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**The Boy Who Went to Heaven.** Boy fails herding cattle; ashamed, wants to go to heaven; he sets out walking. He walks slowly. He helps guards turn their "cattle" which are cow-elephants and leopards. He smells food cooking but no one is in hut to offer him food so he abstains. In heaven, God's wife welcomes him, feeds him, tells him not to be afraid of thunder (sound of God's arrival). God rewards him for his good, helpful behavior: pull up clump of grass! Boy does so, and there are herds of cattle. Boy goes home rich with cattle. Jealous brother decides to do same but opposite walks fast not slow, does not help guards, takes food without asking, is scared of thunder. When God goes to reward him, he pulls up clump of grass and leopard jumps out and eats him.

[McNeil developed the very strong contrast between the two brothers; left out Son of God and the wife's seven heads; proverb: [Haraka haraka, haina baraka](#); hurry hurry no blessing.]



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