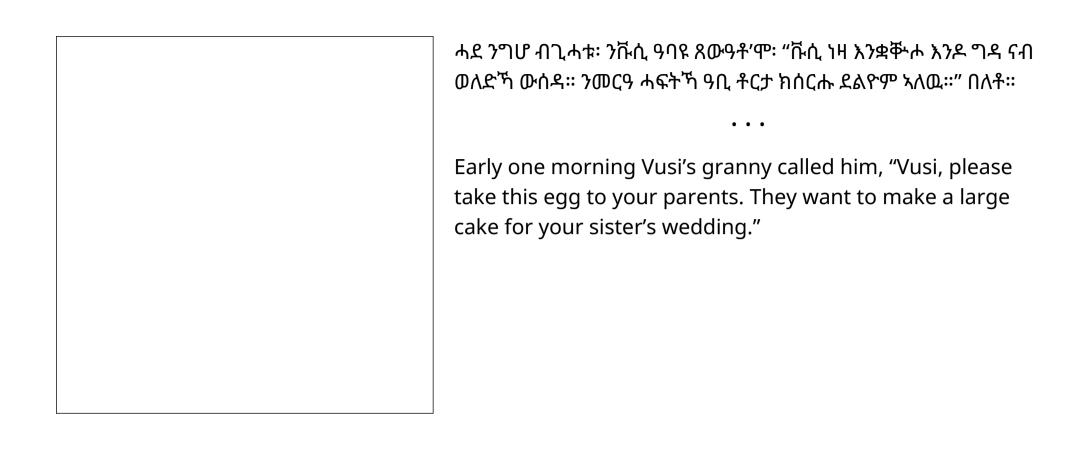
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What Vusi's sister said

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On his way to his parents, Vusi met two boys picking fruit. One boy grabbed the egg from Vusi and shot it at a tree. The egg broke. "እንታይ ኢኻ ዝገበርካ?" ኢሉ ቩሲ ጨደረ። "እዛ እንቋቝሖ ንመስርሒ ቶርታ እያ ኔራ። እቲ ቶርታ ድማ ንናይ ሓፍተይ መርዓ እዩ ኔሩ። ናይ መርዓ ቶርታ እንተዘየለ ሓፍተይ እንታይ ክትብል እያ?" •••

"What have you done?" cried Vusi. "That egg was for a cake. The cake was for my sister's wedding. What will my sister say if there is no wedding cake?"

እቶም ኣወዳት ንቩሲ ስለዘላገጹሉ ተጣዕሱ። "ብዛዕባ'ታ ቶርታ ክንሕግዘካ ኣይንኽእልን ኢና፡ ግና እንካ'ዛ ምርኵስ ንሓፍትካ።" በለ ሓደ ካብኣቶም። ቩሲ መንገዱ ቀጸለ።

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The boys were sorry for teasing Vusi. "We can't help with the cake, but here is a walking stick for your sister," said one. Vusi continued on his journey. እናተጓዓዘ እንከሎ ክልተ ሰብኡት ቤት እናሃነጹ ረኸበ። "እዛ ተራር በትሪ ክንጥቀመላ'ዶ?" ክብል ሓደ ካብኣቶም ሓተተ። እታ በትሪ ግና ነቲ ህንጻ እትበቅዕ ተራር ኣይነበረትን'ሞ ተሰብረት።

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Along the way he met two men building a house. "Can we use that strong stick?" asked one. But the stick was not strong enough for building, and it broke.

"እንታይ ኢኹም ዝገበርኩም?" ኢሉ ቩሲ ጨደረ። "እዛ በትሪ ህያብ ንሓፍተይ እያ ኔራ። እቶም ቀንጠብቲ ፍረታት እዛ በትሪ ሂቦሙኒ ምኽንያቱ ነታ እንቋቝሖ ናይ ቶርታ ስለዝሰበሩለይ። እታ ቶርታ ንመርዓ ሓፍተይ እያ ኔራ። ሕጂ እንቋቝሖ የለን፡ ቶርታ የለን፡ ህያብ'ውን የለን። ሓፍተይ እንታይ ክትብል እያ?"

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"What have you done?" cried Vusi. "That stick was a gift for my sister. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for the cake. The cake was for my sister's wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift. What will my sister say?" እቶም ሃነጽቲ ነታ በትሪ ምስባሮም ሓዘኑ። "ብዛዕባ እታ ቶርታ ክንሕግዘካ ኣይንኽእልን ኢና፡ እንተዀነ ግና እነሀልካ'ዚ ሒደት ሓሰር ንሓፍትኻ።" በለ ሓደ ካብኦም። ስለዚ ድማ ቩሲ መንገዱ ቀጸለ።

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The builders were sorry for breaking the stick. "We can't help with the cake, but here is some thatch for your sister," said one. And so Vusi continued on his journey.

ቩሲ ኣብ መንገዱ ሓደ ሓረስታይ ምስ ላሙ ኣጋጠምዎ። "ክንደይ ይምቅር'ዝ ሓሰር፡ ቍሩብ'ዶ ክጥዕመልካ?" ሓተተት እታ ላም። እቲ ሓሰር ግና ኣዝዩ ጥዑም ነበረ'ሞ እታ ላም በሊዓ ወድኣቶ።

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Along the way, Vusi met a farmer and a cow. "What delicious thatch, can I have a nibble?" asked the cow. But the thatch was so tasty that the cow ate it all!

"እንታይ ኢኺ ዝገበርኪ?" ኢሉ ቩሲ ጨደረ። "እታ ጥማር ሓሰር ህያብ ንሓፍተይ እያ ኔራ። እቶም ሃነጽቲ እታ ጥማር ሓሰር ሂቦሙኒ ምኽንያቱ ነታ ካብ'ቶም ቀንጠብቲ ፍረታት ዝረኸብክዋ በትሪ ስለዝሰበሩለይ። እቶም ቀንጠብቲ ፍረታት እታ በትሪ ሂቦሙኒ ምኽንያቱ ነታ እንቋቝሖ ናይ ቶርታ ስለዝሰበሩለይ። እታ ቶርታ ንመርዓ ሓፍተይ እያ ኔራ። ሕጂ እንቋቝሖ የለን፡ ቶርታ የለን፡ ህያብ'ውን የለን። ሓፍተይ እንታይ ክትብል እያ?"

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"What have you done?" cried Vusi. "That thatch was a gift for my sister. The builders gave me the thatch because they broke the stick from the fruit pickers. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for my sister's cake. The cake was for my sister's wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift. What will my sister say?"

እታ ላም ስስዕቲ ብምንባራ ተጣዕሰት። እቲ ሓረስታይ ላሙ ህያብ ንሓፍቱ ክትከውን ምስቲ ወዲ ኽትከይድ ተሰማምዐ። ሽዑ ቩሲ ቀጸለ። The cow was sorry she was greedy. The farmer agreed that the cow could go with Vusi as a gift for his sister. And so Vusi carried on.

ኰይኑ ግና ብግዜ ድራር እታ ላም ሃዲማ ናብቲ ሓረስታይ ተመልሰት። ቩሲ ድማ ኣብ መንገዲ ጠፍአ። ኣብ ናይ ሓፍቱ መርዓ ድማ ደንጕዩ በጽሐ። ኣጋይሽ ድሮ ይበልዑ ነበሩ።

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But the cow ran back to the farmer at supper time. And Vusi got lost on his journey. He arrived very late for his sister's wedding. The guests were already eating. "እንታይ ክገብር እየ" ክብል ቩሲ ጨደረ። "እታ ዝሃደመት ላም ህያብ እያ ኔራ። ኣምሳያ ናይቲ እቶም ሃነጽቲ ዝሃቡኒ ጥማር ሓሰር። እቶም ሃነጽቲ እታ ጥማር ሓሰር ሂቦሙኒ ምኽንያቱ ነታ ካብ'ቶም ቀንጠብቲ ፍረታት ዝረኸብክዋ በትሪ ስለዝሰበሩለይ። እቶም ቀንጠብቲ ፍረታት እታ በትሪ ሂቦሙኒ ምኽንያቱ ነታ እንቋቝሖ ናይ ቶርታ ስለዝሰበሩለይ። እታ ቶርታ ነቲ መርዓ እያ ኔራ። ሕጂ እንቋቝሖ የለን፡ ቶርታ የለን፡ ህያብ'ውን የለን።"

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"What shall I do?" cried Vusi. "The cow that ran away was a gift, in return for the thatch the builders gave me. The builders gave me the thatch because they broke the stick from the fruit pickers. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for the cake. The cake was for the wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift."

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Vusi's sister thought for a while, then she said, "Vusi my brother, I don't really care about gifts. I don't even care about the cake! We are all here together, I am happy. Now put on your smart clothes and let's celebrate this day!" And so that's what Vusi did.



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