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Hyena -- as scavengerThe Boy and the Hyena

Hyenas are known to dig up dead bodies from the grave and feed on them.. There was once a hyena that dug up all the new graves in a certain village and ate the bodies. ^{dead} The people tried to catch this hyena to kill it, but it was a fierce animal, and they were afraid of it.

There was a young boy in this village who hid himself in the ceme-tery one night and watched the grave of a person who had just been buried. Around midnight, the hyena appeared and dug up the body. It then carried the corpse to a stone wall and leaned it up against the wall. It then ran back about 200 paces and charged at the body, smashing it to pieces with the weight of its whole body. Then it ate the broken body.

The next day the boy went to the muhtar of that village and said, "I think that I can kill our enemy the hyena."

"It is too dangerous a job for a boy to undertake," said the muhtar. But the boy insisted, and so the muhtar agreed to let him try.

"Pretend that I have died," he said, "and after the proper time has passed, bury me. Leave air holes so that I can breathe from the grave." *Imparture -- boy pretend to be dead*

The people were puzzled by this, but they did as the boy asked. They buried him but left air holes for him to breathe. While the funeral was going on, the hyena was watching from the top of a nearby hill. That night the hyena came and dug up the young man who held his breath to make the hyena think he was dead. Then the hyena carried him to the stone wall, and he propped the boy against it. Then, just as before, the hyena went back 200 paces and charged at the body. When the hyena had almost reached him, the boy jumped aside, and the hyena crashed into the stone wall and was killed.