

# Hippo Wants to Dance



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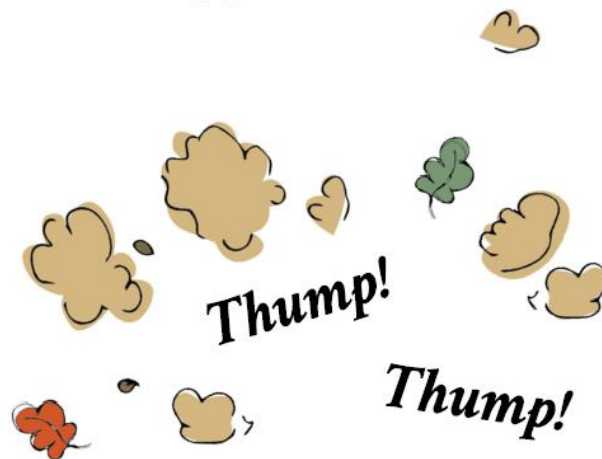
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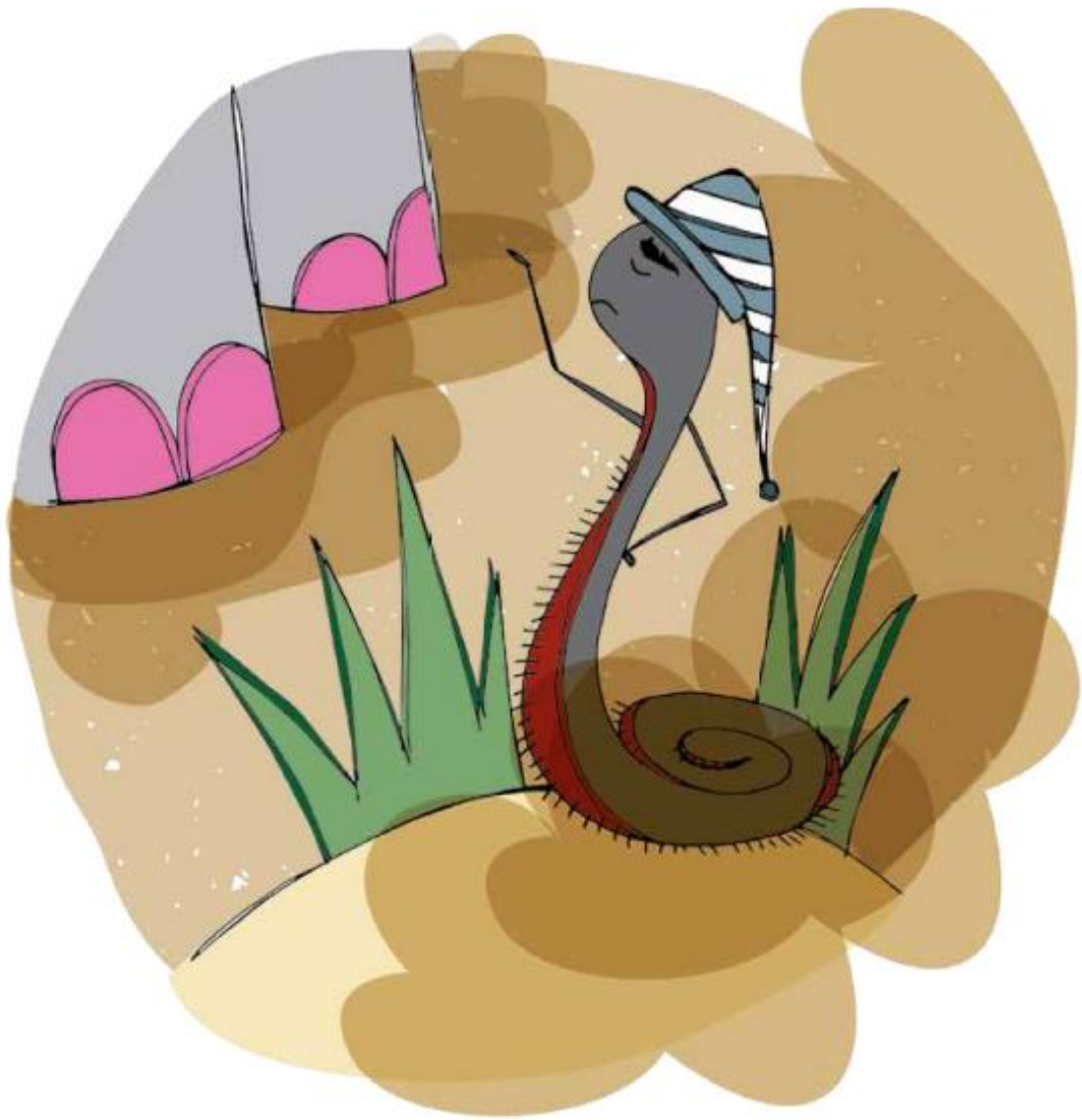
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Hippo wants to dance.

She jumps up and down  
on the dusty ground.





“You’re getting dirt on me!”  
says Shongololo, sleeping  
in the sand.

“Go dance somewhere else.”





Hippo wants to dance.

She rolls into the river and  
splashes her arms and legs.







“You’re making me wet!”  
says Kingfisher, hunting  
for her breakfast.

“Go dance somewhere else.”



Hippo wants to dance.



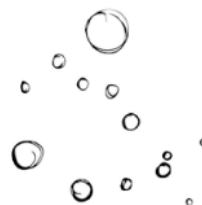
She twirls around and around  
in a field, kicking her legs up high.





“Be careful! You nearly kicked me!”  
says Meerkat, bathing his babies.

“Go dance somewhere else.”



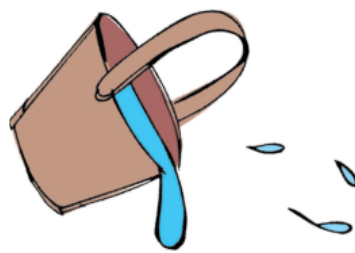


Hippo wants to dance.

She flops into a puddle of mud and  
slides around on her nice big belly.







“Why don’t you stop dancing?”  
asks Donkey, carrying his buckets.

“Why can’t you do something  
useful instead?”



Hippo is sad.  
She is too sad to dance.

She sits on a rock and cries.  
The tears roll down her cheeks  
and fall on the ground.





**Plop!**  
**Plop!**

Grasshopper hears  
Hippo's tears.  
He starts dancing  
around her feet.

**Hop!**  
**Hop!**



Hippo and Grasshopper  
start to dance, and the other  
animals come to look ...





