

Fable is a legendry tale intended to convey a moral.

The Father and His Sons

A father had a family of sons who were always quarrelling and fighting among themselves. He was a worried man. He loved his sons so much, and he wanted to make them understand what they were doing was wrong and not at all acceptable in good and decent families.

When he failed to heal their disputes by his exhortations, he determined to give them a practical illustration of the evils of disunion.

One day he told them to bring him a bundle of sticks. When they had done so, he placed the bundle into the hands of each of them in succession, and ordered them to break it in pieces. They tried with all their strength, and were not able to do it. He next opened the bundle, took the sticks separately, one by one, and again put them into his sons' hands, upon which they broke them easily.

He then addressed them in these words: "My sons, if you are of one mind, and unite to assist each other, you will be as this faggot, uninjured by all the attempts of your enemies; but if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these sticks."

Moral: "United we stand, we attain strength".

The Man and the Lion

Once upon a time, a man and a lion travelled together through the forest.

They soon began to boast of their respective superiority to each other in strength and prowess. As they were disputing, they passed a statue carved in stone, which represented "a Lion strangled by a Man."

The traveller pointed to it and said: "See there! How strong we are, and how we prevail over even the king of beasts." The Lion replied: "This statue was made by one of you men. If we Lions knew how to erect statues, you would see the man placed under the paw of the lion."

Moral: "One story is good, till another is told".

The Kingdom of the Lion

Once upon a time the beasts of the field and forest had a lion as their king. He was neither cruel, nor oppressive, but just and gentle as a king could be. During his reign he made a royal proclamation for a general assembly of all the birds and beasts.

In the assembly, the lion was full of charm and drew up conditions for a universal league, in which the wolf and the lamb, the panther and the kid, the tiger and the stag, the dog and the hare, should live together in perfect peace and amity.

The hare said, "Oh, how I have longed to see this day, in which the weak shall take their place with impunity by the side of the strong." And after the hare said this, he ran for his life.

Moral: "Life is too precious to take unnecessary risk".

The Boy Who Became a Robin



Once upon a time there was an old Indian who had an only son, whose name was Opeechee.

Now, the old man was very proud, and he wished his son to fast longer than other boys, and to become a greater warrior than all others. So he directed him to prepare with solemn ceremonies for the fast.

"My son," said he, "endure your

hunger like a man, and at the end of TWELVE DAYS, you shall receive food and a blessing from my hands."

The boy carefully did all that his father commanded. "My son," replied the old man again, "you know not what you ask. Wait patiently a little longer. You have but one more day to fast. Tomorrow I will myself prepare a meal and bring it to you."

The boy remained silent, beneath his covering, and motionless except for the gentle heaving of his breast.

Early the next morning his father, overjoyed at having gained his end, prepared some food. He took it and hastened to the lodge intending to set it before his son.

"My father has destroyed my fortune as a man.. My guardian Spirit has given me a new form, and now I must go!"

At this his father rushed into the lodge, crying,

"My son! my son! I pray you leave me not!"

JOKES

Q. What did the elf use to make him taller?

A. He used elf raising flour.

Q. What did the traffic light say to the car?

A. Don't look, I'm changing.

Q. How do you catch a squirrel?

A. Climb up a tree and act like a nut.

Teacher: Give me a sentence with the word 'analyze' in it.

Pupil: My sister Anna lies in bed until nine o'clock.

Q. Which soldiers smell of salt and pepper?

A. Seasoned troopers.

Who was the first underwater spy?

James Bond.

What dog smells of onions?

A hot dog.

Japanese Proverbs.

Let sleeping dogs lie.

Once a fool, always a fool.

Even a fool has one talent.

Don't offer things to a person incapable of appreciating them.

Good medicine tastes bitter in the mouth.

Two heads are better than one.

A wise person keeps some talents in reserve; the person who knows most often says least.

Don't count your chickens before they've hatched.

Misfortunes seldom come alone.

No use shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted.

Silly Questions and Silly Answers.

Why did the farmer bury all his money in his fields?

He wanted rich soil.

What should never be eaten after it's served?

Tennis ball

What did the tie say to the hat?

You go on the head, I will just hang around.

Which side of a duck has the most feathers?

Out-side.

What did the ghost say to the invisible man?

Long time no see!

What did the math book say to the history book?

Boy! Do I have problems?

How do you make seven even?

Take away the s.

What do snakes do after they have a fight?

They hiss and make up.

Colouring



Why not enter our colouring competition? Simply colour me in and send it to ORU PAPER and you could be the lucky winner of a water colouring kit.

The winner will be published in the next issue.

Last week's winner: **Jamuna Nithyananthan (Age 6), Harrow.**

Last week's runners up -

Kavijan Vigneswaran (Age 8)

Maidstone, Kent.

Thavinan Thanasingam (Age 5)

New Malden, Surrey

Raevathy Satgunam (Age 6)

Mile End.

Sinduja Parthasarathy (Age 7)

Eastham

Rupen Christopher (Age 6)

Sutton

Gajanan Aputharajah (Age 5)

Luton

The Adventures of Pinocchio

Once upon a time there was a piece of wood. It was not an expensive piece of wood. Far from it. Just a common block of firewood, one of those thick, solid logs that are put on the fire in winter to make cold rooms cozy and warm.

One fine day this piece of wood found itself in the shop of an old carpenter. His real name was Mastro Antonio, but everyone called him Mastro Cherry, for the tip of his nose was so round and red and shiny that it looked like a ripe cherry.

As soon as he saw that piece of wood, Mastro Cherry was filled with joy.

"This has come in the nick of time. I shall use it to make the leg of a table."

He grasped the hatchet quickly to peel off the bark and shape the wood. But as he was about to give it the first blow, he stood still with arm uplifted, for he had heard a wee, little voice say in a beseeching tone: "Please be careful! Do not hit me so hard!"

He struck a most solemn blow upon the piece of wood.

"Oh, oh! You hurt!" cried the same far-away little voice.

"Where did that voice come from, when there is no one around?"

. This time it giggled as it spoke:

"Stop it! Oh, stop it! Ha, ha, ha! You tickle my stomach."

Word Search

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WRENCH, PLIERS, KNIFE, CHISEL, CUTTER, CLAMP

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