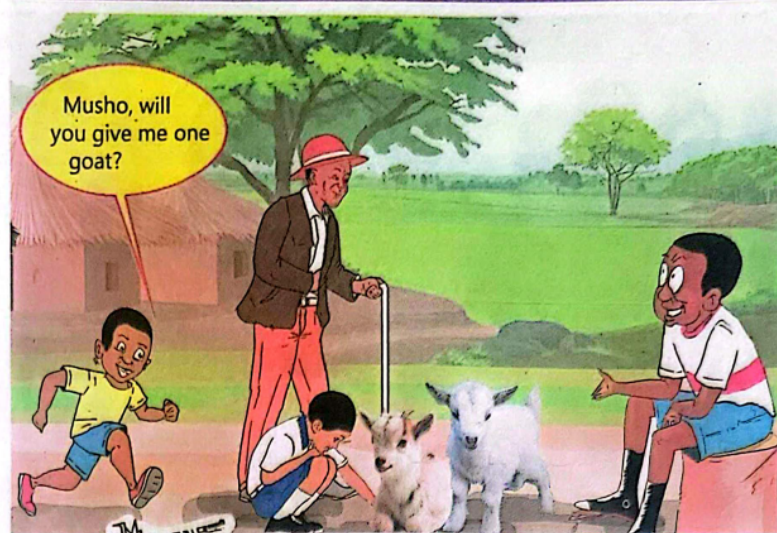




Musho pleasantly surprised by family

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The mother goat was still following Musho, bleating at the top of its voice. When Musho stopped momentarily to talk to his father, the goat woke up the people who were sleeping in the car. The first person to jump out of the car was Nunu, Musho's younger sister.

"Ewww, Musho what is that?" Nunu asked.

"These are kids that have just been born. My goat just gave birth to three kids," Musho said.

"Why are they so ugly?" Nunu asked, looking away.

"You would never survive on a farm, Nunu," Musho dismissed Nunu.

"Give the goat its babies, Musho. You are making her cry too much," his father said.

"I am taking it to the house behind the granary," Musho said.

As soon as Musho had started moving away, his twin brothers woke up, opened the car door and ran after him.

They were excited to see him. They wanted to hug him but he was holding the baby goats.

When they reached the room behind the granary,

Musho placed the three kids on a blanket on the floor.

The mother spent several minutes leaking all the mucus off its babies as the twins watched in shock. Musho went ahead and helped the kids learn to breastfeed. The twins were enthralled by the beauty of the baby goats.

There was one black one, one white one with a pink nose and one that was black and white.

"These have just been born, really?" the older twin asked.

"Yeah, why?" Musho asked.

"They can already stand up," the younger twin said.

"Animal babies are not like human babies. They

are able to stand up a few minutes after birth," Musho explained.

Musho took the twins to see the rest of the goats in the pen. He told them the names of each and how to identify males from females. He took them to see the pigs, which excited them. He gave the twins some weeds to feed the pigs. The twins held the weeds as the pigs ate them. This made them so happy.

"You really like the village, do you not?" Musho's father said approaching.

"Yeah, I love it here," Musho replied.

"May be you should stay and do your Primary Seven from here," his father teased him.

"I don't think that is a good idea," Musho replied.

"Why not?" his father said.

"Schools here do not perform very well at PLE," Musho said. "But I would like to attend the boys' secondary school around here. That way, I can always visit and learn more about farming," Musho said.

"If that is what you want," his father replied.

After Musho took his younger siblings around the farm, they came back home to have breakfast.

Grandpa praised Musho the whole morning.

Answer this

1. Why was the goat bleating at Musho?

2. How did the twins react on the new born kids?

3. What did Musho teach his siblings?

4. Why does Musho want to study near the village?