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Description: These are **Vai** stories from Liberia.

One day the Goat was walking about in the field, and he met the Leopard. The Leopard told the Goat, "You must tell me three truths so I can save you."

The Goat replied: "The first truth is that your stomach is full. Were it not for that you would kill me just now."

"That is one of the truths," said the Leopard.

"The next one is if I had known that you were here I would not have come this way," said the Goat.

"That is two," said the Leopard.

"If I go and tell any of my brothers that the Leopard and I met to-day, they would not believe me."

"That is true," said the Leopard.

"Well," continued the Leopard, "since it is true that if you tell any one that you and I met today and it will not be believed, I think I had better kill you."

"All right," replied the Goat; "but let me go and call the Dog, so that he can be our witness."

"Very well; go call the Dog," added the Leopard.

The Goat went and told the Dog that the Leopard had said, "We must go and make medicine for him."

"No, I am not going anywhere," replied the Dog: "the Leopard does not know me."

Then the Goat left the Dog and ran into the town, and ever since then he has been stopping in town. The Leopard had the Cat with him and he told the Cat to go and look for the Goat, and the Cat came to town and has not returned. So the Leopard likes neither the Goat nor the Cat.