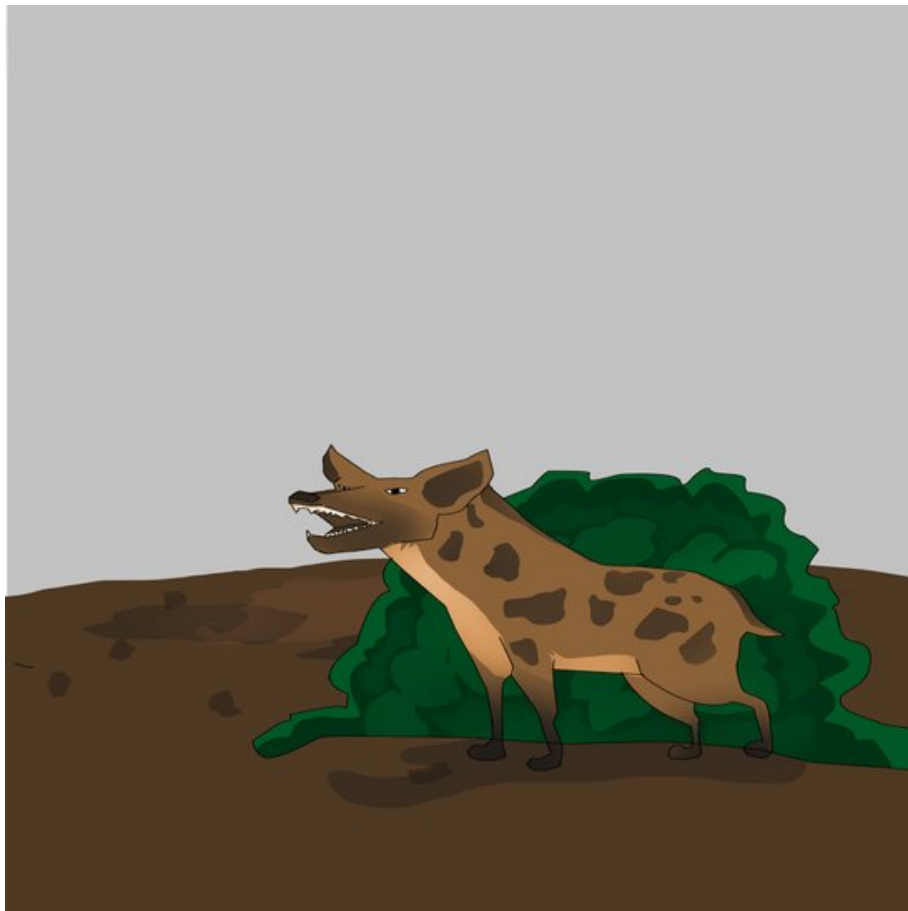


Greedy Hyena

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Atabo and Akiru went to collect water at the river.

On their way back home they rested on a big rock.





Atabo tried to stand up to continue home but was stuck to the rock.

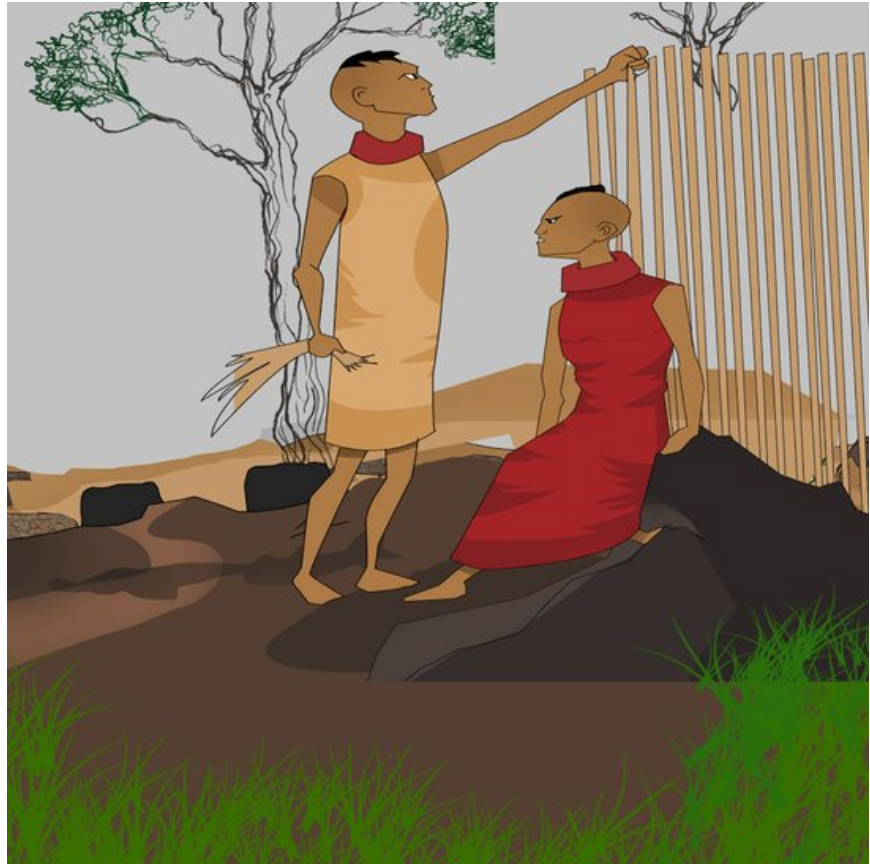
Akiru ran home to call
mother.





When mother arrived at the rock, she found Atabo truly stuck.

“I will make a fence around the rock to protect you from wild animals,” mother said to Atabo.





So, she made a fence with only one door which she used to get inside.

Then mother said to Atabo, “When I come to feed you I will sing a song for you to open the door.”

This is the song she sang:

“Ika koku nachirima,

Bala ekena,

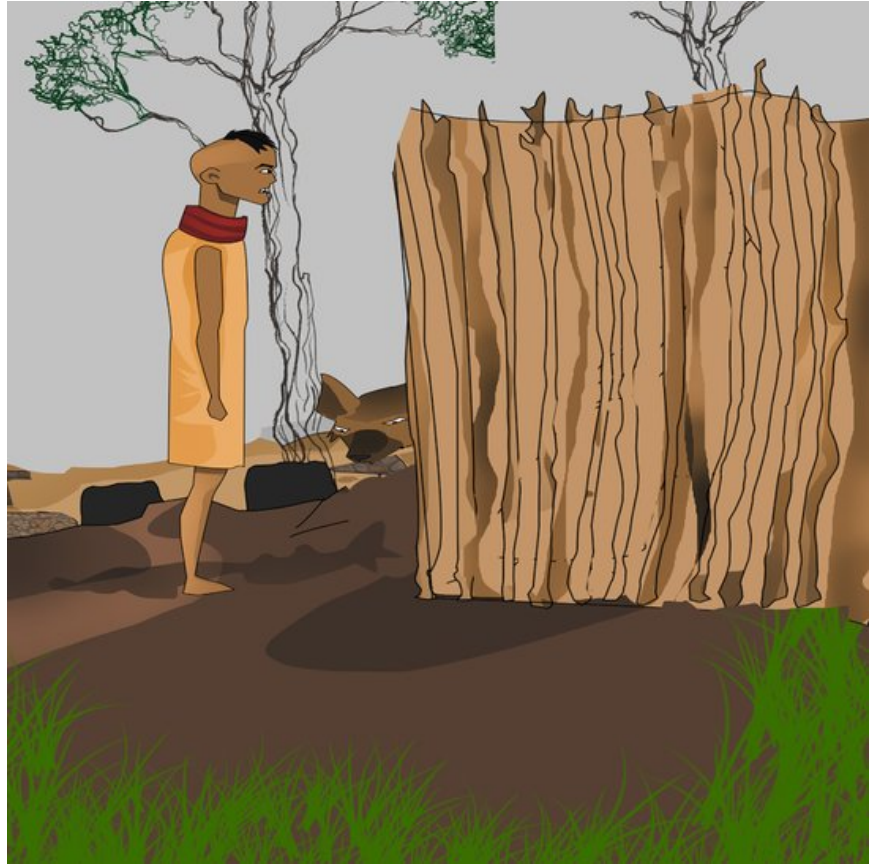
Ke...ke...i...ya.

Tangarae totokonia kainak ngakon kile.”

And mother also said, “Never open the door to a stranger.”

So whenever mother came she sang the song, the door opened and she gave Atabo food.

But Hyena was hiding and watching and listening when mother came to feed Atabo.

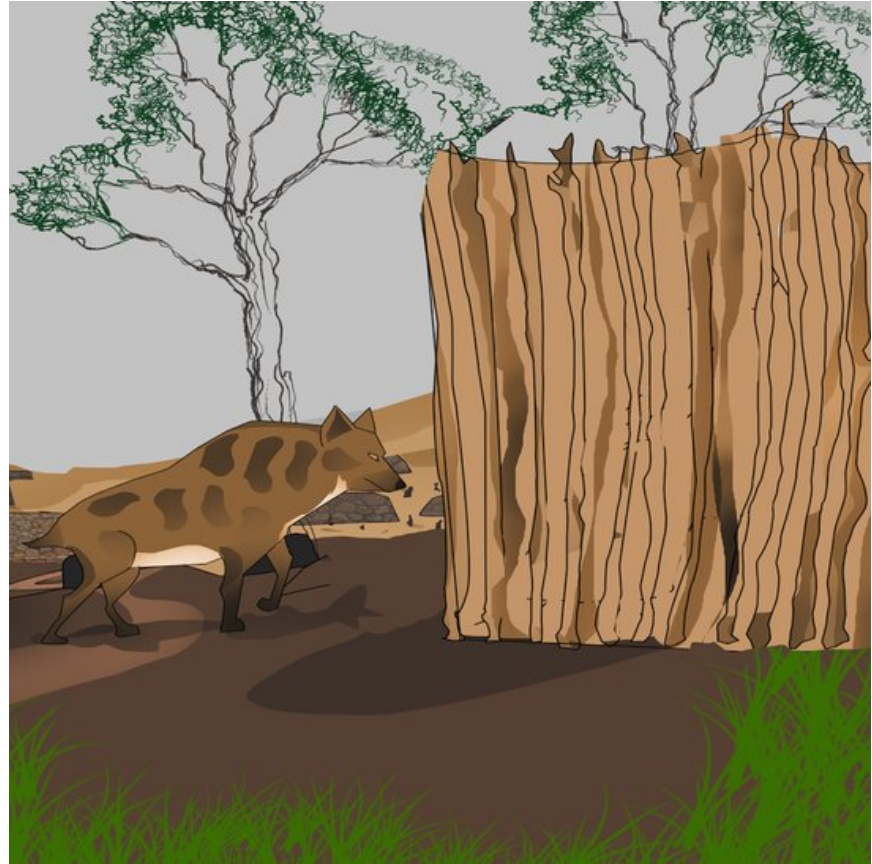




Hyena tried to copy the song. He practised and practised.

The other animals told Hyena to swallow a fly from the river so that he could sing better.

He swallowed a fly from the river and he came to sing. But the door did not open.





He swallowed a fly from the plains and he came to sing. But the door did not open.

Finally he swallowed a fly from the far away plains.

He came to sing, and the door opened.

Hyena ate Atabo.

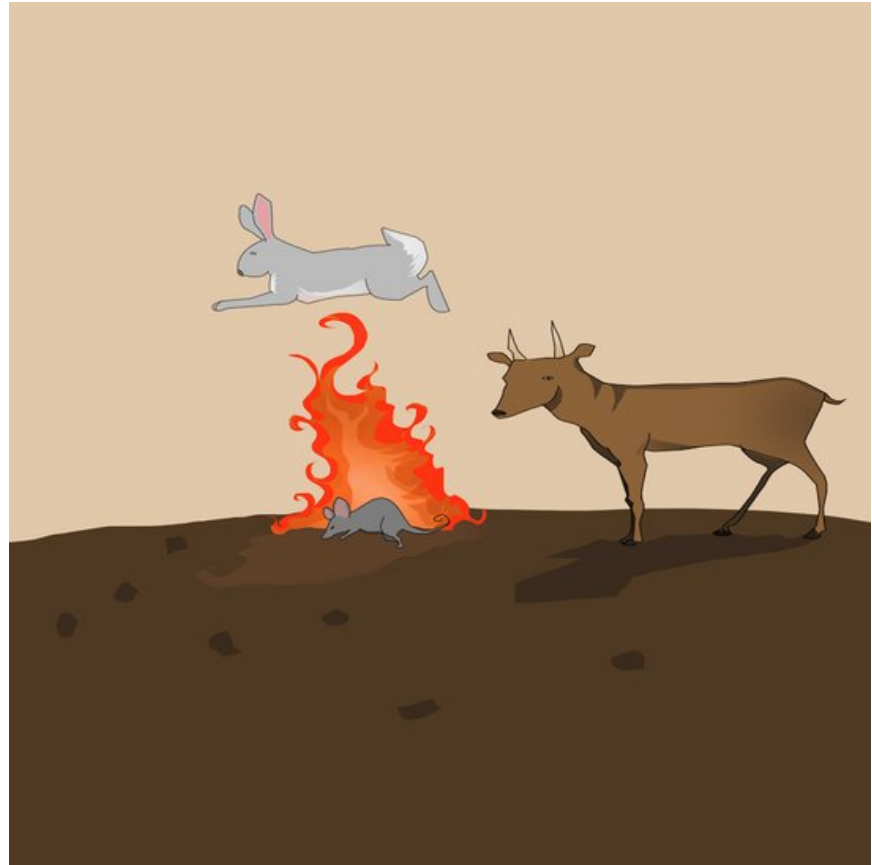


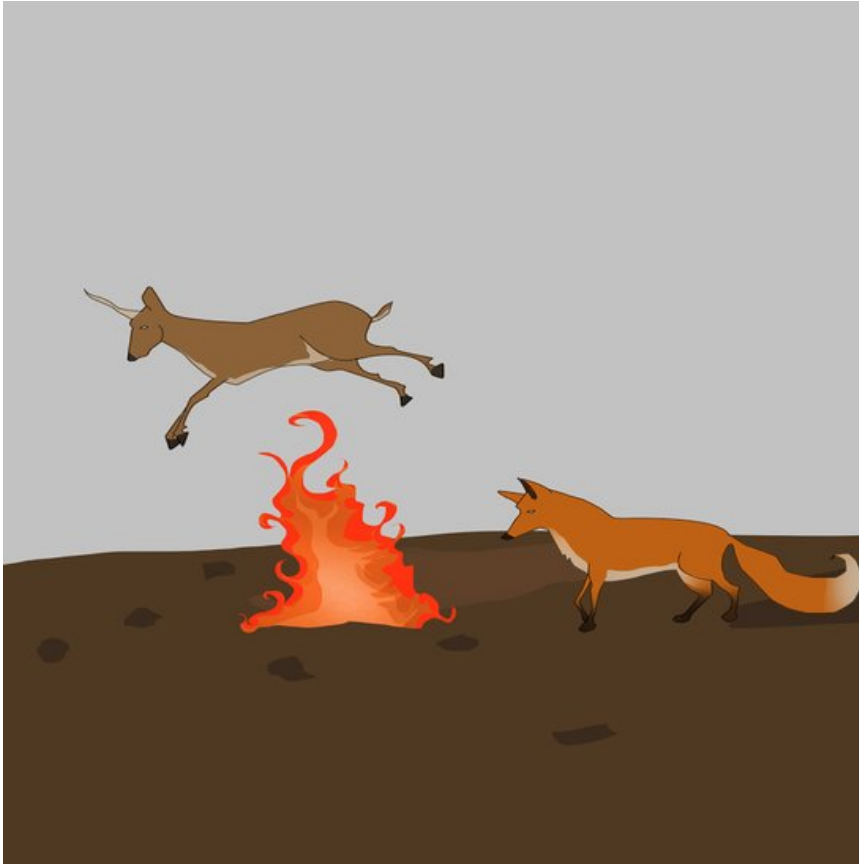


When mother came again,
she sang, and sang, and
sang. But nothing
happened.

Mother called a meeting of all the animals and lit a very big fire.

“The animal that ate Atabo will fall into the fire and burn,” she said.





All the animals jumped safely over the fire until the fox had a turn.

Fox jumped and the fire
caught his tail.

He cried in pain.



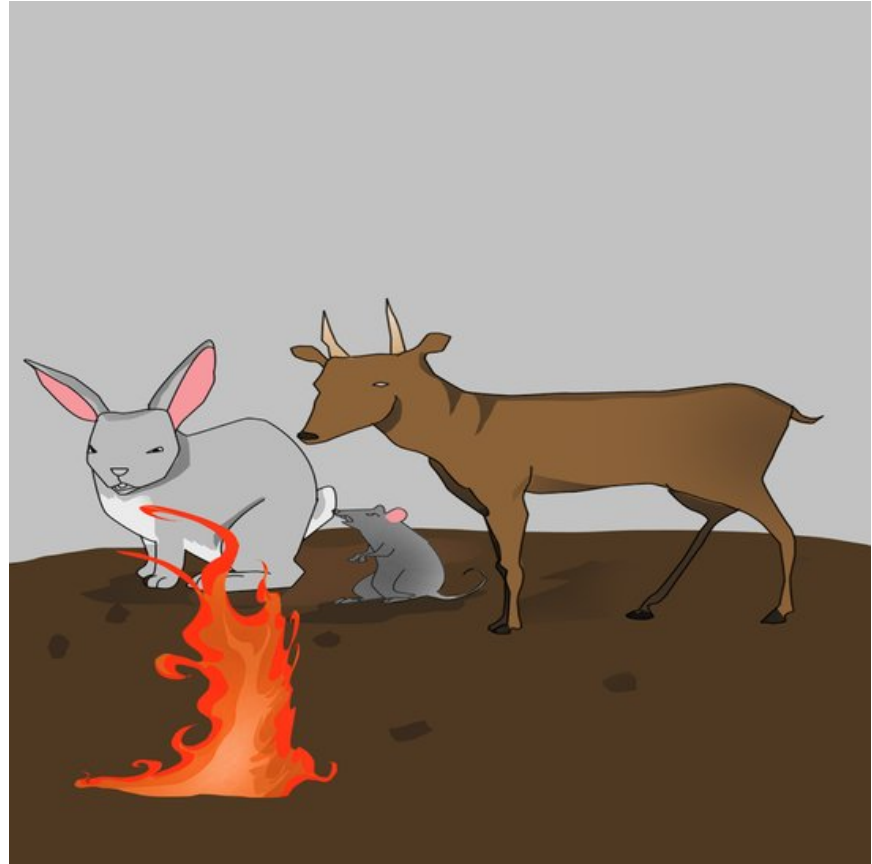


Last of all came the hyena.

He jumped and fell in the
fire.

Then the animals sang
another song:

“Ata kalio,
Anikanyamit ikon koku,
Achakakin nakim na,
Chi...gi...gir.”

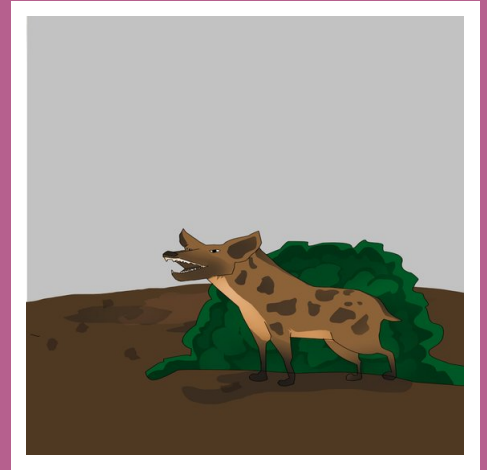


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