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Description:

3. CAMEROON: The Crown Made of Smoke. King wants wise husband for daughter. Sew a crown of smoke! Various men tried and failed. Also animals. Tortoise asks for supplies; King agrees. He says make fire not with wood; instead, everyone must shave heads and throw hair on fire. Tortoise still could not make crown, but eventually hair ran out, and he blamed the lack of the right fire. King realized Tortoise was wise. He gave half of his kingdom to Tortoise: the animal half. Tortoise can defeat any animal with his wisdom.