

WHY ROACHES AND CHICKENS ARE NOT FRIENDLY

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Since creation, all things were good. All creatures were living in absolute unity.

In the case of Mr. Chicken and Mr. Roach, the two were very close friends until injustice was committed by Mr. Roach (broken relationship).

The two guys were farmers in partnership. There was an agreement between them that whenever there is time for each person to begin brushing, cutting down trees, plowing and sowing seeds during farming season, the other partner must join and assist in full.

This agreement did not go down well with Mr. Chicken. It happens that whenever it is Mr. Roach's turn to join Mr. Chicken on his side of the farm work, even to the extent of harvesting both farms, he will pretend he has a chronic disease (sick) and will be granted excuses at all times.

Mr. Roach was so cunning that whenever Mr. Chicken pays a visit to him, each time he hears about his health problems, he will seriously pretend by putting on a dark brown coat or jacket well wrapped up and trembling as though he was at the point of death. That's the type of coat or jacket he had on to this date, which when he gets too old, it becomes black. Mr. Chicken will believe and sympathize with him, send him prepared meals and medication.

Mr. Roach by then had developed a habit; whenever Mr. Chicken is working on both farms, he will party with friends from the neighboring villages singing this song as I will interpret in the Sierra Leonean Pigeon English Creole:

AH MAKE FALL FOOL OH- KONGOSAR

AH SAY AH SEEK OH- KONGOSAR

MENOR SEEK MENOR SEEK OH- KONGOSAR

This means he tricked Mr. Chicken as a fool, saying he was sick whereby he wasn't.

Unfortunately, for Mr. Roach, one of his neighborhood friends revealed the secret to Mr. Chicken, which angered him.

Suddenly, Mr. Chicken one noon went to the village when Mr. Roach least expected him and saw him exactly as he heard from a friend (gossip). He was so angry and without any question or further judgment rushed on Mr. Roach and immediately ate him up without spitting any chewed bones.

It was as of that time the friendship broke up. And that is why whenever all chickens come across roaches, they will eat them.