

Let's Protect our Environment

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Once there was a father and his child. They lived in a very dangerous area because they were near the forest. One day they decided to go hunt animals.



When they arrived in the forest, the child fought and killed a lion while the father was killing a buffalo. The son called to his father to tell him the news, and they went back home. At home they



found Bakame, a wild hare, who had come to visit them. They sat down and talked

to him.

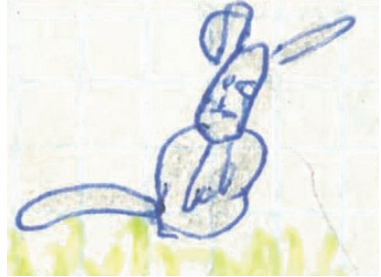
Bakame asked, "Where are you coming from?"

They answered, "We are coming from the forest where we were hunting animals!"

Bakame advised them, "It is not good to hunt animals and to destroy the environment!"

You have to take your hoes and try to grow sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, and coffee. These are things that are helping Rwanda develop.”

They thanked him and gave him food, then they decided to buy some hoes and seeds. From then on, they preferred to cultivate and not to destroy nature by harming animals.



The Importance of Agriculture

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Our Rwanda has many good qualities. Its best quality is the richness we get from agriculture. Many of the things we have at home are because



of the agriculture.

Let us praise our country and our local authorities who urge us day after day to take on agricultural duties.

No country can be developed without the elders. One cultivator called together all of his children and told them: “You see that my life is coming to an end little by little because I am old.

I want you to protect and manage my wealth. Hoe my land and cultivate my entire property. You will find my most precious things hidden underneath it! I don't know if you are going to find them easily because I don't remember exactly where they are hidden. But you will find them if you cultivate."

They cultivated the land but they didn't find anything. They used every method of cultivation, but still could not find anything. They even asked the tribesmen to help them, but they could not find anything, either. Then their father died without telling them where the hidden resources were. However, the children realized that the more they cultivated, the more they harvested.

In the end, they realized that they were one of the richest families in Rwanda. From that, they knew that those precious things actually came from working hard, because when we have land we should not waste it, but should make it valuable and productive.

