

Translation

The cleanliness of the Sky is not as a result of constant sweeping

The beauty of the moon is not as a result of regular bathing

The plumpness of the Oṣè tree is not as a result of frequent or excessive food consumption

These were the declarations of Ifá to Ọ̀rúnmilà

When going to have the hand of Orílewà in marriage

He was advised to offer ẹ̀bọ

Ọ̀rúnmilà was in love with Orílewà. The love was reciprocated by Ọ̀rúnmilà intended to cement this relationship with marriage. Consequently, he went to the Awo mentioned above for Ifá consultation. Would this relationship be fruitful? Would there be peace and harmony? Would he not regret ever entering into the relationship? Would they be blessed with children? Would they be prosperous? Would they both live long and happily?

The Awo put the fears of Ọ̀rúnmilà at rest and told him that while he had come to consult Ifá on the possible outcome of their relationship, Orílewà, his proposed wife, had equally gone elsewhere for Ifá consultation; and she too had also been assured that all would be well in their relationship. They would be happy. The relationship would be fruitful. They would have peace and harmony. They would never regret entering into the relationship. They would be blessed with beautiful and useful children. They would be prosperous. They would both live long and their love for each other would never wane.

Ọ̀rúnmilà was advised to offer ẹ̀bọ as stated above. He complied. Soon after this, they got married.

They lived in peace and harmony. They were both proud of each other. They were equally blessed with children and they never lacked happiness throughout.