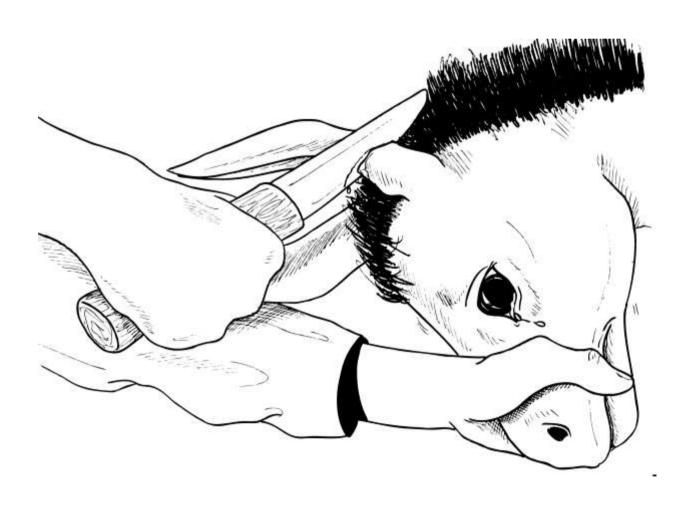
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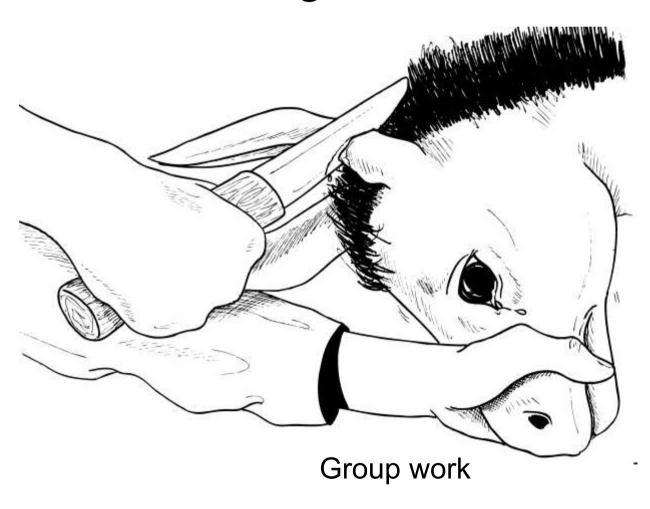
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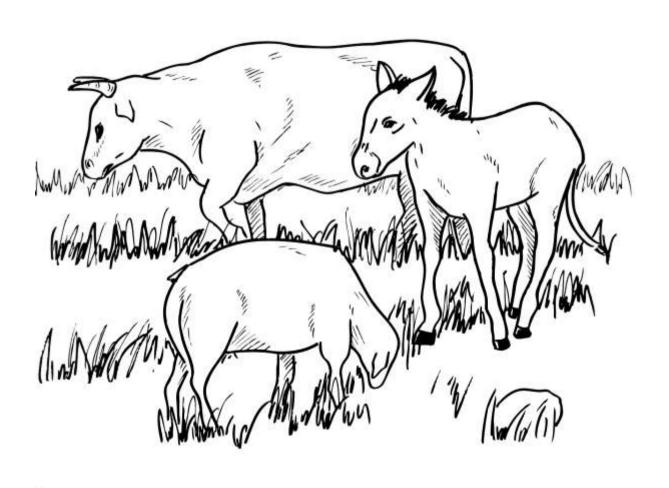
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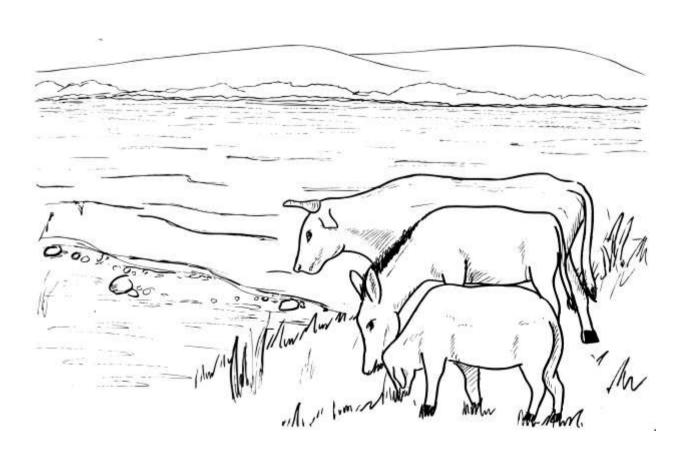


Gábul, thañ maré merere u shiñír maóó ahap'undugú míllañ.

Múnzúmáñ shúgo, maré rothuqi thá máré záá añá zíígá ñérá p'ús'iqi mbá p'ishí u fír s'árí.

Long time ago a cow, a sheep and a donkey were very good friends.

One day they agreed to go to a place where there was good grazing land and pure water.



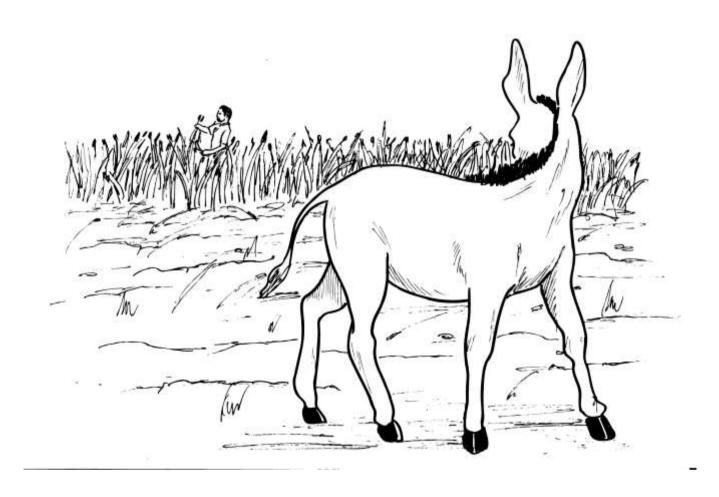
Shambá wóssálá máré añá zaaga máréqi, maré thiña gíñ féd'á máré k'íllíñ u maré thík'á fír s'árí. Ma maré álé gúdí thíthí baaláshúgo, shiñír boróñ bad'áyu thá walá ñine gídi búluñ na ñine. Ná boró k'alné, "Ali adí ák'abá búluñ shíñ."

When they reached the place they went looking for, they ate what they wanted and they drank pure water. After a while the donkey became envious that he did not have horns. The donkey said: "I am going to look for horns."



Shambá k'ala shíñir shambáló, ná k'alga thañ maré merere tha, "Shiñír! Gia alhisábáqa! Ñgó k'ala tha ñgó ádí, ñgó k'ábó búluñ, ñgó máthí thúrô iléqa mbá s'awarilégú!"

After hearing the donkey's plan, the cow and the sheep said, "Donkey, be careful! You are saying that you are going to look for horns. Be sure that while you are doing this, you do not lose your beautiful ears."



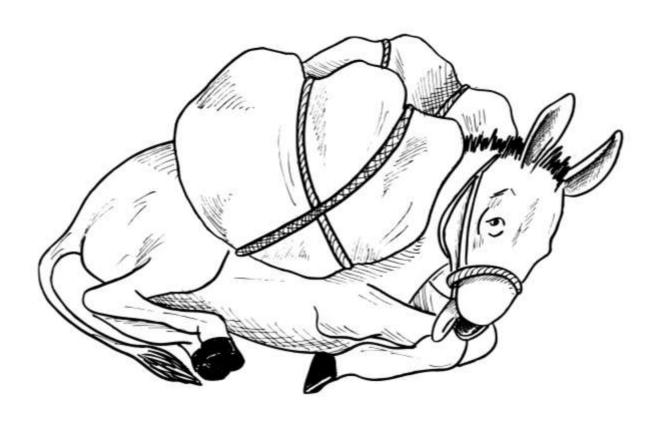
Shambá ííshá shíñir mbá adané baaláshúgó, áné thik'a maaba máálé thúm zíli, áné múúfa shiñír, áné ádá tháñ añá thúmgané zíliqi.

The donkey did not listen to his friends. The donkey went and found a man threshing grain. The man caught the donkey and took him to the threshing place.



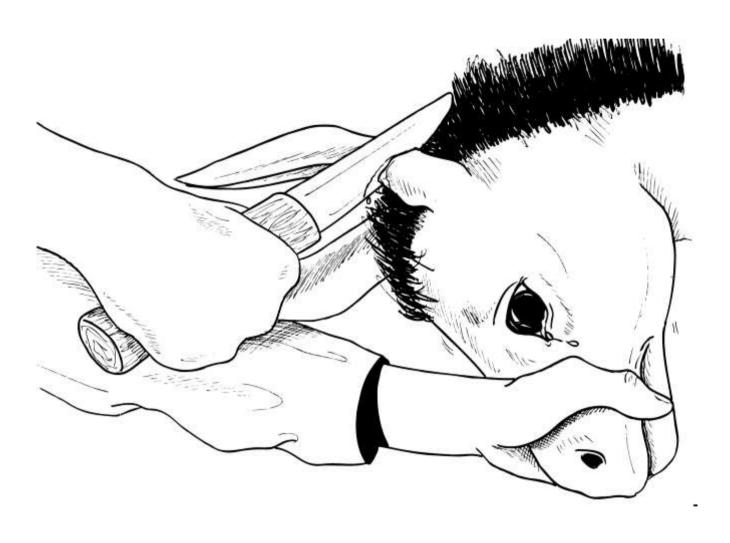
Mîmbá wóssálá máré añá zíí zílí ma thumá, á máábá hás'úla zíli ashawálindu holóñóníñ ná tháma shiñír tha gundi u maré záá thayúé.

When they reached the threshing place, the man loaded two sacks of grain on the donkey and took him home.



Ashan shiñir shilaqi áné dírsha, walá máthi gádáráqi thá áné áhátháqi mín thíri.

On the way the donkey got tired and laid down, the donkey could not get up.



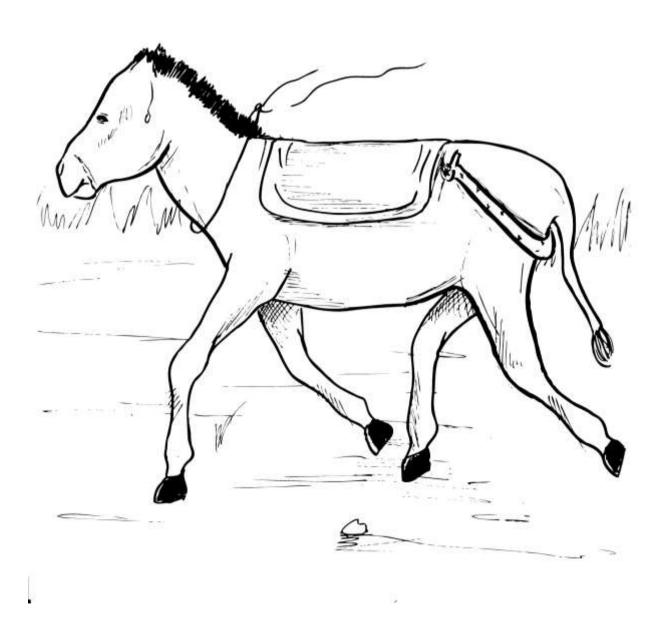
Maaba boró p'ilaqí u shúnaga áñ. Shambá goráné ñineqi, ná k'ítháqi na ile.

The man became angry. He was overcome by anger and cut the donkey's ears off.



Shambá k'itha máába shiñírqi na ile, a shíñir boró ná áháthe mín thíri. Shambá bad'uoné na ile ná máthí hás'úla zílilé thá ndímiilú thá hánduñ. Mímbá á wóssalíñané zíli maabéqi u mbá ábútháláne ñinéqi mín ñine thá gundi,

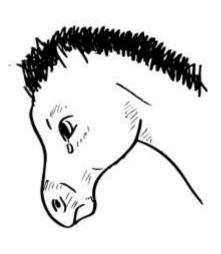
After the man cut off the donkey's ears, the donkey felt pain, got up, and took the grain to the man's house. When they reached home and the grain was unloaded from his back,



áné boró máthí buuna áña zíígá áhap'unáátháqi.

the donkey turned around and ran away to find his friends, the cow and the sheep.





Ná shín k'alga áhap'unááthá, "Walá ñgó k'álóógaña tha bík'a ádíñó ñinéñ ádañóá? Hássa d'á wááné fud'óó-ñó iléqá mbá s'awaríthígú" ma maré álé k'édiñi: "K'óá, k'óá".

His friends told him, "Didn't we tell you not to go? Where did you lose your beautiful ears?" His friends laughed "k'oa, k'oa"