

## THE BLUE BEAD

The story "the blue bead story" by Norah Burke, there is a girl named Sibia. She and her mom are going to get some paper grass to sell at the market. The mugger crocodile lies in the water along the path the women take to get to the paper grass. The women leave to go harvest the grass. On their way they passed a small campsite for graziers. When they cross the stream they make a lot of noise because it keeps the crocodiles away. It works this time. They climb up the steep gnat and get to the grass. The women start to toil. The women leave, and Sibia stays there on her own. Later Sibia leaves with her hayfork. When crossing the stream another woman from the village comes to the stream. She hops onto a rock in silence. She leans over with a gurrah and dips it into the stream. As it starts to fill it up. Then Sibia sees the head of a crocodile just a few feet away. But it's too late, it all happened in a second. The crocodile lunges out of the water and grabs hold of the women's leg. She grabs onto the rock. The crocodile pulls the women and she loses her grip. She ends up grabbing a log caught between two

rocks. Sibia jumped into action, jumping from rock to rock. In all the convulsion going on crocodile slapped its tail. Water flew all over but Sibia didn't stop. She drove the hayfork into the saurian's eye as hard as she could. The mugger let go and disappeared. Sibia dragged the women back to her campground, then Sibia goes back to get her pitch fork. Sibia is ecstatic. Beside it there is a blue bead.