



## Why hippos have no hair

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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 yelled and started screaming at Hippo, "You Hippo! Can't you see that you're stepping on my foot?"

Hippo apologised to Rabbit, "I'm so sorry, my friend. 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!"





Then Rabbit went to find Fire and he 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 asked ”



Later, Hippo was eating grass far from the river when “whoosh!” Fire burst into flame and began to burn up all of Hippo’s hair.



Hippo started to cry  
and ran for the water.  
All her hair was burned  
in the fire.

Hippo kept crying, “My  
hair has burned in the  
fire! You burned all my  
hair! My hair is all gone!  
My beautiful beautiful  
hair!”







That's why the hippo never goes far from the water for fear of getting burned by Fire.

Hare was very happy when Hipno got burned by Fire, saying, "I got her back!"

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