

KALULU THE LAZY HARE



Once upon a time in a great forest, there was a big drought. Many animals were dying. King elephant asked all animals to come together so that they could dig a well for water. All the animals agreed to dig a well except Kalulu, the hare, who was not helping.

It was hard to find water. During the nights Kalulu fetched water, but he was making it dirty afterwards. Many animals were surprised to see the dirty water when Kalulu was living in good health without dying. The elders agreed to guard the well to catch the thief.

As usual, when Kalulu came to fetch the water at night, he found that the elders were guarding the well. He didn't fetch the water. He then made a plan. He took honey to the well and he told the elders that he was running a business selling honey somewhere else. All the elders were interested in tasting the honey. He told them that there was only one way to eat the honey and that meant they had to be tied up. He bound one elder and then after testing the honey he reported that it was good. All the elders at the well were bound and whilst tied Kalulu made the water dirty. The elders were found bound and many other animals were angry about what Kalulu did and how stupid the elders had been by being fooled by Kalulu the lazy animal.

Tortoise asked all animals to make him a guard at the well. All the animals despised and mocked him. But they let him do it. Tortoise had a plan. He pasted sticky gum on his back. When Kalulu came, he saw that there was no one at the well. He thought he would sit on a stone and he started taking the water.

After taking the water he just heard a voice from underneath him , "I have caught you thief!" He had been sitting on the tortoise and got stuck! Tortoise refused to release Kalulu until all animals came to see the criminal. He was punished by cutting his long tail short. This is why hares have short tails to this day.

The elders told Kalulu to work with his own hands and not steal from others.

Moral of the story:

- The story teaches pupils to get involved in different things. It is not good to run away from responsibilities that may benefit us. We should work together.
- It is not good to fool others, as we will pay for it in future.
- Do you think that the punishment that the elders gave to the lazy hare was fair?
- It is good to be corrected by others.

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