

Story 7

Cigaal Shiidaad and the Lion Stump

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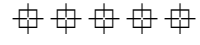
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Lesson: Don't be afraid of everything you don't recognize.

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SHEEKADA TODDOBAAD
CIGAAL IYO JIRID

Bari waxaa jirey nin la yidhaahdo Cigaal Shiidaad. Wuxuu ku caanbaxay fulaynimo. Habeen habeenada ka mid ah ayuu guure galay. Wuxuu arkay geed jiridii oo ka muuqata meel ku beegan hortiisa. Cigaal wuxuu u maleeyey Libaax wadada fadhiya oo isaga gaadaya. Gaashaankiisii iyo warankiisii ayuu la diyaar garowbay, oo ku qayliyey, yur-yur, yur-yur. Wallee aniga Libaaxow caawa i ma dagtid geedna iskagama kay dhigtid. Habeenkii oo dhan wuxuu ku jirey feejignaan uu Libaaxa iska eegayo, hase ahaatee markii waagii baryey ayuu wuxuu arkay, wuxuu Libaax u maleynayey oo aan Libaaxba ahayn. Illeen geed jiridii ayuu difaac kula jirey habeenkii oo dhan.

Isaga oo yaaban wuxuu yidhi, "Geed-yahow ma waxaan ku mooday, mise waxaad noqotay, mise waxaan loo noqon doonin. Waxaan ku mooday libaax, waxaadse noqotay Jirid, waxaanse loo noqon doonin guure habeenimo."



Dulucda sheekada:

Ha noqon fule waxkasta ka baqda.

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A Play

Time: A long time ago at night

Place: The countryside in Somalia

Characters: Cigaal

Narrator

Narrator: One night Cigaal Shiidaad was traveling alone in the countryside. He was scared because it was getting very dark and he couldn't see the dangers around him.

Cigaal: What's that over there? I think I see something moving. Who is there? I have my weapons and I'll use them if you take another step towards me.

Narrator: He looks more closely, and he thinks he sees a lion.

Cigaal: (Yelling) Get away from here lion! I'll kill you if you take another step!

Narrator: But the lion wouldn't move. Cigaal was too scared to pass, so he stayed there hiding all night. In the morning Cigaal saw that the lion he thought was in his way actually was an old tree stump.

Cigaal: A tree stump! I was afraid of a tree stump! I thought it was a lion about to attack me. I will never travel at night again.

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New Vocabulary

attack	shield
countryside	spear
coward	stand/stood
different	think/thought
loudly	traveling
path	tree stump
scared	

Suggested Background Information, Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Discuss the question: What is a coward?
How is being scared different from being a coward?
2. Talk about the dangers of traveling alone at night on a Somali country road.
3. Use the new vocabulary in sentences.
4. Compare and contrast travel in Somalia with travel in the United States (different dangers, etc.).

After Reading

1. What is the main idea in this story?
2. What lesson can be learned from this story?
3. What would you have done in this situation?
4. Tell how the power of the imagination was important in this story.
5. Tell a story about how you were tricked at night by your imagination.
6. Why do you think we are more scared at night than in the day?
7. List the animals that see in the dark and those that don't.
8. Tell other Cigaal stories in which he is a coward.
9. Fill in the cloz activity for this story.
10. Do the sequence activity.

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Cloz activity

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