

# **Rwamahe and Bwiza**

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Once upon a time, a wife and husband had two children, Rwamahe and Bwiza. Their parents died, and Rwamahe took care of the cows while Bwiza was busy with domestic duties.

One day, Rwamahe was injured. He limped back home. Bwiza asked him what had happened. Rwamahe answered, “It is the hard problems of men.”

His sister said, “You are saying that you alone work hard, and I do nothing?”

“It is easy to cook and wash dishes,” replied Rwamahe.

“It is very simple to spend all day long watching cows,” said Bwiza.

Rwamahe replied, “Instead of shouting in vain, let’s exchange jobs.”

Rwamahe stayed at home, and his sister Bwiza went to feed the cows in the corral. When she arrived there, the cows confused her because they ran away, each in its own direction.

She did not know what to do, so she sat down and wept. A bird came and asked, “What is making you weep?”

Bwiza said, “I was a girl who kept cows and washed dishes. My bird, go and tell Rwamahe that the cows from our father have been lost.”

The bird told this to Rwamahe. Then Rwamahe came and gathered the cows, and they returned to grazing. Finally, Rwamahe and Bwiza decided to respect each other.