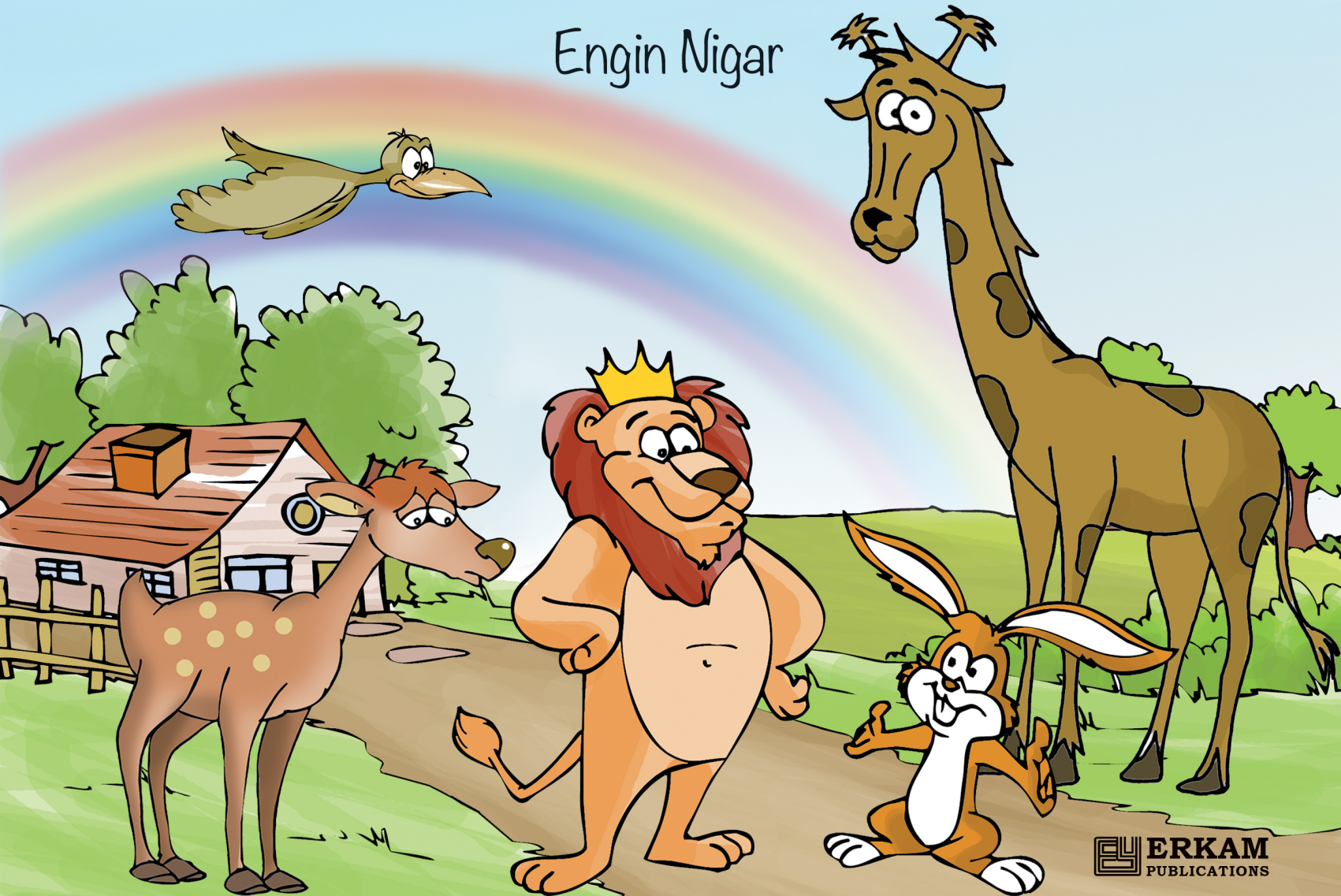


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# THE BRAVE RABBIT

Once upon a time, in a distant land, there was a forest. The only difference between this forest and other forests was that it had a bad-tempered lion who ruled the forest as a king. This king had an unforgiving personality.

He often went out to wander the forest, causing fear among his people. No one in the forest was unaware of the king's unforgiving personality. That was why nobody liked him.

One day, the lion king went out for a walk in the forest again. Every one of the animals that saw him fluttered away before him. Seeing that the animals were afraid of him, the lion felt very proud and boastfully said to himself:

- "How strong I am! Everyone trembles even with a single glance of mine. One who sees me loses his mind and does not know where to hide," and the king continued to wander.



He walked from one end of the forest to the other until it got dark. Just as he was getting tired and returning home, he severely scolded a fox who did not notice him and passed in front of him. In short, the lion frightened all the animals in the forest away from him.

Unfortunately, no one in the forest dared to tell him that his behavior was wrong except for one little rabbit. However, no matter how many times this little rabbit tried to tell the lion that they were not happy, he could not find anyone brave enough to come with him. But the little rabbit was so determined that he believed one day, even if he was alone, he would definitely go and say this to the lion.

Life in the forest went on so monotonously until one day the lion started to wander the forest to explore. Whatever happened, happened on that day.

The lion was wandering the forest as usual. Just like always, the animals, by seeing him, were again terrified









and ran away. Only the little rabbit didn't run away, and the rabbit thought to himself that it was time to sort this out. So he continued to eat his meal in front of the lion without paying any attention to him.

Seeing this careless attitude of the rabbit, the lion could not believe his eyes! For a moment he was confused as to what to do. After he got over his initial surprise, he called in an angry tone to the rabbit:

- "Hey bunny! Come here immediately."

Without hesitation, the rabbit gathered all his courage and slowly approached the lion.

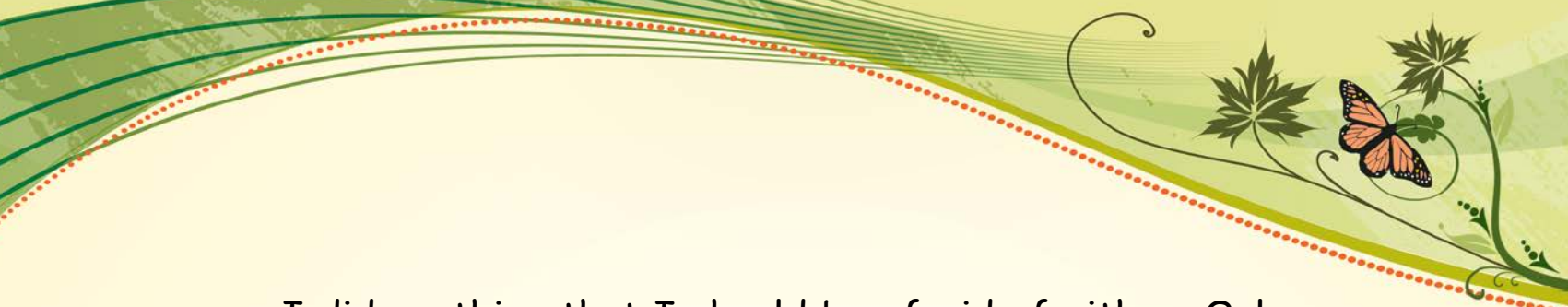
- "Here I am, my king. Did you call me?" he replied calmly.

When the Lion asked:

- "Tell me, bunny. Why didn't you run away when you saw me? Are you not afraid of me?" the rabbit replied:

- "Why would I be afraid? I was eating my meal. I didn't even realize you were coming, and I don't think





I did anything that I should be afraid of either. Only the ones who are guilty of something wrong should be afraid".

The lion went mad with this answer. But to find out where the rabbit's courage came from, he calmed himself down, though it was hard.


- "So tell me," he said "why do your other friends run away when they see me? Are they then guilty?"

- "No, my king. Nobody did anything wrong. If there is a guilty person, it is you. Instead of protecting your people and making them love you like a king, you are doing the opposite," said the little Rabbit.

- "My dear king. Take a look around you. Do you have any friends? Because of your anger, you have condemned yourself to loneliness."


Finally, the rabbit asked: "How can someone who cannot manage his anger manage an enormous forest?"

The lion froze with surprise. After thinking about the little rabbit's words for a while, he realized that he was right"









- "I never thought that a little rabbit would show me the right path with such courage. Whereas, I thought of myself as strong. I did not realize that real power is in the heart. I thought it was a feat to scare my innocent people." said the lion king. "From now on," then he continued, "I will be worthy of my people," and left.

The sound of the clapping of the other animals, who had watched all this from their hiding place, reached the ears of the lion.

The lion, who heard the applause, said to himself: - "Good luck to you little bunny. If everyone was as brave as you were, no one would be oppressed in this world," and disappeared into the forest.

The little rabbit brought the big lion to his senses. If he had been scared and kept silent like his other friends, their wearisome life would have never ended.

From that day on, the rabbit became the favorite of his friends, and the lion became a good king.



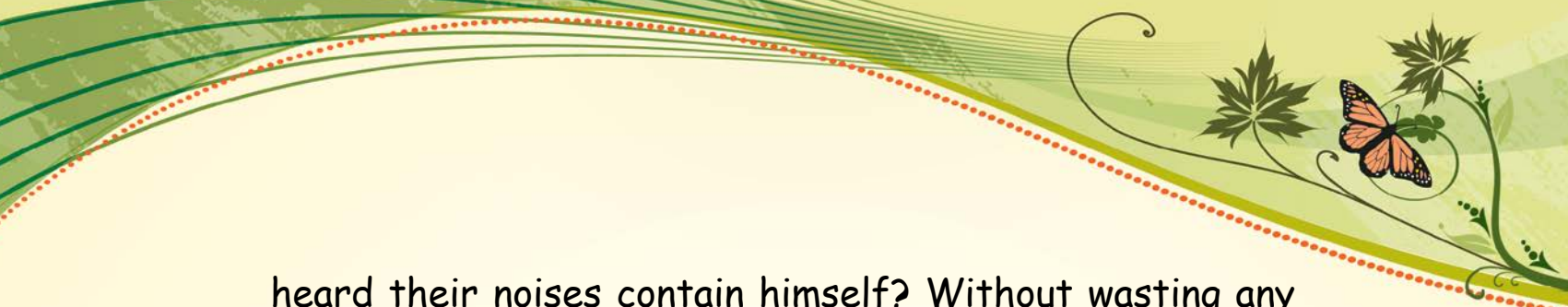


## THE CLEVER CRAB AND THE AGGRESSIVE OCTOPUS

Once upon a time, there was an aggressive octopus living in the depths of the ocean. He would attack viciously anything discovered by his sight. He would lie dead at the bottom of the sea and hide himself very well. He would swallow in one bite the small creatures that approached without noticing him. Sometimes he would get restless and attack even larger creatures than himself, but finally run away.

There was also a crab community living in the same ocean. The crabs were not harmful to anyone. They lived peacefully on their own.

One day the crabs were playing among themselves. They must have made so much noise that their voices reached the ears of the octopus. How could the octopus who had



heard their noises contain himself? Without wasting any time, he headed toward the voices. Finally, he reached the place where the crabs were playing and saw that a lot of the big crabs were playing among themselves.

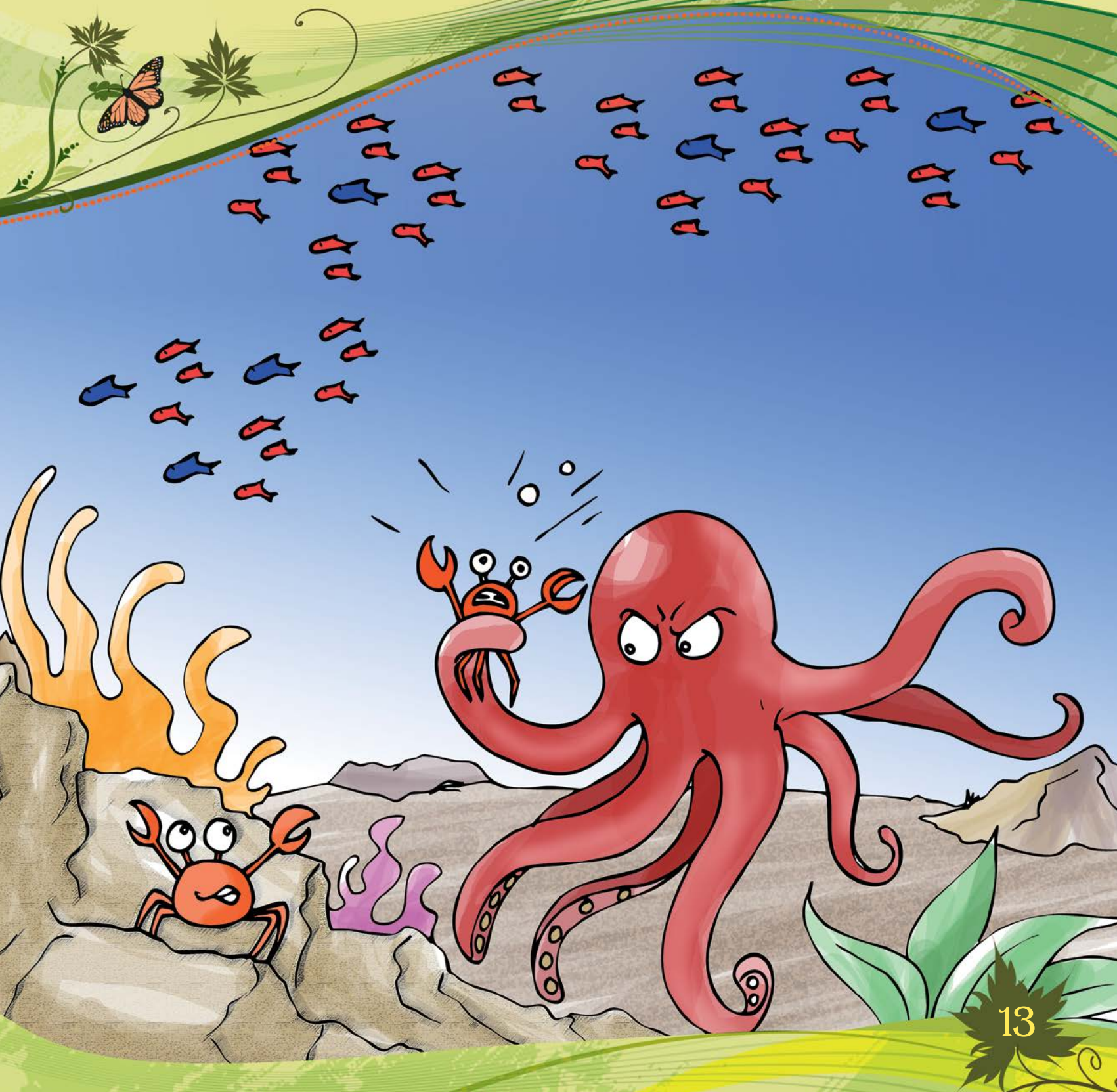
When the octopus, who was already feeling aggressive, saw the crabs, he immediately dived in amongst them. He caught as many crabs as he could with his gigantic long arms. Other crabs escaped and barely saved their lives.

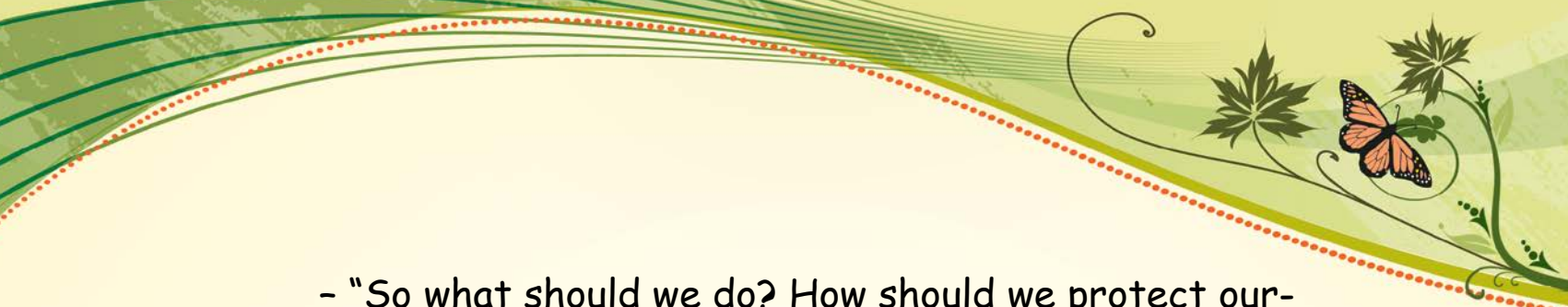
A while later, seeing that the danger had passed, the crabs came out from where they had hidden. They may have felt safe enough to venture out, but their pain for their lost friends was great. None of them wanted to play games anymore. They just stood there soundlessly not knowing what to do. There was a deep silence among them. Finally, one crab broke this deep silence by saying:

- "Friends! Some of our friends fell prey to the cruel octopus. Our sorrow is great. Are we going to just wait helplessly? How do we know that the octopus will not come again? That is why we have to act together against the octopus. And we have to be very careful."

Another crab joined the conversation saying:







- "So what should we do? How should we protect ourselves from that huge octopus?"

The crab who had spoken earlier replied:

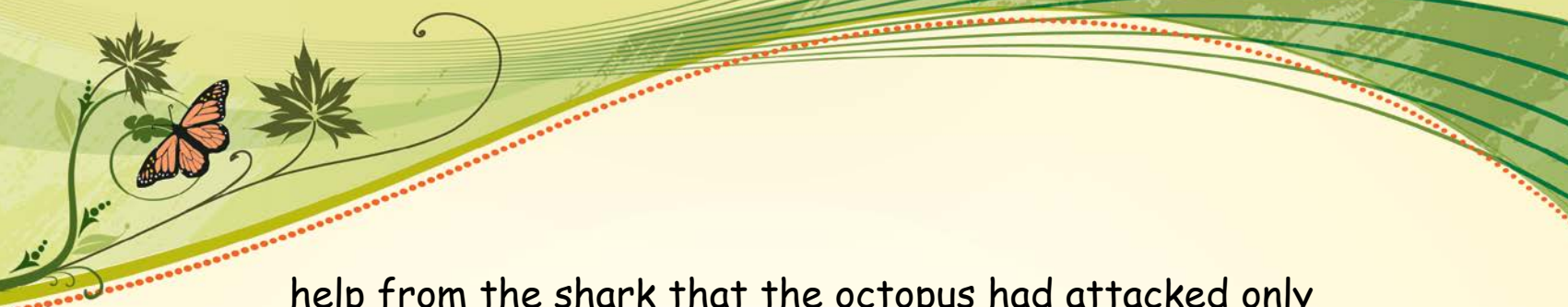
- "I am older than you. I have more experience than you as well. If you do what I say, we can defeat that octopus. Moreover, we can even avenge our friends."

The other crabs accepted the old crab's proposal. They were going to leave one of them as a spotter while they played their games. The crab watching would notify his friends of any approaching danger. And one day the octopus appeared again. The watcher amongst the crabs immediately informed his friends. This time, the octopus had to go back from there empty-handed.

The octopus, who could not catch any more crabs, was so annoyed that he even attacked a shark that was passing by and barely escaped from the shark.

Meanwhile, these attacks of the octopus bothered the old crab very much. He thought that he should find a solution to this problem. He had also witnessed the octopus attacking the shark. His fear doubled. But there had to be a way to get rid of the octopus. That was when a great idea came to his mind. He was going to ask for





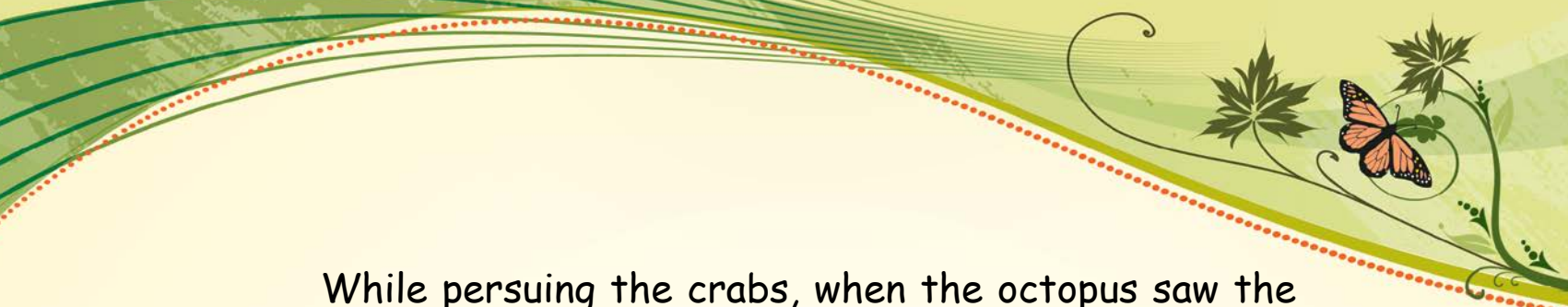
help from the shark that the octopus had attacked only to run away. He went to the shark at the risk of his own life. When the shark saw the crab in front of him, he wanted to straight away eat the old crab.

- "Dear Shark!" said crab "First listen to me, then eat me if you want."

He then told the shark what had happened step by step.

Hearing the name of the octopus, the shark did not even think of eating the old crab because he was very angry with the octopus. The shark immediately made a plan with the crab. According to the plan, the shark was going to hide somewhere while the crabs were playing. When the octopus came, the crabs were going to run towards the shark and he was going to take care of the rest.

The next day, the crabs began to play with a great amount of noise. Their goal was to make the octopus come back and so it did. Hearing the noise, the octopus appeared from afar. Meanwhile, the shark had already taken its place in its hiding place. Seeing the octopus, the crabs fled toward the shark as planned.



While persuing the crabs, when the octopus saw the shark in front of him all of sudden, he did not know what to do. He started to flee in a rush but the shark was faster than the octopus. After a while, he caught up with the octopus and bit one of its arms with his sharp teeth. Out of fear of his life the octopus was able to block the shark's sight for a moment with his arms. Taking advantage of this opportunity, the octopus managed to hide.

The shark could therefore not find the octopus no matter how hard he looked for him since the octopus was very good at hiding. Losing hope, the shark finally left. So the octopus saved his life from the shark. He survived, but the wound he received was a great lesson to him. Though, if he had not attacked the shark unnecessarily, this would not have happened to him. It was a victory for the crabs. The old crab's plan brought the aggressive octopus to his defeat.

The crabs now understood that there was nothing that the mind and a good plan can not handle. From that day on, the octopus lived on its own, and the crabs lived without fear.



## THE DAYDREAMING CAT

Once upon a time, there lived a cat in a distant land. This cat was always daydreaming that not even a single moment would pass without the cat falling into a daydream.

His greatest daydream was to scare the big dog that chased him all the time. But due to his daydreaming, he would even forget his main task, i.e. catching mice.

One day, the cat fell into a deep dream. While he was daydreaming, a few mice passed in front of him. But he did not even notice them. His owner who saw this situation scolded him saying,

- "I am sick of your laziness! You have been slumbering so sluggishly all day. Mice are running around in front of you, don't you see them? Am I giving you bread for nothing? If you do this again, you will find yourself at the door."









Although the owner's words brought the cat back to his senses a little, these words did not make him stop his consistent daydreams. Every time the cat went out into the street, he was chased by the dog. This made him even daydream more about defeating the dog.


The cat's owner was exhausted from the cat's daydreaming all the time. Finally, he threw the cat out of the house. The cat was now homeless due to his incessant daydreaming. Also, he had lost the only place that he could hide from the dog.

While wandering around miserably he said to himself:

- "This dog chases me every time he sees me. I can't beat him by daydreaming about it. I have already been thrown out of my house because of him. I must find a way to do away with him."

While the cat was talking to himself, the dog had already seen him and started chasing him. The cat was running away from the dog and was thinking of ways to get rid of him.





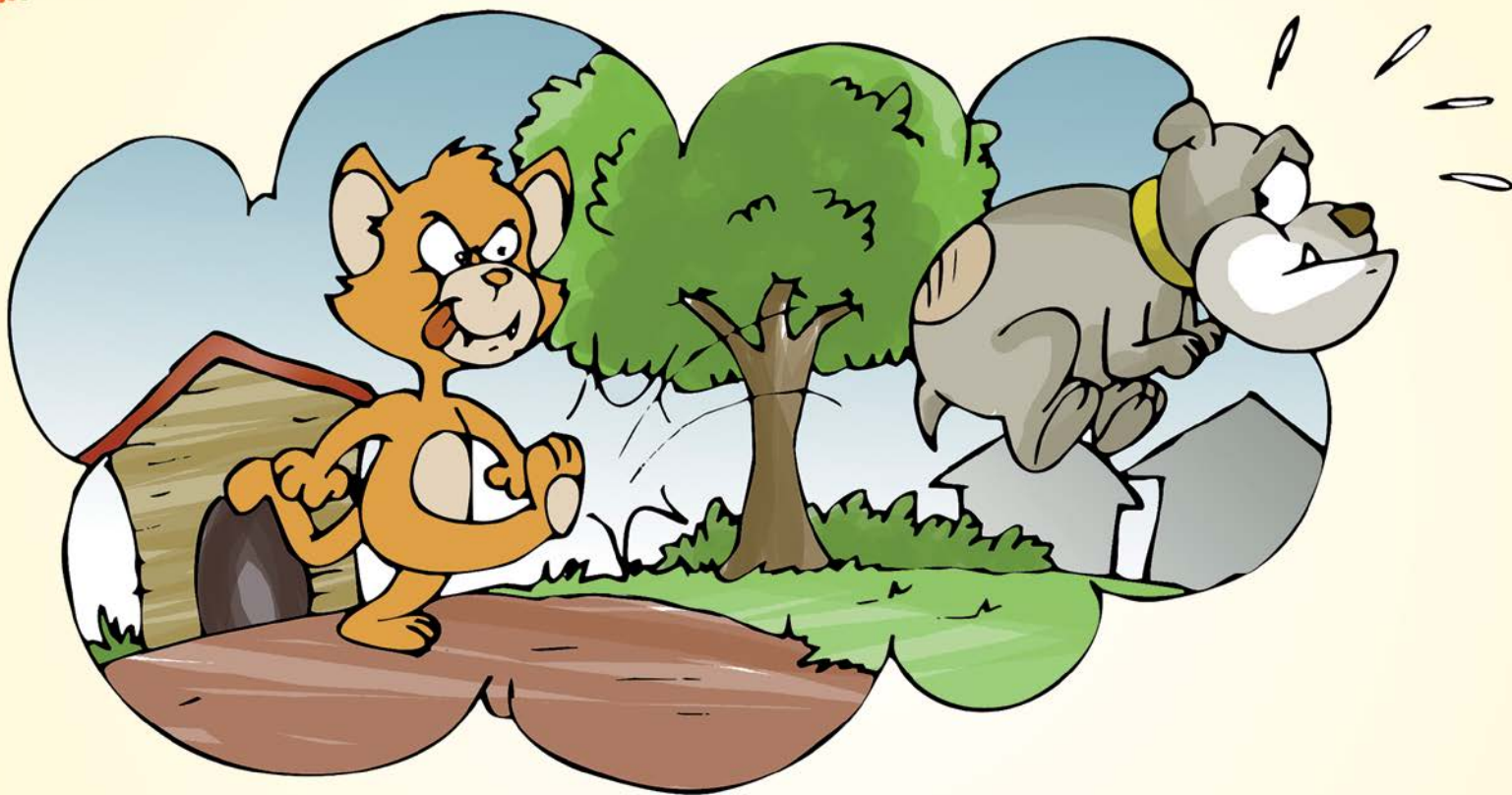
Just as the dog was going to catch him, the cat entered the garden of the house from where he had been thrown out. The owner thought the cat had come back and so he ran to chase the cat away. Just then he saw a big dog chasing after his cat. For a moment he came to his mercy and said:

- "Even though I threw him out, he is still my cat. No dog is allowed to chase my cat", giving the dog a good beating. The dog ran away scared and the cat took a sigh of relief.

The cat now told everything that had happened to its owner step by step. After listening to his cat the owner said:

- "Oh my beautiful cat! If only you had told me all this before! Would I let you be browbeaten by that dog?" and then he gave him the following advice, "But from now on, instead of just daydreaming, look at ways to realize that daydream."

The daydream that the cat had been imagining was an impossible one for him to realize because no cat alone



can beat a big dog. But he could still use his mind to find a solution for it. For instance, finding shelter in his former owner's house.

After that day, the cat, of course, still daydreamed but he also stayed away from wandering around lazily by imagining impossible dreams coming true.





## THE WREN'S CURIOSITY

In one of the faraway lands lived an endearing cute wren in a bush. He would fly around during the day and return to his home in the evening. This was how life went on for the cute wren.

Wren was very happy with this life. He was content, but he did not know any other place other than the environment in which he lived. That didn't puzzle him either. But sometimes he felt curious and wanted to see other places. As the days passed, this idea became firmly embedded in his mind and his curiosity increased.

One day, he left his beloved home and set out on a journey. He flew a long way and watched from the sky the places he had never seen before. While watching, his eye caught a bush below and said to himself:

- "What a beautiful bush, what a beautiful place! I like this place very much. I should go down and make a



nest there." And he flew down to the bush that he liked. He looked left and right and there was no one there.

"I think there is no owner of this bush and I can make a home here," said Wren and got to work. But he didn't realize that he had made a big mistake. Because that bush had an owner.

A sneaky snake lived in the bush. The snake was not there when the wren arrived. That was why the wren thought it was unclaimed.


Happily, the wren made its nest in this unfamiliar bush in a land that he did not know, with the things he collected from the environment. He looked around happily.

Then he felt hungry and left his new home to get something to eat. It was a coincidence that as soon as he left, the snake returned to the bush. Thus, the wren escaped the first danger.

The wren and the snake did not run into each other for several days. But this situation did not last long. It couldn't have lasted long. Because two of them were sharing the same bush. So it would be a miracle if they didn't meet.

One day, while the wren was sitting in its new nest, he said to himself: "Why have I put up with my old nest for so





long, why haven't I come here before?" While the wren was mumbling to himself, the snake returned to its nest. The snake didn't notice the wren at first.

Slowly it crept into its nest in the bush. Just as he was about to fall asleep, he heard some noises. He looked up and saw that there was an intruder near him. He couldn't make sense of it at first. Then he saw the wren.


- "Did this wren have a death wish? How dare he settles in my bush," he said to himself.

The snake was so insidious that it crept towards the wren without making a sound. The wren was singing in its new home, unaware that the snake was coming toward him. The snake was a little impatient. He hastily moved the branches in the bush, which caused the wren to notice him coming. Seeing the snake, the wren was surprised at what had happened. He fled from there in great fear.

After a while the wren perched on a tree. And he tried to make sense of what had happened.







- "Where did this snake come from? He almost ate me. I never encountered anything like this in my old home," he said.

A squirrel in a tree heard these words of the wren and the squirrel told the wren:

- "Hey friend! I reluctantly overheard your words. Maybe you are new here. Go back to your old home as soon as possible. Because there is no friendship here. You can be attacked at any time." He then continued to say, "even I am thinking of leaving, but I am afraid of living in places that I do not know."

The wren listened to the squirrel's words and began to think.

He said to himself- "Look at the squirrel! Although this place is dangerous, he is afraid to go to places he does not know. What about me! I left my beautiful home for the sake of curiosity. I tried to build a nest in a place I have never been. I almost lost my life," and he set off for his old home.

He never left his home again.





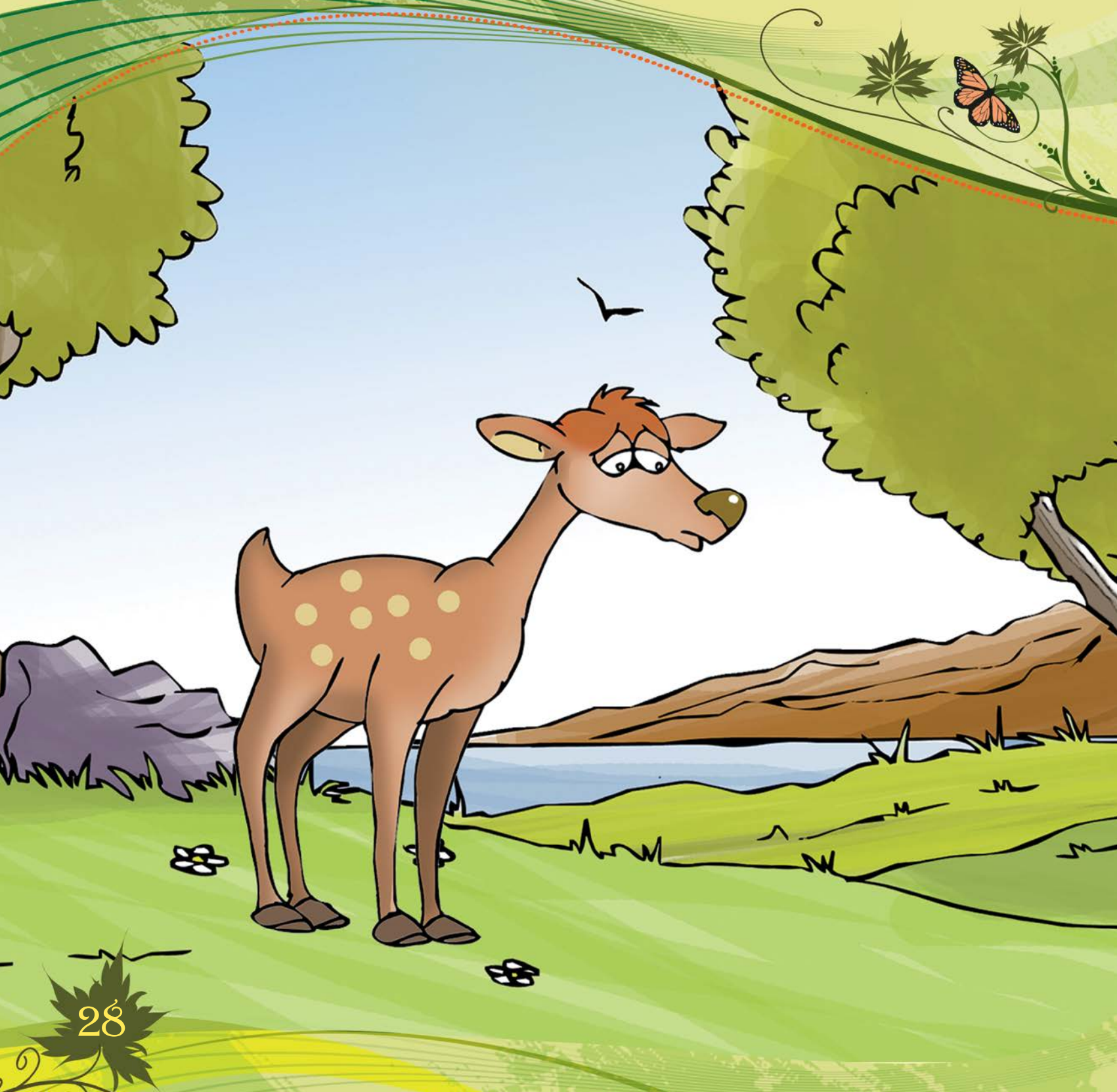
## THE LONELY GAZELLE

Once upon a time, a gazelle lived in a distant forest. But this gazelle was very lonely. It was because he did not like any one of his friends.

He abandoned some of them for being greedy, some others for being cunning, and some for being ugly. Finally, he was left all alone with no friends.

One day he went out to the forest for a walk. He saw his friends laughing and having a good time together. He envied them a lot, but he could not give up his habit of how he chose his friends. That was why while he was looking at them he was sighing.








Days passed. He found himself a friend, albeit difficult. At first, there was no problem.

One day, when he was going to meet his friend and go for a walk, his friend was a little late to the meeting place. For that reason, the gazelle felt very angry with his friend and started not to see him anymore.

In the end, he was left alone again. He began to think that he would never be able to get rid of this loneliness.

Days passed. He was so weary of being alone. He thought that he should find a friend of his own as soon as possible, but that friend had to be faultless.

He set out on the road to find a friend without wasting any more time. But he abandoned all possible friends he found for very mundane reasons.



Finally, as he was returning home, resigned to his fate, he came across an old gazelle. The old gazelle asked him why he was so unhappy. The lonely gazelle told the old gazelle what had happened. Then, the old gazelle said:

- "Oh my foolish little son! Can there ever be such a thing as perfect friends? As long as they are not ill-intentioned. He who seeks a friend without any fault remains without a friend. And he will have to live alone."

The lonely gazelle agreed with him. Afterward, the first thing he did was to find his old friends whom he had left for the most mundane reasons and apologized. He never left any of them again unless there was a valid reason and thus he got rid of living alone.






## THE SUCCESS OF THE RABBIT

Once upon a time, there lived a rabbit in a forest. He was a kind-hearted and benevolent rabbit who liked to help others. He rushed to the aid of everyone and helped those in need as much as he could.

One day, he went out for a walk in the forest, saying, "There may be an animal that needs my help". He was just looking around when a huge thorn pierced his paw. He started writhing in pain.

The rabbit, who always helped others, was now waiting for someone to help him. The thorn was so deep inside his paw that it was impossible to pull it out.

The kind and caring rabbit waited for hours for someone to help him. But unfortunately, no help came.



He was about to give up hope and accept his fate when he saw a bear passing by at that moment.

- "Hey brother bear! Please help me. I have a big thorn in my foot, I can't move," he called out. Hearing the rabbit's call, the bear said:

- "Brother Rabbit! I can't deal with you right now. And why should I help you?" and just left the rabbit and walked away.

Thereupon, the rabbit's hopes were dashed. There was nothing for him to do anymore and he spent the whole night in pain. Finally, the sun came up and at the first light of the day, he saw a crow leaving its nest to find something to eat.

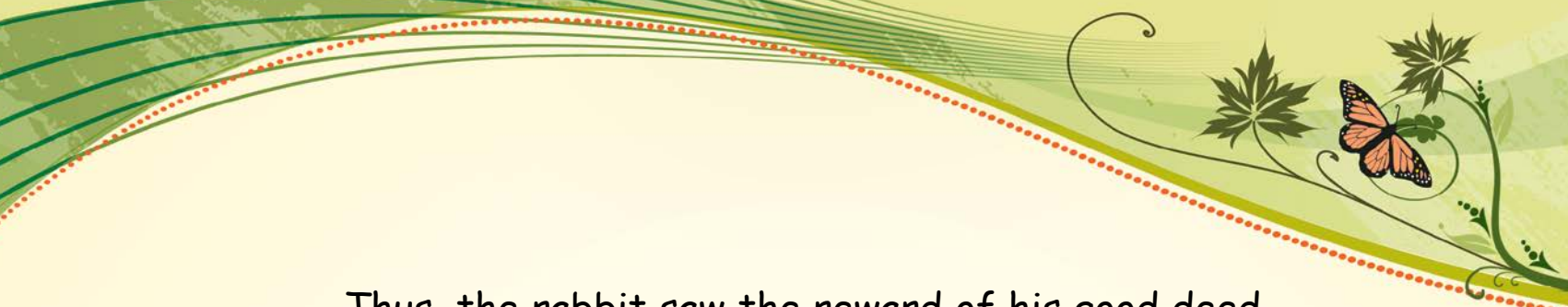
The little rabbit asked - "Hey brother crow! I got a thorn in my foot. Can you help me get it out?"

The crow replied: - "Aren't you the rabbit that saved my chick who fell out of the nest recently? Of course I can help you". And he removed the thorn from the rabbit's foot with his beak.









Thus, the rabbit saw the reward of his good deed. After thanking the crow, he managed to get back to his dwelling, albeit with difficulty.

He rested at home until his foot healed. Days passed and the rabbit's foot was completely healed.

Then one day, the rabbit was out for a walk in the forest. He was again planning to do good to those around him. While wandering around, he saw a hunter pointing his gun at something. Curious, he sneaked up. He then saw that the animal that the hunter was going to shoot was the bear who had recently declined to help him.

The kind rabbit hesitated only for a moment before helping the bear. After thinking for a moment, he decided to do what was required. He rushed between the hunter and the bear, drawing the hunter's attention to himself.

Taking advantage of this situation, the bear saved his life from the hunter for while the hunter was looking for the rabbit, the bear found his opportunity to escape. Moreover, the rabbit also was able











to escape from the hunter by hiding in a hole in the ground.

Days passed and the bear saw the rabbit again. He approached the rabbit, bowed his head, and said:

- "Hey Brother Rabbit! I am ashamed to look at your face. I did not help you when you needed help. But despite that, you saved my life. You taught me to respond to evil with goodness. I am grateful to you. Let's do good together from now on", expressing his deepest apologies and appreciation to the rabbit.

Upon these words of the bear, the rabbit became very happy.

If the rabbit had not helped the bear because the bear had not helped him earlier, there would not have been any difference between the good person and the bad person. But the rabbit did the opposite and succeeded in turning the bear into a good person.





# THE LITTLE DUCKLING

Once upon a time, a family of ducks lived happily by a beautiful lake. The duck family consisted of a mother duck, a father duck, and a baby duckling.

The little duckling had recently joined the family. That was why mommy and daddy duck loved and protected him so much. The lake where they lived was a very beautiful place. It was beautiful, but there were also dangerous animals in some parts of it. Since the mother and father duck knew this, they did not allow the baby duck to go out to the lake alone. And they warned him of it often.










One day, the baby duck decided to go out to the lake without informing the mother and father duck. So while they were sleeping, he left and entered the nice waters of the lake. After swimming for a while he thought to himself:

- "Why don't they let me swim in the lake? I have been told that I swim so beautifully".

But he was unaware of the crocodile waiting nearby for prey. After swimming some more, he decided to go back. While swimming towards his home, he realized that something was following him. He looked back and realized that a crocodile was following him. The little duckling did not know what to do. He started to make haste to get away since he now feared for his life.





No matter how fast he swam, it was only a matter of time before the crocodile caught him. Finally, The crocodile soon caught up with the baby duck. He opened his huge mouth and was about to devour the baby duck when he became the target of a hunter's bullet. The baby duckling was fortunate that its life was saved from the crocodile.

Meanwhile, mommy and daddy duck woke up to the sound of gunfire. When they could not see their duckling with them, they were alarmed. Fearing that something might have happened to him, they started looking for him. And then they saw that the baby duck was standing on the shore of the lake, speechless with fear. They immediately ran to him and asked what happened. The baby duck couldn't say anything to his parents because of the fear he was feeling.





However, after a while, he calmed down and was able to explain what had happened. Upon this mommy and daddy duck said to their little duckling:

- "Look, baby, if we do not want you to do something, know that it is for your own good. You did not listen to us. You almost lost your life. What would we do if something happened to you? Don't do such a thing again."

The baby duck, who listened to his parents with all ears, promised not to break his word ever again.



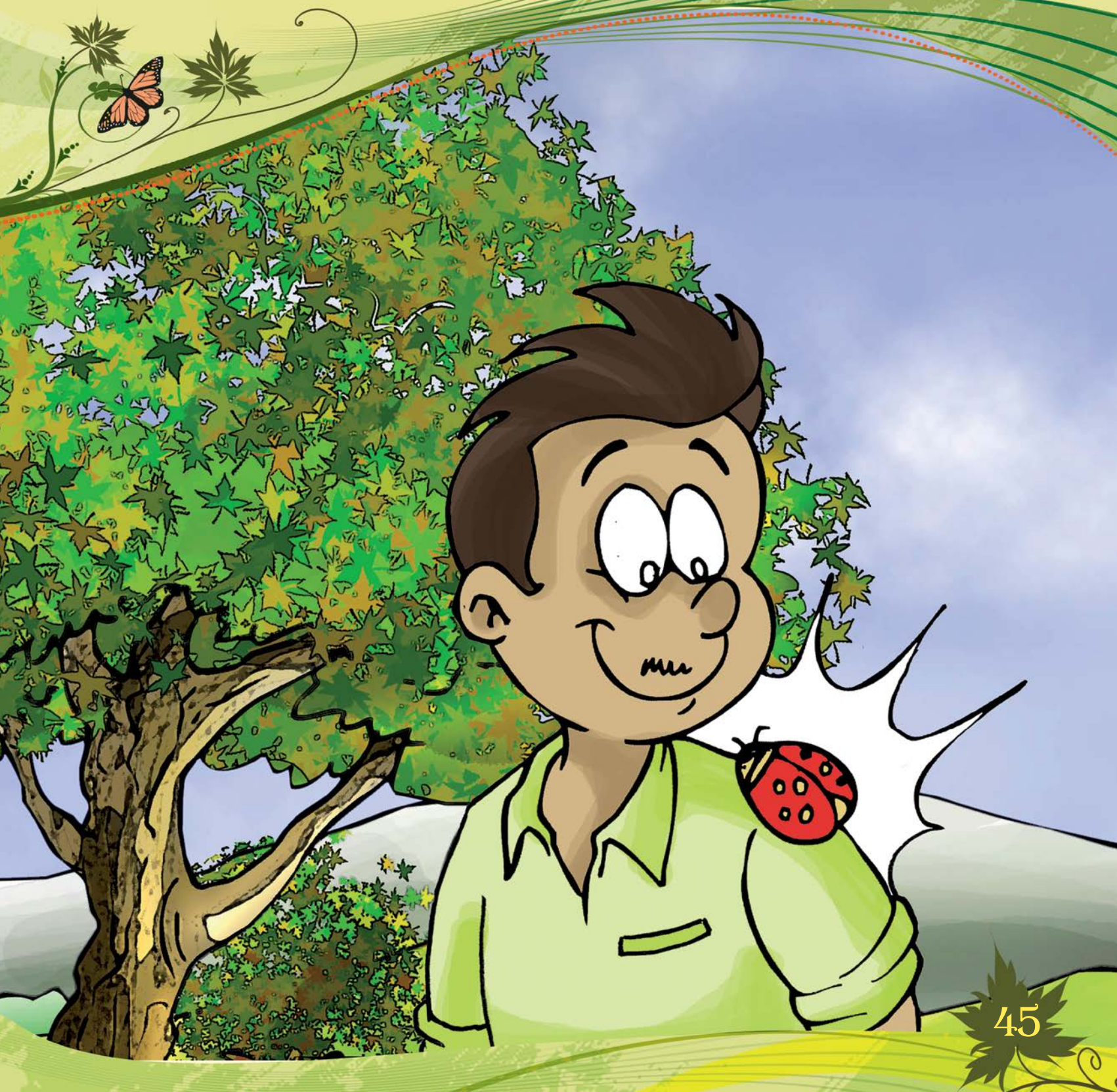
# THE OMINOUS LADYBUG

Once upon a time, somewhere far away there was a country. In this country, people believed that ladybugs brought good luck to the person they landed on and unlocked that person's luck. Actually, there was no such thing, but people believed it.

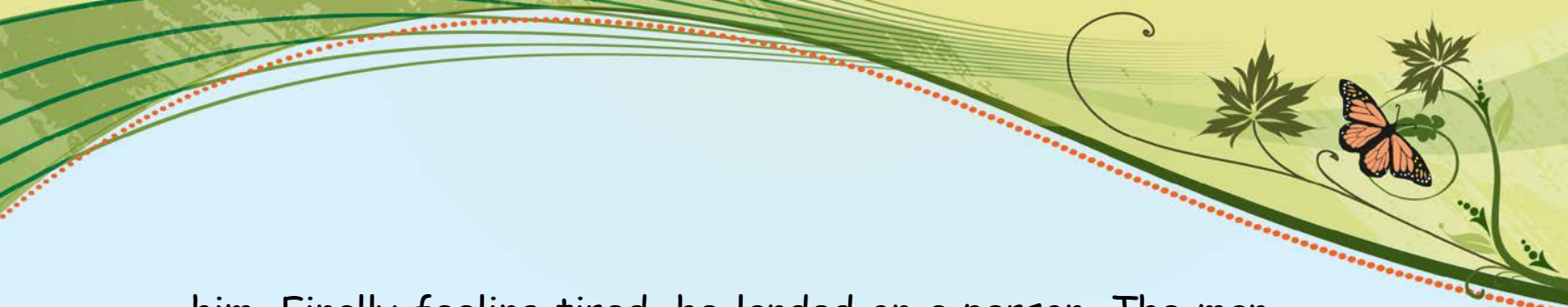
There lived a cute ladybug in this country. This ladybug would travel freely and land on people. People would be very happy to see the ladybug landing on them.

One day, the ladybug went out sightseeing in her neighborhood. He flew as far as his tiny wings took



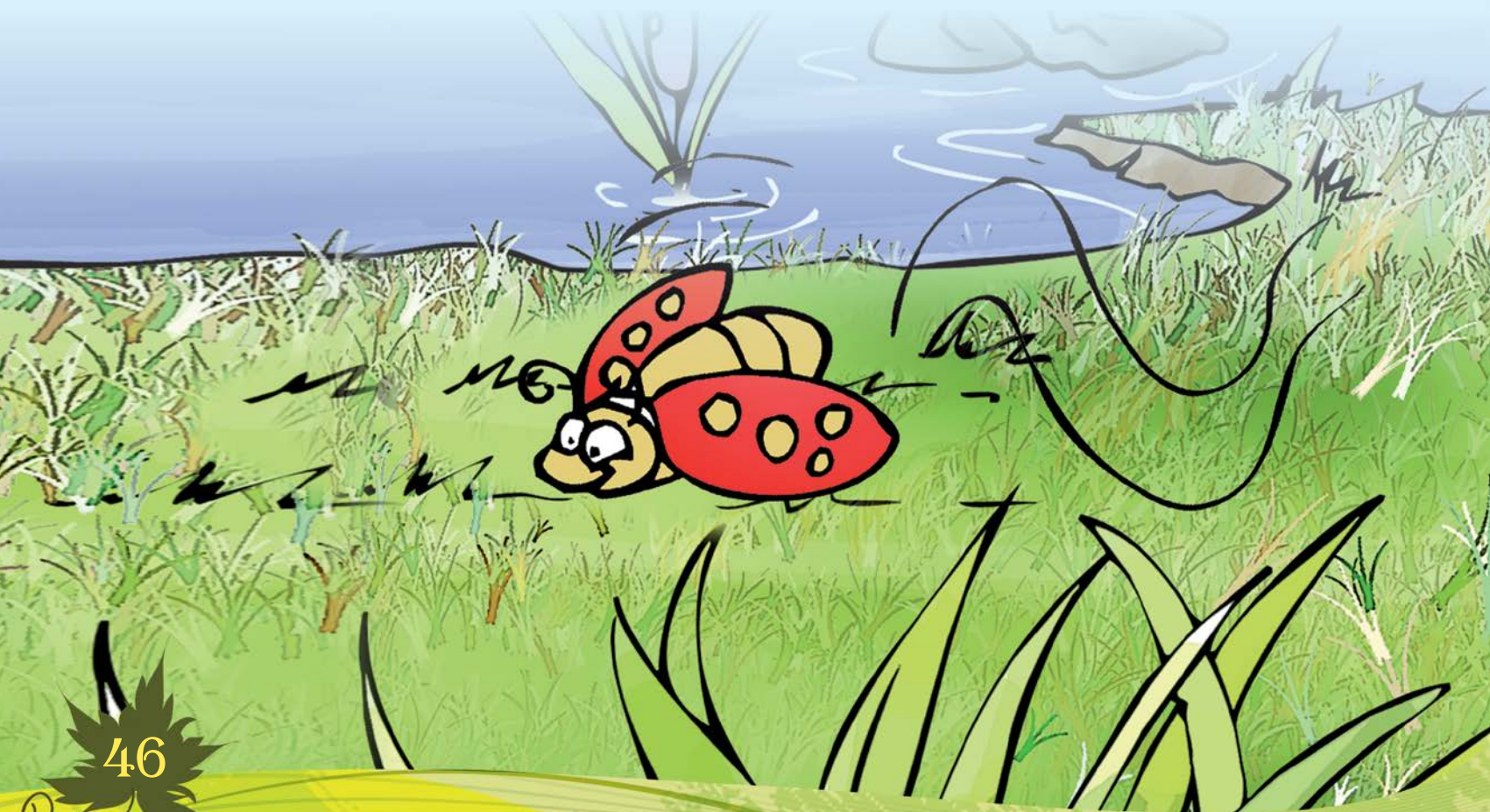






him. Finally feeling tired, he landed on a person. The man who noticed the ladybug was very happy.

- "Hey guys! Did you see? A ladybug landed on me. Now my luck will turn. I won't have to worry too much about anything. Because this ladybug will bring me good luck," the man called to his friends.






Ladybug understood nothing of what the man was saying and thought to himself, "What is this guy saying? What luck? Okay, we are called ladybugs, but there is no such thing as luck. It has been said that it means being successful in any task or business without trying and working."

Some time passed. The businesses of the man on whom the ladybug had landed began to go wrong because he no longer paid any attention to his work. He thought, "Since I have good luck anyway, my affairs will work out without me needing to even try." But things did not go as he expected. The man almost fell into a position where he would lose everything he possessed.

After a while, the ladybug thought of going to the man he had landed on. He didn't actually believe in the luck, but still wondered if he really brought good luck. He directly went to the man but the man got very angry when he saw the ladybug.





- "You ominous ladybug! Why did you come? Or is it just that you want to finish me off completely," he shouted.

- "Calm down old man! What do you suppose will happen to you if you expect to benefit from a tiny bug instead of hard work? Instead, stop being lazy and work," the ladybug replied.

Ladybug's words pleased the man very much.

- "Look at that little insect! How true he speaks. Anyway, is it not these same false beliefs that make us lazy?" and he apologized to the ladybug for scolding her.

From that day on, he worked very hard. With the help of Allah, his affairs were settled in a short time.

Ladybug was also very pleased with this situation. And he was careful not to draw too much attention to himself when landing on people again because they may interpret it wrongly.

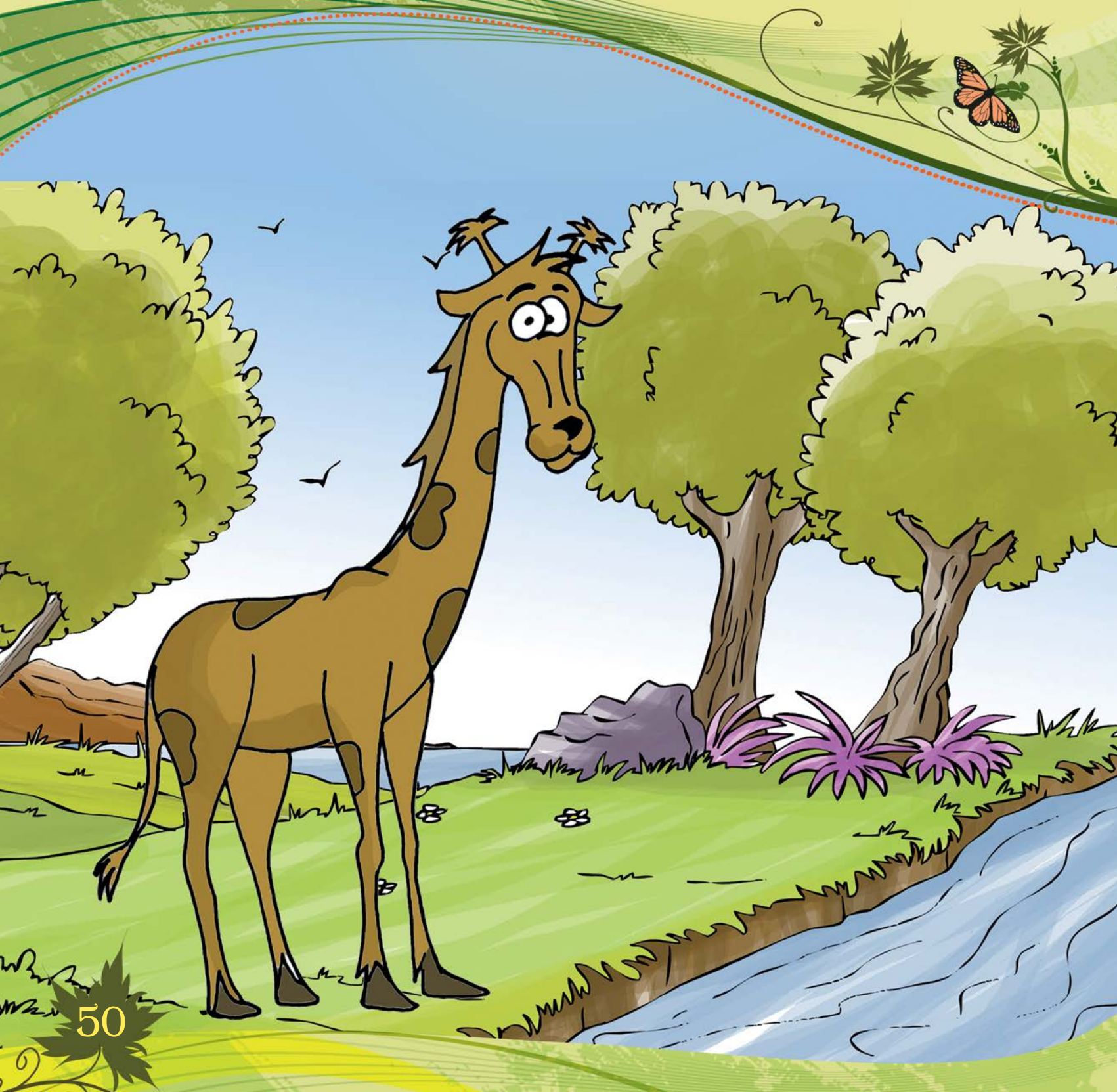




# THE GIRAFFE AND THE ELEPHANT

Once upon a time a giraffe and an elephant lived in a distant forest. The giraffe and the elephant were such good friends that everyone was jealous of them.

One day, an argument broke out between them. The argument that broke out over a tiny amount of grass got heated. So much so that they started to mutually insult each other. The giraffe and the elephant said such bad words to each other that they couldn't remain friends after these words. After this big fight, their friendship fell apart.







A long time passed and they did not see each other. They did not even have the courage to face each other.

One day the giraffe blamed himself by thinking,

- "Ah, my foolish head, my unguarded tongue! I hurt and offended my best friend. I said such bad words. I lost my best friend for nothing. What good would it be if I had the whole forest without having my friend."


Meanwhile, the elephant was blaming himself just like the giraffe. But the words they had spoken to each other were very offensive. That was why they did not have the courage to apologize to each other.

As the days passed, these two old friends began to miss each other more and more. One day, the giraffe could not bear it any longer and thought to himself,

"No matter what happens, I must apologize to my friend and win his heart back." And he set out to look for his old friend, the elephant.







It is a common saying that great minds think alike. The elephant was also looking for the giraffe to apologize. After a while, they came face to face. But because they were feeling ashamed, they could not get close to each other for a while. But finally, the giraffe couldn't stand it any longer. He apologized to the elephant by saying:

- "My dear brother elephant! My old friend! I apologize to you for what I said. Please forgive me,".

The Elephant apologized also to the giraffe by saying:

- "Brother Giraffe! I apologize to you too. Please forgive me too."

So the two old friends reconciled and they lived happily ever after.





## THE LION'S PLAN

One day the lion summoned his vizier, the tiger, to distinguish between those who truly loved him in the forest and those who did not.

- "My vizier! I am not comfortable at all. I want to know who among my citizens truly loves me and who pretends to love me. That is why you are going to spread the word that I am dead. I will sneak around the forest and find out what people really think about me," he said.






Upon the lion's orders, the tiger wandered the forest and announced that the king was dead. Hearing this news, the animals could not believe their ears. They could not help but wonder what had happened all of a sudden. But they immediately believed the news for it was brought by the lion's vizier.

Thus, the first phase of the lion's plan was carried out. Now the lion could walk freely among his people by disguising himself. He started to wander around in the forest without wasting any time.

While the lion king in disguise was wandering around, he heard the fox talking, "Finally, I am free. There is no longer a king. I can cheat others freely. I am not accountable to anyone. How good it is that the lion is dead."

The lion king left and continued to wander the forest. This time, he met the wolf and the jackal and heard them saying to each other, "We are feeling



very comfortable since the lion died. We have no one to fear. How hard it was to pretend to love someone you really don't love."

He gradually began to learn the true feelings of his citizens. He could not help but feel sad about what he had heard because he thought he did not deserve it.

On that day, whichever animal the lion encountered and heard, he heard nothing but bad things. He continued to wander the forest for the following days.

One day he heard that his vizier tiger was talking to the bear saying:


- "Brother Bear! Mind what you say these days. Our king is not dead. He is pretending to be dead. Do not speak anything bad about him."

That was the moment when the lion broke down because it was his vizier who was telling his secret to others. He thought to himself:









- "If my vizier does this, then what would others do? It looks like nobody loves me in this forest. On his way back to his palace to end this game, he heard a little rabbit weeping silently in a corner:

- "My king; Without you this forest is empty. The animals go astray. The strong have begun to oppress the weak."

The lion king wept along with the rabbit, and slowly came nearer to the rabbit and said:

- "My loyal friend! I am not dead. Do not be afraid, I will live for you and people like you from now on," and he went back to his palace together with the rabbit.

The first thing he did the next day was to dismiss his vizier, the tiger. In place of the tiger, he appointed the rabbit as his vizier.



He now understood that not everyone he encountered in the forest was a friend and that true friends were but unrequited lovers.

After that day, he lived knowing who were his friends and who were his foes.





## THE SELFISH FOX AND THE PURE-HEARTED WOLF

The fox and the wolf were very good friends. They traveled together and hunted together. This friendship was most beneficial to the fox because the wolf was more adept at hunting. He caught bigger prey than the fox. The fox's prey were small animals. That was why the fox benefited from this friendship.

But still, it was a friendship and selfish interests should not be sought in friendships. They both would not do that, either, at least, that is what the wolf thought. But the fox was so cunning that he never made the wolf feel his own selfishness. Moreover, he



had even proved many times to the wolf that he was not a selfish person. That was because he had to gain the wolf's trust. He needed this trust for the future.

One day, the two friends went hunting. But they could not even find a single animal to hunt. Their stomachs began to growl with hunger. Meanwhile, the fox saw a rabbit playing in the bushes. He thought to himself:

- "I must earn the wolf's trust. Here is the chance... I have to catch that rabbit and share it with him. In this way, I could eat for free for months next to him." And he thought:

- "I catch a little rabbit, but the wolf catches a huge gazelle. I catch a partridge, but he catches a deer. How can I jeopardize the friendship of such a strong person?" Then he caught the rabbit he saw and offered it to the wolf. The wolf was very touched by this move of the fox:








- "My dear brother, what a nice friend you are. Just when we thought that we were so hungry, we filled our stomachs due to you. We have been already good friends, but from now on we are more than friends," he said.

With the wolf's words, the fox understood that he had achieved his goal. Now he could live with the wolf for free



for many years. That was the reason why he treated the wolf so nicely up until that moment. He finally succeeded. Anyway, the two friends left after they had their fill. From that day on, the wolf made up more than the fox's pretended kindness. He hunted and the fox ate... the wolf hunted and fox ate. In short, the fox was getting by without tiring himself at all.





Months passed. The fox lived like a king thanks to the wolf. One day, two friends were hunting again. The wolf started chasing a big deer. The fox was waiting for the wolf to hunt the deer and bring it back. But this time he had to wait a long time because the wolf had broken his leg while running.

The wolf who was hurt very badly called out with the hope to get help from his friend:


- "Brother Fox! Brother Fox! Help me."

The fox who was waiting for the prey that the wolf would bring in the meantime was startled by his friend's cry out of pain. He immediately ran to the wolf and saw him lying on the ground with a broken leg. In an instant, the fox's dreams were shattered. The wolf wouldn't be of any use to him anymore.

Let alone helping the wolf, the selfish fox told him:

- "Brother wolf, my friendship with you ends now. Our paths diverge here. I threw a rabbit or two in





front of you and you fed me for months. You cannot feed me in this situation anymore. I have nothing to gain from you." He left the wolf and started looking for another friend to benefit him.

These bitter words of the fox deeply hurt the wolf who said to himself:

- "Oh, my stupid head. Oh, my pure heart. How could the cunning fox be a friend to anyone? Is there anybody who has seen him approach without having an ulterior motive? I deserve this recompense."

He left there limping in pain and thinking that if anyone becomes his friend for a benefit, he would need to reassess that friendship. He now understood that true friendships reveal themselves only on difficult days. After that day, he chose his friends carefully.



## THE RUDE LEOPARD

Once upon a time, in one of the forests lived a strong leopard. He could easily catch the prey that he was after, and he would never have mercy on anyone he caught. He worked to feed himself and lived without needing anyone. Well, he lived without needing anybody, but this leopard was a little rude. He would take the prey that he caught around the forest and show it off to everyone. Then he ate his prey in front of everyone. Because he was strong, he would not share his hunt with anybody.

On one such day, he was chasing a big deer. After a short chase, he caught the deer. He grasped her tightly with his strong jaw. As always, he began to wander through the forest. The leopard was very pleased when he heard the animals saying, "The leopard will feast by himself again, we wish he had given us some." He really enjoyed these conversations. But he never thought for a moment to share his prey with them. Then he began to

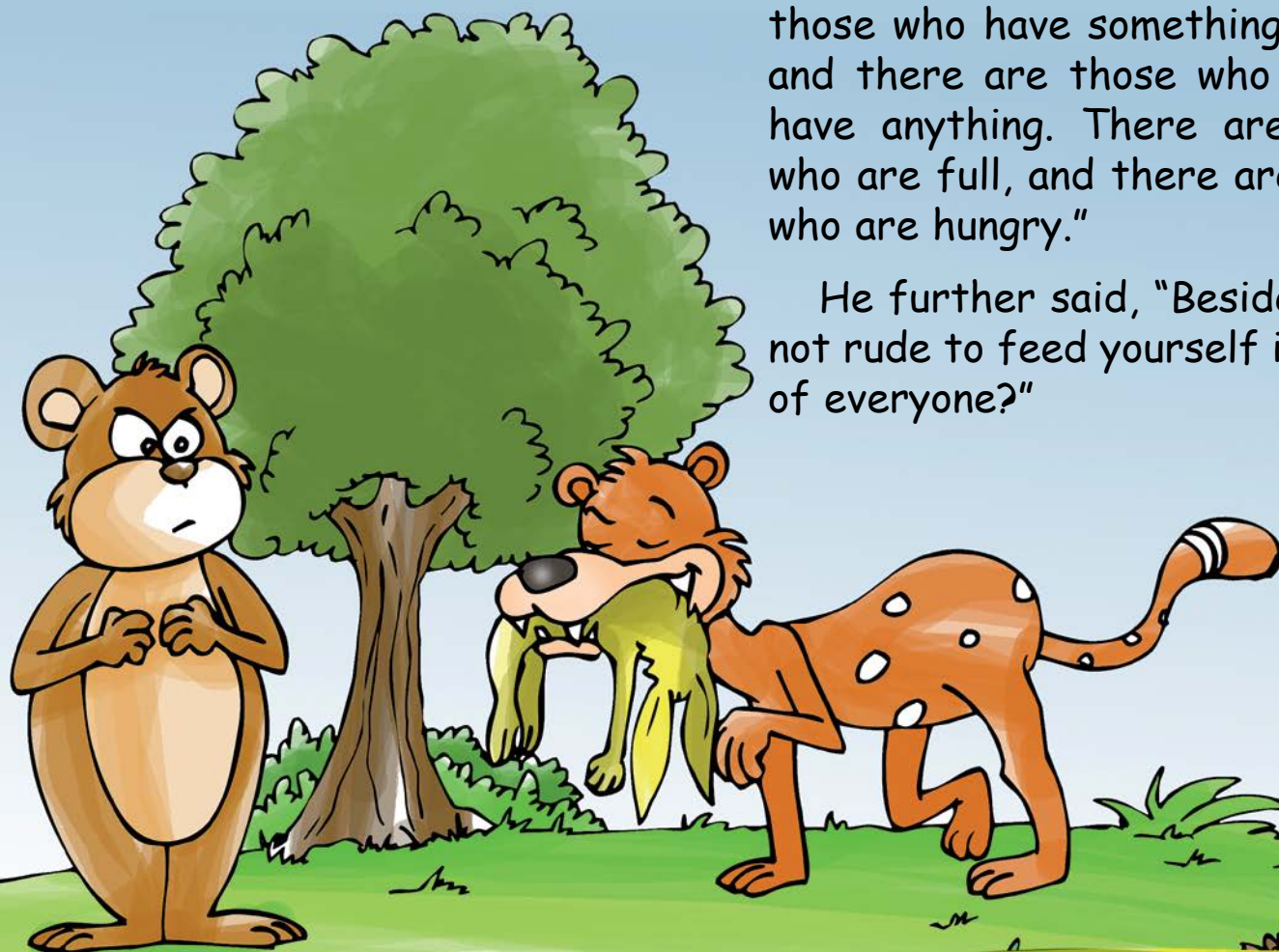



eat his prey in front of the other animals.

The jackal could not stand this sight any longer. He gathered his courage and went to the leopard:

- "Brother leopard, it is a shame what you are doing. There are those who have something to eat and there are those who do not have anything. There are those who are full, and there are those who are hungry."

He further said, "Besides, is it not rude to feed yourself in front of everyone?"





These words of the jackal made the leopard very angry and he replied:

- "Hey jackal! Know your limits. It is not like as if you and the other animals caught the prey and I took it from you. Besides, I eat my prey wherever I want, and no one can interfere."

But then the jackal, walking away, said:

- "Brother leopard! One day you will have a weak moment. You too will not be able to hunt. Then, if something is eaten in front of your eyes, you will remember my words."

Upon the last words of the jackal, the leopard continued to eat its prey more voraciously.

- "Look at what the stupid jackal said to me. One day I will be weak, and I will not be able to hunt," he said to himself, laughing sarcastically.

Months passed. The leopard was no less rude and voracious.

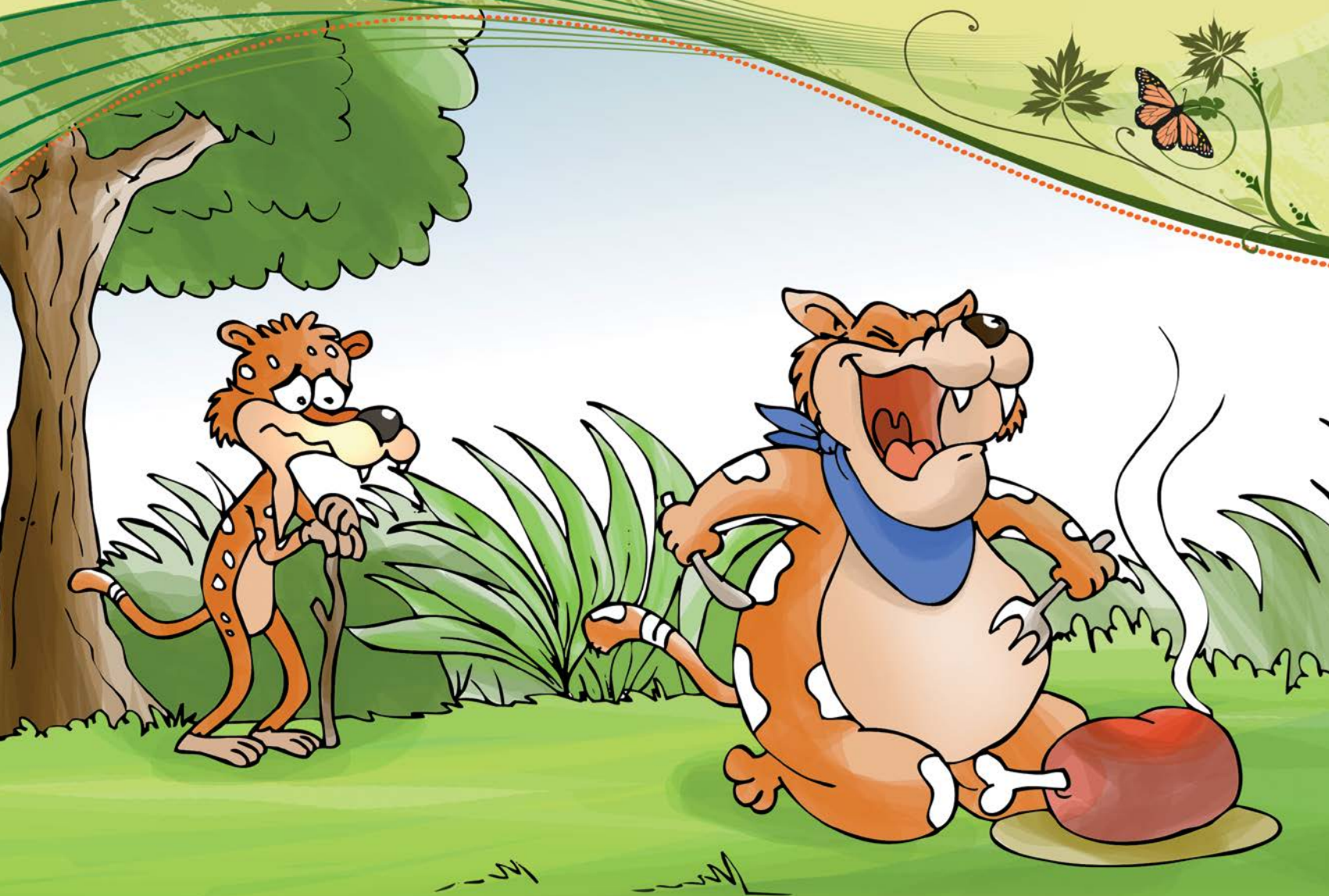




One day, he went out hunting again. He felt tired for a moment while running. He missed the prey before his eyes. He couldn't make sense of what happened.

- "What is going on with me? How could I miss a prey? How could this happen to me," he began to ask himself. Day by day, his fatigue increased due to his illness. Let alone hunting, he was no longer able to run at all. He was exhausted from hunger.

One day, while he was moaning with hunger in his den, he saw a tiger. The tiger was hungrily eating the gazelle that he had hunted. Upon seeing this scene, the leopard's mouth watered. Just then, the jackal's words came to his mind. That was when he realized how other animals had felt. But the tiger was not as rude and cruel as he had been. He understood from the leopard's gaze that he wanted something. He kindly shared his prey with the leopard. The leopard felt very ashamed of himself and his bad behavior.



Before long, the leopard recovered. Now he learned to share the prey that he hunted with others. When he couldn't share, he always ate his meal out of sight.

There might be poor ones around us. We should either share what we have or not eat in public. Otherwise, this way of living displays our rudeness, bad manner, and bad behavior.





# THE LION'S GUIDE



One day, someone knocked on the door of the lion, the king of the jungle. The lion opened the door, asking who it was on his doorstep. There was a tiger at the door.

The tiger gaspingly said:

- "My king! Strange things are happening in the forest. The animals are restless. Come and have a look", informing the lion of a strange situation in the forest.

The lion said,

- "Hold on, take a breath. What has made you so excited? Calm down and tell me," comforting the tiger.

The tiger replied:

- "My king! I got up in the morning and went for a walk to find something to eat. I saw animals running around. I stopped one of them and asked what was going on. He told me that strange noises were coming from a corner of the forest and they were all running away."

- "What were those strange sounds? Let's go have a look," said the lion and they left to check. They left but they did not know where those strange sounds were coming from.

While they were wandering around desperately to find the scene, a crow appeared in the distance. The crow said:







- "My respected king! I know where you want to go. If you want, I can take you there." Despite the lion's unwillingness, he accepted the crow's guidance.

The lion king started to follow the crow relying on the crow's word not knowing whether or not it was true.

For a while, they walked as the crow flew ahead and the lion walked behind. Although they traveled for hours, they could not reach the place where those strange sounds had come from so the lion finally asked:

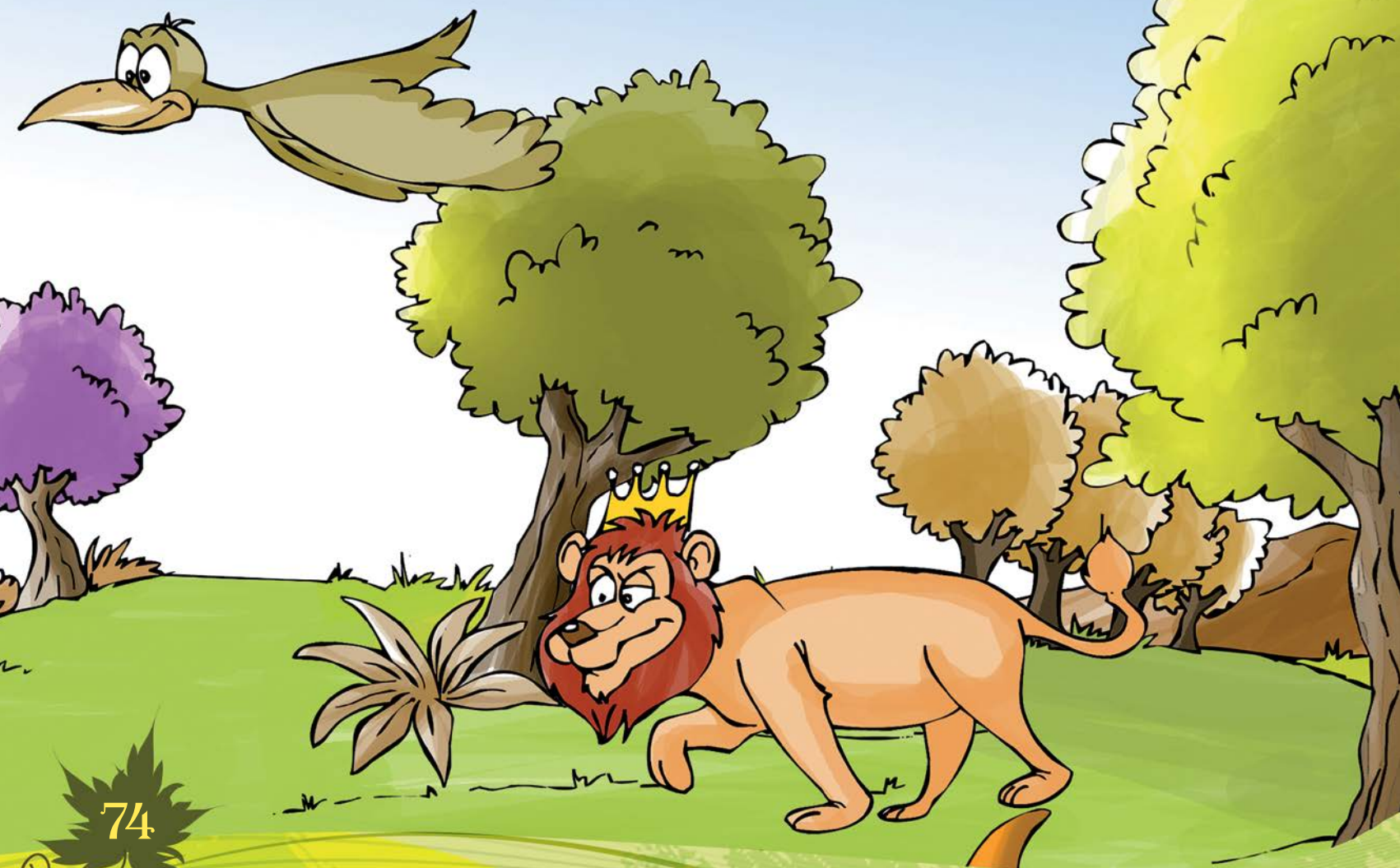
- "Hey crow! My patience is starting to run out. Are we not there yet?"

The crow replied:


- "Well, my king! I am confused too. It was here. Let's go a little more." So they didn't leave any place in the forest that they did not explore. It was finally starting to get dark. But the lion had still not reached his destination. He leaned against a tree, exhausted, and said to himself:



- "It is not meaningless that people say that the one guided by a crow will never get rid of trouble. I think I made a mistake following a crow." Meanwhile, the crow flew away due to its fear of the lion. Unaware that the crow had escaped, the lion said:







- "Hey crow! It got dark. Show me where those strange sounds were coming from so we can go home as soon as possible." But there was no trace of the crow. Realizing that the crow had bolted, the lion looked for the mistake in himself instead of getting angry with the crow.

- "That is what happens if you stay at home and do not go out, if you do not know what is going on in the forest, and if you make the crow your guide. I guess they played a trick on me. But it is so let this be a lesson to me," he said and went home.

In fact, there was no such place with strange noises in the forest. It was indeed a trick played by the animals on the lion.

From that day on, the lion observed the forest and the animals closely. He was not deceived by believing in rumors whose origin he did not know.



## THE EVIL-MINDED CHICKEN

Once upon a time, dozens of chickens lived in a coop. They lived together in a brotherhood. But one of the chickens was not very happy with this situation. Sometimes she thought:


- "We are very crowded in this coop. I neither get enough food nor do I get the attention I deserve. We need to find a solution for this problem."

One day, she thought of a very evil plan. Though it was a little dangerous for her, she thought it was worth it for her own comfort.

So she went straight to the fox.

The fox was very surprised when he saw the chicken in front of him. He couldn't help saying:






- "This chicken is either crazy or she has a death wish,".

So the fox said:

- "Well, sister chicken. Are you tired of your life and came to feed yourself to me?"

- "Brother fox, if you eat me here, you will have eaten only one chicken. But if we make an agreement," said the chicken, "you will be able to eat a coop full of chicken." And she informed the fox of her evil plan.





Provided that he would not touch her, she told the fox where the coop was located. According to the plan, the chicken would leave the door of the coop open, and the fox would barge in and devour all the other chickens. Thus, the evil-minded chicken would enjoy being all alone in the whole coop. She also thought that in this way, her owner would love her very much because she was alone, and he would give her plenty of food.

Days passed. It was only a matter of time before the fox got into the coop. The evil-minded chicken was eagerly awaiting the fox. While waiting, she couldn't help saying to herself:

"Insha'Allah, the fox will not give up."

Then she thought that the fox might give up the idea of eating a coop full of chicken, but straightaway consoled herself that he would come.

After a while, one night, the fox appeared near the coop. Seeing the fox, the chicken softly opened the door of the coop and went out.



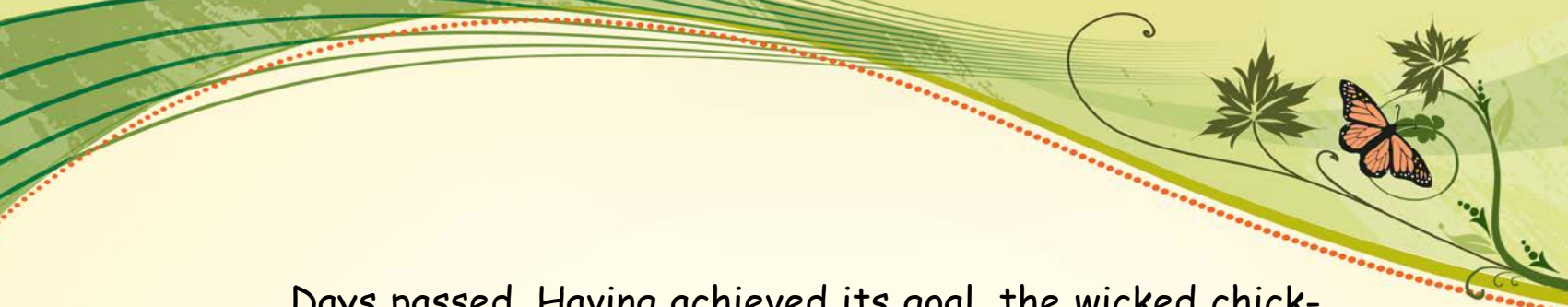


The fox, who entered the coop, had a nice feast for himself. The evil-minded chicken watched with delight from the outside as her friends were all eaten. In the end, there was not a single chicken left in the coop. Due to the evil-minded chicken, the fox had a feast that he could never have imagined in his lifetime. Having finished his task, the fox slowly came out.

- "Thanks sister chicken. Thanks to you, I will not be hungry for a long time. Come, let me thank you," he said. His real intention was to eat her too. Just as he was about to devour her, the owner saw the fox. He grabbed his rifle and started shooting at the fox. The fox started to run for his life and he escaped with minor scratches. The wicked chicken survived due to its owner.

When the owner of the chickens saw the coop empty, he cursed the fox. He was very angry with himself for having missed him. He tried to console himself that he had at least saved one of them. But he did not know that what had happened had been the idea of the chicken that he had saved.





Days passed. Having achieved its goal, the wicked chicken began to enjoy it. Since she was alone in the coop, its owner was giving all his attention to her. He fed her a lot and loved her very much. But the evil-minded chicken knew very well the danger that awaited her. Because it was only a matter of time before the fox would try to eat her too. The ill-minded chicken was losing her sleep Thinking about it.

She was not wrong about that either. Because, one night, the fox reappeared next to the henhouse again. Seeing the fox, the wicked chicken said:

- "Hello, brother fox. Why did you come? There is no more chicken for you to eat here."

When the fox said,


- "You are here. Or are you not a chicken?"

The chicken replied:

- "But we made a deal. You were going to eat my friends but would not touch me."

Meanwhile, the owner was on watch to protect his last hen. He listened to the conversation between the fox and his chicken.





- "So it was you, evil chicken! You sent your friends to their deaths on purpose. Now I will feed you to the fox to teach you a lesson. Taste the pain that your friends tasted," he said, and did not interfere when the fox ate her.

So the wicked chicken eventually fell into the same trap she had set for others. She should have known that a fox can not be trusted. She became a victim of her own plan due to her own wicked selfishness.





## THE FOX THAT COULD NOT PASS THE TEST

Once upon a time, the lion king decided to select the most trustworthy animal in the forest. He was going to hold a competition for it. He would put those who were confident to some tests and reward the victor.

He announced this decision to his citizens. Hearing the news, the animals flocked to the lion's palace. The tiger, the wolf, the jackal, and the fox were all there. The lion looked at the animals that came for the competition. Just then, the fox caught his attention.

- "I understand the others, but I wonder how could the fox come to this competition," said the lion to himself and that was why he called the fox first.





- "Tell me, fox. How could you come to this competition? Everybody knows that you are the most cunning animal in this forest," he said.

The fox replied:

- "Sir, I am here to clear my bad reputation. I can prove it if you give me a chance."


The Lion king said:

- "Okay then. I will give you a chance. If you win, I will declare you the most trustworthy animal in the forest. And I will reward you."

- "Go on now. Go on with your daily life. I will put you to a test when you least expect it," he added.

Thereupon, the fox returned to his daily life with curiosity and excitement. He returned to his normal life, but he was very nervous. Because at any moment, he could be put to a test with something he did not know. He had to be very careful.





Days passed. Nothing out of the ordinary happened. There was neither a test nor a lion. The fox started to get impatient:

- "Damn the consequences. I am tired of waiting. I can neither do anything cunning nor act freely." he said to himself.

He waited a while more, but still no change. The fox started to give up on his precaution.

- "The lion must have made fun of me. He is not going to put me to any test. And I do not intend to be a trustworthy person either", he said to himself and took action to do some cunning things.

Meanwhile, the king was waiting for the fox to be distracted. Because he wanted to put him to a test while he was in his real disposition. The lion king thought that it would be more appropriate that way.

At last, the time the king had been waiting for came. He laid down on the fox's path, pretending to be





injured. And he began to moan bitterly. After a while, the fox saw the lion. He came running to the lion. He saw that the lion was writhing in pain on the ground. He didn't know whether to be sad or happy.

He finally asked:

- "What happened to you, my king? Why are you moaning?"

The lion said:

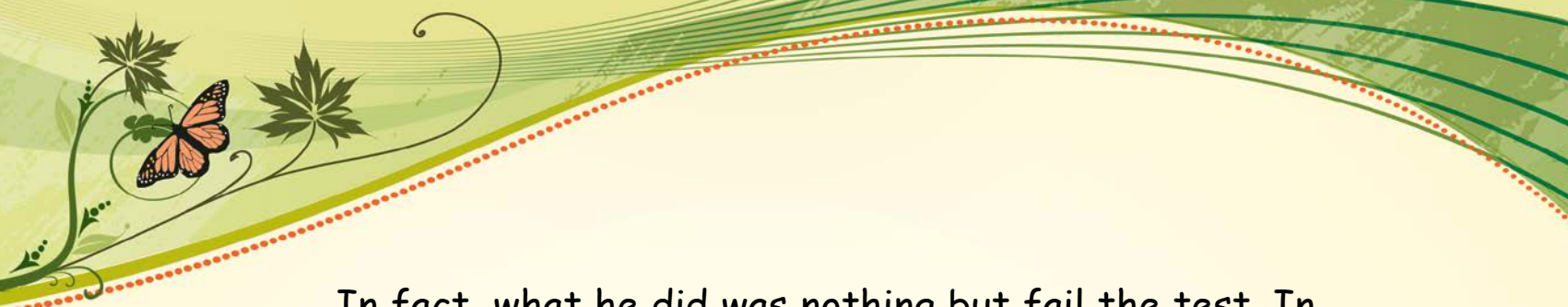
- "Don't ask, fox brother, I was just coming to take you for the test, but I broke my foot. Now help me so I can go to my palace. Or I will die here."

Thereupon, the fox said,

- "Do you know what you have done to me for days? I lost myself while trying to live carefully because I was going to be tested", and he continued to say, "I will leave you here so someone can get rid of you," and he left.







In fact, what he did was nothing but fail the test. In the place of the lion, it could have been someone who really needed help. One of the conditions of being trustworthy is to be helpful to others.

Time passed. One day while the fox was walking comfortably, he found the lion in front of him. He got as white as snow out of fear. However, he was able to gather himself a while later.

In a shaky voice, he mumbled: - "Well, how! My king, aren't you dead?"

- "Of course, I'm not dead. Would the great king die of a broken foot? It was a test. Didn't I know that the sly fox cannot be trusted. Unfortunately, you failed the test. Apparently, if I was really hurt, I wouldn't be able to trust you. If you had helped me, you would have passed the test. And I was going to reward you with being my vizier. Also, you would have improved the bad reputation of foxes," said the lion and walked back to the forest.

The fox, on the other hand, disappeared with the regret of having missed a beautiful opportunity.



## THE CALM BEAR

Once upon a time, a bear family lived in a faraway forest. The bear family consisted of a mother bear, a father bear, and a cub.

The father bear went hunting every day. He fed his family with what he hunted. The mother bear looked after the baby bear. For them, the days passed happily.

Daddy bear noticed one day that the baby bear was growing.

"Our teddy bear is all grown up now. It is time for him to learn how to hunt. I must take him hunting," he thought. He explained this idea to the mother bear and the cub. The mother bear approached this idea of the father bear positively. The baby bear was also very happy about the idea.






- "Hurray! Hurray! I will go hunting too." he exclaimed with joy.

However, the mother bear was not very comfortable. Since the baby bear was still young, she was afraid that something would happen to him.

That was why she urged the daddy bear to keep an eye on him. The father bear did not pay much attention to the mother bear's warnings. He said to her not to worry, they were going to go hunting the next morning.

The baby bear could not sleep at night. In the morning, the father bear and the baby bear set out. After walking for a while, they came to the bank of a river with large fish. The father bear easily caught the first fish he saw in the water. The baby bear was watching the father bear carefully.

Then he said to himself: - "How easy it is to hunt. I can do it too."




But the river was deep and dangerous for the baby bear. Meanwhile, the father bear went after a large fish he had seen, forgetting the mother bear's warnings. Naturally, he moved away from the cub. The baby bear, on the other hand, dipped its tiny paw into the water to hunt the fish he saw in the river. He lost his balance for a moment. He grabbed hold of a tree branch standing right on the shore. He was saved from falling into the river thanks to the tree branch.

He then thought: "I guess this job is not as easy as I assumed." Just as he was about to ask the father bear for help, a hunter put his rifle on the bear's head. The baby bear was frozen out of fear. He did not know what to do. After a while, the father bear saw that terrible sight as he was returning with the fish he was chasing.

A hunter was about to shoot the baby bear. He felt alarmed for a moment but thought he should calm down. Only then could he save the baby bear. For a while, he





thought about what to do.  
Finally, he decided to approach quietly behind the hunter. He calmly approached the hunter and hit him with his paw with such a blow that the hunter found himself on the ground before he knew what had happened. Thus, the father bear saved the baby bear due to having been calm.

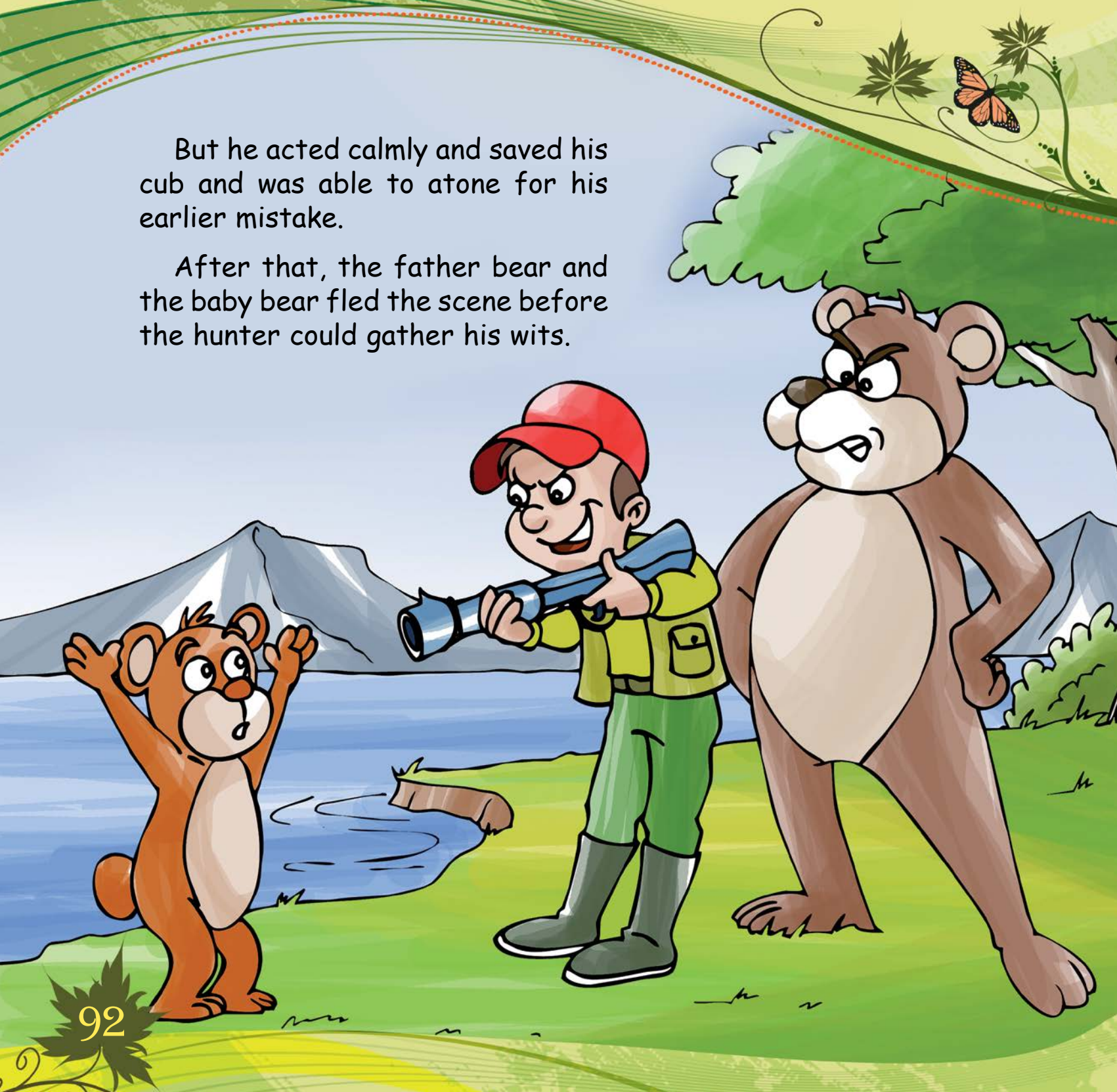
If the father bear had panicked and rushed toward the hunter, both of their lives would have been in danger.





But he acted calmly and saved his cub and was able to atone for his earlier mistake.

After that, the father bear and the baby bear fled the scene before the hunter could gather his wits.







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