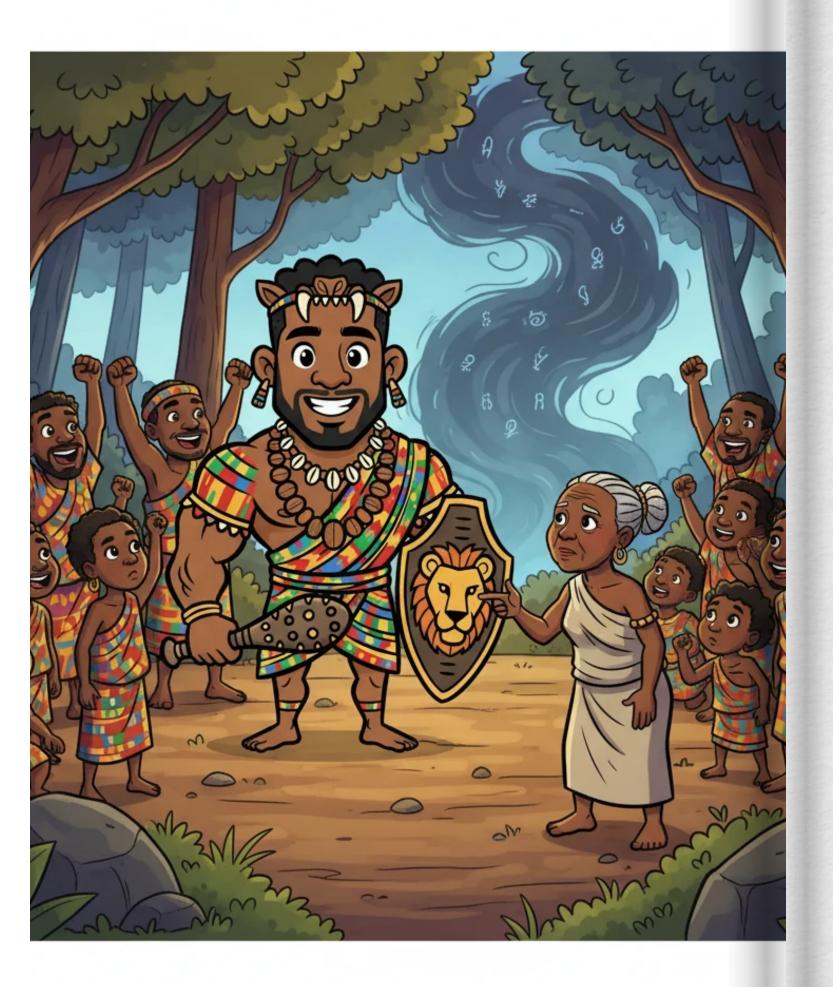


Joromi and the Spirits' Land

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In the ancient Bini kingdom, Joromi, a fearsome warrior, was renowned for his strength. Tales of his battles echoed throughout the land. But his aged mother warned him to never venture to the Land of the Spirits, a place of immense power and peril.



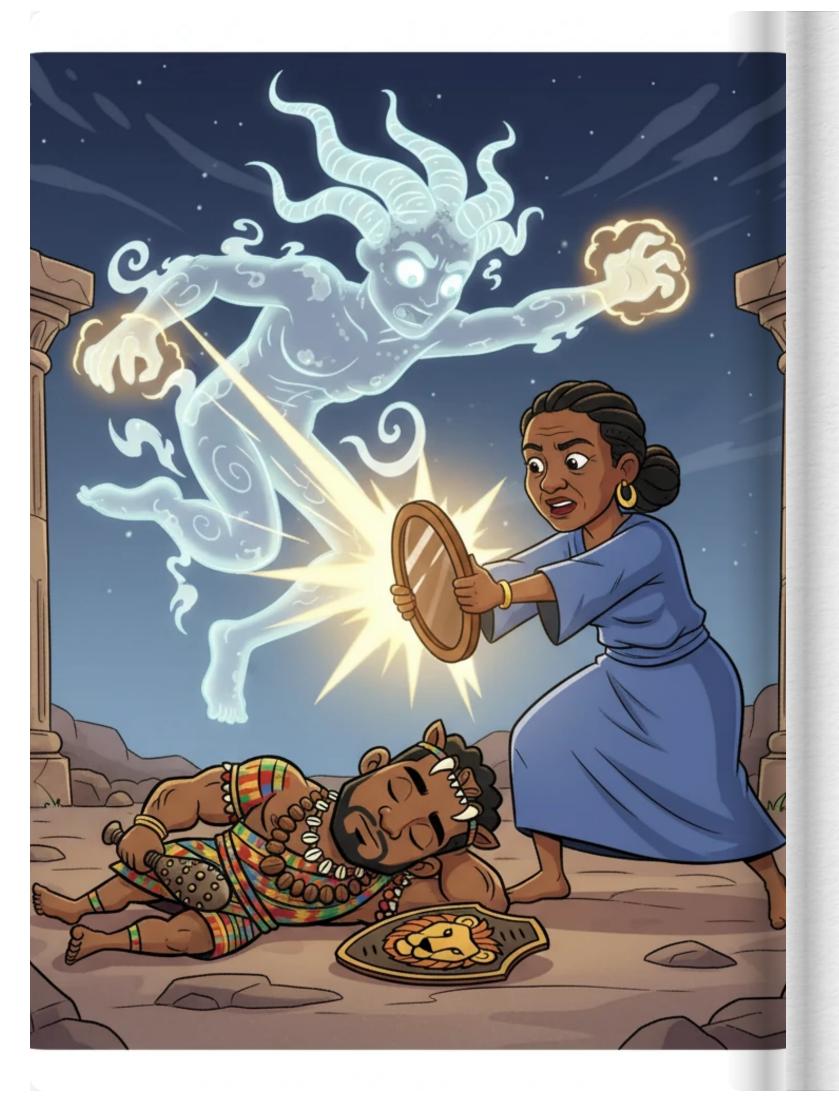
Ignoring his mother's pleas, Joromi, fueled by pride, announced his intention to visit the Land of the Spirits. His boastful words preceded his journey. Unbeknownst to Joromi, his worried mother secretly followed him.



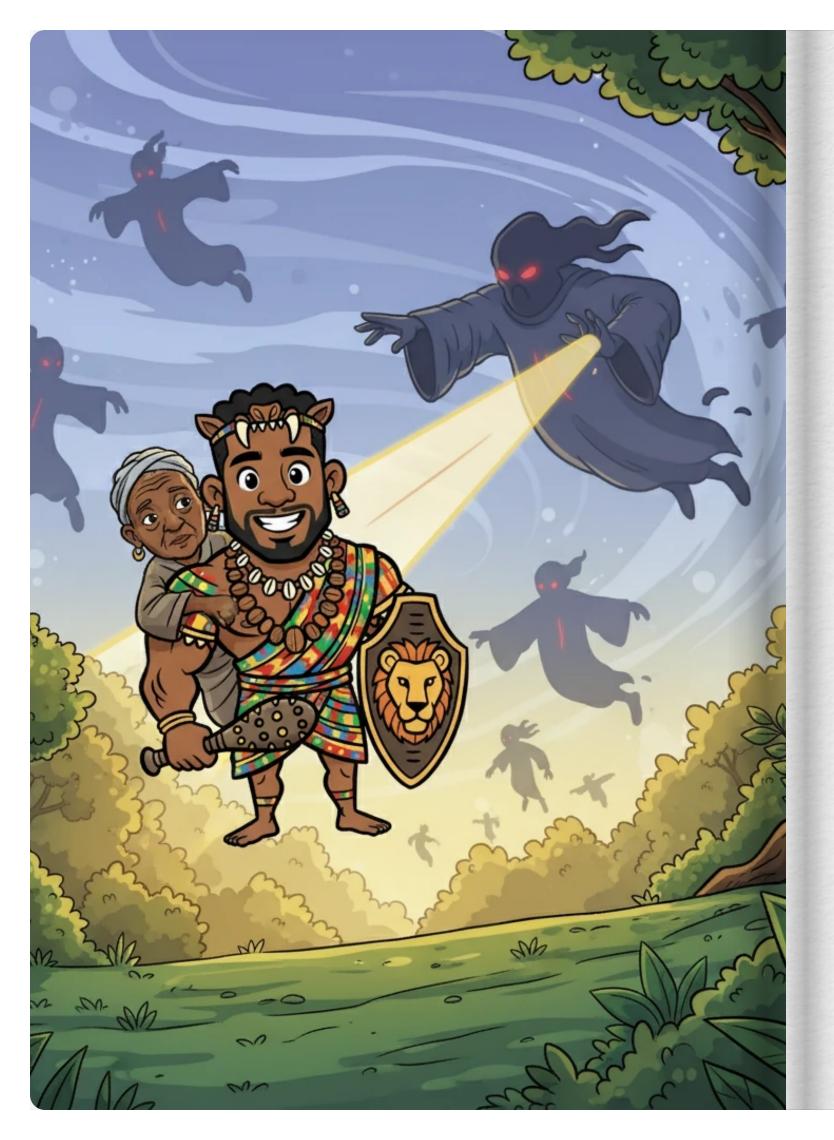
Joromi arrived in the mystical realm and confronted the first spirit with a single horn. A fierce battle ensued. Joromi, with his unmatched strength, swiftly defeated the spirit, marking the first of many victories.



One by one, Joromi battled and conquered spirits with increasingly more horns. He felled the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth spirits, each victory a testament to his incredible power. But the seventh spirit proved to be a far greater challenge.



The seventh spirit, with seven horns, overpowered Joromi, leaving him defeated. As the victorious spirit prepared to obliterate Joromi's existence, the grieving mother sprang into action. The mother's love and quick thinking saved the day.



Joromi, now revived by his mother, fled the spirit land. The furious spirits gave chase. Joromi, carrying his mother, leaped to safety. A final blow from the seventh spirit left a lasting mark – a line on the backs of all humans.