

Story 11: Pineapple and the Eyes



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Representing: *Philippines*

The Story:

Once upon a time, there was a mother and a daughter. The mother loved her daughter very much because she was her only child. But, as the daughter grew up, the mother spoiled her.

One day, the mother fell ill, and the daughter had to do the household chores because her mother could no longer move. When the daughter was about to make noodle soup, she kept asking her mother for help, saying, “Mom, where’s the pot?”, “Mom, where are the matches?”, and “Mom, where is...?” She kept asking her mother where to find the things she needed.

Although the mother wasn’t angry, she became frustrated and said to her daughter, “I wish you had many eyes.”

The next day, the mother searched for her daughter everywhere but couldn’t find her. When she went to the yard, she noticed a plant that had grown there, bearing fruit. The fruit was shaped like a human head with many eyes.

She thought to herself that it was her daughter, Pinang. In the Philippines, the pineapple is called “Pinya.” Over the years, the word “Pinya” became “Pinang”, meaning Pineapple.



Story Moral: *The moral of the story is to be careful with words and actions, as they can have unintended consequences. The mother's wish for her daughter to have many eyes came true in an unexpected way, teaching us that impatience and frustration can lead to outcomes we don't foresee.*