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‘Should I run? I thought. A ghost can run faster than me. No, I won’t run.’

Ngoli has heard many stories about Long Juju Man from her grandfather. But she is not prepared for her first meeting with him in the forest, or for the strange friendship which follows.

## Long Juju Man Details

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### Nnedi says

wonderful and charming because i wrote it...:-)

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### Jaffa Kintigh says

Supernatural ghosts and tricksters exist for many cultures. The tricksters often match wits with their victims, doling out humorous to vindictive comeuppance.

In this folktale-style vignette, a narrator relates her childhood run in with the trickster ghost of the village's former sorcerer. As a 9 y.o. girl on a mission to deliver a basket of eggs to her aunt, the narrator holds her ground in a stand off with the ghost of the Long Juju Man. The stakes are the basket of eggs . . .

This tale appears in Okorafor's anthology, *Kabu Kabu* by Prime Books.

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### Alison says

A great early chapter book, with lovely illustrations. Ngoli is an 8 year old Igbo speaking girl living in a village in Nigeria. Her grandfather tells her stories about Long Juju Man and how he enjoyed using his magic to play tricks on people, but when she encounters his ghost in the forest, she isn't prepared for the strange friendship that they will develop, and how she will change as a result. This book uses elements from traditional West African tales, and won the MacMillan Writers' Prize for Africa. Highly recommended.

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### Maureen Onyeziri says

This was a very light and entertaining read. A children's book with a witty antagonist and an end that I like. Can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

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### Jaq says

I enjoyed this tale of an eight year old girl and the Long Juju Man. The only reason it doesn't get a five is it's too short!!!! I want more adventures featuring Ngoli....there's far too well written adventure stories for

girls.....

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