

## A Story

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A long time ago, there was a wife, a husband, and their beloved dog. One day, the husband went to feed his cow in the pasture, and the wife stayed at home. It was forbidden in the wife's clan for her to eat meat.

Later on, the wife went to fetch water because her husband had a very good jug which they always brought with them. When she was on her way home from fetching water, she looked at her watch and realized that the time for cooking food had passed. So she ran as fast as she could, but she tripped and fell down and the jug broke. She cried out, "Oh! My husband is going to kill me!"

She went back home and looked in sorrow at the dog. The dog said, "Why did you come back so sad?"

The wife replied, "My husband is going to be late tonight and I am sad." But this was just lies. After a short moment, the husband came back with his cow and told her immediately, "Take the jug and go to the market. You will buy some meat. Don't forget to buy some rice because as you

know, you don't eat meat!"

The wife asked for some money and went to buy some meat and rice. She put rest of the money aside and bought another jug to replace the broken one. When she arrived home, she cooked the meat and rice. The husband was back in the pasture, and the dog was watching her. As she roasted the meat, she wanted to taste it by eating a small amount, but a bone got caught in her throat.

When the dog found her, he went around singing, "You people who farm at Nyarutovu, the small bone caught itself in the woman's throat and she has lied to her husband that she doesn't eat meat."

The wife called him, "Gusu! Gusu! Gusu! Come, my beloved dog, I will give you some meat! Keep my secret!"

The dog replied, "Never!"

The wife said, "Gusu! Gusu! Gusu! I will give you some rice!"

The dog said, "Never!"

The wife said, "Gusu! Gusu! Gusu! I will make you lie down on one of my breasts and will

cover you with the other one!”

The dog said again, “Never!”

The husband came back. He found the wife trying to dislodge the caught bone. The husband was surprised because she had said that her clan’s people don’t eat meat. He helped her and when the bone was out of her throat, she cursed the dog.

After that, her husband made her eat meat every time she bought it.

## **The King’s Servant** By IRADUKUNDA Emmanuel Sabine



Long ago, there lived a man and woman who gave birth to a boy whose name meant “What can I do for him.” His parents were very kind to him but they were not rich. They wove mats and sold them