





traveled deeper and deeper into the cool and
fragrant forest. Then, all of a sudden, a big rock
jumped up and hit his pedal so he fell down and
scraped his knee. "Ouch! Now I'm bleeding," he said
fretfully to himself. "The trees are so thick, it's hard to see, and

I'm afraid I've lost my map."

At that moment a little yellow forest bird flew down with a bandage in his beak and dropped it beside PeeSyL. "You can do it," chirped the bird, "Just put this bandage on your knee...and don't forget the rainbow."

"OK," PeeSyL said as he dusted himself off, got back on his bike, and set off up the road, wondering what would happen next.

## A STREAM TO CROSS

As the road went on and on, PeeSyL noticed a change in the weather—a sharp, icy wind blowing huge grey clouds holding buckets of rain that started falling everywhere. PeeSyL kept on pedaling through the cold and wet. "Boy am I glad I brought an umbrella," he thought and held it high over his head.

Just then the road ended, blocked by a deep, clear, fast-moving stream. "Oh no! What do I do now? I can't turn back, I've come too far!"

PeeSyL sat down by the stream, and while he stared dejectedly into the water, an enormous snout appeared, followed by two friendly eyes.

It was the hilarious hippopotamus. "PeeSyL, this is your lucky day, don't you know?" she said and laughed out loud, displaying a mouth full of huge, pearly white teeth.

"Why are you laughing? How <u>am</u> I going to cross this stream?" PeeSyL whimpered.

"How, indeed? You'll just have to ride over with me!" said the unsinkable hippo. She carried PeeSyL, his bike, and the umbrella across the stream on her broad, flat back—laughing all the way.

"Now don't forget the rainbow," she said.

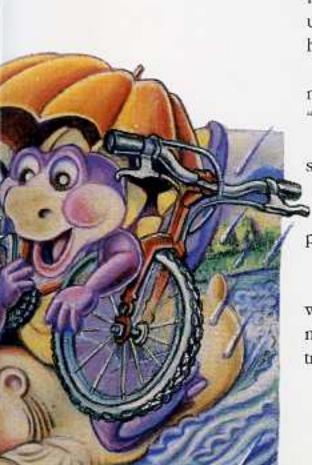
"OK. Thanks for the ride," said PeeSyL as he continued on his way.



## A TREE ACROSS THE ROAD

As the top of the mountain grew nearer, the road grew steeper, and sometimes PeeSyL had to get off his bike and walk, which made the journey seem even longer.

"I have to get to the other side," he kept saying. Just as the going seemed easier, the biggest obstacle of all stopped PeeSyL in his tracks. An ancient, giant tree had



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fallen across the road. It was the biggest tree in the world. It was so big, there was no way over it and no way around it. "This surely is the end of the road for me," PeeSyL said unhappily. "Rainbows or no rainbows, now I'll never get home!"

Not knowing what else to do, he sat down in the middle of the road.

"Ouch! Watch it," something squeaked under him.

PeeSyL stood up and a tiny mouse with a loud voice said, "That was my tail you sat on."

"Sorry, I didn't mean to."

"Well, you should be more careful! What's your problem, anyway?" the mouse shouted.

"This tree is blocking my path."

"That's what you think. Now don't forget to remember what you were supposed to not forget!" squealed the mouse as it dashed down a secret hole hidden under the tree. "Follow me-e-e-e!"