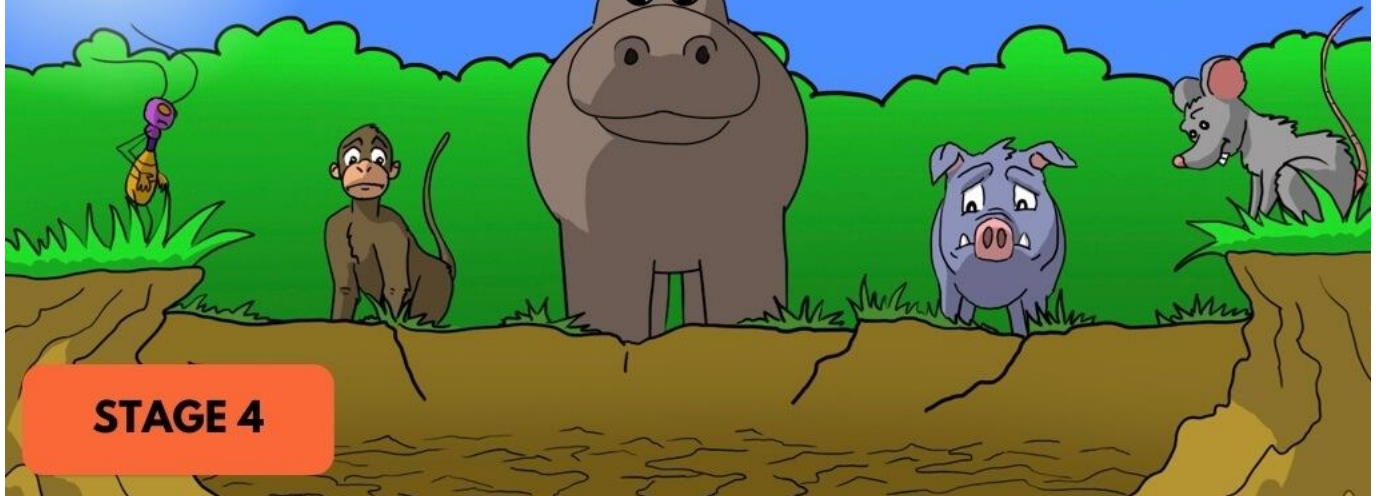


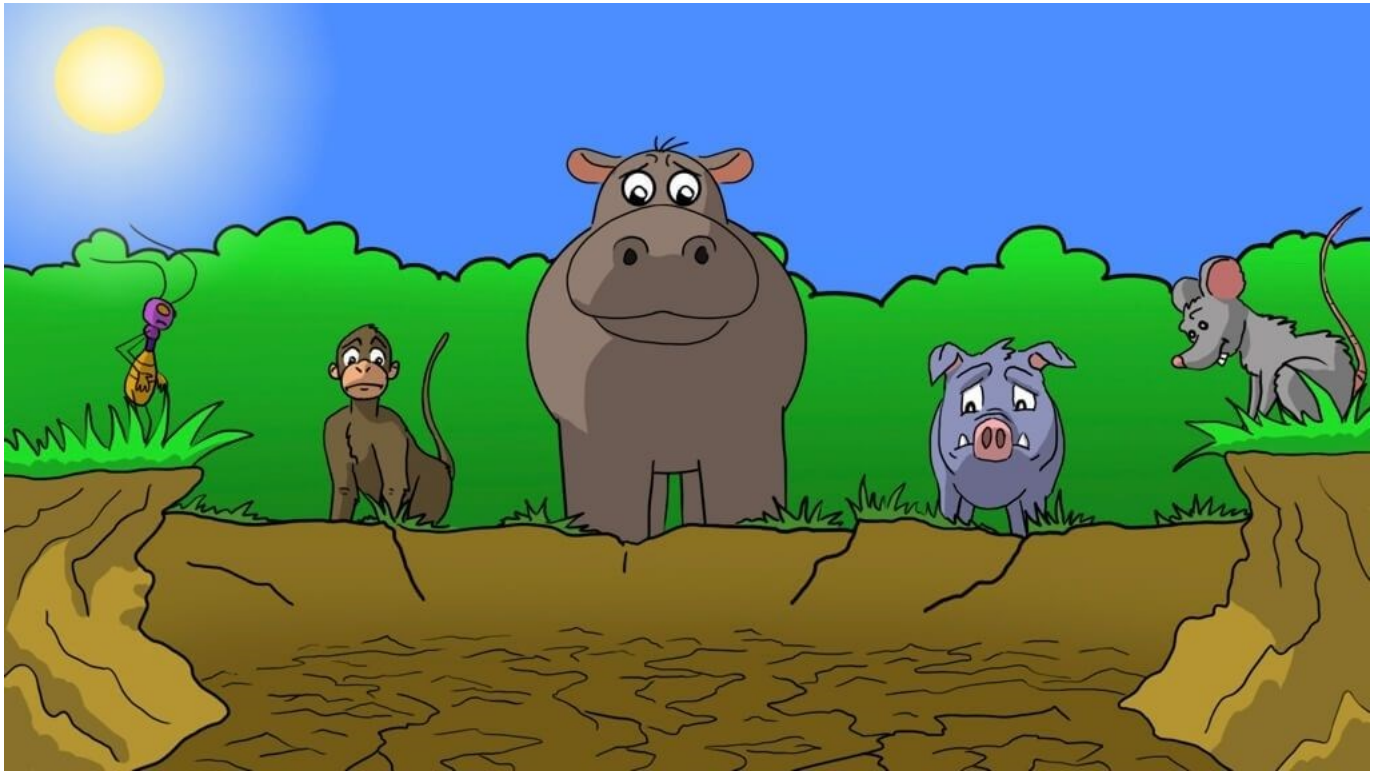
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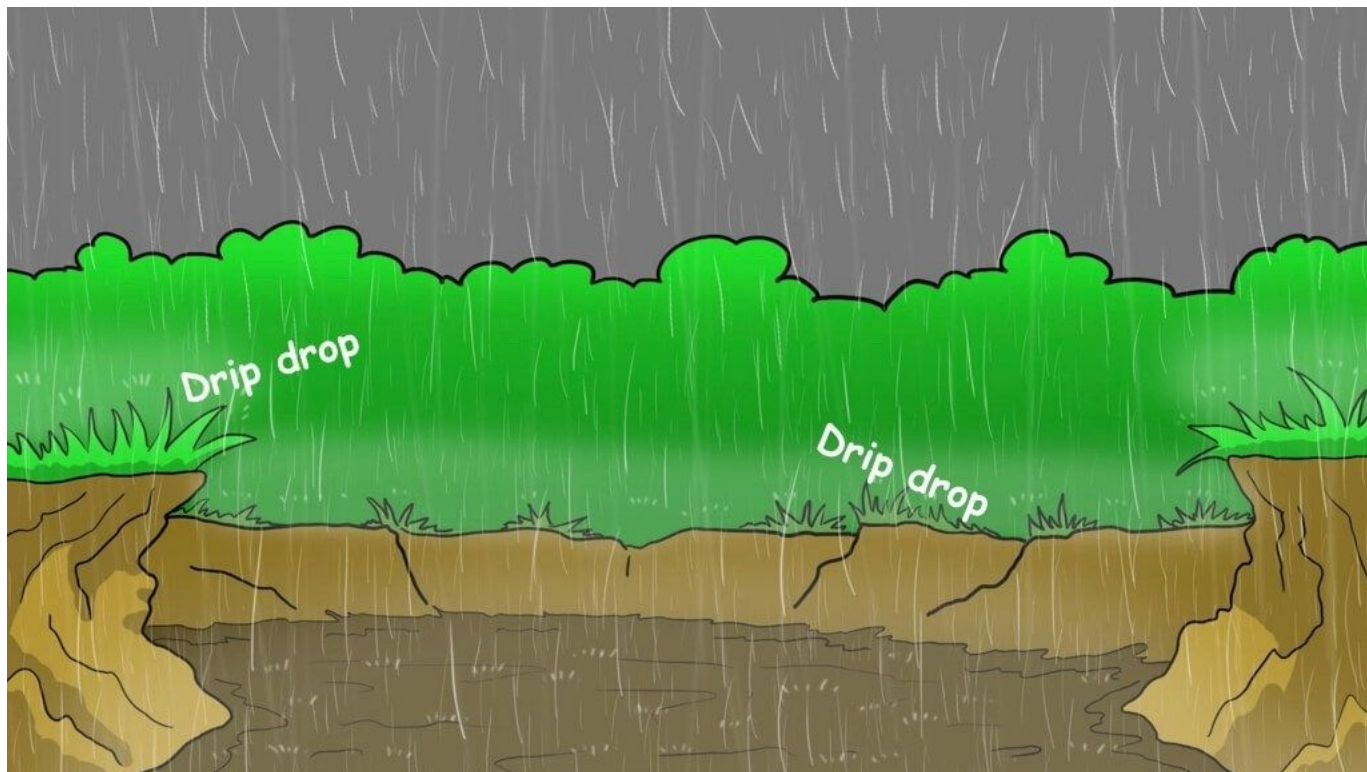
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The rays from the hot sun made the water dry up. There was not even one drop of mud. The animals wished for wet and cool mud.



Then the rain came. Drops fell into the deep hole.
The drops made mud!



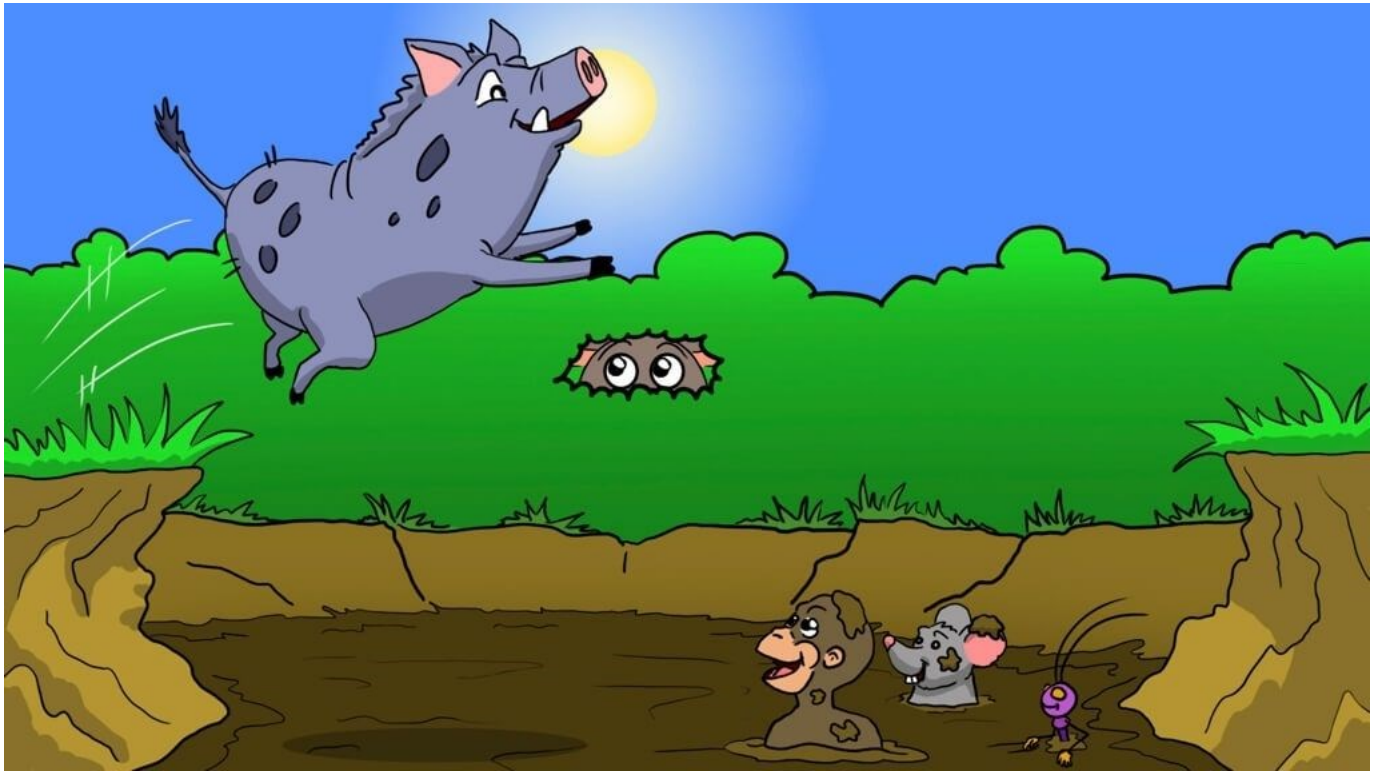
The insect is the first to see the mud. It glides into the mud. "Oh, muddy mud!" buzzes the insect.



Next, the mouse sees the mud. The mouse leaps into the mud. "Oh, muddy mud!" squeaks the mouse.



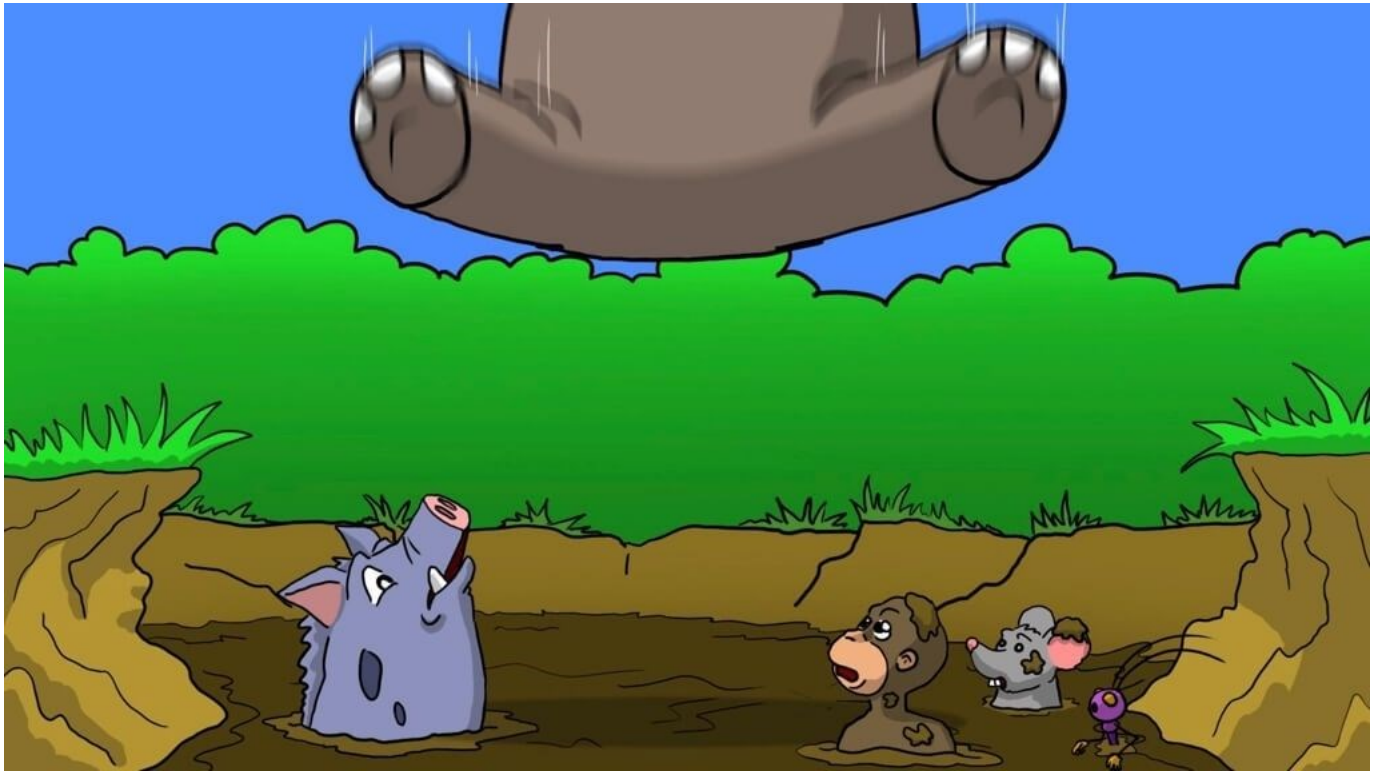
Then, the monkey dives into the mud. "Oh, muddy mud!" screeches the monkey.



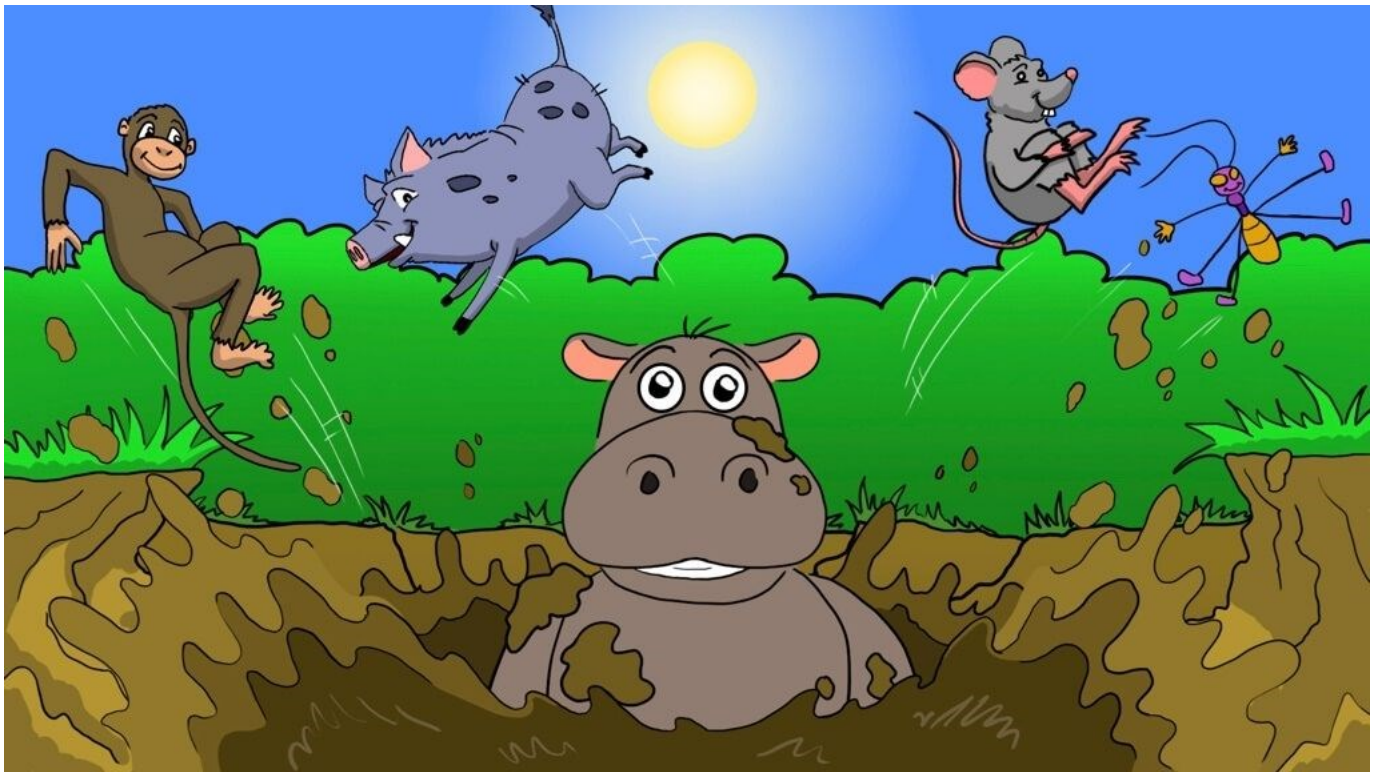
After that, came the hog to escape the heat. The hog makes a belly flop into the mud. "Oh, muddy mud!" grunts the hog.



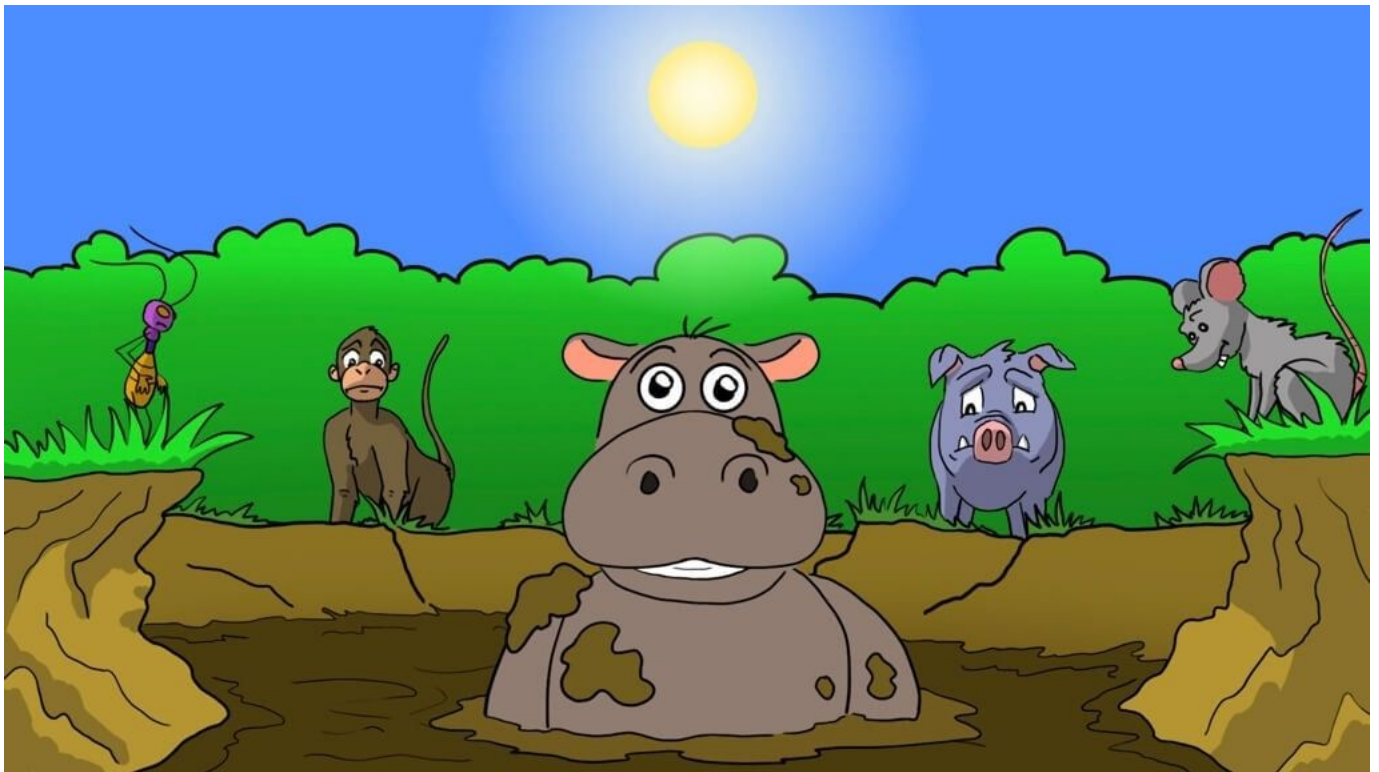
All of a sudden, a dark shadow blocks the sun. The animals look up and see a huge hippo. The hippo gazes into the deep mud hole. His size is much bigger than the other animals.



“Oh, no!” scream the insect, the mouse, the monkey, and the hog as the Hippo plops into the mud with a thud.



"Oh yes!" says the mean hippo.



“Size gets the prize in the jungle!” hollers the hippo.

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