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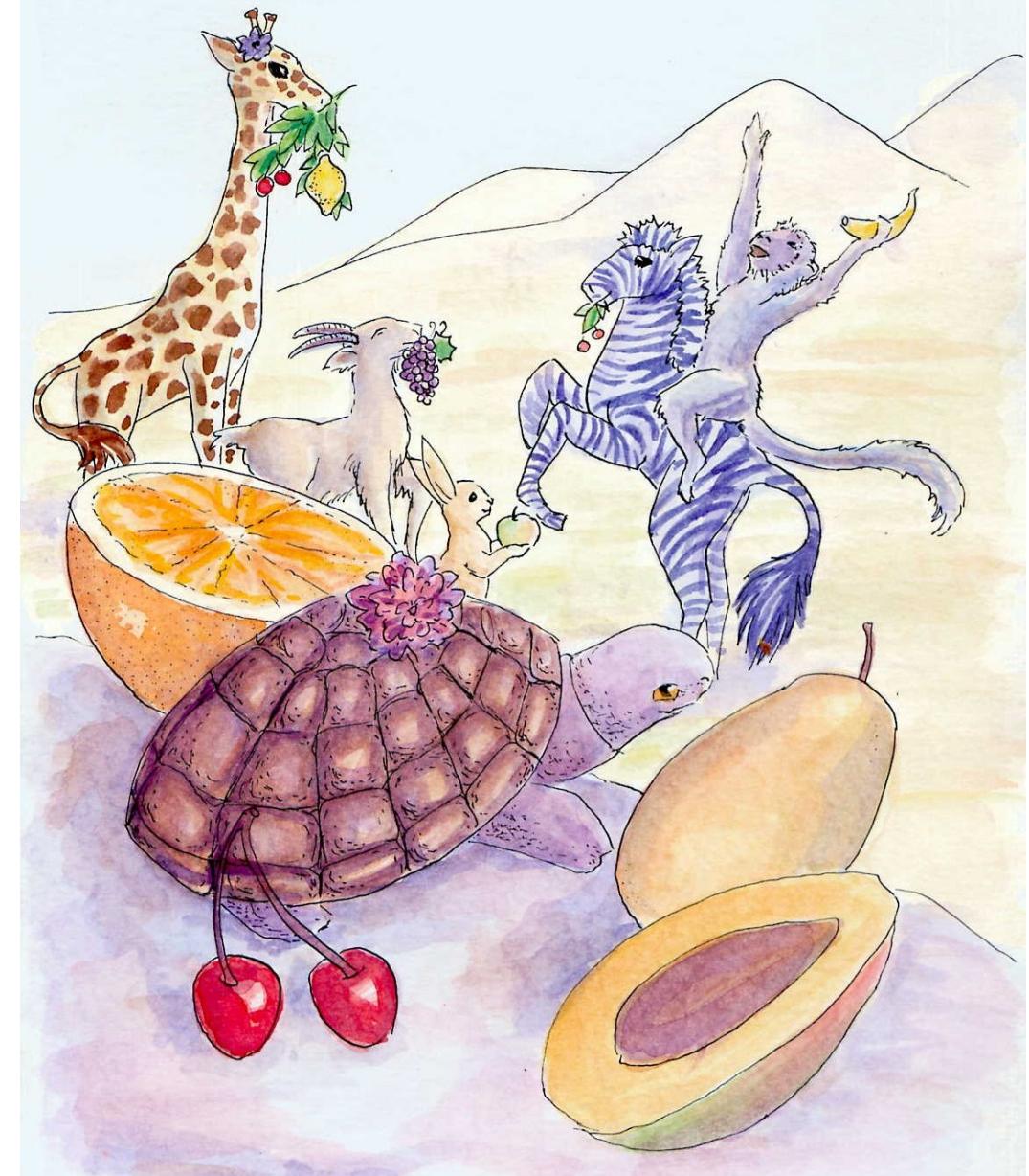


World of Story Collection

- Enormous Turnip (2005)
- Uwungelema (2006)
- Bundle of Sticks (2007)
- Stranger Who Snored (2008)
- Toad is the Uncle of Heaven (2009)

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Uwungelema



World of Story 2006

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Once in Africa a drought came upon the land. The animals were without food for many days.



Uwungelema

Vocabulary Word Search

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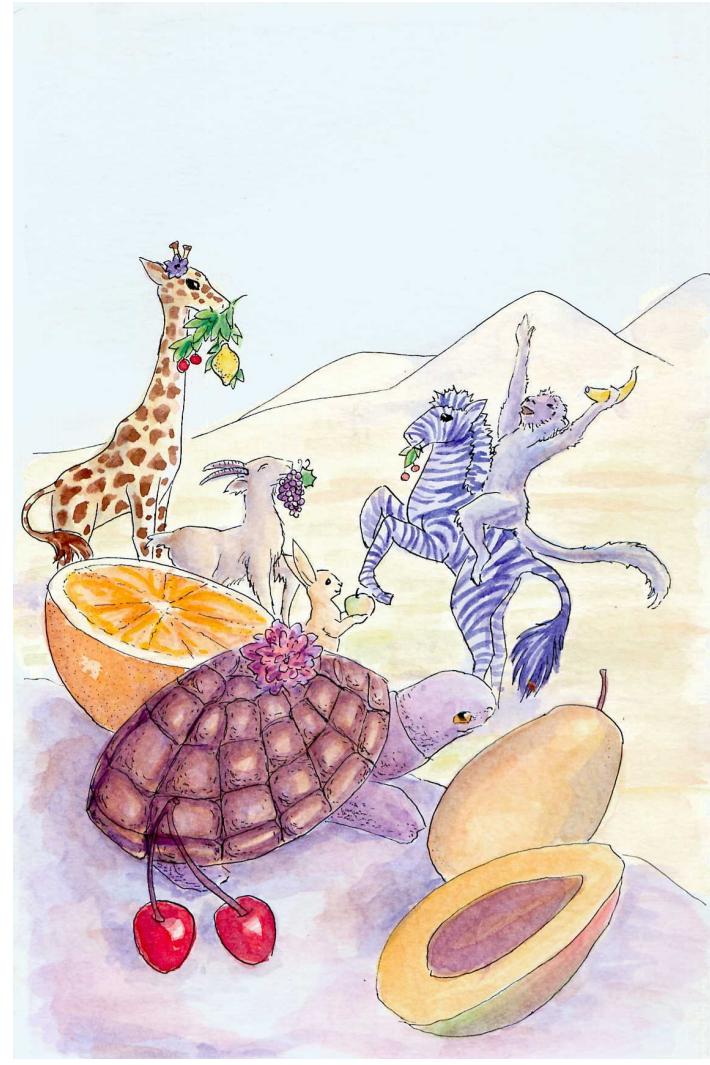
Word List

Africa	hungry	remember
Apples	mango	repeat
Chanting	mountain	slow
Cheered	owner	tree
Forest	papaya	turtle
goat	rabbit	Uwungelema



After searching far and wide they came upon a magnificent tree they had never seen before.

It was full of all kinds of delicious fruits; apples, bananas, cherries, dragon fruit, figs, grapes, jackfruit, kiwi, lemons, mango, oranges, papaya, star fruit, and much, much more.

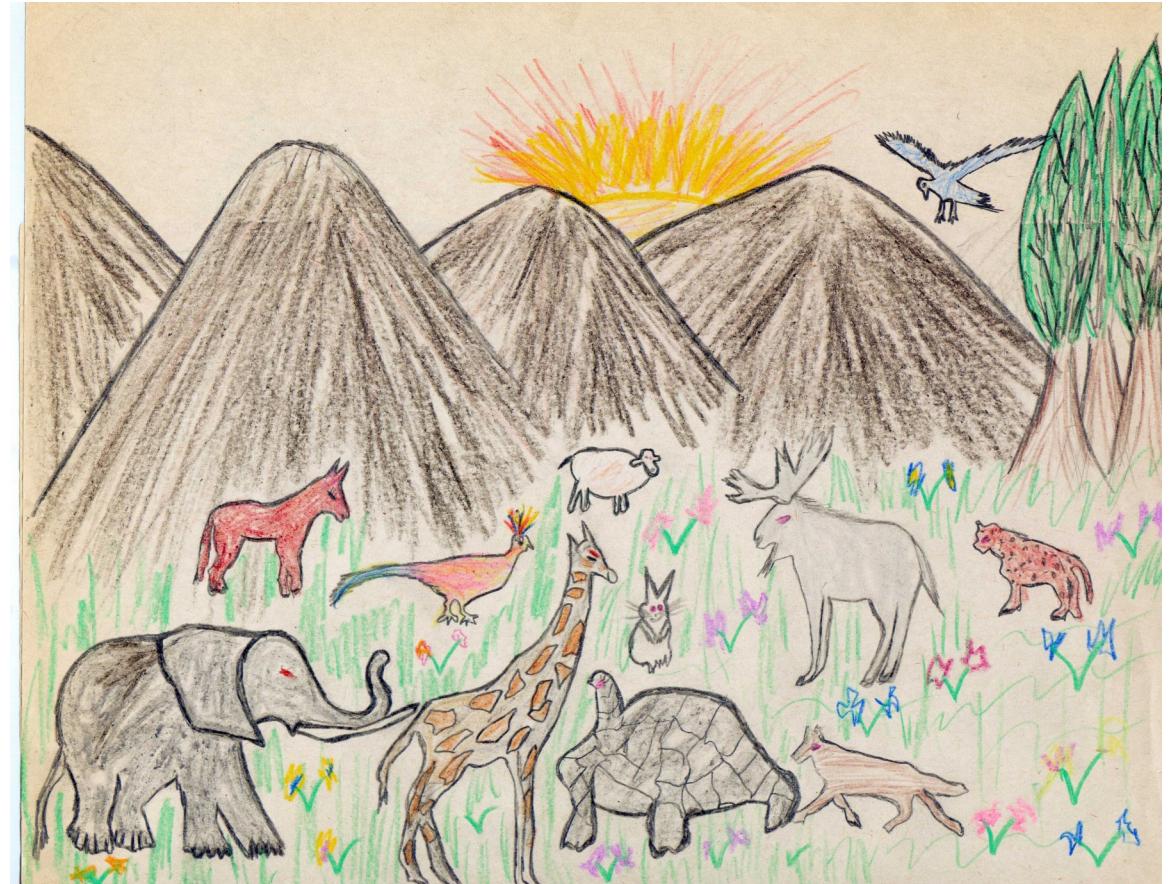


The chanting grew louder and louder as they came nearer and nearer the great tree with the delicious fruit.

As all the animals stood at the bottom of the tree they cried out together, "Uwungelema!"

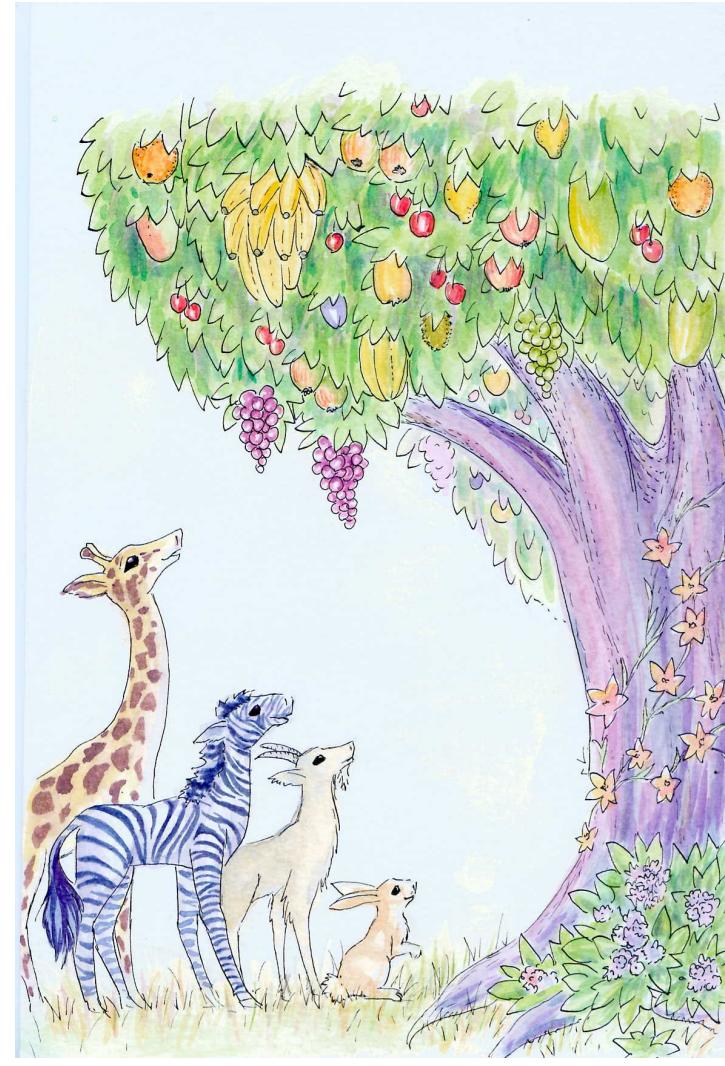
Suddenly apples, bananas, cherries, dragon fruit, figs, grapes, jackfruit, kiwi, lemons, mango, oranges, papaya, star fruit, and much, much more began to fall from the tree.

All the animals cheered, and never again did they tease the turtle for being slow.



They were told the owner of the tree lived across the plain, through the forest and up the high mountain.

They were all so very hungry, one of the animals needed to go quickly and ask the owner for permission to eat the fruit.



Slowly and carefully the turtle entered the plain and found all the animals anxiously awaiting its arrival.

"It is ours!" the turtle cried. "All we must do is say the name of the tree, which is "Uwungelema."

All the animals joined in the chanting, "Uwungelema, Uwungelema, Uwungelema," as together they walked slowly across the plain.



It was decided that the rabbit was very quick and so should be the one to go. The rabbit hopped away, across the plain, through the forest and up the high mountain.

"Excuse me," said the rabbit to the owner, "please may we eat the fruit from your tree that grows down the mountain, through the forest and across the plain?"

The owner replied, "Certainly, however, you must say the tree's name, which is Uwungelema, before you can eat the fruit."



The turtle made it safely off the mountain without getting caught up in the vines. Then the turtle remembered a lesson learned from its parents.

To remember something, you must repeat it to yourself. So, as the turtle trudged home, it said out loud, "Uwungelema, Uwungelema, Uwungelema."

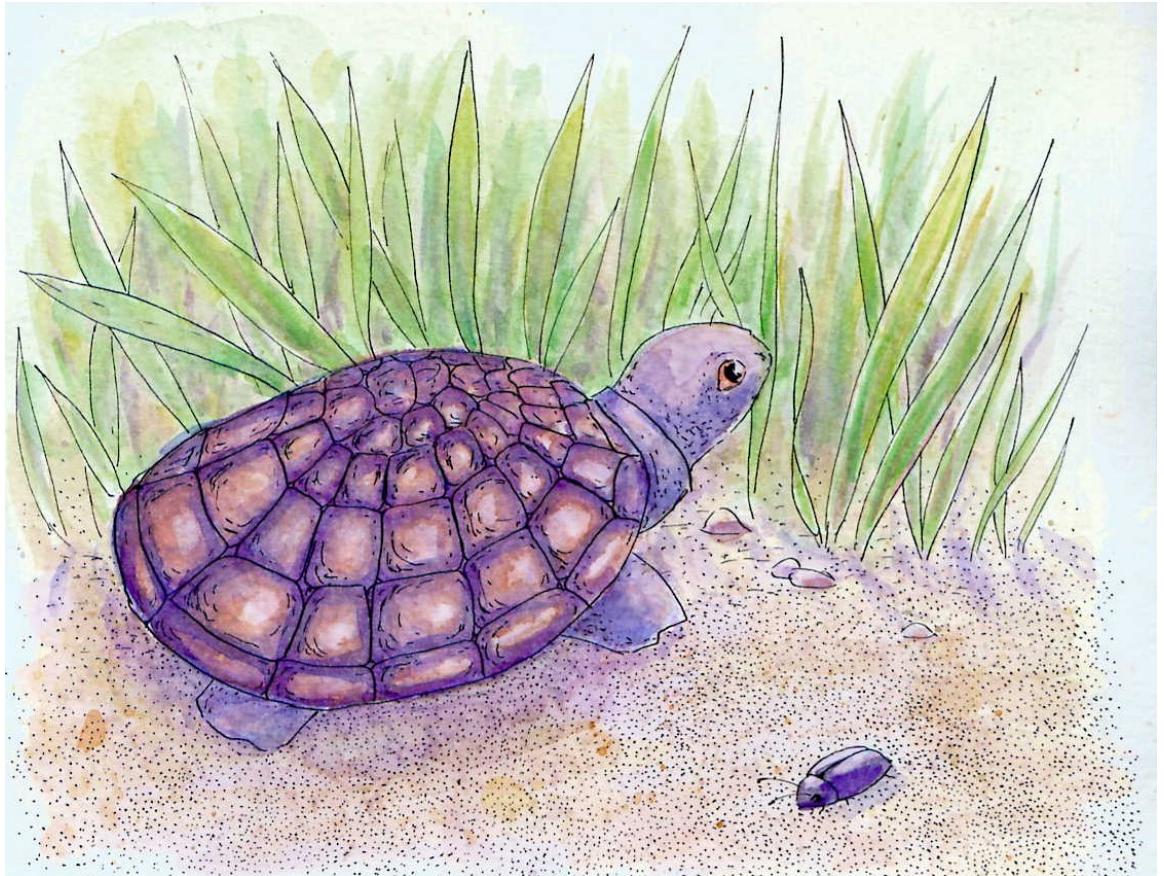
Very carefully the turtle entered the forest and passed through to the other side without tripping over a log. All the while saying over and over, "Uwungelema, Uwungelema, Uwungelema."



The rabbit thanked the owner and began to race down the mountain.
On the way in its haste, the rabbit got caught in some vines, tripped and
hit its head on a rock.

Brushing itself off, it continued down the mountain, through the forest
and across the plain.

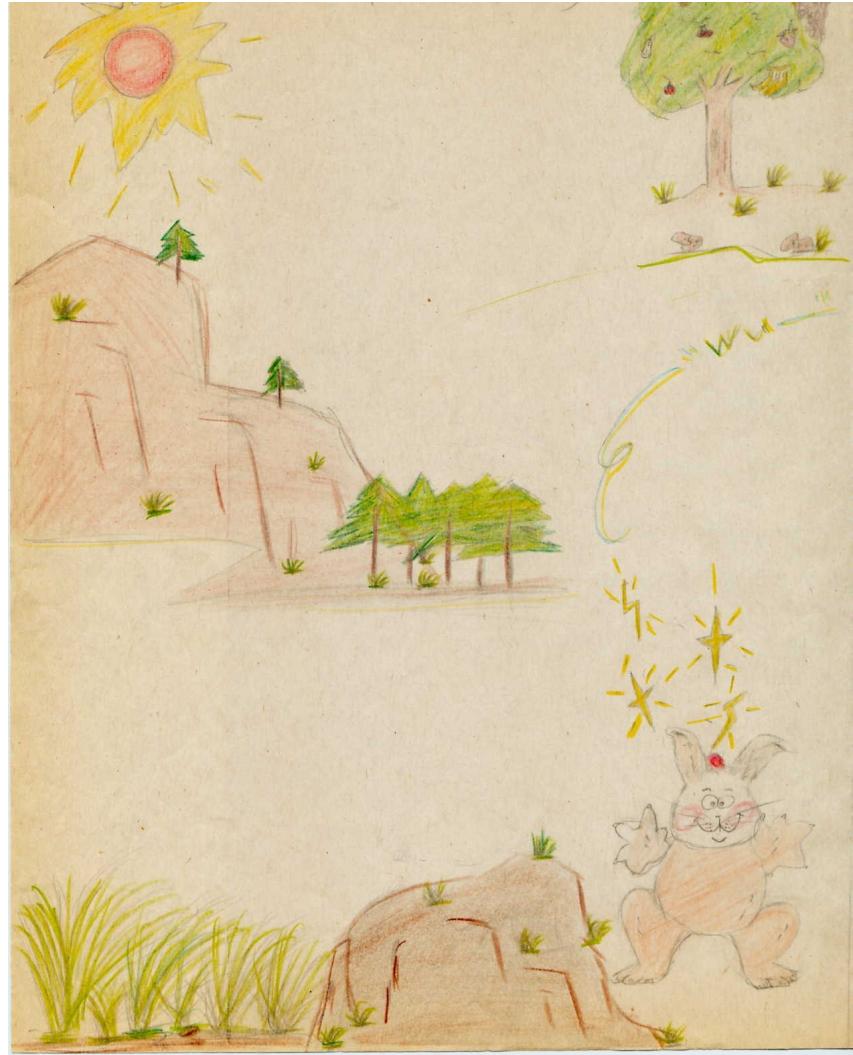
All the other animals cheered when the rabbit came hopping back.



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The owner replied, "Certainly, however, you must say the tree's name, which is Uwungelema, before you can eat the fruit."

The turtle thanked the owner and slowly started back.



"It is ours!" the rabbit cried. "All we must do is say the name of the tree, which is..."

The rabbit looked puzzled for a moment. The other animals gathered close. "What's the name?" they cried.

"Uma wuma gamba ... Ua wu ra ree ..." The rabbit kept trying to say the tree's name, but could not remember it.

"Oh no!" cried the rabbit. "When I tripped on the steep mountain and hit my head on a rock the name of the tree must have jumped right out of my mind!"



"We must send someone else," the animals said.

Suddenly a little voice called, "I will go."

Everyone turned to look down at the turtle. They began to laugh.

"You're far too slow," they said.

"I'll go anyway," said the turtle. Walking slowly but steadily, across the plain, through the forest and up the high mountain.

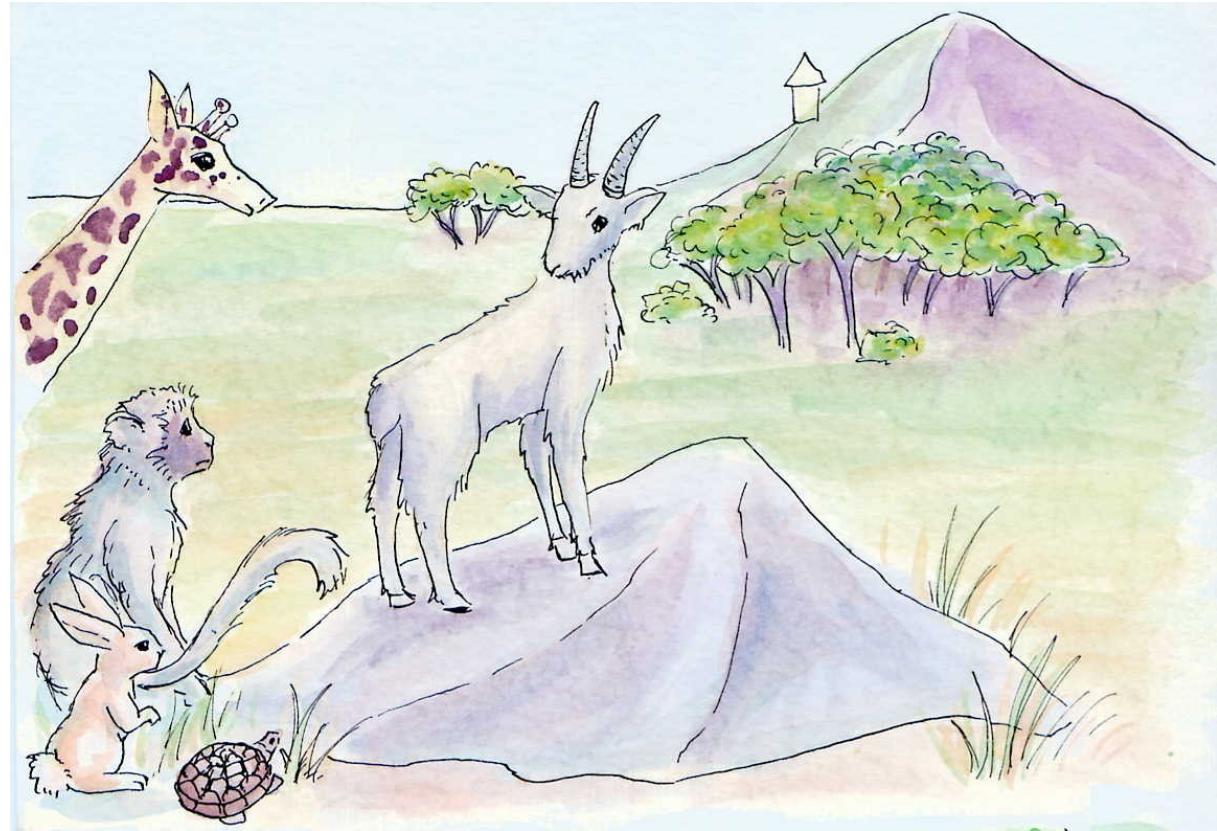


"We must send someone else," the animals said.

"I will go," offered the goat. "I am sure footed and will not trip on the very steep mountain."

The goat galloped away, across the plain, through the forest and up the high mountain.

"Excuse me," said the goat to the owner, "please may we eat the fruit from your tree that grows down the mountain, through the forest and across the plain?"



"It is ours!" the goat cried. "All we must do is say the name of the tree, which is..." The goat looked puzzled for a moment. The other animals gathered close. "What's the name?" they cried.

"Uma wuma gamba ... Ua wu ra ree ..." The goat kept trying to say the tree's name, but could not remember it.

"Oh no!" cried the goat. "When I tripped on the log in the forest and hit my head on a rock the name of the tree must have jumped right out of my mind!"



The owner replied, "Certainly, however, you must say the tree's name, which is Uwungelema, before you can eat the fruit." The goat thanked the owner and raced down the mountain without tripping.

The goat entered the forest and in its haste tripped over a log and bumped its head on a rock. Brushing itself off, it continued through the forest and across the plain. All the other animals cheered when the goat came galloping back.

