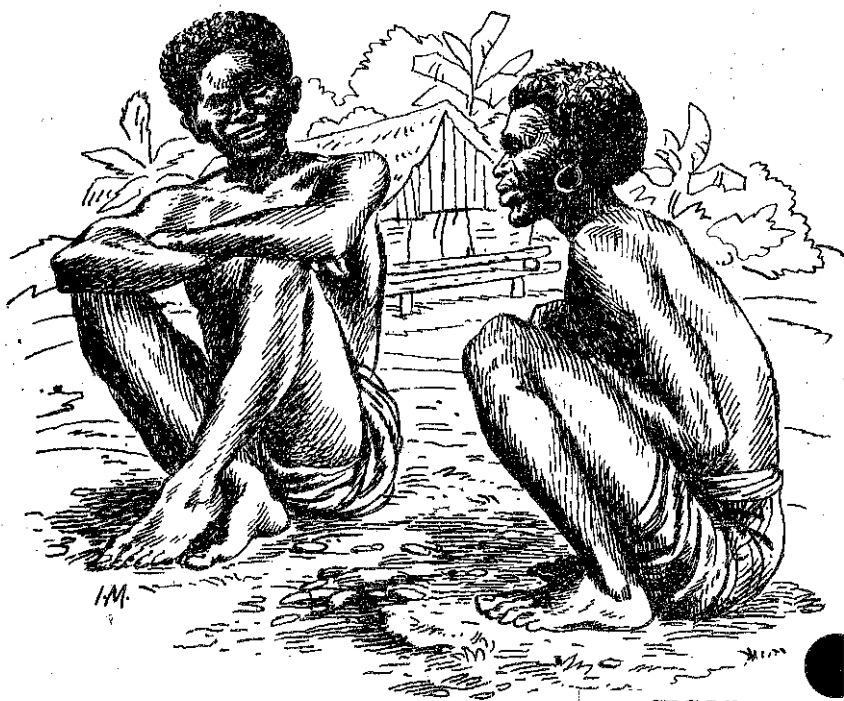


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INTRODUCTION

In this book you can read what happened in Thomas's village.

His village was dirty; the people left their rubbish on the ground, or they just threw it into the bush, near the village. Many people in the village were sick.

Thomas learned that flies caused the sickness. He learned that flies come from rubbish and other dirt in the village

Where there is dirt there is danger.

So Thomas's people cleaned up their village.

Now they do not just throw their rubbish in the bush. They dig pits and bury the rubbish, or they burn it. The village is now clean and the flies are gone.

Is it the same in your village?

Read what happened to Thomas.



RUBBISH BRINGS FLIES.

This is Thomas and his wife Maria.

**They have three children - John, Anna
and little Paul.**

Little Paul is in the house: he is sick.

**Every day Maria and Anna sweep the ground
round their house.**

They throw the rubbish into the bush.



FLIES ARE GETTING ON THE FOOD.

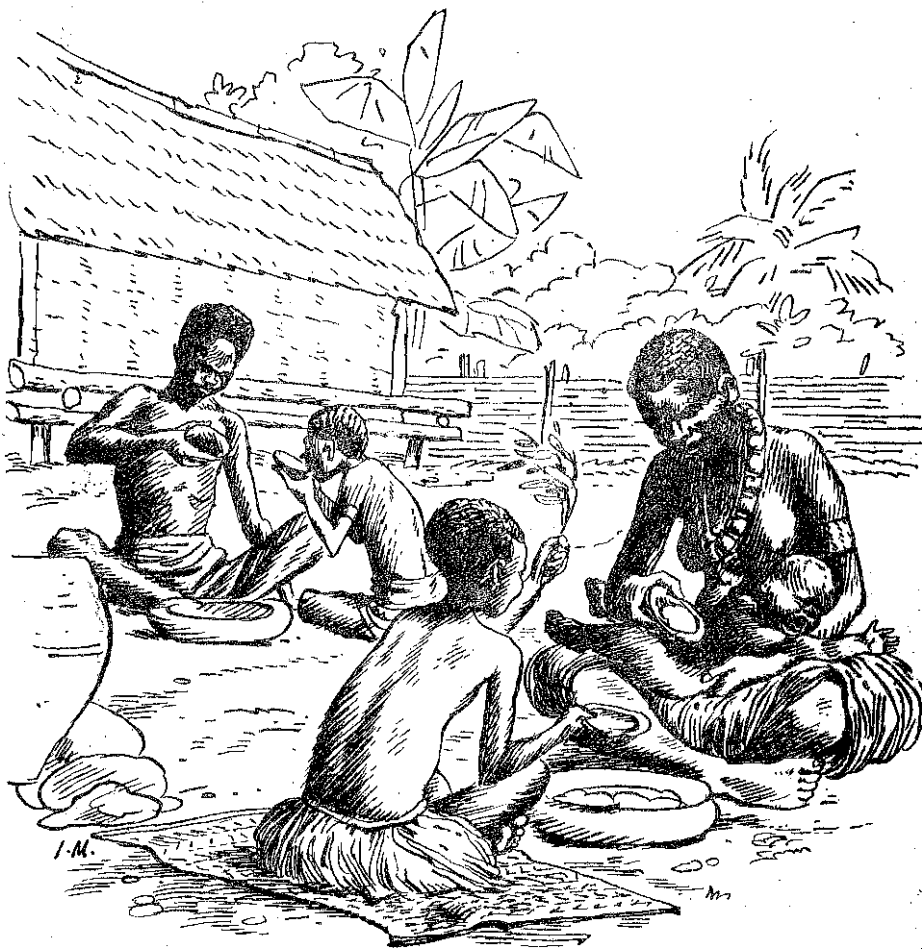
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Every day Maria cooks food.

When the food is cooked Maria puts it
into some bowls.

At once the flies come.

"Quick Anna", says Maria, "cover the
bowls with leaves. The flies are
getting on the food."



ANNA DRIVES AWAY THE FLIES.

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Thomas, Maria, and the children are eating.

Paul sits on Maria's lap.

She gives him food out of her bowl.

Paul cries; he does not want to eat; he is sick.

Anna tries to drive away the flies but they come back.

The flies like to eat the food.



ANNA COVERS THE FOOD WITH A LEAF.

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The flies crawl over the food in the
bowls

They try to get into the cooking pot.

Anna covers the food in the cooking pot
with a leaf.

Now the flies cannot get on the food.



PETER WORKS AT THE HOSPITAL

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Here is Peter.

He has come to visit Thomas.

Peter works at the hospital.

Maria brings food to Peter

The flies come.

"Where do all these flies come from?"
says Peter.

"There are always flies in the village,"
says Thomas.



**PETER SAYS THE BABY SHOULD GO TO THE
TO THE HOSPITAL**

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Little Paul is crying again.

His body is hot.

He has a pain in his stomach.

Maria tells Peter he has been very sick
for three days.

Peter says to Maria:

"You must take him to the doctor at
once."

"I will go with you", says Peter.



THE DOCTOR EXAMINES BABY PAUL

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Early in the morning Thomas and Maria
set out for the hospital.

Thomas carries Paul.

Maria carries a bag of food.

They walk all day.

At last they come to the hospital.

Peter brings them to the doctor.

The doctor examines Paul.

He says the sickness is very bad

Paul is put to bed.



THE DOCTOR COMES TO THOMAS'S VILLAGE

Thomas and Maria have come to the hospital too late.

Paul dies during the night.

Now Thomas and Maria must go home.

Maria tells Peter.

"Other people in the village also are sick. Will they die?"

She begs Peter to come and see them.

The doctor tells him:

"Yes go. I will come also. This is a dangerous sickness."



**HE SAYS FLIES ARE MAKING THE PEOPLE
SICK**

The doctor, Peter, Thomas, and Maria
come to the village.

The doctor visits many sick people.

He says:

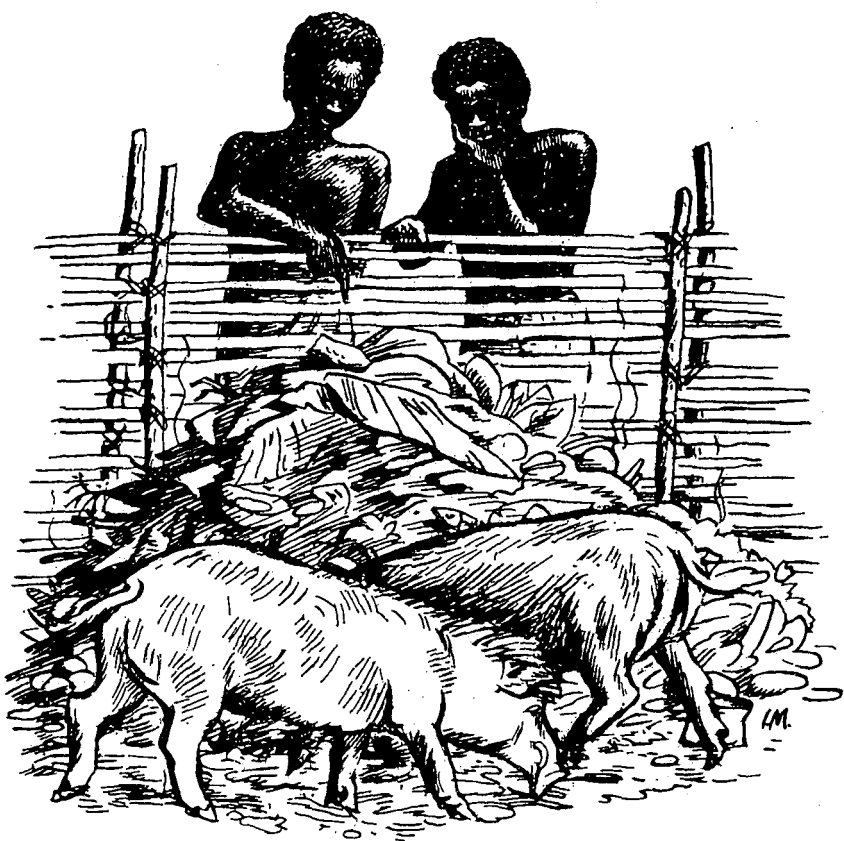
"What a lot of flies there are.
Where do they all come from?"

Thomas tells him:

"There are always a great many flies
in this village."

The doctor says to Peter:

"You must find out where they come
from; the flies are bringing this
sickness."



THE FLIES LIVE IN HEAPS OF RUBBISH

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Peter walks through the village with
Thomas.

"Where does this horrid smell come from?"
he asks.

Peter and Thomas go to look.

They find the place where Maria throws
her rubbish.

Pigs are turning it over.

The pigs drop dung.

Hundreds of flies are flying and crawling
over the stinking heap.

"Look", says Peter, "that's where the
flies come from."



**PETER AND THOMAS FIND MANY RUBBISH
HEAPS**

Peter shows Thomas hundreds of little white things in the rubbish.

"Some of those are flies' eggs", he tells Thomas, "and some are worms which will turn into flies."

Peter finds many more rubbish heaps.

In every heap he shows Thomas the eggs and the worms.



THEY WATCH WHERE THE FLIES ARE GOING

Peter tells Thomas:

"Those flies killed Paul."

Thomas does not believe him.

Peter tells him to watch what the flies
are doing.

Thomas sees the flies crawling over the
rubbish and the dung.

Their feet and legs are covered with
filth.

Then they fly to the houses.

With their filthy legs the flies crawl over
the peoples' food.

They fly into Maria's cooking pot.



NOW THE PEOPLE BURY THEIR RUBBISH

Then Peter tells Thomas:

"Flies poison food. You have many flies because of your rubbish heaps.

This is what you must do.

Dig a pit. Every day you must put your rubbish in it. Then burn your rubbish. If some rubbish will not burn, bury it."

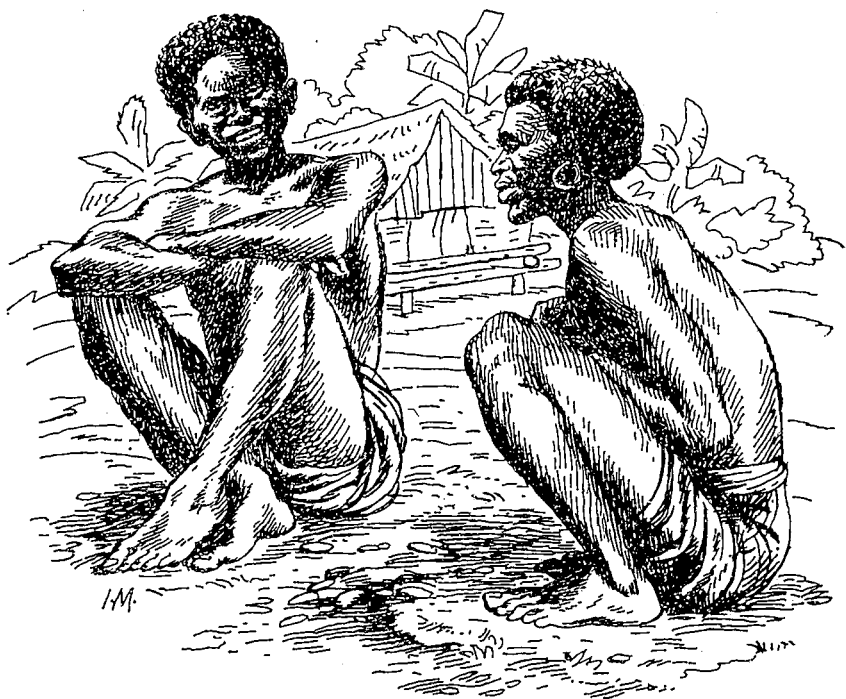
Thomas speaks to the other men of the village.

He tells them what Peter has said.

They dig deep pits.

Every day the people throw their rubbish into these pits.

All the rubbish is burnt or buried.



NOW THE FLIES HAVE GONE

Thomas's uncle has come to visit him.

"I like your village", says the uncle.

"It is clean and there are very few flies. In my village there are flies everywhere."

Thomas replies:

"This village was once full of flies.

Then we dug pits and burnt our rubbish. Now there are not many flies."

The uncle says:

"I will tell the men of my village that they must do the same."