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Once upon a time, in a distant Zulu village, there lived a young boy named Nkosi. Nkosi was a bright and eager boy, but he was also very independent and headstrong. He often thought he knew better than the adults and did things his own way.

One day, the chief of the village summoned Nkosi and gave him an important message to deliver to the neighboring village. The message was a request for help, as the neighboring village was facing a drought and their crops were failing.

The chief said to Nkosi, "This is an important message, Nkosi. It is vital that you deliver this message to the chief of the neighboring village as soon as possible. Do not delay and do not lose the message."

Nkosi nodded and took the message from the chief. He was proud to have been given such an important task and set off on his journey immediately.

As he walked along, Nkosi began to think about the message. He thought about how important it was and how he needed to deliver it as quickly as possible. But then he also thought about how long and boring the journey would be. He began to wish that he could find a way to make the journey go faster.

Just then, Nkosi came across a group of children playing by the side of the road. The children were laughing and having fun, and Nkosi wished that he could join them. He thought, "Maybe I could just take a short break and play with the children. I'll only be a little bit late, and no one will ever know."

So Nkosi put the message in his pocket and joined the children in their game. He played with them for hours, forgetting all about the message and the chief's instructions.

When Nkosi finally remembered the message, it was already late in the day. He quickly ran to the neighboring village and delivered the message to the chief.

The chief was furious. He scolded Nkosi for his disobedience and for losing the message. He said, "Your actions have put our entire village at risk. The neighboring village will not be able to help us, and our crops will fail. You have failed in your duty, and you must be punished."

Nkosi was ashamed and remorseful. He realized that he had been foolish and selfish. He had let his own desires get in the way of his duty, and he had put his entire village in danger. The chief punished Nkosi severely, but he also gave him a chance to redeem himself. He said, "You must go back to the neighboring village and beg for their help. If you are successful, then I will forgive you for your mistake."

Nkosi set off on his journey immediately. He traveled for days and nights, until he finally reached the neighboring village. He went to the chief and begged for his forgiveness and for his help.

The chief of the neighboring village was reluctant to help Nkosi at first. But Nkosi was sincere in his apology, and he promised to never make the same mistake again. The chief eventually agreed to help Nkosi, and he gave him the food and supplies that he needed.

Nkosi returned to his village a hero. He had redeemed himself and saved his village from starvation. The chief forgave him for his mistake, and the villagers welcomed him back with open arms.

Nkosi learned a valuable lesson that day. He learned that it is important to listen to instructions and to follow through on your commitments. He also learned that it is never too late to redeem yourself from your mistakes.

#### Moral of the story

The moral of the story is that it is important to listen carefully and follow instructions. It is also important to keep your promises and to never give up on your goals. Even if you make a mistake, it is never too late to redeem yourself.



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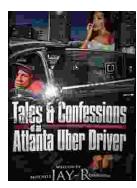
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