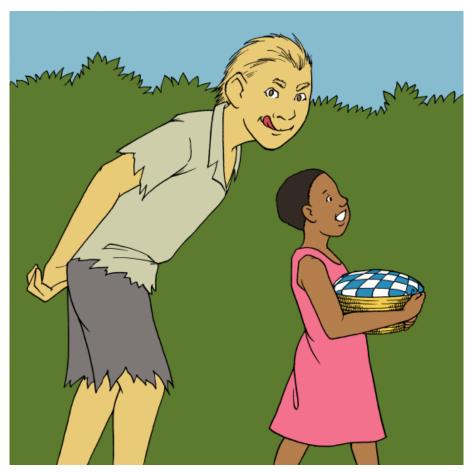
## Kalabushe the talkative

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Long time ago there lived a girl whose name was Kalabushe. Kalabushe was a very talkative girl. Kalabushe's mother warned her not to talk too much, but Kalabushe did not listen.





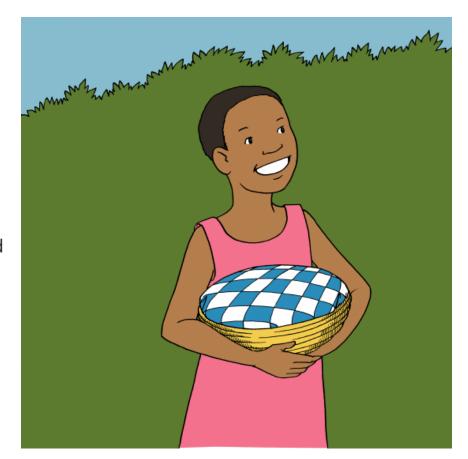
One day, Kalabushe's aunt fell sick. She lived across the valley on the other side of Kalabushe's village.



Kalabushe's mother was very busy that day. It was late in the evening by the time she gave Kalabushe food to take to her sick aunt.



On the way Kalabushe met Sinson, the hyena who had changed into a person. Sinson asked her what she was carrying. Kalabushe answered, "Meat, eggs and milk." Kalabushe's mother had warned her not to say what she was carrying.





Kalabushe also told Sinson that her aunt was sick and that she was taking the food to her. Sinson began salivating at the thought of the meat that Kalabushe was carrying. He quickly ran ahead of Kalabushe to her aunt's house.





He swallowed Kalabushe's aunt and then covered himself with her blanket.



When Kalabushe arrived, the house was very quiet. She went inside the house and called out, "Aunt, where are you?"

When she did not hear her aunt's voice, Kalabushe went to the inner room where her aunt slept. She was surprised when she saw someone covered with a big blanket.





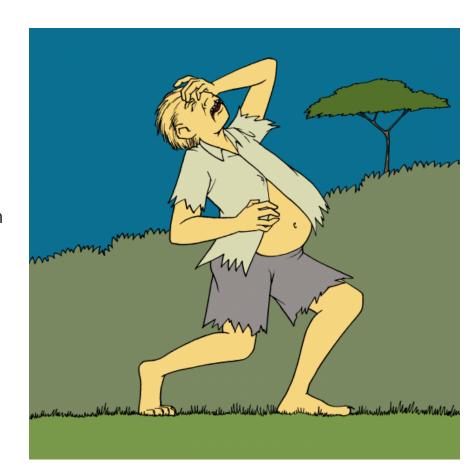
"Aunt, why are your ears so big today?" asked Kalabushe. Sinson replied from under the big blanket, "So that I can hear you well." Kalabushe asked again, "Aunt, why are your eyes so big today?"
Sinson answered, "So I can see you well."



Kalabushe finally asked, "Aunt, why is your mouth so big today?"
Sinson replied, "So I can swallow you up."
Sinson jumped from the bed and swallowed up Kalabushe.



Because Kalabushe was very talkative, she kept talking even when she was inside Sinson's stomach. She asked many questions.



In the end, Sinson was so tired of Kalabushe's many questions that he decided to spit her out.



Kalabushe and her aunt were rescued by the villagers. From that day, Kalabushe did not talk too much to strangers.



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