Kima ala mkia wake

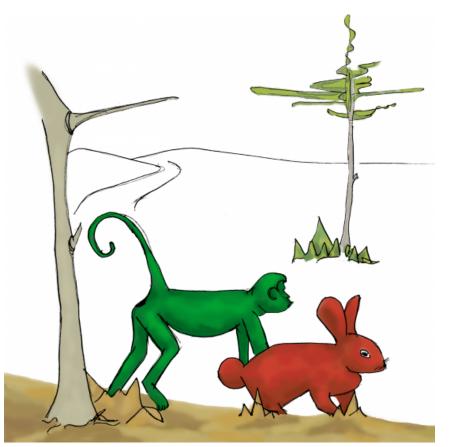
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Hapo zamani za kale, sungura alikuwa rafiki mkubwa wa kima.

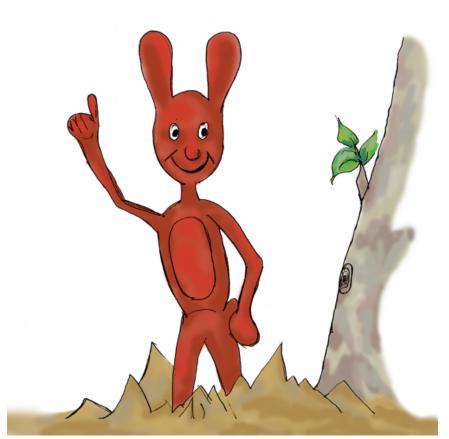


Siku moja sungura alisema: Hebu twende matembezi tukatafute chakula.

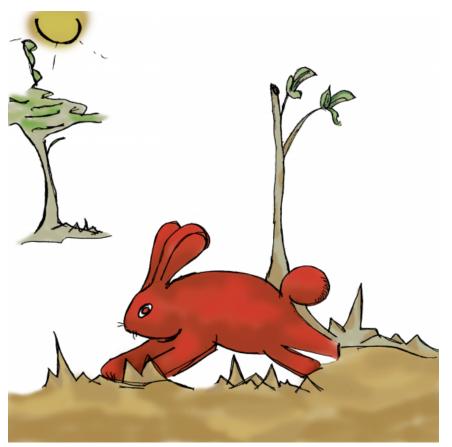
Kima alikubali, lakini ulikuwa mtego kwake!



Walienda katika shamba la mahindi na kuanza kula.

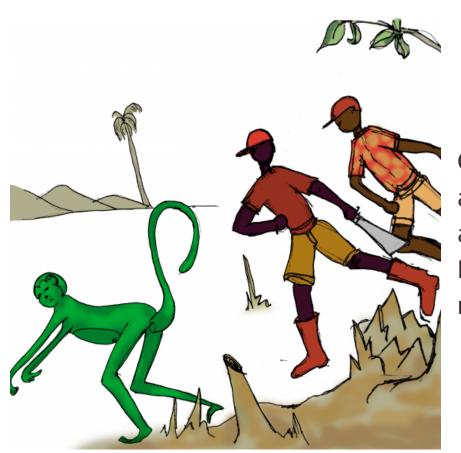


Lakini sungura mwakili alikuwa amezungumza na mwenye shamba, kumshika kima ili kuonyesha kuwa alikuwa mjinga.



Sungura mwakili aianza kupiga kelele: Wezi! Wezi! Mahindi yako ameisha yote! Kisha akaruka, akatoroka na kwenda

zake.



Ghafula wenyewe alifika na kumpata kima akijaribu kutoroka. Lakini ana mkia mrefu na ulimzuia.



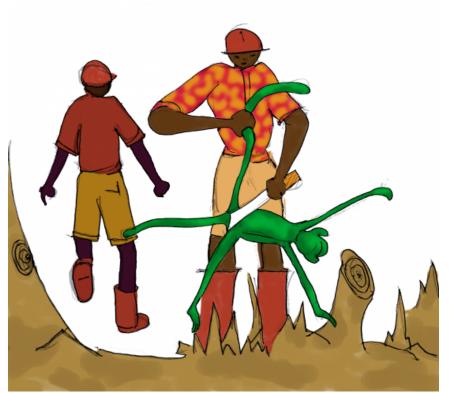
Wenyewe walimfuata wakipiga kelele:
Simama! Simama!
Tulikuona, wewe ni yule kima.



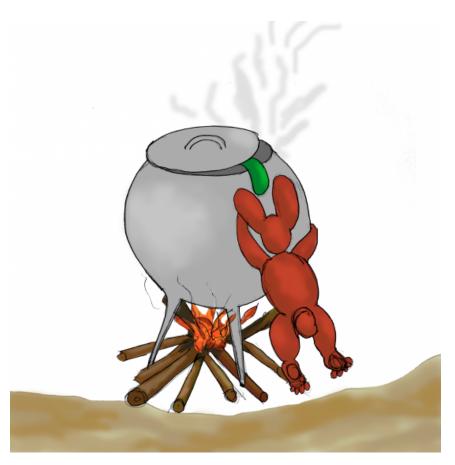
Lakini walimshika na kuanza kumpiga.



Hakustahimili uchungu hivyo alisema: Nilikuwa na rafiki yangu ungura. Ni yeye aliyenialika.



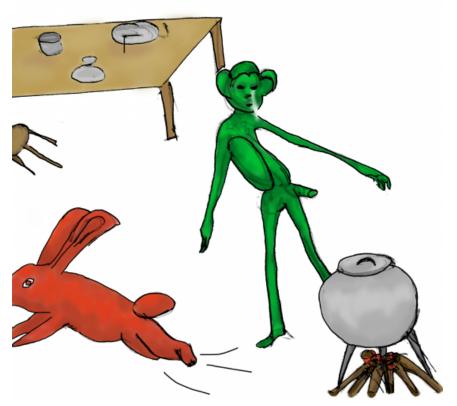
Lakini wenyewe
waliukata mkia wake na
kumwambia: Nenda
kamwambie rafiki yako
kuwa tuliukata mkia
wako!



Kisha wakaenda kwa sungura na kuupika mkia wa kima. Sungura alimwalika kima kwa chakula cha mchana.



Mwisho wa mlo sungura alimwuliza kima ikiwa alijua alichokula. Kima mjinga alijibu: La, sijui!



Sungura alimwambia kuwa alikuwa amekula mkia wake mwenyewe na akatoroka. Na kutoka siku hiyo

walikuwa maadui!

Kima ala mkia wake

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