

TAMBALA AND KALULU



Cockerel who was famously known as Tambala lived in a small jungle. He had only one friend monkey also famously known as Kalulu

Kalulu was a crook. Tambala started to learn a few things until he became crook too. Kalulu could borrow things from people without returning them. One day Tambala after being told by other animals that were not comfortable with the great crook in the little jungle” Kalulu”, he sought it wise to help those that were in trouble by then.

Tambala had a very clean trick. “I will borrow all the possessions that these animals are claiming; I will however ask them that if I succeed I will be their king. When time is to claim the possessions I will hide my head in my wings so that no one notices that I am there. Kalulu would like to imitate what I do”

Very early in the morning Tambala went to Kalulu to borrow the possessions of other animals. Kalulu trusting his friend, he just told him to keep these goods in his house.

One day Kalulu had a problem, he wanted to sell part of the goods. He went to tambala’s house. Tambala’s wife told him that her husband body was up in the tree and that the head has gone for a walk. Kalulu went to see. He was very impressed such that he forgot what he had come for.

He rushed to his house where he told his wife to cut his head off and put it in a basket for a walk. “Are you crazy?” asked his wife. “I saw tambala doing it and he will come back soon”

The wife denied at first and later after Kalulu insisted she cut the head off put it in a basket for a walk. When Tambala came, he asked where his friend was, the wife told him that his body is in the house but his head has gone for a walk. “Let me see how you did it” said Tambala in a low trembling voice. He found out that Kalulu was dead. Tambala accused Kalulu’s wife for killing her husband. He also told Kalulu’s wife that he never used knives for his head to walk.

He then gave all the possessions that Kalulu the crook stole and all animals in that small jungle made Tambala king.

Editors Notes:

It is not good to cheat our friends as we will be cheated too

It is not good to imitate everything that our peers are doing. Kalulu died because of imitating things that he could not do

Who do you think is a courageous character and why?

What other lessons does this story teaches you?

If you were a true friend of the two, what could you advise each character in the story?