



I can't wait for you to read this amazing story.

In the savannas of Africa lived a gentle giraffe named Gigi, who loved to make friends. One day, while strolling around, she found Leo, the lion, standing alone. She asked him, "will you be my friend?"

"NOOOOO," roared Leo, "I don't want to be your friend because your neck is too long."



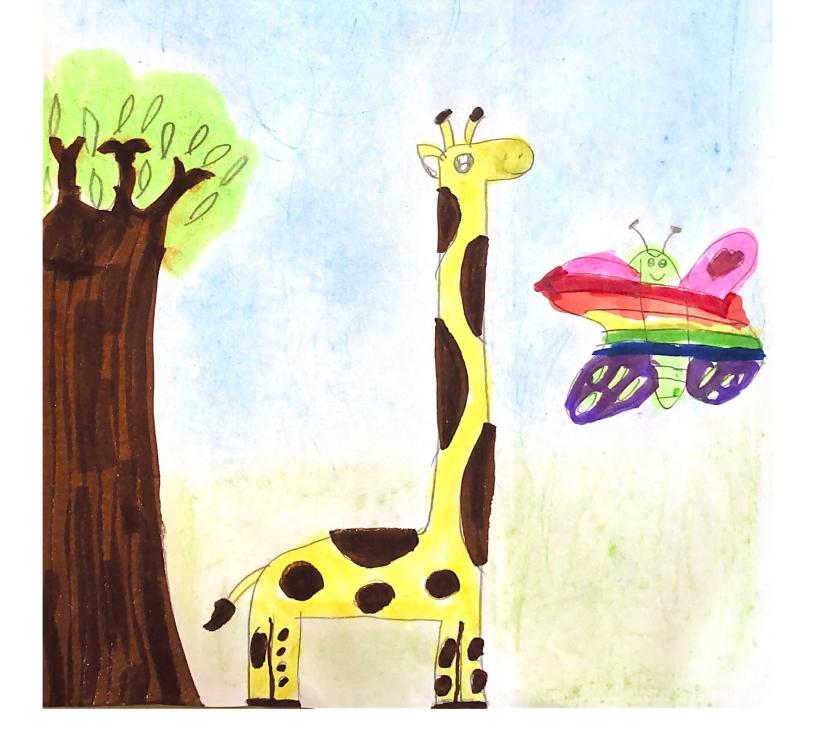
Gigi sadly walked away and met Zeze, the Zebra, admiring her graceful stripes. Gigi asked again, "will you be my friend?"

"No!" sneered Zeze, "I don't wish to be your friend because your legs are way too slim."



Gigi became upset and rushed to a field filled with flowers. There she found Beauty, a beautiful, colorful butterfly and asked her, "could you be my friend?"

Beauty whispered, "no! I can't be your friend because I don't like your spots."

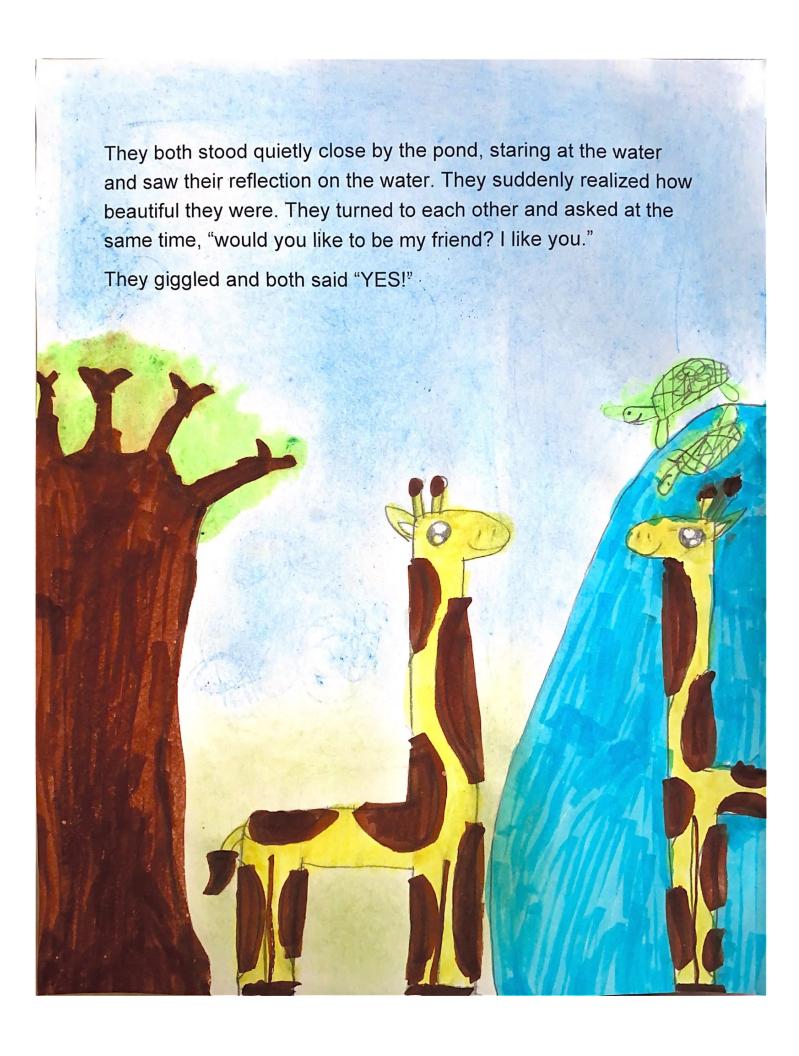


Gigi burst into tears and ran away disappointed to a nearby pond. There she saw Turtie, the turtle, who came to her and asked, "why are you crying?"

Gigi said, "nobody wants to be my friend because I have a long neck, slim legs, and spots."

Turtie said, "I also cannot make friends because I am slow and have a hard shell and a short neck."





Gigi and Turtie became best friends forever, caring for each other. Gigi reached for things that were too high for Turtie, and Turtie reached for things that were too low for Gigi. The other animals, seeing Gigi and Turtie happily playing together and always laughing, decided to become friends with them too!

What I wanted to tell you is that never judge a person by the way they look. We are different but beautiful the way we are. We should be friendly and help each other.

