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Fomba The Elephant Book 1

(Pronounced Foomba)

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Chapter One The River

Deep in the jungles of Africa where all of the animals play a very special elephant was born on this very special day.

The sunrise came into view so beautiful and bright with colors of red, blue, orange, and gray, it was the beginning of a truly wonderful day.

I remember it just like it was yesterday. All of the elephants gathered around in a circle as the little prince was born, he was all ears covered in gray and very well adorn.

The elephant King raised the newborn up in the air just for fun, he proclaimed his son to be named Fomba, Fomba the elephant King's magnificent son.

Then the King said with a mighty shout,
“From this day forth so let it be told this is my son Fomba a real prince to behold.”

And with that all of the elephants danced with their trunks held high, until the sun began to melt in the afternoon sky. Fomba's mother took her son in close by her side, as all of the elephants began to sing a soft lullaby.

“SHHHHHHHHHH now lets let them rest” as they all tiptoed near by.

Now Fomba's mother always told her son to always remember to stay away from the river and never ever go near the water by yourself, not at night or in the light of day and always make sure your with an adult to keep you safe and out of harms way.

This is what she would always say, “ Now don't come to the river alone make sure father or mother are always near, remember Fomba there are many crocodiles who live down here.

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“ Yes Momma, I wont forget” said Fomba.

And as time went by and little Fomba grew he stayed far away from the river, that's something Fomba definitely knew how to do.

Then one fine day Fomba and his friend Akumba were playing ball; “ Come on Fomba pay attention and hit it this time!”

“ Ready!! I'm ready, throw the ball!” said Fomba.

Then Akumba pitched the ball at Fomba and with a mighty swing of his trunk Fomba smacked the ball with a powerful thunk.

Up in the air the ball flew and where it would land nobody knew, and with a sudden gust of wind it hit a laughing monkey right on his chin. The ball bounced off his chin in the blink of an eye rolled off a branch and on to the ground then splashed in the river without making a sound.

Now Now this is a problem; you see that was little Akumba's only baseball.

“ Fomba that's my ball go get it hurry!!”

“ You know the rules and what our parents said, don't go near the river or we'll soon be dead.” said Fumba.

“ I want my ball Fomba I'm 6 years old and I know how to swim, I'm not chicken like you Fumba.” said Akumba.

Then Fomba said, “ Now go get an adult or let it be, I'm not going near that river alone no not me!!!

You see little Akumba just wouldn't listen he ran as fast as can be right down to the river for his ball to see. He ran straight into the water and we heard a great shout, but when we took a good look around all we could see was that old crocks horrible snout.

Poor little Akumba didn't listen and drowned,
poor little Akumba was lost and never found.

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Chapter Two

Kenneth, The Little Mouse With a Very Big Heart

Fomba was very sad after Akumba was lost, you see Akumba was Fomba's best friend in the whole herd.

“ Momma who will be my friend now.?”

“ Now now” said Momma, have faith and soon you will have a friend.”

You see all of the other elephants were jealous of Fomba because he was the elephant King's son.

Go away they all would say, “ We don't want to play with you today.”

Poor Fomba just cried and walked away, “I wish I had a friend someday”

Just then Fomba heard a small little voice say, “Don't cry I'll be your friend today.”

“ Hey Fomba I'll be your friend, it's not cool how those other elephants treated you.”

Fomba looked all around and then asked, “ Who said that, where are you?”

“Over here dude, no, no, no, not up there or over there take a look down here,” said the little voice.

You see Fomba was looking up and all around but the little voice was no where to be found.

“ HEY DUDE DOWN HERE!!!”

And when Fomba took a closer look towards the ground to find the source of the little sound.

“O NO A MOUSE!!!! Please little mouse don't run up my nose, as he stood still on one toe. Fomba was suddenly filled with great fear.

Then Fomba said,“ Please, O please don't run up my nose,” then Fomba just closed his eyes and froze.

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“Hey cool it man, chill out dude, I'm not going to run up your nose. I feel bad about the way those other guys treated you today. I'm not afraid to teach them a lesson, I'm not afraid to be your friend,” the little mouse said.

Then Fomba set his feet back on the ground and said,
“Well, OK, what's your name little mouse?”

“It's Kenneth, glad to meet you Fomba.” And with that Kenneth put out his little hand and Fomba let him shake the end of his ear as an offer of friendship.

And as these two walked together down the path that day Kenneth told Fomba about his family,

“Hey Fomba you know what, I've got a third cousin in France who's the head chef of a very famous restaurant, in fact he makes the world's best rata-something

“Yea right” said Fomba.

“No really” said Kenneth. “really”

“OK Kenneth I guess I'll just have to go to France someday and see but until then lets go find something to eat.”

“Hey Fomba”

“Yes Kenneth”

“Can I go with you when you go to France?”

“Yes Kenneth you can go, now lets find something to eat.”

You see Kenneth was a little mouse with a big heart and even though he always meant well he sometimes got Fomba into big, big trouble like the time Kenneth visited Mrs Harriet Hippo's garden.

Kenneth knew Fomba loved cauliflower and he also knew of a certain garden a big garden with lots and lots of fruits and vegetables. Now it so happened that when Kenneth wanted a little snack he would visit the garden of one Harriet Hippo, but what Kenneth didn't know was that Mrs Hippo had hired a very very

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effective security guard to protect her garden from those who would, well let's just say, who liked to take midnight snacks.

On this day Kenneth decided to go to the garden and borrow some cauliflower to give to his new best friend Fomba.

Mrs. Hippo won't mind, thought Kenneth, besides she has so much. Fomba's my friend and I want to do something nice for him.

Kenneth entered the garden as quiet as a mouse, he ran by carrots and peas, potatoes and beans, a row here a row there, there were veggies everywhere. Then he stood by a melon as big as a house, well that's the way it looks to a little mouse.

Then Kenneth found some cauliflower all in a row, he then picked a few heads and said, "Now I've got to go."

Suddenly from out of the darkness came an evil hisssssss as a scary voice whispered, "Hey little mouse look who Mrs. Hippo called upon to protect her garden of green

"Sa Sa Sammy is that you man?" said the scared little mouse.... Now Sammy was an evil snake with an ice cold heart, he was after little Kenneth from the start.

"Ya baby it's me the snake with a smile and I would just love for you to stay for a while,,,,, you know baby, I would love to have you stay for dinner What do you say my little mouse of prey?"

Kenneth shook with fear in sensing that Sammy's dinner time was near. And with a squeaky scared voice said, "It's It's ok Sammy dude I I I'm not in, I mean I'm in a hurry I gotta go bro see ya." Kenneth turned and ran as fast as could be, all that snake saw was the dust in the air... Then Kenneth got himself stuck in one of Sammy's lettuce traps as old Sammy slowly moved in from behind Kenneth's back, you see he was now ready to have his midnight snack....

O no, Poor little Kenneth is stuck what should he do? I can't even bear to look, can you? Then Kenneth thought to himself, "Emmmm hey wait a minute an elephant is way bigger than a snake, Fomba will know what to do, FOMBA FOMBA HELP ME MAN HELP ME, I SURELY NEED YOU"!!

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Then Fomba who was near by heard the cries of his buddy, then as fast as he could Fomba ran down the path to save his little friend yelling, “DON’T WORRY KENNETH IT’S NOT THE END” !!!

Well ole Sammy took just one look at what was now running his way, he shook with fear as he went back under ground. Fomba had saved the day, o well that’s what we all thought anyway.

You see Fomba was running so fast that he couldn’t slow down he ran right through Mrs Hippo’s garden trampling everything around. When Fomba saw the mess that he made he started to cry.....

Kenneth was saved but it was poor Fomba who took all of the blame. Fomba didn’t want Kenneth to get into trouble so he told Harrieta Hippo he would clean up the garden and fix this mess , and that’s exactly what Fomba did.... Fomba’s father the King grounded Fomba for a whole week ,now Kenneth the mouse felt really bad, he sat with Fomba all day and tried very hard in helping him not to feel so sad.....

Chapter 3 Dizzy

It came to pass that after Fomba’s grounding from his father the King that he was allowed to go out and play, and so it was that Fomba and Kenneth took a walk through the jungle that day.

Has they walked through the jungle of green, yellow, orange, and three shades of blue, where they were going nobody knew.

Then from a tree came a laugh and a shout, then coconuts began falling all about. Kenneth hid under Fomba,s chin as Fomba looked up to see a monkey with a great big grin.

“ Why do you throw those at us”? Said Fomba.

“ Ya you could really hurt someone you know, and that someone could be me.” Said Kenneth as he climed down to the ground.

HEEEEE HEEEEEE HEEEEEE HAAAA HAAAAA HAAAA!!!!!!!

“Hey man I’m just funning around.” Said the laughing monkey calling down to the ground..... “Your ball hit me in the chin that day, I’m just playing, I’m awfully sorry about your friend, do you want to play?”

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“My name is Fomba and this mouse is Kenneth, what’s your name, Sir Laugh a lot ?” asked Fomba.....

“ No man, heeeee heeeee haaaaa haaaaa heeee heeee,my name is Dizzy, can’t you see?”

“Dizzy what a surprise.” Said Kenneth sarcastically.

“Hey Hey Fomba, can a monkey catch a ride?” “Sure hop on.” Said Fomba

“Hey don’t forget me.” Said Kenneth. Then Kenneth ran up Fomba’s ear and sat upon his head.

So there they were like three peas in a pod walking through the jungle looking for something to do. The sky was blue, with clouds of white, the colors of the jungle were out of sight.

Then Fomba said with a hush, “ Look at that coming out of the brush, now there’s only one thing that an orange and black tail can be.” Then a tiger stepped out onto the path and eyed all three.

Fomba turned and ran with a shout, “this kind of trouble we can do without”!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The others held tight without even a doubt, “PLEASE DON’T TRIP FOMBA.” Kenneth continued to shout.

The tiger took chase as they ran through the jungle, Kenneth was screaming, Dizzy was laughing and Fomba was praying with all his might Now it so happened that has Fomba ran under a palm tree that Dizzy reached out and grabbed two coconuts as quick as could be, Dizzy threw them up in the air then those two coconuts hit that old tiger right square in the head, that tiger just laid there, they all thought he was dead, Fomba stopped and turned to take a closer look and see, Then that old tiger woke up shook his aching head and said,

“ Go now and let me be, I’ve had enough but I’ll be back you’ll see.”

And as they all march down the path on that faithful day they all shouted out, “ DIZZY DIZZY HURRAY HURRAY, IT WAS DIZZY DIZZY who saved the day DIZZY DIZZY HURRAY HURRAY , DIZZY DIZZY HAS SAVED THE DAY, DIZZY DIZZY HURRAY HURRAY”!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Chapter 4 The Great Elephant, Rhino Race

Now it just so happened once a year that the rhinos and the elephants gathered all together for a great big cheer of a race.

Three rhinos and three elephants were chosen to run, not for money you see, they all ran just for the fun.....

King Jehoshaphant, Fomba's father called for a race of the fastest elephants in the herd and the top three would go on to race the rhino's top three...Seven elephants were chosen to take a chance, only the fastest three would go on to beat the rhino's pants....

Now there was Fomba, and Shoomba, Zamboomba, Kaboomba, Tekeboomba, and Bamboomba and finely Kookoomba....

They all stood in a line as they each took their place, then King Jehoshaphant explained the rules of the big race.

"May the best elephant win." Said the King, " Now listen to me, when I say go with a mighty shout you take off running without even a doubt, run down the path and past the tree, then run as fast as you can back to me. The fastest three that run back to me will go on to race the rhino's fastest three."

There they all were standing in a line, Fomba, Zamboomba, Kaboomba, Kookoomba, Bamboomba, Tekeboomba, and finally Shoomba....

Then the King raised his mighty trunk then he blew it like a giant horn and with a shout he yelled, " GO GO GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE BIG RACE IS ON"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Zamboomba was first to take the lead, as Kaboomba picked up speed. Tekeboomba was ahead of Bamboomba, and Kaboomba was ahead in a dead heat with Shoomba, and in last place who could it be, it was our friend Fomba.

This race was really something to see, they all tore down the path kicking dust in the air, they all ran past a lion who just gave them a stare.... They ran around the big tree all was just fine, then sitting in the way O no what could it be, a baby lion cub taking a closer look to see.

Now what I'm about to tell you is a little hard for me to say, you see when it all happened all we could do is fall to our knees and pray that faithful day....

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Tekeboomba was first to see the little lion cub sitting in the way so he slammed on the brakes and yelled, “HEY LOOK OUT GET OUT OF THE WAY” !!!

Then with a wave of his trunk he pushed Zamboomba right out of the way..... What happened next was an awesome sight to see, all who were there that day would must certainly have to agree.

Kaboomba ran into Zamboomba, and as Kaboomba smashed into Zamboomba he toppled right over Zamboomba and fell into a ditch, then Bamboomba took to the air and jumped over the top of Zamboomba and landed with a gigantic splash right in the pond, just then Shoomba and Fomba ran around the big mess and suddenly they were now in the lead of all the rest with Tekeboomba running in last place.

“HURRAY HURRAY” we all yelled, “Here they come heading for home.” Here they come with Shoomba and Fomba way out in front, It was Shoomba n Fomba, then it was Fomba n Shoomba, Shoomba, Fomba, Fomba Shoomba , Shoomba then Fomba , back and forth they went,O I cant look , Fomba, then Shoomba , Shoomba then Fomba, here they come Shoomba’s in the lead and at the last second it’s it’s it’s FOMBA FOMBA HAS WON THE RACE HURRAY!!

It was Fomba then Shoomba with Tekeboomba finishing third.“They will go on to represent our herd .” Said the King that day.

The elephant Rhino race went off without even a hitch but sadly our friend Fomba tripped and fell in a ditch. Shoomba won the big race for the elephants that day followed by Ricky Rhino,Fomba, Tekeboomba, with Rocky and Rodney rhinos finishing last, and even though Fumba managed to get back up and finish third he still will always be our favorite son of the elephant herd. And with the setting sun we will see you soon and remember it was all just for fun, the big race is always just for fun now and forever... Amen

Chapter 5 Jerry Jackal

The Jackals are a family who love to steal, in fact they'll steal just about every meal. The Jackals will rob you blind they steal for fun, and if you see them coming you better run.

Now on this fine day Fomba and Kenneth were on their way to see if Dizzy the monkey wanted to come out and play. Kenneth sat upon Fomba's head let's all take a listen to hear what they said. "Fomba don't trip over that log, O hey Fomba do you see that big green frog? Hey Fomba watch out for that rock, hey Fomba turn right, Hey Fomba don't hit that tree, Hey Fomba are you listening to me"? Said Kenneth the mouse.

Then Fomba said with a shout, "COOL IT KENNETH, YOUR DIRECTIONS I CAN DO WITHOUT"!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Kenneth I have two eyes to see and two ears to hear just be on the look out encase real danger is near. "Sorry Fomba I'll cool it" said the little mouse. Fomba and Kenneth continued down the narrow dirt path then a light went off in Kenneth's head, O NO another one of Kenneth's bright ideas? "Hey Fomba lets turn and go that way it's twice as fast and this way we will have more time to play."

"I don't know Kenneth I never went that way before." Said Fomba.... "Come on Fomba the other way is a chore." "Ok Kenneth we'll give it a try, you better pray we don't get lost or I'll cry."

Then they came across a fresh kill, they looked all around but all was still. "What do you think Fomba?" said the mouse.... Then Fomba said, "Lets just let it be and hurry down this path to see Dizzy," All of a sudden they heard an evil sound that gave both of them a terrible chill, then the jackal family came out of a hole in the ground determined to still the kill. And there they were surrounded by jackals, O no what sat on Fomba's head filled the jackals eyes with greed then the leader of the pack said, "O now that's just what I need."

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“ Hello gents, the names Jackal, Jerry Jackal, you see this kill just isn’t enough, I’ll be taking the mouse too if you please.”

Then poor Kenneth started to sneeze, “ O please please sir I’m on my knees.”

Fomba moved to the left and back over to the right, you see he saw something in the brush that was out of the jackal’s sight.

“ Times up elephant, the mouse if you please or perhaps you would like us to turn you into elephant cheese?”

“Sure” said Fomba, “ This little mouse means nothing to me, please take him as a gift, he’s free.”

Fomba lifted Kenneth up with his trunk and held him out to Jerry over some brush....Kenneth was shaking with fear as Jerry the jackal came very near. Then as Jerry the jackal reached out to grab poor Kenneth with an evil smile, BAM!!!!!!!!!! He fell face first into a hole with a crocodile.

All of the jackals gathered around the hole in the ground to take a closer look, then they all looked at each other and scattered with fear, as they all cried all the way home with their eyes full of tears....

Fomba and Kenneth yelled with a cheer, the two were back on their way without any fear. They made it to Dizzy’s and had some fun, then they went back home to the elephant herd now this day is done.....

Chapter 6 A Way Cool Panther We Call Mr. Bones

A panther of silken black was he with golden eyes and very sharp teeth. Mr. Bones was his name and joking for his kill was this panther’s game. For he’ll lure you in with a smile and a joke then he’ll pounce on you with the punchline. Many a prey died laughing in tears.

Now even though he could tare you apart, he didn’t want the others to know that he had a very big heart. Mr Bones liked Fomba a lot and always told Fomba that “ A friend of yours is a friend of mine.” He always would give Fomba good advice and he would always look out for Fomba with a watchful eye, Now this is the story of Fomba, Mr. Bones and old Maggi magpie.....

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It has been well said that birds of a feather flock together, you see Maggi magpie flew with the crows, a lying bunch who for many a foe. They'll fly into a garden and steal what ever they could then they'll lie and blame the mess on someone else. flying off to the listing ears of lions or hippos or a rhino's or deers , they'll lie through their beaks with eyes full of tears...

Gossip and lies were these birds nasty surprise, Now if by chance you happen to see them coming your way shoo them all off or they might just set you up has their next victim that day.....

Mr. Bones just loves strawberries, you might say he loves them a lot, he had two big baskets of ripe red strawberries all to himself that he kept in a big copper pot.

Now it just so happened that one of the crows spied some of Mr Bone's strawberries sitting on a shelf. Then wouldn't you know it that black crow flew back to his friends and said, " Hey guys we need those strawberries all to ourselves." Then an evil plan was hatched to go a steal Mr. Bone's berry patch.

Maggi magpie flew to see Kenneth the mouse and told him of a tale that someone had left a big batch of strawberries all alone in a great big copper pail....

"Kenneth you're my friend and I want to share these delicious strawberries only with you." Maggi told poor little Kenneth to just sit and wait then she flew off without a care. And in the blackness of the night those evil birds took to flight. Then filled with hunger and greed they all started to pick up speed.

Mr. Bones was away tending to a kill as the crows flew in so quick and so scary, they all snatched up every single one of those red, ripe delicious strawberries. And as they flew there was only one animal sitting in a tree who knew exactly what to do.

Then Maggi magpie flew straight back to Kenneth and said, " Here you are Kenneth here is some delicious strawberries just for you my dear,"

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Kenneth looked up and answered her and said, “ You really are my friend?” as he shed a little tear.

Then with a wink and a tip of the wing she took to the air and said, “ Goodbye Kenneth my dear, goodbye.” But what poor Kenneth didn’t know was that Maggi magpie didn’t really care at all...

That next morning Mr. Bones came back from his kill his golden eyes turned red as he looked at the terrible spill. And as anger filled his golden eyes he said, “ Who ever did this it will be their demise.”

Now all of those nasty crows knew exactly what to do, they took to the air to spread their nasty lies, they would go and tell everyone that the thief was Kenneth, O what a surprise.

Maggi went and told Mr. Bones that Kenneth was the thief and without question Mr. Bones believed.

Then Mr. Bones took off running, he ran straight to Fomba and demanded to know where Kenneth was. The story that Fomba heard sounded very lame , Fomba knew deep in his heart that Kenneth as not to blame.

O NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Then Kenneth showed up with three fresh strawberries, he was grinning from ear to ear from the start, because he wanted to give Fomba a special gift from the heart.

“ There’s that little runt, You’ll pay for your little stunt.” Said Mr. Bones. Kenneth began to pray and sneeze as he begged Mr. Bones and fell to his knees.

And as Kenneth continued to pray, Dizzy the monkey swung in on a vine to save the day.

Then Dizzy told every one who was there the whole evil thing, of how all of Mr. Bones strawberries were stolen by birds of a wing.

Then Fomba said, “ You see everyone, poor little Kenneth was just used by Maggi magpie’s awful lies, Hey Mr. Bones now don’t you act so surprised.”

Mr. Bones bowed his head and said, “ I am truly sorry Fomba and Kenneth, and thank you Dizzy I should have known better. A friend of Fomba’s is a friend of mine.

Then Mr. Bones knew exactly what to do, he started to think of the perfect joke to deliver to you know who.

Fomba just shook his head and said, “The truth shall set you free, lying is very bad and destructive, you all had better listen to me.”

Latter that same day Mr. Bones found Maggy Magpie sitting high up on a branch. Then Mr. Bones tried calling Maggy to come down from the tree, but Maggi replied,

“I’m not flying down there my dear Mr. Bones, no not me.”

Mr. Bones then Said, “Kenneth is gone, thank you Maggi for letting me know who stole my strawberries, now here are some delicious fresh strawberries just for you.”

O but still she stayed you see Ole Maggi magpie knew just what to do. Then the funniest joke Mr. Bones could think of came to his mind and it went like this, “Hey Maggi,” called out Mr. Bones, “Two ducks were sitting together in a pond one day, when the one duck turned to the other and said, “Do you know the story of Jonah and the whale?” “I sure do, what about it?” Said the other duck. “Well my fine fathered friend, do you honestly believe that Jonah was swallowed up by a big fish then stayed in its tummy for three days then was thrown up on to a beach and lived to tell about it, do you believe such a quack of a tail? I mean how did he do all of that anyway?” “Well said the faithful duck, “Yes I believe every word of the story of Jonah it’s all truth to me, but how he did it I don’t know I guess I will just have to ask him when I get to heaven and see?” “Well what if Jonah didn’t make it to heaven?” said the unfaithful duck. “Well” smiled the faithful duck, “then I guess you will have to ask him instead.” HAAAAAA HAAAAA HEEEEEEEE HEEEEEE QUACK QUACK!!!!!!!

Now after hearing what Mr. Bones had said, Maggi looked at him for a second and to her surprise she began laughing so hard with tears in her eyes. Maggie was laughing so hard she fell right off of the branch and on to the ground, and with that Maggie’s lying days were over never to be found.... And as the setting sun seemed to gently melt away that day, all of those lying black crows took to flight and flew far far away....

Chapter 7 Fomba And Somba (Pronounced Soomba)

As Fomba was out walking one day, clouds of white quickly turned into clouds of gray. The winds picked up causing the trees to sway, then a lighting bolt flash striking the ground causing a very loud rumbling sound. Spark then flame, brush of fire, smoke rising higher and higher.

“NOW HEAR THIS ALL ANIMALS RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” Now as Fomba saw the flames he turned to run for home but just then a gentle voice was heard calling for help.

“ O help!!!! Please help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” the voice said. Fomba went back into the brush to see, “ O now what in the world could this possibly be.”

And stuck in quick sand with her trunk held high, stood Somba the elephant who started to cry.

Fomba called out to her, “ Don’t worry I wont let you die.” And with that pulled Somba right out of that quick sand pie.

“ O thank you Sir, you saved my life but my family is still back in those flames, Please Sir Please go back in there and save their life.” Said Somba

Fomba knew exactly what to do he ran to the pond and filled his trunk with water and then ran straight into the flames to save Somba’s family.

Well thank God it started to rain and in a very short time it started to pour, and in hardly no time the brush fire was no more. Drip by drip, drop by drop, drip drop drip drop of cool gentle rain then faster faster pouring down to a dry, thirsty, desperate ground. Flowers dance with utter joy as all of life was singing in the rain. Ground is cool and wet, rains have stopped as skies become clear, then a beautiful rainbow appears.

Then Fomba emerged with Somba’s family, Fomba could hardly even speak, because Somba reached over and kissed him right on the cheek. Fomba’s knees felt weak as he stumbled his words and said, “ My, my name is Fomba what’s yours?” And with a twinkle in her eye she smiled and said Somba.” This was her sweet but simple reply.

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Somba's family was saved but now homeless, Fomba knew exactly what to do, he took them all back to his Father the King and were all welcomed into the herd. And since that faithful day things would never be the same, for one day Fomba and Somba would become King and Queen of the Elephant herd...

Fomba and Somba a Sonnet

- 1.Fomba n Somba, fire n sand,
- 2.Wind n rain brought love together,
- 3.Out of lighting, thunder and pain.
- 4.A friendship born, two birds of a feather,
- 5.Like two peas in a pod, flowers blossom and bloom.
- 6.Birds of song, two hearts beat as one.
- 7.Chasing the wind, dreams begin, life is a new,
- 8.As love fills the soul running free.
- 9.Two doves, two spirits, Romeo n Juliet.
- 10.Love chasing dreams become reality.
- 11.Song bird sings, love grows, time flies,
- 12.Racing, running, learning, growing, living.
- 13.We've seen where they've been and what they've
- 14.seen, and now at last they've become King and Queen

Chapter 8 Family Tree

On this faithful day the jungle was alive and green and very serene, colorful birds could be seen flying in the afternoon sky, as a group of clowning around monkeys could be heard swinging on vines and laughing near by.

The jungle has flowers and colors that dazzle the eye, and waterfalls falling from mountains high up in the sky.

With monkeys at play all clowning around, to rhinos running shaking the ground. Elephant trunks sway in the breeze as they all seem to just walk by a pride of lions with simple ease.

Fomba n Somba, Kenneth and Dizzy were out on a picnic in a very special place that day. Then Dave the wort hog who is the King's messenger came running up to Fomba n Somba and said, "Fomba n Somba you both need to come back home the King is asking for you both, Please Fomba came with me I do not want you to get in trouble, Please Fomba." "Emmmm that food looks good can I stay for a while and have a little snack?" said Dave the wort hog with a wishful smile.

"Ok Dave but just for a little while, now have a seat and grab yourself something good to eat." Said Fomba.

All seemed well that day, Fomba n Somba were playing catch, Kenneth and Dizzy were running around as Dave the wort hog continued to eat, all of Fomba and Somba's picnic treats.

Then out in the distance they all heard a very strange rumbling sound, There was something flying in the sky with three trucks moving fast across the ground, all of these things were making very scary sounds.

"What is it what could it be?" cried Somba
Then Dave yelled out as he ran all about, "CODE 2 CODE 2 GET OUT OF SIGHT, YOU ALL KNOW EXATLY WHAT TO DO"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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“O NO” said Fomba for the King of the elephants had told the herd to run and hide from these kinds of strange and powerful things. Then they all took to flight and stayed safely hidden in a near by cave just for the night.

Now back at the herd all of the elephants ran with such fear, the strange things were now coming very near.

“What are they?” asked the young elephants as they ran beside the King and Queen. “They are call man, now run and hide before you are seen.” Said the King and the Queen.

For in the air was a helicopter and on the ground two jeeps and a very large truck and as they took to the chase one of the men called out, “Faster, faster men we’ll catch two or three today with a little luck .” all of the Elephants scattered desperate to stay free, the men continued the chase and cornered three. Then a shot from the air, a direct hit, then two more shots rang out hitting their targets.

Then two shots were a miss as the young elephant cut to the left and then quickly turned to the right and with a lot of luck that day was safely out of their sight.

O but down in the ground the damage was done as two out of three lay down in the dust. I flew straight in to take a closer look and to see who these strange men could possibly be. O now I see their not hunters these men are rangers PRAISE BE”!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The elephants were not dead but very much alive, they were being taken to a zoo or a circus alive...

They tagged the elephants and put them both in the big truck and drove far far away, I didn’t know what to say, for the two elephants those men took where the two that Fomba loved the most and knew. I started to cry, I didn’t know what to do...

The very next day Fomba n Somba, Dizzy, Keneth and John the wort hog made it back safely to the elephant herd. I broke the awful news to Fomba, he was very sad and he started to cry, “ Father and Mother, the elephant King and Queen were forever taken away and out of our lives.” He said...

Now has it turned out Fomba and Somba were to young to become King and Queen of the elephant herd. This put old uncle Bamboo as King and who by the way was a little bit mean.

“ Fomba and Somba your mother and father were taken away by man, You’ll both learn do whatever I say, its for the best, understand?” said old uncle Bamboo.

“ I understand I’ll do as you say, but I hope you know what your doing.” Said Fomba.

“ Leave me Fomba or I will send you away, starting tomorrow you will go out and gather up all the hay.”

For the next five years Fomba n Somba worked very hard for the herd and doing whatever old uncle Bamboo said.

Uncle Bamboo was very hard on Fomba and Somba but what could they do, as all of the needs of the herd fell on the both of them to do. And it seemed that all uncle Bamboo ever did was walk around and shout out orders like an army ant drill sergeant or something.

“ Sumba I want to quit, lets forget all of this mess and run far far away and start our own herd someday , I mean five years of old uncle Bamboo’s orders are enough for me, what do you say?” said Fomba. “ Lets flee.”

“ NO FOMBA!!!!!!” said Somba, “This is only temporary, all things pass and this will pass too.”

“ Your uncle Bamboo is very set in his ways, have patience and understanding, everything will work out for the best, you’ll see Fomba.”

Then Fomba looked into Somba’s big blue eyes and said, “ Somba I really don’t know what I would do without you, Thank you Somba, besides leaders never quit... I love you.”

The very next day uncle Bamboo sent Fomba out to gather up hay, but not to far away. This time Uncle Bamboo went along too I guess he had nothing better to do.

And as Fomba was out in the hot sun gathering up hay, uncle Bamboo just watched from the shade with noting much to say. Then from out of the brush came a large pack of hyenas with the look of hunger in their eyes, they all looked at Fomba and attacked him right before my very eyes. Fomba fought back but there were just to many on the attack. Suddenly Bamboo ran in and joined the fight, Old Uncle Bamboo knew he could help Fomba win this fight but poor Uncle Bamboo used up all of his might as all of the scared hyenas ran far far away and out of their sight.

It was Old Uncle Bamboo who had saved the day, but sadly he was very badly hurt and all out of breath, as he lay on the ground very close to death.

Then Fomba came near to try to help and said, “ Thank you Uncle Bamboo you saved my life, I thought that you really didn’t care about me.”

And with a weak voice and tears in his eyes, Uncle Bamboo looked at Fomba and said, “ Fomba I love you and always did, I had to be hard on you and Somba because now you both are the Elephant King and Queen...Go Fomba and marry Somba and together protect and strengthen our family herd.” Then sadly that was all that poor Fomba heard....

A short time later Fomba and Somba became King and Queen of the elephant herd. Then Kenneth the mouse became a Duke, Dizzy the monkey became Royal lookout, Dave the warthog and his brother John became the Royal messengers to the King and Queen , O and Mr Bones became Royal adviser. And what about me you say? Well I’m just old Owl Paul and with a watchful eye saw and wrote this whole incredible thing... May God continue to watch over and bless us all. “ Got to fly , see ya soon, good bye.”

The end

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To all those who read this story , It was written from my heart and with the help of the Holy Spirit. I give all of the praise, Glory and honor to Abba Father in Christ Yeshua's Holy Name. There are many lessons to be shared and learned through the Fomba books.

My hope and prayer is that our family will add to these books in making their own illustrations and writings, hand made pictures and even expanded chapters can be added by our family members down through the years. These books are a gift from God to our family and are to be cherished as such. You can publish these books, give them away as gifts, donate them to children's hospitals and care centers, you can sell them too... There are many lessons in these books that can be shared and learned. It is therefore my hope and prayer that the Fomba books touch the hearts of many people and helps to strengthen families, relationships and friendships around the world and I pray this in Christ Yeshua's Name...Amen

Written with the love of Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit
By Paul D. Vescio... love Dad, Papa

Ps. The Fomba books can be used as an Illustration along with
The Bible as a teaching tool for children as well as adults... John14:27

