

# Two Suitors

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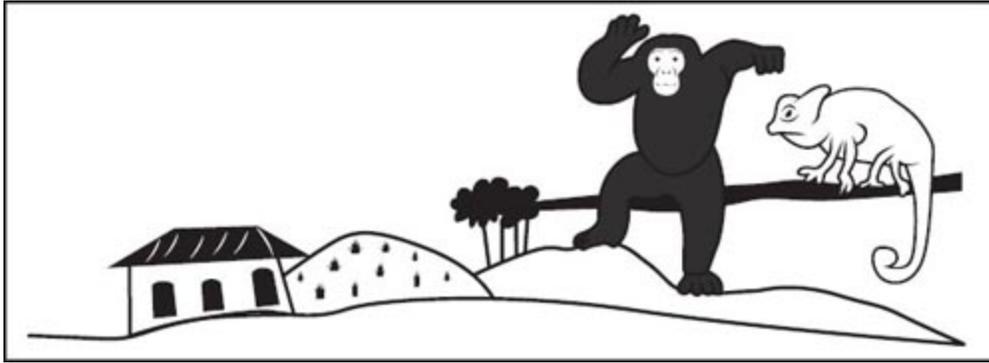
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## The Two Suitors



*At that time, the monkey and the chameleon decided to marry the daughter of a butcher.*

*Each one of them had his own position. The girl's father, who was aware of this, called the two suitors to his house.*

*"I will give my daughter to the first among you who catches me early in the morning," said the father.*

*On these words, the monkey observed the chameleon for a long time.*

*"What a pity!" Said the monkey, "You have no strength. Go and rest."*

*The chameleon was vexed and immediately started to work. He went into the bush, crying, looking for a solution. He knew that the monkey was faster than he was. The game was lost. This made him sad.*

*He met the doe who asked him the cause of his sorrow, and he told her his adventure. The kindly doe went to the hawk, who had long wanted to catch the monkey, then said to the chameleon.*

*"Dry your tears. Come with me to the village."*

*As soon as they arrived, they were received by the villagers. Each one explained his idea, and fortunately, with the help of their hosts, they were satisfied.*

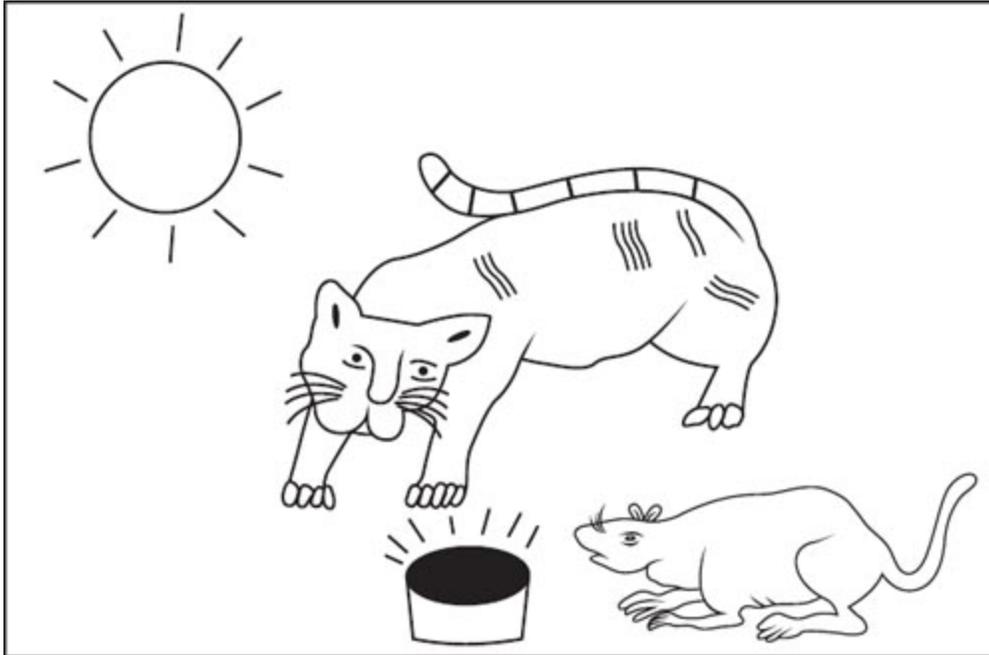
*The hawk carried the chameleon on his head. The hawk and the chameleon arrived. The butcher saw the chameleon and said:*

*“You are a good and quick man. I will give you my daughter.”*

*When it was already daylight, the monkey still did not decide to go to get his wife. That day, he had left his home at seven in the morning to chat with his companions.*

*When he arrived at “Koass-Tenga”, he found the chameleon and many other chameleons gloating. All the chameleons burst out laughing and the monkey, ashamed, went home crying.*

## The Cat and The Mouse



*One day, the mouse sent her little mouse to the market to buy some butter. Unfortunately, on the way, he met the cat, who asked him:*

*“My little one, where are you going?”*

*“My mother sent me to buy butter”, replied the mouse.*

*“So, hurry up and get there, or you won’t get the butter”, said the cat.*

*With a flick of his paw, the mouse ran straight to the place. Meanwhile, the mean cat was waiting for him in the middle of the road on the way back.*

*When he arrived at the market, the mouse bought what he wanted, and at the end of the day, he carelessly took the road back to his home. On the way, he met the cat again, who blocked his way.*

*The naughty cat complained and said:*

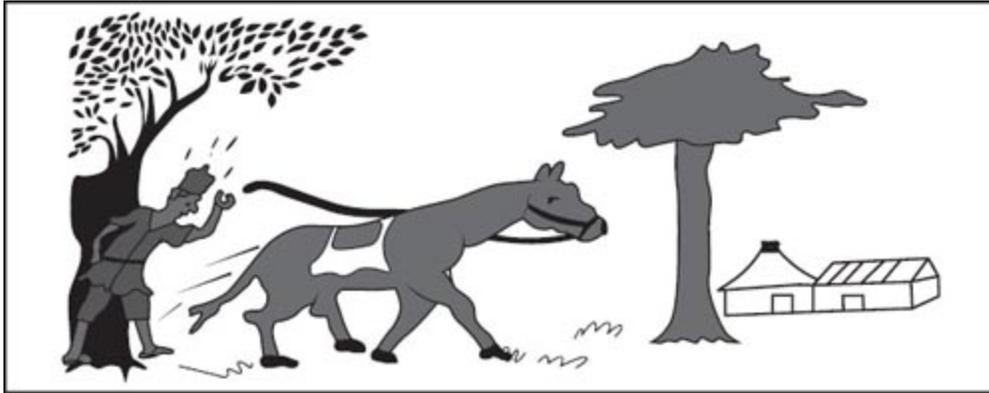
*“Give me the butter so that I can take it to your mother. You are not fast enough, and the sun may melt it.”*

*On hearing these words, the mouse wanted to run away, but the cat jumped on him and devoured him.*

*Moral:*

*Children need more protection because a failed education cannot be repeated.*

## The Dishonest Traveler



*A long time ago, a man went on a journey. His name was Nassoukou.*

*On the way, exhausted by the long journey, he decided to spend the night at a friend's house. He was going to continue his journey the next day. Fortunately for him, his friend welcomed him in to his house with his wife. That some day, a large dog was slaughtered. Nassoukou made it clear to his friend that he did not eat dog meat.*

*"It is my totem."*

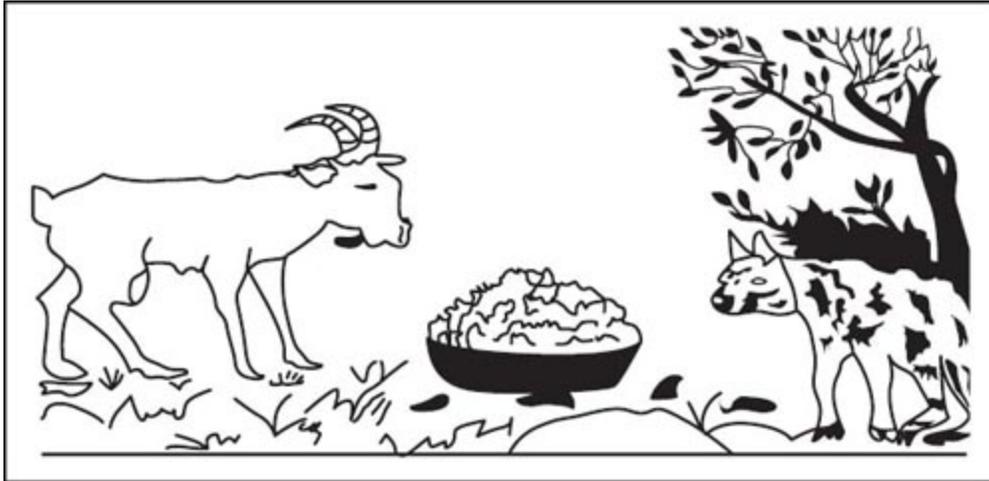
*To prove his friendship, his friend lent him his donkey to make his journey pleasant. But in the middle of the night, Nassoukou got up and saw that the dog meat was fat. His mouth watered. Excited, Nassoukou took the meat and put it in his bag.*

*At the time when the roosters crow, he woke up immediately informed his friend of his departure. The latter wished him a very good trip. Nassoukou hung his bag on the donkey and disappeared into the bush.*

*On the way, unfortunately for him, frightened by two furious antelopes, the donkey knocked him down. The donkey headed back to his master's family unit carrying on its back the bag of meat that Nassoukou had stolen. Nassoukou stood up, covered in dust.*

*If you were in Nassoukou's place, would you agree to follow the donkey to its master's house, or would you continue your journey?*

## The Goat and The Hyena



*In the past, animals in the bush could talk to each other. Each one had its problems. The lion was recognized as their undisputed leader. Unfortunately, one day, the lion got a serious disease called “hernia”.*

*At that time, the goat was a salt peddler. The hyena was a cattle rustler.*

*One day, the hyena caught the goat in the bush with his salt. He said to him:*

*“Hello, friend goat. What are you selling?”*

*The goat answered calmly that he had become a salt trader.*

*On hearing this, the hyena was about to pounce on the poor animal, but the lion’s roar brought him back to order.*

*To avoid the lion’s anger, the hyena went to him.*

*“Majesty, I have just learned that a terrible disease has been tormenting you for some time. I have the solution to your problem: the goat.”*

*On learning these words, the lion made the goat come. The hyena spoke up and said:*

*“Friend goat, our king is currently ill, and to cure him, we need two goat ears, his testicles, all mixed with salt. This potion will relieve the pain he is suffering from.”*

*Thinking he was playing a trick on the goat, the hyena started to laugh at him.*

*Suddenly, the goat stood and addressed the lion as follows:*

*“Majesty! I owe you a great deal of respect. Just know that the goat lied. We both went to see the marabout. Instead of two ears and two testicles of goat, I assure you that only the head of a hyena was recommended by the marabout.”*

*The sentences of the goat made Bouki tremble. The lion stared at the hyena, who let out a loud cry. The lion jumped on him, and out off came his head. The goat mixed salt into the head.*

*When the lion ate the medicine, he was miraculously cured. This is how the goat managed to escape.*

*Moral:*

*He who is not safe should not laugh at one who is drowning.*

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