

THE RIVERDIPPER™ HIPPO FAMILY in

# Ready for the Runway



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☺ The Riverdippers have hidden one  
bow tie in each picture inside this book.  
Can you find all 6 bow ties?

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*Ring! Ring!*

“I’ll get it!” cried Humphrey Riverdipper. But after he hung up the phone, he frowned.

“The models for our Fashion for Fun show were on a photo shoot and they got poison ivy,” explained Humphrey.





The Riverdippers love designing clothes. Now they were putting on their very first fashion show—just for fun!

Models from the city were coming to walk the runway—which was also one of the new Woodland Walkways in Honeysuckle Hollow.



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Everything was ahead of  
schedule. The flowers ordered,  
the food truck booked,  
and the clothes fitted.

The new walkway by the  
gazebo was roped off and  
ready. All the woodland  
creatures were so excited  
for the big day!




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“But won’t poison ivy make the models really, really itchy?” asked Heidi Riverdipper.

“Yes,” said her dad, Wade.

“And give them red blotches, too,” said her mom, Penny.




“They won’t be able to come to Honeysuckle Hollow for our fashion show,” said Humphrey, sadly.

“But our show is in three days!” Heidi’s voice quivered.

“This will be a fashion fiasco!” cried Humphrey.

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“Stay calm,” said Penny.

“Let’s all take three deep breaths.” And each Riverdipper took three deep breaths.

“Now,” said Wade,  
“let’s put our heads together  
and brainstorm.”




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Soon, the Riverdippers had a snazzy plan: They would call on all their talented friends for help.

“I know our woodland neighbors will volunteer to be models,” said Wade, “if Heidi and Humphrey volunteer first!”





Right away, Humphrey agreed to be a model. But Heidi wasn't so sure.

“Please, Heidi? Take three deep breaths and say yes,” said Humphrey. “It’ll turn this fiasco back into a Fashion for Fun show!”



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After three deep breaths, Heidi said, “OK,” and the call went out. By the next morning, many friends had volunteered.

“Now we need help fitting the clothes to our new models, lickety-split!” Penny said.  
“The show is in two days!”



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The McBristlys, who run  
the tailor shop, tucked,  
hemmed, snipped,  
and sewed.

They made sure every  
Riverdipper outfit fit every  
model—no matter what  
size or shape—just right.



But Heidi was still nervous.



“Will everyone be looking at me?” she said, frowning.

“What if I trip or...?”

“Take three deep breaths,”  
Humphrey suggested.

“If we back out now,  
others might, too.”

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On the evening of the outdoor Fashion for Fun show, the stars shone brightly.

“How perfect!” cried Wade.

The models arrived, and the Snipadoodles got busy, styling hairdos for each of them—except Heidi. “No, thanks!”




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The Tailfeathers arranged flowers along the runway, the Whiskerellis set up their food truck, and—the Fashion for Fun show began!

One by one, the woodland friends walked down the runway while the onlookers clapped and cheered.





Heidi kept moving to the  
back of the line, watching  
the other models until  
finally—

Oh no! She was the only  
one left. She'd have to walk  
down the runway alone with  
all eyes on *her*.



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But then—“Come on!  
Three deep breaths,”  
said Humphrey to his sister.

“Now, take my hand  
and let’s go!”

“Oh, Humphrey!”  
cried Heidi, happily.  
“You came back for me!”



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Off they went down the runway—as the crowd, the other models, and their parents went wild!

“All of us have had such a fun day!” everyone cried.

“Hurray for Heidi and Humphrey, and their Fashion for Fun show!”



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Heidi and Humphrey, and their parents, Wade and Penny Riverdipper, are so excited! In just three days, they'll be showing off their new clothing designs to all their Honeysuckle Hollow friends in the first-ever Fashion for Fun show. They even have models from the city coming to walk the runway!

But then comes a phone call. Will the show end up being a fashion fiasco? Or is there a way to save the day? Take three deep breaths—and read on to find out!

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