

In a hot, sweaty jungle in West Java, there lived four rhinos and their mother. When it was time for the four rhinos to leave their home and live by themselves, the mother rhino gathered them.

She spoke wisely, “Kids, you must leave me and live alone. Before you leave, train your youngest brother to be a perfect rhino.”

The oldest brother spoke roughly to the youngest brother, “Use your sturdy horn to hit other animals. Everybody will be afraid of you. Go to the orangutans over there and shake your horn to scare them like a marvelous black rhino.”

“Yes, yes, yes!” squealed the youngest

rhino.



Kili the Monkey



One morning in Kalimantan's rainforest, there lived a monkey named Kili. One day, Kili planned to visit his girlfriend's house for her birthday. Her name was Lela. He wanted to impress her so he prepared his best suit and went off to Lela's house.

On his way to Lela's home, Kili met a lion. The lion gave him a confused look, wondering why Kili looked so neat. Kili explained that he was going to his girlfriend's house for her birthday party. He wanted to make a good impression, as he would be meeting not only her but the rest of her family members as well.

The lion said, "If you want to look even more handsome, you have to wear a mane like mine."

Kili agreed, so the lion made him one from yarn scraps that looked exactly like the lion's mane.

"Thanks for lending me this mane! I hope she'll like it," Kili said, smiling.



The Tapir, the Tarsier, & the Teak Tree

Young Abu was the only infant tarsier in the rain forest. He lived together with his parents in a small wooden house on the top of an old Acacia tree. He had a small, stocky body and a long tail covered in soft golden-brown fur. His eyes were round and extremely large. His long hind legs were strong, and his fingers and toes enabled him to leap across great distances between branches.

Under the Acacia tree there lived a young, cheerful, friendly Malayan Tapir named Ani. She had a white fur band across her body. Her long, flexible nose helped her to grab food such as leaves and branches. Ani and Abu were great friends.

One afternoon, they talked about doing something special and meaningful for themselves and others.

