

Ginger the giraffe

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wuns upon a tIm ther woz a jiraf nAmd jinjer.

Once upon a time, there was a giraffe named Ginger.

jinjer livd in cenia a cuntrE in afrEca.

Ginger lived in Kenya, a country in Africa.

lIc orl jirafs jinjer had a long nec and long legz.

Like all giraffes, Ginger had a long neck and long legs.

bEcoz shE woz sO torl shE woz Abl too Et food from

Because she was so tall, she was able to eat food from

the verE tops ov the trEz in the savana.

the very tops of the trees in the savannah.

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the savana in afrEca iz an erEar with lots ov gras and sum trEz.

The savannah in Africa is an area with lots of grass and some trees.

sumtImz a savana iz corld graslandz.

Sometimes, a savannah is called grasslands.

the uthr anEmalz lIk zebraz and antelOp

The other animals like zebras and antelopes

coud not rEch wher jinjer coud rEch. but jinjer olwAz fownd food.

could not reach where Ginger could reach. But Ginger always found food.

shE luvd the lEvz and the nU budz ov the trEz.

She loved the leaves and the new buds of the trees.

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wun dA jinjer woz bizE Eting hur fAvorit lEvz
One day, Ginger was busy eating her favorite leaves

along with sum uther jirafs.
along with some other giraffes.

it woz a brIt sunE dA and ther woz not a clowd in the scI.
It was a bright sunny day and there was not a cloud in the sky.

it had not rAnd for a long tIm sO the gras woz verE drI.
It had not rained for a long time, so the grass was very dry.

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shE hurd a noyz down at the botom ov hur extra long legz.
She heard a noise down at the bottom of her extra long legs.

it woz hur frend micE the muncE.
It was her friend, Mickey the Monkey

micE woz trIing too sA sumthing but
Mickey was trying to say something, but

jinjer couhnt understand wot hE woz sAing.
Ginger couldn't understand what he was saying.

hE loucd verE tIurd. wotz rong ascd jinjer.
He looked very tired. "What's wrong?" asked Ginger.

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jinjer woz a verE cInd jiraf and wotned too help everEwun.
Ginger was a very kind giraffe and wanted to help everyone.

just then micE fel Over.
Just then Mickey fell over!

jinjer woz olsO a smart jiraf. shE nU wot woz rong.
Ginger was also a smart giraffe. She knew what was wrong.

micE couDnt fInd enEthing too Et and woz verE hungrE.

Mickey couldn't find anything to eat and he was very hungry.

jinjer nibld sum fresh lEvz and buds from the top ov the trE wher shE
woz Eting.

Ginger nibbled some fresh, tender leaves and buds from the top of the tree where she was eating.

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shE dropd sum ov the lEvz and budz too the grownd nEur wher micE woz.

She dropped some of the leaves and buds to the ground near where Mickey was.

then shE nudjd him a litl with the hoof at the botom ov wun ov her verE
long legz.

Then she nudged him a little with the hoof at the bottom of one of her very long legs.

wAc up micE sed jinjer. Iv fownd sumthing for yoo too Et.

"Wake up, Mickey!" said Ginger. "I've found something for you to eat."

sLOIE micE sat up and At a litl.

Slowly Mickey sat up and ate a little.

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jinjer ascd him wots hapend micE. wI ar yoo sO hunggrE.

"What's happened, Mickey? Why are you so hungry?"

wI cant yoo fInd enEthing too Et.

Why can't you find anything to eat?"

micE sed it haznt rAnd for sO long and now therz nO mor food.

"Mickey said, "It hasn't rained for so long and now there's no more food.

thats not goud sed jinjur. wots hapening with the uthur anEmalz.

"That's not good," said Ginger. "What's happening with the other animals?"

nO wun nOz wot too doo ansurd micE.

"No one knows what to do," answered Mickey.

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orl the zebraz and the antelOps and the elEfants

All the zebras and the antelopes and the elephants

ar geting wurEd abowt the drI gras.

are getting worried about the dry grass.

sum ov them ar thincing abowt lEving the savana and trIing too rEch the
jungl.

Some of them are thinking about leaving the savannah and trying to reach the jungle.

thats a long trip sed jinjer. ar yoo gOing too gO with them.

"That's a long trip," said Ginger. "Are you going to go with them?"

I dOnt nO ansurd micE. wot doo yoo think wE shoud doo.

I don't know," answered Mickey. "What do you think we should do?"

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jinjer thort for awIl and then sudenlE shE had a goud IdEa.

Ginger thought for a while and then suddenly, she had a good idea.

wE shoud gO torc too lEO the lIon.

"We should go talk to Leo the Lion.

hE iz the smartest anEmal in the savana.

He is the smartest animal in the savannah!"

micE woz too tIurd too worc sO jinjer invIted him too rId on hur bac.

Mickey was too tired to walk, so Ginger invited him to ride on her back.

hOld on tIt too mI nec sed jinjer.

Hold on tight to my neck," said Ginger.

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therz a lot too hOld on too jOcd micE. jinjer laft.

"There's a lot to hold on to," joked Mickey. Ginger laughed.

yoor rIt Iv got the longest nec in afrEca.

You're right. I've got the longest neck in Africa!"

sO thA started ther jurnE acros too the uthur sId ov the savana too Louc

for lEO.

So they started their journey across to the other side of the savannah to look for Leo.

jinjer and micE wur in luc.

Ginger and Mickey were in luck!

lEO woz siting up on a roc and hE woz rEalE EzE too sE.

Leo was sitting up on a rock and he was really easy to see.

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az thA worcd throo the gras. hI lEO thA both showted .

as they walked through the grass. "Hi, Leo!" they both shouted.

lEO had bEn naping and woz a litl grumpE when thA wOc him up.

Leo had been napping and was a little grumpy when they woke him up.

but hE woz pOIIt and sed helO jinjer and micE.

But he was polite and said, "Hello Ginger and Mickey.

wI did yoo worc orl the wA across the savana just too wAc mE up.

Why did you walk the whole way across the savannah? Just to wake me up?"

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but hE woz jOcing. hE had a smIl on hiz fAs.

But he was joking; he had a smile on his face.

micE sAz that ther iz nO food left on the savana bEcoz its bEn sO drI
sed jinjer.

"Mickey says that there is no food left on the savannah because it's been so dry," said Ginger.

doo yoo hav enE IdEaz. lEO thort for awhIl.

"Do you have any ideas?" Leo thought for a while.

hE sed therz nuthing wE can doo abowt the rAn. it wil cum soon

he said "There's nothing we can do about the rain. It will come soon,

but wE cant bE shur when it will arIv.

but we can't be sure when it will arrive.

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when the rAn cumz orl the plants wil grO agAn and ther wil bE lots ov
food for everEbodE.

When the rain comes, all the plants will grow again and there will be lots of food for everybody."

hE thort a litl longer.

He thought a little longer.

the OnlE thing I can thinc ov iz for everEbodE too moov clOsur too the
forest hE continUd.

The only thing I can think of is for everyone to move closer to the forest,

he continued.

ther wil bE mor thingz too Et ther but I nO itz a long trip and it wil not
bE verE EzE.

"There will be more things to eat there, but I know it's a long trip and it will not be very easy."

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it mIt tAc dAz too get ther.

It might take days to get there."

jinjer and micE loucd at Ech uther

and then loucd bac

at lEO.

Ginger and Mickey looked at each other and then looked back at Leo.

thanc yoo lEO sed jinjer.

"Thank you, Leo," said Ginger.

its probablE best if thA orl trI too get clOser too the jungl.

"It's probably best if they all try to get closer to the jungle."

thA sed goudbI and then worcd bac across the savana.

They said goodbye and then walked back across the savannah.

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now thA nEded too gather orl ov the anEmalz toogethE too start the long
jurnE.

Now they needed to gather all of the animals together to start the long journey.

jinjer didnt nEd too gO along bEcoz shE had plentE ov food in her hI
trEz.

Ginger didn't need to go along because she had plenty of food in her high trees.

but shE woz a goud frend and wonted too help az much az shE coud.

But she was a good friend and wanted to help as much as she could.

thA worcd toowords her fAvorit trEz and ges wot shE and micE sor.

They walked towards her favorite trees and guess what she and Mickey saw?

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orl the anEmalz wur orlredE and wAting for jinjer and micE.

All of the animals were already gathered there and waiting for Ginger and Mickey!

wI ar yoo orl hEar ascd jinjer.

Why are you all here?" asked Ginger.

edE the Egl tOld us that yoor tAcing us too the edj ov the jungl sed wun
ov the zebraz.

Eddie the Eagle told us that you're taking us to the edge of the jungle," said one of the zebras.

how did hE nO ascd micE. hE hurd yoo torcing with lEO sed wun ov the
antelOpz.

"How did he know?" asked Mickey. "He heard you talking with Leo," said one of the antelopes. "

sO yoov orl dEsIded too trI too worc toogether too the jungl ascd jinjer.

"So you've all decided to try to walk together to the jungle?" asked Ginger.

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yes thA orl ansurd. if yoo help us get ther aded wun ov the elEfants.

"Yes," they all answered. "If you'll help us to get there," added one of the elephants.

ov cors Il help sed jinjur. Im yoor frend.

Of course, I'll help," said Ginger. "I'm your friend."

so thA started on ther big jurnE acros the savana too the jungl.

So they started on their big journey across the savannah to the jungle.

the sun woz sO hot and ther woz nO food and nO plAs too get a drinc ov

wortur.

The sun was so hot and there was no food and no place to get a drink of water.

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and then thA hurd it. it woz thunder. thunder thA orl showted.

And then they heard it. It was thunder! "Thunder!" they all shouted.

thunder woz verE scerE too the anEmalz ov the savnana.

Thunder was very scary to the animals of the savannah

can yoo ges wI. fIer.

Can you guess why? Fire!

sumtImz the lItning hits the drI gras and the hOl savana catchez fIer.

Sometimes the lightning hits the dry grass and the whole savannah catches fire.

then everEwun has too run. and that iz exactIE wot hapend.

Then everyone has to run. And that is exactly what happened.

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fIer thA showted. thA coud smel it and now thA coud sE it.

"Fire!" they shouted. They could smell it. And now they could see it.

the fIer woz cuming toowordz them.

The fire was coming towards them!

jinjer had too thinc fast.

Ginger had to think fast.

bEcoz shE woz sO torl shE coud sE further than enE ov the uthar
anEmalz.

Because she was so tall she could see farther than any of the other animals.

shE stretchd her long nec up az far az shE coud.

She stretched her long neck up as far as she could.

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now shE coud sE a plAs wher ther woz nO fIer.

Now she could see a place where there was no fire.

qic shE sed. everEwun run this wA.

"Quick!" she said. "Everyone run this way."

orl the anEmalz folOd her and ran az fast az thA coud.

All of the animals followed her and ran as fast as they could.

soon thA wur owt ov dAnjer. thA stopd and gatherd toogether wun mor
tIm.

Soon, they were out of danger. They stopped and gathered together one more time.

iz everEwun hEar jinjer ascd. shE wonted too bE shur thA wer orl sAf.

"Is everyone here?" Ginger asked. She wanted to make sure they were all safe.

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orl the anEmalz loucd arownd. thA wer orl ther.

All the animals looked around; they were all there.

and then the mOst wundurful thing hapend.

And then the most wonderful thing happened.

I felt a drop sed the zebra. mE too sed the antelOp. it woz rAn.

I felt a drop," said a zebra. "Me too," said an antelope. It was rain!

fInelE. everEwun woz hapE. it started too rAn a litl mor and then a litl
mor.

Finally! Everyone was very happy. It started to rain a little more and then a little more.

the rAn pout owt the fIer sO thA didnt haf too run.

The rain put out the fire so they didn't have to run.

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and the rAn fild ther wortering hOlz and mAd the plants grO agAn.

And the rain filled their watering holes and made the plants grow again.

sO thA didnt haf too mAc that long trip too the edj ov the jungl.

So they didn't have to make that long trip to the edge of the jungle.

everEwun woud soon hav Enuf food and worter.

Everyone would soon have enough food and water.

so jinjer the jiraf went bac too her fAvorit trE

So Ginger, the Giraffe went back to her favorite tree

and continUd too munch on the lEvz and budz.

and continued to munch on the leaves and buds.

The End