

Simple **STORIES**



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A THIRSTY CROW

It was hot day. A crow was thirsty. She looks for water. She didn't find water anywhere. At last she saw a pot near a house. She flew down and sat on the pot. There was some water in the bottom. She couldn't reach the water.

The crow looked around. She saw some small stones nearby. She picked up a stone and dropped it into the pot, one by one.

The water in the pot came up. The crow drank the water and flew away happily.



THE FOX AND THE GRAPES

One day a fox was very hungry. He went to a grape garden. He saw some grapes at the top of the vine. He jumped and jumped. The fox was sad.



He said "These grapes are not sweet. I will go to another garden." He went away.



AN ANT AND THE DOVE



A dove and an ant lived on a tree near the pond. One day the ant fell into the pond. It couldn't swim. The dove saw it. She dropped a leaf near the ant. The ant stepped on the leaf and reached the bank.

One day a hunter saw the dove on the tree and aimed it. The dove didn't see. The ant saw this and bit the hunter's foot. His aim missed. The dove thanked the ant and flew away.

A hare and a tortoise were good friends. The hare was proud. The tortoise was humble. One day tortoise and rabbit ran a race. When the race began, the hare ran very fast. He returned back and saw that the tortoise was far behind. He was very confident that he would win. So, he stopped for a while and went to sleep.

All of a sudden the hare woke up. He saw the tortoise reached target. The tortoise won the race. The hare was ashamed of his over confidence.



THE LION AND THE MOUSE

There was a lion. One day he was sleeping under a tree. A mouse came there. It begins to jump over the lion. The lion woke up. He caught the mouse. He wanted to kill it. The mouse begged for mercy. The lion was very kind. He let the mouse go.

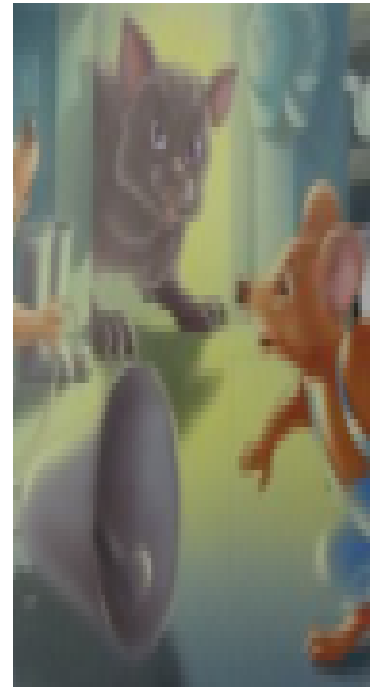
After some days the lion fell into a hunters trap. He began to roar. The mouse heard him. It came running. It bit through the ropes. The lion was soon free. He thanked the mouse and went away.



WHO WILL BELL THE CAT

There was a cat. It ate many mice. The mice held a meeting. They decided to tie a bell round the cat's neck. Their idea was to run away on hearing the sound of the bell. But who will bell the cat?

No, mouse came forward to tie the bell the cat. However all the mice left that house. They went to a new place.



THE LION AND THE BULLS

Once there lived four bulls untidily in a forest. One day a lion came there to eat bulls. When the bulls saw the lion, all of them sought and chased it.

After some days the bulls quarreled with each other and began to graze in different places. The lion came again and killed one by one easily.

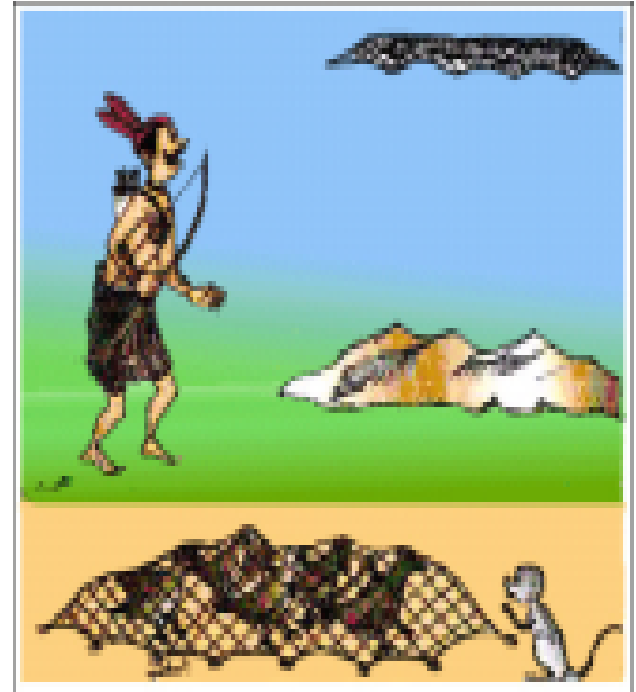


UNION IS STRENGTH

Once there was a flock of doves flew far away to search food. They saw grain in the forest and landed to eat. A hunter placed a net and doves were caught in.

They are afraid to get out of the net. The king of the doves gave a plan. The hunter came near the net all the birds made a united effort and flew away with the net.

All the doves landed near their friend mouse hole. The mouse cut the net with his teeth. The doves are free .



A FOOLISH COCK

Once a cock stands on the top of the wooden gate and crow loudly.

A fox came there and said, "You sing so nicely. Can you stand on the one leg and sing for me?" Immediately the cock stood on one leg and sang loudly.

Then the fox said "you are really great. Can you sing with your eyes closed?" It stood on one leg and closed its eyes. The fox jumped on it and carried it away for his lunch.



The Goose with the Golden Eggs



Once upon a time, a man and his wife had a goose which laid a golden egg every day. Lucky though they were, they soon began to think they were not getting rich fast enough.

They imagined that if the bird must be able to lay golden eggs, its insides must be made of gold. And they thought that if they could get all that precious gold at once, they would get mighty rich very soon. So the man and his wife decided to kill the bird.



However, upon cutting the goose open, they were shocked to find that its innards were only one egg.

A WISE CROW

Once there was a crow lived on a tree. There was a snake lived in a anthill under that tree.

The crow laid some eggs in her nest. One day when she was away, the snake climbed up the tree and ate up all the eggs. The crow was very sad. She wanted to get rid of the snake.



One day the crow went to the river side. She saw some rich women took off their jewels on the bank when they bathe in the river.



The crow picked up a gold necklace and carried it away. The crow went to the snake's hole and dropped into it. The rich women's servants dug up the snake's anthill. The snake came out. They killed snake and gave the necklace to the women. The crow was happy.

The crow and his friends

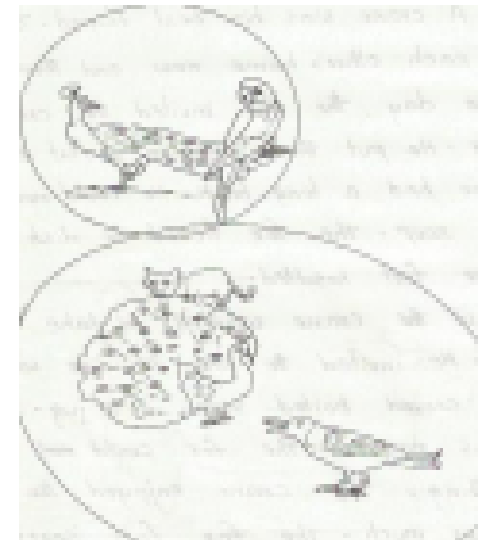
A parrot and a peacock lived in a forest. They were good friends. There was also a crow in the forest. The parrot and the peacock did not like her. They never spoke to her.

One day, the parrot fell ill. The crow offered her some fruits. The parrot did not eat them. The crow was sad.

One night a big wild cat was climbing up the tree to catch the parrot. The crow saw it and cawed loudly. The parrot woke up and flew away.

One evening the peacock was dancing. A wolf was waiting to catch him. The crow saw it and attacked the wolf with his beak. The wolf ran away.

The next day the parrot and the peacock go to the crow, thank him and make friends. The crow was happy.



THE CROW AND THE FOX

One day a crow found a piece of meat. He sat on a branch of a tree and began to eat it. Just then a fox came there. He wanted to eat that piece of meat. So, he said, "Oh! My dear crow, you are a sweet voice. Will you sing a song for me"?

The crow was not clever. He opened his mouth to sing. The meat fell down. The fox picked it up and down. The fox picked up and ran away. The crow became sad.



AN HONEST COW

Once there was a cow was grazing in the forest. Then it came across a tiger. The tiger wanted to eat the cow. The cow asked the tiger to give him some time to go and milk its calf.

The cow went to the calf and milked it. It advised the calf not to quarrel with other calves, to be kind and honest. Then it returned to the tiger. The tiger was pleased with the cow's honesty and let the cow go free.



THE FOX AND THE GOAT

One day a fox fell into a deep well. He couldn't come out from the well. He was sad.

After some time a goat came there. It was thirsty. The goat saw into the well and asked the fox "Why you are in the well"? The cunning fox said "This water is sweet. I drank more come in."

The goat jumped down for water. Immediately the fox place his fore feet upon the goat's head and came out. The foolish goat never came up. Moral: Look before you leap.



THE BLUE JACKEL

Once there was a jackal was hungry. He searched of food to walk in a city. The dogs saw him and barking. The jackal afraid and ran fast. He went to a house. That house had a large tub filled with blue dye. The jackal fell into it.

The jackal come out the tub and come back to the jungle. All animals saw him ran away in fear. The jackal thought a plan. The jackal said, "God has sent me here to be your king". The animals believed what he said". Animals look him like a king.

One day the king sat in his court heard howling voice of jackals. He felt happy. Immediately he gave howled sound. The animals knew it's a jackal. They were so angry. The jackal was run away.



The Angel and the Wood – cutter

Once a wood – cutter went in to a forest to cut a tree on the bank of a pond with his Iron axe. Suddenly his axe fell into the pond. He prayed to God.

An Angel appeared to the wood – cutter and gave a golden axe to him. The wood – cutter said “This is not my axe.” After the Angle disappeared and came back with silver axe. Again he said “This is not my axe.” Finally the Angel took his iron axe from the pond. The wood – cutter happily said “This is my axe. Thank you.”

The Angel said “You are a very honesty. You speak only truth. I give you all three axes.”



THE FOX AND THE CRANE

Once there was a fox. He lives in a jungle. A crane was his best friend. They visit each other's home now and then.

One day, the fox invited the crane to dinner. He put the soup in a flat dish. The crane had long beak. He could not take the soup. The fox licked the dish. The crane was felt insulted.

Now the crane wanted to take revenge. He invited the fox to dine with him. He served boiled rice in a jug. Its neck was narrow. The fox could eat nothing. The crane enjoyed the food very much. The fox felt sorry for his behavior.

Mora: As you sow, so shall you reap.



THE PLAYFUL SHEPHERD

A boy was looking after his father's sheep. He was alone. So, he got bored. He got an idea. He cried 'Tiger' the villagers came running, but there was no tiger. They returned to their homes.

Later, the boy again got bored and cried 'Tiger'. Again the villagers came but there was no tiger. Then the villagers got suspicious.

The third time, they came a real tiger and attacked the sheep. The boy cried for help but the villagers ignored his cries. The tiger carried away the sheep.



A HARE AND THE LION

Once there lived a lion in the forest. He was the king of the animals.

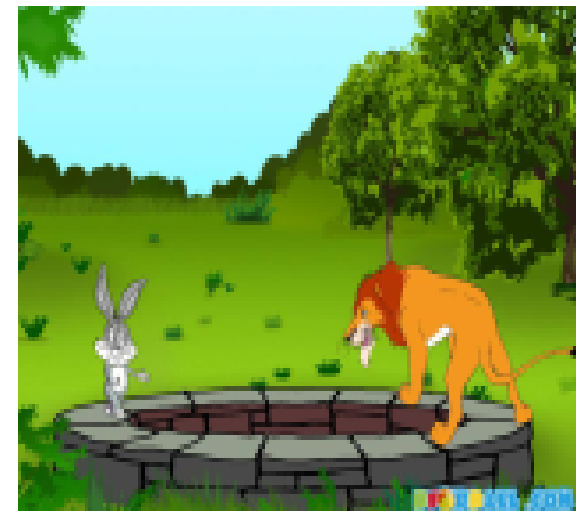


He killed many animals. The animals were in terror. They held a meeting. An old hare stood up. He was wise. He brought forth a plan. All the animals went to the lion. The animals told him that they would send one animal every day. The lion agreed.

One day, it was the hare's turn. He

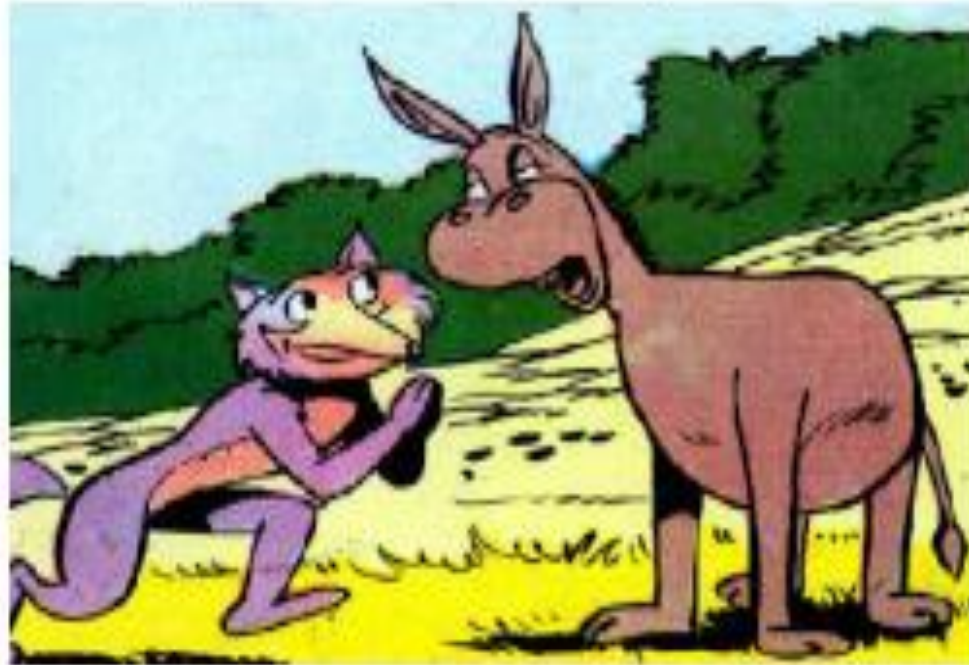
reached the lion late. The lion was angry. He asked the hare why he was late. The hare said that another lion had held him on the way. The lion told him to show the other lion.

The hare led him to a deep well. The lion looked into the well and saw his own image in the water. He took his image for another lion. He at once jumped into the well and died. The animals lived happily after that.



THE MUSICAL DONKEY

A Donkey and a Jackal were good friends. They went together for search of food.



One night they found a garden full of ripe cucumbers. They went in and ate as much as they could. The donkey said to the Jackal "the moon is shining I feel like singing".

The jackal told you can sing as much as you like. I shall wait for you out side of the garden.

The donkey began to sing. The farmers heard his loud braying. They all rushed there with weapons. The donkey was still at the garden. The farmers beat him.

A CAPSELLER AND THE MONKEYS

One day a cap seller was going to a town to sell caps. On the way he felt tired. He kept a basket of caps by him and slept under a tree. There were some monkeys on the tree. They saw the caps in the basket. The monkeys got down to take caps and climbed the tree.

After some time the cap seller woke up. He looked and all the caps were in the hands of monkeys. He got an idea. He took off his cap and put it on the ground. Then all monkeys threw caps on the ground.

The cap seller collected all caps and went to the town.



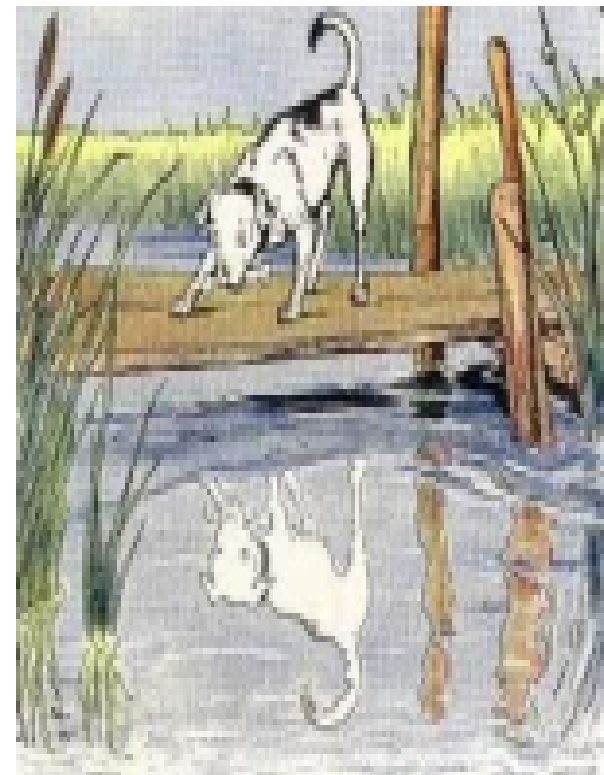
GREEDY DOG

Once a dog was waiting near a meat shop, hope to get by chance a piece of meat. Soon he found an opportunity.

The shopkeeper had a good number of customers visiting his shop at a time, and he became busy. In the meantime, the dog managed to bite a lump of meat from the shop and ran away as fast as possible. He reached the bank of a river and wanted to cross the river by the bridge that was laid over it.

The dog climbed the bridge, and as he came near the middle of it, he saw his own shadow fell on the bed of the river, which reflected that a dog was standing with a lump of flesh in his mouth.

The dog became greedy and wanted to a way that piece of meat also. So he jumped into the river to catch hold of the meat. And he was soon carried away by the strong current of the river. Thus the dog had received the result of his greed.



TIT FOR TAT

Once there lived a donkey and a camel. They were good friends.

One day they went to a garden to eat cabbages. While eating, the donkey brayed. The gardener came and beat the camel. The camel got very much angry with the donkey.

Another day they wanted to cross a river to eat fruits. The camel carried the donkey on it's back. In the middle of the river the camel began to dance. The donkey drowned.



The monkey and the crocodile

A monkey and a crocodile were friends. The monkey gave black berry to the crocodile. The crocodile took some to his wife also.

One day the wife of the crocodile wish to taste the heart of the monkey. So, the crocodile invited the monkey to his home for dinner.

The monkey sat on the back of the crocodile. When, they reached the middle of the river, the crocodile told secret plan of his wife.

The cleaver monkey managed. Oh! Dear friend! I have left my heart on the tree. Why did not you tell me earlier?

The crocodile took the monkey back. As soon as the monkey climbed on to the tree and say good bye. The monkey never closed to the crocodile.



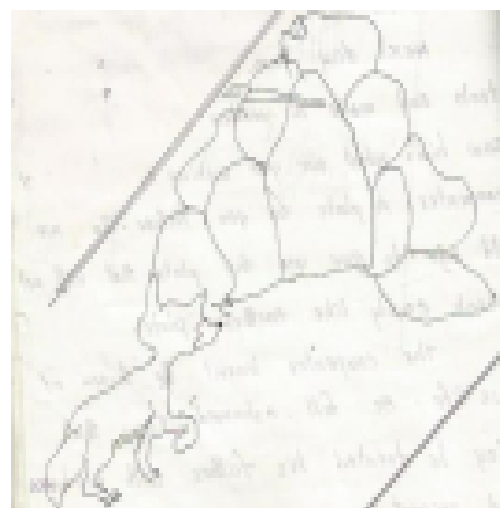
THE CAVE THAT TALKED

A hungry lion searched food in the forest. He could not find any animal to kill. At last he saw a big cave.

The lion think some animal lives here. The lion went in the cave. There was no anima there. He hid himself in a dark corner in the cave.

The cave was the home of the jackal. The jackal returned to the cave, he noticed foot prints. The jackal think there was a big animal inside. It may be dangerous to go in. let me find out.

The jackal was clever. He called in a loud voice. Hello! Dear cave! There was silence. He shouted again and again. The lion roared. The jackal knows a lion was in the cave. Immediately, the wise jackal went away from the place. It never comes again.



FAITHFUL DOG

All the members of the family woke up. They ran out to save their lives; a young child was left inside. Flames were rising in the sky. Nobody was ready to risk his life. The dog rushed into the flames.

He himself was burnt but caught the child. He brought the child out of the house. All were happy. The master patted the dog. All praised the dog for the great act that saved the child's life.



THE OLD FARMER AND THE SONS

An old farmer had four sons. The sons always kept quarrelling. One day the farmer called his sons. He gave them a bundle of sticks. He asked them to break it. All tried one by one. But none could break it.

Then the farmer untied the bundle. Now even the youngest son could break the sticks easily. The farmer said, "Learn a lesson from it. You should live tied like these sticks. No one can harm you then. Union is strength".

The sons promised to live in peace. They never quarreled again.



THE ELEPHANT AND THE TAILOR

Ramu was a tailor. He had a shop in front of a pond. Ramu and an elephant were friends. Every day Ramu used to give him a banana.

One morning the elephant came to the shop and put out his trunk for banana. Ramu was not there. His son Somu was there.

Somu didn't give banana. He picked elephant's trunk with the needle. The elephant got angry. It went to the pond and took mud water and walked back.

The elephant threw all the mud water in Somu.

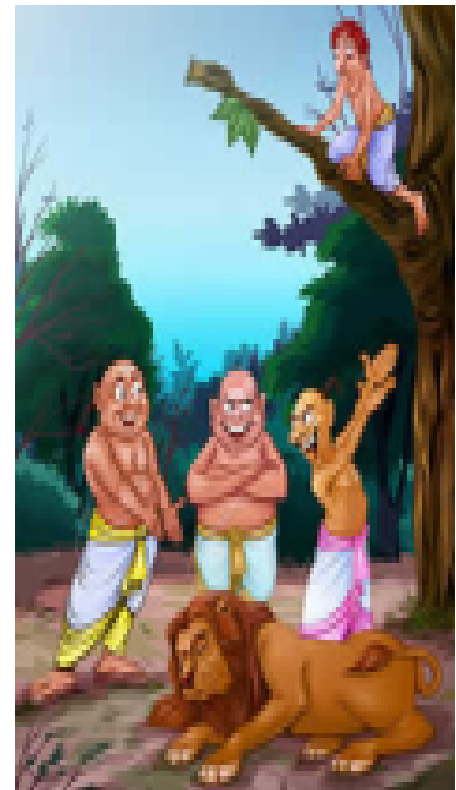


THE FOUR FRIENDS

Once there lived four friends. Three of them learnt many things in arts. The fourth was simple man. One a day they went to a forest. They saw the bones of a dead animal. Three of them were can try to bring it to life, use art. But the fourth didn't accept. They ignored fourth friend words.

The first person collected bones and makes skeleton. The second person made the body of a big lion. The third person was trying to put life in to the lion.

The fourth man ran away and climbed the nearest tree. The lion came to life and jumped on the three men, and killed them. Who were on the tree was safe.



TWO FRIENDS

Once there were two friends. One day they are passing through a forest. Suddenly a bear came out from the bushes.

One of them was a little away from the bear. Quickly he climbed a tree which was near to him. The other man didn't know how to climb. He had an idea. He threw himself on the ground and act as dead, holding his breath.

"A bear will never touch a dead man's body". The bear though he was dead.

After sometime the bear went away. And the man got up. His friend came down from the tree.



The Monkey and Cats

Two cats saw a big cake and picked it up.

They were fighting for sharing. But there was no solution. Just then, a monkey passed by. He thought "What foolish cats they must be".



He came to the cats and said in a loud voice. "Don't fight. Let me share the cake among you both". The cake was handed over to the monkey.

The monkey split the cake into two parts. He shook his head and said, "Oh! One is bigger. One is smaller". He had a bit of the bigger and now said "Oh! This has become smaller now". He ate from the other. And thus, he went on eating from part to part and finally finished the whole cake.

The poor cats were disappointed.

THE WOLF AND THE SHEEPERD

A village was near a forest. A shepherd boy used to graze his sheep there. He was very foolish and a liar.



One day he thought to play a joke. He started crying at the top of his voice Wolf! Wolf! It was a white lie.

On hearing his cries all the villagers came running with sticks to help him. On reaching there they found no wolf.

Instead the shepherd laughed at them. They understood that the boy had befooled them. They returned to their houses.

One day a wolf really came there and attacked the boy. He started shouting at the top of his voice Wolf! Wolf! But the villagers thought that he was trying to befool them once again.

They did not come to his help. The wolf killed the boy and took away one sheep. The foolish boy was killed because he was a liar.

