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**Grandma's bananas**

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Beerta ayeeyo waa mid cajiib ah, oo uu ka buuxo hadhuudh, masago, iyo xajmiga. Laakiin midka ugu wanaagsan dhamaan waa mooska. Inkasta oo ayeeyo ay leedahay ilmo faro badan, waxaan si qarsoodi ah u ogaaday in aan ahaa kan ay ugu jeceshahay. Waxay igu martiqaaday marar badan gurigeeda. Waxay kaloo ii sheegtay qarsoodi yar. Laakiin waxaa jiray hal qarsoodi oo aayna ila wadaagin: halka ay ku huuriso mooska.

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Grandma's garden was wonderful, full of sorghum, millet, and cassava. But best of all were the bananas. Although Grandma had many grandchildren, I secretly knew that I was her favourite. She invited me often to her house. She also told me little secrets. But there was one secret she did not share with me: where she ripened bananas.



Xilli danbe fiidkaas, waxaa ii yeedhey hooyaday iyo aabahay, iyo ayeeyo. Waan ogaa sababta. Habeenkaas saan sariirta udul jiifay saan u hurdo, waxaan ogaa inaan marnaba mar dambe wax xadaynin, ma ahan ayeeyo, waalidiintayda, iyo hubaashii ma aha qof kale.

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Later that evening I was called by my mother and father, and Grandma. I knew why. That night as I lay down to sleep, I knew I could never steal again, not from grandma, not from my parents, and certainly not from anyone else.

One day I saw a big straw basket placed in the sun outside Grandma's house. When I asked what it was for, the only answer I got was, "It's my magic basket." Next to the basket, there were several banana leaves that Grandma turned from time to time. I was curious, "What answer I got was, "They are my magic leaves."

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"Waa kalliyaa ee aan heley waxay ahayd, "Waa ayeyo? ayaaan weddiyyay. Jawaabta kalliyaa ee wan xiisheyney. "Waa maxay calleemaha, ayeyo isku badbadalaysay wadti ka wadti. Xigay, calleemo badan oo moods kuwas oo danbiliishaydi muqjisada." Danbiliisha waxaa ku aan heley waxay ahayd, "Waa ayeyo qorraxda bananaka guriiga ayeyo. Markeeli aan weddiyyay waxay ay ahayd, Jawaabta ay ugu ilibiso suuqda. Anigu ma aanan degdegini daadi jiriy moos bisladday iyo xajmi canaaha si Ayeyo ayaa horre u toostay. Marwala waxay mailintii xigtaghay waxay ahayd mailintii suuqda.



The following day was market day. Grandma woke up early. She always took ripe bananas and cassava to sell at the market. I did not hurry to visit her that day. But I could not avoid her for long. The following day was market day. Grandma mailintii xigtaghay waxay ahayd mailintii suuqda. Inaan boodo mailintas. Lakin ma aanan ka ay ugu ilibiso suuqda. Anigu ma aanan degdegini daadi jiriy moos bisladday iyo xajmi canaaha si Ayeyo ayaa horre u toostay. Marwala waxay mailintii xigtaghay waxay ahayd mailintii suuqda. Ayaan kariin muddo dhere.

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Waxaay ahayd mid aad u xiiso leh daawashada ayeeyo, mooska, caleemaha mooska iyo dambiisha cawska ka samaysan. Laakiin ayeeyo waxay ii dirtay hooyaday si aan shaqo yar ugu qabto. "Hooyo, fadlan, aan daawado saad u diyaarinayso ..." "Ha noqonin mid madax adag, ilmo, samee sidii laguu sheegay," ayay ku adkaysatay. Orod baan ooga tagay.

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It was so interesting watching Grandma, the bananas, the banana leaves and the big straw basket. But Grandma sent me off to my mother on an errand. "Grandma, please, let me watch as you prepare..." "Don't be stubborn, child, do as you are told," she insisted. I took off running.

Maalintii xigtey, markii ay ayeeyo beerta qudaar kasoo guraysay, waxaan u dhuuntay oo aan eegay mooska. Ku dhowaad dhammaantood way bislaadeen. Anigu ma awoodi karin in aan qaado afar xidhmood/gacan. Markaan albaabka xagiisa usoo tagtaagsan hayay, waxaan maqlay ayeeyo qufacayso. Waxaa ii suurto gashay in aan ku qariyo mooska dharkayga hoostiisa waana garab maray.

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The following day, when grandma was in the garden picking vegetables, I sneaked in and peered at the bananas. Nearly all were ripe. I couldn't help taking a bunch of four. As I tiptoed towards the door, I heard grandma coughing outside. I just managed to hide the bananas under my dress and walked past her.

When I returned, Grandma was sitting outside  
but with neither the basket nor the bananas.  
"Grandma, where is the basket, where are all the  
bananas, and where..." But the only answer I got  
was, "They are in my magic place." It was so  
disappointing!

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Markii aan ku soo labtay, ayeyo waxay  
fadhiiday bananka, laakiiin dambilli ama moos  
toona ma oolin. "Ayeyo, away dambishi,  
away mooski oo dhan, yoo away ..." Laakin  
jawaabta kaliya ee aan heley ayaa ahayd,  
"Waxay ku jiraan goodaydi mucjisada." Waxay  
ahayd niyadjaabi



The following day when grandma came to visit  
my mother, I rushed to her house to check the  
bananas once more. There was a bunch of very  
ripe ones. I picked one and hid it in my dress.  
After covering the basket again, I went behind  
the house and quickly ate it. It was the sweetest  
banana I had ever tasted.

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Maalinitti xigtag markii ayeyo ay soo booodatay  
hoodyo, waxaan u ordiy qurigeeda si aan u eego  
mooska mar kale. Waxaa jiray kuwo farabadan  
oo add u bisladday. Waxaa jiray kuwo farabadan  
waxaan ku qarayay dharkayga. Kadiib markii  
aan dib u daday, waxaan quriga gadashiiisa, si  
degdeg ahne wan u cuunay. Waxay ahayd  
mooskii ugu macaanaa ee aan abid  
chadhamey.





Labo maalmood ka dib, ayeeyo ayaa ii dirtay si aan oogu soo qaado bakooradeedii qolkeeda jiifka. Isla markii aan furay alaabka, waxaa i soo dhaweyay carafta xooggan ee mooska. Qolka gudahiisa waxaa ku jiray dambiishii weynayd ee mucjisada. Waxaa si fiican u qariyey buste duug ah. Kor ayaan uga qaaday waana uriyay carftii wanaagsaneyd.

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Two days later, Grandma sent me to fetch her walking stick from her bedroom. As soon as I opened the door, I was welcomed by the strong smell of ripening bananas. In the inner room was grandma's big magic straw basket. It was well hidden by an old blanket. I lifted it and sniffed that glorious smell.



Codkii ayeeyo ayaa i cabsigaliyay markii ay ii dhawaaqday, "Maxaad samaynaysaa? Soo dhakhso iina keen usha." Wuxaan ula soo orday iyada bakooradii. "Maxaad urinaysaa?" Ayeeyo ayaa ii waydiisay. Su'aasheeda waxay iga dhigtay inaan ogaado inaan wali carfisanaayo goobteedii mucjisada.

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Grandma's voice startled me when she called, "What are you doing? Hurry up and bring me the stick." I hurried out with her walking stick. "What are you smiling about?" Grandma asked. Her question made me realise that I was still smiling at the discovery of her magic place.