



Fati and the Green Snake

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Level 2



Fati was a little girl
who ran like the wind,
who loved to laugh,
and who always tried
hard to do as she was
told.



One day, Fati went with her mother and father to look for firewood.



Fati liked to help her mother and father but there was so much to do and so much to see: the birds, the monkeys, the sky!



Mother said, "Fati!
Please listen! You can
look for firewood here
and you can look
for firewood there..."



...but Fati, please
watch where you go
and be very careful."
She said, "Yes
mother."



Soon her mother and father got very busy.



They found big pieces of firewood.

They found small pieces of firewood.



Fati was also very busy.
She found small pieces of firewood.
She found very small pieces of firewood.



Then Fati looked up.
She saw a red bird
in the tall grass.



Next Fati looked down. She saw a brown ant on the dusty path.



Then Fati saw a beautiful leaf. The leaf was shiny and green. She put one finger on the beautiful leaf.



Fati said, "This does not feel like a leaf."

Suddenly the beautiful leaf moved!

Fati said, "This is not a beautiful leaf. This is a green snake!"



Fati screamed, "Eii!" Fati ran very fast to look for her mother and father.



Fati saw her father. Fati said, "A snake! A snake!"
Father said, "Where? Where?"
Fati said, "There! There!"



Then her father chased the green snake with a stick.

The green snake slithered away.



Father said, "Fati, you are safe. Let's go to mother and tell her about the green snake."



Mother said, "Fati, I am happy the green snake did not bite you..."



...but next time, please, please, look where you go, and be very careful.”

And that was the end of that.

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(English)

Every day is a new beginning for Fati, a little girl who tries very hard to do as she is told. In this story, Fati gets a surprise when she is collecting firewood with her father. Fati and the Green Snake is based on the real-life adventures of a girl growing up in northern Ghana.

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