

Ananse and the Magical Bowl of Agbobloshi

In Agbobloshi there lives a boy called Kweku Ananse. He lost his parents when he was a young child. He and his friends live on the streets. Ananse did not go to school but he is still very clever and cunning. He always finds a way to get some food. Usually he and his friends Kofi, Steven, Mary, Joe and Abena go to the bola to search for scraps. Later they sell it and get some little money to eat.

One day Ananse and his friends were searching on the bola and Mary found an old but clean bowl. There was something that attracted her to the bowl. She picked it up and to her great surprise it started talking. It told her that its name was "Let-it-be-full-and-eat". So she took it and showed it to Ananse. Ananse and the other friends were all very surprised about the talking bowl. They got to know that it was a magical bowl and that you just had to mention its name and it would fill up with food. So after the group had taken some snacks they decided to take the bowl back to their place where they would wash their hands and prepare a great meal for all.

On the way back in one of the alleys they suddenly ran into Crow and some of his friends. Crow is the leader of another group of street children. They are very troublesome. They steal and beat up others. So Crow blocked their way and asked them about their bowl. He wanted to take it away from them but as Ananse's group outnumbered his and so he decided to let them go for now.

Ananse and his friends continued their way until they came to their place. On the way Ananse told them they should go ahead whilst he wanted to go and get a special spice that would make the food even more delicious. His friends agreed but told him he shouldn't keep long. So Ananse left the group. But instead of buying any spices, he went to see a traditional herbalist. That woman deals with magical powders. He went to buy some sleeping powder.

When he came back they all started to prepare a wonderful meal. All kinds of different soups, meat, Fufu and everything they had been dreaming of for such a long time. The food was the best they ever had in their whole life. Ananse made sure that everybody took enough of the sleeping powder in his food and only he himself didn't take it. The effect of the medicine was that first all of them got very happy and active so after they finished eating they started singing and dancing but soon after that they all suddenly became very tired and fell into a deep sleep.

Ananse used this moment to fulfill his evil plan. He wanted the bowl all for himself. He thought he could take the bowl out of Agbobloshi and start his own restaurant somewhere in a nice part of Accra. He would become rich and would never need to work again in his life. So he took the bowl and walked away whilst all his friends were in a deep sleep. On his way out he ran into Crow again. Only that this time he was all alone and it was easy for Crow to take the pot away from him. Crow didn't know what to do with the pot so he decided to smash it into pieces just because he saw that Ananse liked it so much.

So because Ananse was not able to share with his friends but instead was greedy and wanted everything for himself he ended up completely empty handed.