

## Story 19: The story of the blind hunter

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### The Story:

Once upon a time, in a small village, there was a famous hunter named Kofi. He was the best hunter in the village, known for catching many animals and providing food for everyone. Kofi had a younger brother named Kwame, and they were very close. Whenever Kofi hunted, he would always share the meat with Kwame.

One day, Kofi went into the forest to hunt, like he always did. But something strange happened—he suddenly went blind and couldn't see anymore. A man from the village saw him and quickly ran to tell Kwame. Kwame rushed to the forest, found his brother, and brought him home. From that day, Kofi could no longer hunt, and it was also the last time he could see.

Kofi became very sad and angry because of his blindness. He couldn't do the things he used to do, and this made him frustrated. Kwame and his wife took care of him, but he was still upset. His anger grew, and he started doing things that no one believed he could do because he was blind.

Kwame's wife made money by selling snuff, a kind of tobacco that people put in their noses. She used the money to buy food for the family, including Kofi. But whenever she went to the market, Kofi would sneak into her storage and take some of the snuff. When she returned, she noticed that the snuff was missing, but no one believed her because Kofi was blind. "How could a blind man take the snuff?" the villagers asked.

After this happened a few times, Kwame's wife decided to test Kofi. One day, before leaving for the market, she mixed the snuff with chili pepper. She knew that if someone used the snuff, the pepper would burn their nose. While she was gone, Kofi took the snuff again, not knowing it had pepper in it. As soon as he used it, his nose started burning, and he screamed in pain.

Kofi shouted and rolled on the floor, crying out that Kwame's wife had hurt him. The neighbors heard his cries and rushed over. When they arrived, they saw Kofi in pain, with snuff all over his face. It became clear that he had been the one taking the snuff all along.

Everyone realized that Kwame's wife had been telling the truth. Kofi had tried to use his blindness to trick people, thinking no one would suspect him. But in the end, he was caught.

From that day on, Kofi stopped trying to deceive others and accepted the help of his brother and his wife. The villagers learned an important lesson: never use your troubles to take advantage of others, because the truth will always come out.

**Story Moral:** *The moral of the story is that we should not use our difficulties or challenges to take advantage of others. Even if people seem weak or powerless, the truth will eventually come out, and wrong actions will be revealed. Additionally, it teaches us to be patient and kind, as life can change unexpectedly, and today's strength or weakness may not last forever.*



