

3. The Jackal and the Lion

Once there was a big jungle, and the king of the jungle was a Lion. Whenever Lion was hungry, he walked out of his cave and roared. All the smaller animals were terrified.

They rushed out of their holes and hiding places. Then Lion jumped on them and gobbled them up. Finally, the only animal left in the jungle, except for Lion, was a small Jackal. Thin Jackal knew he couldn't run fast anymore; he would have to use his wits to fool Lion.

So the next time when Lion chased Jackal, he didn't run. Instead, he walked right up to Lion. Jackal bowed low and told Lion that a dreadful greater lion had come out of the woods. Jackal led Lion to a round, deep well of clear water. He pointed into the well and told Lion that the creature in the water was

the lion greater than him. Lion strutted over and looked down into the water. He was shocked to see a lion's face staring back at him!

Lion roared! And the other lion roared! Lion shook his mane! And the other lion shook his mane! Lion showed his teeth! And the other lion showed his teeth! Lion was so furious that he leaped into the well to grab the other lion. Lion flipped and flopped in the well. Finally, he drowned.

Jackal, who was overjoyed, ran to spread the word. And soon, other animals came to live in the jungle once again.