Long time ago, there was a very beautiful and pretty young girl who was in age that girls got married. She lived with her parents and her two brothers in a very small village named Malapesa. They lived happily together.

One day there was a very big drought in her village. So the rain didn’t fall and streams and lakes were all dried up because of the hotness of the Sun. Everyone in the village died of thirst and hunger.

During that season, the young girls duty was to find water to drink. While her parents and her brothers duties were to breakfirewood and find foods to eat.

One very early in the morning, she woke up and grabbed the container in her house and she walked a long journey to find water to drink. On her way, in the middle of the forest she saw a lake.

In that lake she saw a very big and colourful fish jumping up and down. The fish told the girl to throw her container down so that she can fill the container with water. She was very frightened to give the container to the fish but she just threw it down to the lake. Then the fish filled the container with pure and clean water and gave it to the young girl. Then she carried it back home and her family drank it.
Everyday the fish did the same thing to the girl while she went to fetch water. The girl later fell in love with the colourful fish until later she married the fish. One day her parents wanted to know where she was fetching that clean water during that dry season. So they asked her and she said that don't ask me for that question. I saved your lifes with fresh water is enough. Then they all stopped talking.

Very early in the next morning, while she went to fetch water, her father used his magic to turn one of her brother into a mosquito and told him to spy where she got the fresh water from. The Spy saw his sister was talking with a fish. The Spy flew back home and told his parents.

The parents were very angry that their daughter had fallen in love with the fish. Then they all went to where she was. Then her brother killed that fish and threw it to where their sisters feet and they went back home. While she looked at her husband, the fish was death already. She cried and cried for her beloved husband until at last she threw herself into the pool. As she was drowning, she gave birth to many many children. Those children were born as water lilies and they are still floating today on the lakes and pools.

Here the story ends. Written By: MELESHA J. PESONE
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