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IN THE ROAD**



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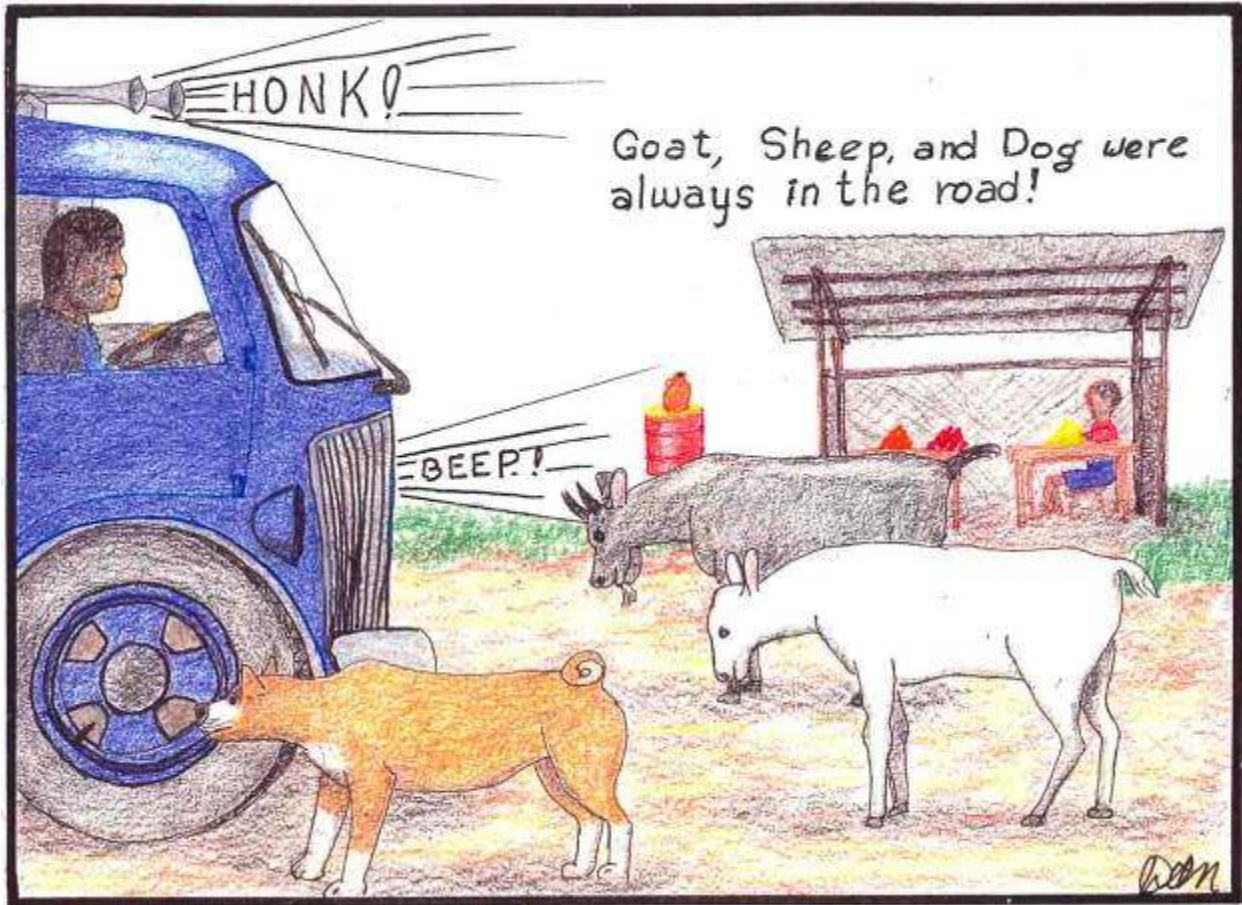
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Note to the reader: words and phrases typical of West Africa are retained and indicated by italics.

Truck Driver was getting more and more *vexed* with Goat, Sheep and Dog who were often blocking the road when he wanted to go with speed. After all the road was mainly for trucks. Goat, Sheep and Dog should keep out of his way. They belonged in the grass and bushes beside the road.

Finally he told Goat, Sheep and Dog, "If you must stay in the road then you must each pay me two dollars for that right."



Goat said, "Hah, I will not pay it." Goat ran off into the bush.

Sheep said, "Here are the two dollars, I want to stay in the road whenever I choose to be there."

Dog said, "I will pay the two dollars for I also like to be in the road. But all I have is a five dollar bill. You must give me three dollars change."

Truck Driver took the five dollars and said, "I do not have the three dollars change, but when I get the change I will give it to you."

So, that is why, when you drive along a country road, if you see Goat he will usually jump into the bush, for he has not paid the two dollars.

If you see Sheep in the road, he will usually stay there and you must either wait until he is good and ready to get off the road, or you must drive around him for he has paid the two dollars.

But if you see Dog in the road he will usually chase after you, biting your tires and barking, "My change! My change! My change!" For you see, Truck Driver has never yet given Dog the change. He still owes Dog three dollars.

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