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## Donkey Child

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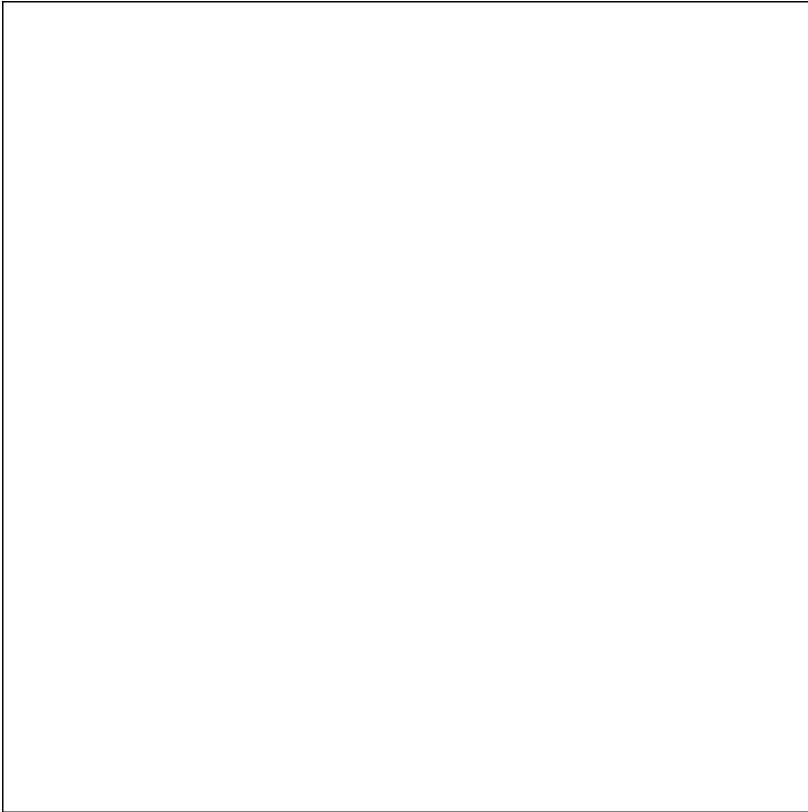
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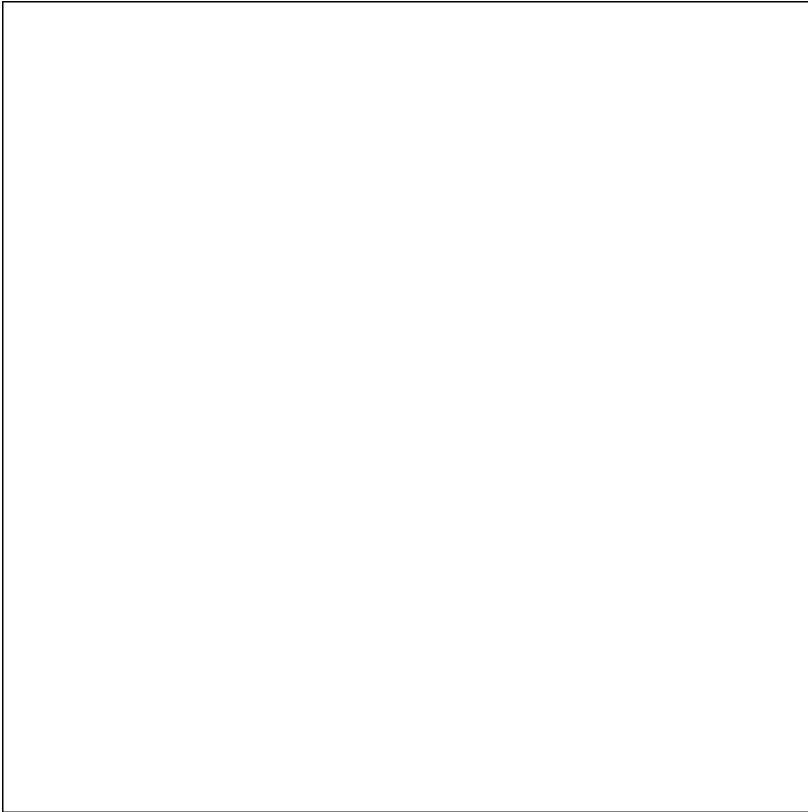




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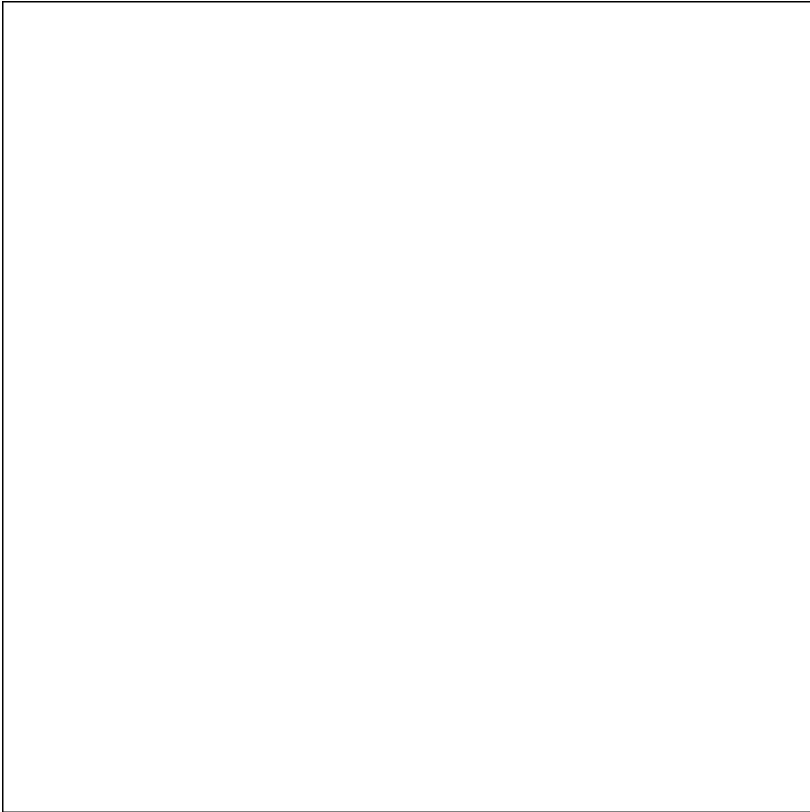
It was a little girl who first saw the mysterious shape in the distance.



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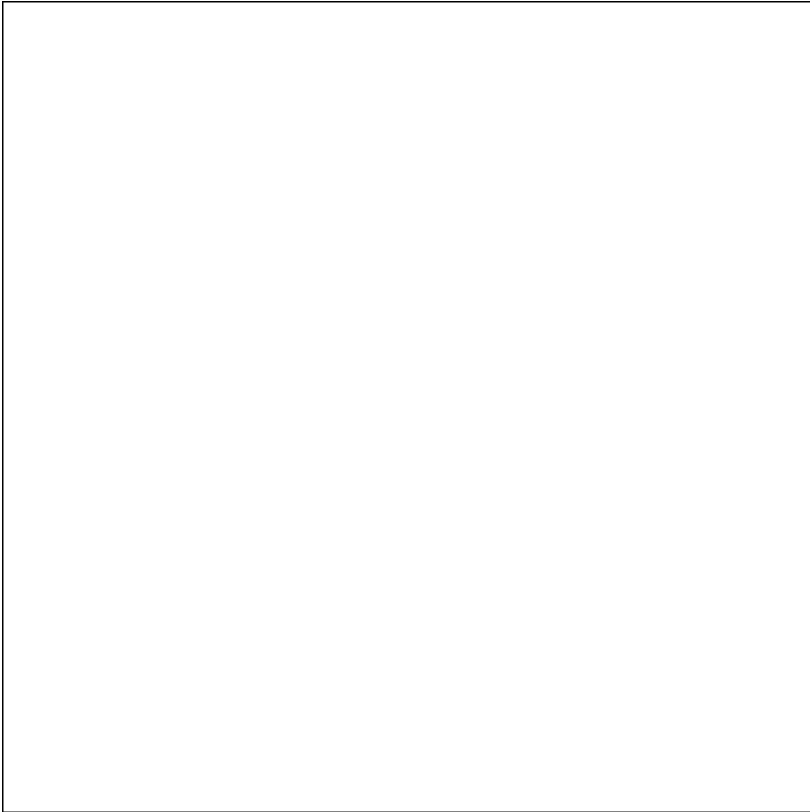
As the shape moved closer, she saw that it  
was a heavily pregnant woman.



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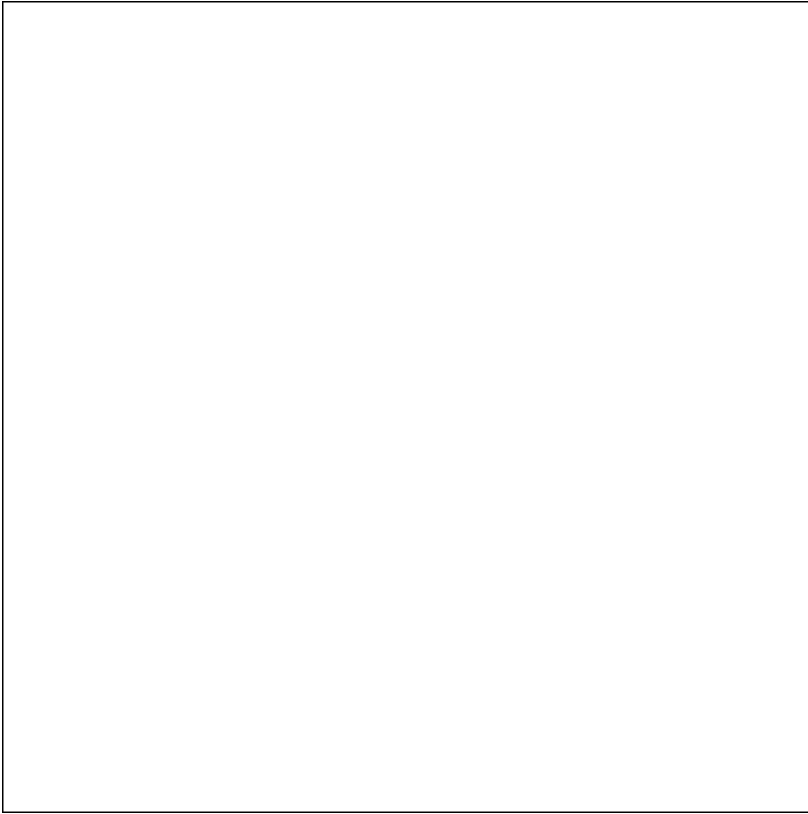
Shy but brave, the little girl moved nearer to the woman. “We must keep her with us,” the little girl’s people decided. “We’ll keep her and her child safe.”



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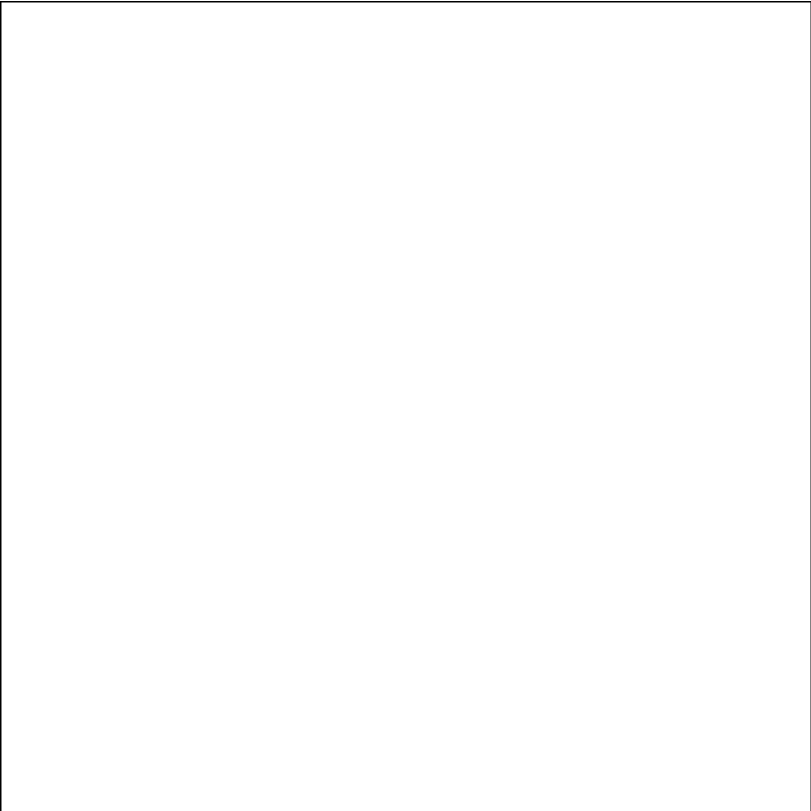
The child was soon on its way. “Push!”  
“Bring blankets!” “Water!”  
“Puuuuusssshhh!!!”



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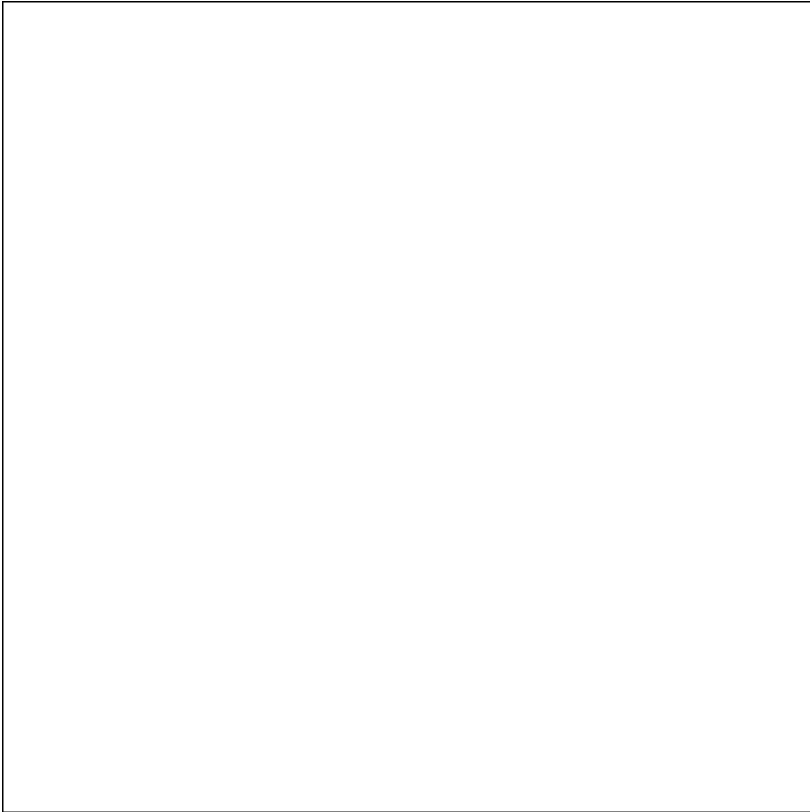
But when they saw the baby, everyone  
jumped back in shock. "A donkey?!"



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Everyone began to argue. “We said we would keep mother and child safe, and that’s what we’ll do,” said some. “But they will bring us bad luck!” said others.

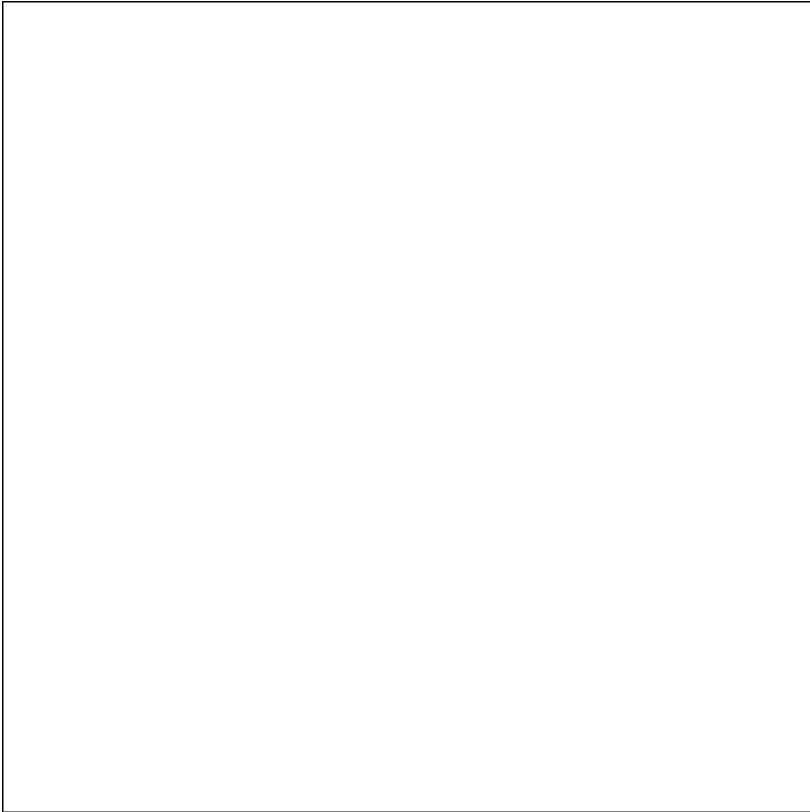


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And so the woman found herself alone again. She wondered what to do with this awkward child. She wondered what to do with herself.

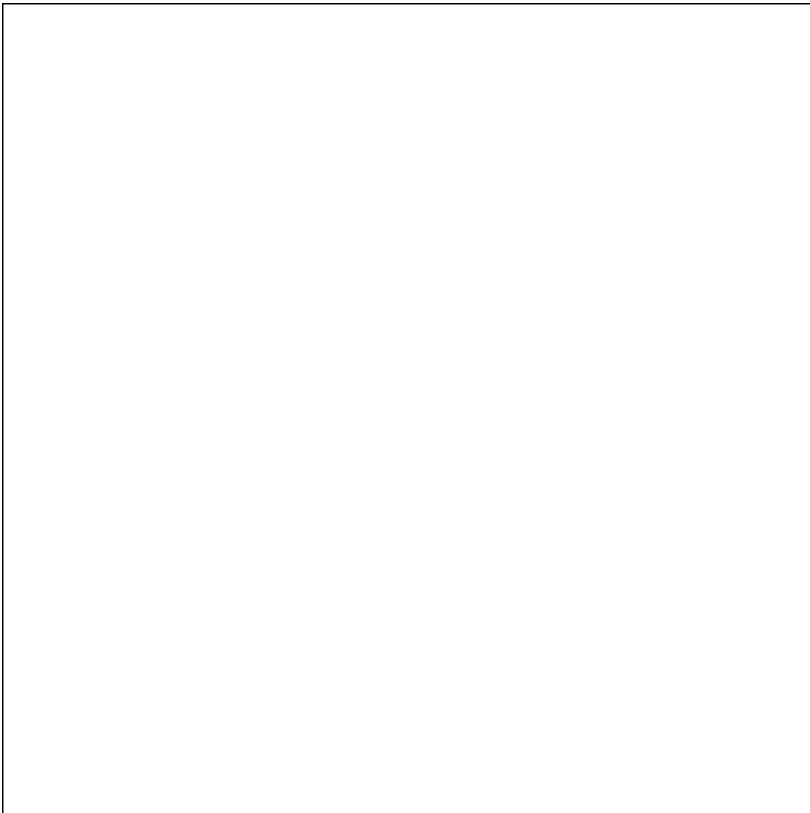




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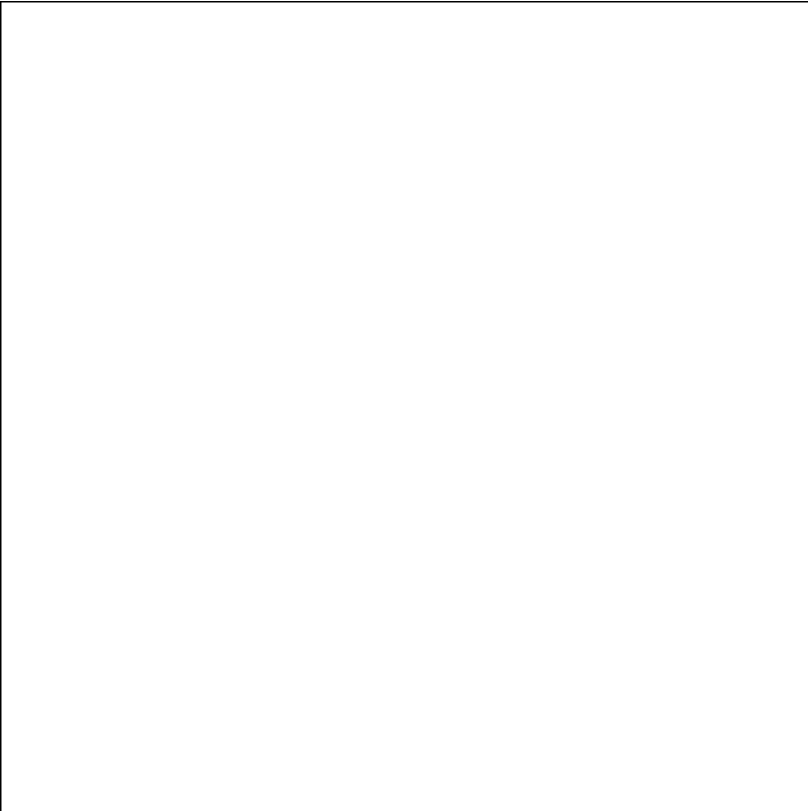
But finally she had to accept that he was her child and she was his mother.



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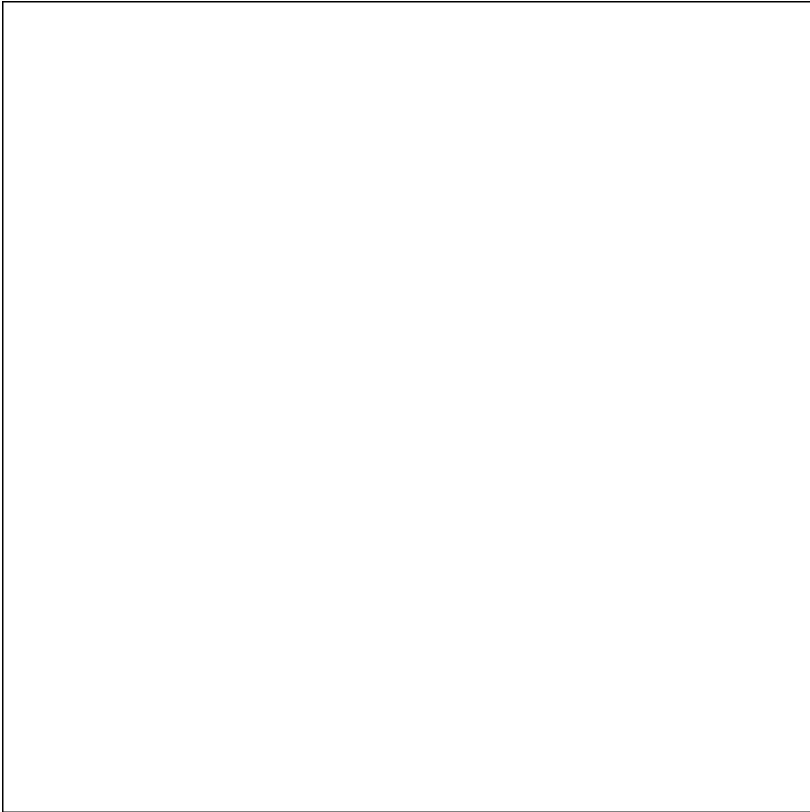
Now, if the child had stayed that same,  
 small size, everything might have been  
 different. But the donkey child grew and  
 grew until he could no longer fit on his  
 mother's back. And no matter how hard  
 he tried, he could not behave like a  
 human being. His mother was often tired  
 and frustrated. Sometimes she made him  
 do work meant for animals.



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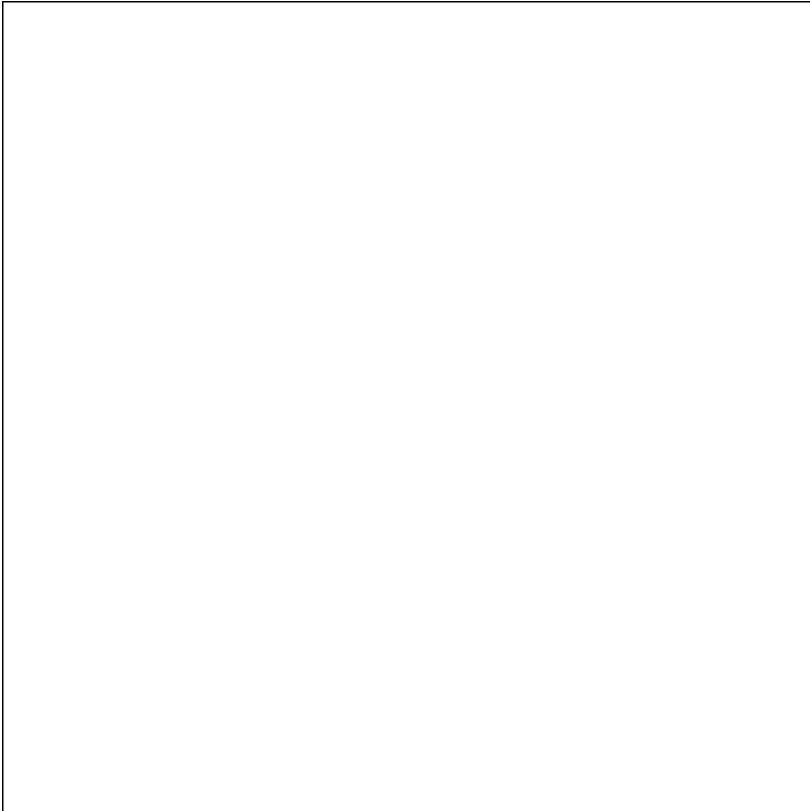
Confusion and anger built up inside Donkey. He couldn't do this and he couldn't do that. He couldn't be like this and he couldn't be like that. He became so angry that, one day, he kicked his mother to the ground.



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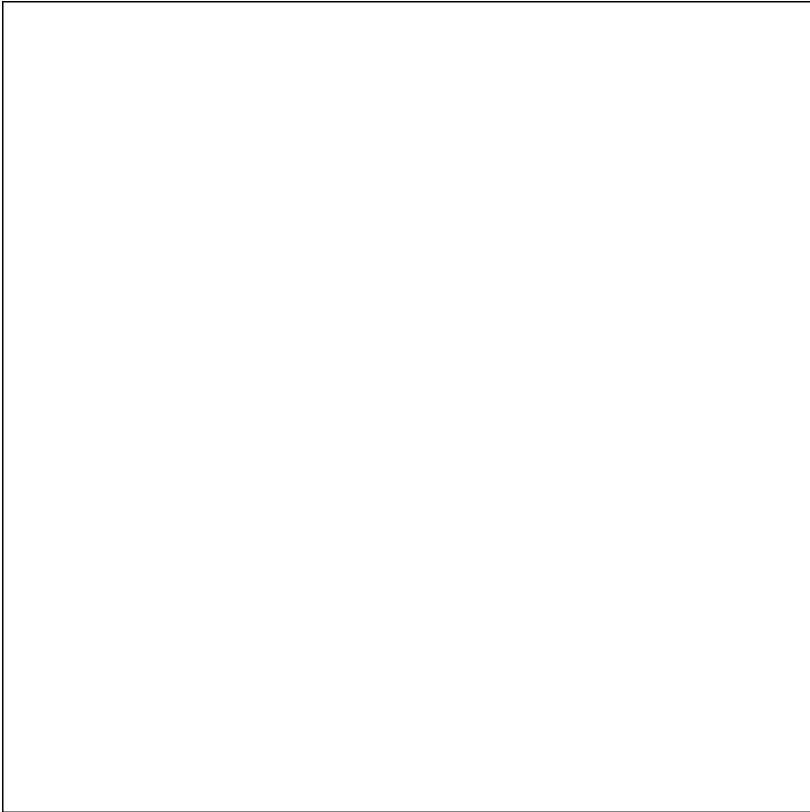
Donkey was filled with shame. He started  
to run away as far and fast as he could.



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By the time he stopped running, it was  
night, and Donkey was lost. “Hee haw?”  
he whispered to the darkness. “Hee  
Haw?” it echoed back. He was alone.  
Curling himself into a tight ball, he fell into  
a deep and troubled sleep.



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አገኘ። ሸማግሌውን ዓይን ዓይኑን እያየ የተስፋ  
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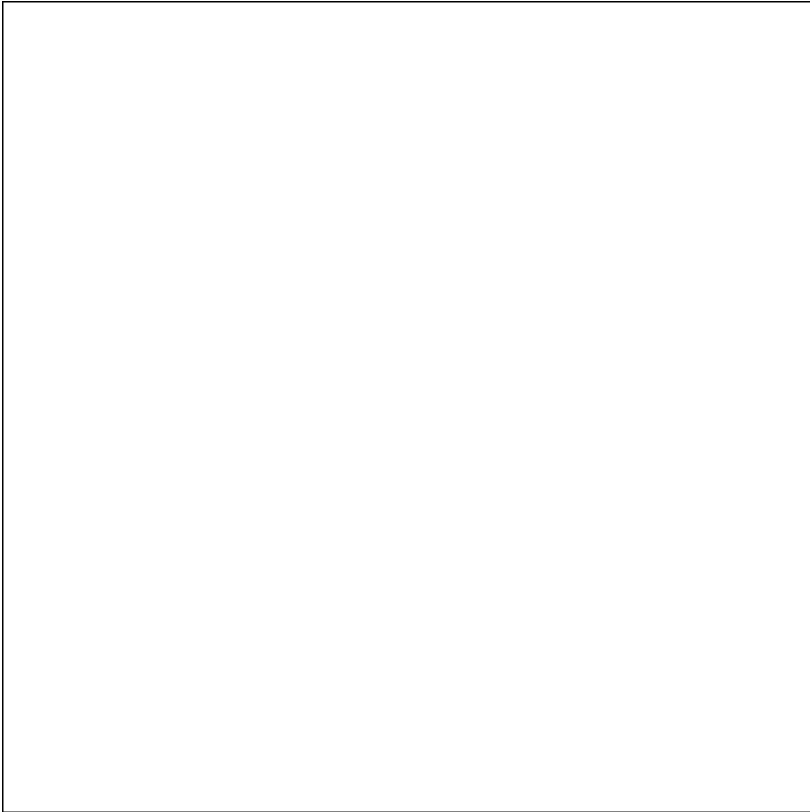
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Donkey woke up to find a strange old man  
staring down at him. He looked into the  
old man's eyes and started to feel a  
twinkle of hope.

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Donkey went to stay with the old man,  
who taught him many different ways to  
survive. Donkey listened and learned, and  
so did the old man. They helped each  
other, and they laughed together.

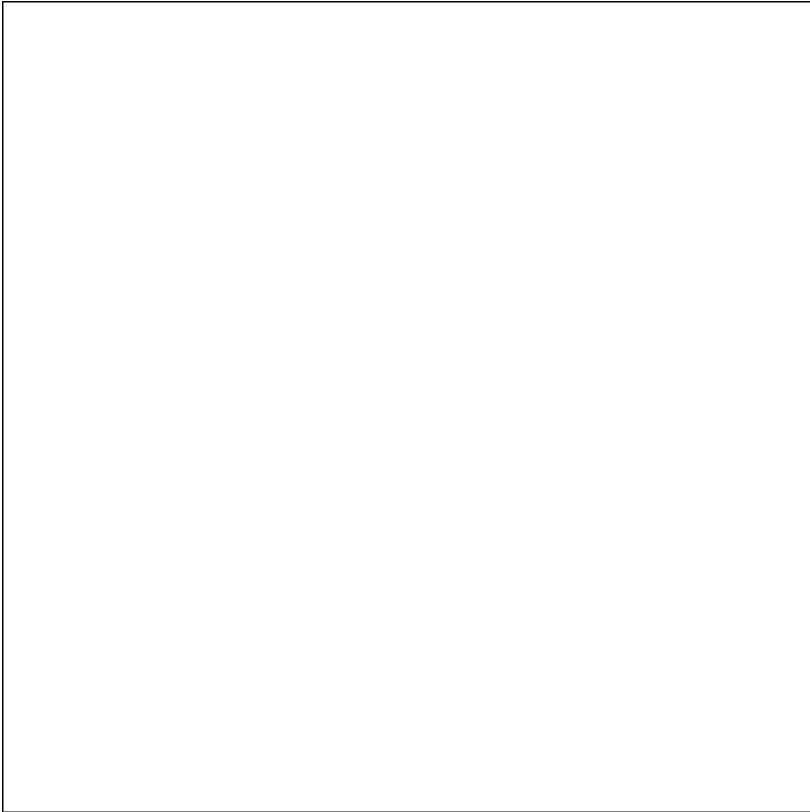


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ወደ ተራራ ጫፍ አውጣኝ ሲል ጠየቀው።

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One morning, the old man asked Donkey  
to carry him to the top of a mountain.

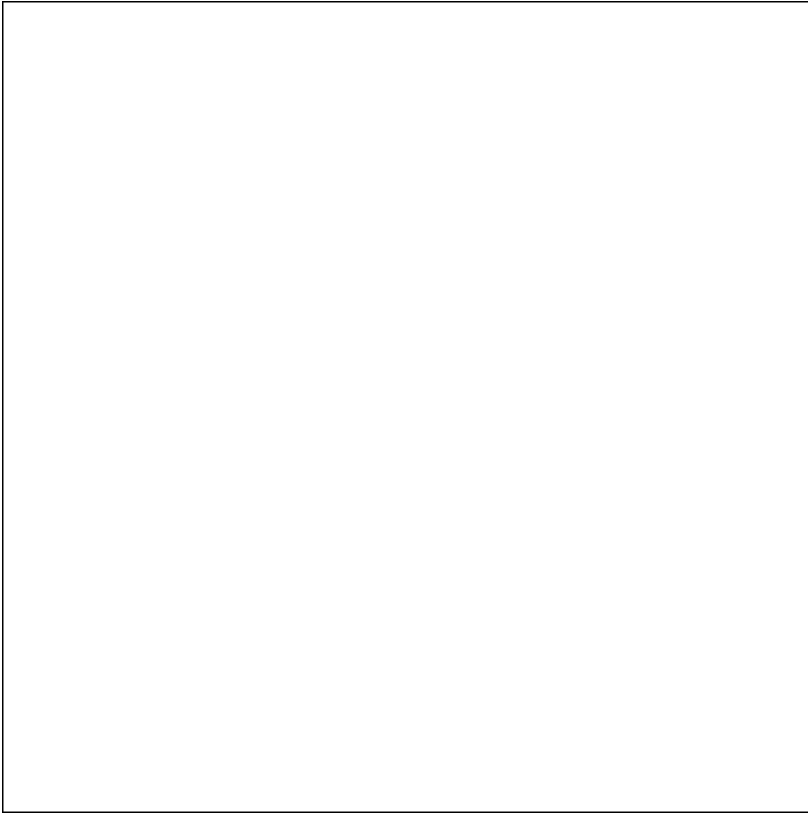




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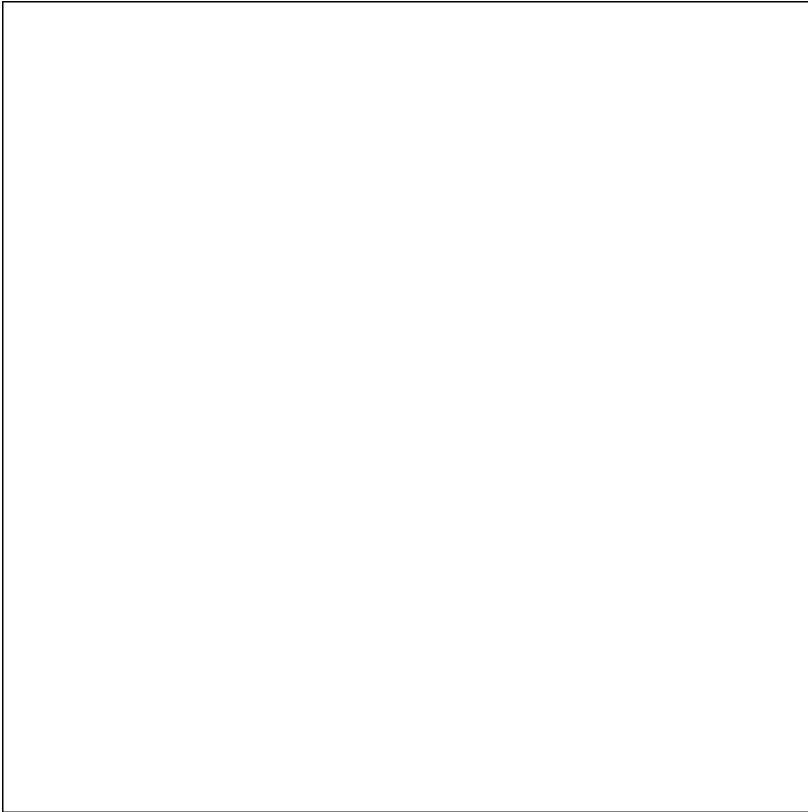
High up amongst the clouds they fell  
asleep. Donkey dreamed that his mother  
was sick and calling to him. And when he  
woke up...



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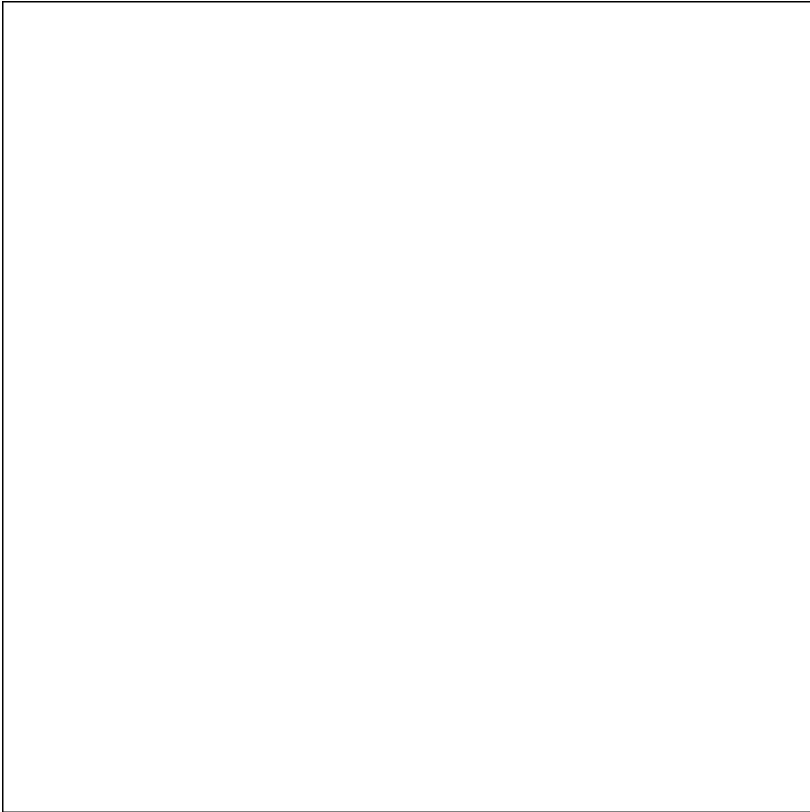
... the clouds had disappeared along with his friend, the old man.



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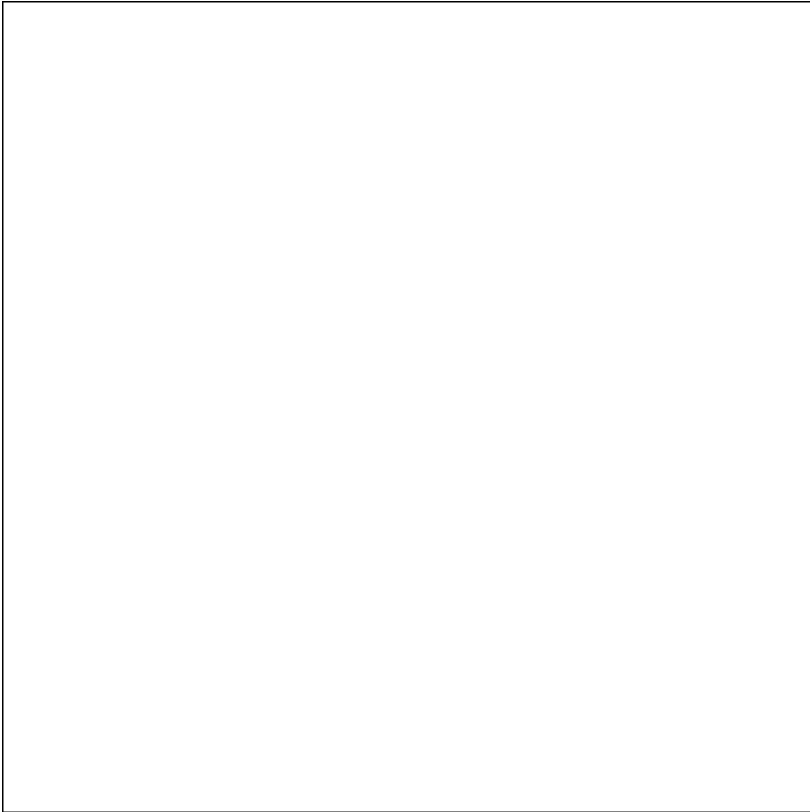
Donkey finally knew what to do.



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ጥብቅብቅ ብለው ተቃቀዱ።

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Donkey found his mother, alone and  
mourning her lost child. They stared at  
each other for a long time. And then  
hugged each other very hard.



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The donkey child and his mother have grown together and found many ways of living side by side. Slowly, all around them, other families have started to settle.



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