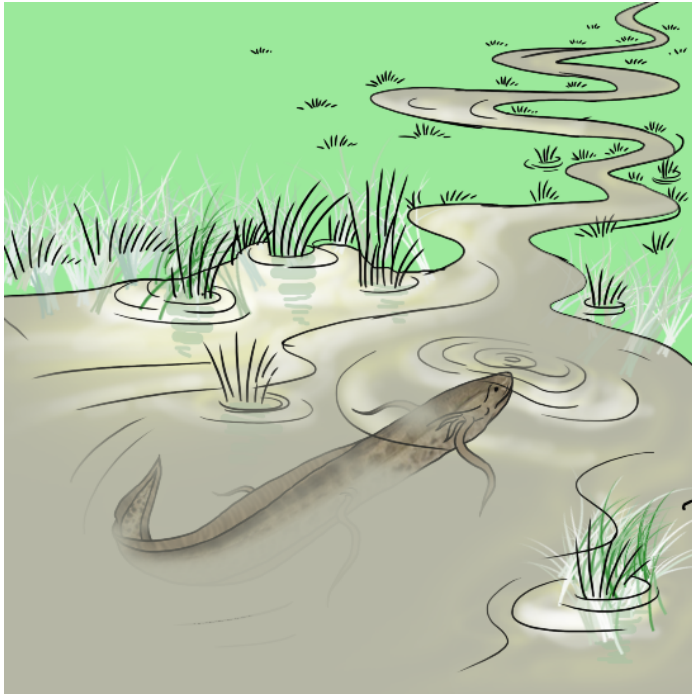


Lungfish in the mud

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A lungfish is black or brown and slippery to touch. Its meat is delicious!

Lungfishes live in rivers. In the dry season they can burrow underground when there is not enough water.

Unlike other types of fish, the lungfish can breathe air.



One day, my father went to graze our cattle. I did not want to remain at home because I love to spend time with my father.

When we arrived at the pasture, my father relaxed under a cedar tree as he was tired. I looked after the cattle.



There is a pool next to the pasture. I heard a sound coming from the pool. "Hub!"

At first, I thought it was one of our calves burping!

"Hub!" I heard it again, coming from the mud. "Wow! What a sound! Could it be a lungfish?" I wondered.



My father had also heard the sound.
He ran over to me.

"Where did that sound come from?" he
asked. My father looked around but
did not find the fish.

He complained, "Lungfishes can 'hub'
and then go silent again."

We waited, but the fish did not 'hub'.



At dusk we returned home with our cattle.

I tied up each cow, bull, and ox with rope. I knotted the rope around the pole.

My father lit the dung fire in the fireplace.



In the morning, we took our cattle to graze again. My father relaxed while I looked after the cattle.

That day, I took a bowl with me. "I am sending this lungfish's spirit to heaven today!" I said to myself.



Walking around, I hit the bowl I was carrying. It made a sound like the lungfish.

"Hub!" said the lungfish in the mud. I called to my father, "It is here!"

I threw my spear into the mud, but it broke. My father ran over quickly and speared the fish.



My father carefully removed the lungfish from its hole in the mud. We went home and roasted it on the fire.

My father enjoyed the meat, while my younger brother and I ate the tail. Our dog got the fish's colon.

It was a happy day for our family.

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