

and enjoyed all over the world."

"Of course I do, but you have to be careful. That business about going into the bush, for instance. The bush is pejorative; it conjures up the whole image of naked savages drinking blood and making love to their many wives. Don't say bush."

My defenses drooped. "Everyone says bush. David Rubadiri clapped his hands when I told him I was going into the bush. True, I never did find out what the bush was. It was always where the other fellow lived." A bright thought occurred to me. "I did emphasize the brilliance of the intellectuals, didn't I?"

"Patronizing. What is so unusual about an African being able to write?"

I surrendered. "Where was my mistake?"

"In going to Africa. Couldn't you have gone somewhere else? No one would take offense at Asia."

Interesting Responses from Final Examinations in Introductory Folklore

1. Two of the Four Functions of Folklore are Validification and Conversation.
2. That great Finnish folklorist (also Swedish, Danish and Malaysian) is variously named Kaarle Karn, Carl Crone, Aunti Karne, and Khole Kroan.
3. A well known Jewish (who in slang are known as "kites") custom is the Bar-Hutzpah.
4. Example of a proverb: "Cutting off your nose to smite your face."
5. "A good example of a superstition is sustaining from sex during exam week."
6. "Nicknames for certain groups are very common such as: Kikes for Jews, Wops for Italians, Spics for Spaniards, Frogs for Frenchman and Gooks for Gooks."
7. Two definitions of Antti Aarne: a) "She was the first person to publish a type," b) "The first motif in the index file."
8. "The way Jesus came into the world was known as the 'Emasculate Conception'" /obviously the student wishes to refer to the Virgin Mirth - ed. note./