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# Man with a serious problem

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Mandu lived with his grandparents, his aunt and an uncle. He had a hen, a goat, a sheep and a pig.

The hen stayed in a small cage. The goat, sheep and pig were each tied on the side of the wall. The grandparents were still well. The aunt and uncle helped with the work.



This changed few years later. Mandu's grandparents aged and could not hear or see well.

His aunt became sickly and could not help clean the house.

His uncle slept all the time and did not help to feed the animals.



The animals made so much noise because they were hungry.

The house was so dirty because the aunt did not clean it.

Mandu was tired all the time. He had to go out every day to look for food for them all.



Mandu could not cope with the situation anymore. He asked his elderly grandparents for a solution. He was unhappy because his grandparents did not hear him.

His sick aunt said, "All I want is to be able to sleep at night and wake up in the morning."



His lazy uncle said, "Sell the animals and buy food for your grandparents. They will sleep and won't bother you."

Mandu was angry. He said, "Uncle, you know that I cannot sell the animals. They are the only wealth I have."



One night Mandu lay awake. He remembered a wise man who was believed to have solutions to all problems.

Mandu took his animals and visited the wise man. He kept a rope on the goat, sheep and pig and carried the hen.



Mandu arrived at the wise man's home, tired and hungry.

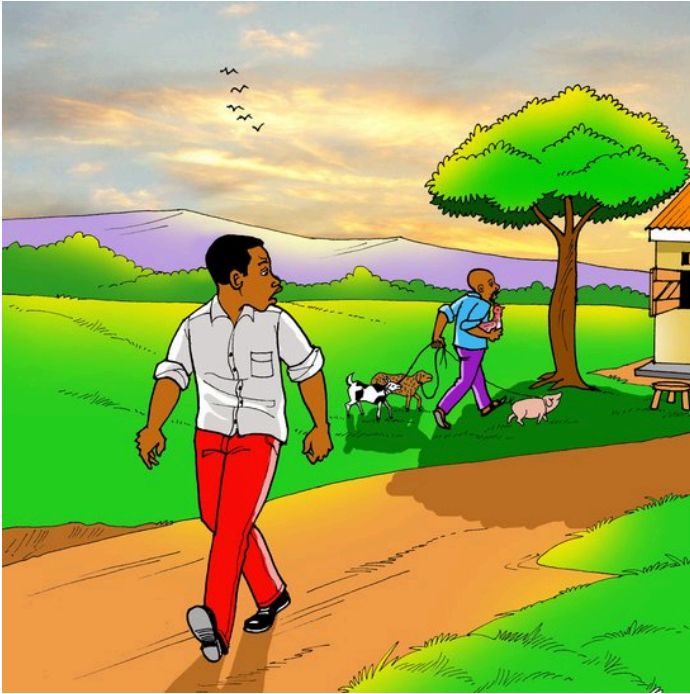
After explaining his problem to the wise man, the wise man said, "I will help you but you must do as I say."

Mandu replied, "I will do anything to solve my problem."



The wise man said, "Leave the animals here and go back to your house."

Mandu said, "But I have lived with my animals for a long time. They are the only wealth I have."



The wise man said, "I told you I would help you but you must do as I say."

Mandu needed a solution to his problem. He left his animals and returned home.



His house was too quiet and empty. Everybody missed the animals. Mandu's grandparents complained because they had no milk from the goat.

The uncle said, "We are so poor, everyone is laughing at us."



Mandu could not cope with the complaints anymore. Besides, he missed his animals too.

He returned to the wise man to ask for advice. "Life is very different without my animals in the house. My relatives miss them too much."



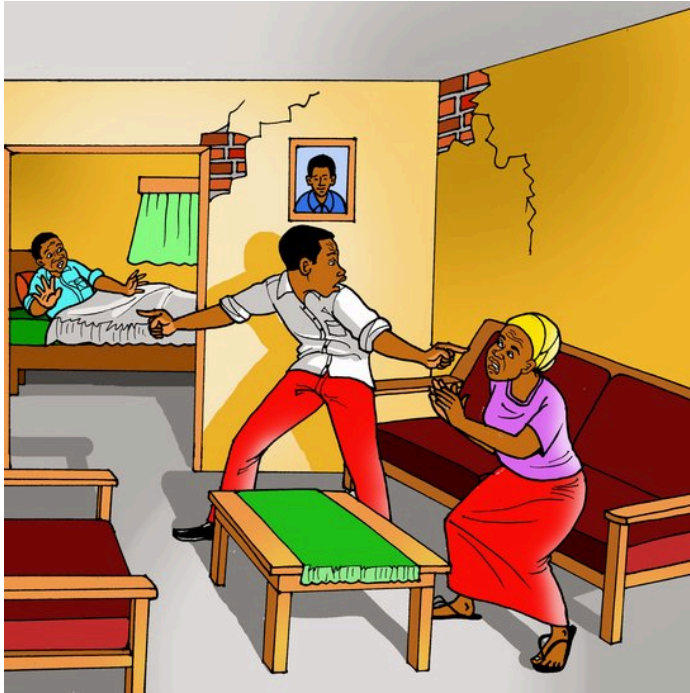
The wise man said, "I will help you but you must do as I tell you. Go home and take your grandparents out of the house."

Mandu said, "How can I do that? They are my grandparents and they depend on me."



In the end, Mandu went home and did as he was told. He did not have any peace of mind.

His grandparents had nowhere to go. They wandered around, trying not to bump into things. They felt the heat during the day and the cold at night.



His sick aunt cried, "Don't throw me out!"

His lazy uncle cried, "Don't throw me out either!"



Mandu could not take it anymore. He returned to the wise man confused and angry.

He cried saying, "This is too much for one person. Give me a better solution."



The wise man said, "Here, take your animals home and return your grandparents in the house."

Mandu did as he was told. His aunt said, "I will clean the house."

His uncle stopped being lazy and helped Mandu with work. They were all happy once more.

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