

# Fabulous Fables

## Inspired by Aesop



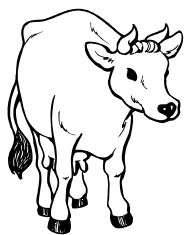
### The Two Cows and the Lion

Reported by Sumeet

One time, there were two cows who were best friends that lived in the meadow. Black Spotted Cow and White Cow were indivisible. Every morning they would graze together on the green meadow.

There was also a Lion, a troublesome, tricky, predicament-making Lion. He always longed to kill the two slow cows eat their meat, because he was getting old, and he couldn't catch any more of the faster animals in the meadow. He always stayed close to the cows in the meadow watching them very carefully.

Then one sunny day Lion approached White



Cow. He spoke to him and said, "That other cow is a trickster. Don't believe him. If you ever see him trying to eat more of

the green grass than you, fight him for it.

"Okay, that's a good idea," White Cow silently whispered to him.

Then Lion roamed away looking for Black Spotted Cow. He finally caught up with him as he was relishing the grass in the warm sunshine.

"What are you doing

here? You don't eat grass. Go back to the forest where you can eat the other animals," Black Spotted Cow shouted.

"I have come to tell you that your friend is a cheat. A straight-trickster. Never trust him. If you ever see him with his head lowered for battle, run and fight him till he dies," Lion said.

Black Spotted Cow replied, "I don't believe you."

"Why don't you trust me? I have good eyesight. I can see if he is a trickster or not," Lion angrily said.

Black Spotted Cow whispered, "OK, but if you tricked me I will kill you."

The next day, Lion crept into the bushes looking for the two cows. He peered in every nook and cranny in the meadow. Then he suddenly saw Black Spotted Cow relishing upon the best grass in the meadow. White Cow charged to Black Cow, head lowered for battle.

Black Spotted Cow then looked at him and shouted, "I am going to kill you know."

White Cow replied, "I will do the same thing you do to me!"

"Why are you killing me?" Black Spotted Cow

yelled.

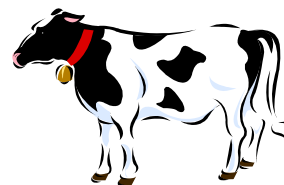
"I'm going to get you because you are eating the best grass in the meadow.

Why do you want to get me?" White Cow asked.

Black Spotted Cow answered him saying, "I will get you because you have your head lowered for battle."

Both of the cows stopped what they were doing and thought for a minute. "We are doing the wrong things. Let's kill Lion instead of each other because of we get each other, Lion might eat our remains," reasoned White Cow.

So the next day White Cow and Black Spotted Cow got together and snuck up on Lion. They both said, "You called me a trickster." After that they chased Lion into the open meadow. Lion ran as quickly as he could, but finally the two slow cows caught up with him. They rammed into him and that was the end of Lion.



Moral:  
In unity there  
is strength.

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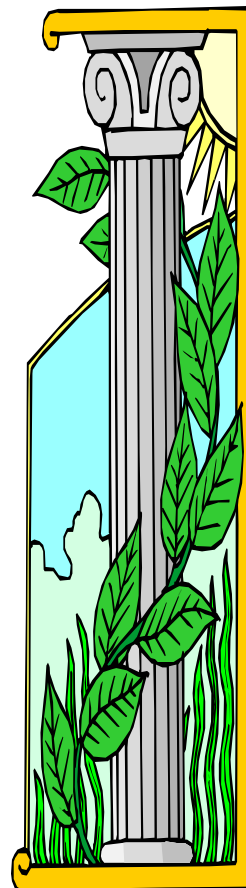
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# The Very Greedy Pigeon

Reported by Michelle

Once there was a very greedy pigeon who did not share anything. One time he found ten cobs of corn. He ate only one ear since his appetite was so little. Along came the corn-eating-vegetarian buffalo. "May I have a single cob of corn?" asked wise Buffalo.

The next day, the corn would probably be rotten, but still the pigeon wouldn't share his find with Buffalo. When the other animals hear about this, they began to lose trust in Pigeon.

Then a group of squirrels decided they would live together and take turns collecting nuts. All the trees were empty except for the one old oak tree that held pigeon's nest. Squirrel hopped to the oak and asked Pigeon if he could have some acorns.

"No," replied Pigeon sharply, "I will not share any of my acorns. Go away!" Pigeon hated nuts and acorns, and had no intention of eating them. After that, Pigeon lost all the trust of the other animals.

On a Saturday morning in the fall,

when Pigeon was out checking his mail, he noticed Horse's saddle in the gutter. Pigeon took it, knowing it was useless to him, and it wouldn't trade very well because it was old and ripped. Still Pigeon kept it.

On a cold winter day, Pigeon was flying over the forest. He spied some extra soil that was bagged under a tree. The soil was completely useless to him because he was not a gardener, but a lazy bird. Still Pigeon took it and dumped it on the road. Even though his neighbor, Monkey, was a gardener, Pigeon didn't care at all that he had thrown out a good bag of soil.

Pigeon kept on finding things: Llama the clockmaker's broken pocket watch, Dog's milk bowl, and Cat's lucky collar. As the months passed, Pigeon continued to hoard items he knew he would never have the intention to use.

One sunny spring day, Pigeon's doorbell rang. He rushed to the door. When he opened it he saw Buffalo, Squirrel, Horse, Monkey, Llama, Dog, and Cat standing at the base of the stairs. Horse, Llama, Dog, and Cat

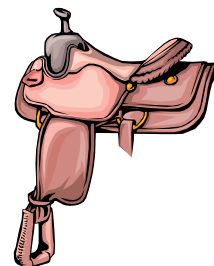
demanded their things back, while Buffalo, Squirrel, and Monkey wanted revenge since they couldn't get anything returned. "My saddle is useless to you," called Horse.

"Who cares?" argued Pigeon. "At least, I don't care."

Buffalo, who was very wise, said, "You are selfish and greedy. You won't even share the things that are useless to you."

A week later, Horse snuck into Pigeon's house and took every thing that was not Pigeon's and some money and, returned it to every one.

The money was split equally.



Moral: Some people are so selfish they won't even share the things which they can not use.

# The Cat, The Mouse and Their Great Chase

Reported by Leen

Once there was a mouse who lived in the countryside; all the animals called him Mouse Master because he was kinder than any other mouse. Mouse was really poor, but for his unselfish kindness, the animals loved him, except for the cat.

Cat was greedy and the animals often ignored him when

he passed by. Cat also lived in the countryside, he lived in the king's castle.

Cat and Mouse had a very important difference, cat was greedy and Mouse was kindhearted.

A long time before, Cat snuck into the king's bedroom and stole the king's crown. Cat was jealous of Mouse Master's title, and he wanted to be known as Cat Master. Later, Cat went to steal the king's gold ring. But the king was up late, looking for his crown and he caught Cat, who was

wearing the crown. The king snatched the crown and ring and kicked Cat out of the castle.

One day Cat came to Mouse's doorstep and said, "Come out. I've got some cheese for you." So Mouse came out and sniffed. He couldn't smell anything, for there was no cheese in the countryside.



## The Cat, The Mouse and Their Great Chase (continued)

Then Mouse Master looked for the cheese and asked Cat, "Are you tricking me?"

"No" replied Cat in great misfortune.

Then Cat caught Mouse, but Mouse bit Cat's finger, and their great chase began.

Afterward the king found out that

Cat was running after Mouse Master and sent his soldiers after him.

Soon Cat gave up. So he found a hole and fell sound asleep, and soon the king's army took Cat away.

When mouse found out that Cat was captured, he quickly ran back to his house. Mouse fell fast asleep and never believed any cat he came

across. And now Cat always looks around before he sneaks out, but the guard is always looking.

Moral:

The kind and the poor are safe, and the rich and greedy are always in danger.

## The King Bear and the Mouse

Reported by Beau

Once there was a very rich, greedy King Bear and a very smart Mouse with a golden ring. The King Bear wanted the golden ring because he was rich and he didn't want the Mouse to be rich at all because he wanted to be the richest animal in the world. One day the King Bear went out to find the smart mouse with the golden ring. He went to many houses. First he went to the Cow's house.

"I see you have five buckets of milk," replied the Bear.

"I deserve three buckets of milk because I am King Bear the richest animal in the world," answered the King Bear.

"As the King Bear was leaving the Cow shouted you greedy King." But the King Bear just laughed to himself. Next the King Bear went to the Llama's house.

"I see you have eight bags of flower I shall have five bags of flower because I am the King Bear and I deserve more than you. So the King Bear took five bags of flower. Next the King Bear went to the Camel's house. "I'll take seven of those Hay stacks because you have 10, and I get more because I am the King Bear.

"You filthy animal," shouted the Bear! "Get out get out," the Camel furiously exclaimed. The King Bear was so not grateful for what he had



that he still wanted the Mouse with the golden ring. The King Bear went out to find the Mouse again. The King Bear went right by the Mouse's house where the Mouse could see him but the Bear couldn't see the Mouse. The Mouse just laughed silently rocking in his chair. Now the King Bear was so greedy and mad that now he wanted to kill the Mouse and get the golden ring.

The King Bear went to his castle and got his bronze dagger to kill the Mouse. So once again the King Bear went out to find the Mouse with the golden ring. The Bear looked throughout the country but could not find the Mouse.

Now the King Bear was so irritated with the predicament that he went to his castle again and got an even sharper, silver dagger to kill the Mouse. Once again the King Bear went out to find the Mouse with the golden ring but this time the King Bear searched throughout the continent of Europe but he could not find the Mouse.

The King Bear got so furiously mad that he went to his castle again and got the most valuable dagger in the world. It was golden with jewels on it and a leather handle. It was as sharp as a needle and was made of the shiniest gold in the whole entire world. The King Bear took the dagger out of its case and charged with fury

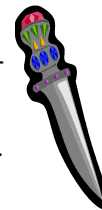
out of his castle to find the Mouse. He traveled in every country and continent but could not find the Mouse. The King Bear had traveled around the world. Then he went to his castle greedier and madder than ever.

Then King Bear peered out his kitchen window and saw a very small house he had never been to before and he thought it was the Mouse's house because it was so small that a Mouse could live in it. He rushed out the door with the golden dagger and went to the small house. "You ugly Mouse let me in," yelled the King Bear.

"No, I'll hold on to your dagger while you get the golden ring behind you," exclaimed the Mouse.

"Okay," said the King Bear as he handed the dagger to the tricky, Mouse. The King Bear turned around and took two steps but turned around and came back to the Mouse and said there was no golden ring behind him but the

Mouse stabbed the King Bear before he could make a move. The King Bear died and the Mouse became rich from all the



Moral:  
Whoever has the most has the most to lose.

# The Monkey Who Pleased Himself

Written by Lubaba

Once there was a young Monkey who loved to watch circus acrobats do their tricks. Everyday after school he spent all his time watching them.

One day the Monkey decided to try swinging on vines the way acrobats did on ropes. Soon his friend, Bear, came along.

"What are you doing, Monkey?" asked Bear.

"I'm practicing to be an acrobat," replied Monkey proudly. He was in his backyard and spied his favorite apple tree and decided that would be a good place to practice.

"Well then, be careful," Bear said.

"Don't worry, I will," Monkey answered calmly. Just then Monkey fell on top of Bear. Bear groaned. "Sorry Bear," apologized Monkey then quickly climbed the tree again.

Bear left shaking his head. He knew Monkey was going to fall, because Monkey always thinks, whatever he says is right, but the opposite usually happens!

Soon Monkey's friend, Rabbit, came to the tree

Monkey was on.



"Monkey, what are you trying to do?" asked Rabbit.

"I'm working on my tricks!" Monkey shouted from the tree. He was performing front flips

and back flips, holding onto the branches to keep himself from falling.

"Oh! I thought you would like to come to my house to play," Rabbit said quietly, and she left.

The next day, Madam Mouse, monkey's teacher asked Monkey where his homework was.

"Whoops, sorry I was so busy practicing to be an acrobat that I forgot to do homework," apologized Monkey.

"Then you will miss recess today," Madam mouse told him. Monkey sat lonely on the bench at recess. The other animals thought Monkey was strange because he spent all his time swinging on vines and branches.

When Monkey got home, he decided to do his homework first then he'd practice again. So when he finished homework, he headed outside. But his mom was waiting there.

"Monkey, dear, we need to go to the grocery store," she called out. Monkey groaned. He had to give up his practice time in the trees and went with his mom.

In the afternoon, Monkey and his mom came back. Monkey climbed

his tree. He started to swing. He was feeling really good because he was doing what he loved to do.

After an hour he got tired and went inside his house and went to bed. Monkey was so exhausted that he felt asleep right away. He had a wonderful dream in which he was the star of a circus. All his friends were cheering for him.

So, the next morning, Monkey called all his friends to his house to show them that his acrobatic performances. Soon his yard was crowded with Baboon, Butterfly, Bear and Rabbit.

"Hey friends, watch me," cried Mon-

key.

Rabbit yawned, "What is it this time Monkey?"

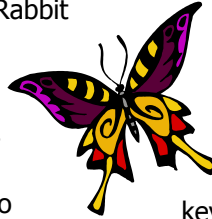
"Yeah I was eating blue berry pie," whined Bear.

"Just watch", Monkey swung from one branch to the other, "this is fun".

"Cool can I try?" asked Baboon.

"Sure, come on".

"You're so cool Monkey," squeaked Butterfly. And they all swung until night. Monkey was very happy.



Moral: Contentment will come to individuals who find ways to gratify themselves.

Aesop was a Greek folk hero who is supposed to have lived in the 6th century BC. He gained a great reputation as a teller of animal fables. Through these many fables, Aesop showed the wise and foolish behavior of men, and taught a lesson in the form of a moral. Not much is known about the life of Aesop. It is believed Aesop was born in Thrace, Greece, as a slave. It is said that his wisdom so delighted one of his masters that the slave was given his freedom. According to one tradition, Aesop lived for a while as a slave on the island of Samos, after being freed he traveled widely, then was murdered while visiting Delphi.

There are no records that Aesop ever wrote down his fables or published them. His fables were not meant to entertain children. He told them as moral lessons for adults, who in turn passed them on to others. Not until 200 years after his death did the first written collection of fables appear. Aesop's fables later served as an inspiration for the writings of Jean de La Fontaine, a 17th-century French writer. Since then Aesop's Fables have been translated into almost every language in the world.

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