

WHY CATS HATE RATS



In a rich palace lived a gecko (lizard), a cat and a rat. They were happy friends. Amongst the three, the cat was most highly ranked in the palace. His duty was to look after the king's property including food.

None of the animals were worried about food. But rat had to live on the leftovers from the table. This made him lazy while gecko was lived on uninvited guests such as flies.

One day as the rat went for a walk, he found a beautiful mouse in a nearby village. Rat loved the mouse.

Once every week he visited the mouse. He soon discovered that the mouse was starving. That night he did not sleep well. He thought about the hungry mouse, he loved.

Since cat trusted his friend rat, he knew that he could not destroy food in the king's palace. Rat had a new plan. He thought of stealing food from the storeroom of the palace. He started boring holes to where the food was stored. He made more holes in the bags of maize.

Rat thought of living in the tunnels that he had bored with his beloved mouse. Rat had stopped gathering the leftovers because he had enough to eat.

The King one day went to see if cat was doing his best at his job. He discovered that holes had been bored into the sacks. He told cat that if his food continues to be destroyed he will be thrown out of the palace.

So he guarded the exit of the tunnel inside to try and catch the rat. Rat was scared. He told his wife what had happened. She had another idea. They made another exit. This time they nibbled the king's feet and this even made the king more furious. So the King demoted cat.

Cat told his wife and children what had happened. He warned his family that their worst enemy was the rat. From then on hatred started and cats chase rats as the rats made the cart lose his position in the royal palace.

The moral of the story:

Friendships can be broken.

Children are taught not to be lazy even in school as this affects their future.

This story also explains how hatred can penetrate into the society.

We need critical thinking to come up with solutions to combat hatred.

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