

Dembe and Akello were two boys who were friends. Akello showed off his new soccer ball. "Wow, that soccer ball looks good!" Says Dembe. "I wish I had one just like yours."

"Thank you. Do you want to play soccer with me?" Akello asks. "Of course." Dembe says. Dembe and Akello played all day long until their mom called them in for dinner.

"That was really fun!" Dembe said. "Your soccer ball is really good. I wish I had yours! Can I have it?" "No." Akello said. "My mom worked really hard to get me this."

After dinner, it was bedtime for Dembe and Akello. But instead of sleeping, Dembe had other ideas.

Late into the night, Dembe snuck into Akello's hut, and went to his bed, trying to take his soccer ball. Akello and his family were fast asleep.

Right when he snatched the ball, he noticed a noise coming from outside. From the corner of his eye, he saw a big, purple monster with lots of eyes, a big belly, 2 big horns, and small legs. He was very hairy. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw it.

"Hello. I am Galabba. I am an obibi. What are you doing to that child's ball?" The monster said. "I just want to play with the ball. I am his friend and I just wanted to take the ball." Dembe said. "My little one, even though they are friends, stealing is still wrong. Now put the ball back and apologize in the morning. It is the right thing to do."

"Alright." Dembe said. "I'm very sorry." "You should be. Now have you learned your lesson?" Galabba asked. "Yes." Dembe said. "I'm glad you learned your lesson. Now let's get you back home safely, okay?" Galabba said. "Okay." Dembe said.

Galabba brought Dembe home and told his mother what happened and why he was away from home. Galabba told his mother to make sure he apologizes to Akello in the morning, in which she agreed.

The next morning, Akello asked Dembe if he wanted to play. His mother tilted her head, as if telling Dembe to tell the truth. "Akello, I have something to tell you." Dembe said.

"What is it?" Akello asked. "The thing is, I really wanted your soccer ball, and during the night, I tried stealing it, but then I put it back. I'm sorry about it. I do not know what went through me." Dembe said.

"What, you really did that?" Akello said. "Yes." Dembe said. "Well, I forgive you. But don't do it again; okay, Dembe?" Akello said. "Okay". Akello played outside all day and had lots of fun.

The end.