

Other Stories

with a Theme of Giving and Selflessness

Story Title: *Not So! (Kenya)*

Book: Hyena and the Moon: Stories to Tell from Kenya

Author: Retold by Heather McNeil

Publisher: Libraries Unlimited, Inc.

Page(s): 33-37

Synopsis: Mama Baboon brags that her chicks are better than Mama Lion's cubs. Angry, Mama Lion steals the baboon chicks. Mama Baboon finds her chicks in Mama's Lion's dens, but Mama Lion claims that the baboon babies are actually her very own cubs. Who will dare say they are not? All of the other animals are terrified to speak the truth except one—the squirrel Kidiri. Kidiri builds a hill of dirt with a hole dug straight down the middle of the hill. When Mama Baboon calls together the animals, Kidiri stands atop the hill, stares into the eyes of Mama Lion, and declares that the babies belong to Mama Baboon. Then she dives down the hole. Mama Lion leaps forward and the babies escape. Kidiri safely digs his way through to his tunnel in the earth.

Story Title: *The Pearl that Shone by Night (China)*

Book: Favourite Folktales of China

Author: John Minford

Publisher: New World Press, China, 1983

Page(s): 27-38

Synopsis: Two brothers seek the hand of a princess. Their mission: to bring her a luminous pearl that can only be found in the underwater world of the Dragon King. The first brother passes a flooded village but does not stop. He returns with a lovely pearl from the Dragon King. The second brother passes the same flooded village, but stops. At the Dragon King's lair, instead of choosing a fine pearl, he chooses a Golden Dipper and a simple black pearl. He uses the Golden Dipper to help the flooded villagers. Both brothers display their prizes before the princess. The first brother's lovely pearl darkens. The second brother's black pearl shines like the moon.

Story Title: *Blond Carrie and Dark-Haired Carrie (Belgium)*

Book: Fairy Tales of Many Lands

Author: Edited by H. Herda

Publisher: Franklin Watts Inc., New York, 1956

Page(s): 31-37

Synopsis: Two sisters—one beautiful and one plain—stay true to one another though they are treated very differently. The girls' nurse, Nellie, favors the plain sister and plots to kill the beautiful one. The plain-looking sister learns about the evil plan. She warns her sister and the two girls escape. A swan offers to ferry them across a river but halfway across can no longer carry them both. The plain-looking sister jumps into the river so her sister may be saved. Grief-stricken, the beautiful sister reaches shore. Yet the younger sister does not perish. The waters save her and even wash the homeliness from her face. The two sisters are reunited.