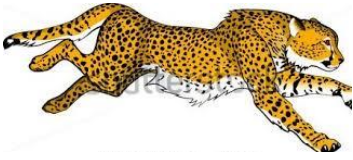


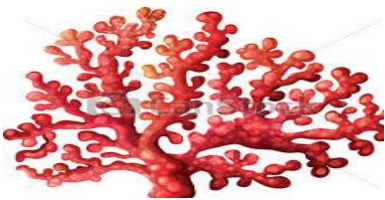
King Oba
by Dhruvik



When the Oba enters the furry, glamorous skin
Of the leopard, its qualities become him:
Stealthy and secretive, it lays as a ruler;
It hunts for glory but wins for food,
Never a day of starvation –
No smile in the history files left for its prey;
A leader of a legion and eliminator of the weak;
Like a bomb in disguise – Boom!
King of the Benin Empire.



When the Oba dons the spiky skin of the pangolin,
Its qualities become him:
A metal-like barrier – scales like an ice-cream cone;
Unbreakably rough and stronger than a shielded rock
With deadly, long claws – able to pierce even granite;
An innocent face outside but deadlier than dynamite;
Statued with prickles, the shell as mighty as metal.
Servant of the Benin Empire.



When the Oba conceals the priceless, multi-coloured coral,
Its qualities become him:
An animal as luxurious as a mansion;
Protecting others and still staying beautiful;
Preciously placed far, far away
And worth more than gold;
Formed of skeletons and sunken away,
Glimmering in the sun like a diamond in the sky.
The luxury of the Benin Empire.

King (Oba)
by Jawad

Ready to meet my people
Put on my leopard skin
I feel really powerful
I am invincible

My guards that are supple
They're wearing powerful Pangolin skin
They're protected from all
Nobody can harm them

I put on my necklace and crown
I'm ready to go into town
The coral is as precious as diamonds
Creak! Creak! Creak!
I enter to see my people



Oba
by Rohaan

I'm fierce, strong and great
My coral represents my value, priceless
No one dares to challenge, for I am great
Strong servants serve me
I am like a leopard, sharp and great
Fearless I am and ruthless I am

King of all and great
Bow down before me or get slain
Coral is my family, pure and great
I am the only one to have such a thing
Face me and you won't live for another second
- for I am great
Lethal I am and dangerous I am

Quick as a flash, the leopard flies,
- stealthy is goes, nothing is more fierce
Except for me. I am not only quick but powerful
Together, we represent the fierce
Underdogs you are, join my reign
Leave the weak and join the fierce
For you shall be my faithful servant

Slash!
Do you know what that sound was?
There is one thing though, I feel overpowered,
Slash!
Even the trees go where I go
I'm sharper than anyone else,
Slash!

