



WHO IS THE GREATEST?

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On Christmas eve, each family of animals gathered near the beach. The family of milkfish, carabao, eagle, and tarsier. They prepared lechon, sinigang, adobo and coconut. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food they had prepared.

Sa gabi ng pasko, ang bawat pamilya ng mga hayop ay nagtipon tipon malapit sa dagat. Ang pamilya ng bangus, kalabaw, agila at tarsier. Naghanda sila ng lechon, sinigang, adobo at buko. Ang lahat ay nasiyahan sa masasarap na pagkain na kanilang inihanda.

When they were eating, Agilya, from the family of eagle, boasted his son that he could fly so high and believed that he can win the flying competition, while Cara, from the family of carabao also bragged about carrying 10 people on his back. Everyone was so amazed to eagle and carabao family.

Nang sila ay kumakain, Si Agilya, galing sa pamilya ng agila, ay pinagmalaki niya ang kanyang anak na lalaki na mataas kung lumipad at naniniwala na ang kanyang anak ay mananalo sa kompetisyon ng paglipad, habang si kara, galing sa pamilya ng mga kalabaw ay ipinagyabang ang pagbubuhat ng 10 katao sa kanyang likod. Ang lahat ay namangha sa pamilya agila at kalabaw.

How about the family of milkfish and tarsier? Do you want to tell us how great your families are?
Oh paano naman ang pamilya bangus at tarsier? Gusto niyo bang sabihin kung gaano kagaling nag inyong mga pamilya?

Nothing at all! my family just provides food everyday to people when they catch us. mother milkfish said.

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Wala naman, ang aking pamilya ay nagbibigay lamang ng pagkain sa mga tao kapag kami ay nahuli nila. sambit ni nanay bangus.

Well, my family grows bigger that gives life in Bohol. father tarsier responded.
Mabuti naman, ang aking pamilya ay lumalaki ng lumalaki na nagbibigay kulay sa Bohol. sagot ni tatay Tarsier.

Ha... ha...ha... you have to train you family to be great like the family carabao and my family. Ohh.. Why don't we have a competition for each family? Agilya boasted.
Ha... ha... ha.. kailangan ay sanayin ninyo ang inyong pamilya na maging magaling tulad ng pamilya ni kalabaw at aking pamilya. Ohhh... Bakit hindi tayo magkaroon ng kompetisyon sa bawat pamilya. Ang yabang ni Agilya.

Sounds a great idea and we will see who is the greatest. Cara agreed.
Mukhang magandang ideya at makikita natin kung sino ang pinakamagaling. Ang pag-ayon ni Kara.

Ok! my family and tarsier's family will agree but you must compete in swimming, flying, carrying and enduring the whole night. The mother milkfish demanded.
Ok ang pamilya ko at pamilya ni tarsier ay payag ngunit dapat magpaligsahan sa paglangoy, paglipad, pagbuhat at pagtagal sa buong gabi. Ang hiling ni nanay bangus.

It's a deal! so we will know who is the greatest family of all. the boast of Agilya.
Ito ay kasunduan para malaman natin kung sino ang pinakamagaling sa lahat ng pamilya. Ang yabang ni Agilya.

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So each family competed in each category. First they tried swimming, but only the family of milkfish can swim. On the next game was flying, sadly only the family of eagle can fly. The third game was carrying people. Unfortunately, only the family of carabao made it. Lastly, the enduring the whole night, however, the three families were very tired from the game so they took rest while the family of Tarsier endured the whole night.

Kaya ang bawat pamilya ay nagpaligsahan sa bawat katigorya. Una ay sinubukan nila ang paglangoy, ngunit ang pamilya bangus lamang ang nakalangoy. Nang sumunod na laban ay paglipad, sa kasawiang palad ay ang pamilya ng agila lamang ang nakalipad. Sa ikatlong laban ay magbubuhay ng mga tao, subalit ang pamilya kalabaw ang nakagawa nito. Ang pangwakas naman ay pagtagal ng buong gabi, gayunpaman ang tatlong pamilya ay napagod sa labanan kaya sila ay nagpahinga habang ang pamilya tarsier ang nakatagal buong gabi.

It was really a tiring day with no one wins the game, indeed, we have different abilities which cannot be compared to any other families otherwise you lose. We must appreciate all the abilities that are unique to every family. Agilya realized

Isa iyong nakakapagod na walang nanalo sa labanan, talaga naman ay mayroon tayong iba't ibang kakayahan na hindi dapat ikumpara sa ibang pamilya kung hindi ikaw ay talo. Dapat nating pahalagahan ang lahat ng kakayahan na iba't-iba sa bawat pamilya. pagtanto ni Agilya.

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