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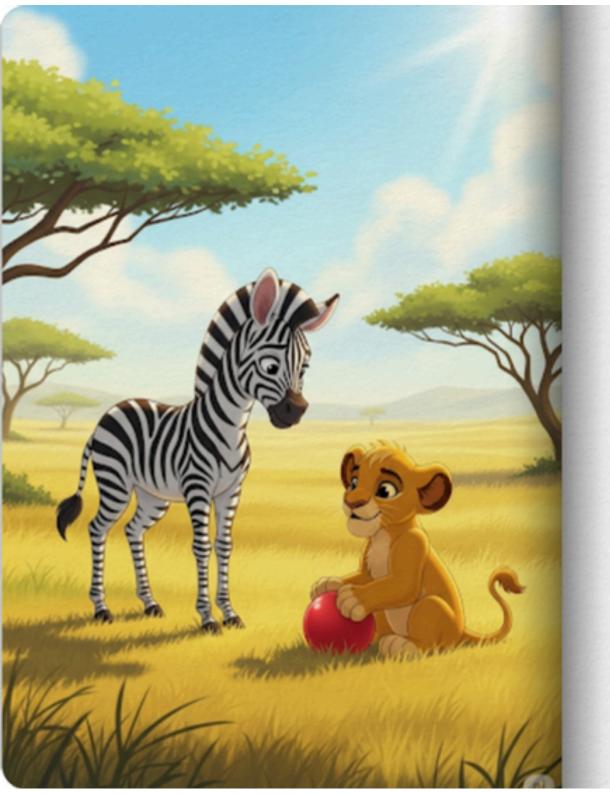




One sunny morning, Leo took his ball to the big savanna. He tried to play with it by himself. He threw it up in the air, but it just came straight back down. Boing!



He tried to roll it, but it didn't go very far. He tried to kick it, but he just tumbled over. Playing alone was not as much fun as he thought.



Soon, his friend Zola the zebra came trotting by. "Hi Leo!" she said. "That's a nice ball! Can I play too?"



Leo hugged his ball tightly. "No," he said. "It's my ball. You can't play with it." Zola looked sad and trotted away.



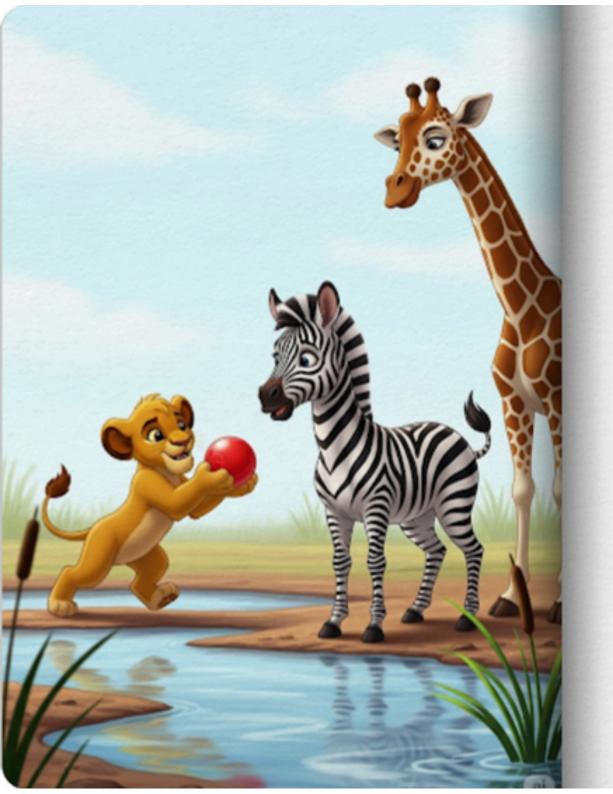
A little later, Gerry the giraffe peeked his long neck over a bush. "Wow, Leo! A bouncy ball! Can we play catch?"



"No!" said Leo, hiding the ball behind his back. "It's only for me." Gerry's friendly smile faded, and he went to find some tasty leaves to munch on instead.



Now Leo was all alone again.
The sun was shining, his ball
was bright and red, but he didn't
feel like playing anymore. It was
quiet. Too quiet. He missed his
friends.



Suddenly, Leo had a great idea!
He picked up his ball and ran as fast as his little legs could carry him. He found Zola and Gerry near the waterhole. "Do you want to play with my ball?" he shouted.



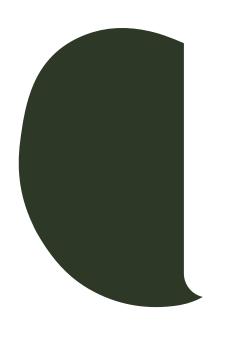
Zola and Gerry cheered! They kicked the ball, they chased the ball, and they laughed and laughed. Playing together was the best fun of all! Leo learned that toys are nice, but friends are best for playing.

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This book isn't just about reading; it's about getting ready to explore! It's a warm, wonderful present from Sylvia. She shares her wisdom and kind spirit with you. Get ready to learn and see the world in a wonderful new way! Find Sylvia on Instagram:





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