



The adventures of Hipofol the hippo

In the lush African forest lived a brave and thoughtful hippopotamus called Hipofol. Unlike some other hippos, he did not spend all his time splashing in the river or resting in the sunshine. He also loved reading books and learning about all sorts of things.

One bright morning, as he walked through the forest, he found a group of worried animals beside a polluted spring. Lions, elephants and giraffes were talking anxiously. None of them knew how to bring back the clean water they all needed.

When Hipofol's great shadow fell across the ground, the animals turned towards him. They wondered what a hippopotamus could do to help. Hipofol greeted them calmly and offered his support.

First, he explained that they needed to collect the rubbish polluting the spring and the land around it. He suggested making teams of animals with different skills, so that every corner could be cleaned.

Next, he told them about plants that could help trap impurities and improve the area around the water. He explained where to plant them and how to care for them. He also reminded everyone that clearer water was not necessarily safe water. Before drinking from the



spring again, they would need to check that the pollution was gone.

Finally, Hipofol suggested setting up a watch group with animals from several species. They would protect the spring, look out for trouble and make sure rubbish did not build up again.

The animals listened carefully. The plan was clear, and there was a job for everyone. Some collected litter, some planted, and others organised the watch group. Together, they worked hard to restore the spring and protect the community's water.

Hipofol showed them that solving a problem meant more than fixing what was wrong today. It also meant finding ways to stop the same thing happening tomorrow.

Through their shared effort, the forest became a cleaner place. The animals learned to care for their resources and ask for help when they needed it.

Hipofol's wisdom and determination became an example for the generations that followed. The book-loving hippo had shown that learning and working together could change everyone's home for the better.