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Crocodile and Baboon

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Baboon and Crocodile
were the best of friends.

They played together. They
ate together. They did
everything together.



But one day, Crocodile got very sick. He was close to dying.

Crocodile went to the traditional healer. "If you want to get better, you have to eat baboon meat," said the traditional healer.



When he heard this,
Crocodile cried.

If he wanted to get better,
he had no choice but to
eat his friend the baboon.



When Baboon went to see his friend, he got on Crocodile's back.

Crocodile took Baboon out to the deepest part of the river.



"What is troubling you, my friend?" asked Baboon.

Crocodile said, "The traditional healer told me that if I want to get better I must eat you, my friend."



Baboon replied, "No, don't eat me. I'm too small!

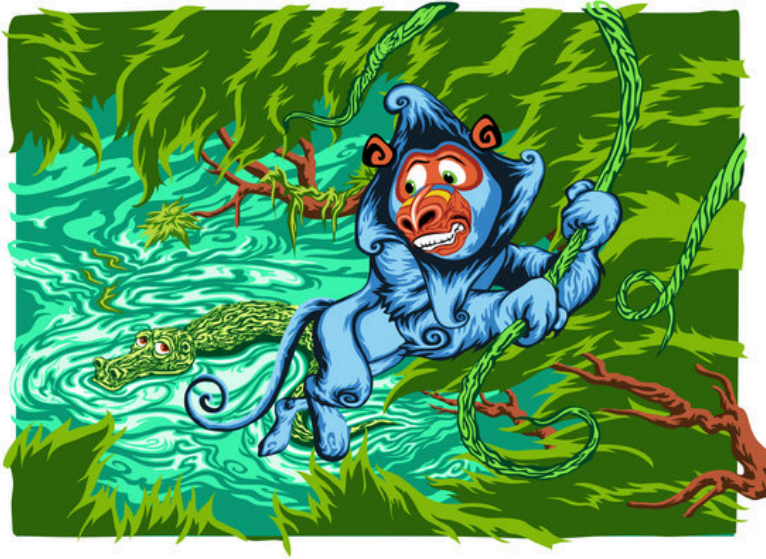
Wait a minute and I'll call my grandfather. He's bigger than me. Eat him and you'll be full."



Crocodile said, "Where is this grandfather of yours?"

Baboon replied, "He's in the tree on that island."

Crocodile said, "Go and get him so that I may eat him."



Baboon jumped off Crocodile's back and ran straight up the tree.

Crocodile waited and waited. But Baboon did not return.

And that was the end of their friendship.

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