damo. Inapakan niya ako!" Sagot ni Apoy, "Walang problema, kaibigang Kuneho. Susundin ko ang pakiusap mo."

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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."



Maya-maya, kumakain si Hipo ng damo malayo sa ilog nang "whoosh!" Nagliyab si Apoy. Unti-unting sinunog ng alab ang buhok ni Hipo.

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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.