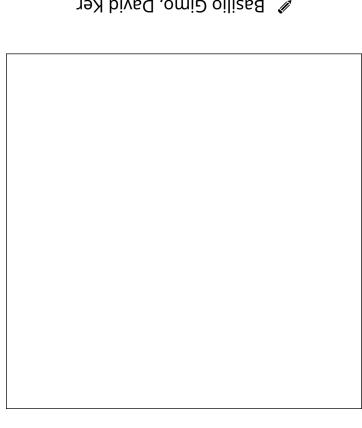
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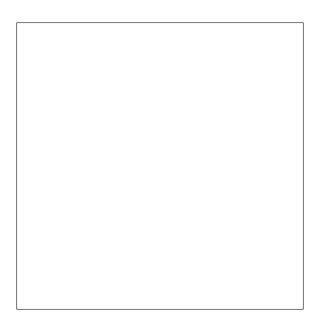
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有一日,兔仔喺河邊散吓步。

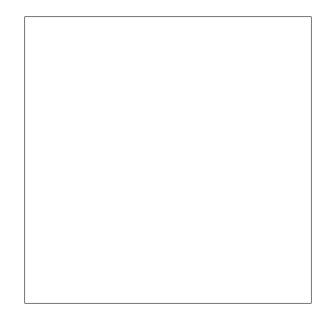
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One day, Rabbit was walking by the riverside.

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



河馬冇見到兔仔,一唔小心就踩親兔仔隻腳。兔仔 鬧住河馬大嗌:「衰河馬!你冇見到你踩親我隻腳 咩?」

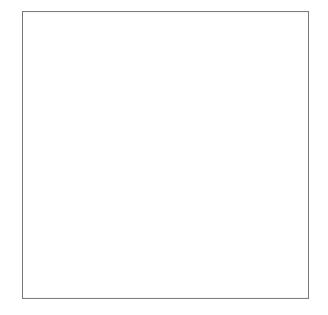
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Hippo didn't see that Rabbit was there and she accidentally stepped on Rabbit's foot. Rabbit started screaming at Hippo, "You Hippo! Can't you see that you're stepping on my foot?"

河馬嘅毛燒咗,兔仔就好高興。直到今日,河馬都 唔敢離河岸太遠,因為佢驚又要被火燒啦。

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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.

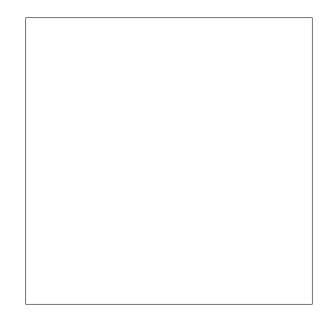


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Hippo apologised to Rabbit, "I'm so sorry. I didn't see you. Please forgive me!" But Rabbit wouldn't listen and he shouted at Hippo, "You did that on purpose! Someday, you'll see! You're going to pay!"

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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!"



兔仔去搵火,就對火話:「趁河馬出水嚟食草嘅時候,向佢放把火啦。佢竟然夠膽踩我隻腳。」火回答佢話:「冇問題,老友記!我即刻去照你講嘅做。」

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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."

過咗陣,河馬正喺離河岸好遠嘅地方食草。「哄」 嘅一聲,火突然間燒起上嚟,燒到河馬身上。

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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.