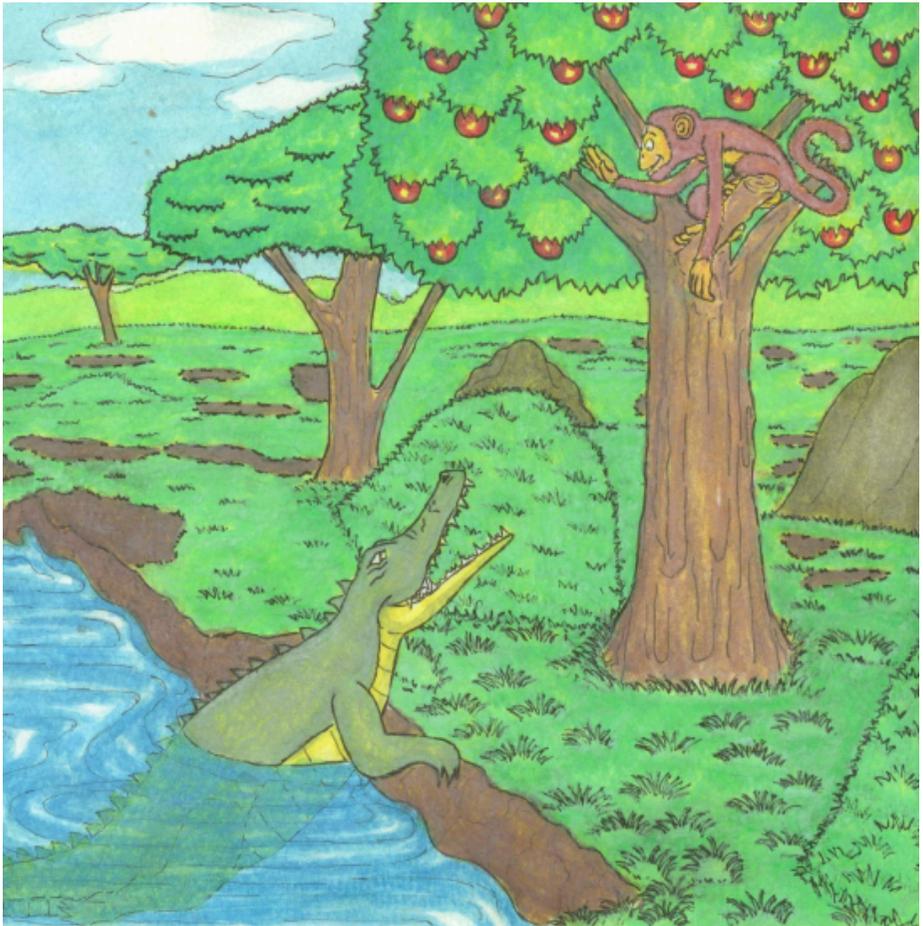# Crocodile and Monkey were friends

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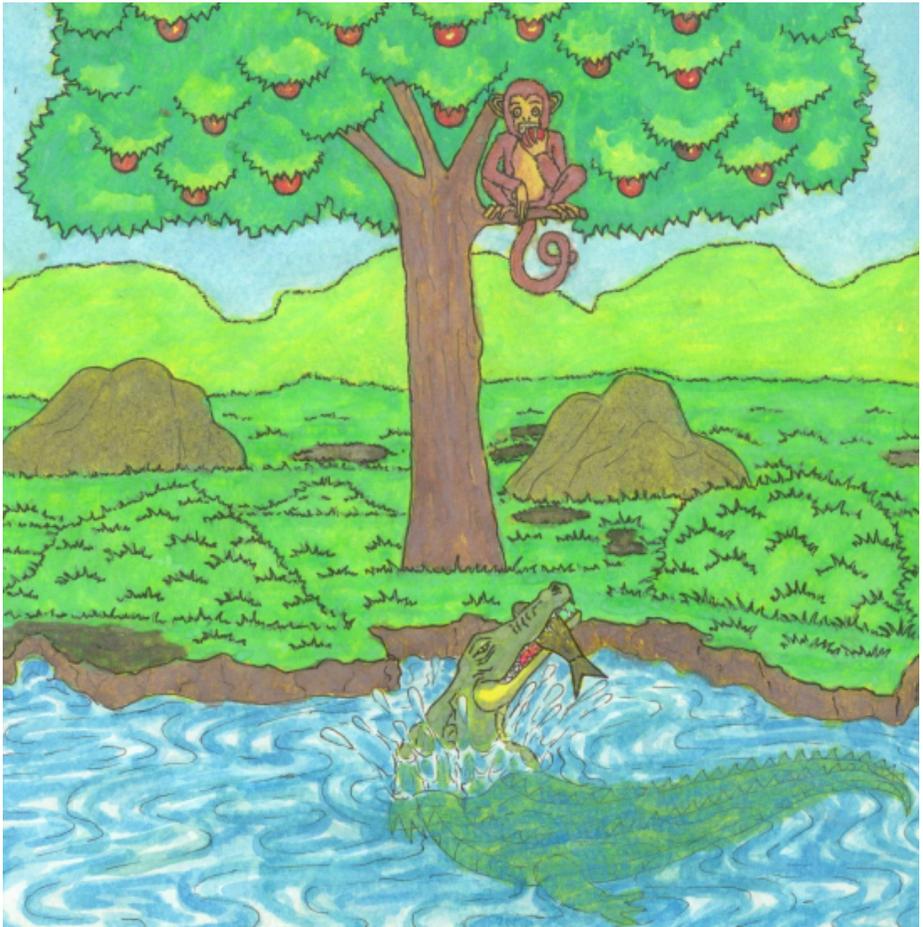Sibusiso Khumalo

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Crocodile and Monkey were best friends.

Crocodile lived in a river.

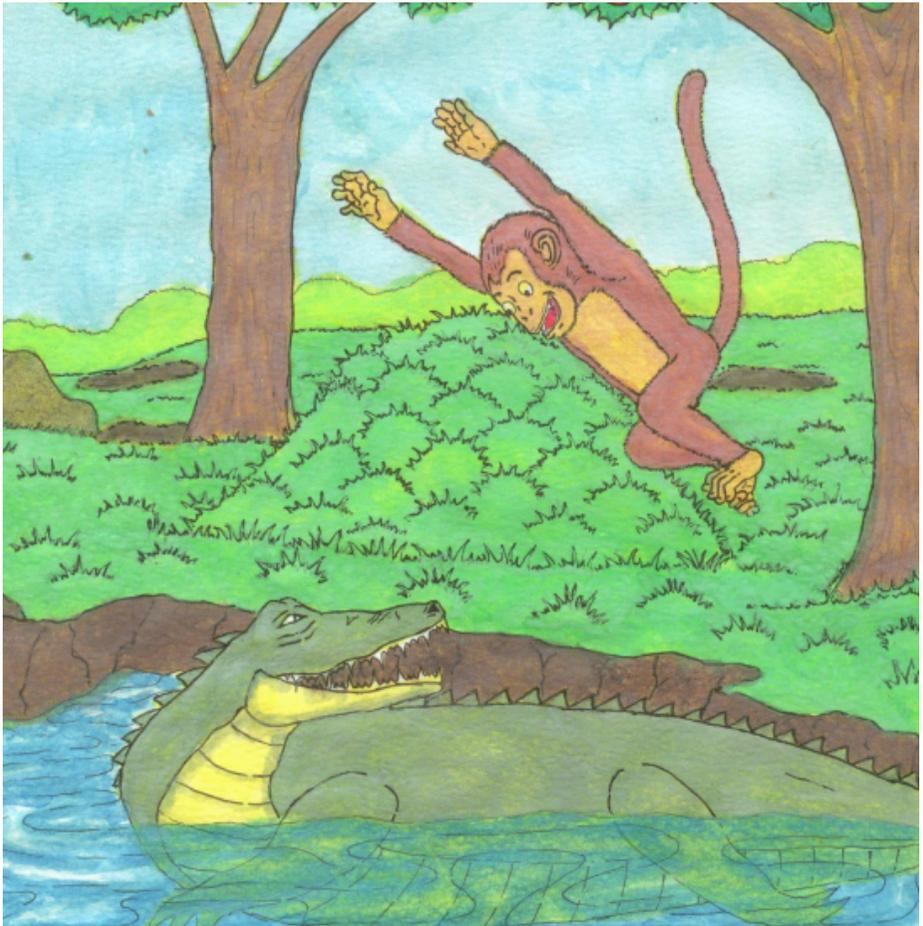Monkey lived in a tree next to the river.

Crocodile ate fish from the river.

Monkey ate fruits from the tree.

Crocodile's child was extremely sick.

Crocodile's Grandmother told her, "Only a monkey's liver will cure the child."
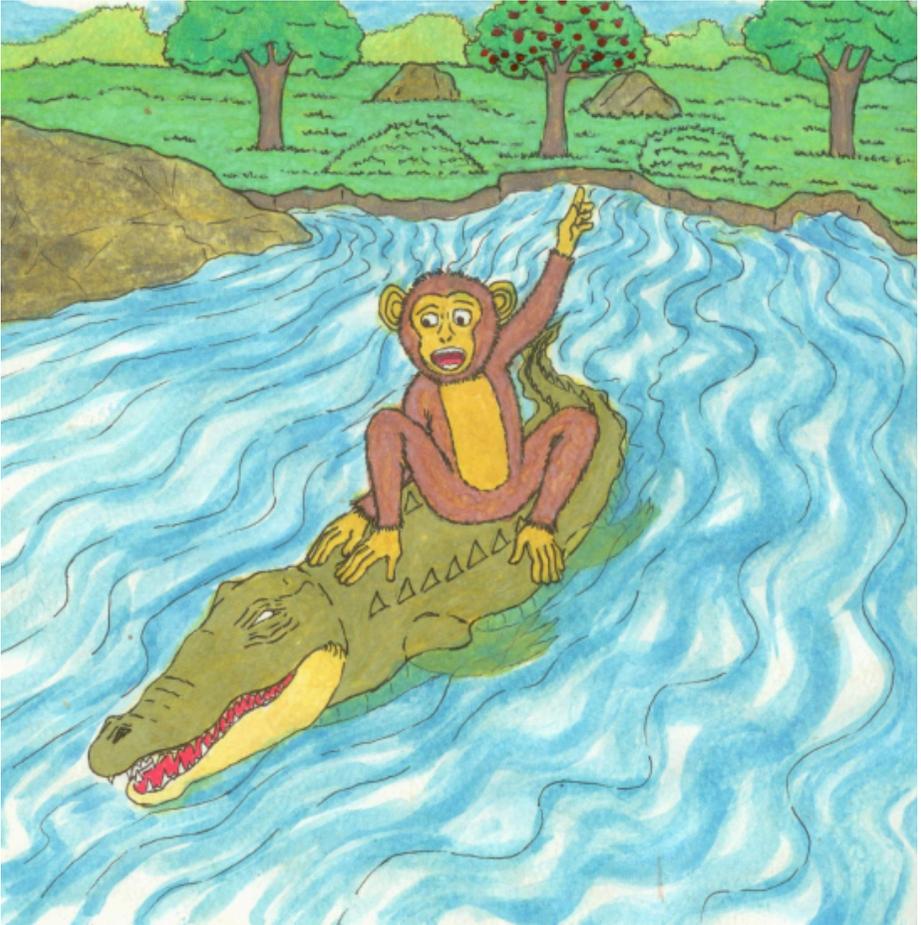
Crocodile invited Monkey to her house in the river.

She offered to carry Monkey on her back.

As Crocodile was swimming, she told Monkey about her sick child.

"Only monkey liver will cure him," sighed Crocodile sadly.

"You should have told me before we left!" cried Monkey.

"I keep my liver in the tree, let us go and get it," she said.

Crocodile swam back to the riverbank.

Monkey jumped off her back and ran up into the tree.

Crocodile waited.

Crocodile waited for a long time, but
Monkey did not return.

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