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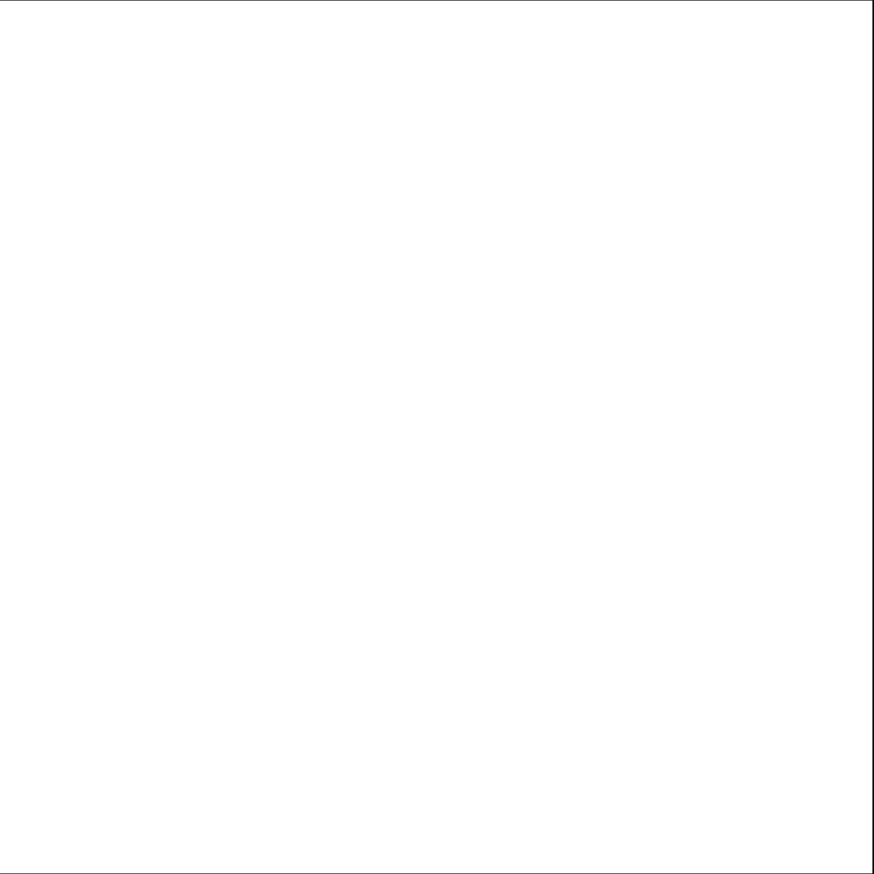
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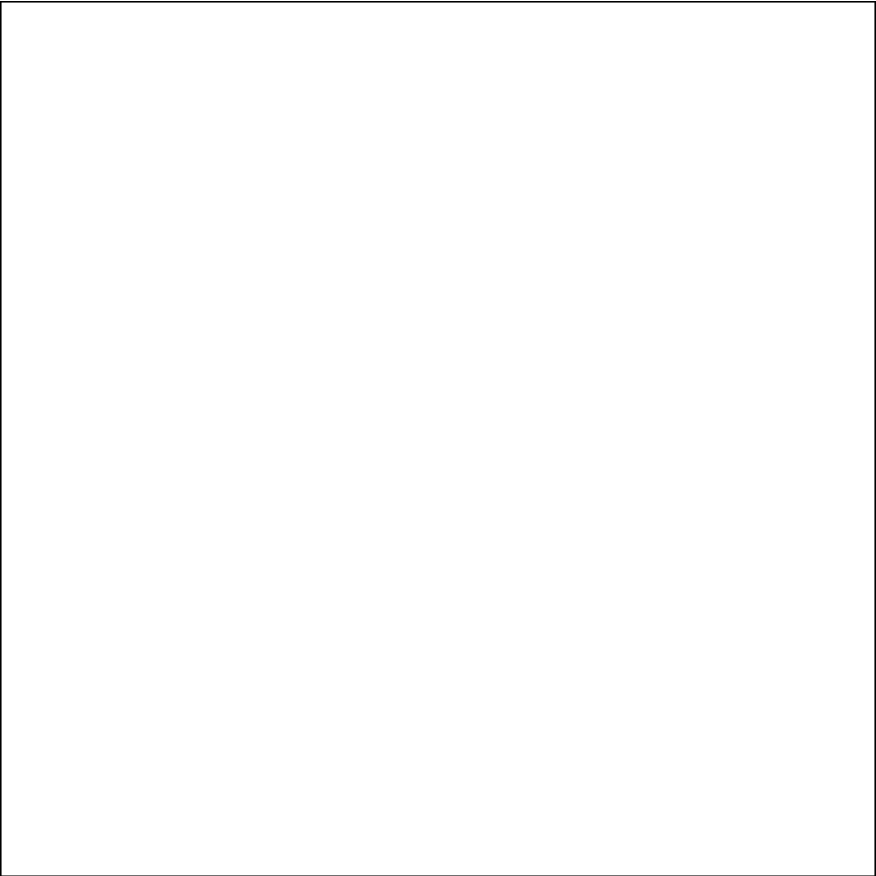




Siku moja, Sungura alikuwa
akitembea pembeni ya mto.

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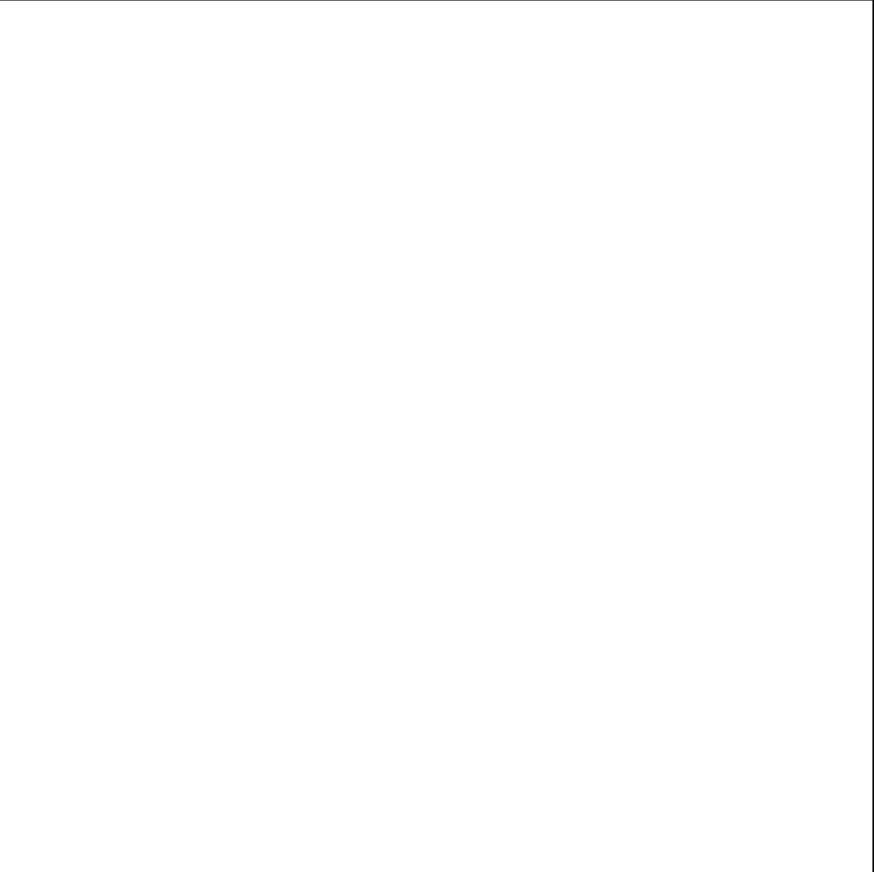
One day, Rabbit was walking by the
riverside.



Kiboko alikuwepo pia, akitembea
huku akila majani mazuri ya kijani.

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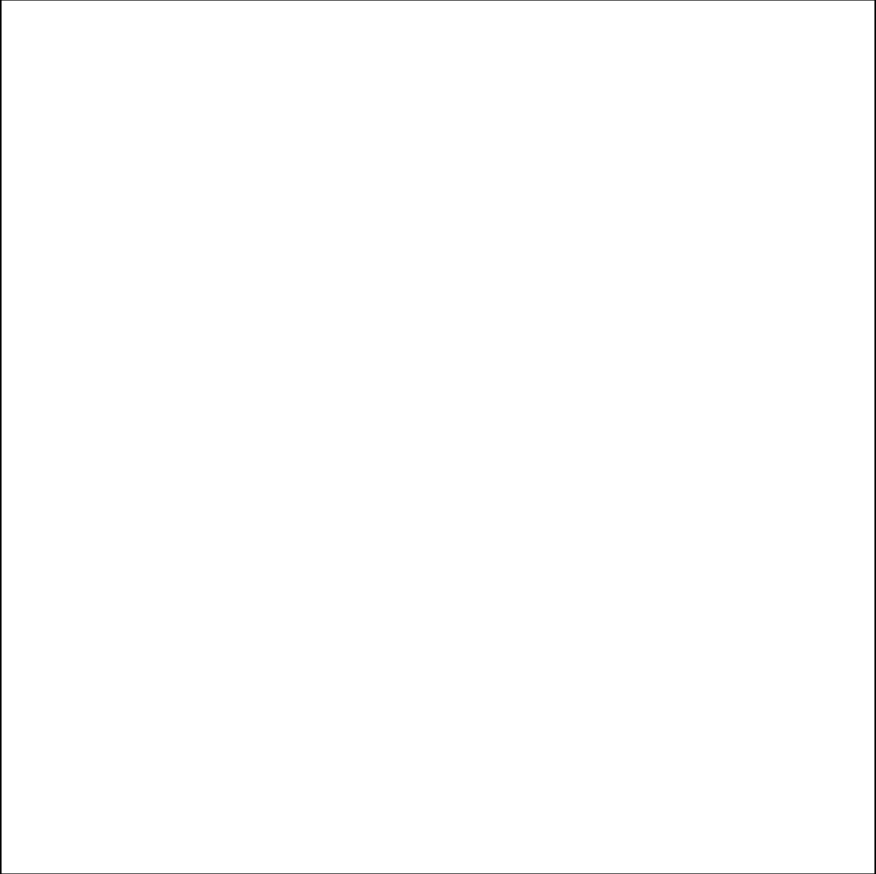
Hippo was there too, going for a
stroll and eating some nice green
grass.



Kiboko hakumwona Sungura na kwa bahati mbaya akaukanyaga mguu wa Sungura. Sungura akaanza kumpigia Kiboko kelele. “We Kiboko huoni kama umeukanyaga mguu wangu?”

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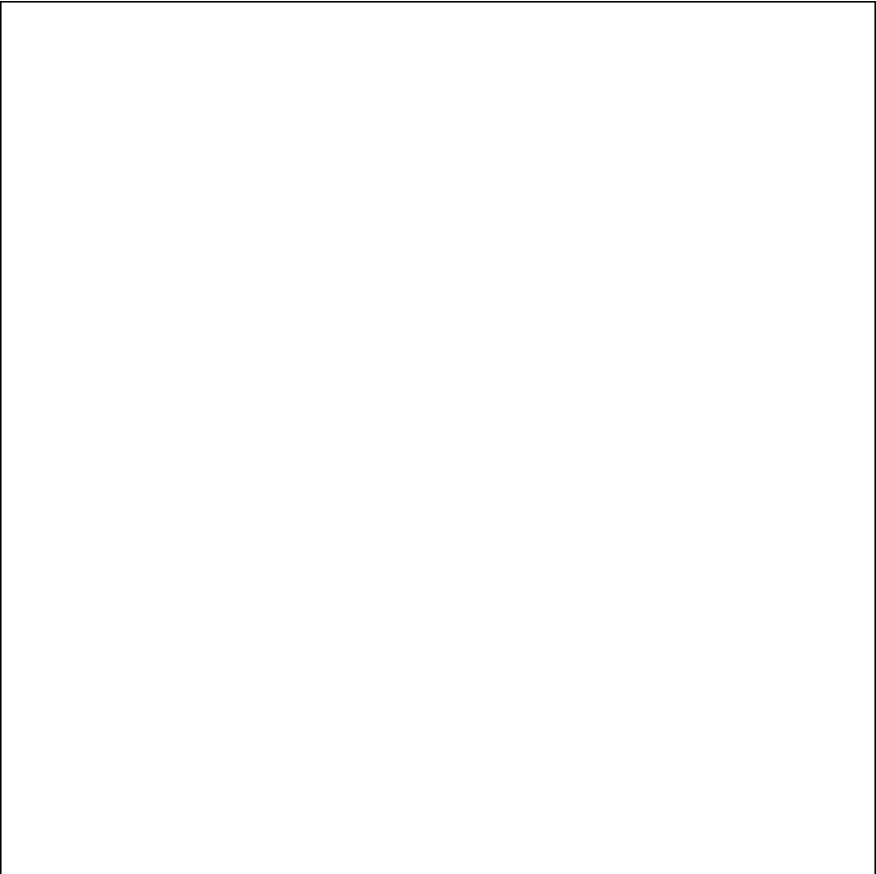
Hippo didn't see that Rabbit was there and she accidentally stepped on Rabbit's foot. Rabbit started screaming at Hippo, “You Hippo! Can't you see that you're stepping on my foot?”



Kiboko akamwomba Sungura msamaha, “Samahani, sikukuona, tafadhali nisamehe!” Lakini Sungura hakukubali na akaendelea kumbwatukia Kiboko, “Umefanya makusudi! Kuna siku utakiona, na nitakulipizia!”

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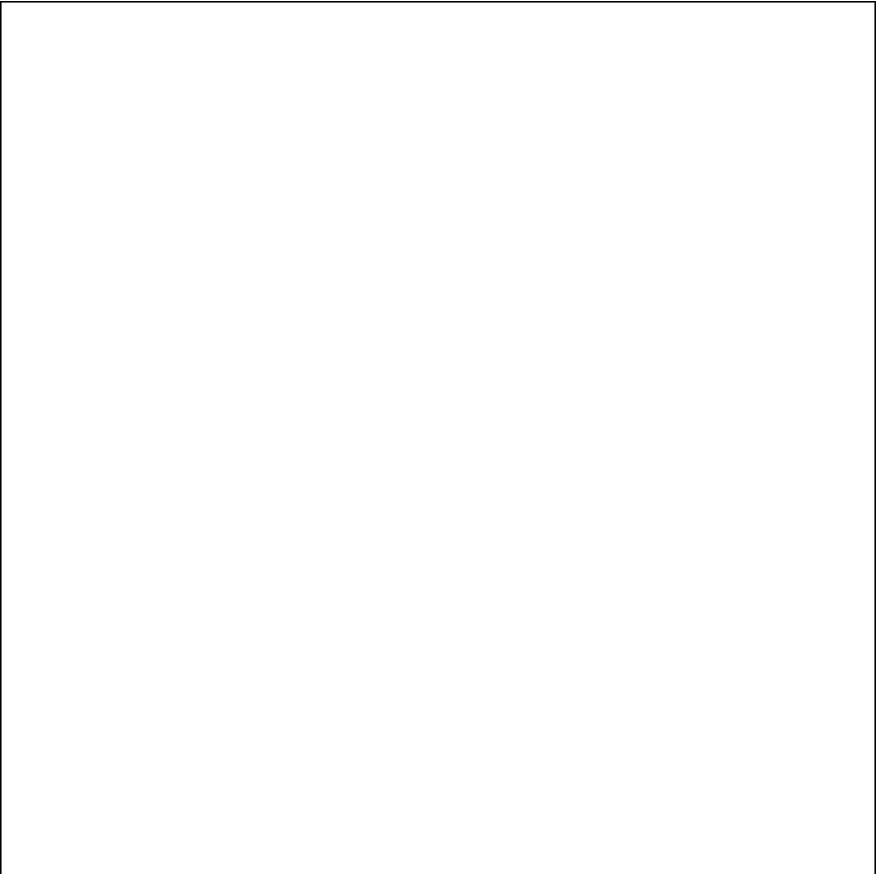
Hippo apologised to Rabbit, “I’m so sorry. I didn’t see you. Please forgive me!” But Rabbit wouldn’t listen and he shouted at Hippo, “You did that on purpose! Someday, you’ll see! You’re going to pay!”



Sungura alienda kutafuta moto na akamwambia, “Nenda, ukamchome Kiboko akitoka majani kuja kula majani. Alinikanyaga!” Moto ukajibu, “Hakuna tatizo, rafiki yangu Sungura, nitafanya ulichoniomba kufanya.”

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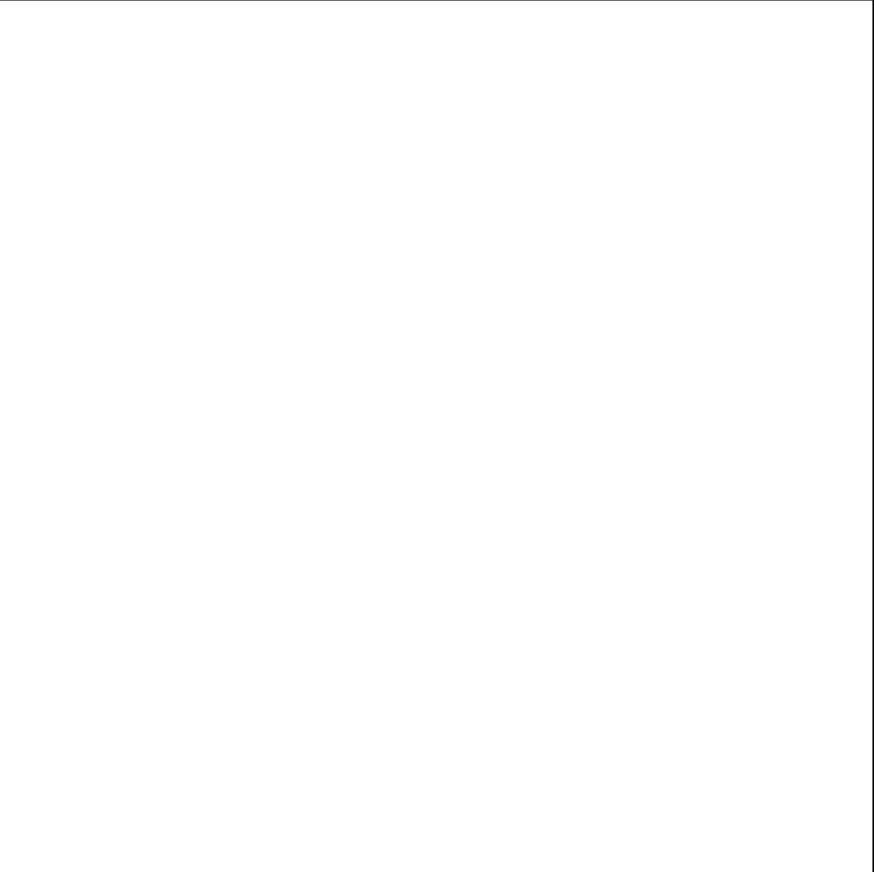
Rabbit went to find Fire and said, “Go, burn Hippo when she comes out of the water to eat grass. She stepped on me!” Fire answered, “No problem, Rabbit, my friend. I’ll do just what you ask.”



Baadaye, Kiboko alikuwa akila majani mbali na mto, aliposhtuka moto umelipuka. Miale ya moto ikaanza kuzichoma nywele za Kiboko.

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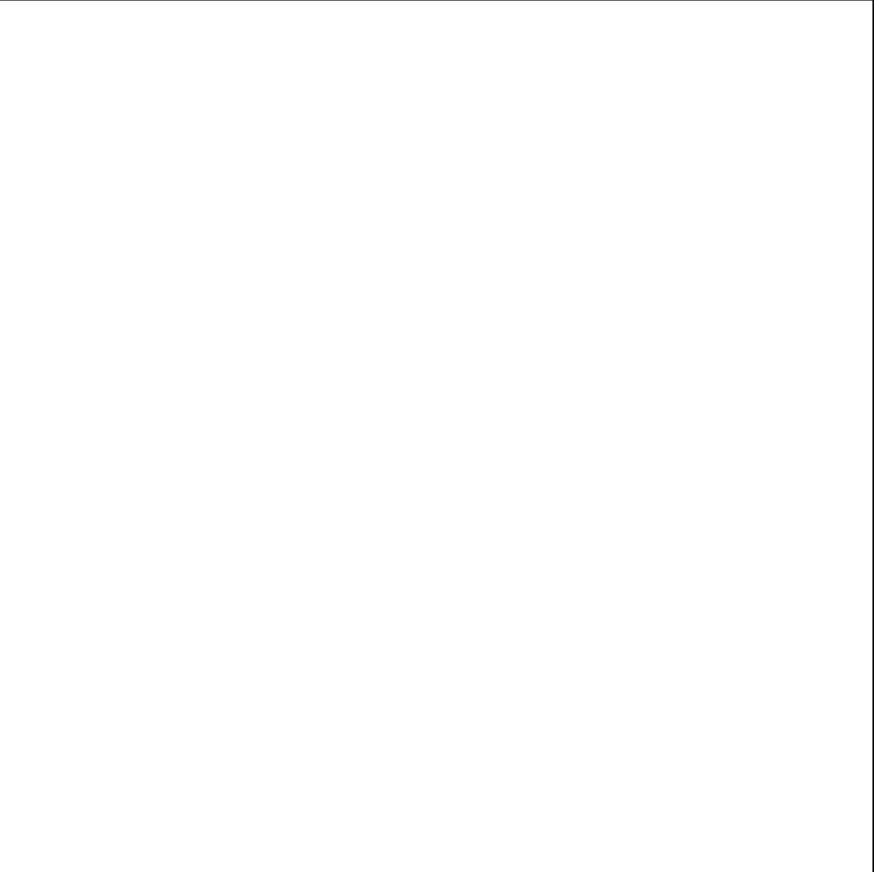
Later, Hippo was eating grass far from the river when, “Whoosh!” Fire burst into flame. The flames began to burn Hippo’s hair.



Kiboko akaanza kulia na kukimbilia
kwenye maji. Nywele zake zote
zilikuwa zimeungua na moto.
Kiboko aliendelea kulia, “Nywele
zangu zimeungua na moto!
Nywele zangu zote zimeisha!
Nywele zangu nzuri!”

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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!”



Sungura alikuwa na furaha kwa kuwa nywele za Kiboko ziliungua. Hadi leo kwa kuogopa moto, Kiboko hawezi kwenda mbali na maji.

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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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