

All in a day's work

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Hank the Handsome Honey Badger was the best cook in the savannah. His relentlessness in finding the best ingredients set him apart.

Today's recipe was simple, but the meal was special. He was preparing it for Wendy the Warthog. The poor thing had broken her leg escaping from hungry hyenas.

The recipe demanded ingredients especially difficult to get.



Hank outwrestled a plump python. It would make tasty meat for the stew.

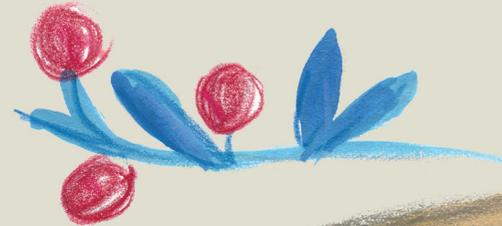


He endured more than a hundred bee stings while collecting nectar and honey for the drink.

Deadly scorpions showed their displeasure at him digging up their home while foraging for amadumbe. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch!



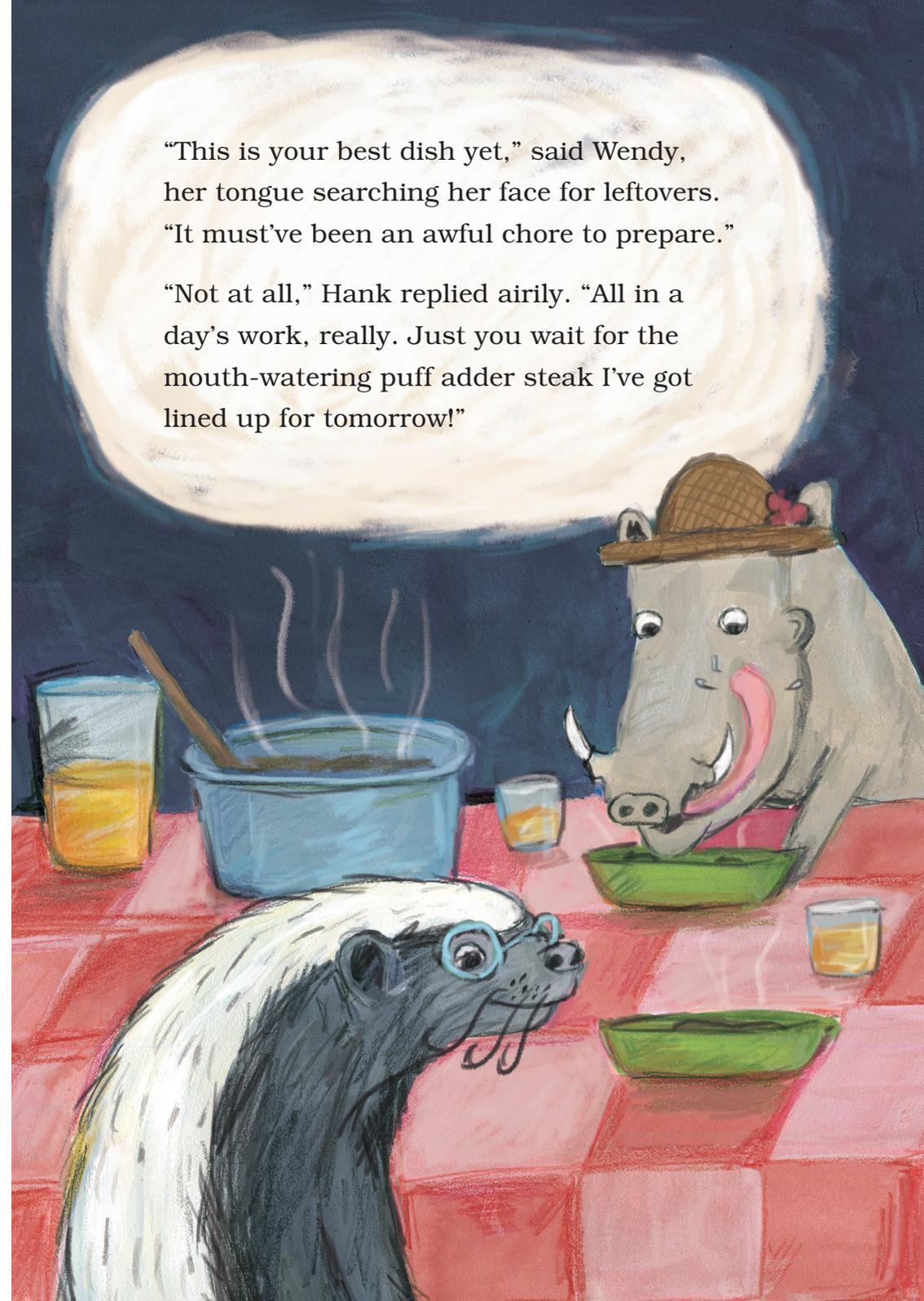
A puff adder nipped him while he was collecting berries and wild tomatoes. Puff adder venom is nasty business. It took Hank several hours to shake it off.





Before long, he arrived at the corner of Warthog Avenue and Baobab Street.

The friends savoured the stew, sipping nectar while laughing at the grumpy bullfrogs croaking at the noisy crickets.



“This is your best dish yet,” said Wendy, her tongue searching her face for leftovers. “It must’ve been an awful chore to prepare.”

“Not at all,” Hank replied airily. “All in a day’s work, really. Just you wait for the mouth-watering puff adder steak I’ve got lined up for tomorrow!”

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Ideas to talk about

What are your favourite foods? What ingredients do you need to prepare your favourite food? Who would you invite to dinner and why those people?



Visual

Go to the activity sheet here: <https://nalibali.org/story-supplies/activity-sheets>

Colour in the picture and then complete it. Draw a picture in the thought bubble to show what Hank was thinking.



Reading

Be a word detective! Look closely at the story. Can you find the names of:

- ★ nine animals
- ★ two fruits
- ★ two streets?



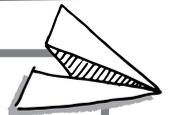
Writing

Use the details in the story to write the recipe for the stew that Hank made. Remember to first write the list of ingredients needed and then the instructions that Hank has to follow to make the stew. Give the stew a name.



Craft

Use playdough or clay to make a pot of stew – either the stew that Hank made or a stew of your own!



Performance

Act out Hank collecting the ingredients for his stew and then making it. Use your recipe to help you.

