

## The Zoombini that Cried Fleen

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Once upon a time, long ago, in a calm place called Zoombiniville, there was a Zoombini called Sleepy who was happily caring for the flocks of Zerballs. Because Sleepy always recalled when Kokakos told him to watch out for the Fleens, he obviously obeyed.

Then one day, Sleepy was bored, so he decided to play a prank on the Zoombinis. He pretended there were Fleens in the pasture, and shouted "Help!" The Zoombinis came with their shovels, axes, and hoes, but when they came, there were no Fleens attempting to steal the Zerballs. So they instructed Sleepy not to do that again. But he didn't heed the command, so he repeated the prank. So the Zoombinis instructed him again NEVER to do that again.

Several days afterward, Sleepy was yelling and screaming. The Zoombinis thought he was playing a joke again, but they didn't know that there actually was a malicious Fleen in the pasture! After a while, because they heard silence, they fled up the hill with their axes, hoes, and pitchforks, but they were too late. The Zerballs were contentedly eating snozle berries, but Sleepy wasn't there.

The moral of this story is, "Don't lie, or it will come to a bad ending."