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Kingi the farmer



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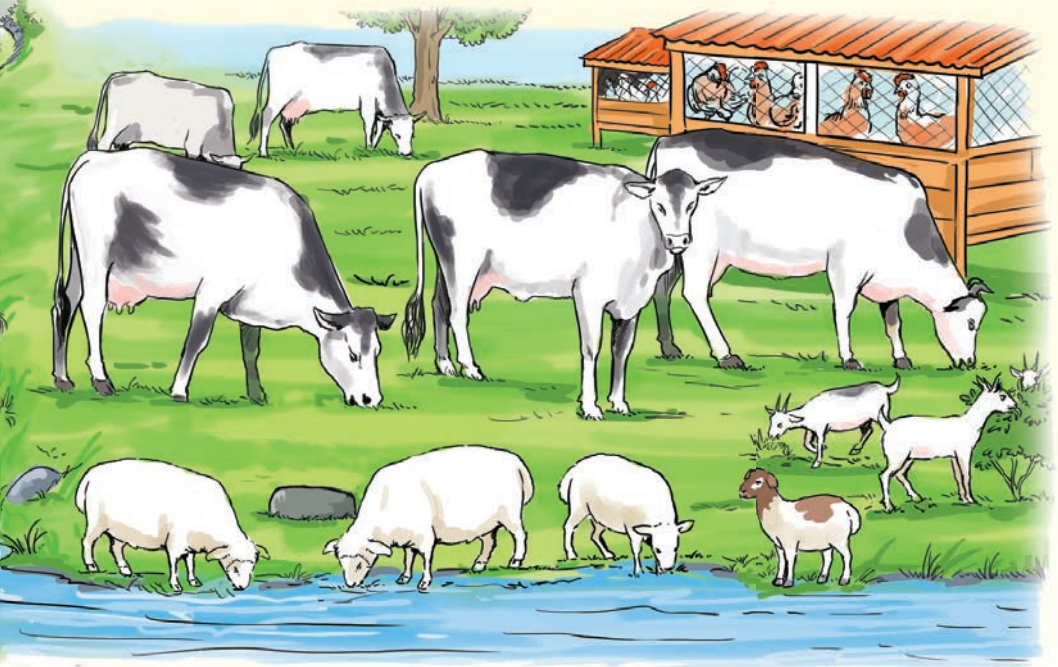


Long time ago, there lived an old man.
His name was Kingi.
He had one wife and six children.
Kingi lived with his family on a big farm.
They had a big house.



There was a river near the farm.
His family got water from the river.
There was a road near the farm.
Kingi used the road to go to the market.
He went to the market to sell some things
from his farm.

Kingi had many animals on his farm.
There were many cows, goats, chickens and sheep.
The family got milk from the cows.
The chickens laid many eggs.
Kingi sold the milk and eggs at the market.





There were two food stores on the farm.
The stores were always full of food.
Kingi was happy about his farm.
He was a rich man.

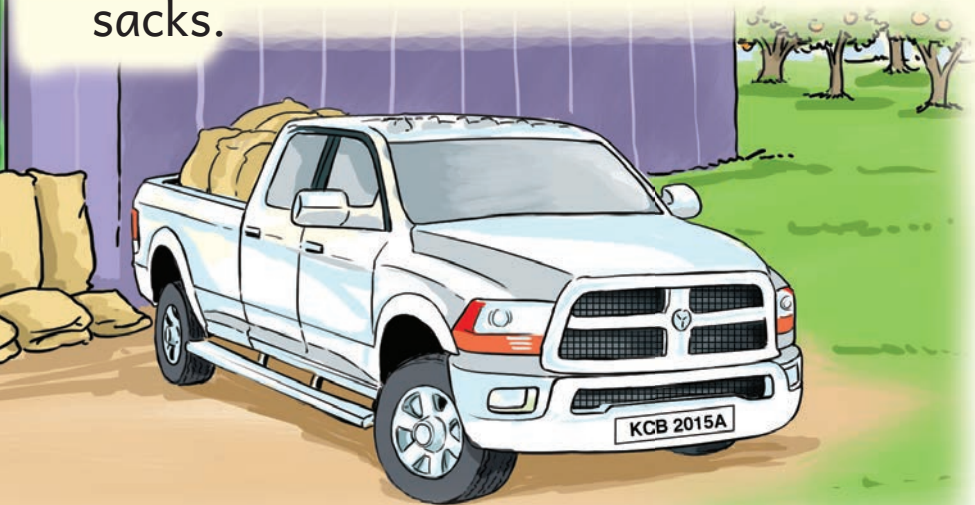
One day, Kingi asked some people to work on his farm.

He wanted them to harvest maize on his farm.

The people came with pangas, ox carts and wheelbarrows.

They worked on the farm from morning to noon.

In the afternoon, they put the maize in sacks.



Kingi took the maize to the market.
He asked the workers to wait for him at
the farm.
He promised to pay them when he came
from the market.
The workers waited for Kingi until
evening.
Kingi did not come.
The workers got very angry.



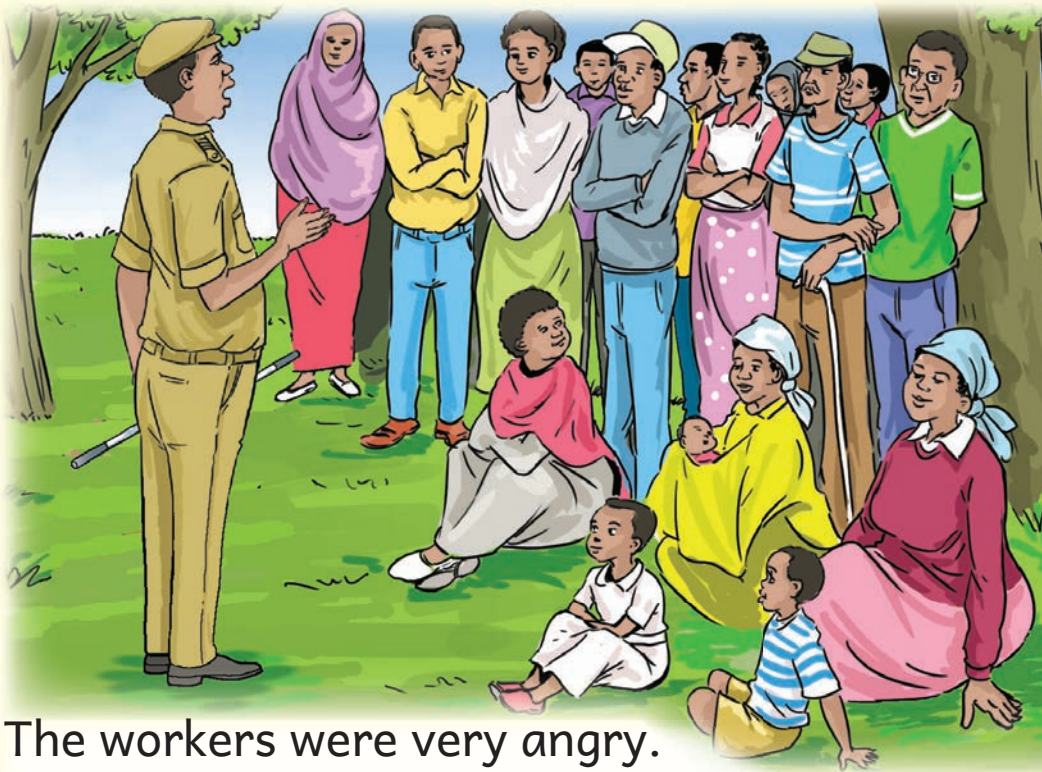


The following day, the workers went for their money.

Kingi was not at his farm.

His wife and children were also not at the farm.

The farm was very quiet.



The workers were very angry.

They reported Kingi to the chief.

The chief called for a meeting.

He asked every worker to attend the meeting.

The workers sat under a big tree.

The chief stood and talked.



“I am sorry. Kingi told me his son was taken to the hospital,” the chief said. The workers were very sad to hear this. They did not know that his son was sick. The chief asked them to go back and work at the farm.

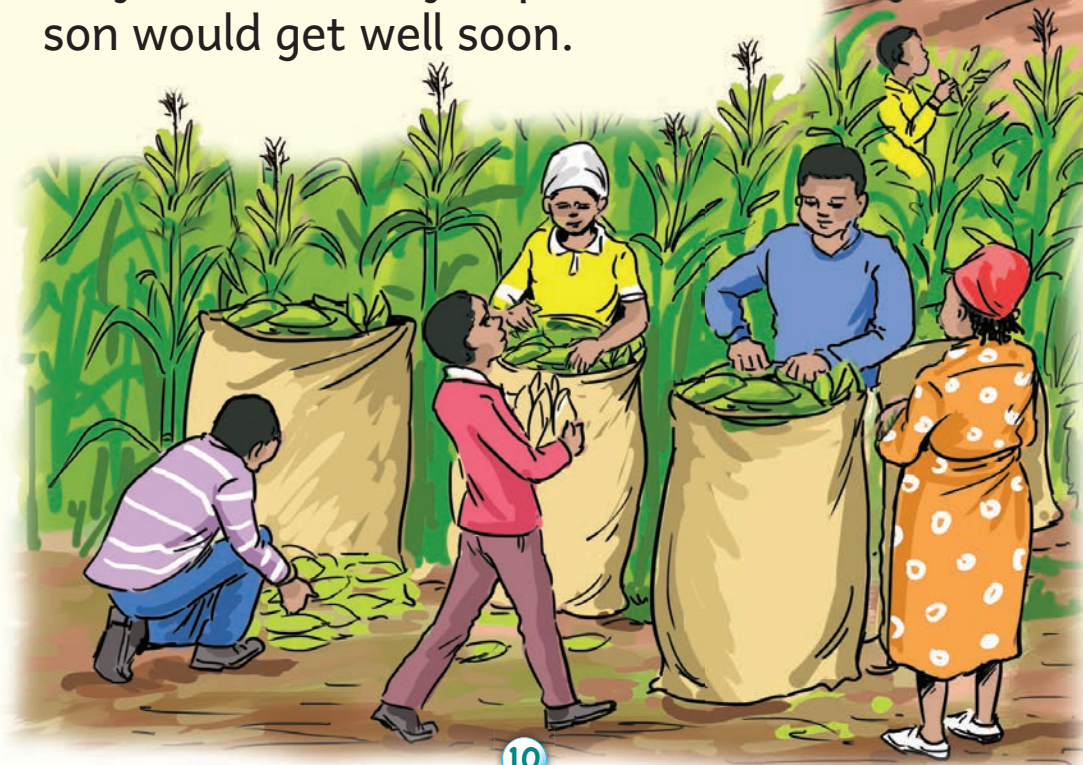
The workers went back to work at the farm.

They worked in the maize fields.

They harvested green maize.

They put the maize in sacks.

The workers talked about Kingi as they worked. They hoped that his son would get well soon.





Kingi came back in the afternoon.

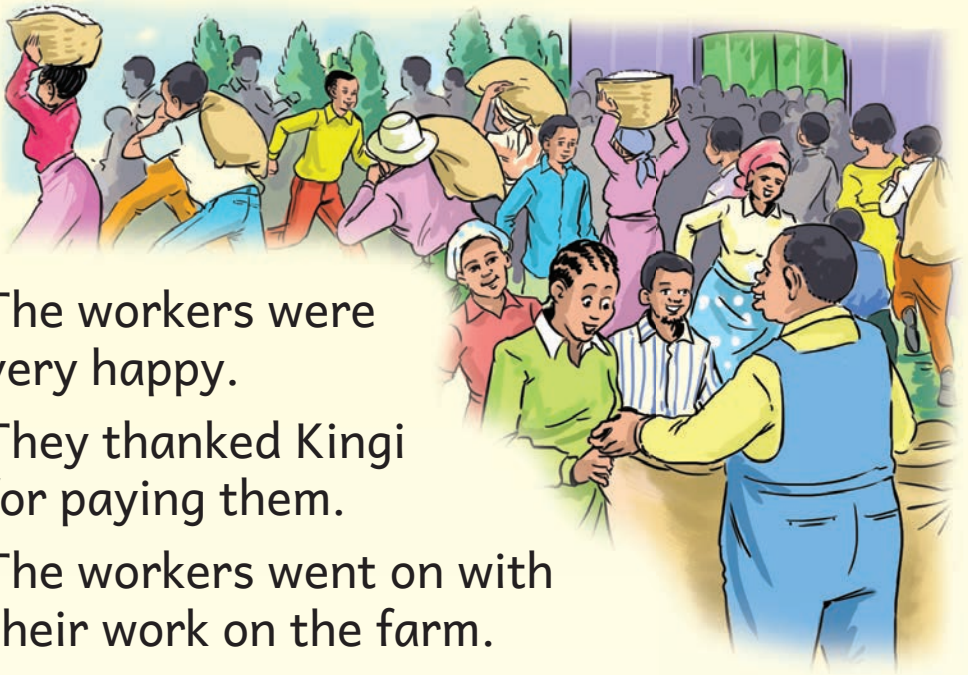
He found people working on his farm.

He was very happy with his workers.

“Run and call every worker,” Kingi told his driver.

The driver called all the workers.

Kingi paid all his workers.



The workers were very happy.

They thanked Kingi for paying them.

The workers went on with their work on the farm.

Kingi let the workers carry some food home.

Questions

1. How many children did Kingi have?
2. Where did Kingi get clean water?
3. Why did the workers report Kingi to the chief?
4. Who called the workers?
5. Why were the workers happy?

Kingi the farmer

Kingi is a farmer in the village. He has people who help him with farm work. One day he does not pay the workers. They talk to the chief. The chief helps them get their pay.



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