

The Turtle and the Monkey

A turtle went to a shop. He said to the shopkeeper, "Please give me some peanuts. I want to give them to my children. They are hungry." The shopkeeper took a small bag of peanuts. He gave it to the turtle. The turtle gave him money for it. The turtle took the bag. He started to walk to his house. On the way, he felt thirsty. He put the bag near the road. Then he went to look for water. A monkey was coming down the road. He saw the bag of peanuts. "Ah, what luck!" he said. "I shall have lots of peanuts to eat."

The monkey picked up the bag. Then he climbed up a tree and began to eat the peanuts. The turtle drank some water and came back. But he could not find the bag of peanuts. Then he heard a sound, 'Munch-munch, munch-munch.' He looked up and saw a monkey sitting in the tree. He was eating the peanuts. "Give me my bag of peanuts," said the turtle to the monkey. "It is mine. I paid money for it."

"No," said the monkey. "I found the bag. So it is mine."

"Please give me the bag," the turtle said again. "My children are hungry and I want to give them these peanuts to eat."

"I shall not give you the bag," the monkey said again. "I found it, so it is mine, I am going to eat peanuts." The monkey had a long tail. It was hanging down. The turtle caught the tail. He gave it a big bite.

"OUCH!" the monkey cried loudly. He pulled his tail. But the turtle would not let go. The monkey then threw down the bag of peanuts. "Here, take your peanuts," he said. "Let go of my tail now." The turtle left the monkey's tail and picked up the bag of peanuts. He went home and said, "Children, come and see what I have got for you."

The children came running. They saw the bag of peanuts and were very happy. They all had a good feed of peanuts.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

There once was a boy who kept sheep not far from the village. He would often become bored and to amuse himself he would call out,

«Wolf! Wolf,» although there was no wolf about.

The villagers would stop what they were doing and run to save the sheep from the wolf's jaw. Once they arrived at the pasture, the boy just laughed. The naughty boy played this joke over and over until the villagers tired of him.

One day while the boy was watching the sheep, a wolf did come into the fold. The boy cried and cried,

«Wolf! Wolf!»

No one came. The wolf had a feast of sheep that day.

No one will believe a habitual liar even when he is telling the truth.

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The Trickster Monkey

There lived a very naughty monkey named Mogri who loved to play pranks on other animals. He would drop rotten fruits on other animals and laugh at their discomfort. Samba the lion didn't find Mogri's tricks funny. It was insulting for the king of the jungle to have rotten fruits flung at him. He warned Mogri, "Wait! I'll teach you a lesson soon." But Mogri was too quick and managed to escape each time.

One day, Mogri dropped an overripe mango on Samba's nose. But unfortunately, the branch on which he was sitting broke and he fell right on the lion's back. Samba roared in anger and twisted from side to side to shake Mogri off. But the monkey clung tightly onto the lion's back. Samba charged through the forest, yet Mogri, though terrified, remained on his back.

Finally tired, Samba bent down to drink water from a pond. Mogri took this opportunity to make good his escape. Ever since Mogri was too terrified to play a trick on Samba.

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Onions and Garlic

Long ago there lived two brothers. Joshua and Eli. They lived on a farm and were very poor. Joshua worked hard every day. Eli was lazy and didn't like to work. One day, Joshua heard of a kingdom far away.

This kingdom didn't have onions! Hmmmm, thought Joshua. If I could sell them onions, they'd pay a lot of money!

He asked to see the king and was granted an audience. Joshua told the king about the onions and the king was curious. He invited Joshua to make a big feast with many dishes prepared with onions.

That evening, the king and his guests tasted the dishes. Everyone agreed, the onion made everything taste so much better! The king smiled from ear to ear. He said to Joshua, "These onions are the most precious thing in my kingdom. In return for them, I will give you their equal weight in the most precious thing I have – diamonds." Joshua was instantly rich and returned to his village with a wagon full of diamonds.

Joshua shared his wealth but his brother Eli was still very jealous. He asked Joshua if this kingdom has garlic. Joshua thought and said, "In fact, they don't have any garlic." Hmmmm, thought Eli. If I could sell them garlic, I'd be very rich indeed. Garlic is much tastier than onions.

Eli traveled to the kingdom as his brother had done. Just like Joshua, he got an audience with the king and made a feast. And just like Joshua, the king declared garlic the most precious thing in his kingdom. It was a big hit! The king said, "I will give you their equal weight in the most precious thing in my kingdom."

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The Lion

One day a lion was walking through the jungle. He was young and very proud. He met a snake and said, “Who is the king of the jungle?”

The snake said, “You are.” It did not make the lion angry and he smiled.

Thirty metres later, he met a monkey and asked, “Monkey, Who is the king of the jungle?” The monkey said quickly, “You are.” The lion smiled and continued on his way.

Next, the lion met a crocodile. He stopped and asked the crocodile, “Who is the king of the jungle?” The crocodile didn’t answer so the lion roared very loudly. “WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE?” The crocodile answered quickly, “You are.” The lion was satisfied and said, “Next time, answer quickly or I will eat you!”

Finally, the lion met an elephant. He stopped, looked angrily at the elephant and asked, “Elephant, who is king of the jungle?”

The elephant picked up the lion with his trunk and dropped him to the ground. The elephant kicked the lion and then jumped on top of him.

The lion was very surprised and hurt. He got up, shook the dirt off and shouted,

“YOU DON’T HAVE TO GET ANGRY JUST BECAUSE YOU

DON’T KNOW THE ANSWER!”

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It's The Butcher

An old woman was lonely. She decided to get a pet, She didn't have much money so she went to a second hand pet shop.

She saw many animals: a three legged cat, a dog without a tail, fish that could only swim backwards and a beautiful bird that could only say one thing, "Who is it?" and She decided to buy buy the bird. She bought a cage for her bird and went home. She put the bird by the door and went downtown to do some shopping.

While she was gone, a man knocked on the door.

"Who is it?" replied the parrot.

"It's the butcher," he said.

"Who is it?", repeated the bird.

"It's the butcher," said the man.

"Who is it?" asked the parrot.

"It's the butcher!!," said the man angrily.

"Who is it?" "It's the butcher!!!!", he screamed.

"Who is it?" "It's the butcher, the butcher, the butch..."

Suddenly the butcher fell to the floor. He had had a heart attack.

Later that day, the old woman came home and found the man laying on her doorstep. She opened her door and asked the parrot, "Who is it?" . The parrot replied,

"It's the butcher!"

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The Smartest Man in The World

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were flying on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute and yelled to the passengers that they better jump, and he himself bailed out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one of the parachutes and said “I’m a doctor, I save lives, so I must live to save other’s lives,” and jumped out. The lawyer then said, “I’m a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live.” He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, “My son, I’ve lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace.”

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, “Do not worry Father. The smartest man in the world just took off with my back pack.”

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The Dog

Linda Robinson was very thirsty so she went into a cafe. There was an old woman in the cafe. She was sitting near the door at a table. At her feet, under the table, there was a small dog. Linda bought a glass of lemonade and some cookies. She sat down at the table next to the old woman.

The old woman sat quietly. She looked lonely. Linda decided to be kind and talk to the old woman. "It is very hot today." she said. "Yes, but it is nice inside here." replied the old woman.

Linda looked at the dog and asked, "Does your dog like people." The woman answered, "Oh! Yes! She loves people." Linda wanted to give the dog a cookie. So she asked, " Does your dog like cookies?"

"They are his favourite food." said the old lady. Linda was terribly afraid of dogs so she asked, "Does your dog bite?" The old woman smiled and said, " NO! My dog is very tame. She is even afraid of cats!"

Linda took a cookie in her hand and reached under the table. She put it near the dog's mouth. But the dog didn't bite the cookie, she bit her hand! Linda jumped up, spilling her lemonade. She screamed, "I thought you said, your dog didn't bite."

The old woman looked at Linda and then at the dog. Then she said,

"THAT'S NOT MY DOG!"

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THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

A woman needed to buy her mother a birthday present. She didn't know what to buy her mother. She only had one day to buy her mother something.

So she went out window shopping. Soon enough, she walked by a pet store window. She thought to herself, "What a lovely idea for a present! My mother is so lonely and she needs a pet."

The woman went into the store and saw many wonderful animals. Puppy dogs, fluffy cats, gold fish, cute mice. But the woman didn't think these were special enough. She asked the manager if he had a pet that was really special.

The manager thought for a moment and replied, "Yes, but it costs a lot of money. \$5,000"

"I have a parrot that can speak 7 languages, Chinese, English, French, Korean, German, Russian and even Hindi!"

The woman said, "Perfect" and bought the bird. She sent it by special delivery to her mother, so she would get it the next day.

The next evening after work, the woman called her mother. She asked, "How do you like your birthday present?"

Her mother replied, "Thank you, IT'S DELICIOUS!"

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Chico and the Crane

There was a cook named Chico. His master had visitors for dinner and Chico was told to fry a crane. Chico felt hungry and so he ate one leg of the crane. At dinner time, when the master saw a missing leg, he shouted, "Chico! Why does this crane have only one leg?" Chico replied, "Sir, haven't you seen cranes before? They only have one leg!" To teach Chico a lesson, next morning, his master took him to the pond nearby. Chico exclaimed, "Look, Master! Cranes have only one leg!" The master clapped his hands and all the cranes uncurled their other legs and flew away. "You fool! Did you see they have two legs!" cried the master. Clever Chico replied, "Sir, why didn't you clap your hands at the table? You would have got two legs!"

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Maybe

Once upon the time, there was an old farmer who had worked his crops for many years. One day his horse ran away. Upon hearing the news, his neighbors came to visit. "Such bad luck," they said sympathetically.

"Maybe," the farmer replied.

The next morning the horse returned, bringing with it three other wild horses.

"How wonderful," the neighbors exclaimed.

"Maybe," replied the old man.

The following day, his son tried to ride one of the untamed horses, was thrown, and broke his leg. The neighbors again came to offer their sympathy on his misfortune.

"Maybe," answered the farmer.

The day after, military officials came to the village to draft young men into the army. Seeing that the son's leg was broken, they passed him by. The neighbors congratulated the farmer on how well things had turned out.

"Maybe," said the farmer.

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Father's support

There was a young boy who used to come for regular soccer practice but always played in the reserves and never made it to the soccer eleven. While he was practicing, his father used to sit at the far end, waiting for him. The matches had started and for four days, he didn't show up for practice or the quarter or semifinals.

All of a sudden he showed up for the finals, went to the coach and said, «Coach, you have always kept me in the reserves and never let me play in the finals. But today, please let me play.» The coach said, «Son, I'm sorry, I can't let you. There are better players than you and besides, it is the finals, the reputation of the school is at stake and I cannot take a chance.» The boy pleaded, «Coach, I promise I will not let you down. I beg of you, please let me play.» The coach had never seen the boy plead like this before. He said, «OK, son, go, play. But remember, I am going against my better judgment and the reputation of the school is at stake. Don't let me down.»

The game started and the boy played like a house on fire. Every time he got the ball, he shot a goal. Needless to say, he was the best player and the star of the game. His team had a spectacular win.

When the game finished, the coach went up to him and said, «Son, how could I have been so wrong in my life. I have never seen you play like this before. What happened? How did you play so well?» The boy replied, «Coach, my father is watching me today.»

The coach turned around and looked at the place where the boy's father used to sit. There was no one there.

He said, «Son, your father used to sit there when you came for practice, but I don't see anyone there today.» The boy replied, «Coach, there is something I never told you. My father was blind. Just four days ago, he died. Today is the first day he is watching me from above.»

Internal motivation comes from within, such as pride, a sense of achievement, responsibility and belief.