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How the dog went to get seed.

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They tell a story that once upon a time the world had no maize, so the people sent the dog to bring seed from Nzyu-fa-lao. When he arrived he said, "I need maize seed, please." Nzyu-fa-lao said, "When you take this back be sure to tell the people and say,

'The cob a fathom, the plant a span'".

As the dog was returning with it, he came to a gully. Having jumped over the gully he could no longer remember clearly. Then he went on and encountered a hornet, and the moment the hornet struck against his head he forgot entirely.

When he arrived and the people enquired, he said, "Nzyu-fa-lao says that this will be,

'The cob a span, the plant a fathom' ".

Therefore the people scolded him saying, "You, dog, eater of filth! now you will always have to wait until people have finished eating before you may eat".