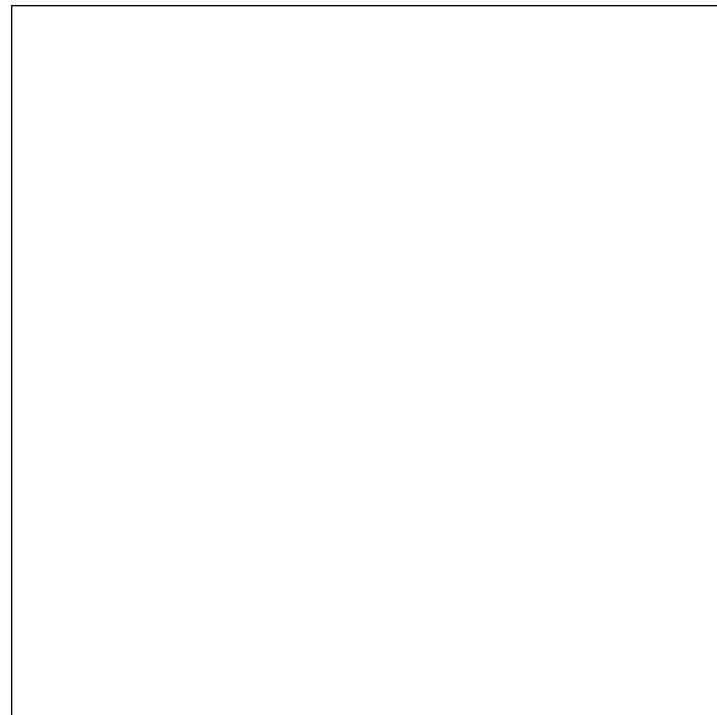




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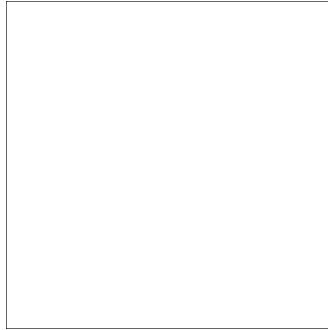


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هذه قصة دليل المناحل، نجيد، وشاب يدعى جنجيل. في يوم من الأيام، كان جنجيل خارج البيت في رحلة صيد عندما سمع صوت نجيد، دليل المناحل. سال لعاد جنجيل، فقد ذكره صوت الطائر بطعم العسل، فتوقف وبدأ يستمع بانتباه ويبحث عن العصفور حتى لمحه بين أغصان الشجرة، فوق رأسه. خشخش العصفور الصغير "شتيك، شتيك، شتيك." وهو يقفز من شجرة إلى أخرى متوقفاً بين الفينة والفينية حتى يتتأكد من أن جنجيل كان يتبعه.

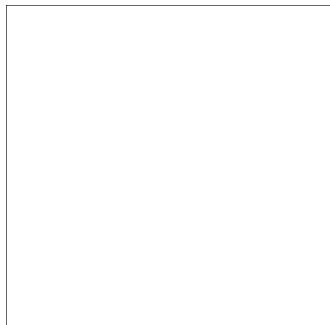
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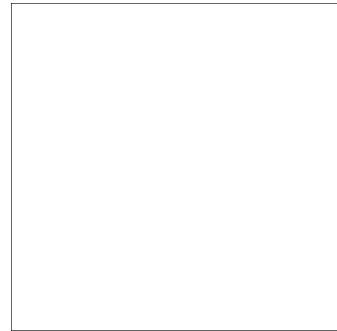
This is the story of Ngede, the Honeyguide, and a greedy young man named Gingile. One day while Gingile was out hunting he heard the call of Ngede. Gingile's mouth began to water at the thought of honey. He stopped and listened carefully, searching until he saw the bird in the branches above his head. "Chitik-chitik-chitik," the little bird rattled, as he flew to the next tree, and the next. "Chitik, chitik, chitik," he called, stopping from time to time to be sure that Gingile followed.

After half an hour, they reached Ngede's homestead about madly amazement. Ngede settled on one branch and Gingile as if to say, "Here it is! Come you so long?" Gingile couldn't see the tree, but he trusted Ngede.

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وضع جنجيل رمحه تحت الشجرة وجمع بعض الأغصان اليابسة وأشعل النار.
وما إن توهج اللهب، حتى أخذ جنجيل عصا طويلة من خشب يابس ووضعها
في النار لتحترق فتخرج دخانا كثيفا لدى احتراقها. ثم بدأ جنجيل يتسلق
الشجرة حاملا العصا ذات الدخان الكثيف بين أسنانه ماسكا إياها من طرفها غير
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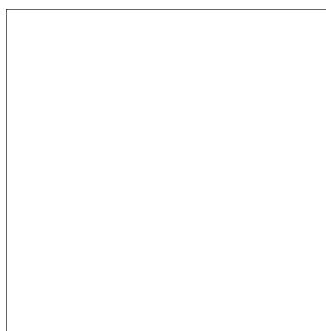
So Gingile put down his hunting spear under the tree,
gathered some dry twigs and made a small fire. When
the fire was burning well, he put a long dry stick into the
heart of the fire. This wood was especially known to
make lots of smoke while it burned. He began climbing,
holding the cool end of the smoking stick in his teeth.

Soon he could hear the loud buzzing of the busy bees. They were coming in and out of a hollow in the tree trunk - their hive. When Gingile reached the hive he pushed the smoking end of the stick into the hollow. The bees came rushing out, angry and mean. They flew away because they didn't like the smoke - but not before the had given Gingile some painful stings!

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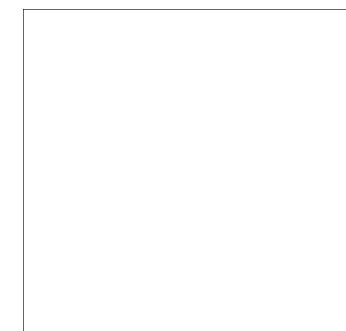


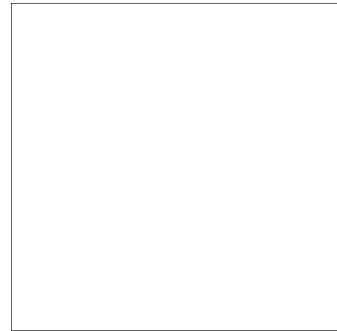
And so, when the children of Gingile hear the story of Ngedede they have respect for the little bird. Whenever they harvest honey, they make sure to leave the biggest part of the comb for Honeyguide!

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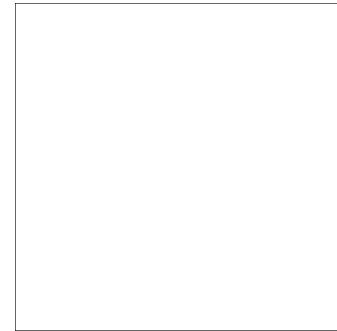




عندما ابتعد النحل، مد جنجيل يديه إلى الخلية في جوف الشجرة وبدأ يستخرج حفنات من أقراص الشمع المخضبة بالعسل والدهون واليرقات البيضاء. وضع جنجيل أقراص الشهد بكل عناء في حقيبته ونزل من أعلى الشجرة.

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When the bees were out, Gingile pushed his hands into the nest. He took out handfuls of the heavy comb, dripping with rich honey and full of fat, white grubs. He put the comb carefully in the pouch he carried on his shoulder, and started to climb down the tree.



و قبل أن تنقض عليه النمرة، أسرع جنجيل بالنزول من أعلى الشجرة، لكنه أخفق في مسك غصن من أغصان الشجرة وسقط مدوياً على الأرض فاللتوى كاحله عند السقوط. واصل جنجيل طريقه يعرج، بالسرعة التي يخولها له كاحله الملتوي. ولحسن حظه أن النمرة كانت لازالت تحت تأثير النعاس فلم تلحق به. انتم نجيد، دليل المناحل، لنفسه ولقن جنجيل درساً لن ينساه.

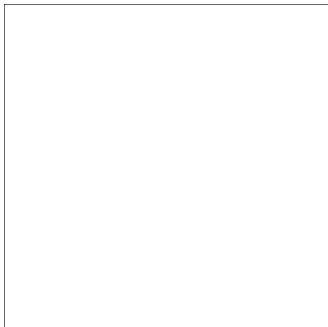
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Before Leopard could take a swipe at Gingile, he rushed down the tree. In his hurry he missed a branch, and landed with a heavy thud on the ground twisting his ankle. He hobbled off as fast as he could. Luckily for him, Leopard was still too sleepy to chase him. Ngede, the Honeyguide, had his revenge. And Gingile learned his lesson.

Ngede eagerly watched everything that Gingile was doing. He was waiting for him to leave a fat piece of honeycomb as a thank-you offering to the Honeyguide. Ngede filtered from branch to branch, closer and closer to the ground. Finally Gingile reached the bottom of the tree. Ngede perched on a rock near the boy and waited for his reward.

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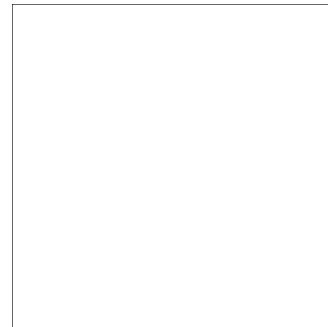
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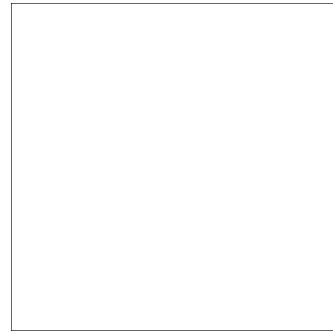
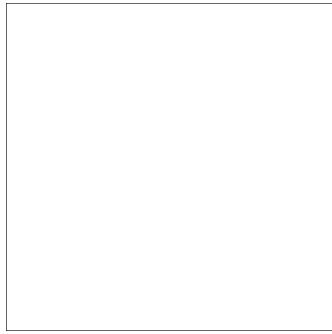


Gingile climbed, wondering why he didn't hear the usual buzzing. "Perhaps the hive is deep in the tree," he thought to himself. He pulled himself up another branch. But instead of the hive, he was staring into the face of a leopard! Leopard was very angry at having her sleep so rudely interrupted. She narrowed her eyes, opened her mouth to reveal her very large and very sharp teeth.

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لكن جنجيل أطفا النار والتقط رمحه وعاد أدراجه إلى منزله متناسياً العصفور، دليل المناحل. صاح العصفور غاضباً: "فيكتور، فيكتور ...". توقف جنجيل عن السير وحدق في العصفور الصغير وانفجر ضاحكاً: "هل تريد بعضاً من العسل يا صديقي؟ لكن أنا من قام بالعمل كله وتحملت كل تلك اللدغات لوحدي... فلماذا إذن أقسم هذا العسل الرائع معك؟". ثم ذهب بعيداً. استنشاط نجيد غضباً بعد أن تأكد من أن لا سبيل للتفاهم مع جنجيل وقرر بأن ينتقم لنفسه.

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But, Gingile put out the fire, picked up his spear and started walking home, ignoring the bird. Ngede called out angrily, "VIC-torr! VIC-torrr!" Gingile stopped, stared at the little bird and laughed aloud. "You want some honey, do you, my friend? Ha! But I did all the work, and got all the stings. Why should I share any of this lovely honey with you?" Then he walked off. Ngede was furious! This was no way to treat him! But he would get his revenge.

وفي يوم من الأيام، وبعد بضعة أسابيع من ذلك اللقاء، سمع جنجيل صوت نجيد يبشر من جديد بوجود العسل. تذكر جنجيل طعم العسل الذي وبدأ يتبع العصفور من جديد وبكل شغف. وبعد أن قاد العصفور جنجيل على طول حافة الغابة توقف ليستريح تحت شجرة كبيرة مظللة ذات أشواكه. فكر جنجيل: "أه... لا بد أن تكون خلية النحل في تلك الشجرة". أسرع جنجيل بإشعال نار صغيرة وبدأ يتسلق الشجرة وعود الدخان بين أسنانه. في الأثناء كان نجيد قابعاً يراقب عن كثب ما كان يحدث.

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One day several weeks later Gingile again heard the honey call of Ngede. He remembered the delicious honey, and eagerly followed the bird once again. After leading Gingile along the edge of the forest, Ngede stopped to rest in a great umbrella thorn. "Ahh," thought Gingile. "The hive must be in this tree." He quickly made his small fire and began to climb, the smoking branch in his teeth. Ngede sat and watched.