



## THE BEEF TONGUE

He wanted to be sure, though, so he decided to give Orula one more task. He told him: “You prepared the best dish for me. Now I want you to bring me the worst.”

Orula went to the local market once again and carefully looked at everything the merchants were selling. He stopped at all sorts of vegetables, venison, and cackling hens... But in the end, he decided to buy another cow tongue and prepare it the same way as before. When he was ready, he brought the food to Obatala.

Obatala was very surprised. He examined the meal Orula had put before him and was silent for a long time before asking,

“When I wanted the best dish in the world, you brought me a tongue. Now I wanted you to bring me the worst dish in the world and you yet again serve me a tongue? Explain yourself!”

“Oh, great Obatala. I chose a tongue again because it is very powerful. It can disappoint someone, betray their trust, and destroy their confidence. A tongue can ruin someone’s good name, even betray a whole country,” explained Orula. Obatala was taken aback by how wise Orula was despite his young age, and without hesitation named him the new ruler of the whole world.