

## Story 18 Dagdare

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When the first wife saw the beautiful young wife and the new house, she got jealous. She got so jealous that she was almost crazy. Jealousy took over her. The next night she left the house with her baby. Her husband was with the new wife so he didn't know that the first wife had left with their child.

In the morning, everyone found out that she had gone. They went to find her, but they couldn't.

She tried to find where her family lived, but she got lost. She traveled many days and nights. She finally got to the Nugal Valley. The Nugal Valley was known as a place where a woman named Dagdare hunts for people.

While the first wife was walking, she sensed that someone was running after her. But the running she heard was different than the running she knew. The running created all kinds of dust and wind. She knew that the person running after her was Dagdare. She kept running faster and faster and Dagdare kept running after her too.

The mother and her son were both fat. Dagdare loved fat people. She was very hungry for them. Dagdare was used to running fast, and no one she chased ever got away from her. Dagdare was running faster and faster, but the mother was running too. While they were running, they came to some hargega holes (deep holes) in the ground. When the mother saw these deep holes that she couldn't cross, she said, "Allah, save me." Then she jumped across safely with her son.

Dagdare stopped, and didn't want to take the risk of jumping over these holes. When she couldn't jump, she said,

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They can stop a man that is flying.

Oh, look at the woman's body.

Oh, look at the whiteness of her skin.

Oh, look at her body shake.

Look at her cute baby.

Oh, hargega holes.

Oh, they can stop a flying man."

**Lesson:** You can do many things, if you really try.

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SHEEKADA SIDEED IYO TOBNAAD  
DHAGDHEER

Waxa la yidhi nin baa naag aad u qurux badan qabay. Naagtu ninka wiil ayey u lahayd. Reerkuna reer iska ladan oo xoolo leh ayey ahaayeen. Ninkii baa naagkale guursadey. Wuxuu xoolihii minweynta u qaybiyey laba, aqal cusubna minyaradii uga dhisay minweynta agteeda. Xaaskii hore ayaa markay aqalkii cusbaa iyo gabadha yar quruxdeedii aragtay masayrtay oo maryihii tuuri gaadhay. Ileen waa hinaastaye, habeenkii dambe ayey intay ilmaheedii xambaaratay reerkii ka guurtay. Ninkeediina gurigiisii kale ayuu joogay oo waxba ma'ogayn. Subaxdii markii la ogaaday ayaa la baadi doonay waase laga quustay.

Minweyntii duddayna way ambatey oo reerkoodii meeshii ugu dambaysay ayey garanwayday. Waxay maalmo iyo habeenno badan sii socotaba dooxadii nugaal ayey gaadhay. Halkaas oo ahayd meel aad u cabsi badan oo lagu yiqiin dadqalatadii Dhegdheer ee dadka madhisay. Iyada oo socota ayey aragtay qof ka soo daba ordaya. Hadaba

orodku kay arki jirtay muu ahayne wuxuu ahaa mid boodhka, habaaska iyo siigada ka kacaysa aad yaabto. Markaa ayey garatay qofka sidaa u soo gurdamaya ee waxaas oo habaas ah kicinaya inay dhegdheer oo cunto doon ah tahay. Markaa ayey cagaha wax ka dayday Dhegdheerna way eryatay.

Hooyada iyo wiilkeeduba aad ayey u buurnaayeen. Dhegdheer waxaa oo baruur ah markay aragtay ayey gaajadii ku sii kacday. Dhagdheer aad ayey u dheerayn jirtay waligeedna qof ay eryatay kama baxsan. Sidii laysu eryanayay waxa lugu soo baxay Boholaha Xargaga. Hooyadii markii ay aragtay in aanay bohosha dhana uga baydhi karin ayey bisinka qabsatay oo wiilkeedii kala dul booday. Dhegdheer oo da'ahayd way hakatay. Markay bohosha ka dul boodi kari wayday waxay tidhi:

Hoh iyo boholaha Xargaga

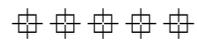
Nin xiimayey xidhaan

Nin duulayey dabraan

Bal naagtaa badhida daya

Bal bowdyo cadaanta daya

Bal buluq-buluqdeeda daya  
Bal bacoolkay sidato daya  
Hoh iyo Boholaha Xargaga  
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*Dulucda sheekada:*

*Dhibaatooyin badan ayaad ka badbaadi kartaa haddii aad  
illaahay aaminto.*

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A Play

**Time:** A long time ago

**Place:** In a town in Somalia and in the Nugal Valley

**Characters:** Narrator  
First wife  
Dagdare

**Narrator:** Once upon a time a man married a beautiful woman. They had a son together. After awhile the husband married another woman. He divided his animals into two different parts for each of his wives. He built a big house for his new wife. The new house was next to the house of the first wife.

**First Wife:** (talking to herself) Look at the beautiful new house built next to mine. My husband must not love me and our son anymore. He loves that new wife of his too much to even look at

us. I can't stand to live here anymore. I know what I'll do. I'll take my son and leave. I'll return to my family. They are the only ones who love me.

**Narrator:** The wife traveled for many days. She was lost and tired. She finally got to the Nugal Valley where the monstrous Dagdare lives and hunts people.

**First Wife:** Someone seems to be following us. I think someone is running after us. Listen to the loud noise. Look at all the dust and wind. It must be Dagdare. Dagdare must be running after us.

**Narrator:** The mother ran faster and faster. Dagdare kept running too. No one ever escaped from Dagdare before.

**Dagdare:** Here I come. I'll catch you both, and have you for dinner.

**Narrator:** The mother and son stop when they come to large holes in the ground called hargega holes.

**First Wife:** Oh, no! I can't jump over these big holes.  
Allah, save us! With Allah's help I can jump to  
freedom.

**Narrator:** The woman jumped across to safety with her  
son.

**Dagdare:** What! They're gone! They escaped from me!

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New Vocabulary

build/built	full speed
crazy	hear/heard
created	husband
deep	jealous/jealousy
different	marry/married
divided	risk
find/found	wife

Background Vocabulary

hargega holes  
valley

Suggested Background Information,  
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Study vocabulary.  
Use vocabulary in sentences.
2. Discuss Somali marriage customs, especially the custom of having more than one wife, and the importance of providing for each wife.
3. Discuss what is meant by a monster or giant. Must they always be bad? How are they used to add interest and excitement to fiction?
4. Discuss other stories with monsters and giants, e.g., Jack and the Beanstalk, Finn McCoul, Paul Bunyan, Godzilla, King Kong, Frankenstein, etc.

After Reading

1. Circle all the new vocabulary in the text.
2. Give the main idea of this story
3. What lessons can be learned from this story?
4. What part of this story could be true, and what part is clearly fiction?
5. Compare Dagdare with the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk.
6. Which characters in the story do you feel sorry for? Explain your answer.
7. Dramatize this story.
8. Make a story map.
9. Do the cloz activity.
10. Do the sequencing exercise.
11. Do the play.

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Cloz activity

Fill in the blanks with the following words:

away	faster	house	night
baby	fat	husband	Nugal
beautiful	first	jealous	people
body	flying	jumped	risk
child	gone	knew	running
crazy	ground	know	skin
Dagdare	heard	lost	two
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family	holes	mother	woman
fast			

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Number the following sentences in the order in which they appear in the story.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ The man marries another woman. He built a large house for the second wife. The house was next door to the first wife's house.
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