

JACKAL AND SQUIRREL



Once upon a time the jackal and the squirrel were friends. Everyone in the area knew about their friendship. All animals in the area admired them.

One day, Mr Jackal wanted to visit his fiancée in a different area far away. On the journey he was escorted by Mr Snake.

As was the custom then, the two were warmly welcomed with the hope of good appetising dishes of food. But unfortunately Jackal had tricked Mr Snake. He ate all the food by himself when Mr Snake was out of the home they had visited. As a result of this Mr Snake left on empty stomach.

Mr Snake went home and told Mr Squirrel what had happened to him. This gave Mr Squirrel a good picture of Mr Jackal's behaviour.

It was now time for Mr Squirrel to escort Mr Jackal to his fiancée. The two travelled on a very long journey. When they reached halfway, Jackal showed Squirrel a tree that could heal several diseases. "In case I get sick you will be able to come and collect this herb" he said in a low voice. The two walked for a kilometre and Squirrel pretended to have forgotten his knife near the tree that treated various diseases. So he went back alone and put the herb in his bag, but didn't tell Mr Jackal what he had done.

When the two arrived in the village, they were welcomed with the promise of a dish of meat, well spiced rice and beer. This pleased Mr Jackal. He thought of a trick, so he could eat everything. He said "I, I, am not all... thatwell, my stomach is really ... paining, please rush and get the herb so that I can eat it" said the screaming jackal. He hoped squirrel would leave.

"Don't worry my friend; I already have the antidote for your problem in my bag", said Squirrel.

Jackal was so confused that he left the food he had wanted to eat all alone. Mr Jackal went home on an empty stomach. He thought that the trick would work just as it had with Mr Snake.

From then on he never fooled his friends again.

Moral of the story:

It is good to have friends.

Friends should be treated equally.

Telling the truth is better than telling lies. It cost the Jackal missing his favourite meal.

It is better to act bravely (Mr Squirrel), taking responsibility to advise others where necessary.
Who is your favourite character in the story?

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