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Leeto's Great Journey

A long time ago in a village in Malawi, there was a boy named Adofo and his little brother, Leeto. In this small village, it was a big accomplishment to be a “successful warrior.” One day Adofo was out hunting and saw a lion. To kill a lion was a very big accomplishment in his country. Adofo thought that if he killed the lion he would be very respected back in his home village. He tried to kill the lion even though his instincts told him not to. He did not succeed and got severely injured. All the healers in the village could not help him. Adofo was confused and decided to send his little brother, Leeto, to find a great healer who could help him. Before Leeto left, Adofo gave him a flask with water. Adofo told him that the flask and water inside may help him on his journey. Then Leeto left to find the healer. On the way, he saw a dog under a tree.

A voice in Leeto's head said, “Do not trust this dog, keep moving,” but Leeto still went over to the dog.

Right away the dog jumped out at him, Leeto dived out of the way right into the tree. He sprinted away from the dog. After about ten minutes of running away, Leeto saw the wound that he got when he dived into the tree. He poured some of the water on the wound and it instantly healed. He wondered how that happened, he then realized that he had to keep moving and could not stop to think. A few days later Leeto saw a man under a tree.

He heard a voice in his head that was saying, "Do not trust this man, keep moving," Leeto did not pay attention to the voice and asked the man for directions.

The man told him to walk in one direction until he saw a little village and in that little village Leeto will see many men. Those men will tell him where to go. He walked in the direction that the man told him to walk in and eventually saw a village. Leeto saw a lot of men and right away asked them where the healer was. Eventually a man overheard him asking someone and went right over to Leeto. He said that he could help him and took Leeto into a little hut. Right away the man that said he would help him and the man from under the tree came out of nowhere and stole Leeto's water. Leeto immediately sprinted away from that little hut and into the village. He heard a voice in his head that was telling him to go North. Since Leeto did not know which way was North, he asked some people in the village. When someone finally told him, Leeto started to run North. It took a few days, but eventually he saw a village in the distance. When he reached the village, Leeto asked a man if he knew about the greatest healer in this village and if the healer could help him. The man knew the greatest healer in the village but needed to know Leeto's problem, so the man asked him about his problem. Leeto told the man about how his brother tried to kill a lion, and did not succeed and ended up getting severely injured. The man said that the healer may be able to help Leeto and his brother. Leeto was a little unsure whether this man would help him or not, although since he did not have anything left to steal, Leeto followed the strange man. The man then took him into a small hut near the end of the village. He told Leeto to wait outside while he went into the hut. A few minutes later a different man came out of the hut. He introduced himself to Leeto as the healer. The healer said that the other man

was still inside the hut doing something else. The healer told him that he could help his brother. Leeto was ecstatic and they left right away. A few days later when they were only 10 miles away, Leeto and the healer took a break near a small pond. While the healer was searching through his bag he accidentally dropped one of his tools. They searched but could not find the tool he dropped. After that, the healer searched through his bag to see which tool he dropped in the pond. They decided to just move and hope to get something.

“I need something sharp to replace the tool that I lost”, said the healer.

When they were almost at the village Leeto spotted something out of the corner of his eye.

“Look at that!”, said Leeto excitedly.

They moved a little bit closer and once they got a clearer view of the animal Leeto almost dropped.

“It is a lion!,” whispered Leeto with a very big amount of fear.

Leeto heard that little voice in his head again, but this time it was not telling him to run away, it was telling him to somehow get the lion’s fang. Then Leeto realized something.

“The lion’s fang is sharp, we could use that as a replacement for the tool you lost earlier,” whispered Leeto.

“ARE YOU CRAZY?” the healer screamed.

The lion turned its head towards the healer. Leeto and the healer look each other in the eye and agree. They already had the lion’s attention, so why not try to get one of its fangs to help Leeto’s brother? After that the healer started to scream even more.

"COME OVER HERE LION!" screamed the healer at the top of his lungs.

The lion walked towards the healer. The healer walked towards the lion. They locked eyes, and then Leeto threw a rock at the lion. The lion did not care if Leeto was prepared, the lion, with a very loud roar, charged full speed towards Leeto. Out of nowhere, right when the lion was about to pounce, a powerful force shoved the lion down to the ground. Leeto removed his hands from his face and just stared down at the lion in awe, and then a man appeared, he introduced himself to Leeto as Agé, the patron god of hunters.

"You have gone on a long and harsh journey, with many challenges that you have overcome, in honor of this I award you with the tool you need to help your brother," said Agé very calmly.

Then one of the fangs of the lion disappeared from its mouth and into Leeto's hand.

"Thank you so much," said Leeto with a lot of emotion.

After that the god of war left and Leeto and the healer started to jog towards Leeto's village. It had been a week since Leeto left the village to find the great healer, all the villagers thought he had died. His brother was still in great pain, although when Adofo saw his little brother he started to burst with joy.

"Thank god you are still Alive, what happened?," asked a very curious Adofo.

"I can tell you later, right now we should let the healer do his work."

Leeto brought the healer in and told everyone to exit the hut. Before he left Leeto gave the healer the lion fang and wished him and his brother good luck. Adofo and the rest of the people waited outside the hut for about 1 hour before the healer came out.

"He is doing a lot better, but he needs some rest, so everybody please stay out of the hut for the rest of the day."

To this day, the people still value the courage and bravery that the healer and Leeto showed throughout that big journey.