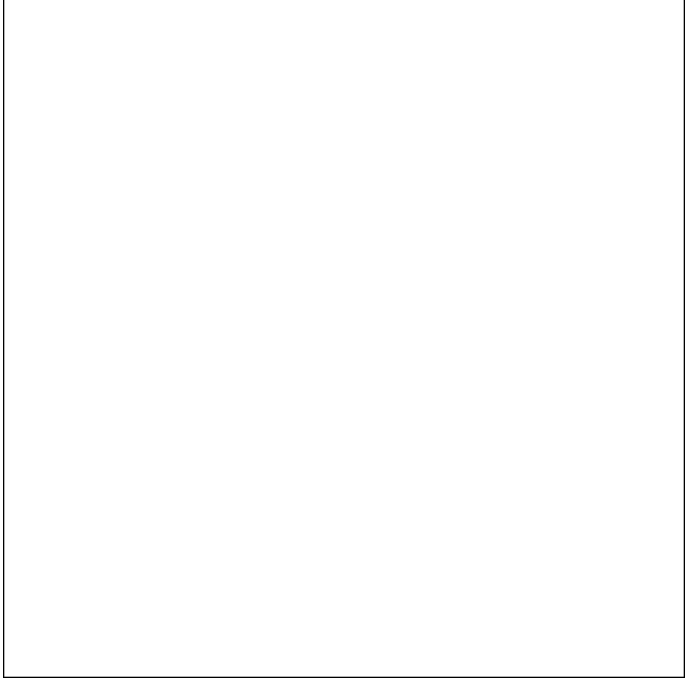



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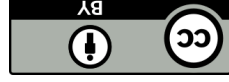
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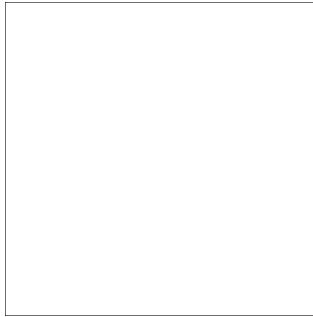


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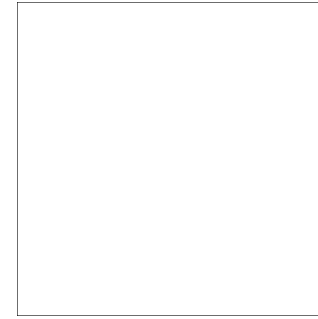
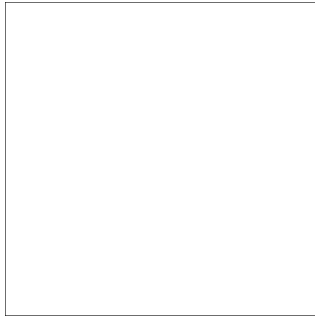
This is the story of Ngede, the Honeyguide, and a greedy young man named Gingile. One day while Gingile was out hunting he heard the call of Ngede. Gingile’s mouth began to water at the thought of honey. He stopped and listened carefully, searching until he saw the bird in the branches above his head. “Chitik-chitik-chitik,” the little bird rattled, as he flew to the next tree, and the next. “Chitik, chitik, chitik,” he called, stopping from time to time to be sure that Gingile followed.



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So Gingile put down his hunting spear under the tree, gathered some dry twigs and made a small fire. When the fire was burning well, he put a long dry stick into the heart of the fire. This wood was especially known to make lots of smoke while it burned. He began climbing, holding the cool end of the smoking stick in his teeth.



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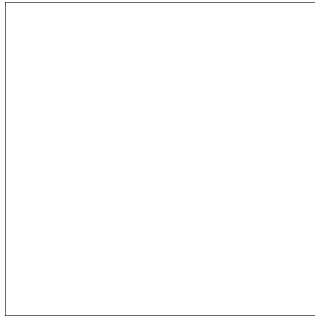
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When the bees were out, Gingile pushed his hands into the nest. He took out handfuls of the heavy comb, dripping with rich honey and full of fat, white grubs. He put the comb carefully in the pouch he carried on his shoulder, and started to climb down the tree.

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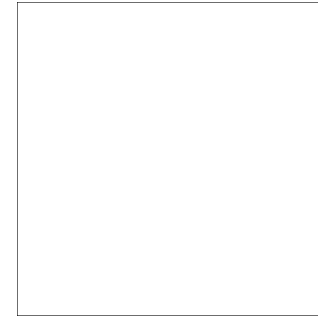
Before Leopard could take a swipe at Gingile, he rushed down the tree. In his hurry he missed a branch, and landed with a heavy thud on the ground twisting his ankle. He hobbled off as fast as he could. Luckily for him, Leopard was still too sleepy to chase him. Ngedede, the Honeyguide, had his revenge. And Gingile learned his lesson.



እንተኾነ ግና ጊንጊሊ ነቲ ሓዊ አጥፊኡ፡ ኩናቱ አልዲሉ፡ ነታ ዑፍ ሸለል ብምባል፡ ናብ ገዝኡ ክኸይድ ተበገሰ። ንገደ ብሕርቃን፡ “ዕውት! ዕውት!” ብምባል ጸውዓቶ። ጊንጊሊ ደው ኢሉ፡ ናብታ ንእሽቶ ዑፍ ቀው ኢሉ ብምጥማት ዓው ኢሉ ሰሓቐ። “መዓር ደሊኹ ምሸ? ከምኡ ድዩ ዛግርከይ? ሃ! ግና ኣነ እኳ እየ እቲ ኩሉ ስራሕ ዝሰራሕክዎ፡ እቲ ኩሉ እውን ዝተነኸሰክዎ። ስለምንታይ እየ ነዚ ምቁር መዓር ምሳኺ ዝተኻፈልክዎ?” ኢሉ ገዲፍዎ ከደ። ንገደ ተቈጥዐት! እዚ ኣይኩነን ኔሩ ኢዳ! ግና ሕኒኣ ኸትፈደይ እጋ።

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But, Gingile put out the fire, picked up his spear and started walking home, ignoring the bird. Ngede called out angrily, “VIC-torr! VIC-torr!” Gingile stopped, stared at the little bird and laughed aloud. “You want some honey, do you, my friend? Ha! But I did all the work, and got all the stings. Why should I share any of this lovely honey with you?” Then he walked off. Ngede was furious! This was no way to treat him! But he would get his revenge.



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One day several weeks later Gingile again heard the honey call of Ngede. He remembered the delicious honey, and eagerly followed the bird once again. After leading Gingile along the edge of the forest, Ngede stopped to rest in a great umbrella thorn. “Ahh,” thought Gingile. “The hive must be in this tree.” He quickly made his small fire and began to climb, the smoking branch in his teeth. Ngede sat and watched.