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The story of Ganesha, also known as Ganapati or Vinayaka, is a popular and beloved tale from Hindu mythology. Ganesha is one of the most revered deities in Hinduism and is known as the remover of obstacles and the lord of wisdom. Here's the story of Ganesha's birth and how he got his distinct appearance:

Once, Goddess Parvati, the wife of Lord Shiva, wished to take a bath. She wanted someone to guard the entrance to her bathing chamber while she cleansed herself. In the absence of any attendants, Parvati decided to create a guardian from the dirt and oil from her body. She lovingly molded a figure of a young boy and breathed life into him.



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When the young boy came to life, Parvati was pleased and assigned him the task of guarding the entrance and not allowing anyone to enter until she gave her permission. The boy took his duty very seriously and stood outside the chamber as instructed.

Meanwhile, Lord Shiva, who was away from Mount Kailash (his abode), returned home unexpectedly. As he approached the chamber, he found the boy standing guard and refusing to let him in. Shiva, unaware of the boy's origins, became furious at this little intruder blocking his path.



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In his anger, Lord Shiva drew his trident and attacked the boy, severing his head. At that very moment, Parvati finished her bath and was horrified to see what had happened to her lovingly created guardian.

Parvati was heartbroken and demanded that Shiva bring the boy back to life. To make amends, Shiva sent his followers to find a replacement head for the boy. The followers were instructed to bring the head of the first living being they encountered, facing north. They soon came across an elephant, and since the elephant's head was facing north, they brought it to Shiva.



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Shiva placed the elephant's head on the boy's body, and with his divine powers, Ganesha was brought back to life. From that day on, Ganesha became a unique deity with an elephant's head on a human body.

As a symbol of humility, wisdom, and protection, Ganesh is now worshipped at the beginning of any important venture, celebration, or event. He is regarded as the remover of obstacles and the giver of knowledge and success.



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THE ERRORS ARE:

- 1.reveared should be revered
- 2.boys should be boy's
- 3.ammends should be amends
- 4.Ganesh should be Ganesha (although Ganesh is acceptable, it is inconsistent with the rest of the text)
- 5.Sneaky bonus: on page 4, June 17 should be August 6. Well done if you spotted that one!

