

A Bad Advisor

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Once upon a time, there was a husband and his wife, and they were poor. The husband worked in the forest, cutting crops to bring back to the house. He also liked to pray.

One day, while he was gathering his crops,

he heard a voice.

“Please don’t harm me with your scythe!” the voice said. The man looked around and saw a small animal.



“Who are you?” he asked, surprised.

“If you wish to become rich, I am to be shaken once, but if you shake me twice, you will become poor again,” answered the small animal. Immediately, the man shook the animal

once and then he went home.

At his home,
everything had changed.

The husband and wife
had good clothes, good
food, good drinks, a

modern house with good furniture, and they
were very wealthy.

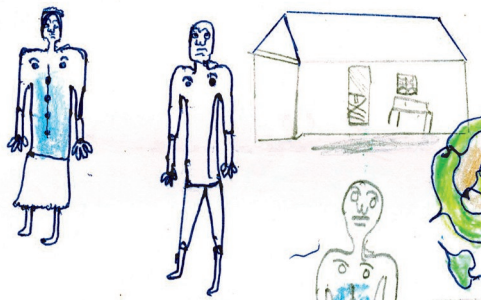


A few days later, the wife asked her husband, “Dear husband, we used to live in complete poverty so I would like to know where all this wealth came from.” The husband then told her what had happened. After hearing the truth, she told him that if he had shaken the animal twice, they would have become extremely wealthy, much more than they already were. They both walked toward the forest where the animal lived and shook it twice. Afterwards, they walked back home.

When they arrived at their home, they were

surprised because all their wealth had disappeared. They lived in great despair and had to go back to what they did to earn money before they became wealthy.

Fortunately, because the husband prayed earnestly, God was with him and gave him another chance. While he was on his way to work, he discovered a rock with food coming out of it slowly. It took the man the whole day to get enough food from the rock. He placed a basket underneath the rock and waited until evening to reclaim the basket and went home with a basket full of food. When he arrived home, his wife became very happy and wanted to know what had happened.



Again, her husband explained to her what had happened and she wanted to know where the rock was. He showed her the basket of food God had given them and they left to find the rock again. When they arrived, the wife advised her husband to take a big spear and use it to make a big hole in the rock. She wanted to get enough food in a short time without having to wait the whole day for the basket to fill up.

At once, they tried to pierce the rock through the hole that had given them food earlier that day. Unfortunately, instead of giving food quickly, the rock stopped giving them any food.

A bad advisor is sometimes more respected than helpful.



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