

O que disse a irmã de Vusi

What Vusi's sister said

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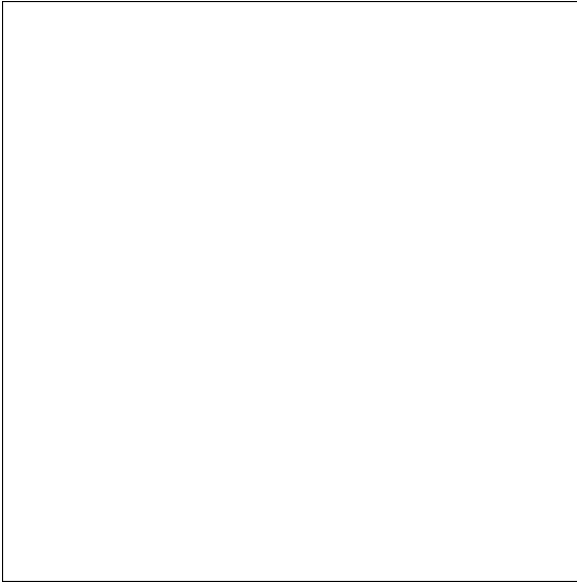
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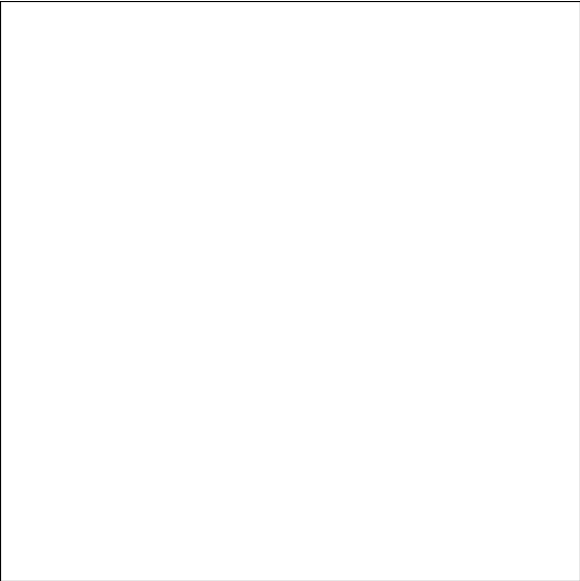




Certa madrugada, a avozinha de Vusi o chamou: “Vusi, leva este ovo para os teus pais. Eles querem fazer um grande bolo para o casamento da tua irmã”.

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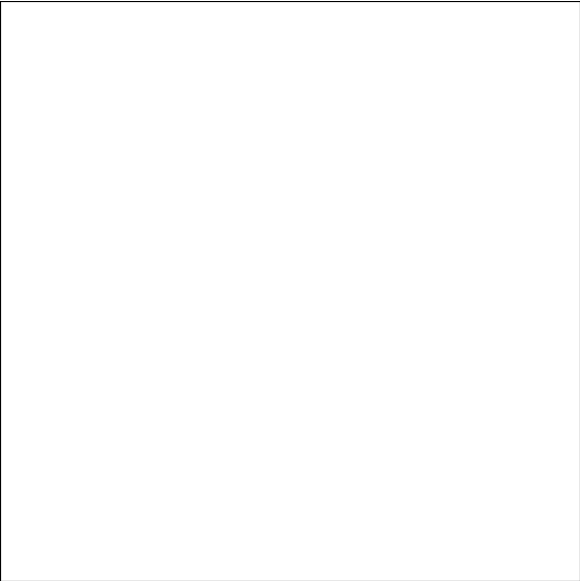
Early one morning Vusi’s granny called him, “Vusi, please take this egg to your parents. They want to make a large cake for your sister’s wedding”.



No caminho para a casa dos pais, Vusi encontrou dois rapazes apanhando fruta. Um rapaz tirou o ovo das mãos de Vusi e atirou-o em uma árvore. O ovo quebrou.

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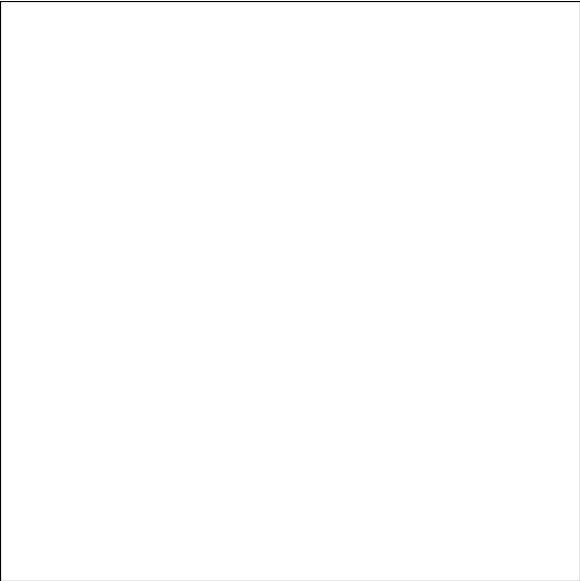
On his way to his parents, Vusi met two boys picking fruit. One boy grabbed the egg from Vusi and shot it at a tree. The egg broke.



“O que você fez?”, gritou Vusi. “Aquele ovo era para um bolo. O bolo era para o casamento da minha irmã. O que é que a minha irmã dirá se não tiver bolo de casamento?”.

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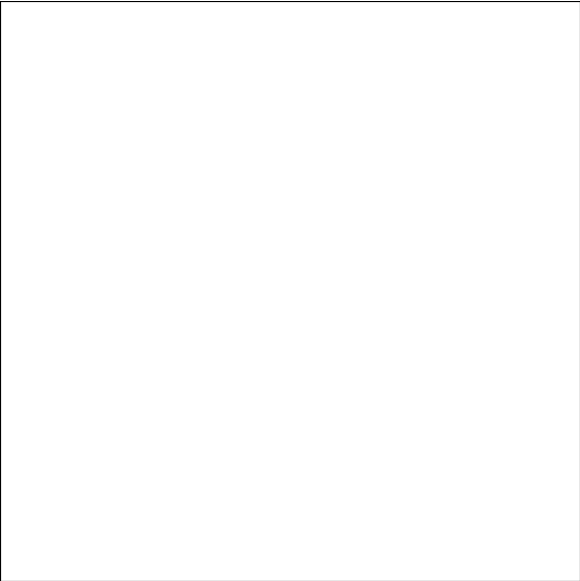
“What have you done?” cried Vusi. “That egg was for a cake. The cake was for my sister’s wedding. What will my sister say if there is no wedding cake?”



Os rapazes lamentaram ter provocado Vusi. “Não podemos lhe ajudar com o bolo, mas podemos lhe dar esse pedaço de madeira para a sua irmã”, disse um dos rapazes. Vusi continuou a sua caminhada.

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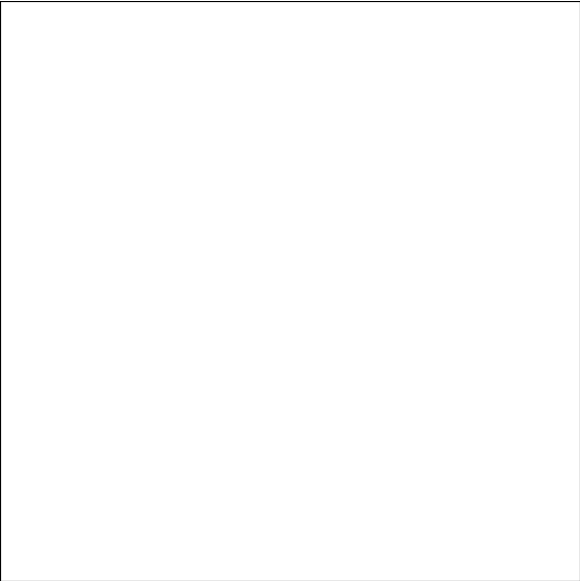
The boys were sorry for teasing Vusi. “We can’t help with the cake, but here is a walking stick for your sister,” said one. Vusi continued on his journey.



No meio do caminho, encontrou dois homens construindo uma casa. “Podemos usar essa madeira forte?”, perguntou um. Mas a madeira não era suficientemente forte para o edifício e quebrou.

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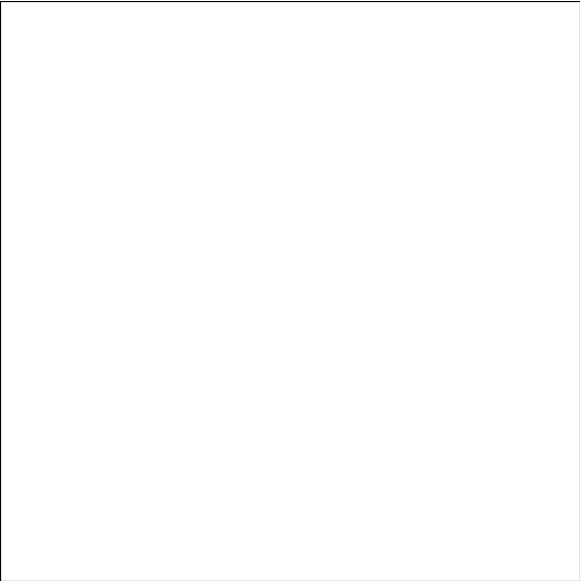
Along the way he met two men building a house. “Can we use that strong stick?” asked one. But the stick was not strong enough for building, and it broke.



“O que você fez?”, gritou Vusi. “Essa madeira era um presente para a minha irmã. Os apanhadores de fruta me deram a madeira porque quebraram o ovo para o bolo. O bolo era para o casamento da minha irmã. Agora, nem ovo, nem bolo, nem presente. O que a minha irmã vai dizer?”

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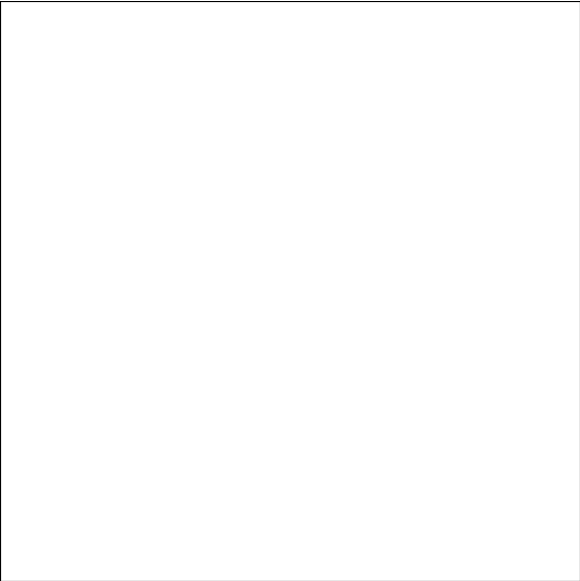
“What have you done?” cried Vusi. “That stick was a gift for my sister. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for the cake. The cake was for my sister’s wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift. What will my sister say?”



Os construtores lamentaram ter partido a madeira. “Não lhe podemos ajudar com o bolo, mas toma esta palha para a sua irmã”, disse um. E então Vusi continuou a sua caminhada.

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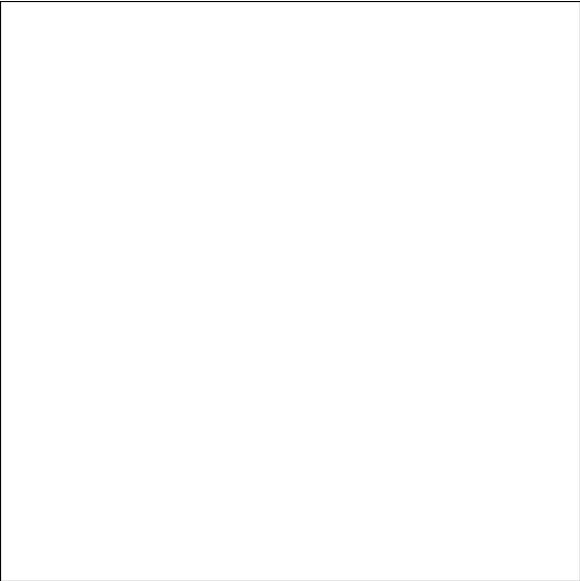
The builders were sorry for breaking the stick. “We can’t help with the cake, but here is some thatch for your sister,” said one. And so Vusi continued on his journey.



No seu caminho, Vusi encontrou um agricultor e uma vaca. “Que palha deliciosa, posso provar um bocadinho?”, perguntou a vaca. Mas a palha era tão saborosa que a vaca comeu tudo!

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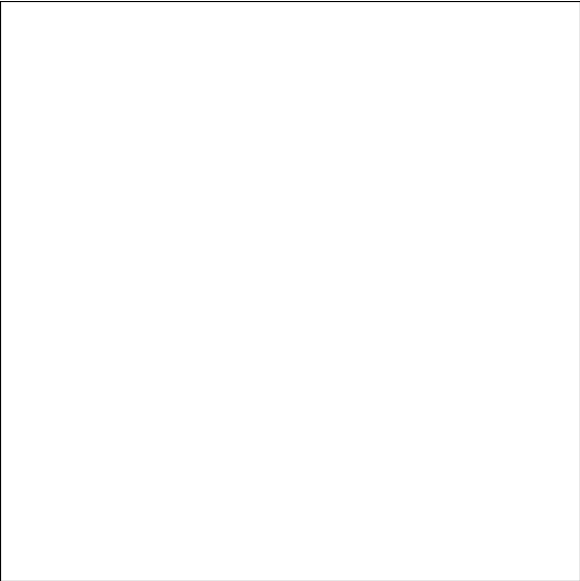
Along the way, Vusi met a farmer and a cow. “What delicious thatch, can I have a nibble?” asked the cow. But the thatch was so tasty that the cow ate it all!



“O que você fez?”, gritou Vusi. “Essa palha era um presente para a minha irmã. Os construtores deram essa palha porque quebraram a madeira dos apanhadores de fruta. Os apanhadores deram-me a madeira porque quebraram o ovo para o bolo da minha irmã. O bolo era para o casamento da minha irmã. Agora, nem ovo, nem bolo, nem presente. O que dirá a minha irmã?”

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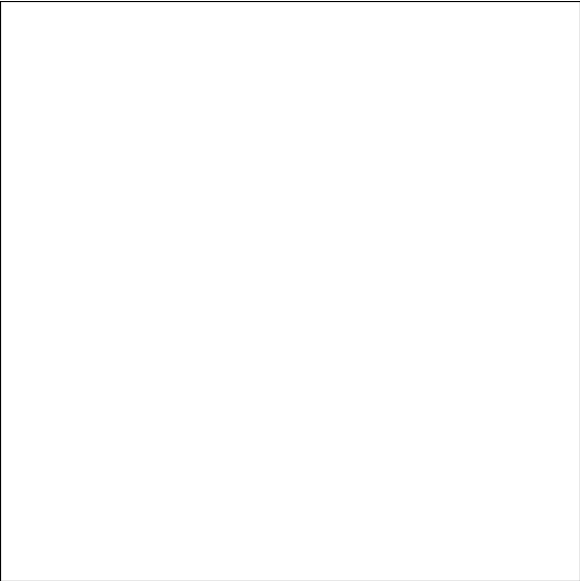
“What have you done?” cried Vusi. “That thatch was a gift for my sister. The builders gave me the thatch because they broke the stick from the fruit pickers. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for my sister’s cake. The cake was for my sister’s wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift. What will my sister say?”



A vaca lamentou ter sido gulosa. O agricultor concordou que a vaca deveria seguir Vusi como presente para a sua irmã. E então Vusi continuou a caminhada.

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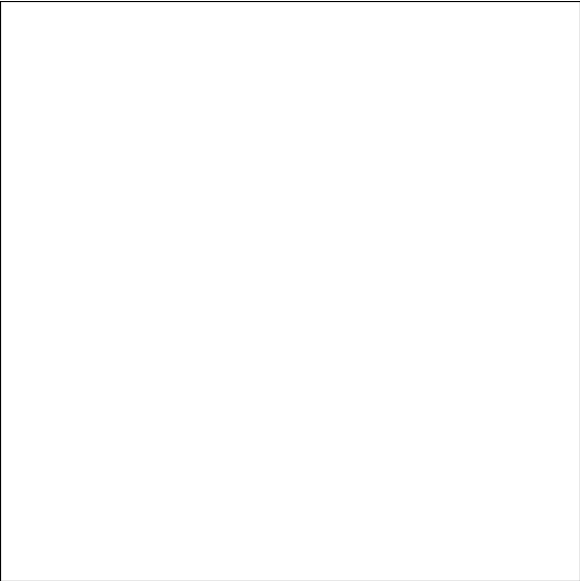
The cow was sorry she was greedy. The farmer agreed that the cow could go with Vusi as a gift for his sister. And so Vusi carried on.



Mas a vaca fugiu de volta para o agricultor na hora do jantar. E Vusi se perdeu no caminho. Chegou muito tarde para o casamento da sua irmã. Os convidados já tinham começado a comer.

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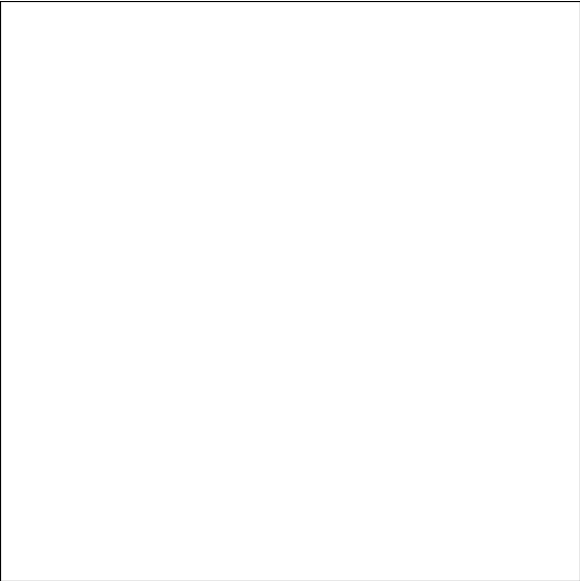
But the cow ran back to the farmer at supper time. And Vusi got lost on his journey. He arrived very late for his sister's wedding. The guests were already eating.



“O que é que devo fazer?”, gritou Vusi. “A vaca que fugiu era uma presente em troca da palha que os construtores me deram. Os construtores deram a palha porque quebraram a madeira dos apanhadores de fruta. Os apanhadores de fruta deram a madeira porque quebraram o ovo para o bolo. O bolo era para o casamento. Agora, nem ovo, nem bolo, nem presente”.

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“What shall I do?” cried Vusi. “The cow that ran away was a gift, in return for the thatch the builders gave me. The builders gave me the thatch because they broke the stick from the fruit pickers. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for the cake. The cake was for the wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift.”



A irmã de Vusi pensou por uns momentos, e disse: “Vusi, meu irmão, eu não quero saber dos presentes. Nem me interessa o bolo! Estamos todos juntos e, por isso, estou feliz. Agora, veste a sua roupa de cerimónia e vamos celebrar este dia!” - E assim fez Vusi.

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Vusi’s sister thought for a while, then she said, “Vusi my brother, I don’t really care about gifts. I don’t even care about the cake! We are all here together, I am happy. Now put on your smart clothes and let’s celebrate this day!” And so that’s what Vusi did.



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