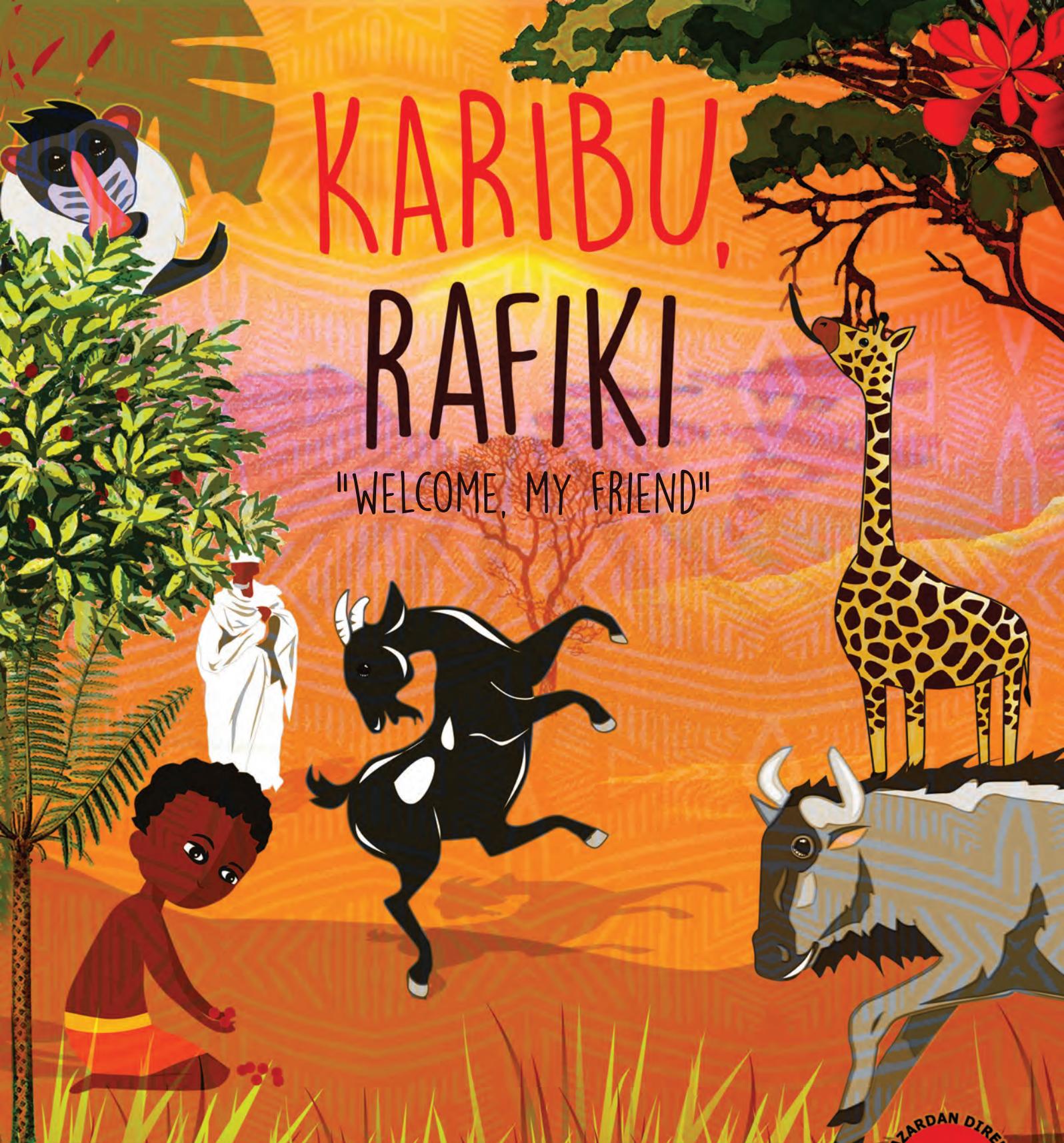


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"WELCOME, MY FRIEND"



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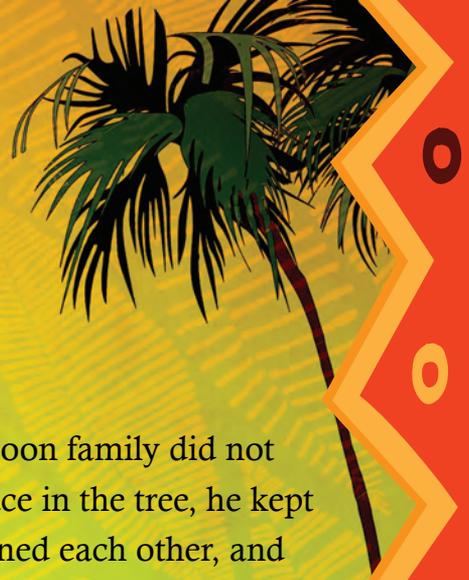
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# THE STORY OF THE BABOONS AND THE LEOPARD

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A long time ago, it was well known that Leopard and the Baboon family did not getting along. When Leopard came down from his resting place in the tree, he kept disturbing the baby Baboons and that's why the Baboons warned each other, and tried to stay out of his sight.

So Baboon family was angry with Leopard and wanted to teach him a lesson. One of the Baboons told Leopard that he wanted to comb his fur and talk at the same time. Leopard accepted his offer, although he hesitated at first.

Baboon called all his family together while waiting for Leopard to come down from his tree. When Leopard came down from the tree, he saw the whole Baboon family waiting for him and felt a little nervous but decided to trust them anyway.

Baboon started combing Leopard's fur with his fingers. As Leopard started feeling better he thought he did the right thing by trusting Baboon. As Leopard was relaxing, the Baboon family started piling up lots of heavy bushes on Leopard's tail. Leopard was unaware of what was going on because he was enjoying the massage too much!

After awhile, Leopard was so relaxed he wanted to climb up on his tree to take a nap...but he couldn't because of the heavy bushes on his tail!

So he asked Baboon to help him get rid of the bushes on his tail. Baboon said, "We'll help you under one condition."

"What is it? Tell me what your condition is."

Baboon family asked Leopard to stop disturbing their babies. Leopard thought for a while, then accepted their condition because he wanted to climb the tree and take a nap as soon as possible. He said, "I'll leave your babies alone and I'll even protect them when needed... don't hesitate to ask for my help when you need it."

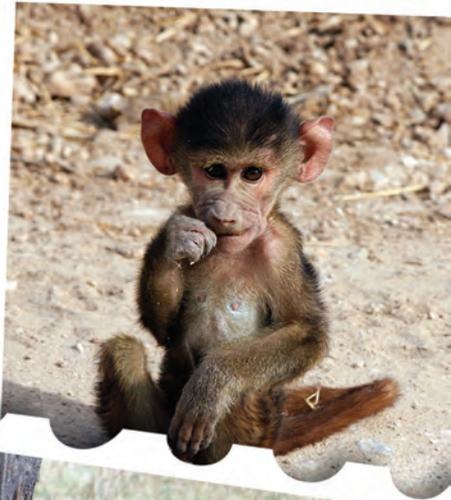
Baboon family trusted the Leopard and they were happy. They also kept their promise and helped him get rid of the heavy bushes. The Leopard climbed up on the tree immediately and fell asleep.

The Leopard and Baboon family lived happily ever after.

## INTERESTING BABOON FACTS

*(Papio)*

- Baboons are large vervet monkeys.
- It is a specimen of long tailed monkeys.
- They have long noses and big teeth, like dogs.
- They live on grasslands, rocks or in tree branches.
- They are herbivorous and carnivorous.
- They help each other to clean the parasites off their skins.
- Their front and back legs are the same length so they can move easily on the ground.
- They live in communities that sometimes number over 100 monkeys.
- Strong, male baboons lead and protect the community members.
- They can weigh between 30 and 90 pounds.
- Males are almost twice the size of female baboons.



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a brown hat with a white polka-dot band, a dark green button-down shirt, and olive green cargo pants, stands in a savanna landscape. She is smiling and looking to her left. In the background, a giraffe's head and neck are visible, and the sky is a warm orange and yellow. The ground is covered in green grass.

*In the immense African Continent,  
there are lots of cute animals  
living all together...*

Stories are told about the African animals living happily together for ages. The stories I gathered, as well as the ones I wrote, are about African nature and animals.

Here, you can find out why Kaldi's Goats are dancing, read about the discovery of coffee and how it was spread throughout the world, Zebra's striped pajamas,

the Baboon family's kindness, how Ox-Headed Antelope and Zebra became friends, and more.

Do you wonder about the interesting lives of African animals and want to learn real facts about those animals? I can hear you saying, "Yes!"

So let's start reading the stories...

