

Story 9

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Cigaaal's wife wrapped him in a rug, and she cried and cried. Cigaaal didn't trust her to cry as much as he wanted

her to cry. So he said to her, "Cry louder! Cry until tears come from your eyes."

While she was crying, the enemy came. They asked her when her husband had died. Before she could answer, Cigaal said from inside the rug, "Say that he died yesterday."

His wife said, "He died yesterday."

The enemy was shocked to hear Cigaal speak. They said, "This is not a real man. He is such a coward that he cannot hurt us. Let him live with the women and the children. Let's go."

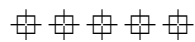
Lesson: People don't respect a coward.

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SHEEKADA SAGAALAAD
CIGAAL IYO COL

Beri baa waxaa jiray beel meel wada deggenayd. Cigaal Shiidaad reerkiisuna beeshaas ayey ka mid ahaayeen. Maalin waxaa beeshii soo dhex galay dhiilo, col ayaa la sheegay. Cigaal xaaskiisii ayaa maqashey markaas ayey oradey oo ninkeedii ku tidhi, "war waxa la sheegeyaa col ee ka kac meesha oo raga soo wareyso." Cigaal wuxuu ku jawaabey, "Naa weligaa ayaad balaayo sheegtaaye dhiilo hana gelin, ee dhibaataada naga daa." Xaaskii baa tidhi, "Waar warka dadka oo dhan ayaa sheegeya ee adigu raga la soo sheekayso." Intii Cigaal iyo xaaskiisii warkii isku hayeen ayaa qaylo soo yeedhey. "Hayaay! waar ka kaca! Waar ka kaca! waa coleey!"

Xaaskii ayaa tidhi, "waar meesha ka carar." Cigaal wuxuu yidhi, "Naa carar meel ku gaadhi maayee raro i saar oo waxaad tidhaa, ninkaygii wuu dhintey alla goblamayeey." Inta ay raro saartey ayey baroor ayey bilowday. Cigaal wuxuu dhaliilay oohintii xaaskiisa, oo intuu raradii iska rogay yidhi,

“Naa codka kor u qaad oo aad u barooro.” Xaaskii oo weli qaylinaysa ayaa colkii u yimi, markas ayaa colkii ku yidhi, “naa maxaa ku hellay, oo goormuu ninku kaa dhintay?” xaaskii oo aan weli jawaabin ayuu raradii hoosteedii ka qayliyey oo yidhi, “Naa shaley buu dhintay dheh.” Colkii inta ay yaabeen ayey yidhaheen war inaga keena ninkan hore ayuu u dhintee. Cigaal shiidaadna sidaa ayuu ku badbaadey.



Dulucda sheekada:

Soomaalidu waxay ku maahmaahdaa fule hooyadii ma goblanto.

get ready for the attack. You are a man.
You must help them now.

Narrator: While they were talking, the enemy
arrived.

Townspeople: Here they are! The enemy is here! Here
they come!

The enemy: Attack! We're here to attack you! Let's
go men. Let's fight.

Cigaal: It is too late to escape now. The enemy
will kill all the men. I am going to sleep in
front of our house. Roll me in a rug and
cry, "Oh, my husband is dead."

Narrator: Cigaal's wife wrapped him in a rug. Just
then the enemy came.

Cigaal's wife: Oh, my husband is dead! (cries)

Cigaal: Cry louder! Cry until tears come to your
eyes.

Narrator: The enemies stared at the rug in
amazement.

Cigaal's wife: (Cries louder) Oh, my husband is dead.
(Cries)

Enemy: When did your husband die?

Cigaal: Say he died yesterday.

Wife: He died yesterday.

Narrator: The enemies were surprised to hear Cigaal. They started to laugh. They pointed to the rug.

Enemy: This is not a real man. Let him live with the women and children. Let's go.

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New Vocabulary

arrived	neighboring
attack	shocked
believe	shouted
enemy/enemies	town
escape	trust
frightened	wondered
hear/heard	

Suggested Background Information,

Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Discuss clan rivalry in Somalia, e.g., the focus on land and property.
2. Discuss the importance of having a generally agreed upon plan of defense.
3. Learn the new vocabulary and use these words in sentences.

After Reading

1. What's the main idea of this story?
2. How is this story funny? What parts made you laugh?
3. What would have happened if Cigaal had met the enemy at the door ?
4. Why did the enemy leave Cigaal alive?
5. Do the cloz exercise.
6. Do the sequencing exercise.
7. Do a story map.

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Cloz activity

Fill in the missing words in the story using the following words:

asleep	escape	him	ready
attack	eyes	husband	rug
believe	frighten	inside	shouted
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do	help	quickly	yesterday

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