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# The Evil Forest

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There were many snakes near Nyare village. The biggest was Lego. It swallowed whole goats and sheep.



One day, Apiyo, Ajoh and Atieno went to fetch firewood. Grandmother said, "Be careful of Lego. Fetch firewood only." Ajoh did not pay attention.



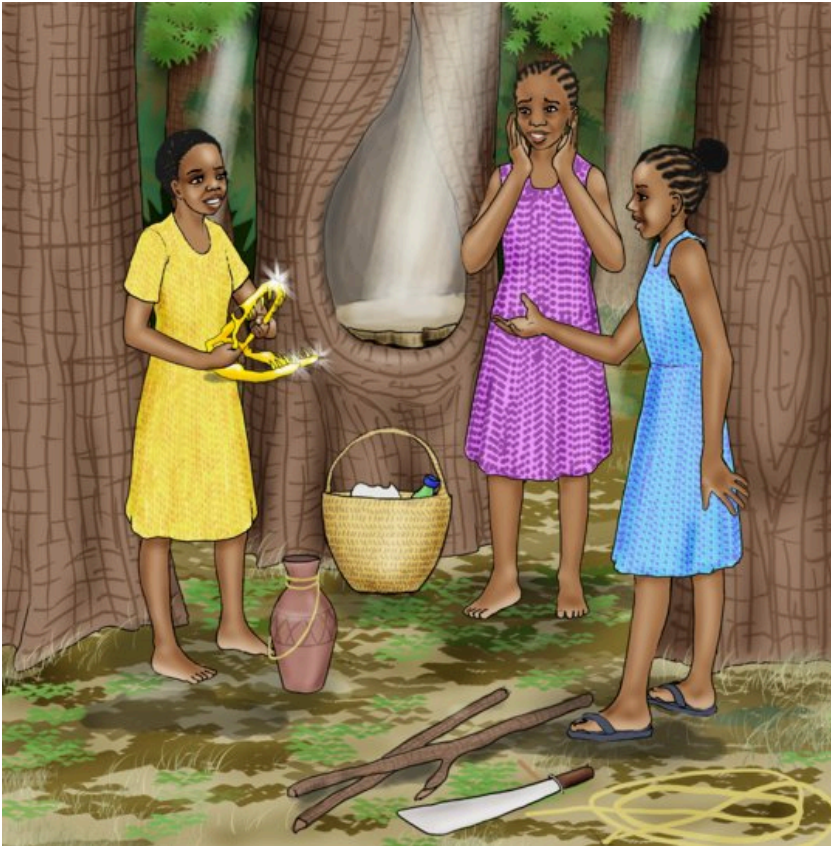
The girls packed some food, ropes and a sharp machete. Apiyo said, "I am the oldest, so you must listen to me."



They talked and laughed as they walked. Suddenly, Apiyo said, "Be quiet. We are near where Lego lives."



Atieno said, "These are Lego's golden teeth. Let us take them." Apiyo reminded them, "Remember what grandmother told us. We must fetch only firewood."



Ajoh said,  
"Grandmother  
does not know  
anything. I will take  
the golden teeth."  
Apiyo and Atieno  
were not happy.



Lego came looking for his golden teeth. They were not there. Lego thought, "The one who took my teeth will know who I am!"





On their way home,  
the girls heard,  
"Hzzzzzzzz!" Lego  
was there with his  
mouth wide open,  
ready to bite.



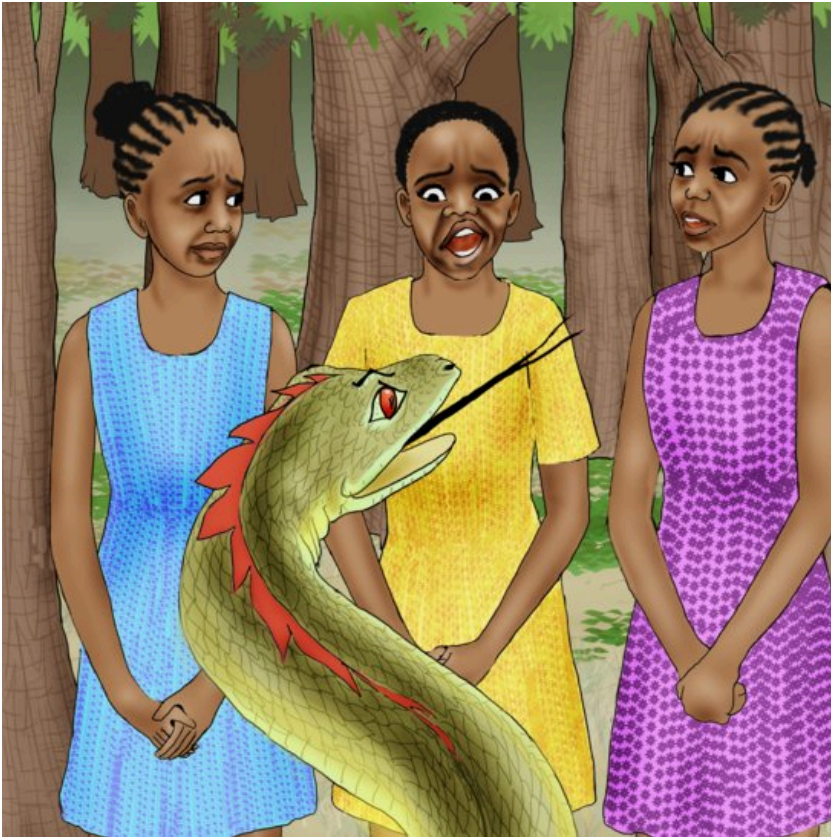
Lego asked, "Who took my golden teeth?" No one answered.

Lego said, "The innocent girl will sing well. The thief will not."



Apiyo sang:  
It's not me! It's not  
me who took the  
teeth!  
The one who took  
is near!

Atieno also sang  
well.



Ajoh sang badly and the words did not come out. Lego shouted, "Sing like the others." Lego knew that Ajoh took his golden teeth.



Lego swallowed Aloh. Her sisters ran home to say what happened. The girls' grandmother said sadly, "I warned them, if only Aloh had listened."

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