

THE HUNGRY THIEF

It had two friends, this two friend they couldn't get wuk and tning and they decide to do some tiefing. So one tief telling the nex one.

“Well look boy things hard with me, le we go and see if we could do ah lil tief in some rich people place.”

The next tief say, “Well awright.”

So the two ah dem went. When dey went, dey went by the King palace. The King was sleeping, everybody was sleeping when dey gone in the palace. One ah de tief tell the nex one.

“You go and tief and take as much as you could take up, while you taking up I going and see wha I could do.” The one who goin to do the tiefing say, “Well I going and tief, you see dat nobody come or dey wake up, if dey wake and come dey go catch me and we doh want to get catch.”

So when one tiefing the nex one watching. When he watching he feel hungry so he went in the kitchen to look for something to eat. When he went in the kitchen all he coulda see on the *chulha* (fire-place) was milk. He say to heself, “This is the sweetest thing to do now, drink ah good bellyfull ah milk.”

Well he take up de milk in ah *katora* (container) and he decide to drink. He say, “Wait nah before I drink I must remember *bhagavan* (god), doh drink just like dat, ah must say something, meh prayers at least.”

chulha - fire -place

katora - container

bhagavan - god

HE TAKE OUT THE SANKH (HORN) AND START TO BLOW, BEFORE HE DRINK DE
MILK



This tief use to walk with he *sankh* (horn). He think to heself before he drink le he do he *puja* (worship) just then he go drink. He forget the boy tiefing. This time the boy well tiefing. He take out he *sankh* and start to blow because he in *puja* now before he drink de milk.

When he done do he *puja* he goin to drink de milk. While he drinking the milk the noise from the *sankh* wake up de King and de King hold de tief, the one who de tiefing. So the two ah dem get catch. One tief start telling the nex one.

'So dat's how you de watching boy, Eh!. You mean you tell me to tief, Eh!. And you watching, why you make noise with the *sankh* for?'

He say, "Hear nah boy I de hungry you know and ah went in de kitchen to get something to eat. I really see milk and I study before I drink ah must pray to *bhagavan* so I blow de *sankh*. Dat is how they must be get up. Well, I forget you long time because I de hungry."

They hold the two ah dem. When de day for the case the case call and the tief lose he case. The King tell the magistrate to free dat man, the one who drink de milk.

The magistrate say, "Why?."

The King say, "If he didn't blow dat *sankh* I woundah know thief in meh place so he is ah good man for my place. I go mind he, I go keep he as a guard if anybody come to tief he go only blow he *sankh* and I go get back everything." So the case end right dey.

sankh - horn, conch-shell
puja - worship

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