

Aesop

and his Fables

Aesop's Fables

Aesop was an ancient Greek storyteller who lived around 550 BCE. He was also a slave. He lived in ancient Rome, in the home of a wealthy Roman family.



Legend says ... Aesop's Roman master was so delighted with Aesop's fables that he granted Aesop his freedom!

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There are no records to prove that Aesop ever wrote anything down. Fortunately, after his death, people did write down every fable they could remember.



Over the centuries, Aesop's fables have been rewritten and illustrated and translated into nearly every language in the world.

What are fables?

Fables are simple, traditional tales with a moral or lesson. They were told thousands of years ago by storytellers in countries like Greece and Persia. Characters are usually animals who behaved as humans. They often have special qualities. The fox is usually cunning, the mouse frail and the lion, powerful.

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Today, we still enjoy these wonderful stories created over 2,500 years ago!

Each is a very short story, and each has a moral.

Like this one ...

The Fox and the Goat

One day, a fox fell down a well. He tried to climb out, but the well was too deep.

A goat wandered by. He peered down curiously. "What are you doing in a well?" asked the goat.



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“I’m warning you, goat,” snarled the fox. “This is *my* water! Go away.”

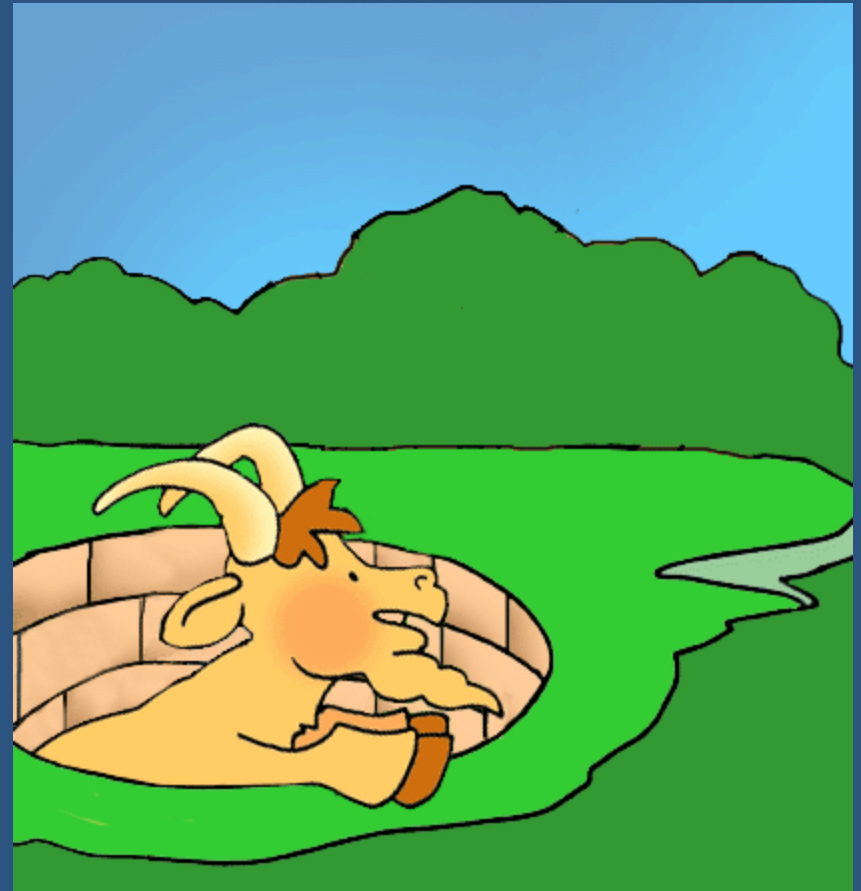
“You can’t keep all the water for yourself,” the goat snorted. The goat jumped in the well.



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The fox jumped on the goat's back and leaped out of the well. He ran off without a care for the goat who was stuck in the well.

The Moral of This Story is: Don't always believe what you hear from someone in trouble.



What is the moral of the story?

- Characters:
- Setting:
- Plot:
- Moral/theme