

Writing competition

Book an adventure and whisk us away to new lands and unforgettable characters.

Write a short story about an amazing and unforgettable adventure.

The journey of capybaras

My first week

I blink, I look around and see my older siblings Nugget and Cappy. I look up to see Mum grazing on grass. I stand up and fall again. My Aunty Willow comes near and calls me Bubbles. Pretty soon I learned that Bubbles was my name and that I was in a group of Capybaras. I quickly learned how to walk and graze on grass, and how to swim. I loved to swim in the little pond near our home with grandma and grandpa on the weekends, and at night we all slept huddled together in the field of grass. In our group I made a friend called Dizzy. She's a goofy capybara who loves to play in the grass and tumble around and just swim.

A couple of days later

The day has come!

We have started to migrate through the savanna, and we have been walking for a long time. Luckily for me and Dizzy, Aunty Willow is carrying us on her back. While the teenagers walked day and night with the group. We made it to the pond, our first stop in the migration.

Finally, a chance to swim. Me and Dizzy saw the pond and jumped. We apparently went into the wrong pond and there was a crocodile in it. We swam for our life to the grass. The dominant male of our group (Caba) ran and just stood there and as if magically the crocodile backed off. Thank goodness that happened, few. Me and Dizzy were so petrified we didn't swim for the rest of the day.

Today we had a feast of grass. The orange sun setting on us showing the rocks, trees and animals under the light was amazing. But everything changed overnight. The sun had shriveled the fresh green wavy grass overnight and the water and food were scarce. Everyone from the dominant males to the youngsters needed to find food as we were all starving. Me and Dizzy were sent to search east with Nugget. "You guys follow behind me and don't wander off!" said Nugget sternly. Me and Dizzy walked behind Nugget for hours by the time the sun started setting we found nothing and headed back to camp.

In the morning, we were forced to move more north where the males had found signs of food. Everyone was starving. The adults were stern, and the teenagers were groaning as we walked. While everyone else was groaning, Dizzy and I played while being carried by Aunt Tailah. "Hey Dizzy," I said. "Yeah Bubbles?" answered Dizzy. "Who's that?!" I spoke. "Huh?" said Dizzy. Dizzy turned around to see a capybara around our age nibbling on grass. "Hi!" said Dizzy to the Capybara. Aunt Taliah stopped to see who Dizzy was talking to. Aunt Taliah gasped as she saw the capybara on the side. She hurried over and was shocked. Aunt Taliah introduced herself. It

