



Fables and Tales

WISE OLD OWL

A wise old owl sat in an oak,
The more he heard, the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard;
Why aren't we all like that wise old bird?

- *Old Proverb*

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

A lion was fast asleep in the jungle when a mouse started running all over him. The lion was angry that the mouse disturbed its sleep and was about to kill it with its paw. The mouse begged the lion to pardon it, saying it could be of help to it one day. The lion laughed at that thought and walked away. Soon after that, the lion was trapped in a hunter's net. The little mouse was passing by and saw the lion. It immediately tore the net with its sharp teeth and rescued the lion.

THE FOX WITHOUT A TAIL

One day, a fox has its tail caught in a hunter's trap. It panics and tries to release itself by pulling as hard as possible. In the attempt, it loses its tail completely. Without a tail, it feels ashamed to meet its fellow foxes. Afraid that the others will laugh at it for not having a tail, the fox comes up with a plan. It calls for a meeting and tells the other foxes that they should cut their tails, which are useless, and they also make it easier for the enemy to catch them. To this, the chief fox responds, "I don't think you would ask us to get rid of our graceful tails if you hadn't lost yours."

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