

Cave that Talked

Instructive Stories from teachings of

Pancha-Tantra



*Once in a forest there was a lion, who was the king of the forest.
He was getting old and was no longer strong enough to hunt his prey*



*In search of food he
came across a cave*

*I don't know how
long I have to go
around for my food*



May be in this cave I can find some prey, let me check out

The lion looked around but he can't find his prey and finally he became so tired.



The lion made himself comfortable inside the cave

*There is no one here but
this is a good place for hiding.
I shall sit here and wait for
someone to come.*



If some animal comes, I will have it for my full satisfaction sitting in this cave itself.

Thinking like this, hungry lion was waiting.

A fox used to live in this cave and he was returning to the cave.

Oops! There is someone entered my cave



Suddenly the fox saw the foot-marks of the Lion all pointing towards the cave.






*These are the foot-
marks of the Lion,
thank God I spotted it.
Before going inside, I
will have to confirm
whether the lion is
inside or not.*




Oh! My dear cave, what is wrong with you ? Everyday you welcome me so heartily but today why are you so quite ? Now listen if you will not call me then I will go to some other place.

This cave can talk but it is silent today because it is afraid of me. But if the cave will not reply then fox will go away and I will loose my food



*My dear fox, please
come inside and take
rest, you must be
very tired.*



I have to get away from here as quick as possible.

When the lion came out of the cave, he saw the fox running away.



MORAL:

Just like the clever fox, you also must think before you do any work. This will save you from difficulties. One who thinks wisely and acts accordingly is really wise.