

# The hippopotamus Malisandro

Comparison

The animal language. By Calvino

Analysis

The two fairy tales have children as protagonists. a boy for the italian fairy tale, a female for the african one. The protagonists are able to understand the language of the animals, helping them to find happiness. The dog and the hippopotamus both sacrifice themselves for happiness of the protagonists. But in the Italian fable there's a happy end. In the pakistani fairy tale the song of the bird, which the girls understand, concludes sadly the narration. It should be noted, however, that even the italian boy understands the song of sparrows and doves.