

Kalabushe, chiriku

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Hapo kale, paliishi msichana
kwa jina Kalabushe.

Kalabushe alikuwa chiriku.

Alionywa na mamake
kutozungumza sana, lakini
hakusikia.





Siku moja, shangaziye
Kalabushe, aliyeishi ng'ambo ile
ya kijiji cha Kalabushe, aliugua.



Mamake Kalabushe alikuwa na shughuli nyingi siku hiyo.

Kalabushe alipopewa chakula kumpelekea shangaziye, tayari ilikuwa jioni.



Njiani, Kalabushe alikutana na
fisi kwa jina Sinsou.

Sinsaou alikuwa amegeuka
kuwa mtu.

Sinsou alimwuliza alichobeba.

Kalabushe alijibu, “Nimebeba
nyama, mayai na maziwa.”

Kalabushe alikuwa ameonywa
kutosema alichobeba.





Kalabushe vile vile alimwambia
Sinsou kuwa shangaziye
alikuwa mgonjwa na kwamba
alikuwa anampelekea chakula.

Sinsou alidondokwa mate
alipofikiria juu ya nyama
aliyobeba Kalabushe.

Haraka haraka, Sinsou alikimbia mbele.

Alienda katika nyumba ya shangaziye Kalabushe na kusubiri.





Alimmeza shangaziye
Kalabushe kisha akajigubika
blanketi lake.



Kalabushe alipowasili, nyumba
ilikuwa kimya kabisa.

Aliingia ndani na kuita,
“Shangazi, uko wapi?”

Kalabushe hakisikia sauti ya shangaziye.

Aliingia ndani ya chumba ambamo kawaida shangaziye alilala.

Alishangaa alimpomwona mtu amejigubika blanketi.





“Shangazi, mbona masikio yako
ni makubwa sana leo?”
Kalabushe aliuliza.

Sinsou alijibu kutoka ndani ya
lile blanketi kubwa, “Ili niweze
kukusikia vyema.”

Kalabushe aliuliza tena,
“Shangazi, mbona macho yako
ni makubwa sana leo?”

Sinsou alijibu, “Ili niweze
kukuona vyema.”



Mwishowe Kalabushe aliuliza,
“Shangazi, mbona mdomo wako
ni mkubwa sana leo?”

Sinsou alijibu, “Ili niweze
kukumeza.”

Kisha Sinsou aliruka na
kummeza Kalabushe.



Kwa vile Kalabushe alipenda kuongea sana, alizidi kuzungumza na kuuliza maswali mengi hata alipokuwa ndani ya tumbo lake Sinsou.



Mwishoni, Sinsou alichoshwa na maswali mengi ya Kalabushe akaamua kumtema nje.



Kalabushe na shangaziye
waliokolewa na wanakijiji.

Tokea siku ile, Kalabushe
alikoma kuzungumza sana na
watu waliokuwa wageni kwake.

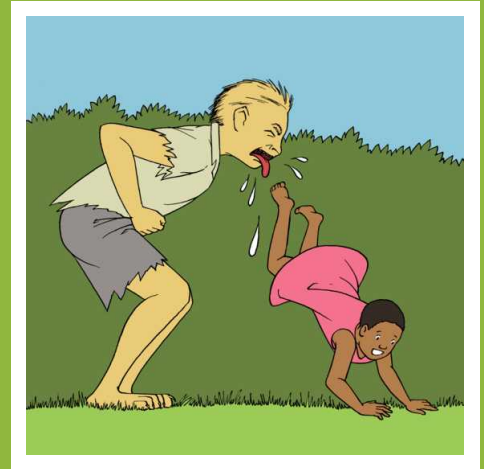


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