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The Dog and The Goat

A dog went to court against, a goat. The wolf was the judge. The fox and the vulture were witnesses for the dog.

The case was that the goat had taken a loan from the dog. The goat, having failed to repay, should repay the loan with interest and costs.

Even without proper hearing the court decreed in favour of the dog.

The court directed that the goat's body should be cut and shared towards the repayment of the loan and the costs.

In the name of justice great injustice was done to the goat.

If your enemy is the judge,
you lose everything.



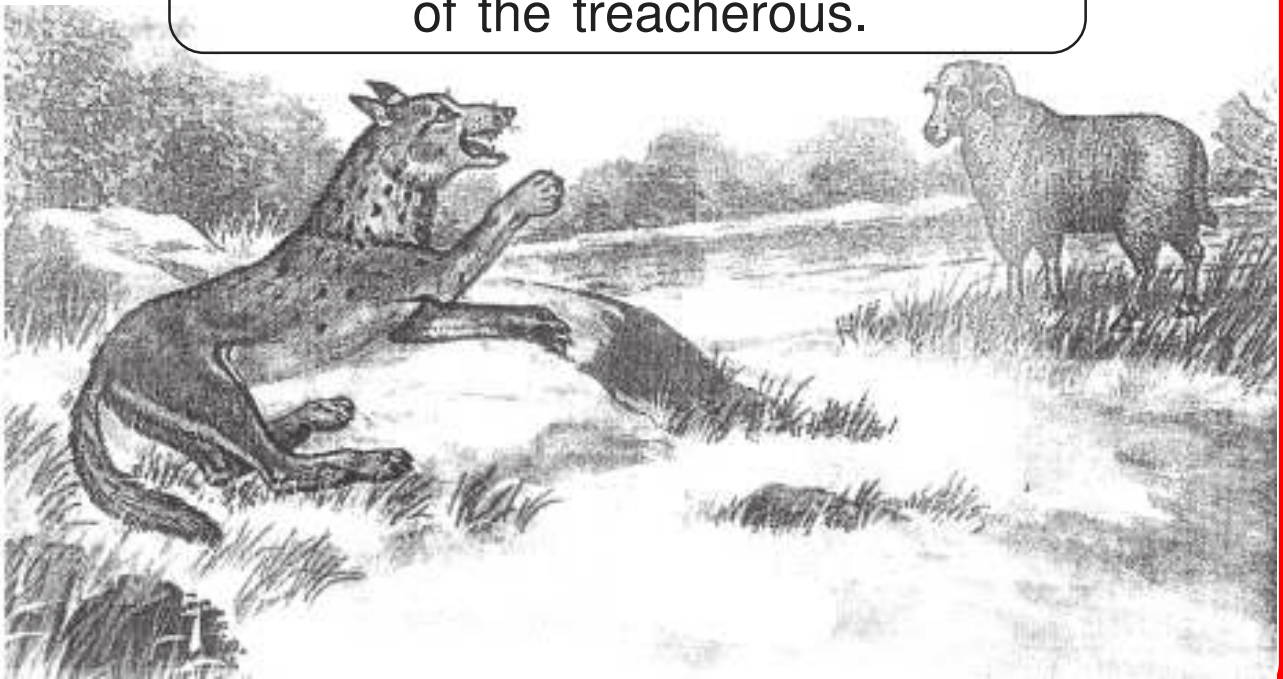
The Wolf and The Sheep

A wolf lay hungry and thirsty at a distance from the bank of a stream. He seemed so weak that he could not walk to the stream to drink water. A flock of sheep passed by. One of the sheep went near the wolf thinking that he was dead.

The wolf spoke to the sheep thus; "Friend, I am unable to stand up and walk. I am very thirsty. Will you kindly fetch me some water to drink? I do not want any meat for food."

The sheep nodded his head and said, "Now you want water only. After drinking water you will feel refreshed and will have enough strength to pounce upon me and eat me." He ran away from the place.

Do not believe the deceitful words
of the treacherous.



The Bear and The Jackal

One day a bear spoke boastfully to a jackal. I show great respect to a man, alive or dead. I have great reverence even for the dead body of a man. I never show disrespect even to a human corpse.

The jackal said, "Oh what respect! How unreal is your utterance - There will be substance in your words if you can show the same consideration Jo a man when he is alive. Yesterday, I saw you get into trouble with a man!"

Do not speak boastfully



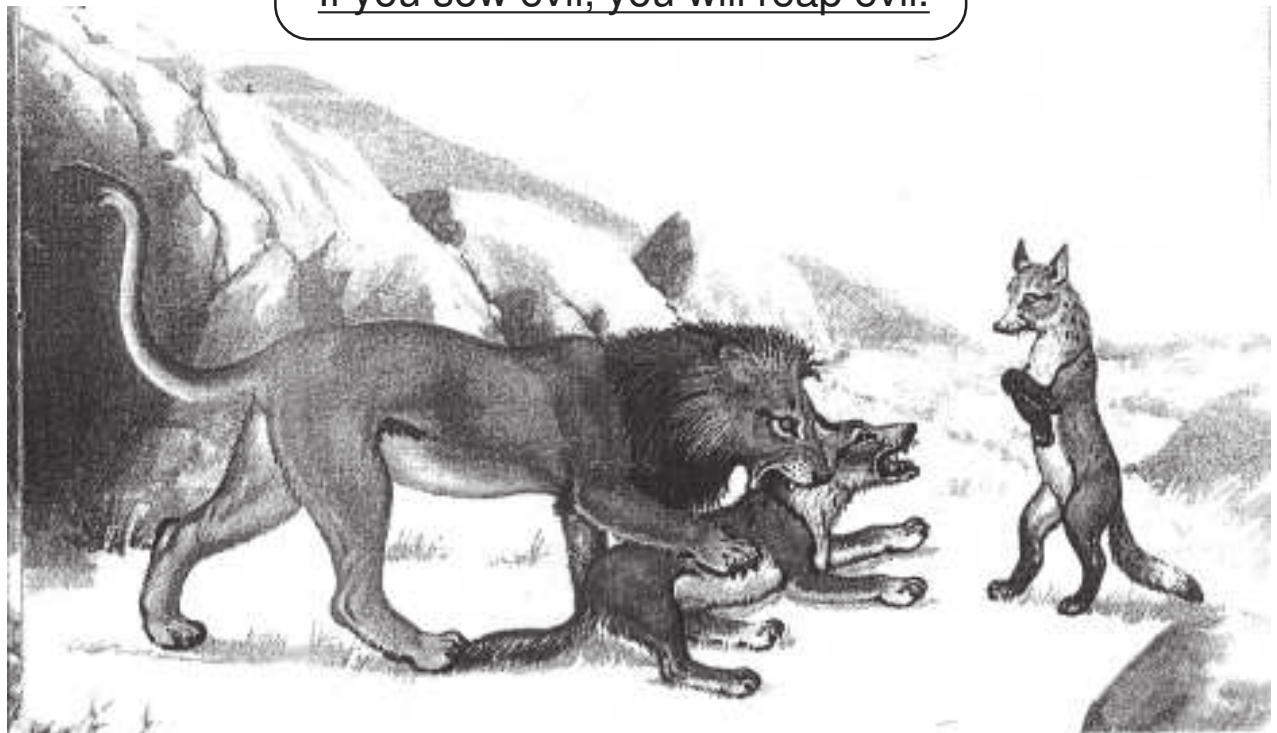
The Lion, The Jackal and The Wolf

The lion, king of the jungle was unwell. He stayed in his cave and did not go out for more than a week. Many faithful animals visited the lion and made enquiries about his health. But the jackal did not visit the lion for a long time. But he was secretly observing what was happening in the cave. The wolf hated the jackal. The wolf thought that he could easily get the jackal into trouble at this time. He said to the lion, "My lord, the jackal does not visit you. He is avoiding you.

I understand that he is hatching a plot against you". The jackal was overhearing this talk. The lion was angry. He grumbled and stamped his foot on the ground. In an angry tone the lion ordered the wolf, "Bring the jackal at once". The wolf went out. He searched for the jackal and summoned him to the presence of the lion.

The lion asked, "Why did you not come here for a number of days. What kept you away?" The jackal meekly said, "Forgive me, lord! I had been away visiting many places seeking the advice of doctors in order to cure you of your painful illness". Now the lion was pleased. He said, "Is that so? I am happy about it. What do the doctors say?" All doctors are agreed on one point. There is sure remedy for your illness". "What is that?" asked the lion. "The remedy is this. You should cover yourself with the skin of a wolf recently killed." The foolish lion pounced upon the wolf and killed him at once.

If you sow evil, you will reap evil.

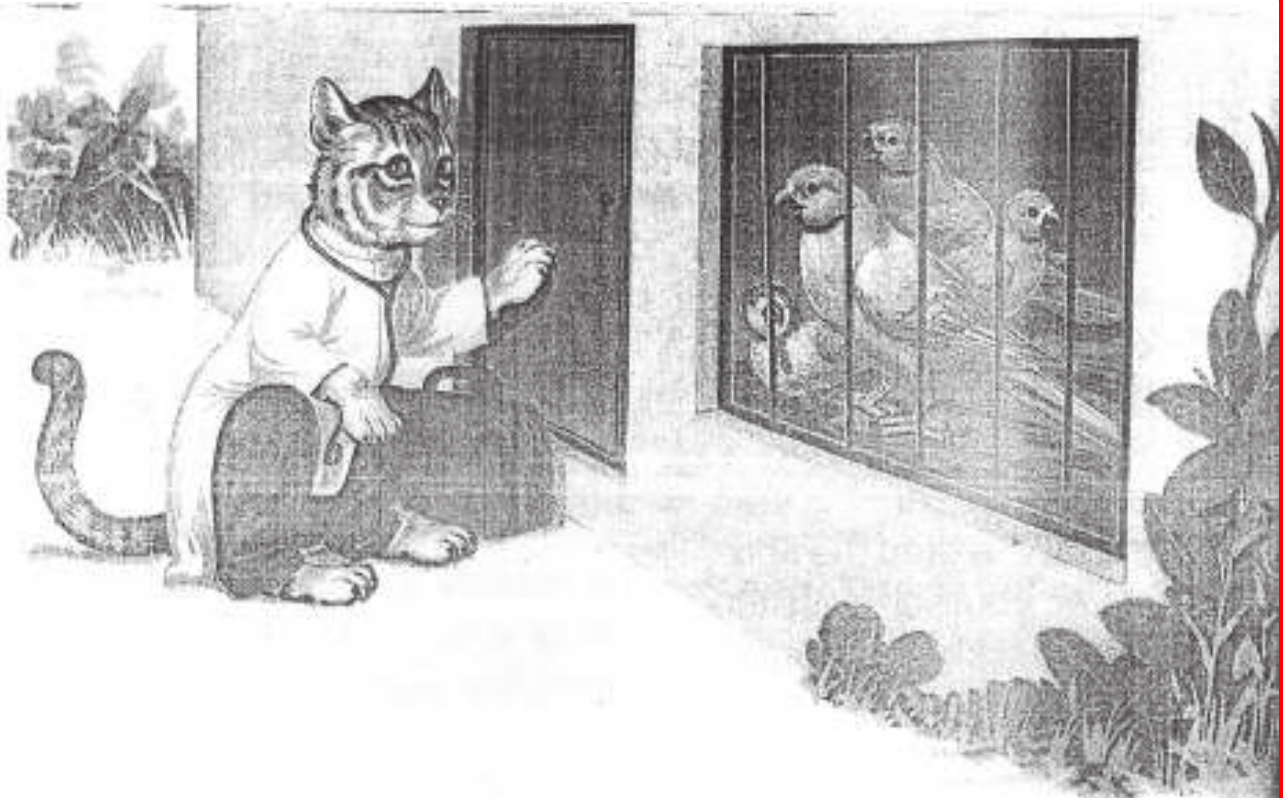


The Cat and The Parrots

A cat came to know that some parrots were unwell in their home. He dressed himself as a doctor and went to the residence of the parrots. He knocked at the door and said, "I learn that you are unwell. Please open the door. I shall give you medicine and cure you of your ailment.

The parrots knew the wicked intention of the cat. They said, "We are all well and happy. Thank you for your offer. If you do not make your appearance we will be quite satisfied.

Unsolicited offer of help has a motive behind it.



The Wolf and The Kid

A kid was standing on a high rock on a hill.

He saw a wolf standing far away down below.

The kid realised that the wolf could not climb up the rock. Emboldened in his safe position The kid abused the wolf in very bad language He continued the bad language for a long time.

The wolf was patiently hearing the abusive language Then he spoke to the kid thus:

“Oh foolish kid! I don't mind your abuse. Your abuses do not flow from your strength. You are standing on an advantageous position now. That is what makes you bold now. You are very arrogant.

I take it that the hill abuses me.”

So saying the wolf moved away from the place.

Powerless anger promotes patience.



The Lion and The Elephant

A lion felt very miserable.

He said to himself, "Of what use is my great strength? Of what use are my sharp teeth and sharp claws? It is a pity that this mean cock crows so powerfully that it makes a piercing terryfying noise and I am powerless to stop it what kind of life is this that I have to put to with this hell of an unbearable noise?"

At that time the big elephant came there. He was waving his large ears constantly this way and that way. The lion asked the elephant, "Oh big brother! what is your worry? Is there any animal or creature that can stand before you? Any other creature or animal would run away on seeing your huge body.

What is it that troubles you

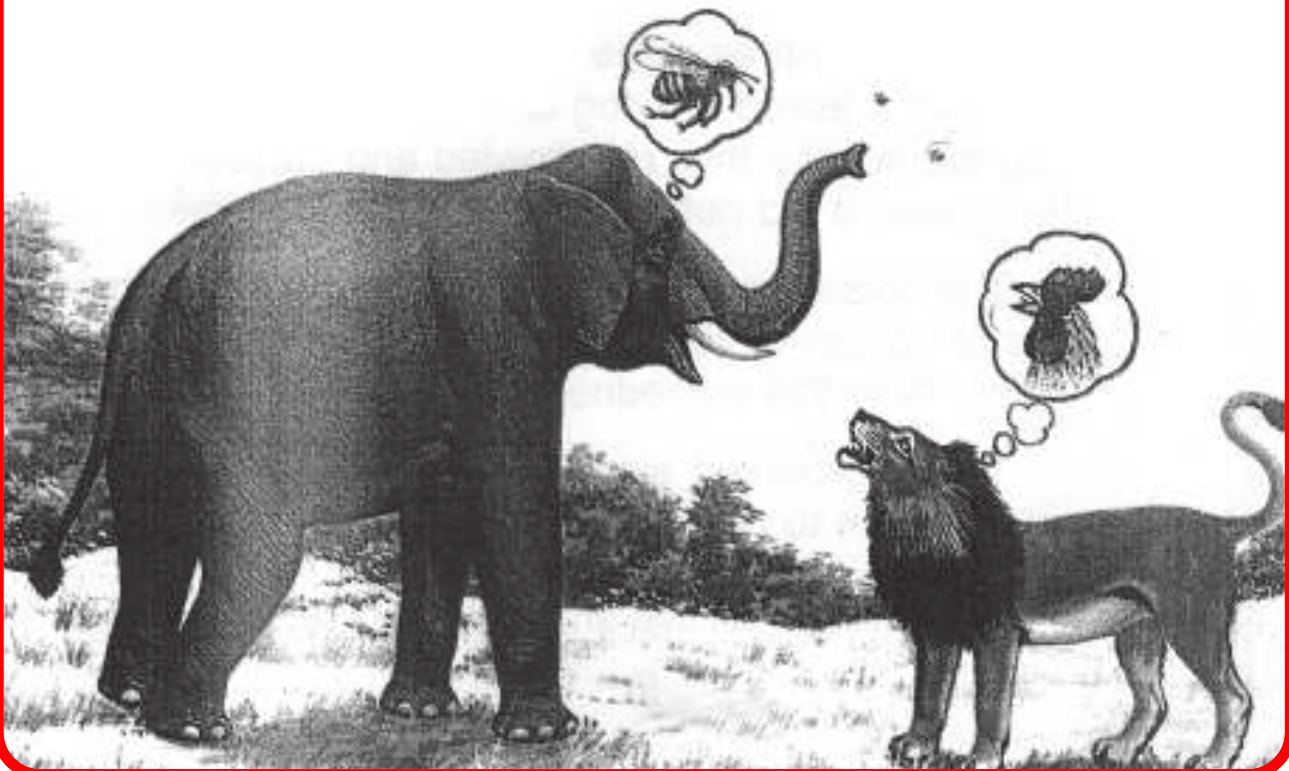
The elephant made reply:

Do you notice the little buzzing wasp flying near my face and ears? What will happen if it enters my ears and stingp me there? The pain will be unbearable. That is why I am restlessly waving my ears to keep the wasp away. *

The lion thought:

Every living thing has a problem. I have my problem and the elephant has his problem. There is no life without a problem. These little worries hide the great joys of life. Let me live cheerfully.

Forget your worries and live happily.



The Horse and The Dog

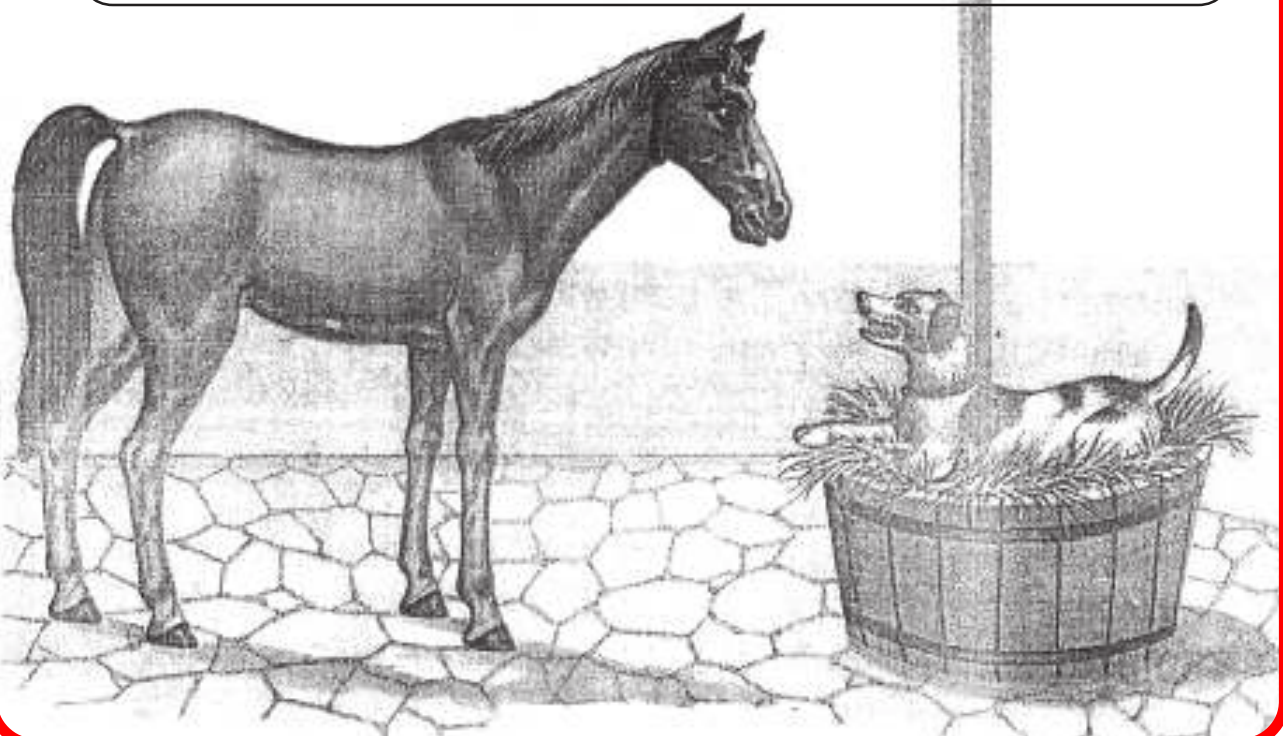
In a stable, there was green grass in a big wooden tub. A dog lay on the grass.

A hungry horse came to the stable to eat the grass. The horse asked the dog to move out of the tub. The dog did not like this. He growled and barked loudly at the horse. It did not let the horse eat the grass.

The horse remarked, "Dog, you cannot eat the grass. It is of no use to you. You would not let others eat the grass. Why this wickedness?"

The dog barked aloud and said, "I cannot give up my freedom to do what I like".

Some would not live
and would not let others live.



The Kid and The Wolf



A wolf was chasing a kid. The kid ran very fast and far, but the wolf followed it closely everywhere. At last the kid entered a Kali temple and bolted the door. The wolf could not go in. The wolf growled and threatened the kid with dire consequences. But the kid was firm. At last the wolf said, “The priest will -sacrifice you to the goddess when he comes. So come out and save yourself from the priest.”

The kid replied, “It is better to die as an offering to the goddess than let you eat me up”. The wolf hesitated for a while and went away disappointed.

If death is certain,
it is better to die for a cause.



The Cat and The Jackal

A cat and a jackal were conversing.

The conversation led to a discussion on how to escape from danger.

The jackal said, "I have hundreds of tricks to help me escape from danger."

The cat remarked, "I do not have so many. But I know only one sure away."

The jackal said, "I pity you for your ignorance. I shall let you learn some tricks."

At that time two hounds came there unexpectedly. The cat used his only method of escape. He climbed up a tree and sat in comfort on a branch.

The jackal did not know what to do though he claimed to know many tricks. The hounds pounced on the jackal and killed him.

Whatever you know, know it well.



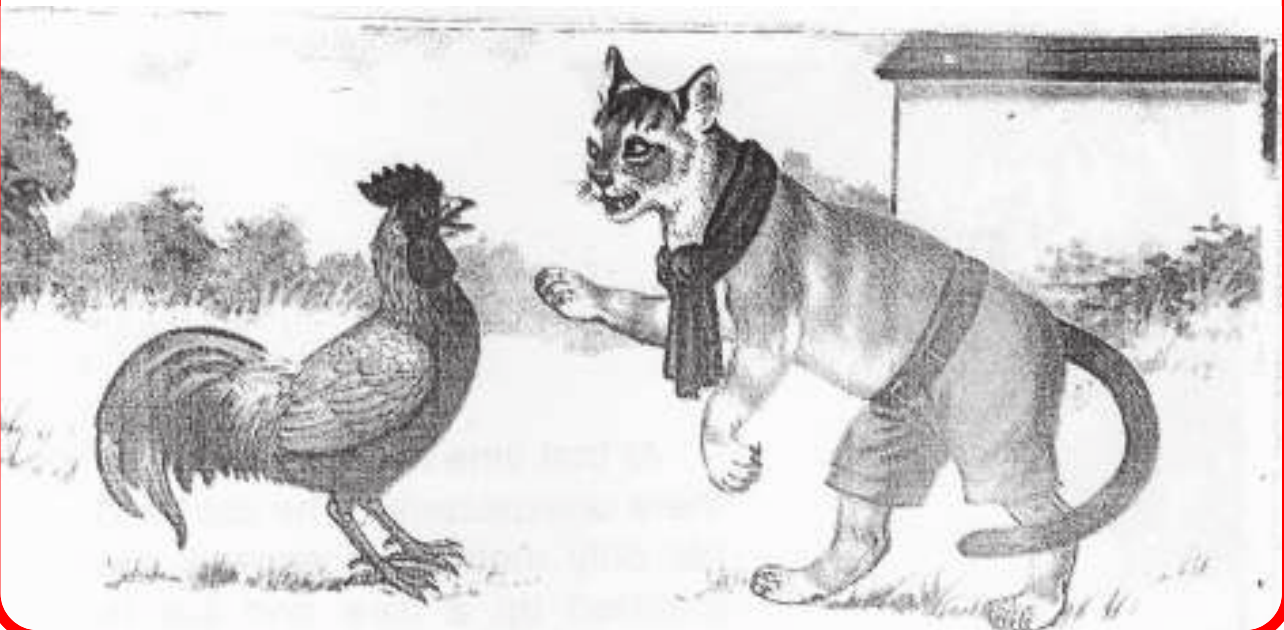
The Cat and The Cock

A wicked cat caught hold of a cock. The cat accused the cock thus: "You disturb the sleep of all people by your terrific crowing. What is your answer for this accusation?"

The cock answered, "Please do not put it that way. My intention is not to disturb peoples' sleep. I crow early in the morning as a service. I tell people that the dawn is near. I tell them to get up from bed and attend to their work."

The cat was not convinced. He said, "You cannot escape by offering lame excuses. I will not leave you." The cat killed the cock and ate him.

Do not expect justice from the wicked



The Battle Horse and The Pig

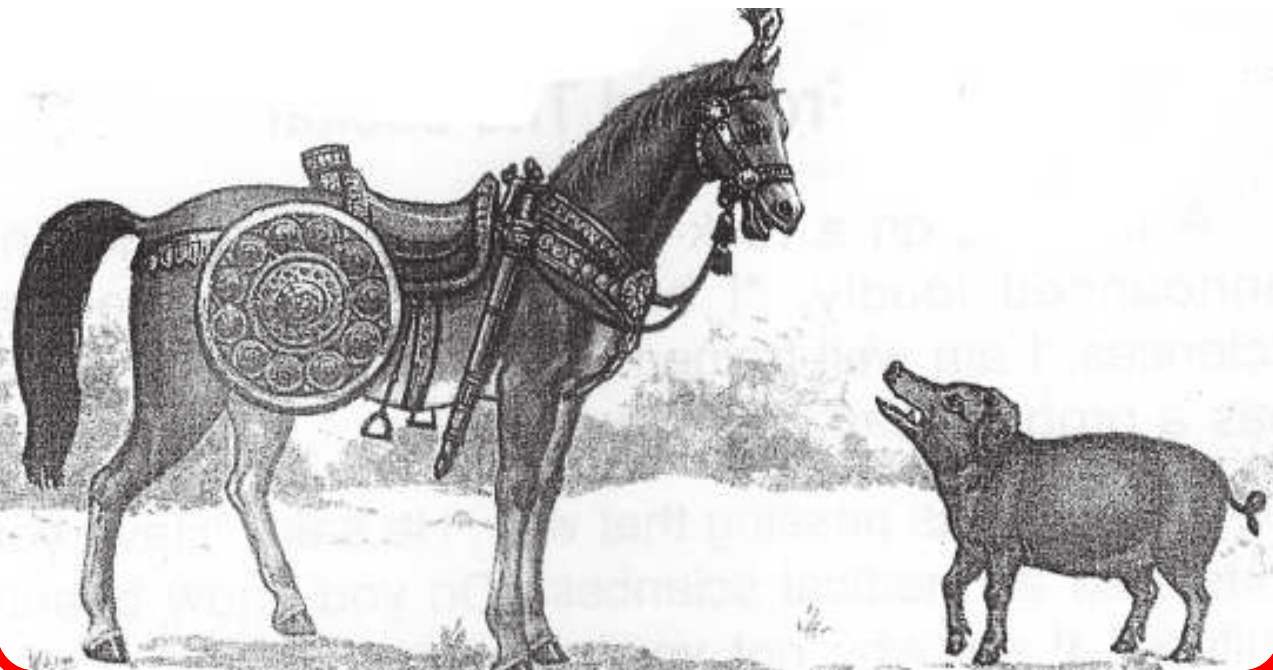
A battle horse beautifully dressed for action was ready to start. A pig laughed at the horse.

“Why do you laugh?” asked the horse.

The pig answered, “All these decorations will lead you to death on the field of battle.”

The horse remarked, “Foolish pig, what do you know of honour? You think yourself great by leading a life of laziness. Your master feeds you well and makes you fat in order to kill you and eat you. Nobody will think of you or your death. If I die on the field of battle many people will praise me and honour me for my heroic deeds.”

**A heroic death is better than
an unknown death.**



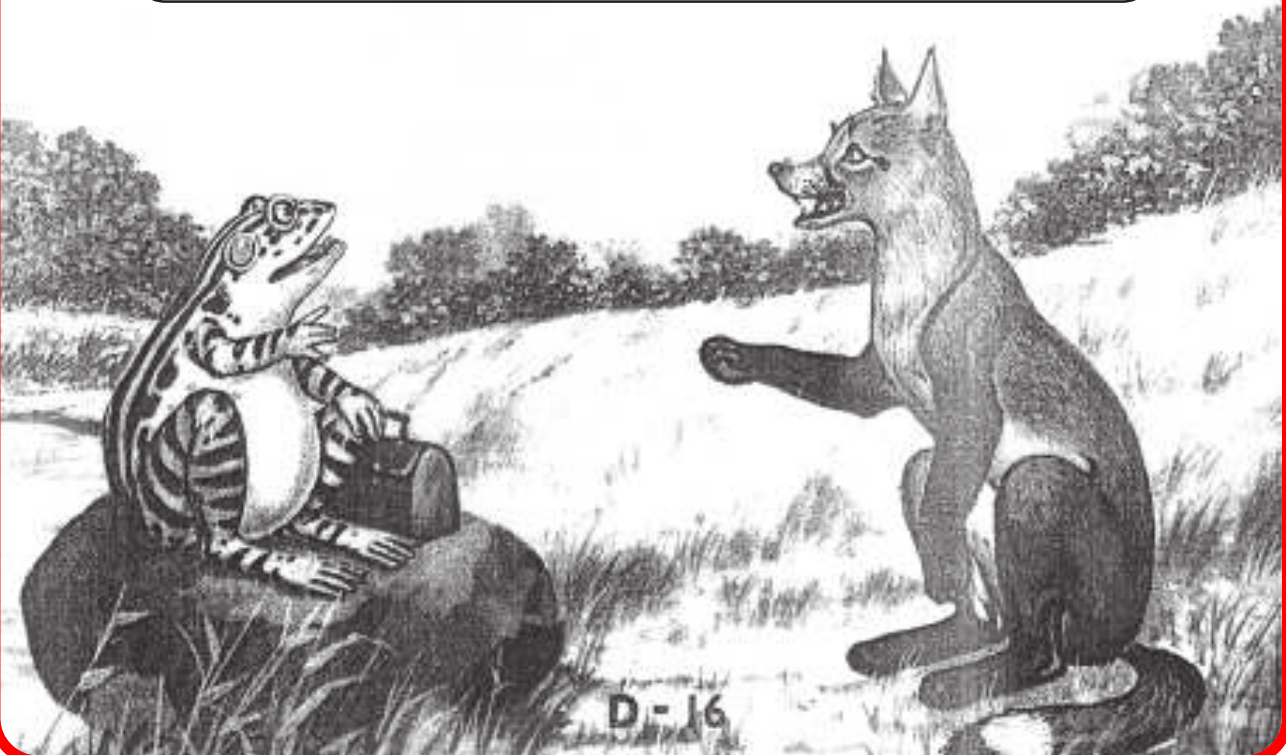
The Frog and The Jackal

A frog sat on a rock on the bank of a pond and announced loudly, "I have mastered all medical sciences. I am well trained in beauty culture whoever has a problem can come to me."

A jackal was passing that way. He said, "Have you mastered all medical sciences? Do you know beauty culture? If so, why not you set right your ugly chin? Your belly is big and round like a pot. You can reduce it and remove the ugliness."

On hearing this, the frog leaped into the water and disappeared.

**Reform yourself first
and then reform others.**



The Nurse and The Snake

Once upon a time a child was at play in a field. By chance, he trod on a snake who bit him to death. His nurse, in a great rage, gave the snake a blow which struck off his tail. The snake glided away into his hole.

The next day she came to the snake's hole to coax him with some salt and meal that she might kill him.

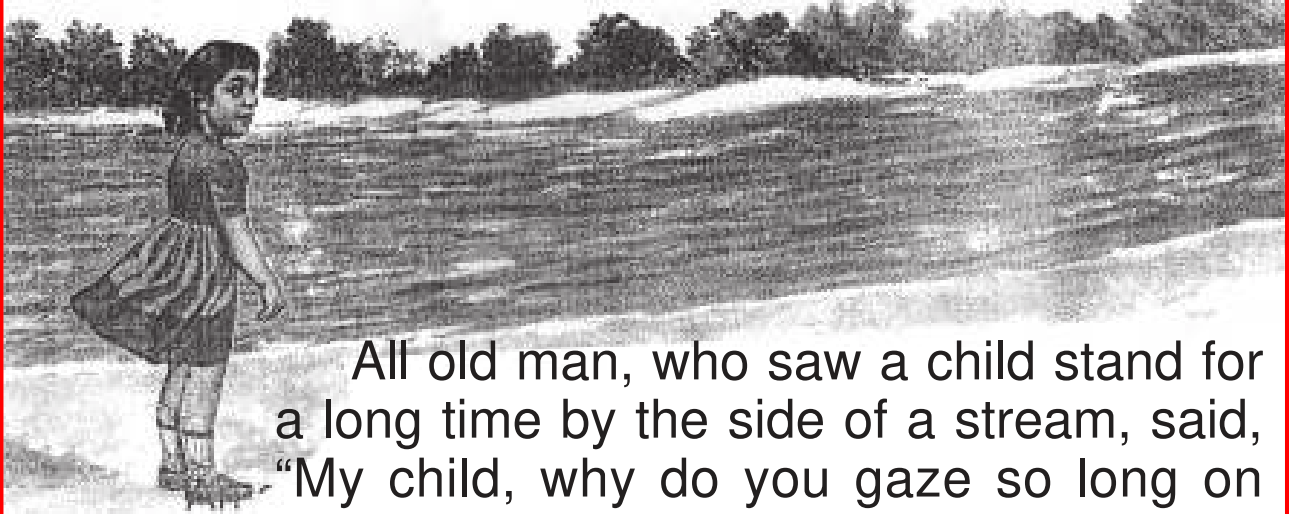
"I pray you, come forth," said the nurse, "and let us make it up between ourselves."

But she could in no way get the snake to leave his hole. All he would do was to give a hiss and tell her that as long as she thought of the dead child and he thought of his lost tail, they could not be friends.

**He who does you a wrong,
is sure not to love you.**



The Child and The Brook



All old man, who saw a child stand for a long time by the side of a stream, said, "My child, why do you gaze so long on this brook?"

"I stay here," said the child, "and watch till the stream has run off, for then I shall cross it with dry foot."

"Nay," said the old man, "you might stay out your life and yet not do that, for this brook will run on as long as time; and as you go your way through life, you will find this out. If you go with the stream, you will get to the sea, but if you do not go with the stream, you will have to wait."

Time and tide do not wait for man.



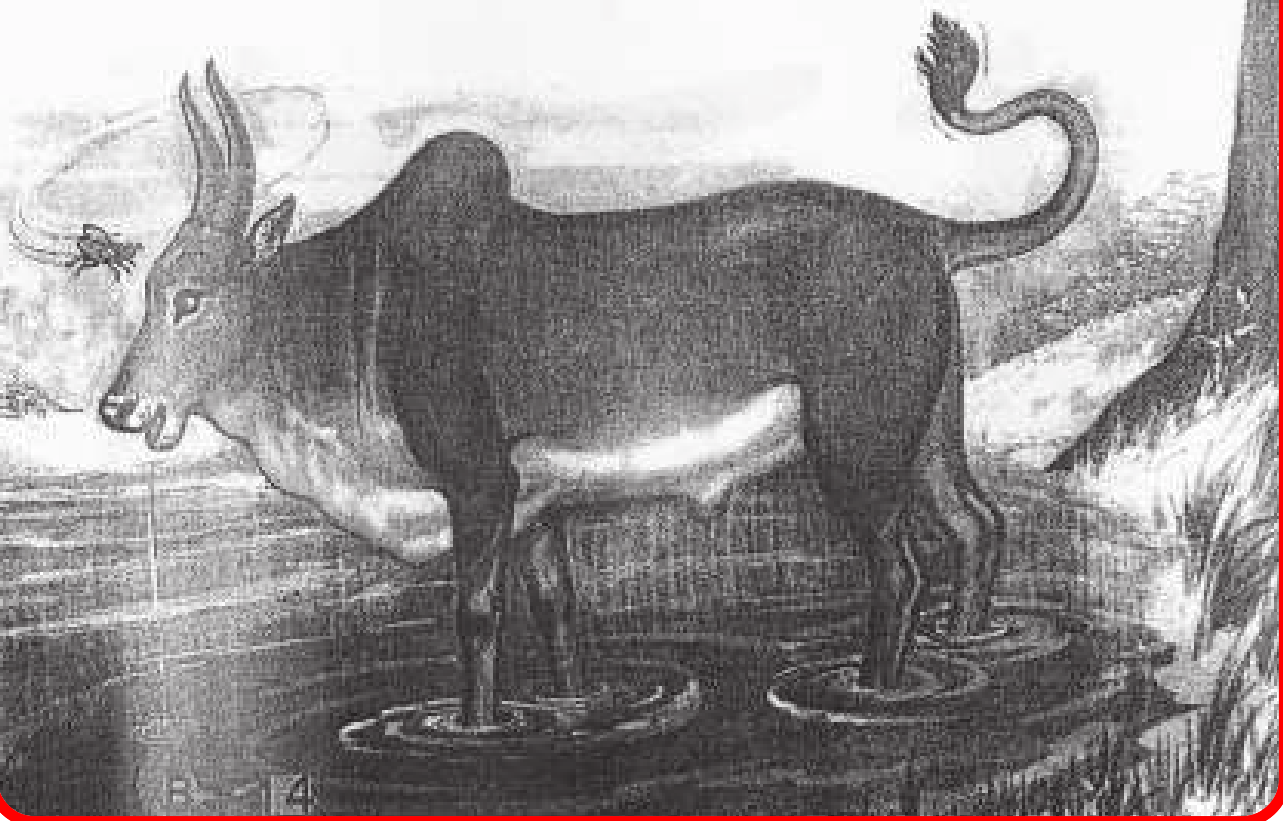
The Gnat and The Bull

A silly gnat got down on the horn of a bull and said, "I have taken the liberty of taking my seat on your horn: but if my weight is too much for you, pray, let me know it, and I will fly away."

"I think you are more nice than wise," said the bull. "To tell you the truth, I did not know that you were there; so I do not care if you stay or go."

With this, the bull threw up his head, and put the poor gnat to death with his tongue.

Self importance is one of the gates to ruin.



The Vain Crow



Once a crow found a lot of peacock's feathers. He was so vain as to think that if he put them on, he could pass for a real peacock.

So he picked up the peacock's feathers and stuck them into his own. Then with the false feathers on, he left his own tribe to mix with the peacock's.

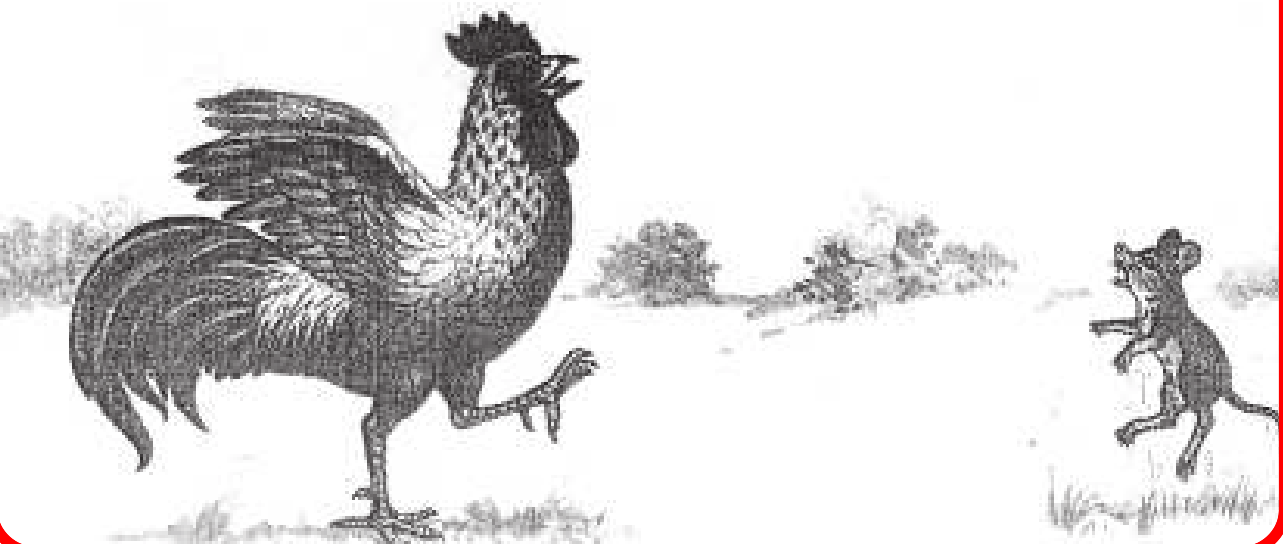
But the peacocks at once found him out.

They drew out his gay feathers and fell on him with their sharp bills and made him smart for his false pride. Then they drove him away.

The vain bird had to come back to live with his own kin. But now they would not have him either.

"Ah! my dear child," said the old mouse, "you have, indeed, run for your life, but the fierce thing you speak of was not your foe, for it was but a bird that would not have done you the least harm in the world, whereas that sweet thing, of which you seem so fond, was a cat, and cats eat us, mice, when they have the chance; in fact, they live on mice."

All that glitters is not gold.

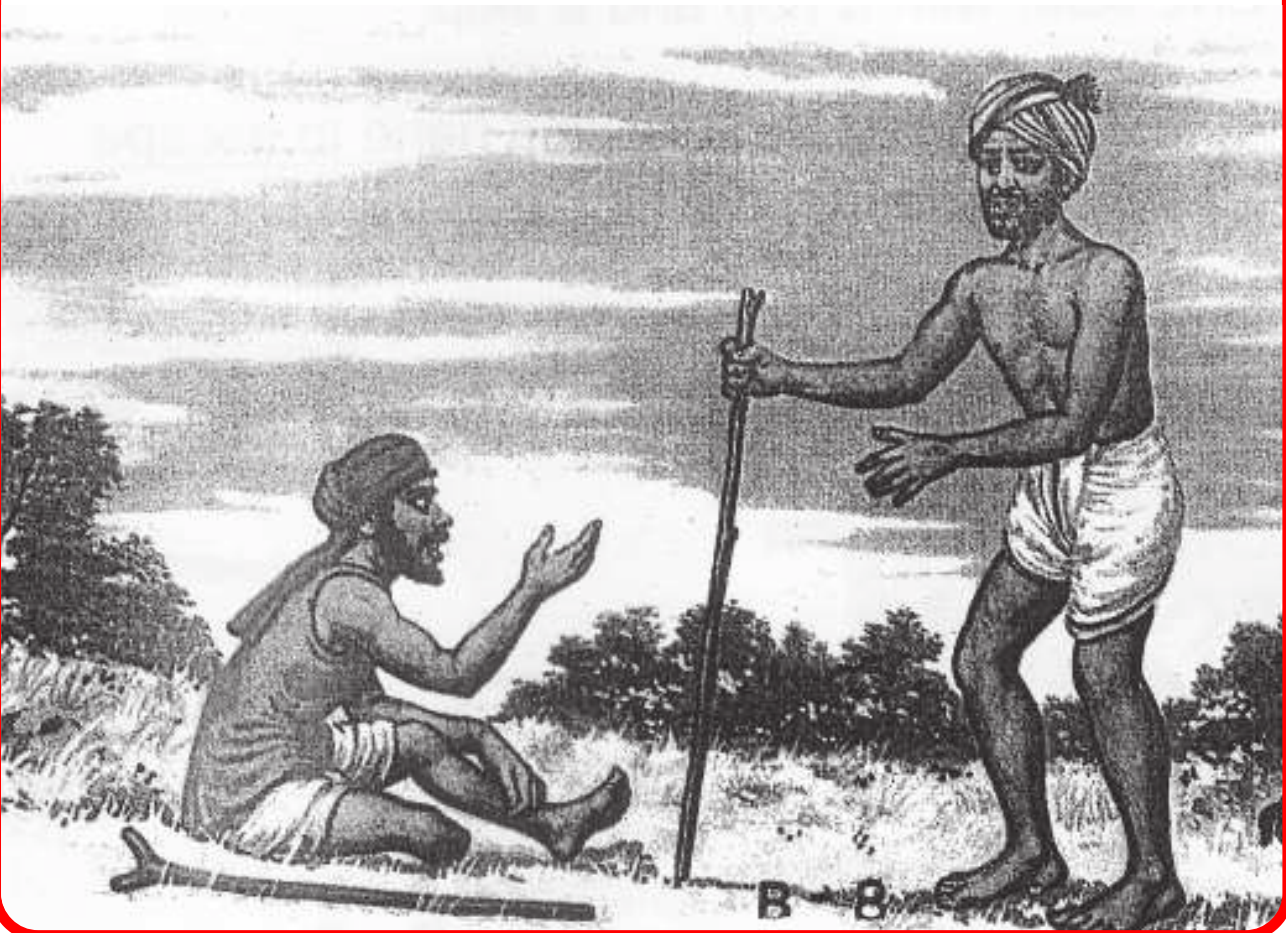


The Blind Man and The Lame Man

Once upon a time, a lame man was on his way to a place. By and by, he came to a bad part of the road and knew not how to go on.

By chance, a blind man sat on a bank near by; so the lame man said to him, "Listen to what I say: I have thought of a plan which will help us both on our way. My eyes shall be your eyes, and your feet shall be my feet.

Take me on your back and walk as I direct



The Kid and The Wolf

A young kid that had strayed from her herd met a wolf, as fate would have it. She did her best to get out of the wolf's reach.

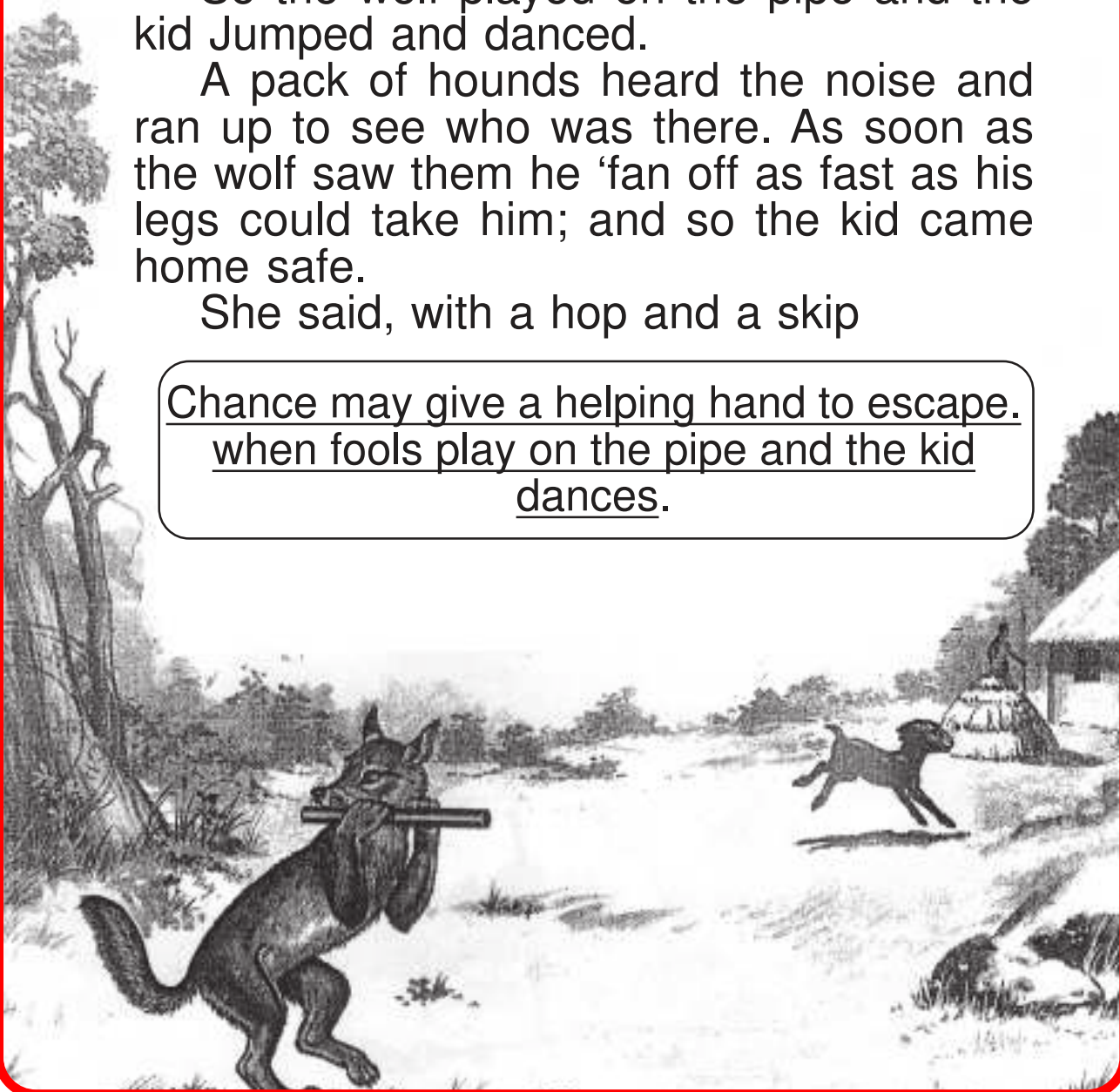
But when she found that all hope was lost, she said, "Sir wolf, I know that I am to die at your hand, As my life will be but short, I pray of you to let it be a gay one while it lasts. Please let me dance for the last time in my life. And you play on the pipe while I dance."

So the wolf played on the pipe and the kid jumped and danced.

A pack of hounds heard the noise and ran up to see who was there. As soon as the wolf saw them he ran off as fast as his legs could take him; and so the kid came home safe.

She said, with a hop and a skip

Chance may give a helping hand to escape.
when fools play on the pipe and the kid
dances.



The Hares and The Frogs

Once upon a time, the hares thought that they must put an end to their lives, as they had to live in fear of so many foes.

So, off they went to a lake hard by to make an end of their lives in it. As they came to the bank of the lake, a shoal of frogs that were there leapt into the water in a great fright.

“Nay then, my friends,” said the first hare, “our case is not so bad as we had thought; for here are others who are more timid than we are.”

Live and Learn.



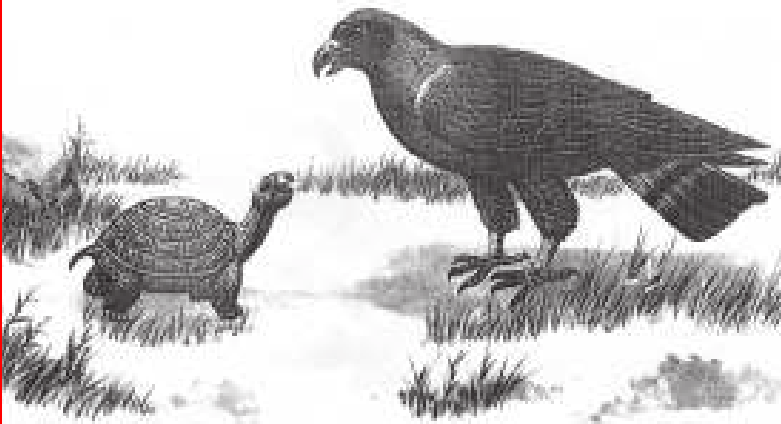
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The Turtle and The Eagle

A turtle dwelt in the sea. Once he took it into his head that he could fly in the air as well as any bird, if he would but get a lift.

With this idea in his head, he called on the eagle.

“I come to you”, said he, “as you are the king of birds: I want to have a little help from you. I wish to fly like you; and with your help, I can do it.”



The eagle asked him to tell him his scheme.

If you would but take me up into the air,” went on the turtle, “and then let go your hold, I could fly like any of you.”

The eagle tried his best to persuade the turtle give up such a silly idea. But the turtle was firm. He begged so hard that the eagle had to agree at last.

The eagle now took the turtle up to a great height in the air.

“Now fly, my friend,” said the eagle, as he let go his hold.

But the Turtle, ere he could say a word, fell plump on a rock below and was dashed to pieces.

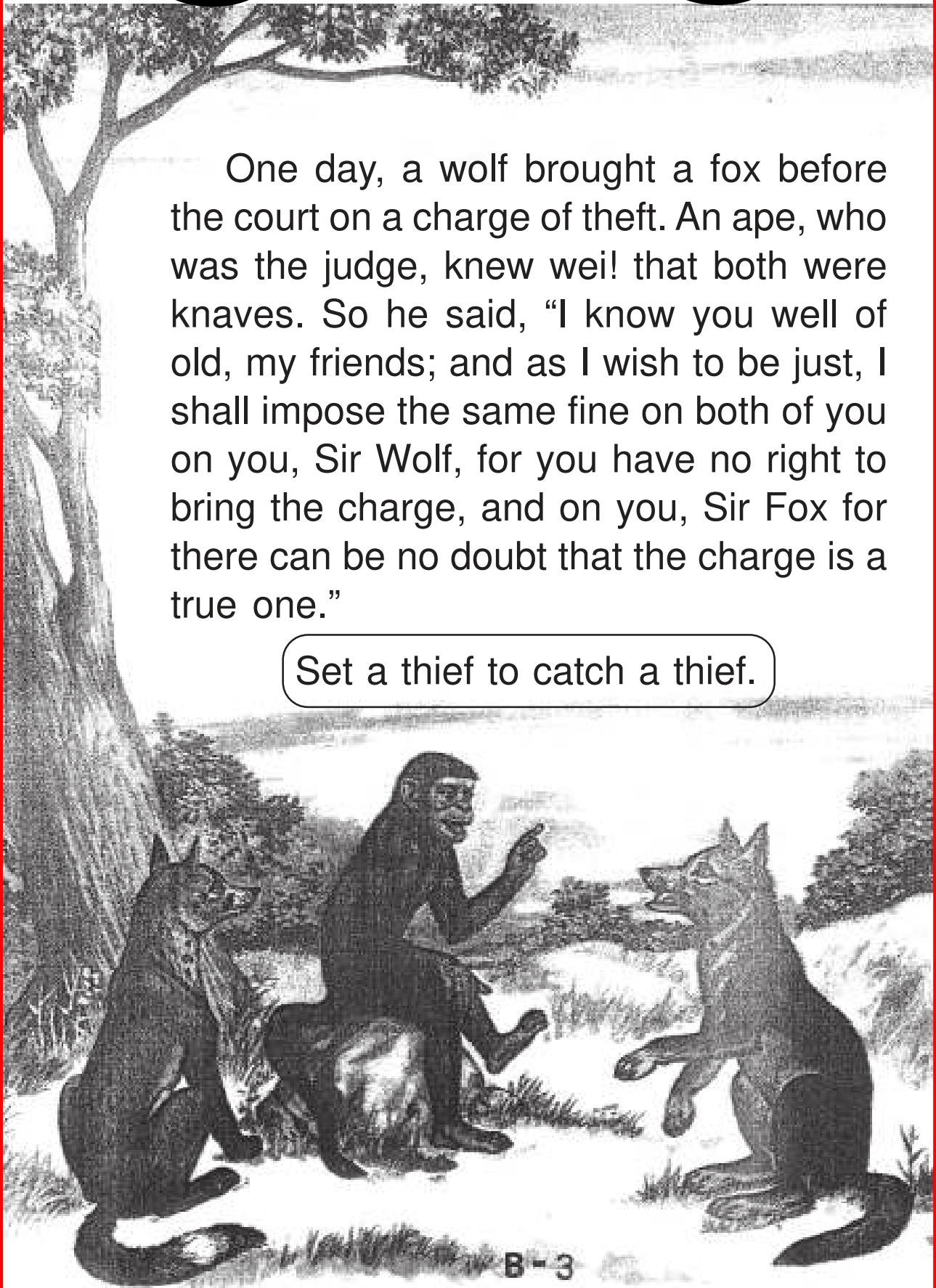


Know your strength

The Ape, The wolf and The Fox

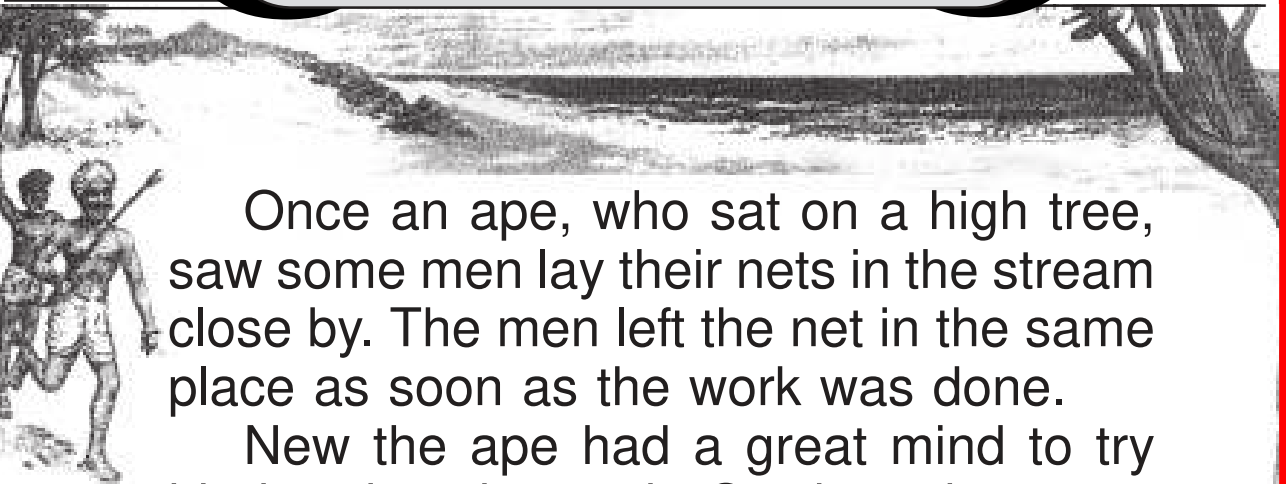
One day, a wolf brought a fox before the court on a charge of theft. An ape, who was the judge, knew well that both were knaves. So he said, "I know you well of old, my friends; and as I wish to be just, I shall impose the same fine on both of you on you, Sir Wolf, for you have no right to bring the charge, and on you, Sir Fox for there can be no doubt that the charge is a true one."

Set a thief to catch a thief.



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The Ape and The Nets



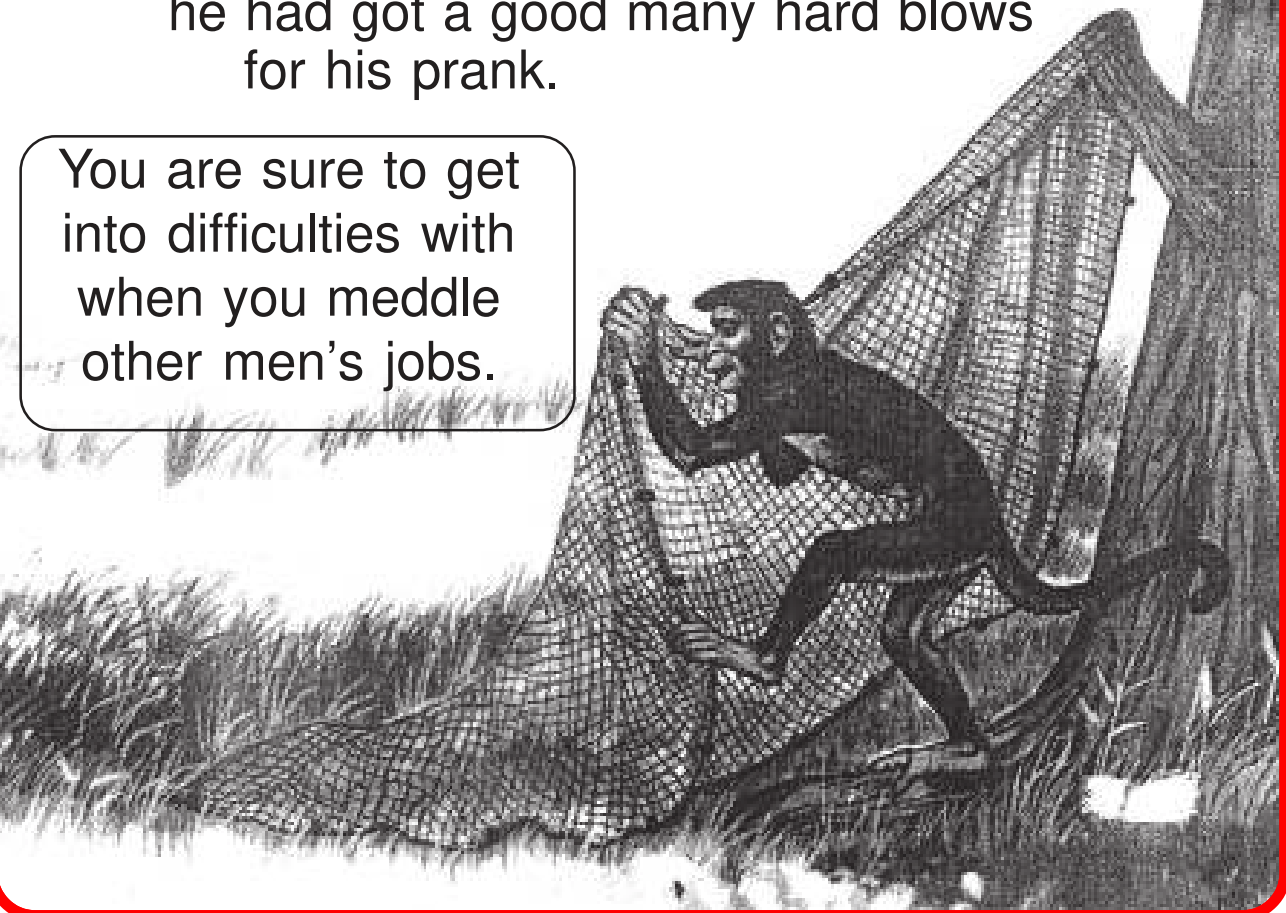
Once an ape, who sat on a high tree, saw some men lay their nets in the stream close by. The men left the net in the same place as soon as the work was done.

Now the ape had a great mind to try his hand at the work. So down he came from his perch and meddled with the nets. But he soon found himself bound up in the nets in such a way that he could not extricate himself.

The man soon came back and saw what the ape had done with their nets.

The ape was set free, but not before he had got a good many hard blows for his prank.

You are sure to get into difficulties with when you meddle other men's jobs.



The Man and The Snake



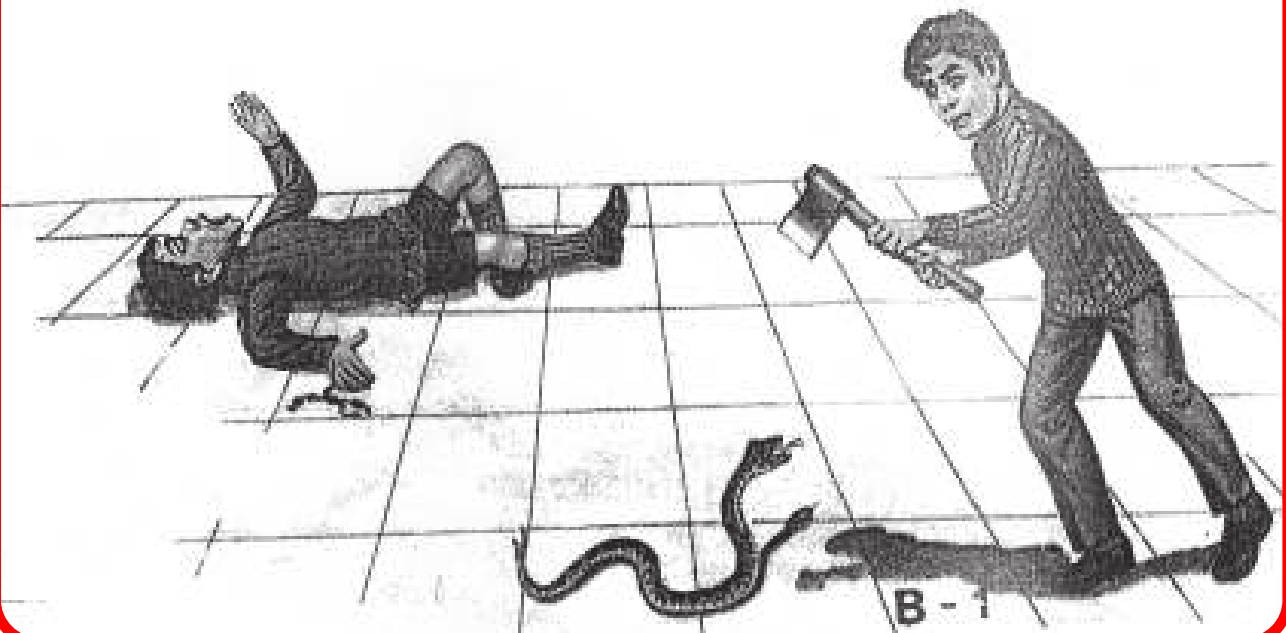
One very cold day a man was on his way home from work. On the road he found a snake that was half dead with cold.

Out of pity he brought the snake home and nursed him back to life.

But as soon as the snake was well, he tried to bite the man's only child.

The man took a heavy axe and hit the snake on the head. The snake died at once.

Black will take no other hue.



The Vulture And The Lion

A vulture flew down from the sky over a thick forest and landed in a clearing.

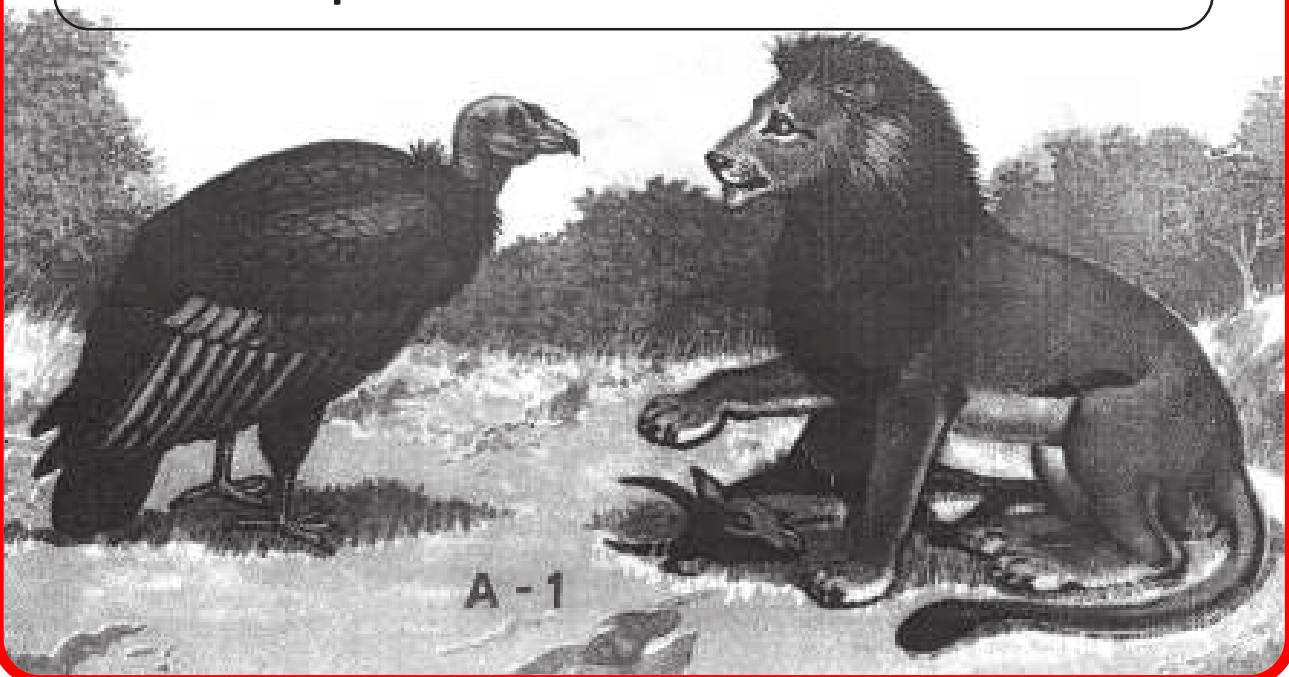
A lion was standing on the ground. He had killed a deer and was preparing to prey on it.

The vulture stood before the lion and said to him, "I am the Lord of the sky and you are the lord of the forest. Let us be good friends. Let us make an agreement of friendship."

The lion said, "I have no objection. I move on land. You fly in the sky. How can I meet you at any time I want? How can I believe that you will not break a agreement? How will it be possible for you to come to me whenever I have a desire to meet you?"

The Vulture had no answer to give.

**Friendship of the same kind is possible.
Friendship of different kinds cannot endure.**



The Crow And The Goat

A crow rode on the back of a goat. It ordered the goat to run this way and that way.

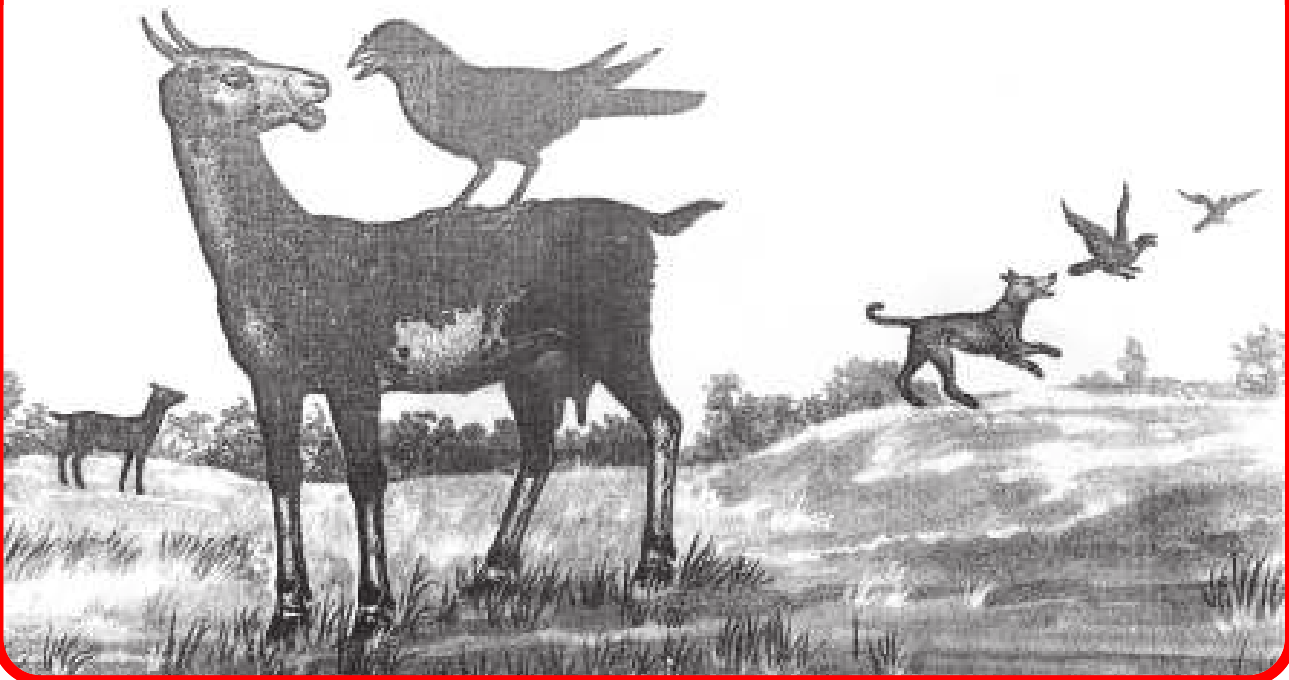
The foolish goat obeyed the crow's orders. The crow had a happy ride on the goat's back.

The goat became tired. But the crow urged the goat to run more and more. The goat lost his patience.

The goat said angrily, "I can't bear this insult any more. Just imagine what will happen if you do the same thing to a dog. He would bite you and tear you to pieces."

The crow said, "I tease cowards only. I trouble them in many ways. I avoid the brave ones. I give them respect."

**It is the lot of cowards
to suffer humiliations.**



The Hawk And The Farmer

In a certain village birds ate away the crops and caused a lot of damage to farms. Farmers were put to great loss.

At a farm, a farmer had spread a net to catch birds. A hawk was chasing a dove. The hawk was caught in the net. The farmer caught hold of the hawk.

The hawk pleaded with the farmer to let it go. It said, "Oh farmer! What harm have I done to you? Please leave me. Let me go."

The farmer said, "Tell me what harm the dove has done to you?"

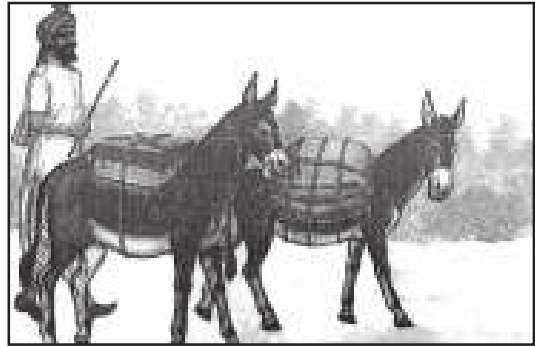
The hawk could not find a suitable reply.

**Do unto others what you
would do to yourself.**



The Donkeys And The robbers

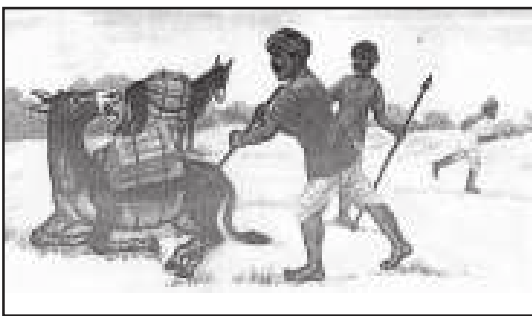
A merchant was driving his two donkeys on a lonely pathway. One of the donkeys was loaded with a bag of grains and the other was loaded with a box containing gold pieces.



The donkey who carried the box of gold was proud of his load. He thought that he was more valuable to his master than the other one. He spoke ill of the poor donkey. He walked with proud steps.

On the way some robbers waylaid the merchant and the donkeys.

The robbers now looked at the loads which the donkeys carried. They looked at the bag of grains which one of the donkeys carried and let it go.



They looked at the box which the other donkey carried. The box was full of precious gold coins.

The donkey wanted to be faithful to his master. He wanted to protect the gold from the robbers. He kicked and struggled and raised much dust.

The robbers became angry and beat the donkey severely. They took away the box of gold.

The poor donkey died of injuries.

Responsibility and danger go together.

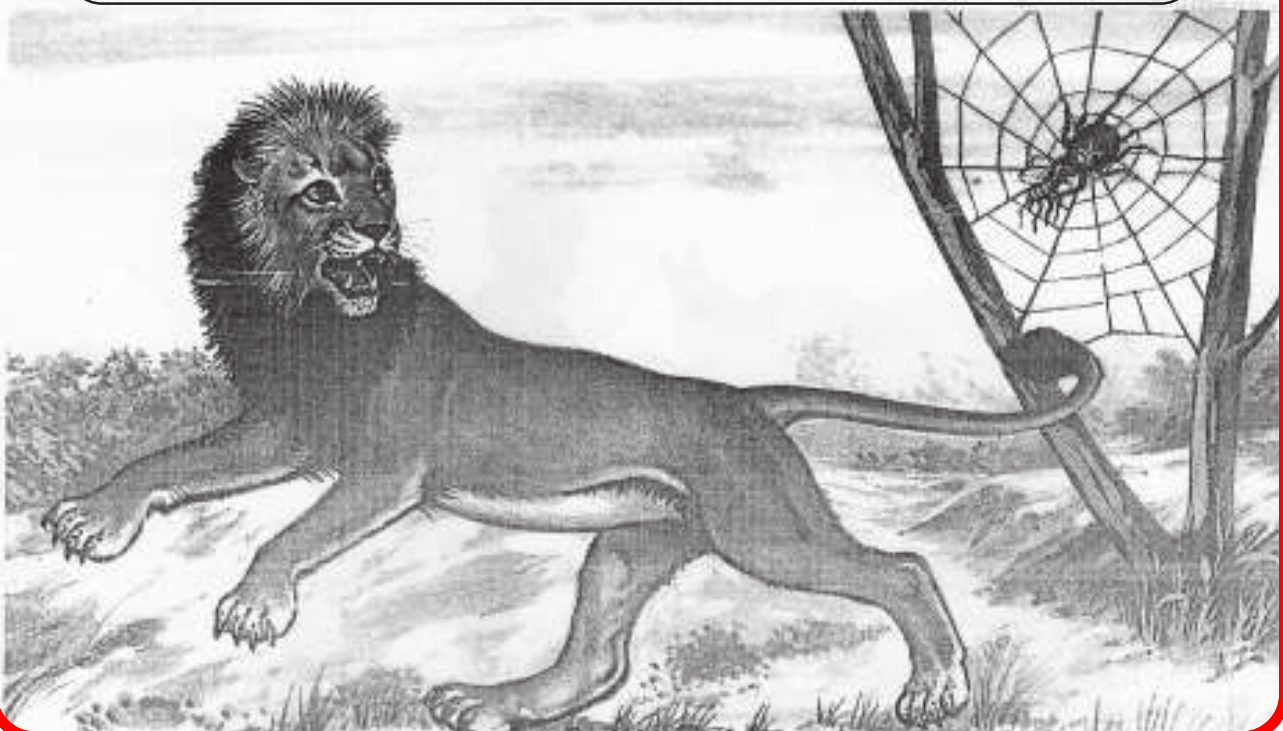
The Lion And The Wasp

A wasp was flying about in front of a lion. It was teasing the lion. The lion was angry at it. It grumbled at the wasp, but it could not do anything to stop it.

The wasp emboldened. It said, "Ah, Mr. Lion I am not afraid of you. You may be very strong. But I can easily get the better of you. Your claws and your teeth cannot equal the power of my sting. Just experience my power". So saying it stung the lion in many places all over the body. The lion began to growl with unbearable pain.

The wasp was proud of its power. It flew straight like an arrow and got caught in a spider's web. The wasp struggled to get free, but it could not extricate itself from the web. The more he struggled the more he was inextricably caught. It became tired and powerless. The spider fell upon the wasp, killed it and ate it.

No victory is permanent.



Monkeys in a Make up Studio

There was a make-up studio. There were bright costumes, colourful dress items, ornaments, necklaces, bangles, crowns, turbans and face-masks in the studio. Drama parties would take these on hire.

Two monkeys entered the studio through an opening. There was no one inside.

The monkeys looked at all the things and were struck with wonder. They ransacked the boxes and the baskets.

One of the monkeys put on a beautiful facemask and looked at himself in the mirror. He was now impressed with his beautiful face.

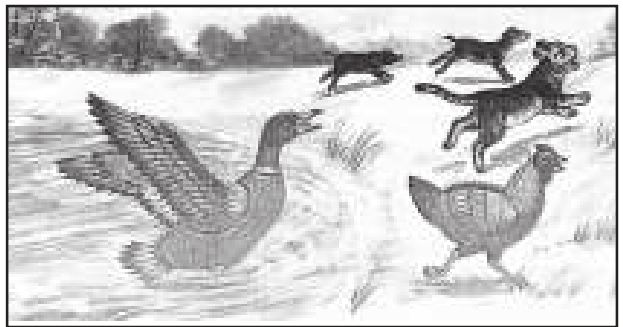
The other monkey remarked, "Oh, what a beauty! If only the mask had brains ...!" He sighed deeply.

There is no use of beauty without brains.



The Duck and The Hound

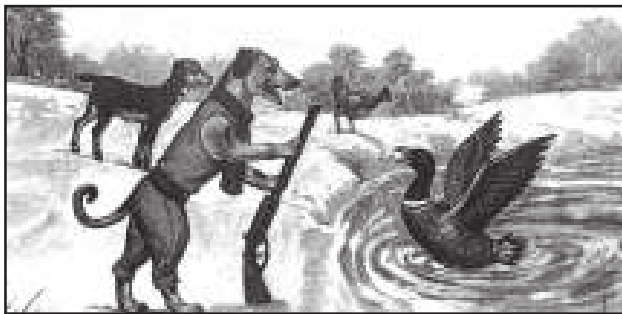
There was a beautiful pond full of sparkling water. A selfish duck came to the pond and settled there. It made the pond his home.



The duck did not allow any other animal or bird to come to the pond. He chased away pigs, goats, cocks, hens, cats and other animals that came to drink water.

All the timid animals and birds kept themselves away from the pond for fear of the troublesome duck. The duck dominated the place by raising a hue and cry against all visitors to the pond.

One day, a hound came to the pond to drink water. The duck said, "This pond is mine. You should not drink water in this. Get out at once."



The hound said, 'Fool, I can kill you in a second. You do not have the strength or a weapon to

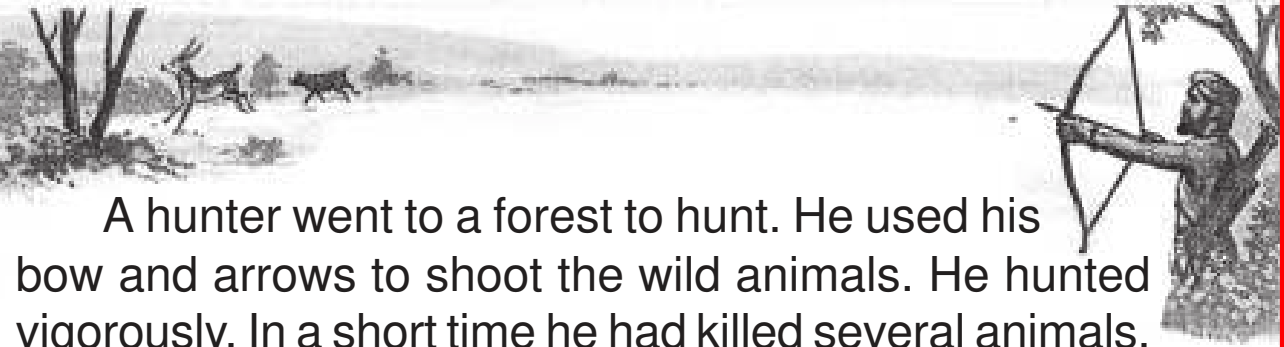
fight me.

I will not kill an unarmed weak creature like you."

The hound drove the duck out of the pond. He drank water in the pond and went away. Other animals and birds rejoiced at the exit of the duck.

Pride goes before a fall.

The Tiger and The Jackal



A hunter went to a forest to hunt. He used his bow and arrows to shoot the wild animals. He hunted vigorously. In a short time he had killed several animals.

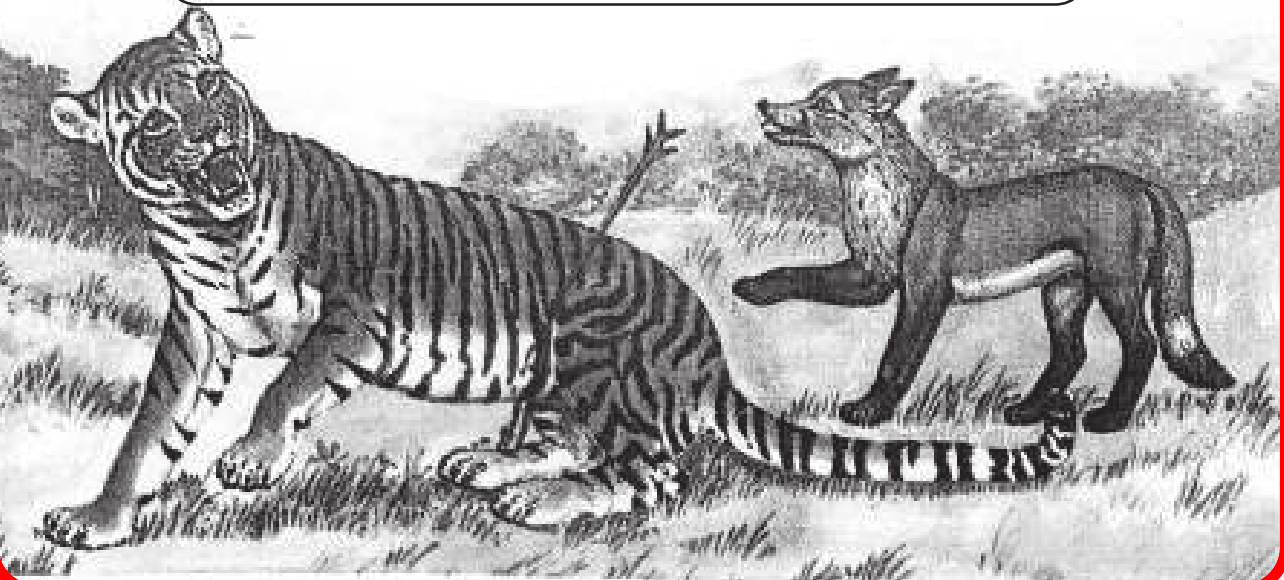
The wild animals were filled with great fear. They were running in all directions to escape from danger.

A fierce tiger was looking on, he said to the fleeing animals, "Don't be afraid of the hunter. I shall kill him or drive him out of the forest. Then you can live peacefully.

Just as he had finished saying these brave words, a sharp arrow flew straight, pierced through the ribs of the tiger and got struck there. The tiger fell down profusely bleeding.

A jackal which was standing near ridiculed the tiger. He said, "Oh tiger, What do you think of the power of our foe? Do not under estimate the enemy's prowess."

Do not under estimate other's strength.
Do not over estimate your own strength.



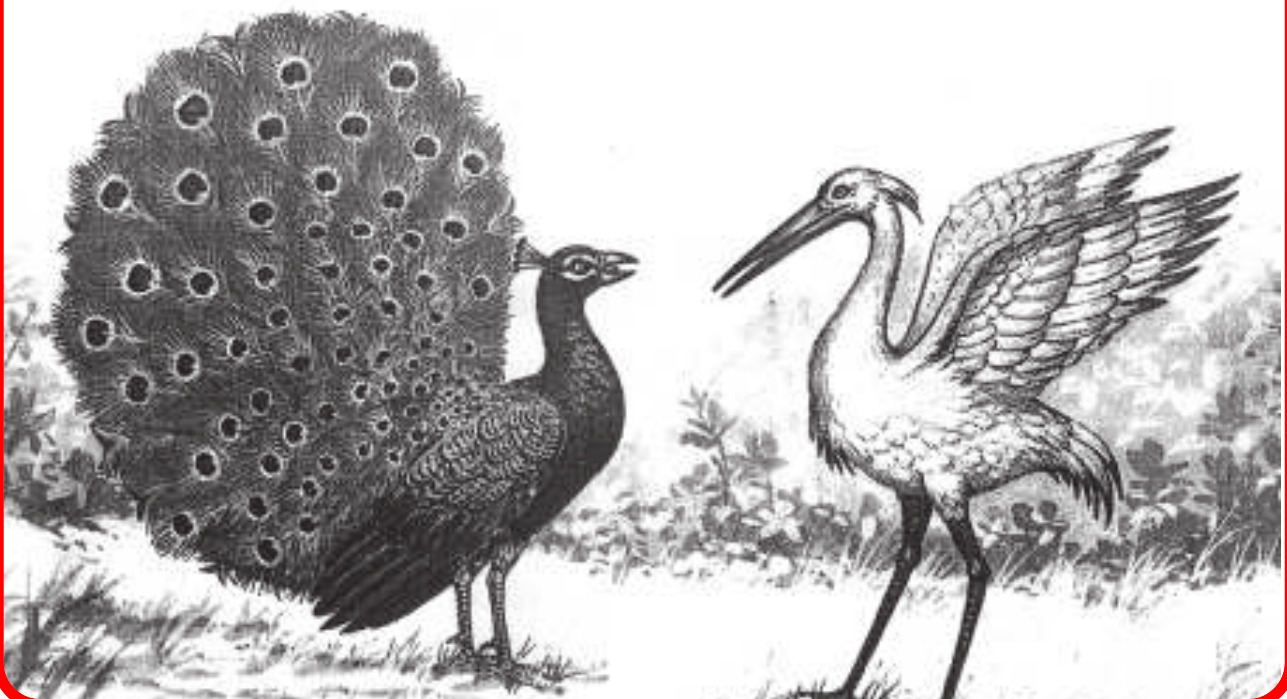
The Peacock and The Crane

It was a pleasant day, A peacock spread his beautiful wings and danced proudly before a crane.

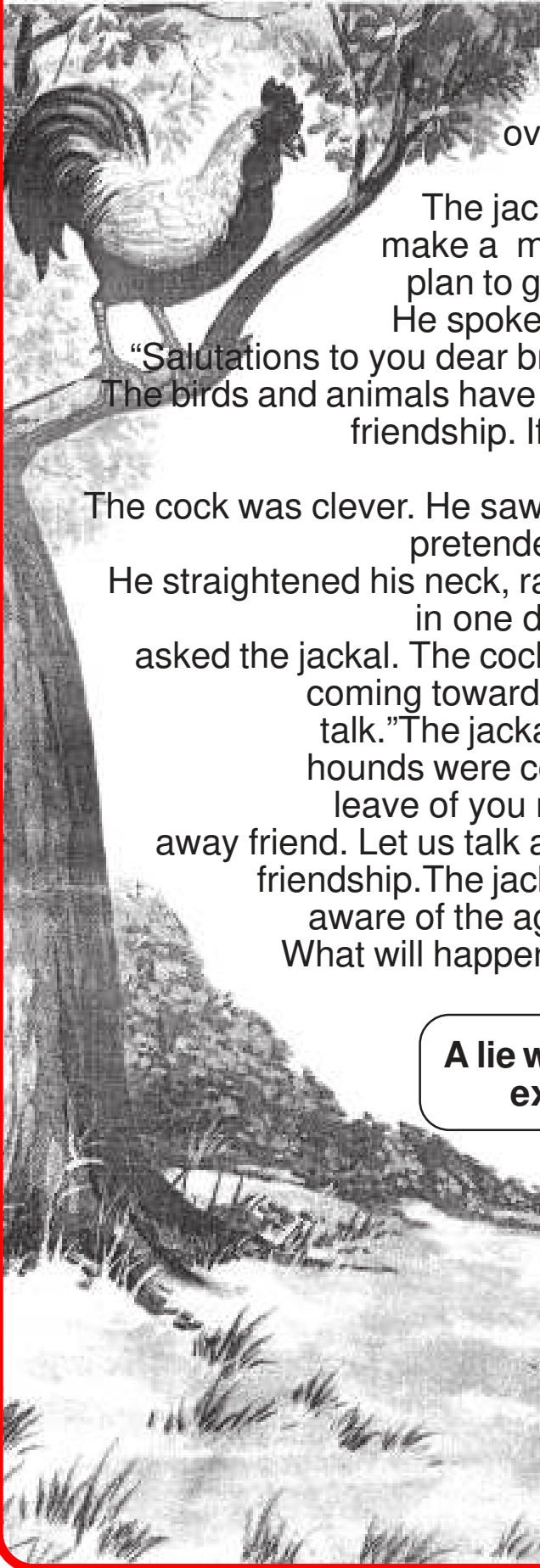
The peacock boasted, “See how beautiful I am! Even kings would feel jealous of me. How shabby you are with your long neck and long legs! Even poor people and beggars would not like your company! The peacock mocked at the crane.

The crane said, “Stop your vain boasting. You live in the dust and mud of the earth. You are appreciated by the earth bound people. I fly high over hills and clouds gracefully and happily. Who is better, you or I?”

Appearances are deceptive.



The Cock and The Jackal



A cock stood on the branch of a tall tree. It was in a happy mood. It crowed enthusiastically over and over again. A hungry jackal heard the crowing of the cock.

The jackal was very hungry; he wanted to make a meal of the cock. He made a clever plan to get the cock down from the branch.

He spoke to the cock. He greeted the cock.

“Salutations to you dear brother! Have you heard the news? The birds and animals have made an agreement of peace and friendship. If you come down. I shall explain to you the details of the agreement.

The cock was clever. He saw through the trick of the jackal. He pretended to see something at a distance.

He straightened his neck, raised his head and looked steadily in one direction. “What do you see there?”

asked the jackal. The cock replied, “Dear friend, hounds are coming towards this place. Let all of us meet and talk.”

The jackal became nervous on hearing that hounds were coming. He said, “Dear friend, I take leave of you now.”

The cock shouted, “Don’t go away friend. Let us talk about the agreement of peace and friendship. The jackal remarked, “The hounds are not aware of the agreement of peace and friendship.

What will happen to me? Let me go” So saying the jackal ran away.

A lie will be easily exposed.



The Playful Donkey

A monkey was playing tricks on the tiled roof of a washerman's house. The washerman, his children and the neighbours laughed at and enjoyed the pranks of the monkey. The children clapped their hands in glee.

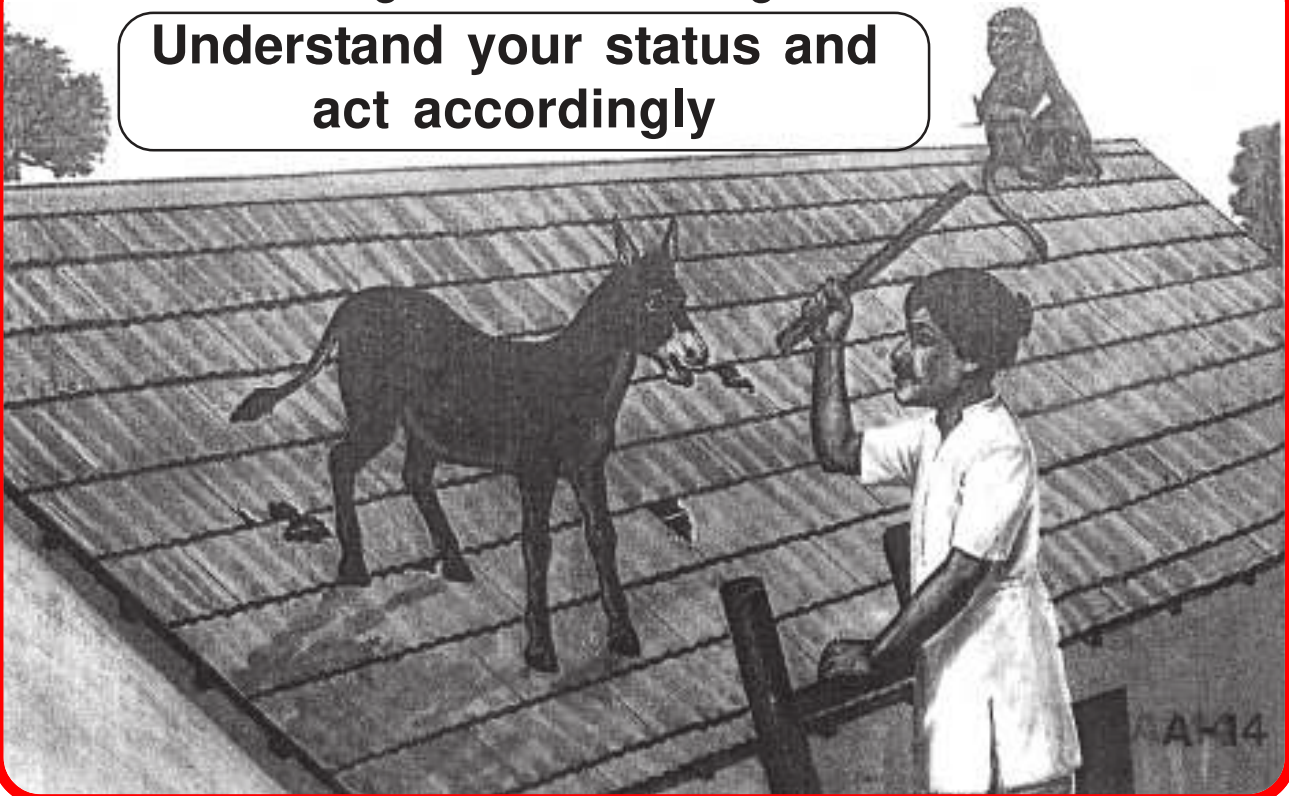
The washerman's donkey was watching the monkey's tricks. He noticed that all people laughed to see the monkey's pranks. He wondered why he should not play such tricks and make the people laugh.

With great difficulty the donkey climbed on the tiled roof. He jumped and brayed loudly. The donkey's jump broke the tiles.

The washerman thought that the donkey had gone mad. He took a thick stick and beat the donkey.

The donkey remarked, "All people laughed to see the monkey's pranks. But I am beaten when I do the same thing. What a strange world!"

Understand your status and act accordingly



The Donkey and The Pig

A donkey and a wild pig became enemies. They decided to fight. The wild pig thought that he could easily defeat the donkey by using his sharp fangs. The fight began.

The pig entered the fray with confidence and determination. The enemies came close together and were preparing to attack each other.

Just then, the donkey turned round and gave a strong kick with his hind legs. The kick was aimed at the face of his opponent, the wild pig. The wild pig was stunned.

It took a few minutes for the pig to recover his senses. Then he remarked, "One would expect the two contestants to fight facing each other. Only the cowardly donkey turns round and kicks with his hind legs. What a shame!"

In a real fight one should be prepared to face the challenge from any direction.



The Hen and The Frog

A hen laid eggs for the first time. She was so happy

about it. She began to crow loudly again and again. That way she showed her joy.

A frog was living in a nearby pond. It could not bear this horrible crowing of the hen. It seemed to be a great nuisance. It said to the hen, "Oh proud hen, why do you make such a fuss about your eggs? Your harsh crowing is too horrible to bear".

The hen replied, "Could you not bear the exhibition of my joy through my crowing? At least, there is a reason for my crowing. But you croak without reason continuously for days and nights. Don't we tolerate your croaking?"

Tolerance is a virtue.



The Naughty Monkey

One day a merchant passed through a beautiful forest. He fell in love with the place. He decided to construct a temple there.

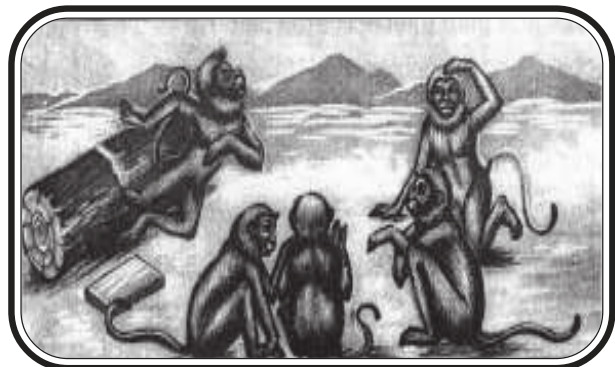
One day the carpenters left the place at noon to take rest. The trunk of a tree had been half-cut into two. A strong piece of wood was fixed between the two parts.

Suddenly a group of monkeys came there. One of the monkey noticed the wedge between the two half-cut parts of the tree. He was a mischievous creature. "What is the reason for this piece of wood being placed there?", he asked himself.

The monkey began to pull out the wedge.

An old monkey advised the youngster not to mess with it. But the naughty monkey did not listen to the advice. Suddenly the wedge came out but one of the legs of the monkey was caught between the two parts of the trunk. The leg was badly smashed.

The monkey paid a price for its naughty behaviour.



The Heron and the Crab

Once an old heron lived on the bank of a pond. He was too old to catch fish. The heron formed a clever plan to save himself from hunger.

One day it sard to a crab that lived in the pond, "Your happy days are over. The villagers are likely to fill up the pond and grow crop there."

The creatures living in the pond requested the heron to save them. The heron pretended to be kind and said: "I shall carry you one by one to a lake nearby."

He then picked up a few fish in his beak and flew to a rock. He ate them there. Everyday he followed this plan.

One day a crab requested the heron to take him to the lake. The heron felt very happy. He carried the crab on his back and flew to the rock.

From the sky the Crab saw the bones of the fish on the rock. He now understood the treachery of the heron. He dug his claws into the heron's neck and bit it off.

The crab returned to the pond. All the creatures living in the pond thanked the crab for saving them from the heron.



The Farmer And The Crane

A farmer was worried about the seeds in his farni as they were destroyed by the birds. He laid a trap for them. The next day he managed to catch a flock of birds. A crane was also one of his victims.

The crane pleaded with the farmer to let it free. The farmer retorted: "You are found in the company of my enemies. So, I will not spare you."

Do not be found in close contact
with evil persons.



Pride Has a Fall

Gorelal was a famous sculptor. His sculptures looked real ones. One day he saw a dream that after fifteen the demon of Death would come to

take him. Gorelal prepared nine statues of himself and when on the 15th day he heard the Demon of Death coming, he took his place between the statues.

The Demon could not recognise him and was astonished to see ten Gorelals instead of one. He rushed back to the God of death and told the matter.

The God of death got annoyed and set out to take Gorelal himself. Gorelal was alert and stood motionless. The God of Death initially got perplexed. But he thought for a moment. He said, "Gorelal, these sculptures would have been perfect but for one mistake." Gorelal was unable to suffer the least blemish in his work. He came out and asked, "Where is the fault?" God of Death caught him and said, "HERE". The statues were faultless but Gorelal was caught because of his pride.



The Camel And The Jackal

A camel and a jackal were friends. One day the jackal took his friend to a big sugar-cane farm. It was on the opposite side of a river. After a sumptuous meal the jackal began to howl loudly. The frightened camel pleaded with the jackal not to do so.

The jackal said: "Friend, I have this habit after every meal. I cannot help it." Soon the farmers arrived and gave a sound thrashing to the camel. When the camel crossed the river the jackal joined him on his back. In the midstream the camel took a deliberate dip in the water.

When the jackal cried out in terror, the camel said casually: "I have the habit of roiling in the water after every meal." The poor jackal was drowned.

Every action has an opposite reaction.



Selfish Friendship

Once a cat was caught in a hunter's net. A mouse used to live in a nearby hole. The mouse seeing the cat in the net, started playing around the cat. Soon a mongoose came there. He wanted to kill the mouse. As he lifted his head, he saw an owl sitting on a tree trying to catch him. The mongoose went very near the cat's net to save himself. The mouse thought "When the hunter takes away the cat, the mongoose will not spare me and the owl is there to enjoy both of us."

The Mouse went to the cat and said, "I can cut the net if you promise to save my life from the mongoose and the owl." The cat agreed. The mouse started cutting the net slowly and freed the cat only when the hunter was just near the cat. The cat took to heels and so ran the mongoose too. The owl was very much disappointed to see even the mouse running away to safety.

A few days later, the cat being hungry, went to the hole of the mouse and requested him to come out for a game. The mouse replied, "I sought friendship and saved you to save my life." Now you can go home.



Honesty is the Best Policy

A milkman became very wealthy through dishonest means. He had to cross a river daily to reach the city where his customers lived. He mixed the water of the river generously with the milk that he sold for a good profit. One day he went around collecting the dues in order to celebrate the wedding of his son. With the large amount thus collected he purchased plenty of rich clothes and glittering gold ornaments.

But while crossing the river the boat capsized and all his costly purchases were swallowed by the river.

The milk vender was speechless with grief. At that time he heard a voice that from the river: "Do not weep. What you have lost is only the illicit gains you earned through cheating your customers."

Honest dealings are always, supreme. Money earned by wrong methods never remain for ever.



The Donkey in Lion's Skin

A donkey dressed itself in a lion's skin. Wherever he went the other animals and villagers feared him. Everyone thought that he was a real lion. Soon he became bold.

But one day some farmers heard him braying. They ran after him with sticks. They beat him to death. Thus, the poor donkey paid the price for his foolishness.

Never masquerade
as someone else.



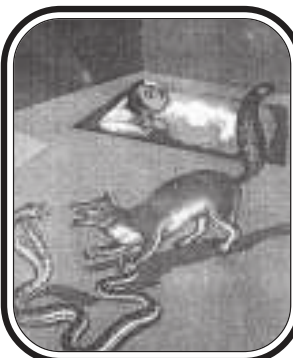
Haste makes Waste

A woman had a pet mongoose. It was very faithful. One day she went to the market, leaving her baby in the care of the mongoose. At that time a big cobra entered the house.

The mongoose killed it after a long and fierce fight. When the woman came back she saw the mongoose lying at the entrance.

She noticed its blood-covered mouth. In her haste the woman thought that the mongoose had killed her baby. In a moment of sudden fury, the woman threw the water pot on the mongoose and killed it. Alas! when she entered the house she was filled with remorse. Her baby was playing cheerfully. Nearby a big cobra lay dead. The woman shed tears of grief fondling the carcass of the mongoose.

Do not act in haste.



The Truthful Woodcutter

One day a wood cutter's axe accidentally fell into a river. The poor wood cutter made a good search in the water. But his efforts were in vain. Finally he burst into tears. Hearing his sobs, an Angel appeared before him.

The Angel dived into the river and came up carrying a golden axe. The wood cutter did not accept it. He stated that his axe was made of iron. The Angel disappeared and soon returned with a silver axe.

The wood cutter again denied that it was his axe. The Angel once again plunged into the river. It soon reappeared carrying the axe of the wood cutter. The poor man greeted the angel with words of profuse thanks and great joy. The Angel was impressed by the man's honesty. She presented him with the golden and silver axes in recognition of his truthful nature.

Truthfulness brings its own reward.



Two Mules

A certain businessman had two mules. He used them to carry food grains to the villages. One day one of the mules was seriously ill. She said to her companion: "I am not well. It is impossible for me to carry the heavy load. I shall unload one of the bags. Please carry that for my sake. I shall perform similar service for you some other time.

"The other mule was very selfish. It refused to share the burden of the sick mule. Soon after the poor mule fell down dead. The businessman removed the heavy bags from the back of the dead animal and placed them on the other mule.

The second mule, tottering under the heavy load, felt regrets for its selfish act. She had learnt an unforgettable lesson.

A selfish act will recoil on you.



The Elephant and The sparrow

Once two sparrows had built a nest in a dense forest. They tenderly kept watch over the eggs laid by the female sparrow.

One day an elephant pulled down the branch where the nest was built. All the eggs were destroyed.

The woodpecker heard the mourning sounds made by the female sparrow. He told her that they would have to find some way to kill the elephant.

They first consulted the fly. The fly told them that the mighty elephant could be killed only by cunning. He took them to his clever friend, the frog.

The frog thought for a moment and said: "If we all work together, we could kill the elephant."

Then the frog suggested a plan. "At noon, when the elephant is at rest, the fly will hum in the ear of the elephant. The sweet humming will make him close the eyes. Then the wood-pecker will peck out his eyes. When the blind elephant wanders around, I will croak from a ditch. The elephant would take it to be a pond and would fall into the ditch.

The fly, the wood-pecker and the frog successfully carried out their plan. The elephant fell into the ditch and broke his bones. Finally it died of hunger and thirst.



The Faithful Dog

A man had a faithful dog. It kept a good watch over the house. One night a thief tried to enter the house. The dog began to bark. The thief ran away in panic.

The master woke up and made a good search. He found no sign of a thief. He punished the dog for disturbing his sleep. A few days' later the thief made another attempt. This time the dog did not bark. Instead, it silently observed the act of the thief. He made a bundle of the valuable things and buried them under a tree.

The next morning, the master of the dog was mad with grief. He felt sorry for having beaten the dog. The faithful dog, however, took its master to the place where the thief had hidden the loot. The man was over joyous.

Be patient and you will be rewarded.



The Fate of the Fool

Once a man went to the city to sell his horse and goat. He was a well-known idiot. He hung a bell from the neck of the goat. He then tied the goat to the tail of the horse. He thought that if anyone tried to steal the goat, the bell would stop ringing and give him immediate warning of the theft.

Three clever thieves decided to fool the idiot and steal his goat and horse. The first thief tied the bell to the tail of the horse and quietly took away the goat. After sometime the second thief approached the man. He said: "I saw some people taking away your goat. Give me your horse. I shall catch them." The foolish man did accordingly. The thief never returned. The idiot was now angry with himself. When he went to quench his thirst from a nearby well, the third thief accosted him. He said that some coins and valuables had fallen into the well. He promised the idiot a gold coin as reward for retrieving them. The foolishman removed his clothes and jumped into the well. When he came back after a vain search he was shocked to find his clothes missing.

A fool and his money are soon parted.



Can The Mice Eat Iron

Once a rich merchant suffered a big business loss. He sold all his belongings except an iron balance. He approached another merchant and said, "Brother, please keep this balance till I return."

The merchant whose name was Jimadhana left the town the next day. He returned to his home town after a number of years. He then approached his friend and asked for the balance. The friend gave a strange reply: "Brother, your balance was eaten up by the mice."

Jirnadhana kept quiet. He only said: "I want to bathe in the river and perform some religion rites. Please send your son with me,"

On the way, there was a cave. Jirnadhana pushed the boy into the cave and shut it with a huge stone. He told the merchant that a hawk had carried away his son.

The merchant complained to the king. The king was angry when Jirnadhana replied that a hawk had carried away the boy. He shouted "What a fool you are? Why do you tell a lie? Can a hawk carry away a boy?"

Jirnadhana replied: "Your majesty, in a place where mice can eat an iron balance, a hawk can certainly carry away a boy."

Jirnadhana then told the story of the treachery of the merchant. The king understood .the reason for Jirnadhan's action. He ordered the merchant to restore the balance to the rightful owner.

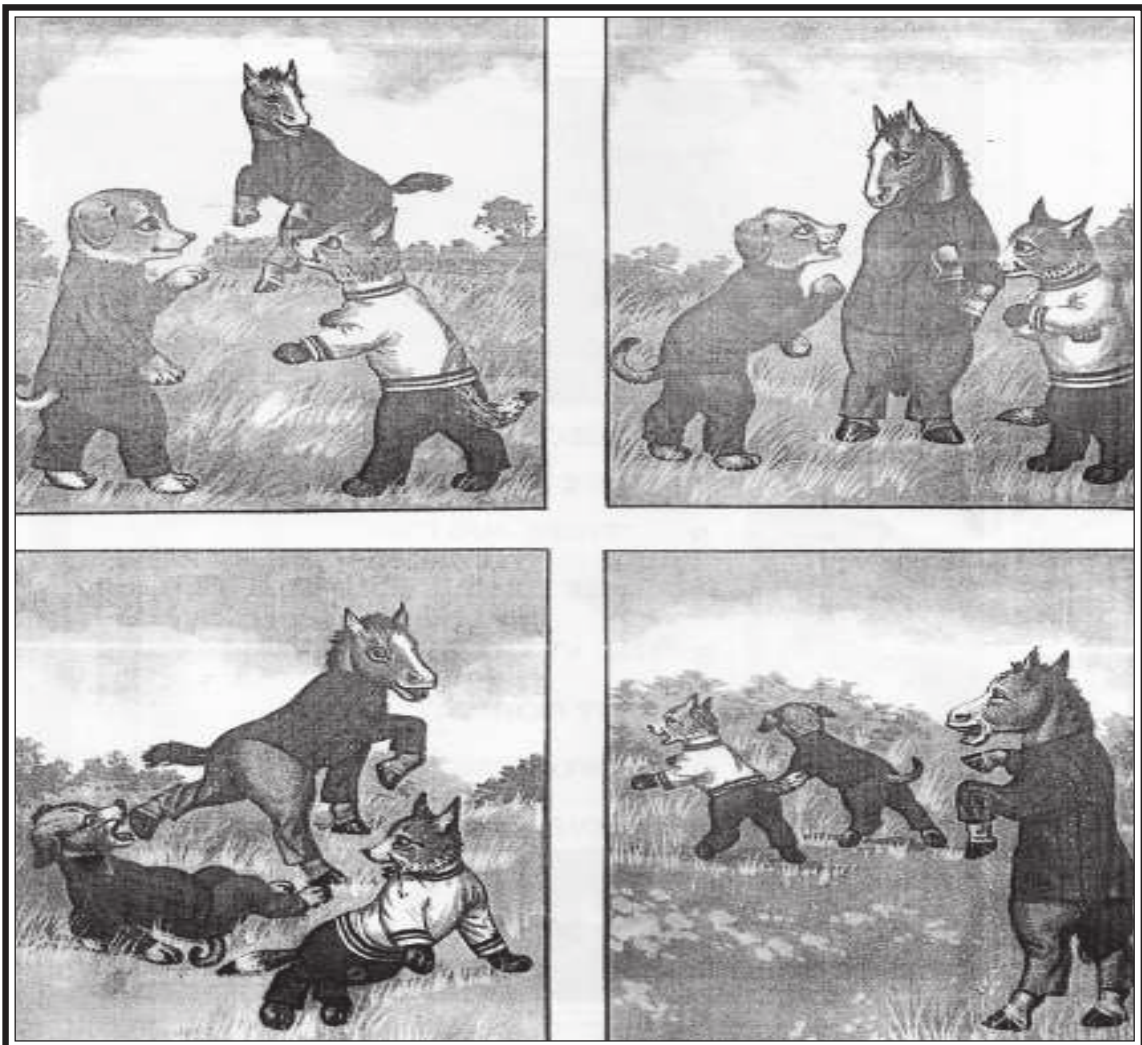


Mischievous Pranks

The young ones of a dog and a jackal were thick friends. One day, when they were playing, they saw a strange animal, it was a young colt.

The dog and the jackal approached the colt and asked for its name. The colt was angry. It said, "My name is written on the soles of my feet." It kicked the dog and the jackal under the pretext of showing them the name. The poor creatures ran away crying.

"Playful pranks may cause trouble."

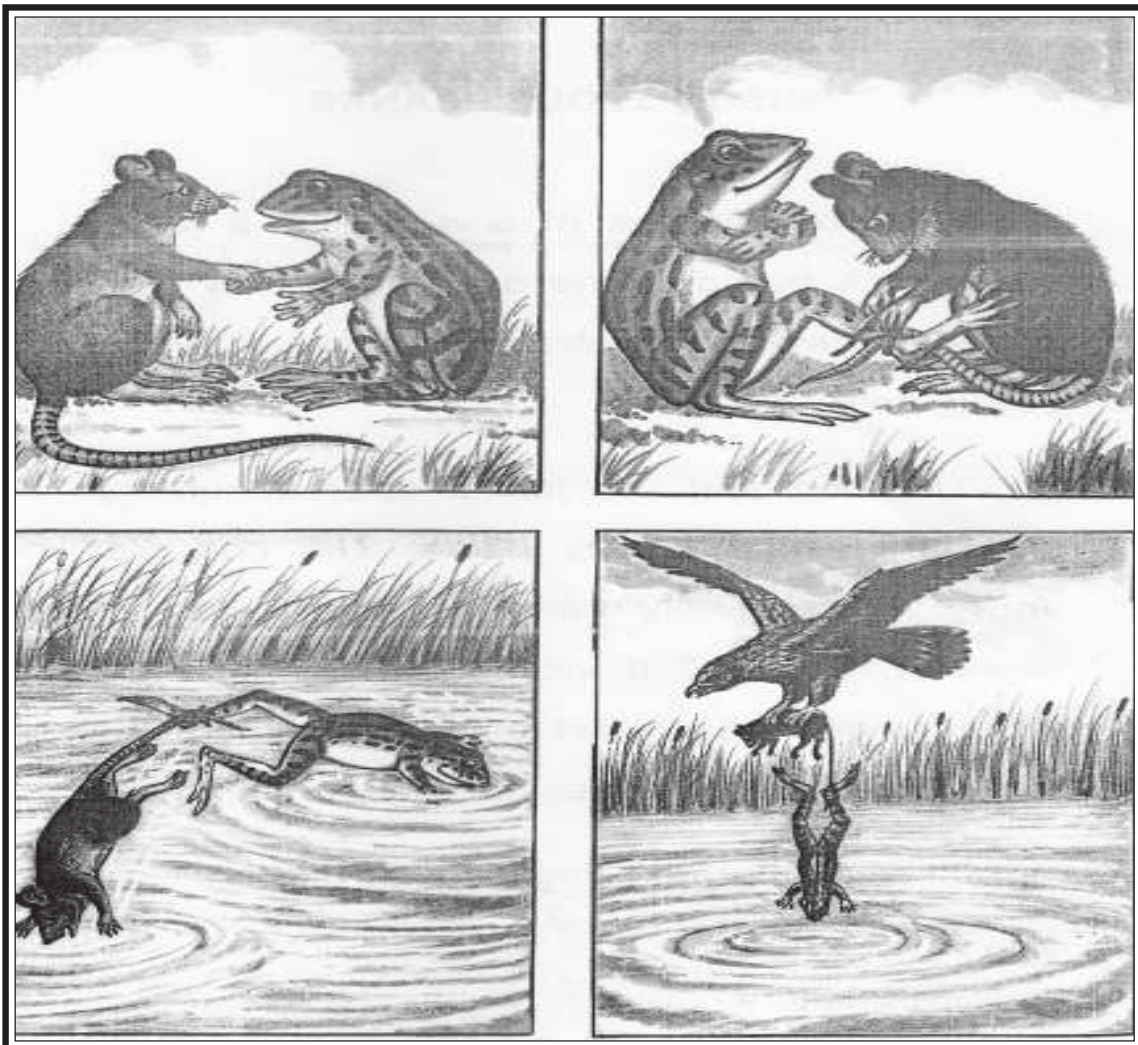


The Rat And The Frog

A rat and a frog were bosom friends. In order to remain unseparated they tied their tail and leg together with a rope.

After sometime the frog jumped into a pond nearby. The poor rat also fell into the water and was drowned. A kite saw the dead rat floating in the water. It carried it away. Naturally, the frog too was lifted in the air. The kite made a meal of the rat and the frog.

Foolish bonds cause misery.



True Justice

Once a rich man in Gujarat sent his son Rajaram to Taxila for education. Soon he fell ill. He felt that his death was near. The man met a judge and told him, "Sir, my son is in Taxila. I may die before he returns. Please inform him of my death and hand over my property to him."

The judge informed the son through a letter about the death of his father. The son was very sad. On the way home he met a man of his age. He told his companion his story.

The man was a thief. He immediately came to the judge. He claimed the property calling himself Rajaram. At that time Rajaram also came there.

The judge was confused. He then placed the deadman's photo in the distance and asked them to shoot the photo with an arrow. The thief did it without any hesitation. Rajaram was not willing to do so. He wept and asked the judge to excuse him.

The judge now understood that Rajaram was the true owner of the property. The thief was arrested.



The Greedy Lion

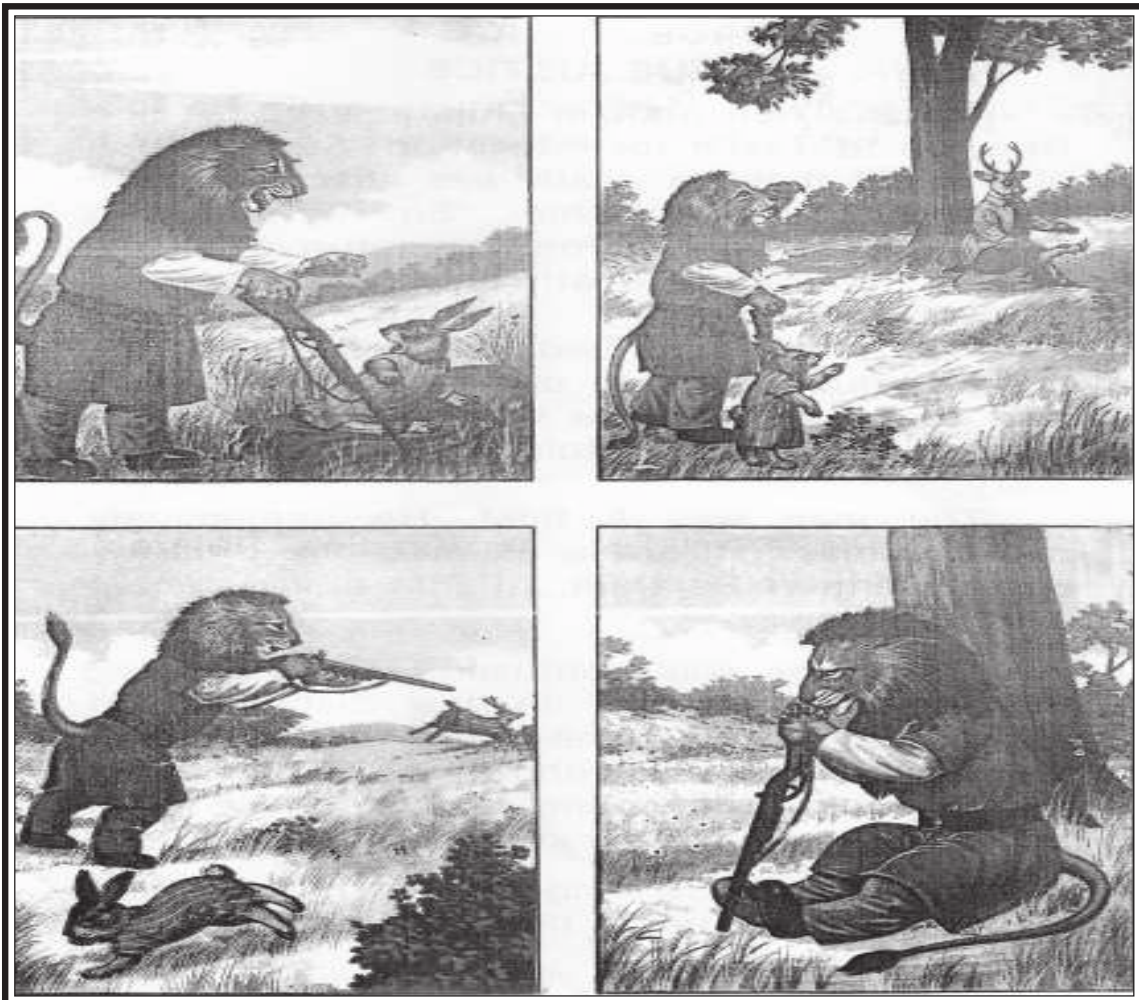
An old lion hunted with a gun. It saw a rabbit asleep on the lawn. The lion awakened the rabbit and said, "I am going to kill you."

The rabbit said, "Your majesty, I am a small creature. You cannot get over your hunger by eating me. Look at that deer, please kill it for your food."

The lion went after the deer. But the speedy animal managed to escape.

The lion felt sorry for his mistake. It was a foolish thing on his part to have spared the rabbit.

A bird in hand is better than two in the bush.



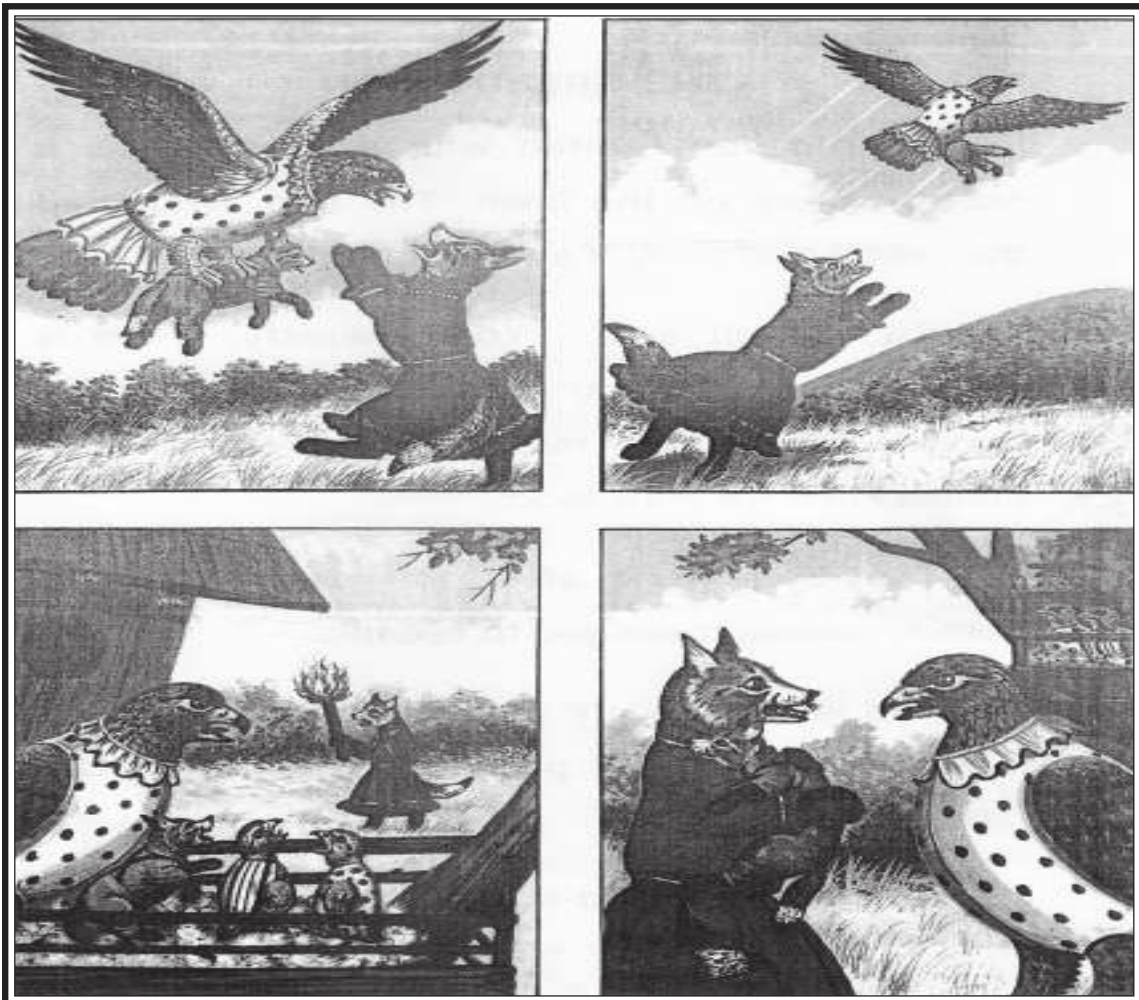
The Vulture And The Jackal

A mother jackal lived with its child. A vulture hunting for food for its young ones saw the child of the jackal. It seized it and began to fly away. The mother jackal ran after pleading for her child, but the vulture did not care.

The mother jackal got a burning torch on the way. It went to the nest of the vulture and said, "I am going to set fire to your nest. As you wish to kill my child, I want to kill all your children.

The vulture had no choice. It gave away the child back to the mother jackal.

Only the wearer of the shoe knows where it pinches

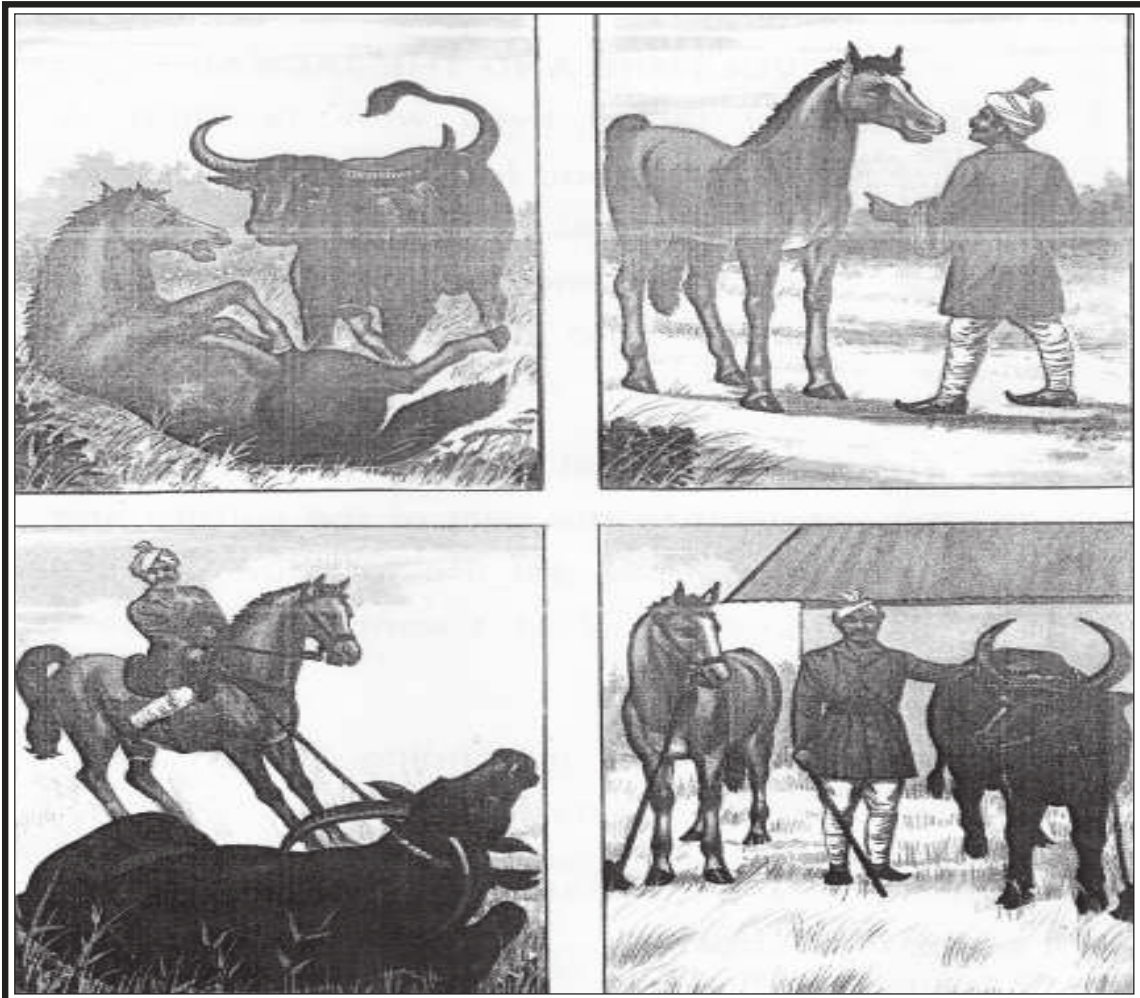


Tit for Tat

Once there was a fight between a buffalo and a horse. The buffalo attacked the horse with its horns. The horse complained to a man. He wanted the man to ride on his back and beat the buffalo and tie it with a rope. He did the same with the horse. When the horse wanted to be free, the man laughed loudly and said, "I will keep both of you under my custody. I shall enjoy the milk of the buffalo and a ride on your back."

The horse felt sorry for his action.

Act in a hurry and repent at leisure.

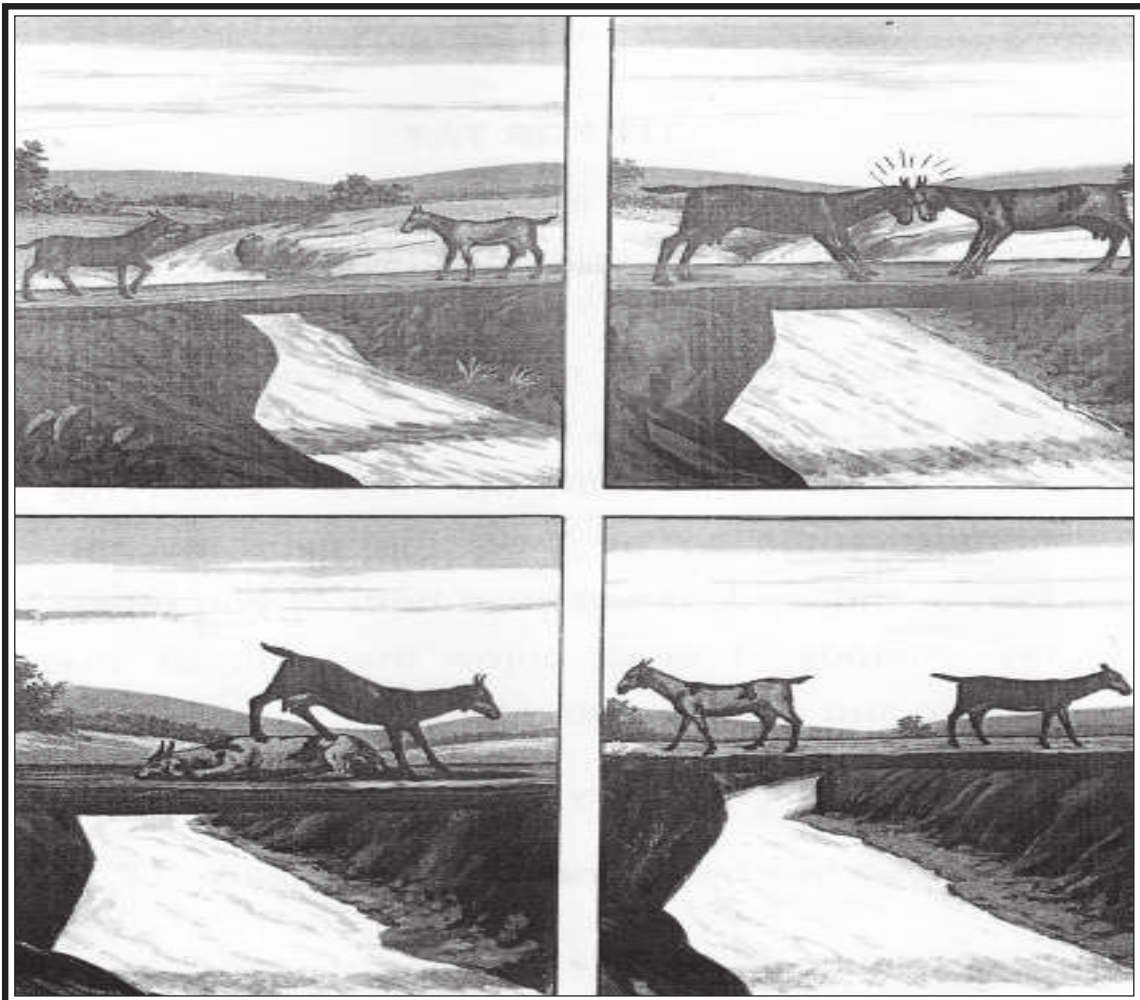


Two Wise Goats

Once two goats tried to cross a- bridge from opposite sides. The bridge was very narrow. In the beginning they fought with each other. Then they understood that soon both would fall down and die. Atlast they decided to behave like friends.

One of the goats lay down on the bridge. The other goat walked on it. Then the first goat got up and went his way.

If there is a will, there is a way.



The Failed Cock

Two cocks vowed each other that one is stronger than the other. So they started a fighting. They fought fiercely and one cock got severe injuries and came down from the top of the stack.

The successful cock crowed and danced with joy and pride on the top of stack. At that time a vulture flew over there and caught up the cock in the sky.

The failed cock felt safe and happy on his luck.

ARROGANT
LEADS
TO VANISH.



The Wolf and The Crane

Once a wolf killed a lamb and started eating it. Suddenly a piece of bone stuck in its throat. It cried out of pain and called for help. There came a crane. The wolf lured the crane that it will give lot of rewards.

The greedy crane immediately agreed and removed the piece of bone with its long nose. The wolf was relieved of its pain. Then the crane asked for the rewards.

The wolf laughed at the crane and said, “I have already rewarded you without biting your head. Run away from here, else I will kill you”. The crane was very much disappointed and ran away to save its life.

YOU SHOULD HELP
ONLY THOSE
WHO DESERVE FOR IT.



The Tricky Fox

A greedy fox stealthily entered a garden to eat the grapes. But its tail was cutdown by a trap when it tried to escape from the trap.

It worried because all other foxes it its lost tail. Hence it planned a trick.

When all foxes ridiculed it Said, "I have cut down the tail myself because it is a great hindrance. Now I am free and happy With out my tail. So you too cat down your tails. It Will be very convenient to all of you."

An old wise fox laughed at the tricky fox and said, "I will ate join you after losing my tail when I-try to steal the grapes. It looks very nice to be with a tail and I am proud of it."

Now all other foxes understood the trick of the fox and mocked at it. The ashamed fox ran away into the forest.

Don't believe
selfish person's words.



The Giant and a Traveller

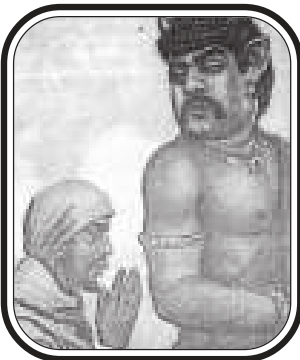
A giant was roaming around the forest. It saw a hungry traveler shivering in the cold. The giant got sympathy and called him to his Cave.

On the way the giant saw the traveler blowing air through his mouth at his fingers. When the giant, asked for the reason he replied that he was heating his hand by the air from his mouth.

After reaching the cave, the giant served him a cup of hot soup. On receiving it, the traveler again started blowing air by his mouth at the cup. The giant was surprised and asked why he was again doing the same thing and whether the heat was not sufficient for him. But the traveler replied that he was cooling the soup then.

Now the giant got suspicion and said, "You are blowing both heat and cool from your one and the same mouth. So I can't believe such a cheat. Run away from here or else I will kill you." The giant chased him off.

Nobody believe those
who have dual word



The Foolish Donkey

A salt seller used to carry the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day. On the way they had to cross a stream. One day the donkey suddenly tumbled down the stream and the salt bag also fell into the water. The salt dissolved in the water and hence the bag became very light to carry. The donkey was happy.

Then the donkey started to play the same trick every day. The salt seller came to understand the trick and decided to teach a lesson to it. The next day he loaded a cotton bag on the donkey. Again it played the same trick hoping that the cotton bag would be still become lighter.

But the dampened cotton became very heavy to carry and it suffered much. It learnt a lesson. Afterwards it did not play the trick and the seller was happy.

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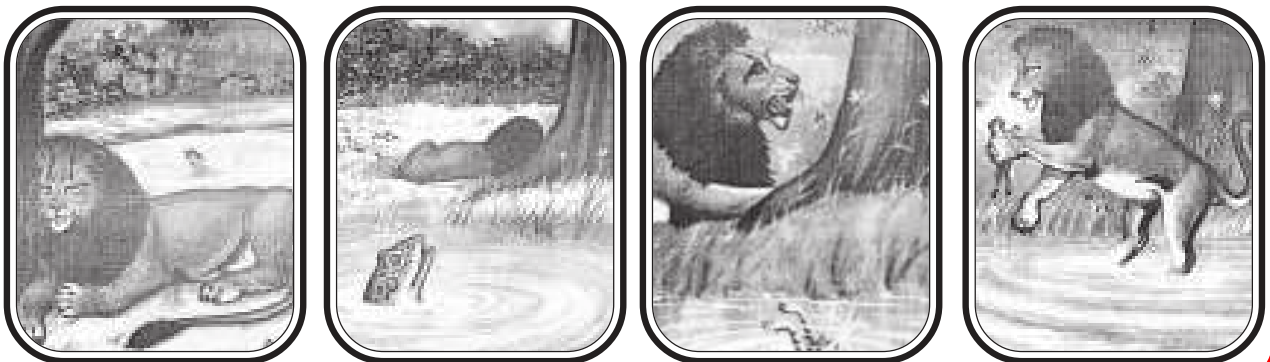
The Lion And The Frog

There was a lion in a forest. It was sleeping under a tree near a pond. Suddenly a noise was heard.

The lion was disturbed by the noise. It awoke from its sleep.

The noise was continuously coming from the pond. So the lion was annoyed as it was not able to sleep. There was a frog in the pond. The lion came to know the frog has made the noise.

It roared at the frog and the frog was frightened. It angrily jumped into the pond to catch the frog. Then the frog realised its mistake and tried to escape from the lion. But the lion caught the frog and killed it.



The Lion And The Hog

A lion came to a small stream to drink water. At the same time a hog also came there to, drink. Each one of them claimed to drink first. The wordy duel between them became a big fight.

There was a fierce fight and both of them became tired. When they took rest for a while, they saw two vultures waiting for eating the defeated.

So they came to a conclusion that it would be better to avoid fighting and became friends than to fall a prey to the vultures. They became friends and both of them drank the water and went off peacefully.

So we should not fight amongst ourselves.



The Lion And The Mouse

A lion was sleeping in a forest. A mouse started playing on it. The lion was disturbed and arose from his sleep. It, caught up the mouse angrily and tried to crush it to death.

Then the mouse prayed the lion to leave him off and assured that it would help him when it needed. The lion laughed at it and let him off.

One day the lion was caught in a net spread by a hunter. It roared and tried to escape but in vain. The mouse heard the lion's roaring and came there. It started cutting the net with its teeth. The lion escaped and thanked the 'mouse.

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