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## The Forgiveness Walk

Once upon a time, in a small village in Nigeria, it was the day before New Year's Eve. The villagers were all very excited, because they knew that on New Year's Eve, they would get to visit all of their friends and family to wish them a happy new year.

But there was one special tradition that the villagers followed on New Year's Eve that made it even more special. They called it the "Forgiveness Walk."

On the Forgiveness Walk, the villagers would go to visit anyone who they had hurt or offended during the year, and they would ask for their forgiveness. Then, they would all sing songs of hope and happiness together.

But for one of the villagers, Musa, the Forgiveness Walk was a little more difficult. He had had a few arguments with his best friend, Aisha, during the year, and he really wanted to make things right with her. But Musa also had a hard time swallowing his pride and admitting when he was wrong.

Then, something strange happened. That night Musa had a dream and in his dream he was all alone in a big, empty room. He felt lonely and sad and he realized that he needed his friends and family in order to be truly happy.

This dream convinced Musa to go on the Forgiveness Walk. He knew that he had to swallow his pride and ask for forgiveness.

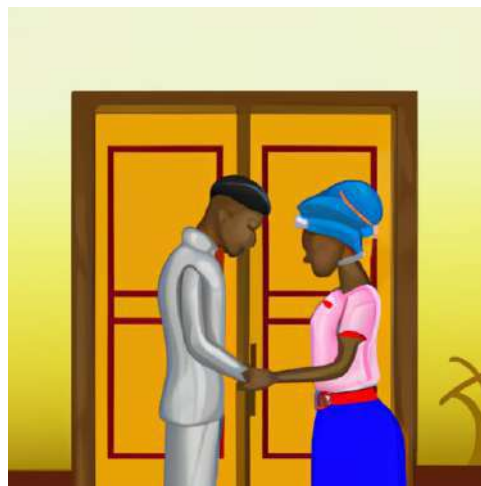
So on New Year's Eve, Musa put on his best clothes and set off to visit Aisha. When he arrived at her house, he knocked on the door and waited nervously.

Aisha opened the door and gave Musa a big hug. "I'm so glad you came to visit," she said. "I'm sorry too, for all the times I was mean to you this year."

Musa was relieved and happy to hear this. "I'm sorry too," he said.

"Can we start the new year off as friends again?"

Aisha smiled. "Of course we can," she said.



The two friends then joined hands and walked around the village. They played the drums and sang songs of hope and happiness together and had a great time.

As the night went on and the new year arrived, Musa and Aisha knew that they had truly started the year off on the right foot, with their friendship stronger than ever.