

A Story of Vanity: The Ko'ko' and The Hilitai

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Questions to Consider

1. When Hilitai first ventured out of her cave, she was greeted by Chichirika, who was not very nice to her. Why do you think Chichirika treated Hilitai this way? Have you ever met someone who was unfair or unkind to you or someone you care about? How did it make you feel? How did you react? Why is it important to treat others with kindness?
2. How would you have painted Hilitai and Ko'ko' if you were given the paintbrush? What colors and patterns would you have used?
3. How did Hilitai betray Ko'ko'? What could she have done differently? When Ko'ko' felt betrayed, she lashed out in anger and hurt her new friend. What could she have done differently? How would you have reacted if you were Hilitai? And how would you have reacted if you were Ko'ko'? Why?
4. When your friend is having a hard day, what do you do to help them feel better?
5. Do you think Hilitai and Ko'ko can ever be friends again? How might they begin to mend their friendship?

Creative Prompts

1. Write a letter to someone you have had a conflict or argument with. Take this time to express your feelings about what happened and/or apologize for your role in the conflict. Be sure to include what you hope will happen in the future.
2. Write a "How To" guide for someone who is having a bad day. Format your instructions in steps and explain each one.
3. In the beginning of the story, Hilitai was known for her beautiful singing voice. Write the lyrics of a song for Hilitai to sing. For example, she may sing about the trees and flowers she sees for the first time when she explores the jungle.
4. In the story, we get to experience Hilitai's first time being out in nature on her own. Imagine Ko'ko's first time in the jungle. Write the story of her experience. What animals did she encounter? What did she do?



