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Good morning and hello again on Wednesday the sixth of May. Hope you are all fine and had a cosy last day inside, because of the wet, fresh weather. More time to work for school - don´t say hahaha – it is like this, because if the weather were warm, sunny and nice you would like to be outside, what I completely understand and share.

Here is the next English story for you to train and better your English – keep on going and have fun reading. It´s a story from India, therefore some strange names for king and queen.

SINGH RAJAH and the CLEVER LITTLE JACKALS

Once upon a time, in a wonderful big jungle, there lived a great lion. He was rajah (king) of all the country, and everyday he used to leave cave and roar with a loud, angry voice. When he roared, the other animals in the jungle were frightened, and ran here and there. Singh Rajah would jump upon them, kill them, and gobble them up for his dinner.

This went for a long time, until at last there were no creatures left in the jungle but the king and queen of the jackals - Rajah Jackal and Ranee (queen) Jackal.

A very hard time the poor little jackals had, running away and escape the terrible lion. `I´m afraid he will catch us today - do you hear his roaring?` Ranee Jackal would say to her husband every day. And he would answer her, `Never fear, I will take care of you. Let us run on a mile or two – quick, quick, quick!` And they would both run away as fast as they could.

After some time spent in this way, they found, however, one fine day, that the lion was so close upon them that they couldn´t escape. Then the little Jackal queen said, `Husband, husband! I feel very frightened. The lion is so angry he will certainly kill us at once. What can we do? ` But her husband answered, `Cheer up, we can save ourselves yet. Come, and I´ll show you how we may manage it.`

So what did these cunning, clever little jackals do? They went to the lion´s cave, and when he saw them coming, he began to roar and shake his mane. He said, `You little wretches, come and be eaten at once. I have had no dinner for three whole days, and all that time I have been running over hill and dale to find you. ROAR! ROAR! Come and be eaten, I say! ` and he lashed his tail and gnashed his teeth, and looked very terrible indeed.

Then the Jackal king, creeping close up to him, said, `Great Singh Rajah – we all know you are our master, and we would have come at your service and bidding long ago - but indeed, sir, there is a much bigger king than you are in this jungle. He tried to catch us and eat us up, and frightened us so much that we were obliged to run away. `

`What do you mean? `growled the lion king. `There is no other king in this jungle but me ! `

`Ah, sire,` answered the jackal, `in truth one would think so, for you are very dreadful. Your voice is death. But with our own eyes, we have seen one with whom you couldn´t compete, whose equal you can no more be than we are yours, whose face is as flaming fire, his step as thunder, and his power supreme. `

`It´s impossible! `interrupted the old lion king, ` but show me this rajah of whom you speak so much, so I may destroy him instantly!` Then the little jackals ran on before him until they reached a great water well, and , pointing down to his own reflection in the water, they said, `See, sire, there lives the terrible king of whom we spoke.`

When the old lion king looked down the well he became very angry, for he thought he saw another lion living there. He roared and shook his great mane, and the shadow lion shook his, and looked terribly defiant. At last, filled with rage, Singh Rajah jumped down to kill the other lion at once. But there was no other lion - only the wicked reflection.

The sides of the well were so steep that he could not get out again to punish the two clever jackals, who cheered over the top. Singh Rajah was never seen again!

Another tricky but clever story - and we can learn a lot from this story. Not always the strongest win - cleverness can help a lot.

Let us act like the clever jackals more often - do not give up and use your brain - there´s mostly a way out - let´s try and find our clever way!

Have a super day - stay healthy and fit - that´s it!

Yours Lacho ☺