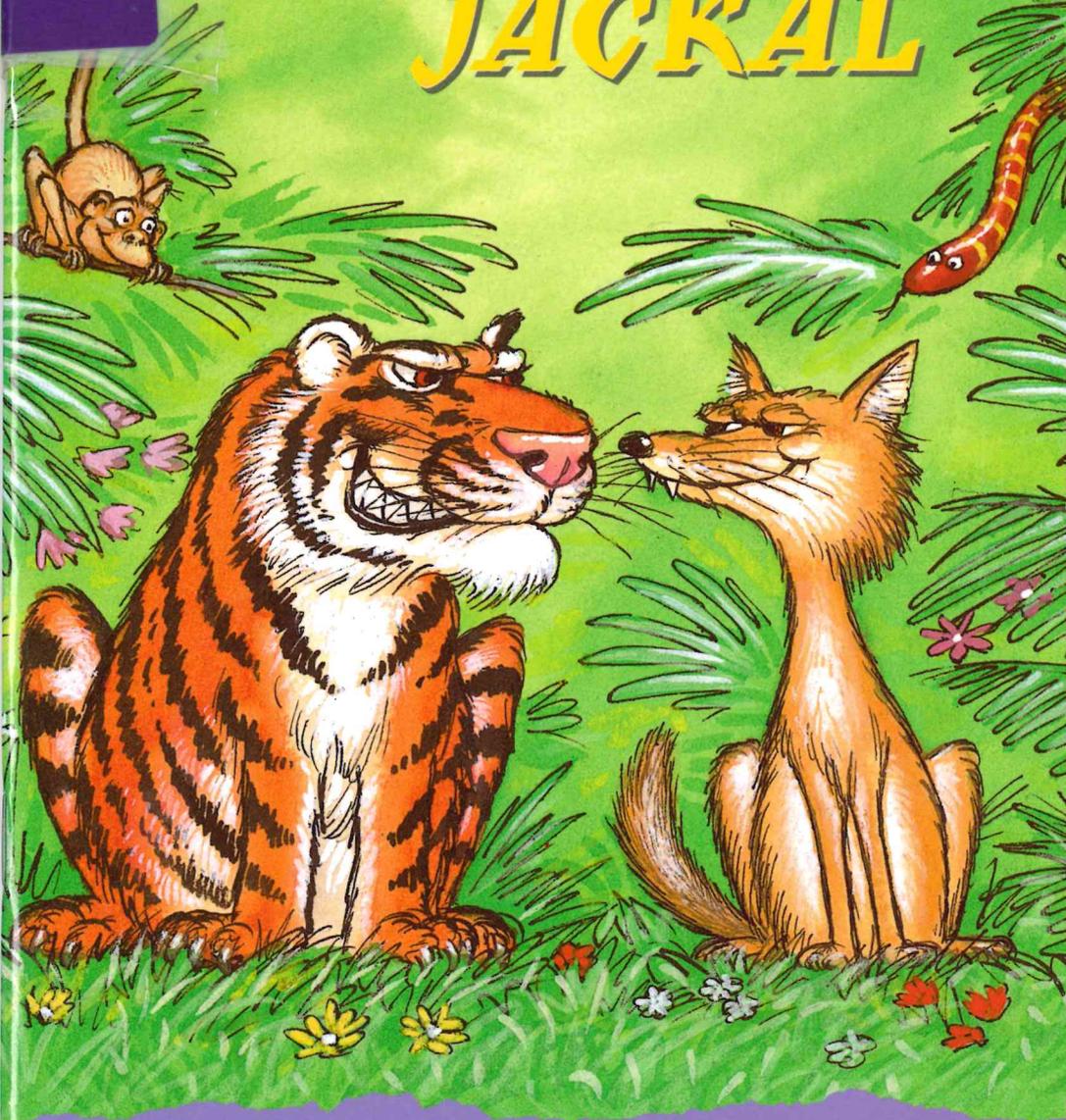


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# THE TIGER AND THE JACKAL



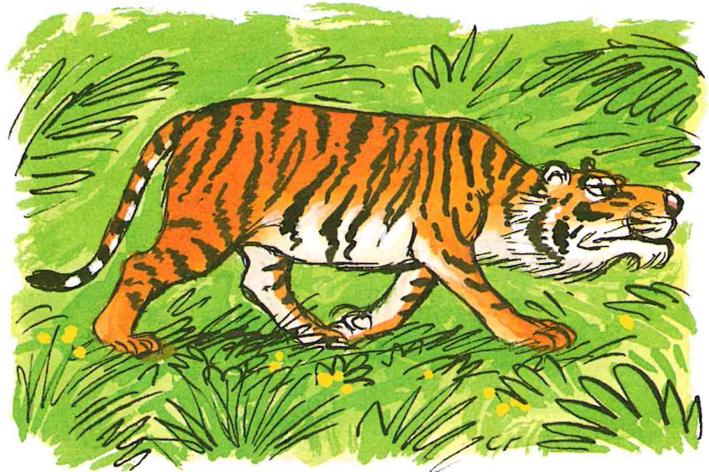
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## CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL

### Note:

This story is a traditional Indian tale. The man in the story is usually a Brahman, or Hindu priest, who travels around the country to preach to people. The jackal is a popular character in Indian tales and is usually shown as a clever and cunning animal.

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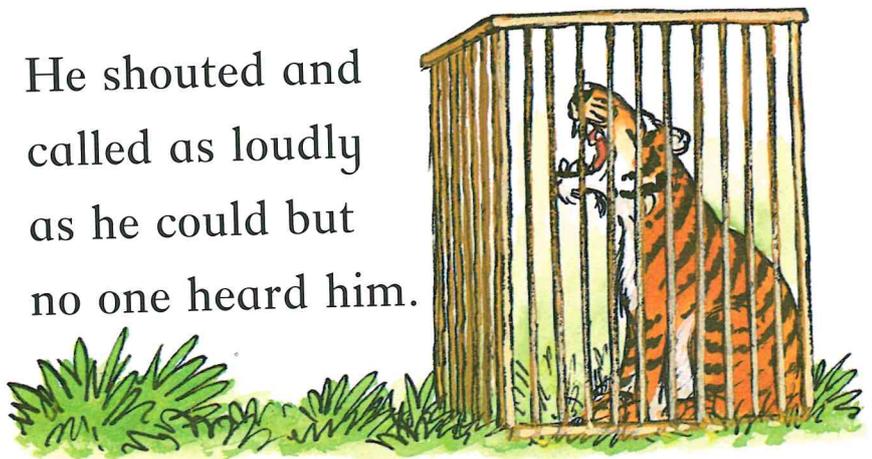
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In a land far away there lived a tiger.  
One day the tiger was walking in  
the jungle when suddenly a trap fell  
down on top of him.

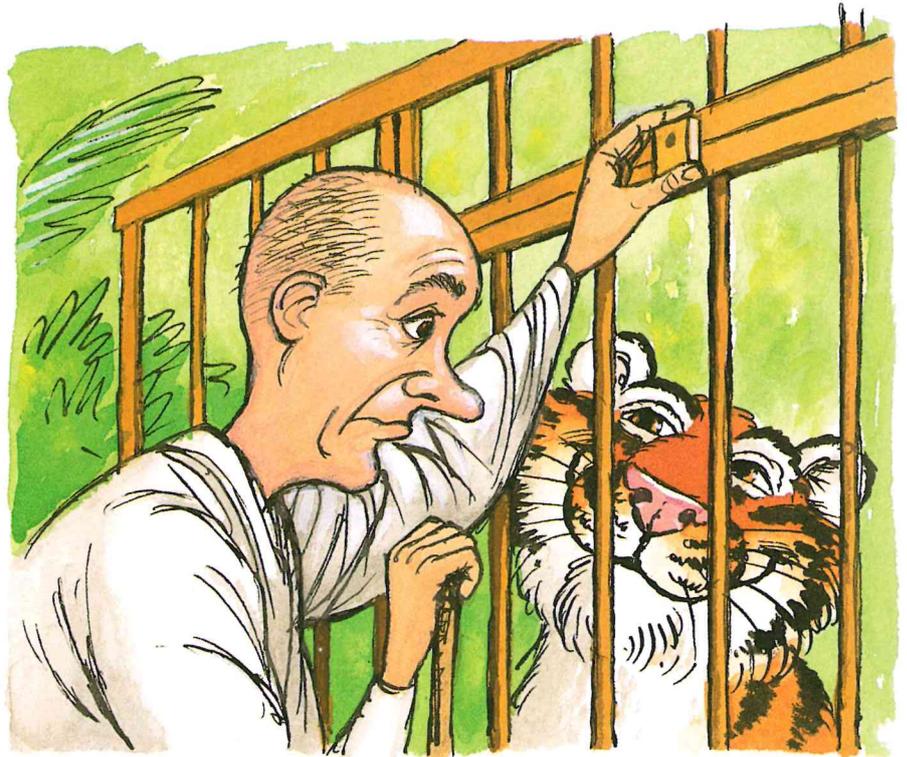
He shouted and  
called as loudly  
as he could but  
no one heard him.





Just then an old man came by.  
'Please help me,' shouted the tiger.  
'Come over here and let me out.'  
'I can't do that,' said the old man.  
'You will eat me up.'

‘I won’t eat you up,’ said the tiger.  
‘If you let me out I will be your friend  
for ever.’  
‘Can I trust you?’ asked the old man.  
‘Yes,’ said the tiger. ‘You can trust me.’  
So the old man walked over to  
the tiger and he opened the trap.

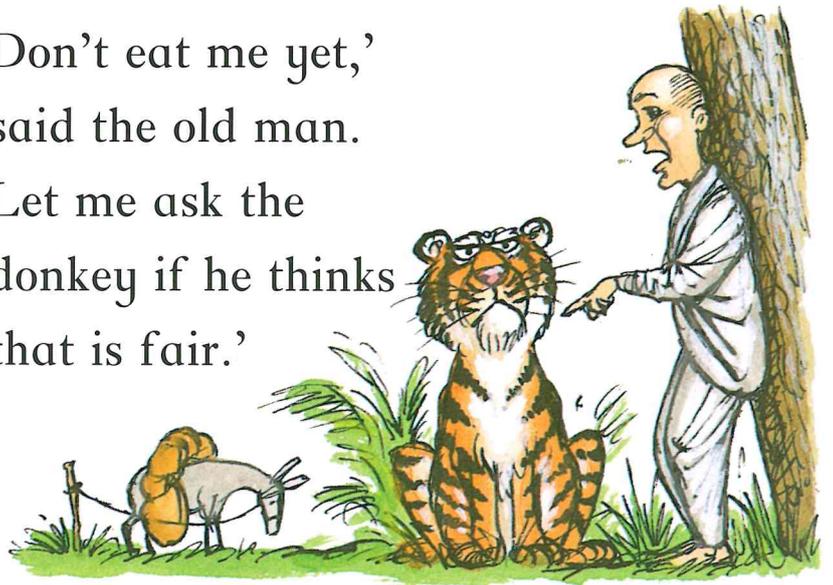




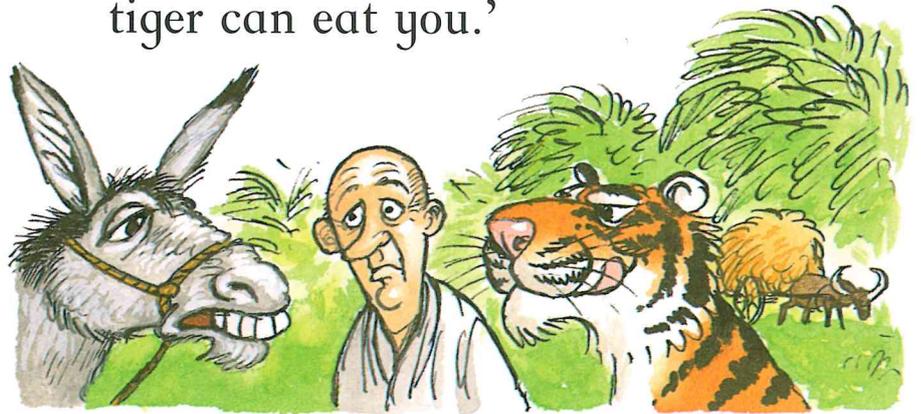
Out jumped the tiger.  
He laughed at the old man and said  
to him, 'You should never trust a  
tiger. Now I'm going to eat you up.'

‘Don’t eat me yet,’  
said the old man.

‘Let me ask the  
donkey if he thinks  
that is fair.’

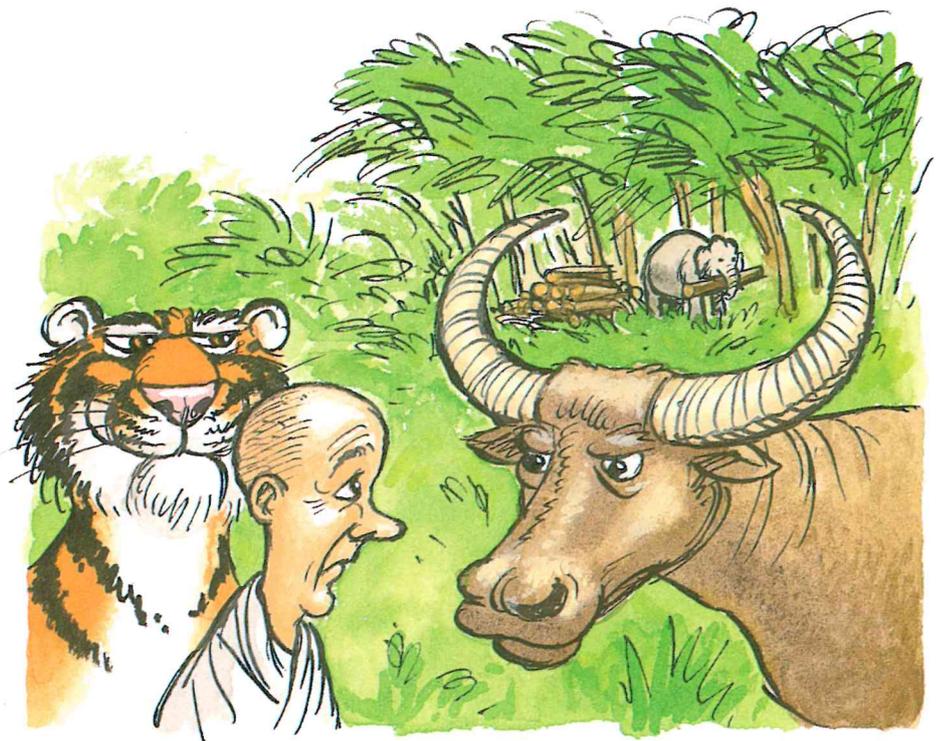


But when the old man asked the  
donkey, the donkey said, ‘Why should  
I help you? People make me work  
hard all day. That is not fair. The  
tiger can eat you.’

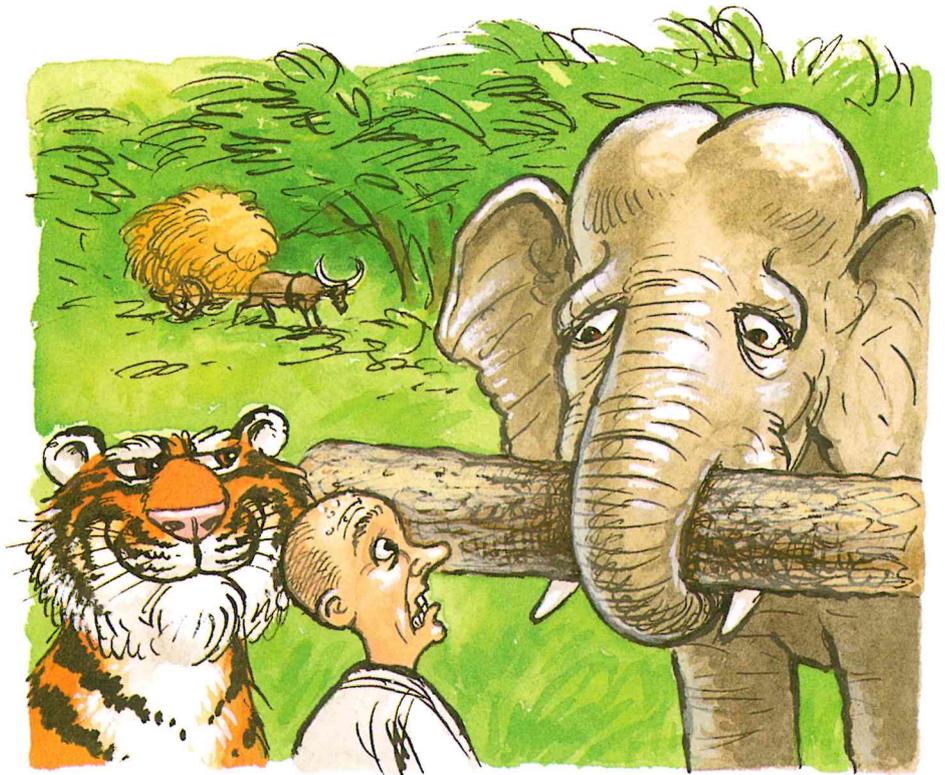


The old man said to the tiger,  
'Don't eat me yet. Let me ask the ox  
if he thinks that is fair.'

But when the old man asked the ox,  
the ox said, 'Why should I help you?  
People make me work hard all day.  
That is not fair. The tiger can  
eat you.'



The old man tried once more.  
'Let me ask the elephant if she thinks that is fair,' he said.  
But the elephant said, 'Why should I help you? People make me work hard all day. That is not fair. The tiger can eat you.'



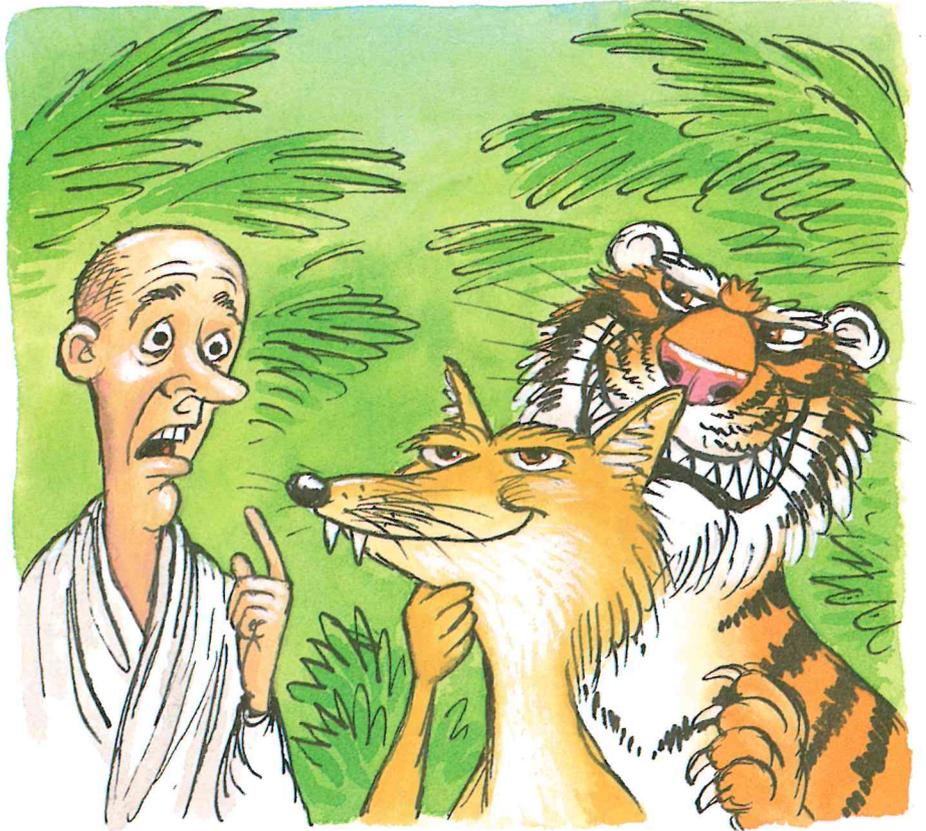
The tiger laughed at the old man.  
'See,' he said. 'They all say that  
I can eat you up.'



But just then a jackal came by.  
He looked at the old man and  
the tiger.

'What's going on here?' he asked.





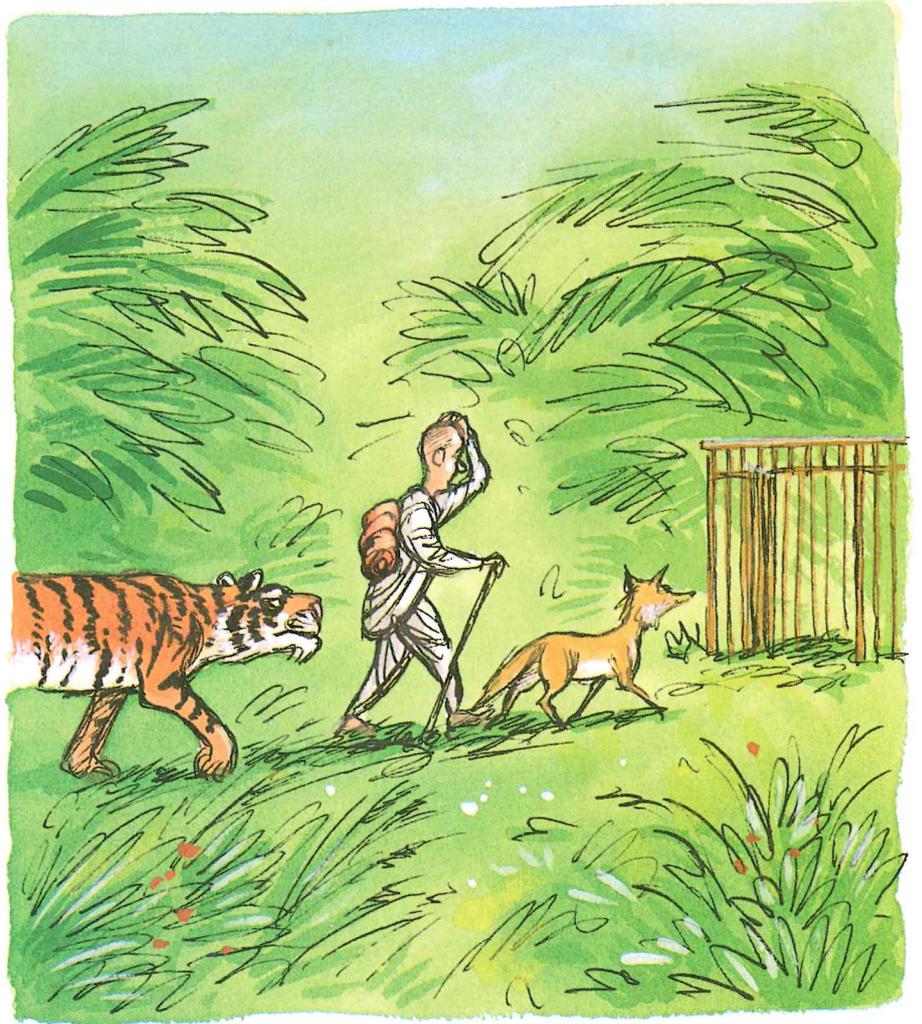
The old man told the jackal how he had let the tiger out of the trap and that now the tiger wanted to eat him. The jackal looked at the tiger and then he said, 'I don't get it. Tell me again what happened.'

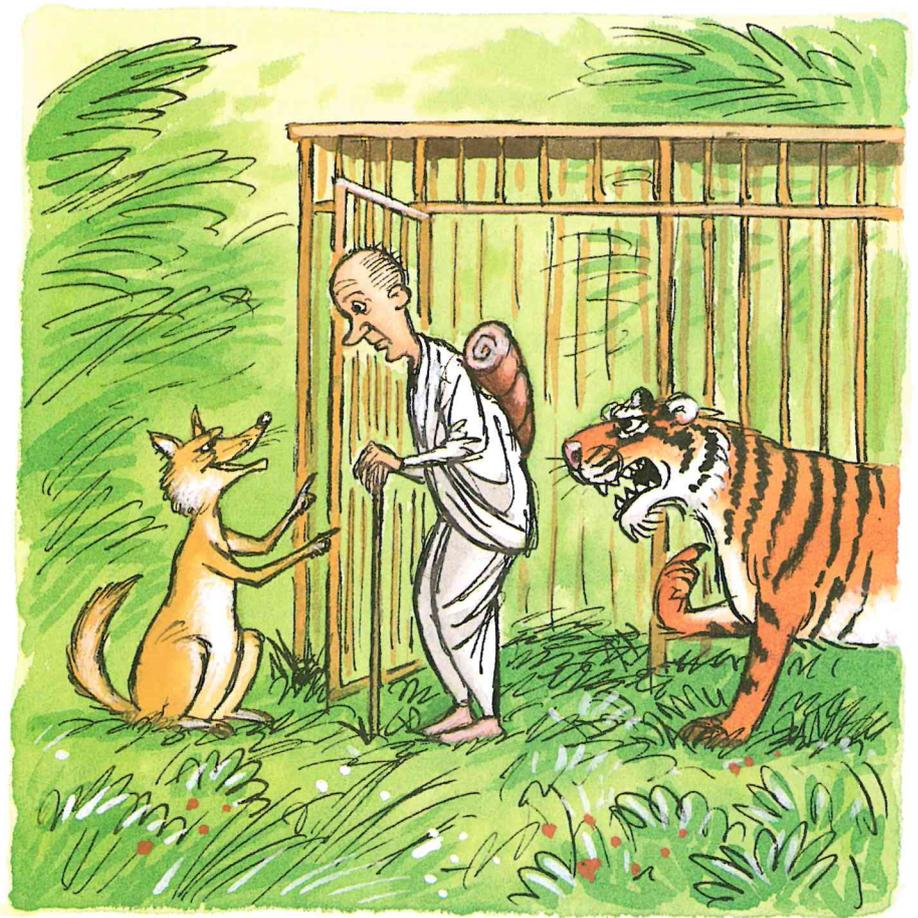


So the old man told the jackal again what had happened.

‘It’s no good,’ said the jackal, ‘I still don’t get it. You must show me what happened. Let’s go back to the trap.’

The tiger was getting cross but he went with the old man and the jackal back to the trap.





‘Now I get it,’ said the jackal to the old man. ‘You were in the trap and the tiger came walking by.’

‘No,’ shouted the tiger. ‘I was the one in the trap.’

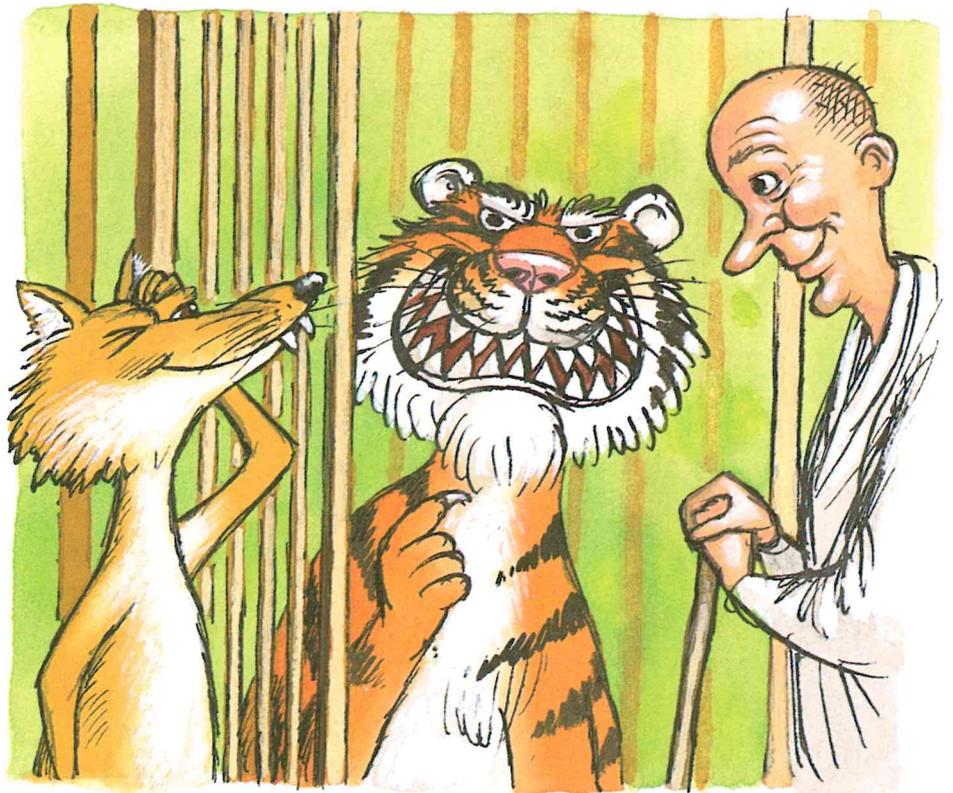
‘Now I get it,’ said the jackal to the tiger. ‘I was in the trap and the old man came walking by.’

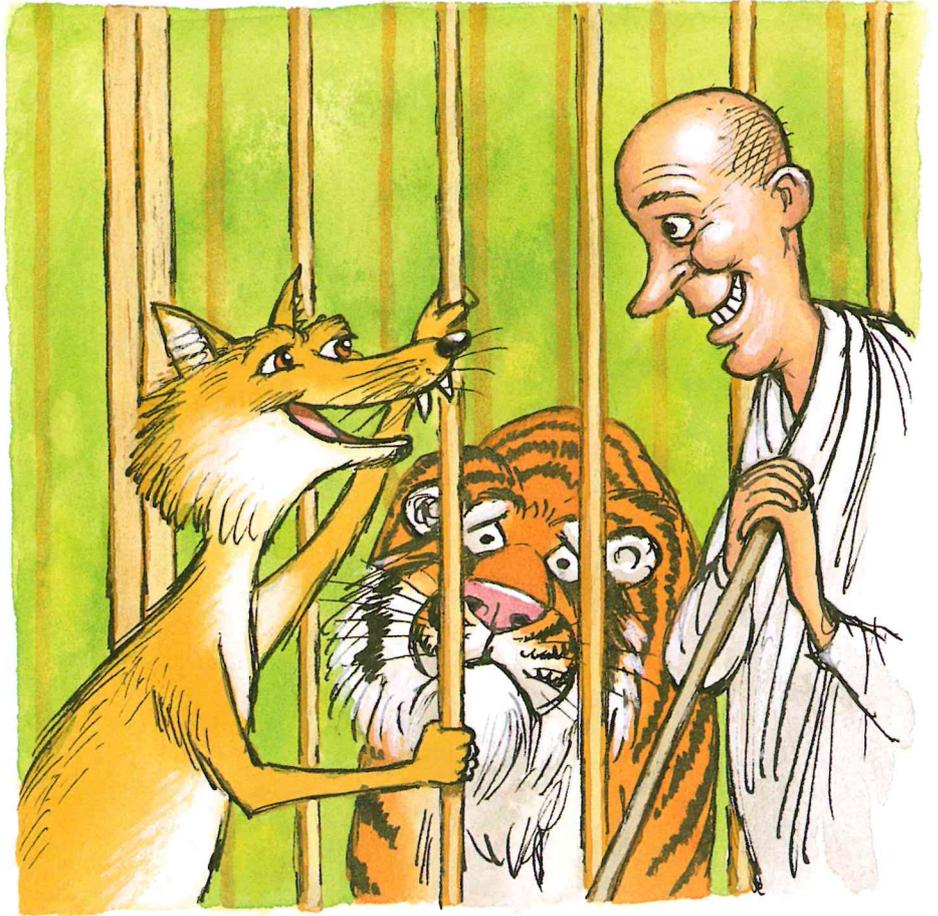
‘No, no, no,’ shouted the tiger.

‘I was the one in the trap.’



By now the tiger was very cross.  
'I will show you what happened,'  
he said to the jackal, and he jumped  
into the trap.  
'Now do you get it?' he shouted to the  
jackal. 'I was the one in the trap.'





‘Yes,’ said the jackal. ‘Just as you are now!’ and he laughed as he shut the trap.

Then he said to the old man, ‘Don’t forget. Never trust a tiger.’

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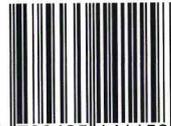
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