

How the Dog Found Himself a New Master!

DOGS **were once their own masters** and lived the way wolves do, in freedom, until a dog was born who was **ill pleased** with this way of life. He was sick and tired of **wandering about by himself looking for** food and being **frightened** of those who were stronger than he.

He thought it over and decided that the best thing for him to do was to become the **servant** of one who was stronger than anyone on earth, and he **set out** to find such a master.

He walked and he walked and he met a **kinsman** of his, a big wolf who was as strong as he was **fierce**. “Where are you going, Dog?” the Wolf asked. “I am looking for someone to **take up service with**. Would you like to be my master, Wolf?” “**I don’t see why not!**” the Wolf said, and this agreed upon, the two of them went on together.

They walked and they walked, and **all of a sudden** the Wolf lifted his nose, **sniffed, darted** quickly **off** the path and into the **bushes** and **crept** deeper into the forest. The Dog was much surprised. “What’s **come over** you, master?” he asked. “What has frightened you so?” “Can’t you see? There’s a Bear out there, and he might **eat up** both of us — you and me.”

Seeing that the Bear was stronger than the Wolf, the Dog decided to take up service with him, and he left the Wolf and asked the Bear to be his master. The Bear agreed to this readily and said, “Let us go and find a **herd** of cows. I’ll kill a cow and then we can both **eat our fill**.”

They walked on and soon saw a herd of cows, but just as they were about to **come up to** it they were stopped by a **terrible** noise. The cows were **mooring** loudly and running in a panic in all directions.

The Bear **looked out** from behind a tree, and then he too ran **hastily** deeper into the forest.



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“Now, why did I have to come here!” said he to the Dog. “It is the Lion who **rules** the forest in these parts.” “The Lion? Who’s he?” “Don’t you know? He is the strongest **beast** on earth!” “Well, then, I’ll say goodbye to you, Bear. I want a master who is stronger than anyone on earth!”

And **off** the Dog went to ask the Lion to be his master. The Lion agreed to it, and the Dog stayed with him and served him for a long, long time. It was a good life, and he had nothing to complain of, for there was no stronger beast in the forest than the Lion, and no one **dared** touch the Dog or **offend** him in any way.

But one day the two of them were walking **side by side** along a path that **ran amid bare cliffs** when all of a sudden the Lion stopped. He gave a great **roar** and **struck** the ground angrily with his **paw** with such force that a hole formed there. Then he began to **back away** very **quietly**. “What is it, Master, is anything wrong?” asked the Dog, surprised. “I smell a man coming this way,” the Lion said. “We’d better run for it or we’ll be in trouble.” “Oh, well, then I’ll say goodbye to you, Lion. I want a master who is stronger than anyone on earth!”

And off the Dog went to join the man and he stayed with him and **served** him faithfully. This happened long, long ago, but to this day the dog is man’s most loyal servant and knows no other master.

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Vocabulary

1. **Master** (noun) – owner, keeper मालिक
2. **Be one's own master** (phrase) – Be independent or free to do as one wishes
अपनी इच्छा से करने में स्वतन्त्र होना
3. **Ill pleased** (phrase) – unhappy or unsatisfied दुखी
4. **Wander** (verb) – stroll, amble, saunter, walk, dawdle, potter भटकना, उधर-इधर घूमना
5. **By himself** (phrase) – with no one else present; alone अकेला
6. **Look for** (phrasal verb) – search for, hunt for, seek, look about for तलाश करना
7. **Frightened** (adjective) – Afraid or anxious. भयभीत होना
8. **Servant** (noun) – helper, supporter, follower नौकर
9. **Set out** (phrasal verb) – start, make a start, start out, begin one's journey प्रस्थान करना
10. **Kinsman** (noun) – relative, relation, family member, one's own flesh and blood रिश्तेदार, निकट सम्बन्धी
11. **Fierce** (adjective) – ferocious, savage, vicious भयंकर, उग्र
12. **Take up service with** (phrase) – to become the servant of someone or offer services किसी का सेवक बनना
13. **Not see why not** (phrase) – to see no reason not to do something; used for giving permission
14. **All of sudden** (phrase) – suddenly. अचानक से
15. **Sniff** (verb) – smell, test the smell of, nose at सूंघना
16. **Dart** (verb) – Move or run somewhere suddenly or rapidly. अचानक कहीं भागना
17. **Off** (adverb) – away from a place or position से दूर
18. **Bush** (noun) – shrub, woody plant झाड़ी
19. **Creep** (verb) – move slowly and carefully in order to avoid being heard or noticed. धीरे धीरे चलना
20. **Come over** (phrasal verb) – to affect a person, perhaps suddenly प्रभावित करना
21. **Eat up** (phrasal verb) – Eat all of something. पूरी तरह खा जाना
22. **Herd** (noun) – flock, drove, pack, group, collection, fold झुंड

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23. **Eat our fill** (phrase) – To eat enough that one is satisfied or no longer hungry
भरपेट खाना
24. **Come up to** (phrase) – to move near to
के पास जाना
25. **Terrible** (adjective) – dreadful, awful, appalling, horrific, horrifying, भयानक
26. **Moo** (verb) – Make the characteristic deep resonant vocal sound of cattle.
राँभना (गाय-बैल की आवाज़)
27. **Look out** (phrase) – Be vigilant and take notice. सतर्कतापूर्वक चौकसी करना
28. **Hastily** (adverb) – quickly, hurriedly, in a hurry, fast जल्दी से
29. **Rule** (verb) – govern, preside over, control, have control of शासन करना
30. **Beast** (noun) – An animal, especially a large or dangerous four-footed one.
जानवर
31. **Off** (preposition) – So as to be removed or separated from. से अलग, से दूर
32. **Dare** (verb) – be brave enough, take the risk, challenge, provoke हिम्मत करना
33. **Offend** (verb) – hurt someone's feelings नाराज़ी करना
34. **Side by side** (phrase) – Together. साथ-साथ
35. **Run** (verb) – go, pass, move, travel
36. **Amid** (preposition) – in the middle of, के बीच
37. **Bare** (adjective) – barren, bleak, exposed, desolate, stark, arid, desert वृक्षहीन
38. **Cliff** (noun) – A steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea. खड़ी चट्टान
39. **Roar** (noun) – A full, deep, prolonged cry uttered by a lion or other large wild animal. गर्जन, दहाड
40. **Strike** (verb) – bang, beat, hit, pound मारना
41. **Paw** (noun) – foot, pad पंजा
42. **Back away** (phrasal verb) – draw back, step back, move away, back off, retreat पीछे हट जाना
43. **Quietly** (adverb) – silently, in silence, noiselessly, चुपचाप
44. **Serve** (verb) – work for, be in the service of, perform duties for सेवा करना