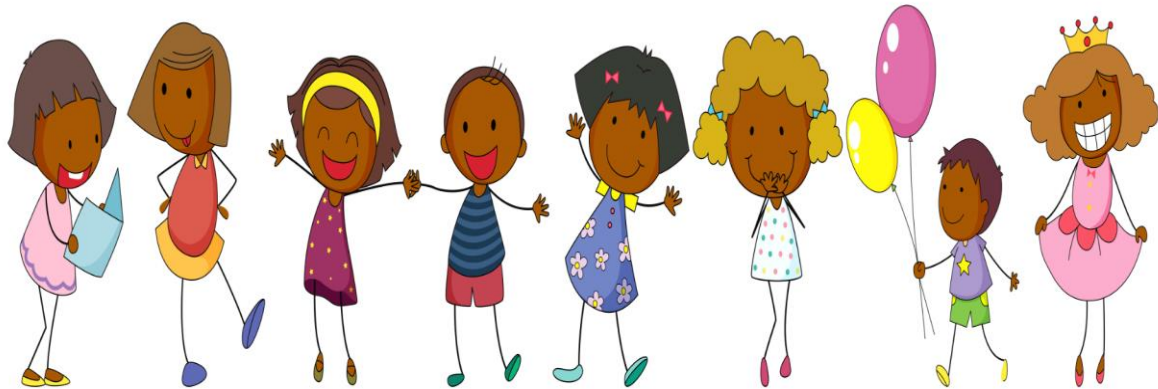


# MANNA AND THE WORMS

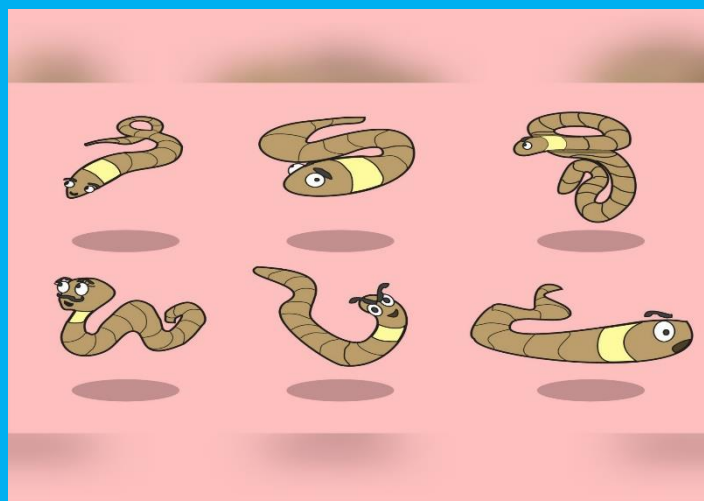
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Once upon a time, there was a land called MAN endowed with beauty and life, who was struck with a sudden disaster which brought about famine in the land. The beautiful creatures living in Man called WORMS were faced with famine. Often times, they would cry, pray, fight and till the land for manna(food).



The Land was on lockdown, as there were intruders<sup>1</sup> flying in the air, living on surfaces, laying ambush everywhere to capture and imprison any unfortunate one. So, worms were highly affected as manna would hardly fall from the oesophagus and the little remains were almost finished. Some worms died due to hunger, some got weak and some aggressive.

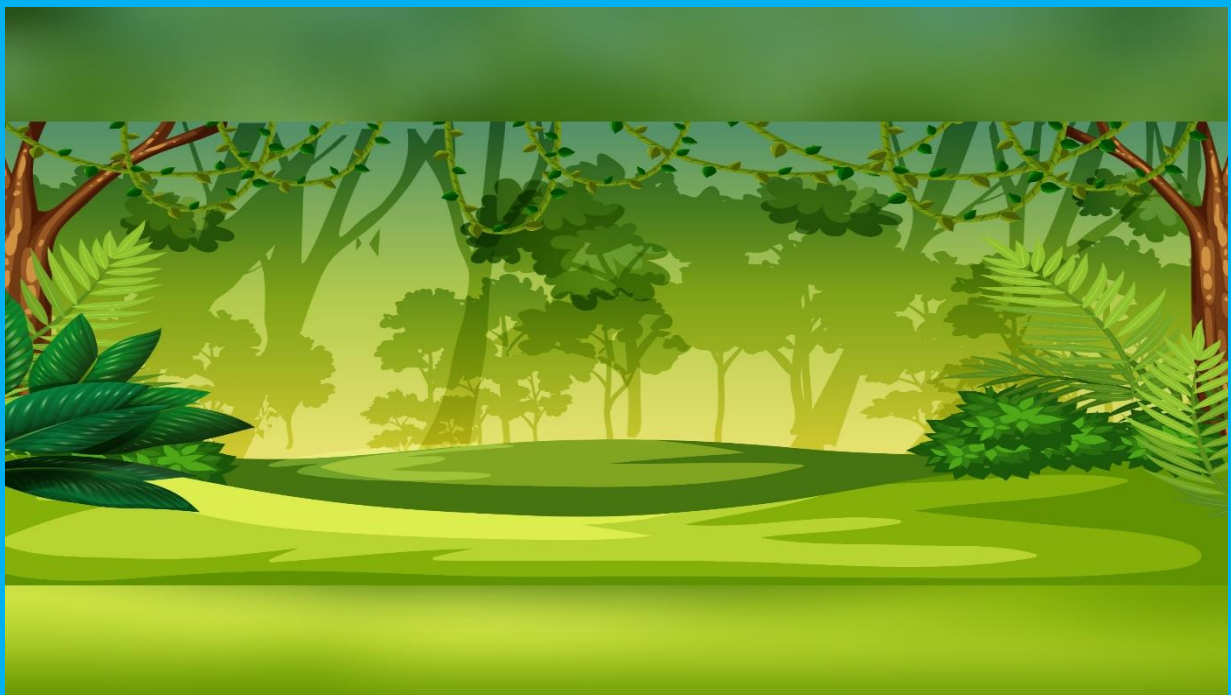


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<sup>1</sup> STORY: MANNA AND THE WORMS

Often times, Mr. Jagaga (leader of the aggressive worms) would say to the other worms; “till the land for manna and bring me the remains, you lazy worms”, and they would till the land for manna, but to no avail. Then mother worm would say to Mr. Jagaga; “if you seek my advice, I would say, be patience my son, for the land has never denied us our meal, let’s all share the little we have left”. But he refused to listen. The more they tilled the land, the more depreciated the land became. And the land gradually lost its beauty as its life was slowly fading away.

One day, while the worms were about to say their last prayer, mother worm called on all the surviving worms including Mr. Jagaga who was too weak to give commands, as he had lavished the remains given to him. Come together everyone,” she said”, we have nothing left to eat. Our fathers, mothers and children are dying, Let’s work with one mind and one goal, for together we can achieve. I saved a little for the rainy days like this, “she added”. They were all happy once more as they had each a little to eat and the land was a bit relieved.





Luckily, a bright light of restoration shone on land and frightened the intruders away. Then, a sudden sound (like a thunder sound) was heard from up the land, they were amazed and frightened as such loud sound has never been heard before. Then there was an outburst of excitement and loud voices saying; “manna.... manna.... manna...finally, there’s manna in the land. Our land has been restored”.

Everything became perfect as it were in the past, the beauty and life of MAN was restored. From that moment henceforth, MAN was well cared for by worms and worms were receiving manna on daily basis. They lived happily after.