

## STORY 1

### A Little Girl

She's four years old. She live with old lady when the parent out, go to work. I'm going to work and she live with old people, and she go around the block, pick up all the . . . make . . . short stick and the wood for . . . The fire, when they cook rice in a big, big frying pan and give to them. And they give her that, you know, under the part, like . . . the crust, or the bottom of the cooked rice.

And what she'd get, a piece like that and she bring to give the boy when they bring the rice on their head. The whole by the boy, put away the part where they cut underneath. That gets put away. And when they're hungry and get a piece here, a piece here, all there, and have one little piece left in hand. And the brother wanted no more because he . . . all away. Because the whole . . . and he eat it, eat her finger and bites her finger and bleeding and she cry. And what they do? The soldiers who see it cry. "Tell her to stop crying," because it hurt so bad. She just . . . and shaking. And they put her in the bag of rice and hang her in . . .

And . . . she pass out in their . . . When I come back from work, here my daughter hang up there, and they tell me. And the people, the . . . , they whistle and the soldier, they ran past and one of the soldier, they love her also when they live there. Take her out and give to me, he . . . And I thought she was going to die. It was just so hard.

## STORY 2

### Hate Poop, Ride Elephant.

So he [hate] the poop and then he wants to ride on an elephant.

that says Hate Poop, Ride Elephant. Hate the lawsuits, climb the top of the palm tree.

In Khmer, it's rhymes.

Because in Cambodia, you will see only palm trees. They cut out the trees and you see only palm trees.

They hate the lawsuits and they . . . And instead, they go to hide themselves. He or she, I don't know what's that, sorry. Hide himself or herself on top of the palm tree. So because he doesn't want to argue or get into quarrel or go get into lawsuit with anyone, I would like to go and live myself on top of the tree, the palm tree. And there's nothing for me to work, to do. And then I have a small sickle. I cut a palm frond to make a basket. And then while I'm making that, I build a basket, I'm thinking about stories. And when I make those beautiful, lovely basket of palm frond I can sell those baskets and then buy some chickens. And when I raise these chickens with some big chickens, I can earn some money, and then I will sell those chickens and I will buy a small cow or an ox. And when I raise these ox or cows to be bigger, and then I can sell it, and then I can hire a slave or a servant. And then if I order him or her to do the work and then he is lazy and doesn't listen to me, I will kick him or her. So that's in his brain.

He's thinking. And when he think the actions like out of his hand and then he fell out the top of

the palm tree. And then he fell on the rice field.

Okay, so it's like the palm frond is like this, like a coconut tree. And then while he fell down, like his conscious coming to his mind. He just grabbed hold of some small frond and then he just hang, dangle over there. When he fall, if he let go of this frond, he would die when he fall. So he's just hanging himself there. And now, we just postponed the story for a while, and then we are talking about another guy who hate the poop and then he ride an elephant. Because in Cambodia, they go out and about doing it in the open, like in India. They can open . . . And then he hate walking and his feet on the poop. So he ride on the elephant so he stay away from those poops or excrement.

And then while riding on the elephant and the elephant walk below, the guy hanging himself with the palm frond up there, that guy up there say, "Help me! Help me!" And then that guy on the elephant stands up and then he stand on the elephant's head, and then grabbed the feet of that guy or that girl, I'm not sure. And then the guy up there just shake himself because he fear himself falling down but while this guy grabbed hold of his feet. And then this guy shakes the elephant's head and the elephant thought that, "Oh, this guy ordered me to walk." And then the elephant walks. And then now, you see these two guys hanging themselves for dear life with the palm frond. And now the elephant is gone and two gentlemen or ladies up there. And now the question is whether these two gentlemen or ladies can stay away from poop or not.

Well, they can escape poop and they can escape lawsuits. Do you think those two people are able to escape the things that they're afraid of?

So the top man or top woman is so afraid, so fearful, and then you know that the [sphincters] let loose, like physically everything's loose when you are afraid of something. And then the loose stool come down . . .

And it drop down on the one that's . . .

And then now the poop drop down on the head of the bottom one who hate the poop so much.

So during the cliffhanging, four men or women walk by. And these two gentlemen or ladies yell, "Help me! Help us!" And then these four men or women, I'm not sure, ask how can we help? Four, four. Now, these two men or women ask the four men and women to bring a scarf and then grab hold of each corner.

A blanket. In Cambodia, we don't have blanket. We have scarf. We have scarf like this one, but not beautiful as this one. Cambodian, we have scarf.

Yeah, so they ordered these four people to grab hold of each corner and then stay below. So the top guy or top person let go of the palm frond.

And then drop into . . . Onto the scarf.

And now you think these four hit each other's heads and die. The four die.

They don't care about these four person who die, but these two people sue each other. Because the bottom one sue, "You poop on my head!" So now, in conclusion, the one who hates the poop and riding the elephant got sued by the guy up there. And then the guy up there who hate lawsuit got sued again by this guy.

**MORAL:** So he said that it's you are thinking too much and you try to avoid. You are thinking too much, try to avoid everything. But still, you cannot avoid everything. Yeah.

Just a lawsuit, just a general lawsuit. So he goes up into the palm tree to get away from all the lawsuits. And as he is thinking, he's like, "You know, as I'm thinking here, I'm going to make the basket to weave from the palms. And then I can sell that. And then I'll get a chicken. And then the chicken will let me afford to buy an ox. An ox will afford me to buy a servant, and if the servant doesn't work, I'm going to kick him," and then ahh, he falls down. And as he falls down, he grabs on to the tree, and he's hanging by the palm leaves, and meanwhile—it's just like dun-dun-dun. So meanwhile, this guy who hates to step on the poop everywhere, is riding the head of the elephant to avoid the poop. Comes along this guy, dangling from the leaf, saying, "Help me. Help me." And so, he's like, "Okay. I'll stand on top of the elephant's head and I'll try to get you down." While he's doing that, he stepped on the elephant, and the elephant thinks the movement means to go, so the elephant goes. And now they have two men dangling by the thread, as the other one, the Mr. "I'm afraid of lawsuit," is afraid of what's happening next. And then that's when he poops his pants, right? And poops on top of the guy who hates the poop. And then four people come and they're like, "Help us. Help us. We're dangling here by the palm."

This is where we can alter and so they can take their scarf and tie it together for them to jump down. They can jump down safely, landed safely. The guys are okay, and then they go and sue each other.

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Oh, you want the four people to live? So the four people tie their scarves around to give a safe place to jump down. So those two men come down. The man who hates the poop and the man . .

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Sues the guy.

The guy who hates the lawsuit.

And that's the end of the story.

And then moral, the line say, you cannot avoid anything.

[OMITTED SNAIL AND RABBIT STORY]

### **STORY 3**

#### **Allejo the trickster**

Once upon a time, there was a couple. And these two, the mother and the father never get along with each other very well. And they end up living separately. And then this couple, during the time they live together, they have one young boy. So when the mother and father live separately these Allejo . . . when you say Allejo in Cambodia everyone knows.

He's an orphan.

The trickster. Allejo mean trickster, the name of the young boy. That is Allejo. And then this young boy, Allejo, got sent to live in the pagoda or the temple. While living in the temple or pagoda, that young boy think about the very favorite snack that he love to eat. And then he think, he set up a plan to get his mother and father remarried in order to eat the cakes, whatever the favorite snack. Because when you get married in Cambodia or Laos or Vietnam, they will organize a big feast. And then he will and that his favorite snack like the Turkish delight. And then the snack, I don't know, I forgot the name of the snack.

Go to mother.

So first step, that young boy got out from the temple or pagoda to meet his mother living over

here, and telling his mom, “Mommy, I think you live lonely for a long time. You’re supposed to get married to a . . .

[TURTLE STORY OMITTED]