






Ang Inahin at ang Agila

Hen and Eagle



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Noong unang panahon, magkaibigan sina Inahin at Agila. Mapayapa silang nanirahan kasama ang ibang mga ibon. Walang nakalilipad sa kanila.

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Once upon a time, Hen and Eagle were friends. They lived in peace with all the other birds. None of them could fly.



Isang araw, nagkaroon ng tagtuyot sa nayon. Kinailangang maglakad ng malayo ni Agila. Bumalik na sobrang pagod si Agila. “Siguro naman mayroong mas madaling paraan para maglakbay,” sabi ni Agila.

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One day, there was famine in the land. Eagle had to walk very far to find food. She came back very tired. “There must be an easier way to travel!” said Eagle.



Matapos makatulog ng mahimbing noong gabi, nagkaroon ng magandang ideya si Inahin. Nagsimula siyang mag-ipon ng mga nalaglag na pakpak sa kanilang mga kaibigang ibon. “Tahiin natin ang mga ito sa ibabaw ng mga pakpak natin,” sabi niya. “Marahil siguro ay mapapadali nito ang paglalakbay natin.”

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After a good night’s sleep, Hen had a brilliant idea. She began collecting the fallen feathers from all their bird friends. “Let’s sew them together on top of our own feathers,” she said. “Perhaps that will make it easier to travel.”



Tanging si Agila lang ang may karayom sa kanilang nayon, kaya nauna siyang manahi. Naghabi siya ng napakagandang pares ng mga pakpak at lumipad sa taas ni Inahin. Hiniram ni Inahin ang karayom ngunit agad siyang napagod sa pananahi. Iniwang niya ang karayom sa paminggalan at nagtungo sa kusina para maghain ng pagkain para sa kanyang mga anak.

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Eagle was the only one in the village with a needle, so she started sewing first. She made herself a pair of beautiful wings and flew high above Hen. Hen borrowed the needle but she soon got tired of sewing. She left the needle on the cupboard and went into the kitchen to prepare food for her children.



Ngunit nakita ng ibang mga ibon na lumipad palayo si Agila. Nakiusap sila kay Inahin na ipahiram sa kanila ang karayom para makapaghabi rin sila ng sarili nilang mga pakpak. 'Di naglaon ay nagsisiliparan na rin sa langit ang ibang mga ibon.

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But the other birds had seen Eagle flying away. They asked Hen to lend them the needle to make wings for themselves too. Soon there were birds flying all over the sky.



Wala si Inahin nang ibinalik ng huling ibon ang hiram na karayom. Kinuha ng mga anak niya ang karayom at pinaglaruan ito. Nang magsawa sila sa paglalaro, iniwan nila ang karayom sa buhangin.

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When the last bird returned the borrowed needle, Hen was not there. So her children took the needle and started playing with it. When they got tired of the game, they left the needle in the sand.



Bumalik si Agila kinahapunan. Hinanap niya ang karayom para tagpiin ang mga balahibong lumuwag sa kanyang paglalakbay. Naghanap si Inahin sa paminggalan. Naghanap siya sa kusina. Naghanap siya sa bakuran. Pero hindi niya mahanap ang karayom.

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Later that afternoon, Eagle returned. She asked for the needle to fix some feathers that had loosened on her journey. Hen looked on the cupboard. She looked in the kitchen. She looked in the yard. But the needle was nowhere to be found.



“Bigyan mo ako ng isang araw,”
pagmamakaawa ni Inahin kay Agila.
“Pagkatapos ay puwede mo nang tagpiin
ang pakpak mo para makalipad ka’t
makahanap ng pagkain.” “Isang araw
lang,” sabi ni Agila. “Kung hindi mo
mahanap ang karayom, kailangan mong
ibigay ang isa sa iyong mga sisiw bilang
kabayaran.”

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“Just give me a day,” Hen begged Eagle.
“Then you can fix your wing and fly away
to get food again.” “Just one more day,”
said Eagle. “If you can’t find the needle,
you’ll have to give me one of your chicks
as payment.”



Nang bumalik si Agila kinabukasan, natagpuan niyang nagkukumahog sa buhangin si Inahin, pero wala ang karayom. Kaya bumulusok pababa si Agila at hinuli ang isa sa mga sisiw. Itinakas niya ito. Mula noon, sa tuwing nagpapakita si Agila, nakikita niya si Inahin na nagkukumahog sa buhangin para hanapin ang karayom.

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When Eagle came the next day, she found Hen scratching in the sand, but no needle. So Eagle flew down very fast and caught one of the chicks. She carried it away. Forever after that, whenever Eagle appears, she finds Hen scratching in the sand for the needle.



Sa tuwing pumapanaog ang anino ng pakpak ni Agila sa lupa, binabalaan ni Inahin ang kanyang mga sisiw. “Umalis kayo sa hubo at tuyong lupain.” At sagot nila, “Hindi kami mga mangmang. Tatakbo kami.”

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As the shadow of Eagle’s wing falls on the ground, Hen warns her chicks. “Get out of the bare and dry land.” And they respond: “We are not fools. We will run.”



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