

## Dear Auntie Stella

I am a 15-year-old girl, living with my older sister and her husband. This *baba mukuru* (brother-in-law) is very cheerful and is respected in my family. He has always been teasing me and talking about *chiramu*. Recently he said that he wants me to sleep in their bedroom, and that I should do this because it is our tradition.

What should I do? Is this right? I am afraid he wants to have sex with me. But if I say no, he will tell me to leave.

**Patricia**

# TALKING POINTS

- Discuss what you know about *chiramu/sibale*?  
Do you have a similar tradition in your community?  
What is supposed to happen with this tradition?  
What actually happens?
- ‘Respect your elders’– do you think young people should always respect their elders, even if their elders ask them to do something dangerous or harmful?  
How can young people get support in these situations?
- What advice would you give Patricia?  
Who can help her?

***Gudo guru peta muswe  
vaduku vakutye.***

*Be respectful to young  
people if you want them to  
respect you.*



From a drawing  
by Darlington  
Chijena