

The Poor Man

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Pre-reading questions:

- Have you ever received bad advice?
- What good advice have you followed?

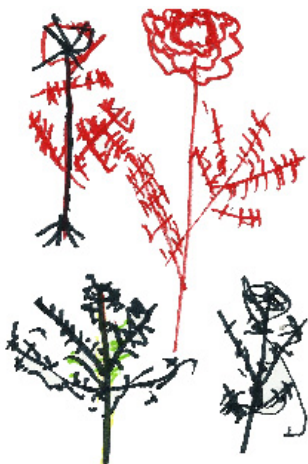
Once upon a time, there was a man named Sehene, who had a wife named Kagurube. They had many children together. Their first-born was Nkundaguhinga and the second, his **sister**, was Nzabahokubwimana. Their family was very poor; they did not even have **clothes** to wear to bed.

One morning, Nkundaguhinga told his sister to go to the forest to look for animals to eat. His sister told him that when she went to visit their uncle, she heard something helpful on the radio. She heard that many



animals lived in northern Rwanda, near the **volcanoes**.

After that, they left to go to the volcanoes, even though they did not know the way. They asked for



directions from every person they met along the way.

When they finally arrived there, they entered the forest and found many animals, like Nzabahokubwimana thought. They were happy, but they did not know they were in an

important, protected national park.

When the siblings started poaching, they were caught by rangers who were ready to punish anyone who entered the forest without **permission**. The rangers asked them why they were in the forest.

Nkundaguhinga and his sister answered, “We are looking for food. We did not know that the park is protected.”

“No one is allowed to enter the park without permission from the park’s chief ranger.”



The rangers advised the children to join the **cooperative** that worked around the national park.

“Do this,” they said, “and you will end your **poverty**.”

Nkundaguhinga and his sister followed the advice and became rich, helping their parents get out of poverty.

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