

The Dog and the Wolf (186)

A road lay through a jungle. One evening a fat dog was walking along the road. He met his friend, a wolf.

The dog said to the wolf, 'Good evening, friend. You are getting thinner and thinner. What is the matter with you? Are you sick?'

'No, my friend,' said the wolf. 'I am not sick. I do not get food every day. So I am getting thinner and thinner.'

The dog said, 'Will you serve my master? He will give you good food to eat.'

The wolf replied eagerly, 'I am willing to serve your master. I am ready to go with you.'

As they were walking along, the wolf saw a mark on the dog's neck.

'What is that mark?' asked the wolf.

'My collar made that mark,' said the dog.

'Then you are often chained!' said the wolf.

'Yes, I am chained when I guard my house,' said the dog. 'But after, I am free and can go anywhere I like.'

'Good-bye!' said the wolf. 'I don't like to be chained. I don't need to have good food. I like to be free.'

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Two Friends and the Bear

Tom and John were two friends. One day they were passing through a dense forest.

John said, "Friend, I am afraid there are wild animals in this forest. What will we do if a wild animal attacks us?"

"Don't be afraid, John," said Tom, "I will stand by your side if any danger comes. We will fight together and save ourselves." So, they went on their journey.

But suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. Tom at once got up the nearest tree. He did not think about what his friend would do.

John did not know how to climb a tree. He had no way of escape. He was helpless.

But soon he had a plan. He fell flat on the ground like a dead man.

The bear came up to John. It smelled his nose, ears and eyes. It thought he was dead and went away.

Then Tom came down from the tree. He said to John, "What did the bear whisper in your ear?"

John said, "The bear told me, 'Do not trust a friend who leaves his friend in danger.'"

The Bird and the Bumblebee (高年級)

It is a very hot day. The sun is shining brightly. There are no clouds in the sky. Bubble Bumblebee stops by a stream for a drink. Suddenly, she slips and falls into the water. She tries hard to get out of the water but she cannot. *"Help ! Help !"* cries Bubble. Just then, Brittany Bird flies past. She sees Bubble in the water. Quickly, She plucks a leaf from a tree and drops it into the stream. *"Climb onto the leaf !"* she yells to Bubble. Bubble climbs onto the leaf. She is safe. *"Thank you, Bird,"* says Bubble in a soft voice. *"I shall never forget your kindness to me."*

One day, a hunter comes to the forest. He sees Brittany Bird in a tree. *"What a nice, fat bird,"* he thinks to himself. *"It will make good soup."* The hunter lifts his gun and aims. He does not see the little bumblebee flying towards him. Brittany does not know the hunter is there. Suddenly, the hunter screams loudly. He drops his gun. Bubble Bumblebee has stung him! Brittany hears the hunter's screams and flies away. *"Thank you for saving my life,"* she says to Bubble.