

Story 14: The Brothers of Balcad



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The Story:

Many years ago, two brothers left the vibrant city of Mogadishu, eager for an adventure. They set off to explore the world, walking for days until they came upon a city called Balcad. It was unlike any place they had ever seen, filled with sounds and sights that intrigued them. Drawn by loud noises coming from a large building, the brothers couldn't resist peeking inside. To their amazement, they entered a grand hall packed with people. At the center stood a king upon a grand stage, captivating the crowd with his words. But the brothers quickly realized that the king was telling lies about morals and values, and yet the people cheered him on. One of the brothers, unable to stand it any longer, stood up and boldly interrupted, telling the king to stop lying. The hall fell silent, and all eyes turned toward him. Enraged, the king ordered the boy to be imprisoned. No one had ever dared to speak against him.

The other brother, heartbroken and determined, vowed to rescue him. He left Balcad and returned to Mogadishu, dedicating himself to studying and learning for two long years. He aimed to become a better person and leader, determined to make a difference. When the time was right, the educated brother returned to Balcad. He arrived to find the same scene as before: the king deceiving the people. Without hesitation, he climbed onto the stage and interrupted the king's lies. He spoke with great passion, sharing the truths he had discovered during his studies, urging the people to listen. The king, shocked by the challenge, suffered a heart attack and collapsed on the spot. The crowd, now swayed by the young man's wisdom, declared him the new king of Somalia. Overwhelmed with happiness, his first act as king was to free his imprisoned brother. The two brothers, reunited at last, promised to rule with fairness and wisdom, bringing hope and a brighter future to the land of Somalia.

Story Moral: *Education is very valuable as knowledge is power.*



