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Description:

7. GAMBIA: The Horse with the Golden Dung. (Mandinka story.) Thief Ahmadu is poor. He feeds gold to his horse and shows golden dung to village chief. Chief buys horse; gets angry when no more golden dung comes. Chief summons Ahmadu and wife. They pretend to argue; Ahmadu pretends to kill her. He then resurrects her with magic cow-tail switch. Chief wants this power. He buys magic cow-tail. When he kills wife, she stays dead. Chief orders men to take Ahmadu away and drown him. On way they tie him up while they go pee. Ahmadu gets passerby to take his place by shouting, "Help I don't want the chief's money!" Ahamdu escapes, taking the man's kola nuts too. Later Ahmadu comes to the chief. "Your ancestors send regards, plus these kola nuts!" Hoping to get even more wealth from ancestors, Chief wants to be tied and drowned like Ahmadu, and Ahmadu becomes chief.