

The Monkey and the Crocodile

It was a beautiful lake surrounded by the sweetest apple trees. There lived a monkey in an apple tree near the lake. The lake also had some crocodiles. One of the crocodiles always collected the apples that fell from the trees. As the crocodile visits the apple trees every day, he became friends with a monkey. The monkey helped crocodile by picking more fresh apples from the trees and they became close friends.

One day, the monkey said to the crocodile to bring some apples to his wife. The crocodile's wife was so happy because she never ate such delicious apples. She asked her husband where he got those apples. The crocodile told her that his friend, monkey gave these apples to him.

After hearing this, the crocodile's wife made a plan in her mind. She asked her husband, "Does your friend eat these apples every day?" The crocodile replied yes. She shouted, "Oh, my goodness. These are the sweetest apples we ever ate. Imagine how delicious the monkey's heart would be if he eats these apples everyday! I want the heart of your friend. Can you please bring it for me?"

The crocodile was shocked to hear this. He said, "He is my best friend. I can't do this to him." But his wife told him,

“don't worry. just bring him here. I will then take care! You may also try to push him into the water if he can't swim!” After a while, the crocodile agreed.

The next morning, crocodile invited monkey for lunch. Monkey happily agreed. So the crocodile carried the monkey to his home on his back. As they reached half way, the crocodile tried to push monkey into the water. However, monkey held the crocodile tightly and did not fall. Monkey was wondering about crocodile's act and asked him the reason. Since crocodile believed him as his good friend, he told the monkey that he was taking him home to eat his heart!

The smart monkey quickly said, “Oh my dear friend, you should have told me this earlier. I left my heart at home. If you take me back, I can give you my heart.” The crocodile trusted him and carried him back. When they reached the tree where the monkey lived, the monkey climbed up to the tree and ran away from the crocodile.

Then he shouted at crocodile, “ I thought of you as a good friend, but you cheated me. I will never be your friend.”

The crocodile understood his mistake and went home with empty hands, losing a good friend.