

## Story 10: A lie has no trace



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### The Story:

It is said that one day a man saw a beehive full of honey on the top of a kura tree and he decided to steal the honey. The thief took with him three things: an ax to cut the beehive, a mat to rub the honey, and a torch to protect himself from the bees. Then he climbed the tree to carry out his task.

A few minutes later, the owner of the kura tree appeared. He asked the thief, "What are you doing on the top of my tree?"

"I was tired," said the thief.

"And I wanted to take a rest on the top of the tree."

The owner of the tree, who did not really believe him, said: "Fair enough, then I will ask you three questions."

"What are you doing with the ax up in my tree?"

"I wanted to cut some green branches for my sheep," answered the thief.

"And what is the mat for?"

"Because I want to sit on it, so that my clothes do not get dirty," said the thief.

"And what about the torch then? What do you need the torch for?"

And the thief said: "Mmm... I don't have an answer for that."

**Story Moral:** *The moral of the story is that the more lies we might tell, the more complicated and difficult the situation becomes, as we struggle to keep up with our own falsehoods. When we are*





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*telling the truth, it's easy to answer without hesitation. But when we are lying, every question forces us to think and invent new stories. In the end, lies lead nowhere, and a liar cannot go far.*